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**Remembrance Day  
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(Photos by Wing Imaging)



**19 Wing  
Guard  
Person of  
the Year  
98/99**

**Cpl Garry  
Hynds**



Cpl Garry Hynds was chosen as recipient of the 19 Wing Guard of Honour Guard Person of the Year Award 98/99. This award is based on dedication and commitment to Guard activities, dress and deportment and enthusiasm. These characteristics are strong throughout the Guard membership, however Cpl Hynds distinguished himself in all facets of Guard duties.

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# CANEX News



Wing Commander Col W.J. Neumann, Mr. Paul Pouliot (CANEX HQ), Dale Sjerven (Regional Manager), Terry Zerr (CANEX Manager) and Louise Jamme (CANEX HQ) cut the ribbon to re-open the store.



Right, Coke colouring contest winner Alissa Nyman, 12 years, pictured with Sheila O'Callaghan.

Above, Donna Chappin congratulates Coke contest winner Megan Giblin, 6 years.



Skylar Delong, age 4, wins in the Coke colouring contest. Denise Potvin congratulates him.



Brenda Ouellette was ecstatic to hear she had won the diamond sapphire during our gold sale. Manon Popp was happy to congratulate her.

## United Way Raffle results

The United Way campaign wrapped up early in November with the Wing raising \$14,888.11! Thanks to everyone who helped achieve this total. Raffle winners are: 4-Night Getaway to Crystal Cove (2 certificates) - Capt R. East, WOps and Capt Skuja, WOps. 2-Night deluxe accommodations at Painter's Lodge - Mr. Manny Furtado, Central Heating Plant. 100 litres of gas - Ms Colleen Welsh, WPersSvcs.

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Renovations have finally been completed here at CANEX. Our Grand Re-opening was a success with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Wing Comd Col Neumann and Mr. Paul Pouliot, CANEX HQ, cut the ribbon to officially re-open the store. Mr. Pouliot then joined CANEX staffer Donna Chappin in making the first cut in the cake. Donna was chosen as it was her 50th birthday and we give her our best wishes.

Renovations were a long haul and all staff worked hard to get everything finished before the deadline. Our contractors worked tirelessly and we would like to extend our greatest thanks to them all. We at CANEX would also like to thank our manager, Terry Zerr, for his hard efforts and planning for the renovations and for making things go smoothly. It took a great deal of time and pressure but the end result makes things worthwhile. At times, we must admit it was chaotic for you, our customers, and we apologize for any inconvenience you may have incurred during this time and thank you for being patient with us.

So many things have changed in the store, starting with all new shelving units, new walk-in cooler, more floor space for ladies and men's wear, more spacing for furniture along with new ceiling and lighting, giving the store a much brighter look. We are pleased with the new look and hope you all are too.

Now that things are completed it is time to get ready for Christmas. We will have most of your Christmas needs so don't forget to stop by and see our selection. Remember CANEX is your store.

Watch for SANTA in CANEX Wednesdays and Saturdays in December.



Donna Chappin was pleased to cut her biggest birthday cake ever with Col Neumann, Paul Pouliot and Dale Sjerven on hand in case she needed assistance!

## Next Deadlines

Advertising: 1 Dec. Articles: 3 Dec. noon

## Win Five Video Rentals for playing CANEX TRIVIA

### Who was credited for shooting down the Red Baron?

- A. Captain A.R. Brown D.S.C.
- B. Major W.A. Bishop V.C., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C.
- C. Major R. Collishaw D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C.

### Which squadron gained fame as an anti-shipping unit that made daring mast height attacks?

- A. 405 Sqn
- B. 404 Sqn
- C. 407 Sqn

### What was the date of the first test flight of the Avro Arrow?

- A. April 23, 1955
- B. March 25, 1958
- C. October 12, 1962

### Name the three aerobatic teams of the RCAF/CAF?

- A. Snowbirds, Blue Angels, Golden Knights
- B. Snowbirds, Golden Centennaires, Golden Hawks
- C. Skyhawks, Snowbirds, Blue Angels

### What is the range of the CH133 Labrador?

- A. 1110 km
- B. 1300 km
- C. 900 km

All of the answers can be found at [www.airforce.dnd.ca](http://www.airforce.dnd.ca)

Name .....  
Phone #.....

To enter: Drop off your completed trivia sheet at the Canex Customer Service Desk. A winner with the correct answers will be drawn from all of the entries received. The draw will take place on Friday, December 3. The winner's name will be published in the next issue of the Totem Times.



## National Safe Driving Week Canada Safety Council Impaired Driving "What's New?"

### MSE Safety

During this year's National Safety Week, MSE Safety will be heavily involved in promoting safe habits and safe use of the roads. Many prizes for adhering to some traffic regulations and for participation will be awarded.

MSE Safety will also be conducting, at no charge, a Dependent Defensive Driving Course which will be held on December 1 and 2, starting at 18:00 hrs and ending at 21:00 hrs both nights. Every family member possessing a driving license is invited to attend. They can register ahead of scheduled course at local 8983.

Keep the holiday season a happy one. Please, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

Impaired driving causes over twice as many deaths in Canada as homicide. Of Canada's 3,064 road fatalities in 1997, about 40 per cent were alcohol-related. This represents over 1,200 deaths, compared to 581 homicide offences. In 1997, police laid over 84,000 charges for impaired operation of a vehicle. Impaired driving continues to be a serious social and health problem which impacts all Canadians. During the 45th annual National Safe Driving Week (December 1 - 7, 1999), the Canada Safety Council wants to draw the attention of all Canadians to the

increased severity of the penalties for impaired drivers in Canada passed by the federal government.

Earlier this year, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights reviewed the Criminal Code sections on impaired driving. Despite the immense human and financial cost of impaired driving (most Canadians have been affected by it directly or indirectly), it had not been amended since 1985.

The Standing Committee heard recommendations from many groups, including enforcement agencies, insurers, victims, commercial and industry stakeholders, and safety organizations. The Canada Safety Council said the old law left the public vulnerable to dangerous repeat offenders who either were not convicted because of loopholes and technicalities, or who re-offend after fulfilling their sentence.

After considering all the input, the following amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada, Bill C-82, were introduced by the Committee to the House of Commons on June 9 where they passed and became law on July 1, 1999:

• Minimum fines for first-time impaired driving convictions double from \$300 to \$600.

• The mandatory minimum driving prohibition increases from three months to one year for a first offence, from six months to two

years for a second offence and from one year to three years on subsequent offences.

• Maximum driving prohibition periods increase from three years to five years for a second offence and from three years to a lifetime ban on a third offence.

• The maximum penalty for driving while prohibited rises from two years to five years imprisonment.

• Police now have three hours, instead of two, to demand a breath or blood sample from a driver whom they believe on reasonable grounds to be impaired.

• Judges may require the use of an ignition interlock system as a condition of prohibition where such a program is available.

• At the time of sentencing, judges are now required to consider a blood alcohol level exceeding twice the criminal offence level as an aggravating factor.

This fall the House will debate a second piece of legislation, Bill C-87, which would increase the maximum sentence for impaired driving causing death from the current 14 years to life imprisonment.

Says Canada Safety Council president Emile Therien, "We applaud this government's efforts, after 14 years, to amend the law. We hope the amended law will be backed by the resources and commitment needed to make it effective."

## Teens work for CMFRC fund raiser



(L-R): Maj Brian Newlove, Marc Doucet, Ginny Bolduc and Col Bill Neumann.

Teens are just part of the team selling raffle tickets for the Comox Military Family Resource Centre's fund-raising drive to purchase/lease a 15-passenger van. For just \$2 you can buy a chance at winning two roundtrip tickets to anywhere Canadian Airlines flies (in its own carrier). Draw date is Friday, December 24 at noon at the CMFRC. Flights must be completed by March 31, 2000. Get your tickets from CMFRC today!

## Service Air Travel Program Restructured

Due to concerns addressed in the SCONDA Report and the reduction of personnel in the Canadian Forces, the CF believes that the current travel system did not meet its requirements. A review of the travel system was conducted. The following are the major changes to the Service Air Travel Program effective 1 April 2000:

• There will be two categories of travel: DUTY and NON-DUTY

• Duty Travel will continue with reservations through the DND Travel Centre

• Given the limited resources available, Non-Duty travel (Compassionate and Vacation) will change. In an effort to provide more equitable opportunity for compassionate travellers with last minute urgent requirements, all Non-Duty travel will be available on a first come first served basis, 24 hours in advance of scheduled flight times. Where seats are available, confirmation will be given at the time of the booking.

• CF members who currently hold Priority 4 points have until March 31, 2000 to complete any travel under the current system. There will be no carry forward of unused points. Every effort will be made to ensure that maximum use can be made of Priority 4 seats before the program ends. Based on historical usage, it is estimated that there will be approximately 750 Priority 4 seats available between now and 1 April 2000.

• Total number of travel seats will be reduced by 40 to 45%.

## Air Force Orders Operating Restrictions for Maritime Patrol Aircraft

Winnipeg (Nov. 19) — The CP-140 Aurora and CP-140A Arcturus maritime patrol aircraft will be restricted to non-pressurized flight under 10,000 feet until further notice. The decision was made after a contractor conducting a regularly scheduled overhaul of one of the aircraft discovered that two thin layers of the skin were separating and that corrosion was present. This delamination of the skin, which is not readily visible, could potentially lead to an in-flight depressurization.

As the Aurora's surveillance role requires the aircraft to patrol at low altitude, the impact on operations is minimal, and aircraft will continue to fly their regular missions. However, the restriction requires that transits to and from patrol areas to be flown below 10,000 feet. This will require slightly more time and fuel, potentially leading to a minor decrease in the length of a surveillance patrol.

Canadian Forces aircraft engineering staff are currently developing a "special inspection" instruction, a process expected to be completed within a week. This inspection will give aircraft maintenance staff direction as to how to identify the problem and, if required, how to effect the repair. CP-140 operations are expected to return to normal within a few weeks.

The Canadian Forces CP-140 fleet, procured in 1980, comprises 13 Auroras and three Arcturus aircraft based in Greenwood, N.S., as well as five Auroras based in Comox, B.C. The Aurora is a long-range patrol aircraft that is used primarily for maritime surface and sub-surface surveillance. Comox-based Aurora crews were most recently in the news detecting illegal migrant vessels on the West Coast. The Arcturus aircraft is primarily used for training.

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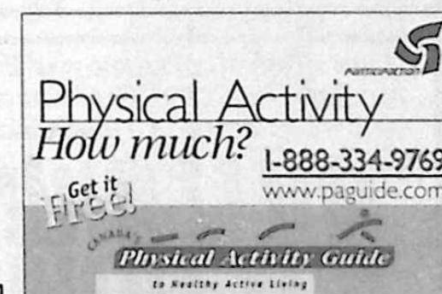
Cpl Hynds was born in Nanaimo, British Columbia and joined the military in April 1980. He is a highly dedicated and diligent Aviation Technician employed in 407 (MP) Sqn. His keen standards are apparent not only in his technical expertise but also in his enthusiasm to routinely volunteer for difficult tasks, with the willingness to work overtime to see them to completion.

Cpl Hynds is an active member of the community, volunteering as an assistant at Comox Elementary School with the French Immersion Program and as a coach in the Comox Youth Soccer Program.

In response to a CANFORGEN from the CDS for nominees to perform sentinel duties at the National War Museum on Remembrance Day, 19 Wing forwarded Cpl Hynds' credentials and the recommendation of the Wing Commander, Col W.J. Neumann, to the office of the CDS for consideration. It is with great pride that we announce that Cpl Hynds was selected as the Chief of the Air Staff representative for guard duties at the 1999 Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the National War Mu-



Cpl Hynds' success in this national selection process was achieved by his outstanding performances in past similar duties and his unparalleled character. He is uniquely qualified to stand in memoriam for our fallen comrades. He travelled to the nation's capital with his wife Michelle and infant son Geoffrey Winston where they attended several formal functions with the Governor General and the Command Generals and Chiefs. We congratulate Garry and his family in receiving this well deserved honour and extend the





## The military mind



The stereotypical military mind. What exactly is it like, or better yet, how exactly is it sold to the public? Well, one of the characteristics often stated, is inflexibility. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Take the most recent Remembrance Day ceremony in Comox, for example. I went there on Thursday morning, in the pouring rain, fully expecting to be standing for the thirty minutes that it normally takes for the full ceremony. After all, they were actual war veterans, the very embodiment of the military mind, and therefore must have been completely inflexible, particularly when it comes to ceremonial affairs.

To my surprise, the ceremony was abbreviated, with a well-deserved recognition of the age of some of the veterans being subjected to a merciless, cold downpour, and the whole ceremony concluded in a matter of fifteen minutes. The most important thing was that a great many people showed up to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom, and not the actual order and circumstance of the traditional ceremony.

For in truth, the military mind is very flexible, and open to new and interesting ideas. How else would the veterans have survived such trying times and such terrible conditions. It's in the application of those thoughts and ideas that we sometimes get a little bogged down.

Joel Clarkson

## Letter to the Editor

### Insights from Cairo

(The following letter was recently received by our Editor in Chief.)  
Salaamou Aleekum Joel:

This is just a short note to let you know how much the Totem Times means to Mary and I as we do Canada's bidding in Cairo. We eagerly await each edition so we can scan the "fish wrapper" for familiar names and faces as well as follow the progress of new construction and the completion of old projects. With respect to the latter, I'm sure the ATC folks and the sporty people (go LEAFS go) are growing more anxious by the minute for their new digs. I must admit that I too feel these emotions and look forward to your photo spread of the opening events.

Mary and I read and watch with great interest the wonderful work that the members of 19 Wing are doing on a daily basis, maintaining the military ethos that has made our nation so great. Whether it is fulfilling the building program or rebuilding the Buffalo that NDHQ was going to write off, the dedication of our folks has got to be compelling to all observers. Sometimes I think that you have to actually be on the outside looking in to understand and appreciate fully how great a job you all are doing. There can be no doubt that Comox is taking the Air Force family into the 21st century in stellar fashion. Clearly, it has not been easy, nor will it get any easier in the near future, but 19 Wing appears to be functioning like a well-oiled team.

Just a little bit of news from the desert. I recently attended (17 Oct) the Remembrance Day ceremony at El Alamein. There are 39 young Canadians buried there and 215 more whose names appear on the memorial. Most, if not all were

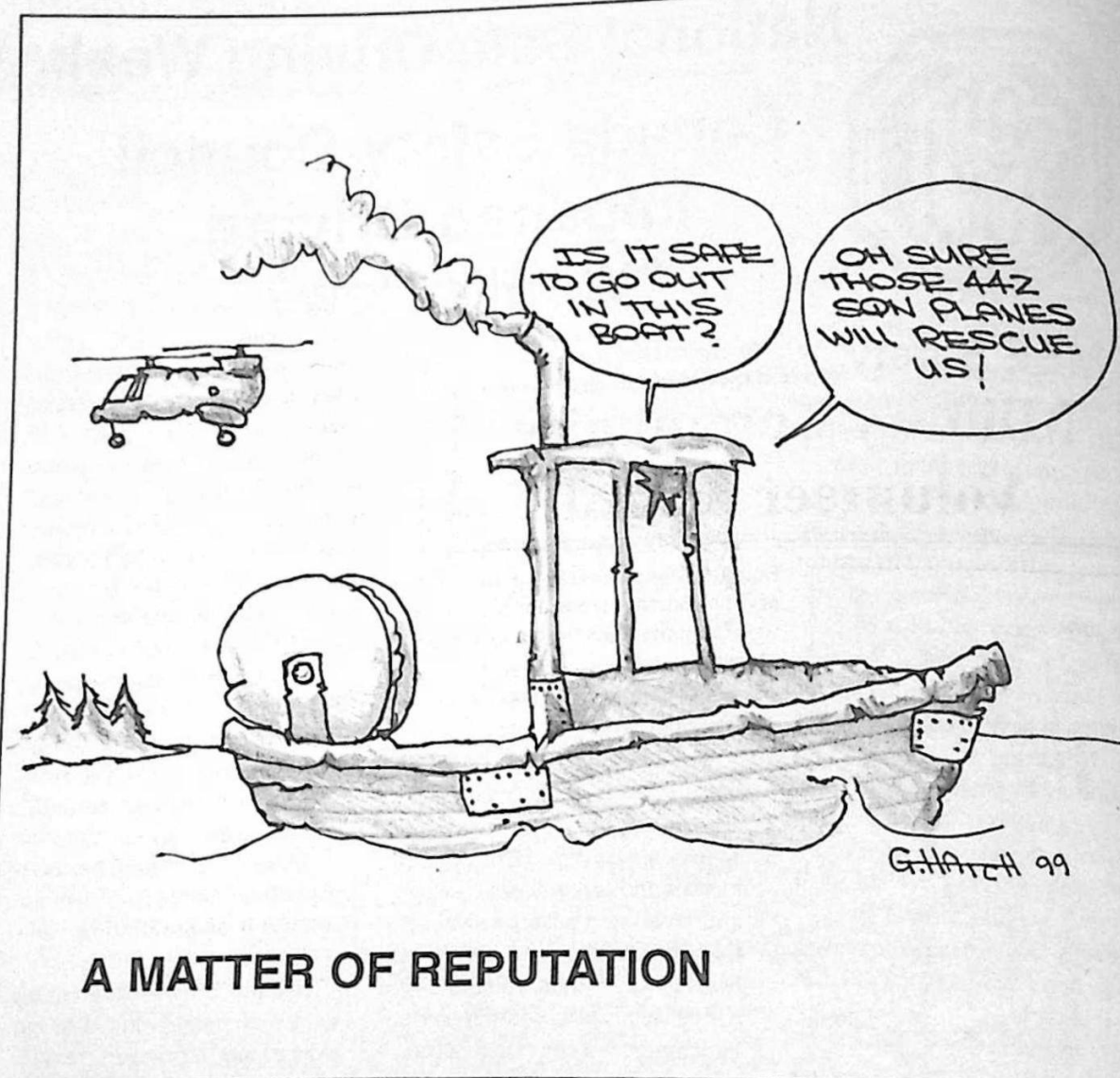
members of the RCAF and were aircrew. As I planted flags at each gravesite and later laid a wreath on behalf of Canada, I could not help but think of the ceremonies back home on Remembrance Day. Also, I was reminded of those who live in the Comox area and who participated in this campaign, like Wg Cdr "Sticky" Edwards. During the ceremony, as I gazed over the too many rows of crosses in the desert and the El Quatar depression where Rommel was ultimately defeated, I certainly had occasion to reflect on just how fortunate Canadians are and how much we owe to our veterans. The ceremony was well attended with over 1000 allied troops (mostly British) from Exercise Brightstar in attendance. There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 Nov at Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo, where I will once again have the honour of representing Canada and paying my respects to our fallen comrades on behalf of all Canadians.

Please pass our best wishes to all our friends and acquaintances at Comox (too many to list) and please pass a very special congratulations to the Majors Benninger on the birth of their new son, Logan.

That's it for now from Egypt and the wonderful city of Cairo. I hope that any 19 Wing folks travelling this way will look us up through the Canadian Embassy.

Cheers,  
B.B. (Brian) MacLean  
Colonel, CFA Cairo

P.S. My compliments to Finn for his article in the 28 Oct. edition. If he keeps up these types of compelling articles the dailies will soon be after him.



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## New Year's Day Levees

As part of 19 Wing's traditional New Year's Day celebrations, the Officers' Mess and the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess will host New Year's Day Levees.

**Timing:**  
Officers' Mess 1000-1200 hrs.  
WOs' & Sgts' Mess 1030-1230 hrs.  
**Dress:**  
Military members, DEU 1A (with medals).  
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## Military Community Volunteer Award



Russ Burns

the recipient of this edition's award, stepped into his old EAP shoes when help was required.

Russ Burns is a plumber working out of CE's Plumbing & Heating Shop. He was Plumbing Foreman before amalgamation. He is a long-term employee who has witnessed many changes during his years at CFB Comox, among those the benefits bestowed on personnel by the Employee Assistance Program. For 10 years Russ was himself an EAP Referral Agent, spending many hours, often after work, helping Base employees who felt distressed. He retired from the EAP but, though feeling worn out from the many referrals he had made over the years, sprang back into the breach when a gap needed bridging between one EAP group and the next. Russ has neither hesitated when being asked for advice based on his multi-faceted experiences, nor stinted on physical contribution in setting up the new EAP office.

The Military Community Volunteer Award is open to any member of the military or civilian employee, their spouses and dependents. Submissions: Nominees for the Award should include a photograph and writeup. Please drop off all entries at the Totem Times Office. Prize: The winner receives a medium pizza, courtesy of Luca's Pizza.

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## Cormorant subcontract to Magellan

FORT ERIE (ON) - Mr. John Maloney, on behalf of the Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence, announced today that a \$9.7 million subcontract has been awarded to Fleet Industries Limited to manufacture the lower forward fuselage, a primary structural component, for the Cormorant Helicopter. Based in Fort Erie, Fleet Industries Limited is an operating unit of Magellan Aerospace Corporation.

"The significant contract announced today demonstrates how the Government of Canada's decision to purchase the Cormorant Helicopter is leading to important international business opportunities for aerospace companies right here at home," said Mr. Maloney.

In its 1994 Defence White Paper, the Government pledged to replace the existing search and rescue fleet of Labrador's with new, affordable, off-the-shelf helicopters. While the primary objective of the project is still to secure operationally sound equipment at a price Canadians can afford, industrial and regional benefits (IRBs) were also part of the selection process. In Team Cormorant's case, it has committed IRBs of approximately \$630 million to all regions of Canada over eight years.

The first two Cormorant helicopters are on the production line

and will enter service in February 2001. The Canadian Forces ordered a total of 15 helicopters.

Funding for this project was provided for in the February 1999 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

We've all heard those fated words at some point in our career, whether spoken directly to us or aimed at a co-worker: "That's just the way things are when you are in the Military!" There are, of course, many variants to this statement but they all basically boil down to the same meaning:

-That there is no control over said event.  
-That being in the Military gives us no choice but to accept things as they are, for being in the Military means that none of the decision-makers can take credit for the outcome as the end results are out of their hands.

This statement has been used to explain many outcomes that affect every one of us in our day to day lives:

-Why a member is placed on

All of us at 19 AMS AVN Component Shop would like to extend a fond farewell to Pte Janeen Dohn. Janeen is leaving us on December 17 to join her husband Andre in Trenton. She will be joining the Trenton ARAF unit in a Class A, AVN position, upon her arrival. Her reunion with Andre will be interrupted once again though; she also plans on taking an AME course, starting next August, at Canadore College in North Bay, Ontario.

Janeen is originally from Wellings, Ontario. She joined the military in January 1997 and finished her AVNQL3 training in July 1998. After a two week Airforce Indocination course, Janeen was posted to 19AMS Comp Shop on 28 August 1998. She was then loaned out to 414 Squadron in order to learn aircraft servicing and maintenance on the CT133 T-Bird aircraft. This was a requirement for her AVN apprenticeship training. In July of 1999, upon completion of her apprenticeship training, Janeen came back to 19 AMS AVN Component Shop. There she



Sgt John Naugler, first seal to the Physical Fitness Award for Aerobic Excellence.



Pte Colin Clansey, first chevron.

## Good Luck Pte Janeen Dohn



Pte Janeen Dohn was presented with her Certificate of Service by the CO of 19AMS, Maj Kettenacker.

started her journeyman's training in the Instrument Electrical side of the shop. With a lot of hard work, including studying at night, she successfully managed to learn many components well enough to have them signed off on her new 19 AMS Journeyman's Log Book.

We will all miss her uplifting spirit and vivacious personality when she leaves the shop. Good Luck with your AME course Janeen! Who knows, there will probably be more than one of us following the same path in the months to come.



Pte Ian Slate, first chevron.



Pte Hugo Lemay, Certificate of Service.

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## That's just the way things are...

By Cpl Kaye

course, sent on TD or sent on a tour of duty during the period of time that his spouse will be giving birth.

-Why a Military couple is sent on separate postings.

-Why a member is posted to an undesirable location which others will accept.

There are too many examples to list, but I'm sure that most of you have your own stories to tell.

As a serving member of the Air Force for the past eleven years, I have personally witnessed many such examples and have my own opinions on this matter. Is this a matter of a decision-maker's hands being tied or is somebody taking the 'easy' way out by not taking the time to find a viable alternative. Is it easier to 'order' somebody to take an unfavorable

course of action than it is to work with the person to realize a mutually satisfying outcome? Are the differences in responsibility and rank so great that a person is not deserving of a feeling of respect and pride within this organization? Are the people around you the stepping stones on your way up the corporate ladder or are they the support should you fall?

"That's just the way things are when you are in the Military!" No matter how many Flight Plan's or SHARP training's are thrown our way there will always be those who fall back on this simple statement. I challenge those who would use this statement so carelessly. Work for and with your people, not against them! There are almost always alternatives to any given situation. Can somebody else fill that

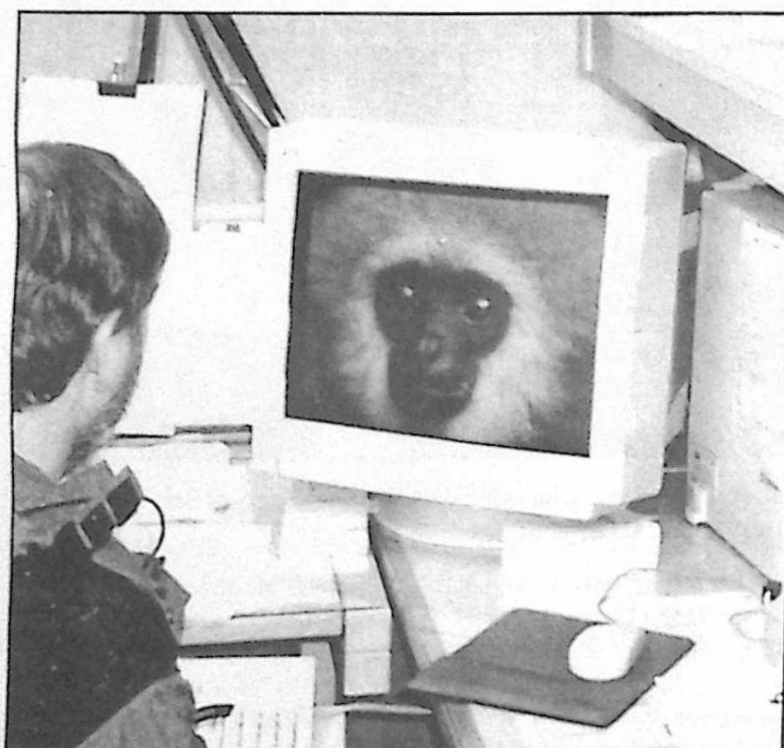
position? Is it an operational requirement that this position be filled? Can a posting be delayed to accommodate a personal crisis? Look at the facts! Is it really necessary to put an undue amount of stress on a member and his or her family just because that is the Military way? Of course there will always be exceptions, but in these cases explain why the decisions are being made. At least the member will walk away knowing that everything possible was done to meet their unique needs.

By now I am sure that those who disagree with me have stopped reading and gone on to better things. To those who would let this fall on deaf ears I have but one thing to say: "That's just the way things are when you are in the Military!"



## Positive proof of evolution

**ă'tavism** *n.* Resemblance to remote ancestors rather than parents; reversion to earlier type; hence **ă'tavistic** *a.*



Though it may not be a regular occurrence, the resemblance of a child to a long-forgotten ancestor is a fairly common phenomenon. The parents wonder, for the child looks nothing like them. But only cloning guarantees an identical likeness. By dint of procreation genes get shuffled and then shuffled some more. We look less and less like our distant ancestors. And then, suddenly, an uncanny resemblance to a very late Lord of the Manor, whose whiskered countenance and large, questioning eyes make it seem as if we are looking in a mirror. The genes have fallen back into their old places. Sometimes very old places.

It helps knowing a little bit about the theories of evolution. Our putative forebear, Proconsul, may have been a gorilla-like creature, living during the Pliocene some 20 million years ago. Down he came off the trees during the prolonged drought of the Miocene, and a million years ago, in the Pleistocene, he began to assume a shape more resembling ours. Skeletal remains have indicated that the species Australopithecine (for which the austral stand not for the seemingly

obvious, but for southern – thus, Austr. Africanus means the South African simian, or ape) could have been a forerunner of Homo Erectus. The Australopithecus Robustus in particular, with his heavier build, has sold anthropologists on this phase of evolution.

The rest is more commonly known: Up through the times via Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal, perhaps not the beautiful creatures as we like to think of ourselves, but identifiably a member of the species Homo Sapiens of which we take some, possibly mistaken, pride in belonging.

Up to the now of the Holocene and Neocene, we, creatures of trimmed eyebrows, groomed locks, shaven cheeks, and often illuminated from within by an innate feeling of intellectual superiority. And yet tied to our long distant past by the blood of ancestors (if ancestors we would like to forget).

Not hard, then, to imagine CE's Electric Team Leader Ian Cameron's stunned reaction upon seeing an unexpected reflection of himself in the screen of his monitor. Especially when the image began laughing hysterically.

## Finn bits.....

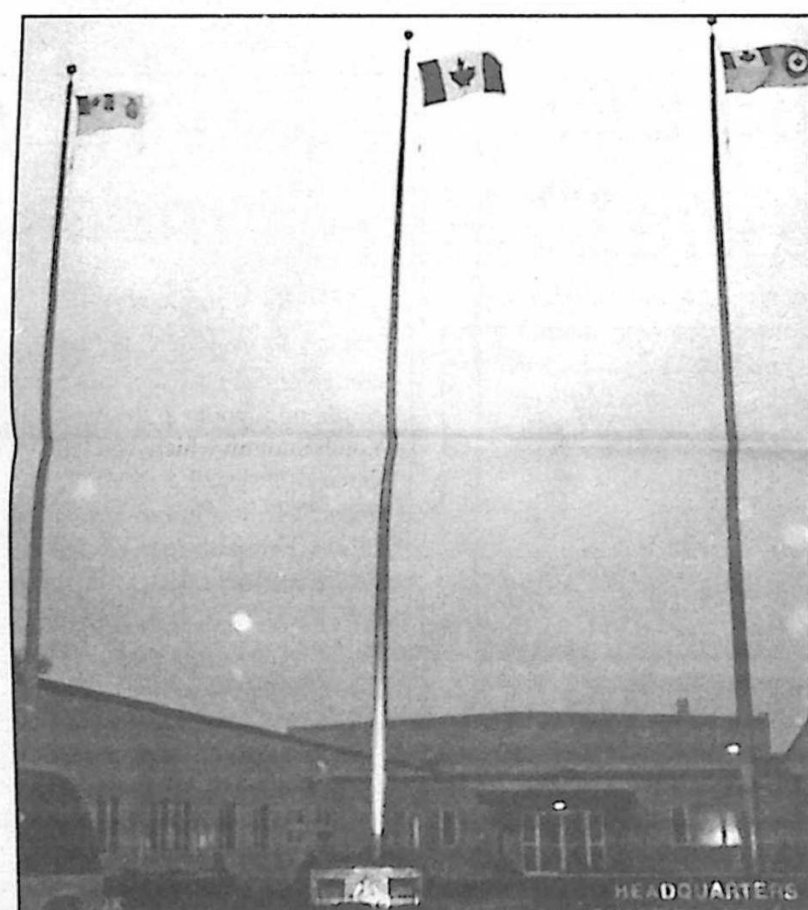


### The season of quick changes

With the advent of fall withered leaves floated free, although in the case of the silver birches situated by the corner opposite B22, first they turned a fairy-tale white, counter-pointing dark, brooding skies while complementing low-hanging, fleecy clouds.



Nights became frosty, leaving roads icy and slippery for the morning drive to work. CE's Airfield & Works' members Norm Maximick and Trevor Vance decided that prudence required preparatory check-up of the sander trailer, ensuring it was ready to perform its winter duties.



Rainy days were followed by days so stormy that trees bent, and the centre flagpole fronting Headquarters took on a decidedly conservative stance by increasingly leaning to the right. It was found that the bolts securing the pole to its foundation had worked loose. A CE Works crew first anchored the pole to a truck with heavy ropes, then removed it for safety reasons.



# The pits? Yes and no

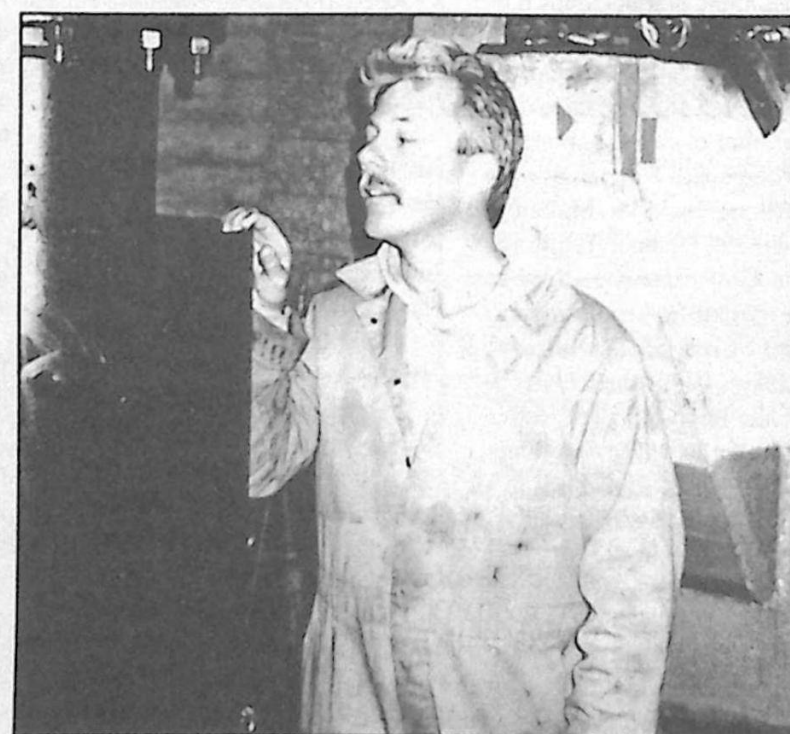


Keith Clarke checking the scavenger tank...

The place CE's Keith Clarke and Dan Westhaver, R&M Team, are checking out belongs indeed to the pits – in this case, the east freight elevator pit in Hgr 7. But the effect of the R&M-installed scavenger tank, which recycles the oil to the elevator, is up there with other success stories.

At one time the used oil had to be removed from the catch basin, transferred into buckets, carried up a perpendicular ladder, and then taken out of the hangar for disposal. The procedure was costly, time consuming, tiring – and fraught with the risk of polluting.

With the scavenger tank, the oil is filtered, then recycled back, to be used over and over – and of pollution there is none.



...while Dan Westhaver peers into the elevator pit's catch basin.

## Pipe dreamers and sprinkler dust



Plumber Bob Spencer looks amused...

### WComd to CE: "Well done!"



In the lobby of CE's main building, B109, there sits a scrolled, "A Great Thank You," to CE staff from WCEO, Maj Wayne Gauthier. The Thank You is for work performed throughout 1999.

The scroll goes on to say, "Your high standard of performance augurs well for the new millennium."

Now the entire CE Flight may walk with even more of a bounce in its collective steps, for WComd, Col Bill Neumann, has added some high praise of his own. In his talks to Base personnel at the 1999 Town Hall Meetings, and spelled out in an e-mailed encapsulation of those words, Col Neumann sets apart Wing Construction Engineering as worthy of special mention.

"While it has been a great team effort, and at risk of missing some very deserving sections and individuals, I do wish to single out Wing CE. The number of major projects they have on the go are enough to bring any organisation to its knees, but despite the contract effort they have managed to bring us several exceptional local projects.

"The spectacular job on the arena and new barracks are the result of incredible ingenuity and Herculean efforts. Well done!" (Italics added).

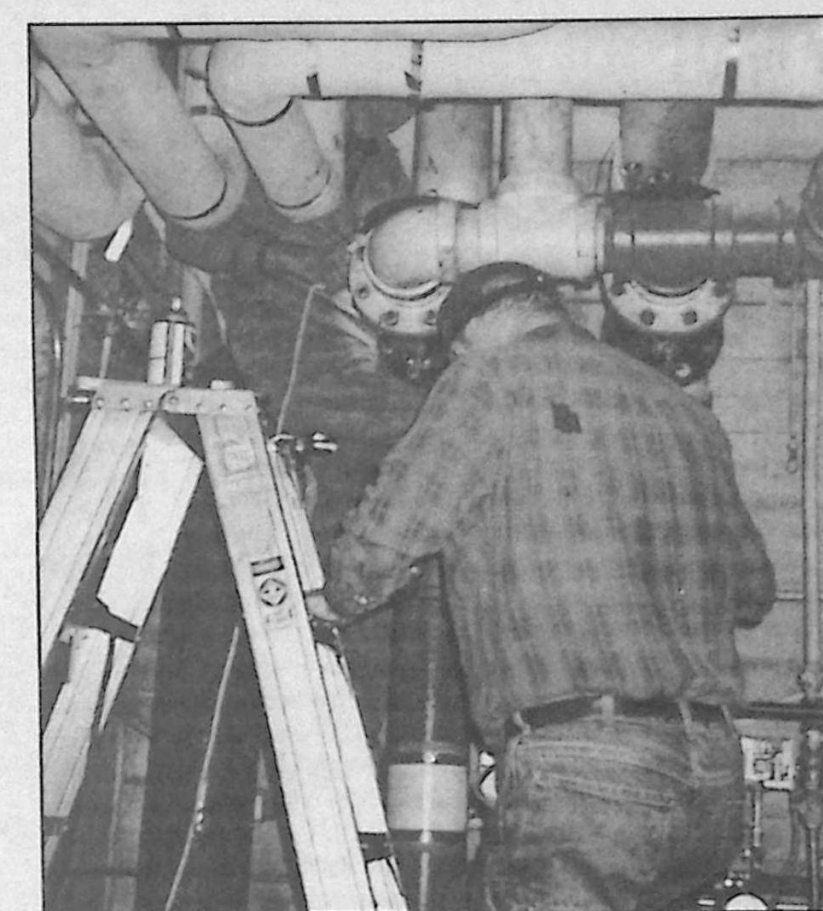
The high praise will receive place of honour on the lobby's display shelf.

Dreams, of course, not infrequently turn into nightmares, and pixy dust should not be confused with sprinkler ditto. The latter kind of dust, like smoke, may get in your eyes and also make you cough.

But with a "Hey ho, off we go" (or something similarly inspirational, perhaps a "Why us?") CE plumbers Russ Burns and Bob Spencer, P&H Team, in high spirits tackled the sprinkler project in the breezeway of Hgr 7.

First, though, they descended into the pipe-infested mechanical room of the hangar, there to carry out maintenance on the backflow preventer, and to check out the valve assemblies.

Then it was up and into the breezeway where every single sprinkler head was replaced with a new one – a full day's labour, but at least one accomplished under less cramped conditions than the pipe-cluttered mech room.



...as colleague Russ Burns tries to join company.

## Youth conference a memorable experience

By Marc Doucet

I am 17 years old and was recently chosen to represent our community youth at the National Youth Summit which, was held in Ontario during the week of August 22. I was honoured to be given this opportunity and was determined to be a good representative.

When we arrived we were given our work schedules, and we got to work straight away. The schedules included tons of activities, including early morning activities that started at 6:30 p.m. with a polar bear swim, yoga, or kick boxing. The day's events also included other activities such as canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, tennis, floor hockey, and beach volleyball. I was part of a team of youth who organized and planned a final dance, (which was a huge success) before we all departed for home. But it was not all fun and games. There were a



Marc Doucet relaxing at the National Youth Summit farewell party.

lot of presentations and focus groups on issues such as, how to make healthy choices around drinking and driving, youth education and employment, the extended absences of military parents and youth empowerment.

I loved being apart of the youth

summit. It was good to talk to other teens and share our common interests. It was great to meet people from all over the world who share a common lifestyle. I would definitely do it again. This experience will remain with me forever.

## Military youth tell their story

By Ginny Bolduc

Being chosen to represent the Comox military teens at the National Youth summit, was a great honour. I must say besides all the

hard work and thinking we did, we did have a lot of fun. It was an opportunity to express my thoughts and feelings about being

a military teen. We got to talk about the issues we are facing, and how to problem solve to find solutions for them. We discussed the pros and cons of living in a military family. I met old friends and made some new ones. We participated in activities that exercised our leadership skills, our minds, and our creativity. We had the support of a great staff that made sure we had everything we needed, and inspired confidence in us. We had many responsibilities and were treated like young adults. We participated in outdoor sports, meetings, presentations, meal preparation and recreation. I am glad for the opportunity to have my voice heard, and was able to exchange my ideas with teens from all over Canada who are working to achieve a common goal.



Ginny Bolduc creating awareness around issues that military youth face at the 1999 National Youth Summit.



# Beaver Tales

## 191 AEF "deploys" Jarvis Lake SAR Survival School

By Cpl Cliff Turcott

In the past, various bases were tasked to support the maintenance and new construction at the Jarvis Lake SAR Training School. Due to the infrastructure, restructuring the needed work was being overlooked. With the camp requiring maintenance and a much needed shower point, 191 AEF was tasked to do the job.

At 04:30 hrs on 12 October, 16 personnel from 191 AEF, MWO Shields, Sgts Wagner, Linden, Pelchat, MCpls Bachmier, Beauchamp, Poisson, Wilkison, Cpls Burgher, Burton, Genereux, Hacking, Klein, Norwood, Parker, Turcott and our cook, OS Buick, departed in five trucks and a tractor trailer full of materials and tools, headed for Jarvis Lake, Alberta. After a ferry ride and a few Husky burgers along the way, we arrived in Kamloops, where we spent the night. The next morning we were off to another early start and, with a few gas pit stops along the way, we found ourselves (after two days) at our final destination. Things were looking good, our materials and tools had shown up and none of our vehicles had broken down along the way. Even our yellow Hum-Vee had made it without a problem.

Set in William A. Switzer Provincial Park, 20 minutes northeast of Hinton, Alberta, lies Jarvis Lake SAR Survival School. With the backdrop of hills and pine trees and with the lake at its doorstep I wondered if we were going to get any work done here.

At sunrise, the generator fired, Cpl Norwood was up and Cpl Klein in the Thomas. With the camp mice scattering and the squirrels looking on the project started. With the personnel divided up into their various teams: Carpenters (MCpl Bachmier, Cpls Genereux, Parker, Norwood and Burgher); Plumbing and Heating (MCpls Wilkison, Poisson, Cpls Turcott, and Hacking); Electricians (Sgt Linden, Cpl Burton), and with MWO Shields holding the reins, and Sgt Wagner holding the whip, the work was under way.

Our first order of business was to find a suitable location for the new shower point building. After a brief discussion among the OPIs and Sgt Wagner, making sure,

of course, there were no overhead power lines in the way, the pegs were driven in for the layout of the building. While the electricians were busy finding a spot for their secondary power drop and the plumbing/heating crew were renovating the mechanical room in the accommodation building for the new pressure tank system. MCpl Bachmier went to clear a path for the relocation of the new ablation building. After cutting down a pesky 70-ft tree that was in his way, he found to his annoyance, after closely looking at the floor joists that they had rotted out over the years. Not to be set back by this turn of events, his team dismantled, moved and rebuilt the building in just a few days.

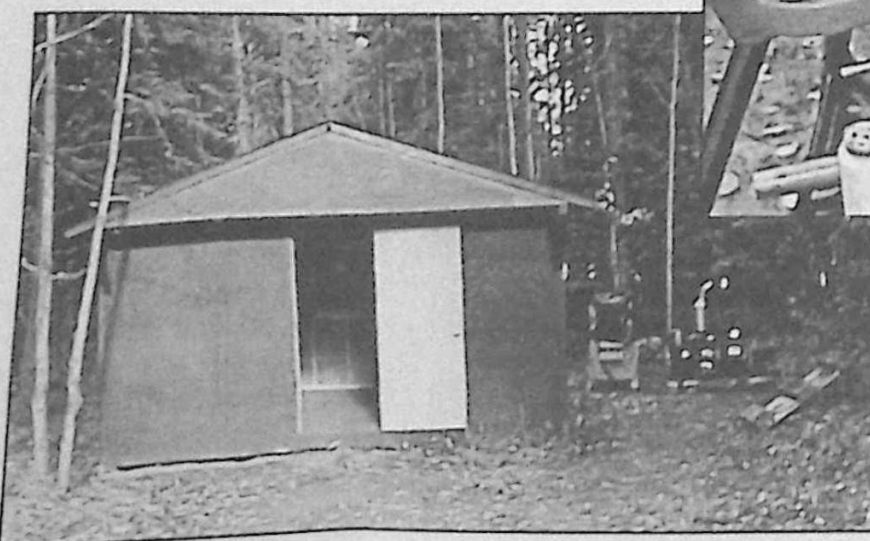


Sgt Linden ran a refresher Pole Climbing Course but forgot to tell Cpl Burton how to get down!

Cpl Burgher is in the way of the door again.



Cpl Burgher trying to catch fish any way he can. Hey, Dean - it's October!



The building before renovations and relocation.



MCpl Wilkison making sure his soldering is perfect.

With the building now in place, the electrical, water, propane and drainage services could now be run up to the building. It was now time for the interior of the building to be worked on. The electrical team hooked up their wires to the panel and switches while the plumbing team hooked up the integral piping of the building. Hats off to Cpl Hacking (just off his QL3 course) who, assisted by MCpl Poisson, soldered up about 500 fittings without a single leak.

After two weeks a building appeared, complete with heat, lights, running water, hot showers and a place for the students to wash and brush their teeth. Along with that the 1800 square foot roof had been resurfaced and various maintenance jobs completed around the camp.

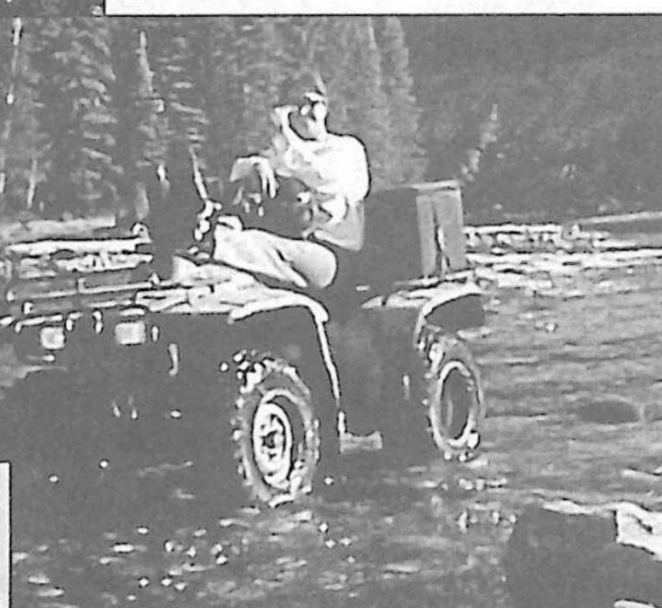
Headquarters staff (armed with credit cards, a cell phone and Wally's supply van) MCpl Beauchamp was sent off to town to bring us back material from the various shops. Sgt Pelchat ran an ATV training course, which turned out to be beneficial to most (except MWO Shields who now gets to fill out an accident report form).

Up early in the morning with a smile, our cook OS Buick made sure we had coffee and hot meals throughout the day along with pastries. She often went that extra mile to serve up Cordon Blue, Chinese food and shishkabobs.

Each crew was met with a different challenge. These challenges were overcome with a new understanding of what to expect in future deployments. The weather, our enemy force, surprisingly held back for the successful completion of the project.

Our time off was spent fishing, ATving and, for the blue-blooded, a little water-skiing and swimming.

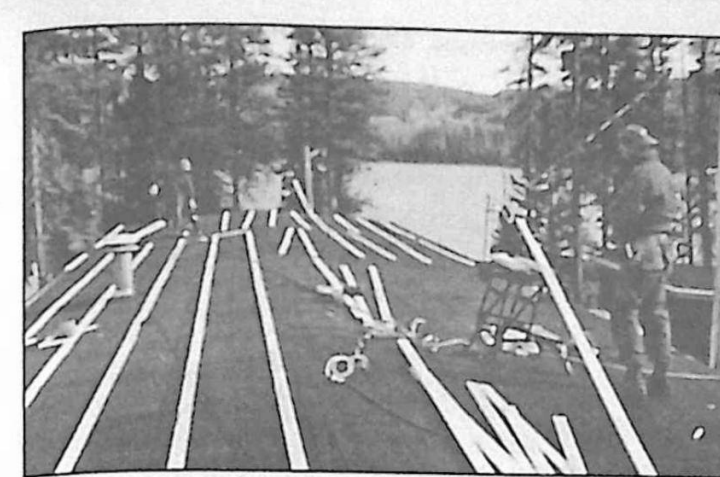
With the last log tossed on our fire by the lake, another Beaver Tale is engraved in its wake. CHIMO!



MCpl Beauchamp with her new "field desk" with a view.



AEF Commander, MWO Shields, receiving a cake after she was made an honorary engineer.



Cpls Parker and Genereux resurfacing roof on accommodation building.



Cpl "No job too big" Klein. Holes were augered, trenches were dug and landscaping was no problem.



17,000 lb. holding tank being hoisted into place.

## Baby SAR Techs take first steps!

By Cpl Kelley

As you may have guessed, herein lies a brief written account of the first few months in the new lives of the students of SAR QLSA 990, known around station as the "baby SAR Techs" or "Wannabes."

In the beginning (of the course that is) there were 12 Wannabes, now there are 10 - such is life. Those 10 remaining are, in no particular order, Cpls Ron Barrow, Steve Beddard, Rob Valenti, Morgan Biderman, Conrad Cowan, Denis Galipeau, Jay MacKinnon, Darril Lecompte, Yves St-Denis and Dana Kelly.

As stated earlier, the Wannabes began their course or their "journey" to become full-fledged SAR Techs in the final days of this past summer. Their first few weeks were spent getting settled in their new digs, squared off admin wise and introduced to the staff at the school. The staff at the school are; the "Chief" CWO Ritchie, the "SWO" MWO Burke, WO Morris (Standards), WO Vatheuer (Training), Sgt Oakes (Course NCO), Sgt Gough, Sgt Gray, Sgt Zawislake, Sgt Carignan, Sgt Tremblay, Cpl Frank Unrau, our smiling storeman and Cpls Pete Pottier and Rob O'Connor who we never see anymore, but who keep us safe from ourselves and others who would do us harm administratively.

It would be remiss to go on without mention of the school itself and the name it bears. Cpl Phil Young, although unknown to us personally, was no doubt a fine man and excellent SAR Tech. We are proud to serve in the building dedicated to his memory.

So, after our admin week and a week of classroom preparation we were off to Jarvis Lake, Alberta to begin our selection/bush phase of the course. This is where things started to get interesting. Once the world was a simple place... birds sang and children laughed. Now the children were gone and the birds well, they were just another source of food for survival. The woods were fraught with dangers, and we respected that (hated that bear bell but didn't want to surprise one of those 500 pound man-eating Grizzlies and have him snacking on my innards). Learning was very much a hands-on process and skills like emergency shelter construction and navigation using the compass in degrees, minutes and seconds which is much easier than military grid (don't think so). More than once I thought Sgt Oakes was going to

pick up that podium and throw it at us. Instruction in foraging for food and what had to be (don't laugh) the most difficult skill to master the dreaded "fire making drills." One match, or a hundred, some fires will not light. However, with practice and the proper selection of twigs and twigs and copious amounts of cursing, the damn things will go.

As the days in camp wore on we were becoming anxious to really get out into the woods and

from Mother Nature, as well as one emergency ration - which consisted of these sugar-coated, ju-jube things that if you rationed them out over the four days (which turned out to be five) would give you exactly three of those little suckers per day. If you do the math you'll realize, as we sadly did, that's only one sugary thing per meal. But hey, whatever, keep a positive attitude, keep busy and you won't even miss it, right? WRONG! YOU STARVE! That's

ing the tasks as required and living completely cut off for five days it was time to "get the hell outta there." We were picked up and shipped back to base camp for our first real meal in days. But the learning hadn't stopped yet, back at base Cpl Lecompte kindly demonstrated the "Lecompte effect." That being, breathing can be halted for periods up to 30 minutes while feeding takes place after prolonged periods of fasting. When we were finally all fed and

and his happy henchmen LS Steve Mandy, Kent Gulliford and Gavin Wort. In reality it was an interesting and exciting phase that challenged us to perform every day and many a night. These guys put us through the wringer but, once again, that was the idea. Weed out the weaklings so the group will stay strong. The weeks passed and we covered underwater searching techniques using tactile feel (read "pitch black") and work projects including such favourites as the plumbers nightmare, the plates, and cutting metal chain, wood and angle iron. But, if asphyxiation is your pleasure try pulling yourself along a jack stay (rope secured to the ocean floor in a big circle until you run out of air. Another one of those Navy, fun things to do.

Finally, finishing our work with the Navy was a bittersweet time for us. It meant that never again would we get to hang out at the 6-Mile Pub and sample from their extensive selection of libations, but Hell, who cares, at least we get away from those lunatics at FDU(P). Honorable mention for all the time we served under Naval Command has to go to Cpl Ron Barrow our fearless phase leader. Throughout all that fun and without regard for his own already delicate sanity he alone kept us out of more trouble than we will ever know. So, once again, we all survived another phase and happily made our way back to Comox.

After our time in Victoria everybody was looking forward to a change of pace and things worked out beautifully. We were off for a week to windy Winnipeg and a little aeromedical training. There we learned about hypoxia (stick a paper bag over your head and hyperventilate for a while and you'll get the idea) along with other air crew hazards and how to deal with them. The week flew by and soon we were on the road again. This phase's humanitarian award goes to Cpl Morgan Biderman for his selfless efforts to bring joy and happiness to those less fortunate than himself. You're a saint, Morgan.

Finally, we find ourselves back at work in Comox and starting our Medical Phase, which promises to be our most challenging phase to date - anatomy, physiology and lots of hands-on practical work. Who could ask for more?

Anyway, that's it for now. Thanks for reading along and, until you hear from us again, Rescue.



the idea though and, as you experience the whole being stranded in the woods alone thing, you get an appreciation for what you can do to survive. As well, you get a good feel for what it might be like for some one really stranded facing those perils and just how important it is for you to get to those people in time to help.

There were a number of tasks we had to perform besides just surviving. Set out snares for food, construct a working fishnet out of 550 cord and build a proper signal fire for rescue. All the things we were taught earlier. As well, we were to put together one other project that would better our chances of survival. Special mention has to go to Cpl Steve Bedard for his fully functional rod and reel made entirely of wood (surviving in style, Steve). So after complet-

cleaned up and somewhat presentable again, we packed and left Jarvis Lake to return to Comox and prepare for our next phase of training - Dive Phase.

Over the years man has paid dearly in his quest to explore and inhabit the watery world below the waves, so it only seemed fitting we should have to pay as well and pay we did. Runs designed to blow your lungs out your nostrils, push-ups, crunches, burpees, and the dreaded morning swim complete with "awkwards." The Navy divers idea of fun, which means drop everything, run and get dressed in your wet suit in four minutes or less, sprint down to the jetty and throw yourself in the Pacific. This, along with some "dive stuff," was our routine for the five weeks we were in Victoria, special guests of PO Dutrisac





## Military lifestyle means special needs for investors

24/7 access to investments an important consideration

By G. Mark Towhey, CD

Like most of you, my military career was punctuated by frequent and often rushed moves from one posting to another. Thirteen moves in 14 years, in fact – and, compared to many of my colleagues, I consider myself lucky with the relatively infrequent number that represents!

Once you've decided to build an investment plan to soften your retirement years, it's important to choose a financial provider that offers the best retirement savings plan, or RSP, for your needs. Two factors that military personnel often value highly are: control and accessibility.

"We've learned from our military clients that it's very important they be able to stay in control of their investments, no matter where their duties take them," explains Ciaran Devine, Managing Director of Group Services for Canada Trust – managers of the Service Savings Plan, the Canadian Forces' official group retirement savings plan for regular and reserve, serving and retired military personnel and their spouses.

"Military investors are transferred more often than most non-military clients, and they often spend months at a time in truly remote locations where mail service is sporadic at best," adds Devine. "They shouldn't have to change RSP providers, or give up control of their investments, when duty calls."

Being in control of your investments means more than just boosting your morale by watching the numbers grow. As your circumstances change, you may occasionally want to fine-tune your investment plan. Either, to adjust your asset mix to reflect a change in your investment personality, personal situation, or just to take advantage of a one-time opportunity – like additional income during an operation tour.

Even though postings are supposed to slow down due to budget constraints, it's important to find an RSP provider who can meet your needs when you're living in Comox, B.C. today, or Argentina, Nfld. Tomorrow. By move number four or five, I discovered

that keeping my address up to date with friends and business contacts was, shall we say, a challenge. I began to pine for an easier way to manage my financial affairs, without having to open a bank account in every city in the country. Bank machines and any branch banking were a Godsend, but managing investments remained, for a long time, a challenge.

### Internet and telephone access ideal for military investors

These days, more and more of the best RSP providers offer telephone and Internet access to your accounts. Although accessing the Internet while on patrol in Kosovo may still be impractical, it may be easier on a long-term posting somewhere else. Telephone access may be easier from other postings around the CF world.

If you're already a denizen of the Internet – then accessing your bank accounts, and your RSP investments, through the net is a dream come true. The best providers offer real-time access to your accounts where you can see up-

to-the-minute balances in cash accounts as well as daily closing values of mutual funds and your whole investment portfolio. You can buy, sell and trade assets, or give instruction to your RSP provider through their Internet access site – all with password protected, state-of-the-art security.

### 12 time zones from home? No problem

No access to the net? No problem. The best RSP providers also offer telephone banking services for RSP clients. You can monitor and manage your investments from virtually any telephone in the world – and you can call when it's convenient to you.

So, how do you find an RSP provider that offers Internet and telephone access to manage your investments? It's easier than you think. In fact, you don't have to look farther than the Service Savings Plan – the official group RSP for the Canadian Forces.

Recognizing the unique requirements of military investors, the plan includes 24/7 services in English and French for members

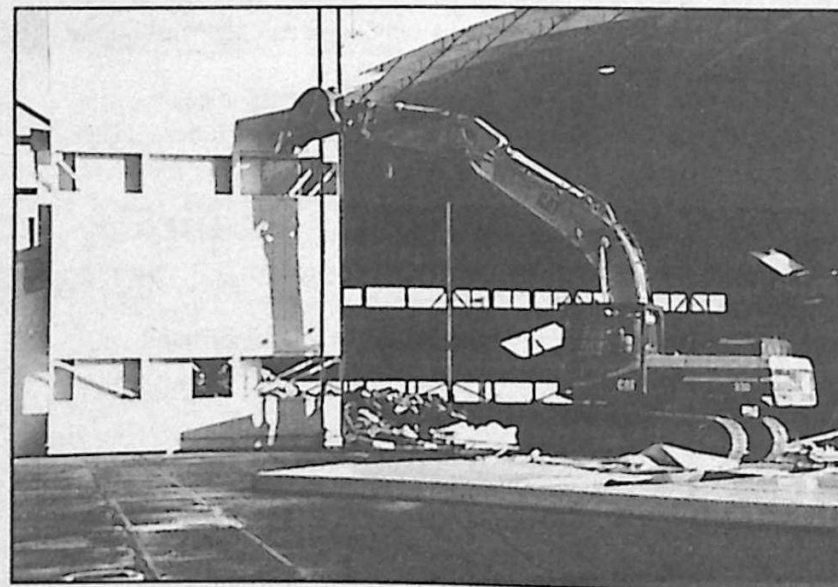
through Canada Trust's award-winning EasyWeb Internet service and a dedicated telephone call centre. Toll-free telephone access numbers are also available from many parts of the world.

So, when choosing an RSP provider, don't forget to consider control and accessibility as two major factors – especially given the unique demands of military service. After all, do you know where you'll wake up next week?

For help planning your retirement, speak to a qualified financial advisor in your area. For more information about the Service Savings Plan – the official Group RSP for serving and retired members of the CF – see your pay office or call Canada Trust at 1-888-363-7526 within Canada, or visit them online at [www.canadatrust.com/serviceplan.html](http://www.canadatrust.com/serviceplan.html)

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## 442 hangar "collapses"



A "sledgehammer" ceremony on Monday November 22, marked the start of demolition prior to the construction of a new SAR hangar for 442 Squadron. The ceremony was presided over by 19 Wing Commander Col W.J. Neumann, who showed talent as a demolition worker. Bird Construction of Richmond won the \$11.5 million contract to replace #1 and #3 Hangars with a single 8,615 square-metre facility. The project should be completed by October 2000 and is expected to create 200 jobs.

## Glacier Greens Golf Shots

### Ladies Christmas Party

By Barb Carter

Hi gals, it's that time of year again – to get together with old friends and to meet some new ones. The Christmas Luncheon will be on December 2 at the clubhouse, commencing 1:00 p.m.

Steve will be making us crepes and you have a choice of Hem & Broccoli, Beef Stroganoff, or Curried Chicken & Mushrooms. It will be served with rice pilaf, tea, coffee and an assortment of Christmas goodies. The cost will be \$12.00 and includes everything. Please put your money and choice of crepes in at the Pro Shop, in the envelopes provided. Please let us know early so we have some

indication of numbers to expect. If you can't get to the Pro Shop, feel free to call me, Barb, at 338-7117 or Fran at 339-9255.

Pacific Playgrounds have been invited and we usually have a super turnout from them. It's nice to see friends we miss for most of the long winter months.

The Salvation Army will again be with us and will give a talk about the needs they have. An unwrapped gift for a teenage girl or boy would be appreciated or a cash donation always works.

Remember gals, that's December 1, 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Till next time...

### Mixed Winter Golf

November 7 was a total wash-out but November 14, although it was kinda soggy, saw 23 golfers turn up to play. The teams were quickly made up and by 8:20 a.m. they began play.

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross none other than Floyd Merrill, Steve Shaw, Wayne Ogilvie and Nancy Mills. The scores were pretty high and all determined on countbacks. Floyd's team was plus 21.

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net went to Vic Crisp,

the wonderful Len Doyle, Carmel Horochuk and Bob Lamb. They had minus 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net, also with minus 5, went to Lloyd Billings, Norm Fellbaum, Glen Caslake and Joyce Merrill.

KP on #12 Lloyd Billings. KP on #15 Glen Meeres team of Fran Hume and Jack Hawkins, with Fran again making the shot.

Huge thanks to Marguerite Fournier for doing such a superb job on the Christmas posters.

### Tuesday Ladies

By Joyce Merrill

The final round of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Glacier Greens Ladies Shoot Out got under way September 28. At last we came in dry, but a bit wind-blown!

The three round event started September 7 with Anne Gibbon and Leslie Mann winning the scramble. On September 21, Dolly Pearson and Anne Patterson won the alternate shot. September 28 was best ball, with Sonja Famulak and Judy Fellbaum winning.

Congratulations to Gussy Prichard and Caryl Diewart the overall winners with a lot net of 186. Duane Miles and Irma Rowland won gross with a 241. Other net winners were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Fellbaum and Sonja Famulak 189, 3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Perry and Kathy Branch 191, 4<sup>th</sup> Sue Powers and Carmel Horochuk 192 c/b, 5<sup>th</sup> Dolly Pearson and Anne Patterson 192, 6<sup>th</sup> Sharon Warne and Marguerite Fournier 194 c/b and 7<sup>th</sup> Anne Blake and Marlene Hall 194.

KP winners were: #4 Sonja Famulak, #12 Pat Everett, #15 and #17 Joyce Merrill. Gussy Prichard won the 50/50 draw.

A big Thank You to the following sponsors from the Prize Committee of the Ladies Club for helping make our Shoot Out a success:

Steve's Catering, Joey's Only, Panagopoulos Pizza, Ricki's Restaurant, Cheap John's Bar & Grill, The Leeward Pub, Butcher Block, Middleton Meats, Hot Chocolates, First Choice Haircutters, Art Knapp's Plantland & Florist, Driftwood Florist, Woofy's, Nevada Bob's, Comox Golf Course, Glacier Greens Pro Shop, Mulligan's Golf Course, Pacific Playgrounds Golf Course, Storey Creek Golf Course, Sunnydale Golf Course and Mt. Washington Ski Resort.

A great job done again by our Prize Committee of Ellie, Fran and Anne.

### Lengthy frost delays Winter Golf

By Barb Carter

After a two-hour frost delay, 32 golfers were chomping at the bit to get going and take their frustrations on that poor little ball. November 21, and that makes two Sundays already in November. How lucky can you get? Hopefully, November 28 will be a go too.

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross went to the team of Lloyd Billings, Bud Bryan, Gord Prichard and Carmel Horochuk. They came in with a plus 18. 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net and Lenny Doyle was among the winners

### Pacific Region Volleyball 20-22 Jan 00

19 Wing will be hosting the 2000 Pacific Region Men's/Ladies Volleyball Championship. Volunteers are required to help score keep, set up and be line judges and other general duties as assigned by the tournament organizer.

### Pacific Region Men's/Oldtimers' Hockey 14-19 Feb 00

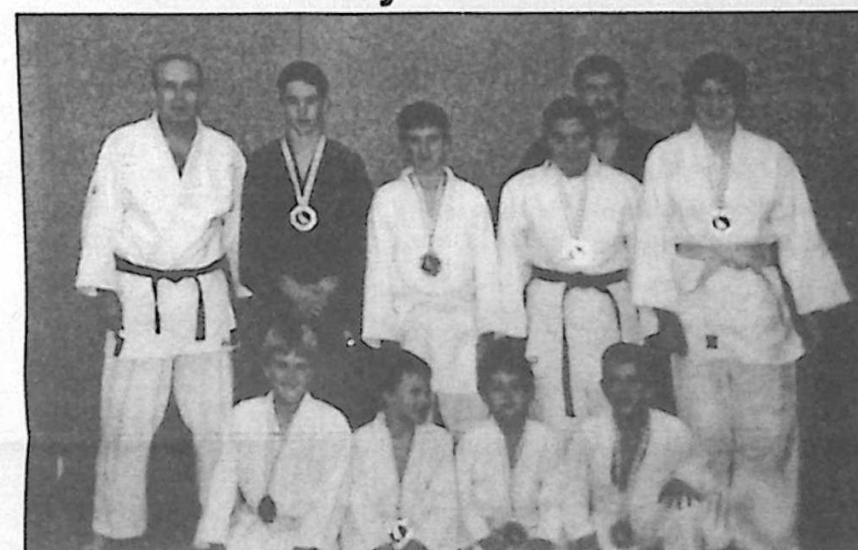
We will be hosting the above championship and are looking for volunteers to help with the same duties as for the volleyball championship. Interested personnel who are willing to volunteer for either of the above championships should contact Jake Plante by e-mail or call local 8783.

## Christmas Schedule Gym & Weightroom

Fri 24 Dec	0730-1530 hrs
Sat 25 Dec	CLOSED
Sun 26 Dec	CLOSED
Mon 27 Dec	1300-1700 hrs
Tue 28 Dec	1300-1700 hrs
Wed 29 Dec	0730-1700 hrs
Thur 30 Dec	0730-1700 hrs
Fri 31 Dec	0730-1530 hrs

(Gym floor closed off at 1300 hrs)  
We will then close until 19 January 2000 when we open the new 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre.

## Fraser Valley International Judo Tournament



Standing (L-R): Sensei Darcy Yule, Andre Godel, Corey Maggiolo, Stephanie Mrdeza, Sensei Chris Bezaire and Melissa Stewart. Kneeling (L-R): Michael Maggiolo, Brandon Bezaire, Emerson Smith and Kane Rainaldi.

The Campbell River Judo Club did extremely well at the Fraser Valley International Judo Tournament in Abbotsford on 6 November. The day started with a 2:00 a.m. wake-up call to catch the 5:15 a.m. ferry to get to Abbotsford for the 10:00 a.m. start time.

The club had eight members participate and took home eight medals. Corey Maggiolo and Stephanie Mrdeza both earned

gold. Silver went to Michael Maggiolo, Emerson Smith and Brandon Bezaire, Kane Rainaldi, Melissa Stewart and Andre Godel came home with bronze. Congratulations to all the participants on a job well done.

Thanks go to the coaches and parents who accompanied the team and to the Abbotsford Judo Clubs for hosting an outstanding tournament.

We look forward to participating in next year's tournament.

The Campbell River Club has members of all ages, from 7 to 47 years. Several members, like the Maggiolo brothers, travel two nights a week from Courtenay to attend classes.

For further information on the club, please contact Chris Bezaire at 286-3564.

## Kayaking

Welcome to the Comox Squadron of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association – Kayak Division.

This division was formed to enhance the lifestyle of military personnel and dependants by offering a safe yet adventurous opportunity to participate in one of BC's fastest growing sports.

We are located at CFB Comox, Lazo B.C. Our boats and equipment are stored on the waterfront aboard scenic HMCS Quadra.

### Social Activities

Members of the Sail Club enjoy a full range of club activities with outdoor enthusiasts sharing access to keel boats, dinghies, windsurfing rigs and kayaks.

Visit the Sail Club website for more information.

Check these sites for names and phone numbers of the executive and give them a call!



### Training

Kayak training is included in your membership fee. To further enhance your enjoyment, evening lessons will be held at the new 19 Wing swimming pool and hot tub!

### Equipment

All necessary equipment is provided.

### Visit Us

Internet: [www.3.telus.net/comoxcfcsa](http://www.3.telus.net/comoxcfcsa)

Intranet: <http://comox.dwan.dnd.ca>

Reservations/Sign-up

339-8211

Local: SAIL (7245)

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Intranet e-mail:

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## COMOX Military Family Resource Centre centre de ressources pour Les Familles Militaires de COMOX

### CMFRC Airline Ticket Draw

**Prize: Two return tickets  
anywhere Canadian Airlines flies**

- Flights must be in a Canadian Airlines aircraft
- Approximate value of prize \$4,900
- Prize must be accepted as awarded, no cash value

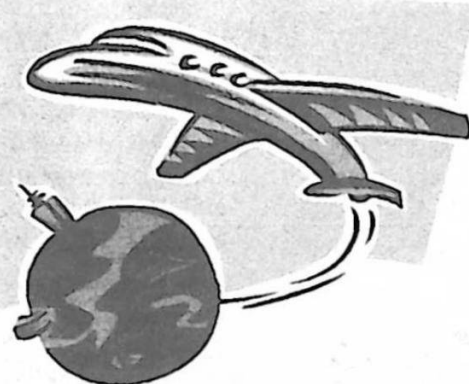
**Draw Date:** Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999, 12:00 noon @ CMFRC

**Ticket Cost:** \$2.00 each (only 2,500 tickets printed)

**Proceeds go toward the purchase/lease 15-passenger van**

- Winner is responsible for transport to & from airport serviced by Canadian Airlines, and all other expenses (airport fee, visas, hotels, meals, etc.)
- Some dates and seat availability restrictions apply
- Travel must be completed by Mar 31, 2000
- Winner consents to the release of their name, address and photograph by:

**Comox Military Family Resource Centre  
Tickets available from:**  
CMFRC  
CMFRC staff  
Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre  
Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre staff  
Wallace Gardens Community Association



### CMFRC Programs and Services

#### Employment Assistance Program

Designed to assist military spouses with job search questions, concerns and preparation.

#### Emergency Child Care Services

Limited financial assistance is available to qualified members who require emergency childcare as a result of unforeseen military requirements.

#### Quality of Life Programs and Workshops

Focus on a commitment to learning, enrichment of personal relationships and identifying individual strengths. Programs are preventative in nature, providing participants with tools and resources to enhance the quality of their lives.

#### Licensed Child Care

A full range of childcare services for children aged 6 months to 12 years are available at the Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre. Please contact 339-5051 for detailed information.

#### Deployment Support

We recognize the significant emotional and physical demands placed on families as a result of deployment and provide a number of services to assist those who are coping with separation.

#### French Programs

We offer a variety of services, resources, educational and preventative programs in French to serve the needs of the Francophone military community.

#### Counselling Services

Our counselling staff offers help in dealing with the many complex issues of military family life, providing the tools to overcome and grow beyond the obstacles we may face. If you are unsure about your situation, give our counsellor a call (339-8286) and see if this free, confidential service is for you.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Becoming a CMFRC volunteer can be rewarding and can provide you with the opportunity to develop your skills and share your talents. Call today to see how you can make a difference!

#### Youth Programs

The CMFRC runs a number of fun and exciting programs for pre-teens and teens. Call 339-8290 to find out more!

**Dates:** Nov. 23 and 30  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Location:** CMFRC Bldg 120  
**Fee:** \$25 for military couples / \$40 for non-military couples. A child care subsidy is available for military families attending this workshop.  
**Registration:** Call 339-8290

#### Employment Program

Friday November 19th  
Wing Selection Personnel Officer Captain Barry Monk and Captain Kim Delisle will be presenting on employment and educational services provided on the base. For more information or to register call Michelle at 339-8290.

listening? That people argue when they don't feel heard? That women like to discuss problems while men tend to focus on solutions? Communication is a skill that most of us did not learn growing up. Yet good communication is an essential for relationship satisfaction. Without it, arguments go unresolved, resentment builds, and intimacy is threatened. These two evening workshops are designed to teach couples the necessary skills to handle their inevitable skills to handle their inevitable differences and solve problems more effectively. The focus will be on skill building within the couple unit. Sharing within the group is not required.

Marilyn is a registered Marriage and Family Therapist, and George is a community and organizational consultant with training in communications, conflict resolution and group process. They have been married for 31 years and have two adult children.

### Couples Communication Workshop

(Marilyn Armstrong and George Penfold)  
Did you know that ninety-eight percent of good communication is



## WALLACE GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

### FAMILY BINGO

Sun 5 Dec. 1-3:00 p.m.

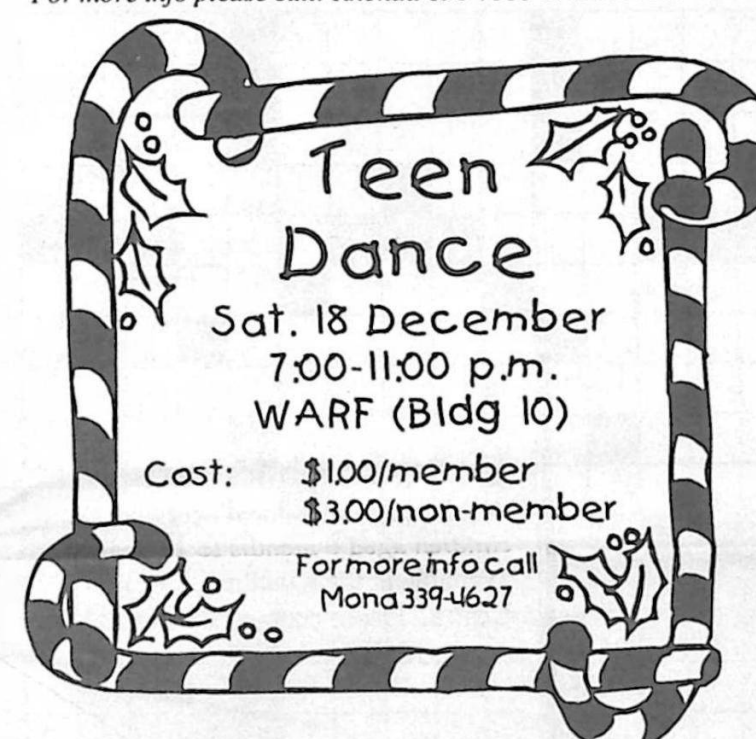


**Note:** all prizes will be Christmas oriented.

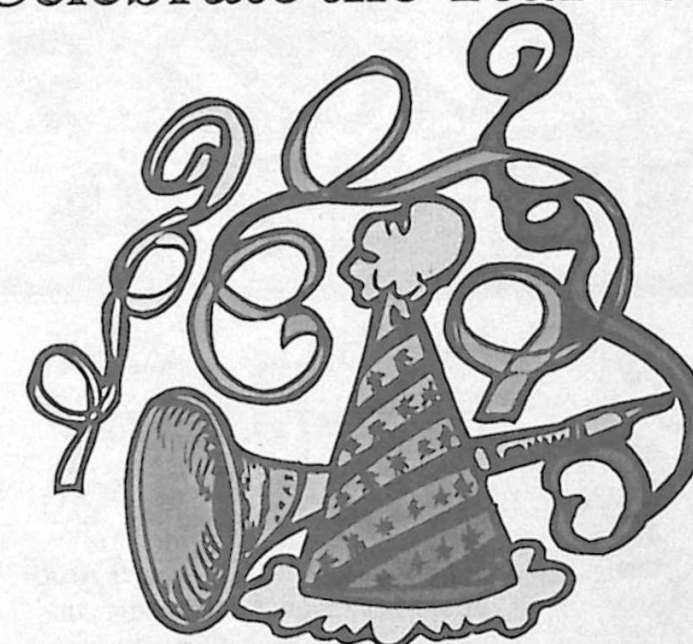
WARF (Bldg 10)

.25 cents/card members  
\$1.25 first card non-members  
.25 cents each additional card

For more info please call: Rhonda 890-7535 or Debbi 339-6317



### Celebrate the Year 2000



### Millennium Family Bash

December 31  
8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.  
at the Base Gym

Tickets: \$1.00/person member, 3.00/person non-member  
Only 300 tickets will be sold! Tickets will be sold on a priority basis beginning with Wallace Gardens members, military personnel, DND civilian employees and, lastly, visiting family members.

For more info: Shelley 339-4169 or Dolina 890-0679

### THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

#### Volunteers required

To make the New Year's Family Bash a spectacular event we need your help not only at the dance itself, but prior to and following it. If you are willing to donate an hour of your time please call Jane at 339-8211, loc.8571.

### Youth Winter Sports



A variety of sports will be played from week to week. Come out on those wet and windy evenings and have some fun!

Ages 9-13  
Saturdays  
6-8 p.m.

(except Sock Hop Saturdays)

in the  
Base Gym



**Remember!**  
Proper athletic  
footwear is required.

### TEEN VIDEO

Saturday  
December 4

In the temporary  
Community Centre  
For more info call  
Mona 339-4627

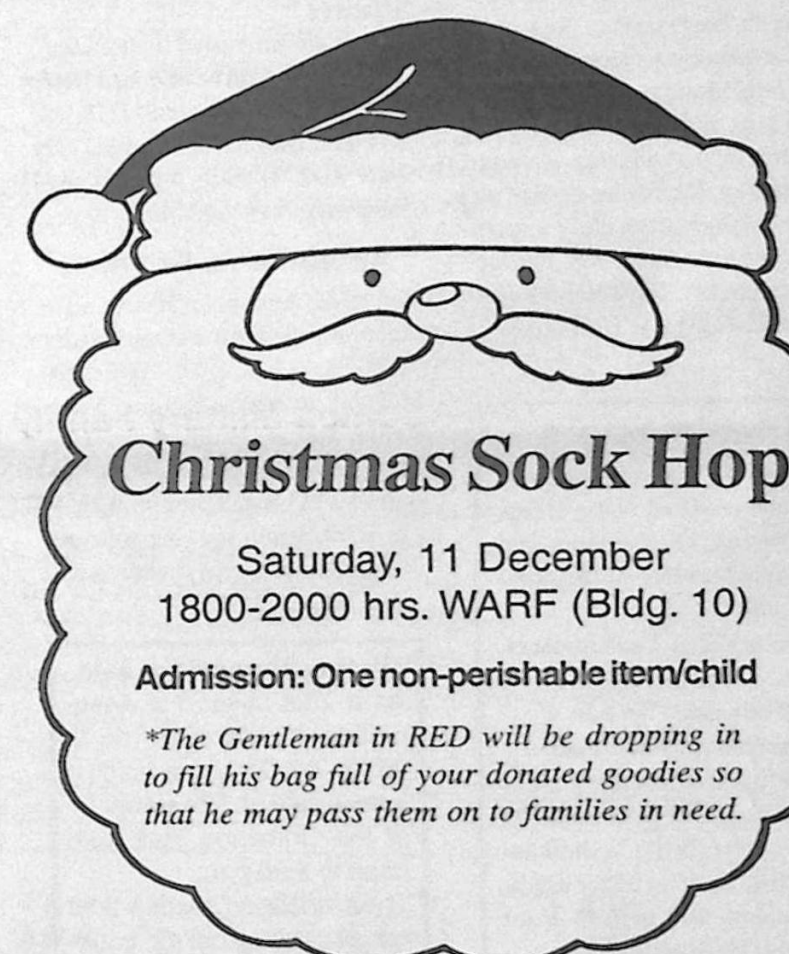


### Xmas events

We will soon be starting our Christmas activities, including:

- MQ Lighting Contest
- Colouring Contest
- Letter to Santa
- Visit from Santa
- Skate with Santa

Some of these activities will be open to members only and will be advertised as such. If you are unsure of your standing as a member, please contact the Town Clerk at 339-8211 loc.8571.



### Christmas Sock Hop

Saturday, 11 December  
1800-2000 hrs. WARF (Bldg. 10)

Admission: One non-perishable item/child

\*The Gentleman in RED will be dropping in to fill his bag full of your donated goodies so that he may pass them on to families in need.

### Pictures with Santa

Starting 1 December and ending 18 December, Santa Claus will be coming to the CANEX Mall every Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. For a small charge of \$1.50 you will receive a polaroid picture of your child with Santa. Fifty cents from each picture will go to support WGCA programs.

Wednesday evenings you are invited to bring your pet as well. Santa will be happy to have his picture taken with his furry friends!

\*\*\*All pets must be on a leash\*\*\*



The WGCA Halloween party held on 30 October was a great success! Over 78 children walked through the haunted house; created new formulas with the professor; played various games and had a lot of fun.

Thanks go to the coordinators of this event - Pat Nicholson, Ruth Bowman and Mona Baird - and to the following people who volunteered their time to make this event fun for all: Rhonda Hughes, Liz Bech, Debbi Robichaud, Marianne Kaduck, Suzanne Cuerrier, Gary Szczerbaniwicz, May LeBlanc, Blaine Kilback, Michelle Bekus, Stan Bekus, Jane Bekus, Padre Murry, Josh Nicholson, Aerie Nicholson, Tom Robichaud, Faye George and Janeen Dohn.

Special thanks to Ruth Bowman for her donations of the "Bootiful Halloween Baskets," won by Jane Bekus and Rhonda Hughes.





### House for Sale

1950sq.ft. Comox house in quiet cul-de-sac, newly renovated inside/out (new roof, siding, lino, carpets, painting, resurfaced sundeck, etc. Gas FP and sauna. Asking \$135,900. Call 339-9730 (no agents). <1/2>

### Miscellaneous for Sale

Queen size padded headboard. Ex. cond. \$85.  
Oak quilting frame \$280.  
339-3486 <1/2>

### Newcomer's Club

For women new to the Comox Valley in the last two years. New members are always welcome. Monthly meeting Monday, 13 December, 7:15 p.m. at the Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay. Christmas cookie and gift exchange. Activities for members include walking, bridge, crafts, lunches. For more info call Karen 703-2611 or Dorothy 897-1089.

### Toastmasters

A reminder for those on Base who are required to make representations or give talks, and feel apprehensive at the prospect, the

Comox Valley Toastmasters meet every Wednesday 7-9 p.m. at Courtenay Junior School. Develop and improve your speaking and presentation skills; your ability to think on your feet. Acquire better listening talents and benefit from stronger leadership skills. For more information, call Harry Piercy, 338-7166.

### Health Society meeting

The Upper Island/Central Coast Community Health Services Society will be holding its next meeting Friday, November 26 from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Comox Valley Community Health Council, 961A England Avenue, Courtenay.

The society is responsible for the delivery of Continuing Care, Health Protection, Mental Health and Public Health Services.

The board is always interested to hear from members of the public regarding these services or other issues regarding community health and invites any member of the public to attend this meeting.

### For Civilian and Military Personnel Employee Assistance Program

Do you have a problem that affects your work performance, or threatens to do so? Can think of nowhere to turn?

If you feel motivated towards a change for the better, call either one of your current referral agents (RAs)



Stéphanie Gray @ 8296  
(or use e-mail)



Finn Schultz-Lorentzen @ 8379  
(or use e-mail)

Full confidentiality guaranteed  
EAP Room, call 7035

### Timmins Reunion

The Timmins High & Vocational School Reunion Committee will be hosting Homecoming 2000 from August 3 - 6. We hope to see upwards of 5000 former students returning to the City With A Heart Of Gold for this event-packed weekend and to share memories and good times with friends and relatives.

If you are interested in attending, registrations can be obtained from: P. Toffanello, Principal, TH&VS, 451 Theriault Blvd, Timmins, ON P4N 8B2. E-mail: www.nt.net/~happyke/thvs2000.htm

### Airwomen's Reunion

An RCAF Airwomen's Reunion to celebrate their 50th Anniversary will be held June 8-10, 2001 at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. This is for airwomen who have served any time during the period 1951 to the present date. For information visit our web site at: <http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/marjo/rcaf.html>

### Francophone Bake Sale

As a fund raiser, the Association francophone de la Vallée de Comox is holding a bake sale on November 27 at the Driftwood Mall from noon to 5:00 p.m. The association needs baked goods such as cakes, cookies, muffins, Christmas squares, etc. to sell. If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile activity, please phone 334-8884 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. After hours: 338-2193. Thank you for your donations.

### Jake's Trivia Answers

1. Bernie Kosar, Cleveland Browns '90-91.
2. Willie Mays '51-73.
3. Dave "Tiger" Williams - 3,966 minutes.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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18 Diadem  
19 Necklace part  
20 Inure  
22 Concrete work  
24 Young fellow  
25 Cows' "second course"  
26 "Absolutely not!"  
29 Cleo's serpent  
32 Council of bishops  
36 Long periods of time  
37 Go over again  
39 Lupine of limbs  
40 Extinct bird  
43 L.L.D. holder  
44 High spirits  
45 Land measure  
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48 Dirty place  
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1 Soldier's shoe  
2 Golden Fleece ship  
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4 Monocle  
5 Went out with  
6 Ireland  
7 Thompson's "Caroline in the City"  
8 Damage  
9 Sir — Newton  
10 Not a soul  
11 Prayer ending  
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13 Actor Giffith  
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26 Katmandu's land  
27 Gave a speech  
28 Squander  
29 Patronage  
30 Plywood unit

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FLANNELS CAESAR  
JTM LAIR  
ANGELIC UNRAVEL  
NAIL SHARD TODD  
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QUED WADE DEAF

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### Holiday Feast Headquarters

- 4 LARGE 14 INCH (Feeds 10 People).....\$29<sup>99</sup>
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- 8 LARGE 14 INCH (Feeds 20 People).....\$57<sup>99</sup>
- 10 LARGE 14 INCH (Feeds 25 People).....\$69<sup>99</sup>

Up to 4 Toppings or any Specialty Pizza  
Extra Cheese, Extra  
No Coupon Necessary  
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All prices Do Not Include GST  
Delivery 10% Extra  
Expires December 31, 1999



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OR HONEY GARLIC

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- 30 Pack.....\$11<sup>97</sup>
- 40 Pack.....\$14<sup>99</sup>
- 50 Pack.....\$18<sup>99</sup>



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Home of Sunday Madness  
45-A, 190 Port Augusta, Comox  
(outside the lower level of the Comox Mall)

# As the world turns

By Duke Warren

The week preceding November 11 was a busy one for members of the Comox Legion. There were memorial wreaths to be sold, Poppy rays to be filled and Poppy stands to be manned. In addition to these activities, Legion members visited schools to address the students or to be present at school assemblies and, in some cases, take part in activities relating to Remembrance Day.

I visited schools to speak about Remembrance Day from my own perspective. At 1:00 p.m. on November 10 I spoke to a group of very young students, chiefly grade one and two it seemed. I introduced

myself as a "grandfather" to the children to emphasize my age. When I finished speaking the children all told me about their grandfathers with a good deal of enthusiasm. I bid farewell to them about 2:00 p.m.

My next engagement was at the extended care wing of St. Joseph's Hospital where Branch 160 Comox Legion had arranged to provide a short Service of Remembrance. As I stood at the podium the contrast between my previous audience and that at St. Joe's was startling. Where I had stood before very young children at the school, I now stood before many older citizens and most were likely think-

ing of me as "a young fellow from the Legion."

I mentioned my reaction to my audience, telling them how the children had all talked about their grandparents. Lloyd Lohnes, President of Branch 160, and I then carried on with the service. When the service was concluded, coffee and sandwiches were served and I joined groups at several tables.

Here is where the world turned and completed its revolution, for the grandparents at St. Joe's hastened to tell me of their grandchildren.

I was delighted, and marvelled how the human spirit of the very young and very old entwined.

## Book Review - Fighter Pilot

By Philip Kaplan (Reviewed by Duke Warren)

Published by Arum Press, London and distributed in Canada by General Publishing, \$40.00.  
ISBN 1854106147. Non-fiction.

A most interesting book dealing with fighter operations. While concentrating on WWII, it includes information gleaned from fighter pilots in WWI and the Gulf War. The latter contains remarks and impressions from a F/L Helen Ardiner who flew a Tornado F-3 fighter in that war. To get the information to write this book, Kaplan put out "questionnaires" to fighter lots of many nations. Examples of his questions are: "How important is flying ability?" "The Media version, are fighter pilots hedonistic, womanizing, not very intellectual cavaliers?" "What was the toughest job?" The replies which came back to him are interlaced in the various chapters.

In the chapter titled "Hawkeye" Erich Hartmann, the highest scoring fighter pilot in history, with 352 victories, tells of his combat technique that gave him his fantastic score. "Nightfighter" is another chapter. A man who retired from the Canadian Forces as a General recounts how he almost became a statistic when a fellow student at a Beaufighter OTU collided with his aircraft during a night exercise.

There is a chapter titled "The Horses" which describes fighter aircraft over the years. Among photos of aircraft there is a beautiful photo of two Canadian CF-18s in formation. The backgrounds leads one to believe it was most likely taken near Cold Lake.

The text of the book is printed in a different format than most books. The stories are followed from page to page, as always, but on many pages there is in the margin what is called a sidebar. This is a brief account of a special report or opinion that may have nothing to do with the main story. I find it a most interesting way of providing an entertaining read.

Fighter Pilot is a book highly recommended for anyone who wants a realistic account of fighter operations and fighter pilots.

## Remembrance Day 1999 with 888 (Komox) Wing

By Norm Blondel

The final Remembrance Day of is century and millennium waned wet, as it often does in a C. November, and 888 Wing members came well prepared. Double incoats, long johns, gloves, edgies — but not an umbrella in a bunch.

This year, we were marching in Courtenay, beginning a process of erasing between the city and the town of Comox.

At 0900 we sat down to the Remembrance Day Breakfast, hosted annually by Courtenay Legion, at 17. A feast of sausages, fried eggs, buns and tea or coffee prepared us for both the speeches and the weather outside. A slightly bizarre note from our L.A. who averred "the fall of the Berlin Wall" was the most significant event of the century. This, to assembly of veterans, many of whom would argue that the defeat of Adolf Hitler ranked somewhat higher.

We toasted the Queen and our veterans with hot rum and stood to be recognised when "888 Royal Canadian Air Force" was called out. We were numerous and proud, for, among our number were Irish Ireland and Duke Warren who flew their Spitfires into danger before and after D-Day, and Stocky Edwards, our Ace from the North African desert, and others.

Assembling outside Courtenay Legion, we began to feel the first effects of a typical B.C. downpour. Fortunately our march to the new cenotaph was a short one, led by the Legion's drums and pipes.

At the cenotaph in front of City Hall, the Reverend Ray Brandon, Padre of Courtenay Branch 17, led us in prayer and hymns and a choir of 160 children, gathered from all the elementary schools in the Comox Valley, delivered a touching anthem, Dona Nobis Pacem — Song of Peace. Our trumpeter was Joe Lin, a student from Vanier Senior Secondary, playing the Last Post and Reveille, beginning and ending the two minute Wave of Silence, repeated across the land.

Our own Air Cadets, 386 RCAC, were there together with a contingent from 19 Wing, CFB Comox. That so many young Canadians were present on this soaking, cold day was a fine tribute to our youth, who have not forgotten what Remembrance Day

stands for. The weather did take its toll and our ranks were thinned for the march back to the Legion. There, Bruce Inrig, our canny Sergeant-at-Arms, had us dismissed and into the warm interior of the Legion while the other groups were still thinking about it. "You're our man, Bruce!" was heard from many a grateful triple-eight as they revived with a warm toddy.

The remainder of Remembrance Day was given to the traditional celebration of comradeship. Gatherings at the three Comox Valley Legions, the WO-SNCO Mess at 19 Wing and a final packed house assembly in 888 (Komox) Wing "Hanger," with pipe bands from the Courtenay and Comox Legions, renditions buy "The Andrew Sisters," (in form-fitting RCAF uniforms) and the fine singing voice of our own "Vera Lynn," (Dawna Dozzi) completed a day that started with a downpour and ended with an outpouring of friendship and good cheer.

We haven't forgotten our fallen comrades; we both mourn their sacrifice and celebrate the freedom they preserved for us, and that is the essence of Remembrance Day.



## Royal Canadian Legion

### Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)

Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.  
Nov 26 Gary's Sound Machine  
Dec 03 Gord Kruger & Friends  
Dec 10 Country Cousins  
Dec 17 Ventura Highway

### Special Events:

Dec 19 Xmas Draw 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Hams, turkeys, etc.)  
Food, entertainment by Gary's Sound Machine.  
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Dance 8:00 p.m. - ???  
Music by the Alley Cats. Food - buffet style.  
Cost \$15.00 single, \$25.00 couple.  
General Meeting - 21 December at 7:00 p.m.

### Branch 28 Cumberland (336-2361)

Every Wednesday, Bingo 7:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve Party

Welcome the New Year with us! Great door prizes, in-house raffles and a home cooked Pot Luck Dinner. Bring an item of food to participate. Call Sheri at 336-8872 and she will let you know what we already have and will add you to our list.  
7:00 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. dinner, entertainment by Fatman Karaoke (hosted by Dana Melway) starts 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 per person (members and bona fide guests) can be obtained at Legion #28 (336-2361) or contact Sheri (336-8872).  
Hall rental: non-members \$75, members \$50, kitchen use \$25.

### Branch 160 Comox (339-2022)

Mondays...Ladies Auxiliary Drop-in Bingo  
(Upper Hall doors open 6:30 p.m., Bingo 7:00 p.m.)  
Friday Night Dances 8-12 p.m.

Nov 26 Alley Cats  
Dec 3 Alley Cats  
Dec 10 Double Play  
Dec 17 Gord Kruger & Friends

### Special Events

New Year's 2000 Gala: Tickets \$20.00 per person. Hot & cold buffet 8:00 p.m. Band - Ventura Highway.  
Dress: semi-formal. Free transportation available. Tickets & seating plan available in office.  
New Year's Eve: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Lounge  
Call Branch office Mon - Fri at 339-2022 for more info.

## 888 (KOMOX) RCAF WING

### Air Force Association of Canada Calendar of Events

Sunday Brunches & Games: First Sunday each month.

Pub Grub Fridays - Horse Racing, Darts, Cards.

L.A. Craft and Bake Sale - November 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Driftwood Mall. Bring contributions to 888 Wing Friday evening (26 Nov.) or the Mall rear door next to Overwaitea, 09:00/27.  
General Meeting - Wednesday, December 1, 20:00 hours at the Wing. Long-term Pins will be awarded.

### Special Events

26 Nov Wing Christmas Decorating Party, 5:00 p.m. (Followed by regular Pub Grub.)  
28 Nov Grey Cup. Pregame 1:30 p.m., kickoff 3:00 p.m.  
05 Dec Christmas Brunch, 11:30 a.m. \$6.00  
Games to follow (and turkey).  
19 Dec Christmas Dinner, 5:30 for 6:30 p.m. \$12.50  
Music by The New Music Man.  
31 Dec New Year's Eve, 8:00 p.m.  
Drop-in Potluck (finger food).

\*\*\*Tickets for main event go on sale two Wednesdays in advance, noon at the Bar.

### Regular Force Members Welcome!

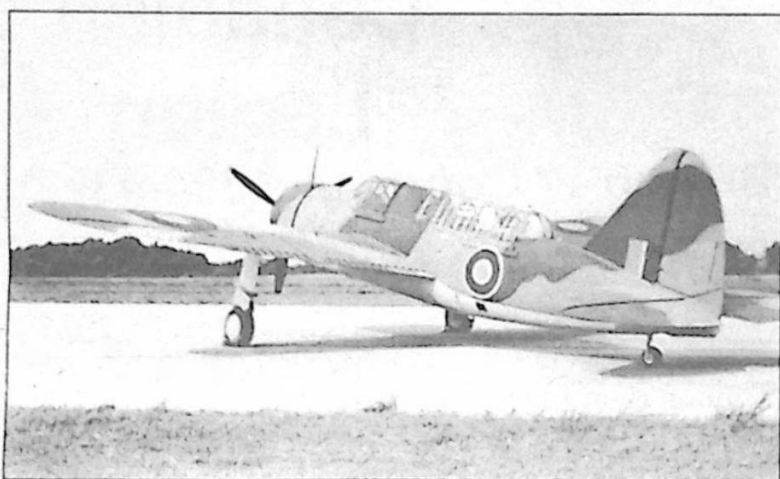
888 Wing hours:  
Monday - closed\* Tuesday - closed  
Wednesday, noon - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\*  
Friday, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\* Saturday, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\*  
\* Bar open on Holiday Mondays. \*\* Bar could be closed as early as 9:00 p.m. if there are no customers, at the discretion of the Bar Manager.





# Heritage Happenings

By Joel Clarkston



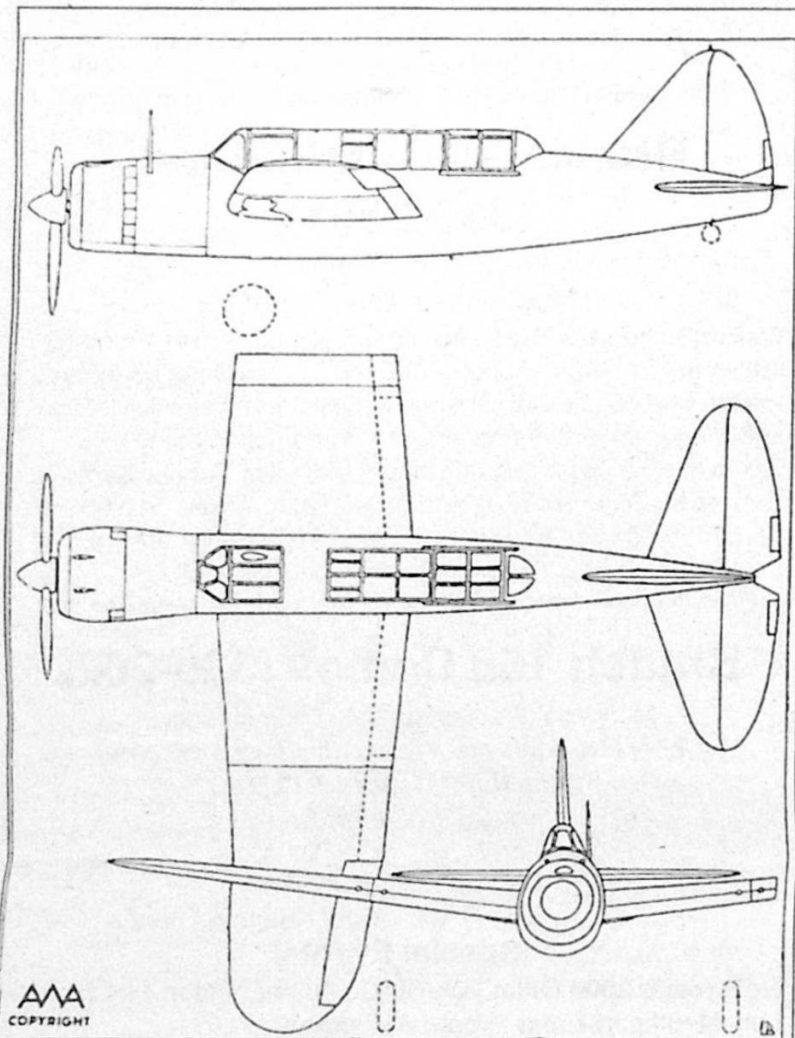
## Aircraft of the RCAF

Brewster Model 340  
monoplane  
Designator SB2A-2MKI  
"Bermuda"  
Utility aircraft—taken On  
Strength - 1943  
Struck Off Strength - 1946  
Number flown by RCAF - 6

The Brewster SB2A-2 Bermuda was a two-seat scout-dive bomber used in the utility role by the RCAF. It was an all metal, mid-wing monoplane fitted with a 1650 HP Wright double row "Cyclone 14" GR 2600 engine driving a Curtiss electric full-feathering propeller.

## Last chance

Award winning author Shirlee Smith Matheson is coming to the Comox Air Force Museum to promote her latest book, *Flying the Frontier, Vol III*, and this is our last chance to appeal to our readers to come out and support her. She will be appearing on Thursday evening, 25 November at 7:30 p.m. to read some excerpts from the book and introduce some of the pilots featured within. They will remain after the reading to answer questions and tell some tall flying tales to anyone who may be interested. There will be snacks and beverages provided by the museum and admission is free.



The Brewster Model 340 Monoplane.

DIMENSIONS:—Span 47 ft. (14.3 m.), Length 39 ft. 6 in. (12 m.), Height 15 ft. 3 in. (4.6 m.).  
WEIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE:—No data available.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

(From Totem Times - 29 November 1962)

Did you know that the first baby born in an aircraft was delivered aboard a Canadian Air Force plane?...or that the world's first aerial buffalo census was carried out in Manitoba by the RCAF?

These and other interesting items will be featured in an RCAF cartoons panel entitled "Canadian Flying Firsts." The first in a series of eight cartoons to be published appears in this issue.

Produced by the public relations branch at Air Transport Command Headquarters, Trenton, Ont., the series was instigated following the success of a weekly cartoon panel distributed about a year ago.



## Museum receives photo donation



LCol Terry Leveredge and CWO Denis Dupuis of the RCAF 75th Anniversary Committee recently donated a framed photo of all 19 Wing personnel on parade for 75th anniversary celebrations.

The beautifully framed and captioned photo will be on display in the Wing Commanders' gallery of the main museum. Maj Clarkston, museum chairman, and Mr. Bob Richter, museum curator, accepted the photo on behalf of the museum. (Mr. Richter innocently asked if the number 75, prominently displayed within the photo, had anything to do with the age of some of the aircraft!)

Matheson exposes adventures in new book:

## Flying the Frontiers, Volume III "Aviation Adventures Around the World"



## The Comox Air Force Museum

is proud to present the following special evening

on  
Thursday, November 25  
at

7:30 p.m. in the Museum

We will be launching the new book by award-winning author  
Shirlee Smith Matheson.

*Flying the Frontiers Vol. III* contains thirteen fascinating stories, featuring well-known pilots and engineers. Some of these adventurers made Vancouver Island their home base:

- **Cedric Mah** - "What do you want to do? Live forever?" - tales from flying the Burma Hump to being a bush pilot along BC's coastline;
- **Bill Cove** - "Mister Cargo" - (story includes an unexpected and desperate landing at Comox Air Force Base in a Beaver aircraft);
- **Dan McIvor** - "The Paper Bag Prince" - tells the history of the Marin Mars;
- **Dawn (Dawson-Connelly)** - "From Northern Snow to Kona Wind" - learning float-flying skills on the Alberni Canal prepared this pilot for a lifetime of adventure;
- ...and nine more exciting stories of fellow Canadians who "flew the frontiers."

From death-defying missions over the Burma Hump, to flying and fixing aircraft on Canada's temperamental coastline and Arctic Islands; from fun-filled around-the-world air races to exploration in space, these aviators have been there - and returned to tell of their adventures around the world. Come and meet some of these people and the author who dramatized their stories in this historic collection!

Admission Free

Refreshments will be served

Comox Air Force Museum, located at the entrance to 19 Wing, Comox

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Contact Major Joel Clarkston for more information



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