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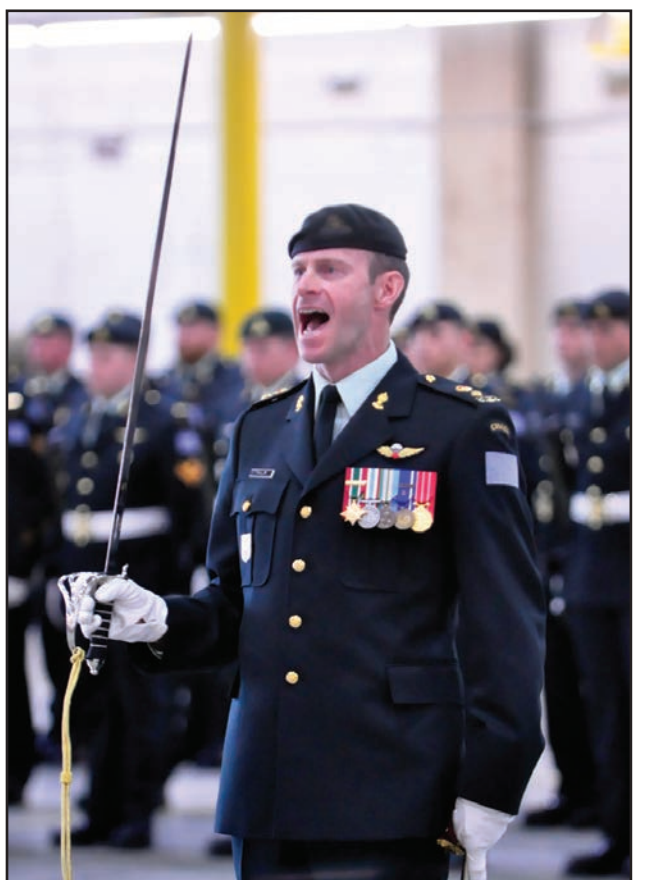
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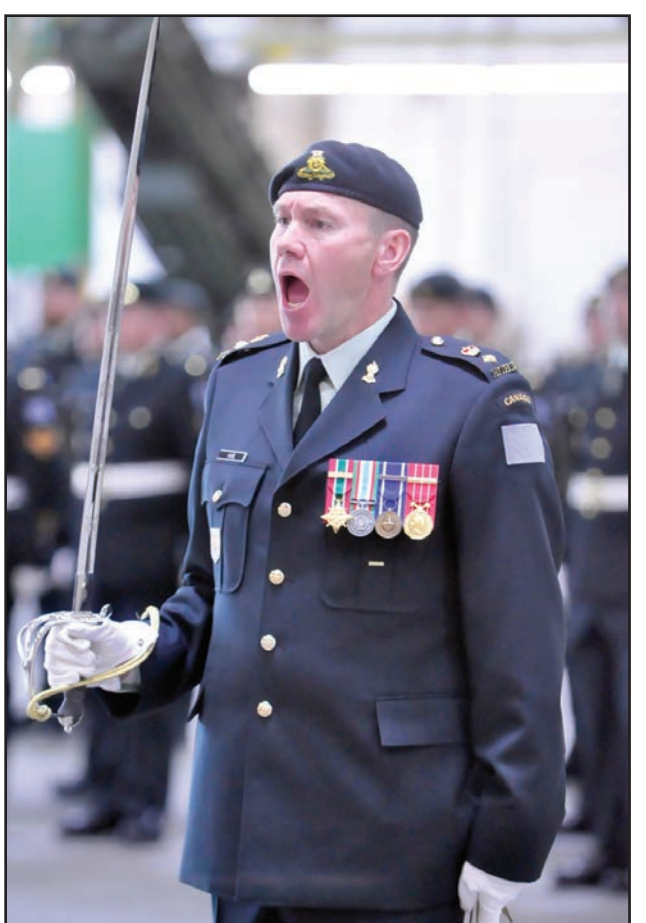
**1RCHA**



**CoC**



Outgoing CO Stewart Taylor (above) handed the reins of 1RCHA to incoming CO LCol Stephen Haire (below) during an indoor Change of Command (CoC). RSM CWO Steve Rice (above left) was replaced by CWO Moe Campbell. LCol Taylor departs with his family (below left). For more on the new 1RCHA CO see page 6.



Photos by Jules Xavier



New 1RCHA RSM CWO Moe Campbell (right) receives the pace stick from outgoing CO LCol Stewart Taylor during the RSM Change of Appointment (CoA). Afterwards (above), outgoing RSM CWO Steve Rice and CWO Campbell salute LCol Taylor.

Photos by Jules Xavier



# Outdoor enthusiast replaces outgoing 1RCHA RSM

## Shilo Stag

There's a new RSM at 1RCHA following a CoA held indoors at the Regiment because of inclement weather.

A Master Gunner, CWO Maurice "Moe" Campbell took the reins from outgoing RSM CWO Steve Rice, who is now assumes the duties of Senior Enlisted Leader or the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) in August at NATO's Allied Land Command headquarters in Izmir, Turkey.

Born in Vernon, BC, CWO Campbell's military career with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) started in October 1988. After completion of his basic training at the now defunct Cornwallis, Nova Scotia military facility and TQ-3 at CFB Shilo, he was posted to 2RCHA at Garrison Petawawa, Ont., where he began his career in gunnery with E Bty (PARA).

From April 1989 to September 1993, CWO Campbell served the guns E Bty (PARA) being employed in numerous positions from detachment member to command post technician, signaller and recce technician.

In 1992, he completed his Advanced Artillery Technicians (AAT) course continuing to be employed as a command post technician.

A year later, CWO Campbell deployed to Cyprus, and in September of that year took part in the final

parachute decent of E Bty (PARA).

In 1994, he deployed to the former Republic of Yugoslavia as a command post technician with mortar platoon.

In July three years later, he was promoted to the rank of master bombardier, and deployed to Bosnia with mortar platoon.

During this rotation the mortar platoon was recognized for its role in the Drvar Riots.

Six months after returning from Bosnia, he deployed to Honduras as a member of Disaster Assistance Relief Team's (DAR) first deployment.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant in June 2001, he undertook a year-long French course and subsequently returned to 2RCHA.

In 2003, he deployed to Norway to attend the operator's course for the Artillery Hunting Radar and then immediately deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as a member of ISTAR Company Radar Troop.

Two years later, he was promoted to the rank of warrant officer and was employed as a gun line Troop Sergeant Major (TSM) in E Bty. During his tenure as TSM he deployed to Kandahar as part of Task Force 3-06 where the Battle Group was awarded the Commander-in-chiefs Citation for its actions during Op MEDUSA.

CWO Campbell was also awarded the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command Commanders Commendation for leadership during a rocket attack on FOB Martello.

After returning from tour he was employed as the Regimental Operations warrant officer until 2008.

In 2008, CWO Campbell was posted to Leadership Company as the course warrant officer for Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) courses until 2010, when he was promoted to master warrant officer and then posted to Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School as a Company Sergeant Major (CSM).

In the fall of 2011, he was posted back to 2RCHA as BSM of E Bty where he remained until July 2014.

CWO Campbell then attended the year-long Army Technical Warrant Officers course where he attained the title of Master Gunner.

He remained in Kingston working at the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre headquarters in the Army Simulation Centre until his appointment to the position of 1RCHA RSM this month.

As an outdoor enthusiast, CWO Campbell enjoys fishing, camping and running, and enjoys a good game of either basketball or volleyball.

Married to Joanne, the Campbells have three grown children — Megan, Andrew and Dylan.

## Pet of the Week

### SAMMIE

Karen Gero, who works at Gunner arena in the winter, and golf course the other months, has a female tabby cat named Sammie, who is about four years old. Sammie is a rescued cat and does not like to jump. Gero says she uses her front paws to climb up on things. Needless to say, she has ruined a few pieces of furniture, "but she is the most affectionate cat I have ever had." Do you have a photo of your pet you'd like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to us via [stag@mymts.net](mailto:stag@mymts.net)



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MCpl James Tucker observes a member of HMCS Brandon in action during his experience aboard the ship which sailed for Portland, Oregon.

*Photos by Lt Thomas Oh*

# HMCS Brandon welcomes three Shilo soldiers for Oregon trip

**Lt Thomas Oh**  
Stag Special

CFB Shilo personnel, Lt Thomas Oh, MCpl James Tucker, and Cpl Amanda Dutchak, were the lucky three sent to the Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Brandon which sailed to Portland, Oregon for the annual Portland Rose Festival in early June.

The HMCS Brandon is a Kingston-class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel (MCDV) based out of CFB Esquimalt on Vancouver Island, BC.

On the journey down none of the newly adopted sailors knew what they were in for. Initially, the rocking of the ship was amusing when awake and soothing when sleeping, which was soon all replaced with nausea.

Luckily, there was only about one full day on the ocean, while the remainder of the sail was on the calmer waters of the Columbia River.

We arrived in Portland in a parade of ships. Ships from the US Navy, US Coast Guard, Portland Fire and Rescue, and the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) were docking for the weeklong festival.

Docking a nearly 100-tonne vessel is an interesting manoeuvre to observe and more so to take part in.

During the time in Portland all ships in dock were open to the public for tours. There was great interest in all the ships.

HMCS Edmonton and HMCS Brandon, both MCDV, docked together and had combined tours which saw hundreds of people daily.

As the week went on interest in all the various ships did not decline, but unfortunately all too soon it was time to sail back. While it was a great time on the water, the three of us from CFB Shilo are happy to be back on solid ground.

*Lt Thomas Oh is the Maintenance Officer at CFB Shilo*



Cpl Amanda Dutchak had an opportunity to learn how to "drive" the HMCS Brandon as part of her experience aboard the Royal Canadian Navy's ship.

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Besides vendors, the CANEX Mall featured a fashion show using CANEX staff and volunteers.

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# CANEX manager vogues on fashion runway

## Shilo Stag

Imagine CANEX manager Rick Kehler as a fashion model?

If you were at the CANEX Mall June 16 this scenario came to fruition, with about 60 Shilo patrons as witnesses during a PopUp vendor sale and fashion show.

The idea was inspired by Jennifer Moes of Naturally Amourified and within no time, the CANEX Mall had an array of PopUp vendors inside, selling everything from jewelry, candles, make-up, plus fashion wear

and much more.

The evening ended with a fashion show which involved several PopUp vendors, as well as CANEX. Models included the CANEX team, as well as other brave "voluntolds."

It was a great evening, according to both Kehler and Moes, and all in attendance were pleasantly entertained.

Moes and Kehler look forward to a much larger event slated for Nov. 15. Watch for details as this date gets closer.

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# Museum's Somme exhibit opens July 1

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The Battle of the Somme was a pivotal moment in human history and warfare, where the machinery of war could crush the effort and ability of men meeting in battle.

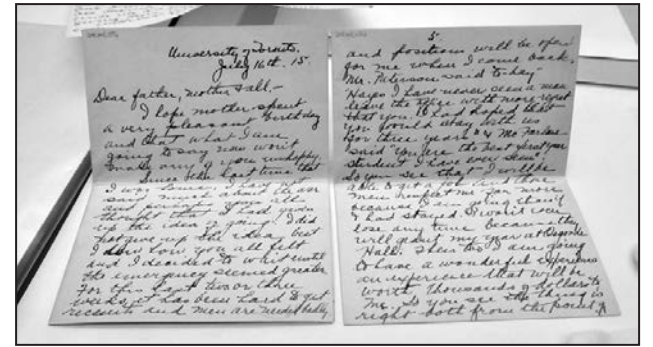
At the Somme, reliance for success was placed on a sophisticated transport system for supplies and equipment, plus massive and powerful artillery support. An agile Royal Flying Corps was also called on

with aerial support.

In its next Great War temporary exhibit, the RCA Museum will review the Canadian experience at the Battle of the Somme through the equipment, supplies, guns and vehicles brought forward as well as the men who had to fight it.

The exhibit, which runs until Nov. 25, opens on Canada Day with a ceremony starting at 2 p.m.

The museum will be open July 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. following the opening ceremony.



Sgt. Hayes letter home written July 16, 1915. He died as result of artillery wounds on Nov. 2, 1916.

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Payments to the following programs can also be dropped off at these locations: Provincial Taxation, Manitoba housing, Provincial Fines, Maintenance Enforcement (MEP).

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Payments for the following programs can also be dropped off at this location: Provincial Taxation, Manitoba housing, Provincial Fines and MEP.

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Pick up your cheque at the following regional office locations.

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<b>Dauphin Regional Office</b> 309 – 27 2nd Avenue S.W.	<b>Portage La Prairie Area Office</b> 106-25 Tupper Street N.	<b>Steinbach Area Office</b> 242 – 323 Main Street	<b>Thompson Area Office</b> 107– 59 Elizabeth Drive
<b>The Pas Regional Office</b> 3rd St. and Ross Avenue	<b>Swan River Area Office</b> 201 – 4th Avenue S.	<b>Brandon Regional Office</b> 2nd Floor, 340 – 9th Street	

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For information about your DFA cheque and where you can pick it up please call 204-945-3030 in Winnipeg, or toll-free in Manitoba 1-888-267-8298.

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# 1RCHA COS HAVE CONNECTION TO STEPHENVILLE, NFLD

## LCol Stephen Haire believes in mission command philosophy

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

Leaving Canada's largest city where he was Chief of Staff (COS) at the Canadian Forces College, the new CO for 1RCHA is not looking forward to his first Manitoba winter.

However, Stephenville, Newfoundland-born LCol Stephen Haire said he will adapt to the frigid temperatures associated with the winter as he has with all of his military postings. That's what members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) do when they arrive in a new geography or are deployed on an operational tour as he was to Bosnia, Haiti and Afghanistan.

LCol Haire joined the CAF primary reserve as a signaller in 1991. After spending three years with 728 Communication Squadron in St. John's, Newfoundland and reaching the rank of lieutenant he transferred to the regular force under the ROTP program. He graduated from the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada and was commissioned as an Artillery officer in 1998.

His first posting was to 2RCHA, where he was employed as a Troop Commander, Gun Position Officer, Forward Observer and Battery captain. In 2003, he was posted to the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School at CFB Gagetown. There he completed the Instructor in Gunnery course and was employed in an instructional capacity and then as unit Operations Officer.

Promoted to major in 2008, he was posted back to 2RCHA where he had the honour and privilege to command D Bty. He completed the Joint Command and Staff course in 2013 and was subsequently posted to 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2CMBG) headquarters as the G3. He was promoted to his current rank in 2015 and posted to Toronto as the COS.

During his various operational tours he was employed as a Forward Observation Officer with the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment (3RCR) Battle Group on Op PALLADIUM. He was an LO with Joint Task Force Haiti as part of Canada's response to major hurricanes that struck Haiti in September 2008. He was CO of D Bty with the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group on Op ATHENA Roto 9.

LCol Haire, who studied history, holds a BA and a Masters of Defence Studies from RMC and was awarded the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation for his role as Battery Commander in Afghanistan.

With hobbies that include golf, hockey and camping, LCol is married to Maj Kathy Haire, who takes the Base COS position in early August, and has two children — eight-year-old Joshua and six-year-old Kayleigh.

The new 1RCHA CO, who replaced fellow Stephenville-born LCol Stewart Taylor, shared his thoughts with the *Shilo Stag* about his latest military posting during a Q&A:

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

**Stephen Haire (SH):** "My family does not have much of a military tradition. My grandfather did serve as an aircraft mechanic in the Second World War. Consequently, I had little knowledge of our military.

"Upon graduating high school I found a job opportunity with the primary reserve and took it. I really had no idea what I was getting into, but found out quickly I enjoyed what I was doing. After three years of being a reservist and attending Memorial University in Newfoundland I decided that a full-time career in the Army made sense for me."

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

**SH:** "Even though I come from a province with a maritime heritage I knew I could never be in the Navy as I get seasick just looking at a ship. However, the army was a natural fit for me.

"As a teenager I spent a fair amount of time camping and being in the outdoors. I was an avid sportsman who enjoyed physical fitness and the camaradery of being a member of sports team. With three years of reserve experience I knew enough to know the Army would offer me a career with different challenges, a daily changing routine and the opportunity to be outdoors."

**SS:** What were your thoughts when you were informed you'd be taking command of 1RCHA?

**SH:** "Command of a Field Regiment has been my career goal since I became



New 1RCHA CO LCol Stephen Haire rehearsed his Change of Command (CoC) ceremony outdoors on the Kapyong parade square for two days. However, inclement weather moved the CoC to the Regiment's venue on the actual day of the parade.

Photo by Jules Xavier

an artillery officer. In relation to the number of artillery LCol's in the CAF [Canadian Armed Forces] there are very few positions for Field Artillery unit COs. As such I was very humbled to have been selected from such a pool of talented officers. Having the opportunity to command Canadian soldiers is a privilege and an honour."

**SS:** What did you know about CFB Shilo, and the history of 1RCHA before arriving here?

**SH:** "All of my field unit time has been split between [Garrison] Petawawa and Gagetown. I did have the opportunity to train here in May 2004 for the final exercise of the Battery Commander's course. That was my first introduction to the fantastic training area we have here.

"During this same exercise I was also introduced to a two-day snow storm in the middle of May! Over the years I have had many good friends who have served here and they have always spoken highly of the Regiment and of what a great sense of community there is here in Shilo."

**SS:** What advice did the outgoing Commanding Officer leave you?

**SH:** "The outgoing CO, LCol Taylor, and I have been friends since we were junior officers together in Petawawa. We have served together at the Artillery School and 2RCHA for many years.

"I knew before arriving in Shilo that our handover would be thorough, detailed and filled with insights from his three years as CO. He and CWO [Steve] Rice have left CWO Campbell and I to care for a well-trained and well-lead unit. The most important conversations we had involved his insights surrounding the soldiers and culture of 1RCHA."

**SS:** What is your approach when it comes to leading the soldiers under your command?

**SH:** "The soldiers of 1RCHA are a mix of combat proven veterans from Afghanistan and new soldiers who are the leaders of the Army of tomorrow. In order to leverage their experience, talent and potential, I will focus on providing challenging training opportunities and setting the conditions for their success.

"I also believe in the mission command philosophy, a command philosophy that emphasizes giving people their tasks without telling them the details of how to accomplish them."

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

**SH:** "I am passionate about soldiering and the artillery. Watching each component of the artillery come together in the field is exciting and rewarding. From the acquisition of a target, the hustle and drive on the gun line to the delivery of effects on time on target is a process that requires well trained and well led soldiers working together in unison.

"As a husband and father I try to find the balance between the time required for work and home. I enjoy spending time watching our kids grow, learn, play sports and just being together."

**SS:** What makes a good commander when it comes to dealing with the day-to-day 1RCHA operations?

**SH:** "I know that day-to-day operations in 1RCHA are never routine. We live in a world that changes rapidly. Flexibility will be key for all leaders as we deal with changing situations.

"Leaders at all levels within the unit must be able to anticipate changes and adapt quickly so our soldiers have the most time to prepare and set the conditions for success. Sound judgement and common sense are leadership qualities that are also keys to leading soldiers.

"Being able to analyze a situation, selecting the best path forward that accomplishes the mission and keeps the well-being of our soldiers at the forefront is not a simple process. Professional competence is paramount. You must be confident in your abilities as a leader and confidence comes from having a strong foundation in your core skill sets.

"Compassion and respect are two values that our leaders must have. Our leaders must be able to put themselves in the boots of their soldiers and understand how the directions they give impact our soldiers' lives. The balancing between the needs of the mission and the needs of the soldiers is very much an art form and not a science.

# Being physically fit important for soldiers, says CO

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"Above all else, I expect the leaders of the unit to 'do the right thing.' When conflicted ethically we must have the moral courage and loyalty to make the hard decisions and bring problems, no matter how large they may seem, to the forefront so they are dealt with in the appropriate manner."

**SS:** What are your objectives for yourself, and your soldiers, going forward during your two-year tenure at the helm of 1RCHA?

**SH:** "Our objectives are nestled within the Army's three-year managed readiness plan. During this year of high readiness we will continue to maintain the individual and collective skill sets that the Regiment has worked so hard to achieve over the last two years. Readiness will be the overriding objective this year."

"Ensuring our soldiers and officers are both physically and mentally ready to deploy takes a tremendous amount of work. Physically we need to ensure our soldiers are fit, well trained and ready for the tasks they will be asked to do on operations."

"As a service couple, my wife and I have both deployed at different times. I know from experience the harder task is being at home with kids who miss the parent who is away."

"We need to make sure that the conditions are set for our soldiers' families to be taken care of while they



With his three-year stint as 1RCHA CO now history, LCol Stewart Taylor handed the reins to the new CO, LCol Stephen Haire, during an indoor Change of Command (CoC) ceremony held at the Regiment. Here, LCol Haire stands with his soldiers as LCol Taylor departed with his family, wife Kathleen, and daughters Michaela and Eleanor.

Photo by Jules Xavier

are away so they can mentally focus on their duties abroad.

"Anything we can do to reduce the apprehension families have when a loved one is away is time well spent."

"During my second year of Command we will enter the reconstitution/support phase. Then we will

need to balance the requirements of training the soldiers, in the next skills they require with the demands the Army will place on us to support those preparing to deploy."

**SS:** Finally, having arrived at CFB Shilo, what goals have you set for yourself as the 1RCHA commander, as well as goals for the men under your command?

**SH:** "The first goal I have is to learn 1RCHA culture and how the Regiment operates. I have been away from a Field Regiment since 2011. Much has changed in the five years I have been away."

"Learning the new capabilities, especially within the STA Battery, will be a welcomed challenge. 1RCHA is different from 2RCHA and the Artillery School so I need to understand the difference between my past experiences and what is normal everyday life here in Shilo."

"Collectively the unit's main goal has to be being ready for whatever task we receive. Whether it is deploying this summer on a domestic operation or augmenting units such as 2PPCLI on Op UNIFIER or any other mission the

CAF is presently undertaking or planning to embark on. As I mentioned earlier the world is rapidly changing. These changes will inevitably lead to instability in other regions in the world and consequently the need for our services will be there should the Government of Canada decide to become involved."

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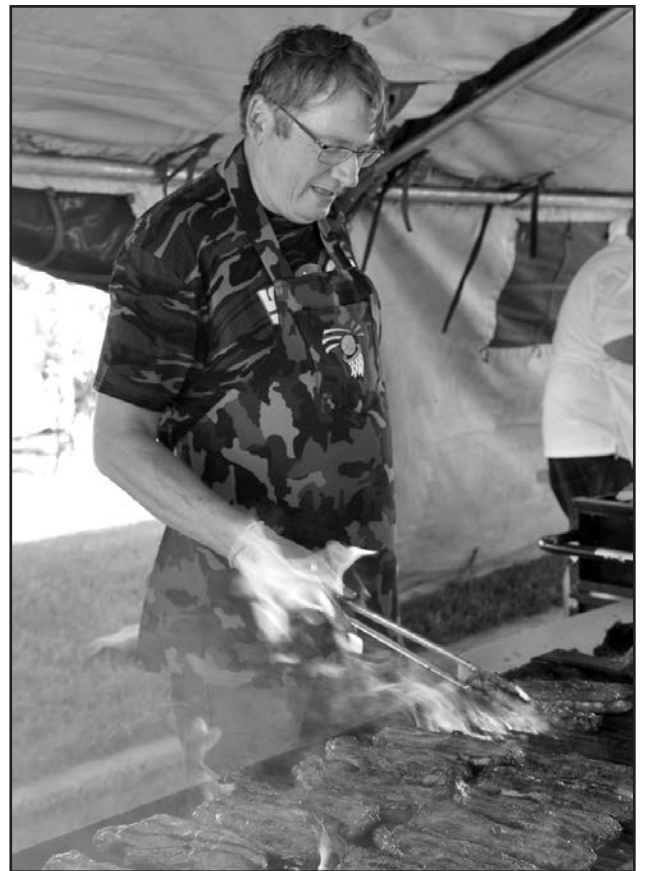
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# Delicious times at Lobsterfest



BComd LCol John Cochrane had reason to smile after receiving his steak and lobster — the 13th edition of Lobsterfest was another sellout, with more than 1,000 visitors enjoying the event held at L25.



Steak is part of the menu besides lobster during Lobsterfest, with Jim MacKenzie doing cook duty (right). Lots of smiles when the lobster arrives on the plate. BComd LCol John Cochrane and WestJet's Chantal Tourangeau (above) check on the winning ticket held by Elaine Bullee. *Photos by Jules Xavier*

## Elaine Bullee takes flight with WestJet

### Shilo Stag

It was like a scene out of the game show Price is Right.

But the contestant running excitedly to the front of the stage with the wide eyes and grin on her face was only interested in confirming she had the ticket numbers which had just been read aloud by emcee Ian Muir.

Elaine Bullee, PSP executive assistant, stood on the left side of BComd LCol John Cochrane and WestJet corporate and government account manager Chantal Tourangeau as the two of them conferred she held the winning ticket from during Lobsterfest draw.

With the ticket numbers matching, Bullee hugged Tourangeau and was all smiles as she held the ticket for two to be used within one year anywhere WestJet flies in North America and the Caribbean.



Elaine Bullee was excited as she raced to the stage with what turned out to be the winning ticket for the WestJet flight for two Lobsterfest prize.

It was an eventful evening for Bullee, who was enjoying the 13th edition of BComd's Lobsterfest held at L25. More than 1,000 were in attendance, enjoying lobster flown in from the east coast and provided by Sobey's. Plus a thick steak barbecued by members of the Shilo and Region Service Club members.

Does Bullee have plans for those WestJet tickets? Escaping Manitoba's frigid winters is in the plans.

"Some place hot, likely in January or February [of 2017]," she said two days later, still giddy over her

luck having her ticket drawn at Lobsterfest. "Perhaps somewhere in the Caribbean."

Bullee was not the only Lobsterfest goer to go home with a vacation thanks to another draw. A seven-day trip to Mexico was the last prize handed out that evening, with Muir's daughter Nicole having her ticket drawn.





# Review 60 RCSCC garner 'cadet salute'

## Shilo Stag

Cadets of 60 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) SWIFTSURE worked hard and earned the Brandon Salutes 'cadet salute' for 2016.

Each year, Brandon Salutes honours a Brandon cadet organization with a "cadet salute" to the corps which best exemplifies the Brandon Salutes mission to foster the relationship between the civilian and military communities in Brandon.

This is accomplished by the community work, weekly activities, and overall esprit-de-corps that cadets conduct.

They may not be a direct part of the military community but they do take pride in wearing their uniforms, strive to be good citizens and cadets, and continue their education, all of which are part of the military ethos.

For their initiative in helping their community by doing things like helping clean-up the riverbank area in the city and visiting with seniors at Victoria Landing residence during their Jane Austen Ball 60 RCSCC SWIFTSURE were singled out for recognition.

"All of the teens who participate in the cadet movement in Brandon should be proud of the hard work they do," said Matt Bolley, chairperson of Brandon Salutes. "It is a difficult decision for the committee to single out just one of the corps. They all do a tremendous job. Brandon certainly benefits from these exceptional youth."

The Brandon Salutes committee would also like to recognize the dedication and hours of work put in by the cadet instructors and volunteers. Without their commitment and leadership the cadets would not have achieved such a high level of success.

60 RCSCC SWIFTSURE held its annual ceremonial review at the Brandon Armoury.



60 RCSCC SWIFTSURE held its annual ceremonial review at the Brandon Armoury. During the awards ceremony the Sea Cadets garnered the "cadet salute" from Brandon Salutes.

Photos by Jules Xavier



## Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

### Applicant: Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

#### HEARING:

The Public Utilities Board (Board) anticipates holding a public hearing of an application from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) for approval of rates and premiums for compulsory vehicle and driver insurance as of March 1, 2017. The hearing would take place at the Board's Hearing Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (commencing at 9:00 a.m.) on October 13, 2016. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2016.

#### RATE IMPACT:

The Corporation is requesting approval for Basic Autopac vehicle and drivers licence insurance rates and premiums effective March 1, 2017, which, if approved, will result in 2% overall change in MPI's Basic premium revenue (excluding the impact of vehicle upgrades and an increased overall driver and vehicle population). The Corporation is also requesting an Interest Rate Forecast Risk Factor, also effective March 1, 2017, to be developed collaboratively through the General Rate Application process.

Actual vehicle and driver premiums would vary depending on claim and driving experience, insurance use, territory and vehicle rate group. Full particulars, including the rate impact and application, can be found on the Manitoba Public Insurance website [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca).

#### PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention by applying to the Board Secretary before the now scheduled Pre-Hearing Conference of June 30, 2016. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines, which can be seen at the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca) or obtained on request to the Board, by either emailing ([publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca)), writing or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free). Parties wishing to submit a brief or to express comments at the hearing should also contact the Board Secretary.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Persons seeking further information as to MPI's application, or with respect to the Board's process, and/or wishing to address the public hearing in French should notify the Board Secretary by August 26, 2016. As well, interested parties may examine MPI's application and supporting materials, either at the offices of the Corporation or on its website, or the Board's office.

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

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# Major reflects on his A Bty command

**Jules Xavier**  
 Shilo Stag

It was on a bus ride back from Ex MAPLE RESOLVE that Maj Joe O'Donnell had time to reflect on his tenure as 1RCHA A Bty BC.

He used these reflections en route from CFB Wainwright to write a farewell speech to his fellow officers and the soldiers who proudly represented A Bty during the many interesting training exercises Maj O'Donnell conjured up during the past two years.

"How do I speak to so many accomplishments? I could stand here and list off the number of exercises, exported courses and domestic operations that have kept us busy, engaged day-to-day and at times away from home, but ultimately those are not indicative of the effort you give to this Battery and the First Regiment," he told an attentive audience, his soldiers standing at ease on the parade square during his CoC with Maj Keith Woodill.

"The effort given by the soldiers of A Battery was given daily often unobserved, but not unappreciated. I observed a lot of great examples [during] the last two years that exemplify this daily dedication that makes this Battery and this Regiment so great."

Maj O'Donnell cited the example of Sgt (Ret) William Bruce during Op LENTUS 14 when he led a group of eight soldiers building tiger tubes during flooding in Portage la Prairie.

"They were working long days in the sun, minimal rest as we were racing against the rising waters to raise the height of the Portage diversion with these tubes," he recalled. "I, myself was pretty tired, from just walking back and forth, not even manhandling these things and I asked him for a no BS time on when he and his crew would need to shut down."

"His response was quite to the point where he replied 'when it's f-ing done, Sir.' I figured it was the standard [senior] NCO response and asked really, how long he and the crew were able to keep going, and he replied again in full sincerity. 'We'll stop when it's done!' That was my first time witnessing the high level of dedication that would become common prac-



New 1RCHA A Bty BC Maj Keith Woodill stands in front of his soldiers during the Change of Command (CoC) parade.

Photos by Jules Xavier

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— Maj Joe O'Donnell

Battery in the Royal Regiment to you," he said. "I sincerely could not think of a greater guy to pass the penant on to. I know you're going to do an excellent job and the Battery is in good hands. Ubique!"

Following the ceremony, Maj O'Donnell hosted a pig roast and brought in a mechanical bull for his soldiers and officers, and their families, to enjoy at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess.

While he serves as 2IC until fall, Maj O'Donnell's posting from 1RCHA takes him to the Base's Language School where he will work on improving his French profile for 12 months.

tice in this battery."

While he was their BC, Maj O'Donnell acknowledged he had "undoubtedly some of the best soldiers and officers I've had the good fortune to work with. I can honestly say the last two years have been the best years of my professional [military] career which is entirely because of your professionalism."

He also cited the work done by his former BSM, MWO (Ret) Jon Hawtin, who is now working out of Calgary. "We've been through some good times and some even better times," he told Hawtin, who attended the CoC. "Thank-you for never taking anything too seriously and it was honestly great to have a BSM who saw things in the same manner that I did. You are an fine example for all ranks. I learned a lot from you over the last two years about leadership and what matters in the army and what doesn't."

Maj O'Donnell thanked a number of individuals from A Bty who helped him during his two-year stint, from corporal to captain. He was especially appreciative of the support he received from outgoing CO LCol Stewart Taylor and RSM CWO Steve Rice.

"Thank-you for the mentorship, advice, solid direction and allowing me the freedom of action to train my battery how I thought best," he said of LCol Taylor, adding, "To the RSM, thank-you for allowing us some latitude over the last two years and only reeling us in when absolutely necessary."

To Maj Woodill, he wished luck on taking the reins of A Bty and preparing for high readiness.

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1RCHA CO LCol Stewart Taylor looks on as Maj Joe O'Donnell and Maj Keith Woodill sign the paperwork as part of their Change of Command (CoC) parade.

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The Base team had to get used to a slippery arena floor during indoor soccer action. *Photo submitted*

## Base team goes winless

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A slippery concrete arena floor did not deter CFB Shilo's indoor soccer team during a tournament held in conjunction with the Brandon Summer Fair.

"We played four games and lost four," noted player Sgt Wolfgang Schroeder. "However, we played with lots of heart and did our best to hold back the younger teams who have obviously played together for many years as we were only together for a few days.

The Base team featured players from Base Maintenance, Base Transport, 1RCHA, 11 CF H Svcs C, Base HQ, IPSC, CFSSG SSU (W), 3CDSG Sig Sqn and 26 Fd Regt.

"It was a very diverse team with different skill levels," said Sgt Schroeder.

The team was coached by Capt Bossence from IPSC, while BRSM CWO Don Askeland served as team manager. Besides Sgt Schroeder, the roster featured the following players: Mike Wolscht, Keun Kang, Kely MacKinnon, Bradley Birrell, George Sokal, Jonathan Boucher-Kovacs, Jay Hewko, Adam Houghtaling, Brechin Piper, Sydney Carter-Squire and Tony Lessard.

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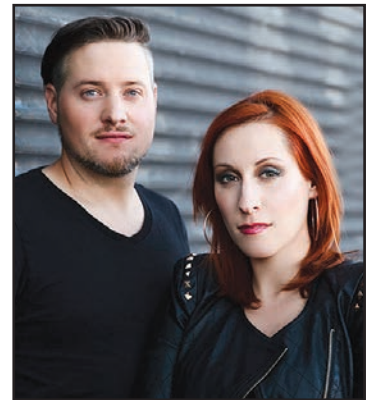
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