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WO Sheldon Quinn (clockwise from top left) poses for a photo with Col (Ret) Jim Calvin following the Sunday morning commemoration parade. Medak Pocket veteran Robert Pullen, with his service dog, heads for the Better 'Ole, where stories were shared and retold by veterans of that battle in Croatia in September '93. The reunion started with a sunset ceremony featuring a 2PPCLI rifle salute called a "feu-de-joie." A marker prepares for the Sunday morning parade at the Korea Parade Square. A Medak Pocket veteran meets today's generation of 2PPCLI soldiers while ordering a cold beverage. For more on the 25th anniversary, see pages 5, 7 and 8.

Photos Jules Xavier



Medak Pocket 25th anniversary



Shilo Army Cadets have identity following charter signing

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

“Now you have an identity.”

That was the word from reviewing officer RCSU NW LCol Denis Lettier after a charter was signed for 2502 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) Shilo at the MPTF.

25 PI CO Capt Connie Wilson’s Corps has been officially stood-up. LCol Lettier signed the charter alongside 1RCHA CO LCol Ryan Stimpson, Army Cadet League of Canada branch president Linda Wall, and Shilo and District Service Club member Chuck La-Roque.

“I wish you good luck and enjoy every second of being in Army Cadets,” said LCol Lettier during his address of the 13 cadets on parade.

He also praised the likes of Wall and Capt Wilson for their dogged determination in making 25 PI its own entity for cadets, no longer relying on the attachment to Brandon’s Army Cadets program.

“This cannot happen without the community,” said LCol Lettier, pointing out the sponsorships and partnerships for 25 PI, including an affiliation with 1RCHA.

Wall praised the cadets, who the past summer experienced riding cranky horses and mountain climbing when they were exposed on trips to the Rocky Mountains and Whitehorse, Yukon.

“The opportunities these kids are going to get to do ... the nice thing about cadets, fortunately or unfortunately, our military kids transfer out, but anywhere they go, they can join another [corps].”

Wall also acknowledged the charter signing came to fruition thanks to a “collective effort” of those behind the scenes making it happen.

BComd LCol David MacIntyre was also on hand to speak, offering encouragement to the 13 cadets on parade to have fun, and that the Base was there if 2502 RCACC Shilo ever needed any support.

He cited the “fantastic” drill he observed with the cadets, considering the last time he saw them parade was last spring when cadets ended.

“Our Base is here to support you if you need it,” he said.

LCol Stimpson said he was proud 1RCHA is affiliated with 25 PI, also acknowledging the work done by Wall and Capt Wilson.

“They are being humble for the work done to get the charter,” he said, adding their commitment and effort was pivotal to having the charter finally signed.



Reviewing officer LCol Denis Lettier inspects the Army Cadets on parade prior to the signing of the charter for 2502 RCACC Shilo. With LCol Lettier (inset) looking on, 1RCHA CO LCol Ryan Stimpson signs the charter during a ceremony held at the MPTF.

Photos Jules Xavier



He looks forward to the cadets being involved with 1RCHA, perhaps some of the cadets on parade will one day pursue a career in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

With 21 cadets on board, including two new participants, and more interest following the charter signing event, training takes place every Thursday, and some weekends, at the MPTF from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

“This cannot happen without the community.”
— LCol Denis Lettier

Pet of the Week

PET OF THE WEEK

ODIN

In Germanic mythology, Odin is a widely revered god. In Norse mythology, Odin is associated with wisdom, healing, death, royalty, the gallows, knowledge, battle, sorcery, poetry and frenzy. Odin is the name of BComd LCol David MacIntyre’s dog, who took part in the 38th annual Terry Fox Run on the Base. Do you have a photo of your pet — cat, dog, bird, snake, hamster — you’d like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to us via stag@mymts.net



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Capt Daniel Walton has joined the Base's Padre team following posting season, arriving here from 8 Wing Trenton. Recently, he had an opportunity to visit the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota. He took part in the 17th anniversary ceremony for 9/11.

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New padre takes flight from 8 Wing Trenton for prairies posting

Jenna Dulewich
Shilo Stag

Joining Shilo all the way from the East Coast, Padre Capt Daniel Walton is excited to explore and be part of this southern Manitoba Base.

"So far, so good. People are really friendly and something is always going on," Walton said.

Joining the Base from his last posting in 8 Wing Trenton, Ont., Capt Walton joined the CAF family a couple of years ago when he realized he wanted a "challenge" in his career.

"I loved what I was doing and I didn't want to get to a point where I woke up and didn't love what I did anymore," Walton explained.

After working in New Brunswick as a civilian padre for 16 years, Capt Walton's resume history includes working as the president for the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) and working as a chaplain for the Legislature of New Brunswick.

"I love to challenge myself as much as I can," Walton said.

Looking into what it would take to be an Army Chaplain, Capt Walton finally took the plunge four years ago, literally.

"Family and friends thought I was crazy, but I jumped from the jump tower [at my last Base]," the Padre said with a chuckle.

Enjoying every minute since he joined the CAF, Walton said it is also easier to do his job as people in the military "don't try to wear a mask."

"People don't try to hide their issues in the military. With civilians, people are always trying to put on a good front, but in the military we are all the same and there doesn't seem to be the same feeling of embarrassment which I appreciate," he added. "It's been an easy transition. Wearing the uniform or not — everyone has the same issues."

In addition to Padre Walton's new duties, the new Padre was the only CAF member representing Shilo at the 9/11 17th anniversary hosted at the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota last week.

"It was interesting — everyone had a similar theme of 'everyone working together'," Walton said.

"And the terrorists didn't get credit."

Padre Walton's attendance follows a 17-year track record of CFB Shilo sending a representative every anniversary to honour and commemorate how Canada helped our southern neighbours on that day.



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BRSM CWO James Doppler and Base COS Maj Howard Nelson serve up flapjacks at Flatlands Dining Hall to a hungry group attending the Shilo United Way campaign kickoff. To date, the fund raising campaign sits at \$1,000 (right) on the tote board framed by 2Lt Ryan Bartlette and campaign chairperson Capt Eliza Shanahan.

Photos Jenna Dulewich/Jules Xavier



United Way campaign starts with breakfast

Jenna Dulewich
Shilo Stag

Flapjacks and fundraising was on the morning menu Sept. 7 as the annual United Way for Brandon & District kicked off with a full crowd.

Opening the doors 15 minutes before the official start time for hungry Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and civilians, the Flatlands Dining Hall had a line almost out the door as COS Maj Howard Nelson, BRSM CWO James Doppler and BComd LCol Dave MacIntyre dished out the annual hearty \$5 breakfast.

"It's a good way to get into the spirit of giving," LCol MacIntyre said during the event. "It's the spirit of giving that helps everyone in the community."

Within two hours, \$760.50 was raised between tickets sales and the 50/50, in what organizer view as a successful start.

"I would like to see Shilo beat every other community [in fundraising dollars]," United Way co-chair Jeffrey De Sarno said after the breakfast. "The Base has been an [integral] part of our fundraising ... and every dollar stays within the community."

Monies raised is given to the United Way of Brandon & District, an organization partnered with 25 agencies throughout the community to run 31 different programs for those in need, focusing on "building

strong communities, helping kids be all they can be and moving people from poverty to possibility."

Last year, Shilo raised \$49,350 during the annual campaign, with a history of giving back that surpasses even the official United Way records.

"Records only go back about two decades and CFB Shilo has a history of helping even before that," a United Way spokesperson said.

"Thank-you for not just what you do for us and our country, but for enriching our lives," United Way CEO Cynamon Mychasiw said as she shared stories of the numerous ways the Shilo community has helped over the years including when Shilo bussed out Shilo CAF members earlier this year to get a community building up to code.

"I'm in awe of the commitment you have," Mychasiw said. "And to be part of our community is stellar."

But if you missed the flapjack fundraiser, fear not as there will be more opportunities to give back (see sidebar).

The United Way 2018 Shilo campaign runs until Nov. 16.

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Other upcoming fundraising opportunities include the MFRC/1MP boot blitz Oct. 18; skate sharpening at Gunner Arena; Forbidden Flavours coffee day Oct. 17; blessing of the animals at the Faith Centre Oct. 4 starts at 5 p.m.; Base chili cookoff Oct. 17.



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Medak Pocket anniversary gives a nation chance to reflect

2Lt Ryan Bartlette
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Twenty-five years ago members of a 2PPCLI-led contingent were engaged in a battle with Croatian forces as part of Op HARMONY, in an effort to keep peace in the former Yugoslavia.

What's more, virtually no one knew about it. During a time when the Somalia Affair raged in the headlines, the government deemed the idea that Canadian soldiers were combatting Croatian forces too risky for public consumption.

Nevertheless, the women and men of the 2PPCLI contingent, combined with reservists from across the nation, would dutifully serve their country in some of the toughest fighting this country had seen since the Korean War. Their efforts would eventually be recognized with a Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation, nearly a decade later.

As a veteran of the Afghanistan conflict, this is hard for me to grasp. By the time I deployed in the fall of 2009, we had a very good idea what we were up against. We knew. The nation knew. Yellow ribbons fluttered in the breeze along Veteran's Way, and arid-pattern plushies littered the shelves of CANEX. Recognizance of our mission, and support for it, was at an all-time high.

Veterans of Op HARMONY would never get that luxury. After enduring artillery bombardment and machine gun fire, they were dumped at the airport and scattered to the wind. They returned to unit lines to the accolades of "that never happened. If it did, we would have heard about it in the media!"

After a while, they didn't feel like talking about it anymore. Some valuable lessons were learned, about what our soldiers needed coming out of a war zone.

Pry a few "Cyprus stories" out of an Afghan vet, and it's clear to see that those five days were better spent on the island of Cyprus than in Brandon. This soldier

"There were people that would like to hover over you, intimidate you. You had to prove yourself to the NCOs, and to some of the officers."

— Col Alex Brennan

will leave his particular Cyprus stories where they belong: In downtown Paphos, and well past curfew.

However, as the saying goes, late is better than never. 2PPCLI recently honoured these veterans, and continues to right some wrongs 25 years in the making.

Col (Ret) Jim Calvin had the opportunity to present multiple Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendations last weekend, a testament to how hard it has been to even track these veterans down.

For some, this mission will never end.

This *Stag* reporter had the opportunity to speak to 37 CBG Commander Col Alex Brennan, who was a Platoon Commander during Op HARMONY Roto 2.

He remembers his time coming to "Winterpeg" as a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. In those times reservists were treated a little different.

"There were people that would like to hover over you, intimidate you. You had to prove yourself to the NCOs, and to some of the officers" recalled Col Brennan.

He was a young lieutenant, but having just completed a tour to Cyprus with the RCR, felt he had what it took to deploy alongside his Regular Force counterparts.

Some things about deployments never change, including the fact you can count on change, usually at the last possible minute. Col Brennan remembers being issued C7s with the new ELCAN scopes, after they had already zeroed in with iron sights and completed their pre-deployment leave. Back to the ranges they went, a couple days before leaving for theatre.

Their tour would include many of the things we are used to hearing. There were BOMBREPS, SHOTREPS, and patrolling reports detailing the smuggling of weapons. Col Brennan remembers some unique situations, such as the time a funeral was pulled over in a vehicle check point and weapons were found in the hearse.

Col Brennan was also a couple vehicles behind during Col (Ret) Calvin's famed interview, which he praised as an excellent example of how to use non-kinetic effects.

"We were doing CIMIC [Civil-Military Co-operation] before CIMIC was even formed," he said.

According to Col Brennan, that situation could have got a whole lot worse. Staring at the barrel of a Croatian tank pointed directly at you, tends to get your hair on end a little.

As a Platoon Commander, then Lt Brennan walked his line. If only, just to crack a few jokes, but at the same time remind his soldiers there was a job to do, in a way only a true Newfoundlander could.

He also believes the commemorations at CFB Shilo were a good idea. Some of the hard-fought lessons have already been lost to history. According to Col Brennan, "If we do not commemorate it, we're going to be left holding the bag."

The proud Newfoundlander was unable to make the long journey to CFB Shilo to remember with his fellow soldiers, but offered the following to his comrades in arms: "Be proud of your accomplishments, damn the naysayers and keep your head up high. Be proud of what you've done."

It is appropriate to be proud of what the veterans of Op HARMONY accomplished in the nation's blind spot. It's been a longtime coming.



2PPCLI soldiers involved in UN peacekeeping duties in Croatia in September '93 had to deal with landmines on a daily basis thanks to the civil war.

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OBITUARY

Robert Allan Cameron 1943 - 2018

On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, Robert Allan (Al) Cameron died peacefully in the Souris General Hospital, Souris, MB. Born in Minnota, Manitoba on May 27, 1943 to Peter Cameron and Mary McKeand Cameron (nee Walker), Al grew up on the Cameron homestead alongside his six siblings: Margaret (Bill) Leary, Donald Cameron, Edith (Russ) McBean, Grace (Ted) Crawford, Eleanor (Bill) Cousins, and Glen (Faye) Cameron. He eventually became "Uncle Al" or "Unky" to many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. After following his sister, Grace, to BC in 1961, Al began his own family in the 1970's with his first two children, Kirsty and John. Al's family grew in 1986, when after permanently settling in Alexander, MB, in 1982, Al married his beloved wife, Debbie, and gained a daughter, Marie. Later, Al became "Poppa" to Kirsty's daughter, Aly Cameron, and a father-in-law when John married Niki (nee Daniels), and Marie married Chris Drohan — making Al "Poppa" to Caitlin and Amber Drohan. Al was much loved and will be greatly missed by his family. Al's formal career began after earning his third class power engineer's certificate in Vancouver, BC in 1968. After he worked at Cominco Mines in Trail, BC, Columbia Cellulose in Prince Rupert, BC, and at a large hospital in Essondale, BC, Al took a position with Central Heat Distribution Ltd in Vancouver, BC. At Central Heat, Al was integral to implementing the city's first consolidated steam-heat system, and developing an engineer's labour union. Soon after, Al moved to the BC interior to operate his own welding company. There, Al also drove logging trucks on short-haul trips, and helped Grace and Ted on their ranch, near Cache Creek, BC. Later, Al held many positions for the transportation company, Motorways, (including driver, dispatcher, terminal manager, sales manager, and logistics manager), eventually becoming a freight broker and logistics manager in Brandon, MB, for Inventronics. Al completed his full-time career as steam-engineer for the Department of National Defence, at CFB Shilo, MB. Al was also a gifted hunter and sportsman from youth. For much of his life, Al played football or baseball in various leagues, curled for many years, and enjoyed a lifetime passion of golf.



After retiring from his post at CFB Shilo in 2011, Al continued working casually as power engineer at ACC, golfed with friends, became the Course Marshal at Oak Island Golf Course, and happily travelled with Debbie on many trips — which included spending several winters in the southwestern United States. Al was a conscientious, kind, and generous person, who appreciated hard work and a good story. Al readily helped others and many people trusted him for practical advice. Al lived quietly, enjoying nature, taking photographs, caring for his yard and garden, and sharing his produce with family and neighbours. Al was a valued community member in his home of nearly forty years, sitting in the early years on the Alexander rink committee, and playing games of 500 football with the neighbour kids, who affectionately called him "Mr. C". Al always enjoyed visiting with friends and family, including spending time with his granddaughters, Caitlin and Amber, in Arizona, a trip to Vancouver to see the Grey Cup with his son, John, and frequent lunch-dates in Brandon with his granddaughter, Aly. Al's last days were spent at home, watering his garden, harvesting cucumbers and tomatoes, watching the sky from his back deck, chatting, laughing, crying, and swapping stories in-person or over the phone with many cherished family members and friends. When it was his time to go, Al maintained his inspiring strength - an adventurous, humorous, and proudly independent spirit to the last. Before dying, Al wrote a list of people he wanted to thank, including a personal note: "To all my family, I love each and every one. You have made this journey so much easier through never ending support and love." Along with Al, Debbie and family would like to thank Doctors Edward, Dueck, Sopol, Cram, and Mindsers, as well as the nursing and support staff at the Souris General Hospital for their intelligent, compassionate care. Also, thanks to several friends, especially The Dundee Family of Kelly Crosson and Shirley Lloyd-Davies, Patti, Jody, and Jo-Jo; Shayne and Nancy Curtis; John and Barb Christensen; Ken and Carole Corbatt; and Kevin McMillan. When asked about Al Cameron, most people who knew him would tell you he was a very good man, and this is how he will be remembered. Please note that a public celebration of Al's life will be announced at a later time, to take place in Alexander, MB. Donations in Al's memory can be sent in lieu of flowers to the Alexander Community Buildings Fund (for things such as upgrades to the local skating and curling rink). Please make cheques payable to the RM of Whitehead, c/o D. Cameron, PO Box #31, Alexander, MB, R0K 0A0. Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.memorieschapel.com. Arrangements with Memories Chapel, Brandon, 1-855-727-0330.

Battle of Medak Pocket September '93

'It was my baptism under fire' recalls MWO John Brogaard

Jules Xavier

Shilo Stag

"It was my baptism under fire, long before I went to Afghanistan. It was our Battle Groups baptism under fire ... you can't imagine the atrocities I saw done to people on both sides by the Serbs and Croats."

A 27-year-old MCpl John Brogaard was on his first deployment with 2PPCLI when he arrived in the former Yugoslavia in the summer of '93, setting up in Sector West assigned to C Coy 7 Platoon.

"I was the Weapons Det NCO out of platoon headquarters," recalled now MWO Brogaard on the opening day of the 25th anniversary reunion for the Battle of Medak Pocket. "We were stationed at Toranj when orders came in July '93 for C Coy to move to Sector South in the Medak Pocket area."

By September tensions in the area, even with the Medak Pocket Agreement in place, could be cut with a knife as both the Serbs and Croats constantly harassed 2PPCLI with small arms fire and artillery barrages.

"The Rules of Enforcement for the UN soldiers was for us not to return fire unless you are positive you can identify who is firing on you," he recalled. "This was a strict rule for peacekeepers. But night or day, on a daily basis we were fired upon."

When then LCol Jim Calvin and his 2PPCLI soldiers arrived in the Medak Pocket that summer to create a demilitarized buffer zone between Croat soldiers and Serbian civilians, MWO Brogaard and his fellow patrollers were regularly under fire.

"We'd do our regular duties, including patrolling nearby villages, and had to put up with not just harassing fire, but had to content with land mines," he said, pointing out Canadian peacekeepers did not have to deal with suicide bombers or IEDs as soldiers in the Afghanistan War did years later.

MWO Brogaard started his military career in September '85. Assigned to 1PPCLI, he went on his jump course in '88 and was later posted to Garrison Petawawa in Ontario, where he initially served with the Canadian Airborne Regiment (2 Commando, before switching to 2PPCLI and being posted to Kapyong Barracks in Winnipeg.

If the Croats and Serbs were not happy with Canadians being there, how about the civilian population?

"It was a lot different dealing with the locals," he recalled. "They welcomed us into their homes. Even in their dark times, they would share with us their food. Usually we enjoyed their strong coffee because they did not have much food because of the civil war."

Care packages sent to 2PPCLI soldiers from back home would often provide them with items MWO Brogaard readily shared with civilians. According to MWO Brogaard, it was not until his Chain of Command confronted the Croat leaders face-to-face that some of the harassing fire abated.

"They were told if they did not cease their harassing fire that we would return fire," he said. "Thankfully, the Croats obliged and the shelling and shooting in our vicinity stopped. We did have the fire power to punch back if needed."

MWO Brogaard conceded the Croation or Serbian military quickly learned they were not going to bully 2PPCLI, like they did with French troops.

"They knew they could not push us around, as we would push back. That was in our training from what we did in Canada and the United States before going overseas. Before we went over we were training for war, so we ready for what we were exposed to once there. Yet, we could also step back to do our



Led by Col (Ret) Jim Calvert, 2PPCLI's MWO Jon Brogaard (above) marches with the "old guard" to close out the 25th commemoration ceremony held at Korea Parade Square. MWO Brogaard (below) chats with a Medak Pocket comrade, while WO Sheldon Quinn poses for a photograph with Col (Ret) Calvert.

Photos Jules Xavier



peacekeeping thanks to our training."

MWO Brogaard's Battle Group trained intensely prior to arriving in Croatia because the use of Reservists alongside Regular members was ramped up because of the need for more boots on the ground.

"Everything we did from our conventional shooting to our live fire training, because we were training alongside Reservists, was to prepare as though we were going to war, but our mission was as peacekeepers. The Serbs and Croats were threats to us because they had weapons. You quickly learn the Croats and Serbs did not like us being there [as UN Peacekeepers], so we had to endure their harassing fire on a daily basis. With our training, thankfully, we could fight back if required."

And fight back 2PPCLI did starting on Sept. 9, 1993, when Croatian troops launched an all-out attack on the Medak Pocket. The Croats attempts to ethnic cleanse the Serbian territory was rebuffed because of the presence of 2PPCLI. Implementing the Medak Pocket Agreement starting on Sept. 15, 1993 in four phases did not go as planned, and 2PPCLI withstood a heavy Croat assault featuring mortar fire and heavy machine gun fire. Some positions were under constant fire for 12 consecutive hours.

"On that day when Sgt Rob Dearing and his men came under Croat attack, we would listen to the talk on our radios in our sector," he recalled.

When the dust had settled the following day, there were no casualties on Canada's side, but it was

reported in Croatian media that 27 soldiers were killed, with just three surviving the firefight.

Under the command of Capt Dan Towns, and later Lt Loran, plus WO Gill, MWO Brogaard said his platoon learned how to time incoming artillery shells, so they could find shelter in fortified bunkers.

"They would bracket their rounds looking for a target to hit," he said. "You quickly learned how they would creep towards us with their artillery rounds."

Seeing the atrocities associated with ethnic cleansing on both sides in the civil war, MWO Brogaard it's not something a trained soldier expects to see on the battlefield like you would in the First or Second World Wars. 2PPCLI documented what they found behind the Croatian lines after the combatants finally relented and fell back. Once the Battle of Medak Pocket was done, MWO Brogaard said soon after 2PPCLI handed over their

locations to the the Royal 22nd Regiment (R22R), or better known as the Van Doos.

"We left Croatia in the mud [of fall], and the Van Doos moved in," he recalled. "We were processed out at our Battalion camp, and came home to little fanfare thanks to the Somalia inquiry. We arrived back in Winnipeg, handed in our weapons and mags, then I went on leave."

Unlike the Highway of Heroes or the media coverage of Canada's involvement in the Afghan War, MWO Brogaard's experience in the former Yugoslavia as a peacekeeper went unnoticed until 2PPCLI received the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation on Dec. 1, 2002.

"In my opinion, I believe this was Canada's forgotten war because we had no Canadian media imbedded with us," he offered. "The public's perception of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) was low in '93 thanks to the Somalia Affair. The political and economic climate at the time in Canada meant that this battle, and what we did there was something that was not spoken about. No one believed you when you talked about what we did in Croatia because you did not see it on the [Canadian] news."

He added, "Remember, in '93, you had no social media. There was nothing made public about the battle like it was for the Patricias when they were involved in the Battle of Kapyong during the Korean War."

While there's recognition today, and CFB Shilo has been host to two Battle of Medak Pocket reunions since 2013, soldiers like MWO Brogaard know what they made a difference in the lives on innocent civilians caught between the Croats and Serbs.

"For us as soldiers, we were there doing our job. Our reservists came back and went back home to their units across Canada, while we formed up again in Winnipeg and went back to your training for the next mission."

That next mission came in '97, when MWO Brogaard returned to Croatia. He deployed again in 2000, and '03. "The mission had changed from what I was there doing in '93 with Op HARMONY because of the Dayton Accord. Now I was there as part of a NATO mission, so Canada was more robust."

After 33 years in the CAF, MWO Brogaard has many memories besides his involvement in the Battle of Medak Pocket. Unlike his comrades there who have since retired, he was deployed to Afghanistan from Sept. 2009 to April 2010, then was part of Op UNIFIER in 2016-17 when 2PPCLI deployed with former 2PPCLI CO LCol Wayne Niven in 2016-17 to the Ukraine where he helped train the Ukrainian army on NATO tactics.



(Left) Normand Toulouse and Claudio Gasc received their Commander-in-Chief Commendation post-commemoration parade Sept. 9.

(Right) Randy King shakes hand with retired Col Jim Calvin Sept. 7 at the Better 'Ole. King also received his Commander-in-Chief Commendation.

Photos Jenna Dulewich

Emotions high as veterans honoured 25 years later

Jenna Dulewich
Shilo Stag

How does it feel to get recognized for your service in a battle 25 years later?

"Overwhelmed," "weird," and "exceptional" were some of the descriptions three veterans used during the weekend after finally receiving the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation pin for their bravery shown in Canada's "forgotten war."

"It felt excellent," said retired Sgt Randy King, 57, from Belleville, Ont.

King was the first of the three veterans to receive his pin during the three-day long Medak Pocket 25th anniversary commemoration hosted in CFB Shilo.

The weekend kicked off quietly Sept. 7 as the next generation of 2PPLCI were invited to the GSH theatre to learn the history of the battle, with veterans also in attendance to answer questions and clarify any points afterwards.

The somewhat unknown history of Medak Pocket is the battle started as a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping mission to ensure a truce between Croatians and Serbians, who had both started ethnic cleansing campaigns in Croatia in 1993.

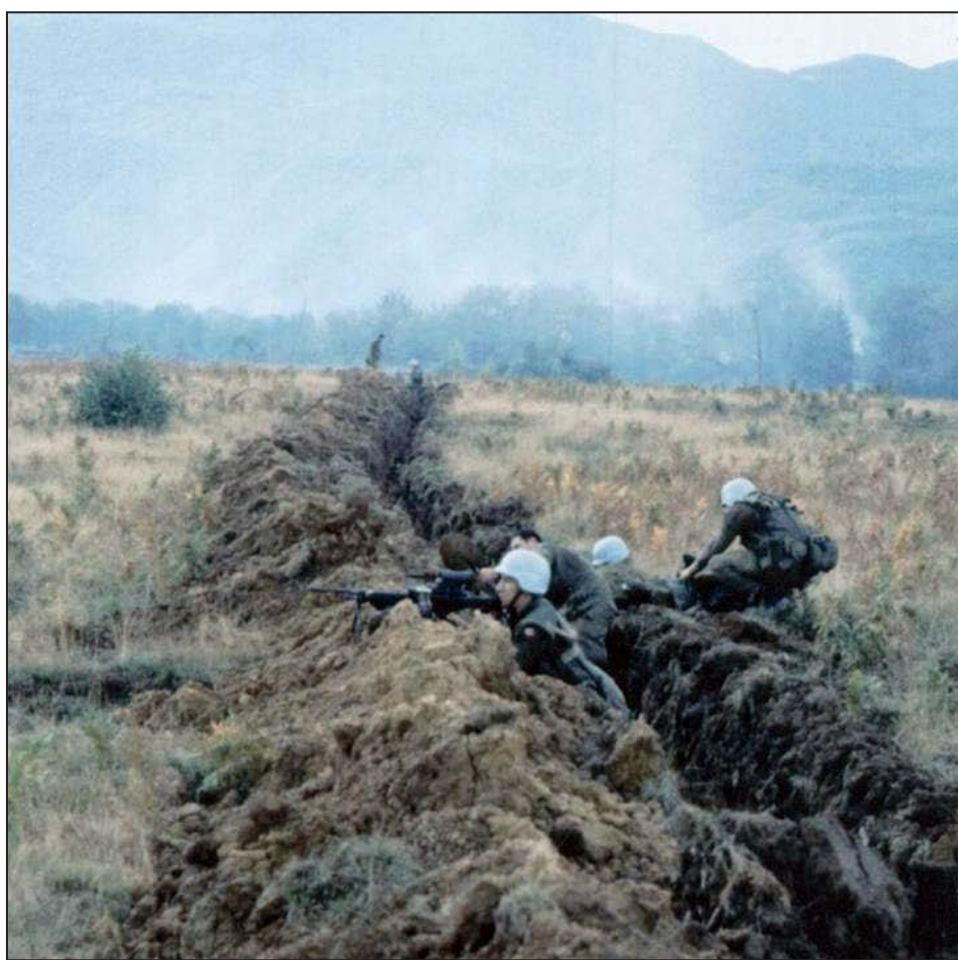
The mission turned into a battle when Croatians launched an attack on 2PPLCI with artillery, small arms and heavy machine gun fire, along with anti-tanks and anti-personnel mines, leading to a 15-hour fight before a ceasefire was officially called and finally honoured.

As the theatre filled, hugs and handshakes were shared between those who fought together 25 years prior.

The two-hour long presentation was mostly silent as new 2PPLCI were educated and watched documentary clips about the battle, with veterans who were featured in the documentary also in the audience sharing moments of laughter and somber silence. One of the most prominent featured was retired Col Jim Calvin, who led the battle in 1993.

Known for bringing the international media to the front lines when Croatians troops were refusing to remove a road block, Calvin was famously quoted on-air saying, "At some stage you got to cut the bullshit and get on with the job."

"A lot of things happened, but everyone pulled together," Calvin explained to the audience after the documentary showing.



2PPLCI in trenches in Croatia during what was originally a United Nations peacekeeping mission in 1993. Archived artwork courtesy of DND

"For 25 years, I've had no one to talk to about the mission,"

— veteran Normand Toulouse

Other retired veterans also voiced their thoughts about the mission, sharing stories including those of their homecoming.

"When we got back no one was waving flags for us," MWO Jon Brogaard noted.

The response when the veterans returned home is a sore spot for those who were involved, as initially there was no ceremony or recognition of any kind, and no one in Canada had heard about the battle.

It was after this discussion when Calvin took the stage again saying it had come to his attention there was a veteran who had never received his Commander-in-Chief Commendation

pin and called King to the stage.

"You did Canada proud," Calvin said as he shook King's hand in front of the new and old 2PPLCI members.

"I just have to say I never expected this — I'm overwhelmed," King said afterwards with a humble smile.

The day continued well into the evening with a sunset ceremony with a music, military drill and rifle salute also known as a "feu-de-joie."

In between ceremonies and meetings, during the three days the veterans also had a chance to catch up over a beer at the Better 'Ole, also known as the Private Mitchell Building that was transformed into Medak Pocket themed/decorated beer gardens.

"For 25 years I've had no one to talk to about the mission," Normand Toulouse, 48, from Sherbrooke, Que. explained over the weekend. "I've enjoyed every last second since last Friday."

Despite coming under attack for 15 hours, those who fought in the Battle of Medak Pocket in September 1993 waited almost a decade before any recognition from the Canadian government when former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson called a ceremony in 2002 to award the troops with the Commander-in-Chief Commendation.

Not everyone was able to make it to the ceremony, resulting in those who courageously fought to never be officially recognized for their service, including Toulouse and Claudio Gasc, 52, from Montreal, Que., who both received their pin post-Commemorative parade Sept. 9.

The morning started with the 2PPLCI hosting the parade in the Korea Parade Square inviting dignitaries to speak before marching off the old guard.

"We did our job ... our entire tour consisted of being assigned one task after another, each more difficult than the last," Calvin said.

"Medak was not just another job ... I'm so, so proud to have been your commander. Quiet frankly, honestly, there have been times in quiet moments where I reminisce about the mission and wonder if anyone cares about what we endured and achieved those many 25 years ago — was it worth it?"

"And I can say that it is a commemoration like this weekend that reinforces my belief, and probably that of most my fellow veterans here today, that the hardships we experienced, the incoming fire that we got, and the mental scars that some of us still carry, it was indeed worth it."

Wrapping up the morning by marching off the old guard, Calvin stood in front of his former troop and asked again if there was anyone left who still hadn't received their recognition, with Toulouse and Gasc shooting their arms high in the air.

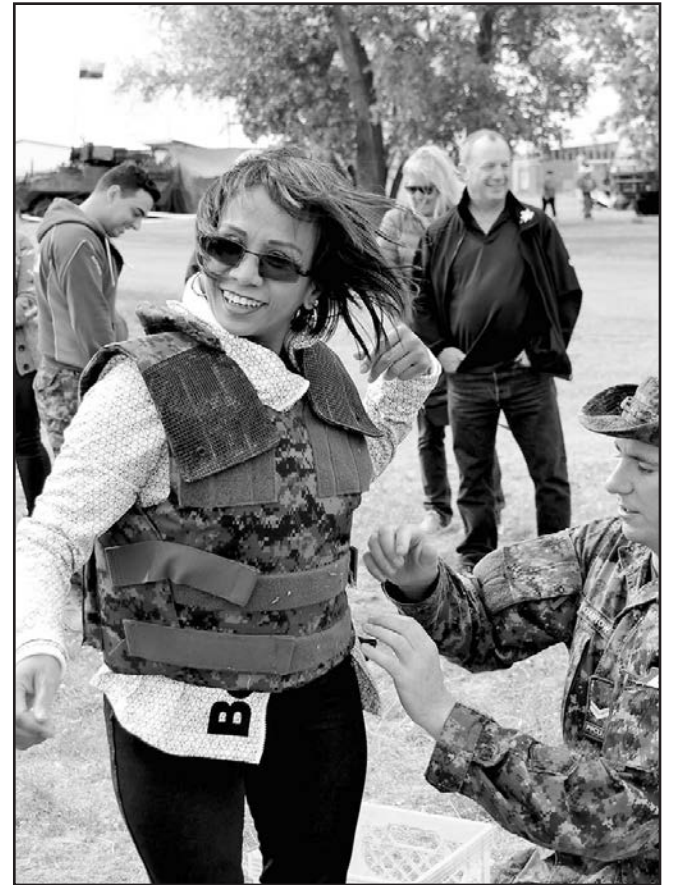
"Step forward men," Calvin said, as he thanked them for their service and shook their hands before presenting them with their pins.

"It's really exceptional," Toulouse said humbly after the impromptu presentation.

When asked how Gasc was feeling, he replied "a little weird."

"Weird and closure — I'm mostly feeling closure," Gasc said with a smile.

LAV rides, bouncy castles brings all the kids to the yard



Families gathered Sept. 8 as the Base/2PPCLI hosted the annual Family Day celebration, offering children and adults opportunities to ride LAVs, monkey around on the bouncy castles and learn about the CAF weapons.
Photos Jenna Dulewich

Pte Christian Baun continues 2PPCLI winning tradition

Cpl Jennifer Gagnon victorious at Ex MOUNTAIN MAN

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

Finishing fourth overall in 2016 “crushed” Cpl Jennifer Gagnon when she competed in her inaugural Ex MOUNTAIN MAN.

For the 2018 edition of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group’s (1CMBG) 48.3-kilometre long annual fitness challenge, the Sigs soldier from 1RCHA was not going to be denied. When more than 300 soldiers left the starting line at 5:25 a.m. on the first of the challenge’s four legs; a 29-kilometre footrace along the Edmonton River Valley, Cpl Gagnon’s training the past seven months was put into action.

“It ate me alive when I finished fourth and didn’t podium,” she recalled during a post-competition interview at the Stag’s office. “Finishing fourth crushed me.”

She was unable to compete in 2017 due to an injury, but her goal this time was not necessarily to win, knowing there are some excellent competitors she would face in Alberta.

“My goal was just to finish the course,” she offered, acknowledging she was appreciative of the support from teammates, her Chain of Command and husband Bdr Kevin Gagnon.

Besides the 29-kilometre rucksack march to start, the canoe portage, 10-kilometre canoe paddle, competitors run to the finish line with another 5.6-kilometre rucksack march. The intent of this military competition is to challenge the limits of soldiers mental and physical toughness within 1CMBG.

It was a close finish for Cpl Gagnon winning the women’s under-40 age division title featuring 20 finishers, edging runner-up Lt Rachel Anderson of 1PPCLI by 18 seconds. Third-place went to MCpl Jodi Bradley of 1 Field Ambulance, who finished in 6:40.10.

Cpl Gagnon’s winning time was six hours, 34 minutes, 31 seconds. Among all competitors she was 64th. Key to the competition was her running legs, as she was close with Lt Anderson.

The difference was the portage and canoe portions of the four legs: Cpl Gagnon was 16 minutes faster portaging, while Lt Anderson made up time by besting the winner in the canoe by 19 minutes. It came down to the last run, with Cpl Gagnon having more than five minutes on the runner-up.

“Running was my strength for sure,” she said. “I trained the most on portaging because I’d say it was my weakness. I’m not the best paddling a canoe skill wise, and it did not help that it was windy and I had to fight in the water.”

Going into her second competition, Cpl Gagnon also focused on her game-plan, or strategy of having proper nutrition and pacing. She wanted to ensure she was hydrated throughout, which was not easy there were only three water stations in the opening rucksack run prior to the portage.

“I focused on what my body needed, and it worked out,” she said. “I was not about to takeoff [at the start] like some competitors do because you just tire yourself out. I just looked at this as my race, so I just focused on my own pace. It’s a long run, and some competitors burn themselves out after only five kilometres.”

If she felt any pain, her body lugging the canoe or paddling against the wind, Cpl Gagnon just slowed down and regrouped knowing the finish line in



1RCHA’s Cpl Jennifer Gagnon (above) navigates her canoe during the portage section of the annual Ex MOUNTAIN MAN. 2PPCLI’s Pte Christian Baun (below) finished first overall.

Photos Sgt Hugo Girouard & John Laforest



Rundle Park was just around the corner. A steady pace kept her on track to the finish line despite the gruelling competition.

“It sucks because your body wants you to stop,” she offered. “You have to learn to tune it out.”

While there are no plans to return for the 2019 competition to defend her title, Cpl Gagnon is just looking for the next challenge in her military career.

“I had my time in the sun [winning], so who knows right now if I will be there again,” she said. “Perhaps I’ll find something else to challenge me, which is what Ex MOUNTAIN MAN did for me. Winning is not easy, but this sounds cliché, but I want to be able as a person to set an example as Sgt. Brooks did when she won and inspired me.”

1RCHA’s Bdr Misty Brown finished sixth, while 2PPCLI’s MCpl Darcelle Hurley was ninth.

Cpl Gagnon was not the only soldier from CFB Shilo to garner victory. The grandson of Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Bobby Baun kept the win streak alive for a soldier from 2PPCLI finishing first.

2PPCLI’s Pte Christian Baun triumphed in his first Ex MOUNTAIN MAN, shouting as he crossed the finish line in 5:13.16, five minutes ahead of runner-up 3PPCLI’s MCpl Alexander Marinutti.

“It’s been a really good day. It’s been hard, but gratifying,” Pte Baun said in an interview with the St. Albert Gazette. “It’s really easy to get kind of mentally messed up at times like this, especially when it’s dark out and it’s unusual. You’re running with headlamps and bags and you hear heavy breathing in the dark.”

Pte Baun referenced the start of the competition at dawn before the sun is up, so competitors are running in darkness. By the time they have travelled nearly 30 kilometres, they then hoist aluminum canoes on their backs for another three kilometres prior to reaching the North Saskatchewan River, where soldiers paddle for 11 kilometres. Competitor like Pte Baun and Cpl Gagnon do the entire course wearing a 15-kilogram rucksack on their back.

Pte Baun was slated to compete in 2017, under the mentorship of three-time winner and defending champ Capt Eric Henderson, who was posted this summer to Quebec. However, stress fractures in both shins that had prevented him from entering.

1CMBG Commander Col Bob Ritchie — former 2PPCLI CO — also excelled on the course, finishing fourth overall, but first in the masters class. His time was 5:27.01. Besides receiving his medal, he also presented them to the winners, including 2PPCLI as the major unit winner for the fifth consecutive competition.

2PPCLI had a number of competitors finish top-25, helping them win the large unit title: Cpl Thomas Emslie (10th), MCpl Kyle Roux (11th), Pte Thomas Springer (13th), Pte Garrett Jeffery (17th), Cpl Matthew Perreault (21st) and WO Edward Seward (22nd).

WO Seward finished fifth overall in the masters division, which saw 2PPCLI Padre Capt Troy Dennis finish 11th in the masters division, and 119th overall.

This division featured 29 competitors, including 3 Div Commander BGen Trevor Cadieu, who was 139th overall and 14th among masters competitors.

Top-three finishers among 1RCHA competitors were MBdr Dustin Desroches (18th), Sgt Troy Elliott (25th) and Cpl Alex Bouchard-Dumont (27th).

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38th annual Terry Fox Run

Ideal weather conditions allowed the more than 600 participants to run, walk, cycle during the 38th consecutive Terry Fox Run held on the Base. This year's event saw a lot more canine companions take part compared to past years, with BComd LCol David MacIntyre and his puppy Odin out for a walk when the event started from L25.

Photo Jenna Dulewich

Sparks, Brownies selling cookies in October

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

You know it's fall when Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks dust off their uniforms and arrive at your PMQ porch with their delicious chocolate mint cookies.

There are two events on the Base this fall, according to Aimee Rutz. First, the Sparks and Brownies will blanket the PMQs Oct. 9, with door-to-door sales from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

CANEX will be their next stop, setting up at this Base venue Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon.

"At only \$5 a box [tax included], Girl Guide cookies are a delicious way to make a difference in the lives of girls in Shilo and across the country," acknowledged Rutz. "We are selling the chocolate mint cookies and they have exciting new packaging featuring a new trefoil and championing the girl experience with eight individual designs."

Each Girl Guides cookie box will have images paired front and back showcasing the range of activities and relationships that reflect the girls' experience.

With the start to a new season for the 1st Shilo Sparks and Brownies, Rutz said membership is three times what attendance was in 2017. And the volunteer

leadership has increased substantially from a year ago when there were only two leaders. For 2018, the Sparks and Brownies have seven leaders.

Why is there an increase in membership? "I think our numbers are up for two reasons," offered Rutz. "First of all, going into the 2017-18 Guiding year, we did not have any volunteer leaders right away and when new leaders were recruited they had to do some training."

She added, "Therefore, we were not able to offer a full-year program and did not get started with a group of girls until January. This was a bit late for some to join."


"Since we were able to get more leaders for the upcoming 2018-19 year, we were able to offer more spots for girls and the full-year program [September to June] which I think has been more appealing."

Rutz said attracting more girls to the program might coincide with added interest because Sparks and Brownies involved last year talked to their friends about the exciting activities they experienced last year. Such as attending a provincial Girl Guiding event in Brandon, selling cookies and going to spring camp in Ninette.


For information on Sparks and Brownies on the Base e-mail Rutz at aimeerutz@gmail.com

Grab a fall copy of your Base At A Glance magazine at CANEX, GSH or units

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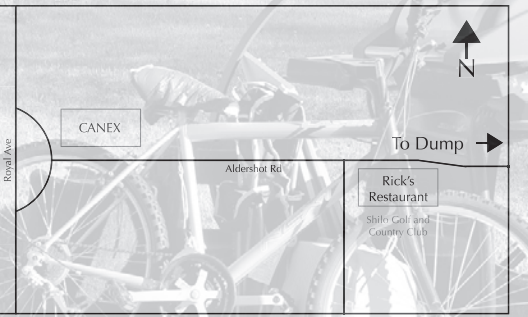


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Items may be placed for curb-side pick-up the following date ONLY for fall clean-up:

Oct. 9

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Navy League, Sea Cadets seek new members

Stag Special

Looking for something to do this fall, with a chance to gain leadership skills and new friends?

If so, why not look at joining Royal Canadian Sea Cadets — a free civilian program for youth aged 12 to 18. The program fosters the development of leadership skills, good citizenship and physical fitness.

Sea Cadets parade Monday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The program offers sailing, music, teamwork, citizenship (community events, parades), leadership, sports, marksmanship, Naval knowledge, as well as local, regional and national sports competitions.

Summer training senior cadets are encouraged to apply for paid jobs as summer training staff. Working at a summer training centre, such as the one in Comox, BC, offers cadets the opportunity to mentor other cadets, build leadership skills and pass along what they have learned.

It's also loads of fun, creating memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Senior cadets can also apply for international exchanges and ship deployments aboard Canadian Navy and Coast Guard ships.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost for Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps membership, uniforms or training materials. Cadets and their parents are required to participate in fundraising activities to support any facilities and services which not provided by the Government of Canada, such as extra recreational and social activities, dances or trips.

The Navy League Cadet Corp Stan Hawitt in Brandon is a free program open to youth ages nine to 12. As a cadet, they learn good citizenship, leadership, a sense of duty, self-discipline, teamwork, healthy living, and respect for others all in a navy themed environment.

Our Corps (pronounced core) meet every Thursday from September to May between 6 and 8:30 p.m. at the Brandon Armoury located at 1116 Victoria Ave. We also host occasional weekend activities.

The Navy League Cadet program is designed to offer activities that are both fun and educational. Depending on the Corps resources, Navy League Cadets may have the opportunity to:

- learn about boating and water safety
- go camping, swimming
- participate in parades and community events
- play sports
- learn knot tying, communications and other seamanship skills
- go on citizenship tours and other trips
- be in a corps band
- make lots of friends doing fun activities

Want to check it out before signing up? If so, there's an open house at the Brandon Armoury Sept. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. Use the 11th Street entrance.



RCA Reunion kudos for Zenith Paving

Members of the RCA Reunion committee dropped by Zenith Paving in Brandon recently to offer thanks for their contribution to the four-day event held in late June. Receiving a special plaque to mark the company's contribution from RCA Reunion chairperson Chuck LaRocque and golf rep Sonny O'Donnell was Zenith Paving vice-president David Cumming and human resources manager Paul Parsons, who is a retired Airborne Gunner. Cumming said he appreciated the kudos and plans to contribute to the 2021 reunion. He acknowledged his company has hired a number of retired military members, and they provide excellent leadership and workmanship at the array of projects done by Zenith Paving.

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Military store celebrates 50th anniversary with birthday party

'Sense of community' important to CANEX

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Often referred to as "Canada's Military Store," CANEX has been in business for half a century.

And to mark the 50th anniversary this month, CFMWS' retail operations across Canada held parties, like CFB Shilo's venue did for its customers Sept. 15.

CANEX manager Melissa Kelly and her staff were busy during the three-hour event held outdoors —

Mother Nature co-operated by not adding precipitation to the fall-like breeze and temperature — serving up cotton candy, popcorn and birthday cake.

There bouncy castles entertained the younger birthday party goers, while an array of farm animals were available for petting and holding.

Brandon Fountain Tire owner/manager Jess Cords and his staff filled hungry bellies, serving up barbecued smokies, and hotdogs, washed down by CANEX water or cold beverages. Plus potato chips.

Opened in 1968, CANEX provided goods and services to the military members and their families living in the PMQs. CANEX currently counts 35 retail outlets across Canada, which includes Bases, Wings and its e-commerce store, CANEX.ca

In Canada, business consists of mainly general merchandise with select grocery, petroleum, and food services available at Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Bases/Wings and units. In Europe, retail facilities, operated under NATEX, provide similar services benefiting the local NATO communities.

"The sense of community offered by CANEX and the services they provide are part of the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services' commitment to supporting military members and their families," said CEO CFMWS Commodore Sean Cantelon.

"This is especially important during difficult times, when loved ones are deployed or families are settling into new communities after being posted. Our understanding of the challenges of postings and relocation help us serve our members that much better."

CANEX also manages local business concessionaires that add value and convenience to the local CAF community, such as long-standing partners Tim Hortons, Subway, barber shops, and The Personal Insurance Company, to name a few.

During the past 10 fiscal years, more than \$30 million in proceeds from CANEX sales have been reinvested

in local Base/Wing/unit funds for the betterment of morale and wellness of local CAF communities.

These funds support a variety of social, sports, and recreational programs including skating, curling, and swimming programs, libraries, hobbyist activities, and more.

"For generations, CANEX has been a staple of our military support system. Known for its convenience in Canada and around the world, their stores provide our members and their families with high-quality services and products, which enhances our overall operational readiness," said Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Jonathan Vance.

"They've been with us through some of our most important missions, and I'm confident they'll continue being a valuable partner well into the future."

CANEX, a division of CFMWS, supports the CAF operational effectiveness by contributing to morale, esprit de corps, and unit cohesion. It employs more than 500 dedicated staff across Canada, many of whom are spouses, partners, and/or dependents of serving CAF members.

"CANEX's 50-year history of providing retail and commercial services, in a highly competitive retail industry, is a testament to our responsiveness to our customers," said CFMWS vice-president Commercial services Larry Mohr.

"Moving forward, we will continue to modernize our operations as was done with our new flagship store at [Garrison] Petawawa, illustrating our strong brand and affiliation to the CAF as 'Canada's Military Store,' both bricks and mortar and online at CANEX.ca."

He added, "CANEX, is committed to offering unique and branded merchandise with an exceptional customer experience, centered on being competitive, convenient, and relevant to our members, their families, and the extended CAF community."

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Fountain Tire owner/manager Jess Cords serves a smokie during CANEX's 50th birthday party held Sept. 15. Youngsters taking in the community event enjoyed the petting zoo and cotton candy.

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