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# Local Veterans Welcome WWII Bombers to Nanaimo

June 29 to July 1

On Wednesday, 29 June, at 3:00 pm the B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine-O-Nine" and B-24 "All American" will arrive at the Nanaimo Airport. They will be on display at the airport, phone (604) 754-2260, Wednesday until 8:00 pm, Thursday from 8:30 am until 8:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am until departure at 6:00 pm.

Tours are available through both aircraft for a donation of \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. There will also be a limited number of spaces available to fly on the planes while at the Nanaimo Airport for a donation to the Collings Foundation. For info call (508) 568-8924.

Organizing the Nanaimo stop is Colin Brough of Nanaimo. Gil Green, a former RAF B-24 pilot notes: "Bringing the aircraft into Nanaimo provides our community the opportunity to participate in a most important part of American heritage. Not only is this a unique chance for local veterans to share this period of their lives with children and grandchildren, but an opportunity for younger generations to experience the realities faced by those dedicated individuals who flew in these planes during World War II."

During WWII B-24 Liberators dropped more bombs and flew more missions than any other aircraft. B-24s served the USAAC in every theatre of the war and were the most produced American Aircraft of all time! The "All American" that will be on display is the only fully restored and flying B-24 in the world. It was named after a 461st Bomb Group, 15th Air Force plane which on its 25 July 1944 mission shot down 14 enemy fighters.

Expected to meet the aircraft is Eli Ross, a former B-17 crewman, who said "The B-17 Flying Fortress was widely recognized for its high altitude stragetic bombing effectiveness and its ability to absorb tremendous punishment and bring its crew back alive." The champion of this durability and strength was the 91st Bomb Group, 323rd Sqn plan "Nine-O-Nine" #42-31909, with 140 missions without an abort or loss of crewmen.

A visit through these aircraft offers something different for every visitor. For many veterans it is an opportunity to come to terms with the dangers they faced and the experiences they lived through, and to share their stories with their family and friends. For a veteran's family it is a chance to see, touch, and experience a most important part of their family history. For all visitors it is a rare opportunity to explore these aircraft, tour the crew positions, hear the stories of the many veterans they will have the chance to meet, and to honour all veterans who have helped preserve our free-

#### Where's My Herc?



My name is Jerrad Ullock and I'm a chip off the old block.(Sgt J.P. Ullock, HMCS Annapolis). Got my aviator shades, my UN ballcap and scarf, and I'm ready to serve. All I need is some teeth.

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# On & Off the Base

**SCAN Transition Tips** 

## Becoming a Civilian

Lt (N) L.J. McNally. Wina PSO

(Cited from William G. Fitzpatrick, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A.)

Life in uniform is usually predictable. The one thing that you can always count on is change. No matter what plans you have laid out for yourself or your unit, you realize that something will change. Everyone who has ever served can recall scores of stories about plans for schooling, change of posting, shore or sea assignments that never quite happened as scheduled. The reasons vary from "operational requirements" to "changing situations," but we all learn to live with change and, in many cases, even welcome the excitement of it.

Then, when our service career ends we are expected to immediately settle down to the same community, the same job, and interact with the same people for the rest of our lives. The fact is that most civilians don't experience the same level of change that military families go through each year. Life is pretty stable with people growing up, attending school, finding jobs and settling down in the same community that their parents and perhaps their grandparents did. Certainly, civilians do move around and change jobs but that percentage of the population is definitely a mi-

Most military retirees look forward to that stable lifestyle after

leaving the service. Few desire to move around, so homes are purchased, friendships are established and a second career is embarked upon. An interesting fact that has surfaced in recent years is that military retirees still find themselves seeking that life of change. Many report changing jobs at least three times in the first five years after leaving the military. Some moves are local, but more involved cross-country treks as well. The reasons vary, but motivation is the same - the need for change.

So, what's the answer? Well, people involved in helping retiring military people make successful transitions agree that many of these people fail to take the time to properly prepare for second careers. Many work right up until a few days before retirement and then, in a wild flurry of activity, complete their out routine and find themselves heading out the gate for the last time with no solid job lined up. Then reality sets in.

Mortgage payments and other obligations are due and that "lucrative" retirement cheque is just not enough to cover expenses. So they grab the first job that comes along and very quickly find that this is not going to be their life's work. They then quit and go through the same exercise all over again before beginning to focus on a job that really offers some challenge and opportunity.

Another scenario involves those who really know what they

want for a second career, but can't readily locate a position. In this case many select a "stepping stone" job (or several) to bridge the gap until that "perfect" opportunity opens up. A temporary position seems more secure than waiting for a "right" opportunity which may never happen.

So the message is clear. Life as a civilian is going to be just as dynamic as life in uniform has been. The best advice to minimize the problem is to conduct extensive research and planning, beginning at least one full year before you leave. Learn as much as you can about the market, your own skills and qualifications, and your value to employers. Then you will begin your job search far ahead of the competition.

Expect changing situations, but don't be apprehensive about getting out there and competing. The positive side of the issue is that people are not having any trouble moving from job to job, despite national unemploynment figures that have been unusually high for the past several years.

Don't be afraid of making the wrong choice about jobs, but don't jump too quickly either. Because of the value that military people bring to the workplace, they should not sell themselves short. Don't just grab the first thing that comes along. Take the time to prepare, learn as much as you can, keep a strong sense of reality, and your future in the civilian work force can be as challenging, fulfilling, and successful as your military career has been.

# Canada Remembers: The Flag Party

The Canada Remembers Flag Party has the honour to represent the Canadian Forces, and, through the symbols borne by its members, Canada the nation.

The Flag Party is commanded by Chief Petty Officer Chris Dykman, 39 of Hamilton, Ontario. CPO Dykman is an administration clerk stationed at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He is a qualified diver and has served as a submariner.

In addition to Canada's national flag, the 17 members under CPO Dykman's command will carry the Canadian Forces Ensign, the Royal Canadian Navy Ensign, two Canadian Red Ensigns - one for the Army, one for the Merchant Navy - the Royal Canadian Air Force Ensign and the flags of each of the provinces and territories.

Provincial and territorial flags have a special significance. Canada is a confederation, created in 1867 through proclamation of the British North America Act. There were originally four provinces, but by 1949, with the addition of Newfoundland, that number had increased to ten. There are also two territories - the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Since men and women from every part of Canada shared in the effort which led to the Allied victory in the Second World War it is appropriate that all provinces be represented at events commemo rating the 50th anniversary of this historic event. The Canada Remembers Flag Party is the visible means by which that representation is achieved.

Canada's provincial and territorial flags feature a wide variety of symbols and an interesting array of designs.

Quebec, for example, flies the so-called "fleurdelisé." The white cross on a blue field is reminiscent of a military banner. The four fleurs-de-lis are symbolic of the province's ties with France.

Ontario's flag closely resembles the old Red Ensign. The Union Jack occupies the upper quarter near the staff and the shield of arms of Ontario is centred in the half most distant from the staff. Manitoba's flag is identical, save for the provincial

The newest member of Canadian Confederation also has the newest flag. Newfoundland adopted its current flag in 1980. It is designed in four colours:

white symbolizing snow and ice: blue, the sea; red, human effort: and gold, confidence in the future. The two red triangles on the right represented the mainland and island parts of the province. The golden arrow represents hope for the future and, when the flag is hung as a banner, a sword in memory of sacrifices made in war. The image of the trident emphasises the province's depend-

Nova Scotia's flag features the Scottish Cross of St. Andrew: however, to avoid confusion with the mother country, the colours of the cross are reversed. At the centre is another symbol taken from the Royal Arms of Scotland - a red lion within a double red border on

The Province of New Brunswick has a golden lion - symbolizing ties to Britain - and an ancient galley with oars. The ship represents the province's seafaring history and perpetuates the design of New Brunswick's original great seal.

British Columbia's flag consists of a Union Jack - with an antique crown in the centre - symbolizing its origin as a British colcontinued on page 4



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# On & Off the Base

## Fully Restored B-24 Flies Again

The world's only fully restored and flyable Consolidated B-24 Liberator is back in the skies after an absence of 20 years.

The B-24J (serial number 44-44052) has been returned to factory-like mint condition under the auspices of the nonprofit Collings Foundation of Stow, Mass., and has been given the name "All American.'

The Collings Liberator was built at the Consolidated Aircraft Company's Forth Worth (Texas) plant in Aug 1944. Consolidated was one of the companies that later merged to form General Dynamics, and the Fort Worth plant now produces the F-16 Fighting Falcon. General Dynamics is a major sponsor of the restoration project.

The Collings B-24 was delivered to the US Army Air Forces. However, in Oct of 1944 it was transferred to the Royal Air Force, which used it for patrol and bombing missions in the Pacific. It saw considerable action against Japanese shipping.

At the war's end, it was abandoned by the RAF in a bomber graveyard at Khanpur, India, and did not fly until 1948, when it was one of 36 B-24s restored by the Indian Air Force. It flew for the Indian Air Force for 20 years and was retired in 1968. In 1981, it was bought by Doug Arnold of Blackbushe, England, a World War II aircraft collector. It was disassembled and flown to England in a cargo plane and was stored in a hangar with Arnold's Spitfires, Avro Lincoln bomber and other World War II aircraft.

Arnold advertised the B-24 for sale in 1984 "as is," and, after prolonged negotiations, Robert F. Collings acquired it. After a sea voyage of about three weeks, the B-24 arrived in Boston harbour and then was trucked to Stow, Mass. One cradle held the 64foot fuselage, one held the 55-

The Harbour Day concession

stand was a success with a profit

of nearly \$1,100. This money

will be put to good use shortly

when we get into fencing and

On the July long weekend a

Club moorings are being put

into the harbour this week. If

anyone requires one, call Ralph

Lowe at Local 8724. We will put

in one or two extra for guests.

club cruise to the Copeland Is-

lands is being planned.

landscaping.

foot centre wing section, and two 40-foot long containers held the remaining parts.

Collings said that the foundation at first intended to restore the plane for static display only but was convinced to restore it to flying status by former B-24 crew members in the area. "This made it about five times more of a project than just a static display," said Collings. "We were convinced by the argument that only about 2,000 people a year would see it in a static display but two million might see it on a nationwide tour."

Collings estimates that more than 80,000 man hours were expended in the restoration at a cost of more than \$1 million. "If you consider the volunteer work and donated parts and materials, the cost would have been about \$1.4 million," Collings said. "This has probably been the most extensive antique airplane restoration in history."

"About one-third of the cost of the restoration has been contributed by 27 corporate and 1,500 individual donations and the rest by significant loans by the foundation," Collings said. "Hopefully, now that many more people can see the aircraft, their contributions will pay off the loans," he

The Collings B-24 was named "All American" in honour of a 15th Air Force B-24 with the same name in World War II. The original "All American" set a record when its gunners shot down 14 enemy fighters in a single raid over Germany of 25 Jul 1944. The plane was lost on 4 Oct, 1944, when it was shot down over Yugoslavia.

Collings said the B-24 will fly at air shows, military open houses, reunions and special events throughout the country for about five years before it will be retired to static display

# 19 Wing Yacht Club CFSA

A club adventure training cruise is being planned for 20 Aug - 03 Sep. A sign-up sheet is in the club and will be open until 27

The next dinghy course starts 27 June at 1830 hrs at the clubhouse. Register in advance with 2Lt Paul Hodge at AFIS, Local

The next general meeting will be 13 Sep. Watch this space for more info and come out and support your club.

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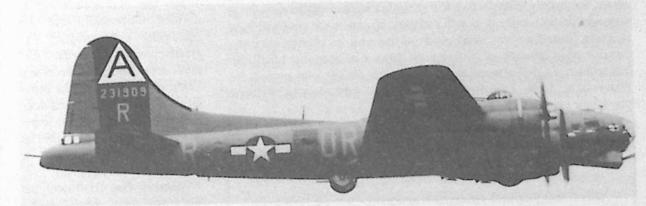
Aug 1944 - Consolidated Aircraft Company plant at Fort Worth Texas turned out Liberators by the hundreds. Plant now manufactures F-16s.

#### Collings Liberator in Flight



Mint condition refurbished Collings Liberator will visit Nanaimo, June 29 - July 1.

Another renewed Boeing B-29



Rebuilt Boeing B-29 will also visit Nanaimo, June 29 - July 1. See article on page 1.



# SELF-ESTEEM

This workshop will provide participants with opportunities to strengthen their self-esteem through increased self awarenesss and skill building.

DATES: 4 SESSIONS - JULY 18TH, 19TH, 25TH & 26TH TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM AT THE FRC

COST: No Fee

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# Editorial

Norm Blondel



#### Recalling D-Day

To the mind of an eleven-year-old, as I was on D-Day, war is an adventure - the clash of arms, roar of engines, aerial dogfights, crashing guns - all of it is a big thrill for a youngster who knows little of the real cost in lives, injuries, damage and destruction that war entails. My sense of adventure at the time of D-Day had been tempered somewhat by exposure to the "Blitz" - Luftwaffe raids over England - but I remember clearly the enormous fleets of bombers and fighters as they headed across the English Channel to soften up enemy defences, and the streets of Portsmouth, Southsea and Gosport crowded with all manner of military vehicles, and troops with "Canada" on their battledress jackets.

The Solent, that historic stretch of water between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, was so crowded with ships you could hardly see the water. And then, on the morning of June 6, 1944, the ships were gone. It was an eerie feeling. The fighting ships and transports were soon back, but I will never forget that strangely silent and empty stretch of water on a morning in June, 50 years ago.

Nothing brought home to me the enormous cost of D-Day and the liberation campaign that followed, more than the sight of ten thousand British veterans marching for their Queen on June 6, 1994 on the beach at Arromanches, in Normandy. No individual stood out more than a tough old veteran on crutches, keeping step, keeping time and keeping up with his marching column, his expression a mixture of pride, determination and pain. For me, he represented all D-Day veterans.

The CBC, faulted for its "Dramatizations" of war, did an excellent job on its coverage of the real D-Day and its 50th anniversary. On July 14, Julie and I will visit the Canadian memorials at Gosport and bring back pictures. It's her home town.

#### Five in a Row

We're trying hard not to be blasé about our fifth successive CCNA award, for thereby leads the path to overconfidence and mediocracy. Next year we compete in the paid staff category, so maybe the pros will keep us sharp. But, if we are tooting our trombone a bit, let us point out that a considerable amount of puff comes from Col Rogers, LCol van Boeschoten, LCdr Garwood and a lot of other people who support the Fishwrapper. Jenny, Julie, Ron and Norm would, once again, like to thank you all for your help.

#### RCAF/CAF Flight Engineer Association Reunion

The Flight Engineer Association announces that the 1994 Reunion of retired and serving RCAF/CAF flight engineers is being held at 14 Wing Greenwood, Nova Scotia from 15 - 18 September 1994.

The reunion committee has planned many events which include an Annapolis valley tour with frequent stops at craft outlets, whale watching, golfing, dancing and dining. For further information, please contact one of the following: Art Watkins 902-847-1865, Butch Fleury 902-765-6262, Gerry Couillard 902-765-8084.



#### More Canada Remembers

ony. The lower portion of the flag shows a golden half-sun superimposed upon three horizontal wavy blue bars. The bars represent the Pacific Ocean and the sun indicates B.C.'s position as the most westerly province in Canada.

Canada's smallest province, Prince Edward Island, also features the British lion over the province's coat of arms - a large oak tree, representing England, and three smaller oaks representing the province's three coun-

The flag of Saskatchewan is divided horizontally into two equal parts - green and gold. The green represents the northern forested areas, the gold the wheat fields of the south. The province's shield - a red lion and three sheaves of wheat - is in the upper left-hand corner and its official flower - the western red lily - is positioned on the right half.

Alberta's flag is ultramarine blue. It features the province's development of the north. shield in its centre which consists

of the Cross of St. George and a pictorial representation of the provincial landscape - golden wheat fields giving way to low hills, and, eventually, the Rocky

Although not yet provinces, Canada's two territories account for a large part of the country's land-mass. Their flags are as distinctive as those of their provincial counterparts and their symbols reflect the northern nature of their origins.

The flag of the Yukon Territories' consists of three vertical panels - green, for the taiga forests; white, for the winter snows; and blue, for the colour of northern waters. In the centre panel is the provincial coat of arms which includes the Cross of St. George as well as symbols representing rivers and creeks, mountains and mineral resources. The rest is a malamute dog, a breed which contributed significantly to the

The Northwest Territories' flag

also has three panels - two of blue, representing the arctic lakes and waters and one of white, symbolizing ice and snow. The territories' shield of arms is at the centre. It features a green field representing forested area, separated by a wavy line dividing it from the red area symbolizing tundra to the north. Minerals are indicated by the gold rectangles in the green area and the fur trade by a white fox mask on the red area.

Canada is a huge and beautiful land with citizens representing virtually every nation on earth. That diversity is apparent in the many and varied elements found in the designs of the nation's

Members of the Canada Remembers Flag Party come from every part of the nation. They are proud to represent the Canadian Forces, Canada and all Canadians during events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

## Notice to Readers, Subscribers and Advertisers

Due to the absence of key staff members on 7 July, that edition of the Totem Times is cancelled. Subscriptions will be extended to compensate. Branch and Section Commanders are requested to organize medal presentations in large groups to prevent a build-up of individual photographs.

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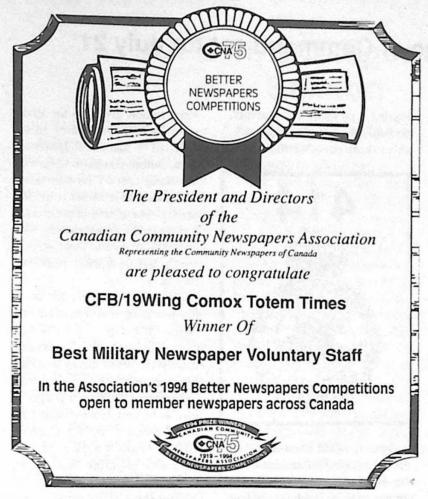
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Five in a Row



Mr. Pieter Marsman receives his retirement certificate from Wing Administration Officer, LCol van Boeschoten.

### **English Teacher Retires**

Mr. Pieter Marsman recently retired from the Public Service after 21 years as an English teacher with DND.

Pieter started out with DND in 1973 at the Language School in CFB Borden, Ont. where he taught English as a second language. After eleven years he was transferred to Esquimalt where he continued to teach for the next seven years. In 1991 Pieter came to Comox where he was the Senior Teacher and the Language Training Centre until its closure in 1993. Since that time, he has been employed in the office of the Wing Coordinator of Official Languages (WCOL) where he taught English, however not always as a second language.

WCOL, Pieter developed and taught seven English Writing Enhancement courses to Wing su-English course to spouses of Francophone personnel; provided supplementary English instruction to Francophone members, and administered language proficiency exams to Wing personnel.

While employed with the

Pieter and his wife Heather plan to live and work in Victoria. That's right, "WORK." He doesn't plan to retire completely for a few years yet. We wish Pieter and Heather Best Wishes and Good Luck from all their friends and acquaintances at 19 Wing, Comox.



## **Junior Ranks Mess UPCOMING EVENTS**

..TGIF, Shuffleboard/Air Hockey/Foosball Food - KFC (served at 1630) Games start at 1730

The next TGIF will not be held until 15 July (watch for fly-

**United Services Institute** 

## "The Perfect Society"

In his report to the United Services Institute of Nanaimo-North Island, Guest Speaker LCol.(ret) "Cec" Berezowski, told members about the parliamentary "Joint Defence Policy Review Commitee" which visited Victoria last

Col Berezowski, as Chairman of the National Defence Committee, was called upon to make a presentation, as were representatives of the Victoria Peace Centre and of Conscience Canada. Most news media give both these pacifist organizations com-

About Trivia

Dear Editor,

Re: F4U - Corsair

The latest trivia is of an out-

standing aircraft of WWII, and

the post-war era, the Vought F4U

Corsair fighter bomber. Its proto-

type, the XF4U-1, was designed

in 1938, and made its first flight

in May 1940. Five months later,

while on a test flight, the proto-

type achieved a speed of 404 mph

surpass 400 mph in level flight.

In 1938, the U.S. Navy was

fighters. The Chance Vought de-

sign was chosen over those of

other companies and it went into

production in late 1940. How-

ever, because of early difficulties

in operating the Corsairs from air-

craft carriers, they first went into

service as land based fighters with

the U.S. Marine Corps. By 1944,

after a number of modifications,

they were considered suitable for

carrier duty. Corsairs were also

operated by the Fleet Air Arm of

the Royal Navy and by the Royal

The Corsair's main charac-

teristic was its inverted gull wing

design. There were several ad-

vantages in employing a wing of

New Zealand Air Force.

plete coverage and the public is well aware of their concerns, but the public is not familiar with the story of the perfect Minoan society that existed in Crete about 1,500 B.C.

As related by one of the spokespersons, this perfect society had no weapons, had a partnership government and lived in peace for 500 years. Committee chairman, George Proud M.P., asked: "What happened to their perfect society.?" The reply was: "They were invaded from the north and destroyed."

room palace, had several other palaces for his concubines, and that Minoan priestesses worshipped the bull and practiced human sacrifice. Would Canadians like such a perfect society? Nobody wants to fight, but somebody should know how and be equipped to do so. The peace

A local historian pointed out

that King Minas lived in a 1,500

groups enjoy their protesting here in Canada where it is safe to protest, while our most important peace group serves in hot spots around the world.

Armament: 6 x 50 cal guns,

Lt. Robert Hampton Gray

V.C. On 9 Aug 1945 Lt. Gray, a

Canadian serving with the Royal

Navy's Fleet Air Arm, led a flight

of Corsairs off the deck of the

carrier H.M.S. Formidable. Their

destination was Onagawa Bay, on

northern Honshu, Japan, where

enemy shipping, including some

destroyers, were at anchor. As

they attacked the shipping they

were met by intensive A.A. fire.

Lt. Gray was hit but continued to

press on with his bomb run, re-

sulting in the sinking of a de-

stroyer. His aircraft crashed in

the bay and he was killed. The

official history of the action in-

cludes the following passage:

"Peeling off from the flight sec-

tion, the leader dived towards one

of the destroyers, and was soon

surrounded by exploding shells.

The Corsair burst into flames but

held steadily to its course, until

within 50 feet of the target when

Lt. Gray released his bombs. The

destroyer was struck amidships

and sank below the surface of the

bay to follow its attacker to a wa-

tery grave..." For his incredible

courage and devotion to duty Lt.

R.H. Gray was awarded a posthi

2000 lb. bombs

#### F4U - Corsair

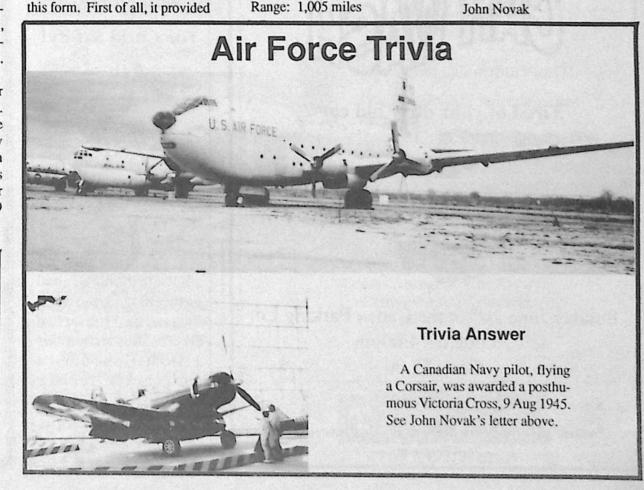
a much cleaner and stronger construction joint between the wing root and the circular fuselage. Secondly, it gave adequate ground clearance for the propellor at take off. In addition, the wing design allowed for much shorter oleos to be incorporated in the undercarriage, which folded up straight back on retraction. Consequently, a smaller volume of wing area was sacrificed in acmaking it the first U.S. plane to commodating the under carriage. Another structural feature was the placement of the fin and rudder seeking a new aircraft type for its carrier fleet and supulated that its anead of the tailplane. The purpose of this was to increase the performance be equal to, or better, than contemporary land based effectiveness of the rudder, in recovery from a spin.

Many variants of the Corsair F4U were built, including night fighters, and photo recon versions. Vought's assembly lines ran from 1940 until 1952, with the total production figure being over 12,570 aircraft. The post-war career of the Cor-

sair ran into the 1960's, including extensive action in the Korean War. Its longevity in service attested to its reputation of being a "fine fighting machine." Stats: Wing span: 41 feet

Length: 33 ft. 8 in. Power: 2100 HP Pratt & ney R2800-18W Max speed: 446 mph

mous Victoria Cross. Yours sincerely, John Novak



some reason given up the Elvis

retro look for the close shorn

locks of a successful business-

man. Before you know it, he will

be asking Larry T how to move

his money to a Swiss bank ac-

count. These free commercials

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appear from time to time, we just

won't tell you what business

Larry T and Ghost are once

again hearing that ringing sound

in the morning. No, it's not

caused by high blood pressure.

merely the crash alarm that has

been repaired. Larry says that

calling in the problem was a good

idea as he now has something to

look forward to - bells, coffee and

OHPs. Ghost merely grins and

says that anything that keeps

'Spo has a new football. Ask

him to show you how it works.

The only problem he has experi-

enced so far is a loud whistling

noise when it is lauched with vig-

our. The suggestion to the CFL is

Crackers hit the big 50 and

threw a party with a Fifties theme.

It was well attended and all cos-

tumes were in keeping with the

times. There was more greased

hair there than we have seen since

the Exxon spill. The only one

who had nothing to grease was

Friar Tuck, who suffers from fall-

If you need to know anything

about flying in B.C. ask Boots,

who has all the approach plates

committed to memory. Flights go

faster when you don't carry all

that excess weight and fuel sav-

ings can be converted to lunch

Now that you've read this far,

you're finished for today. So are

we, as the appointment with our

lawyer regarding literary licence

and the public's right to know is

coming up. Watch this space for

out of the non-nuclear kind.

being staffed.

Larry amused is a good thing.

they're in.

# Section News

19 AMS - View from the Top

## An Owl, a Badger and a Salmon

#### **NAVCOM Labs**

NavCom Labs - what we do and for whom. NavCom Labs is located at the top of 7 hangar. We are the largest of the 19 AMS aircraft electronics labs, and provide second line maintenance supporting this base, as well as two sqns located in Esquimalt and Edmon-

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for the rest of their military career. NavCom Labs is responsible for maintaining over 90 different pieces of avionics equipment from the four different aircraft

cific aircraft type equipment

courses, which they will be taking

based at Comox. We in Navcom Labs are proud of our work and look forward to the challenges which the proposed trade amalgamations, among other things, will pose in the very near future.

**AMS Refinishers** The time has arrived once again for the latest news from the Miracle Makers.

The Refinishing Section, in conjunction with AMSE, held a luncheon and Dart Tournament in late April to say farewell to MCpl Bedford who has moved to Labs. The dart tournament unveiled very little talent within the AMSE Section and, as was inevitable, the REF Section won the tournament through steady play by Cpl Goulet and outstanding accuracy by a ringer they threw in. Of special mention was the plan of Cpl Blackmore and MCpl Arcand. A rematch was politely decline by AMSE.

The 19 AMS Fishing Derby held in May was not very productive in netting salmon. However, with the patience of an owl and the persistence of a badger, Sgt Doggett presently on the SLC and MCpl Carmichael managed to land ten rock cod.

In addition to this handy haul, MCpl Carmichael travelled to Port McNeil and had a hand in landing a 51 lb. halibut. Who can the old sea dog be that's teaching him how to fish?

The section will be slipping on the spikes and gloves for a ball tournament on the 22nd. Confidence is high and the section forsees no difficulties in overcoming ALL CHALLENGERS.

On behalf of the section, we wish to welcome Mrs. Goulet to the area as she has been studying for her nursing degree in Quebec for the past two years. Congratulations are extended

to Cpl Morin for successfully completing the helicopter blade course. In addition, congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson on the arrival of their first baby boy.

Mother and baby (Bubba) are

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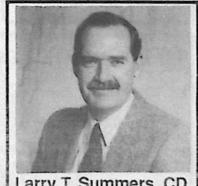
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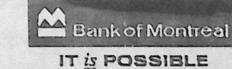
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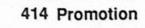
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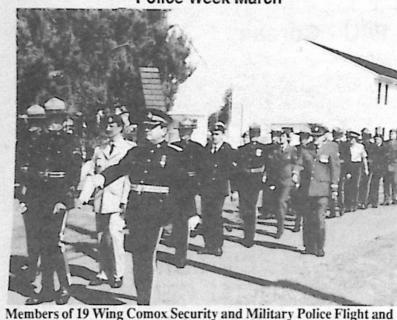
# Section News





Maj J.M.M. Lavoie, 414 (CS) Sqn SAMEO, presents Pte P.D. Hosegrove his hooks. What's with the finger Paul? Congratulations from all the Black Knights. Totis Viribus!

#### Police Week March



the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Courtenay Detachment, on the march to St. Michael's and All Angels Protestant Church.

#### National Police Week 15-21 May

May 15 marked the commencement of National Police Week. Along with the normal activities that are associated with this week, Padre Massey held a non-denominational church service at St. Michaels and All Angels Protestant Church to give thanks and recognition to all peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty to make our community a safer place to live. During the service, the Wing Security and Military Police Officer, Capt Paul Weed, on behalf of members of 19 Wing SAMP Flight, presented Padre Massey with the Securitas Flag to be hung within the chapel to commemorate this day. In attendance for the service were many members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Courtenay Det, and members of 19 Wing Security and Military Police Flight. Special thanks goes out to the Campbell River Pipes and Drums and the Legionnaires, who led us to the church on time.



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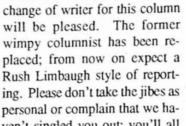


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fill the space.

Since the wimp left much has happened. The squadron has held a parade to invest its very first Honourary LtCol, and it was a huge success. All those who contributed are to be congratulated for their efforts, especially the guy who stood out there in the tin suit during the parade. Unfortunately, he could not remain long at the reception that followed due to the high number of coins that were stuffed into his visor by those who mistook him for a slot machine. When last seen, he was looking for ear muffs to cut down on the ringing, and a can opener. There is an unsubstantiated rumour that his tin tux has been

more to follow. Like all units, people come and go in the APS. As of writing, the only difference this year is that they don't know where they are going or when. The good news is that they are not pressured by packing dates.

recycled as a fancy ten speed;

The CO is having his Change of Command parade on 21 July, so he knows he is going somewhere after that date. Carny is

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414 Change of Command set for July 21

leaving - probably this summer,

probably for Wiggley Peg, prob-

guage. It would seem that if the locale is correct, Ukrainian would >be more regionally appropriate. In any case, he is advised to hold on to his parka and mosquito spray. At least, in the winter, his van shaped like a doorstop should cut through the snow drifts.

Late breaking news - Joking is leaving for Edmonchuk to fly helicopters. His prowess with bow and arrow will serve him well on exercise in Wainwright. Two more years of training on deer and he can graduate to buffalo. He has recently been seen in the hallways making rotary motions with his hands instead of the more traditional one v one gestures used by fixed wing pilots. Remember, never jettison tobacco while at the high hover over an airshow crowd.

Joe Da Pipe has finished the T bag course and joins the squadron. His mission in life is to take the heat off Z Man, something he takes seriously indeed judging by all the calls following his last PPF. His creative writing skills will no doubt become excellent and Canada Post has a shot at being profitable based on stamp sales. Ask him what controller flashback can do to your day.

Speaking of Z Man, he has for



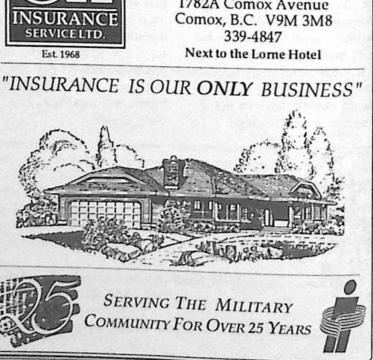
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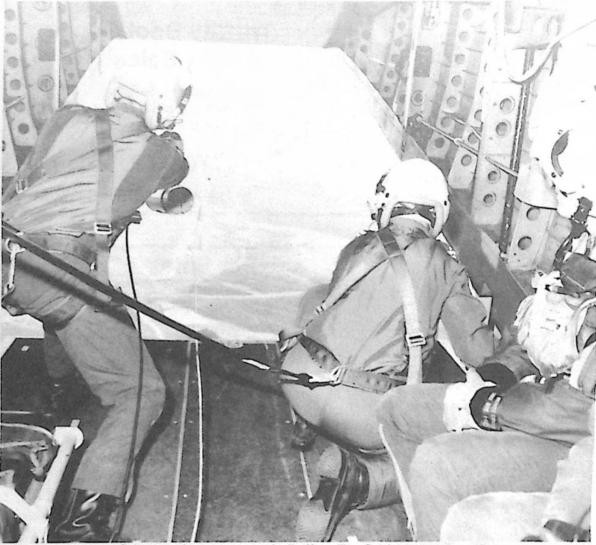






# Section News

**SARTech Practice** 



A SARTech throws a C-8 smoke from the back of a Buffalo. The C-8 is used to calculate the wind's effect on a parachutist. The Utah mine is seen in the background.





SARTech MCpl Bradgough's C-SAR-4 parachute starts to deploy during a recent training exercise near Port Hardy. Brad's target can be seen below him in the clearing.

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Canada 125

LCol Hardy presents Canada 125 medals to Sgt Villeneuve, WO Beattie, Sgt Vandermark and Capt Lee.

# D-Day and 442 Sqn.

by MCpl Gord Neave

Here it is again. Another year has gone by and I find it is my turn to contribute yet another article for the paper. The hardest thing is trying to think of something to submit that is relatively interesting. Then it struck me, with the historical event such as the 50th Anniversary of D-Day being so close why not find out if our squadron had any involvement. Sure enough, it did.

442, with its squadron of Spitfires, was in Britain at a place called Huntington in Sussex. It was here that they prepared for the pre-invasion aerial offensive.

May was the busiest month up to that point for 442 Sqn. They flew 27 missions in 21 days, including 13 dive-bombing operations, 7 fighter sweeps, 5 bomber escorts, and 2 air-sea rescue searches. Despite the heavy activity, the squadron still had yet to meet the Luftwaffe in the air, though flak was a frequent hazard on these missions.

Most of the month's divebombing missions were flown against the difficult "NOBALL" targets, the code-name given to the V-1 sites which the Germans were feverishly constructing in northern France. The launching ramps and buildings were well concealed and strongly constructed, and were not easy targets to locate and destroy. Eight times during the month of May, 442 Sqn released their bombs on V-1 sites, and though it was diffcult from the air to assess specific results,

many direct hits were reported. Also in May, the pilots added to their score of ground targets a train, which was destroyed near Dunkirk. For three days, from the

10th to 12th, the squadron engaged in exercises with the army in preparation for D-Day. Another move, on the 14th, brought them to the relative comfort of living in Nissen huts for a few days at Ford, in Sussex.

A strike on a radar site southwest of Fecamp on June 4 marked the squadron's final contribution to pre-invasion operations. On the 5th, it was busy covering the huge armada of ships moving across the Channel and, late that night, pilots were briefed for the invasion activity of the next day.

Reveille was at 0315 hrs on D-Day and, from 0630 that morning until 2200 hrs that night, 442 Squadron flew some 94 operational hours. Pilots returning from these missions reported scenes which were indelibly impressed on their memories: the Channel covered with ships; fighting on the beaches; gliders landing under fire; battles between Allied and enemy tanks.

Four such patrols were flown each day on the 7th and 8th also and although small numbers of enemy fighters were sighted on all three days, they retreated the area before they could be engaged, much to the disappointment of 442, longing for their first

On 15 June, 442 Sqn landed at B.3 near St. Croix-sur-Mer, joined later in the day by 441 and 443 Squadrons, to share the honour of being the first Allied squadrons to operate from France since

(I found my information in a book entitled "442 Squadron History" by Captains Grant Mac-Donald and Terry Strocel.)

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# Section News

407 Squadron Picture Gallery

407 Commanding Officer's Commendation Demons of the Year

Congratulations to MCpl Larry Robertson and Cpl Pauline Laroche for their Outstanding Dedication.

Canada 125 Medals



Back L-R: Sgt Chislett, MCpl Cochrane, Cpl Sawler, CWO Jenkins, MCpl Graham. Front L-R: Capt Almeda, LCol Kendell, Capt Price.

Italian Taxi



407's CWO Clint Halfkenny is pictured actively promoting Capt Ken Almeda's new business, a VIP taxi service - Italian style. It seems Ken had a little mishap while on his way to pick up his first customer.

**Kuwait Medal** 



Cpl J.P.M. Silliker receives the Liberation of Kuwait Medal from 407 Sqn CO, LCol Kendell.



Back L-R: Cpl Noon, MCpl Anderson, MCpl Dymond, Cpl Prosser, MCpl Saunders, MCpl Mac-Neill, MCpl Surch. Front L-R: Sgt Carroll, Cpl Laliberte, LCol Kendell, Capt Denniston.

Canadian Forces Decoration



Back L-R: Sgt Baillargeon, Sgt Patrick, Sgt Maier, Cpl Robarts, MCpl Ternes, Cpl Vieau, MCpl McClelland, WO Bedford, Sgt Mulikow, Sgt Armit, Cpl Millaire. Front L-R: WO Finney, Sgt Mey-



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# Feature

# **Estevan Point Mystery**

### Solved

by Lloyd Bailey, Ph.D The mysterious shelling of the Estevan Point lighthouse on the

evening of 20 June 1942 brought many allegations and contradictory witnesses' accounts as to the perpetrator of the sudden attack. Although the official report by the Canadian military blamed a single Japanese submarine, the I-26, and although the Japanese captain was purported to have confessed to the deed in a post-war interrogation, the doubts of many witnesses and historians remained. The most popular rendition depicted more than one ship taking part, and raised the spectre of possible United States collusion with "our side" doing the dreadful deed. A variety of motives could be ascribed to such mutinous activity, including the apparent official perfidy at Pearl Harbour and the obvious Canadian reluctance to upscale our war effort to suit

tery has been solved. A previous article outlined the nature and probable circumstances of the Estevan Point mystery. Public reaction was not overwhelming but it was very informative. Just as biographers and historians insist on at least three independent sources for validating a contentious statement, so did this reporter give early credence to a curious twist of the "our side did it" explanation. Apparently, these three separate correspondents contend, the attack on Estevan Point lighthouse was not an attack at all, but rather a "mishap" or "accident" involving a Canadian warship whose crew had gone berserk with grog. Shooting in all directions, they happily missed the lighthouse and there were no casualaties. This tale is fraught with disclaimers, however, in that none of the Estevan witnesses mentioned a Canadian vessel, and there is almost no likelihood that

American needs . But the mys-

RCN officialdom could have kept such a happening quiet, even if they had wanted to. But sufficient sources have knowledge of this version for it to be kept alive, at least momentarily.

Whether the most trustworthy witnesses are those closest to home is a moot point, but a family connection brought a surprising turn of events in this saga. Representing several hundred participants in the events of June 1942, a distant cousin, now a resident of Port Alberni, spoke to me about his experience as a fisherman sailing out of Bamfield in those days. Alerted to the Estevan incident, my cousin and his flotilla of accompanying fishermen were to spot the periscope of a submarine within a few hours. One foolhardy fellow attempted to lasso the foaming edifice, so keen were they to avenge the recent shelling. Reporting back to Bamfield, the fishermen detailed the sighting and its location to Mr. Fry, the Canada Customs agent, who contacted the RCAF.

Another source, aside from my distant cousin, has confirmed that in succeeding days the water off Cape Beale, 75 miles south southeast of Estevan Point, at the entrance to Barkley Sound and Bamfield, lay heavy with a slick of oil. Specifically, a large patch spread seven miles long by one mile wide, 19-1/2 miles south southwest of Cape Beale. The entire fishing fleet returned to harbour with hulls blackened by the oil sludge. If there was some grumbling about the dirty mess to be cleaned it soon dissipated as the RCAF gathered the fishermen together for a meeting in Bam-

"We got the sub, thanks to your reporting," paraphrases the message conveyed to the assembled Bamfield crowd. "Keep it up," the RCAF officials intoned, and all left the hall jubilant at their part

**Action Scenes** 

in the episode. "Was there no talk of another ship or some mysterious happening?" I asked my cousin. "None," he replied, "and besides, the Japanese shells were found on the beach there." End of story? Not quite.

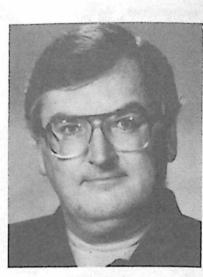
There were two reported Japanese submarines involved in separate attacks on 20 June 1942, the second being the I-25 which is supposed to have torpedoed the Victoria freighter, Fort Camosun, 19 hours before the Estevan shelling. A previous article delineated the circumstances and events of that Cape Flattery operation, especially critical of the inexplicable delays and tactics of the submarine captain and the highly contradictory recollections of RCN personnel at the scene. There has been no reaction or further information on the tandem aspect, if you like, of this 20th June incident. It does raise the point, however, that the Japanese submarine bombed and destroyed by the RCAF could just as easily have been the I-25 and the I-26. Once again, the post-war testimony of the submarine commander has been made available, claiming I-25 credit for the torpe-

doing of the Canadian freighter. But the story is not ended, even though the explanation for the shelling of Estevan Point as espoused by hundreds of local fishermen would seem to solve that mystery. The picture is larger and so much enemy activity in one day at such a crucial time in the wartime politics of the United States and Canada, along with the I-26 commander's report, cannot be ignored. Considering the ferocity of the one day attack in two places, could not the destroyed Japanese submarine have been a third vessel in our waters, out to raise havoc as part of a submarine

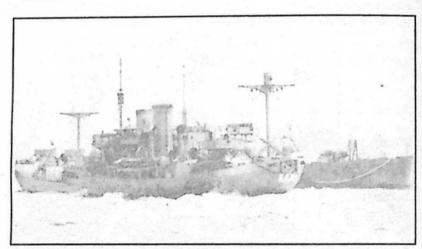
force? Or something else? There will always be detractors from any bonafide historical ex-

three sources or several hundred. One such correspondent maintains that there is no RCAF record of the sinking of a Japanese submarine as has been described. One could question how he knows that, or whether all recordkeeping is meticulous. Whatever the evidence and the gossip and the tall tales, one must act responsibly in contentious questions of this sort and emphasize the most commonsensical argument. In this reporter's opinion, it's case

planation, be it substantiated from



**Lloyd Bailey** 



July 19, 1942, the Second World War came to the Pacific Coast when the Japanese submarine I-25 torpedoed and shelled the Victoria-built freighter Fort Camosun. Kept afloat only by her cargo of plywood, the stricken steamer is shown here while under tow, with the corvette HMS Edmunston alongside. The Camosun's torpedoing off Cape Flattery was the first of only two such incidents on this coast through out the Second World War.

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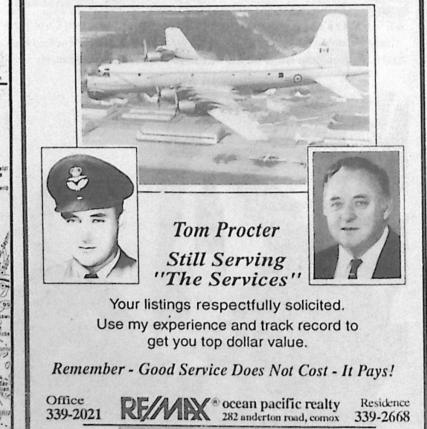
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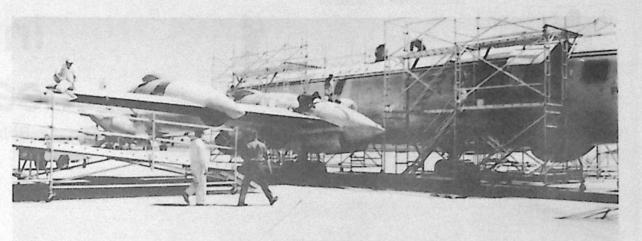
# **VANCOUVER** ISLAND



# On & Off the Base

## **Old Vet Receives New Face Lift**

Members of 407 Sqn spent a day in the sunshine 17 May, scraping paint to prepare the Argus for a new coat of paint. The Argus, still the largest aircraft to have flown anti-submarine warfare missions for the western alliance, arrived at 407 Sqn in 1968, relieving the Neptune of its 10-year role as Canada's premier ASW platform. Six Canadair-built Argus aircraft patrolled the oceans of Canada's west coast from 1968-1981. After receiving its new coat of paint, aircraft 10712 will be the centrepiece of the 407 (MP) Sqn Change of Command Parade, Air Force Day, and the Queen's visit before its return to the 19 Wing Heritage Air Park where it will be proudly displayed for all to see.



"Strippers"





Maj Perron







Lt Wenzel

MWO Anderson

Capt Plourde

Cpl Williamson

# The Rank Structure before Integration

(A look back at the RCAF, just before Integration, from the Totem Times, June 1966.)

With the imminence of the disappearance of the RCAF, it may be worthwhile to look at the rank nomenclature as we have known and loved it and at which the civilian mind staggered and recoiled in disbelief. These peculiar ranks will soon fade from the military lexicon to join such other anachronistic titles as RCAF in the dusty journals and dim archives of the historian's branch. Let us, therefore, review them one last nostalgic or nauseating (your preference) time.

Acey Deuce This rank sprang from the

ping live bombs, or looking over the firing butt at the wrong time. After doing one of these things at least two times with no appreciable loss of mortality, the Acey-Deuce, or two-time loser is promoted. El Acey These are a group who, individually and collectively are as-

French, as did so many others,

and militarily designated the

original two-time loser. In the

RCAF it describes a group whose

chief propensity is for walking in

front of taxiing aeroplanes, drop-

signed to protect and lord it over Acey-Deuces. The rank is said to descend from the Spanish conquistadores, although one school

contends that Pancho Villa would be closer to the mark. El Aceys are recognized by the long-service medal which they all wear as a direct result of long-range career planning at AFHQ. (Now fortunately defunct.)

#### Corples

(Alt. pron. - Coprill) This rank springs from the AFP, where everybody is a Coprill or Corple, although other trades manage a few. Corples and Coprills alike are chiefly noted for their air of superiority and, in particular, for their disdain for the two lowest ranks, i.e. Acey Deuces and Fly Nossirs. They are manageable only by one other group, as noted hereunder.

#### Sarns

Sarns are identifiable by the CD and as many clasps as the tunic fabric will carry. This too is a result of careful planning by that happily vanished AFHQ. The chief occupation of Sarns is to stand behind desks and control Corples, a task for which they are admirably suited, having once been Corples too, unbelievable as this may seem. Sarns are called, "the backbone of the air works," as without them the Corples would run everything and every-

Flight Sarns These are the speediest of the Sarns, and can even overtake the fleetest Corple. The designation

derives from the days when they were employed to grip elderly biplanes - one Flight Sam at each wingtip - and fling them and their craven occupants bodily into the air. In these days when power has overcome fear and the afterburner ensures that the aircraft will go airborne regardless of its occupants' reluctance, Flight Sarns are employed to terrorize old Corples (Called Sarns, as noted above.)

#### Warn Tossers

These are chosen from among flight sarns who are no longer fleet, and are selected on the basis of stature and ferocity of visage. It is from this latter characteristic

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#### Delirium

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It is usually the spouse that places the frantic call, deeply concerned because the loved one is behaving in an out-of-character confused manner. That is, if the doctor has not phoned the family first, as he or she should do.

The patient is suffering from delirium, also termed an acute confusional state. It is frequently seen in hospitalized patients, particularly in older ones. Typically, the patient has had some surgery, say a prostate operation, or an acute medical problem. He does very well for a day or so, is alert and cooperative, almost his normal self.

Suddenly he becomes confused, slightly at first, then possibly profoundly. His words no longer make sense, he is hallucinating, seeing snakes or spiders, picking at the bedclothes, maybe

striking out at the nurses. Disorientation may be complete, and fear may follow. Memory for recent events goes, and speech may be slurred.

The patient may be unduly hyperactive or excessively sleepy, difficult to rouse. He may constantly call out, even have to be moved to a side room on the ward to allow others rest and sleep.

Causes are searched for. Medications, unsuspected illnesses (diabetes, silent stroke), alcohol withdrawal (delirium tremens or DTs), or infection may be found. There are others, not as common. Usually no identifiable cause

for the acute confusional state is found. It appears to just be the way certain bodies (or minds) react to the stress of illness or surgery - but obviously something is out of whack. In the vast majority of cases the delirium clears in four days or less - and the patient has no memory of it.

The doctor, on discovering that

a patient, normal the day before, has become acutely confused, has some decisions to make. The books suggest dozens of tests that should (could?) be done to reach a diagnosis. An inexperienced doctor, and, paradoxically, and aggressively scientific physician may be tempted to order them all. The cost in dollars would be high.

The majority of us, when challenged with an acute confusional state in a hospital patient with no previous history of mental problems, are usually content to allow a few days to pass before we get too excited. Meanwhile we use methods to calm and protect the

Certainly, if there is reason to suspect a specific cause, we will look for it. But Charlie, or Sarah, usually comes around in a few days, non the worse for the expe-

#### **Post-Traumatic Stress**

You escape from a burning hotel at the last minute, or crawl from under an earthquake-toppled building. Maybe you were sitting beside three men gunned down in a cafe, survived an airplane crash, or just missed being killed by a car-bomb. How would you react, then and later?

Most of us are spared this type of real-life drama aside from the vicarious exposure we receive on the evening TV news. Often appended to these reports is the statement: "A team of psychologists and psychiatrists are attending the disaster scene to help the survivors cope with the trauma.

Is this necessary? Shouldn't those who have escaped be grateful and strong enough to thank God for their personal good fortune, grieve for lost relatives, friends and property and get on with things? How would you behave in this situation? You probably don't know.

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Post-traumatic stress disorder is not new. Persons who react excessively, and for a much longer time, after involvement in a disaster or other severe physical or mental experience than the average person likely have this disease. They may be haunted by flashbacks, nightmares, and frightening memories. Irrational (to others) avoidance of locations or situations resembling the one that caused the trauma is com-

There may be amnesia for the event, loss of concentration and thinking power, guilt (for surviving when others did not), anger and jumpiness, among other

About one person in 100 is subject to post-traumatic stress disorder - a percentage that is increased in shooting wars, widespread disasters such as hurricanes and floods, and when young children or the elderly are involved. Some of those affected will have longterm problems with depression, anxiety, increased physical illness, accidents, and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

We have learned that these results can be averted or reduced with the early involvement of trained "coping teams." Much of the therapy is psychological in nature, relying much more on talking, counselling and personal interaction than on drugs.

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# On & Off the Base

A La Mode

## UH, OH, Kids in the Kitchen!

by Diane Osterholm

Fathers are great. They work hard all day, keep busy around the house and still find time to do those "Dad" things. You know, fixing your bicycle, driving you around, going to your games, or just hanging out with you. My Dad used to take me fishing, although I spent most of my time catching frogs instead of trout. Fathers also have the ability to eat

anything prepared by the children and proclaim it to be "delicious," if not a little unusual. My interest in food started early, and Dad was always a willing guinea pig for my experiments. Sometimes it was so good he would "save some for later," although I now suspect it was never seen again.

Sunday is Father's Day, a day to show how much we appreciate him and all he does. With a little help from Mum, children can prepare a feast for Dad that will be remembered long after the cologne is gone or the socks sprout holes. Although you'll probably end up with a little extra mess in the kitchen, it's well worth it. Even small children can help by pouring juice, setting the table or running outside to pick a few flowers for the table.

If children are going to be "helping out" in the kitchen, around the stove or toaster, make sure they are not wearing long sleeves or

loose clothing. Keep all knives out of reach unless they are old enough to use one properly. Turn all pot handles in and show small children that the stove and pots are hot.

I have included recipes for three different types of breakfast: sweet, savoury (spicy) and a combination of both. They are all quick and easy one-pan meals. With some coffee, orange juice and Father's Day cards to go along with them, they are sure to make him feel special.

#### **Huevos Rancheros** (Ranch Style Eggs) Enough for one Dad.

2 eggs 1 tsp. butter 1/4 cup chunky taco salsa Salt & pepper to taste 1 T. grated cheddar cheese Heat butter in a small fry pan and add eggs. Cook as desired: sunny side up, over, or scrambled. Meanwhile, warm salsa in microwave, about 1 min. on med-high. Season eggs, turn out on a warm plate and pour salsa over top. Sprinkle with cheese and serve with hot toast.

#### **Puffy Pancake**

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1/2 cup milk 1 tsp. vanilla Pinch nutmeg 2 eggs 1/2 cup flour

gether and let stand 10 minutes to bring to room temperature. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Heat a small cast iron fry pan in the oven (or a small round heavy pie plate). Sprinkle salt in the flour and mix into the egg mixture. It should still have small lumps. Melt 1 tsp. butter in the pan and pour in the batter. Bake 15 mins. or until puffy and golden. Dust with icing sugar, or sugar and cinnamon, or serve with fruit preserves or jam.

Mix first four ingredients to-

#### **Monte Cristo**

Although usually served as a lunch, this makes a nice breakfast

2 slices bread 1 slice ham 1 slice cheese (processed, or any mild type) 1 egg

1 T. milk 1 tsp. butter Salt & pepper to taste Maple syrup

Place ham and cheese inside bread. Beat together egg and milk and season. Soak both sides of the sandwich in the egg mixture. Melt the butter in a small fry pan. Cook sandwich on both sides until golden brown. Warm the maple syrup and serve on the

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so straggle out all over the place."

Jimmy Doolittle was a great Wing

Kidder (USAAF variety). He

said, "Let us take our B-25s off

this huge carrier, bomb the hell

out of Tokyo, which is lightly de-

fended, if at all, then go say hello

to old Chiang Kai-Chek. It will

be a swan." I once knew another

Navy type Kidder (not Wing Kid-

der, as boats do not come in wings

but in squads or troops) who said

"The Battle of the Atlantic is

won," but I could hardly hear him

over the noise of exploding and

burning ships. He would have

been a great Wing Kidder. Wing

Kidders no longer control wings

but are now Honourary Squad-

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particularly ferocious visage

tioned mouth from which issues

bubbles and assorted grunts. A

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points of commonality. It would

This title derives from a fish of

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that the designation Warn Tosser derives. To be scowled at by a warn tosser is to be turned to stone. Warn Tossers scare the hell out of everybody.

#### Fly Nossers

These are a vanishing breed. They appear unbidden from somewhere (it has been rumoured that they are dropouts from the Airmen's Selection Unit) and vanish into their lockers. When pried therefrom they are heard to quaver plaintively, "Fly? No sir!" Hence the derivation of their title pragmatic. Those who survive several years of mistreatment by Corples and other superiors are promoted. Others just vanish

#### Flight Leftints (Alt. pron. Flight Loot)

This title derives from an old Serbo-Croation epithet meaning "Egad," and as obscure as are its origins so it is with Flight Loots who appear unheralded, middle aged, in the mid-range of the military hierarchy. Although it has been mooted that these are old Fly Nossers, it is inconceivable that so much wisdom is to be found on the inside of a locker, to say nothing of the universal knowledge of Serbo-Croation swear words dis-

played by Flight Leftints in addressing Black Boxes, engines, fire trucks or Met men.

amongst the ranks of the more sage and aged Flight Leftints. The term squaddler derives from an old Boor War infantry term and was originally pronounced "Squad Leader" and denoted any infantryman who could run faster than the six other types in his squad. With the birth of the air arm in Canada, the title was reduced to Squaddlers and denoted any airplane driver who could beat the other pilots into the air in a Sopwith Scout. Squaddlers are no longer so fast but still manage to stay out in front by vicious control of the scheduling board. Squaddlers were, in those Halcyon days, chaps of some importance; however, they are once again being reduced to their former station of control over old

#### which features large protruding eyes and a fearsomely propor-

This demi-military title originally applied to men who controlled wings of fighter or bomber aircraft and who were all great jokers full of pithy sayings like,

#### Squaddlers

These are chosen from troops with generally ancient

#### Wing Kidders

be noted that Groupers are harm-"One man flying low might get less to man and have a splendid through," "We'll go in a gaggle at sense of humour, I hope. flak height," or "You all know that the Ruhr is virtually undefended

Air Commodes This rather pompous title is a euphemistic airforce modernization of that well-known and indispensible military personage, the latrine orderly. In the RCAF, these ossers were asssigned other additional duties to do with issuing paper, not all of which was perforated and stored on rolls. In many cases, this was unfortunate. The duties of Air Commodes, in the Integrated Farce, will be taken over by garrison troops, no doubt.

#### Air Vice-Marshals This title derives from the

Texas Rangers' Bordello Patrol which rounded up, i.e. marshalled, the more flagrant denizens from the vice-ridden mestizo bordellos. Wyatt Earp was a Vice-Marshal in Dodge City but could not qualify as an Air Vice Marshal as he got punctured and ran fresh out of air. Duties of Vice-Marshals in the RCAF are distinctly similar to those of the Texas Rangers, i.e. to marshall as much vice as possible, be conspicuous in a gold hat (which is a questionable improvement on the white stetson) and run trouble-

makers out of town, preferably to another command (or county.).

#### Air Marshals The title is a self-descriptive

one. The duties of Air Marshals were to muster as much air as possible and expend it in large multisyllabic cacophonous lumps, thereby confusing the hell out of and generally baffling with verbal footwork, the Minister of the Fence while the rest of us got on with the job. The number of Air Marshals was reduced in recent years and with the reduction in numbers there was a consequent loss in the efficiency of their invaluable verbal smokescreen. The result of this is now obvious. Air Marshals will be, and in fact are now, sorely

In the new all-singing, alldancing global troupe, most of these venerable military titles will disappear will-o-the-wispishly to be replaced with other more stern and ominous iron-shod-boot-like titles, griping and stentorous; but Corples and Sarns will continue to command and deploy, countermarch and advance, controlling all as they have always done, so what's in a name anyway?

# Public Announcements

#### Office Relocations

The offices of the Wing Chaplains (P) & (RC) and the Wing General Safety Officer have relocated from Wing Headquarters Building to Building 22, northwest corner, effective 6 June 94. Office telephone locals remain the same.

#### B-17 Fortress, B-24 Liberator at Nanaimo 29 June - 1 July

A B-17 Flying Fortress and the only B-24 Liberator that is still flying will be on display at Nanaimo Airport (Cassidy) 29 June to 1 July. The aircraft will be roped off and visitors will be 10 feet from them unless admission is paid to the air crew for boarding passes to view the interiors of these W.W.II bombers.

Viewing area admission is by donation to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. One lucky adult donor will win a free flight, sponsored by Air Cadets of 205 Collishaw and 257 Ladysmith Squadrons and their parents.

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#### Cessation of Falcon Newspaper

With cessation of its operations on 15 Jul 94, 7 Wing Ottawa will move into closure mode. As a result, printing of the final edition of "The Falcon" base newspaper will be on 14 Sept 94.

Articles and/or anecdotes for the final issue are solicited. They must be submitted no later than 6 Sept 94 to: The Editor, The Falcon, 7 Wing Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0K5 or faxed to 613-991-

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# On & Off the Base



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June 17, 18 & 19	Fishing Derby
June 17	
	ther's Day Steak BBQ 4-6 p.m.
June 24	
July 1	Tony Pollon
July 8	
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...Lounge Hours 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM ....L.A. Drop-In Bingo, Upper Hall, 7:00 PM Monday Night Men's Dart League recessed until Sept. ....Ladies Crib League, Lounge, 7:30 PM Mixed Dart League, Upper Hall, recessed until Sept. WEDNESDAYS. .. Navy League Drop-In Bingo

Upper Hall, 7:00 PM Comox Valley Men's Crib League recessed until Sept. THURSDAYS......\*1st Branch Exec. Mtg. Upper Hall, 8:00 PM \*Ist L.A. Executive Meeting (as required) \*2nd L.A. General Meeting, Upper Hall. 8:00 PM \*3rd Branch 160 General Meeting, Upper Hall. 8:00 PM ..TGIF in Lounge Meat Draws in Lounge, 3:00 to 6:00 PM Dance (normally downstairs unless advised)

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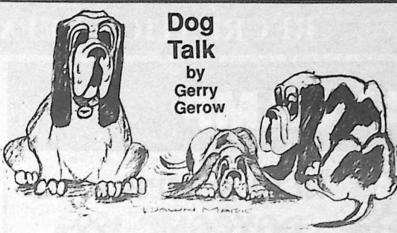
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## NEXT DEADLINE 25 JULY



This week let's talk a little about the dogs known as Setters. There are three commonly known varieties of setters, all very similar in makeup except for their col-

The English Setter is seen in a variety of colours: black and white, orange and white, liver and white, lemon and white, white, black-white and tan, orange belton, lemon belton, tricolour belton, and blue belton. The belton markings are normally seen as a flecking or roan.

The Irish Setter is a mahogany or rich chestnut red colour. Sometimes a small amount of white will appear on the chest, throat or toes.

The Gordon Setter is coal black with tan markings. They are the only sporting dog ever developed and stabilized in Scotland.

Setters have been around for over 500 years. They were used extensively for hunting in both England and France, where they were known by the name "coucher." A quote from a book published in 1621, titled "Hunger's Prevention, or the Whole Art of Fowling," describes the common method of hunting in those days.

"If you chance to see your Dogge make a sudden stop or stand still, you should make unto him (for he has set the Partridge). As soon as you come to him you shall bid him "Go Nearer! Go Nearer!" but if you find he is unwilling to do, or to creepe nearer, but lies still or starts shaking his Tayle as who would say "Here they are, under myne Nose!" and whithal now and then looks back as if he would tell you how neare

# Setters

they are...then you shall walke about.. looking before the Dogge's nose till you see plainly how and in what manner the Covey lyeth. You shall then charge the Dogge to lie still, then drawing forth your Nette as you walke, having pricked down one end to the grounde, cover all the Partridges therewith (then) you shall make a Noyse, the Partridges will rise, and be entangled in the Nette..."

Setters are among the most beautiful of dogs. Their long flowing coats and exquisite colours are delightful to look at. They aren't used in the field much any more. A few diehard affectionados still use them, but there are really many newer breeds of dogs which are much more suited to hunting for the gun. Be that as it may, there are still a lot of them around. Approximately 500 English, Gordon, and Irish Setters are registered in Canada every year. Very rarely will one attend a dog show without seeing several setters being exhibited. Watch for

# 1994 Western Canada MP/RCMP Golf **Tournament and Fishing Derby**

The 19 Wing Comox Security and Military Police Section hosted the 11th Annual Western Canada MP/RCMP Golf Tournament and Fishing Derby on 27/28 May. Military participation including 19 Wing Comox, 4 Wing Cold Lake, 17 Wing Winnipeg, 18 Wing Edmonton, CFB Calgary (1 MP Platoon), CFB Esquimalt, PDSIU and SIU Victoria, SIU Det Vancouver, CFMTR Nanoose, Whidby Naval Stn. and McChord AFB. RCMP members from the following detachments: Courtenay, Campbell River, Parksville, Nanaimo, Duncan, Surrey, Victoria, Quesnel, Yellowknife and Vancouver E Div HQ. Retired MP and RCMP members showed up from Comox, Courtenay, Edmonton, Chilliwack, Vancouver, Victoria, Delta, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Hardy, Campbell River, Brentwood Bay and Midway.

At 0715 hrs, on 27 May, the Acting Wing Commander, LCol can Boeschoten hit the first golf ball to officially start the golf tournament which saw a record 186 golfers on the Glacier Greens course in two shotgun starts.

Presentations and a BBQ were held at the golf course and, when the scores were totalled, the Canadian Military Police Association (CMPA) Net Team Trophy was awarded to 1 MP Platoon from CFB Calgary with a combined team score of 291. We congratulate the team of Sgt Rick Long, MCpl Jack Picard, Cpl Louie St. Jacque and Cpl Jerry Maynard. Individual awards were also presented in five other

a) Military Police: Low Gross Winner - David Witunee (73), Runner up - Syl Bolduc (77), Low Net Winner - Brian Chasse (71), Runner up - Kevin Kulbeski (73).

b) RCMP: Low Gross Winner - Willy Mineault (72), Runner up - Marty Stoner (74), Low Net Winner - Greg McNevitts (69), Runner up - Ken Enns (69).

c) Retired MPs: Low Gross Winner - Lloyd Billings (75), Runner up Ted Sauve (80), Low Net Winner - Ray Cossette (71), Runner up Doug Mann (72). d) Guests: Low Gross Winner

- Jack Picard (71), Runner up -

John Sallows (74), Low Net Winner - John Webber (69), Runner up - Carl Cameron (69). e) Sponsors Event: Low Gross Winner - Jack Burgess (75), Runner up - Doug Scheibel (76), Low Net Winner-Al Thulin (71), Runner up - Dave Jackson

The Men's Longest Drive on holes 5 or 14 went to: Morning Draw - Clancy Keoughan, Afternoon Draw - Bruce Abbott. The Ladies Longest Drive on holes 2 or 11 went to Sheryl Armstrong. Closest to the Pin prizes were given to Liz Van Boeschoten and Lew Tighe on holes 4 and 13 and to Jacques Ellyson and John Webber on holes 7 and 16. The Most Honest Golfer went to JoAnn Evans with a score of

The AIR BC Trip for Two was won by MCpl Doug White of 19 Wing Comox. The winners of the MP Golf Raffle were Millie Hud-

son, Jim Trask and Doug Mann. Results of the MP/RCMP Fishing Derby on 28 May: The wind and waves were roaring but a few brave (or foolish) souls managed to get out and do a little fishing. The Largest Salmon 2.9 kg Spring caught by Kent Symons from Toronto who was visiting his brother here in Comox. Total Weight Winner was Lorne Slemko of Campbell River with two Coho salmon, and the Largest Non-Salmon went to John Beckett of Campbell River with a cutthroat trout. Sixty people attended at Post 13 for the trophy presentations, to have some clam chowder and trade fish stories.

The 19 Wing Security and Military Police Sqn (Comox) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this year's event the biggest to date. The dates are set for next year's gathering (last weekend in May). The Fishing Derby will be extended to four days which should give everyone the opportunity to get the big elusive salmon. All of us here at Comox hope you will return for our 12th annual event next year.

Special thanks go to Comox, Courtenay, Campbell River, Royston, Parksville, Nanoose, Nanaimo, Duncan, Victoria, Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Markham, Mississauga, Oakville, Turo and Dallas merchants and companies who contributed to our prize table.

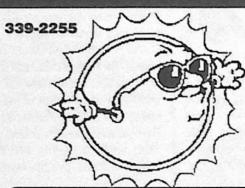
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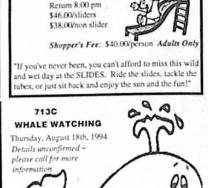
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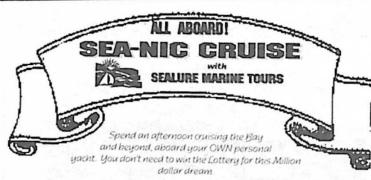
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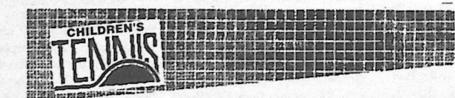
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SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS!

DAY HIKE

There is a Day Hike to Mt. Beacher planned for Saturday, June 25th. Any person between the 13 - 18 years old is welcome to join us. We will be leaving from the Canex parking lot at 9:00am and returning at 5:00pm. Bring your own lunch and good walking shoes! Please pre-register with the CMFRC by calling Suzanne Sinclair at 339-8290 or by dropping in at the centre and filling out a registration form.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER BEACH PARTY! FOODI

**THURSDAY 16 JUNE 1994** 

GAMESI The CMFRC is hosting a Beach Party! It will be at Airforce Beach on 29 June 94, from 1800 - 2300 hours. Anyone interested is asked to please register by 27 June 94 with Suzanne Sinclair at the CMFRC (339 - 8290) or by filling out a registration form.

WEEKEND TRIP TO VICTORIA! here is a weekend trip to Victoria being planned for early July. We hope to do some sight seeing, shopping and getting together with teens from CFB Esquimalt for games and a dance. If you are interested in taking the trip, meeting new people and even planning activities, please call Suzanne Sinclair at the CMFRC for more information.

#### SOFTBALL!

On the ball diamond behind the Canex, there is a fun baseball game every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 - 8:00pm. We are always looking for new players and especially a team to play against. A challenge has been issued to any interested section to come out and play! If anyone is interested please contact Suzanne Sinclair at the CMFRC., 339-8290.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

There are still dances on Friday nights from 7:00 - 11:00pm ay the Community Centre. As well as movies and popcorn on Sunday nights at the CMFRC from 6:00 - 9:00pm.

WATCH FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST !

Bored with Barracks? Nothing on the Tube?

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BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES - By appointment - notice well in advance please. CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Second Tuesday of the

month in the Parish hall, preceded by Mass in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. President: Bonnie Gillis, phone 339-3496. CATECHISM CLASSES - September to May in the Chapel and

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(any changes will be announced as early as possible) NURSERY - during Service for children under 3 yrs.

CHOIR - 1900 hrs, Thursdays at the Chapel. CHAPEL GUILD - Meets the third Thursday of the month. President Gail Rodger 338-2162.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGES BY APPOINTMENT, 90 DAYS NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

## Coping with Grief

#### **Good Grief** (Moving Toward Acceptance)

Grief is the healing process we go through after suffering a loss. Although we normally think of loss as the death of someone close to us, life situations such as divorce or losing a job can also bring about grief. Learn about the five stages of grief, how to move along in the grief process, and tips for coping with different types of

Five Stages of Grief The first stage of grief is denial. It's hard for our minds to accept that such a loss has taken

Anger is the second stage. We probably had no control over the loss, so we react to our vulnerability with anger. We lash out at others or blame ourselves for the

The third stage is bargaining. We want to trade something we can do for the reversal of the loss, saying things like "I'd do anything if only this hadn't happened."

#### 436 Transport Squadron 50th **Anniversary**

436 Transport Squadron will commemorate 50 years of service during the period 23 - 25 Sep 94.

The celebrations will take place over the three day period at 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario. All former serving members of the squadron and Burma Star members, as well as families and guests, are invited to share with us in these celebrations.

Any questions should be dirrected to 436 Transport Squadron, 8 Wing Trenton, Astra Ontario, K0K 1B0. Phone: (613) 965-2602. Fax: (613) 965-7275.

Depression is the fourth stage. A feeling of hopelessness about

the situation takes over. The fifth and final stage is acceptance. We accept the reality of the situation and are able to move on in our lives.

**Employee Assistance** Programme



**Moving Along** 

How much time it takes to move through these stages depends on the nature of the loss, the individual who is grieving and the overall circumstances of the individual's life. The important thing to remember, however, is that

grieving happens in stages. Being stuck in one stage and dwelling on the loss too long might require the intervention of a professional counsellor.

Tips for Coping

Sharing grief with those close to us is important for moving through the grieving process. Bringing people together is one of the roles of funerals or memorial services for people who have

But sometimes it is difficult for other to relate to the depth of our pain if a death is not involved, such as when we lose a job. This is human nature. In cases such as this, professional counselling may help you through your grief process to move toward the final stage of acceptance.

#### Your EAP **Referral Agents** Carol Anderson Loc. 8319

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## CMFRC Information Sessions

Once a month Guest Speakers are invited to come and speak on a wide variety of topics. Topics have so far included the Psychology of Deployment, Critical Incident Stress and the experiences of a military wife and mother.

Up coming Information Session: June 23rd 7-9 pm at the CMFRC, A video on family violence will be viewed

· July 21st 7-9 pm at the CMFRC, Lori Ladd-Thurston will be speaking on Eating Disorders. She is currently working on her PHD in psychology and her specialization is in eating disorders. We are fortunate to have a person with Lori's expertise in the Comox Valley and look forward to what is sure to be an

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

The Comox Military Family Resource Centre is celebrating International Year of the family at its



2nd Annual Fun Fair

Saturday July, 23rd 12 - 4 pm at the CMFRC



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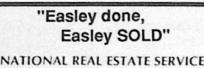
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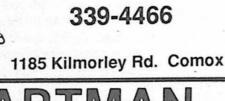
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## Official Languages - Common Questions

LCol J.P.M.F. Carignan

Since the new Official Languages Act came into force 15 Sep 1988, many changes have been made that may affect you now or perhaps later on in your career. It is not my intention, at this time, to elaborate on the reasons for the new Act, but I would like to clarify certain aspects of the Official Languages Program which have changed as a result of the Act.

Personnel throughout DND and the CF have contacted the Director, Official Languages Policy (DOLP), or the Director General Official Languages (DGOL), seeking clarification on such subjects as language testing, bilingual bonus, language training, etc. The following is an attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions. I hope that most of your concerns will have been properly addressed.

1. Are unilingual employees going to lose their jobs as a result of the act?

No. The Act does not change

the long-standing government policy that protects employees in jobs where the language requirements have been changed.

Application: Civilian personnel only.

2. Will the Act prevent unilingual employees from having access to bilingual jobs?

No. Unilingual applicants will continue to have access to many bilingual positions, provided that they are willing and eligible to take the necessary second language training, at government ex-

Application: Civilian person-

3. Will the Act affect access to second language training?

No. The government is committed to maintaining generous access to language training for Public Service employees as well as members of the Canadian Forces, both to meet institutional needs and for individual career purposes. This includes providing training during working hours, at government expense, for those who qualify.

Application: Both civilian French-speaking Canadians, the and military personnel.

4. In view of the new obligations under the Act, won't many more positions be made bilingual and staffed imperatively (i.e. require that candidates be bilingual as one of the prerequisites for competing for the po-

The Act is not expected to change the overall number of bilingual positions significantly. Moreover, a number of established criteria must be met before imperative staffing can be used, for example, when a position is the only point of contact with the public in an office that must provide its services in both official

Applications: Civilian per-

sonnel only. 5. Does the Official Languages Act mean all DND and CF personnel must be bilin-

gual? No, and this is a common misconception. In order to respect the language rights and choices of both English-speaking and

Official Languages Act says that the obligation to offer bilingual services is on federal institutions. That is why DND and the CF are bilingual institutions. Naturally, this means that some, but not all, federal public service/Canadian Forces positions must be filled by personnel who can serve clients in both English and French.

and military personnel. 6. Do I have to be bilingual to work in the Federal Public Service/Canadian Forces?

Application: Both civilian

Absolutely not. Only 30% of all federal public service positions are designated bilingual. In DND, the number of bilingual positions represents 20% of all civilian positions while in the CF the number of bilingual positions is 19% of all military positions. In some provinces the percentage of bilingual jobs is as low os 1.4%. If you speak only one official language, you can still apply for or be posted to many bilingual positions, with language training pro-

Application: Both civilian and military personnel.

7. I have heard talk of a "Bilingual Officer Corps." What is this all about? The bilingual officer corps is a

concept based on the requirement that all bilingual officer positions be filled by linguistically qualified personnel on a continuous basis. This does not imply that all officers must be fully bilingual. The bilingual requirement is based on the demand by MOC and rank: in general, the higher the rank, the greater the ratio of positions identified as bilingual. It is policy that after 1997, promotion to the rank of Lt.Col. will normally be restricted to bilingual officers. Consider three points:

(a) Senior officers are expected to create and promote work environments which allow subordinates to work in the official language of their choice within bilingual regions/units;

(b) In accordance with the Official Languages Act, all courts

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St. Jean-Baptiste Celebrated 24 June



L'Association Francophone de la Vallée de Comox

Vous êtes tous et toutes invités à venir célébrer la Fête de la St-Jean-Baptiste, le vendredi 24 juin à partir de 18h00, au Pavillion de la plage militaire (Air Force Beach). Il y aura des hot-dogs, hamburgers sur le gril et différentes activités. Au coucher du soleil nous aurons également le traditionnel feu de la St-Jean. Amenez vos parents et amis. Nous vous attendons en grand nombre.

Pour informations, 339-3990 ou 334-0692.

#### Francophone Association of the Comox Valley

You are invited to celebrate the St. Jean-Baptiste, Friday 24 June at 6:00 p.m. at the Air Force Beach pavilion. There will be hot-dogs and hamburgers on the grill, many activities and, of course, the traditional bonfire at sunset. Come with your family and friends. We're expecting

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1st Lazo Scout Group

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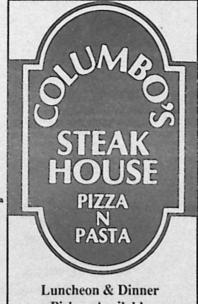
Willkommen in Comox Valley Wuerdest Du gerne mit anderen deutschen Frauen zu einem gemütlichen Plausch zusam- Builders Hardware - Tools, etc

Wir alle wissen wie schwer es ist sich in einem neuen Land einzugewöhnen. Wäre es nicht 3-Bedrm. rancher, glacier view schön sich mal wieder richtig in Dich bei Kerstin, Telefon 339-7969. Wir würden uns freuen von

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Committee **URGENTLY NEEDED!!!** 

Due to postings, 1st Lazo Scout

Group Committee (CFB Comox's Scouting Organization) has an urgent need for committee members. If you can afford to spend two to three hours of spare time each week on a worthwhile youth organization then we may have a position for you! We require a Chairperson and Secretary. No experience required; Comox Valley District will hold training sessions early in September for all new Group Committee members.

If you are interested, please contact Capt Bob Sealby, loc. 8111 (home 339-2163) or Sharla Hunter, deputy chair, 339-2568. Help support your local Scout

## Make a Noise Join CYMC Choir

Make a joyful noise with the CYMC Community Choir. CYMC sends out an invitation to the talented and interested voices at CFB Comox to join the choir

Every year the doors of the CYMC open to community members of all ages who would like to be involved in a short term project that involves fellowship, music education and a whole lot of sing-This year, as last, the program

is led by Jean-Marie Kent. Kent is a conductor who is not only experienced in the musical world, with degrees in music from McGill and the University of Regina, but is also experienced in the CYMC world. She has been conducting the Community Choir for a number of years.

The music that has been chosen for the Aug 6 performance is "Mass in D. Opus 86" by Anton Dvorak, a moving and challeng-

forming as well as the Festival Orchestra. The program is open to anyone within commuting distance of G.P. Vanier. Practices occur three nights a week during the time frame of 10 Jul to 6 Aug. when the grand finale concert is performed.

ing piece. At this concert the

Community Choir will be per-

Registration fee is \$35.00. In response to suggestions made by last year's choir, members of the choir are being offered admission to all CYMC concerts during the months of Jul and Aug (essentially a season pass worth \$75) for an additional \$15 on top of the registration fee.

If you have just moved to the valley, or you've lived here forever, the CYMC invites you to join the Community Choir. Contact the CYMC at 338-7463, or Fax 338-7480, or stop by the office on 6th Street, beside St. Georges United Church.

## More Official Languages

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martial and summary trials must be heard by officers capable of understanding the official language chosen by the accused without the aid of interpretation

(c) The bilingual officer corps is consistent with Treasury Board policy whereby employees of the Executive Group, within bilingual regions/units are to possess a "CBC" second language ability

by 1998. Application: Military person-

8. I have heard that all recruit, basic officer and leadership training within the Canadian Forces is available in

both official languages. Is this true? Yes. Furthermore, all Qualifi-

cation Level (QL) 3 and several Officer Military Occupational Classification (MOC) training courses are also conducted in English and French. Efforts are under way to expand the training capacity in both official languages to QL 5 courses.

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# On & Off the Base

Courtenay Rec

## **Volunteers Wanted**

The Courtenay Recreation Association is looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to help with children's programs for the summer and throughout the year. Summer programs run Mon to Fri for the months of July and August. Opportunities for volunteers include working with preschool aged children, doing crafts, singing and games, working with youth in Parktime and Daycamp settings, and being a one-on-one "buddy" with children who have special needs in all of the programs integrated set-

Volunteers are also needed to help our with special events at the Lewis Centre, such as the Nickel Carnival on 21 July.

Volunteers work with staff to supervise and assist children in all of their program activities. You can choose to spend as little as

two hours a week, or up to a maximum of 40 hours a week, and help make a child's summer more interesting and exciting. Volunteers will receive on-the-job training with friendly and helpful guidance from other staff members. Evaluations will also be done to ensure both the volunteer and the children have the optimum experience the programs can offer.

Volunteering is always a great way to gain experience, have fun and meet interesting people while giving valuable time to the community. If you can spare any time, the CRA would love to hear from you! Please contact Joanna, the Summer Volunteer Coordinater at 338-5371, or come in and fill out an application form at the CRA Lewis Centre office.

Share your time with someone special!





The Comox Valley Knights of Columbus council held their annual election of officers at the May general meeting. Elected were: Grand Knight, Sylvain Cadieux; Deputy Grand Knight, Tom McNee; Chancellor, Jean Bisson; Recorder, Rollie Tasse; Treasurer, Joseph Clarke; Advocate, Anthony Kester; Warden, Gaetan Morency; Guards Stanley Froehler & Daniel McMahon; Trustee 1st Year, Richard Gallagher.

The new executive will be installed by District Deputy Chris Aerts of the Campbell River council, on Wed 15 Jun at Christ the King Catholic Church, 7:00 pm and will take office 1 Jul.

The present Grand Knight, J.R. (Bud) Faubert, congratulated the new executive and thanked retiring members for their support and consistant hard work during their

term of office.

The K of C is an international Catholic mens fraternal organization with almost two million members. It is based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The local council was named for Dr. Tilman Briggs, a local man. Chartered in 1958, the council has been active in the valley since that time, with many members of CFB Comox serving

many valley activities, the most prominent being the annual Canada Day celebrations in Courtenay and Comox Nautical Days, in which they have been coordinating and marshalling the annual prades for a number of years. They have also donated a stained glass window to the Base Chapel

#### Can't get your Fishwrapper? Here's where to go:

#### ON BASE:

- \*Totem Times Office
- \*Museum
- \*AFIS
- \*Jr Ranks' Mess
- \*Senior NCOs Mess
- \*Rec Centre
- \*Headquarters
- \*AMU
- \*442 Sqn
- \*Clothing Stores
- \*MSE
- \*Base Accomodations
- \*Building 82 Supply
- \*CE \*Fire Hall
- \*7 Hangar
- \*Officers' Mess
- \*Building 22 \*Base Hospital
- \*MPs
- \*Glacier Greens Golf Course \*PMQs
- \*Tyee Park
- \*Canex Expressmart
- \*Lazo Post Office

in executive positions.

The council is involved in

#### COURTENAY-COMOX:

- \*Driftwood Mall (Bookshell)
- \*Tourist Info Centre
- \*Block Brothers
- \*Westerly Hotel \*Courtenay Town Hall
- \*Coast Country Realty
- \*Holland & Associates Realty
- \*Pacific Coach Lines
- \*North Island College
- \*Courtenay Legion
- \*BC Access Centre \*Robin's Donuts
- \*Tim Horton's
- \* Kal Tire
- \* Courtenay Pharamasave
- \*St. Joseph's Hospital
- \*Comox Mall News Rack
- \*Comox Legion
- \*Comox Town Hall
- \*REMAX Ocean Pacific Realty
- \*Jolly Giant
- \*Port Augusta Hotel
- \*Comox Recreation Commission



# M\*A\*S\*H

(Mobile Aurora Support Hut)

#### by Capt Kelly Marie Redcliffe

(photos by Sgt Don Clark)

Working out of Sigonella, Italy, two long-range maritime patrol aircraft, known as the Aurora, fly 10-hour surveillance missions over the Adriatic Sea daily. Here to enforce the UN embargo against Serbia and Montenegro, the 55-person detachment sent here from Canada work hard not only to complete the mission they've been given, but also to represent Canadians with professionalism. In the process of working away from home base, the maintenance crews, which can be found in the Mobile Aurora Support Hut, learn to adapt and work as a team.

The Aurora aircraft maintainers operate out of tents which are wedged between two hangars at an American Naval Air Station in Sicily. From here they make sure that theres is a serviceable aircraft ready to fly patrol missions over the Adriatic daily. There are two crews: a day crew, which normally works 7 am to 7 pm, while the evening crew operates 7 pm to 7 am. These maintainers must do what is called a "B-check" two and a half hours before the aircraft is launched. During this check every member of the team has a list of equipment which he or she must verify for serviceability. Problems that are found must be resolved quickly because the mission must go on. The time factor motivates the technicians to be efficient and resourceful; "The Aurora pretty much has to get off the ground, so you learn what it is they really need and what it is that they can do without,"explains MCpl Carl Dillon, a Communications and Acoustics Technician. Every aircraft that leaves the runway sparks a sense of pride in the maintainers that watch it go. When the aircraft returns from a mission, the aircrew will be able to pass on how the systems worked and whether there were any problems: the maintenance cycle continues with an "A- check" after the mission is complete.

Although the maintainers here are accustomed to working with the aircraft and are well trained before they get here, the opportunity to work in a different environment does present new challenges.

"The main differences between operating here as opposed to Comox is that we work out of tents here with less personnel and support staff," explains Capt Terry Barton, the detachment's Aircraft Maintenance Officer who oversees both day and evening crews. One of his crew chiefs, WO Guss Mullaley says that he has been on about 12 detachments like this before, and this is the first time he has had to work out of a tent. "These conditions show you that it can be done with a little foresight and adaptability."

Working with less people is also a challenge. The 12-hour shifts are long and expectations are high. Unlike at home, there is only one specialist for each trade and many are cross-trained so that the detachment can do more with less personnel. "Here the technicians do not have peers in their own trade to rely on; they know that we are relying on them and their expertise," says Capt Barton with a certain sense of pride in the crews which work for him. Cpl Jay Harker, in Integral Systems Tech, explains that because he has been in the trade for five years he has seen most of the snags specific to the navigational systems before, "where the real learning kicks in is when you are helping others from another trade." Team work is an important part of operating with a small crew and because everybody has a chance to really get to know one another it is easier to work together. "You're not just working with a technician of another trade you are working with a person who has a name and is a friend. When you are done with your own responsibilities you move on to help the next person."

Another challenge is working with limited resources. "At home you just walk to the bin and pick up the part that you need. Here you have to make do with what is available," says Cpl Bob Strutz. "Sometimes that means using your initiative or even making the part."

For the Communications and Radar Tech, MCpl John Surch, the challenge is heightened by the importance of radar and the forward infra red looking sensor that he maintains. "The mission here is surveillance. If these two sensors are not working the mission cannot be accomplished." Even though Surch gets to show his stuff here, he would like to be at home with his wife, now pregnant. This is a challenge that doesn't get voiced very often because it is part of the job that all accept. Regardless, time away from home and family a month at a time takes its toll.

The Aurora has an aircraft camera mounted on its belly to photograph vessels during patrols. "The Aurora is the only aircraft that has a night illumination system for taking photos at night," says photographer, MCpl Simone Vattheuer. "It's a pretty good system so when it does get a snag, it's a real challenge to fix it. You may never have seen that particular snag before." Here, Vattheuer is the only photographer with the detachment. If she doesn't fix it, the mission is hindered. Thankfully, she has four years experience with this unique camera system and a supportive group of tecnicians to back her up.

While the group that participated in the more well known M\*A\*S\*H was tasked with caring for peoples lives, this second group is tasked with caring for the Aurora. Every challenge is faced with a simple formula of personal professionalism and corporate teamwork. WO Mullaley smiles, saying "it is like working with a unique and well oiled machine."