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LCol Sean Friday, 435 Squadron Commanding Officer, speaks during the 435 Chinthe Transport and Rescue Squadron Memorial Dedication.

Cpl Colin Aitken

435 Squadron memorial unveiled at 17 Wing

A memorial was unveiled by 435 Chinthe Transport and Rescue Squadron April 9, 2008 to honour the 48 members who died during 13 separate aircraft crashes dating back to the Second World War. Seven Douglas Dakota transport aircraft were lost by 435 Squadron due to enemy action or accidents while flying tactical airlift missions in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations in 1945. After the war, 435 Squadron lost six CC-130 Hercules aircraft in flying accidents within Canada and abroad.

"It is important to remember those Chinthes who perished while serving on the squadron," said LCol Sean Friday, 435 Squadron Commanding Officer.

"This memorial is one way of ensuring their accomplishments and sacrifices will not be forgotten."

In addition to serving members of the squadron and invited guests, three Royal Canadian Air Force veterans who served in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations were present for the unveiling.

The squadron's mission is to conduct air mobility and search and rescue operations. Tasks include airlift of freight and passengers, air-to-air refuelling of fighter aircraft in Canada and around the world and search and rescue operations within the Trenton Search and Rescue Region from the border with the United States to the geographic North Pole.

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17 Wing celebrates 84th anniversary of the Air Force

Submitted by CFSSAT

CFSSAT hosted the Wing Commander's Coffee Break on 2 April and helped celebrate the 84th anniversary of the Canadian Air Force, which took place on 1 April.

Canada has had various incarnations of an aviation corps since early in World War One, and certainly produced many distinguished military aviators that flew for the Royal Air Force during the war. However, the Royal Canadian Air Force did not officially come into existence until April 1, 1924. The Royal Canadian Air Force fought in World War Two and distinguished itself both at the Battle of Britain and by providing protection from aerial assault during the invasion of Normandy.

On the first of February, 1968, with the unification of the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCAF was renamed the Air Force. In September of 1975, Air Command Headquarters was created and was initially located here in Winnipeg.

The late 1980s saw the return of the Air Force blue uniform and a renewal of the unique Air Force identity.

Despite the number of people who were on leave due to Spring Break, the coffee break was well attended with approximately fifty people present. The Acting Wing Commander, LCol Ferron, gave a brief speech in commemoration of the occasion. Wing Foods had prepared a special birthday cake that proudly displayed the Air Force logo to help celebrate the event and Pte Levarre McDonald, from 17 Wing Imaging, was chosen to cut the cake.

The members of the various units from throughout the Wing filled the foyer at CFSSAT, as was evident by the wide range of garments; blue, green and orange flight suits, CADPAT and civilian attire. The gathering also gave everyone a chance to see the prototype of the new flight suit and new combined warm and cold weather jacket being worn by Capt Rob Chapman from CFS, who is participating in its trial.

The Wing Commander's Coffee Breaks give staff an opportunity to meet new people, put faces to names and to see old friends. On some occasions, such as this one, it allows us to commemorate a special event and perhaps inspire us to look into our history.

Pte Crystal Smith

LCol Marc Ferron presides over the Wing Comander's Coffee Break at the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training as Pte Levarre McDonald cuts the cake for the 84th anniversary of the Air Force.

Pte Levarre McDonald

RCAF luncheon

Members of the Wartime Pilots and Observers Association have a sing along at the end of their luncheon held at the 17 Wing Officer's Mess. The luncheon, held April 3, 2008, was held to mark the RCAF's 84th anniversary

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VIA Rail honours Canadian Forces with free tickets

By Blake Patterson
Trident staff

You might want to reconsider your summer travel plans.

Canada's military was given a free ticket March 26 when VIA Rail Canada announced that current and former CF personnel, as well as DND employees, can ride the rails for free this July. From Canada Day, July 1, until July 31, they can travel anywhere on VIA's coast-to-coast rail network, free of charge, as much as they want.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Canadian Forces, as well as defence employees, veterans and their families, I thank VIA for making this great idea a reality," said RAdm Dean McFadden, Commander JTFA and MARCOM, who attended the announcement ceremony held in the VIA station in Halifax.

He said this initiative speaks volumes to service men and women, past and present, and illustrates VIA's appreciation for the efforts of those who serve in Canada and overseas.

"The support shown by VIA Rail to Canada's men and women in uniform, as well as civilian defence employees, is appreciated by the entire defence community," said RAdm McFadden. "It is an act of recognition that shows how much service to country is appreciated."

In July, CF personnel will pay nothing for Comfort (coach) class tickets and they can bring up to five members of their immediate families with them at a 50 per cent discount. And if a military member is overseas in July, their spouse can use the free-ticket benefit as if they were the active member.

The offer applies to all current and retired members of the CF, Reserve personnel, DND employees, and non-public fund employees. According to VIA's web site, this means a qualifying adult passenger is defined as any adult 18 years of age or older who is in possession of either a valid DND photo identification card, Dependent ID card, or CANEX Club XTra card.

Blake Patterson

RAdm Dean McFadden and Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay (above) recently accepted a ceremonial ticket for free train travel from VIA Rail chairman Donald Wright (right). As a show of appreciation for the CF, VIA is offering free or reduced-rate travel to all members of Canada's military community this July.

Veterans and retirees will be asked to show their Record of Service Card or their Veteran Benefits Card. Immediate family members are defined to include the qualifying member's mother, father, spouse or common-law partner or child or a child for whom the qualifying adult passenger is a legal guardian.

"Like all Canadians, we at VIA are proud of the Canadian Forces and pleased when we can help to remind our fellow citizens of their contribution," said VIA Rail's Chairman of the Board Donald Wright.

RAdm McFadden said including military families in the deal illustrates VIA's understanding of the important role military families play in CF operations.

"[Military families] are the unsung heroes who must soldier on day after day when a loved one deploys," said RAdm McFadden."Without their unfailing support, the men and women of the Forces could not do the job they do in the professional and dedicated manner in which they do it."

Tara Bayne, Information Services and Referral Coordinator for the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre, said it's an exciting initiative that will help military families reconnect with loved ones across the country.

"I'm happy to see that VIA is doing this," she said. "We have so many military families that have families spread all over Canada because of postings . . . hopefully this will help."

Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay attended the announcement and said VIA's offering of free travel expresses how much Canadians appreciate the service of the men and women in uniform.

"This initiative will allow members of the Canadian Forces to visit more of the country that they have committed to defend," he said.

At the announcement ceremony, much was said about the longstanding relationship between the CF and Canada's rail industry. During the First and Second World Wars, 90 per cent of troop movements in Canada were made by rail. And in recent years, VIA has continued the tradition by undertaking several initiatives to honour service men and women.

In 2005, the Year of the Veteran, a special train carried thousands of veterans and their families from Halifax to Ottawa to allow them to take part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the national cenotaph. Likewise, in 2006, hundreds of Canada's war brides were brought to Pier 21 in Halifax to mark the 60th anniversary of their arrival in Canada at the end of the Second World War.

"Whether transporting troops to Halifax for departure overseas or taking immigrants to start a new life across this country, trains have been at the heart of our national story," said Wright. "At VIA, we are very proud to be able to build on this railway heritage in our own way."

It's estimated more than half a million current or retired service personnel will be eligible for the deal.

"We really haven't figured out how many people might use it," said Wright. "We hope a lot of people use it."

RAdm McFadden said he expects people will use the deal for more than just holidays.

He said July tends to be a busy travel time for those who serve, because postings and training courses are often scheduled during school holidays each summer.

Asked how many military members he expects to take advantage of the free tickets, RAdm McFadden said he'll do his part to talk to as many people as possible and encourage them to hit the rails. "I hope this is a very well received and taken up offer," he said.

For information, or to reserve a ticket, go to viarail.ca/forces or call toll-free 1-888-VIA-Rail (1-888-842-7245) or 1-800-268-9503 (hearing impaired).

Karen Christiuk

Collecting signatures at Headquarters

Joe Greenberg paid a visit to 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters in March as part of a local Yellow Ribbon Campaign. Greenberg's group is getting Winnipegers to sign yellow ribbons that will eventually be housed in Canada House in Kandahar, Afghanistan. "We're just a small group that has come together because we wanted to do something for the soldiers," said Greenberg. "So far we have 6,000 signatures. We are hoping to have 10,000 by May 2008."

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Selection isn't an exact science, but it's all we've got

WPSO Corner

By LCdr Ron Mumford
WPSO

Recently, I underwent a somewhat humbling experience when I applied for an advertised job in Winnipeg. The application process consisted of providing the usual written background check to ensure that my qualifications matched the job specifications.

I was then invited for a follow-up five-hour test and interview. Unfortunately, a few months later I found I didn't make the cut. I also learned that the individual who was selected for this position was at the last minute, unable to come to Winnipeg. Apparently, 12 candidates applied for this job and this represented the second attempt at trying to fill the position in the past two years… without success.

Sour grapes aside, one can speculate about this selection process, especially if you work in the area of Personnel Selection.

Perhaps, when asked what my short term goals were, my response, "to bluff my way through the interview process," may not have been the type of answer they had expected.

In any event, an argument might be put forth that in the case of trying to fill this position, perhaps the bar was set too high or a pool of less qualified candidates could have been considered and trained-up to meet the minimum standard.

In any event, although someone was selected, overall, the selection process failed to achieve its ultimate goal as this position was not staffed as expected. This example highlights the fact, that in general, the selection process is not infallible and certainly does not represent an exact science.

Selection is not an unfamiliar process to CF members.

We experience it first hand the moment we walk through the doors of the Recruiting Centre, when we are selected for career courses, are deployed or when we apply for various In-Service Selection (ISS) programs such as the Voluntary Occupation Transfer Program – NCM (VOTP-NCM), University Training Program Non-Commissioned Members (UTPNCM), Commissioning From the Ranks (CFR), and Continuing Education Officer Training Program (CEOTP), to name only a few.

One of the most common questions that PSOs are asked is about the ISS programs and, like any other selection process, its not perfect, but it is consistent and it does get the job done.

I would like to take this opportunity to walk you through this process and I'll use the VOT-NCM program as an example, however, the criteria remains the same for virtually any program, with only a few minor differences.

Cpl Kulbacki wants to occupationally transfer from Medical Technician 00334 to Resource Management Support Clerk 00298.

The first thing that she should do is to confirm if the program is open or closed and whether there was a CFRG (now DMCARM 7) deadline that has already passed.

She can find this and a lot of other useful information by doing a little personal research and going to the 17 Wing WPSO Website at: http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/WAdmin/PSO/VOTPNCM.htm.

On this site she'll find a box that will provide information specifying the PSO Deadline, and the Borden Deadline, along with the VOT Message, that will highlight all sorts of information about this program.

In this particular case, Cpl Kulbacki will see that she has missed the deadline as the completed file had to be in Borden by 30 Nov 07. Nevertheless, for the sake of this example, let's assume she met the deadline.

The next step in the overall selection process is for her to continue doing some research using another website: http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dgmp/dpgr/engraph/specifications_e.asp?sec=2&doc=qualspec.

This site will provide Cpl Kulbacki with information about the RMS Clerk occupation.

Having a thorough understanding of this occupation will be a strategically good move for Cpl Kulbacki as she will no doubt be asked during her PSO interview about her target occupation.

By demonstrating that she has researched this occupation through sources such as this website and by talking with personnel employed in this occupation, her knowledge base regarding this occupation will improve and her motivation will be noted by the PSO, which in turn will be viewed positively by the selection board.

The next critical part of the selection process in terms of preparation is Required Documentation, the importance of which can't be stressed enough.

The first website provides a list of what is required for this or any ISS program including the VOT Application Form, Pers File, UER, Current MPRR, Academic Transcripts, Self Assessment Form and WPSO Referral Form (which includes a Supervising Officer's Assessment Form).

Although its not listed in required documentation, in para 5, c and d, of the VOTP-NCM message, a medical update within the past 12 months and a current annual physical fitness evaluation must be completed in order to be eligible for this program.

To reiterate, it is extremely important that all of the aforementioned documentation be provided by the member's unit and sent to the WPSO Section, prior to the actual PSO interview.

Assuming that Cpl Kulbacki has completed all of the above selection criteria, the next important step is the input and recommendations from the Commanding Officer and Supervising Officer.

Information from these sources is critical in the overall assessment process and greatly contributes to the member's ISS competitiveness.

As part of the screening process the WPSO Office will check previous test scores to see whether or not the candidate is required to complete the Canadian Forces Aptitude Test (CFAT) to determine if they possess the aptitude for their target occupation or for commissioning.

If they meet the CFAT cut-off, the process will continue.

The selection process for any ISS program is based on the culmination of four criteria: the self-assessment, the supervising officer's assessment as noted above (this can also be a Senior NCO), the PSO's review of the pers file, and the PSO's assessment of the candidate's performance in the interview.

These various criteria are scored and converted into a numerical scale which is transferred to the PSO's worksheet known as a CF-285.

A combination of the score and PSO narrative represents the completed report.

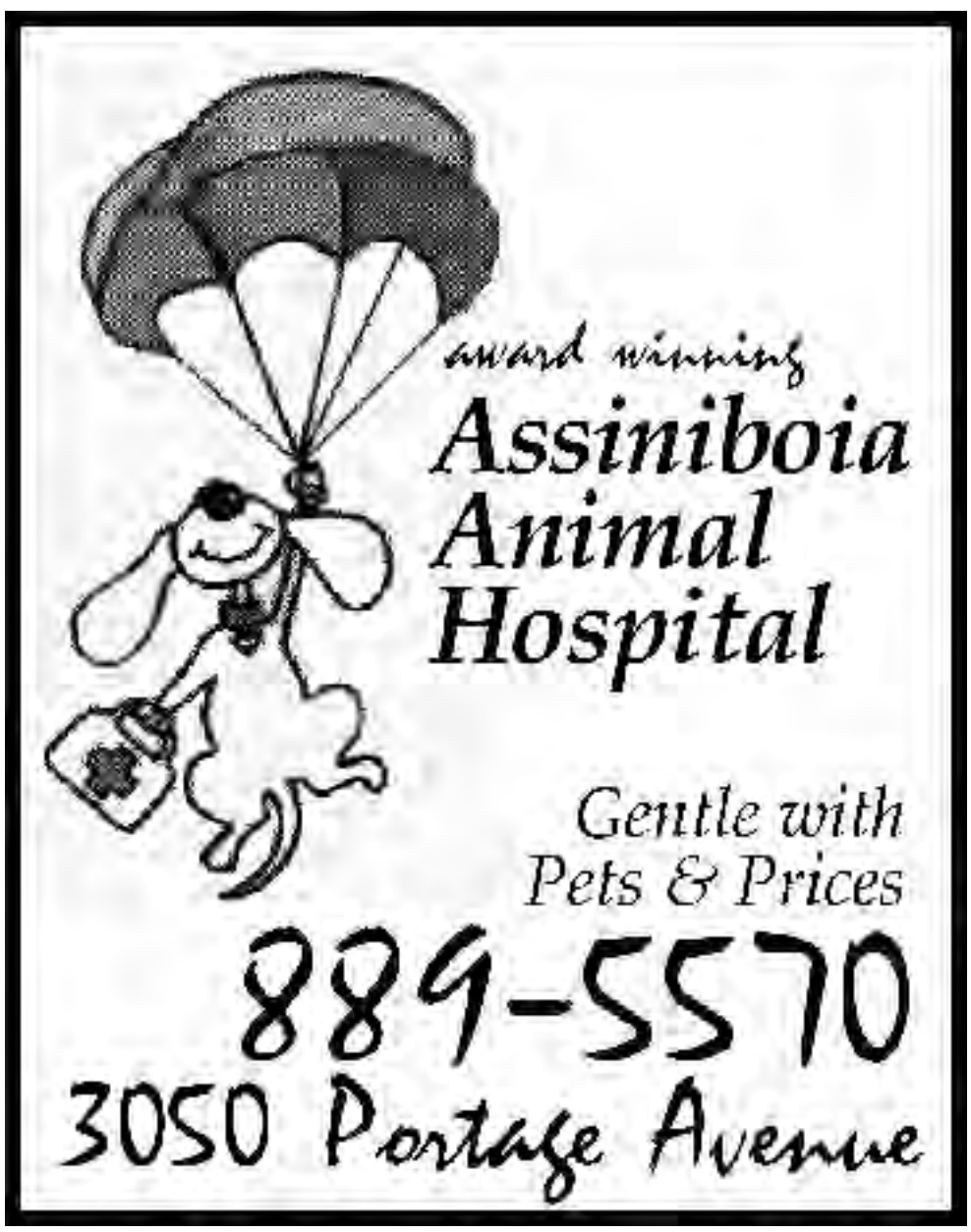
It should be consistent, in other words you cannot have a really strong score with a poor narrative to back it up or visa versa.

All of these selection criteria are used by CFRG/DMCARM Selection Boards.

While the selection process may not be an exact science, if all of the above criteria are adhered to, it will ensure that Cpl Kulbacki will not be screened out of the selection process and further career opportunities due to something as simple as missing documentation.

It will provide her with a competitive file for the Selection Board to assess. And like many career opportunities, by putting in the required effort, it has the potential to pay back big dividends.

By the way, if the PSO asks what your short term goals are… don't use my response!



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All former members, their families and associates of the British Columbia Dragoons are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Capt Howard Hisdal at (250) 712-4227, or by email at hisdall.hh@forces.gc.ca.

Presentations made to members of 435 Squadron

LCol Friday and Maj Freitag present Capt Gagne with his new rank which came into effect February 26, 2008.

LCol Friday presents MWO Poirier with his new rank which came into effect March 4, 2008.

LCol Friday presents MCpl Kurylow with his new rank.

LCol Friday presents MCpl McKie with his new rank.

LCol Friday presents 2Lt Tipton with a 435 Sqn plaque February 9, 2008.

LCol Friday presents 2Lt Cleary with a 435 Sqn plaque February 9, 2008.

NAOSH Week events planned for May

By MWO Pat Kieffert
AWGSO

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week is led by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) and Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), in concert with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and partners in Mexico.

The theme for NAOSH Week 2008 – Start Today! Live It Every Day! –presents an opportunity to focus, reinforce and strengthen commitment to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Start Today! Live It Every Day! promotes the need for ongoing development and encouragement of safety and health practices, processes and procedures at home, at work and in the community.

Col Scott Howden has endorsed this event and associated 17 Wing Safety Exhibition, thus promoting the Wing's OHS culture.

This event will be held on 7 May 2008 at the Sports and Recreation Complex, Building 90, 680 Wihuri Road, from 1000hrs to 1500hrs.

To date, more than 35 exhibitors have indicated attendance.

As stakeholders, it is an excellent opportunity to display our involvement within Health, Safety and Environment fields and to promote the 2008 NAOSH Week.

Col Howden and Wing General Safety invite the community and DND civilian and military personnel to attend the 17 Wing Safety Exhibition.

For additional information please contact Chuck Haarsma, 17 Wing General Safety Officer (WGSO) at (204) 833-2500 extension 5950 (Haarsma.AC@forces.gc.ca), Craig Oversby, DWGSO at extension 4495 (Oversby.CS@forces.gc.ca), MWO Pat Kieffert, AWGSO at extension 4149 (Kieffert.PP@forces.gc.ca) or Julianna Fillion, Administration Assistant at extension 5913 (Fillion.J2.@forces.gc.ca).

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Canada's last surviving First World War veteran

By Sgt Dennis Power
Army News

Jack Babcock is Canada's only surviving veteran of the First World War, and though he's proud to be recognized, he's a little embarrassed by all the attention he has gotten lately, and he'll tell you it's because "I didn't get to fight."

He did his best to get to the trenches in France, but after nearly three years in uniform, he had only made it as far as England. The reason, which he gives up with some reluctance, is that he was only 15 years old when he signed up. The fact that he made it as far as England is a testament to his determination to fight; it took a lot of courage and ingenuity to sneak past numerous commanders on the journey to France each time it was discovered that he was underage for service.

Getting himself ready for another interview, Jack sits back in his favourite couch in the living room of his Spokane home. Despite his 107 years, clear blue eyes peer out from beneath his white brows, and he takes a deep breath as he decides where to begin. As memories drift through his sharp mind, he takes us back to the time of the war.

John (Jack) Henry Foster Babcock was born on the family farm outside Sydenham, Ontario, on July 23, 1900. He was born the middle child of five, with a brother and three sisters. The family lived comfortably on the farm and had little to do with town life. Sydenham was about 11 kilometres away, and Kingston another 20. The sprawling 350 acres provided plenty of crops and his father also operated a very successful wood milling operation.

When Jack, as he prefers to be called, was six years old, a tragic event set the course for an uncertain future in what had been an almost idyllic life. His father was cutting down an ash tree near the family home and when the tree came down, part of a dead cedar next to it broke off and fell, crushing his father's shoulder.

Pte Jack Babcock, a soldier in D Company of the 146th Overseas Battalion in September of 1916 at Camp Valcartier, Quebec, Canada. One month later Pte Babcock would be on a ship sailing for England enroute to France.

"They brought my father into the house wrapped in a horse blanket, he was in a lot of pain," said Jack. "He said 'Roll me over', then he said, 'Roll me back', he lived for about two hours," Jack explained sadly. "Then he took in a deep breath, and he was gone," added Jack, drawing on a memory that is as vivid as if the event had happened yesterday. After his father's death, economics eventually forced the family to break up. The farm was sold and the children went to live with different relatives. Jack's mother took work that was available, which took her as far as Regina.

Among a number of places he lived after the break-up of his own family, Jack stayed with the family that had bought the farm.

"They never really seemed to like me, and I guess I didn't care much for them," he said. He worked on the farm and at the mill all day, and was usually too tired at the end of the day to study, so at 14 he finished with school to focus on making a living.

In January 1916, Jack was in nearby Perth Row and took an interest in some recruiters for the Canadian Army as they regaled passers-by with stories of soldiers and glory. "They told stories about the British Cavalry and the 'Charge of the Light Brigade'," explained Jack. "How they charged the Russian guns and sabered the gunners. I was impressed and I signed up," said Jack. The call for patriotism, the lure of adventure, and the prospect of money, three great motivators that resulted in over 600,000 men signing up to fight by the end of the war.

"I never thought anything would happen to me. I would get a dollar and ten cents a day," he added, "Good money. On the farm I was only getting fifty cents a day."

During his medical exam after enlistment, Jack was unable to pass himself off as a 19 year old, though he passed the exam based on his fitness. Growing up on a farm had given him a solid frame and the Medical Officer recorded his 'apparent age' as 18. This got Jack his start in the Army, and he spent the next few months in Ontario training with other soldiers as the newly formed 146th Battalion built to a strength of about 1050 men.

In June, the battalion moved to Camp Valcartier, north of Quebec City, to continue training and to prepare to be sent to France.

In October 1916, after undergoing another physical, Jack was again declared fit but underage for service. About 40 soldiers in the battalion were found unsuitable for service for various reasons, and as the battalion prepared to leave for France, their names were posted. For some reason, Jack's name was not on the list, so he grabbed his pack and fell in with the battalion as they moved to Halifax, enroute to France.

In Halifax, Jack's company commander was standing on the gangplank of the ship as he attempted to board. The company commander, knowing Jack was underage, waved him off and had him sent to Wellington Barracks which was nearby where he was put to work at general duties. This did not sit well with Jack and he kept his eye open for any opportunity to join the troops in France.

After two weeks of general duties at Wellington Barracks, a call went out for 50 volunteers to go to The Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR), which was already in France. Jack jumped at the opportunity, but would have to undergo another medical.

"When the Medical Officer asked me my age, I said I was 18, but actually I was 16," said Jack. Shortly afterwards Jack sailed for England on the S.S. California. "The trip took two weeks, and I was sick most of the way over," he added. " The California was sunk by the Germans about a year later. Torpedoes," Jack said.

In England, Jack was assigned to the 26th Reserve Battalion near Folkstone. Most of the soldiers in the battalion were veterans from The RCR and the PPCLI, waiting to return to France. Jack would go to France as a replacement with the 'Royals', and spent most of his time doing drill and night manoeuvres, learning what he could from the veterans through their actions and stories.

In late 1916, the troops in France were locked into gruesome battles with enormous numbers of casualties. Back in Canada, people were becoming disillusioned with the war, and increasingly alarmed at reports of underage soldiers in the front lines. Although official army policy did not allow soldiers younger than 19 to serve overseas, over 1,300 underage soldiers were found serving in the ranks of overseas units. These boys were subsequently pulled from their units and sent to Bexhill-on-Sea, England, to form the Young Soldiers Battalion.

"I remember that about a third of the boys had been to France, and they were glad to be back (in England)," Jack explained. "Who the hell would want to be shot at all the time?" questioned Jack. That was not the end of their service, however. The boys in the Young Soldiers Battalion were held in England and continued training so that, when they reached the age of 19, they would be able to serve in France.

"We trained all the time. Lots of drill, but we went to the ranges to shoot and practiced with our bayonets," Jack said. "When we first joined, we had the Ross rifle, but when we got to England we got the Lee Enfield," Jack remembered.

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Pte Jack Babcock (front row, centre), with members of his Company one month before shipping out for England enroute to France.

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A look back at 402 Sqn's role in Operation Freshie

By Leo Pettipas
Associate Air Force Historian

The following article was originally published in On Manitoba, the U of M's Alumni Magazine.

For most of us, learning at university meant enrolling in a set number of courses each year and grinding our way through them until, in the fullness of time, we finally had degrees in hand and were off to make the world a Better Place. For some among us, the standard academic fare was complemented by military training programs sponsored by the three armed services. The Royal Canadian Air Force version was known as the University Reserve Training Plan (URTP), and its purpose was to stimulate interest in the Air Force and to ensure a flow of trained university graduates as commissioned officers for the Regular service or the Reserves. To deliver the program, provision was made in 1948 for the establishment of RCAF (Auxiliary) University Flights at all the major schools across the country. The University of Manitoba Flight was one of the first formed. After a few years, the Flights were elevated to Squadron status.

The students' training program covered three years. They attended lectures during the academic year, with pay, and could look forward to summer jobs as Flight Cadets while receiving flying or specialist training. For up to 22 weeks during three consecutive summers, they could be employed as pilot, navigator or radio officer trainees, or in eleven non-

flying specialist categories that ranged from aeronautical engineering to chaplaincy. Each University Flight was to have an establishment of around 100 cadets, with selection being made at the rate of approximately 35 freshmen annually.

At the U of M, a Tri-Service Day was instituted early on as part of Freshie Week. The purpose of Freshie Week, of course, was to introduce and orient new students to university life. Tri-Service Day served to showcase the military training programs that were available on campus and to provide an opportunity to recruit new cadets. To that end, displays and demonstrations were standard fare, but the 1953 rendition of Tri-Service Day offered something that was special, if not entirely unique.

In the early 1950s, the Cold War was up and running and the locally based 402 "City of Winnipeg" (Auxiliary) Squadron was a going concern. Its role was to train for the day when the Soviet hordes would come pouring across our northern borders; and to deal with such an eventuality, the Squadron was equipped with P-51 Mustang fighter-bombers. These things were real hot rods: they could bore holes in the sky at the rate of 700 kilometres per hour and, as versatile fighter planes, were capable of all kinds of aerial gymnastics. They were sure-bet crowd-pleasers at air shows, which were common events in those days of concerted military build-up and personnel recruitment. So at some point someone got the idea: why not have the local squadron give an aerial demonstration over the university on Tri-Service Day? What a dramatic way to promote the Air Force to a large group of impressionable young prospects for the URTP! In traditional military fashion, the exercise was even given an official code name – "Operation Freshie."

And so it was that on 23 September 1953 a pair of the swift, nimble Mustangs were put through their paces in the skies above the Fort Garry campus. The 402 Squadron Historical Report for the month noted that the event was a "great success," and Squadron Leader R.C. Bellan, Commanding Officer of the University of Manitoba Squadron, expressed his appreciation to the CO of 402 in a letter that read in part: "In particular, the aerobatics carried out by the two Mustangs from your Squadron highlighted the show. The pilots put on a display to be equaled with the best of flying performances. Their sustained coverage of the campus over the full hour was timely, as the majority of students were able to be out of classes, and see the display."

The next year, 402 was back again with their air show and display. I have to wonder how many other universities across the country kicked off any of their academic years with their very own air show!

107 year old veteran shares memories of service life

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"That was a good rifle," Jack asserted.

"We trained in trenches, just like the ones in France. We could fit the whole battalion in those trenches and we saw demonstrations of artillery fired from a distance," he added, looking across the room as if looking into the past.

"Because we were young, we had better food than the other soldiers, but I didn't care much for it. And when we had time off we could go into town, or a place called 'tin-town' for something to eat and for dances," he said.

Jack remembered when the young soldiers of his battalion met older soldiers who had served in France, they were always treated with respect. He also spoke well of his sergeants and officers, most of them had been wounded in France and were training the young soldiers as they recuperated.

"When you were within six months of becoming 19, you went to D Company, and they got you ready to go to France," said Jack. "Nobody was scared to go to France, we knew we'd be shot at. But we didn't know any better," Jack said wryly. Although Jack did everything he could to get to France, the opportunity never came. The war effectively ended with the signing of the Armistice with Germany on Nov. 11 1918.

At the time, young Jack was extremely disappointed, not so much that the war was over, because he saw the results of it, but because he never made it to the trenches in France.

"I never got to fight," he said with a heavy breath. Even today, 90 years later it seems to bother him. "I don't consider myself to be a veteran, because I never got to fight," he elaborated. If the war had lasted another six months, Jack, then eighteen-and-a-half years old, would have made it to France. He was a trained soldier, an acting lance Corporal, and the army would not have been able to hold him back any longer.

After returning to Canada in December 1918, Jack held a number of jobs, eventually ending up in the United States where he later joined the American army. He served in the U.S. Army from 1921 until 1924. After leaving the military, he remained in the United States and settled in Spokane, Washington, where he eventually started a family. In 1941 he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Airforce and ironically, was told that he was too old.

Jack has had an amazing life. Besides serving in two allied armies, he raised a small family, started a very successful family business and, at every opportunity, he has defied convention. He earned a small plane pilot license at the age of 65, backpacked throughout the mountains of Washington State until the age of 85, and more recently earned his high school diploma at the age of 94.

At 107 years old, Jack continues to live life to its fullest, with a smile for everyone.

Two or three times a week he goes out for lunch at his favourite restaurant in Spokane and is proud to be able to walk everywhere on his own, using a walker only for balance.

He still has the firm handshake of a young man, and attributes his good health and long life to remaining fit and active.

He has never spent much time associating with other veterans, largely because he never saw himself as one.

It's true that he never got to fight, but not for lack of fighting spirit.

Sgt Dennis Power

John Babcock, Canada's only surviving veteran of the First World War, wears the colours of The Royal Canadian Regiment, which he joined as a replacement.

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MCpl Kevin Paul, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

A CC138 Twin Otter from 440 Squadron, Yellowknife, stops in to resupply a 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG) patrol with food and fuel between Eureka and McClintock Inlet, Ellesmere Island, Nunavut. The patrol is part of OP NUNALIVUT 08, one of three major sovereignty operations conducted each year by the Canadian Forces in Canada's North. The primary intent of this operation is to project Canadian sovereignty in the High Arctic through a Canadian Forces patrol presence. In addition to projecting sovereignty in this remote region of Canada, this year's operation will assist International Polar Year (IPY) scientists as they conduct research on the Ellesmere Island ice shelf. The patrols, conducted by the 1st Canadian Patrol Group (1 CRPG), will guide, shelter and assist the scientists as they carry out their work. The Canadian Rangers are skilled Reserve members of the CF. They are experienced in Arctic survival and are deployed almost every time the CF operates on the land in the North. They act as guides, experts on the land, and provide predator control. The Canadian Rangers are a major contributor to the training and effectiveness of the military in the North.

Sergeant Kevin Mac Aulay

On Sunday April 6 2008 the Rangers from 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group aided the Polar Ice Year Scientists by conducting measurements on Peterson Bay Ice Shelf. Rangers Ryan Seely (right) and Davidee Koonilusie clean the ice auger used to place a GPS measuring device.

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CF member teaches Afghan National Army soldiers

By WO Brian Picard

The Canadian government has graciously donated rifles to the Afghan National Army (ANA).

In order to ensure their serviceability, a technical assistance visit (TAV) was created.

MCpl Andy Lindsay, a Weapons Technician from 19 Wing Comox B.C., found himself in sunny Afghanistan.

His arrival timing could not have happened at a worst time: smack dab in the middle of the relief in place (RIP) between Rotations 4 and 5.

MCpl Lindsay was met at the airport and was housed with the out-going Rotation 4 guys. Rotation 5 was ripping in and desperately trying to settle in.

There was a constant furry of people coming and going. Found in the middle of this was MCpl Lindsay. He looked like he was watching a ping pong game.

I ended up as his roommate for the first week I was here.

He looked up at me on the first day and said, "Help!" I couldn't do much to help him for the first few days, as I hadn't even found the same mess hall twice in a row yet.

Once we were all settled and knew what was what, I sat outside our accommodations one night with MCpl Lindsay and we started discussing his TAV in detail.

I made him understand the importance of the training he will be doing with the four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers.

He is to teach the very first and only C-7 weapons technicians in the Army to a third line level.

I put it to him like this: You are planting the first seed in what will become a forest. He paused and replied, "Only you can prevent flat plains." We both laughed. This became quite a joke between us.

The training was to commence the following week. It took us that long to explain to the ANA Kandak (the Combat Service Support Unit), the importance of the training and who should be chosen for the task.

MCpl Lindsay started and it has been nothing but a huge success.

All the instruction took place on a piece of 4x8 piece of plywood mounted flat on a steel cage. This plywood has since become one of their technical manuals with the amount of pictures drawn on it.

Four ANA soldiers showed up not having a clue what a C-7 riffle was or even what a weapons technician is.

MCpl Lindsay thru an interpreter came up with a hands on approach and repetitive movements technique.

Together, MCpl Lindsay and the ANA soldiers, came up with some very interesting names for parts and tooling. Direct translation was not possible.

MCpl Lindsay had to overcome obstacles that would never even exist in the training school in Borden.

The manuals that were provided proved very early in the training to be of little value.

The illiteracy rate here is around the 80 per cent mark. Half of those who can read can only read at grade 3 to 6 levels.

Pictures became the choice means of passing on information.

He also took his students to the Canadian lines where they worked side by side with Canadian technicians completing required modifications on some C-7 parts.

WO Picard

MCpl Andy Lindsay with his weapons technicians in training in Afghanistan.

In a very short period of time the four students have become very efficient C-7 technicians.

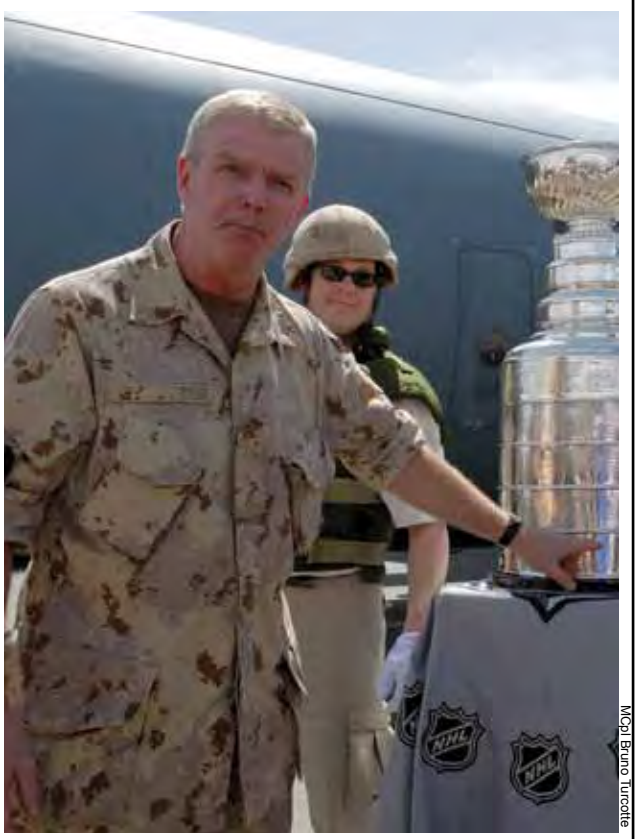
They can complete first, second and most third line level repairs efficiently and effectively.

MCpl Lindsay has also explained to them that they will be responsible for passing on what they have learned to other up and coming ANA technicians and soldiers.

The seed has been planted and has taken root.

We can only hope that the forest will soon follow.

Well-done MCpl Lindsay – you have made a difference in Afghanistan.



MCpl Bruno Turcotte

Lord Stanley's Cup in Afghanistan

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Community Recreation

Lights, camera, action: youth film and claymation workshop

Ever wonder how much time and effort it takes to make a film or documentary? Well, our youth at 17 Wing can tell you all about it.

Daniel Gerson, the Community Recreation Program Assistant, has a passion for film making and wanted to offer something unique and challenging to the youth at 17 Wing. Gerson, along with two other talented and knowledgeable filmmakers, Walter Forsberg (an accomplished film critic) and Ryan McKenna (a professional editor and cinematographer), developed a film and claymation workshop that provided the youth with all of the knowledge, skill, technique and equipment they needed to experience the day in the life of a filmmaker. The workshop began on January 31 and ended on March 8 with nine youth putting in 10 hours of work every week.

The workshop focused on three film principles: film theory, production, and post- production. The youth were given an opportunity to discuss film concepts and film history by watching and critiquing films such as Disney cartoons, early silent films, National Film Board documentaries, and innovative music videos. The production portion dealt with camera operations, lighting techniques, and script writing. During post- production, the youth learned techniques for editing and worked with professional editing tools. They learned how to incorporate music and sound effects, did their own cutting and splicing, hand processed film in a darkroom, and used a special animation-capturing program.

In order for the youth to fully actualize their film skills, they all worked together to create three short films—a music video, a documentary, and a claymation video.

Music Video - the youth created a black and white music video about Winnipeg titled One Great City! The kids were given the lyrics to the song and had to match imagery with lyrics. They worked in groups and travelled all over the city capturing different scenes from the Forks, the Parliament Building and Exchange District. Once completing the footage they went to Art Space building where they hand processed the film and assisted with putting the films on reels and projecting it.

The Documentary - Their documentary was on the Festival du Voyageur. The idea behind this was for the kids to learn about the festival and experience what it was like to trade. The kids were given the task of trading muskrat pelts. It was not as easy as they thought, as they only received in turn gum, medical gloves, a flag, a nail, and a small flashlight. The kids did all of the filming for this project using a professional digital video camera and interviewed numerous people. As a group they watched the footage and did the editing together. It was a great documentary experience allowing the kids to partake in the Festival and all its' cultural activities.

Claymation Video – Together, the youth created their own figurines out of clay, developed miniature sets, edited scenes, and used special software enabling their figurines to move in one fluid motion.

After putting in 60 hours of hard and fun work, the youth wanted to showcase their films and had a film premier on March 13, 2008. The premier was used as a fundraiser where they raised $100 to put towards other events and equipment for their youth council. We would like to thank the Wing Commander Col Howden, WCWO Wallace and WAdmin O, LCol Brodeur along with all of the family members and friends that came out to see the films the youth created. To recognize the youth and all of the work they put into the workshop they were each presented with a certificate and a copy of their films.

"For being the first workshop of this kind, I was very pleased with how it went," said Gerson. When asked about the creation of this project, he stated: "Film making is a passion of mine and to be able to share this and work with the Military youth was great. One of the best things that came out of this program was watching the kids grow and work together. The interaction was amazing and it transferred over into their film work. The kids were very co-operative and fun to work with."

A total of nine youths participated in the film and claymation workshop. The finished projects were viewed by family, friends, Wing Commander Col Howden, WCWO Wallace and WAdmin O LCol Brodeur.

Gerson said that the goal with any program is is to make sure that it is a positive experience for everyone. "Based on the comments from the youth and parents it was a great success, and I look forward to doing more workshops of this manner," he said.

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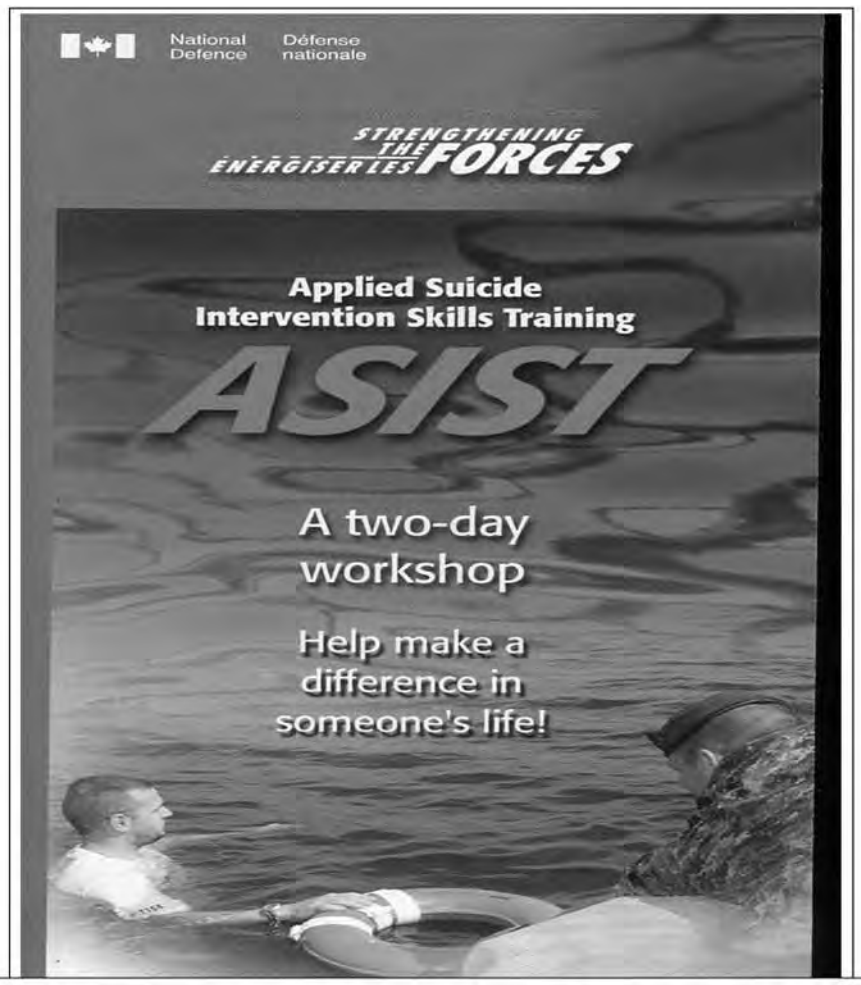

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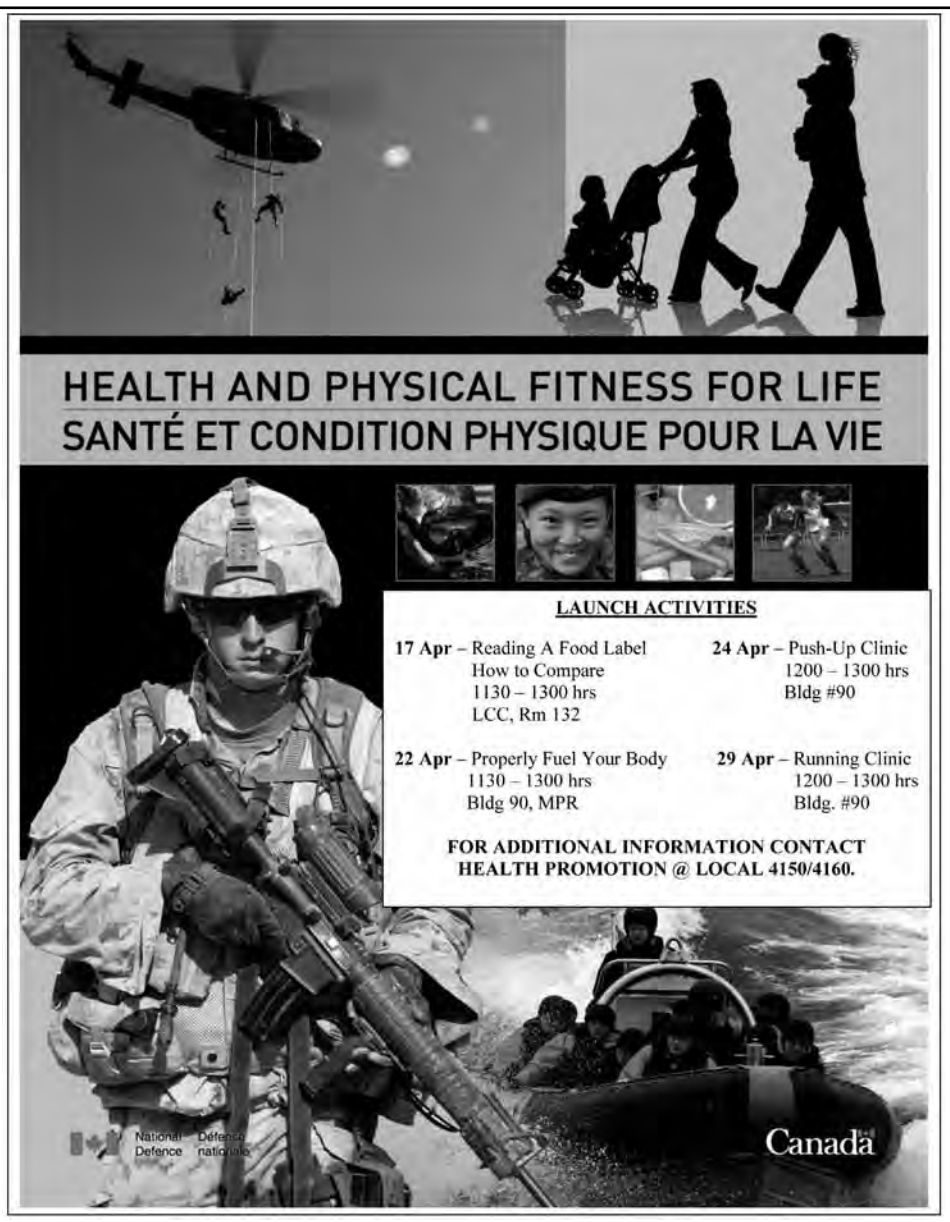

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Building management book helps tradespeople

By Karen Christiuk

Few people know that Brian Grant, Building Systems Manager at 1 Cdn Air Div/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters is a published author. In 2006, he quietly published Building Management in Central Canada under the name Arthur B. Grant, as a guide for people who are involved in the daily operations of buildings.

"The book is geared towards tradespeople such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians," says Grant. "It's a fairly small demographic but I've received a lot of positive comments about the book. A lot of people take it to work with them, and a lot of them like it because it deals with processes and procedures."

Grant says that the most difficult part of the publishing process was getting the book edited.

"I've never met the person who edited the book—she lives in Edmonton, and it took a year to get it edited."

Mary-Jane Fisher, Learning Assistant at the Winnipeg Learning and Career Centre says that Grant's book is used in her building.

"We bought it because he's a local author," says Fisher. "It's a great resource for our building and for the trades."

Karen Christiuk

Brian Grant, author of Building Management in Central Canada.

Wall climbing session fun for all

By Daniel Gerson
Community Recreation

This spring, Community Recreation kicked the remaining snow off their boots and headed down to Winnipeg's wall climbing centre, Vertical Adventures. On arrival, we suited up in our harnesses and learned the rules of proper climbing. The staff was very resourceful and always encouraged us to keep climbing. The challenge was on, as we tackled caves, corners, overhangs, cracks, and chimneys.

We had a nice mix of people across the age spectrum on this event, and all I have to say is: our military youth sure can climb. My favourite part was watching our group cheer on our wall-climbers during tough manoeuvres. My least favourite part was when I smashed into the wall after losing my grip, but that is another story. In the meantime, make sure you always keep one hand out in front of you, as this will soften the blow.

Three of the participants from the wall climbing event.

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Information from Relocation Services

Submitted by Relocation Services

Did you know that you could start the relocation process with Royal Lepage Relocation Services as soon as you receive your posting message?

There are two ways to start: on line or by coming to our office

Four easy steps to register online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

1) Register at www.irppri.com to verify that RLRS has received your relocation authorization for your employer. If the system is successful in matching your information with a pending authorization, you will receive two emails: a confirmation containing your personal username and a separate email containing your temporary secret password.

2) Go to www.relodialogue.com and follow the instructions found in your confirmation e-mails.

3) Complete the identification page, enter all applicable information for your relocation and submit. **Remember to click that SUBMIT button or we will not get your registration.

4) When you're done, you will receive an email listing the documents you need to provide (by fax or in person).

Your local RLRS office will then contact you to book an appointment for a Consultation.

If you choose to register in person, we accept walk-ins daily from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Documents required: (photocopies only)

For all postings:

• Posting message

• Mid-month pay statement

• Updated MPRR certified by BOR confirming Posting Allowance eligibility

• Void check or any other official document confirming your banking information

• Licence plate numbers for each vehicle that you intend to move (car, motorcycle, trailer, etc)

Documents, for your current residence required if you are a homeowner:

• Initial purchase agreement

• Copy of deed/status of title

• Survey/Certificate of location

• Listing agreement (if your house is on the market).

Remember, in Manitoba the reimbursable real estate commission is six per cent on the first $100,000 and three per cent on the balance of the sale price of your home.

• Two choices of appraisers if your residence is not sold (you can access the directory on the web site)

• Sale agreement if your residence is sold

Documents for your current residence, required if you are a renter:

• Lease agreement

• Lease termination letter (if you have notified your landlord of your departure)

For Imposed Restriction postings:

• We will need the exact same documents as a regular posting except for the documents relating to your current residence.

• Imposed Restriction approval

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- Family Separation & Reunion
- Child & Youth Development
- Parenting Support

MFRC Monthly Community Coffee Break

The 1st Thursday of EVERY month 10-11 a.m. 102 Comet St.

Resources

The MFRC has Internet-ready community computers, a fax machine, tape recorders, digital camera, and video camera available for use on site during normal working hours.

Other Numbers

MFRC: 833-2500 ext.4500
Emergency Childcare: 935-7733
MFRC Childcare Centre: 837-3653
Youth Centre South: 488-8563
Youth Centre North: 833-2500 Ext 4502
BBB CF Family Consumer Info Line: 989-9019

Military Families: Strength Behind The Uniform

Donation

Bob Carrey, President of the International War Veterans Association, made a donation to MFRC Executive Director Don Brennan and Padre Grant Schapansky. Padre Schapansky accepted the donation on behalf of the Care and Share Program.

National Volunteer Week

Canadians have a rich history of volunteering and community involvement. Volunteers are on the front lines of all of our community services – community health care, heritage and arts, maintenance of green space, disaster relief, volunteer firefighting, minor sports – the list is endless. The work of the volunteer is essential work.
Volunteers play an integral role in the day to day and special events operations at the Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre. We are very proud of all the work that they do, and always happy to show our appreciation for all of their efforts.
National Volunteer Week (NVW) pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who donate their time and energy. It takes place this year from April 27 to May 3. At the MFRC we are planning several events to honour our volunteers during that week. Please watch for details regarding the daily Volunteer Events that will be taking place.

Support military families

Support Our Forces 5 Km Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, June 28, 2008.
Join us for the inaugural event at Assiniboine Park. This is a great event for your family! There will be t-shirts for the first 100 registrants, random prize draws and face painting. Whether you're an avid runner or a leisurely walker join us for a great morning. All proceeds from the race will be used for programming for military families.
Contact 833-2500 ext 4500 for more information.

Kidventures 2008

Come explore with us! This year's Kidventures, we are exploring– We will explore nature, space, history, science, culture, art, food, water and our own backyards. In other words, we are exploring life.
Register for one week, two weeks or the whole summer. We guarantee fun and friendship. The camp is located in Westwin Community Centre and runs for seven weeks starting July 7, 2008. Registration packages are available at the MFRC, 102 Comet Street. Registration starts May 7, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Baby and toddler gear sale

Do you have some baby items that you no longer need? Are you looking for some gently used baby or toddler items?
Come to our Baby and Toddler Gear Sale at Bldg 90 (gym) to find some bargains! April 19, 2008, Building 90 (base gym), 10am – 2pm. Tables, $10. Admission, free. Call the Military Family Resource Center at 833-2500 ext 4500 for details or to register for a table.

Summer job opportunities

Youth Programs is currently hiring for the Youth Summer Programs. If you are 16 or older and are interested in working for Kidventures Summer Day Camp or the Summer Drop-in Program, please pick up an application form. Application forms are available from 102 Comet Street and at the South Side Youth Centre. Deadline for applications is May 16.

Video Teleconferencing available

Now you can see and talk to your loved one serving in Kandahar and Camp Mirage! A new addition to the support the Winnipeg MFRC already offers to deployed families is the use of a video teleconference system. This is a great way to keep connected.
There may also be an opportunity to have contact with your family member who is away on course, exercise or temporary duty for a period of 30 days or more within Canada. Contact the WMFRC for more information.
The VTC is upstairs in the Conference Room of the WMFRC at 102 Comet St and will be available Sunday thru Saturday from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Doody at (204) 833-2500 Ext 4507.

The Board needs you

The Board of Directors meets once per month to discuss current and ongoing issues relating to the Centre.
The Board of Directors consists of 10 - 12 full voting members, the majority of whom must be spouses. This ensures programming at our centre reflects the needs of our community.

What's in it for you?

- Gain valuable experience in democratic procedures, grass roots planning and evaluation process.
- Be a part of a National Organization with Resource Centres all over Canada and overseas.
- Have a voice in the programs and services which are offered in your community and how they are delivered.
- Meet new people, learn new skills.

For more information, or to apply, please contact the MFRC Coordinator of Volunteers at 833-2500 ext 4500.

MFRC Child Care Centre staff in their red shirts

Get caught wearing red

A new initiative has been started for Canadians to wear red on Fridays as a symbol of our support for the Canadian Forces. Show your support and let's see red from sea to shining sea! Many Canadians simply want to show support for the Canadian Forces. The idea of showing solidarity and support for our forces with dignity continues each and every Friday, sending a message that Canadians who support our military members will wear something red.
So, let's show the Canadian Forces, both at home and deployed, that the people and organizations of Winnipeg are supporting them. Tell us about your family, workplace or group who are supporting the forces by wearing red on Fridays. Send us a picture with a bit of a write up and we will send them into the Voxair to share with others.

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Masses
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Sunday 1100 hrs

Religious Education
Religious Education classes are available to all students from Preschool to Grade 6. Please call the office for information.

Confessions
The sacrament of reconciliation is offered 20 minutes before mass and by appointment. 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.

Protestant

Chaplains

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Padre Curtis Duclos (Baptist)
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Administrative Assistant
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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 chaplain 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.

Make sure yours is a life well lived

By Capt G.H.Schapansky
Padre

We heard last night that a former co-worker of my wife died this week. He was diagnosed with cancer at Christmas and passed away just three months later.

Receiving this kind of news is much too common for many of us.

The impact is sobering, to say the least. In times of reflection regarding the uncertainty and brevity of life, it is common at some point to find ourselves asking the question once again about the meaning and purpose of life. Why do I pull my boots on each morning? Am I consistently living my life in such a way that it will be said of me someday that mine was a life well lived?

Last night, my ponderings triggered a verse from an old prophet by the name of Micah who wrote the following statement around 700 BC. This passage was the favorite of Fred, another dear elderly friend of mine who died a number of years ago.

Fred's personal copy of the Judeo-Christian scriptures was well worn, but he always came back to Micah 6:8 as his favorite verse.

"… What is good; and what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

For me, this is one of those life-orienting concepts that point me in the right direction for living my life with meaning, purpose and value.

It's also one of those three legged stool kind of precepts that requires one to pursue equally each stated value in order to bring balance and completeness to the writer's intended meaning.

What is the Good Life? Do what is right – love what is kind – walk with humility. Any one of these three virtues practiced alone demonstrate the character of someone living life well, but pursued and practiced together they round out the character of what it means to be living a life well lived.

Death has a way of reminding us to examine the way we are living and make any necessary adjustments.

Thanks, Fred, for passing on your guiding principles for life. Yours was a life well lived.

Private Terry John Street

Private Terry John Street, from 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was killed April 4, 2008 when his armoured vehicle struck a suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

The incident occurred in the Panjwayi district. He was immediately evacuated by helicopter to the Canadian-led multinational hospital at Kandahar Airfield, where he was pronounced dead.

The incident occurred at about 6:15 p.m. Kandahar time while the soldier's unit was conducting operations

We have lost a fine Canadian today, and our hearts go out to the family and friends of this brave soldier.

(orwhattodoaftertheweddingbellsstopringing)

You've said "I do!" The guests have all gone home. The last morsel of cake has been consumed. The thank-you cards are all in the mail. What's next?

The 17 Wing chaplains, along with various helping organizations on Base, are offering a Marriage Preparation Course for those intending to be married by a military chaplain or in a military chapel.

Who is invited to MPC 2008?

* Couples who are planning on marriage in a military chapel or by a chaplain
* Couples who will be married and want to understand marriage in a military context
* Couples who are wondering about marriage and want to understand each other better

When is MPC 2008?

MPC 2008 will be held 9 - 10 May 2008
Friday from 1900 to 2130 hrs,
Saturday from 0900 to 1630 hrs.

Where will MPC 2008 be held?

MPC 2008 will be held at the 17 Wing Community Chapel, located at 2235 Silver Ave (off Whytewold/Wihurri).

Why take MPC 2008?

* The purpose of this course is to put tools in the toolbox. These tools will assist a couple in making their marriage the best that it can be.
* Topics will include couple communication, finances, time-management, kids, expectations, etc.

Cost for MPC 2008

* $30 per couple, to cover coffee, snacks and lunch.
* Cheques can be made out to the Protestant Chapel Guild.

Contact and Registration

* To register, contact the 17 Wing Chaplain's Office at 833-2500 ext 5087 or talk to your chaplain.
* For more information call Padre Schapansky at ext 5349.

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Wanted

Pet wanted Sammy (budgie bird) lost his girlfriend, Sissy, Nov 12. I will give a loving home to a budgie to keep him company. Call Darcy at 831-7619 after 5 or leave a message at local 5878.

Coming events

Buffet Banquet meeting of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Canad Inns Polo Park, meeting room L, 1830 Wed 30 Apr. Hear inspiring testimony from Lorne Pick and Cristine Schroeder, authors of Victory and Forgiveness featured on It's a New Day 24 Apr. Everyone welcome. Tickets $15 per person. Call John at 2130 to reserve by 28 Apr.

Breakfast meeting of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Best Western Charterhouse Hotel, 0900 Sat 03 May. Hear inspiring testimony from Bruce Day, retired police officer. Everyone welcome. $9 per person. Reserve tickets at 475-4207 by Thu 1 May.

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BY NANCY

Aries (March 21 - April 19): It's a tough job but somebody has got to do it. Get to the heart of the matter. And, even though you take command of a situation, don't expect accolades for your efforts. Use your gut instinct and listen to the wisdom of experts to guide you. You find out how much you are valued.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Contentment is nice but it won't last. You come to realize there are things that need to be dealt with, as they will have a significant influence on your future even though they seem insubstantial at this time. Wait only until you can see clearly what is likely to occur; then act.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): You now know what you want so you can easily make choices as to what to hold onto and what to release (emotion, commitments, things). The more you do this the easier it gets. You see that what you love doing and those you care about, are what count. Listen to your heart if stuck.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You're on a creative roll and inclined to keep to yourself. Take note of deadlines - ensure you meet them. Pay attention to what is happening outside your immediate environment and who is involved. Avoid getting lost in thoughts of how things should be. Reality bites.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You practice or work at achieving the kind of life-balance few attain; enjoying leisure and work equally. If you have not already learned how to do this, the impetus may come from what is going on around you. Be in the moment. Know what you can change and what you can't.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22): Consider carefully before taking on even more of a lead role. Maybe it's time to let someone you've mentored keep things going while you take a much needed vacation. To gain further recognition and improve your resume further, share your expertise in a different setting.

Libra (September 23 – October 23): When you're working hard and not seeing results, it can indicate it's time for a break. Focus on your own enjoyment and what you like to do instead of doing what is right, acceptable or expected. Find your heart's desire. Do something just for the fun of it.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Balance work and leisure for even greater success. Your progress to date, due to personal efforts, encourages you to push further. Still, before you commit to a new goal and plan, weigh up the options carefully to determine the long range impact on your day-to-day life.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You've taken a bold stand and shown that you believe in yourself. Now you have a choice; you can worry while you wait to see where this will lead, or you can appreciate that in making important decisions and being forthright, your life and relationships improved.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Expect celebrations and a return of your vitality as worries fade. Show your appreciation to those who helped you through a difficult time and if you've been the one who assisted others, your contribution will be recognized. You can be a realist and have faith in others, too.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): An unexpected opportunity rekindles your enthusiasm and renews your resolve to show your strengths and to gain a level of status in the community for yourself and what you do. When you find your work in some way inspires others, you're encouraged even further.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Communications improve with those you care about, in part because you are staying true to yourself and focusing on where you put your energy and efforts. You're entering a sensible phase where you ensure that essentials are covered so you can free up time for personal pursuits.

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