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The annual Shilo MFRC mud day was another muddy success if you based it on the appearance of parents and youngsters alike. Here, Jenna Marie uses mud to draw on 10-month-old Boston's tummy. For more from the muddy event, see page 6.

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# 'Mission first, Men next ... then Self'

## BRSM uses common sense approach with job

**Sarah Francis**  
Shilo Stag

A lead by example approach is how CWO Don Askeland will take on his tenure as Base RSM.

CWO Askeland was born in Terrace, BC, 47 years ago and joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 1989.

His first posting was to 2PPCLI in Winnipeg.

During his time there, he served tours in Croatia and Bosnia twice. CWO Askeland was also involved in the Ice Storms in Quebec, forest fires in British Columbia as well as the floods in Manitoba.

When Kapyong Barracks relocated to CFB Shilo in 2004, he followed 2VP. However, that posting was short and he was moved to the Infantry School in Gagetown, NB, in 2005.

While at the school CWO Askeland was the Reconnaissance Subject Matter Expert (SME). As Reconnaissance SME he instructed at the Armoured and ISTAR Division Wing in Senny Bridge, United Kingdom on the Light Reconnaissance Commanders course in 2006.

A year after being posted back to CFB Shilo, he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008.

After returning to 2PPCLI he worked as Combat Support Company Sergeant Major, Administration Company Sergeant Major and finally as the Quarter Master Sergeant Instructor (QMSI).

While working as the QMSI he was inducted into the Order of Military Merit. He was promoted to CWO and received his appointment of BRSM June 18.

Like many people working in CFB Shilo, he lives in Brandon. CWO Askeland has been married to his wife Tracy for 22 years. They have two kids, Madison and Katelynn.

In his spare time CWO Askeland is involved with the Brandon Youth Soccer Association as a coach.

He took part in a Q&A with the *Stag*, where he explained why he joined the CAF, his approach to leading and some of the highlights of his military career.

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

**CWO Don Askeland (DA):** "I pursued a career with the CAF because my mother and step-father were part of the military. I realized at a young age, that the military is very much a way of life, and it was a way of life that I wanted to be part of."

**SS:** What was your influence in choosing the army as your military career?



New BRSM CWO Don Askeland received the pace stick once carried by outgoing BRSM CWO James Doppler from BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey during a Change of Appointment (CoA) ceremony. CWO Doppler had his own CoA at Garrison Edmonton June 24, with his new posting seeing him as the 3CDSG GSM starting July 6.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

**DA:** "Being a Base brat, I had many influences. However, my two biggest influences were my mom and step-dad. My mom was an RMS clerk and my step-dad was a member of the Queens Own Rifles and transferred to 3PPCLI when that unit was disbanded. You could say he had the biggest influence on me, as I followed in his steps and joined PPCLI myself."

**SS:** What were your thoughts when you were informed you'd be taking on the role of RSM?

**DA:** "I was very excited to be appointed Base RSM, as not many NCM's have a chance to become a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) within the CAF. I was also excited to stay in Manitoba, where my family and I have lived for the better part of 25 years. Being in Shilo will definitely make the transition to BRSM easier, as I have worked with many of the organizations and key personnel on base as QMSI for 2PPCLI."

**SS:** What is your approach when it comes to leading soldiers with the CWO rank?

**DA:** "My approach has never changed. I am, and always will be, a lead by example soldier. Soldiers can rest assured, I will never ask someone to do something I'm not willing to do myself."

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

**DA:** "I'm a soldier that likes to have fun during the process. However, I'm a firm believer in the old adage: Mission first, Men next and then Self. Away from the job it's definitely family first, then friends, as these two are the glue that ensures I can do my job. At times they suffer just as much as the self does in the achievement of the mission."

**SS:** What makes a good CWO when it comes to dealing with the day-to-day military duties/operations?

**DA:** "For me it is one that uses a common sense approach. He has to be open-minded and draw on the experience of his SME's. He has to know what right looks like. With those in mind; day-to-day activities become second nature."

**SS:** What advice has your outgoing predecessor provided you when it comes to the RSM job?

**DA:** "CWO Jim Doppler has advised me to enjoy my time as BRSM, because it's over before you know it."

**SS:** What are some of the highlights from your military career, including tours with PPCLI?

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## Pet of the Week

MOCHI



Owner Aimee Rutz rescued Mochi from South Korea. Mochi is the name of a sweet Japanese rice cake shaped like a circle. A domestic short-hair cat, aged six, Mochi is a "chatty" cat, always meowing.



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## Ready for the links

Former BRSM CWO James Doppler has plenty of golf courses in and around Edmonton to choose from now that his military career has taken him to Garrison Edmonton. CWO Doppler is the 3CDSG GSM as of July 6. During the Change of Appointment ceremony that saw CWO Don Askeland take on the duties of BRSM, CWO Doppler received a parting gift of a new driver. He was a regular on the links at the Shilo Country Club. BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey did ask about the availability of the old driver now that CWO Doppler has the new club.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

# Synchronized schedule between Base Units goal for new BRSM

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DA: "I have many fond memories throughout my career, many of which are from the Manitoba area and Shilo in particular. Even though I was a member of 2PPCLI, I have worked extensively with 1RCHA. Whether it was on exercise or on operational tours such as Bosnia in 1997 and 2000, but most recently in Afghanistan in 2008. The friendship and 'CAN DO' attitude between the two major units here in Shilo, is rarely seen in other places in Canada, and being part of that is definitely a highlight. However, other short-lived highlights would be teaching on the British Advance Reconnaissance course in Senny Bridge, UK and being part of the 2PPCLI contingent that went to Korea for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong was also great experience."

SS: *Finally, what goals have you set for yourself during the two-year tenure at the helm as RSM?*

DA: "I have many little goals that are very achievable that deal directly with the efficiency of the processes here on Base. However, my biggest and most difficult goal, will be to influence a synchronized schedule between all Base Units. This is so all members of the Base who call Shilo or Brandon home will be able to participate in community functions together. This will be very difficult as there are many outside influences for all involved. But as Albert Einstein said, 'Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible.' So I will try."



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# Base quarterly parade

## Accolades for soldiers, civilians

### Shilo Stag

She is the face of volunteerism on this Base.

This fact was recognized by BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey, who acknowledged Myrna Lane during the spring quarterly parade with a Command Team commendation.

For more than four decades, Lane has volunteered on the Base, especially with St. Barbara's Chapel.

Since 1968, she has been the driving force behind the spirit of volunteerism at the chapel.

Whether it was serving in the Women's Guild, helping to organize the children's Christmas pageants, or helping the Padres run the first Vacation Bible School, Lane's support and commitment to excellence has made her an invaluable contributor to the morale and welfare of Shilo families.

During the difficult days of Task Force Afghanistan not only did Lane lighten the burden of the Padres serving at St. Barbara's, her outreach to new members and their spouses exemplified the spirit of service.

LCol Joudrey noted the Base is indebted to her support and commitment to the community of CFB Shilo and St. Barbara's Chapel.

Another Command Team commendation recipient was Sharon Brooks, who has been actively involved with the Shilo MFRC for a quarter century. Brooks was one of the founders of the Larkhill Family Resource Centre, later known as the MFRC.

She served as a member on the first board of directors, became a board chair and has volunteered in one way or another ever since. Brooks was instrumental in the production of the MFRC's 25th anniversary commemorative book by providing much of the history details and information now contained within.

Three individuals received Command Team coins from LCol Joudrey during the parade held at the MPTF.

Ben Sinclair was awarded a Command Team coin for his tireless work ethic, devotion to his work and dedication to his peers at the Central Heating Plant and Engineering Services.

Upon hearing of a situation that would cause signif-



Cpl Maguathi was named Soldier of the Quarter, covering the months April to June, during the quarterly parade held at the MPTF.

Photo by Jules Xavier

icant operational issues at the Central Heating Plant on the Base, Sinclair offered to work the midnight shift during the entire heating season in order to ensure the Central Heating Plant remained fully staffed and operationally effective.

During the weekend of May 16 there was a wind storm that passed through southwestern Manitoba.

Among other problems, this wind tore a significant portion of the roof off of the Base Transport building and forced a bus off of the road.

Sgt MacKeigan reacted quickly to these emergency situations.

Her actions prevented further damage while ensuring that no personnel were injured. For these reasons she received a Command Team coin from LCol Joudrey.

As did MCpl Shreve, who has consistently stood out as an exceptional performer.

He approaches his work with a rare vigour and enthusiasm, always willing to learn and take on additional tasks, roles, secondary duties, and professional development opportunities.

MCpl Shreve shows exceptional dedication to both his work and his co-workers, demonstrated when he stepped up to assist Base Transport during the wind storm in May.

He is a strong asset to Base Transport, and CFB Shilo is fortunate to have him on our team.

During his Change of Appointment (CoA) parade, outgoing BRSM CWO James Doppler presented his assistant, Sgt Wolfgang Schroeder with a Command Team coin for his tireless work.

Sgt Schroeder consistently goes above and beyond the scope of his responsibilities to assist the BRSM, CFB Shilo, and anyone else who seeks his assistance.

No matter how busy he is, he never says no to requests, be they for last-minute work parties, IS requests, Base Duty questions, administration of our BTL personnel and Return to Duty personnel — the list goes on.

He always demonstrate superior organizational, management and communication skills, and embodies the military ethos.

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MCpl Shreve



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# RCA Museum honours Airborne Gunners

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The RCA Museum has opened a new temporary exhibit aimed at telling the story of the Airborne Gunner.

The Airborne Gunner has been an integral part of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery for more than 75 years. Formed in 1944, Airborne Gunners fought through Europe in the Second World War and continue to serve on operations today.

The exhibit features uniforms, parachute gear, and specially designed equipment from the Second World War through to peacekeeping operations in the 1970s.

Included is a jeep used by the Airborne which was commonly air-dropped during training exercises.

Although formally disbanded as a unit in 1993, Airborne Gunners continue to serve today in Airborne Mortar Troop 2RCHA, based at Garrison Petawawa, and in the Primary Reserves.

The Airborne connection to Shilo goes back to the Second World War when A35 Canadian Parachute Training Centre was located at Camp Shilo.

After 1943, this training used the now defunct Shilo jump tower. The 220-foot structure could be seen for miles around and was a landmark for years beyond its service until it was torn down in 1987.

Also in 1943, the Packing and Maintenance Wing was added to the Training School which employed parachute packers from the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

**Quick Facts:** The RCA Museum would like to acknowledge the active participation and support of the retired Airborne Gunner members in the development of this exhibit. The exhibit opened June 26 in conjunction with the Airborne Gunner and RCA reunions which were held at CFB Shilo.



RCA Museum staff spent a few days taking down the First World War exhibit to make way for a temporary Airborne Gunners exhibit which opened June 26. Here, a worker attaches a head to a mannequin wearing Airborne Gunner's parachute and military attire.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

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## Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

### Applicant: Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

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The Public Utilities Board (Board) anticipates holding a public hearing of an application from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) for approval of rates and premiums for compulsory vehicle and driver insurance as of March 1, 2016. The hearing would take place at the Board's Hearing Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (commencing at 9:00 a.m.) on October 5, 2015. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2015.

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The Corporation is requesting approval for Basic Autopac vehicle and drivers licence insurance rates and premiums effective March 1, 2016, which, if approved, will result in no overall change in MPI's Basic premium revenue (excluding the impact of vehicle upgrades and an increased overall driver and vehicle population).

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Interested parties should take note that the Board does not have jurisdiction over the MPI lines of business denoted as Extension or SRE, or as to MPI's Driver and Vehicle Licensing operation.

Persons seeking further information as to MPI's application, or with respect to the Board's process, and/or wishing to address the public hearing in French should notify the Board Secretary by August 28, 2015. As well, interested parties may examine MPI's application and supporting materials, either at the offices of the Corporation or on its website, or the Board's office.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has recently issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

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# MUD DAY



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The annual Shilo MFRC mud day was a muddy success based on the turnout, and how many parents and youngsters went home muddy.





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LCol Bob Ritchie (above) leaves the parade square with his family in the LAV 6.0. Prior to this he marched off with outgoing (right) RSM CWO Todd D'Andrade.

# Reflecting on his two-year stint as 2PPCLI CO Command 'pinnacle of my military career'

## LCol Bob Ritchie Stag Special

Since completing the 2PPCLI Change of Command (CoC) with LCol Wayne Niven June 11, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the last two years spent at CFB Shilo.

While the event is still fresh, it is clear that my service with the Second Battalion from June 18, 2013 to June 11, 2015 will invariably be the very pinnacle of my military career.

During the last few years, I have had the rare privilege to serve in the Kapyong Barracks complex alongside quiet professionals who personify the warrior spirit and characterize faithful duty in the Canadian Army. Tactically astute, agile and resilient, the soldiers of 2PPCLI should take great pride in their esteemed operational record, recently cemented with their expeditionary deployment on the final mission to Afghanistan in 2013-14.

Unit members also answered the nation's call in the domestic arena, providing flood relief to the Government of Manitoba along the Assiniboine River in summer 2014.

Group success did not come without personal sacrifice. Winter 2014 was relentless, the second coldest on provincial record since the late 19th century.

And on Sept. 25, 2014, I had an intimate encounter in hours of darkness with Manitoba wildlife on the low road. Although my car survived — I can now attest to the fact that it is possible for 12-plus sensors to simultaneously light up a car dashboard while it is reluctantly limped in for emergency service by Carl at the Shilo Automotive Repair Centre.

In addition to perfecting dismantled and mechanized combined arms war fighting skills on successive exercises at CFB Shilo, unit soldiers have successfully integrated the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) 6.0 which will provide world-class mobility, firepower and protection on the contemporary battlefield.

Having sharpened our axe and reconstituted during the last year, the Second Battalion eagerly awaits the opportunity to conduct the Task Force NEMESIS road to high readiness during the next year, featuring training in Shilo this fall, and in Wainwright, AB, in spring 2016.

Thereafter, 2PPCLI soldiers will be ready for international deployment contingencies from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Unit soldiers were honoured to mark a century of distinguished service by the PPCLI. Beyond figuring prominently in the Regimental centennial parade in Edmonton on Aug. 9, 2014, a 2PPCLI contingent of 50 soldiers had the privilege to participate in the historic Memorial Baton Relay, visiting 23 cities in 39 days.

I am indebted to the soldiers for enduring hardships on armoury floors across Canada and to their

families for their continued sacrifice to our great nation.

A composite sub-unit also conducted bi-lateral training with 5 RIFLES in Germany before transitioning to the Frezenberg commemoration in Europe. This was a transformational experience for the warriors in attendance, walking the very ground on Bellewaerde Ridge where the Originals "held firm and counted not the cost" on May 8, 1915.

I would like to thank the command teams of the Base and 1RCHA for your collaboration and friendship during the last two years.

I am also obliged to the MFRC daycare for looking after my young children, for showing patience when my son insisted on wearing underwear on top of his pants, and for helping my daughter conquer the monkey bars.

Shilo is a wonderful place to raise a family, thanks to the special military and civilian members in this great community. Special mention goes to Mrs Joyce Smid, without whom unit success would not have been possible.

My fondest memories, looking back, will be of our cherished Korean Veterans engaging 2PPCLI soldiers, showing another generation of Patricias what right looks like.

It was an honour to participate in annual Kaypong Day celebrations on April 24-25, and more recently, to dedicate the buildings of the Kapyong Barracks complex in honour of Col Stone, WO1 Grimes and Pte Mitchell.

In closing, I am eternally grateful to the gladiators of 2PPCLI for adopting me into their coveted tribe and for their unwavering professionalism during the last two years: "No better friend, no worse enemy."

*LCol Bob Ritchie is now off to his next CAF job, posted to Ottawa*



LCol Bob Ritchie's men presented him with a mounted deer antler (above) following an "intimate encounter" on the low road while driving to work. Sitting in his LAV (left), LCol Ritchie monitors his soldiers during a fall exercise on the training range.

Photos by Jules Xavier





# \$15.2-million being spent



Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire announced on the Base the government is spending \$15.2-million on housing, whether it's renovating existing RHUs, or building 24 new modern homes in the next few years.

Photo by Jules Xavier

## \$8-million allocated to build 24 new RHUs

**Sarah Francis**  
Shilo Stag

For the first time in nearly 50 years multiple new homes will be built at CFB Shilo.

The Department of National Defence (DND) is receiving \$452-million for facility upgrades across Canada through federal infrastructure investments, with \$15.2-million being allocated to this Base. Of that total, \$8-million will go toward building 24 new Residential Housing Units (RHUs). There will be \$4-million for existing RHUs for upgrades.

The remaining \$3.2-million is allocated for military quarters, which will also receive improvements, with electrical upgrades, mechanical systems, and improvements to overall living space.

There are 593 homes at CFB Shilo, and much of the housing is decades old.

"The housing was constructed between the late 1940s and early 1960s. The majority of it being in the '40s and '50s," said Shilo's Canadian Forces Housing Authority (CFHA) manager Jodi Laba, "We've done renovations over the years, but this is the biggest single investment we've had in our houses."

The only home that has been built on Base since the early '60s is located on Kingston Avenue. The wheelchair-accessible home was completed in 2011.

Within the next two years, it's expected that 24 new modern homes will be built.



JODI LABA

"The new houses ... the layouts can be more modern, they will have modern fixtures," said Laba. "They'll have an additional bathroom, whereas many of these houses currently just have one bathroom."

That tends to be a pleaser for a family to have that extra bathroom."

Current units on Base are going to be renovated. They will see a number of upgrades, including plumbing, electrical and heating, interior layout changes as well as exterior work. However, none of those renovations should mean displacement for families.

"Typically, those major renovations we would do when the houses are vacant. Right now we're doing things like step replacement, driveway replacement. Those obviously we can do on houses that are occupied, but the major renovations we'll do on vacant houses."

There are currently a number of houses on Base which are still sitting vacant.

Laba said it's for a number of reasons.

"Some of them are simply just waiting," said Laba. "Obviously our posting season tends to be busiest in July and August, so they may be waiting for a family that's been allocated the house and they're not arriving until the summer. Other ones will be empty while we perform renovations on them. That would be the two main reasons."

Down the road in Winnipeg, 17 Wing is also receiving money for some changes. More than \$2-million will go toward housing in the south side RHA.

Similar to CFB Shilo, there will be improvements to the exterior of homes as well as kitchen renovations and new heating. That work is expected to happen through 2015-16.

A number of road projects and community improvements are also on the table for 17 Wing. They plan on building a new Community Centre and improving and creating outdoor sports fields.

In Ontario at Garrison Petawawa, that army base received \$20-million, with \$16-million going toward its housing improvements. The renovations are going to be done according to what buildings need it most. They will include plumbing, heating, and electrical as well as exterior work.

Traffic flow concerns are also a part of the plan for the funding at Garrison Petawawa. One of the various projects is widening a road and creating a roundabout.

The federal government has been making these announcements during the past few weeks and will move on to other military bases in the near future.

"Investments in residential housing and military quarters provide our men and women in uniform with improved living conditions and quality of life," said Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire, who visited CFB Shilo to make the funding announcement on behalf of his government. "This infrastructure investment is great news for CFB Shilo, and for the local community, who will benefit from job creation and economic growth."

It's expected that there will be more than 10,000 jobs created across Canada by the end of 2016.



Driveway, sidewalk and porch replacements are part of the CFHA's summer exterior projects currently underway on the Base. Empty homes are also receiving a facelift inside, as the aging homes receive modern upgrades, from new plumbing to kitchen renovations.

Photos by Cpl Janie Jacobsen



**FOR MORE ON THE CFHA  
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# CFHA's last decade 850 RHUs renovated on Bases across Canada

## The Maple Leaf Special

In 1996, a newly created Canadian Forces Housing Agency (CFHA), under the umbrella of Department of National Defence (DND), was given the responsibility to manage an aging housing portfolio constructed, for the most part, between 1948 and 1960.

The CFHA has worked hard to modernize that portfolio, and tailor it to the contemporary standards and needs of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and their families.

Annually, CFHA invests millions of dollars for the improvement of its portfolio comprised of more than 12,000 residential housing units (RHUs) — Posted Married Quarters (PMQs) for an older generation of Base residents — at 30 locations.

During the last decade, more than 850 RHUs were completely renovated; about 150 were newly constructed, including 70 modular homes which are among the most energy-efficient houses on the market; and thousand of homes were improved.

For CAF members with disabilities, during the past five years, CFHA had eight Barrier Free Access (BFA) homes built across Canada — including one here at CFB Shilo — featuring widened doors, open concept floor plans, and accessible bathrooms.

Being community focused, CFHA sees to the improvement of the residential housing areas — living in a DND home has many advantages for a military family.

Through its Federal Infrastructure Investment Program, the government is committed to providing additional funding to invest in military housing during the next two years.

This, combined with CFHA's regular funding will result in more renovated houses and new construction. This includes CFB Shilo.



Work on replacing old RHU siding is underway this summer as part of improvements to CFB Shilo's RHUs. Here, two workers prepare an exterior wall on a duplex for the new siding.  
Photo by Cpl Janie Jacobsen



## WARNING SHILO RANGES

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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Des tirs de jour et de nuit seront effectués aux polygones de tir de Shilo jusqu'à nouvel ordre.

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.

Toutes les limites, voies d'accès, routes et sentiers menant aux polygones sont clairement marqués et ornés d'écriteaux d'ACCÈS INTERDIT. La chasse est dorénavant interdite aux polygones de tir de Shilo.

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Aucune personne non autorisée ne peut entrer dans ce secteur où tout accès est strictement interdit.

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# Cpl Maguathi garners Soldier of the Quarter award

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The parade also saw Command Team certificates of appreciation presented to Christine Helgason, Linda Beauchemin, and Brooks, volunteered to take on the major project of planning the celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the Shilo MFRC.

This included preparing a 25th MFRC anniversary commemorative book, a major project which involved contacting all original founders, board members, and executive directors. With a small committee, they produced a book which takes the reader back in time to

when the MFRC first opened its doors, all the way through to 2015.

Amanda Engram also received a Command Team certificate of appreciation for showing exceptional dedication and commitment to the MFRC. In addition to her own position, she filled in for a vacancy on staff.

Moreover, she taught herself new software, worked additional hours and attended website training in Cornwall, Ont., to become more familiar with the program. The Shilo MFRC rely on this position to ensure the community is aware of all events, programs and services and Engram ensured that the information was going out to the community.

There was a group award which was shared by Range Control, SPV and Shilo's fire hall because of the actions of all three when 1RCHA was conducting a dry training May 1 at the IVO Wood Tower.

At 11 a.m., a fire broke out and rapidly expanded in size due to the dry weather and strong winds. Initial response was hampered due to rounds cooking off and first responders being uncertain if they were live or blanks. During the course of the next two days, Range Control, the fire hall and SPV engaged in fire-fighting operations around the clock, as the fire continued to expand to 10 square kilometres.

Their determination and commitment ensured that the fire was stopped before it left the range and training area and negated any requirement of calling in water bombers, saving the base countless dollars.

Civilian long service awards — quarter century club — were presented to Fred Connor of OSIS and Garry Kroeger of Engineering Services.

The Soldier of the Quarter award covering April to June was presented to Cpl Maguathi, who has demonstrated leadership qualities and job knowledge that exceed those expected from a member of his rank. He has displayed his dedication to CFB Shilo and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) by volunteering for multiple events including speaking about the military to school children and assisting with the car care clinic in support of the CFB Shilo Padre Fund.

For continuously going above and beyond any reasonable job expectation to ensure the organizations under the care of the Comptroller branch received unfailing support during this period, Sarah Lamb was named Civilian of the Quarter.

With three of six key positions vacant, Lamb's selfless dedication to the organization was always at the forefront. Few units even realized a significant staffing shortage existed, mainly because of the personal pride she has for all matters within this branch and her dedication to providing the superior customer service to all.

There were also three promotions among the MP Platoon on the Base: MS Wallman was promoted to PO2, while Cpl Schoenrock and Cpl Koblun were each promoted to master corporal.

Promotions on the Base side included the following: CWO Brassington, Sgt Willett, Sgt Berkowski, Sgt Oikle, Sgt Lundrigan, MCpl Page, MCpl Paul, MCpl Lafleur and Craftsman (T) Bilodeau.

There were four medal presentations: Capt Holden received his CD 1st clasp, while Sgt Harris, Cpl Dunn and Cpl Elliot each received their CD.

CWO Rob Brassington of BCE received his promotion from BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey. He is posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake this summer.

Photo by Jules Xavier



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# Passing of friends reflected in words from BComd

The tone and themes of this week's *Shilo Stag* are ones of celebration. It is not my desire to turn the mood more somber, but we have experienced the loss of two great friends during the past week.

However, my words and sentiments are reflective of celebrating their lives and all that they have done as individuals supporting, promoting and representing the best not only the soldiers and families of Shilo, but of our community.

Peter Ewasiuk passed away June 24 in Brandon. He was a mainstay at unit and community events that supported the Canadian military and celebrated the work of our soldiers in service to Canada.

Peter was a veteran of the Korean War and served as the president of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) for many years.

You could count on two things with absolute certainty. First, Peter and "the gang" of KVA and various regimental associations' members would always be at events on the Base or around Westman with smiles on their faces and proudly wearing their medals. Peter brightened every event that he ever attended.

Second, you knew he would be perched next to "the chow line" telling war stories. He never

missed an opportunity to talk with soldiers and eat free food.

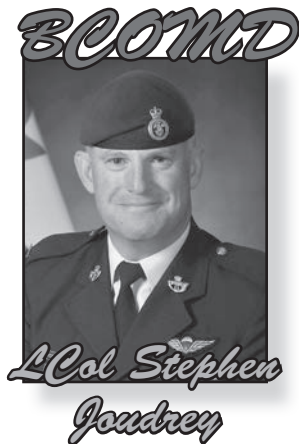
Our thoughts go out to his comrades in the KVA and those in "the gang" with whom he met every morning for breakfast at The Clay Pot restaurant in Brandon. It was his infectious smile and zest for life that will be my lasting memory of Peter Ewasiuk.

Then June 26, the president of the Shilo and District Service Club, Fred Dujardin, passed away suddenly in hospital in Winnipeg. So many of the readership of the *Shilo Stag* will recall Freddie as a kind, selfless and genuine person whose smile — and dancing — would brighten up any occasion.

A long-time resident of Sprucewoods, Freddie worked for years at Zenith Paving and, after retiring, became involved in the Shilo and District Service Club. His involvement in our community stretched back about 10 years and he was at the forefront of much of the work and many of projects undertaken by the Club that served to raise funds for or support charities in and around this region.

I could always count on seeing Freddie with a warm smile on his face and kind words for the soldiers and families of this community. He cared about the people of this community and his is a loss that will be felt by many of us.

Our thoughts go out to the members of the Shilo and District Service Club and all of Freddie's friends in the area. I will miss seeing Freddie cutting a rug at the club's post-Christmas party with any woman (of any age) who had the stamina to keep up with him.



# Plan summer road trip as a family

**Ryan Blackman**  
MFRC Special

Just as I was beginning to fear an eternal winter, summer finally crashes onto our doorstep.

It does feel like something crashed into us because, with the warmer weather usually comes the weddings, family gatherings, reunions and who knows how many other unexpected trips.

For my own family attending these functions usually involves some sort of family road trip.

The first instinct is to plan a quick trip to make our appearance then get on with our summer, but it rarely works out that way.

After a few hours in the car, with the kids to a destination that none of us are thrilled to go to and suddenly winter isn't the only thing feeling eternal.

So, if the destination is fixed, how can we at least make the road trip there interesting?

I found myself looking back to the family road trips we went on as kids and what made them so memorable and came up with some key points.

- Plan more time for the trip than just what is needed to get from point A to point B.

This time can then be used to make the trip more enjoyable.

- Plan the road trip as much as possible as a family. Break out a map and have everyone search for spots that might be interesting to check out along the way.

Maybe there are some tourist sites to check out, or maybe it's a diner claiming to have the best burgers in Canada which they will want to try. I remember one family trip where we tried a piece of pie at every stop between Winnipeg and Vancouver then rated them all.

- Try shifting the focus to the trip itself and have the destination be just one of the stops along the way. This way the trip becomes less about survival and more about having fun exploring.

- Think outside the box. Instead of always pulling into towns for meals and bathroom breaks, try stopping in at a roadside campground for an "impromptu" picnic. You can stash some hidden treats in the vehicle just in case.

- The most important thing is to have fun with it. It's corny, but my family has a scrapbook of us standing beside every giant small town icon which we came across in our travels. It's become a family tradition.

When I think back to all the family functions I attended as I was growing up most of my memories are of the trip itself.

*Ryan Blackman is a Shilo MFRC family liaison officer*

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