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# Troops receive visitor on Ex DESERT RAM



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Madame Clarkson, Colonel in Chief, PPCLI, addresses her troops in the field with Major Stephen Joudrey, Deputy Commanding Officer, 2 PPCLI in Wainwright. For more on this story, see page 4.



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# Emergencies covered beyond the gates

Sgt Dennis Power  
Army News

All Canadian Forces bases, depots, and stations have their own fire protection services staffed by DND firefighters. Given the remote locations of many DND establishments, relying on outside help is not a viable option.

Shilo Emergency Services combine firefighting and ambulance service into a well-rounded package, serving the base, and

unique to any other DND emergency services, they are the primary responders to the surrounding communities as well. This is a tremendous benefit to communities near the base since the next nearest fire hall and ambulance services are roughly 25 kilometres away.

"As well as providing service to the base, we are the first responders for fire protection and ambulance service to the nearby communities," said Martin

Haller, Deputy Chief of Shilo Emergency Services. "Most bases have mutual aid agreements with emergency service providers in their area and will provide back-up if requested. What's different here in Shilo is that we are the only emergency service providers in the immediate area, so we get the call first if there is an incident on the base, but also for anything in a nearby community."

With mutual aid agree-

ments already in place, the city of Brandon may dispatch assistance to Shilo Emergency Services during a response to a major incident, or respond to new incidents that may occur concurrently. The same is true in reverse.

"We have four shifts, with nine personnel per shift. We have a number of fire trucks and two ambulances that are always ready," Haller continued.

"We also have two Fire Inspectors who play an im-

portant role in educating people regarding fire safety and making sure buildings on base are safe. If we're not on a call or maintaining equipment, we're probably training, it's a job that carries a lot of responsibility, and we're committed to providing the best service possible."

Firefighter Aaron Bull describes working on the base as being a very positive experience. "We inspect most of the buildings on the base, including the

married quarters on a regular basis, so we get to know the layouts of places that we may have to respond to. One of the greatest hazards we face as firefighters is getting disoriented in a burning building, so I like the familiarity," he explained.

"Probably the best thing about working on the base is that it's a fairly small community, and it doesn't take long before you're using first names with everyone."

## Develop escape plan to help save lives



LCol John Schneiderbanger, BComd, CFB Shilo, stands with Base Fire Chief Dennis Hurley in the Shilo Firehall while Shilo EMS members look on. Schneiderbanger and Hurley are holding the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation. This year's theme is 'Plan Your Escape'. Fire Prevention Week runs from October 7-13th.

Submitted by  
Shilo Emergency Services

It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from October 7-13 Shilo Emergency Services is joining forces with the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Practice Your Escape Plan.' During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest NFPA research, 3,030 people died in 2005 in home fires – that's roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely

important, yet only 23% of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Many times when we speak to residents who have experienced a fire in their home, they recall becoming confused and disoriented by the conditions and severity of the situation – but they realized they needed to get out fast," said Jeff Fisher, A/Chief Fire Inspector. "Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."

Are you prepared for a fire? Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the information below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended... and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week!

- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Develop a fire escape

plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.

- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

- Practice your plan, at least twice a year.

- Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.

- If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if there is smoke on your way out, turn and use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.



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# Shilo helps launch United Way campaign



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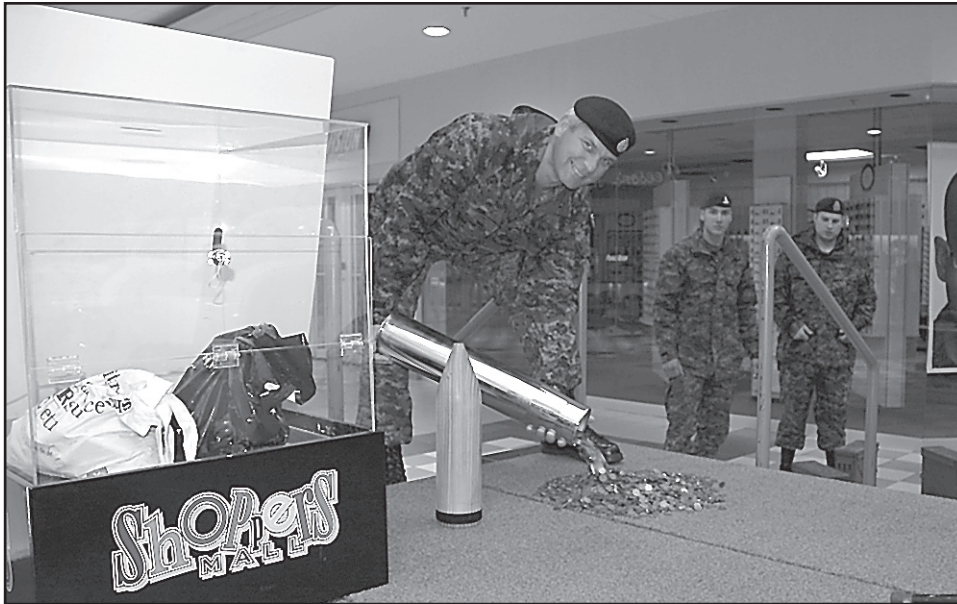


Photo by Becky Block/Shilo Stag

CFB Shilo helped kick off the 2007 United Way campaign on Thursday, September 20 with Tyler Glen travelling to the Brandon Shoppers Mall that morning in a LAV III (above left), accompanied by a G Wagon and ML pulling a 105 Howitzer. BComd LCol John Schneiderbanger (left) pours out the initial Shilo contribution from a tank shell at the Pennies by the Pound event; the shell weighed, in his estimation, between 35 and 40 pounds, which could help feed 10 families for a week. The total contribution from CFB Shilo that day - weighing in at 271 pounds - placed second among businesses and organizations. BComd Schneiderbanger and Dave Baxter, 2007 Campaign Chair, raise the United Way flag at the Shilo MFRC later that morning (above), signaling the beginning of the official campaign on base. CFB Shilo has set a goal of raising \$28,000 this year.

## MANITOBA'S NEW HOLIDAY HAS A NAME

Louis Riel Day 

Thank you Manitoba students!

Manitoba schools were invited to name our province's newest holiday and 114 responded with suggestions that reflected Manitoba's citizenship, history, culture, arts, sports and significant individuals from our past. Our sincere thanks to all the schools who participated and the MB4Youth Advisory Council who assisted in choosing the name.

A passionate Métis leader, Louis Riel was the driving force behind Manitoba becoming Canada's fifth province. Louis Riel's dream of a province that embraces all cultures is still shared by Manitobans today as we strive to build a society that honours and respects all people.

### A \$1,000 library grant for winners

The following eleven schools submitted the winning entry and will receive \$1,000 grants to purchase materials for their school library:

- Acadia Junior High
- Christian Heritage School
- College St. Norbert Collegiate
- École Bonaventure
- École élémentaire Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes
- Starbuck School
- École Varennes
- Killarney School
- McCreary School
- Roseau Valley School
- St. Boniface Diocesan High School

A complete list of the participating schools and their suggested names can be found at: [www.manitoba.ca](http://www.manitoba.ca).

### Celebrate Louis Riel Day

Mark Monday, February 18, 2008 on your calendar and make plans now to celebrate the first-ever Louis Riel Day with your family and friends.

Manitoba 

## Having a baby?

Healthy Baby community programs provide support to pregnant women, new parents and their babies

Having a baby changes your life. New babies can be demanding, especially for new parents. That's why the Healthy Baby community programs were developed.

Healthy Baby community programs are friendly, informal programs that provide you with support, information and resources before and after you have your baby.

### Drop in to your local Healthy Baby group and you can:

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To learn more about the Healthy Baby program or to find out about locations of Healthy Baby groups, please call:

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or contact your local public health office



Manitoba 





# Club gives back to community

Layne Thiessen  
Shilo Stag

The Shilo and Region Men's Club is looking for a few good men. The community service club and charitable organization was founded in 1968 by members of the greater Shilo community, the club provides much needed assistance to both community based organizations and needy individuals. If you are interested in helping your community while having some fun as well as meeting some great new friends, come out for a meeting on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at L-25 from September to June.

The club raises funds by holding various community events such as Lobsterfest, Oktoberfest and the

Winter Carnival Dance to name a few. Money is paid out to causes in the Shilo and Brandon areas ranging from assisting community members in distress to supporting local schools and recreational activities.

In addition to direct financial assistance the Club also offers assistance to the community in other ways. For instance the club provided a medi-chair and wheel chair ramp for use on a temporary basis at a Brandon care home until more permanent arrangements can be made by those in need. They also assist with the conduct of local charitable benefits and community events such as the Sprucewoods Rodeo, Terry Fox Campaign and Winter Carnival.

Currently the club has about 80 members composed of both serving and

retired military members and public service employees as well members of the greater Shilo civilian community. The club is a very diverse group of people, coming from all ranks of the military and many differing civilian walks of life from both on- and off-base. They are fathers, husbands and sons of our community ranging in age between 22 and 78 years old.

Come out for a meeting and register to be a member and you will be a voting member that night. Hope to see you out and thanks again for your help in making the greater Shilo community a better place to live.

### Contributions to the community

The President and members would like to thank all of those people in the community that have supported

us. Rest assured that your contributions have been well spent. Specifically over past year to present, in addition to logistical and physical support to various people and causes in need, the Club has provided those in need the following financial assistance over the past 18 months totaling in excess of \$15,000.00.

It is important to note that without the communities generous contributions these very worthwhile causes would have been in a very difficult financial position and both they and the Shilo and Region Men's Club members very much appreciate your support.

In 2006, the Shilo and Region Men's Club donated \$10,462 to various charities and organizations in the Westman area. In the first half of 2007, the Club has raised \$4,977.

# Short season for hunters

Public access to the CFB Shilo ranges for the fall big game (White-tailed Deer) hunting season will be reduced by one week this year due to military training scheduled for early December.

**The CFB Shilo ranges will be open to hunting from Monday, November 19 to Saturday, December 1.**

Hunters may call (204) 765-3000 extension 3333 (Range Control) for general information. A Hunters' Safety Briefing will be held Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the General Strange Hall Theatre at CFB Shilo. From November 2 to December 1, briefings will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily at Building R4-34 (Range Control).

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# Food bank makes changes for hampers

Rev Dwayne Bos  
Base Chaplain

In the seasons between the major drive for food at Christmas time, the food bank continues to offer a combination of fresh and packaged foods, tailored to family situations. Hampers are made from

non-perishable donations, and purchases made with CANEX Points from the Base Chaplain Fund and from left over monies from the funds raised at Christmas time.

In the past, how often the food was handled out was not regulated. This can create dependency on the food

bank rather than providing the desired effect of help to the family. Earlier in the year, food bank groups in the Westman Area met to discuss controls on food bank use and expressed a need to track usage.

As such, the food bank has been renamed as the "CFB Shilo Emergency Food

Bank", to accentuate that it is for dire emergencies only and is available for short term solution to family and individual situations. The past food bank process did not involve counseling or connection with resources. In connection with the MFRC Education and Referral Coordinator Christine Helgason, PSI Worker Roddy Batson, Chaplains, Base Barber Shop c/o Dean and other services on the base, we are offering a Personal Enhancement Program which will give people a hand up instead of just a hand out. No person will be refused their first hamper, but will meet with a chaplain or Roddy Batson to explore their situation and determine

which referral services are needed to best assist them in their emergency situation.

A maximum of three hampers will be given to any one individual/ family over the course of the year. Prior to receiving their next hampers, the individual will have to have signed off a card indicating that they have begun the process and have met with the referrals given to them. The CFB Shilo Emergency Food Bank is available to both military and civilian families in the Sprucewoods, Douglas, Cottonwoods, Shilo and Wawanesa area.

It is our hope and expectation that the three hampers can account for about three months (if family receives

a hamper once per month), and that in three months with help from the resources at our disposal, we can assist the family in meeting their needs and getting them beyond their emergency circumstance(s).

The CFB Shilo Emergency Food Bank has been relocated to the Faith Centre for more privacy and discretion.

Hampers are still available through the normal contact points as before: Padre McLeod, ext. 3089, Padre Persaud, ext. 6836, Padre Donnelly, ext. 3090, Padre Bos, ext. 3088, Chaplain's office, ext. 3091 and Roddy Batson, ext. 4106.

Donations to the CFB Shilo Emergency Food Bank are always appreciated, and cash donations can be donated for this purpose through one of our chapels for tax receipt purposes.



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# Deployment News

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## Colonel-In-Chief visits troops in Wainwright



Sgt Steve Hofman  
Army News

Soldiers from both the First and Second Battalion's, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), training on Exercise DESERT RAM, hosted their Colonel-In-Chief, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson from September 24 to 27 in the Wainwright training area—her first official visit to 2 PPCLI.

Madame Clarkson visited her troops in the field to gain a better understanding of the type of training they are doing in preparation for 2 PPCLI's up-coming mission to Afghanistan in February 2008.

"I am really glad, now that as Colonel-In-Chief of the PPCLI, I can come

to Wainwright and see what is going on for the deployment of our Regiment to Afghanistan" said Madame Clarkson. "It is terrific. It is wonderful to see the size of the training area and the different kinds of terrain, the equipment and see how it is a real simulation of the kind of work our soldiers are going to be doing when they get to Afghanistan."

As this was Madame Clarkson's first visit to Wainwright, she observed a live fire range, traveled throughout the training area by helicopter and Light Armoured Vehicle in addition to dining with her soldiers in the field, and receiving tours and briefings of the 2 PPCLI Battle Group's operations and planning centres.

"It makes me feel very assured, as a Canadian, that we know what we

are doing in terms of our training, and in terms of where we are going," said Madame Clarkson. "There is a really intensive and understanding way of dealing with the situation in Afghanistan." She said, "We have done a great deal of work on the comprehension of the culture of Afghanistan. The kind of situations our soldiers will come up against in terms of going from village to village and the simulation of that here, I am very impressed with that."

While Madame Clarkson has only been the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief for six months, she said she already has an important personal connection to her Regiment. "The response that I get from them is terrific," she said.

Madame Clarkson concluded her visit to the field by saying: "I think



Photos by Sgt Steve Hofman/Army News

The Colonel-in-Chief thanks the support staff in the mobile kitchen for lunch. Madame Clarkson was on an official 4-day tour of CFB/ASU Wainwright. This expedition included Land Forces Western Area Training Centre, Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre, CUBIC Corporation and a full day in the training area visiting her troops of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during their workup training for the next rotation to Afghanistan.

the majority of Canadians really believe that our forces do their duty. They are very well trained and are a good thing in our society. They do what they are asked to do by a democratically elected government. I am very proud of them! I am very happy to be connected with my Regiment, the Princess Patricia's."

Madame Clarkson said she hopes she can visit her soldiers next year in Kandahar.



Sgt Brett Perry, 2PPCLI introduces Madame Clarkson to his section.

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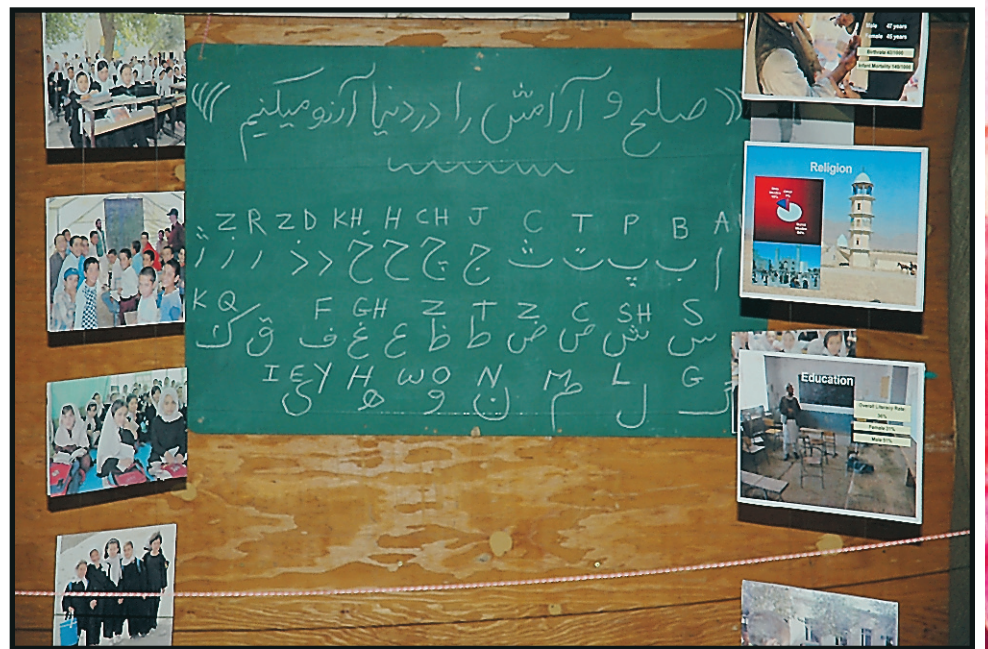
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# Afghan Marketplace



A plate of Goshi-fee satisfied spectators palates as part of the sample snacks available. This combination of fried dough sprinkled with icing sugar, cardamom and pistachio left a sweet linger for the guests.



(Above) A mock-classroom set up at the Afghan Marketplace depicts photos of children in Afghanistan attending school while the Arabic on the chalkboard reads 'Peace on Earth'. (Below) Visitors walk through the Marketplace reading displays, watching slide-shows, and educating each other about Afghanistan.



A display of traditional Afghan outfits on display at East Port Hall as part of the Military Wives Sisterhood's Afghan Awareness Week.



Photos by Becky Block/Shilo Stag

## Investors Group Welcomes

Grant Starko, Regional Director at our Brandon office, is pleased to announce that **Marylou Desbiens** has joined Investors Group in our Brandon office as a Consultant.

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# Afghan market an eye-opener for Canadians

Sgt Dennis Power  
Army News

Most Canadians are aware that we have troops in Afghanistan but have little understanding of the environment or people of the place. As the conflict continues Canadians are beginning to ask for more information on a country that is rarely described well by the media as they focus on casualties and deaths.

The Military Wives Sisterhood, a Brandon-based group of wives whose husbands serve in the Canadian Forces at CFB Shilo, have taken the lead in bringing a close-up look at Afghanistan to residents of Western Manitoba. Slideshows, traveling displays, and school visits kicked-off Afghan Awareness Week which culminated with a two day Afghan Market at East Port Hall in Brandon. At the end of the second day of the market the whole week was capped-off with an Afghan feast which sold-out early to 130 guests.

"Many of our members have partners that have deployed, or will soon," said

Gayle Raynor, Founder of the Military Wives Sisterhood. "With that in mind we really saw a need to complement the existing perspective of Afghanistan. Past the combat and politics. We put the marketplace together so that people could wander around and get a really clear idea of what Afghanistan is like, and understand the lifestyle of the people."

Raynor attributes much of the success of the market to other organizations coming on board to help, particularly Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan), a Calgary-based volunteer organization. CW4WAfghan has had a strong presence in Afghanistan since 1996 and was eager to assist in providing knowledge and display materials to ensure the success of the market.

"We were in Afghanistan while the Taliban were still in control, and we've grown in each of the 11 years since then," said Janice Rapchuk, a volunteer with CW4WAfghan who has herself been to Afghanistan. "We have a number of projects on

the go. We have schools, libraries, and teacher training programs. We also have an orphanage and programs where women make products that we sell in Canada. In the schools we run the kids are all fed lunch, that way we know they are getting at least one meal a day."

If there is an organization to tap for knowledge it would be hard to find one better qualified. It's worth noting that 100% of funds raised to support CW4WAfghan initiatives are spent in Afghanistan, and many of the areas where they operate would be difficult to describe as secure.

Earlier in the week as a lead-in to the market was a series of visits to local schools by Deborah Ellis, the award-winning author of a trilogy of books on life in Afghanistan. Most school children are very familiar with *The Breadwinner*, *Pargana's Journey*, and *Mud City*, and were thrilled to meet the author in person.

At the feast capping off the week the hall was filled to capacity with 130 guests who enjoyed traditional



Students from a Brandon School listen to a volunteer tour guide as she describes the types of produce that would be available in an Afghan market.

difficult circumstances. Brandon is a small town where many people are connected to the mission in Afghanistan through family relations or friendships with soldiers serving at CFB Shilo. Most soldiers in Shilo have already deployed, or will be deploying soon. Many will be returning for second and third tours. The stated mission of Afghan Awareness Week was to raise awareness, and that ob-

jective was clearly met, providing a very well rounded view of life in Afghanistan. One mother going through the market with her children said, "I'm so glad this market was put on, their father is a soldier who will be deploying after Christmas, and it's so good for them to be able to see some of what he is going to experience while he's over there. Now they understand why he's going."

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# Shilo Military Family Resource Centre



## A flipping good time



**Linda Beauchemin**  
Outreach & Information  
Coordinator

They measured, they stirred, they flipped, and they cooked hundreds of pancakes and sausages on Sunday, September 16. Who are they? Well, the MFRC staff, of course.

Over 180 people strolled over to the Community Centre to participate in the Shilo MFRC Pancake Brunch. Not only did community members enjoy themselves but so did the MFRC staff.

I was told that the pancakes were "better than the ones hubby makes", and others even asked me for our recipe. It's amazing how good something can taste when someone else makes it.

If you missed this one don't despair. You can experience our "homemade cooking" again on Sunday, December 9 when we'll be doing it all over again. Check our web site for more details. Hope to see you there.



Photos submitted by the MFRC

## CPR Anyone?

The MFRC is offering CPR courses in a variety of ways.

If you have never had a CPR course or have taken it a few years ago there is a full day *CPR Certification and Emergency First Aid Course* on Wednesday, October 17 from 8am to 4pm. For only \$75 you will get instruction about Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for Adult, Child, Infant CPR Level "C" and Emergency First Aid.

If you have the course and are just looking for *CPR Re-Certification* than there are 1/2 day courses for you on Thursday, October 25

from 8-noon or 1-5pm. This will cover Level "C" Infant, Child, Adult CPR at a cost of \$50.

These courses are instructed by D Kowalchuk from the Red Cross. Please contact the Shilo MFRC by noon, Friday October 12 at ext 3352 to register.

A third option is strictly available to Shilo MFRC Volunteers. In partnership with Brandon Red Cross Injury Prevention Committee, we are offering an informative 3-hour workshop that will provide MFRC volunteers with the information they need to know

in terms of assisting staff in emergency (*Basic CPR and First Aid*) situations. This is 'core' training for all Shilo MFRC volunteers and is being offered in response to volunteer requests. ALL Shilo MFRC volunteers are urged to attend one of these free sessions - Wednesday, October 24 from 1-4pm or Saturday, November 3 from 9-noon.

Contact Valerie Liske, Volunteer Coordinator at 765-3000, ext. 3858 to register for this third option.

Space is limited for these courses so call to register now!

## Hey Teens!

Look out for Lori on Tuesday, October 9

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

## Halloween Madness at the Shilo MFRC

### Children's Deployment Afternoon

Enjoy an afternoon of Halloween Fun through crafts and games while socializing with other kids going through a deployment.

Ages 5-12 yrs

Saturday, October 13 & 20

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Ages 2-5 yrs

Come dressed in your favourite costume and have fun with some spooky activities.

Tuesday, October 30

1:30-3:30pm

Cost: \$4.00

Register by: Noon, Friday, October 26



Note: Deployment programs will not be cancelled.



# Perogy Cat deploys to Afghanistan

Sgt Dennis Power  
Army News

Across Canada supporters of the mission in Afghanistan are becoming more vocal and a growing number are finding unique ways to demonstrate their support.

Gareth Gaudin, a cartoonist and shop owner in Victoria, recently sent 2000 comic books to the troops in Afghanistan for a little comic relief. 'The Perogy Cat - For

the Troops' is a 52-page collection of what Gaudin considers to be his best work. It was a special project for soldiers serving in Afghanistan and includes a few strips that are a little too risqué for general circulation.

"The project originally started as a collection of my favourite strips to go into a comic book to sell here at the store," said Gaudin. "As I started pulling my favourites I realized I can't give some of them to kids,

there's an adult sense of humour to some of them. So my wife said, 'Send them to the troops'."

The special edition is packed with a variety of strips, but features the title's namesake, the Perogy Cat. The Perogy Cat was created a number of years ago while Gaudin was in university and trying to attract the attention of a girl he liked. She was a cat owner, so his tactic was to create a cartoon character that would warm her heart. The rest is history; he got his girl, her cat eventually died, they are now happily married, and the Perogy Cat has helped to launch a successful career.

"As a cartoonist I don't really have a role in society", admitted Gaudin. "I'm not in the army, I'm not doing any protecting or defending, but my little bit may be to help entertain the troops who are out there putting their lives on the line, make

them a little happier."

Gaudin sells his home-grown comics and thousands of other titles at Legends Comics and Books, his shop in downtown Victoria. It's a large place in a city renowned for its bookstores. Entering his shop is an eye-catching experience. From floor to ceiling, and right to the back, every available centimeter of space has been cleverly incorporated into one giant display of comics and colour.

"I would love to get a response from the troops, there's an e-mail address in the book," said Gaudin as he flipped a page. "They support me financially by buying comics, this is something I can do to help. If I hear back from them, and they like the books, I'd be happy to send more."



Photos by Sgt Dennis Power/Army News

Cartoonist Gareth Gaudin of Victoria, BC, recently sent 2000 copies of a special edition comic book he created to the troops in Afghanistan.



2000 Perogy Cat comic books titled 'For the Troops' were sent to Afghanistan to provide a little comic relief for soldiers.



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Completed nomination applications **must be received** at: Westman Communications Group, 1906 Park Avenue, Brandon, MB R7B 0R9 by **5 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2007**. For a nomination application or more information, call 571-7310, 1-800-665-3337 ext. 2010 or write to the above address.

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Thursdays - BINGO, doors open at 6:30, game at 7pm.  
For more information on what's happening in Sprucewoods, contact Andy Robichaud at 763-4843 or Frank Hambrook at 763-4919.

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The Great Canadian Quilt, with signatures of 205 famous Canadians, will be at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Oct. 1-13.

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3

### October Activities

• Weekly cribbage held at Legion No. 3 in the Lounge, Tues. 7:30pm

• Weekly soft dart league held at Legion No. 3 in Lounge, Thurs. 7pm. For more info, call Jack @ 727-5869

• Weekly meat draws are held in the lounge Fridays and Saturdays at 4:30pm, all welcome.

• Weekly bingos are held in the Hall every Thursday. Doors open at 5:30, early bird starts at 7pm. Regular games at 7:30pm, all welcome.

**October 6 - Maple Leaf Dance** at Legion No. 3 Banquet Hall, 8pm-12am. Lunch served, music by After Eight. \$10.

**October 13 - Fall Indoor Garage/Flea Market/Bake Sale** at Legion No. 3 Banquet Hall, 9am-2:30pm. Tables \$15, book in advance with Legion, 728-5026

## 2007 Super Seminar for Coaches

Sat. Oct. 20, Maples Collegiate & Maples Multiplex. Keynote Address: Pat Quinn, former NHL & Canadian Olympic Coach. Registration \$65. For more information: [www.coachingmanitoba.ca](http://www.coachingmanitoba.ca)

Brandon RHA Annual General Meeting will be held Tues., Oct. 30, 2007. Immediately following the regular board meeting at 7pm. Brandon City Hall, Council Chambers, 410-9th St. Everyone welcome!

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

Fall Supper, Sun. Oct. 14, 4-6:30pm (continuous sitting), Carberry Community Hall. Adults \$10, 6-12 yrs \$5, under 6 free. Sponsored by Knox Zion Presbyterian Church. Just come on down!

## 2007 Women Alive Brandon Conference

Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Victoria Inn and Convention Centre. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., cost \$45, including lunch. Deadline for registration: Oct. 15. Keynote speaker: Christine Wyrzten. Register online [www.womenalive.org](http://www.womenalive.org) or call 1-800-387-4753

**Kids N' Us** - Skip on over every Saturday for our new and exciting drop in games and story time with our recreation leader. Runs Sept. 22 - Nov. 24 @ the Community Centre. For more info, call Brenda @ 3317. Times: 3-5 yrs, 9-9:45am; 5-7 yrs, 10-10:45am; 7-9 yrs, 11:-11:45am.

**Shilo Community Block Party** Fri. Oct. 5 5-10pm. Grab your lawn chairs & head over to L-25 for our 1st Annual Family Block Party, brought to you by F, S & R! Come enjoy a free BBQ, outdoor movie, hayrides, bonfire & marshmallow roasting, reptile display & skateboard demo. For more info, call 765-3000, ext. 3317 or 3588

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# Army maintains a presence at CFB Esquimalt

Sgt Dennis Power  
Army News

Walking around a navy base you wouldn't expect to see infantrymen, but CFB Esquimalt has a section of them, and they fill an important role at the base.

Major Steve Sawyer is the Base Operations Officer, a key position at the base, and he sports the cap badge of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). "One of the reasons the navy likes to have an infantry officer in this position, which is traditionally held by an army officer, is because of the experience we have with land-based operations. There are a lot of land based resources and training facilities here, and an army background is certainly beneficial when it comes to managing them."

Among the many responsibilities of Base Ops are the Nuclear Emergency Response Team, Range Con-

trol, and advising the Base Commander on land-based Force Protection issues. Range Control alone manages 14 ranges and training facilities scattered throughout the Victoria area, including two facilities in Nanaimo, 100 km to the north.

"I book ranges and training areas for the navy and spend a lot of time patrolling," said Master Corporal Chris Gajowski, another soldier from the PPCLI. "They conduct their own training. What we do is make sure that everything is done in accordance with Range Standing Orders."

MCpl Gajowski has two soldiers assisting him with patrol duties from their office at Albert Head, a military camp 30 minutes away from CFB Esquimalt.

"The 14 areas that we manage are all for land-based training," continued MCpl Gajowski. "We have field training areas and bivouac sites at Albert Head and Rocky Point, two de-

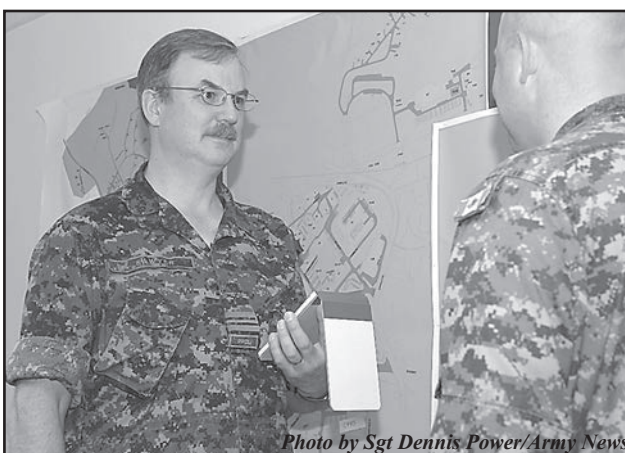


Photo by Sgt Dennis Power/Army News  
Major Steve Sawyer, an infantry officer, is the Base Operations Officer at CFB Esquimalt, a navy base. The position is traditionally held by army officers, in part because of the nature of the duties, and the type of experience that army officers bring to the job.

molidion sites, a grenade range, rappel tower, 25 meter ranges, and a 600 meter range. These are all typical of army training facilities, we ran them up until the 90s when we had a battalion here, and the navy is happy to have us running them now."

Most of these facilities were first used by artillery units arriving in the late 1800's, followed by the Ca-

nadian Scottish Regiment at the start of World War I, and until the early 1990s by 3 PPCLI, with a battalion garrisoned at Work Point Barracks. The largest military presence in the area now is clearly the navy, which keeps an army element to manage land-based facilities, a solid plan which allows the navy to focus all their resources towards maritime operations.

## IN MEMORIAM



Cpl Nathan Hornburg  
CEFCOM

One Canadian soldier was killed and four others were wounded during Operation SADIQ SARBAAZ on Sept. 24. The incident occurred approximately 47 km west of Kandahar City in the Panjwayi District. The identity of the Canadian soldier killed is

Cpl Nathan Hornburg, a Reserve soldier from the King's Own Calgary Regiment, based out of Calgary, Alberta. Both helicopters and road ambulances were used to evacuate the casualties to the Multinational Medical Unit at Kandahar Airfield. The wounded soldiers are in stable condition and have contacted their families. Operation SADIQ SARBAAZ (Honest Soldier) is a joint Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and ISAF operation that will set the conditions for a continuous security presence and the establishment of a new police sub-station in the northern part of Panjwayi.

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# Making progress: Afghans training Afghans

**U.S. Staff Sgt Weckerlein  
DVIDS, U.S. DoD**

For the first time in known history here, Afghan instructors are training Afghan National Police (ANP) officers in a series of security forces classes, while two Air Force Airmen provide watchful mentorship from the sides.

The ANP sustainment training is a giant step forward for the future of the Afghan national army (ANA) and the Afghan military, said Staff Sgt. Daniel Smith, Laghman Provincial Reconstruction Team's (PRT) police technical advisor.

Smith and Senior Airman Zackary Osborne, both deployed from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., are mentors for the instructors.

"From this point on, the Afghans will have a more active role in the development of their police and se-

curity forces," he said. "In the past, coalition and government forces supplied the training to the Afghans, but now, as the instructors receive qualification, we can step back and let them train themselves."

The month-long classes cover a wide variety of security-related topics, such as arresting procedures and riot control, and are required by all first-year officers. Once the course is completed, the police officers are no longer considered "rookies" and are given a pay raise.

Already, Smith said he can see a difference within the classroom.

"The students' attention is held when the Afghans are instructing," he said. "They go through the material a lot faster, since nobody has to pause and wait for an interpreter to translate everything. And we can see how they are catching on to things a lot faster. At this

point, all that we (Americans) do is stand back, observe and give suggestions every now and then. They are running the show."

The instructors were trained by a U.S. government-contracted security firm at the regional training center in Jalalabad, a city east of Laghman province, where FOB Mehtar Lam is located. In a few months, construction will be complete on a provincial training center near the FOB, so more instructors can become trained and qualified locally.

"We will be able to hold our classes there at the regional training center, rather than inside a tent on the forward operating base," said Smith. "That will be their spot where all their training needs can take place."

These classes are just part of the Laghman PRT's mission, which serves to provide international aid to



Photo by MSgt Jim Varhegyi, USAF

Afghan National Auxiliary Police (ANAP) trainees practice riot control techniques on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007. The trainees are attending a two-week ANAP sustainment course being held on forward operating base (FOB) Mehtar Lam in Afghanistan's Laghman province. The course is being taught for the first time entirely by Afghan National Police (ANP) instructors.

the area via security backed by national and coalition forces, reconstruction projects and humanitarian aid delivery. They are also responsible for disarming and demobilizing militia forces and terrorist activity throughout the region with

the help of the locals. "I'm extremely proud of what my Airmen are doing here with the Afghan military and the Afghan police," said Lt. Col. Robert Ricci, PRT commander who is deployed from Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

"They have allowed the local authorities to expand their capabilities for security, and because of that, Laghman province is a lot safer and that allows all of us to work harder to get this province, this country, on its feet."

# New Leopards arrive in Afghanistan

**Capt Brian Corbett  
Army News**

The current Leopard 1 C2 has served Canada very well, but at almost 30 years of age, it is reaching the end of its useful life.

In order to improve the Army's operational capabilities, the government recently announced that it would borrow 20 Leopard 2A6M (M stands for enhanced mine protection) and two armoured recovery vehicles (ARV) from the German Army, and purchase as many as 100 surplus Leopard 2 tanks from the Netherlands.

The first borrowed tanks

arrived in Afghanistan on August 16, 2007.

In order to deploy the tanks before the end of the summer, training began in early May 2007 when a team from armoured corps units across the country arrived at the Armour Training Centre in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. After qualifying during this Initial Cadre Training course, the soldiers went to the Armour Training School in Munster, Germany, to assist with the conversion training for C Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) (LdSH(RC)), who are deploying with the tanks at

the end of August 2007.

The soldiers were very impressed with the capabilities of the new tank. Many commented that the Leopard 2A6 had fixed all the little things that were wrong with the Leopard 1 C2. The combination of firepower, mobility and protection is second to none.

"Sir, it's hard not to smile, this is an awesome piece of kit," responded Sergeant Marcel Chenier (LdSH(RC)) when asked why he was grinning ear to ear.

"With the Leopard 1 C2, you had to push the engine to get it going. But with the 1500 HP engine in the

Leopard 2, you have to hold it back because those ponies want to run," commented Warrant Officer Bruce Rose of The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Training for the next two rotations into Afghanistan will take place in Germany, while the Army and project staffs work to bring the tanks, maintenance support and training resources back to Canada. The timeframe for the arrival of the Dutch tanks in Canada, along with the final distribution within the Army, has not yet been finalized.

The presence of the tanks in Afghanistan will improve



Photo by Cpl Bruno Turcotte, Photo Image Section

The first Leopard 2A6M CAN (Canadian) arrives in Afghanistan.

the security environment and allow others to focus on the reconstruction effort. Their role, however, is not limited to Afghanistan, regardless of where the Army deploys on

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