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## Attentive audience for story time

A good turnout for Thursday afternoon story time had Dana Fraser reading a book about dinosaurs to an attentive audience. She read a few books from the more than 20,000 available at the Shilo community library. Story time starts at 1:30 p.m.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*



# Trip to Winnipeg part of centennial celebration



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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.

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There was plenty of pomp and ceremony when 2PPCLI arrived in Manitoba's capital to exercise their freedom of the city as part of its centennial.

Photo by Lori Truscott/CFB Shilo PAO

## 2PPCLI exercise their freedom of the city with CO LCol Bob Ritchie leading the way

### Shilo Stag

Downtown Winnipeg was taken over for a short time by Shilo-based 2PPCLI June 27 as they exercised their Freedom of the City of Winnipeg.

The PPCLI have exercised their freedom on seven occasions now, the first in June 1972 marking the anniversary of the Regiment's move from Edmonton.

The 2PPCLI marched on Winnipeg City Hall bayonets fixed and carrying their Colours. After the traditional stopping on the route by the deputy police chief, support services, Art Stannard, the unit Commanding Officer (CO), LCol Bob Ritchie, knocked on the door of City Hall with his sword and was met by Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz.

Shortly after the ceremony, the 2PPCLI then marched along Main Street to Portage Avenue where traffic was stopped to permit the soldiers and their Colours to make their way to Notre Dame and Adelaide Streets.

The granting of the Freedom of the City is a traditional means for a municipality to honour a unit of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). It had its beginning in medieval Europe, when cities were walled and the citizens looked to their defences at the approach of a threatening army.

When the force was friendly, however, it was permitted to pass into or through the city without first being required to disarm; that is, with bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating.

The granting is a private matter between civic officials and the unit and the decision to grant this symbolic freedom rests with the municipal authorities.

A unit may exercise its freedom as arranged between the civic authorities and the unit.

As part of this PPCLI centennial year, the Freedom of the City of Winnipeg is one amongst several events the PPCLI is undertaking to re-establish connections with their past affiliations.

The PPCLI has a long association with Winnipeg having served in that city for more than 60 years. Winnipeg was an active recruiting centre for the Regiment in 1914 and, following the Second World War, the Patricia's were stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks (now the Asper Jewish campus).

The PPCLI returned to Winnipeg following the Second World War. The 2PPCLI occupied Kapyong Barracks in Winnipeg on return from duty in Germany during the Cold War in 1970 where it remained until the relocation to CDFB Shilo in 2004.

Next month, another centennial year event takes place. The Memorial Baton Relay will make its way from Alberta to Ontario, with a stop in Brandon and CFB Shilo Aug. 24 to 26.





# Historic Big House destroyed following suspicious fire

## A black and white photograph of a heart-shaped gravestone for Percy Griddle. The stone is carved with a heart shape, featuring a central cross and two circular motifs. The inscription reads "PERCY GRIDDLE" and "1844 - 1912". The stone is set in a grassy area.

*Photos by Jules Xavier*

The homestead gained its designation as a



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CE contractors have been out cutting grass in common areas on the Base.

## Budget reductions means service changes

For a few years now, we have been anticipating that shrinking budgets would eventually have an impact upon what Base Commanders are able to do and how they are able to support all of the tasks they are assigned.

While this has been projected, the true impact was simply that: a projection.

At this point in 2014, I am able to more clearly articulate what limitations exist on the Base organizations to support all aspects of work and life in Shilo. I would like to pass along some of the challenges I face in ensuring that operations and support are maintained against the backdrop of some significant cuts in funding.

I do this so that members of this community understand some of today's reality.

This year's budget has remained unchanged in some areas, but not so in other key areas. It is important for all to be aware that there are "some bills that must be paid."

For example, costs associated with heating, hydro, water treatment, taxes and compliance must be covered. I have no discretion or choice as these are assessed as essential.

That portion of the assigned budget is fixed and is rightly protected. The remainder of the budget is available for "discretionary" spending.

In short, it is the only portion of the budget that I am able to use to cover all of the other expenses associated with supporting Base operations and addressing other areas such as: maintenance needs, the Ranges and Training Area (RTA), unit training requirements, family support, community programs, community facilities, repairs to buildings and minor projects.

Portions of this piece of the Base's budget have been reduced by 80 per cent from last year. What does this mean?

It means I must prioritize and make some decisions as to what I can fund and what must be completed either to a different standard or not done at all. We cannot do everything we have done in past years with 80 per cent less money! Some of this "discretionary" spending has been directly affected.

Regrettably, some of these spending limitations have affected the response times and standards to which we have come to expect certain services, contracts and support across the Base.

As I stated earlier, I have had to prioritize the work which can be completed with the limited funds available.

We no longer have the ability to respond to repairs

immediately when they are required. This applies to work in accommodation buildings and unit lines.

It also means that not all road repairs can be completed as they have been in past years. We lack the funds this year to maintain the contracts we have had in past years for services like landscaping, grass cutting and snow removal.

Therefore, some common areas will not be mowed as regularly throughout the course of the summer and fall and come the winter, snow removal will likely be similarly affected.

Prioritization does not mean everything is reduced.

Maintenance work on the facilities used for military sports and the community's recreation programs (i.e. the swimming pool, soccer and ball fields) continues to be a priority.

My commitment to the provision of the same level of financial support for the MFRC has not changed this year. This is aimed at assisting the staff with delivering programs and services to military families.

Funding for events and activities for the community like this week's Canada Day event, Halloween Haunted House in the fall and February's Shilo Winterfest will continue as I deem them to be equally important for the residents and

families of Shilo.

Balanced with these priorities is the realization we must also keep moving some work and projects that relate directly to support for training forward. Therefore, ongoing work in the RTA will continue.

I know that an explanation as to why specific services do not appear to be at the same level to which we have all become accustomed will not appease all.

I also understand that not everyone shares the same view on what is or is not a higher priority than something else that is no longer being provided. I accept that there will be differences of opinions.

However, do not believe that any reduction in a service means that I or the leadership of this community do not care. Indeed, the opposite is true!

We are doing our best to prioritize those things that support the residents and families of Shilo while at the same time getting on with the business of supporting the units on this Base in executing their primary tasks and responsibilities.

I believe that putting the additional effort into trying to achieve this "balance," during a time of significant reductions in the flexibility to spend money within our budgets, shows the extent to which the leadership of this Base does care.



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## Artillery soldiers join 1RCHA

1RCHA CO LCol Stewart Taylor welcome a new crop of young artillery soldiers to the fold following a DP1 graduation ceremony at L25. The soldiers also took part in their DP1 badging ceremony on the training field.

*Photos by Jillian Driessen*



## Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

### Applicant: Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

#### HEARING:

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, 2015. The hearing would take place at the Board's Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (commencing at 9:00 a.m.) on October 7, 2014. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:30 a.m. on July 9, 2014.

#### RATE IMPACT:

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#### PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention by applying to the Board Secretary before the now scheduled Pre-Hearing Conference of July 9, 2014. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines, which can be seen at the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca) or obtained by request to the Board (see contact information below). Parties wishing to submit a brief or to express comments at the hearing should also contact the Board Secretary.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

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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 29, 2014. 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 or on its website.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**Battle fit swim test**

2PPCLI's Pte James Brebant of A Coy was the lone soldier to take the battle fit swim test at the GSH pool. Wearing coveralls, boots and carrying a heavy rubber gun, Pte Brebant entered the pool and then swam the length carrying his weapon. He passed.  
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Outgoing Base Engineer Maj Reg Sharpe is especially proud of the accomplishments of bringing the Communities in Bloom trophy (left) to western Canada for the first time after winning the annual competition in 2013. The Community Gardens was re-vamped (above) and flourishes in the summer months. The Newfoundland native also relished being involved in the community, whether it was an outing on the local links (right) or helping out at Our Lady of Shilo church with his wife and two kids on Sunday morning. Off to Edmonton Garrison July 11, the Shilo mayor will miss his three years on this Base.

Photos by Jules Xavier

# Sense of community important to Shilo mayor

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

With CFB Shilo in the midst of another posting season, this Base is losing its mayor with the departure of Maj Reg Sharpe for Edmonton Garrison.

The Base Engineer for the past three years will be replaced by Maj Andrew Wall, who is coming west from Ottawa.

An announcement on Maj Sharpe's replacement as mayor on the Shilo Community Council is forthcoming later this summer.

With his wife Kim, and two children RJ and Sarah, the Newfoundland native has enjoyed his stay on the prairies and being actively involved in the community when he was not fretting over infrastructure and budgets which come with the job as Base Engineer.

Besides serving as mayor, Maj Sharpe volunteered his time with Our Lady of Shilo church as parish president. And he quarterbacked the Base's Communities in Bloom (CIB) victory in 2013 — with four blooms — by bringing key stakeholders together, and letting them showcase this community to the visiting CIB judges. He added *Shilo Stag* production assistant Jillian Driessen to the CIB team, and her efforts on designing a comprehensive publication showcasing all that is CFB Shilo was lauded by the judges.

Busy with packing up his PMQ and doing a handover with Maj Wall, the outgoing Base Engineer sat down with the *Stag* for a Q&A about his posting to CFB Shilo.

**Shilo Stag (SS):** What was your first impression of CFB Shilo when you arrived for this posting — which you requested?

**Maj Sharpe (MS):** "As we were driving the open prairie between Winnipeg and Shilo I was fairly certain I would be divorced within a month," he quipped. "The Base itself was quaint, much as I had thought it would be. I was pleasantly surprised to see the vast majority of the buildings were not a cookie cutter design. I must have stared at the roof of G400 for five minutes wondering 'what were they thinking when they designed that roof.' I dropped into CANEX for a coffee and a haircut ... the employees were genuinely friendly, with that positive demeanour carrying through my three years in Shilo and is in great part what makes Shilo such a great place to live."

**SS:** Why CFB Shilo?

**MS:** "I had requested to come to Shilo because my best childhood memories of growing up in a military family were from when we lived in Dundurn, Sask. It was a small Base with a closeknit sense of community. I felt Shilo would be similar and

as I look back on the past 36 months I have no doubt my children will have those same childhood memories which I was fortunate enough to have. Life is about building memories."

**SS:** What challenges have you faced as Base Engineer during your three-year posting?

**MS:** "Being able to align the trifecta of staff, funding and approvals at the same time. All three seldom exist at once, therefore, there are inevitable delays until all three align. Which is usually about March 15 when there are two weeks left in the fiscal year."

"Having enough time and funding to implement all the improvements the community and Base deserve, we've done some great work to improve the community, Base and RTA. Unfortunately, my three years have passed all too quickly and time has run out. Fortunately, my replacement Maj Wall is looking forward to continuing and building upon the foundation that has been laid."

**SS:** Will you miss the Shilo winters?

**MS:** "Not at all when it comes to adjusting to minus-60 C mornings. I now understand and fully appreciate the mass exodus of Base residents for southern locations in the winter. It's much nicer to be on a beach in Mexico, Cuba or the Dominican in January and February than waiting an hour for your truck to thaw out."

**SS:** Looking back at your posting to CFB Shilo as Base Engineer, list off your top-three accomplishments when it comes to work on the Base?

**MS:** "Number one ... Increased sense of community. Winning Communities in Bloom, and dethroning Petawawa Garrison in the process. Initiatives such as partnering with the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association to disperse recycling barrels throughout the Base. Putting in the communal recycling bin behind CANEX. Starting the Community Garden. Completion of the school renovations to O'Kelly and LaSource and the installation of new gym floors and playgrounds at both to name a few."

"Number two ... For the last three years we've been able to spend two to three times more on maintenance than ever before. Now that we've entered leaner times of fiscal constraint the fact that we've maintained our infrastructure to the standard we have for the past three years will allow us to weather the storm. Having visited other Bases recently that are facing the same challenges, I am proud to say that Shilo's infrastructure and community is leading the pack."

"Number three ... Acknowledgement of Shilo infrastructure challenges and pressures on a national level. Two of Shilo's large projects are now rated in the top-six of all Army projects across Canada."

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1RCHA's WO Marc Lavoie and MBdr Carlo Lajoie toured the D-Day battlefields in Normandy prior to their June 5 jump (right).

Photos courtesy WO Marc Lavoie/1RCHA



## 70th anniversary

# Soldiers make memorable D-Day jump

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

It was a jump back in time for WO Marc Lavoie when the 1RCHA soldier landed on French soil as part of recent D-Day ceremonies in France.

While soldiers and paratroopers on that eventful day on June 5, 1944 were under heavy machine-gun fire and shelling from German troops firing from fortified positions, WO Lavoie and his fellow paratroopers floated to the ground, their only worry was missing the drop zone, and landing on a nearby street.

"It was like a walk back in time when you look at our tour before the jump when we were in Ranville," he recalled. "The women dressed like it was 1944, while the Dirty 13 from Arizona dressed like GIs from that era, and also drove vehicles from that war era."

The residents of the tiny French community were very welcoming when it came to current Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) soldiers who took part in the D-Day events, as well as the 90-something veterans who likely made their final visit overseas rather than wait for the 75th anniversary.

Fifty parachutists representing Canadian Army Divisions from across Canada, conducted a June 5 parachute insertion into France with other parachutists from France, Britain and the USA. WO Lavoie was joined by fellow 1RCHA soldier MBdr Carlo Lajoie, while 2PPCLI was represented by WO Aaron Bowes and MCpl Ryan Bourdignon.

"It was a wonderful feeling that I'm doing what my airborne brothers did in the past," offered WO Lavoie. "But we jumped into France, and were not jumping onto Juno Beach like some people thought we were doing. There's a misconception that paratroopers jumped on the beach. In fact, they were jumping behind the [enemy] lines to distract the Germans while the soldiers were coming ashore on the beach."

He added, "It was a humbling experience let me tell you. Think about it. You are jumping on a day that 70 years earlier changed the course of history. That was a day for the veterans who were able to return for this anniversary that changed the war."

WO Lavoie and the other three Shilo-based paratroopers boarded various aircraft from the French, British, American, and Canadian Air Forces' at Évreux-Fauville Air Base and took to the skies, reminiscent of actions that occurred 70 years prior.

"I ended up jumping with the British," said WO Lavoie. "The planes made three passes. While I was enjoying the jump, I still was concentrating on what I was doing because I wanted to avoid a nearby road, and hit the jump zone."

While his military career is far from over, WO Lavoie counts participating in the 70th anniversary D-Day celebrations, and being able to garner his wings from the British Air Force as first on his list of army experiences.

"I want to thank RCHA for giving me this opportunity," he said.

After a wings exchange, WO Lavoie and the Canadian Airborne Contingent jumpers attended a memorial at the crossroads at le Mesnil. There, a monument stands honouring the First Canadian Parachute Battalion's heroic efforts in helping to liberate Europe.

"The ceremony was held on high ground which the Canadians took in '44," said WO Lavoie. "I got to meet Prince Charles and had a few minutes to talk with him."

WO Lavoie also enjoyed his time listening to stories from the Second World War veterans attending the event, many of whom required wheelchair assistance.

"I just sat there listening, taking in all of their stories," he said.

Leaving for Edmonton Garrison prior to flying overseas, WO Lavoie was able to take a jump refresher in Alberta.

"We worked on drills, flight plans and landing," he said.

Once overseas, the Canadians stayed in an indoor tennis facility, while the British took over a soccer stadium to house the paratroopers. There were battlefield tours June 3 and 4, followed by the jump June 5, and a parade the following day. He flew home June 7 with plenty of memories, plus being able to stand on Juno beach where 340 Canadians were killed, 574 were wounded, and 47 were taken prisoner.

"I just love being a paratrooper," he said. "So this was a wonderful experience for me to be part of when you look at the significance of D-Day in our Canadian history."

He was just seven when his father introduced him to paratroopers jumping at CFB Petawawa. He took his first jump course in the early 90s, and was with a now defunct airborne regiment in the fall of 1994. It was disbanded a year later.

"It was so cool to be flying and taking the same direct path that soldiers did back in '44," recalled WO Lavoie, who attached a Go-Pro camera to his boot to record the jump from a C130.

## JUNO BEACH QUICK FACTS

14,000 Canadians landed on D-Day  
450 jumped by parachute or landed by glider  
10,000 sailors of the RCN were involved  
340 killed  
574 wounded  
47 taken prisoner

The Royal Canadian Navy provided 109 vessels, and 10,000 sailors as its contribution to the massive armada of 7,000 Allied vessels which put to sea on D-Day.

3rd Canadian Division landed at Juno Beach, led by the 7th Brigade, 8th Brigade, 6th Armoured Regiment and 10th Armoured Regiment.

The beach was fronted by the small villages of Courseulles-sur-Mer, Bernieres and St. Aubin.

Canadian Objectives: To establish a beachhead, capture the three small seaside towns, advance ten miles inland, cut the Caen -Bayeux highway, seize the Carpiquet airport west of Caen, and form a link between the British beachheads Sword and Gold.

3rd Canadian Division progressed further inland than any of the Allies on D-Day.

During the first six days of the Normandy campaign, 1,017 Canadians died.

By the end of the Normandy campaign, about 5,020 Canadians had been killed. About 5,400 Canadians are buried in Normandy.

In the two and a half months of the Normandy campaign, Allied casualties (killed, wounded and captured) totalled 210,000.

Canadian casualties totalled more than 18,000, including more than 5,000 dead. German casualties were 450,000.





Janna Mushie



Kerry Webb



Kristen Lucyshyn



Mario Lajoie



Cathy Butzko



Michelle Augustyn



MCpl Boileau



WO Kronko



Cpl Matthewman



MCpl Lebel



Maj Chapman



WO Lumley

## Contributions to Base recognized at quarterly parade

### Shilo Stag

The summer Base quarterly parade saw a number of promotions as well as Command Team commendations handed out by BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey and BRSM CWO James Doppler.

Here are the recipients who were acknowledged by LCol Joudrey during the outdoor parade:

**Promotions** — WO Kronko, MCpl Brad Lebel, MCpl Martin Boileau

**Medals** — CD2 Cpl James Matthewman and WO Shaun Lumley (Sigs Sqn), Platoon Chief Paul Tobin (Fire Service Exemplary Service for 20 years), rotation bar Maj Jeff Chapman

**Civilian Long Service Awards** — Michelle Augustyn five years service to General Safety

**Civilian of the Quarter April to June** — Cathy Butzko (CE). She is recognized for her dedication and commitment to the Engineering Services team and to the Base. Throughout the reporting period she worked tirelessly as the only contracts inspector to maintain services on the Base, including cleaning services and garbage collection. Her ability to take on the work load of two contracts inspectors while maintaining the same level of contract management is outstanding.

**Soldier of the Quarter April to June** — MCpl Duane Klym (B Foods). On short notice, he co-ordinated with the director of Food Services in order to ensure the seamless implementation of the National Standardized Cycle Menu. He identified suppliers for special food items required for the menu, which consists of a variety of healthier recipes, in order to support optimal nutrition and cost standards. MCpl Klym demonstrated a high degree of professionalism throughout his daily tasks, and in the supervision of both the National Day of Mourning and the National Day of Honour receptions.

**Command Team Commendation** — Mario Lajoie (CE). He is recognized for his initiative in transforming the Shilo dump site into a landfill worthy of recognition. Through his environmentally-conscious efforts he has single-handedly reduced the waste that is land-filled and made CFB Shilo a leader in landfill operations.

**Command Team Coin** — Kerry Webb. She has been a board mem-

ber for the Shilo MFRC for more than two years and one year as the chairperson. In per position as chair, Webb has continually gone above and beyond the job requirements and has put in as many as 800 hours of volunteer time. She understands the difference between governance and operational board and has provided strong leadership to the other members on the board of directors, while encouraging personal growth and development. Webb's priority is always to provide quality programs and services to the military community.

**Command Team Coin** — Janna Mushie. She is being recognized for her dedication to Base Supply for her outstanding work with, among many other things, closing out the old CFSS MIMS system to the new DRMIS materiel management system, in addition to all her other duties. Mushie's much valued and appreciated contribution to providing excellent financial and material management advice and support to all Base Supply customers during this quarter certainly lives up to the motto *Servitium Nulli Secundus ... Service Second to None*.

**Command Team Coin** — Kristen Lucyshyn (PSP). She received her coin in recognition of her hard work and outstanding dedication to the CFB Shilo community. She has earned this award by flawlessly planning and conducting many high profile community events. The chain of command and indeed the community at large, recognizes both the hard work that goes into the planning of these events and the positive impact that they have on the quality of life of our soldiers, civilian employees and their families and wishes to take this opportunity to formally recognize Kristen for her efforts and thank her on behalf of the entire Shilo community for a job well done.

**Command Team Certificate of Appreciation** — MCpl Mark Lundrigan (B Maint). He is being recognized for the esprit de corps he displays on a regular basis. He exemplifies the best qualities of a soldier at all times, and is actively involved in many aspects of Base and unit life in a positive manner. He recently carved the CFB Shilo crest into a wooden table at Base Maintenance. This will be a lasting piece of artwork within the unit that will be proudly displayed for many years to come.



MCpl Lundrigan



Paul Tobin



# Growth of army cadet corps impresses Capt Rob Lussier

**Jillian Driessen**  
**Shilo Stag**

In the 60 years following its inception, 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps have earned many accomplishments to be proud of.

Brought to life in 1954 by then Lt JJ Coleman, 2520 RCACC became known as 71 Battery Royal Canadian Artillery Cadets for their connection to 26 Field's 71 Battery.

During the 60th Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR), 2520 RCACC proudly announced the position as top army cadet corps.

"Three years in a row, 2520 has won the top army cadet corps as well as a silver award for growth. We are sixth in Canada for growth and first in our region for growth," says CO Capt Rob Lussier.

"In some of the pictures, it doesn't look like we have many cadets. We have three full troops of cadets."

This year's ACR showcased the clear and steady growth of the unit. Having three troops on parade is an impressive feat, according to Capt Lussier.

"This year was supposed to be a field training ACR, so we were dressed in our field training uniforms. We had a few cadets who weren't able to get their uniforms in time, so they're in their T-shirts."

Expanding in this tight fiscal environment makes it challenging to find uniforms in a timely fashion. Nonetheless, full uniforms or not, the program is still growing. 2520 RCACC boasts 71 per cent growth during the last three years and has now grown to a corps with more than 60 cadets proudly donning the artillery cap badge.

"We like to have that regimental connection," says Capt Lussier.

"It's good for 2520 as well as 71 Battery. We're close to the home station of the Royal Canadian Artillery. We have lots of support."

Two years ago, 2520 RCACC opened a third troop to parade in CFB Shilo Wednesday evenings. The growth in their corps can be credited to the expansion as well as word-of-mouth.

"The opening in Shilo was a great thing. We've had

so much support from both LCol [Rick] Goodyear and LCol [Stephen]Joudrey. 1RCHA, Shilo, and 26 Field have given 2520 so much over the last few years," he says. "We haven't had any paid advertising in the last few years. It's been word of mouth and cadets bringing their friends. Our Shilo troop has a lot to do with our growth. Many cadets come to us because their parents are posted to Shilo."

At a time when many youth programs are struggling, 2520 RCACC is thriving.

Throughout its 60-year existence, 2520 RCACC has had consistent support from 26 Field Regiment, 1RCHA, and this Base. Each year's ACR exhibits the support received from the military community — it is always well-attended.

For the diamond anniversary, the ACR was fortunate enough to include special guest Betty Coleman, who is both the retired honorary colonel of 26 Field and the wife of founder JJ Coleman.

"[Betty] flew in all the way from Victoria just to be here for the 60th anniversary," he says.

"We are very, very grateful for her to have been our special guest."

Coleman was on hand to present the LCol JJ Coleman memorial award to the top cadet, Holton Rosensteel.

In recent years, 2520 RCACC has been seen in the public eye more often. Capt Lussier has made a conscious effort to help cadets participate in community programs. In turn, higher visibility is another factor influencing the growth of the corps.

2520 has also made savvy use of local media outlets to help spread news of their efforts, programs, and accomplishments by making regular submissions.

"When I became the CO, my focus became having the cadets out in the community more often. We've participated in a number of events in the last two years," he explains.

"We participated in Operation Hands Helping. We delivered over 2,000 non-perishable food items to the Brandon Helping Hands soup kitchen in May."

The cadets campaign to collect non-perishable food items alerted local media to the growing need of the local soup kitchen.

"I was scrolling through

my newsfeed over my morning coffee and I saw an article about Helping Hands going from serving 130 people a day to 180," says Capt Lussier.

Knowing the cadets could make a difference, he brought the news to them. The response from the cadets efforts was overwhelming.

"Some cadets brought in more than 100 items each. They approached schools, churches, and their families for donations," he says.

The cadets also participate in several other community functions including parades and fundraisers.

On more than one occasion, the cadets have received letters of thanks and recognition for their hard work in the community —but that is not why Capt Lussier encourages them to participate.

"In my 25 years, I was always involved with the community as well," he says.

"It's an important part of life. It instills in the cadets the element of community service — something you don't get in school anymore."

Having the opportunity to participate in cadets and to give back to their local community is an advantage to cadets. High school credits can be earned with their community service from cadets.

Cadets are also given several opportunities for summer employment and courses in addition to the unique skill set taught by the cadet program.

"The leadership skills taught in cadets isn't available anywhere else. It's only available in the cadet program," says Lussier. "There are employment opportunities available. There are so many skills and courses you won't get elsewhere."

Local cadets are a reflection of the benefits of the program. 2520's own CWO Tyler Chelkowski is one of several local cadets who have earned staff positions at summer camps throughout Canada.

Capt Lussier, having been a cadet and military member, knows the advantages of participating in the program.

"Regardless of what a cadet goes on to do, the skills they gain give them an edge. Their experience earned here is invaluable."

The army cadets will form up again after a summer hiatus this fall, including at CFB Shilo. Watch the *Shilo Stag* for registration information.

## Active Skillz Sports Camp

Active Skillz Sports Camp is designed to promote healthy lifestyles in all children aged 6-12 years old. Children will be introduced to a variety of sports and will have an opportunity to learn about healthy eating.

Active Skillz Sports Camp also aims to integrate children with special needs, providing them with support that meets their needs. Our goal is to provide all children with a camp experience that is fun, positive and safe. Please let us know at the time of registration if accommodations need to be made for your child.

Week	Date	Cost with a GSH Membership	Cost without a GSH Membership	Deposit Required (non-refundable)
Week 1	Jul 7-11	\$100	\$125	\$10
Week 2	Jul 14-18	\$100	\$125	\$10
Week 3	Jul 21-25	\$100	\$125	\$10
Week 4	Jul 28-Aug 1	\$100	\$125	\$10
Week 5	Aug 5-8	\$80	\$105	\$10
Week 6	Aug 11-15	\$100	\$125	\$10
Week 7	Aug 18-22	\$100	\$125	\$10

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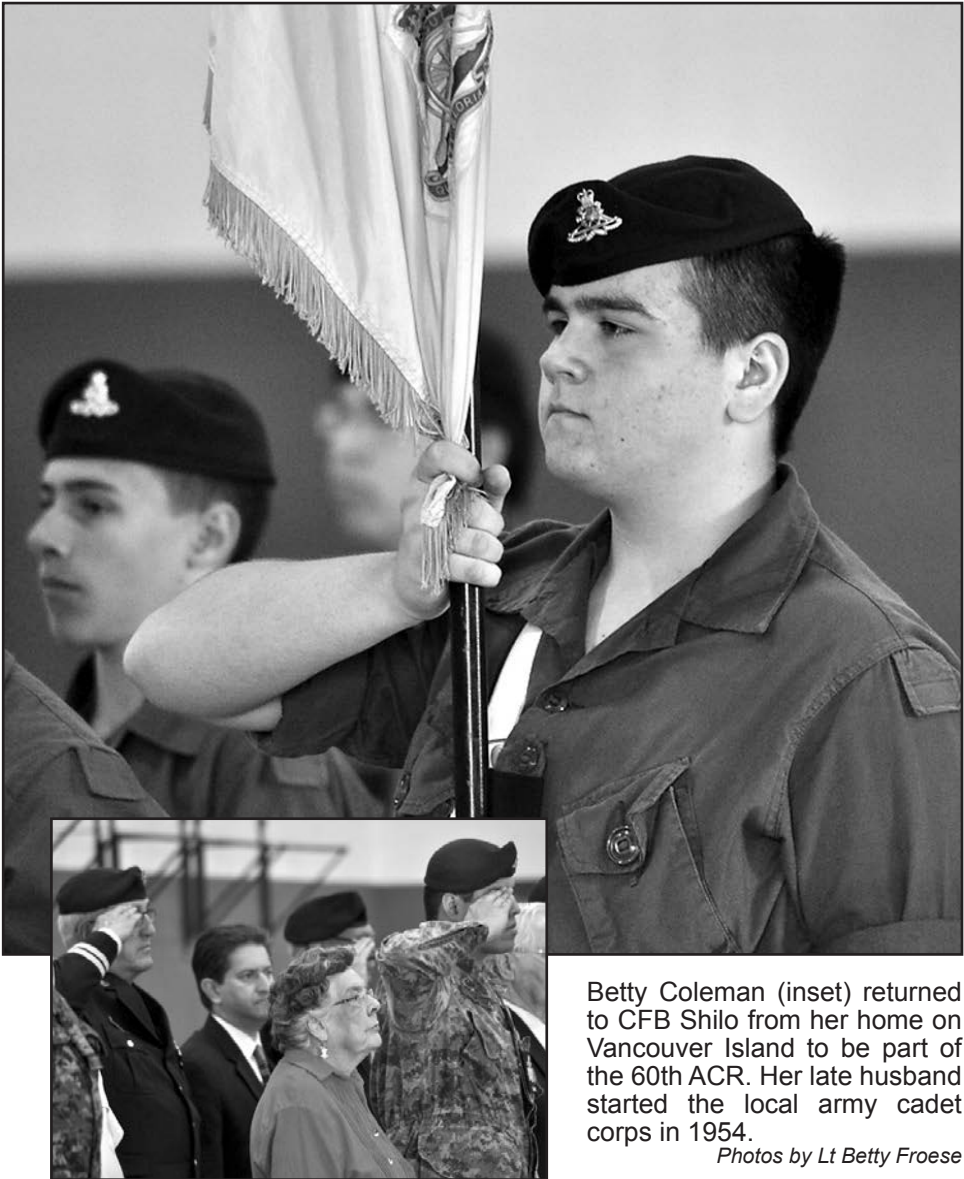
A non-refundable deposit of \$10 is required each week per child to hold your spot. Your deposit will be applied to that week's registration cost.

Full payment for each week **MUST** be made the week prior.

To register, please visit the GSH front desk between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Space is limited, so register early!



For more information, call the Recreation Office at 204-765-3000 ext. 3317/3588.



Betty Coleman (inset) returned to CFB Shilo from her home on Vancouver Island to be part of the 60th ACR. Her late husband started the local army cadet corps in 1954.

Photos by Lt Betty Froese



# Being involved with family important for fathers

**Dana Thompson**  
MFRC

Do we want our children to remember us as "the punisher" or disciplinarian or as someone who was loving, kind, and cared for others?

Dad's roles have changed throughout the decades. Today, being a good father means many different things.

Part of being a good father is being respectful to mothers. If a father is not respectful to mothers then children pick up on those feelings and it can lead to worry, depression, anxiety and aggression.

If a father does not respect a mother or a mother does not respect a father then children will learn unhealthy lessons about how relationships work and what it means to be in a good relationship.

There are different types of dads. So there are different roles for dads to fill.

Fathers can be providers, interactive, nurturing, affectionate, responsible and committed. All of these roles are important in a family.

As a father, as long as you're involved with your children you have the bases for good healthy relationships.

A good father will be there for their children, even if they can't be there physically. It's not the quantity of time you spend with your children but the quality of the time you get with them.

**Being a good father also means making decisions with the mother as often as possible.**

Spend that time getting to know your child individually. Learn who their friends are, their likes and dislikes, what they want to do or who they want to be.

By doing these things this helps your child know you care and you are there for them so when it comes time to face the hard choices they have someone to turn to.

Being a good father also means making decisions with the mother as often as possible. Children need to know that you are a team no matter what. If they know you are a team then there will be no putting one parent against the other.

Being a good father can also mean something as simple as helping out with household chores and duties. There should be no specific duties that are just male and female jobs.

If a child sees dad doing dishes or cleaning the bathroom and mom doing outdoor jobs such as mowing the grass they are more willing to accept differences.

A study done at the University of British Columbia suggests that daughters who have fathers who do housework aspire to a larger range of careers, rather than just the stereotypical female ones, such as teaching and nursing.

Dads are faced with many challenges now. They are accepting roles and provider and care giver.

More mothers need to work and therefore dads are a taking more active role in children's lives.

They are becoming much more than just "the punisher" and children are benefiting from more involved dads.

Visit the Shilo Military Family Resource Centre's website, Facebook page or Twitter for details on our upcoming photo contest called Celebrating Male Influences.

Dana Thompson is the director of children's services at the Shilo MFRC



Capt Cart Noonan (above) is a new director on the Shilo MFRC board. Listening to guest speaker BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey, incumbent Capt Robert Parker (right) is back, too, following the AGM vote.

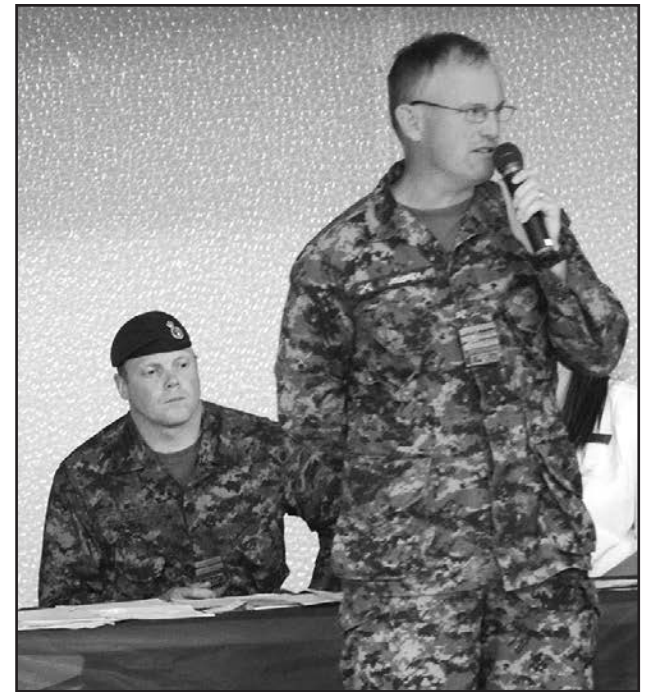
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## New directors voted in during MFRC AGM

### Shilo Stag

There will be new faces at the table when the Shilo MFRC next hold a board meeting.

Elections were held last week, with 12 individuals in the running for the board following an AGM held at the Junior Ranks' Mess. Following the tabulation of votes the following 10 newly-elected directors will join the Shilo MFRC for two-year terms: Amanda Dutchak, Jennifer Fraser, Julie Harris, Michelle Hegg, incumbent treasurer Christine Howell, Kim Kooistra, 1RCHA Sgt Corey Morton, G1 PBSO Capt Cart Noonan, incumbent 2PPCLI Capt Robert Parker and incumbent chairperson Kerry Webb.



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# Base Engineer won't miss frigid Shilo winters

## From the front

**SS:** What about your top-three memories which you will take away with you as you begin another chapter in your Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) career, but this time at Edmonton Garrison?

**MS:** "Number one ... My employees. This was my first exposure to working in a predominately civilian organization. I had heard horror stories of what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised to discover I had arguably the best civilian employees of any Engineering Services location across the country working for me. Much like myself, they were people who wanted to be in Shilo. Skilled labourers who could earn more money working outside of DND, but chose to work for the Base because it wasn't about money, it was about community."

"Number two ... Coffee at Forbidden Flavours. As an avid coffee enthusiast, Leita's selection and the friendliness of her staff are things I will miss. As a note, real men do not drink coffee with whipped cream on it."

"Number three ... 2013 Canada Day celebrations were fantastic. The work of PSP and the volunteers from Shilo Community Council led to the best Canada Day festivities I've ever seen. From bouncy castles, to zip-lines, to a bonfire with marshmallows and hotdogs, to the giant inflatable television screen with The Croods playing, everything was wonderful, and it was capped off by a half-hour fireworks display. I'll remember the feeling of community that I felt as I sat amongst the dozens of families, munching on popcorn and enjoying family time — not even the mosquitoes could wreck the strength of community that we shared that night."

**SS:** The Base enjoyed success with Communities in Blooms under your leadership — why do you think the Base showed improvement based on the judges' assessments, which led to four blooms and a first-place finish? Do you have advice for future CIB endeavours when it comes to hosting the judges?

**MS:** "Because the community cared and became involved. All too often people



Maj Reg Sharpe enjoyed Base sports, especially tackling opponents playing flag football.

Photos by Jules Xavier

sit back and critique because it's easy. When people become involved it makes all the difference.

"As for advice with future CIB endeavours? Don't fake it. The judges are here not to criticize, but to tell us what we're doing well, and what we could do better and to give us recommendations for improving our community. It's not about winning or losing — although we do have the trophy — it's about making the community a closer, better place to live for soldiers and their families."

**SS:** Asked to be Shilo mayor, and not having to run for election as what happens in municipalities, you seemed to be a natural. What's the key to being the Base's mayor and bringing the council together for the betterment of the PMQ dwellers?

**MS:** "All the credit goes to having good ward reps. Having ward reps who are truly interested in their community and in making change, as opposed to ward reps who are ordered to be there. The initiative displayed by ward reps was directly responsible for the events such as this year's haunted house at L25, which was the best I had seen in my time in Shilo. The ward reps are volunteers who bring the community's ideas, concerns and requests to council. I would encourage RHU residents to familiarize themselves with their ward reps and to talk to them and ask questions."

**SS:** Choosing to live on Base, what are some of the highlights for you raising your family in a military community?

**MS:** "Being able to walk your children to school, with the safety and security that comes from living in a military community. Having a vast number of volunteers that allow programs such as minor soccer, T-ball, Scouts and Sparks to occur. Having community events such as Lobsterfest, Winterfest, and Christmas concerts were memorable. Not having to pay property tax in Brandon, yet having better snow removal services here thanks to Base Transport and BRSS."

**SS:** What are you going to miss about calling Manitoba home as you leave for Alberta?

**MS:** "The frigid temperatures, and my windshield cracking in a pattern similar to the shape of Quebec at six in the morning. Having the option of walking to work. The vibrant colour of the canola fields and fall harvest, and the lowest utility rates in the country. Camping trips, whether to Riding Mountain, Adam Lake or Sprucewoods Provincial Park. The gas you can save pulling a trailer along flat terrain is amazing."

**SS:** What advice have you left for your replacement Maj Wall as part of your handover when it comes to the job as Base Engineer?

**MS:** "If you can get a Costco built in Shilo you will become a very popular man. You will never have enough money, staff or time, so prioritize to the best of your ability and understand that 98 per cent of the people will be happy, the other two per cent will not. And they're the vocal ones. Shilo is a great place to live, work and raise a family, but don't be telling anyone because then everyone will want to come here."

**SS:** Finally, what do you think about the Shilo Stag, when it comes to serving the Base as its community newspaper?

**MS:** "With a staff of two, the Stag captures the essence of what it's like to live in Shilo, whether it be in the paper or on the Facebook site. It has a loyal following of community readers, both past and present, who can see how Shilo continues to grow and flourish. There is no other paper that can pride itself on being able to provide that community connection."

"It gives families from across the country, who are separated from loved ones, the opportunity to see their children and grandchildren through the photographs and stories that are posted. I look forward to continue following the Shilo Stag when I'm in Edmonton Garrison."



Besides his role as Shilo mayor, outgoing Base Engineer Maj Reg Sharpe was active in the community with his volunteer work at Our Lady of Shilo church.

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