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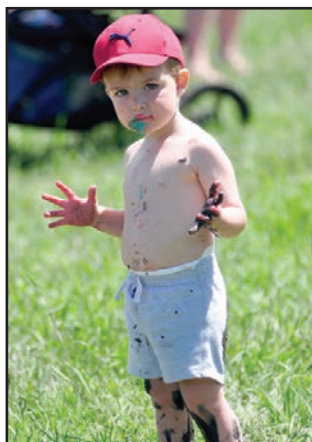
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Last Post is performed by Padre Capt Troy Dennis during the Afghan Memorial dedication ceremony held at Canoe River Park. The cairn was built by Justin Borody for the Shilo and Region Service Club, and contains a 50th anniversary time capsule. The LAV III was refurbished as part of the monument by RCA Museum chief mechanic Rob Love. It was put in place the day before the ceremony.

Photo Jules Xavier

Afghan Memorial cairn dedicated

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

RCA Museum mechanic Rob Love's handiwork on the LAV III now on display at Canoe River Park did not go unnoticed by BComd LCol David MacIntyre.

"I pass on my thanks to the team from the museum who had the vision and tenacity to take what was a vehicle bereft of its normal accompaniment of equipment, and turn it into the symbol that you see today," he told an attentive audience gathered across from CANEX for the June 26 Afghan Memorial dedication ceremony.

"We are fortunate to have a LAV III monument, and it is the only one on a military base in Western Canada. Its location in Canoe River Park is prominent within our community, reflecting CFB Shilo's prominent role in Afghanistan, and will serve as a reminder to all who reside here or visit us in the future."

Framed by a guard of soldiers from the Base, 1RCHA and 2PPCLI, LCol MacIntyre was asked to speak on behalf of the Base, its lodger units and combined team, to highlight the importance of more than 14 years of operations in Afghanistan.

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Unit readiness objective of 1RCHA's new CO

Jules Xavier

Shilo Stag

LCol Ryan Stimpson is no stranger to 1RCHA — he was Z Bty BC from 2012 to 2014 — thanks to honing his artillery skills here as a junior officer.

The Base will be his home for the next two years following his CoC ceremony June 23, with outgoing CO LCol Stephen Haire handing over command under sunny summer skies.

Born in Ottawa, but raised in Regina, SK, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 2001 as a Direct Entry Officer after attending the University of Regina. Following the completion of his training, in 2003 Lt Stimpson was posted to CFB Shilo for the first time, where he served in numerous capacities including Gun Position Officer, Forward Observation Officer, Operations Officer and Battery Commander.

He has also served with 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1CMBG) HQ as G3 Plans and 5 Canadian Division (5 Div) HQ as the G1.

Operationally, LCol Stimpson has deployed to Afghanistan on three occasions — in 2006 as a Forward Observation Officer (FOO) with the 1 Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group as a part of Task Force 3-06; in 2009, as G5 Plans with HQ 5-09 as a part of Task Force Kandahar; and in 2013 with the Canadian Contribution Training Mission as the J3 to HQ.

He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program (JCSP), and holds a Master's Degree in Defence Studies from Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC). He was awarded the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation in 2010, and a second in 2014 for his tours in Afghanistan.

A sports enthusiast, LCol Stimpson has been married for four years to Carmen, with the couple raising three-year-old daughter Simone.

Arriving here from 5 Div HQ in Halifax, NS, LCol participated in a Q&A with the *Shilo Stag* prior to his handover with LCol Haire.

Shilo Stag (SS): Why did you pursue a career with the CAF?

Ryan Stimpson (RS): "After I completed my Business Admin degree at the University of Regina I needed to make a decision about where I wanted to go and what I wanted to do next. My degree required me to take numerous accounting and finance courses; I knew after a year that a career in these fields did not interest me. I worked a number of office jobs with private firms and the federal government to see what I liked. The idea of working in an office for the rest of my life was not appealing. What I wanted was to be challenged not only mentally, but physically as well. The CAF appeared to afford such an opportunity. In



LCol Ryan Stimpson salutes during the playing of *God Save the Queen*.
Photos Jules Xavier

2001, I walked down to the CFRC Regina and signed up as a Direct Entry Artillery Officer."

SS: What were your influences in choosing the army?

RS: "My friends were in the Army Primary Reserve in Regina, SK. They were fit, intelligent and doing what they loved. They were taking interesting courses and seeing the world. This is what I wanted. I have family members that have served in both wars. My grandfather served with the PPCLI during the Second World War. I never met him, but am certainly honoured to perpetuate the family tradition and the honour of serving."

SS: What were your thoughts when you were informed you'd be taking command of 1RCHA?

RS: "I grew up here in this Regiment. The Regiment and its soldiers have been good to me, some of my best memories are of serving with this Regiment, [so] this kind of feels like coming back home again. It was an honour to be offered the CO appointment to 1RCHA. I have always been honoured to be amongst such fine and distinguished soldiers, and being CO of my first unit will be a humbling experience."

SS: What did you know about CFB Shilo, and the history of 1RCHA before arriving here?

RS: "I first arrived here in 2003 as a junior officer. I have gone through my career formative years here. This will be my third posting to Shilo. This will be the first time that my family and I will be living on a military base. I always knew that CFB Shilo was a friendly place, but we are amazed at what a wonderful and friendly community exists here on Base. We could not have made a better decision; the programs, facilities and support for families are outstanding here in Shilo."

SS: What advice did the outgoing Commanding Officer (CO) LCol Stephen Haire leave you?

RS: "The piece of advice that resonated with me was 'don't try to control everything as CO.' What he was getting at was ... there are over 500 soldiers in the unit, you can't keep tabs on everyone and everything all the time. Things are going to happen. Pass your intent to the soldiers and leadership of the unit and let them go. Trust in their skills and experience ... they will make you proud. This was some valuable advice that I will use to shape my

tenure as CO. The second piece of advice was 'enjoy your command' because it goes by fast."

SS: What is your approach when it comes to leading soldiers under your command?

RS: "I don't have a laundry list of principles and tenets. Be 'ready,' take personal ownership of your physical, emotional and mental fitness and focus on the mission. The needs of the mission will guide your actions in training. I encourage 'truth to power.' I only know what I know. I will reach out when I can by communicating and interacting with them regularly, but they need to tell me if something is wrong or if something does not work. I will be frank in saying there are things I have no ability to change or affect, but there are many things I can influence in the unit."

SS: Describe your personality when it comes to soldiering, and when you are away from the job?

RS: "To be a soldier you need to be able to adapt and be ready. I try to be the best I can be with what I have to work with. There are going to be some unglamorous times in your career. To me, soldiering is taking the good with the bad, put forth your best effort always, perfection is unrealistic. Don't try to prepare for every inevitability as it is impossible to say what or when something will befall you. It is important to remain physically and mentally fit so you are able to tackle the unknown. If you are starting from a strong base, there are no problems or challenges that cannot be overcome. The details can be worked out in execution."



LCol Ryan Stimpson prepares to lead the Regiment on a march past for the first time.

SS: What makes a good commander when it comes to dealing with the day-to-day 1RCHA operations?

RS: "Don't try to control the future, be ready, flexible and organized. A strong base built on healthy physical and mental fitness will give yourself the best chance to solve any and all problems that come your way. I will convey my philosophy and vision early and define boundaries. Within intent and limitation parameters, leadership should be able to make decisions and modify the plan based on the problem sets we encounter. Not everything we do will be a glowing success, we will make mistakes, but it is important that we turn those into learning opportunities. That is how we will grow stronger."

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1RCHA photographer Sgt Hugo Girouard focuses on a CoC presentation at the front of the parade square. .



A lone marker (left) signalled the start of the ceremony prior to the arrival of the Regiment. LCol Ryan Stimpson (above) assumed command of the CoC parade from outgoing 1RCHA CO LCol Stephen Haire. They sat at the desk as 1CBMG Commander BGen William Fletcher signed the official CoC documents (top right). The Regiment roll off the colours (right) following the ceremony.



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New CO appreciates return to Regiment where he was Z Bty BC

From Page 2

SS: What are your objectives for yourself, and your soldiers, going forward during your two-year tenure at the helm of 1RCHA — especially with the west ramping up for high readiness with advent of 2019?

RS: "For the unit the number one priority in my tenure will be unit readiness. We will be ready to deploy 1 July 2019. We will be able to force generate in support of expeditionary and domestic operations I acknowledge the high tempo that will be experienced

when we enter RTHR this September and will temper good ideas and mitigate the tempo when I can. For myself, it is going to mean getting out of the office more often and getting to know the soldiers and their families. I will do what I can to stop and look around every once in a while and appreciate my good fortune of being back with the regiment and of course I will enjoy my command. For the soldiers, they are doing a great job, they will need to stay on top of their mental and physical fitness maintain their soldiering skills and ensure they bring forward issues and con-

cerns they have early so that they can be dealt with.

SS: Finally, having arrived at CFB Shilo, what goals have you set for yourself as the 1RCHA commander, as well as goals for the men under your command?

RS: "As we enter and live the 'Road to High Readiness,' it will be important that I maintain awareness of our soldiers' work-life balance. One of my goals will be to establish healthy lines of communication between the unit soldiers and myself. I will need to know and understand our workload and tem-

po and how it is affecting the soldier not just physically but also emotionally and from a family perspective. I will do my best to mitigate tempo where I can and find economies of effort. We do not want to physically and mentally burn our soldiers out in training before the force employment mission even starts. My second goal is to perpetuate the good work LCol Haire did in getting our gunnery skills up to an exceptional level in the Regiment. We are a unit of Gunners, and we will need to maintain and advance our gunnery and tactical skill sets."

Pet of the Week



Bertie Bumdrops

When it comes to going for walks and exploring, Bertie Bumdrops, according to owner Paula Garden, enjoys the outdoors. Her terrier especially loves the beach. He also enjoys the company of other dogs, and will play for hours if there's a willing canine partner. Do you have a photo of your pet you'd like to share with our Stag readers? E-mail stag@mymts.net



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MFRC Board praised for work by MFS director

2Lt Ryan Bartlette
 Stag Special

It's been a tumultuous past year for the MFRC's board of directors. Each member could sense the elephant in the room.

Last October, the MFRC had its funding suspended amid allegations of corruption and mismanagement.

"We know it wasn't always easy, but we also know that it was worth it," said an emotional MFRC director Willemien van Lankvelt.

"All of us at the Shilo MFRC have done a tremendous amount of work this past year to get us 'back on track.' We could not have done this without the support from MFS (Military Family Services), the Base Commander and the Board. A special thank-you must go out to the community continuing to believe in us."

The Board has made a litany of changes. Resignations left the Board with just three members, who received special permission to operate as a board, and keep intact the support the MFRC provides to military families on this Base.

The Board of Directors created a code of conduct, which has since been instituted. There was also a wide sweeping policy review, updating of the screening process for board members and training from MFS, among others.

These weren't the only changes, but the start of the long process of the board re-establishing trust with MFRC employees. The process "didn't happen overnight," admitted Sgt Corey Morton, interim board chair.

There was a sense among the membership present that although tough, the process was certainly worth it given what was at stake.

The ability to support to military families is of utmost importance.

BComd LCol MacIntyre agreed. "Every day I use the services of the MFRC," he said. "We are one team, and we're not just here training soldiers. Every aspect

of what we do here on the Base helps with the overall effectiveness."

He also echoed others in praising the work of COS LCol Kathy Haire, who left CFB Shilo following her husband LCol Stephen Haire's CoC 1RCHA ceremony, for the bright lights of the national capital region. The BComd would like for another member of his staff to show passion for the community in a manner which his COS certainly did.

BRSM CWO Don Askeland also thanked the MFRC staff and remaining board members. "Thank-you for your dedication and perseverance."

Also in attendance was MFS director Col Dan Harris.

"I am pleased to be here, in front of and work with the board that overcame those challenges" he said. "There's a partnership here looking after families."

Col Harris went on to compliment the Board of Directors who "worked tirelessly" to get where they are today.

After clearing the air, the MFRC was able to celebrate the achievements of their own employees. Sgt Morton, Sgt Bobby Billard and treasurer Shannon MacIntyre were all awarded the spirit of the military family coin. LCol Haire would be awarded the same coin for her contributions, and mentorship of the board during the past year.

Amanda Engram (five years), van Lankvelt (10 years) and Christine Helgason (15 years) were all recognized for their service.

"Thank you for sticking with us. It's noticeable and we appreciate everything you've done" said Sgt Morton.

The AGM ended with, very suitably, the election of eight new members to the Board of Directors. Elected were Joanne Campbell, Jenifer Chelkowski, Ashley Constable, Sophie Egloff, Victoria Miles, Kelsey Morgan, Allysen Picklyk, and Shauna Wright.

Sgt Morton was also re-elected to the Board following voting by secret ballot.

Base logisticians celebrate 50th anniversary

OCdt J-P Reil
 Stag Special

Bunker Hill was full of activity as approximately 60 logisticians flew their branch flag to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Logistics Branch.

Mother Nature provided excellent conditions for a photo opportunity and other activities on Base for the participants.

Military and civilian branch members from all units on Base gathered at the former Cold War bunker to commemorate the event. A M777 howitzer and a light armoured vehicle (LAV) were on display representing 1RCHA and 2PPCLI respectively.

The flag and pennant were flown by the Base adjutant Capt Vanessa Durand and Pte Brianna Guimond, a new clerk at 1RCHA. The branch flag and pennant are on a cross-country tour of each Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) location as part of the anniversary celebrations.

"This is an opportunity for members to express pride and promote esprit de corps within the branch," said 2PPCLI QM Capt Geilen, who was the OPI for the event.

Branch members also held a morning golf tournament and barbecue as part of the festivities.

"I'm hoping the golf tournament will be an annual event," said Capt Geilen.

Next stop for the flag and pennant is Portage la Prairie, where logisticians at 1 Canadian Forces Flying Training School (1CFFTS) will have an opportunity to show their pride and spirit.

The Logistics Branch was formed on Feb. 1, 1968 as part of the unification of the CAF. Logistics involves several trades from administration clerks to cooks, supply and traffic technicians, to mobile support equipment (MSE) operators — drivers, and even ammunition techs. Their motto: *servitium nulli secundus* — latin for service second to none, exemplifies the branches' commitment to providing first-class service to our troops and civilian members.

The branch is being renamed the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) and it will take effect this October.

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Emotional farewell for outgoing 1RCHA boss

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A bright clear morning paved the way for a successful CoC ceremony for 1RCHA, which was held at the Korea Parade Square in front of dignitaries and families of the soldiers.

A number of soldiers on the sidelines reflected on LCol Stephen Haire's approachable demeanour and the experience of incoming CO LCol Ryan Stimpson.

"It will be good for the Regiment," said the incoming CO's driver Bdr Jason Gregg. "He [LCol Stimpson] knows the area and the unit."

Reflecting on his former boss was 1RCHA Regimental transport member MCpl Brad Bull, "Though I didn't deal with him often, he was very approachable."

As LCol Haire asked to lead the Regiment for his final march past, 1CMBG Commander BGen William Fletcher jokingly said, "We were going to fire you anyway," which drew laughter from the spectators.

"It means a great deal for us that the community has our support," LCol Haire said to Base civilian representatives in attendance.

BGen Fletcher amplified those words as he spoke to spectators and dignitaries.

"Your support to the soldiers means more than you could ever know," he offered. "It is a level of support that I think is unparalleled across this great nation of ours, so thank you."

LCol Haire spoke about the professionalism and pride the Regiment had brought to the Canadian Army (CA) and to Canadians. He also praised BGen Fletcher for his mentorship.

"Thank you for your leadership over the last two years," he said.

"Families are the unsung heroes of the military," offered LCol Haire, who recognized the outstanding support families provide to the soldiers whether they are on exercises or deployments.

LCol Haire gave an emotional farewell to his soldiers, "I am honoured to have been your Commanding Officer and to have served you."

The troops then gave three cheers for LCol Haire as he departed the parade square in his personal light armoured vehicle (LAV) along with his family.

"The regiment is how I remember it, strong, proud and ready," said LCol Stimpson when he was asked to address the unit for the first time.

26 Field Regiment Honorary Col Rick Felstead was in attendance to offer words of encouragement and support.

"It's important to celebrate the success of 1RCHA and its accomplishments," he said. "I wish LCol Haire all the best in his future endeavours and continued success for the new Commanding Officer."



Last-minute adjustments are made to the ceremonial head dress prior to 1RCHA's CoC ceremony held at the Korea Parade Square.

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Former 1RCHA CO will miss Prairie winter cold

Listening to soldiers important, says LCol Stephen Haire

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

There will be few opportunities for LCol Stephen Haire to take a drive in a LAV when he arrives in Ottawa for the next chapter in his military career.

The former 1RCHA CO's final LAV ride happened at CFB Shilo during a Change of Command (CoC) ceremony. He left the parade square after handing command to incoming CO LCol Ryan Stimpson alongside his wife, LCol Kathy Haire, and children Joshua and Kayleigh.

Prior to the CoC, LCol Haire shared his thoughts on the past two years as 1RCHA CO in a Q&A with the *Shilo Stag*.

Shilo Stag (SS): From your first day on the job how did you approach being the 1RCHA CO? Why was it important to be a hands-on commander?

Stephen Haire (SH): "The army is comprised of a number of teams who need to work together to get the job done. Just because you are the leader of one of those teams does not absolve you of the requirement to share the same hardships of your soldiers. We have very mentally and physically demanding roles in the unit and it is important to be able to do all of the same things we expect of our soldiers. Additionally, the RSM and I have a wealth of experience from a full career of being in the artillery and there is nothing more satisfying than showing a subordinate how to do something and then watch them display that new skill."

SS: How would you approach the job differently if you were the incoming 1RCHA CO knowing what you know from your own experiences?

SH: "Prior to taking command I had spent a tremen-

dous amount of time thinking about how I wanted to be a CO and what I wanted to do when I was a CO. I leave 1RCHA with no regrets and given the opportunity to do it all again I would approach the position in the same manner."

SS: Thinking about all of the people you came in contact with, from military to civilian, what personality traits best served you as 1RCHA CO?

SH: "I like to talk to people and to listen. You cannot learn from people when you are talking so I feel that my ability to listen helped me considerably."

SS: How is 1RCHA better after you've left your mark as commander?

SH: "Leaving my mark has never been an objective of mine, building on the good work that was done before I arrived certainly has. I love the complete artillery system — from our STA assets or Forward Observers acquiring a target, the transmission of fire orders to our command posts and then on to the guns and finally the guns firing to neutralize the target all while being supported by a great HQ and Services Battery is the hallmark of any Field Regiment. I feel the training we have done over the last few years has strengthened that system here at 1RCHA."

SS: What piece of sage advice are you leaving your replacement LCol Ryan Stimpson at the 1RCHA CO's desk as part of your handover?

SH: "Each week represents about one per cent of your command time. Cherish every second, have fun and train 1RCHA so that they are ready to deploy."

SS: List your top accomplishment, and tell us why it stood out from your two years at the helm of 1RCHA?

SH: "I believe the unit's top accomplishment, in my tenure here, was deploying a gun battery to Latvia last summer with very little notice. The whole Regi-

ment had to come together to design the structure of the Battery, prepare all of the equipment to ship all while completing the necessary administration and training to deploy. It truly was a complete Regimental effort and one that I was proud to be a part of."

SS: Reflecting on your time on the Manitoba prairies, and working at CFB Shilo, and calling the Base home, what are some of the things you will miss now that you are returning to our Nation's capital?

SH: "Funny enough I will miss the weather and the landscape. Coming from Newfoundland we have nothing like it back home. I will miss the Prairie winter cold and the views. I find myself driving around southwestern Manitoba in awe of the landscape."

SS: What was it like to immerse yourself in the Base community, from playing hockey, watching the annual Kingston Cup to taking part in a number of field exercises alongside your soldiers?

SH: "Shilo is a great community. A quiet town, with lots of great people, good schools and tremendous support from all of the different sections on the Base. The MFRC, PSP staff, and Shilo Service and Region Club to name a few of the organizations, whose selfless work, make living here just that much better. Hockey was a big part of my two years here. I loved working with the kids on the ice as part of the Shilo Minor Hockey Association. Having the Bruins alumni brought in for a game at Gunner Arena was a treat and watching the historic Kingston Cup games are all memories that will last a long time. On a final note, I would like to thank the Shilo community for welcoming my family and I. We certainly have enjoyed living here and will miss this great community. To all members of 1RCHA thank-you for the last two years. It has been a privilege and an honour to have been your CO."



Former 1RCHA CO LCol Stephen Haire (left & right) had his final march past with 1CMBG Commander BGen William Fletcher as reviewing officer during a June 23 CoC. He did the same during a CoC for B Bty BC out in the field (middle). *Photos Jules Xavier*



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RCA reunion welcome from Chuck LaRocque

Chuck LaRocque Stag Special

On behalf of the artillery reunion committee, I would like to wish everyone attending a heartfelt welcome to the 2018 artillery reunion. I hope you enjoy the events that are scheduled and most importantly spend some "down time" meeting and visiting with old friends. I would like to introduce the reunion committee — a group that has worked hard to make this event possible:

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1RCHA Rep Maj Keith Woodill, MWO Charles Gresl

Airborne Gunners Rep Paul Parsons

Most of the information you will need is found in this welcome booklet. As well, you will find further details in the *Shilo Stag's* special reunion edition or grab a copy of the summer edition of the *At A Glance* magazine available free of charge at the registration desk located in building L25 and at www.artillery.net

• **Location** The RCA reunion will be "hubbed" at

building L25, the old drill hall. Most activity will take place there. A map of the Base is also included in this welcome booklet to assist you in navigating the Base.

• **Dress** Dress will be discretionary "within the limits of good taste." Suitable civilian attire is requested at all functions. There will be a memorial service July 1 to which medals may be worn. Also, just a reminder the Shilo Country Club and the messes have a dress code so adhere to them.

• **Rations** Registration fees will cover the cost of (wristband will be provided) the following: AB Gunners reunion - finger food; barbecue supper June 29 at the meet & greet; banquet supper June 30; on Saturday 30 June; brunch at the farewell Canada Day; and coffee and tea service throughout the event.

• **Medical** CFB Shilo has an on-base 911 ambulance service. They will provide on-site medical services and evacuate to Brandon General Hospital if required. To contact them simply dial 911.

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RCA reunion chairperson Chuck LaRocque is looking forward to the arrival at CFB Shilo of former comrades and fellow Gunners.

Photo by Jules Xavier

delivery). Reduced golf rates are also offered for out-of-town CAF golf course members.

RCA MUSEUM & RCA KIT SHOP

Free admission is offered for all reunion attendees. The hours of operation for both the RCA Museum and RCA Kit Shop will be 1000 - 1500 hours daily. The RCA Kit Shop will also be open during the reunion for members to stock up on Regimental memorabilia. An array of hats, T-shirts and other reunion souvenirs will also be on sale at L25 throughout the weekend. Further info will be included in your welcome package. Meanwhile, there is

also a one-hour free guided tour at 1600 hours June 29. Tour starts at the main entrance to the RCA Museum.

GENERAL STRANGE HALL (GSH)

• **Showers** For our campers, showers are available at the Base gym General Strange Hall (GSH). For location and hours see your *At A Glance* magazine.

• **Messes** All three messes will be open for extended hours to accommodate RCA reunion goers. Feel free to drop in and have a cold one and take a walk down memory lane.

• **Questions** If you have any questions, concerns, problems or suggestions, feel free to address them to the committee members in attendance during the reunion. They will be more than willing to assist and make your stay a memorable one. I hope that you have an enjoyable and interesting reunion.

Welcome from CFB Shilo BComd

CFB Shilo is honoured once again to host all those from the Gunner family attending the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) and Airborne Gunners reunion.

The reunion is a significant event for CFB Shilo held every three years and this year promises to be no different.

I can assure you all the organizations from across CFB Shilo have put forth a great effort in ensuring the reunion's organizing committee is fully supported.

We do this because we want all those from the Gunner family in attendance to enjoy the best experience possible while you are our guests here on the Base.

We also do this because each of you have earned our respect and admiration



through your outstanding service to the Guns and to Canada.

As the Commander of the Home Station, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (RRCA), I would like to join with my Base RSM, CWO Don Askeland, in extending our personal gratitude and thanks for attending this outstanding event.

The BRSM and I would also like to extend on behalf of all members of the CFB Shilo community our sincere hope you have an enjoyable and memorable experience here at CFB Shilo.

I look forward to participating with you as you reunite with old friends, share some war stories and make some new memories along the way.

UBIQUE!

BComd LCol David MacIntyre



Memories from Bill Bates

Do you recognize anyone from this photo supplied by Bill Bates, who unfortunately is unable to attend the 2018 RCA reunion? He shared this circa 1963 on the reunion Facebook page.

Artillery Reunion



What's Going On

CFB Shilo promises to be a busy one for several hundred serving and former members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. The RCA reunion kicks off June 28 and will run with a full range of events until July 1. Here's a summary of the planned reunion events for the information of anyone who may be planning to attend.

June 28

1300 - 1700 hrs Registration desk open at Community Centre Annex, L25

1800 - 2300 hrs Airborne Gunner meet and greet in the club room of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Unit 10, 31 - 14th St, Brandon

June 29

1000 - 1700 hrs Registration desk re-opens at Community Centre Annex, L25

1000 hrs Golf tournament at Shilo Country Club. Golfers should be there by 0900 hrs to register

1800 - 0100 hrs Meet and greet barbecue at the Community Centre Annex, L25. Wristbands to be worn; tickets required for dinner. DJ and Jherrad 'The Kid' Cumming performing

June 30

1200 - 1600 hrs Registration desk re-opens at Community Centre Annex, L25

0830 - 1400 hrs 1RCHA's firepower demonstration. Bus ride to training area depart from L25. Those wishing to attend the 1RCHA barbecue and family day only should visit the 1RCHA lines from 11:30 - 1400. Just drop in.

1800 - 0100 hrs Banquet and dance at Community Centre Annex, L25. Wristbands to be worn; tickets required for dinner. DJ and RCA Band if available

July 1

1000 - 1030 hrs Memorial service at Artillery Park

1100 hrs Light lunch, good-byes and departures

1700 - 2300 hrs Canada's 151st birthday is not officially part of the reunion, but all are welcome and encouraged to stay over and celebrate. Canada Day event will feature hot food, beer garden, live band and fireworks.

This schedule of events will be updated, expanded and re-issued at the registration desk each day of the reunion. Free admission daily at the RCA Museum.

For daily photo updates visit www.facebook.com/RCAreunionSHILO/

Campground on Base perfect for reunion goers

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

Being part of the Royal Canadian Artillery reunion committee, Chuck LaRocque knows what it takes to organize an event that happens every three years.

Keeping the event going since the inaugural RCA reunion in 1985, he believes becoming involved is vital.

"I think it is important we make an effort to encourage all members of the Gunner family to become involved in the events and activities and fund-raising for those things that are important to us," he explained. "This is an opportunity to do that."

As the 2015 and 2018 reunion chairperson, LaRocque enjoys his part on the committee, as well as being part of the reunion itself.

"It keeps us in touch with each other and rekindles those relationships that we had allowed to lapse over time," he said, pointing out that the 2012 RCA reunion was his first, "but will certainly not be the last that we attend."

Now retired from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and enjoying life in the Westman area, LaRocque made some observations when it comes to being part of recent reunion:

- "Virtually everyone at the reunion wanted to be there. I know this is not surprising, but certainly lends to the overall success of the event."

- "Everything was very well planned and the event went off with out a hitch. Even the parking lot campground received fewer grumbles than I had anticipated."

- "L25 is a perfect venue for an event like this, given its proximity to Royal Avenue, size and the fact that the Shilo and Region Service Club resides there to provide assistance with bar, setup etc."

- "I was pleasantly surprised at the number of people who had travelled considerable distances to be here."

- "Very positive that we were able to include the Airborne Gunners reunion."

- "There were relatively few officers at the event, or at least those who started their career as officers. There were quite a number of guys who had commissioned from the ranks (CFR)."

- "Relatively few younger retirees or serving Gunners."

What feedback did he receive from those who attended the past two reunions, and had he an opportunity to cull some ideas from during his many conversations?

"Pretty much all was positive," he said. "Most thought there was a good balance between activities/events and 'downtime'."

He acknowledged the firepower demo by 1RCHA tied in with 1RCHA's family day was extremely well-received, with reunion goers having the ability to see the weapons effects and to get close to the equipment

and soldiers manning the guns.

When it came to highlights from recent reunions, LaRocque said meeting people he had not seen in some cases for more than 30 years tops the list. This included a sergeant-major and his wife.

"We caught up on all their goings on, where their kids were, where they retired to," he said.

"They were our neighbours when we served together. My wife really enjoyed catching up."

The amiable Gunner also enjoyed camping on the parking lot adjacent to Base headquarters, but since 2015 can use the 14-unit site near the golf course which offers water and electric hook-ups.

LaRocque sees the benefits of holding reunions, especially for those who served their country proudly as RCA members.

"What a great way for us to reconnect with others belonging to the Gunner family," he said, adding "It's not terribly onerous since it's only held every three years."

Looking back on his inaugural RCA reunion, LaRocque conceded he would like to see more officers in attendance, but also wants to get the word out to a younger generation of Gunners so that perhaps they would attend.

The RCA reunion after all is not just for retired Gunners.

"We need to do other things to encourage more participation [in the reunion]," he said.



The new campground located walking distance of L25 or the GSH offers campers water and electrical hook-ups.

Artillery Reunion



Train ride to CFB Shilo

Memories flood back for retired airborne battery soldier during reunion



"I've spent a lot of time here and still have a lot of friends here."

Gordon Mackinnon catches up with a friend during the 2012 Canada Day celebrations at CFB Shilo. Mackinnon visited the RCA Reunion and took part in the July 2 golf tournament. Photo by Jules Xavier

Shilo Stag Reunion 2012

To attend the 2012 Royal Canadian Artillery reunion, 75-year-old Gordon Mackinnon travelled 26 hours by train.

A native of Nova Scotia, Mackinnon completed basic training in 1956 and was posted to 2RCHA, which at the time called CFB Winnipeg home.

Arriving in September of 1956, he remained at 2RCHA until 1963. That year he was posted to Germany for the first time and stayed four years.

Following his first posting to Germany, Mackinnon returned to Canadian soil. This time, he was posted to CFB Gagetown, where he was a member of the Regiment.

Originally, his posting to CFB Gagetown was intended to be a five-year posting, however, after only two years he was offered a chance to be a member of a new unit — this time a member of the Airborne Battery at CFB Edmonton.

"I was Airborne Battery," he recalls. "I'm not exactly sure, but within one body or two, I was the seventh guy in the airborne battery. There were a few guys ahead of me, but very few."

He adds, smiling broadly, "It was a great experience!"

Following being inducted to the airborne regiment, Mackinnon was posted once again to Germany for five years. He returned to Saskatoon in 1978 and worked for one last year as a recruiter before he "became a civilian."

Mackinnon was never posted to CFB Shilo in his career, but did spend a lot of time here on various training exercises.

"This [Shilo] was always our training base — you can't fire the guns in Winnipeg," he says. "We always had to travel to do a gun camp."

Mackinnon agrees that Petawawa is a home base more suited to 2RCHA as there is no travelling to another base to fire the "guns."

Memories and friends are what brought Mackinnon and his wife to the 10th reunion. The 26-hour train ride from their Sudbury, Ont., home with their dog Katrina was worth the trip.

"I have a lot of memories from this camp," says Mackinnon, wistfully. "I've never been posted here,



Mackinnon (far) stands with fellow retired airborne battery members during a memorial ceremony held July 1 at Gunner's Park. Photo by Jillian Driessen

but I spent a lot of time here. I've spent a lot of time here and still have a lot of friends here."

This reunion also featured Mackinnon along with several other airborne battery members presenting a plaque which will be displayed in Gunner's Park.

Mackinnon's military career was not entirely without hardship.

While in Winnipeg, he was a young soldier with a growing family. To make ends meet, Mackinnon had to drive taxi in the City of Winnipeg.

Today, even after several years, he can still easily

navigate through Winnipeg.

He also remembers several of his colleagues who had to hold down two or three part time jobs.

"The [military] pay was not good," says Mackinnon.

Throughout his career, he also saw several changes in the Canadian Forces. Toward the end of his career, Mackinnon saw the implementation of things like allowances for families and housing as well as the first women allowed into combat arms.

Life in the Canadian Forces wasn't all bad though, according to Mackinnon,

He was lucky enough to have opportunities many military members will not have in their entire career. He was given the opportunity to march at Nijmegen in both 1965 and 1966 — an opportunity that few members have even once in their entire military career.

Mackinnon was both impressed and surprised to hear of how the to march has grown to be the largest international march in the world with 40,000 participants.

His response was simply a grin and a "wow!"

He also lived in Amsterdam for a year as well, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

"Amsterdam is great place," he offers, adding with a sly grin, "If you can't do it in Amsterdam, it cannot be done!"

In addition to his posting to Germany and residing in Amsterdam for a year, Mackinnon has lived in six of 10 Canadian provinces.

"No matter what province you are in," he says. "There is something beautiful. This country is incredible."

Mackinnon moved to Sudbury three years ago from Toronto. Although he loved living in Toronto, he says he does not miss the traffic.

While he might be 75, Mackinnon is still spry and enjoys playing golf and travelling. He stayed for the RCA reunion golf tournament before his 26-hour train return trip to Sudbury.

Having enjoyed the reunion, he says he is happy to go home to Northern Ontario and the family pet.

He will be travelling to Edmonton next year for the airborne reunion, which is also held every third year, where he will revisit memories and old friends made from his time in Edmonton.

Artillery Reunion



Colourful character enjoys camaraderie of RCA reunion Everyone knows Jerry Jackson

Shilo Stag
Reunion 2015

Jerry Jackson is to the RCA reunion, as Mickey Mouse is to Disney World.

They are both characters who people readily gravitate to in social settings.

From the golf course to the barbecues, Jackson was getting handshakes and hugs left, right and centre.

The first time he met with the Stag was on the Shilo Country Club golf course — adorned in a neon Batman hat, Montreal Canadiens t-shirt with matching socks.

He and his other golf companions had a constant dialogue of jokes and banter between themselves and other groups around them.

Light-hearted humour seemed to follow as he came across old friends from his days in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). He joined in January 1976. He was just 21.

When he signed up, his aspiration was to drive tanks. However, the armoured corp was closed at the time, so he said why not try the artillery?

Jackson's interest in tanks was spurred by an article of clothing.

"When I was 18 years old, I went to this second-hand shop and I bought this beautiful, American, satin jacket. It was a tanker's jacket. That was it," he recalled.

Jackson finished his recruit school at CFB Cornwallis, NS, on Easter weekend of the same year. CFB Shilo was his first posting.

Although it's no longer here, he was with 3RCHA where he completed his QL3 course July 1976 and became a qualified Gunner. When it was completed, he was the top student on the course.

Being born in Kitchener, Ont., he said the transition to CFB Shilo was difficult.

"It was very hard," said Jackson. "I'd never really been away — out of Ontario before. It was tough, but you overcome it. You have the camaraderie, your fellow soldiers and Gunners become your family really."

Jackson took part in an accelerated promotion program in Shilo. After two years on the Base he was promoted to bombardier, a year later to master bombardier.

"A couple years after that in 1980, I became a sergeant," said Jackson. "I was the first young sergeant on this Base. They never had young guys here."

He added, "Three years after that I was promoted to warrant officer. Then I was posted to Gagetown, New Brunswick on my WO's course — my assistant instructor [sic] Gunners course in 1984. In 1986, I was posted to Germany, then in January of 1987 I was promoted to MWO — Sergeant Major. I was promoted six times in less than 11 years."

He was posted back to Shilo and 3RCHA in 1988 as BSM for U Battery. Then in 1989, he was posted back to G Battery as TSM and took over as BSM in 1990.

It was after that when he was offered his commission and became a captain.

It was at that point during his interview with the Stag that he was greeted by a group of people at the RCA reunion meet and greet held at L25.

Jackson excitedly got up, hugged a woman in a black dress and said, "This is one of my best friends."

Even more people seemed to spring up out of nowhere to come over and talk to him.

Jackson said his reason for coming to the RCA reunion is simple — the camaraderie. He seemed to be right at home as more people came over to say hello. Some would come over and make a joke, but he'd fire a quip right back.

When all of his greetings were done, he sat back down and said his success was due to his attitude.

"If I like to be known as one person — I looked after the troops and I was very respectful to everybody," he said. "That's how I roll. Taking care of the troops is a privilege, it's not a right. It's a privilege to look after soldiers. In the artillery it's even [more] special."

Adding that the most important thing is the people you meet.

"There are good places all over the world, but it's the people that made the difference in your life," he offered.

One experience Jackson fondly remembers is when he had the chance to work with the Inuit in Cambridge Bay.



There was plenty of storytelling and laughter at the Shilo Country Club when former Gunner Jerry Jackson hit the links for the 2015 RCA reunion golf tournament.

Stag Archives

"We lived right there for three weeks," he recalled. "Right with them in our tents. We took their guys out and went on a muskox hunt, went on a seal hunt, went fishing. It was incredible. We caught Arctic char — it was absolutely incredible. They're wonderful people."

Other fond memories from travelling include when he was in Cyprus as a sergeant for a UN Peacekeeping tour for seven months.

Jackson said his two years posted to Germany were also fantastic.

"My son was born there, which was wonderful. The birth of my children was by far the greatest experience of my life."

He said he was very lucky to be able to be there for the birth of both kids, his son in Germany and his daughter in Brandon.

Getting to know the people was another one of the aspects that made living in Germany so special, making it his favourite posting. However, there were some challenges.

"The biggest challenge for the family was when we were bugged out on a snowball," he explained. "Which meant — because in those days the Cold War was still going on with the East Block countries."

"The family never knew how long you were going to be gone, when you were coming back. That was hard on them. As a soldier, you just accept it, but for the family it was very difficult."

On the other hand, his time there as a Gunner was a positive experience.

He was posted back to Canada after Germany. CFB Shilo served as his home three times during his career. Each time he was glad to be back.

"I loved it in Shilo. A great place to raise a family. I played a lot of sports here ... hockey, basketball, soccer, fastball, and ball hockey. If you're not playing sports it's tough. My kids all played sports here. I was thankful for all of it. It's a great place to bring

up a family I thought."

All of his postings were positive, but Jackson said Shilo is a special place.

"It's the Home Station of the artillery. This is where it all happened. For me this was where I became a Gunner and I basically got posted out of here as a captain. For me, it was very important."

It was after 20 years of service that he retired from the CAF. Jackson said he made it his goal to stay in for that long, and it was exactly 20 years when he retired in 1995. Now he finds himself back in CFB Shilo for another RCA reunion. An event he makes a point of attending.

Seeing new people and rekindling old friendships was on his agenda that weekend.

Another reason, is staying in touch with those who may not return next time.

"Every year we lose a lot of Gunners," said Jackson.

"There's very few Korean War vets left. We've lost a lot of people in Afghanistan, Bosnia, young soldiers, older soldiers. [From] natural causes, we have people passing away and we're all at that age now, so it's very important to come here. You hear the slogan a hundred times, 'Once a Gunner, always a Gunner.'"

Jackson said if you look around during the reunion you'll see people who started off as Gunners and re-mustered to different trades or officers who re-classified to different trades.

One aspect of this year's reunion he was happy about was having a number of senior officers attend.

"That's really important, they're Gunners just like we are. That to me is really important. Anyone who doesn't come, you don't know what you're missing," he said with a laugh.

Connecting with fellow Gunners, young and old, is something Jackson sees as very important.

"It's kind of what we stand for as military people," he said. "Soldiers, airmen, seamen ... it doesn't matter. You cherish the time you've had with your instructors, people who put you through hard times, who had your back and it's important to come back and thank them."

Jackson said it's because at the next reunion in three years, those people may not be around.

With a thank-you and a handshake, he left to continue rekindling old friendships and taking part in the camaraderie he spoke so fondly of.



Showing off their driving skills on an obstacle course, Base drivers took part in a “rodeo” using the Leslie Parade Square. Judges clocked and measured the outcome of the various obstacles, including backing up into a tight spot with a dump truck.

Photos 2LT Ryan Bartlette



Drivers test their mettle during Base truck rodeo

2Lt Ryan Bartlette
Stag Special

If you weren’t at 1RCHA’s CoC parade, you might have observed a tractor trailer manoeuvring on the Leslie Parade Square.

There were no bulls or cowboys riding horses, but Base Tn (transport) had themselves a truck rodeo. MSE Ops, Cbt Engrs and civilian drivers alike were challenged in their driving skills during the rodeo.

Drivers were asked to back through a serpentine, pull forwards through it, and back into a loading dock not much wider than their truck or trailer.

The truck rodeo was “a little bit of skills and all today for bragging rights,” according to Base Transportation Officer (B Tn O) Capt Emma Sao Miguel. Perhaps appropriately titled, as a rodeo this event was equally meant to be challenging.

“It’s designed to test their skills,” said Capt Sao Miguel. “You’re not learning how to drive through a chicane on your tractor-trailer course.”

Although the truck rodeo was fun because you were out of the office on a Friday “they’re actually working on their skills, with all their peers ... it’s a lot of skills [in] driving that you and I don’t even contemplate because we drive cars every day,” she acknowledged.

CFB Shilo is in somewhat of a unique scenario of having both MSE Ops and Cbt Engrs within Base Tn.

“We happily fly the Log flag and the Cbt Engr flag with us” said Capt Sao Miguel.

While the MSE Ops are responsible for tractor trailers, five-tonne trucks and other similar equipment, the Cbt Engrs are responsible for road and range remediation and fireguards with heavy equipment. They are also the ones who carry out the SNIC (snow and ice clearance) during the winter.


“It’s a unique situation that generally doesn’t happen” said Capt Sao Miguel, who is happy to have Cbt Engr support within Tn.

A dump truck was added to the rodeo to be in direct competition with the five-tonne truck so Cbt Engrs could participate. Through multiple runs, drivers were able to learn some positive lessons and improve their scores.

“It’s going really well today” said Capt Sao Miguel, who was happy her departing drivers could impart some wisdom. “It’s nice to see some of the master corporals really exhibit their skills for some of the younger guys coming up” she said.

This event is important “to really showcase what it is to be a high end trucker,” for Base Tn, who will have a high turnover this posting season.

Base Tn will aim to have another truck rodeo next spring or fall, with up to seven events, and include members from 17 Wing Winnipeg as well as 38 CBG.



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Day and night firing will be carried out at the Shilo Ranges until further notice.

The range consists of DND controlled property lying approximately 32 kms SE from Brandon and N of the Assiniboine River in Townships 7, 8 and 9; Range 14 WPM, Townships 8, 9 and 10; Ranges 15 and 16 WPM and Townships 9 and 10; Range 17 WPM in the Province of Manitoba. If required, a detailed description of the Shilo property may be obtained from the Base Construction Engineering Office at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

All boundaries, entry ways, roads and tracks into the Range are clearly marked and posted with signs indicating that there is to be NO TRESPASSING. Hunting is no longer permitted on the Shilo Ranges.

STRAY AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVE OBJECTS
Bombs, grenades, shells, similar explosive objects, and their casings are a hazard to life and limb. Do not pick up or retain such objects as souvenirs. If you have found or have in your possession any object which you believe to be an explosive, notify your local police and arrangements will be made to dispose of it.

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Les polygones de tir sont des terrains sous le contrôle du MDN situés à environ 32 km au sud-est de Brandon et au nord de la rivière Assiniboine dans les cantons 7, 8 et 9; polygone 14 OMP, cantons 8, 9 et 10; polygones 15 et 16 OMP et cantons 9 et 10; polygone 17 OMP, dans la Province du Manitoba. Au besoin, une description détaillée de la propriété de Shilo peut être obtenue du Bureau du génie construction de la Base des Forces canadiennes Shilo.

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Afghan monument is an enduring symbol

From front page

"I recently reflected that it has been over 10 years since I last deployed to that location, as a Second in Command of a tank squadron based out of Forward Operating Base Masum Ghar in the southern Kandahar Province," he recalled. "I had the privilege at that time to serve with many of you either on parade today or in the audience."

"I was part of the 2PPCLI brigade, under the leadership of BGen (Ret'd) Dave Corbould, and the bulk of that rotation of nearly 3,000 soldiers trained and deployed from right here in CFB Shilo. The rigours of that tour need no introduction, and its costs ultimately were high."

During the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations in Afghanistan, more than 40,000 CAF members deployed, many more than once, making this military engagement the largest deployment of personnel since the Second World War.

The death toll was 158, with 20 of those soldiers based at CFB Shilo. Soldiers from this Base were committed to nearly every rotation in Afghanistan. This memorial is dedicated to all those who sacrificed so much during 12 years of operations, and the efforts of all CAF members are now able to memorialize this mission in a respectful way.

"Shilo played a major role [in Afghanistan]," said 3CDSG Commander Col Scott McKenzie, "unfortunately, Shilo, more than most, paid for these efforts in blood. In Shilo, there are still lives with the scars of

their efforts.

"This monument is both fitting, and absolutely necessary as an enduring symbol of our commitment to serve our country. This monument is not just for us here, and those who served, but is a reminder for future generations so that we can count on future generations of soldiers to serve our country."

LCol MacIntyre mirrored Col McKenzie's thoughts on the next generation of Canadian soldier.

"I am very conscious that we have a new generation of soldiers who may not have served in Afghanistan, but are no less ready to deploy on operations on behalf of the Canadian government. It is for this reason, I believe, that this memorial dedication is so important."

"The veterans of combat in Afghanistan still share their memories, experience and lessons of that war with our new soldiers, and we are all better for it."

Looking to his right at the LAV III monument, LCol MacIntyre said he was truly impressed by the memorial, including a cairn built by Justin Borody of Bricks and Stones Masonry for the Shilo and Region Service Club.

"Add a little moon dust, and it feels to me like it could have just rolled into Masum Ghar from Route Hyena after weeks of completing its missions, its occupants tired and grateful to return to some respite from operations," he said.

"The LAV III formed the backbone of Army combat throughout the years in Kandahar province, and I believe, is a fitting tribute."

LCol MacIntyre cited the work done by Love, who

did not miss any small details, including the red signs on the back and front of the LAV III which warned motorists or cyclists to remain a safe distance away from it to avoid being fired on if the LAV crew felt threatened.

"This LAV is complete with the tools, markings and even the night recognition expedient water bottles to hold glow sticks. It provided firepower, sanctuary, mobility and support in its many roles."

"It became a powerful symbol to our Allies and to the people of Afghanistan as time and time again, we supported counter insurgency operations against the Taliban that brought a measure of stability and peace not seen in that region for many years."

Besides the museum's involvement, both LCol MacIntyre and Col McKenzie offered thanks for the work done by major player such as the Shilo and Region Service Club.

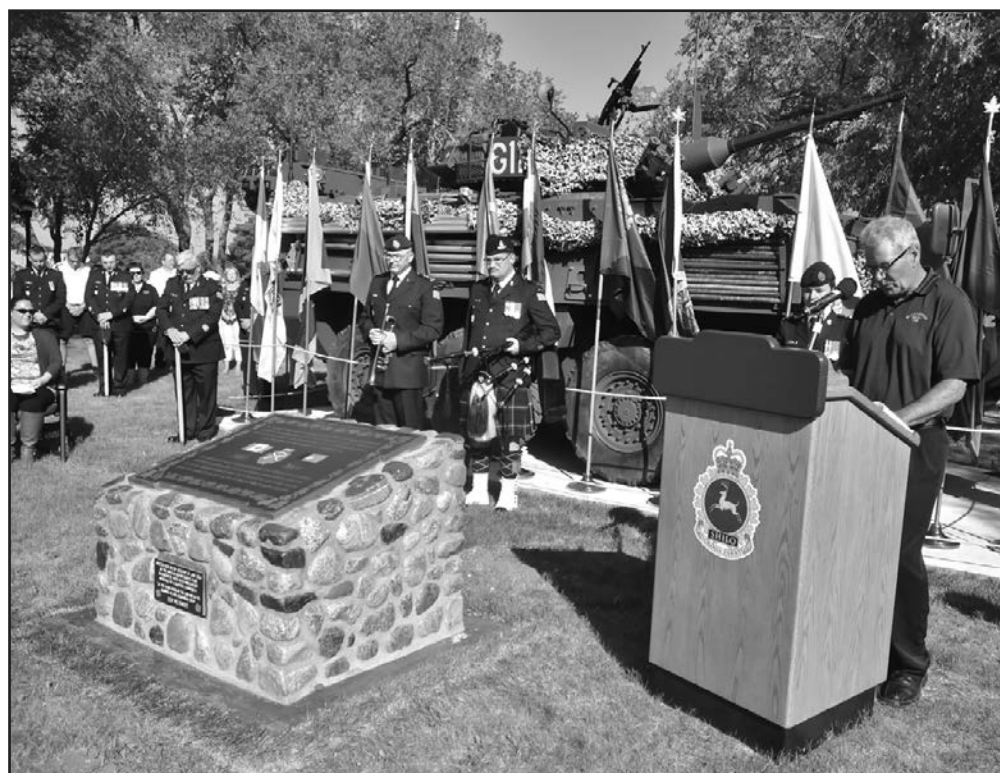
"I want to thank them for the vision, leadership and dedication to see this [project] through and for the contribution of the cairn," said Col McKenzie.

The dedication ceremony comes just ahead of the RCA reunion, and reunion goers will be able to visit the Afghan Memorial during a July 1 ceremony taking place in Canoe River Park.

The cairn holds a time capsule with items from Afghanistan as well as the Shilo and Region Service Club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018. The time capsule will be opened in 2068 for another generation to peruse the contents collected by president Ian Muir and his fellow service club members.



The cairn that is part of the Afghan Memorial was built (above) by Justin Borody. Padre Capt Troy Dennis (bottom right) performed *Last Post* and *Reveille* during the dedication ceremony. Prior to placing the LAV III on its cement pad, RCA Museum mechanic Rob Love (top right) had to use a saw to remove overhanging branches. Shilo and Region Service Club president Ian Muir (below) read the *Act of Remembrance*. Photos Jules Xavier



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Lundy's Lane construction



2Lt Ryan Bartlette was out with the *Stag's* Nikon camera exploring the Base looking for weather photos. Instead, he focused on the construction work being done in and around Lundy's Lane. With new asphalt down, workers are busy with fresh soil and laying of sod.

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residents of the surrounding area.

Services



St. Barbara's Protestant Chapel

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with
Sunday school & nursery
Padre Johnston - ext 3381
Padre Dennis - ext 3088
Padre Neil - ext 6836

Our Lady of Shilo Roman Catholic Chapel

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Confessions by appointment
Padre Ihuoma - ext 3089
Padre Shanahan - ext 3698

Services

Greg Steele Canadian Fire-arms safety course instructor/examiner offering Red Cross first aid training. Manitoba hunter safety instructor. CFSC, CRFFC safety courses offered at least monthly and on demand. Firearm/hunter safety courses planned seasonally. Restricted and non-restricted. Visit social media page www.facebook.com/gregsteelehunterfirearmsafetymanitoba/ Dial 204-729-5024 E-mail gsteel4570@gmail.com

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Services

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Employment

Looking for a job on the Base? Submit resumes to NPF HR office via e-mail quoting competition # to npfhrshilo@cfmws.com OR for more detailed information on the jobs offered at CFB Shilo visit: www.cfmws.com

Employment

CANEX needs you: Clerk/cashier part-time position with 13 to 32 hr /week required. Must be available days/evenings, and weekends. Starting salary is \$11.90 per hour. After two-month probation salary increases to \$12.15. Under the direction of the department supervisor, a clerk/cashier scans customer purchases, processes transactions, and accepts payment. He/she prices, stocks shelves, counters and display areas with merchandise and keeps stock in order. He/she performs cleaning duties as required. Apply in person at CANEX admin office, or NPF Human Resources office at base HQ.

Indigenous Peoples celebrate heritage

LGen Paul Wynnyk
Stag Special

Today, we shine a light on the culture, history and traditions of Indigenous Peoples. As the Defence Team Champion for Indigenous Peoples, I would like to commemorate their significant contributions to the defence of our great nation.

Over the generations, Indigenous Peoples and their communities have come together on June 21, the day of the summer solstice, to celebrate their culture and heritage. National Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to honour and showcase the diverse cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people across this land.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis people are valued members of Canadian society and the defence community, undertaking challenging and rewarding jobs. They are part of a dynamic team of skilled professionals and leaders stationed across Canada and abroad.

Indigenous Peoples make up approximately 2.7 per cent (in 2018) of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and 3.1 per cent (in 2017) of the civilian Defence Team populations. We are striving to increase these numbers over the years to come.

The Defence Team engages Indigenous Peoples across the country in a dialogue that highlights the rich cultural diversity, history and contributions that Indigenous Peoples bring to the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces.

As Defence Team Champion for Indigenous Peoples, I encourage all Defence Team members to take part in the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations happening in their communities. Let us work together to ensure the Defence Team's commitment to better reflect the rich diversity of Canada's population within both the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence.

LGen Paul Wynnyk is Commander Canadian Army and Defence Team Champion for Indigenous Peoples



GSH Bowling Alley

Open bowling for all ages
Saturday 2 to 4 p.m.
Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult: **\$2.50** per game
Youth: **\$2.25** per game
Child: **\$2** per game
Shoe rental: **75** cents

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call the community
recreation office
at **204-765-3000**
ext **3317** or **3588**



ARTILLERY REUNION GOLF TOURNAMENT



Registration time: 0900

\$25 Per Person

Tee Time: 1000

\$10 for Half Cart

29 JUNE 2018



Dedication to detail key to Cpl Fortin's work ethic

Capt Dube Tremblay
Stag Special

It is a privilege to participate at Cpl Jonathan Fortin's departure celebration.

Cpl Fortin was sworn in at CFRC Det Sherbrook, Quebec in January 2008 as an infantryman. He successfully graduated from CFLRS St-Jean in Sept 2008.

He then was posted to CFB Valcartier to start his PP1. Due to the difficult aspect of the infantry course, Cpl Fortin was injured and unfortunately required surgery to both of his legs.

During his recovery, from 2008 to 2011, he was involved with the PLQ course and the PP1 for infantry and artillery.

In November 2011, he transferred as an RMS clerk. He was posted to CFB Borden and successfully graduated in August 2012.

Cpl Fortin was then posted to CFB Shilo, where he began his career as a clerk at Base headquarters. In 2014, he participated in Op NANOOK in Yellowknife. Finally, in Oct 2016, Cpl Fortin became an FSA clerk and started to work for the G8 branch.

I only worked with Cpl Fortin for

about five months, when he was the cashier. But five months was enough to find that this man was really proud to be in the CAF and to wear the uniform.

He was 100 per cent dedicated to the success of the branch.

No matter what, he was mission first, dedicated to detail. Working with him, I knew I could count on his expertise.

Cpl Fortin is a resourceful and reliable person to have on your side. It is a great loss for the CAF to see Cpl Fortin leave at this time, and he will be greatly missed by all.

As per this Aug. 1, Cpl Fortin will be officially releasing from the CAF. He will then be a resident of Nicolet, PQ, joined by his spouse, Catherine Gagné and their daughter, Amélyane Gagné-Fortin.

Within a couple years of his release, Cpl Fortin hopes to purchase a home in Quebec, where he will make his family a priority and will enjoy every moment with his daughter.

As a parent myself, I know what privilege it is to see our children growing. He also cherishes the idea to travel with his family.

Capt Dube Tremblay is the Base Public Funds Accounting Officer



WO Guy Croteau, the FIN manager, presented a farewell gift of appreciation to Cpl Jonathan Fortin, his wife and daughter, on behalf of the G8 branch.

Photo submitted

Shilo & Region Service Club

Inaugural Charity Open

SEPTEMBER 8th

Proceeds donated to
Brandon Regional Health
Center Foundation
Pediatrics Unit

Teams of four players only
Cost: \$240/team
(includes golf, hot breakfast,
barbecue supper)

Four-person scramble

Cart rentals available

Mulligans for sale

Register by calling Pro Shop 204-765-3623

Check in & breakfast 8 to 9 a.m.

At Community Center Annex

(Building L25)

Tee-off at 11 a.m.

At Shilo Golf & Country Club



Great prizes to be won!



MFRC'S MUD DAY



There were plenty of muddy moments when Shilo's MFRC held its annual mud day. Ideal conditions prevailed as kids and parents alike basked in the muddy ooze before enjoying an ice cream or shower courtesy of a garden hose afterwards.



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