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# eployment News Coy adapts to life in Afghanistan

Editor's Note: Capt Chang is deployed with B Coy as the 4 Platoon Commander in Afghanistan. He has written this submission as a viewpoint of life in Afghanistan for he and his platoon during their first two months in theatre.

**Capt Andrew Chang** B Coy, 2 PPCLI BG

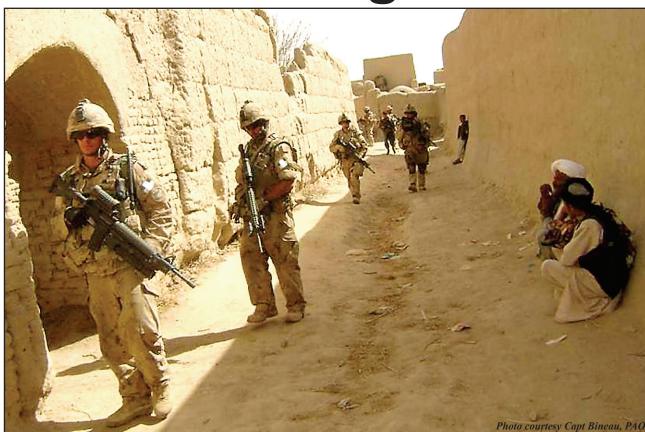
or over two months the 2 PPCLI BG's B Coy has been operating in the Zharey-Panjwayi area of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Though a relatively short period of time, the Company has already completed a large-scale operation and countless dismounted patrols. The Company's area of operation is considered the birthplace and heart of the Taliban, a challenging environment to begin a tour.

The first platoon from the Company arrived in Afghanistan in mid-February and a steady stream of buses from CFB Shilo to 17 Wing Winnipeg continued in the following weeks. Some changes, such as going from -40°C to +25°C weather, were definitely welcome. Other changes, mainly saying goodbye to family and friends, were more difficult. For most though, there was a feeling of exhilaration at finally being able to do what everyone in the Company had trained so long for. After brief administrative routines in Kandahar Airfield upon arrival, members of the Company soon pushed out to Zharey-Panjwayi to begin their duties. With rigorous work up training completed and many of the Comapny's soldiers having served previously in 2002 and 2006, B Coy was well prepared.

In a short amount of time B Coy has immersed itself in everything Afghan, from the people, to the food, to the environment. Foot patrol members interact on a daily basis with locals, speaking with them through interpreters to build trust and learn their con-

Patrols and any other operation almost always include the local police or ANA. Suddenly, working with those who have different soldiering styles presents unique challenges, but at the same time, is greatly rewarding. Though initially wary of each other, it does not take long for Canadian and Afghan soldiers to develop a deep sense of mutual respect. At the end of any mission, all Canadians are glad their Afghan counterparts were

Working in the Zharey-Panjwayi area also includes sampling the local chai when meeting with elders or having



Cpl James Arnal and Cpl Josh Vezina watch their surroundings during a routine patrol in a Zharey-Panjawai village.

a feast of goat, rice and flatbread during Now Ruz, Afghanistan's New Year. The weather is of course mainly warm and sunny. Summer has not yet arrived, but patrolling often involves sweating through clothing and having a fine dust stick to almost everything. The wind picks up every so often, creating the occasional dust storm that limits visibility. There has also been the odd hailstorm. These changes in weather are usually taken with a casual shrug of the shoulders. Though far from Zharey-Panjwayi, CFB Shilo has done well in conditioning 2 PPCLI for extreme and varied weather.

By far, the most difficult part of the tour has been taking casualties. Sgt Jason Boyes and Pte Terry Street are two B Coy soldiers we have sadly lost. Their deaths have been felt across the BG and of course back home. The very nature of living and

working in western Manitoba, where everyone seems to know everyone, has made this loss even more profound. If you didn't know Jason Boyes or Terry Street, you probably know someone who did. The mission continues with the motivation to ensure

that no loss has been in vain. The bombs that kill Canadian soldiers can kill anyone-Canadian, Afghan, military or civilian. B Coy will continue to stabilize its area and improve the quality of life for those who live here. No better friend, no worse enemy.



At their police sub-station, 2 PPCLI's B Coy members partake in a Now Ruz feast of roasted goat, rice and flat bread prepared by their Afghan police brothers. Now Ruz is the Afghan equivalent of New Year.

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# Med Techs integral part of support

Editor's Note: Pte Dennis is deployed with the Evacuation Platoon of HSS Role 1 Coy in Afghanistan. She has written this submission as a viewpoint of life in Afghanistan as a Medical Technician.

Pte Ellie M. Dennis HSS Role 1 Coy, Evac Pl

fter almost a year of Atraining-reviewing basic soldier skills, learning advanced soldier skills, refreshing medical skills and acquiring advanced combat medical skills, along with maintaining our physical fitness - we felt prepared for the challenges ahead for the Op ATHENA Roto 5 Health Service Support Role 1 Medical Technician (Med Tech). Still feeling a little apprehensive and not really knowing what to expect when we finally arrived in Afghanistan, all of us Med Techs did not let our fears get in the way of our professionalism and the task ahead. It really goes both ways: we put our faith in the troops we support to keep us safe. and they put their faith in us to save their lives when required. We are anxious to just get out there and do our jobs keeping the troops healthy and alive.

The Role 1 (integral medical support) Med Tech plays a multitude of roles and has numerous responsibilities. The Role 1 Med Tech is attached to a company, squadron or battery. These dismounted Med Techs are with the platoons and troops 24/7, becoming a part of the team and are a very vital specialist asset. Med Techs give combat arms troops the confidence they need to go out and do the dangerous jobs they do. It all depends on the mission of the platoon or troop. For instance, the Med Techs will do almost everything an Infantry soldier would do, ranging from dismounted patrolling, urban operations. communicating with the local populace through interpreters, to general camp duties. They are also responsible for setting up casualty collection points (CCP), casualty evacuation, patient triage, refreshing the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) qualified soldiers on their medical skills, and most importantly, ensuring the health of the troops. These Med Techs will often look after members of the ANP, ANA and Afghan civilians working in or around the Forward Operation Base (FOBs).

The dismounted Med Tech also provides medical support to the National Support Element—the organization responsible for supporting forward deploved units, conducting re-supply convoys and providing convoy escort.

Since there are threats on

travel with these convoys in case an IED strikes.

The Role 1 Med Tech is also part of an armoured Ambulance Crew, responsible for the treatment of the patients that come to the company, squadron or battery CCP.

When not employed forward, the dismounted or Ambulance Crew Med Tech is employed at the Role 1 Unit Medical Station (UMS) in KAF. If required, in the event of a significant incident leading to a mass casualty (MAS-CAL) scenario, they report to the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit. The Role 1 facility is responsible for the routine and daily care of Canadian troops at KAF, much like a walk-in clinic at home. Med Techs are responsible for making sure medical supplies are pushed out to the medical assets in the FOBs and for replenishing armoured am-



Pte Dennis as she provides medical support to a mounted

bulances as required. When on patrol, we often provide basic medical aid to the local population. This is one of the most fulfilling aspects of the Med Tech's work here in Kandahar.

All medics have important jobs here in theatre, whether they are being integrated into an infantry platoon, working with an Ambulance Crew, providing medical support on supply convoys or working in the UMS. All medical assets have one goal: to care for our fellow soldiers. We are only a quarter way through our tour and I would like to speak on behalf of all Medical Technicians when I say we are proud to represent Canada and to support our comrades in their daily operations.

#### provided by medical staff ide range of

**Cpl Craig Bellamy** KPRT UMS

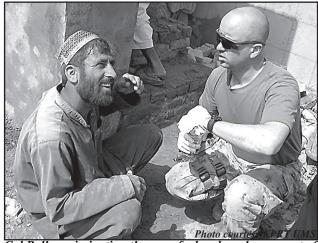
magine leaving the **L**cold Canadian prairie winter for a land of sun and sand. While most Canadians dream of being able to do just that, members of the KPRT UMS were leaving behind family and friends for a tour of duty with OP ATHENA Roto5.

The Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team Unit Medical Station (KPRT UMS) numbers 11, with one medical officer, one Sergeant, and 7 other ranks. Augmenting the core bunch is a Bison Ambulance crew from the Health Service Support Unit Evacuation platoon. This mix brings a broad range of knowledge and experiences for all to draw on. While most have a civilian EMT licence, the UMS also has an ALS paramedic included in the mix as one of the two reservists taking time from their civilian jobs to deploy.

The role of the UMS is to provide emergency and non-emergency care to not only the military occupants of Camp Nathan Smith, but to the other governmental personnel and local populace as well. There is no civilian equivalent that compares to the structure of the UMS. Picture if you will a family doctor's office that could, in very little time, transform into a small emergency room. This capability allows the medical staff to handle everything from a simple cold to a heart attack, sprained ankle to drug overdose. The population on Camp poses its own unique challenges, and the staff are quickly becoming experts in medical situations that they might not be exposed to in Canada. The local nationals that get seen in the UMS also pose a puzzle for the medical staff. Not only are there differences in nutrition, sanitation, and access to heath care, but there is frequently a language barrier that needs to be overcome. In addition, nearly every patrol that leaves the Camp has a medic imbedded with them, regardless if it is to be for an hour or a week. This allows the medics to gain exposure to the local population and customs, lend a medical opinion in the locations where CIMIC is conducting their projects, and provide immediate medical care if needed.

The Bison Amb and its crew are dedicated to the QRF 24/7. They are augmented by a member of the UMS on a rotating basis each and every time they get ready to respond to a call. This could be a call for assistance from a Canadian unit, or to go to an IED explosion where there are casualties. The UMS is a tight crew,

with a pleasant mix of mischief and professionalism. They are eagerly anticipating and embracing the challenges that await them during the remainder of their tour, but are also anticipating when they are able to return to Can-



Cpl Bellamy irrigating the eye of a local worker as part of his duties providing medical care to military personnel as well as government officials and local Afghans.

down, 6 short months to ada and embrace the loved ones they left behind. One



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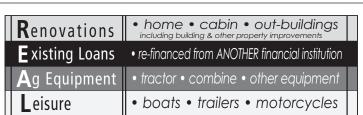
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### Surpassing the goal Greetings from home



Mayor Dave Burgess of Brandon congratulates the participants and the organizers of the Walk to Afghanistan during the wrap-up ceremonies on April 11. LCol John Schneiderbanger, BComd (centre) and Fiona Jefferies, former Health Promotions Director, also joined the Mayor in thanking everyone for contributing to the challenge. The Walk's goal of 10,400,000 kms – the 13,000 kms from Shilo to Kandahar multiplied 800 times for each soldier deploying - was exceeded through activities such as walking, skiing, and swimming, to a final total came to 10,618,957.774 kms. A binder of messages of support was compiled during the Walk and will be sent to Afghanistan. Health Promotions would like to thank Forbidden Flavours Shilo, Westman Foot Clinic, Shilo Community Council and Base Fund for their support. Health Promotions is considering walking the soldiers home and encourages people to sign up to their mailing list at walktoafghanistan@gmail.com to receive updates.



101.1FM The Farm host Tim Black records a message from Nadine Williston to the troops in Afghanistan during a live remote from CANEX Mall on April 11. Her message, along with many others recorded that day, will be included in the 101.1FM The Farm broadcast to the soldiers in Kandahar. Brandon-based 101.1 FM The Farm is one of only two Canadian radio stations being broadcast to the troops overseas - Edmonton's 100.3FM The Bear is on the air on opposite days to The Farm.

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**Sgt Dennis Power Army News** 

Tot all museums are strictly focused on what happened in the past, as demonstrated by the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum in Shilo with the opening of the Afghanistan exhibit showcasing a current event.

Highlighting the exhibit are a LAV III, the Armoured Fighting Vehicle (AFV) used by our troops in Afghanistan, and a multimedia display with combat footage involving Canadian soldiers on patrol. Another vehicle, additional equipment, photos, and displays, give visitors an impression of what our soldiers experience while they are deployed.

"The staff at the museum deserve a pat on the back for doing a great job here at the museum," said an exuberant Peter Ewasiuk, minutes before the opening ceremony of the new exhibit. Ewasiuk, the Vice President of Unit 17 (Manitoba) of the Korean Veterans Association, was

delighted to see focus put on Canadian soldiers at a time when they are doing dangerous, but important work.

"The Afghanistan exhibit is fantastic, it's great to give the public a view of what our soldiers are doing in Afghanistan," Ewasiuk added. "There hasn't been a lot of exposure for our troops, and this is a good way to shed a little more light on the hard work they are doing over there," he also said.

"From the point of view of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian

Light Infantry (2 PPCLI), support to the museum here in Shilo is very important," affirmed Maj Chris Lunney, Officer Commanding, A Coy, 2 PPCLI. Some of the equipment on display, including the LAV III, is on loan from 2 PPCLI.

"Supporting this exhibit is important to us (PPCLI) due to the fact that we've had so many Patricia's overseas, and it's incredibly important that Canadians here in Manitoba, and visiting from across Canada, understand what's happen-



Guests at the opening of the Afghanistan Exhibit at the RCA Museum in Shilo have their questions answered by Capt Brian Wiltshire, 2IC WATC Det Shilo.

ing in Afghanistan," said Maj Lunney. "It's important to understand the current conflict, see some of the equipment the soldiers use in daily life, and what

the troops on the ground are experiencing," Lunney also said.

The exhibit opened on 14 April, and will remain open until sometime in October.



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### Artillery unit exercises Freedom of the City

**Army News** 

ne of the first mild weekends of spring was ushered in by the 26th Field Regiment as they marched through the streets of Brandon with their colours flying, drums beating, and bayonets fixed.

The event, known as a Freedom of the City Parade, is a tradition that goes back centuries to when armies roamed Europe on foot. Today, towns and cities throughout Canada grant Freedom of the City to associated military units to show respect and support for the commitment they have made to their communities.

"It's good to do this,

probably more for the soldiers than for the citizens, because it shows the soldiers that we really are appreciated," said Bdr-Gen (Ret'd) Ernest Beno, Col Comd RCA. "Reserve units are a vital link to Canadian communities, and it's wonderful to see the support that comes from those communities towards the army," he added.

The 26th Field Regiment marched through the streets of Brandon, stopping at City Hall, to celebrate 100 years of service in Brandon. It was in April of 1908 that the unit moved to Brandon to occupy the newly built Armouries on Victoria Avenue. It has been their home in the city since that time, and will be for many years to come.

Known today as the 26th Field, the unit originated in the late 1800's as The Manitoba Rangers, they took their current name and role as an artillery unit during a restructuring of the Army in 1936. From their earliest days in action during the Riel Rebellion, through the Boer War, two World Wars, and the Korean War, they fought as an integral unit.

After the Korean War, the 26th Field became a Reserve unit, but the tradition of service remained strong. Hundreds of members of the unit have augmented Regular Force units deployed on peacekeeping missions in the Middle

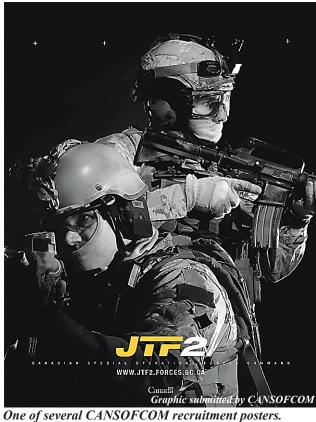


A guard of soldiers from the 26th Field Regiment steps off on a Freedom of the City Parade in early April. In the background is the Armouries in Brandon that they moved into 100 years ago in April of 1909.

East and the Balkans from the 1970s until recently, and they continue to make an important contribution Afghanistan today.

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### JTF 2 recruiting for new opportunities



#### **Submitted by CANSOFCOM**

Toint Task Force 2 (JTF **J** 2), the Canadian Forces Special Operations Forces counter terrorism unit launches its 2008 recruiting drive at CFB Shilo June 5th at the GSH Theatre at 1330 and 1830. JTF 2 annually recruits serving members from across the CF adding to its operationally focused rank and file. The recruiting process is competitive and challenging, with the selection process identifying those individuals who can best fill positions as an assaulter, coxswain or specialist/supporter.

JTF 2's mission is to provide a force capable of rendering armed assistance in the resolution of an issue that is, or has the potential of, affecting the national interest. The primary focus is counter-terrorism; however, the unit can expect to be employed on other high value tasks.

JTF 2 is among the world's finest Special Operations units. Unit members have and are prepared to conduct worldwide operations in direct support of Canadian national security interests. In 15 years since the units inception JTF 2 has earned a proud reputation for excellence among our allies and coalition partners.

JTF 2 is part of the larger Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, which includes the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), the Canadian Joint Immediate Reaction Unit (CJIRU)

and 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron (SOAS). While each unit has their respective recruiting processes all are dedicated to

the recruitment, selection, training and deployment of highly motivated and operationally focused members. As CANSOFCOM grows so do the opportunities to join a part of the CF that

commands respect around the world and to work with like-minded people ruthlessly focused on the mission to safe guard Canadi-

ans from current and future

Recruiting sessions will be held at bases across Canada with dates, times and location available on-line at www.JTF2.forces.gc.ca . Representation and information for the other units within CANSOFCOM will also be available at each session.

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- For mom's who love to cook, buy a collection of pot cluding basil, rosemary, sage and thyme and make her a
- Homemade art gifts are cherished especially when But anything creative - a picture, poem or photo - is a
- Photos are always a hit. Portrait packages are available. prices - hire a professional, have a portrait package dor or ask a friend who has a good eye, to take pictures. Cut copies of the photos to preserve the original) onto a hal fill a memory photo album or box or load a digital pictu pictures. Of course, a single framed picture is a lovely
- Have photos put on a t-shirt, calendar, mouse pad photo departments and stores for these specialized photo
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- · Help your mom clean her house. Hire her a week of offer to do the housework yourself.
- · Offer to help with home repair or updating projects wall papering or hire someone to help.
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- Plan a special outing to a museum or live play an lunch in the invitation whether you pack a scrumptious
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# Celebrating mothers through the ages

**News Canada** 

Every day of the year, mothers are there to help us, nurture us, nudge us and care for us. Now, it's their turn. Mother's Day is the one day of the year when we can all put mom in the spotlight and express how much we appreciate her.

"Celebrating mothers is actually an ancient ritual that dates back centuries," says Jennifer Kinnon of Hallmark Canada. "Of course, our traditions for celebrating mom have changed over the years to reflect the way our culture and family relationships have evolved."

Initially, Mother's Day was devoted to honouring goddesses that represented motherhood. The Greeks honoured Rhea, the mother of the gods. The Romans celebrated Cybele, a mother goddess. And in the British Isles and Celtic Europe, people celebrated the goddess Brigid - along with the first milk of the ewes in spring.

In the 1600s in England the fourth Sunday of Lent was designated as Mothering Sunday. Servants were given the day off to spend time with their mothers. Across the Atlantic Julia

Ward Howe was troubled by her Civil War experiences in the 19th century so she initiated the idea of creating a Mother's Day as a celebration of peace.

In 1907, Anna M. Jarvis established the first Mother's Day through her church on the second anniversary of her mother's death. The concept was widely accepted, and by 1911, Mother's Day was made official in the United States, followed by Canada in 1914.

The first Mother's Day card appeared in the 1920s. Over the years these cards have evolved to reflect the attitudes of the day, as well as changing technology. Today, a wide variety of cards are available including a song card that lets you record a personal message for mom as well as cards that address the various relationships that make up today's families - stepfamilies and ex-in-laws to dads-as-moms, dad's wife, and friends.





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- · Do not use any electrical apparatus whatever - hair dryer, razor, etc. - in the bathroom if the electric outlet is not equipped with a protection system (differential circuit breaker).
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- Always disconnect the humidifier, steam iron, and



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- · Is your device already plugged in? Use extra cau-
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- Does a light bulb need to be changed? Unplug the lamp BEFORE removing the old

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ids of all ages need to get up and play up all the positive things about being active.like having fun, learning new skills, keeping themselves healthy and living longer. Kids can reduce their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by moving more and eating healthier. Overweight and inactive children are at higher risk of remaining overweight and inactive as adults, so now is the time for kids to start moving.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada's Physical Activity Guides (www.paguide.com) should combine three types of physical activity:

- Endurance activities make you breathe deeper, make your heart beat faster and warm your body. Get your kids to play soccer or hockey, or run, swim or bike. When done regularly and for continuous periods of time, aerobic activity strengthens the heart and improves the body's ability to deliver oxygen to all its cells. Endurance activities can be fun for both adults and kids, so make it a family activity.
- · Strength activities build muscles and stronger bones.

push-ups, stomach crunches, pull-ups all help tone and strengthen muscles-and so do daily tasks such as carrying groceries and shovelling snow or cutting the grass. Strength activities are often incorporated without real thought in the way kids play: climbing, doing a handstand, wrestling or playing on monkey bars all build strength in kids.

· Flexibility activities involve bending, stretching and reaching and other activities that keep joints moving. Activities like dance, gymnastics and yoga naturally incorporate flexibility.

Physical activity is critical to child development, and if the adults, who influence kids in their lives, help them learn to like physical activity, kids are more apt to be active and stay active and healthy.

Concerned Children's Advertisers (CCA) has developed a new public awareness and education campaign called "Long Live Kids" to help get kids moving more. Download the public service messages, parent and teacher information guides and a wealth of other health, nutrition and physical activity information at www.cca-kids.

### green

News Canada

Tleaning the house in ✓spring is a great way to lighten up your mood. Less clutter and a refreshed home makes everyone happy-and cleaning in an environmentally savvy way will make you feel even better.

Unfortunately, cleaning often includes activities that can be wasteful. Follow these easy tips this spring to make sure your spring cleaning is planet friendly:

1. Use dust cloths and rags instead of paper towel. It is easy to go through rolls of paper towel when cleaning a house from top to bottom. Cutting down on paper towels or using a reusable cloth will result in less waste. Microfiber cleaning cloths are a great alternative because they attract and hold dust and dirt.

2. Use natural cleaning products. Some natural cleaning products have a bad reputation for not cleaning as well as other cleaners, or for being too expensive. This however, is not true. Take a look at the new Green Works line of affordable natural cleaners. You can get a highly effective allpurpose cleaner, a dilutable cleaner, a glass and surface cleaner, a toilet bowl cleaner and a bathroom cleaner. All products are 99% natural, come in recyclable containers and are biodegradable. More information on this is available online at www.greenworkscleaners.com.

3. One person's trash is an-

other person's treasure. What is clutter to you could be useful to someone else. Think about where items could be used before tossing them. For instance, old clothes can be donated to shelters and clothing drives, old magazines can be donated to doctor's offices and hospital waiting rooms and old furniture can often be donated to your local salvation army. Items can also be sold online or at a garage sale - you will be surprised at how much sells.

We're showing our appreciation to the soldiers in Shilo with these great deals!

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### Shilo Military Family Resource Centre



# Soldier Bears helping with support

**Colleen Talbot** Deployment/Special **Events Coordinator** 

February 2008 saw CFB Shilo's largest deployment in recent memory. With a large number of our military members heading to Afghanistan, the Shilo MFRC wanted to do something special for the children of the departing soldiers.

The Soldier Bear program was launched at the end of February. The purpose of this program is to offer every child who is dealing with deployment a Soldier "teddy" bear and journal. The Soldier Bear can be used as a coping mechanism and the journal is designed to capture thoughts, feelings and/or special moments that the child is experiencing each month. The Soldier Bear program has been incorporated into the Children Deployment Afternoon, where each child in attendance is given an opportunity to do their journal entry, have a photo taken and attached it to their journal for that month. There is a different

theme each month.

It has been heart warming to see the excitement on the children's faces as they receive their Soldier Bear and journal. The younger children embrace their bears tightly, while some of the school-aged children have opted to take the Soldier Bear everywhere they go, including to school.

The MFRC could not do this alone. Sponsorship was requested and local business and community members in the Westman area have delivered. It is this generosity that makes

the Soldier Bear program a reality. The response has been amazing. To date, 193 bears have been given out to children in the Westman area as well as children residing in other provinces. If your loved one is currently serving on TF 1-08 and you have not received your child's Soldier Bear, please contact the Shilo MFRC. It's not too late for your child to take part in the Soldier Bear program.

I would like to acknowledge the following business and local supporters that make this program possible:

Brandon Rotary Club Kiwanis Club Canadian Tire Restaurant Marketing System Inventronics Barry LaRocque Mrs. Mulligan Patrons of the Brandon Shopper's Mall Minto School St.Michaels Ladies Guild Brandon RV Trailer Darlene Wilk Patrons of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Yvonne Smith Sobeys Anonymous donations Thank you Westman!



Riley Porier (above) and Dawson Flynn and their Soldier Bears at a Child Deployment Afternoon, put on by the





Gary Reid, Program Coordinator for the Shilo MFRC, accepts a cheque from the Brandon Rotary Club for \$1,500 for the Soldier Bear program.

## Because of

A community collaboration to honour Canadian Forces Personnel and their families.

> Sunday, May 11 12:30 - 4:00 pm 440 Richmond Avenue

Free Lunch for military and their families -Ticket Required

**Guest Speaker: General Rick Hillier** Singer/Songwriter: Tia McGraff Children's Entertainer: Fred Penner

A bus will be departing from the Shilo Community Centre at 11:45 am. Please reserve your spot on the bus.

> Tickets Available at Shilo MFRC **Bethel Christian Assembly** Military Wives Sisterhood



students for our summer day camp program.

#### **Activities Coordinator and Crafts Coordinator**

These positions are an excellent opportunity for post secondary students to gain experience in their related field. Students can apply what they have learned in school to the job and take the experienced gained to a future position. Education Required: In order to receive funding we require students pursuing a career in Education, Child Care or Recreation. Post-Secondary Education.

Knowledge in creativity with arts and crafts, wide background in sports and outdoor education. Experience in a day camp/playground program would be an asset.

#### Counsellor

Education Required: Minimum Grade 10; sixteen years of age. We require students with some knowledge of craft activities and some knowledge of sports activities (ie. swimming ability). Experience including babysitting experience and/or prior supervisory experience in other programs such as sports groups, church groups, Brownies, youth clubs or teen clubs. Must like children and have a desire to work with children in the future.

> Please submit resume: **Program Coordinator,** Shilo Military Family Resource Centre, Box 5000 - Stn Main Shilo, Manitoba **R0K 2A0**

Applications must be received no later than 12:00 NOON, Friday, May 9, 2008

www.shilomfrc.ca

Note: Deployment programs will not be cancelled.

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# Nhat's on Your Agenda?

**Prayers for the Fallen** 

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

A time to strenghthen faith Memorial prayers will be offered at both chapels during Sunday worship at 1030 hrs on these dates for all Fallen Shilo Soldiers:

> 18 May 15 June

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.

#### Can You Help?

Our need for foster homes is urgent! We need homes for all aged children and sibling groups. Of critical need are emergency spaces and homes for teens. If you know of person(s) that could be considered for the vital job of fostering, please ask them to call:

**Nancy Hunter** Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba 726-6109 or

1-800-483-8980 (toll free) or email

nancy.hunter@gov.mb.ca

1st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Faith Centre

Come and Go Coffee Hour with Dainties 1000 hrs - 1100 hrs

No official program, just fellowship and social Individuals, Units/Sections are encouraged to phone ahead their attendance for planning purposes ext 3091

#### Shilo Community Library

Monday: 6-8:30 Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-12:30, 1-4, 6-8:30

Drop In Sports Nite for Teens. Every Thursday evening @ GSH, 7:30-9-

#### **Volunteers Needed**

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

#### Spotlight on Shilo **Presents: Plays A' Plenty**

Dinner Theatre El Prado Club, Shilo, Sunday May 11 Cocktails 5:30pm • Show 6:00pm Tickets \$25 - Available at Forbidden Flavours or from cast members Call Linda Beauchemin 763-4720 for information Last date for ticket sales:

Wed. May 7

#### Looking for **Shrine Circus Tickets?** May 10, Westman Place If so, we have a deal for you!

The Shilo Men's Club and HMS are proud to be able to bring you the lowest prices available anwhere for this fun-filled event! Prices subsidized down to cost value as a gift to the

greater Shilo/Sprucewoods Community in appreciation for their outstanding support of the Shilo & Region Men's Club and HMS Insurance. Adults \$13, Children 8-14 yrs \$8, 7 & under free Limited quantities, so don't delay. Available at HMS Insurance in the CANEX Mall.

#### **Home for a Change: Home & Garden Decor.**

Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Don't forget our Annual Mother's Day Tea. Homemade pie! Free draws. Brandon, 724-7247

#### The BrandonYMCA **Spring Run** May 25, 2008 9:00 am

Registrations are being taken for the event - our goal is 400 participants - be the next one ot register! Go to

www.runningroom.com before Friday, May 23 at 9am to register. No registrations will be accepted on race day, so register early to avoid the rush! Pledge forms can be

picked up at the YMCA member services desk - collect money and earn great prizes as well as a chance in our Grand Prize draw for a treadmill. For more information, contact Cindie at the YMCA 727-5456

#### Need temporary use of a Wheel Chair Ramp or a **Medi-Chair?** If so the Shilo Men's Club can help!

The Club is pleased to offer free temporary use of a Ramp and Medi-Chair. It is offered to all members of the greater Shilo & Sprucewoods communities and surrounding area for up to 90 days at a time, or until more permenent arrangements can be made. For more information contact Mike McEwan at 763-4990

#### **BINGO**

**Sprucewoods Community Hall Thursdays** 

- Share The Wealth from 6:20pm • Early Birds at 7:00pm
- Regular Games at 7:30pm Intermission Games - Progressive Games -And More!

Call 765-3000 ext. 3013 or email your free\* Classified Ads to stag@mts.net \*Non-commercial ads only. Free ads restricted to members of the CF, employees of CFB Shilo and the citizens of the surrounding area.

#### **Homes/Property**

Wawanesa - Shilo area 5 acre wooded residential lot, lots of trees, wildlife, privacy. 12 miles to Shilo, 6 miles to Wawanesa. Priced to sell @ \$20,000. Countryland Realty. Dave Mooney 824-2094.

Wawanesa - Handyman appeal. 2 BR bungalow, part basement. Good lot, close to school, garage. Asking \$36,000. Offers considered. Countryland Realty. Dave Mooney 824-2094.

House for Sale - Carberry \$104,900. 1182 sq. ft., 3 bed, 1 bath, parial unfinished basement, newer shingles, new HWT, new washer & dryer, new stainless appliances, laminate/ceramic throughout. New paint, trim, 1 block to schools. Lots of closets, new cupboards, tile countertop. Summer possesion 841-3007 leave message

45 km from Shilo. 6 acres on wooded, beautiful, landscaped

Wawanesa-Glenboro area -

yard overlooking small river running through property. 1 1/2 storey older home in good condition, 3 BR, triple-pane windows, 1 1/2 baths, full basement, small pasture & orchard. School bus to door. 1/4 mile off Hwy#2. Price \$138,000. Call Herby Hutlet 827-2794 after 8pm.

#### **Homes/Property**

2 New Homes on 5 Acre lots 15 minutes from Shilo First home: 2300 Sq Ft walkin style, 3 BR, 2 and 1/2 baths and attached double car garage. Second home: 1368 Sq Ft Bungalow style, full basement, 3 BR, 2 baths & attached double car garage. Phone 824-3752; cell 724-6580

#### For Sale

For Sale: Treadmill \$100, Safety 1st Jogging Stroller \$100, Baby Bassinet \$50, Ocean Wonders Baby Swing \$75, Graco Infant Carseat \$50. If interested please contact Jaime 765-5144

Extra lean ground beef 1lb packages \$2.50 per pound. Government inspected. Call Perry 726-0231

#### **Furniture**

#### Posted In/Out or just looking for great deals?

We Buy and Sell good used Furniture/ Appliances/Beds! Visit

People's Market Place 32-13th Street, Brandon or call 727-4708

#### For Sale

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#### Child care

Licensed daycare - 2 spots for school age (before and afterschool care available and inservice days coming up), 1 full-time spot for preschooler age 2-5. Call Crystal at 765-2617 for interview. Filling up fast!

Wanted: Reliable, mature person to care for 2 children in my home on Mondays, starting end May. Crystal 765-2484.

#### **Child care**

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

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. 4626

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

#### Services

Canadian Firearms Safety Course Instructor/Examiner, Restricted & Non-restricted, Manitoba Hunter Safety Course Instructor Greg Steele 725-1608 or ggs57@wcgwave.ca call for next course dates, challenges by appointment. Non-restricted Canadian Firearms Course May 10. Combined Manitoba Hunters Safety CFSC June 13-24. Canadian Restricted Firearms Course June 15.

#### **Services**

Stress-free holiday shopping! Get gifts for everyone on your list or just enjoy a FREE pampering session. Call for an appointment today or shop online. Brice Dodds 765-2868, www. marykay.ca/bdodds

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Dick & Jane went to a Passion Party. Their order came in. Now they don't answer their phone anymore. Curious?? 204-573-3573 www. daphnewilson.com

#### **Services**

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#### St. Barbara's **Protestant Chapel**

Sunday's @ 1030 with Sunday School & Nursery Padre Donnelly - ext 3090

Padre Bos – ext 3088

#### Our Lady of Shilo Roman Catholic Chapel

Sunday's 1030 hrs Weekday Mass - Tuesday to Friday, 1205 hrs Padre Persaud – ext 6836 Padre McLeod - ext 3089

Both chapels will be open Wednesday afternoons from 1200 - 1500 hrs during the deployment for prayer and quiet reflection.

1 May, 2008

### Take care to protect your property

Submitted by 1MP Det Shilo

7 ith the milder weather upon us, thoughts turn to spending time outdoors enjoying various activities like walking, biking or riding the ATV/motorcycle. However, there are those who are out taking advantage of the good weather as well; those who are looking to acquire property from unwary victims. Each year the MP receive numerous complaints of stolen property (which include bicycles and ATVs/motorcycles) from residents of CFB Shilo. These activities have already begun with the theft of two off-road vehicles (ORVs) from MQs in the area of Lundy's Lane on 21/22 Apr 08. Thefts like these are not just targeting residents in the MQ areas, but also include residents of the barracks and those in the unit lines. There are several easy steps you can take to protect your bicycles/ORVs. They include:

• Keep a record of the make, model, type, colour and serial number of the bicycle or ORV (in the case of the ORV, also note the license plate number and CFB Shilo ORV pass number). Without a serial number to positively

ready begun with the theft of two off-road vehicles (ORVs) from MQs in the area of Lundy's Lane on 21/22 Apr 08. Thefts like these are not just targeting identify the bicycle/ORV, there is little hope of having it returned should it be recovered in another police agency's jurisdiction;

- Properly secure bicycles with approved, quality bike locks. These bike locks should permit the owner to lock one, or both, wheels to the bicycle's framework, and where possible also securing the bicycle to an immobile object. (A person carrying a locked bike away is more likely to draw attention than one riding a bike away);
- ORV owners should take similar steps in securing their units by utilizing

cables/chains with high quality padlock; and store the locked bikes/ORVs in a securable structure (a shed or garage) or in a well-lit area as close to your residence as possible.

Owners should also be aware that failure to take suitable steps to secure/ protect your property has ramifications. Should you wish to make a claim against your homeowner or vehicle insurance for the theft of the property, the insurance company may turn down your claim if it is determined that inadequate steps were taken to secure/safeguard the bicycle/ORV against theft.

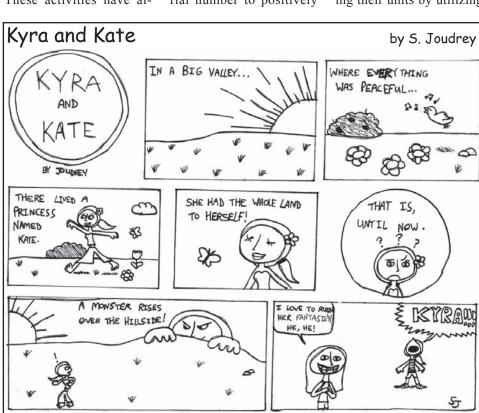
While the members of 1 Military Police Unit Detachment Shilo are taking every step possible to safeguard you and your valuables, with your assistance in following the preceding tips, we hope that you will be able to enjoy a relaxing, crime-free summer.

### Place your bets!



Volunteers watch anxiously to see where the Crowns and Anchors wheel will land at the Volunteer Recognition Evening April 15. The WO's and Sgt's Mess was transformed into the land of Mardi Gras for the evening of April 15. Over 170 volunteers from Shilo and surrounding area were recognized for making Shilo a great place to live. Our volunteers were treated to an evening of flashing lights, great food and casino type games, a certificate of appreciation and gift as our small way of saying thanks for all they do. Because of their dedication, our community is able to offer many great programs and activities to be enjoyed by all. Thank you for all that you do! Special thanks go to SISIP and Base Fund for their continual financial support of our Volunteer Recognition event and to the Air Command Band for their entertaining live music. See you all next year!

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

#### Submitting articles and photos for print:

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  300 dpi), digital images or in hard copy format.
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1 May, 2008



Maj Laroque presents Cpl Biro with his CANEX gift card as the first-place winner in the Mar. 1st Quit Challenge, the national challenge encouraging people to remain smoke-free for the month of March. There were 35 registrations this year, an increase from 2007. Additional winners of the challenge included Cpl Mercado, in second place, Cpl Liwyj, third place, and Kristen Munro, the supporter winner. Thank-you to SISIP FS and Canex for supporting this event nationally. A special thank-you to CANEX for donating the cake as well as Forbidden Flavours Shilo for the coffee.

Smoke-free winners Right on target



Members of the 1 RCHA, ROTO 2, shown with modified C-1 105 mm Howitzers used to fire at a predetermined and registered target on one of over 140 avalanche paths during Op Palaci. Soldiers from CFB Shilo were deployed for Op Palaci in three rotations over the 2007/08 avalanche season. 1 RCHA has used artillery fire to assist Parks Canada with avalanche control in Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park, British Columbia for over 45 years.

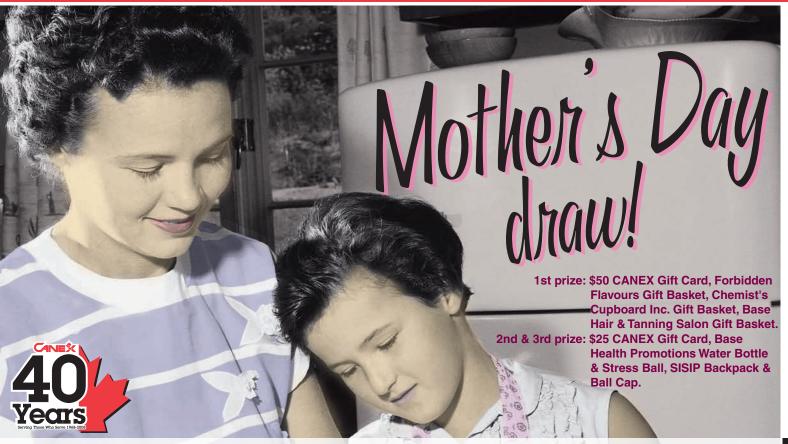


Happy 22nd Birthday Melissa

gml-81@hotmail.com







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