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*Photos by Jules Xavier Sarah Francis*



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# Leaving the Army? Consider doing a component transfer to the Reserves

**WO John Polegato**  
Stag Special

Having a career in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has provided many Canadians with the opportunity to serve

their country in a rewarding way and provide the necessary financial stability needed to support their family.

If a Regular Force member decides to release from the CAF, none of these things have to change. By doing the simple administrative process of a Component Transfer (CT) directly to the Reserve, you can still continue to serve as a member of the CAF, and maintain most of the benefits you had as a Regular Force member.

The CT is an administrative process by which a CAF member voluntarily changes component with no break in service and remains a member of the CAF.

What are there benefits of doing a CT to the Reserve?

After releasing from Regular Force, continuing to serve in the Reserve provides a member with the opportunity to

start a new career outside the CAF without losing the benefits of being in the CAF.

The Reserve provides financial strength, long-term career stability, and continued service in the CAF. Members who complete a CT to the Reserve can still collect their pension while serving part-time or while serving full-time for up to 364 days.

Also, their dental care is covered at 80 per cent and 50 per cent of post-secondary education can be reimbursed by the CAF. More importantly, if a member decides at a later date to seek full-time employment in the Regular Force, it is a faster administrative process than re-enrolment.

With Reserve units located in more than 100 communities across the country, a member wishing to do a CT has a variety of options to choose from for a trade



Bdr Micha Gerber of the 116th Independent Field Battery, 38 Canadian Brigade Group, conducts fire suppression operations near La Ronge, Saskatchewan during Op LENTUS in July.

*Photo by MCpl Mélanie Ferguson, Canadian Army Public Affairs*

or for a location of employment. The process to do a CT is simple, well co-ordinated, and only requires few steps: • The member obtains a position from a Reserve Unit. If the member requires any occupation transfer, the selection process is completed by the local Base Personnel Selection Officer, in conjunction with the losing unit. • The member applies to the Release Section at least 30 days prior to the transfer date. • The Release Section confirms the position number provided by the gaining unit. • The member must have a completed and current annual Force Test and annual Medical. • The gaining Unit obtains approval and the Release Section transfers the member directly to the position.

What is the Reserve?

The Reserve is a part-time, fully integrated component of the Canadian Army. The primary role of the Reserve Force is to augment, sustain, and support the Regular Force.

In recent years, Reservists have made substantial contributions to Canada's expeditionary (international) and/or domestic operations. Many Reservists serve full-time within the CAF on employment contracts.

The Army Reserve within the 3rd Canadian Division has greatly contributed to the success of domestic operations as well as international ones. Among the many ways that Reservists have contributed to serve their country, they have:

- Supported the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver;
- Assisted with flood relief efforts in Quebec and Manitoba;
- Participated in recovery efforts following ice storms in eastern Canada;
- Fought forest fires in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia;
- Assisted with hurricane relief efforts in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- Since 2000, more than 4,000 Reservists have been deployed in CAF operations in Afghanistan, Haiti, and other international expeditionary operations.

In addition, Reservists often help in cultural events, parades, festivals, and other public events in their communities across Canada.

Employment in the Reserve provides members with the flexibility they require to balance their civilian obligations and their Reserve occupation.

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**FARRAH**

This is Cheryl van deer Raadt's dog Farrah. She was named for her long, flowing hair, just like the original Farrah Fawcett. She's a pretty girl, with a small dog attitude, according to Cheryl, who is the administrative co-ordinator at the RCA Museum. Do you have a photo of your pet you'd like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to us via [stag@mymts.net](mailto:stag@mymts.net)

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# General's visit



LGen Marquis Hainse, Commander Canadian Army, and ASM CWO Alain Guimond visited CFB Shilo and held a town hall meeting at the MPTF. Prior to his talk with soldiers from across the Base, he presented 2PPCLI CO LCol Wayne Niven with his CD medal with bar (above), while Capt Venus McInnis (below) received a command coin for her work on the United Way campaign, plus her support of the recent Ex KAPYONG MACE. LGen Hainse talked about a number of Army issues, then took questions from the floor.

*Photos by Jules Xavier*



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During flooding in Manitoba in 2014, Reservists joined 1RCHA to fill sand bags in Portage La Prairie.

Photo by Jules Xavier

## Reservists receive support from CAF

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The Reserve is voluntary and for an undefined period of time. Finally, it is always voluntary to go on exercise, tasking, or deployment.

Reservists have the opportunity to be employed under various types of service classifications: Class A, B, or C.

**Class A:** The majority of Reservists are employed in Class A, which means they are working part-time. Depending on the local unit and the position, Class A reservists generally parade one half-day per week in addition to one weekend per month, and are paid accordingly.

There is no annual vacation time allotted to the Reservist member, however there is a payment in lieu of leave equivalent to nine per cent.

Medical care is covered by the member's personal insurance, while the CAF reimburses 80 per cent of dental care.

The CAF provides the support required for Reservists injured while on duty.

A Class A Reservist is paid for each day he or she works and is entitled to 85 per cent of a Regular Force daily salary.

**Class B:** A Reservist can also be employed full-time on contract or tasking — this type of employment is called Class B. In order to work on a contract full-time, a Reservist needs to browse and apply through the Reserve Employment Opportunities website.

Class B provides the Reservist with the opportunity to choose from a variety of job employment that will

help him or her build a broad experience.

Class B contracts range from one year to three years, depending on the position. For a contract above 180 days, full dental and medical care are available through CAF medical services and are free.

**Class C:** Reservists play an essential role in the CAF: to augment the Regular Force when required. As such, Reservists can volunteer to participate to a domestic or an international operation.

In those circumstances, the Reservist is serving under a Class C contract, which gives him or her the same benefits and pay as a Regular Force member.

The CAF provides its members a wide selection of employment. If you want to release from the Regular Force, there are options available aside from completely leaving the military — it's still possible to continue to serve your country and have the flexibility to balance your family life or a new civilian career.

By doing a CT to the Reserve, you can keep benefits comparable to those offered Regular Force members, and the process for transferring back to the Regular Force is easier than re-enrolment.

For questions contact the 3rd Canadian Division Intake and Retention Cell at [3CdnDivIntake-Retention@intern.mil.ca](mailto:3CdnDivIntake-Retention@intern.mil.ca) or dial toll free 1-844-823-6032.

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# Soldiers' tragedy struck on Nov. 21, 1950

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It was another frigid morning for those attending the annual the Canoe River Memorial Service held at the Canoe River Memorial on Royal Avenue.

This is a significant annual event in artillery history, with soldiers from 1RCHA and elsewhere from other units arriving just before 8 a.m. to prepare for the formal ceremony and laying of three wreaths. Unlike past years, this year the ceremony had no Korean War veterans in attendance.

What is the Canoe River Memorial Service?

The history of why CFB Shilo hosts this annual event in late November is as follows — as part of the Canadian contingency to Korea, 2RCHA was participated in Op SAWHORSE, the large-scale rail movement of more than 6,000 soldiers of the Canadian Army Special Forces (CASF) from various points of Canada to Fort Lewis, Washington.

The journey aboard the first of the two trains carrying the gunners was uneventful. Then tragedy struck at 10:35 a.m. on Nov. 21, 1950.

The second train was met head-on, just east of Canoe River, by a Vancouver-Montreal passenger train. The engines and leading coaches of both trains were derailed.

There were no casualties to passengers on the east-bound train, however, the forward cars of the military train were thrown down an embankment and demolished, resulting in a heavy toll.

Recovery of bodies was extremely difficult. An oil

fire rendered a number of them unidentifiable. The final count of fatalities was 17, including four soldiers whose bodies were never recovered.

The four CN Rail crew members were also killed. The injured men — 33 non-walking and nine walking — were treated by a doctor in Edson, Alberta, pending the arrival of a specially-organized train carrying two doctors, eight nurses and much needed medical supplies.

The uninjured gunners returned to Wainwright from where, after a short rest, they left for Fort Lewis on Nov. 29, 1950.

A memorial cairn was erected in Camp Shilo to commemorate this tragedy and, in 1998, a roadside marker was erected and dedicated in Valemount, BC, by the Klondike City Unity of the Korea Veterans Association as a historical reminder of the tragic Canoe River train wreck on Nov. 21, 1950.

The honour roll which adorns the cairn on this Base features the names of those who died while serving their country during the Korean War: Gnr Arden Joseph Atchison, Gnr Weldon Eugene Barkhouse, Gnr Norman William Carroll, Gnr Robert Arthur Craig, Gnr Frederick William Conway, Gnr Austin Emery George, Gnr Urbain Joseph Levesque, Gnr Robert William Manley, Gnr Basil Patrick McKeown, Gnr Albert William Orr, Gnr David Owens, Gnr Leslie Albert Snow, Gnr Albert George Stroud, Gnr Joseph Thistle, Gnr James Milo Wenkert, Gnr James Joseph White and Gnr William David Wright.

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Salute from an 1RCHA soldier during the Canoe River Memorial Service. Photo by Jules Xavier

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While soft drinks and peanuts were not served on the flight out to the LZ was quick, A Bty soldiers and their combat gear, including mortars, sat snugly in their Chinook helicopter. Once on the ground they quickly advanced to their objective, found the enemy target, and neutralized them with mortar fire.



The Chinook helicopter ride enjoyed by 1RCHA A Bty as part of Ex CHINOOK GUNNER took them into the training area to hone their mortar skills (below). Stag assistant editor Sarah Francis (inset) went along for the ride to document the exercise from the air and ground.

*Photos by Jules Xavier/Sarah Francis*



## A Bty delivers 'Gunner guarantee' during Ex CHINOOK GUNNER

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

While he did not have an opportunity to take flight with his men, Maj Joe O'Donnell was impressed with what he observed during Ex CHINOOK GUNNER from the ground.

"I thought the drills from PZ to LZ were pretty slick," the OC for 1RCHA A Bty told the Stag. "The RAID went off pretty well and achieved my intent. I think we'll be better postured to support airmobile and air assault operations in the future for sure."

A Bty used the second day of Ex CHINOOK GUNNER, while the previous day saw B Bty make use of the CH-147F Chinook helicopter from 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron to move equipment like the M777 around the training area.

Maj O'Donnell's intent for holding a field training exercise (FTX) using the RCAF's Chinooks was to "exercise airmobile drills of the mortar troop."

It was a day for soldiers, and the Stag's assistant editor Sarah Francis to learn a number of key terminologies besides her first flight in the massive helicopter. While crammed like sardines inside as the chopper took flight out into the field, she described the flight as being in a cruise ship — clear sailing, but a little

bumpy once you prepared to land and disperse the mortar troop

"The guys found it enjoyable, specifically because A Bty will be doing a lot with 3PPCLI [out of Garrison Edmonton] as part of Task Force NEMESIS and our road to high readiness," said Maj O'Donnell.

What were some of the key terminology one heard while involved in Ex CHINOOK GUNNER? Here's a sampling of the acronyms soldiers used while communicating with each other, or the Chinook crew:

- PZ Pick-up Zone (where the troops loaded the Chinook)
- LZ Landing Zone (where they landed)
- MUAS Mini Unmanned Aerial System
- FAC Forward Air Controller
- CAS Close Air Support
- BC Battery Commander
- FOO Forward Observation Officer
- GPO Gun Position Officer
- TSM Troop Sergeant Major
- Y-Hr Time at which the first helicopter departs the PZ.
- L-Hr The time at which the 1st Helo touches in the LZ.
- AMA: Artillery Manoeuvre Area

Prior to taking flight, Maj O'Donnell said a tactical scenario was created, with participants briefed before heading out following a lunch of chili, rice, salads and pastries for dessert.

"Orders were given by the BC at D-1 to conduct a raid on objective 'SNAKE,' an enemy concentration that had been disrupting operations of flanking forces," he explained, adding his men's mission was to destroy the SNAKE, with "1CMBG clearance of SAN JUAN Canton."

Earlier in the day before the Chinook arrived, the GPO Capt Jon Lee gave the mortar troop his orders. Concurrently the FAC, MBdr Oliver, FOO Capt Kelly and MUAS Detachment Commander MBdr Moran synchronized fires onto the objective to achieve the BC's fireplan.

With two flights out after lunch, Maj O'Donnell said this gave enough time for the FOOs, FACs, MUAS and mortar line to get into position.

"The mortars surreptitiously approached their AMA and received orientation from the GPO, meanwhile the RAVEN B, MUAV defined the target area with the FOO/FAC," he explained. "The FAC co-ordinated CAS [simulated by Alpha Jets] and deconflicted airspace of the mortars, MUAV and the mortar live fire."

By 2 p.m. the targets were destroyed, and all parties tactically withdrew from the position.

"A Bty delivered the 'Gunner guarantee' once again," beamed Maj O'Donnell.





*United Way  
touchdown  
pancake  
breakfast*



Photos by Jules Xavier



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CFB Shilo's 2015 United Way campaign is closing in on its goal.

With recent monies being added to the coffers, such as the pancake "touchdown" breakfast held at Flatlands dining hall, a Base headquarters chili cook-off, and IRCHA WO Richard Beatty raffling off an autographed No. 12 Yvan Cournoyer Montreal Canadiens jersey, the total collected is near the 80 per cent mark.

Or more than \$30,000 to date through the Base's workplace charitable campaign.

You can see the progress on the tote board located by the German tank in the Canoe River Park. The Base's contribution goes to the United Way of Brandon and District campaign, which has set an \$800,000 goal.

This year marked the second time a special military-themed Brandon Wheat Kings game raised funds for the United Way program.

This year's game was held on Remembrance Day, with the camouflage jerseys worn by the Wheat Kings during their 3-0 loss to the Red Deer Rebels auctioned off by game goers leaving bids up to the start of the third period. When the 22 autographed game-worn jerseys were handed out to the winning bids, \$14,575 was raised.

This total was announced during the pancake breakfast hosted by the Base. During the inaugural military jersey auction and raffle it raised \$19,306.

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*Photos by Jules Xavier*



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## Canadian Patrol Concentration in Wainwright, Alberta

# 2PPCLI garner silver after testing mettle during competition

### Shilo Stag

It was a silver experience for members of 2PPCLI's during the third annual Canadian Patrol Concentration (CPC), an intense patrolling event held at the Wainwright Training Area in Alberta.

The 12-day competition started Nov. 13, with approximately 200 Canadian Army Regular and Reserve Force members, as well as participants from three countries, testing their mettle in this gruelling event.

Twenty-six teams from across Canada and five teams representing the land forces from Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States responded to realistic and challenging scenario-based events as they patrolled in unpredictable terrain and weather.

"The Canadian Patrol Concentration is a realistic training scenario and a testament to the Canadian Army's resilience and fortitude. International participation underscores the value of this type of training and demonstrates the strong ties between our allies and the Canadian Army," said LGen Marquis Hainse, Commander Canadian Army. "I am convinced that participants will find the concentration both challenging and rewarding."

This year's CPC was a physically and mentally taxing event that challenged soldiers' stamina, mental fortitude, section-level leadership, and basic soldier skills.

Eight-member teams, including 2PPCLI's squad, were inserted into a staged "enemy's" territory, where they were required to patrol close to 35 kilometres, while avoiding detection, and reporting on enemy activities.

CPC is organized and hosted by the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC). CMTC provides the vital training function for planning and delivering realistic and challenging training to deploying and high-readiness units of the Canadian Army.

CMTC has developed and organized the annual CPC to fill a need for a safe, but challenging practical test for Canadian soldiers.

CMTC is also part of the larger Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre, which plans and manages the intellectual development and training of the Canadian Army.

"This CMTC-led training activity provides a unique opportunity for our soldiers to put their patrolling skills to use in a very real and challenging venue," said MGen Jean-Marc Lanthier, Commander Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre.

"Ultimately, Canadian Patrol Concentration participants will be able to take their hard-earned experiences back to their home units, which will contribute to enhancing the overall excellence of the Canadian Army."



2PPCLI Recce garnered silver at the Canadian Patrol Concentration (CPC) while deployed to the Wainwright Training Area in order to participate in a physically and mentally taxing event which challenged their stamina, mental fortitude, section-level leadership and basic soldier skills. Team members are Cpl Goertzen, Cpl Hillis, Sgt Webber, MCpl Wiebe, Cpl Brebrant; (front) Pte Brushett, Cpl Buckle, Pte Baigent. *Photo submitted*

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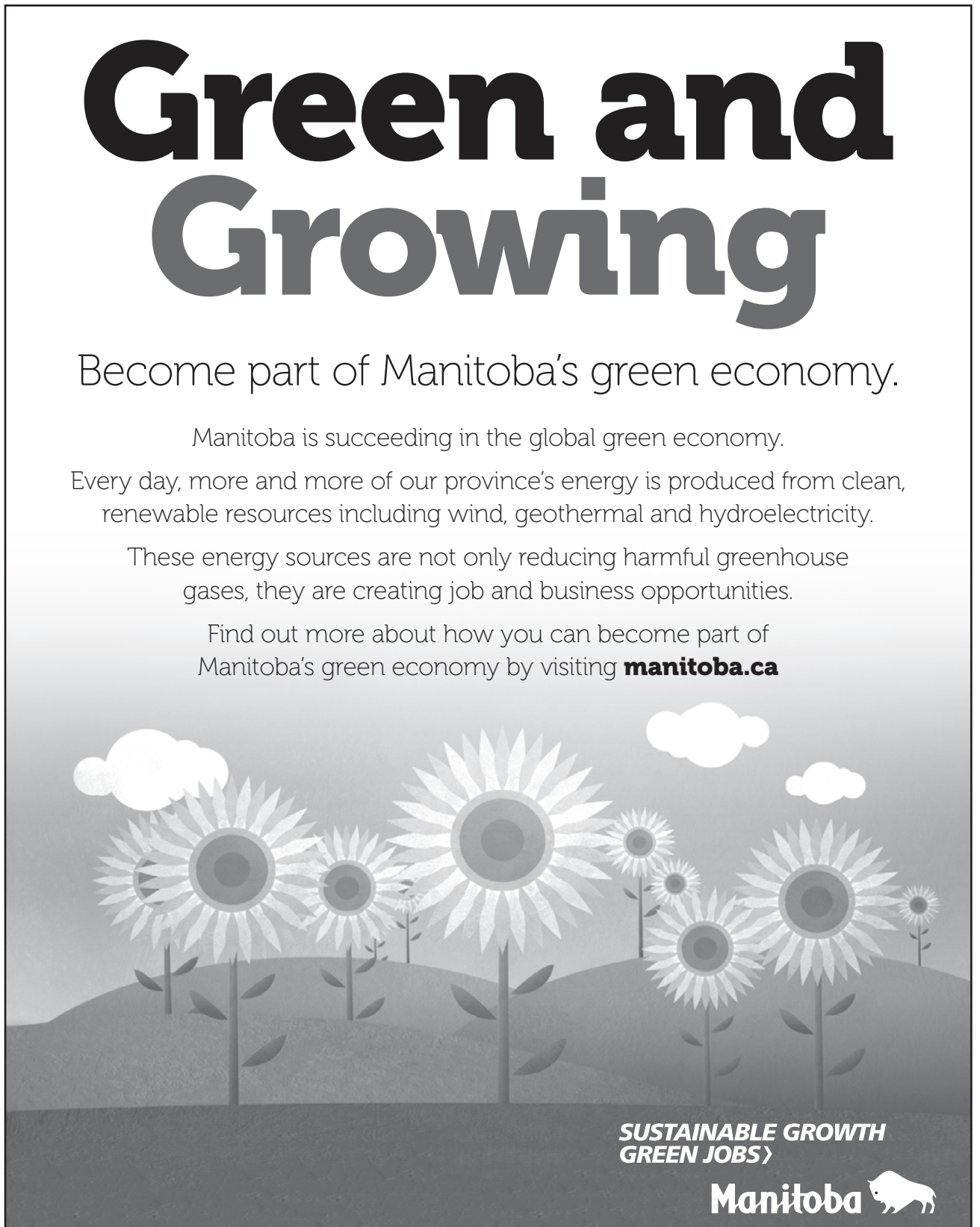
### NEXT HOME GAME:

- Dec. 4 vs Regina
- Dec. 5 vs Saskatoon
- Dec. 8 vs Calgary
- Dec. 11 vs Lethbridge
- Dec. 12 vs Kelowna




- Dec. 16 vs Kamloops
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**CFB Shilo's  
Candy Cane Christmas**

Join PSP & the MFRC as we celebrate the Christmas season!

**Saturday, December 12**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Community Centre Annex, Bldg L-25**

- ☼ Pancake Breakfast
- ☼ Photos with Santa
- ☼ Cookie Decorating
- ☼ Kids Christmas Shopping, and much more!

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 204-765-3000 ext. 3317/3588 or the MFRC Front Desk at 204-765-3000 ext. 3352.




1RCHA B Bty, here facing Base Reps, holds down first place in the No-hit Inter-section Hockey League. B Bty will face A Bty in the annual Kingston Cup Dec. 4 at Gunner Arena.  
*Photo by Jules Xavier*


**Your boss is being inappropriate to your coworker.**

You can see if she's ok, or tell HR. But if you don't help her, you're helping him.

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## VFP pilot project Access to programs provided

### MFRC Special

Are you a medically releasing or released member or family member?

If so, you have access to the services included in the Veteran Family Program (VFP).

What is the VFP pilot project?

The VFP is a four-year pilot project that provides medically releasing Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and their families with access to the Military Family Services Program (MFSP) for two years after the date of

their release.

Shilo's MFRC is one of the seven pilot MFRC's which will be expanding its programs and services to assist medically releasing veterans and their families with the transition to civilian life.

What do the VFP services include?

The VFP services will offer services in the following three areas: enhanced information, transition (and prevention) programs, and intervention services.

Examples include:

- One-on-one support with the VFP co-ordinator who will provide information and support customized to

each member and their family as to how to "navigate" their transition.

- Referrals to additional services within the community.

- Access to the 24-hour family information line at 1-800-866-4546.

- Transitional Booklet that helps individuals and families work through the stages of transitioning

- Prevention programs including: Bounce Back, which is an evidence-based, community skill building program designed to help adults experiencing symptoms of mild to moderate depression, low mood, or stress, with or without anxiety; and Living Life to the Full, which is an interactive, evidence-based program from Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) based on the five areas CBT method to help individuals understand their feelings, thoughts and behaviours, and what to do about them.

Participants also receive information and support in accessing funding for childcare or caregiver support.

Contact Pamela Hall at 204-765-3000 ext 4557.



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## Sentinels net action

Coach John Cochrane has been impressed with the resilient way his peewee team has rebounded from early scoring deficits, then rebound to prevail on the Gunner Arena scoreboard. *Photo by Jules Xavier*



## We want you on our team

The Shilo Stag is looking for another sales consultant for its team. Help us sell the Brandon business market on advertising in the *Stag*. They have a captive audience — especially with people here who are new to the community after being posted here from elsewhere in Canada. Where do you shop for new glasses; groom your dog; take the wife out for an anniversary dinner; buy a new car or have winter tires put on the van with the advent of winter; shop for back to school clothes and supplies? Working on commission, you can set your own hours. The more you hustle and sign advertisers up to promote their business in the *Stag*, the more you earn. Drop by the *Stag's* office in CANEX and see Jules or Sarah about the job. Or call 204-765-3000 ext 3013/3093. Be part of the award-winning *Shilo Stag* team.

## Where's Willie?

Somewhere on the pages of this *Shilo Stag* is a picture of Willie, the Wheat Kings mascot.

Tell us on what page, in what particular advertisement Willie was found and correctly answer the following skill-testing question for your chance to win two tickets to an upcoming Wheat Kings home game in Brandon.



### Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Page #, ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to skill-testing question:  
 What weapon was used by soldiers aiming at tank targets?

Cut out your entry form and fax it to 204-765-3814, or scan it and e-mail to [stag@mymts.net](mailto:stag@mymts.net) or drop it off at the Stag's office at CANEX. Draw will be made on the Monday prior to game day.

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**\$10 for first 20 words,  
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**Deadline for next issue:**

**January 7 at noon**

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 residents of the surrounding area.*

### Services



**St. Barbara's Protestant Chapel**  
 Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school & nursery  
 Padre Lee - ext 3090  
 Padre Neil - ext 6836  
 Padre Olive - ext 3088  
 Padre Dennis - ext 3698  
 Padre Costen - ext 3381  
 Padre Ihuoma - ext 3089

**Our Lady of Shilo Roman Catholic Chapel**  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday 12:05 p.m.  
 Confession by appointment

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**We buy and sell** good used furniture/appliances and we deal in coins and coin/stamp supplies. People's Market Place, 32-13th St., Brandon, 204-727-4708.

### Employment

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

### Homes For Sale

**House for sale in Brandon.** Fresh total reno. 840 square feet. Two-bedroom available Jan. 1. 204-726-1760. Asking \$170,000.

### Services

**Now Open:** Naturally Amourified in the CANEX Mall. Full-service hair salon and registered massage therapist. 204-721-0604

### Employment

**CANEX WANTS YOU:** Clerk/cashier part-time position with 13 to 32 hr /week required. Must be available days/evenings, and weekends. Under the direction of the department supervisor, the clerk/cashier scans customer purchases, processes the transactions, and accepts payment. He/she prices, stocks shelves, counters and display areas with merchandise and keep stock in order. He/she performs cleaning duties as required. Starting salary is \$11.69 per hour after two-month probation. Apply in person at CANEX administration office, or NPF Human Resources office at base HQ.

## Pick up your FREE copy at any of the following locations:

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 Brandon Armoury  
 Women's Resource Centre - Town Centre Mall  
 Royal Cdn Legion Branch No. 3  
 Sobeys

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 CANEX Mall  
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## Aiming at tank targets

M84 Carl Gustov weapon was used for target practice for 3CDTC Advanced Small Arms course featuring 2PPCLI staff and candidates. The blast (above) captured featured Lt Eric Henderson 8PL Comd helping a fellow soldier fire at the targets (top) on the training range. Cpl Daniel Fullerton, a rifleman with 2PPCLI's B Coy, awaits with his M84 Carl Gustov prior to arriving at the range. Afterwards, the course participants posed for a group photo.

*Photos by Jules Xavier*