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## They're off with a bang



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LCol Schneiderbanger, BComd, pulls the lanyard on an artillery gun surrounded by members of 1 RCHA to signify the official start of the 3rd Annual Base Commander's Golf Tournament at the Shilo Country Club last Friday. Teams from around the base, including local dignitaries, teed off with the hopes of hitting par. The team of Doug Wilkinson, Arden McEachern, Ryan Filsinger and Kevin Goat came out on top with a score of 62. Story on page 11.

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# Deployment News

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## Support & balance keeps troops focussed



**Maj Stephen Joudrey**  
Acting CO, 2 PPCLI BG

After an intense week of BG operations responding to Kandahar City's Sarposha Prison incident, some of the BG's subordinate units took much needed and well-deserved rest and maintenance periods. Remaining units within the BG were engaged in what we refer to

as "normal framework operations" or those tasks that we conduct on a daily or weekly basis. Although elements of the force took a brief pause, the mission carried on.

As the 2 PPCLI BG continues to prepare for upcoming operations, we are in a position to look back over the past four and a half months and take stock of our accomplishments. Indeed, the leaders and soldiers have put in many long hours, days and weeks. They have maintained their focus and high level of intensity from the time they landed in February and early March through to the start of July. What has impressed me the most though, is the positive attitude and accomplished professionalism that

they continue to display. Regardless of what task they are completing, the personnel all across the BG have never wavered in their resolve or commitment to their mission.

While at times it appears difficult to assess the kind of daily impact our presence and efforts are having, we know we have disrupted the enemy's will to stand up and fight us. As we look back on our accomplishments to date, we continually have locals come to us with concerns, problems and issues because they see us working with their own security forces to help them help themselves. When viewed over the four and a half month period we do see the effects our presence and efforts are having

on the local population and on the insurgents in Kandahar Province. It is understood that these effects are not always easy to see from media reporting back in Canada; however, I can attest to the successes and impact our soldiers are seeing and living "on the ground".

As July begins, the BG continues plotting its next bounds that will take us through to the end of August. Our best practice has been and continues to be maintaining our ability to shift focus rapidly while maintaining the right attitude to keep our flexibility regardless of the situation that presents itself. Again that success is only achieved because our soldiers and leaders in the platoons and troops keeping

their focus and intensity at the highest level.

The question one might ask is how do these leaders and soldiers maintain their edge and their positive attitude? I see two key factors: proper balance, and the homefront. The proper balance is achieved through focussed operations tempered with maintenance periods (as I described earlier) and mission leave. Those who have yet to take their mission leave are most deserving of a break to recharge their batteries and will do so over the next few weeks. The second key contributor is the excellent support that we continue to receive from the Bases, Deployment Support Centres and unit Rear Parties, as well

as our families and friends. It has been stated on a number of occasions, but the peace of mind that comes with these well established support mechanisms allow those of us deployed, to focus on what we must do here and what lies ahead.

We still have work ahead of us and we are prepared! Our goal is to hand-over to the next Canadian battle group an area of operations that has seen: the Task Force's mission advanced; and progress in security, governance and development for the people of this area. Further, we will enable Rotation 6 to be successful as they carry on with our work, just as we carried on with the excellent work accomplished by our predecessors.

## Busy but successful two months for Recce

**Cpl Nadasdy**  
Recce Pl, 2 PPCLI BG

Following a busy month in March, Recce Pl moved back to Kandahar Air Field (KAF) for a rest, for vehicle maintenance and for some refresher training. Recce Platoon then moved to FOB Frontenac to help C Coy conduct operations throughout the Arghandab and Sha-Wali-Kot region.

Everyone in the platoon was looking forward to the upcoming recce tasks. We conducted our first patrol task with the help of an Afghan National Police (ANP) unit and a small element of engineers, conducting road recces and wadi recces for possible weapons caches and transit routes.

We worked our way toward villages in the area in order to conduct meetings with key community leaders. Upon completion of the recces and meetings, elements of the platoon departed the leaguer to set-up observation posts (OP)

for the night. This was our first real recce task and we were looking forward to the chance to conduct reconnaissance operations.

We walked to the top of a mountain for the night and set up our OPs looking out onto possible enemy infiltration routes through the wadis, which we had observed earlier in the day. Later in the night, a detachment left to conduct a patrol to get eyes on a possible village about 4 km from the OP's position. After a long walk through some tough hilly terrain, they reached their objective and set-up observation on the suspected village. Following this task, we moved back to a FOB for rest and recovery as we had another patrol just around the corner.

For our next patrol task, we worked with the same attachments. We rolled from village to village along the Arghandab River conducting meetings with community leaders. We conducted quick ford recces of the

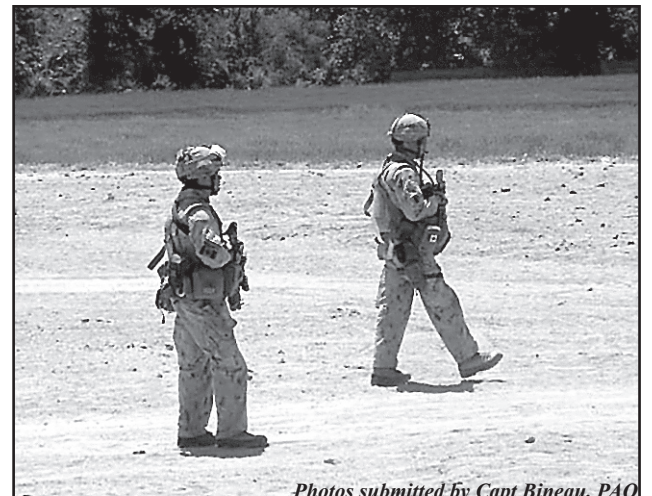
Arghandab River for future consideration, stopping just before last light to set-up our leaguer. A patrol was sent out that night to conduct an observation post on a key village to assess pattern of life during the night with snipers positioned in over-watch.

The following night, another patrol was launched in order to assess pattern of life in another village. The next day, we conducted a few more community meetings and then headed back to the FOB. On our return to the FOB, we got called to an ANP checkpoint to deal with a possible improvised explosive device or IED. Our engineer assets successfully located the IED, the site was cordoned, we waited for counter-IED to arrive and then the IED was promptly dealt with. The C-IED team successfully retrieved the IED and brought it back for further analysis. This concluded our 3-day patrol and we finally headed back to the FOB for some

more rest and recovery, as our pace was not about to slow down. Upon arriving at the FOB, we got word we would be staying for another week to conduct more patrols.

After a couple days of rest, we headed out with the same crew to conduct a meeting in a less than supportive village. We successfully completed this task as well as a dismounted presence patrol through the village. The patrol then headed towards an ANP checkpoint where we conducted a patrol with the ANP to a couple of suspected Taliban compounds. The patrol was completed without incident just before last light. We set up a leaguer and manned our weapons with extra roving patrols through the night due to the close proximity of adjacent compounds near the ANP checkpoint. The next morning we headed back to the FOB before our next patrol.

Recce Pl departed on another patrol; this time we moved to a district centre



Photos submitted by Capt Bineau, PAO

**Cpl Ashley Degelman (left) and Capt Steve Davies, Recce Pl Cmdr, on patrol in the Arghandab District.**

and operated out of this location for the next couple of days. We conducted day patrols along the Arghandab River looking for possible crossing sites along the river. We also did a route recce with engineer assets, clearing the road with dismounts, and checked the status of ANP checkpoints in the area to confirm their existence. On our final night in the district centre, we conducted a dismounted presence patrol into a village along the river. The patrol moved under the cover of darkness to the village, crossing numerous creeks and rivers. We arrived at the village wet and tired but with high spirits. We completed the task and headed back to the leaguer. Once the patrol was back in the

leaguer, we headed back to the district centre for some forced rest and then moved back to the FOB.

It was a fast couple of weeks up in Arghandab. We had an excellent opportunity to do some reconnaissance tasks and see the area. We headed back to KAF for a few days and received orders to move to a Patrol Baseto conduct dismounted patrolling tasks with B Coy. The weather was extremely hot but the PI did very well as we patrolled through villages in Panjwayi. Following the patrols, we spent a couple of days at the patrol base before returning to KAF to prepare for our next bound.

Recce Pl has had a busy two months but it has had a good time conducting dismounted patrols and some good reconnaissance tasks.

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# Celebrating Canada's birthday in Kandahar



Photos by Cpl Steve J. McNeil/JTF-Afg

## Capt S. Dumouchel-Connock JTF-Afg

Kandahar Air Field was transformed today as dashes of red and white were added to the muted dusty beige landscape of the air base. Canadian military members and civilian staff participated in a variety of Canada Day activities, and carried miniature Canadian flags, played with red Frisbees, and wore red and white shirts and maple leaf temporary tattoos.

The Canada Day festivities began early in the morning with an emotional and heartfelt presentation ceremony at the Task Force Kandahar (TFK) Headquarters monument to fallen soldiers. A small group of soldiers gathered around Mrs. Maureen Eykelenboom - mother of medic Cpl Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom who was killed by a suicide bomber in August 2006 - and watched as she presented Col Jamie Cade, the Deputy Commander of TFK, with a cheque for \$80,000.

"We in Canada, in our safety, in our beautiful country, in our land of opportunity, we have so much," said Maureen Eykelenboom. "And we need to learn in this world that those to whom much is given, much is expected."

The monies presented were raised by ordinary Canadians. The funds will be placed in the Afghanistan Assistance Trust Fund, and used for small projects to assist Afghans. In early 2008,

for example, medics treating Afghan villagers in Spin Boldak discovered five-year-old Habibur Rahman who has dolichocephalism - a birth defect resulting in major facial disfigurement. The medics recommended that money from the fund be used to send Habibur to Karachi, Pakistan, for consultation with specialists.

"We need to sit back and re-adjust our priorities and say, 'Wow, these are our heroes,'" said Mrs. Eykelenboom of the men and women serving in Afghanistan. "It doesn't take being killed to be a hero -- it takes being willing to help those in need."

In addition to providing an opportunity to reflect both on the importance of the Canadian effort in Afghanistan and on what makes Canada and Canadians great, the Canada Day celebrations at KAF were also a much-needed opportunity to kick back and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues.

Members of TFK enjoyed BBQ and cold drinks on the boardwalk, and had their photos taken in front of the Grey Cup (which was in KAF accompanied by Rough Rider alumni and Hall-of-Famers Roger Aldag and Steve Mazurak.) A giant Canada Day cake was brought out, eliciting cheers from the crowd, a lot of photo taking, and an impromptu, cacophonous rendering of "Happy Birthday."

"As I walked around the boardwalk with my mother and looked at everyone

Cpl Dan Inglis (right), a signaller with TFK Communication Information Services Troop, puts the first cut in the Canada Day cake with his bayonet, and then gets cake-cutting assistance from Col Jamie Cade, DCO of TFK.

talking and enjoying themselves, I was filled with a lot of pride about being Canadian," says Cpl Sonya Haskell, who works in the Joint Task Force Afghanistan All Source Intelligence Cell (ASIC). Her mother, Cdr Bonita Thornton, is also in theatre and holds the position of Task Force Kandahar Senior Legal Advisor.

"We enjoy watching sports as a family - and it was great fun to have my photo taken with my mom and the Grey Cup," said Cpl Haskell.

As evening set in, Canadians rallied to New Canada House, where the two-per-person beer call was held and comedian Mike MacDonald regaled the crowd with a comedy performance. After a few hours of enjoying the beverages and the company of comrades, it was back to the boardwalk for the final Canada Day event - a concert by country singer George Canyon.

Before the first song was even played, however, the telltale whistling sound and subsequent bang of a rocket impacting the ground was heard - but the festivities continued undeterred in the concrete blast shelters.

Though it was not George Canyon's first visit to KAF, it was his first rocket attack. The event was suitably marked by inscribing the concrete wall of the shelter by lighter-light. He wrote: "First rocket attack! The show goes on!! Coward Bastard Taliban!!"

After the 'all clear' was

given, the show did indeed go on.

"It was the best Canada Day ever!," said Sgt Maranda Robertson, an analyst working in the Information Operations cell. "I haven't been to many concerts, so being 10 feet from the stage was amazing. When I met George, I was star struck."

The band played a number of songs from the singer's classics album as well as many country standards. When the Johnny Cash classic "Ring of Fire" was played, the audience sang along and the speakers were turned up so our insurgent neighbours could also partake in our Canada Day merriment.

Before the concert, and at the jam session held on July 2nd, the troops were invited to hang out with Mr. Canyon and the members of his band.

"The whole band was really down-to-earth," says Sgt Robertson. "They all just seemed so happy to be able to come here and put on a show for the soldiers. That means a lot. It's nice to know that people back home support us and appreciate the hard work we are doing here."

During the day's festivi-



Mrs. Maureen Eykelenboom (left), mother of medic Cpl Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom who was killed by a suicide bomber in August 2006, addresses a small group of TFK soldiers, sailors and airmen and women at the TFK monument to the fallen. Col Jamie Cade (right), the DCO of TFK, holds the cheque for \$80,000 she raised and donated to the Afghanistan Assistance Trust Fund.

ties, the work of colleagues in the field during Canada Day was not far from mind.

"Many spent the day engaged with the enemy in remote places around Afghanistan," says Capt Peter J. Boyle, a Calgary Highlander attached to the Na-

tional Support Element and one of the organizers for the Canada Day festivities.

"Their efforts in providing security so that the Afghan people will be able to build a nation with democratic principals is the true reason to celebrate on Canada Day."



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# Afghanistan faces regional challenges

Gerry J. Gilmore  
AF Press Service

Though statistics indicate the insurgency in Afghanistan is not expanding, multiple challenges remain there, the U.S. officer who just finished his tour as commander of NATO troops in Afghanistan said here today.

"I do not share the view that many do that this thing is spreading; it's not," Army Gen. Dan K. McNeill told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

"The empirical data doesn't support that," McNeill emphasized.

McNeill, who recently wrapped up a 16-month duty tour in Afghanistan as commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force, shared his experiences and thoughts about his prior command. He is preparing to retire from the Army after a 40-year career. Army Gen. David D. McKiernan assumed command of NATO's ISAF from Mc-

Neill.

The current situation in Afghanistan "sort of goes against those who say the insurgency is spreading," McNeill observed. "I'm not sure that it is; I think it is staying roughly in the same places."

Statistics compiled over the past two years, McNeill said, show that most insurgent attacks continue to occur in just 10 percent of Afghanistan's territory, confined mostly in the southeastern provinces.

Intelligence estimates, McNeill noted, indicate there are between 5,000 and 20,000 insurgents in Afghanistan.

About 48,000 international troops are serving with ISAF in Afghanistan, including about 18,000 U.S. troops. The more than 3,000 U.S. Marines dispatched to Afghanistan earlier this year already are making an impact, McNeill said, especially 2,000 of those Marines working with British forces to put the squeeze on Taliban militants in a previously unpatrolled

section of Helmand province.

"We knew it was a dark hole and we had to get to it; we simply didn't have the force" until the Marines arrived to exert pressure on the insurgents, McNeill recalled.

A much-ballyhooed Taliban spring offensive didn't materialize this year, McNeill noted, citing stepped-up efforts of U.S. and NATO forces, as well as the contributions provided by increasingly capable Afghan soldiers and police. There are now about 60,000 Afghan soldiers, the general noted, up from about 20,000 soldiers available last year.

Security has improved in Afghanistan, McNeill said, as provincial reconstruction teams' efforts continue across the country. Myriad roads, schools and hospitals have been built across the country, he said, and Afghanistan's infant mortality rate has fallen.

Yet, whatever occurs in Afghanistan is really a regional issue, McNeill em-



Photo by Cpl Andrew J. Carlson/U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Marines provide security near a road in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on May 15, 2008. The Marines are assigned to B Coy, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regt, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, ISAF. The more than 3,000 U.S. Marines dispatched to Afghanistan earlier this year are already making an impact, U.S. Army General McNeill said, especially 2,000 of those Marines working with British forces to put the squeeze on Taliban militants in a previously unpatrolled section of Helmand province.

phasized. Afghanistan's neighbors, some of which may cast a fearful eye at its fledgling democratic government, can be of immense help, he said.

"Anybody who wants to have a view of Afghanistan, and who does so only in the context of Afghanistan, in my belief, will opine incorrectly about Afghanistan about 99 percent of the time," McNeill said. "If you cannot see it as a regional issue, you will not see it clearly."

Pakistan's federally

administered tribal area in the country's remote northwest region offers a sanctuary and training area for terrorists, according to senior U.S. officials. Regions like the tribal areas and other places adjacent to Afghanistan, McNeill said, present a "great risk" of collusion between Taliban militants and transnational terrorists such as al-Qaida. Terrorists, he said, are known to enter Afghanistan from Pakistan from points along the two countries' long,

porous border.

The illegal cultivation of poppy plants, McNeill said, is another serious issue that threatens Afghanistan as well as the region. The powerful illegal narcotic heroin is derived from poppy plants, and insurgents in Afghanistan are heavily involved in the poppy-producing business to fund their activities.

"It is something that the Afghans have to take on," McNeill said. "I don't think the international community can do this for them. We can support them, and we can back them up, but if they want [southern Afghanistan] a little calmer, they're going to have to take on this business of narcotics."

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# Letter from the Editor

## Out with the old and in with the new

**Becky Block**  
**Shilo Stag**

As the posting season has arrived in Shilo this year it is my family's turn to empty out our PMQ and hit the road to our new home in Ontario. This brings mixed feelings for me. Because although a new start in a new city has its perks, it also means I am leaving behind a community I have come to adore and my job as the Editor of The Shilo Stag. I have wholeheartedly in-

vested in this position for the four years of our Shilo posting and I will miss it dearly.

The Stag has grown considerably in my time here. We've changed the layout and formatting, increased our staffing to better support the community, and built excellent relationships in the Westman area with the local business market; all while increasing our readership and placing in national competitions.

Naturally the Stag wouldn't have the success it does without the community and command backing it. We have been fortunate to have a great team behind us; from the service clubs who deliver door to door in the PMQ's to the units submitting stories and allowing us to cover their training in the field and to all of the people in between who provide feedback and lend a smile on a stressful day. I could name almost every person I know on the base if I was to thank you all individually. Please know that without your investment and dedication

the Stag wouldn't be the product it is. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for opening yours in friendship and business.

My time at CFB Shilo taught me many things; how to express passion for my work, how to garner support, how to rely when things are tough, how to grieve when you lose a friend and most of all, how to balance home and work when living in a military community. The friendships I take with me are irreplaceable. We members of Shilo share an intimacy unknown to those outside of our world. We understand, we

relate and we support. I hope I can carry my military torch and share the experiences I've had with the new people I'll meet. I truly believe people want to understand and it is our job as military families to help tell the story.

The new editor taking my place is Karen Griffin. Karen is new to the Shilo and Westman community and I encourage you to stop by, say hello and extend the olive branch.

Karen is a journalism graduate of Ryerson University and has had a colourful work experience including time spent on Parliament Hill. A New-

foundlander originally, Karen has relocated to Shilo for this position from Winnipeg and is already a fan of Forbidden Flavours lattes, so give her a call. I'm sure you will all get to know her as time goes on.

I can't believe I'm actually saying goodbye. My warmest thoughts go out to all of those on TF 1-08. Keep your heads down, your weapons forward and your memories around all of us back home who love and support you. It has been my pleasure working and living around all of you. Thank you for the opportunity. For now, over and out.

### Letter to the Editor

## Support from home crucial

I am writing this letter of awareness as a very proud Mom of two young men with the Princess Patricia regiment in Shilo, Manitoba who are at this moment serving in Afghanistan. Prior to my boys, Peter and Daniel, joining I was ambivalent to our military, the work they do, and the sacrifices that the families are willing to do.

I have watched them as they went through their training and realized how much focus, courage, and discipline it takes to do the work they are doing. Once or twice the comment has been made that they choose to do this so why all the attention. This is very true. They chose this as their career however I say thank God that we have men and women who are willing to do this work for when our own borders need protecting or a disaster hits our cities and towns these are the same men and women who are on the front lines ensuring our safety!

The work they are doing in Afghanistan is important and we need to show them our support regardless of our political views on the situation in Afghanistan. It is a very complex problem and one that I don't fully understand. The only thing I do understand clearly is that whether we agree or disagree with the mission, our troops need

our outpouring of support. It keeps them focused and with that a better chance of keeping themselves safe and sound!

We must remember that these are the same young men and women that will be coming back and reintegrating themselves back into everyday Canadian life. We need them to be strong and healthy in spirit mind and body. It is imperative for our future if we want a strong healthy and vibrant country!

I encourage each and every one of you that if you have a chance to give the gift of support please do! You will feel better for doing it and also giving our men and women of the armed forces a sense of community and pride for their fellow Canadians!!

You can access the Canadian Armed Forces website online and view the information needed to send your greetings. Also the Auxiliaries have the bumper magnets at a very minimal cost.

If you know of a family in your community who has loved ones who are deployed see if you can help them even by watching their children for an evening or afternoon.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of awareness.

Proud Mom of Peter and Daniel,

*Sylvia Mieh*

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# New CDS takes on role with experience



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## Submitted by Director Senior Appointments

A native of Winnipeg, LGen Natynczyk joined the Canadian Forces in August 1975. He attended Royal Roads Military College and Collège Militaire Royal in St Jean, graduating in 1979 with a degree in Business Administration degree. His formative years were spent on NATO duty in Germany with The Royal Canadian Dragoons in troop command and staff appointments.

In 1983, LGen Natynczyk assumed duties as a Squadron Commander at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. In 1986, he commenced a five-year regimental tour in Petawawa, serving in several staff and squadron command appointments; this tour included six months of UN peacekeeping duties in Cyprus. On completion of Canadian Forces Command

and Staff College, he served on the Army Staff in St Hubert Quebec.

In May 1994, LGen Natynczyk embarked upon a year-long tour with the United Nations in the Former Yugoslavia as Sector South-West Chief of Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina within HQ 7 (UK) Armoured Brigade, then as the Chief of Land Operations, UNPROFOR HQ in Zagreb, Croatia. In June 1995 LGen Natynczyk was assigned to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff within National Defence HQ in Ottawa. He then commanded his regiment for two years, leading the Dragoons during domestic operations in the Ottawa region during the 1998 Ice Storm. LGen Natynczyk returned to Bosnia in 1998 as the Canadian Contingent Commander. On his return to Ottawa in March 1999 he was appointed J3 Plans and Operations during the period of deployments to

Kosovo, Bosnia, East Timor and Eritrea.

LGen Natynczyk attended the U.S. Army War College and was subsequently appointed Deputy Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood. In January 2004, he deployed with III Corps to Baghdad, Iraq, serving first as the Deputy Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans and subsequently as the Deputy Commanding General of the Multi-National Corps (Iraq). Upon his return to Canada he assumed command of the Land Force Doctrine and Training System. He was subsequently appointed Chief Transformation where he was responsible for implementation of the force restructuring and the enabling processes and policies.

LGen Natynczyk assumed the responsibilities of the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff on 28 June 2006 and assumed his new position as the Chief of the Defence Staff 2 July 2008.

Gen Rick Hillier (right), outgoing CDS, and her Excellency the Rt-Hon Michaëlle Jean, Gov-Gen and C-in-C of Canada, look on as Gen Walt Natynczyk, CDS, takes over command of the Canadian Forces during a change of command ceremony on 2 July 2008 in Ottawa. The ceremony was attended by a number of dignitaries including The Rt-Hon Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada and The Hon Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

## 'Soldier's soldier' passes the torch

### Gen Rick Hillier CDS

I have chosen to retire from the CF and end my tenure as your CDS in July this year.

I accepted the leadership of the Canadian Forces in February 2005. My goal was to set the conditions for our sailors, soldiers, airmen and airwomen to succeed in our critical and often dangerous tasks in defence of Canada, Canadians, and Canadian interests and values.

We have achieved those key objectives, and reached the critical milestones I originally set out for us to reach by the end of my time as CDS. We have moulded our culture to one which recognizes that operations are our *raison d'être*; that our efforts, all of them, must concentrate on achieving the missions and tasks given to us by the Government of Canada, on behalf of all Canadians.

We have transformed how we recruit, train, equip, command, deploy, employ, bring

home, recognize and care for our operational forces and our families, focused on achieving a strategic effect for Canada. We have done so while growing the CF, re-equipping it, and while carrying out intense combat and peace support operations overseas and demanding, essential security tasks here at home.

*"You are Canada's greatest credentials, our national treasures, and I am so very proud of you. It has been my honour and privilege to be your CDS."*

-Gen Rick Hillier

We have remembered how to grieve; to never forget our comrades and dear friends who have died in the service of Canada. Their sacrifice, and that of their families, deserves our unwavering commitment to ensure their loss is not in vain.

We have been strengthened, immensely, by the vocal and visible support of millions of Canadians who have demonstrated that they

recognize, understand and honour your service, and the sacrifice of your families.

Leadership in the CF is not the role of one single person; it is the responsibility of all who wear the Canadian Forces uniform. I believe you will now be best served by the invigoration of new leadership, with the vision, energy, and strength to lead you through the challenges that will lie ahead. For we have not finished evolving. We must continue to adapt, and improve our Forces to accomplish the tasks Canadians need us to perform in the complex, dangerous security environment before us.

My wife Joyce and I thank you for the rewarding years we have shared with you, and look forward to many years ahead as part of the Canadian Forces family.

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# Changing of the guard

# Interactive exhibit opens



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BGen Jon Vance (left) accepts congratulations from his father, LGen (Ret'd) Jon "Jack" Vance, Sr. (right) for his promotion during the 1 CMBG Change of Command parade at Edmonton Garrison on June 26. BGen Vance will be TF 5-09 Commander in Afghanistan in February, 2009. BGen Kelly Woider, Acting Cmdr, LFWA (centre), was also in attendance at the ceremony which saw Col André Corbould, previously the CoS at LFWA in Edmonton, assume command of 1 CMBG.



Photo by Stacey Brown/Shilo Stag

St. James MLA Bonnie Korzeniowski, Special Envoy for the Military Affairs (left) and Brandon East MLA Drew Caldwell (far right) watch RCA Museum Director Maj (Ret'd) Marc George demonstrate the Province of Manitoba Geographic Names Program display at the grand opening of the Manitoba Hall of Honour on June 26. The gallery, located at the RCA Museum, will feature digital displays on the 13 Manitobans who have received the Victoria Cross, Canada's highest award for valour. The interactive Names Program allows visitors to search an electronic database of over 4,200 names of Manitobans who have died in battle and have geographic features named after them. The Hall of Honour is planned to be the final exhibition in the Manitoba Military History Gallery, currently scheduled to open in 2010 during the Manitoba Homecoming year.



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# Shilo Military Family Resource Centre



## A fun-filled year closes for Pre-Kindergarten

Submitted by  
Shilo MFRC

It's that time of year again when the Shilo MFRC Pre-Kindergarten program wraps up for another year. And, what a year it has been! More children and families took part this year than last, with 22 children moving on to kindergarten in September. The year was spent doing our usual "school stuff", such as learning numbers, colours, letters as well as how to take turns and listen to directions. New friends

were made and the excitement about going to the "big school" grew almost as fast as the children did.

There were many activities throughout the year including holiday parties, favorites being Halloween and Christmas, with Easter a close third. PJ days were popular especially when we could go outside in them. Field trips are also a part of the program and this year we were off to the Fire Hall and Police Station. The children totally enjoyed themselves and by now the two places may

have recovered from our invasion! Thanks again for taking us through your work place. There will be a few extra firefighters and police officers because of the time you spent with the children. We also toured O'Kelly School to meet the principal and the kindergarten teachers. Everyone was wide-eyed and full of excitement in anticipation of the year to come.

With the large deployment this year, our program included a few special activities to acknowledge those missing Dads. When the pre-k was asked to send something, the children got busy and made a flag of handprints and pictures for the Shilo soldiers, especially their Daddys and it was delivered by Bill King, returning after leave. It now hangs in the Canada room in Kandahar and has brightened a few faces already. Father's Day cards were made early this year. Some were sent on their own and a few were

sent with the flag. A map of the world was hung in our Pre-K room with everyone who had a Dad in Afghanistan taking part. The children's pictures were placed on the map over Shilo and Daddy's picture over Afghanistan, so they could see the distance traveled by their parent. This was a source of comfort when missing Daddy became a little overwhelming. As well, for the first time ever, the Graduation ceremony was video taped to allow those who had no choice but to miss the fun to still be part of it by watching. This tape is available for any parent who wishes to watch it.

A huge thumbs up to the community and the parents of the program for all of their support and hard work during all of our fundraising events. Each was a huge success solely due to this on going support. Our final event for this year was our annual Walk-A-thon, which was bumped into mid-June. There were 14 families who took part and once again, the weather held



Children in the Pre-K program celebrated their graduation with a piñata and other treats and activities.

out for us. A big "Thank you" goes out to Giant Tiger who donated all of the hot dogs, buns and condiments for the event as well as for our Graduation/year end party. Giant Tiger rocks!! Due to the popularity of some of our events, they will be back in the upcoming school year so look for the Christmas Bake sale & Raffle in November/December and the Cookie Grams for Valentine's Day.

That about wraps up our year. If you are a parent of a pre-school child between the ages of 3 & 5, and what you have read sounds like something your child

would enjoy, please, give us a call or drop by the MFRC and pre-register NOW for September. Registration is filling up quickly so don't hesitate or the space you want for your child may not be available. The year will start with an Open House on Wednesday, August 27 from 9:30-10:30 or 1:00-2:00 pm where you can meet the teacher, check out the room and pick up your registration package. Classes will commence on Wednesday, September 3. Any questions may be directed to the MFRC reception desk at 3352.

See you in September!!



Photos submitted by Shilo MFRC.

Class of 2008 Pre-Kindergarten program at their graduation.

## Family Day brings community together

Submitted by  
Shilo MFRC

On Saturday, June 14 the MFRC joined forces with PSP for Family Day here in Shilo. The scavenger hunt that involved a bit of riddle solving and adventure was kicked off at 2:00 pm. Families dashed around base to find clues. The first place winner - Lucier family - received a free movie night at the Capitol Theatre and a Pizza from Homefires Café. Second - Lavoie family and third place winners - Pollard and Gorowski family received a free movie rental, popcorn and 21 pop from Sandyland Video. A special thanks to our sponsors!

The day ended with a Diner's On Us BBQ. We had over 160 community members come out to enjoy a free hotdog and/or hamburger.



The Lucier family, winners of the scavenger hunt at this year's Family Day.

## New facilitator for Preschool Program

Janine Guenter  
Preschool Program  
Facilitator

My name is Janine Guenter and I'd like to introduce myself to you as the new Preschool Program Facilitator for the MFRC.

I have worked at the MFRC Daycare since September of 2006 and am looking forward to this new position.

I graduated with my Early Childhood Education diploma in November 2007 from the Assiniboine Community College. I previously worked at a daycare centre in Neepawa, Manitoba where I am originally from. In my spare time I love to



Janine Guenter, the new Preschool Program Facilitator for the MFRC.

be outdoors, whether it is camping, snowboarding, biking or anything active! I also enjoy reading, writing poetry and spending time

with my friends and family! Working with children is my passion and I look forward to spending time with those in the community!

[www.shilomfrc.ca](http://www.shilomfrc.ca)

Note: Deployment programs will not be cancelled.



# Think before making that next big buy

**Karen Packer**  
17 Wing, Winnipeg - Traffic, Pers Admin

**D**o you really need it? You're moving into your first PMQ after buying an overstuffed couch. The movers show up with your furniture and some bad news. "Your dream couch ain't gonna fit".

Should you have asked yourself? "Do I really need it?"

In other words, think about moving it, before you buy it. Here are some tips to consider when making these all-important purchases.

## APPLIANCES

- Front-Load Washers – require a specific blocking kit, when shipping, to prevent damage. Appliance companies usually remove this kit from the washer upon delivery, not realizing you will be moving again and again. It is your responsibility to provide this blocking kit to the movers, so they can block the drum. If you don't keep, it they can cost up \$100 to replace and usually have to be ordered in advance.

- Stainless Steel Appliances – are pretty to look at but they scratch very easily and if dented cannot be repaired. Not a practical item to move around on postings.

- Double Door Fridge/Freezer – are so wide they may not fit through the door of every house you may live in, especially PMQ's. Try to stick to standard size appliances.

## FURNITURE

- Over-sized Furniture – may not fit in every house you live in. Especially some PMQ's which have small openings/doorways and sharp corners. This is not the movers fault nor Base Housing. If it doesn't fit through the door, the movers will leave it on the front lawn or in the garage. Sometimes, a window can be removed to hoist something through, but this is at the member's expense, even if it is a PMQ. Some sofas are made so they come apart. These would work better, but keep the instructions.

- German Shrank or Large Wall Unit – must be disassembled before shipping. It is your responsibility to provide the instructions and/or assist the movers on loading day.

- Queen/King Size Box Spring – may not fit through all doors or upstairs through narrow passageways, especially in smaller PMQ's or older homes. If you can, purchase ones that come in two pieces.

- Particle Board Furniture (that came in a box) – will not withstand the rigors of transportation, in its assembled state. So, the movers will take them apart. You are to provide the movers with the instructions. However, this type of furniture is made to be assembled only once and may no longer be as stable after multiple moves. Instability of furniture disassembled and reassembled is not claimable as damage.

- Lacquer Finished Furniture – does not move well in colder temperature; they can crack at temperatures below -5 C. This would not be the mover's fault and therefore, is not claimable.

## ELECTRONICS

- Big Screen TV's such as Plasma, LCD and the new OLED – are very delicate and not meant to move around

a lot. So, if you must have one, keep the box and all the packing material, and have the movers pack it for you. That is the only way they can be moved safely.

- Other Electronics – will also move safer in their original packaging. Keep boxes for computers, printers, stereos, monitors, etc. For insurance purposes, let the movers pack them for you.

## RECREATION

- Exercise Equipment – requires dismantling before shipping. It is your responsibility to provide the movers with instructions on how to disassemble and reassemble. So when buying stair climbers, elliptical trainers, tread mills, etc, keep the manual and all the instructions.

- Hot Tubs – are meant to be installed only once and stay there; they are not meant to be moved around. If you plan to purchase one and move it with each posting, make sure it is a strong one that will withstand multiple moves. Also, keep in mind that the contract with the movers is curb-to-curb service for hot tubs. Meaning, it is your responsibility to bring it from the backyard or basement to the curb. Sometimes this may require a crane and can be very costly. Servicing and preparation of the hot tub is also your re-

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Major Brand Names or Major Stores – usually provide service at most postings, better than unknown or smaller companies. Try to stick to major brands or major stores when purchasing items like computers, major appliances, stereos, etc. If posted to smaller communities like Moose Jaw or Cold Lake, you may experience difficulty servicing some items.

- Non-Admissible Items – is a list of items that the movers cannot take. Check this list out before purchasing items like fences, dog runs, outdoor brick fireplace, etc. You can find this list in the booklet provided by the movers or can be viewed on the DIN/WEB at the following sites under "Relocation Guidance", then "Information Packages":

DIN [http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dgmc/engraph/relocation\\_management\\_e.asp](http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dgmc/engraph/relocation_management_e.asp)

WEB [http://www.forces.gc.ca/admmat/j4mat-dglog/dtm/dtm\\_4/index.htm](http://www.forces.gc.ca/admmat/j4mat-dglog/dtm/dtm_4/index.htm)

## LOSS/DAMAGE CLAIMS

Moving claims can also be just as stressful as the move itself. To try and make it easier, here are a few tips that may help a future damage/loss claim caused by a move of your furniture & effects.

- DVD & CD Collections: Make a list of all DVDs and CDs you own before moving, in case that box happens to go missing. Better yet, make a video of them showing the cases as proof of ownership.

- Inventory Your House: Make an inventory of your entire household and keep it updated. Even a video of your house contents can help with proof of ownership in case of total loss/damage. A picture is worth 1000 words, or in this case maybe 1000 bucks.

- High Value Inventory: The movers' still use this form and is a good tool to list all the collections and valuable that you have.

- Paperwork, Paperwork, Paperwork: Throughout your career, keep all receipts, manuals, instructions, appraisals for all major items you purchase (i.e. furniture, electronics, major appliances, art work, etc). Keep all this information in a booklet/box and take it with you on your posting in case of a claim

for major damage or loss.

- Pre-Move Information Package: This is provided by the movers during their first visit to your home for the estimate. READ IT! That is all I have to say about that. This information packages can also be found on the web sites listed above.

The best advice I can give you is "when in doubt, check it out". Just contact your friendly Furniture & Effects Section nearest you with any questions, even if you are not moving yet. It is better to be safe than sorry, before spending a lot of money on something you may not be able to move later.



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sponsibility.

- Wooden Play Structures/Swing Sets – can only be shipped if made with treated wood and is your responsibility to disassemble/reassembled. Keep the instructions. The treated wood must also be cleaned and bug free. Bugs in wood can easily infest your shipment or other shipments in the truck.

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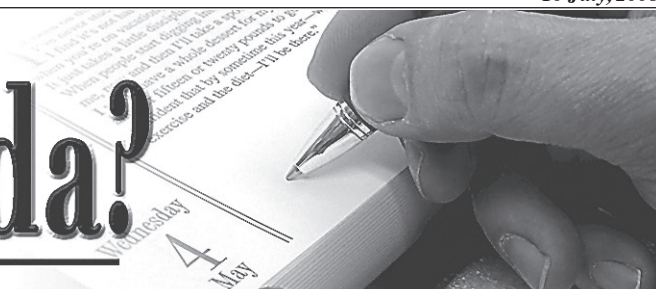
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# What's on Your Agenda?



## Summer Yard Contest

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Judging at 12:00 noon  
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## Prayers for the Fallen

*A time to remember*  
*A time to come together*  
*A time to grieve in community*

*A time to strengthen faith*  
Memorial prayers will be offered at both chapels during Sunday worship at 1030 hrs on these dates for all Fallen Shilo Soldiers:  
13 July  
10 August  
14 September

## Did you know?

The Base Personnel Selection Office (BPSO), located in Room 204 in Headquarters, has a laptop with Internet access for your use. If you would like to use the laptop to access the Internet, please call (local 4078) in advance to let us know when you would like to come by.

## Kenosee SuperSlides

Looking for something to do this summer? We'll provide the transportation and a great deal on your entrance fee to the Kenosee Waterslides.

**Age:** All  
**Date:** Thurs, Aug 14 (Registration deadline Aug 8)  
**Time:** Bus leaves at 8:30am and returns at 6pm  
**Cost:** \$16  
**Place:** Bus leaves north side of CANEX  
**Contact & Registration Info:** Community Recreation Office at 765-3000 ext 3317/3588

## Pioneer Heritage Day Sat, Aug 9 3180 Portage Ave, Winnipeg

The event will feature old-time fiddling, square dancing, a Celtic harpist, hoop dancers, renaissance music, Joey the lamb, pony rides, pioneer games for children, and our signature environmental theatre featuring characters from the William Brown and Charlotte Omand family performing in their 1856 Red River Frame House!

**Free community event!**  
**All invited to attend!**

## Play N' Park

**Mondays**  
Waterpark  
10-11:30 am;  
and 1:30 - 3pm  
**Tuesdays**  
Sapper  
10-11:30 am;  
and 1:30 - 3pm  
**Thursdays**  
Kingston  
10-11:30 am;  
and 1:30 - 3pm

## Ki Rin Shilo Taekwon-Do Summer Camp

Tues/Thurs 2-4 pm  
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Contact: Mr. (Capt) Dwayne Bos for more information  
Ph: 765-3000 ext 3088  
Cell: 724-4227  
Email: bos.dw@forces.gc.ca

## Volunteers Needed

The Canadian Cancer Society has volunteer positions available for every interest and time constraint, including data entry, phoning, poster delivery and organizing events. Call Kristen at 571-2804.

## CFB Shilo's Annual Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday, November 1, 2008  
9 am - 2 pm  
Community Centre Annex,  
Bldg L-25  
Tables \$10 each  
To book your tables or for more information, please call 765-3000 ext 3588

## Shilo Vacation Bible School August 5-8, 2008

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**Where:** Faith Centre T-119  
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Don't forget your water bottles, sunscreen and lunch. Please do not bring any glass containers.  
Lifejackets are mandatory!  
**Age:** All  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17  
**(Registration deadline:** July 11)  
**Time:** Bus leaves at 8:30am and returns at approx 6:00pm  
**Cost:** TBD  
**Place:** Bus leaves north side of the CANEX  
**Contact & Registration Info:** Community Recreation Office at 765-3000 ext 3317  
*Please note: All participants must be a dependant of/or a DND member, Public/NPF Employee, or MFRC employee. (A parent/legal guardian must accompany 13yrs + under).*  
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For Sale: Three and a half year old 24 cubic foot side by side refrigerator/freezer, white in colour, also has ice cube maker and water dispenser. Will sell for \$850 firm or will trade for a black 18 cubic foot fridge/freeze, but must not be any older than 5 yrs. Reason for selling - too big for my kitchen. If interested call 765-4556, leave message, and I will get back to you ASAP.

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## Child care

Kids R Kids Licensed home daycare is currently accepting names for 2 daycare spots starting in January. CPR and first aid qualified, snacks and lunches provided following the Canada Food Guide, lots of crafts and activities. Subsidy available. 765-4626

Wanted: Reliable, mature person to babysit our 3 kids in our home, full-time days. If interested, please contact Jaime at 765-5144

Home daycare has spots open, flexible hours, healthy snacks and lunch provided. Call Mel at 765-4962

## Child care

Are you looking for a Childminder-Babysitter? Then look no further. I am able to look after children weekday evenings and anytime on the weekends. CPR and first aid trained. If you have any questions call 765-4556 and leave a message, will get back to you ASAP.

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## St. Barbara's Protestant Chapel

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Padre Bos - ext 3088

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Sunday's 1030 hrs  
Weekday Mass - Tuesday to Friday, 1205 hrs  
Padre Persaud - ext 6836  
Padre McLeod - ext 3089  
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# Golfers enjoy great weather for annual tournament

**Jim MacKenzie**  
FS&R Director

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BComd's golf tournament took place under sunny skies and hot weather on Friday, July 4. With a shotgun start scheduled for 1000hrs, it only seemed appropriate that the official start be conducted with the firing of a round from IRCHA.

With the BComd firing off the blank, the tournament was officially under way, with approx 80 golfers participating. Ideal golf conditions kept scores moderate, ranging from 62 to 87. The 4-person Texas Scramble tournament included participants from CFB Shilo, as well as local business people from Brandon, as well as the mayors of Brandon and Wawanesa.

With a score of 62, the team of Doug Wilkinson, Arden McEachern, Ryan Filsinger and Kevin Goat were crowned winners of the 2008 tournament.

The BComd and BCWO were partnered in the tournament with Dave Burgess, Mayor of Brandon, and CANEX Manager Rick Kehler. Their team was awarded the Most Honest Team award with a score of 87.

A big thank-you to our sponsors who provide prizes for this year's tournament:

Roland Weir Realty & Appraisal, Rick's Restaurant, Trans Can Mini Stor, Vince Crisanti from Cellular Communication Plus (CCP), Dock's Restaurant, Giant Car Wash in Brandon, Labatt's, and the National Sports Office in Ottawa.

## IN MEMORIAM



Pte Wilmot



Cpl Downey

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At approximately 12:50 a.m., Kandahar time, on July 5, a Canadian soldier suffered critical injuries and later died when an explosive device detonated near a dismounted security patrol in Panjwayi District.

The fallen soldier is Pte Colin William Wilmot, a medic serving with the HSSU in Afghanistan attached to 2Bn, PPCLI BG. His home unit was 1 Field Ambulance, based in Edmonton, Alberta.

First-aid was administered to Pte Wilmot immediately following the explosion. He was evacuated by helicopter to the Multi-National Medical Facility at Kandahar Airfield. Sadly, Pte Wilmot was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The thoughts and prayers of every member of the Canadian Task Force are with Pte Wilmot's family and friends during this very difficult time. Despite our grief, Task Force Kandahar will continue our important mission to bring peace and stability to the people of Afghanistan.

At approximately 4:15 a.m. (EST) July 4, a Canadian Forces member was found dead in an accommodation room in the Theatre Support Element compound in the Gulf region.

Deceased is Cpl Brendan Anthony Downey, an MP from the MP Det in Dundurn, Saskatchewan.

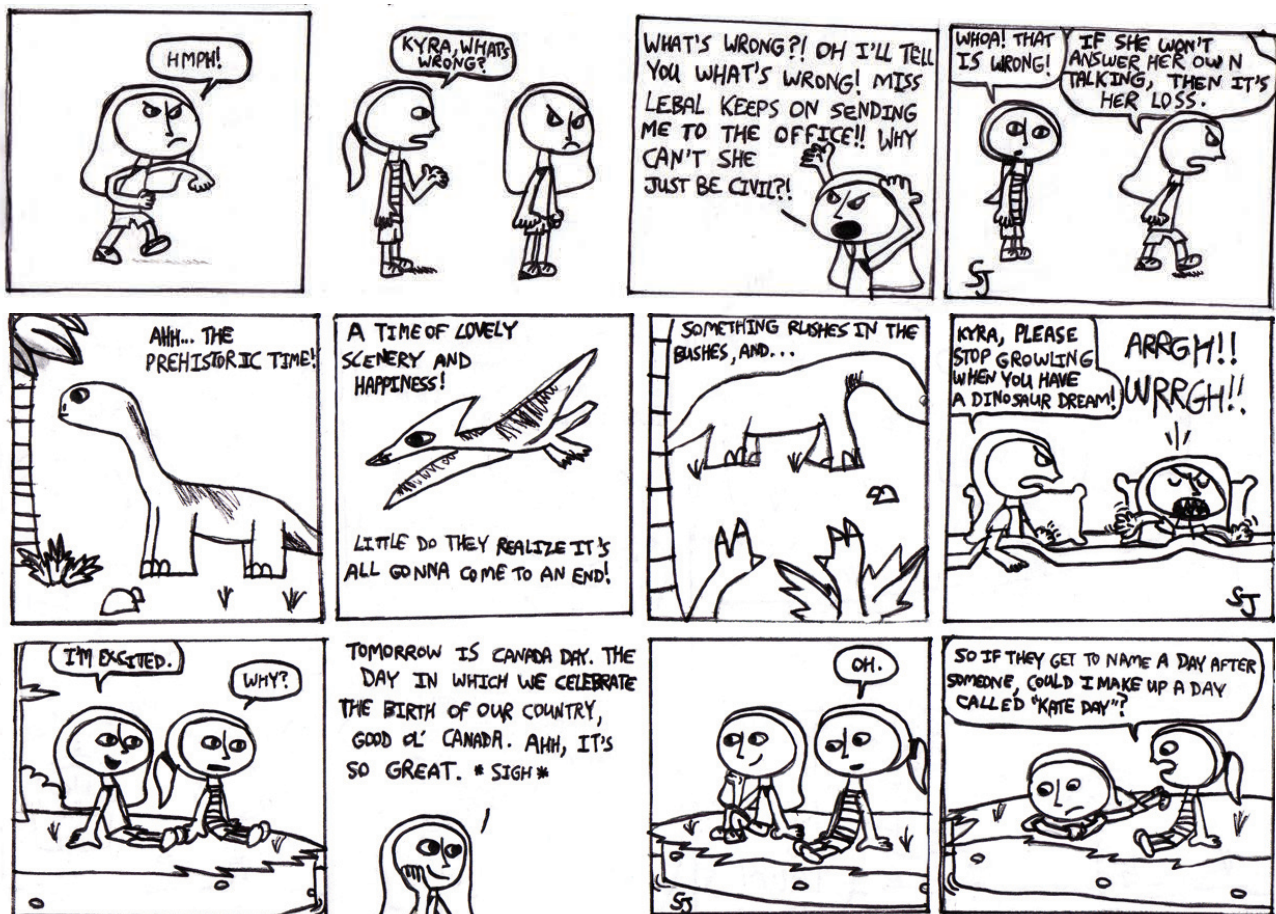
An investigation is ongoing to establish the circumstances of this incident. No further details are available at this time, although enemy action has been ruled out.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Cpl Downey during this difficult time. Our focus over the next number of days will be to provide the best possible support to the family of our airman and to his colleagues.

Cpl Downey's immediate family has no comment at this time. They are asking that the media please respect their privacy and they will provide a statement in due course.

### Kyra and Kate

by S. Joudrey



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Submissions can be sent to the Stag via email at stag@mts.net, dropped off at the Stag office located in the Shilo Community Centre or via Inter-base mail.

**Submitting articles and photos for print:**

- Please submit articles as a MS Word Document.
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# Discount program expands beyond bases

The Maple Leaf  
Ottawa

The CANEX Discount Program (CDP) offers the military community access to meaningful national and local discounts on a wide range of commercial goods and services offered by corporate Canada. Visitors to [www.canexdiscounts.ca](http://www.canexdiscounts.ca) will see discount offers from many Canadian companies, including Via Rail Canada, The Running Room, Hotel Association of Canada, General Motors of Canada and Suzuki Canada. Support for the CF has even extended beyond Canadian borders. Companies such as Anheuser Busch, who operate adventure parks throughout the United States, also offer great discounts to the Cana-

dian military community.

"The local section of the web site allows businesses close to bases, wings and units to communicate value-added discounts to the military community they support," explains Ken Stilwell, Manager of CANEX Corporate Programs. "The national section provides information on great discounts negotiated with corporations of a wider national scope."

"In addition to providing a way for corporate Canada to offer meaningful discounts to the military community, the CDP also gives them the opportunity to demonstrate their support to our troops and their families. The CDP is truly a winning combination," he said adding that corporations also get a chance to increase their visibility and

develop a new and loyal customer base.

Military community members who can take advantage of the discounts may include:

Regular Force personnel and their spouses; Reserve Force personnel; Permanent full time or part time NPF and DND employees and their spouses; Retired CF personnel and DND civilian employees in receipt of a DND pension; Retired NPF employees in receipt of an NPF pension.

Military community members are encouraged to view the vendors' offers on the CANEX Discount Program web site to determine eligibility, which may vary by offer. The CDS assigned to CANEX the mandate to manage non-public property retail activities for the CF. As such, CANEX has developed the expertise to evaluate offerings from the private sector to ensure they are in the best interest of the military community.

Locally, the Shilo CANEX is undertaking the solicitation for potential discounts in addition to the existing listed offerings via Brandon

Salutes. You can visit the current local retail discounts at [www.brandonsalutes.ca](http://www.brandonsalutes.ca). CANEX manager, Rick Kehler encourages visitors to keep an eye out on the new site for the Shilo area prior to heading out for purchases. "Savings await" says Kehler.

True to its mandate, CAN-

EX developed and manages the new CDP to satisfy the unique needs of military personnel and their families in conjunction with the revenue-generating entities that have been operating for decades to fund CF morale and welfare programs. CDP invites all visitors to the site

to complete the online feedback form to let CANEX know about discounts or vendors you would like to see included in the program.

CANEX has served the CF community for 40 years and offers the discount program as another way of "Serving Those Who Serve".

## Honouring first chair



Photo by Karen Griffin/Shilo Stag

Col (Ret'd) Ian and Mrs. Bev Barnes at their farewell in The RCA Officers' Mess on Monday, July 7. Ian was the first Chair of The RCA Museum Board of Directors and was thanked for his outstanding contribution. Ian and Bev are moving to Edmonton after living in Brandon for 8 years.

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