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## BASE QUARTERLY AWARDS Special Citations



BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey presented Shilo Barber Shop owner Dean Grywachski (above) with a CFB Shilo certificate of achievement in recognition of his quarter century of outstanding support on the Base. Shilo Country Club manager Scott Ramsay (below) received on behalf of his staff the CFB Shilo business award of excellence from LCol Joudrey. The award stated the golf club consistently delivers a "high standard of service excellence."

*Photos by Jules Xavier*



# Guest speaker's words leaves 'model' soldier in tears

### Shilo Stag

Working at Base headquarters, Pte Carmen Pietracupa has consistently performed at a level beyond her current rank.

Her commitment to military values and ethos is exemplary and her dedication has been noted by the chain of command, with her being selected to represent CFB Shilo and earned the nomination of honoured guest from 3 Div for the Army Run held in September in Ottawa.

Here's her observations from her trip to our nation's capital in Ontario:

My Army Run experience, says Pte Pietracupa, began by meeting Sgt Rousseau and the honoured guests, who proved to be excellent company during the course of the next three days.

Our first excursion was a private guided tour of the Parliament Buildings, which included entry into Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's office, the Memorial Chamber and the library, which was breathtaking. The elevators were out of service so we climbed the 8,000-plus steps to the clock tower and the service ladder to the hatch above. We signed our names and opened the hatch to what felt like a very exclusive view of Ottawa.

After a short exploration of the downtown market, we walked to City Hall where we met Canadian Army CA Comd LGen Marquis Hainse and CWO Michael Hornbrook, who I'm certain could power a ship with his energy. What a privilege!

Later that evening we attended a VIP reception at the Parliament Building. I've never been so afraid to spill wine in my whole life.

Sgt Brian Weigelt introduced me to 3 Cdn Div Comd BGen Wayne Eyre. I would not have approached him otherwise — I really did try to behave — so I was thankful for the introduction.

The reception was followed by the sunset ceremony, where we had reserved seating to view the 100th anniversary commemorative parade for 2PPCLI and



A 'model' soldier working out of Base headquarters, Pte Carmen Pietracupa helps her son with his marshmallows during Canada Day festivities at L25. She recently ran the Army Run, but it was her interaction with others that will stay with her always, not the run she said "sucked" based on her performance.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

bled that evening.

My race, however, sucked. The one hour, 45-minute bunny kept running away from me. I started strong, but then kilometre 14 hit. My legs got squishy. Then it poured rain.

The only thing that kept me going was the RSM's stern face above my right shoulder. I'm certain Sgt Weigelt could have run back for me, carried me across the finish line and I could have made it a minute or two quicker, but I guess he didn't think of that. What a fantastic runner!

In all seriousness, this experience is one I will take with me for a long time.

I am honoured to have had the opportunity to represent CFB Shilo and 3CDSG alongside Sgt Weigelt.

I recently read that appreciation is the best form of motivation, and I can honestly say I agree. Thank-you for this wonderful opportunity.

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We began the next day with a "friendship run" where we met the race coordinators, pace bunnies, and the founder of the Running Room. We then proceeded on a short three-kilometre "run."

The day concluded with a pasta dinner, which if I had to choose a highlight, would be the brightest.

The honoured guests were introduced as model soldiers, representatives of Canada's Armed Forces. We were asked to stand up one at a time, and afterward received a round of applause.

There are very few moments which leave me at a loss for words — this was one. The words of guest speakers Honourary Col Rick Hansen and Maureen Eyeklenboom — her medic son from Comox, BC, was killed while attending to wounded comrades in Afghanistan in August 2006 — left me in tears.

Having the opportunity to listen to their inspiring stories of heartache, resolve, and success is one I will never forget. I was both honoured and hum-



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The Base volleyball teams, both men's and ladies, are currently holding tryouts for the team (above) which will play host to the Prairie regional tournament Feb. 24 to 26. Military sports co-ordinator Danny Hamilton (below) umpired intersection slo-pitch earlier this summer.

Photos by Jules Xavier/Jillian Driessen

## Co-ordinating military sports

# Fielding teams no easy task with soldiers on exercise

**Jules Xavier**

**Shilo Stag**

There's no easy answer when you query what is the role of a military sports co-ordinator.

They have to be able to multi-task when it comes to offering sports — recreational or competitive — for soldiers posted to a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) base, which comes with its own challenges if sailors, soldiers and airmen are tasked on an exercise, or deployed for extended periods of time. Events are cancelled or games are forfeited when teams are unable to field enough players.

"It's part of the job, and sometimes you have no control over it as this is the military," offers CFB Shilo military sports co-ordinator Danny Hamilton. "When you're a soldier, the army comes first, that's the just the reality of the job."



Born in Marville, France and raised in Trenton, Ont., the 50-something Hamilton joined the CAF in September 1980, and was posted to CFB Trenton as a traffic tech from 1981-85.

Just as he did in civilian life playing hockey and fastball, Hamilton pursued these same sports at all levels in the military wherever he was posted. And when he stopped playing, he turned his attention to coaching, too.

So he played intersection and Base sports at CFB Trenton, and continued to do the same when he re-mustered to PERI and was posted to CFB Gagetown from 1985-90. A posting to Lahr, Germany followed from 1990-94, and he continued to

represent his Base playing military hockey — contact back then — and fastball. He arrived at CFB Shilo for a posting from 1994-97.

Then the PERI position became defunct in the CAF, so after 17 years in the military, Hamilton switched to his current job which he has done for more than 17 years.

The *Stag* sat down with Hamilton for a Q&A about his job on the Base, and why sports are important in the life of soldier besides doing their morning PT.

**Shilo Stag:** *What is the role of the military sports co-ordinator on this Army base?*

**Danny Hamilton:** "The military sports co-ordinator for CFB Shilo has many roles ... it ranges from coaching, organizing team and individual sports, promoting sports in the CAF, advice on rules and regulations on various sports, report writing, refereeing, co-ordinating and organizing Base regionals and intersection sports, to sending teams and individual athletes to various competitive levels such as regionals, Nationals and CISM [Conseil International du Sport Militaire]."

See **SOLDIER** page 9

# Ceremonial Guard honour fallen comrades in national cemetery

**OCdt James Benning**

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Spanning acres of beautifully landscaped terrain Beechwood became the home of the national military cemetery of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 2001.

These hallowed grounds in Ottawa are dedicated to honouring the memory of Canadian service personnel who faithfully served their country in war and peace, at home, and abroad, sometimes making the supreme sacrifice on its behalf.

Standing proudly in their scarlet tunics, the members of the Ceremonial Guard of the CAF are ready. Their mission is to honour a fallen comrade by participating in an interment ceremony.

The guard commander ensures that only those with the highest standard are selected for this duty.

"It's a privilege to be invited in by the family on such a significant day" says guard commander MCpl Mark Conn. "It's imperative we demonstrate a high level of respect and dignity. These are individuals that have proudly served their country and their family is equal-

ly as proud."

Awaiting the arrival of the family, the guards stand solemn vigil amidst the thousands of military graves. With reverence they escort the family at the slow march for the funeral service.

The haunting melody of the bugle and the slow sorrowful lament of the pipes lays the member to rest. This reaffirms the solidarity of the military family.

As the scarlet soldiers take part, their brotherhood and comradeship extends to those present.

Having shared in this private moment with the family they have almost become part of that family. Through this grief they have created a collective memory. Through this ceremony they have performed their sacred duty.

The Ceremonial Guard have many duties throughout the summer. None hold as deeply personal an impact as an interment ceremony.

It is in their actions that we hear echoes of Lincoln when he said: "That from these honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause."

In this case their cause is Canada and their service is remembered.



Soldiers of the Ceremonial Guard of the CAF provide a military presence at an interment ceremony held at Beechwood, the national military cemetery in Ottawa.

Photo by Lt (N) David Lewis



The bugler and piper stand ready during an interment ceremony held at Beechwood, the national military cemetery in Ottawa.

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Bdr Jared 'Goose' Gossen has enjoyed success playing on the local Base golf course. Photos by Jules Xavier



## 'Goose' takes on the world with golf clubs

When it comes to pinpoint putting or chipping onto the green from the rough, Bdr Jared 'Goose' Gossen knows his way around the Shilo Country Club.

While he's at home on the par-72 course in the summer, the 25-year-old will experience golfing on the international stage this fall when he leaves Nov. 10 for Riffa, Bahrain. What is 1RCHA's CO LCol Stewart Taylor's current driver doing golfing in a foreign country? It's not because the Shilo course just closed for the season.

No, Bdr Gossen will represent his country, and this Base, as a member of a six-person Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) team at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) world golf championship which runs over eight days starting Nov. 13.

To say the native of Campbell River, BC, is excited about this opportunity would be an understatement. He's been excelling on the Base golf course since he arrived here six years ago to begin his career in the artillery. Earning trips to the CAF nationals has also helped bring his golf accomplishments to the attention of Canada's CISM coaches.

In 2012, he earned his first trip to nationals which were held here, so there was no road trip. With 1RCHA's Z Bty at the time, as a FOO driver, he qualified following an extra hole playoff against CFB Winnipeg's MCpl Jeremy Chapman. Both golfers finished the three-round Prairie regionals with identical 245 scores.

He would finish eighth overall out of 27 golfers, and the Prairie regional squad won team gold.

Bdr Gossen started golfing seriously with his dad on Vancouver Island when he was 10. He had his own clubs by age 11. Having grown up in Port McNeil after being born in Campbell River, Bdr Gossen liked the fact his first CAF posting had a golf course, so he did not have to drive far to work his driver, wedges and putters on a course he considers challenging despite the flat terrain.

"This is a different golf course compared to what I played on back home [nine-hole course]," he told the *Stag* in the summer of '12 during his inaugural national experience.

Unlike golfing here where he has an advantage over other military golfers, Bdr Gossen won't have this in Bahrain. Preferring to play aggressively, Gossen said he knows on certain holes, such as Shilo's 10th, he must drive the ball with some caution and not risk putting the ball into the rough, or trees.

He will use his practice rounds in Bahrain to better prepare for his game plan prior to the start of competition.

"It's all about course management for me," he explained. "I think on certain holes I can hit my driver, but when it comes to the 10th, 11th and 12th, I will play it safer and will look to keep my ball on the fairway."

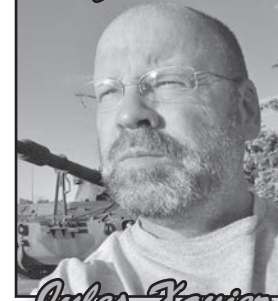
In subsequent Prairie regional tournaments hosted here, Bdr Gossen has used his course knowledge to make the Prairie team and earned a second trip to nationals in 2013. However, he was unable to attend as his partner was expecting their first child during that tournament in Ontario.

For this summer's Prairie regional tournament, Bdr Gossen advanced to play on his home turf again after scoring a top-five finish during playdowns

in June. He again finished top-five following a playoff round, and garnered a spot at nationals in August. While playing on unfamiliar links in Kingston, Ont., he still managed to garner an individual bronze medal golfing against his CAF peers.

This led to him being chosen for the CISM team that will represent Canada. Knowing Bdr Gossen's approach to the game, as long as he stays focused and not allow the course dictate to him, expect the amiable golfer to return home with some form of hardware. That and a golfing experience he can share with his 1RCHA comrades. Not bad for a soldier based at CFB Shilo.

### Reflection



Jules Xavier

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# Increased vigilance means tightened access control

I want to pass along some updates for the community and take the opportunity to look forward to some events coming up this month.

These are changing times in some ways, however, there are also many things planned that remind us that CFB Shilo is still a place where we want to come together and celebrate people, our community and history.

The whole country and certainly the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has been affected by the tragic deaths of two serving soldiers last month in Quebec and the Nation's capital. The impacts of such events are felt across Canada and resonate strongly for military families and all of the people — military and civilian — who work in DND.

In the aftermath of these attacks, there exists much angst and various opinions on how Bases and military personnel should protect themselves. As part of increased vigilance across this country, CFB Shilo has tightened up access control onto the Base to ensure the safety and security of those who work and live here.

While forcing anyone coming onto the Base to now produce a government-issued ID to gain access is certainly a change from what has been the practice here since the late 1990s, I know all of us can appreciate why these measures are now in place.

November is a busy and full month.

Remembrance Day ceremonies and Veteran's Week events are very important for the Canadian military and supporting communities because they honour

the sacrifice and commitment of thousands of our fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen.

This year's events will be even more poignant due to the deaths of WO Patrice Vincent and Cpl Nathan Cirillo.

As a small measure of its continued and outstanding support for our Shilo community, Forbidden Flavours at CANEX will provide a free cup of brewed coffee to all serving military members and veterans Nov. 11 between 8

and 10 a.m. Enjoy a hot coffee before attending the Base's Remembrance Day parade.

Again this year, Operation RED NOSE will be conducted by volunteers from the local community. The official launch will take place Nov. 17 at the El Prado Club.

The dates for the evenings and events that will be supported by this transportation service are posted on the MP Platoon's Facebook page and advertised on posters in CANEX. Volunteer drivers are needed so anyone interested in becoming involved in this program are asked to come to the MP Guard House and fill out an application form.

Please take advantage of this resource. Help keep our roads safe from drinking and driving. Make the call and give a donation that will go directly to raising funds that are put back into our community youth programs.

Mark Nov. 22 on your calendar — the community recreation staff will again host the Little Big One Craft Sale and Trade Show in L25. Swing by and check out all of the gift ideas for Christmas.

At the end of the month, CFB Shilo will be taking part in Sports Day in Canada. This will involve sports-type events Nov. 28 and 29. The Friday will be for military teams, while Saturday will see events for families. Consult the CF Community Gateway page for a list of events and times for both of these days.

Come out and enjoy some fun while showing off your community spirit.

As you can see, the month offers much in the way of activities and opportunity for the community to gather before the hectic Christmas season is upon us. Make the time to take part in some or all of these events.

In closing, I wanted to make one announcement and offer my personal thanks. Recently, Lt Brechin Piper volunteered to be the President of the Shilo Community Council. As the new 'Mayor' he has demonstrated the best qualities of this community: Stepping up when volunteers are needed.



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# Final Great War documentary on Westman soldiers airs Nov. 7

## Sacrifices marked by graves along their warpaths

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

With principal photography finished following shooting scenes at CFB Shilo earlier this summer, *Warpaths: Silver Crosses* will debut Nov. 7 at the Evans Theatre at Brandon University.

Show time for the third documentary in the trilogy created by Brandon filmmakers Graham Street and Marc George, former RCA Museum director, is 7:30 p.m.

"It has really been rewarding making this documentary series," wrote George on the Warpaths' website. "The positive response to the first two episodes from audiences has been overwhelming. I think that viewers will find *Silver Crosses* to be a fitting end to the trilogy."

*Warpaths: Silver Crosses* will also be available on MTS TV Stories From Home.

"We hope that the series will help people connect with the experiences of the Manitobans who lived through the tumultuous times of the Great War," added George. "This has really been a labour of love for Graham and me. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped us to make these films, and especially to MTS TV for funding them."

Back in June, Graham and George returned to complete principal photography in Europe, with stops in France and Flanders.

"It has been a very rewarding experience to follow in the footsteps of Jim, Fred, Cliff and Margaret Bowes,"



Filmmaker Graham Street focuses on an actor playing the part of a Bowes brother from the documentary *Warpaths: Silver Crosses*. The scene was filmed earlier this summer on the Base adjacent to the RCA Museum.

wrote George on the Warpaths website. "For me, the most powerful moment was standing in the fields around Decline Copse at Passchendaele, where Cliff lived out his last few days in a ferocious battle."

He added, "I was also very moved standing at Jim's grave in France and at Cliff's name on the Menin Gate in Ypres, knowing that Margaret Bowes had been in those same places."

George was especially impressed with the support the Warpaths team received from the residents of France and Belgium during their visit.

"Everyone has been so keen to help us tell this story. It is amazing to see that a century later, people know that Canada

was here and that they are still grateful for the sacrifices made by our soldiers.

"In particular, I was touched by the helpfulness and generosity shown by Patrick Vanclooster and his daughter Eline at ANZAC Farm just [southwest] of Zonnebeke, and by Annick Vandenbilcke, at the In Flanders Fields Museum research centre."

The third of the documentaries tells the story of Boissevain's Margaret Bowes, and her three sons who went to fight the Germans during the First World War. This film focuses on the home-front experience of the Great War — what happened to wounded soldiers and to the families of fallen Canadian soldiers.

This poignant film follows in the footsteps of the Bowes brothers who were part of the CEF's 44th Bat-

alion, and those of their sister and mother, who left Manitoba for Europe in search of the graves of their fallen family members.

The Silver Cross mother even went overseas in 1919 to find her sons' graves, according to George.

"It was a brutal experience for her back then, working from letters and documents to find their graves," he explained. "For her oldest son, they never did find his body [for burial]."

Graham and George, who provides the historic narrative in scenes where he revisited a century later, want their documentary to show how honouring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on French and Belgium soils has evolved during the passing decades, and how perceptions about them have changed as the war becomes a distant memory in Canada's war history.

George said when he was growing up the First World War veterans were reluctant to talk about their war experiences with him.

"But when I met them years later, and I was in the army, they would talk to me about their experiences," he said. "They would talk to you frankly because you were a soldier."

Looking back at the start of the documentary, he told the *Stag* in a 2012 interview that doing something on Camp Hughes as a significant military site in Canada was paramount because it tied in with the documentary based on the First World War focus.

"When it started I did envision a trilogy, with MTS TV on board for the first two. In the first, we did research on three of the soldiers from Boissevain. It was only natural that Hank [William Henry] Anderson would be profiled as his name was at the top of the cenotaph. It was a natural fit to include him."

As well as fellow Boissevain residents Gordon Little and Cliff Mains?

"Cliff was a highly-decorated First World War soldier with DCM Fred Rodweld," said George. "If he had died, he'd have likely been awarded a VC (Victoria Cross) for bravery. Hank was in the same battalion as Cliff, and they had a friendship in the army. So it was easy to follow them. And Gordon and Hank were best friends."

See **WARPATHS** page 8

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Marc George, now retired as the RCA Museum director, helps with the uniforms worn by actors who filmed scenes for *Warpaths: Silver Crosses* at CFB Shilo earlier this summer.

Photos by Jules Xavier



MCpl Timothy Wilson, 30, Grande Prairie, AB, 2PPCLI, KIA on March 5, 2006

# LEST WE FORGET

These 20 soldiers from CFB Shilo paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country while deployed to Afghanistan. They shall not be forgotten.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago*

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

— **John McCrae**



Capt Nichola Goddard MSM, 26, Calgary, AB, 1RCHA, KIA on May 17, 2006



Cpl Andrew Grenon, 23, Windsor, Ont., 2PPCLI, KIA on Sept. 3, 2008



Cpl Michael Seggie, 21, Winnipeg, 2PPCLI, KIA on Sept. 3, 2008



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Cpl Shane Keating, 30, Dalmaney, SK, 2PPCLI, KIA on Sept. 18, 2006



Cpl Keith Morley CD, 30, Winnipeg, 2PPCLI, KIA on Sept. 18, 2006



Cpl David Braun, 27, Raymore, SK, 2PPCLI, KIA on Aug. 22, 2006



Bdr Jeremie Ouellet, 22, Matane, Que., 1RCHA, KIA on March 11, 2008



Capt Jefferson Francis, 37, New Brunswick, 1RCHA, KIA on July 4, 2007



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Cpl Paul Davis, 28, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, 2PPCLI, KIA on March 2, 2006



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Inset: Former RCA Museum director Marc George helps with a gas mask for a scene being shot on the Base earlier this summer. Fellow filmmaker Graham Street films an attack sequence with a bayonet charging actor ready to run past en route to the battlefield. Photos by Jules Xavier

# Warpath series keeps soldiers Great War stories alive

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The two friends — both privates — would die on the battlefield at Vimy two days apart, and are buried beside each other in the Canada Cemetery No. 2 in Pas de Calais, France. George did not learn this until he was at the gravesite to film with Street.

Mains, who was wounded in 1918, and survived the Great War to return home, was a logical choice for another reason to be part of the opening documentary. While rummaging through used books at a Brandon bookstore, he found a copy that belonged to the soldier. It had his signature inside, with the book later being presented to next of kin as part of the documentary.

If you missed the first two documentaries on MTS TV, you have an opportunity to view them on Remembrance Day when they are being shown back-to-back starting at 2 p.m. at the Evans Theatre. While admission is free, donations will be collected for the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign.

Focusing on the Westman experience during the Great War, the first of the trilogy released in 2012 was called *Warpaths: Every Town Had Soldiers*. This was followed in 2013 by *Warpaths: Ghost Camps*.

The *Every Town Had Soldiers* took the actors and film crews to locations throughout the Westman area, including stops at CFB Shilo and RCA Museum, Bois-sevain, home town of the Bowes family, and Camp Hughes Provincial Heritage Site where soldiers

trained prior to setting sail for Europe from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"Back in the Great War, where we came up with the title of the first documentary 'every town had soldiers', it was a rare time in history where every town was represented," he explained. "In Manitoba, 66,000 men enlisted or 60 per cent of men of military age enlisted, or six per cent of Canada's population. Lots of Brits were living in the two biggest communities in Manitoba, Winnipeg and Brandon. There was that influence because these people still had a tie to Britain."

Blending re-enactments shot at CFB Shilo, and Camp Hughes, Street and George are able to blend their footage with additional visuals they captured on film while overseas in England and France. George also has interviewed next of kin to help breathe life into men no longer with us, and got to know Mains' wife prior to her death.

Besides principle photography in Manitoba, Graham and George also ventured to France where they followed in the footsteps of Westman soldiers who fought for Canada on a chilly Easter Monday in 1917 in the iconic Battle of Vimy Ridge. Canadian soldiers were able to seize a muddy scarp known as Vimy Ridge from the best-defended German bastion, something French and British troops were unable to do.

*Ghost Camps* took a different take on the Great War, with this documentary focused on how Canada's soldiers trained during the First World War, and on what life was like for them at a training camp like Camp

Hughes. George demonstrated the use of weapons in this film.

Camp Hughes became its own city in Manitoba when it opened in 1915, with thousands of men calling canvas tents home while they trained in the trenches before leaving for France and Belgium. Pneumonia in 1915 killed seven men at a training centre that featured 11,000 men and 1,000 staff. By 1916, this total increased to 27,500, with 1,600 staff. Eleven men died that year, with a few of them interred in the Camp Hughes cemetery.

This second film was able to blend in archaeology digs at the Camp Hughes site by Brandon University anthropology staff and students. The dig produced an array of every day items which assisted on what camp life was like for a raw recruit who spent a few months training, before going to the Western Front and facing the realities of the Great War.

According to George, the sacrifices made by Canadians in the First World War are marked by the graves all along their warpaths. It was moving, he acknowledged, to tell the story of the Canadians who died on their way to the Front, or while waiting to return home.

"With these documentaries," said George, "when these soldiers die they take their stories to the grave. We have an obligation to keep their stories alive by producing the *Warpath* series.

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## Base has produced athletes for CISM teams

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**SS:** How have military sports programs changed over the years from when you played, to today as you organize events on this Base?

**DH:** "The program has changed mostly by sports being added and deleted. We used to offer fastball, broomball and contact hockey. These are gone, and replaced by slo-pitch, golf, ball hockey, no-hit hockey, swimming and triathlon."

**SS:** Why should soldiers be involved in military sports, whether Base teams or intersection leagues?

**DH:** "I say why not? There are all kinds of opportunities. The community rec leagues are for anyone at any calibre. This is considered the grass-root level that encourages participation by all, incorporating not only fitness but comradie and competition."

"If you are a higher calibre player, then you are encouraged to try out for the Base teams which gives you an opportunity to participate in the CAF Prairie regional championships. There are five different regions within the CAF ... Pacific, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic. If successful, you can proceed on to the CAF national championships."

**SS:** How can this Base increase participation on Base teams, especially when it comes to fielding ladies teams?

**DH:** "This will always be a problem at CFB Shilo due to military commitments and not having the female numbers stationed here. The ratio of male soldiers to female soldiers for example on this Base are 1RCHA 20/500, 2PPCLI 10/700 and CFB Shilo 40/200."

"We historically do field both teams in volleyball and slo-pitch. However, with other sports as in soccer and hockey, the numbers speak for themselves."

"In male sports, we have been very successful in sending teams to all recognized CAF sports with the exception of old-timers hockey."

**SS:** What's currently being offered at CFB Shilo when it comes to military sports?

**DH:** "For community rec sports, which was formally known as intersection sports, we offer hockey and bowling in the winter, while summer sports are golf and slo-pitch. We have offered a number of other sports in both seasons, however, unfortunately the interest in trying floor hockey, ball hockey, volleyball and flag football has not been there."

**SS:** What is currently being offered at the Base team level?

**DH:** "Right now we are offering basketball, badminton, ball hockey, golf, men's, old-timers and ladies hockey, slo-pitch for men and women, soccer for men and women, squash, swimming, running, triathlon, men's and ladies volleyball, as well as taekwondo."

"At the CISM level, these are all-star teams which represents the CAF against other country's military. Right now what's being offered includes basketball, sailing, golf, fencing, men's and ladies soccer, shooting, swimming, running, triathlon, taekwondo, and men's and ladies volleyball."

**SS:** What is the process for offering new community recreation sports on the Base, say flag football or soccer?

**DH:** "Fitness, Sports and Recreation staff sends out to the respective sports officers the information about the new sport. Then they will canvass their people with a start-up meeting to follow. If there is enough interest we will start the same process as starting any established leagues by having a constitution/bylaws drawn up sport-specific, create a schedule, add officials if required, and then acquire the necessary

equipment."

**SS:** What military sports would you like to see resurrected?

**DH:** "Broomball would be nice, but it was at the end of its tenure as a sport that had very little participation other than in New Brunswick and Quebec. With the addition of ball hockey a lot of the broomball players converted to ball hockey."

"Contact hockey speaks for itself. It is not only more competitive, it also draws in spectators who choose not to or are not able to participate physically in the sport, but obviously is a great sport to watch from the sidelines."

**SS:** With this a small Base in comparison to Edmonton or Val Cartier, what types of success have Base teams had as part of the CAF military sports programs – regionally and nationally?

**DH:** "In the course of a fiscal year, CFB Shilo will normally win one regional. Sometimes two, as in the past year, winning both men's hockey and ball hockey."

"The biggest issue when a team goes to the nationals is, unlike most other regional teams that normally play in seasonal leagues, CFB Shilo due to tasking unfortunately most players cannot commit to participate in off-Base leagues. In Brandon, they offer just a soccer league, but no slo-pitch or ball hockey leagues."

"At CFB Shilo in the winter, Strong Contender has priority. Thus all the focus for soldiers is on their respective unit teams. Once Strong Contender is completed in Edmonton, the Base teams like basketball, hockey and volleyball will see more support."

"If the team is successful and is going to nationals, seldom will they receive complete support from the major units. It is not unusual to have more than half of the original regional team be replaced with new players. Needless to say, at the national level, CFB Shilo will struggle. They have only won two national championships in the Base's history — volleyball in 2005 and slo-pitch in 2007."

**SS:** What are the processes involved in being part of a Base regional team?

**DH:** "First and most importantly, attend a tryout for the team. Once you have been selected for the team, the coach will submit to the Base's military sports coordinator the complete nominal roll. I have already started the team's process such as getting a coach, practice timings, entering the team in the regional tournament, paying the assessment fees and booking transport."

"Once I've received the final list of players, time-off paperwork will go to the various units. Once the players are confirmed, then a nominal roll with ETA/ETD and fin code is forwarded to the hosting Base. Then eligibility certificates are signed. Upon completion of the regionals, the team will return their uniforms and then contact me to finalize their respective claims."

"If the team is successful, and wins regionals, the whole process begins again for nationals, with the exception of flight bookings versus vehicle transportation within the Prairie region."

**SS:** What goals have you got looking ahead to the 2015 military sports season for CFB Shilo?

**DH:** "I would like to see the major units be able to fully participate in all our sports programs offered at CFB Shilo. This would not only maximize success in the existing programs, but could also promote/re-introduce other sport programs at CFB Shilo."

*Editor's note: Danny Hamilton will be supplying a monthly column to the Stag regarding Base sports.*

Wearing his coaching hat since retiring from playing military hockey, CFB Shilo's sports co-ordinator Danny Hamilton guided the Base hockey team to gold at last season's Prairie Regional hockey tournament held at CFB Cold Lake. The triumph in Alberta earned CFB Shilo a trip to nationals.

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# New MP boss has different appetite for policing with retirement of predecessor

**Jillian Driessen**  
 Shilo Stag

There's a lot of new faces on Base — one of these is new MP platoon commander Sub-Lt Greg Ansley, who replaced Capt Dane Nicholson after he retired and relocated to Vancouver Island.

CFB Shilo's new platoon commander is a recent occupational transfer to the trade, but has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) for a decade.

"I joined in 2004 as a musician. I was a naval reservist in Toronto. I play trumpet," says Ansley of his early days in the naval reserves. "I joined right out of high school. At first it was just to pay for my degree in criminology. Throughout the summers, I would travel the country and play in the band."

The trumpeter graduated with a degree in criminology amidst one of the worst recessions in years. With a wedding in his future, he took a seven-month class B term as a supply tech. The short-term morphed into five years in supply while living in Toronto.

"In 2010, I was promoted to Master Seaman," says Ansley. "While I was on my PLQ, a bunch of people asked me what I was doing there. I had a degree in criminology, I was a musician, and I was working as a supply tech in the reserves. It was kind of obscure. They were asking me what I was doing with my life."

After being promoted, the Master Seaman made the move from musician working as supply tech to military police officer.

"After my PLQ, I put in my occupational transfer to military police officer. I thought it was a good fit. I had an administrative background and I could use my degree," offers the platoon commander. "I love music and loved studying crime. You can't really put those two together."

The transfer from reservist musician to regular force MP took some time. With very few component transfers accepted each year and several months of training, the process which brought him to CFB Shilo took nearly four years.

"My job in supply was good, but if it's not something you're in love with, you can't do it for your whole career," says Ansley of his move to law enforcement.

The move to military police brought him here along with his wife and daughter. Coming from their Toronto condominium to Brandon was a welcome, but major change for the family.

"It's a big difference here. We lived in Toronto. Our block had 10,000 people on it. Brandon has 40,000 people in total," says the Sub-Lt of his new surroundings. "I'm not used to seeing farmland. Driving from Brandon to Shilo was crazy. I was like there's cows, sheep, and hay bales. My daughter loves it. Every time we drive past hay bales, she says 'hay.' She is super happy to be here."

The young family, which is expanding by two feet in 2015, has found the military community to be as friendly as the Manitoba license plate proclaims it to be.

"I find everyone is very friendly, happy, and out-reaching. I feel like people try to bring you into the community here," he says. "Everyone has tried to help us out here."



Sub-Lt Greg Ansley (right) takes a stroll in CANEX with his predecessor Capt Dane Nicholson during their handover.

Photo by Jules Xavier

Having never been to Manitoba before being posted here, Ansley hadn't considered Shilo as a posting option.

"I chose Ottawa, Trenton, and Borden," he says of his original posting choices. "They said you're going to go to Shilo. I didn't know where it was. We checked it out on the map. I knew where Winnipeg was. I had never even been to Manitoba before our posting."

After his arrival, Ansley is pleased to have been posted here. With a position that allows him to be active in the community, he looks forward to the rest of his Shilo experience.

"Every MP I have met here is exceptional. They are very switched-on and they do their job to the best of their abilities. I have a great team," he says. "This is the best possible posting I could have had. There is so much opportunity for me to be in the community and be involved here."

Ansley, who had the opportunity to meet with Capt Nicholson during a handover, is excited to continue with the same community-minded momentum as his predecessor, though with a different appetite when it comes to burgers and sushi.

For Ansley, community policing is both an area of interest and an outlet he hopes to develop and build on. He describes community policing as one of the best ways to address any policing concerns. He also hopes to continue working on campaigns and programs like Shilo and area's Operation Red Nose.

"I have the utmost respect for Dane and the work he did here. He shined the best light on Shilo. The MPs here are involved with the community," he says. "I feel humbled to be in this position after him. The only thing I can really do is try my best and use my experience from before and hope that I can live up to the same standard."

With the military police detachment running smoothly, he foresees a successful and rewarding posting in his future. While there won't be any changes to the community policing or the community efforts made by Shilo's military police, people in the community can expect to see one major difference from Nicholson to Ansley.

While the good captain would be found stalking a variety of barbecues through the warmer weather, it's not likely you'll find vegetarian Ansley in line for a juicy hamburger.

"I've been a vegetarian for almost three years now. When I was posted here, people told me about how great the hunting and fishing was. It was funny, because I don't eat anything that has a mother," quips Ansley. "I used to eat really poorly. This started mostly for health reasons, but I stuck with it."

While being a vegetarian in the military comes with some challenges, Ansley makes it work.

With a team of effective and switched-on military police around him and a community-driven momentum behind him, Ansley is excited to work in Shilo through the next few years.

"Dane and the team here set me up for success. Everything was set in motion and I just want to maintain what we've been doing," he says. "I would love to have more MPs here, but other than that and some work in our cells, I don't foresee anything that needs to be changed. It's going so well. I'm really optimistic and this is the perfect first posting for an MP officer."

# Wheat Kings unveil military theme jersey

## Shilo Stag

The Western Hockey League's Brandon Wheat Kings have teamed up with both the United Way of Brandon and District and CFB Shilo in raising both awareness and proceeds for our community during a special November home game.

The Wheat Kings look forward to continuing the tradition of honouring CFB Shilo Nov. 15 when they host the eastern conference leading Medicine Hat Tigers.

During this WHL tilt, the Wheat Kings will wear special military-themed jerseys, which will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Community Fund of United Way of Brandon and District. This fund supports agencies in the community which make a difference in thousands of lives each and every day.

This partnership is a shining example of the commitment to community on behalf of the Wheat Kings and personnel of CFB Shilo.

The CFB Shilo crest is prominently displayed on the military-theme jersey

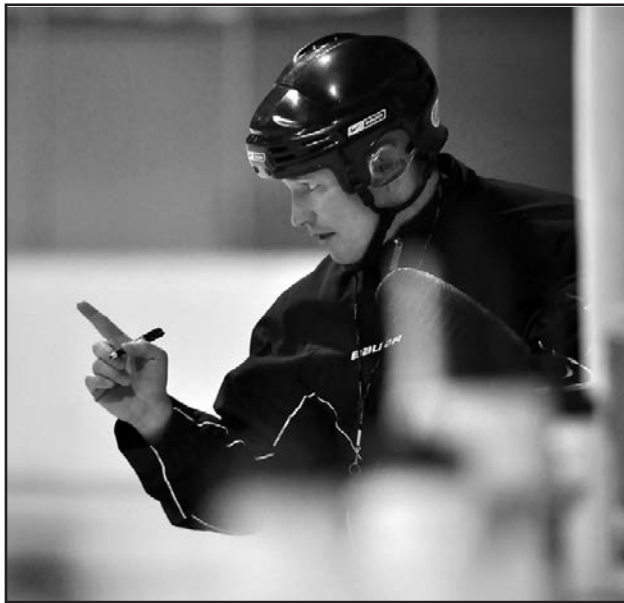
and it is recognized as a symbol of the Army in Manitoba. All Canadian Army units in the province, Reserve and Regular Force, work, live or train at Shilo. The crest features a stag and the motto "Ad Omnia Paratus" — which roughly translates "Ready for Anything."

"We are honoured at the support and the partnership in this exciting event between the Wheat Kings, CFB Shilo and the United Way," says local United Way chairman Cam Clark. "During our annual campaign drive, we know that there will be a lot of interest in this one of a kind jersey auction."

"We are excited to take part because it is one way we can give back to the community that has supported us so well," says CFB Shilo BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey. "Military families also benefit from the United Way and from this everyone benefits."

While the Wheat Kings have held a number of military nights throughout recent years, the Nov. 15 game will mark the first time that the WHL club has produced special military-themed jerseys.

## Hockey 101



Shilo minor hockey players are listening intently to their coaches in preparation of the winter season at Gunner Arena. Chalk talk before drills is part of the process.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

## You be the judge

# Do you enjoy good chili?

## Shilo Stag

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