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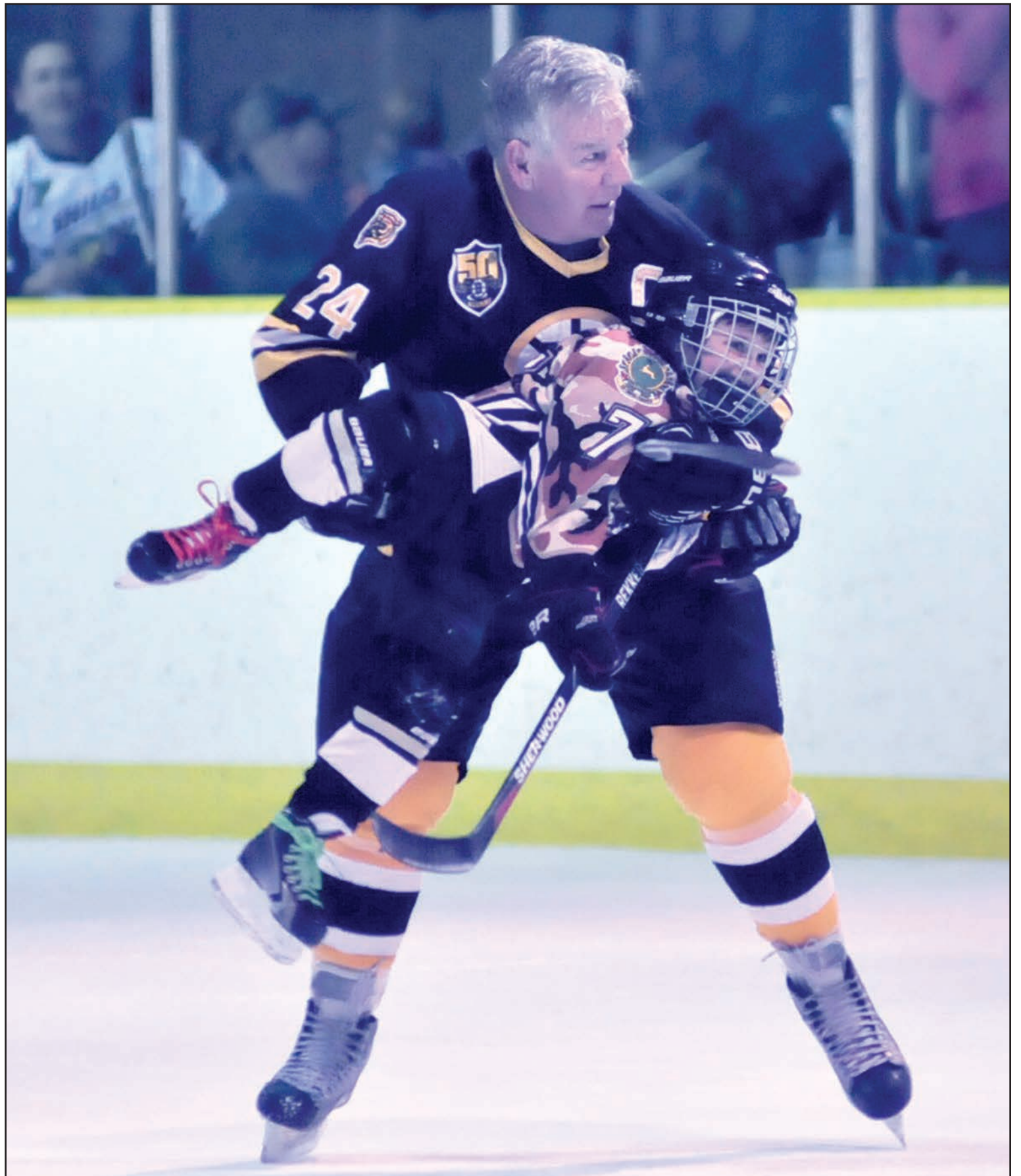
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Bruins enforcer

Former Boston enforcer Terry O'Reilly lifted a Shilo minor hockey player off the ice during a five-minute game as part of the Bruins alumni tilt with the Shilo Stags at Gunner Arena. For more on the exhibition tilt see pages 6 and 7.

Photo Jules Xavier

Dieppe Raid paved way for D-Day

This year marks 75 years since a largely Canadian force, drawn from 2nd Canadian Division, suffered heavy casualties landing on the beaches near Dieppe, France. While the debate regarding the raid continues today, the sacrifices made on Aug. 19, 1942 contributed to the better outcome just under two years later during the invasion of Normandy.

Steven Fouchar Stag Special

The raid on Dieppe, France was by no measure a military success. Or, at least, not an immediate one.

Just a few months before the ill-fated mission took place on Aug. 19, 1942, Allied forces in Europe were on the defensive, having been pushed back across the English Channel to the British Isles.

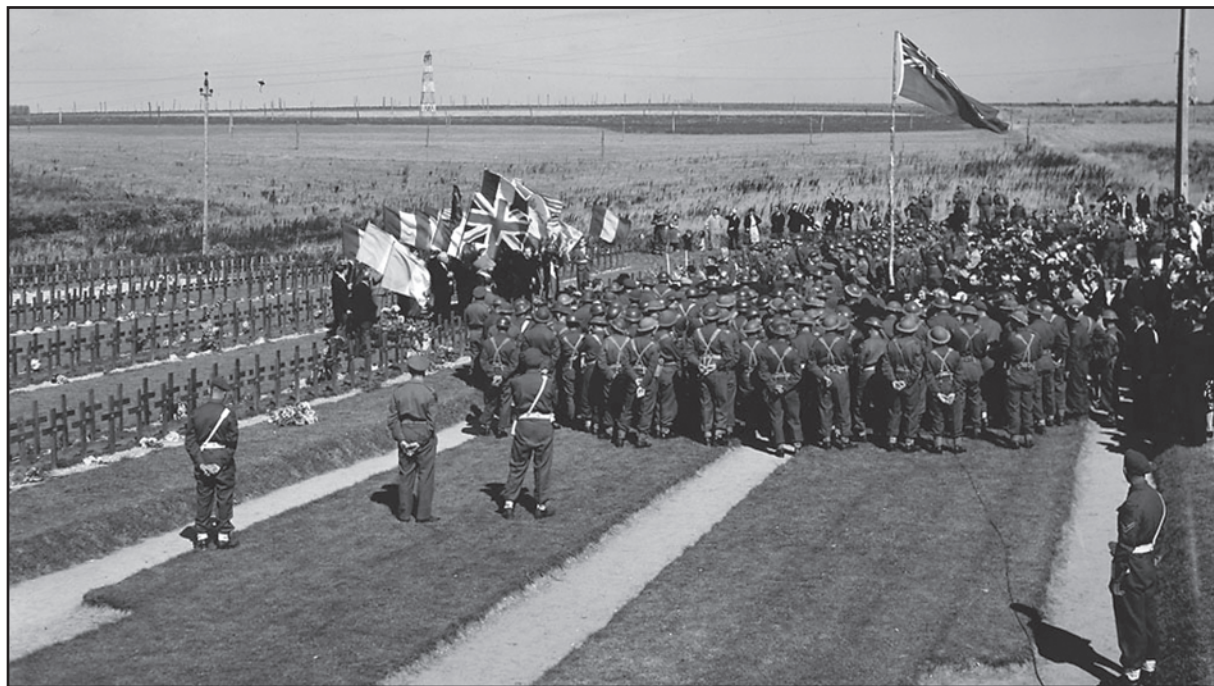
Allied commanders knew they would have to take the continent back to secure ultimate victory but they were in no position to mount a full-scale assault. Dieppe, a port in France's Normandy region, was chosen to be the site of a more modestly-sized raid.

To this point, Canadian Army troops had been stationed in the United Kingdom for two years and had seen little action.

LGen Harry Crerar, who would later lead the First Canadian Army in the invasion of France, wanted to see Canadians at the forefront of the raid and got his wish.

Some 6,000 troops would take part in total — 5,000 of them Canadians. By late May 1942, members of 2nd Canadian Infantry Division were training for the operation on the Isle of Wight in the English Channel. Op RUTTER, as the mission was then called, was set to take place in July but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Despite some calls to abandon



In this undated photograph, veteran members of a Canadian division, which took part in the raid on Dieppe, hold a service in the Canadian cemetery for their fellow comrades who fell in the famous Dieppe Raid on Aug. 19, 1942 in France.

Photo DND/Library and Archives Canada

the plan, it was dubbed 'Op JUBILEE' and postponed to Aug. 19.

The multi-front attack got off to a bad start when the element of surprise was lost on the eastern flank, where the assaulting troops unexpectedly encountered a convoy of German ships.

Only one small group of commandos on the eastern flank made it to shore, taking a position less than 200 metres from German forces. They were able to keep enemy guns from firing on other Allied assault ships for more than two hours.

Troops of the Royal Regiment of Canada had been banking on both surprise and darkness. The latter advantage was also lost when their landing was delayed.

They hit the beach just as the sun was rising and

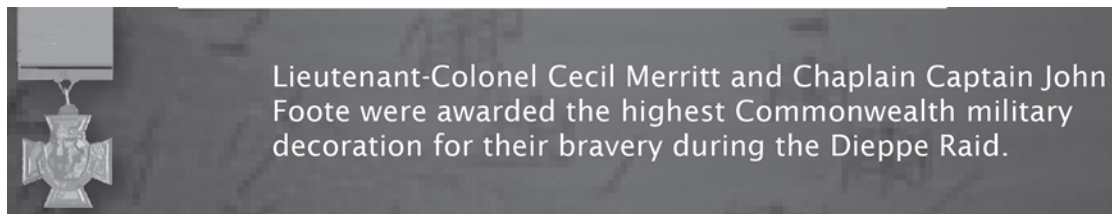
fully were hampered by both German weapons fire and the seashore itself, composed of small pebbles. Nevertheless, the tank crews were able to provide support to infantry by firing from their positions.

The South Saskatchewan Regiment and Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders landed at Pourville and fought their way out of the town to attack German positions to the east. Elements of the Camerons made their way inland to Petit Appeville before they had to withdraw as German reinforcements arrived.

When the guns stopped at mid-day after nine hours of fighting, more than 900 Canadians were dead, another 2,500 wounded, and 1,900 taken prisoner.

Two Canadians, LCol Cecil Merritt and military chaplain Reverend John W. Foote, were each awarded the Victoria Cross for their actions at Dieppe.

Lessons learned, such as the need for better intelligence, communication and more fire support from air and sea would inform later assaults, including D-Day.



Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil Merritt and Chaplain Captain John Foote were awarded the highest Commonwealth military decoration for their bravery during the Dieppe Raid.

Pet of the Week

BAXTER

This is Baxter. He's a rotti mix with blue heeler. According to owner Hailey Sorenson, Baxter loves cuddles when he's not running around outside. He is a caring dog that somehow knows when you are upset and will come and cuddle you until you feel better. He loves playing fetch and enjoys being chased as a game. He also loves playing and meeting new dogs. Do you have a photo of your pet — cat, dog, bird, snake, hamster — you'd like to share with our *Stag* readers? If so, e-mail it to us via stag@mymts.net




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Debut for choir

CFB Shilo's edition of the Canadian Military Wives Choirs made their debut at Gunner Arena when they sang the US and Canadian national anthems prior to the Boston Bruins alumni/Shilo Stags exhibition hockey game. *Photo Jules Xavier*

CDS apologizes to former LGBTQ2 military members

Gen Jonathan Vance
Stag Special

Early last summer, I issued a directive allowing all of you to wear your uniforms at Pride events. I did this because every person courageous enough to serve our country deserves to be proud of who they are.

Then in August, nearly 100 of you and your families marched with me in Ottawa's Pride Parade. Those steps along the parade route were more than a march of solidarity, they were footsteps in the right direction.

Sadly, and not that long ago, our Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) was on a different path. We spied on, interrogated, and criminally pursued our own people.

We pitted friends against each other to protect their own careers. We stripped away their dignity before we ruined their livelihood.

In many ways, those LGBTQ2 members were more worthy of the privilege of service than many of us. They committed to serving Canada by wearing our uniform, despite knowing they could be persecuted for just being themselves.

That took courage, but as an institution, we didn't recognize it and we didn't defend them.

On behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces, I am deeply sorry to all of you who were ever investigated, charged or released from the military because of your sexual orientation.

You showed us honour and dedication, and we showed you the door. No apology or compensation can ever change the shameful way we instilled fear into your lives and took away your career.

To honour those of you who sought justice for decades, we will apply the lessons of our past to become better in the future.

Because you were brave enough to wear Canada's flag on your shoulder you are part of the Canadian Armed Forces family, and we will always treat you with the respect and compassion your service demands.

As Canada's defenders, we must be a military that reflects our country and thrives on the unique perspectives diversity offers us. By doing so, we will ensure this dark chapter in our history never happens again.


Gen Jonathan Vance is Chief of the Defence Staff

Where's mom?

It was a hive of activity at L25 for the annual Candy Cane Christmas event. Besides kids having an opportunity to make their own cookies, they also had a chance to visit with Santa Claus and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. At the same time, a photo was taken which the kids could take home afterwards. Here, a youngster checks out her surroundings during her Santa visit.

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Do you have questions? Deployed soldiers receive tax relief

Gen Jonathan Vance
 Stag Special

As part of Canada's new defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, the Government of Canada announced an enhanced income tax relief measure for all Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel who deploy on named, international missions.

I am happy to advise that all arrangements are now in place to make this initiative a reality for members of the CAF on these named missions.

What this means in practical terms is that soon you will no longer have to pay income tax while deployed on named international operations.

Here's how it will work: CAF members who deployed outside of Canada on a named international operational mission since Jan. 1, 2017 are eligible for income tax relief. This means they will be refunded the income tax they paid during the period of their deployment via their 2017 income tax submission to CRA.

For those deploying after Jan.1, 2018, the military pay system will automatically calculate the income tax to be withheld (if any).

Importantly, this new measure de-links tax relief from risk levels, and raises the eligible deduction from income up to and including the maximum pay incentive level of Lieutenant-Colonel (General Specification Officers – GSO).

For those on missions in 2017 already eligible for tax relief, this change in pay incentive levels will also be captured through your 2017 tax return.

Commander MILPERSCOM will soon be issuing a CANFORGEN to provide further technical details, and in the coming days, your respective chains of command will communicate more information on how these tax relief measures apply specifically to you.

Below you will find a list of frequently asked questions — should you need further clarification. Thank you for the incredible work you do on these important operations across the globe.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**What is tax relief?**

As was announced in Strong, Secure, Engaged, CAF members on deployed international operations do not have to pay Canadian federal, provincial or territorial income tax earned during the period of time they are deployed.

In the past, the decision on who qualified for the relief was tied to the risk level associated with a mission.

This new measure de-links tax relief from hardship and risk allowances and increases the maximum amount of tax relief, up to the highest level of pay earned by a Lieutenant-Colonel (General Specification Officers – GSO) in the CAF.

These new tax-relief measures aim to ensure all members of the CAF are treated equally and recognize the commitment CAF members and their families make for the defence of Canada.

What are Hardship and Risk Allowances?

The intent of the Hardship Allowance (HA) is to compensate for the living conditions at a specific post. It is based on an assessment of how much harsher and more difficult the living conditions are in-theatre

compared to the home base in Canada.

There is also a Hardship Bonus that is a percentage of the HA, and is based on a member's accumulated months of service on operations.

This rate fluctuates according to an individual's circumstances and previous operational rotations. The intent of the Risk Allowance (RA) is to compensate for the risks associated with a specific post, and is based on the combination of both the probability of a hazard occurring and the severity of the hazard should the CAF member be affected by it.

When will the new tax measures be implemented?

Based on the Ways and Means motion, the Canada Revenue Agency and the Ministère du revenu du Québec have agreed to allow the immediate implementation of these new measures, as announced by both the Ministers of Finance and National Defence.

This means Federal income tax will continue to be deducted from the pay of the affected members (those whose missions were not previously considered tax exempt) while they are deployed. However, they will be able to claim the amount they are owed when they file their tax return.

Who will get the tax relief under the new legislation?

All CAF members deployed on international operations named by the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) will receive the tax relief. The new measures will be implemented for the upcoming tax season, and will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2017.

This will be reflected on the affected member's T-4 or Relevé 1. Examples of such missions are: Op IMPACT (CAF's support to the global coalition against Daesh in Iraq and Syria) and Op SOPRANO (CAF's participation in the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan).

Tax relief will also apply to those who are temporarily assigned to a mission and are required for the conduct and administration of the operations, such as Staff Assistance Visits (SAVs), Staff Inspection Visits (SIVs) or Technical Assistance Visits (TAVs).

What's the process for CAF members to get the money?

CAF members affected by the new measure will be able to claim the amount they are owed on their tax return for the 2017 taxation year. The amount of their total income that is tax exempt will be reflected on their T-4 (Box 43) or Relevé 1 (Box A-7).

When they file their income tax return, they will be entitled to a refund for the amount of income tax deducted during their deployment.

As of Jan. 1 2018, CAF member deployed on eligible operations will not have income tax deducted, up to the highest level of pay earned by a Lieutenant-Colonel (General Specification Officers – GSO) for the period of time they are deployed. This will align them with those members on missions currently considered tax exempt.

Will civilian members, such as Personnel Support Programs (PSP) staff and political advisors, who deploy to the same operations with military members receive the tax benefit?

The tax relief only applies to members of the CAF and police officers deployed on international operations.

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More than 600 active residential units

18-unit apartment offers new housing options

Jules Xavier

Shilo Stag

From new PMQs to a three-storey 18-unit apartment building, CFB Shilo is providing additional housing for its soldiers and their families.

The first PMQs on this Base were constructed in the late 40s when Camp Shilo was being built following the Second World War. New duplexes were opened in the summer of '16, while the three-storey apartment saw its first residents move in after Thanksgiving in October.

Providing two-bedroom apartments for soldiers is a new direction for the Canadian Forces Housing Agency (CFHA), according to manager of Shilo's Housing Services Centre Jodi McFadden.

"Fifty years ago, you joined the military, you were told where you were going to live and how it's going to go," she told media during a tour of the 18-unit apartment, with 17 of the units now occupied. "Now soldiers and their families have a lot more options, including living in the private sector as well."

There's been two ribbon-cutting ceremonies for CFHA continually investing to renew its housing portfolio. These investments, combined with ongoing renovations, upgrades and repairs, are improving the overall quality of nearly 12,000 housing units at 27 locations across Canada.

Former BComd LCol John Cochrane cut the ribbon on the new PMQs located on Frontenac Crescent in late July 2016, while current BComd LCol Dave MacIntyre did the honours for the three-storey apartment building last month.

Standing out front at the building entrance, LCol MacIntyre said the new housing is ideal for today's modern military family.

"This represents a new way we're trying to offer choice to our military families ... giving them a choice that they want to live in. We're starting to deal with our backlog. [Soldiers] could not get reasonable housing where they want to live and work. They were forced to look at other locations. We now have a growing portfolio of housing that people want to live in. Judging by our wait list they are choosing to want to live in Shilo."

McFadden acknowledged more than 70 military members are currently on the wait list, with a second two-storey building adjacent to the ribbon cutting ceremony being built. The 12 units are expected to see occupants sometime in spring 2018. The apartments at 23 Stonehenge Rd are the first to be built on the Base, costing about \$3.5-million. J&G Homes out of Brandon is the construction company doing the work.

Each two-bedroom unit features a walk-in closet, spacious bathroom, in-suite laundry, air conditioning and patio. Rent, not including utilities, is \$675 per month. Kitchen appliances are not provided.

McFadden said the apartments are ideal for a small family or young soldiers who previously called the barracks home if they did not have a PMQ.

The apartment complexes are part of a \$14.5-million investment in CFB Shilo housing during the past two years from CFHA. Besides the Stonehenge apartments, 12 two-storey duplexes were built and a number of older Base homes are receiving exterior improvements or are gutted and rebuilt inside to accommodate modern furniture thanks to wider doors, plus a second bathroom downstairs.

McFadden said plans are in the works to renovate 10 three or four-bedroom homes and the interior retrofits of another 15.

The 12 new PMQs, with six built by Excel Design and Construction, feature either four or three bedrooms.

McFadden said the inside design was done to ac-

commodate the needs of military families. More closet space, modern kitchen layout, plus easy access upstairs and wider doors.

"The biggest thing we find is there needs to be the space to move furniture in and out. The older houses have narrow stairs, narrower doorways and that makes it a real challenge for the furniture that [renters] have, so we've tried to keep everything as open as we can," she told media during the ribbon cutting last summer.

Rent rates differ from the older homes on the Base. A four-bedroom is \$900 per month, while the three-bedroom goes for \$840. The spacious garage is another bonus for the new homes.

After his ribbon cutting in 2016, LCol Cochrane told media having additional new homes on the Base takes some of the stress off soldiers who are posted to Manitoba.

"We all know that no house can eliminate the challenges families go through being posted, but what it does do is remove one of the many stresses individuals have when being posted. Ultimately, investment in military housing is an investment in the well-being of members and their families."

Investments in Defence infrastructure across Canada will provide numerous benefits to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Modern and revitalized facilities will ensure soldiers' ability to operate with excellence, and will provide support to our military members, reservists and their families.

Of the \$14.5-million invested on this Base, about \$10-million was spent this year.

CFHA and Defence Construction Canada have worked together with CFB Shilo and Shilo's Real Property Operations (RPO) in the planning and delivery of projects on the Base.

In 2015, \$103-million was allocated to the Department of National Defence (DND) to fund improvements to military housing between 2015 and 2017.

"The Government of Canada is committed to providing safe and suitable military housing to ensure Canadian Armed Forces members and their families can thrive," said Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan. "Proper housing contributes to a positive quality of life for those who serve and protect our country."

He added, "It is crucial that the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families have our support in all that they do."

CFHA has been managing Crown-owned housing portfolio on behalf of DND for more than two decades. There are more than 600 active housing units available on the Base, besides the two apartment buildings.

"We now have a growing portfolio of housing that people want to live in. Judging by our wait list they are choosing to want to live in Shilo."

— LCol Dave MacIntyre



Brandon Sun reporter Ian Froese focuses on the ribbon cutting ceremony featuring BRSM CWO Don Askeland, BComd LCol Dave MacIntyre and Shilo's Housing Services Centre manager Jodi McFadden.

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Ray Bourque flips the puck past his forecheckers, Matt Defrain (6) and Jordan Wilson (18) during first-period action at Gunner Arena.

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Boston alumni 13, Shilo Stags 8

Soldiers play alongside boyhood Bruins favourites

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

He might be a little greyer and a step slower on his blades, but NHL Hall of Famer Ray Bourque did not disappoint Boston Bruins fans watching from the stands of Gunner Arena.

The long-time Boston defenceman — he won his only Stanley Cup with the Colorado Avalanche after waiving his no-trade clause — scored a hat-trick and added four helpers to pace the Bruins alumni to a 13-8 triumph over the Shilo Stags during the recent exhibition tilt.

One diehard Bruins fan who felt like a kid in a candy store when he was asked to play for the Bruins was military plumber Cpl Rob MacFarlane. He opened the game on the blueline for the national anthems sandwiched between 56-year-old Bourque and Bruins sniper Rick Middleton.

After the game, he posed for photos and had the alumni players sign all of his Bruins paraphernalia, from jerseys to mini-sticks.

"That was an awesome experience," Cpl MacFarlane said post-game. "I will remember that game forever."

Sgt Ian Taylor from 1RCHA's B Bty shared the same sentiment. He was instrumental in organizing and bringing the Bruins alumni to CFB Shilo as a way of fundraising for Shilo's minor hockey program.

"I always have been a Bruins fan," he said. "Growing up in Newfoundland there were three teams to cheer for, Bruins, Habs and Leafs. My grandfather, who passed away shortly after I was born was a fan so I guess that influenced me."

When Sgt Taylor played road hockey he would pretend he was the great No. 4, Bobby Orr. It was cool for him to lace on his blades and play alongside Bourque.

"My favourite player from the start was Ray Bourque as Bobby [Orr] wasn't playing when I was able to watch games," he said.

Sgt Taylor's PMQ closet is a testament to his love of all things Boston Bruins.



A diehard Montreal Canadiens fan, referee Jon Wilson from 1RCHA was surrounded by the NHL nemesis for the Boston Bruins alumni tilt. Here, he listens to Bruins defenceman Al Iafate (43), who once had the distinction of owning the hardest slapshot in the NHL.

"My first Bruins jersey came when I was a teenager. There was no number at that time on it though, although now I have roughly eight, including a [Joe] Thornton Team Canada jersey."

How did Sgt Taylor land the Bruins alumni to travel for the first time ever to play an exhibition game on the Manitoba prairies.

"I initially started this endeavour in April after the [minor hockey] season ended and thought what else can we do for the kids and community," he recalled. "I e-mailed the Flames, Oilers and Bruins as a shot in the dark and the Bruins were the only team to reply."

He added, "There was no convincing to get them to come. They wanted to as they have never played out west. I gave them a few more communities along [Hwy 1] between Winnipeg and here as they like to do a few games to keep the cost low."

Following the victory over the Stags, the Bruins alumni travelled east to Portage la Prairie for a game and sportsman dinner.

Was Sgt Taylor nervous going into the game which attracted more than 300 fans? Yes, he was when he saw action in the second and third periods. He did not dress for the opening period as he was too busy making sure the event was running smoothly.

"To look up and possibly receive a pass from one of them will be overwhelming," he told the *Stag* in a pre-game interview.

Besides talking with Bourque, the other player Sgt Taylor looked forward to meeting in person was Bruins enforcer 66-year-old Terry O'Reilly. With the current Bruins, his favourite player is Patrice Bergeron.

While he had to contain his own excitement of being around players who wore the Bruins jersey in the NHL when he was growing up, Sgt Taylor was equally happy for the minor hockey players who were part of the game festivities, including the opening ceremony where CFB Shilo's Canadian Military Wives Choirs debuted by singing the US and Canadian national anthems.

"It means the world to me to skate with them, but I'm more excited to get the kids involved with the flags being skated on the ice and the kids playing with them," he said.

The last five minutes of the opening period had Shilo's youngest hockey players going toe-to-toe with the likes of Bourque, Middleton, O'Reilly, Al Iafate, Tom Fergus and Bob Sweeney. The players also visited O'Kelly School earlier in the day as part of their visit to CFB Shilo.

"[Students] may not know exactly who they are, but they know they played in the NHL and that no matter how young or old you are you can always play the game we love," he said.

Rory Kelly was the offensive catalyst for the Stags, who outshot the Bruins 41-37, with three goals and three assists. Cpl Isabelle Dubord from Base Transport had the distinction of scoring the first goal for the Stags, beating Bruins goaltender Roy Nolan, on a partial breakaway.

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Canadian soldiers made a name for themselves

Afghanistan: Canada's longest war

This is one in an ongoing series of articles recounting some of Canada's most significant military engagements to mark the country's 150th birthday. Take a look back at Canada's role in the complex and costly Afghanistan mission. Canadian troops made their mark early and proved to be important partners right up until the end of our combat role in 2014.

ion in Canada against the war.

The late summer of 2003 marked the start of Op ATHENA, in which a Canadian infantry battle group assisted in enhancing security around the Afghan capital, Kabul. There, under the leadership of Canada's LGen Rick Hillier, Canadian and allied troops carried out a variety of missions, including foot patrols and raids on enemy weapons caches.

For the second phase of Op ATHENA, beginning in early 2006, Canadian troops focused on Kandahar Province in the south; long considered one of Afghanistan's most dangerous areas.

They would lead the Multinational Brigade for Command South until November 2006 — a period that included Op MEDUSA, a major offensive against the insurgency in the region.

The successful, three-week campaign was led by The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group's first battalion. They, along with US and Afghan troops, faced an enemy force estimated to be 1,400 strong and killed more than 500.

Twelve Canadians were among the casualties and five members of The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group were given the Medal of Military Valour (MMV) for their actions.

While the offensive itself was a success, Canada's five years in Southern Afghanistan would prove to be its deadliest overall. In 2008, the number of fatalities passed 100, triggering an intense debate at home.

Canadians were deeply divided on the mission's value while Parliament debated a possible extension beyond the original end date of February 2009.

An independent report from former MP John Manley issued in 2008 recommended Canada stay in Afghanistan while shifting focus from combat to training Afghan troops.

The government of the day heeded that advice and a motion to extend and change the mission passed the House of Commons weeks later.

In May of 2011, the mission focus moved to training. Canadian troops embarked on Op ATTENTION, contributing the second largest contingent of the NATO-led mission to train Afghan National Police and National Army members.

From July to December of that year, the Mission Transition Task Force began to move most Canadian assets out of the country as the combat portion of the mission was closed out.

When our training commitments in Afghanistan were complete in 2014, Canada had suffered 158 military casualties in addition to the loss of diplomat Glyn Berry and Calgary journalist Michelle Lang.

Two Canadian aid workers, Jacqueline Kirk of Montreal and Shirley Case from Williams Lake, BC, were among three civilians killed in August 2008.

Steven Fouchard Stag Special

The Canadian government was quick to express its solidarity with the United States following the 9/11 attacks and was soon preparing for combat in Afghanistan.

The ground element of what would become Canada's largest military deployment since the Second World War started small with the arrival in late 2001 of a few dozen troops from elite commando unit Joint Task Force Two (JTF 2).

Canadians quickly made a name for themselves: JTF 2 members would be credited with killing more than 100 Taliban and Al-Qaeda leaders early in the conflict. Their first mission, a raid on an enemy compound in Pakistan, would see them recover a computer hard drive containing valuable intelligence.

Canada's first full battle group, drawn from the 3PPCLI, arrived in early 2002 under the auspices of Op APOLLO. They would spend the next six months in combat.

Four members were killed that April by friendly fire from an American F-16 fighter, which would begin to turn public opin-

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MCpl Kelly Harding smiles at an Afghan boy during a patrol in the compound village of Nakhonay in October 2008.

Photo MCpl Karl McKay JTF-Afghanistan



Base plates

Long-time Base resident and former firefighter Kelvin Schrot brought in a plate used by Base motorists in the early 60s. The plate was used as a means of identification when you arrived to enter Camp Shilo. The yellow plate with green lettering was attached to your vehicle prior to the use of stickers in the front windshield. Andrew Chaplin shared his plate he was given by MPs to place on his racing bicycle on the Base in the 1980s. He was asked to affix the dark green plate to his Italian road bike, but he never did. It's now a keepsake on his office wall at work.

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Christmas greetings from CA Command Team

At this most special time of year, CWO Alain Guimond and I would like to offer our best wishes to the entire Canadian Army family.

This is also an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the year that has passed. I am extremely proud of the great work that our women and men in uniform and members of the Defence Team do every day.

In the last year, we have achieved a number of great successes and benefited from many learning experiences. This year, we have taken on the responsibility for Army Reserve enrollment and streamlined the recruiting process.

This and other components of the Strengthening the Army Reserve initiative will continue to be one of our priorities in the New Year and years to come.

Our personnel were extremely busy this year while responding to various natural disasters across the country as part of Op LENTUS including: the ice storm in New Brunswick, flooding in Kashechewan, Ont., severe flooding in Quebec and wildfires in British Columbia and Manitoba.

Our members demonstrated time and time again, and continue to demonstrate, that they are ready to support and serve alongside our federal, provincial and municipal partners, who are working diligently to serve Canadian citizens in need.

On a different note, I am also very proud of our efforts towards the enhanced Forward Presence mission in Latvia, where Canada has assumed a leadership role as one of four Framework Nations leading a multinational battle group.

This is our first permanent mission in Europe since the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s. CWO Guimond and I had the pleasure of visiting the men and women of the Canadian Army in Latvia, as well as Ukraine, who continue to display outstanding professionalism in all that they do.

On numerous occasions, the Army Sergeant-Major has recounted to me how he is honoured to travel and witness the high quality, the dedication and the professionalism of our soldiers both across Canada and

deployed around the world.

This spring marked the Government of Canada's unveiling of Canada's defence policy — Strong, Secure, Engaged — which has provided the clarity the Army needed to balance priorities, respond to emerging challenges, and invest in future capabilities.

Maintaining the proper mix of combat capabilities, along with the ability to operate jointly with the rest of the CAF, in concert with key Allies and partners, is crucial for Army success.

This year also marked the 150th anniversary of Confederation, and other significant military anniversaries, including the 100th anniversaries of the Battles of Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and Passchendaele, and the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

Many of our soldiers had the honour of representing the Canadian Army at these commemorative events in Europe.

In 2017, we also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Canadian Rangers, who do tremendous work in northern, coastal, and isolated areas of Canada as our eyes and ears on the ground.

To those of you serving Canada far from home, know that our thoughts and good wishes are with you. Those of you who have served overseas during the holidays know how difficult this can be: stay focused and stay safe. A special thanks to all our families for supporting our soldiers each and every day.

To each member of the Canadian Army (CA) Team: Take care of yourself, your loved ones, and your colleagues during the holiday season and always. Take advantage of the holiday season to spend quality time with family and friends.

We also urge you to reach out for support if you, or someone you know, need it. CWO Guimond and I wish you and your loved ones all the best for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season, as well as a joyful New Year.

LGen Paul Wynnyk
Commander Canadian Army
CWO Alain Guimond, ASM

Where's Willie?

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

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



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

Fence project underway

Motorists heading for Wawanesa or the south gate will notice the Base's new fencing project is underway. The main posts are being placed after holes are dug, and concrete is placed around the base. Work will continue throughout the winter. *Photos Jules Xavier*

Shilo Theatre
(Located in the General Strange Hall)

Dec. 15 Kingsman - The Golden Circle Rated 14A
Dec. 22 The Grinch Who Stole Christmas Rated G
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A lot of weight was lifted at 1RCHA as the Regiment hosted its annual Ex HEAVY LOADER competition. From the bench press to squats, soldiers tested their mettle in pushing the limits of strength and technique. At press time, final results were unavailable. *Photos Sarah Francis*



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Let there be light!

Despite frigid temperatures adjacent to the splash park, families took part in the inaugural tree lighting ceremony. A fire was going nearby, while visitors enjoyed either hot apple cider or hot chocolate. Then Shilo mayor Lt Thomas Oh, with help from BRSM CWO Don Askeland and Base adjutant Capt Vanessa Durand, plugged in the Christmas lights.

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KINGSTON CUP CHAMPIONS B Battery

Jon Carroll scores the game-winner here, his second of the game, to pace B Bty to a 4-2 victory over A Bty.



B Bty goalie Tyler Paynton was stellar between the pipes to pace his team to the win. Opening faceoff hijinx (below).



Kevin Boisvert of A Bty slipped the puck under B Bty goalie Tyler Paynton for his team's second goal in the second period.



B Bty captain Tyler Perry (left) celebrates with the historic Kingston Cup following his team's 4-2 triumph at Gunner Arena. The trophy is kept at the RCA Museum, and was first presented when the two teams played outdoors in Kingston, Ont. Jon Carroll led the winners with two goals, with Jared Gossen and Tom Lofts adding single markers. Mickey Wilson scored for A Bty.