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The Brandon Wheat Kings enjoyed team bonding while using the Base's obstacle course. The WHL club returns to CFB Shilo annually at the start of a new season, and the players enjoy testing their mettle without skates and sticks. *Photos by Jules Xavier*




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# Lyme disease threat high in risk areas in Manitoba

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The provincial government is putting Manitobans on high alert for the spread of Lyme disease.

According to Manitoba Health, the geographic range of black-legged ticks continues to expand northward and westward in this province.

The province's annual black-legged tick surveillance program has identified a number of new and expanded Lyme disease risk areas, and the risk of tick-borne disease transmission is greater in these areas.

Black-legged ticks found within the risk areas are more likely to carry the agents that cause tick-borne diseases including Lyme disease.

While these ticks can be found outside of these areas, the risk of catching tick-borne diseases is lower. Black-legged ticks are most commonly found within and along the edge of forests and in areas with thick, woody shrubs and vegetation.

Limiting exposure to potentially infected ticks is key.

Shilo and area residents are encouraged to take precautions to minimize their risk by doing the following: apply tick repellent; inspect yourself, children and pets after spending time outdoors; remove ticks as soon as possible; wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts

To date, 11 confirmed and probable cases have been reported this year.

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Base COS Maj Craig Ethelston poured the maple syrup on the pancakes served during the United Way kickoff breakfast held at L25. More than 300 attended, with the event raising \$1,517. *Photo by Jules Xavier*

## United Way campaign kickoff Pancake breakfast raises \$1,517

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CFB Shilo's United Way campaign kicked off its annual fall fundraising campaign during a pancake breakfast held Oct. 2 at L25.

The United Way of Brandon had its kickoff in mid-September, with new 2015 campaign chairperson Tara Ashcroft announcing her organization has an \$800,000 fundraising goal.

In her address at the kickoff she said one in three people in Brandon are impacted by programs or services funded by United Way. Moreover, the request for funding always exceed the money the United Way of Brandon has in its coffers.

The 2014 campaign raised just over its goal of \$789,000, with all of these funds going back into the local community.

During the Base's United Way campaign, CFB Shilo and its lodger units will work together to generate awareness amongst our military members and DND employees with a goal to raise \$40,000 for the United Way of Brandon.

It was a good start to the Base's United Way campaign, according to Capt Venus McLinnis of G4 Ops. She's this year's campaign OPI.

"We raised an amazing \$1,517," she said following the serving of the last pancakes and sausages.

Lt Keith Au, Base Public Funds Accounting Officer, called the turnout a "wonderful success" considering 2PPCLI and 1RCHA are largely deployed to the field. More than 300 people were served at L25.

"The producers of Hyena Road generously donated \$500 and the Shilo and Region Service Club added to that, to generously cover the cost of the foods, which was over \$1,200," said Lt Au. "The event would not have been possible without the support of the Shilo and Region Service Club. Their volunteers put in many hours to prepare for the event, cook during the event, and clean afterwards. They foster a sense of community spirit that is a credit to CFB Shilo."

The United Way's mission is "to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action." To this end, the United Way is a charity which raises funds once a year to meet increased community need.

These funds provide organizational and other support services to volunteer-led community outreach programs.

CFB Shilo's 2015 campaign will feature a number of keystone events:

- Dress down Friday Sept. 25 to Nov. 20 — for a toonie you can wear business casual, while \$3 allows you to wear jeans/PT gear. But you must maintain Mess appropriate dress. Participation in this weekly event is at CO's discretion for lodger units.

- Skate sharpening Sept. 25 to Nov. 20 — Gunner Arena is providing skate sharpening for a toonie.

- Canvassing Oct. 2 to 23 — Troops and civilian employees will be canvassed for contributions. There are no events during this period.

- Car care clinic Oct. 23, 24 — Base maintenance in building G400 on Engineer Road will run its annual two-day car care clinic. Oct. 23 goes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the following day running from 8 a.m. to noon. To make an appointment call 204-765-3000 ext 3255.

- Boot Blitz Oct. 30 — Base firefighters will be out with their boots at the two Base entrances collecting money.

- WHL hockey in Brandon Nov. 11 — Wheat Kings host the Red Deer Rebels at 4 p.m. The team will be wearing the CFB Shilo uniform, with these jerseys auctioned off during and after the WHL tilt.

The Base's contribution to the 2015 United Way campaign will be tallied by Dec. 4, with the cheque being presented to Ashcroft Jan. 15, 2016.

Support to the United Way campaign will also be achieved by canvassing military members and DND civilian employees via pay deduction forms and unit or section level events.

The campaign's progress which runs from Sept. 25 to Nov. 20 will be tracked by the United Way thermometer stationed at the southwest of CANEX on the roundabout. This will updated bi-weekly.

The United Way supports a number of social service providers in Brandon, including organizations such as Koats for Kids, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, Tools for School and 29 other organizations in the Westman area.



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Members of Shilo's army cadet team were challenged on the Base's obstacle course as part of a three-day Army Cadet Challenge. The Shilo cadets eventually finished second overall, just nine points back of winner 3019 RCACC from Rankin Inlet, NWT.

Photo by 2Lt Betty Froese

## Capt Rob Lussier looks forward to growth of new 1RCHA cadet program

2Lt Betty Froese  
Stag Special

The newest army cadet corps of Manitoba, Shilo's 1RCHA cadets, placed second in the Army Cadet Challenge held on this Base last month.

More than 70 army cadets from across Manitoba and the NWT joined together to compete in this annual three-day event where six-person teams, of various training levels, test their skill and strategy at numerous tasks, such as loading a toboggan, marksmanship, map and compass, erecting different kinds of field shelters and helping each other through the challenging obstacles on the army training confidence course.

On the final morning of their visit, the cadets participated in hands-on demonstrations with CAF members from 1RCHA where CO LCol Taylor, and RSM CWO Rice, addressed the cadets and officers, encouraging them to continue to strive for excellence in their training in the army cadet program.

CO of the 1RCHA cadets, Capt Rob Lussier, was thrilled the Shilo cadets finished second overall competing together in their first competition.

"The cadet program in Shilo started as a satellite troop three years ago from 2520 RCACC in Brandon," he recalled. "With continuous growth and support

from the community and our sponsoring regiment 1RCHA, we have proven to be a viable cadet program and are ready to function on our own with our own identity, 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery army cadets."

He added, "This entire weekend couldn't have happened without the support of the many members from 1RCHA who volunteered their time to share their profession with these young people. Many thanks go to 1RCHA for their outstanding contribution throughout the weekend."

1 RCHA cadets meet each Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the MPTF. Youth aged 12 to 18 are welcome to join at any time during the training season from September to June.

"We are looking forward to an exciting new training season," said Lussier. "And winning second place in this competition against 13 other teams was a great way to start."

3019 RCACC from Rankin Inlet, NWT, finished first overall, with 2520 1RCHA cadets only nine points back. Third-place went to 19 RCACC Portage La Prairie.

Bravo Zulu to all participating cadets who competed in one of the warmest weekends in September.

2Lt Betty Froese is the unit PAO for 2520 RCACC 71 Bty RCA cadets

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Fire prevention week proclamation was presented to Base fire chief Dennis Hurley and chief fire inspector Daniel Barney by BComd LCol John Cochrane and BRSM CWO Don Askeland. Fire prevention week runs Oct. 4 to 10.

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When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location."

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, running Oct. 4 to 10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is excited to share this important information so everyone better understands the life-saving value of home smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Here are some safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are a decade old.

Visit the following link for information on installing smoke alarms in your home: [www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week)



## Home framing starts

Construction on six duplexes on Frontenac Crescent is underway, with framing starting once the basement is poured. Here, a supervisor looks on as the floor joists are put in place.

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# HYENA

## CFB Shilo has

**Sarah Francis**  
Shilo Stag

Paul Gross didn't want to make another war movie, but then he found himself hearing the stories of those who served in Afghanistan. *Hyena Road* is based on the "1,000 true stories" of the men and women he met who have served in Afghanistan and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

The *Passchendaele* director and star is no stranger to the military. Gross grew up with a father in the CAF.

A large part of the inspiration for the movie was the time he actually spent in the war zone with soldiers in 2010. He said the experience wasn't what he thought it would be. "I was just mesmerized by it. I've been in a lot of weird places and screwed up places, but I've never been in an actual war zone. It was completely fascinating," he recalled. "It seemed to be completely different from anything I had expected. What governments had told us, what various media — what had been in the newspapers and stuff — it didn't seem to correlate.

"I went back a year later with a camera team and I photographed stuff. It was in that trip, talking to soldiers — all of the events in the film come from anecdotes from speaking to soldiers — and I'm thinking, there might be something in here."

Canada's involvement in Afghanistan lasted for more than a decade, something Gross said is significant for our country.

"I think it's important for us to do something about a conflict we were involved in for longer than the First World War, Second World War and Korean War combined." With a laugh he added, "Nobody else in Canada would be dumb enough to try to do it. I thought, 'Well I guess it will have to be me.'"

He said the film could provide viewers with an idea of what went on and the environment our fellow citizens were immersed in. Some of the feedback received by civilians included people commenting they were unaware of how complex the war in Afghanistan was.

Gross said it seemed crazy he was unaware as he was of what the military men and women were being asked to walk into.

"I think we were largely pretty ignorant of what it was we were asking them to do. It's no political position. I have no axe to grind about whether we should or should not have been in Afghanistan or should or should not be involved in future engagements. I do think we ought to know what we're talking about."

A major aspect of *Hyena Road* shows moviegoers how modern warfare is conducted, and shows those who watch the film how different it is from the First and Second World Wars. "There aren't a bunch of Nazis standing in a field that we can recognize because they're wearing Nazi uniforms and were going to go and kill them. It's completely different," he explained.

Gross said it hit him when he was out on a foot patrol with the Quebec-based Van Doos. He said there was a soldier leading the patrol who was about 25, from Rimouski, Que., and with a very thick accent. He had a hard time catching everything this young man was saying. During the foot patrol they met with some elders and a translator.

"This kid is talking to the translator to ask a question and I know for a fact the translator did not understand the question, there was no way. I [was] barely getting it because of the accent. I thought, 'This is crazy!' We're asking a reasonably young man to be a good leader to a group of soldiers and we're asking him to be the leading edge of our foreign policy. I don't think most of us understand that. It was never the case in any other conflict before, that we were asking people to do



Actor/director Paul Gross played a Canadian intelligence officer in Afghanistan in the movie he penned *Hyena Road*. Photo submitted

these really complicated jobs."

Gross has received a number of comments from viewers, civilian and military, and he said they do have some words of caution.

"In fact, we've had just a little bit of trouble occasionally with guys who are still working through PTSD. It can be a bit of a trigger, so we've been trying to say to people, it could do this. It's like what you put out in a live theatre saying, 'If you're epileptic, strobe lights are used and it may be a trigger.' I was really wasn't anticipating that. It didn't even cross my mind."

He said that's a testament to the accuracy of the film. Noting, although you can't please everyone, the movie is as accurate as possible.

"We went to enormous lengths to make sure every-



Stag assistant editor Sarah Francis interviewed Paul Gross prior to a red carpet showing of his movie *Hyena Road*, which was filmed initially at CFB Shilo before moving on to Jordan. Photo by Jules Xavier

# ROAD

## part in movie

thing in there is for real. No call signs or anything that doesn't actually roughly happen. Or at least I could point to someone from the CAF who gave me advice on it."

Gross added they didn't specify a time the movie takes place to help keep accuracy. "It changed a lot over the years. It was a very long time we were there and the mission was evolving a lot. For instance there was a guy who was at Sperwhan Ghar, he was from Shilo. He was 2PPCLI. I don't think they've had them in rotation since 2008. I was there in 2010 with a camera. He was looking in our art department, all the pictures of the Base are up on the wall and he said, 'That's not what Sperwhan Ghar looks like.' [I said,] that actually is Sperwhan Ghar — when were you there? He said, 'Oh wow, that got built up then.' So that was [it], everything was always shifting there. Including strategies and tactics and all that stuff."

"I think most soldiers who have had experience with Afghanistan will say, 'That's it, it's as close as we can get in movies.'"

The inspiration for the movie was from the many stories and perspectives he heard from soldiers, and even Afghan people, while visiting the country. Those stories were used to create the plot, which Gross said seemed to just fall into place.

His initial idea was to do a story on snipers, predominantly because of practicality. However, he then met an intelligence officer who was travelling with them who gave another perspective.

"He started telling me his side of the war. They were completely unrelated it seemed at first, what the kinetic side and the non-kinetic side was doing. It was through that intelligence officer that I met the Afghan characters. The Cleaner is a real guy and the Ghost is a real guy. They worked with us over there and I thought of course we have to have the Afghans in the film. They were our partners over there."

Involving those characters is something that sets this movie apart from Clint Eastwood's *American Sniper* or other similar American war movies.

"You almost never had the people in the country that you're supposedly fighting for," he said. "They don't even seem to exist."

Some aspects of the movie even came from his own experiences. While they were travelling through the area with the CAF he said his life was in the hands of the soldiers accompanying them. One instance of his time there is represented in the movie by a "press girl" going out on a foot patrol.

"This guy is giving them a speech about, 'Don't do this and don't do that. Here's your tourniquet, quick clot and bandage.' She says, 'I don't know how to use that.' The guy says, 'Well if it needs to be used it won't be you using it.' That was actually said to me the first time I went out."

"The first thing he said to me was not to step on something unusual. He started to walk away and I'm like, 'Wait, get back here! You've gotta narrow this down, this whole [expletive] country is unusual," he said laughing.

Gross mentioned how being immersed in the environment for only two weeks was exhausting and it gave him an appreciation for what Canadian soldiers go through during the course of their six- to eight-month stay.

Besides filming on this Base, Gross also took cast and crew to Jordan. Having the ability to film in that country gave the film a more realistic feel by helping the actors.

"You have to have stuff in the air, the dust, the feel of it, the heat ... the sun has a different quality. All of those things a camera now registers," explained Gross. "They're so sensitive. It's also good for actors. Most of these guys haven't traveled and we sort of tossed them into this foreign culture."





Actress Christine Horne enjoyed her outing with 2PPCLI (left) during Ex KAPYONG SPEAR while on the Base filming her scenes for the Paul Gross war movie *Hyena Road* (right). While learning her lines was no problem, Horne said the Canadian Army's acronyms were another story as she played her part as Capt Jennifer Bowman.

Photo by Jules Xavier/Photo Submitted

# Army acronyms challenge actress in *Hyena Road*

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

Learning her lines from the script for *Hyena Road* was no problem for 33-year-old Canadian actress Christine Horne, who has appeared in such films as *Stories We Tell*, and *The Captive*.

Figuring out the Canadian Army's acronyms used on the set of Paul Gross' latest movie required some help from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who consulted on the film.

"As an actor, we play people doing their jobs, just like being a doctor," Horne told the *Stag* during media interviews conducted at the Grant Park Cinemas in Winnipeg. "So this role was no different for me being a soldier."

"Unlike the guys, I only did a little physical [and weapons] training because I was mainly on the Base, not out where the war was going on. But the toughest part of my role was all the acronyms. For me, my biggest job was learning the language used by the military. You want to be believable when it comes to what we are talking about as there are so many code words used by soldiers ... like 2IC and FOB."

As shoppers passed by the theatre window where she was sitting, stopping briefly to figure out why a TV camera is focused on Gross, who was nearby giving an interview about the film to *Shaw Cable*, she added, "That was one of my biggest challenges working with Paul's script, to understand what we are saying to each other as actors."

*Hyena Road* opens Oct. 9 at Brandon's Landmark Theatre. Written, produced and directed by Gross, who also stars in the two-hour film as a high-ranking intelligence officer, the Canadian war drama tells the story of three men from different paths, caught in a conflict but brought together to save lives: a highly skilled sniper (Allan Hawco) who can't think of his targets as human; an intelligence officer (Gross) who has never killed while on duty; and a legendary Afghanistan warrior (Niamatullah Arghandabi as The Ghost) who left war behind, but gets pulled back to battle.

This Base and a nearby quarry were used as a location for the film last fall for 15 days, and actual soldiers stationed here were cast as extras to provide an authentic feel. Gross then travelled to Jordan to complete filming, using that country as a stand-in for Afghanistan.

Playing Capt Jennifer Bowman, Horne was more

than happy to converse with actual soldiers to transform herself. It takes more than a uniform to become believable. She even spent a day out on the training range with 2PPCLI soldiers during Ex KAPYONG SPEAR.

"For me, a lot of what I was doing I was learning as I went," she explained. "I talked with soldiers. I was lucky also to have a female captain who I was able to watch doing her training exercises."

"I was not doing a lot of physical stuff compared to the guys, who had army boot camp. They had a sniper consultant for their roles. For me, I asked a lot of questions when I had them ... it was about accuracy so I made sense when I was [acting]."

Having already done the 2009 feature film *Passchendaele* — a movie based on the famous First World War battle heroically fought by 50,000 Canadians in the bloodied fields of Ypres, Belgium — Gross thought that would be his only war feature film. A trip in 2010 to visit Canadian troops in Afghanistan led to *Hyena Road*.

"I found the war experience unexpected and mesmerizing," he said. "Being in the middle of the war zone, the sheer complexity and the dignity in which Canadians are represented by our soldiers, it occurred to me that I wanted to return to Afghanistan with a camera team and document as much as I could."

He spent 10 days and shot more than 60 hours of footage, aboard an array of military aircraft, at FOBs, in Kandahar Airfield, and in Kandahar City.

With no lighting equipment, he spent his evenings talking to soldiers about their experiences and hearing their stories. It was these stories, thousands of them, which helped him craft the screenplay for *Hyena Road* after he returned home.

What was he looking for when he cast Horne as Capt Bowman?

"Christine had probably the hardest challenge in the film," he said. "Because of our schedule she had to shoot an enormous amount of material, much of it extremely emotional, in a very compressed couple of days."

"She was magnificent and I knew without question she would be able to shoulder the weight of bringing all the emotional strands of the film together with real humanity and break our hearts."

"She delivered such a beautiful performance on every level — it's nuanced, complicated and beautiful. She carries her rank with the authority it deserves and yet is human and vulnerable. And mostly important, she has crafted Jennifer as an adult — not an

ingenue, but a real woman in a very difficult world."

Horne enjoyed wearing her tan military wardrobe, saying the wardrobe was comfortable during the shoot. The only time she actually wore a helmet was while in a LAV during Ex KAPYONG SPEAR.

"This was a positive experience playing this role," she said, "but I think of the soldiers who had horrible experiences during the war. Acting was easy for me; being a soldier and making sacrifices for your country, now that's for real."

What did Horne think of herself after watching *Hyena Road* for the first time at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)?

"It's always hard seeing myself up on the screen when a film is done," she offered.

"I look at myself more critically when it comes to my performance, plus I'm looking at the technical side of filming ... I am seeing the editing. I am hearing us say our lines. I am looking at the pace of the film, or the continuity."

Having *Hyena Road* shown in Winnipeg at a red carpet screening, Horne said she will use that second viewing to just watch and enjoy the movie.

"I did enjoy the feedback I received talking with the military who were at TIFF to see the film," she said. "The response was great because this was not a propaganda film. It was not a patriotic film as you might see coming out of the States like *Hurt Locker*, or *American Sniper*."

Having Gross as her director, but also playing opposite him, was an "awesome" experience for Horne.

"He's a great scene partner ... like me, he's done a lot of theatre. We speak the same language," she said. "As a director he cares about facilitating our art. He provides us with an arena where we are able to put in a performance. He had a great understanding of allowing us to perform."

She added, "It's not always about the technical parts of the film because Paul cares about the actor being able to draw on their emotions if the scene calls for it."

Up next for Horne is a play in Toronto called *The Road To Paradise*. She said it has a similar feel to *Hyena Road* because of the subject matter.

The play is about a child suicide bomber in Pakistan, a Canadian soldier in Kandahar, and an Afghan immigrant in Toronto. Three worlds collide in this play about love and loss in the time of war. It is based on interviews conducted with families of the CAF, the Pakistan Army, and the Taliban — the play explores how the war in Afghanistan is affecting the lives of women and children.



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## Net action

The 2015-16 edition of the Brandon Wheat Kings spent the day on the Base, with the players tackling the obstacle course.

Photo by Jules Xavier

# Canada versus France

## Military team on international stage playing rugby

**Patricia Leboeuf**  
Petawawa Post

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members will represent this country at an international defence rugby tournament in England.

Prior to leaving for overseas this past weekend, the team took part in an intense training camp at Garrison Petawawa in early September.

The team features two soldiers from CFB Shilo — Capt Matt Haynes of 1RCHA and Pte Eric Young of 2PPCLI — with CFB Shilo's Fitness, Sports and Recreation manager Jim MacKenzie handling team manager duties.

Players from across Canada met at the Ontario Base for a three-day training camp where they worked and trained as a 32-member team, preparing for the rugby challenge which saw Canada open Oct. 8 against France.

"This team is actually based off the Predators, and there was a call out to the rest of the CAF to see if there were any players from around the country that wanted to come and augment," said coach Sgt Nick Faryna.

The goal of the rugby camp was to put in place processes and structures to allow the team to win playing in England.

It involved the physical side of the sport with about nine hours of training on the field, as well as the mental side which included classroom sessions and video analysis aimed at sharpening the team's decision making skills while in play.

Each day of the camp involved about 10 hours worth of rugby teaching.

Bringing the players together a month before leaving to compete allowed the CAF squad to get to know each other, learn about each other's strengths and weaknesses, and how to work with them.

"Rugby is a very team-oriented game," said head coach Blake Edwards. "You can have the best player on the field, but if he or she is not playing with those other 14 players as a cohesive unit then they can't win the game."

Team spirit is there and the players work as a positive and convivial unit, said Edwards, basing his judgement from what he observed in the short time the squad have been together.

Petawawa Predators coach Pat Wight is also certain the team will do very well.

"They have been thinking about this since they first heard about it in the spring," said Wight. "All we did was take our training and our time to prepare ourselves for the next challenge, which is England."

He elaborated on the team's strengths, particularly that of upfront defence.

"Once we get there we will meet the challenge head on and worst case scenario it will be defence first, get the ball back and see what we can do."

With the inaugural training camp held, organizers want to see it grow in the future, particularly from the response of the players involved.

Garrison Petawawa proved to be a great place to train, said Faryna. The facilities are excellent, and meet the players' every need. PSP provided a medic to treat injuries.

"They've got all the equipment we could ever wish for. There are clubs in this country that would be very jealous just to see this camp."



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# Fines for motorists passing stopped school buses

## Shilo Stag

Passing a stopped school bus with lights flashing is against the law in Manitoba, and comes with a hefty fine if police issue a ticket based on information provided by the bus driver.

With a new school year a month old, CFB Shilo BComd LCol John Cochrane has received a number of complaints from parents and local school divisions regarding vehicles passing stopped school buses on Veterans Way.

"I recognize that many people utilize this road, some who work on Base and some who do not," he said in an Oct. 2 advisory. "Nonetheless, allow me to remind everyone that to pass a stopped school bus



with lights flashing is illegal and more importantly dangerous to the children mounting and dismounting the school bus."

For motorists in Manitoba, the law clearly states: "Stop at least five metres behind a school bus when the upper red lights begin to flash, and do not proceed until the 'stop sign' is closed and the red lights stop flashing. Motorists travelling

in both directions must stop for the school bus, except if the road is divided by a median."

LCol Cochrane has been informed that the school divisions have contacted the local police forces who will be increasing their presence on Veterans Highway.

# Base's council seeks feedback

## Lt (N) Brechin Piper Special

I'd like to welcome all our new community members who have joined us this summer. For those of you who are not aware of what the Shilo Community Council (SCC) does, it's a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss issues facing this military community.

This can be complaints from community members about pot holes, loose dogs, or ideas for things which would benefit the community — such as expanding the community gardens, restoring the skateboard park, or having a community barbecue. The SCC is also your direct line to the Base Commander and your unit Commanding Officers. Everything discussed at council is recorded in minutes which are reviewed by the Base Commander and the unit Commanding Officers.

Projects or serious complaints are sometimes directly forwarded if action is required. If you have feedback, or would like to be involved with the SCC, visit [www.cfgateway.ca](http://www.cfgateway.ca) and get in touch with your local ward rep, or myself. It's been a very busy first two quarters for the SCC. A quick rundown of what the council has been up to covering April to September include:

- The Dog Park OPI organized several dog park clean-up days. We'd like to thank those who take time while using the park to help fill holes and clean, and remind users this is a community park cared for by the community. Continue to clean up after your pets.
- Several council and community members volunteered their time to help man stations at the bouncy castles during the Cattleman's Association family barbecue, as well as during the Canada Day party.
- The SCC provided funding for the games trailers and foam pit at the Canada Day party.
- Our PSP members organized the community yard sale. Sadly, rain put a damper on this year's event.
- We held several town halls with the most popular subject being the future of the Shilo skateboard park. Thanks to the community members who came to these meetings and those who voiced their support, the SCC and PSP have received approval to retrofit the concrete ramps which are being stored behind the GSH so they can be installed at the skateboard park.

This project is still ongoing. We are having discussions with many skateboard park designers, as safety of the new equipment is very important.

Looking forward, the SCC is very excited to contribute to the annual Base Commander's Haunted House being held at L25, as well as expanding the existing community garden.

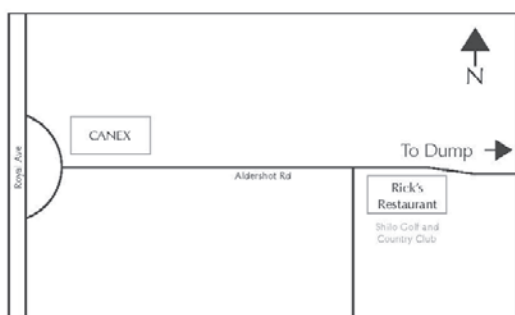
The SCC hosted a mayor's townhall Oct. 7 for CFB Shilo residents to drop in with ideas for community improvement, complaints, or questions.

The SCC is also looking for feedback on the final design of the expanded community gardens. The two options are to add another 20 plot boxes similar to what is currently in place, or to turn over long rows of dirt to make slightly larger plots better for some plants such as zucchini and squash.

Lt (N) Brechin Piper is the SCC mayor

## Got Bulk Garbage?

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For more info call the community recreation office at **204-765-3000** ext **3317** or **3588**

### Shilo Theatre

(Located in the General Strange Hall)

Oct. 9 *Spy* Rated 14A

Oct. 16 *Hocus Pocus (in the pool)* @ 7 p.m. Rated G

Oct. 23 *Minions* @ 1:30 p.m. Rated G

Oct. 23 *Fantastic Four* Rated PG

Children aged 10 and younger require adult supervision at all times.  
All movies start at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

For more info, contact the community recreation office at 204-765-3000 ext 3317/3588

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**Lyme disease is caused by a bacterial infection that people can get from the bite of an infected blacklegged (deer) tick.**



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- Firmly tape the lid shut.
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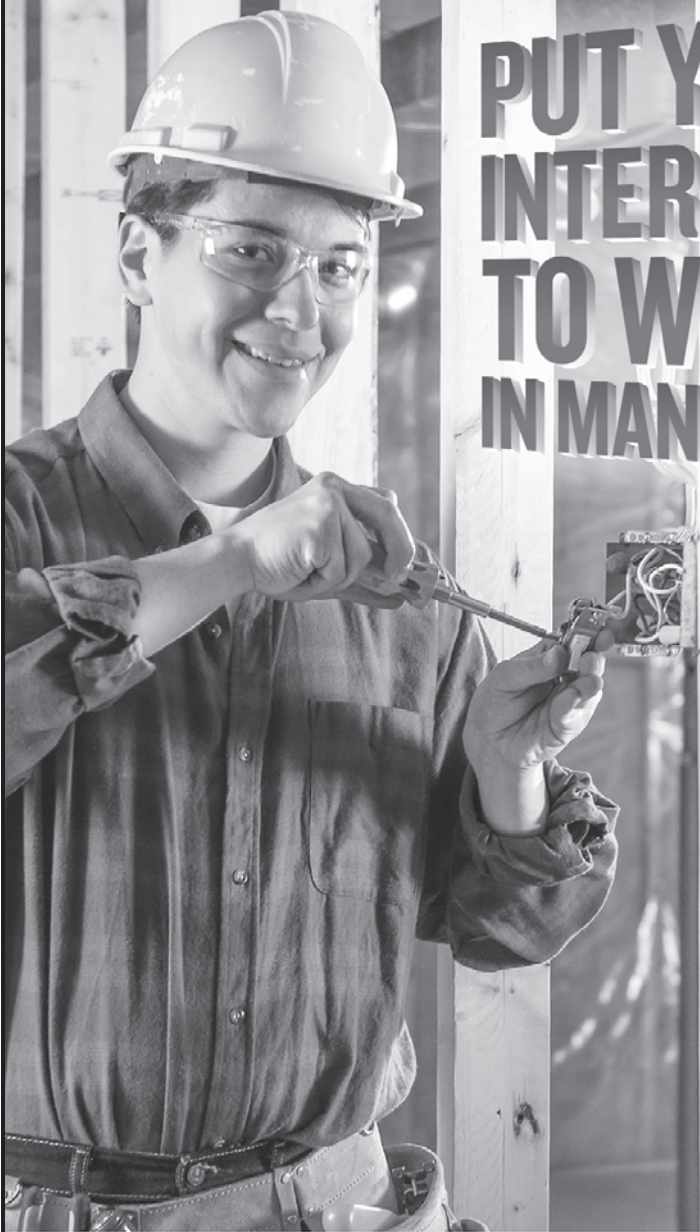


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## Combat ready at computer

No, Capt Lori Pottkamper does not regularly wear a combat helmet while at her desk doing Base adjutant work. She was in fact waiting for a photo shoot to help with poster artwork.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*

## Looking for a job, career change?

### MFRC Special

Shilo MFRC is hosting its annual career fair Oct. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the El Prado Club, with access through the north entrance.

This event is open to everyone, especially if you are exploring a career change, wanting to land your first job, choosing a post-secondary institution, a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) member working on their degree, attendees of the SCAN seminar or anyone with questions.

Make sure to bring a current copy of your resume with you if you are interested in employment opportunities. Be prepared to market yourself to prospective employers.

As well, if you have questions about returning to school, there will be several educational institutions represented

at the fair.

A career fair is an excellent opportunity to network and connect with educators, service agencies, trade professionals as well as potential employers.

Watch the Shilo MFRC website at [www.familyforce.ca](http://www.familyforce.ca) for a listing of confirmed exhibitors attending the fair. This listing will be updated regularly leading up to Oct. 14.

All invited/confirmed exhibitors are either educational institutions, employers actively recruiting for current vacancies or government agencies promoting its services.

If you have any questions regarding the exhibitors, the event or your marketing tools, contact Shilo MFRC employment counsellor Christine Helgason at 204-765-3000 ext 3327.

Or via e-mail [christine.helgason@forces.gc.ca](mailto:christine.helgason@forces.gc.ca)



## Remember those who fell, sacrificing their lives so you could be free after two world wars, as well as battles in Korea and Afghanistan

For our Nov. 5 Remembrance Day edition, your Base newspaper would like to share stories, photos, and letters from the First and Second World Wars involving the men and women of CFB Shilo and area who went overseas. This could be your grandfather or great-uncle who fought in the trenches of France or Belgium in what became known as the Great War. Or your dad or grandfather who fought the Japanese in the Pacific campaign or the Germans in the liberation of Holland. What about an uncle or son — did they see action in Korea with 2PPCLI? What about the more recent Afghanistan war? We're also looking for submissions related to the centenary of the First World War. Dust off the family album and drop off your war treasures at the Stag. Deadline is Oct. 26.



## Where's Willie?

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

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## Net action at Gunner Arena

The Shilo Sentinels are back on the ice at Gunner Arena preparing for the 2015-16 season. Here, peewee players hone their checking and shooting skills during a recent practice. *Photo by Jules Xavier*

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Flying over second base, 1RCHA's Jonathan Wilson fires the ball to first base to turn a double-play during slo-pitch playoff action.



Swing and a miss during slo-pitch playoff action for a 2PPCLI player. *Photos by Jules Xavier*

# International sports stage features CFB Shilo talent

**Danny Hamilton**  
Stag Special

CFB Shilo will be represented on the international sports stage this month. First, Canada has been invited to participate in the second international defence rugby competition hosted in England from Oct. 2 to 30.

Twelve teams representing 10 countries will vie for the championship trophy. Besides Canada's military team, participating squads include Australia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Tonga, as well as the host British who will be represented by the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Canada will be in a pool with the defending champions British Army, France and Australia.

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) team is well represented from CFB Shilo. The squad features 1RCHA's Capt Matt Haynes and 2PPCLI's Pte Eric Young. These players attended selection camps and were chosen to represent the CAF.

CFB Shilo's Fitness, Sports and Recreation manager Jim MacKenzie has been selected as the team manager for this 29-day tournament in England.

Meanwhile, the CAF is sending more than 200 athletes to South Korea for the sixth International Military Sports Council Games.

Canadian military athletes will be competing in basketball, golf, fencing, soccer, the marathon, running, sailing, shooting, swimming, taekwon-do, triathlon and men's and ladies volleyball.

The Games are being held during the first two weeks of this month in Gyeong-sangbuk-Do province, which has a population of 2.7 million.

The following individuals from CFB Shilo were chosen to represent the the CAF on its CISM teams: men's volleyball 2PPCLI's WO J Davidson and Avr K. Van Genne of 1 Fd Amb Det Shilo; men's soccer 1RCHA's Cpl T. Van Uden.

Last month, CFB Shilo's military sports programs saw a number of community recreation summer sports end regular seasons, followed by playoffs.

In community recreation golf, 1RCHA's HQ Bty team two led the way in winning both the regular season and wrap-up tournament championships.

This squad posted an impressive 16-point win in the regular season standings, and in the playoffs they shot a 10-under par 62 to claim wrap-up tournament honours.

In community recreation slo-pitch, it was a combined 1RCHA C/Z Bty claiming both titles in posting an impressive 15-2 win-loss record in the regular season and going undefeated in the post-season to capture the 2015 regular season and playoff honours.

In other Base sports news, CFB Shilo's Cpl Kenny Trenholm from 1 MP Regt, augmented 4 Wing Cold Lake slo-pitch roster at the men's CAF national slo-pitch championship held at Camp Borden Aug. 24 to 30.

Although CFB Cold Lake finished fourth, Cpl Trenholm had an impressive showing and was selected 4 Wing's MVP and chosen as the tournament's most sportsman-like player.



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