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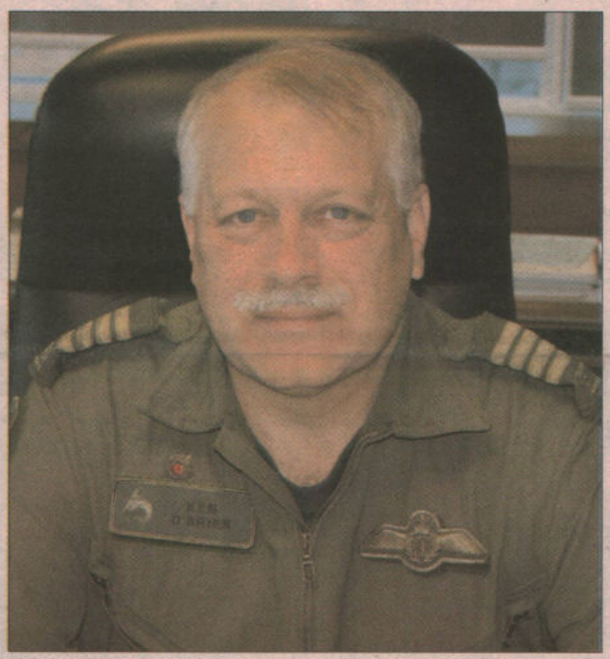
W Comd's Christmas Message

I was extraordinarily pleased to get back to Wing life here in Winnipeg this summer after several years in Ottawa, but I am frequently reminded how quickly time goes by and how busy folks can be while serving on a flying Wing. This is particularly true of 17 Wing, which has both a massive geographic area of responsibility stretching from Thunder Bay to Yellowknife to the Alberta/Saskatchewan border, and about half of the unique aircraft types in the Air Force. To that end, please take the Christmas, Hanukah and New Year's holiday periods to enjoy your leave. Rest, relax and recharge your batteries so you can come back "ready and rarin' to go" for another year of excellence in operations and training here at 17 Wing.



We have seen some very happy and significant events take place on the Wing during the last few months. The consolidation of most of the Wing's units was completed at the north site this spring and early summer. We now have a new, 22-year, $1.77 billion contract in place to support 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School at Southport and the Central Flying School in Winnipeg. Recently, the Government announced a new process to acquire tactical airlift aircraft to replace some of the Hercules fleet. And, of course, the Wing and the Air Force are moving forward with the transformation of the Armed Forces under the leadership of the CDS. Additionally, a number of 17 Wing units and personnel are preparing to support CF operations around the world in 2006.

I hope that we can all look back on 2005 with fond memories of a positive and productive year. One thing that would change that in a heartbeat would be for this Wing to lose part of our family to a preventable accident caused by drinking and driving. There are a number of options available to you as you celebrate the holidays, ranging from a taxi through the use of a charitable service such as "Operation Red Nose," which will get you and your car home. Please don't risk your life, your health or your career by getting behind the wheel of a car when you've been drinking.

Finally, I'd ask that you not forget those Wing and CF families who are deployed overseas, or who may find themselves leaving the Christmas dinner table to climb into a Hercules and go searching for someone in dire trouble. Operations around the world continue unabated. Please take a moment to think about your brothers and sisters in arms who are serving Canada around the world, away from their families this holiday season.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.
Colonel Ken O'Brien
17 Wing Commander

Message du cmdt Ere à l'occasion de Noël

J'ai été extrêmement heureux de retrouver la vie d'une escadre lorsque je suis arrivé à Winnipeg cet été après avoir passé plusieurs années à Ottawa. Toutefois, je constate fréquemment que le temps passe vraiment vite et que le personnel est très occupé dans une escadre où l'on vole. C'est particulièrement vrai à la 17e Escadre, car elle doit se charger d'une région géographique énorme, qui va de Thunder Bay à Yellowknife et jusqu'à la frontière entre l'Alberta et la Saskatchewan à l'ouest, et d'environ la moitié des aéronefs qui sont uniques à la Force aérienne. C'est pourquoi je vous invite à bien profiter de vos congés à l'occasion de Noël, de la fête de Hanoukka et de la nouvelle année. Reposez-vous, décontractez-vous et refaites le plein d'énergie de façon à revenir prêt à « attaquer » une nouvelle année excellente à la 17e Escadre.

Il y a eu des événements très heureux et très importants à l'escadre au cours des derniers mois. Au printemps et au début de l'été, nous avons achevé la consolidation de la plupart des unités de l'escadre dans le site nord. Nous avons maintenant un nouveau contrat, d'une durée de 22 ans et d'un montant de 1,77 milliard de dollars, pour soutenir la 3e École de pilotage des Forces canadiennes à Southport et l'École centrale de vol à Winnipeg. Récemment, le gouvernement a annoncé un nouveau processus visant à acquérir des aéronefs de transport tactique pour remplacer des Hercules. Par ailleurs, l'escadre et la Force aérienne continuent de participer à la transformation des forces armées sous la direction du CEMD. De plus, des unités et du personnel de la 17e Escadre se préparent à soutenir les opérations des FC un peu partout dans le monde en 2006.

J'espère que nous garderons de 2005 le souvenir d'une bonne année, qui a été productive. Tout cela pourrait changer en un éclair si notre escadre perdait un de ses membres dans un accident attribuable à l'alcool au volant qui aurait pu être évité. Il est possible de célébrer dans la joie et d'éviter un tel drame : pour rentrer chez vous, prenez un taxi ou encore faites appel à un service de bénévoles comme l'« Opération Nez rouge ». Je vous en prie, ne risquez pas votre vie, votre santé ou votre carrière en prenant le volant après avoir bu.

Enfin, je vous demanderais de ne pas oublier les militaires de l'escadre ou des FC qui sont déployés outre-mer ou qui devront écourter leur dîner de Noël pour embarquer dans un Hercules et partir à la recherche de personnes en danger. Les opérations dans le monde continuent. Veuillez prendre un moment pour penser à vos frères et sœurs d'armes qui servent le Canada partout dans le monde et qui seront loin de leur famille pendant les fêtes.

Joyeux Noël, bonne fête de Hanoukka et bonne année.
Colonel Ken O'Brien
Commandant de la 17e Escadre

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Pilot Training Contract Promises Exciting Future For Portage La Prairie

National Defence

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. – (Nov 18, 2005) The Department of National Defence today awarded a 22-year, $1.77-billion contract to Kelowna Flightcraft Ltd., of Kelowna, British Columbia. The long-term contract will provide flying training and support services to the Canadian Forces. These services will be provided out of the Southport Aerospace Centre, near Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

The facility that will provide the training and support services to the Canadian Forces and international allies has been named the "Canada Wings Aviation Training Centre."

"This long-term contract will provide significant economic benefits and stability to the community of Portage la Prairie for years to come," stated Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board. "This announcement also reaffirms the government's commitment to economic diversification and to the development of the aerospace industry in western Canada."

"This state-of-the-art training program will allow Canada's Air Force pilots to operate increasingly sophisticated aircraft in demanding environments both domestically and internationally," said Bill Graham, Minister of National Defence.

"The Canada Wings Aviation Training Centre will provide our military pilots with world-class training while allowing the Canadian Forces to focus on operational commitments and direct training requirements," said General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Under the terms of the contract, Kelowna Flightcraft Ltd., leading a consortium of Canadian companies known as Allied Wings, will provide the Canadian Forces with long-term primary flight training and specialized helicopter and multi-engine fixed wing pilot training. The contract requires provision of support activities including aircraft and simulators, construction of a new flight line, ground training and classroom facilities, and aviation and student support services.

The Canadian Forces will continue to provide military instructors for helicopter and multi-engine fixed wing flying training, as well as quality assurance for the entire program.

Photo by Cpl Chris Ward

BGen Terry Leversedge, 1 Canadian Air Division Deputy Commander Support, and President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable Reg Alcock, sign the certificates recognizing the Contracted Flying Training and Support contract at 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School, Southport Aerospace Centre.

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WComd Hockey Tournament

LCol Paul Conway, A/WComd drops the puck to officially kick off the annual WComd Hockey tournament. Taking the draw is Cpl Starman (L) from WEME and Cpl CJ Butcher (R) from the Make B-Leafs. Tournament action was ongoing at press time and coverage on the tournament results will be in the next issue of VOXAIR.

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LCol Conway, Wing Administration Officer, presents the Canadian Forces Certificate of Service to Corporal Volpato, commemorating 22 years with 2 PPCLI

Cpl Ramez Mohsen, a member of 17 Wing Supply, receives his promotion to MCpl by the W Log O, LCol Gauthier on 18 Nov 05. CWO Dieleman, the Logistics Branch CWO stands at back. Maj Dunkerley, OC Supply & Food Svc Sqn, along with members of the Wing Supply team, 1 Air Mov Sqn personnel and 1 Cdn Air Div A4 Mov personnel were present to congratulate MCpl Mohsen on his well deserved promotion.

MCpl Brian Thibeau from TEME receives his promotion to MCpl efective 01 December 05 from LCol WH Gauthier (WLOG O) and Capt AD Ives (TEME O).

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The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year?

It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. And, according to the popular song, "it's the most wonderful time of the year". If you've planned ahead and saved for your holiday spending throughout the year, you'll be able to concentrate on the fun activities of the season: spending time with family and friends, giving and receiving gifts, feasting, food, and looking forward to the year ahead. All you need to do is stick to your holiday budget and enjoy the season knowing you won't be over-extending your financial limits.

But what if your best plans to save went awry and your savings fall short of the amount you usually spend? Don't panic! There's still time to plan and rethink your holiday spending habits.

The majority of Canadians don't do any kind of advance planning for their holiday spending. The average Canadian spends between $800 and $1500 at Christmas time and many use their credit cards exclusively for these purchases. By following the 'spend as you go' method, they spend at least $100 more than expected, and are still paying for their Christmas purchases months later. Don't be average! Start planning right now! Even if it's Christmas Eve, you can't go wrong by planning out your spending.

First, set a realistic amount that you can spend. How much can you set aside from your remaining pre-holiday pay cheques? Do you have any savings? Are you willing to use some of your savings for the holidays?

Next, make a list of all the things you'd like to do over the holidays, like entertaining, travelling, gift giving, decorating, etc. Then estimate the cost for each of these items and add up the amounts. Now, compare that total with the amount you can spend. Congratulations, you've just made up a holiday spending budget! Now all you have to do is stick to your budget. Take your holiday spending list with you when you go shopping, shop when you're not tired or in a rush, and make adjustments to your budget if necessary.

But what if your plans exceed your income? Take another look at your spending list, and sort the items into the things that are very important to you and your family, and the things that you could do without. Pare your list down to fit your spending limit. For many people, these are very hard choices, and tied up with childhood memories. You may need to set aside the emotional aspects of your ideal Christmas and think about what the holidays really mean to you. Is it about spending money, or is it about spending time with your friends and family and celebrating the magic of the season?

No matter what, resist the urge to use credit cards or pay day loan services. Credit cards lead to overspending and impulse shopping, and cash advance companies charge excessive fees. Instead, focus on fun! Talk to your family about spending less this year, not because you have to, but because you want to! Ask everyone to come up with some unique gift ideas and new ways to have fun. If you need some inspiration, the library and the Internet are full of great ideas.

Then, make a New Year's resolution to start saving every month for next year! No matter what, make sure it's "the hap-happiest season of all"!

Janet Scotland,
Financial Counsellor
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Veteran Flier's Family Offers Memorial Scholarship And Bursary To CF Members And Family

17 WING WINNIPEG - The family of Second World War RCAF navigator Flying Officer George Finkle is offering the Flying Officer George Finkle Memorial Scholarship and Bursary primarily in the Faculties of Management and Geology at the University of Manitoba for Reserve Force personnel, Regular Force personnel and immediate family members of Regular Force personnel.

The scholarship and bursary may also be awarded to qualifying students pursuing other full-time programs at the University of Manitoba.

Flying Officer Finkle had the distinction of completing two operational tours of thirty missions each as a bomber navigator, flying on North American Mitchell bombers with the Royal Air Force's 180 Squadron. Following the war, Flying Officer Finkle served as a fighter controller with 2402 (Reserve) Squadron, RCAF, located here, into the 1960s.

Flying Officer Finkle's expertise in the use of the GEE radar navigation system and more traditional methods of navigation meant that he often served as a his Squadron's and Wing's lead navigator, responsible for getting a bomber stream on target, on time.

In addition to his Air Force service, after the war Flying Officer Finkle had a successful business career, becoming renowned for his expertise in the stock market, particularly in the mining and energy sectors.

The scholarship and bursary, each valued at $650, are available to full-time undergraduate (including first year) and graduate students. Candidates for the scholarship must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, while candidates for the bursary must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and demonstrate financial need.

Candidates for both the bursary and scholarship must demonstrate the qualities that Flying Officer Finkle epitomized: love of Canada and family, decency and morality, strength, intelligence, courage, determination and hard work.

Flying Officer George Finkle passed away on June 16, 1993. He is survived by his wife Esther, children Judy, Lewis, Marsha and Gerry and many grandchildren. It is in memory of his service to Canada his family dedicated the Flying Officer George Finkle Memorial Scholarship and Bursary.

For more information about applying for the bursary, please contact:

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Exercise Sprinting Jimmy 2005 - Riding The Storm

By Capt Lavoie

17 Wing Telecommunication and Information Systems Squadron (WTISS) was asked just over four months ago to provide a demonstration to showcase Air Force deployable Communication and Information Systems (CIS) capabilities. We took on the challenge and held Exercise Sprinting Jimmy 2005 on 15-16 November 2005. We gathered the required equipment from the Air Force pool, controlled and managed from A6 Ops, and started planning. We did not have all of the equipment and expertise so we asked for support from 737 Comm Sqn, Saskatoon and 8 Air Communication and Control Squadron (8 ACCS), Trenton.

With good intentions and key players involved, we quickly chose a site, requested all the permission and with all that started setting up on November 7. Tents were erected, electrical circuits were installed, flooring was put in place and tables and chairs were unfolded. All that was missing was the electronic equipment. On the morning of November 14 we started setting up the heaters that would be required to heat up the tents. At the time we did not know how much we would rely on them to survive and keep the equipment working properly. The Satellite Antenna (VSAT) and Transportable Operations Shelters (TOPS) were also setting up that day. The VSAT is the backbone of the communication networks providing the same capabilities as if you were on a Wing. All was good and all was green (the tents and the grass that is), but that was about to change. On Tuesday November 15 a storm system was blowing through Manitoba. Winnipeg was not going to be spared. The wind and the snow called for a minimum manning situation on the Wing but personnel involved in Ex Sprinting Jimmy were to carry on. We survived the storm and received very few visitors from the Wing on that first day of demonstration but a lot of lessons were learned. The second day happened to be a much better day, weather wise, and more people came to see our set-up. Thank you for taking time in your busy schedule to come and see our demonstration. We were proud of showing you our skills and what we can do for you on a deployment.

Lots of lessons learned have yet to be written down from this Exercise and refocused for our next challenge: Maple Flag 39. This demonstration would not have been possible without the dedication of the personnel from WTISS and the help of 737 Comm Sqn and 8 ACCS.

Heater being refuelled.

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Camp area - proper signage and Fire Point.

Public address system under canvass.

Quick Reaction Terminal (QRT) (provided by 737 Comm Sqn).

VSAT and TOPS (provided by 8 ACCS).

60th Charleswood Legion Scout Group Veteran Appreciation Camp Fire

Submitted by Joanne Stapleton

On 02 November 2005, the 60th Charleswood Legion Scout Group (all sections) provided entertainment to Veterans, both past and current service, in true Scouting fashion. The Veterans represented World War II to current UN/NATO experiences. Some of our guests were former Scouts and/or Scouters and brought along their campfire blankets.

The evening began with Akela opening the campfire and thanking our guests for attending. The youth and Leaders then entertained our guests with a variety of campfire songs and a silly story. What a boost it was to the youth when our guests joined along and did all the silly actions and sang along, also in true Scouting fashion. Rainbow slowed things down with a Scouter's Five reflecting on what defines a Veteran, and how Scouting and Veterans are connected, since our Founder, Lord Robert Stephenson Baden-Powell, was a British Army Veteran and hero of the Boer War. Akela then officially closed our campfire with a prayer, and all the sections sang Vespers. The youth were then set loose with Scouts Canada Year of the Veteran Thank You patches and words of thanks. Many of the active service Veterans said Thank You back with Year of the Veteran pins. Imagine that ... An impromptu trading session!

The night provided a great experience for the youth and adults alike. The youth were able to ask questions they don't usually have the opportunity to ask, and were introduced to the new generation of Veterans. With the Veterans bringing out their campfire blankets, it really sent a message that the men and women who have served our country, whether they have paid the ultimate sacrifice or not, are real people who had lives before military service. The Veterans who participated have expressed their appreciation of the event, and how wonderful it was for them to come out for a fun and happy event just for them.

As Canadians it can be difficult sometimes to remember our Veterans, and the government dedicating an entire year to appreciating the men and women who serve their country was an excellent opportunity for all of us. Not only to appreciate the Veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, but also those who have fought in "modern" disputes, or served in UN or NATO missions, or even just kept the peace or came to the common citizen's rescue right here at home.

Cub Eric Kyle, and the Akela of the Cub Pack, Yvonne Kyle, presenting one of our Veteran guests with the Scouts Canada Year of the Veteran patch.

Beaver Peyton Nelson, presenting a patch to another Veteran guest while parent volunteer Mrs. Spencer with her son Oliver, look on.

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The GI Janes Dragon Boat Team have been busy raising money for Cancer Research and participating in the fastest growing water sport in North America. They placed 3rd in the All Female Division at the Winnipeg Dragon Boat Festival in September. The annual event, held on the banks of the Red River, raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. This year the GI Janes raised $3,800 for the cause.

In October, the GI Janes traveled to Laughlin, Nevada where they were one of 12 teams from Canada that were invited to race on the beautiful Colorado River. They placed 1st in the All Female Division and won an award for the Best Team Cheer. Comraderie and teamwork are a big part of the success of the GI Janes Dragon Boat Team, which is an all female team comprised of military members, military family members and others associated with the 17 Wing Community. Several members of the team are Cancer survivors which serves to fuel the team on even more when they race.

The #1 goal for the GI Janes is to "row for the cause" whenever they can and they have been invited to several events already planned for the 2006 Dragon Boating season. In order to accomplish their goal they have held several successful fundraisers and have two fundraisers they are currently working on. One fundraiser involves the sale of bracelets for $15.00 that are made with coloured beads and 3 Chinese symbols (long life, strength and love) with proceeds going to Canadian Cancer society, Manitoba division.

Their second fundraiser will help all of us prepare for the upcoming Christmas season. On December 9th and 10th, the GI Janes will be selling Christmas Trees on the Area 51 parking lot. It will be a perfect time to pick up your tree on the way home from work. For more information call Debbie at 488-9467

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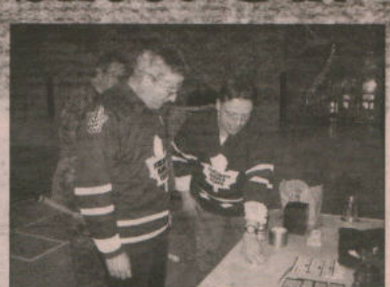

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our event. We made $200 for the GCWCC. Thanks also to our sponsor's Sobey's Mb Moose & Gerry's Bakery.

Wing Chaplain's Christmas Message

By LCdr Bruce Mackenzie

Another Christmas season is upon us. Festive lights adorn many homes and businesses, retail traffic begins an ever-increasing pace, and Christmas music is everywhere. "Joy to the world" and "peace on earth" are the central messages heard throughout this season and gift giving is high on the agenda. Joy, peace, and the giving of gifts - sounds like a recipe for true happiness. I'm sure we all want an abundance of these things in our lives. They are certainly attainable, however, they can sometimes seem a bit out of reach or, at worst, non-existent. Ironically, in the very season they are trumpeted, they can be out of sight. The mayhem of the holiday season often gets in the way of experiencing the true messages of joy and peace.

We need to slow down and focus. For us to experience joy in the people around us and in our own hearts as well as peace on earth and in the deepest parts of our souls, we need to intentionally focus on them. It is in our relationships with those we love that joy and peace can be found. And, in most cases, it is the people that we love that we are buying gifts for this time of year. In the midst of congested shopping malls and nasty traffic we need to slow down and give our attention to our loved ones as we gather gifts for them. We must remind ourselves why these relationships should not be taken for granted. They are indeed precious and we are very fortunate to have these people in our hearts and minds. It is a true blessing to have someone to love. When our focus is in this direction, inward joy and peace are no longer out of reach and these central messages of the Christmas season warm our hearts.

On behalf of the chaplain team at 17 Wing, may the true spirit of joy and peace dwell within your soul as you think of, and give gifts to, those you love. Have a blessed Christmas and very happy New Year.

Padre Bruce MacKenzie

Christmas Greetings from the Wing Chief Warrant Officer

By CWO Claude Parent

Season's greetings to all. Another year has passed and what an eventful year it has been. The Wing Logistics Complex and WTIS building is fully operational as well as the new Wing HQ.

17 Wing personnel continued to support worldwide deployments, leaving many sections short-handed, yet you continue getting the job done, while still maintaining a positive outlook. The Festive Season is a time for giving and sharing. Family and friends getting together in celebration of a most joyous season. It is also a time for expressing my profound thanks to the DND team at 17 Wing for your outstanding support during the year.

Many of us will enjoy this holiday season with friends and family. Please also remember our deployed personnel and their families who will not be sharing this holiday season together. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Enjoy this holiday time with family and friends, and return in the New Year with a renewed spirit. My family joins me in wishing you and your loved ones the very best for the holiday season and the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Voeux de Noël de la part de l'adjudant-chef de l'escadre

Joyeuses fêtes à tous. Une autre année a passé et qu'elle année mouvementée. Le Complexe Logistique de la 17e Escadre et le bâtiment de WTIS sont opérationnels, ainsi que le nouveau QG de l'escadre.

Plusieurs personnel de l'escadre continue à soutenir des déploiements a travers le monde, laissant beaucoup de sections à court de personnel. Pourtant vous continuez à compléter vos tâches avec diligence et vous continuez à envisager l'avenir avec optimisme. La Saison de fête est un temps pour donner et partager. Beaucoup d'entre nous apprécierons cette saison de vacances avec amis et familles. C'est aussi un temps pour exprimer ma très grande appréciation à l'équipe de la défense nationale de l'escadre pour votre soutien.

Voici qu'arrive la période de l'année où l'on s'entoure de parents et d'amis pour célébrer le temps des fêtes. Beaucoup d'entre nous passeront les fêtes avec nos amis et familles. N'oublions pas nos collègues qui sont déployés et qui ne verront pas leurs proches pendant les fêtes. Pensons à eux et mentionnons-les dans nos prières. Je vous invite à prendre le temps d'apprécier vos familles et vos amis et de nous revenir en 2006, l'esprit reposé et régénéré. Ma famille se joint à moi pour vous souhaiter ainsi qu'à vos familles, un formidable temps des fêtes et mes meilleurs vœux pour la nouvelle année. Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année.

Community Holiday Events

The Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre and Community Recreation have scheduled the following events to take place over the winter holidays. To register for these events or to get more information please stop by the Community Recreation Offices or phone 833-2500 ext 2057 or 5976.

29 Dec 05 Craft Afternoon in the Library
1330 - 1530hrs $4.00/person
Come out for an afternoon of crafts, books and fun.

2 Jan 06 Manitoba Moose Game
1330hrs $14.00/person
Transportation is included. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

3 Jan 06 Move Afternoon at the Base Theatre
1300 hrs Free
We're showing 'The Polar Express'. There will be a small canteen available for treats.

4 Jan 06 Archery @ the Silver Heights Archery Range
1300 - 1500hrs. $4.00/person.
Are you the next Robin Hood? Come out and see.

5 Jan 06 Sleigh Ride at the Unique Corral
1330 hrs $5.00/person
Join us for a winter wonderland adventure. There will be hot chocolate served by the fire after the sleigh ride.

Registration for these events begins November 28/05. Bldg 90 Pool and the MFRC Youth Centres will be open for drop in times over the winter holidays as well. Please phone for a complete schedule. Bldg 90 Pool 833-2500 ext 5139 or the MFRC at 833-2500 ext 4500.

Sparky's Corner

Happy Holidays Start With And End With Safety

Christmas, that most joyful of all seasons, is quickly approaching. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle and rush to get things ready, we tend to forget the basics of home and fire safety. The holidays mean yummy food, parties, and lots of family and friends. Unfortunately, it's also the time of year when there are a lot of home fires. Taking short cuts or chances at this time of year could have disastrous results.

In the spirit of the festive season, the 17 Wing Fire Dept. would like to take this opportunity to pass on the following safety reminders to ensure that you and your loved ones have a happy festive season.

Lighting For Christmas

Only electrical lighting sets which bear the CSA/ULC label of approval should be used and connected to a 15-amp circuit. Use only outdoor rated light sets and cords for the outdoors. Only CSA/ULC approved electrical cords shall be used but better still use a power bar for inside lighting. When you have your Christmas tree properly set up, make your next step a careful examination for any evidence of frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets in the lights which you intend to use. Any evidence that a set has deteriorated is sufficient reason to discard them. The chance is just not worth taking. Also, do not forget to unplug the lights before going to bed or leaving home.

Christmas Trees

If you choose a natural tree for Christmas, examine it to ensure it is not dry and shedding needles, a condition which causes a tree to become highly combustible. Before setting up the tree, saw off the trunk at an angle at least 1 inch (2cm) above the original cut. Set the tree up in a secure tip-resistant stand with provision for holding water. Keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, and other sources of heat. Locate the tree so that standing, or falling, it cannot block an exit in the event of a fire. Artificial trees are flame resistant and are available in various sizes and colors. However, if a synthetic tree is your choice, ensure that safety warnings are observed especially those concerning the use of light. It is mandatory that only artificial trees with CSA/ULC approval are used in military establishments and it is highly recommended that they be used in the MQ's.

Festive Season Parties

Is a party with your friends, family or section part of your plans for the holidays? If so, decorate thoughtfully by only using non-combustible or fire retardant treated decorations. When the party is over check carefully for cigarette butts especially in upholstered furniture, empty ashtrays into metal containers or down the toilet. Just in case small children may arise before you, be sure matches and lighters are out of reach. Finally, all sections which are holding functions are to report them to the Fire Dept. so that a pre-inspection of the site can be carried out, and all decorations will be CSA/ULC approved; this is in accordance with Wing Standing Orders.

Smoke Alarms

Your Fire Department urges you to prepare for special activities for the festival season by ensuring the smoke detector/alarm in your home is working.

Santa's Workshop

Many homes look a bit like Santa's workshop for two or three weeks prior to Christmas. Many hazards are associated with all these activities. Sewing articles, paper wrapping, Christmas trees, countless knick-knacks and decorations come out at a time when candles and fireplaces burn brightly. Ensure that candles are placed in proper holders and in an area that they cannot get knocked over, or where the flame is too close to paper decorations or any combustible materials. Ensure that portable heaters are kept away from all combustibles. Remove such things as wrapping paper, empty boxes from your home promptly.

Observing these few simple precautions should ensure that you and your family safely enjoy the special festive season with many presents under your tree, not a firefighter's axe.

The 17 Wing Fire Department wishes you and your loved ones a very happy and safe holiday. If you have any questions regarding fire safety, do not hesitate to call the Fire Prevention Office at 833-2500 ext.5501. We would be most happy to assist you in whatever way possible.

Season's Greetings

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Now the jingle hop has begun

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Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one horse sleigh.

Giddy up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
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That's the jingle bell, that's the jingle bell
That's the jingle bell rock.

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Fighter Pilots And Jets Are Outfitted With SantaCams To Track Santa

By Capt Jennifer Faubert

It's that time of year again. Santa is coming and Air Force technicians are busy outfitting Canadian CF-18's with SantaCams and escort pilots are undergoing specialized training in order to escort Santa on Christmas eve.

"NORAD SantaCams are ultra-cool, high-tech, high-speed digital cameras that are mounted on the CF-18 jets," said aircraft technicians, Capt Ray Herrick and Warrant-Officer Gerry Efford. "We also have some positioned at strategic places around the world to track his Yuletide journey and feed those images back to our website."

A network of sophisticated radar and satellite systems can detect when Santa enters North American air space. Once this happens, the Canadian NORAD region scrambles fighter jets from their home Wings at 4 Wing Cold Lake in Alberta and 3 Wing Bagotville in Quebec to intercept and welcome Santa to North America. They also ensure Santa is safely escorted while he makes his deliveries throughout Canada.

"Ho, ho, ho. I just love the warm North American welcome, I get from the NORAD fighter pilots," said Santa. "It makes me feel safe knowing they are protecting North American airspace while I am busy doing what I do best, spreading holiday cheer and delivering gifts, of course."

The NORAD Tracks Santa program is an air defence tradition that dates back before NORAD, with Santa first being tracked by the U.S. Air Force Continental Air Defence Command at Colorado Springs in 1955. The tradition started when a child phoned the Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado to find out the whereabouts of Santa. It seems the phone number was misprinted for the department store that set up the Call Santa telephone number.

"NORAD is happy to extend our abilities once again this year to track Santa and continue this tradition that has delighted generations of families everywhere," said Brig. Gen Quenneville, Deputy Commander, CANR. "The surveillance and control of North American airspace remains a prime mission focus for the men and women of NORAD."

And the dedication to the job is astounding. Over 500 volunteers man the computers and telephones on Christmas eve to answer calls and e-mails from around the world. Live updates in six languages are provided via the NORAD Tracks Santa Web Site. www.noradsanta.org

Last year, the website received 912 million hits from 181 countries around the world. Volunteers answered nearly 55,000 phone calls and received nearly 35,000 e-mails from children around the globe. Live updates start at 4 a.m. EST Christmas Eve.

To track Santa with NORAD, log onto the Web site at www.noradsanta.org, call the toll free number at 1-877-HiNORAD (1-877-446-6723), or (719) 474-2111. or email Santa at NorthPole@OfficialSantaMail.com

Education Survey Provides Valuable Data

By Lt(N) Ian D.D. Livermore

A recently published research report indicates a majority of CF reservists who are students in civilian life experience difficulty balancing their military and academic commitments due to conflicts or incompatibility between the two.

The report, titled "Results of 2004-05 CFLC Education Outreach Survey," states 58.9% of survey respondents personally experienced problems or other challenges balancing their military and school commitments.

The education survey was a voluntary Internet poll conducted between Oct. 1, 2004 and May 3, 2005 by the Canadian Force Liaison Council (CFLC). The survey received responses from 742 reservists, which represents 6.86% of all students in the Primary Reserve.

The most prevalent problems cited in the report stem from scheduling conflicts between the end of the summer military training period and the beginning of the school year. Problems here included reservists' inability to register for the classes they wanted and the requirement to pay late registration fees.

The next most common problems relate to obtaining concessions from schools in order to participate in short-term military training during the school year. These problems included an inability to obtain exam and assignment deferments.

A small number of respondents (6.78%) said they had been subjected to anti-military harassment from instructors and school administrators.

While a majority of survey respondents reported conflicts between their academic and military careers, 52% said they were able to overcome them or avoid them entirely by opening a constructive dialogue with their instructors. The keys to doing so were pointing out the benefits they obtained from being in the Reserve Force (e.g. education reimbursement) and giving instructors lots of advance notice about the need for time off and deferments.

For many respondents, the most significant education-related issues were not problems with their schools, but problems within the military structure. In the general comments section of the survey 9.7% of respondents complained there was a lack of support from within their unit's chain of command for the academic goals and school requirements of student-reservists. Almost as many respondents lodged complaints about the Education Reimbursement for the Primary Reserve. Many of these latter respondents were under the false impression the benefit program had been disbanded. Others complained that they were made ineligible for the reimbursement when the trial program was made permanent in 2004.

The information contained in the research report is being used by the CFLC to develop messages and protocols for its outreach activities aimed at educational institutions. The goal of those activities is to secure formal support for members of the Reserve Force who are students and staff at universities, colleges and high schools.

To view the report in its entirety, visit the CFLC Website at www.cflc.forces.gc.ca.

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84 minutes
General
WED-THURS 8:00pm

1 Cdn Air Div Completes Restructure And Publishes First National Air Tasking Order

By Maj Coxhead, 1 Cdn Air Div, Senior PAO

1 Cdn Air Div continues to transform and has re-aligned its existing HQ structure in order to support the CDS vision of making the CF more relevant, responsible and effective. As of 1 Dec 05, the new structure is divided in two: Force Employment (FE) and Force Generation (FG)/Material. The Air Operations Centre (AOC) is primarily focussed on FE of air assets while the balance of HQ staff manage the myriad of complex FG responsibilities. The HQ realignment and the publication of the first National Air Tasking Order (ATO) are demonstrations of our commitment to best match air assets to tasks in order to meet the force employment needs of the transformed CF with minimum disruption to critical force generation activities.

To this end, on 01 Dec 05, 1 Cdn Air Div will publish the first National ATO. The purposes of the National ATO are to best manage the tasking of aerospace resources and to provide visibility into the disposition of aircraft and air force personnel, to commanders and staff across the CF.

The ATO provides a snapshot into Air Force activities and operations, adding transparency to the aerospace planning process. The aerospace planning process is a continuous activity involving parallel processes which track and manage long range, short range, current and past events all concurrently. The battle rhythm evolves weekly through a process that begins with the collection of the requirements for air power for the upcoming week and a validation of standing commitments. The ATO shows what our crews are doing, where our aircraft are, and what they will be doing in the next few hours, or days. In some cases, aircrew and aircraft are placed on standby in the ATO, so that assets are identified and in place to respond to short notice taskings.

The AOC within 1 Cdn Air Division HQ is responsible for the national aerospace planning process, including the production of an Air Operations Directive (AOD), which then yields an Aerospace Coordination Order (ACO) and an ATO. Once approved, they are published on the Air Force Command and Control Information System (AFCCIS) web page, giving commanders visibility into Air Force activities right at their workstations, as it is happening.

As part of the planning process, AOC staff consider established command priorities, most suitable resource to achieve the desired effect and the predicted impact of unserviceabilities. Staffs on each coast and at 1 Wing also contribute directly to the planning process, making the operations centre truly a "distributed" or "virtual" AOC. After 1 Feb 06, specific guidance from Comd Canada COM will be incorporated into the weekly Air Operations Directive (AOD). The Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC), MGen Bouchard, will be responsible to the Comd Canada COM for the effective command and control of aerospace operations and forces.

The AOC also collects information on the air asset capacity available from the Wings. The ATO will soon show the entire Wings' capacity, including those resources not available for tasking in the upcoming week due to maintenance/modification requirements and essential FG. The ATO will not specifically direct FG missions, as those remain the purview of WComds. However FG missions will be identified on the ATO to give a complete picture of total air asset availability. To remain responsive, the ATO is amended as short notice requirements emerge or capacity shrinks.

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The Canadian Forces Disaster Assistance Response Team In Operation Plateau

Submitted by Cheryl Swarbrick

On October 14, 2005, Prime Minister Paul Martin announced that the Canadian Forces Disaster Assistance Response Team or DART would deploy to Pakistan, on a mission to provide humanitarian assistance named Operation PLATEAU, as part of the Government of Canada's response to the October 8th earthquake that is estimated to have killed 100,000 people and left millions homeless and injured.

The recommendation to deploy DART is a decision made by the Government of Canada, based on the recommendation of three government departments, the lead department is Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC), in conjunction with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Department of National Defence (DND).

The timeline following a typical disaster has been well documented; first there is the immediate search and rescue phase, then the stabilization and relief phase and finally the reconstruction phase. The DART's deployment into an area is designed to bridge the gap between search and rescue and the reconstruction phase. This allows sufficient time for host nation government organizations and non-government organizations to establish themselves in an affected area, which allows the DART an exit strategy.

DART is designed to provide potable water and primary medical care to a disaster affected area for approximately 40 days duration. Although this is a guideline, 40 days is generally sufficient time for both local government and long-term non-government agencies to assume these capabilities.

The DART maintains a readiness table of organizational equipment of between 189 to 205 personnel of which 14 members are assigned full time to DART; this is primarily the headquarters personnel in Kingston and supply/vehicle technicians in at a warehouse in Trenton.

During Operation PLATEAU, the DART was made up of 217 personnel, known as Task Force Pakistan, the increase in strength was attributed to an identified need to increase the female component of the medical platoon to respect the cultural sensitivities of the female patients in the affected area. Numerous units provided personnel for this mission, including:

Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters (CFJHQ)-Kingston, Canadian Forces Joint Signals Regiment (CFJSR)-Kingston, 2 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2RCHA)- Petawawa, 1 Canadian Field Hospital (1 Cdn Fd Hosp)-Petawawa, 2 Field Ambulance (2 Fd Amb)-Petawawa, 2 Service Battalion (2 Svc Bn)-Petawawa, 2 Military Police Platoon (2MP Pl)-Petawawa, 4 Engineer Support Regiment (4ESR)-Gagetown, 5ieme Ambulance de compagne (5ieme Amb C)-Val Cartier, Canadian Forces Postal Unit (CFPU)-Trenton, Canadian Forces Medical Services School (CFMSS)-Borden, Canadian Forces Environmental Medicine Establishment (CFEME)-Toronto, Land Force Central Area (LFCA)- Toronto, Canadian Forces Health Services Centres (CF HSC)-Trenton/North Bay/Atlantic, Ottawa/ St. Jean/ Winnipeg/ Det Meaford, Chief of Staff (COS) J3-Ottawa, Assistant Deputy Minister-Public Affairs (ADM(PA))-Ottawa, Canadian Forces Joint Imagery Centre (CFJIC)-Ottawa, and DND Legal Advisory Services.

As you can see the operation is quite complex in that the first challenge is to assemble these personnel within the required time. Then there is the executing and redeployment phases that often take place at the same time during the brief mission.

During Operation PLATEAU, all personnel with the exception of the reconnaissance and advance party, made their way to Trenton on October 15th, to begin the long journey that would eventually lead the team to the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains in Pakistan.

On Sunday October 16, the main body with approximately 150 members, departed onboard an airbus for Pakistan and the balance of the main followed two days later.

The main body arrived on October 18. They spent two nights at the Government of Canada High Commission in Islamabad, where they received cultural briefs and final mission specific training. They made their way to Gahri Dopatta, a region about 140 kilometres north of Islamabad and about 20 kilometres from Muzaffarabad, which was the epicentre of the 7.6 magnitude earthquake.

On the road move, it became very clear that the earthquake had destroyed not only homes and entire villages but also much of the road infrastructure. Therefore, the team found that what would have been a two-hour drive in Canada became a 7-9 hour road odyssey.

Once the team arrived at the camp area, they set up at the site of the ruins of the Government Degree College for Women. Initially the accommodations were very austere, cold showers and limited electricity, however, the situation improved as the more equipment arrived on the following Antonov flights. The emphasis was on preparing a camp to see patients and produce water.

The key camp positions for the deployment were as follows:

-Commanding Officer-Lieutenant-Colonel M. Voith, CFJHQ Kingston
-Deputy Commanding Officer-Major J. Atherley-Blight, DART Kingston
-DART Company Officer-Major T. Dejacolyn, 2 RCHA Petawawa
-DART Company CSM-Warrant Officer M. Louvelle, 2 RCHA
-OC Medical Pl-Major S. Blundell, CFMSS Borden

The delivery of the medical capability started on October 21, however, DART was declared operation ready on October 23, when the reverse osmosis water purification unit (ROWPU) was set up and distributing water in Muzaffarabad. Soon thereafter two other water production sites were established in Gahri Dopatta and Hattian Bala.

When the doors of the clinic opened, the medical personnel began to see a large number of patients with a wide variety of earthquake related injuries from severe life-threatening injuries to broken bones and infection.

As part of the concept of operations, mobile medical teams were required due to a large portion of the population in the area could not make their way to the stationary clinic and to meet this need mobile medical teams were projected overland into the affected areas. This was a tremendous success and in conjunction with the Pakistan Army many victims were evacuated to the DART stationary clinic as well as higher-level hospitals in Muzaffarabad and Islamabad.

The CO initiated a request for helicopter support from Canada and the Government of Canada quickly responded. A helicopter was rented from Vancouver Island Helicopter and was soon on its way to Pakistan. Once the helicopter arrived it was immediately put to work moving mobile medical teams, evacuating serious casualties and delivering humanitarian aid into the devastated areas.

DART was the largest organization (military or civilian) on the ground and the only one producing water in the Jhelum Valley area. In the latter part of the DART deployment, it was announced that NATO would be sending in assistance and we started seeing the arrival of other NATO member forces. As of November 15, 2005, DART was officially assigned to NATO; however, this reassignment did not affect the mission nor did it affect when the team would return home.

As with any DART mission, agreements were made with suitable non-government organizations or local/regional governments, to take over those activities that the DART had been responsible for. Both OXFAM and International Committee of the Red Cross, assumed the production and distribution of water in both Gahri Dopatta and Hattian Bala and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society assumed responsibility for the medical care of the residents of this region.

The operational component of this mission ceased on December 2, 2005, however, pack up and redeployment activities continued prior to the team returning to Canada on three flights between December 1-7, 2005.

As the mission closed, it was easy to look back and see that there were some definite highs and lows to the deployment. The birth of the first child, Fatima was a real boost to the morale of the camp and each subsequent birth amid such destruction was seen as a step towards Pakistan rebuilding. The lows were far outweighed by the highs and the members of DART left knowing that they had indeed made a difference in the lives of the people of the Pakistan province of Kashmir, however, the sights and sounds that the members of DART have experienced here will last a lifetime.

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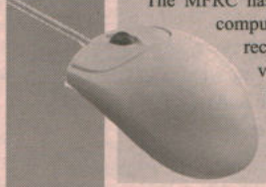

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Military Family Resource Centre

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This year the Christmas tree at the MFRC will be dedicated to all our peacekeepers and CF members away from home. Adorned with Yellow Ribbons and Doves, your family can help decorate too!
Drop by the MFRC, M-F 8:30-4:30 to hang a memory tag for your special peacekeeper. It is free and a great way remember our colleagues and loved ones away from home at this festive time. Families taking part in the memory tag promotion can take advantage of 20% off all yellow ribbon gifts at the MFRC front desk until Dec. 24th.

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From the Staff & Board of Directors
Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre

Our administrative offices will be closed Dec24-27 & Dec30-Jan5. Be sure to check out our "Community Connections" program guide for "Children & Youth Christmas Holiday Activities" …you can find the "CC" on-line at WWW.MFRC.MB.CA.

Jason and the Year of Remembering - keeping our veterans in mind…..

By Miranda Forrest

Remembrance Day is celebrated every year in many different ways, ranging from wearing a poppy, to ceremonies held to honour those who gave their lives to give us the freedom we have now. This year volunteers from the Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre and the 17 Wing Recreational Library put on the play Jason and the Year of Remembering, based on the book by Shelley Fiset. The play honoured those who served and those who do serve now around the world keeping the peace.

The play is centered on a little boy named Jason, played by Brenton Cameron, as he went through the year remembering. With the help of his Grandmother and the memory box filled with things from his Grandfather's WWII years he remembers and begins to understand the sacrifices made by those who were away at war, and the family members that stayed behind. He also thinks about his own friend Tim, played by Jeff Johnson, who is away keeping the peace in another country.

Don Campbell, a WWII veteran, also joined us and took part in the play. He stayed afterwards to share some of his stories about the war and the stories of other people he knew. He also answered questions put forth by those in the play and those in the audience.

Everyone involved with the play worked hard and it showed with the outstanding performance. Those who were there thoroughly enjoyed it. "I thought everybody involved did a great job, and the play was excellent. It was also interesting to listen to Mr Campbell's experiences and to have the chance to ask him questions about his time in the military" said Cathy Forrest, a member of the audience.

Many thanks to the cast, the crew, and all others involved with the production, and to those who came to watch.

Second Language Training

It is time for the Winter Session of our SLT Program. The course is 10 weeks long with two-3 hours classes each week starting January 16 2006. Deadline for registration is January 11, 2006

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Confessions
The sacrament of reconciliation is offered 20 minutes before mass and by apointment. Contact the chaplain's office.

Baptisms
We recommend that you contact the chaplain's office for an appointment prior to the birth of your child.

Weddings -Marriages
Contact the chaplain at least six months in advance. A marriage-preparation course is a requirement.

Catholic Women's League
Meets in the Chapel Annex the third Monday of each month at 1830hrs.

Sunday Services
(English Only) 0900 hrs

Sunday School
Sunday School is held during the service for children ages 3 to 12, except on the last Sunday of each month. Childcare is provided on an as-required basis for children under 3 years of age.

Marriages
Six months' notice is required for marriages, as counselling is necessary to prepare couples for Christian marriage. A Marriage preparation course is also required.

Baptisms
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is available by contacting a chaplain. Time is required to give sufficient instruction about the meaning of baptism.

Protestant Chapel Guild
The Guild meets the first Sunday of the month at 1800 hrs in the Chapel Annex. All women are welcome.

Food Bank
The Food Bank is a joint undertaking by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Please help by giving any food you can spare. The donation box is located at the rear of the chapel.

Emergency Chaplain
After normal working hours, the Emergency Chaplain can be reached through WOps Duty Centre, 833-2700.

Other Phone Numbers:
For your convenience, a phone number has been set up to provide callers with info on service times and contact with the c haplain of your choice. Phone 833-2500 ext. 6800 and follow the prompts. Those with access to the DIN visit the chaplains' Web Site at http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/main, then click on 'Services.

Interfaith Prayer Room
Rm 305 in Bldg 62 is avail during reg working hrs for private prayer or meditation, or for small groups to worship in the manner of their faith.

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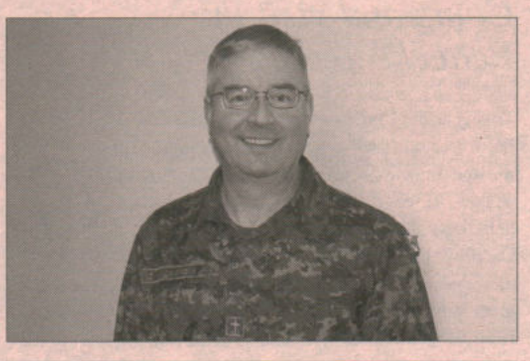

By LCdr Bruce Mackenzie

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to 17 Wing.

I was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Canada in 1986. I did six years of civilian ministry in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia before accepting a call to CF chaplaincy. My first posting was Halifax where I spent three years getting my sea legs. Then posted to CFB Chatham, New Brunswick for one year as that base came to a close. Then it was off to the west coast for more navy stuff. During my fifth year at CFB Esquimalt I applied for postgraduate training and was accepted. The next two years were in Ottawa at St. Paul University earning a Masters in Pastoral Counselling. This degree qualifies chaplains to serve in the mental health world as well as members on our Operational Trauma and Stress Support Teams. I was posted to the team in Halifax where I spent the last three years. I was promoted in June and posted to 17 Wing, Winnipeg.

On a more personal note, I have been married to my beautiful wife, Shana, for the past 27 years and we are the proud parents of three children. We dropped off our oldest daughter, Audrey, in Victoria, B.C. where she resides with her husband, Dave. They are the parents of our two grandsons. We dropped off our second daughter, Allison, in Halifax, where she married Donald and they live in Dartmouth. Our son Douglas is with us here in Winnipeg and is in his first year at the University of Manitoba.

We are very happy to be in Winnipeg and I am looking forward to sharing the next number of years with all of you at 17 Wing. Please introduce yourself to me if you see me around or drop into my office to say hello.

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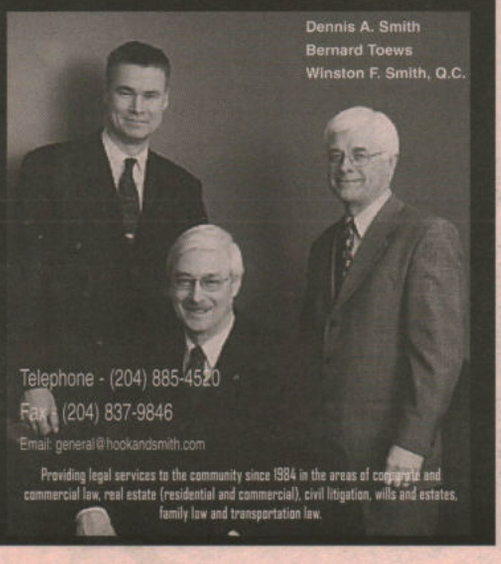

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BY NANCY

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Focus on what you have instead of starting anything new. Maintenance costs associated with long term investments are worth it; just part of the deal. You have enough money to cover unexpected expenses so don't fret. Unexpected benefits are also on the way.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): When what you want is slow to come, don't give in to doubts or become impatient. You might want to fill your time with distractions, but instead perfect your skills and presentation. Pacing the floor won't speed up the process either. Trust that all is on schedule.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You keep looking for advice or clues to show you your best course of action because you're uncomfortable about being solely responsible for your choices. You can't rely on others to know or show you the way. Make your own decisions and act on them, then stress dissipates.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): If you honestly look at the course you've taken so far you'll understand why you feel left out, angry and hurt. It's time to let go of outmoded ways of thinking and counterproductive habits, like procrastinating. Attend to essentials instead of avoiding them and you'll feel better.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): When you request guidance you may get an everyday answer because there is very little drama in the day-to-day. Doing things differently, even making small changes will impact on outcomes. Releasing confining thoughts and limiting beliefs facilitates greater changes.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Find the middle-ground between the practical work-a-day world and your more idealistic hopes and dreams. This is a time to rest and gather with friends. Give yourself a break. Put off making decisions or initiating new endeavors until you're sure of your next step.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): Leaving a situation that was hard for you to handle may feel daunting but don't hesitate to do so. Wonderful opportunities await you. Follow your heart. You'll be drawn into situations with people who have positive energy. They enrich your life and elevate your spirit.

SAGITARIUS (November 22 - December 21): When you strike out into new territory, in your enthusiasm, you could burn a few bridges. Demanding the lead or offering your expertise too soon might not be appreciated. Watch from the sidelines, assess the situation then wait to be asked for your input.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Providing a loan is not what you want to do but someone is relying on your generosity. Don't let your emotions override your common sense; consider what's best for all concerned. Seek a compromise but don't forfeit your own plans. There is a creative solution.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): You're no longer concerned with what others will say. You seek understanding and caring relationships and activities that are exciting. You want to live passionately. Be careful not to judge others too quickly if they seem a bit quiet; you could miss out on a lot of fun.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Relationships and security are important to you. Look for magic but be realistic. Someone is pulling strings to ease your efforts, so be obvious in your desires and choices so that those trying to help don't miscue. All the irons you've had in the fire were worth the investment.

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