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VAdm Robertson named Chief of the Maritime Staff

By Public Affairs

Department of National Defence

ice-Admiral Drew Robertson assumed command of the Canadian Navy at 10:30 a.m. January 16, 2006 during a Change of Command ceremony held at the Ottawa Congress Centre. More than 250 people were on hand to witness the event and to bid a fond farewell to the outgoing Chief of the Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral Bruce MacLean. Chief of the Defence Staff, General Rick Hillier presided over the ceremony.

"As Vice-Admiral Robertson takes the watch from Vice-Admiral MacLean, I know the leadership of the Navy is in good hands," said General Hillier. "During his tenure, Vice-Admiral MacLean has charted the Navy's course to fully support CF Transformation. I have every confidence that his replacement, Vice-Admiral Robertson, will ensure the Navy remains relevant, responsive and effective well into the future."

"It has been an honour to command the Navy, but like command at sea, we are only as successful as the ship's company with whom we serve," said VAdm MacLean. "I have been greatly impressed with the pos- APOLLO was the name given to the Canadian Forces in 1973 to attend le itive attitude, perseverance and pro- initial Canadian Forces contribufessionalism demonstrated by the tion to the international campaign ated from the Royal Military Colentire Navy family. As I move on, I against terrorism. Most recently, he lege in 1978 with a degree in Engi-cer of Skeena.

am confident that I am turning over the watch to an officer who is exceptionally prepared for this key leadership role."

"I am honoured to be taking command of the Navy from Vice-Admiral MacLean," stated VAdm Robertson. "Under his command the Navy has been successful, both at home and abroad, and fully engaged in the transformation process of the Canadian Forces. I look forward to tackling the on-going challenges of building the future Navy.'

Following 35 years of distinguished service, VAdm MacLean will retire from the CF. He spent much of his career as a submariner serving in Canadian, Australian, and British submarines, including command of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Okanagan as well as two Australian boats. He assumed the duties of Chief of the Maritime Staff on Aug. 25, 2004.

Vice-Admiral Robertson has served in the Canadian Forces for 32 years in a variety of key positions, including command of the destroyers Annapolis and Athabaskan, and Task Group during its six-month Operation APOLLO deployment to Southwest Asia in 2001. Operation



Vice-Admiral Drew Robertson.

command of the first Canadian was the Director General International Security Policy at National Defence Headquarters.

Collège Militaire Royal. He gradu-

neering Physics and was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant.

His initial postings included VAdm Drew Robertson joined the tours as a warfare director in Nipigon and Kootenay, as an instructor at the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School, and as Combat Offi-

From 1988 to 1992 he served in operations billets ashore in both Maritime Command and National Defence Headquarters before attending the Command and Staff Course in Toronto in 1992.

On promotion to Commander in 1993 he served as the Executive Officer of the replenishment ship Provider before assuming command of the destroyer Annapolis in January 1995. In 1996-1997 he worked in the office of the Minister. He was promoted Captain(N) in 1997 and became the Director of NATO Policy.

In 1999 he assumed command of Athabaskan, which deployed in 2000 as flagship of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

Following the National Security Studies Course in 2001 he was promoted Commodore and took command of the Canadian Atlantic Fleet, and sailed as the first commander of the Canadian Task Group deployed to Southwest Asia for six months as part of Operation APOLLO-Canada's contribution to the international campaign against terrorism.

That deployment included command of a multi-national task group of ships from seven nations.

He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 2003, returning to NDHQ as Director General International Security Policy.

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HMCS Athabaskan will become the flagship for the Commander during a six-month SNMG1 deployment.

HMCS Athabaskan to take command of NATO Fleet in Germany

By A/SIt Stephan Boivin Public Affairs

HMCS Athabaskan left for Europe to take over the command of the Standing NATO Response Force Maritime Group 1 (SNMG1). The change of command for this six month deployment will take place in Kiel, Germany, on January 26 as Commodore Denis Rouleau will assume command of one of the two NATO fleets. The last Canadian Commander for a NATO Fleet was Rear-Admiral Morrisson in 1999-2000

A total of five ships will join the group in Germany for the first few months and, depending on exercises, more ships will join the fleet. "When we start in January, Athabaskan will be the flag ship. There will be a German ship, an American ship, a Portuguese ship and a Polish ship," said Commodore Rouleau. "We take command in Kiel and, from there we will go up northern Norway. We will spend time going south along the coast of France and down Portugal and Spain into the Mediterranean. We will extend our operation as far as Cape Verde, off the coast of Africa," he added.

It will be a busy six months for the destroyer and its 280 crew members, including a Sea King detachment from 12 Wing Shearwater. Various

Operation Endeavour, NATO's effort Affairs for SNMG1. n Wednesday, January 11, 2006 in the campaign against terrorism. "(As) Athabaskan will be going across the Atlantic, the ship will be doing their workups with sea training onboard until January 19. The operational turnover with the Germans, who are the current flag, will happen

There are two national exercises scheduled in the Baltic, one for the Norwegian navy and the other for the Danish navy. The ship will then sail into the Mediterranean for OPERA-TION ACTIVE ENDEAVOR.

ticipate in EXERCISE BRILLIANT cal level. MARINER, a certification exercise for the Commander Spanish mar-While in the Mediterranean, the itime group, as well as for Maritime they return home.

national exercises are scheduled as on January 26," stated Commander fleet will participate in more nation- Component Commander (MCC) in well as time in the Mediterranean for Chris Dickenson, Squadron Public al exercises for other NATO nations. the North sea," added Commander A French, Spanish and possibly a Dickenson. Another important exer-Turkish exercise will take place. cise scheduled for the NATO fleet "(The fleet) will be doing major is a certification for the NATO exercises in March. They will par- Response Force concept on a politi-

> The exercise will be happening off the coast of Cape Verde just before



During the deployment, Athabaskan will participate in many international exercises.



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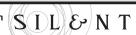
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Are you looking for ways to help keep your New Year's resolutions? We can help! PSP Community Recreation is now taking registration for the following classes:

Latin Dance: HMCC Windsor Park.

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Hatha Yoga: Shearwater, Fleet Gym—Dockyard, Stadplex, and HMCC Windsor Park.

Windsor Park.

Pilates & Yoga on the Ball: Shearwater.

Spinning: Fleet Gym—Dockyard, Stadplex and Shearwater.

Aqua Fitness: Stadplex and Shearwater.

Baby and Me Fitness: HMCC Wind-

Pilates: Stadplex, Shearwater, Fleet Gym-Dockyard and HMCC Windsor Park.

For more information on schedules and pricing please visit our website at www.psphalifax.ns.ca/Recreation/Adult _Recreation.asp. Flyers are also available at all three fitness facilities as well as the Community Centre in Windsor Park. To register, contact Nicole Dupuis at 722-4647 or dupuis.nc@forces.gc.ca. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday

Register early to avoid disappointment. Classes with low registration will be delayed or even cancelled.

HMFRC Family March Break Activities, March 13 to 17

The HMFRC will be offering Family March Break activities again this year. If you are interested in any or all family activity or have any questions, please call 427-7788. Please register your family by March 8, 2006. Remember spaces are limited so register soon.

Monday, March 13. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, we have scheduled a Family Fear Factor. Everyone will have the opportunity to get involved and have lots of fun. Don't be afraid, we won't make you eat bugs. We will also have many challenging games for everyone as well. All families can hang out together, laugh, and have the chance to win the HMFRC Fear Factor. This event is \$3 per person.

Tuesday, March 14. Has your family

before? If the answer is no, this is your opportunity. Come join us for some fun and spend time with your family and friends. The fee is \$3 per person. We will meet at Stadacona Bowling Alley from 10 a.m. − 12 noon.

Wednesday, March 15. Pig's Jig will be entertaining with singing, dancing and face painting for children. For \$2 per person, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Halifax Military Community Centre (HMCC) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 16. Creative Zones Aerobics: Shearwater and HMCC 10 a.m. to 12 noon, also in the Multi-Purpose Room of the HMCC. We will have zones set up for all age groups. These activities are fun, interactive trendy activities that everyone would love to try. These zones will be child and family led. Come check us out... You never know what kind of fun bits and pieces we may do. Bring along a friend and have some fun... The cost is \$3 per person.

Friday, March 17. End the last day with a big splash as we head to the Stadacona Sportsplex pool for a family swim and pizza. Three hours of fun from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5 per person includes swim and pizza.

For more information contact Pat Haight, PR & Fund Development, HMFRC, 427-4892.

Family events at the Halifax Military Family Resource Centre

On Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11a.m. there are Parent & Tot sessions at the HMFRC at the Halifax Military Community Centre in Windsor Park. Cost is \$1 per child. Register by calling

On Saturday January 28, 2006 there will be a Gymboree at HMFRC at the Halifax Military Community Centre in Windsor Park.

The session runs from 10a.m. to 11:30a.m. Cost is \$2 per child. Registration deadline is January 26, 2006. For further information call 427-7788.

Shearwater MFRC Youth Ball Hockey League

We play on Wednesday nights. There are eight teams in our league. Games are 3 on 3 plus a goalie.

We play two 15 minute running time periods and we have 15 minutes of skill instruction and warm up prior to the game—for a total of 45 minutes per

ever tried Glow in the Dark Bowling week. There is no cost to play in the league. The Shearwater Military Family Resource Center's Henderson Sweetman Youth Centre runs the league. Adults and youth coach teams. No equipment is required—we provide sticks and goalie gear. (Goggles are mandatory and we ask children to provide their own, or they can rent them for .50 cents a night) All skill levels welcome! The league is co-ed and this is a great way to stay fit, have fun and meet other children. The league is open to military and civilians. We currently have 60 children in the league but still need more.

The league goes until the end of May, and we finish off the season with a daylong floor hockey tournament. The children range in age from 8 to 13 years.

All members of the league must have a current Youth Center membership.

This is a \$15/year fee and entitles all members to attend the drop-ins at the Youth Center, along with special events, activities and programs.

For further information or to register call the Shearwater MFRC Youth Centre at 720-1776. Please go to our web site to view information and pictures on the league at www.shearwateryouth .homestead.com.

Mind Body Spirit event at SMFRC

Sometimes it just has to be... all about me! On Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm join us at the SMFRC for a rejuvenating day of reflection, inspiration and goal setting.

This day will be jam-packed with tools, tips and activities to help you find more free time to invigorate your spirit. There will be sessions on massage, movement and self-care.

Bring comfortable clothes, a light spirit and an open mind. The cost to attend is \$25 (includes lunch and refreshments) and childcare is available for \$15 per family.

For more information or to register, please contact Ryllonna at 720-1159 or Leclerc.RL@forces.gc.ca.

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GCWCC 2005 campaign total exceeds expectations

Trident staff

n 2005, the Joint Task Force Atlantic's (JTFA) annual Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) raised a total of \$382,882.74. That amount exceeds not only the declared goal, but also the stretch goal, according to Captain(N) Marc St-Jean, Base Commander of CFB Halifax and GCWCC Champion.

"Congratulations are in order to each and every member of the campaign team because the campaign is an overwhelming success. What we are here today to do, is to recognize and celebrate that kind of achievement," stated Capt(N) St-Jean.

The announcement of the final amount raised came on Monday January 16,2006, during the closing ceremony for the GCWCC, which was held onboard HMCS *Preserver*.

Cdr Mark Watson, Formation Administration Officer, was master of ceremonies for the event.

Noting that it was his first cam-Capt(N) St-Jean observed "I have to say I've been really inspired and heartened to see the kind of enthusiasm and hard work that each and every member of the campaign team, and each and every volunteer has put into the success we achieved today."

He thanked the leaders, coordi-



Catherine Woodman, president and CEO of the Halifax region United Way, and Capt(N) St-Jean, CFB Halifax Base Commander unveiled the total for the 2005 GCWCC in JTFA.

all who contributed their time nel in JTFA, some 10,000, if you take and money.

"We had three goals for this campaign. The first one was 100 per cent paign as a GCWCC champion, canvassing," Capt(N) St-Jean noted, adding "We achieved 90 per cent and that's a really good target."

> The second goal was to increase participation. "This year, I'm happy to say we have done that. We increased by two per cent over the previous year and some of you may

two per cent of that, 200 people had a new opportunity to join the cause."

The third goal was the monetary goal set at the campaign launch in September 2005, which was \$360,000, with a stretch goal of \$375,000.

At the close, the campaign not only met but exceeded the stretch goal, stated Capt(N) St-Jean. "So one and all, thank you for your participanot think that sounds like a lot. But tion and contribution of time and

nators, canvassers, treasurers, and when you think about all the person- effort and funds that will ensure that the programs that we need the most, the services we need the most within our own community, and within the broader community, are available for years to come."

> Catherine Woodman, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the United Way of Halifax region, was present for the closing ceremony and noted that Preserver had a strong family connection for her, as her father was the first Commanding Officer. Recalling Provider and Protecteur, Preserver's sister ships, Woodman stated that when she thought of these three ships, "I think of DND's role in the community,"

In her job as CEO, Woodman added that she has realized "how the military and DND deliver on those three values, if you will. How you preserve, and protect, and provide in the community. And today we are celebrating the generosity and the spirit of people in DND in stepping forward and providing tremendous support to us.'

Woodman emphasized that the CF/DND support extends beyond the financial. It also includes several DND employees who work for the United Way during the campaign, the Stadacona Band's performance at the United Way launch ceremony, "and the fact that you hosted our community leadership event on the Bridge this year, and the fact that your Base Commander sits on our board. In so many ways, you demon-

strate your support to the community. Very real and tangible ways, and we are very grateful."

The event also included the presentation of Workplace Appreciation awards, Quantum Leap awards, and Outstanding Group and Unit awards.

12 Wing Shearwater received triple honours with a Workplace Appreciation award, a Quantum Leap award, and an Outstanding Group/Unit award.

ACOS P & T, N4 MAT, Canadian Fleet Atlantic, LFAA HO, MARLANT HQ, ACOS IM, and CFAD Bedford all received Workplace Appreciation awards. N4 MAT also received a Quantum Leap award.

As well, DND retirees earned a Quantum Leap award.

DRDC (A) was a Silver level participant, and also had the greatest number of leaders. CHRSC (A) and MAC (A) were Silver level participants, and FMF Cape Scott was a Bronze level participant.

In Unit awards, Bcomd Sec/FSE achieved a 200 per cent increase, winning a Quantum Leap award. FAdm, ACOS P & O, Trinity, RCSU (A), HMC Ships Toronto, Charlottetown and Montreal all received Quantum Leap awards, with RCSU (A) also being recognized for the highest unit participation.

Preserver received a Quantum Leap award for showing an 87 per cent increase, two years running.

Ville de Quebec also received a Quantum Leap award for a 195 per cent increase, and was also honoured as most improved unit.

From 12 Wing Shearwater, 12 AMS, 423 Squadron, and Wing Ops all received Quantum Leap awards.

Base Commander Bravo Zulu awards went to comptroller Brenda Dean, N4 MAT group coordinator Ellen Rhind, and 12 Wing group coordinator Capt Liz Verge. ADOs Kim McNeil and Stacey Coates received bouquets of flowers in appreciation of their work on the campaign.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Cdr Watson was presented with a framed photo of the Macdonald Bridge, in recognition of his outstanding work as director of the 2003, 2004 and 2005 GCWCCs.

Cdr Hatton, Preserver's Commanding Officer, received a presentation in thanks for the ship's role as host of the event.



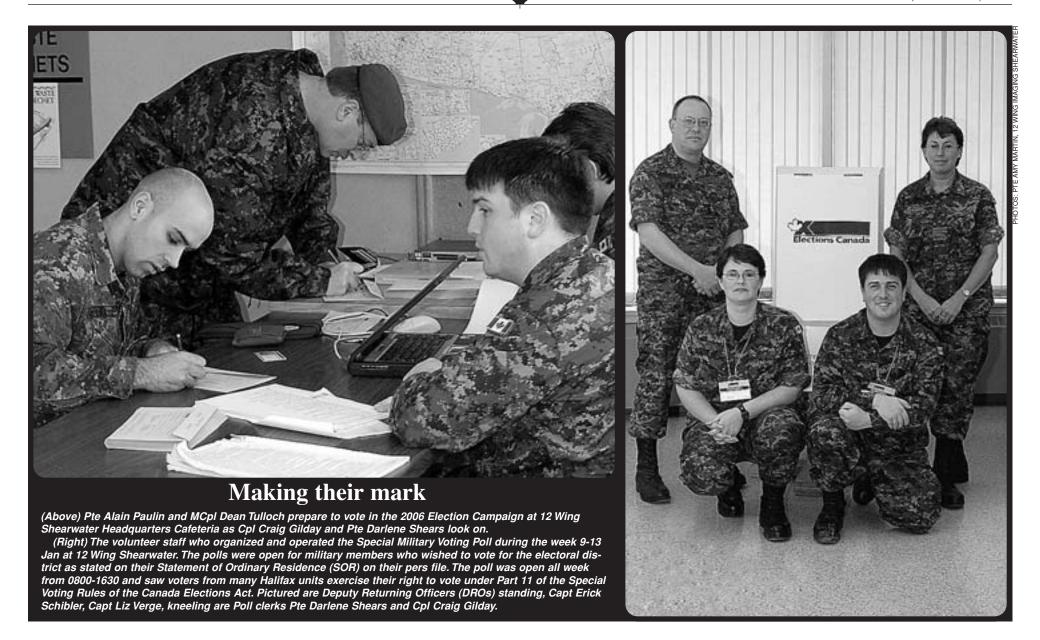
Members of the 12 Wing 2005 Campaign team displaying the achievement of the Wing as having met the WComd goal of \$30,000. In fact, the campaign went on to realize a total of over \$38,000 raised in support of the GCWCC this year. Members are from left to right: MCpl Steve Jones (12 AMS), Capt Erin McGovern (406), MCpl Steve Graham (HOTEF), Lt Anthea Chang (WTIS), WO Hilliard (12 AMS), Capt Dave Medjuck (423), Pte Darrell Flight (406) and PO2 Dave Willmore (406).







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CF youth to participate in National Youth Model

By Virginia Beaton

Trident staff

■ Youth Model is looking for some youth ages 13 to 18 from Agency. According to Dupuis, areas. Canadian Forces (CF) families.

They need volunteers for local youth committees that will propose ideas for projects aimed at CF youth, and how they would like to develop projects and initiatives that see money spent.

"This is an initiative that was started at the national level, after the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans' Affairs was need to support military youth," stated Nicole Dupuis, Community Recreation Assistant for Personnel Support Programs (PSP). youth group at 12 Wing, so Dupuis

is that is youth driven."

This venture is a cooperative The Canadian Forces National effort between the MFRCs and the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Halifax, Bedford and Sackville funds for the CF Youth Model have recently become available and are now allotted to bases and wings across the country. "This is to will enhance the life of military youth. In order to do that, we have to set up a youth council or youth committee for the different areas."

Since this is a national initia-(SCONDVA) determined that there tive, "this is being rolled out on There should be a chairperson, bases and wings across Canada," stated Dupuis.

There is already a very active

"A main focus of the Youth Model and Donna Sutton, the Youth Coor- the committee will meet regularly dinator at the Halifax Military Family Resource Centre (HMFRC), are working to gather youth from the

> The goal is for the CF youth committee to have input into what initiatives they would like to see. "It has to be guided by the youth. It has to be their wishes," stated Dupuis.

She noted that the plan is to recruit volunteers for the committee and hold the first meeting on February 12.

"We hope to fill the positions. vice chairperson, secretary, maybe fundraising chair, whatever they think is necessary.'

Once it is formed, stated Dupuis,

to decide how they want to use the funding from the national project.

"They must also decide how they would like to see the youth centre managed and used, and what kind of activities and programs they would like."

"It has to be guided by the youth. It has to be their wishes."

With suggestions from the youth committee, "we are hoping to develop some outreach activities," added Dupuis.

She noted that last fall they held

a focus group for youth, to learn what kind of sport and social activities they would want to see. Suggestions ranged from trips to equipment for the youth centre.

"With help and support, the committee will be the ones organizing the things they would like to do. This is an opportunity to learn and to develop leadership skills," Dupuis pointed out.

If there are CF youth in the Halifax, Sackville or Bedford areas who want to be part of the youth committee, they may contact Nicole Dupuis at 722-4647, or Donna Sutton at 427-7084.

"We are hoping to have responses back by January 31. We will be putting out posters and flyers over the next few weeks," stated Dupuis.



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Réunion NCSM/ Christmas with 406 Squadron The perfect way to celebrate Christmas 2005

By 2Lt Ian McIntyre

12 Wing Shearwater

ocktails at 6, dinner at 7, music and dancing all night long. Sounds like the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season. And that's just what 406 Maritime Operational Training Squadron did.

On Thursday, December 8, 2005, 406 (M) OTS held its annual Christmas Party at the new Chiefs' and Petty Officers' Mess in Juno Tower at CFB Halifax. There were more than 80 members and their families, civilian staff and guests who attended the event for an evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing. The goal of the event was to build morale and esprit de corps within the 406 (M) OTS and extended family, as well as to increase the positive profile of the Maritime Helicopter Community within the local community and sponsoring businesses.

The evening started with cocktails on the Bridge. This was a great chance to meet and greet friends early in the evening to wish them the best for the season. The Bridge offers a spectacular view of the city.

modern carols.

Great food followed in Chiefs' and Petty Officers' formal dining room. The menu included an assortment of appetizers to appeal to any taste and a main course of roast mandarin glazed chicken breast and baked citrus peppercorn salmon. The night concluded with more music and dancing, great prizes, and a visit from St Nick, ensuring that the evening ended on a high note.

The goal of the event was to build morale and esprit de corps within the 406 (M) OTS and extended family.

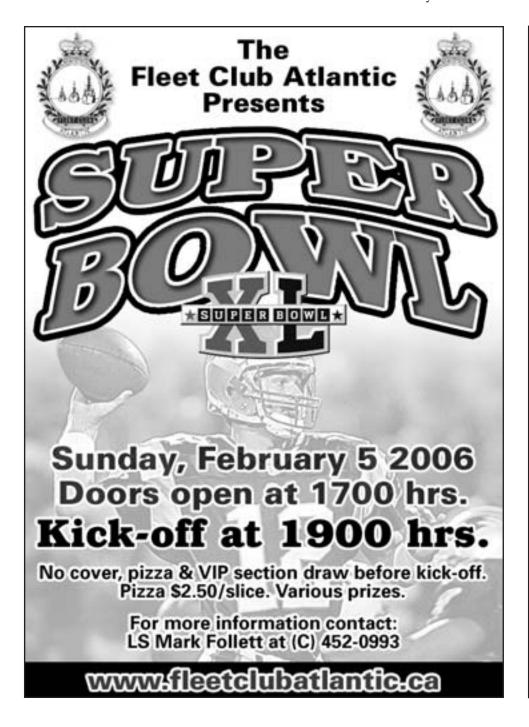
The evening was a tremendous success. Guests started arriving about 6 p.m. to be greeted at the door while a professional photographer was on hand to take Christ-A brass quintet from the 36 Service mas portraits of members and Battalion band was there to set the their guests. The brass quintet from yuletide mood with traditional and 36 Service Battalion was tremen- so memorable.

dously popular and at the end of the evening, transportation home was available to those wishing to take advantage of the complimentary service.

Squadron Commanding Officer LCol S.J. Newton said that it was the best Christmas party he had attended in 27 years of service, adding "[the] evening was a wonderful event, super atmosphere and ambiance, excellent people and a wonderful meal topped off with jovial gift giving and dancing. Well done to all."

Several local business generously donated to the event, including Ski Martock, Steele Mazda, Enterprise Car Rental, Cafe Michele, Interlude Spa, Burnside Snooker Club, Ship Shape Dry Cleaners, Deer Country Hideaway, Tim Hortons, Jane's on the Commons, O'Regan's Infinity, O'Regan's Nissan, YMCA at Akerley, and Boondocks. Thanks to their contributions, some wonderful gifts and prizes were handed out at this year's event.

Sincere thanks to each of these companies, as well as to the staff of the Chiefs' and Petty Officers' Mess for their help in making the 2005 406 (M) OTS Christmas Party





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Par Passport Canada

DNews

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By Passport Canada

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25 Coffee Break @ Wardroom 1100

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HOTEF hosts 25th anniversary reunion

By 2Lt Ian McIntyre

12 Wing Shearwater

Ivanovich Sikorsky (1889-1972) made his first flight in his VS-300. Despite opposition within the aviation community, his continued research ultimately led to significant event in HOTEF's histothe development of a global helicopter industry.

That was the first time a Sikorsky helicopter had been successfully test-flown.

Since then, innumerable Sikorsky test flights have been conducted, and when it comes to the Sea King, no one has had greater success in the last 25 years than the Helicopter Operational Test and Evaluation Facility (HOTEF).

HOTEF, located at 12 Wing Shearwater, is responsible for all operational testing of new equipment and operating procedures on the CH-124 Sea King.

Essentially, HOTEF is responsistate-of-the-art equipment for the Sea King, to enable crews to operate efficiently while deployed.

HOTEF has also been involved with other projects such as participating in Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) exercises and Aviation Life Support Equipment trials.

Celebrating its 25-year anniversary as a unit, HOTEF hosted a reunion of former unit members from September 7 to 10, 2005.

The week's events included a barbeque organized and hosted by current HOTEF members with Captain Neil Scott as the organizing committee's Chairman.

to the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

A local modeller, Rob Lepine was commissioned to build a model of n September 14, 1939, Igor the Sea King in the Gulf War mode with the self-defence suite including the Forward Looking Infrared sensor (FLIR) and door gun.

"We felt that probably the most ry had been preparations for the Gulf War because it involved a lot of modifications to the [Sea King] and equipment in a very short period of time", said Capt. Scott.

Also present was the first Commanding Officer of the unit, Major (ret'd) [NMS1] Harry Boyko.

Speaking of his first days in Shearwater, Boyko said, "I got there in 1969 and started flying the Sea King in 1970. A team was put together to help develop the underwater acoustic system [for the Sea King]. There weren't any airborne acoustic systems that were helicopter size at the time."

Commenting on HOTEF as it curble for researching and testing rently exits, Boyko said, "Being the first CO of the unit, I was very pleased and impressed with that the organization has done in the last 25 years. We did not expect it to blossom and grow into what it has become. It has its own legacy."

HOTEF current Commanding Officer Major (Maj) Gregory Leis stated "HOTEF is the most forwardlooking of the units."

Maj Leis has been doing testing and evaluating since 1994 except for a two-year stint with 406 Training Squadron.

He has been with HOTEF for almost two years.

Currently, 12 Wing, and the CF in On the morning prior to the bargeneral, await the arrival of the lat-



(Left to right) Current Commanding Officer (CO) Maj Greg Leis, former HOTEF CO (Ret'd) Harry Boyko, 12 Wing Commander Col Allan Blair and former HOTEF CO Maj (Ret'd) Grant Bristow mark the 25th Anniversary of HOTEF with a cake cutting during the opening of the new HOTEF display at the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

148 Cyclone.

Delivery of the first aircraft will be in approximately three years with the remaining helicopters delivered at a rate of one per month for a total of 28.

"The new aircraft is going to have such an enormous capability," said Maj Leis. "Right now, we are just trying to decide what the initial operational capability will be and what is the most effective way of getting a technically airworthy aircraft ready to make an effective fighting machine."

The unit will conduct trials and

aircraft is prepared to take on the responsibilities that the Sea King has executed for so many years. Just as before, the members of HOTEF will meet those challenges and will exceed any and all expectations.

"HOTEF is a collection of exceptional people and it is the combination of those people that make it a great unit," said Maj. Leis.

Happy 25th Anniversary. Here's to many more years of impeccable service. Igor would be proud.

HOTEF: A history told through projects. Historically, the evolubeque, HOTEF made a presentation est Sikorsky acquisition: the CH- evaluations to ensure that the new tion of the squadron from a test

facility to an official unit has not followed a straight path:

- November 5, 1952: VX10 was formed at Shearwater for the purpose of flight and evaluation trials on the newly acquired Avenger TBM Bomber airplane, in use at the time with the US Navy for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW).
- 1957-1964: VX10's principle role related to the CS2F Tracker
- November 27, 1963: VX10 performs the first free deck landing of a Sea King helicopter aboard HMCS Assiniboine, anchored in the Bedford Basin.
- December 3, 1963: The first landing using the haul down wire and bear trap was performed.
- June 30, 1970: VX10 is disbanded to form the Aerospace Engineering Test Establishment in Cold Lake Alberta, leaving Canadian Naval Aviation without a dedicated Test and Evaluation Capability.
- 1979-1980: The Helicopter Operational Evaluation and Test Facility (HOTEF) was created out of a renewed requirement for dedicated body to test fly maritime helicopters-namely the CH-124 Sea King.
- 1980-2005: HOTEF becomes the model for all other Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) Units in the Air Force, conducting hundreds of OT&E projects for both 12 Wing and the Air Force, improving the capability and effectiveness of the CH-124 helicopter, and paving the way for the implementation of the CH-148 Cyclone.







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Search and rescue crews airlift second sick patient off Coast Guard ship

By 9 Wing Gander **DNews**

of formed two airlifts off the same Litter) and took him to St. John's." Coast Guard ship within a 24-hour deal with two separate cases of suspected heart problems.

Sergeant (Sgt) Dave Payne, a ed feeling sick. Search and Rescue Technician with second casualty experiencing a carentific work.

diac event, said Sgt Payne. "We did our basic medical on the ship and then hoisted the gentleman up (into earch and rescue crews per- the CH-149 Cormorant on a Stokes

The airlift was the second of its period since Sunday, January 8 to kind in two days, the first one occurring on January 8 when another man was airlifted after he report-

According to CBC Radio St. 103 Squadron, rappelled down to John's, the Templeman has picked the Sir Wilfred Templeman on the up replacement sailors and is morning of January 10 to bring up a returning to sea to complete its sci-



CH-149 Cormorant over the Atlantic.

Évacuation par hélicoptère d'un deuxième patient à partir du même navire de la Garde côtière

Par 9 Wing Gander DNews

epuis dimanche, en l'espace problèmes cardiaques. de 24 heures, les équipes de

ont évacué par hélicoptère deux 103e Escadron, est descendu au navire, puis nous l'avons hissé à jours. La première a eu lieu le 8 jan- travaux scientifiques.

personnes malades à partir du moyen d'un treuil sur le Sir Wilfred bord de l'hélicoptère (un CH-149 vier, lorsqu'un autre homme a été même navire de la Garde côtière. Templeman, le 10 janvier, pour Cormorant) sur une civière Stokes évacué par hélicoptère après s'être Dans les deux cas, il s'agirait de porter secours à une deuxième per- pour le transporter jusqu'à St. senti malade. D'après CBC Radio à Le Sergent Dave Payne, techni- diaques. « Nous avons donné les recherche et de sauvetage des FC cien en recherche et sauvetage du premiers soins au patient sur le la deuxième du même genre en deux et a repris la mer pour terminer ses

sonne souffrant de troubles car- John's. », a expliqué le Sgt Payne. St. John's, le Sir Wilfrid Templeman

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Cpl. Andrew Beckett is passionate about his Reservist and medical careers.

Working with a scalpel

By Sgt Rick Fancy Army News Halifax

he smell of disinfectant lin-Medical Technician Corporal (Cpl) more interested in a career in medi-Andrew Beckett sterilized his cine. "I was exposed to mass casuhands for the next surgery. It had already been a long day and it experiences stay with me." would continue late into the night, but in a different uniform.

unsure of what he wanted to do eventually decided to become a when he grew up. At 18, he decided doctor. At the same time, he wantto join the military as a Medical ed to continue with his military Assistant. He served with 1 Field experience so he transferred to the Ambulance (1 Fd Amb) and 1 Reserve Force and joined 33 Field ciplined and now I am a physician."

Infantry (1 PPCLI) in Calgary, Alberta and completed tours in Yugoslavia in 1992 and 1994. It was ■ gered in the air as Reserve during these tours that he became alties, and to this day some of those

After about nine years in the Regular Force he decided to return As a youth, Cpl Beckett was to school to study medicine and

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Ambulance (33 Fd Amb) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "It is important to give time to your country and community, the Reserves give you an opportunity to do that.'

> Now as a Reserve Medical Technician and a first-year General Surgery Resident at Dalhousie University, he balances a 100-hour workweek in the hospital and his Reserve duties because they are both careers about which he is passionate. "It's very challenging, but I still have a strong connection to the military, they taught me to study, be responsible and to be dis-

First Aid training gives you the tools to respond quickly

By Lt Cdr Timothy J. McDermott

Underwater Warfare/ Submarine Rescue

n a weekend drive in the country, you come across the scene of a motorcycle accident. An adult male is lying in a roadside ditch. You observe the rider is unconscious. He may have suffered a neck or spinal injury. He has a broken leg with pieces of the bone sticking out through his skin. He has a severe laceration to his face and chest and a partial amputation of one of his forearms. There is no one else around. The closest fire station and ambulance are more than 30 kms away. You are on

your own... Do you know what to do?

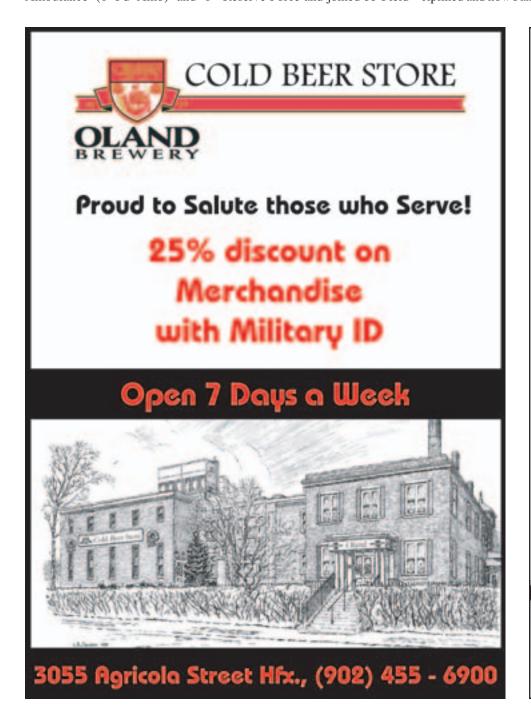
If you've undergone first aid training under the instruction of CPO1 Ken Lane, PO1 Les Adams, PO2 Dave Watts or LS Tom Beverage, then you know what the next

der course is an intense 10 day course designed to train ship's casualty clearing team members to deal with medical emergencies.

Participants covered include everything from treating diabetic shock to gunshot wounds and amputations to using pressure demand oxygen delivery systems and automatic external defibrillation devices.

The course combines lectures, hands-on practical demonstrations and some very realistic casualty simulations. MARLANT takes the St John Ambulance material and adds several days worth of additional training scenarios to reinforce the lessons learned. Students face a variety of medical scenarios that can leave those with weak stomachs wishing they had skipped lunch.

Students who successfully complete the course return to their ships with the knowledge, training and step is and you've practiced that confidence required to become an scenario and many others. The effective member of the ship's Advanced Medical First Respon- casualty clearing organization.





My Mechanic opens in Burnside

By Melanie Furlong

Trident contributor

services accessible to everybody. His new Burnside business, My Mechanic, is achieve this.

For example, there's a concrete ramp at the entrance to make it wheelchair accessible.

"The last place I worked at didn't have any access for of the road. They wonder people with wheelchairs," said Thorne.

outside or they sat in the passenger side while we were trying to fix their car. I thought that wasn't fair and I if the engine light comes on. felt that they were left out in the auto industry. Things need to change."

My Mechanic's entire facility is wheelchair accessible including the bathroom. The counter tops are lowered, and the waiting room itself is large enough for wheelchairs to maneuver in easily.

We can work with their budget, not our budget, as long as the car can be safely driven."

Thorne also wants to make the place more appealing to women, who he said, are in charge of the family finances about 70 per cent of the time, as well as to those on budgets.

"Usually a man will come in with the car and have to call his wife to find out if their budget can handle a repair or not."

That's one reason he's designed a budget repair program.

'We'll do the initial request that the customer has and we'll check over the car for anything else that we notice that should be repaired," said Thorne. "We'll write on the work order what should be done today, next week or six months down the road. We can work with their budget, not our budget, as long as the car can be safely driven. We're not here to up-sell; we don't do that here.'

Customers who have a repair done will also be given a card from the technician who did the work on their car

and that person will become their regular mechanic.

"What I mean by that is echanic George Thorne that the customer can keep wants to make auto the business card on them and if they run out of gas, have a question or break down on side of road in the set up differently from other Metro area, the technician auto shops to help him will come and help you free of charge or will make arrangements for somebody to come and help you. It can be scary, especially for women, to end up on the side who will stop."

My Mechanic will also "I used to go out to their car offer on-site seminars every and talk to them in their car three months free of charge for both women and men.

> Topics range from how to check the oil to what it means

The first seminar will be on regular maintenance some time in mid-April.



My Mechanic owner George Thorne.



Mechanic Allan Gay checks out this car's suspension.



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Stadacona band director becomes CF Supervisor of Music

By Virginia Beaton

Trident staff

fter five years of service with the Stadacona Band of Maritime Forces Atlantic, Commander (Cdr) Gaetan Bouchard is leaving.

He has been appointed to the position of Supervisor of Music for the Canadian Forces and will be posted to National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) in Ottawa.

The Honourable Myra Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, paid tribute to Cdr Bouchard and the entire Stadacona Band during a reception at Government House on Monday, January 9, 2006.

"Tonight, His Honour and event to recognize the contributions the Stadacona Band has made to our Nova Scotia community, and to acknowledge the leadership of its director, Commander Gaetan Governor Freeman.

Her Honour noted the band's performances at many public functions, stating "Your presence at all the events that we have been at, has certainly enriched our lives over these last

She observed that during Cdr Bouchard's tenure, the band has played many high profile engagements including the annual Battle of the Atlantic Gala, the Till We Meet Again concert each November, and the Very Beary Christmas concerts. The Stadacona Band has also been for many years the pit band at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

Other performances included the band's participation in the Ouebec International Military Band Festival, the 56th anniversary of the Italian Republic, and in June 2004, the parade for the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Lieutenant Governor Free-I are delighted to host this man thanked Cdr Bouchard for his dedicated service to the Stadacona Band of Maritime Forces Atlantic, as well as to the Canadian Forces. She observed that in July 2004, he received a Chief of Bouchard," stated Lieutenant the Maritime Staff (CMS) commendation from Vice Admiral (VAdm) Ron Buck, then the CMS.

September 2005, RAdm Dan Commander-in-Chief of the McNeil, Commander Joint Canadian Forces. The occa-Task Force Atlantic and Mar-sion was the band's 65th itime Forces Atlantic, pre- anniversary.

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Myra A. Freeman paid tribute to the outgoing director of the Stadacona Band, Cdr Gaetan Bouchard during a reception at the Government House. Cdr Bouchard received a paperweight made of Nova Scotia crystal.

sented the band with a citation from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, then Gover-In addition, she noted, in nor General of Canada and

man presented Cdr Bouchard with a Nova Scotia crystal paperweight inscribed with the Crown, as a gift from Government House.

In accepting the gift, Cdr Bouchard emphasized his gratitude to the MARLANT

Lieutenant Governor Free- command structure for their support of the organization, as well as to Her Honour and the Honourable Lawrence Freeman.

"They are truly our biggest fans," he commented.

Cdr Bouchard extended his particular thanks to the band members, saying "How could I do this without the people in the band?" Complimenting the high standard of their musicianship, Cdr Bouchard joked, "I hardly had anything to do... We performed and we had fun." He assessed his posting in MAR-LANT as "the five best years of my life, so far."

In an interview following the reception, Cdr Bouchard stated that one of his priorities during the time in MARLANT was to connect with the community and to showcase local musicians

Cdr Bouchard stated that he consulted with composers and arrangers such as Scott Macmillan, who participated in the Stadacona Band's milestone tour of Francophone communities. In the fall of 2005, they travelled to several of Nova Scotia's Acadian regions, with a French program featuring Acadian singers and musicians as guest soloists.

"Scott has always been a big help. He has great advice about who we should present," stated Cdr Bouchard.

In his new position as Supervisor of Music for the CF, Cdr Bouchard will be invited to guest conduct, but stated that he also looked forward to having the opportunity to play his instrument, the French horn.

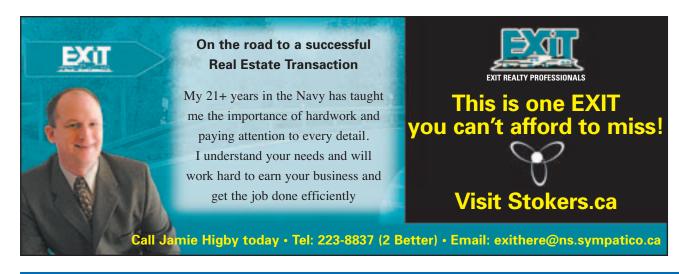
"I hope to play again, perhaps in a community band."

Guests at the reception included many friends and supporters of the Stadacona Band, including RAdm Dan McNeil and his wife Kathy; VAdm (ret'd) Duncan Miller, former commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic; Col (ret'd) Ian Fraser, director of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo, and previous Stadacona Band conductors Cdr (ret'd) Jack McGuire and LCdr (ret'd) Jim Forde.

The change of command ceremony took place in the band room on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

Captain(N) Rick Payne thanked Cdr Bouchard for his accomplishments during his time as conductor and music director with the ensemble.

"You've got a big honking band, and it's the best band in the Canadian Forces," Capt(N) Payne told LCdr Ray Murray, the band's new Commanding Officer.





Can the Air Force protect its airfields using Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles?

By Canadian Air Force **DNews**

he Air Force has stepped up its involvement in what is perhaps the most visible sign of capability transformation across the Canadian Forces—uninhabited aerial vehicles (UAV).

A new 60-person Tactical UAV Flight formed of personnel from 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, from Edmonton and 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC) from CFB Valcartier, conducted trials of Tactical UAVs last October in Wainwright, in preparation for their operational employment.

The Air Force has also created a new section within the Directorate of Air Requirements to identify future UAV requirements of the Canadian Forces.

testing the Silver Fox Mini UAV to held in the vast expanse of southern see how it will perform in an operational environment. Can it transmit reliable, secure information? ment Canada experimental proving Can it detect potential threats? Can ground at CFB Suffield. it withstand an enemy attack? Are



The Silver Fox UAV.

atre of operation more secure with its new CF Aerospace Warfare Cen-UAVs flying overhead?

These and other questions were put to the test during the airfield Last fall, the Air Force began security experiment, which was Alberta, more specifically, the Defence Research and Develop-

tre who work on experimentation in Ottawa. The experiment was a success on many fronts, not the least of which was increasing the number of flying hours on the Silver Fox by 84, a 350 per cent increase in operational flying time.

insurgents in vehicles or dismounted, armed with shoulder launched missiles, mortars, and assault rifles trying to attack the airfield. To complicate matters further, neutral civilian work parties were included in the operational area.

Major Bjorn Helby, the experi-The task of the Silver Fox was to ment director said "the success of and the steady accumulation of locate, identify and report potential this experiment shows that the CF The Air Force conducted the threats to the airfield operation. The Aerospace Warfare Centre concept which maintained the high morale military airfields in a deployed the- experiment, using personnel from scenario included small teams of development and experimentation of the team.

g process worked remarkably well the first time we executed it. Partnering with the experts wherever they are, forming a multidisciplinary team, and tackling a problem using a process of experimentation first in simulation and then in live, worked really well."

The experiment was truly a joint effort between the Army, Navy, Air Force, Regular and Reserve Force, and DRDC—everyone brought their own unique area of expertise to the table, be it on UAV systems, modeling, experimental design and analysis, to all the field logistics support, combat arms expertise, personnel to play the role of insurgents, and two personnel to train and function as Silver Fox Sensor Operators.

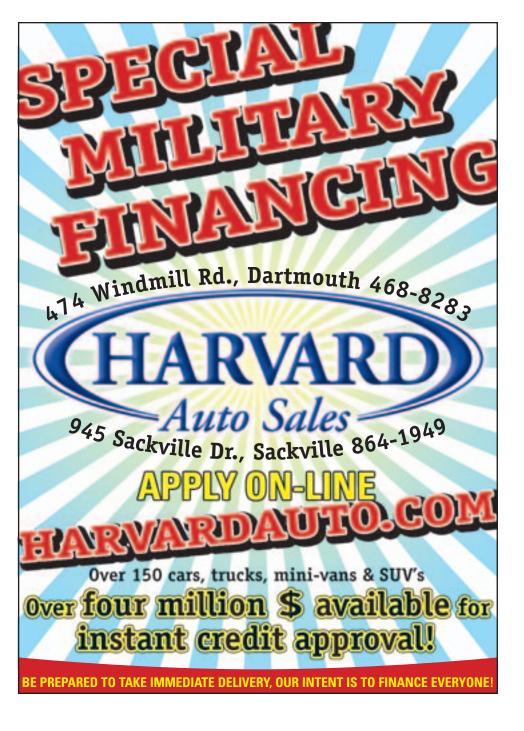
Special mention should go to the DRDC Suffield personnel who repeatedly worked late into the evening and again very early in the morning to ensure that the Silver Fox was ready for launch. The hard work paid off in successful flights experimental data (70 DVDs in all),

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Bomb kills Canadian official, wounds CF soldiers

By National Defence

DNews

ne Canadian civilian official was killed and three Canadian soldiers were wounded after a bomb detonated close to their vehicle. The incident occurred around 1:30 p.m. local (4 a.m. ET), on January 15, about one km southeast of Camp Nathan Smith, the site of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Kandahar City. The incident took the life of Mr. Glyn Berry, a Political Director, from Foreign Affairs Canada embedded with the PRT. The family of the deceased and the soldiers' next of kin have been notified.

The wounded soldiers are Private William Edward Salikin, Corporal Jeffrey Bailey and Master Corporal Paul Franklin. All soldiers were deployed as part of the PRT and originate from Land Force Western Area units.

All casualties were first evacuated from the incident site to Camp Nathan Smith by road in a military ambulance. A U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter from Kandahar Airfield flew the wounded soldiers from the PRT site to the American field hospital at Kandahar Airfield



Three Canadian Forces Chaplains lead the pallbearer party.

Germany, where family members

where they received medical atten- were expected to arrive January 18. soldiers were patrolling in G Wagon around their vehicles and the tion. The three soldiers were taken Two are in an induced coma, and (Gelaendenwagen) vehicles. Imme- Provincial Reconstruction Team governance institutions, and facilito an American Army hospital in one has severe damage to both legs. diately after the explosion, the sol- Quick Reaction Force was dis-

The deceased and the wounded diers established a security cordon

patched to the scene of the blast. A detailed investigation is being conducted to determine the circumstances of the accident.

Canada's mission in Afghanistan is part of our contribution to the international campaign against terrorism. The overarching goal is to help the Afghan people achieve peace by preventing their nation from relapsing into a failed state that gives terrorist and terrorist organizations a safe haven.

There are significant risks involved in these operations, but Canadian Forces members are among the best trained, and most experienced soldiers in the world. They are well led, well equipped, and fully prepared for the mission in Afghanistan.

The PRT consists of about 250 soldiers, most of them from Land Force Western Area, headquartered at Edmonton, Alberta. The PRT brings together Canadian military personnel, civilian police, diplomats and aid workers in an integrated effort to reinforce the authority of the Afghan government in and around Kandahar and to help stabilize the region. To achieve its mission, the PRT conducts security patrols, assists local reconstruction efforts, supports local

Une bombe explose en Afghanistan: un civil canadien a été tué et trois soldats canadiens ont subi des blessures

Par National Defence

DNews

trois soldats canadiens ont subi des blessures lorsqu'une bombe a explosé près de leur véhicule. L'incident s'est produit vers 13 h 30, heure locale (4 h HNE), le 15 janvier, à approximativement un kilomètre au sud-est du camp Nathan Smith, le site de l'Équipe provinciale de reconstruction (ÉPR) situé à Kandahar City. M. Glyn Berry, un directeur porté les soldats blessés à l'hôpital de la force d'intervention rapide de politique d'Affaires étrangères Canada intégré avec l'ÉPR a été tué lors de l'explosion. On a avisé les plus proches parents des victimes.

William Edward Salikin, le caporal Jeffrey Bailey et le caporal-chef Paul n civil canadien a été tué et Franklin. Tous étaient déployés au sein de l'ÉPR et proviennent d'unités originant du Secteur de l'Ouest de la force terrestre.

> Tous ont été initialement évacués du site de l'incident au camp Nathan bord de véhicules G-Wagen (Gelän-Smith par route à bord d'une ambulance militaire. Un hélicoptère Blackhawk de l'armée des États-Unis basé à l'aérodrome de Kandahar a transcampagne américain établi à l'aérodrome de Kandahar, où ils reçoivent des soins. Les trois soldats ont été conduits dans un hôpital de l'Armée

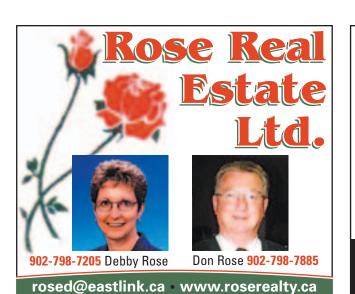
Les militaires blessés sont le soldat américaine en Allemagne où des membres de leur famille devraient les rejoindre le 18 janvier. Deux des soldats sont dans un coma provoqué et le troisième souffre de blessures graves aux jambes.

> La personne décédée et les soldats blessés effectuaient une patrouille à dewagen). Immédiatement après l'explosion, les soldats ont établi un périmètre de sécurité autour des véhicules. On a dépêché sur les lieux l'Equipe provinciale de reconstruction. On mène actuellement une enquête approfondie afin de déter-

La mission des Forces canadidans la participation du Canada à la campagne contre le terrorisme. Son but principal est d'aider le peuple afghan à vivre en paix en empêchant le pays de redevenir un État défaillant qui constitue un refuge pour les terroristes et les organisations de même acabit.

Cette mission comporte des risques considérables, mais les membres des FC comptent parmi les militaires les mieux entraînés et les plus expérimentés du monde. Ils sont bien dirigés, bien équipés, et parfaitement prêts à accomplir leur miner les circonstances de l'accident. mission en Afghanistan.

L'ÉPR se compose de 250 soldats. ennes (FC) en Afghanistan s'inscrit La plupart de ces derniers proviennent du Secteur de l'Ouest de la Force terrestre, dont le quartier général est à Edmonton (Alberta). L'ÉPR réunit des militaires canadiens, des policiers civils, des diplomates et des représentants du domaine humanitaire. Sa mission est de renforcer l'autorité du gouvernement afghan à Kandahar et dans ses environs, et de stabiliser la région. Pour mener à bien sa tâche, l'ÉPR effectue des patrouilles de sécurité, soutient les efforts de reconstruction et les organismes de gouvernement, et facilite les réformes dans le secteur de la sécurité.



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Chipotle pepper stuffed chicken



friend of ours likes to throw A parties. Usually these parties have a Mexican theme. She claims that she likes Mexican style food and wants to try all different kinds. I'm pretty sure that the only reason that she throws Mexican style parties is because she loves to make Margaritas. Our friend loves margaritas so much, she had to run out terey Jack Jalapeno Pepper sauce is and get a new blender the day after very versatile as well and is great her other one died a heroic death. She loves Margaritas so much, that the night her blender died, she tried 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs to resurrect it using a wooden 1 lime spoon. We got one more load of 1 T minced garlic Margaritas out of that noble blender 1 green onion sliced

but we had to strain the splinters 3-4 chipotle peppers with sauce from the wooden spoon with our 1/2 cup black beans teeth! You can't waste a great Margarita. I'm not complaining because 1 tsp cayenne pepper I like Mexican food a lot. I also really, really like icy cold Margaritas so 2 T butter I get the best of both worlds. I've been playing with chipotle peppers quite a bit lately as I really love their 2 T flour smoky hot flavour and this dish is a 3/4-cup milk direct result of me playing with my food. The chicken thighs stuffed Fresh ground pepper with chipotle pepper and black beans can be served as a main course or as an appetizer. The Monover nachos.

1/2 tsp cumin

2 T corn meal

1 T garlic

1 small onion minced

3/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese

2-3 jalapeno peppers

De-bone and skin the chicken thighs. You can buy them that way but with a little practice it's easy to do and saves lots of money. Mix the garlic, cumin, cayenne pepper and green onion together. Add the chipotle peppers and mix together

this because they come in a great to thicken add the Monterey Jack adobo sauce that adds lots of flavour. Stuff the chicken thighs with the mixture, rolling them back up when done and placing them in a baking dish. If you have any leftover stuffing place it around the outside of the chicken. Squeeze the juice of one lime over the chicken pieces and sprinkle with the corn meal. Place in a 375 degree preheated oven for about 40 minutes or until the chicken is tender all the way through. The corn meal will brown nicely on the top. In a small saucepan, sauté the garlic and minced onion in the butter.

Once the onion is translucent, stir in the flour and make a paste. Add the milk to the paste and stir until smooth. Gently re-heat until the by hand to make a stuffing. I use sauce starts to thicken, stirring the canned chipotle peppers with occasionally. Once the sauce starts frozen Margarita as well.

cheese. Stir to melt the cheese and then add sliced jalapeno peppers. Add pepper to taste. The longer you cook this after you add the jalapenos the hotter it will become. Two jalapenos make for a mild to medium hot sauce. Serve the chickens thighs with a generous spoonful of the cheese sauce poured over. This really tastes great and the stuffing adds a great smoky flavour to the entire dish. Serve this with Mexican style rice for a great main course. If you want to make a fancy appetizer, use chicken breasts that have been filleted in half and then rolled up with the stuffing inside. That way you get two portions per chicken breast and these really present nicely for an appetizer.

Don't forget to serve these with a

New Year's resolution—develop the spiritual side of life



Padre's Corner

By Fr. David Berezowski

ere we are in another New Year. Here we are in anomal It's amazing sometimes when we look back and see just how much we accomplished in the previous year. The most amazing thing is usually how quickly that time has flown by. But how about the other times, when we seem to be stuck in the mud and time just drags on so slowly? It's hard to believe at those moments, that time in itself is a constant. The second hand still turns around the watch face in 60 seconds, and 60 minutes completes the hour and 24 add up to finish the day. In seven days we wrap up another week and in 52 weeks we see the next New Year. Of course, it's our use of time and our perspective of those life events that sets our perception on how fast or slow they seem to go by.

stand still. A place where no time away at the surface of them and saw

exists. A place where aging would what was underneath? Generally, it not be a factor in one's existence. Not in a cold marble statue of some image, but in a place where the Rolling Stones' song Time is on My Side. would really be the standard. A place where you could have all the time to do the things that float your boat. Sounds like a wonderful place, doesn't it? Naturally, I'm speaking about a heavenly afterlife. A fantastic place where we all would like to go, but none of us want to go there this afternoon. We can wait. We are not in a rush, we have plenty of time hopefully, but thinking about going there, can influence how we spend our time here, in order to get there later.

New Year's resolutions are always a topic of interest. Have you planned anything for the New Year? Have you ever kept a resolution for longer than a few weeks? Do you regard them as only silly good intentions? Without a plan or good discipline, they do tend to end as quickly as they were made up. But Imagine a place where time could what would we find if we scratched

is a desire to change the path we are on, to overcome some harmful habits and replace them with good ones. Or, just to pamper ourselves with self-care and spoil ourselves with some TLC. (This is usually linked with a winter vacation to a warmer climate.)

Some types of self-care are valid and highly necessary, especially when they include golf clubs, but the primary focus of any New Year's resolution is to better ourselves. The most common resolutions are to lose weight, quit or reduce smoking or drinking alcohol and to do more exercise. These are all great initiatives to better ourselves, but there is one thing that is often overlooked which can help us out considerably.

When some people who have severe drinking problems attempt to quit cold turkey by themselves, they find that it's often in vain.

It's too much of a habit to stop on their own. Clinically, doctors often don't have the time or patience to deal with people with serious self- away that desire to have another destructive drinking habits. Often drink. The key to the equation is the always time well wasted."

Without a plan or good discipline, they do tend to end as quickly as they were made up.

they refer them to organizations or clinics that deal specifically with that affliction.

Part of that recovery is usually Alcoholics Anonymous, a miraculous group of self-confessed alcoholics, who through the strength of a higher power and the fellowship of the group, have supported each other to overcome, one day at a time, the desire to drink. But one of the cornerstones of that recovery process is to rely on a power greater than oneself.

That power is God. It is a phenomenon using a highly focussed type of spiritual assistance to take highly focused reliance on that mysterious higher power. So when one is attempting to break whatever habit, or continue in a good routine, use the assistance of a higher power to get you through. Often we overlook that spiritual side of us in our attempt to improve ourselves.

We concentrate on the physical, dig deep down into the emotional and mental aspect of our beings, but we completely forget or neglect the spiritual side of us. We all have a spiritual side. Why not exercise that often-underused spiritual muscle? If we sincerely ask for the proper assistance, we might be pleasantly surprised by what an influential and powerful ally we have when trying to break free of some old, negative habits.

Maybe this year, you could make a resolution that includes your spiritual side. It may surprise you how much that positive power can affect you in your daily life, or how easy it can become to keep that virtuous promise. It's always been said by the wise, "Spending time with God is



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Tobacco crossword puzzle youth challenge

STRENGTHENING ENERGISER LES **FORCES**

By Melanie Bower **Health Promotions**

anuary 15-21 was National Non-Smoking Week. This yearly national campaign educates children, youth and adults on the negative effects of tobacco use and encourages smokers and chewers to give up the tobacco.

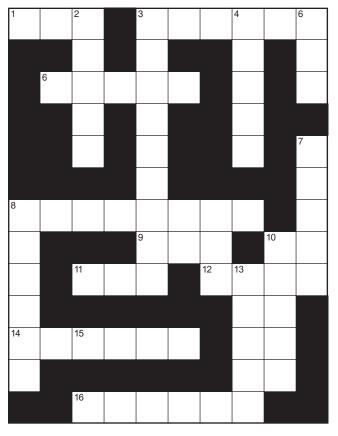
Some youth believe that they are invincible to the effects of tobacco use and that mouth and lung cancer and a ton of other diseases won't happen to them. Some also believe that taking risks with cigarettes and chewing tobacco makes them look cool and tough, and that they can stop at any time. The truth is that nicotine is extremely addictive and harmful and smoking is a powerful habit to break.

If you are a youth who currently smokes or chews tobacco or are concerned about a friend or family member's tobacco use, the following websites may help support you to quit smoking or chewing, learn more about the hazards, or give you some advice on how to talk to a friend or family member about their tobacco use.

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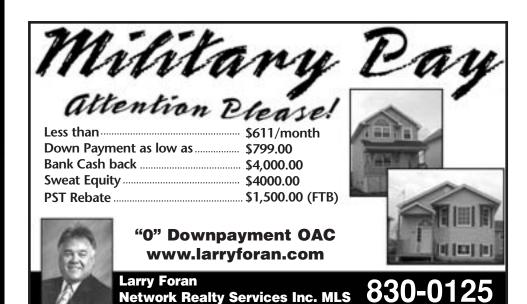


Weedless Wednesday

Across:

- 1. The best place to put a lit cigarette.
- 3. This can grow in a smoker's lungs.
- 6. What nicotine, heroin and cocaine have in common.
- 8. It is sometimes used to kill bugs on crops.
- 9. This makes a smoker's lungs brown, sticky and sick.
- 10. This passes from a pregnant woman's blood to the blood of her unborn baby.
- 11. How some smokers finally quit.
- 12. Smoker's food doesn't taste as
- 14. This gas gives you energy, strength and life.
- Carbon monoxide makes drivers __ to emergencies.

- 2. Because you are getting less oxygen, smoking can make
- 3. It won't hurt you if you don't light it.
- 4. These help move germs that cause infections out of vour lunas.
- What smokers can't do as well as non-smokers.
- 7. How nicotine and carbon monoxide travel through the body.
- 8. Nicotine makes your blood vessels more
- 10. What a smoker does to try to get some tar and mucous out of his or her lungs.
- You can't always tell if there's carbon monoxide in a room, because it has no _



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Fitness and sports staff provide many training options

By Virginia Beaton

Trident staff

s usual in January, the staff at Stadplex have noticed that there is more traffic through the building.

"Yes, we have seen an increase in the use of the facility here at Stadplex," said Stadplex fitness and sport instructor Noel Redmond.

Some of this may be related to the recent CANFORGEN and directive ally conditioned, is to have a generconcerning Canadian Forces (CF) members' fitness, and Redmond stated that he expected that a connection could become more apparent over time, "especially in the through a number of months and a next three months. I do expect to number of different workouts that see larger class numbers than I did last year.'

According to Redmond, he has heard a lot of positive reaction from the military, regarding the directive. "I don't think it has put fear into the members, I think it's more of a motivational thing. I've read it [the directive] a few times and it was well written and it was based on leadership, and if the proper leadership is put into place, then I believe concerns expressed in the directive the members will benefit greatly from the new fitness protocol."

While many CF members already follow a regular exercise, sports or fitness program, there are those who do not have a fitness regime and as a result, may be apprehensive about taking the EXPRES test.

According to Redmond, "I think a lot of them don't know where to start. That's where the fitness and sport instructors come in."

components, comprising pushups, have injuries or a medical history. sit-ups, the handgrip, and either the run or the stairs.

"A lot of people believe they need to train only for the test," stated Redmond, but he added, "If they have only trained themselves for the test, then we don't know if they are generally conditioned. The only way you can be sure you are general conditioning program. That's where the fitness and sports instructors come into play. We can develop a program that will take you will train your heart and lungs and your muscular endurance and strength to a level that is far beyond what would be the standard of this test."

Following a well-rounded fitness routine will make CF personnel bet- tres, the staff will take people ter prepared to pass EXPRES, "or a much higher level of test, if you had to."

Redmond stated that one of the from NDHQ was that should CF members be deployed overseas, "they wouldn't be conditioned well enough to handle the emotional and physical stresses that one would experience."

Redmond emphasized that anyone starting a fitness regime should go to the Personnel Support Programs (PSP) fitness and sports staff for "a personal, one on one consultation for anyone who is apprehenmany facilities have an indoor track, Formation Fitness and Sports.

The fitness evaluation has four sive about starting up. Maybe they so that's a real benefit for people We make sure that we cover all those areas in the one on one consultation and we offer these free of charge. The PSP staff here offer consultations that can run from half an hour to an hour."

Staff will make sure that people are comfortable in the gym. "There should be no barriers or fear after they come to meet with us and learn out what they can or cannot do."

"I believe the members will benefit greatly from the new fitness protocol."

At all the fitness and sports centhrough the facility "and we show them each component of their program, whatever we feel is best

A wide range of fitness and sports programs are available, stated Redmond, "and many of them are nocost programs." There may be a minimal cost for some programs if they require an instructor who is not a PSP employee.

Stadplex offers a wide range of fitness choices, including the pool, squash courts, the cardio room, and the gymnasium and all its equipment.

"We have an indoor track, and not

who want to walk, or for people who have a running program they want to maintain. There is also the weight room if you want to tone or strengthen your muscles. We have different types of weight equipment, some for beginner programs, some for intermediate, and we have some advanced training equipment."

Proper training on the equipment will allow members to get the full benefit out of its use, Redmond stated.

Starting in mid-January, a spinning class, which is free to military members, will be offered at Stadplex. "We ran it in the fall and it was successful so we will continue to run it. We have 10 spinning bikes, so it is a small class but it is good for anyone who likes to cycle." Spinning classes are also scheduled at the Fleet and at 12 Wing.

With their backgrounds in physical education, fitness and sport, the fitness and sports instructors at all the gyms can devise exercise options for everyone.

"Call general reception at the gym, and have them transfer the call to one of the fitness instructors or the fitness coordinator. We all work as a team here, so we can handle any fitness or sports related question that comes in.'

For further information on the full range of fitness and sports activities at the gyms at the Fleet, 12 Wing and Stadplex, go to the PSP website at www.psphalifax.ns.ca and click on



Sports trivia

- 1. What country hosted the first Winter Olympics in 1924?
- 2. What city will host the 2006 Winter Olympics?
- 3. What country has won more Winter Olympic Medals than any other?
- 4. When was the word amateur eliminated from the Olympic
- 5. How many countries competed in the 1924 Winter Olympics?
- 6. How many countries competed in the 2002 Winter Olympics?
- 7. What was the Skiing Olympia?
- 8. How many Winter Olympic Games were cancelled due to war?
- 9. What was the first Winter Olympics to use artificial
- **10.** What was the first Olympics where snow had to be hauled in from other parts of the country?
- 11. How many countries are expected to take part in the 2006 Winter Olympics?
- 12. How many athletes took part in the 1924 games and are expected to take part in the Torino Games?

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By Capt. E.A. Verge 12 Wing Headquarters

nce again, the Officers and Senior NCO Mess hockey teams in Shearwater took to the ice on December 12, 2005 in support of the Shearwater Military Family Resource Centre (SMFRC) Christmas hamper fund. Admission was free but spectators were asked to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation towards the cause. Two large boxes of food were collected as well as \$108.83. These donations aided in the SMFRC Christmas hamper effort to feed 26 families with 56 children for the Christmas season. Thanks to all supporters of this very worthwhile cause.

A/WComd, LCol Doiron dropped the puck as Officers' Mess rep, Capt Paul Quinn faced off against Sgt Stephen Wagner representing the Senior NCOs' Mess team.

The game was hard fought and a close contest right up to its dying minutes



Officers and Senior NCOs face off in support of the SMFRC.

Senior NCOs' Mess have been the vic- the two-time favourite.

when the score ended up 9-5 in favour of tors in this annual contest, the Officers' the Senior NCOs' Mess. Seeing that this Mess reps will be taking to the ice earliis the second year in a row that the er next year to hone their skills and upset

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Canadian Yachting Association honours Capt(N) Hal Davies

By Virginia Beaton

Trident staff

t age 15, Hal Davies built his own A sailboat. It was the beginning of a lifelong interest in what Davies calls "mucking about in boats."

During his 30 years in the Navy, Captain(N) (ret'd) Hal Davies was Commanding Officer (CO) of Her Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) Saskatchewan, Nipigon, Qu'Appelle, and Protecteur, but he never lost his affinity for sailboats, yachts and ocean racing.

The skills he learned were invaluable to his Navy career, Davies believes.

"I ascribe my good fortune in commanding warships, to the skills I acquired through my background in sailing smaller boats. You can learn how to be a good sailor on a sailboat. You learn about seamanship and the sea, and about leadership skills.'

In recognition of Davies' many years of achievements in ocean racing and in particular, his co-founding of the Halifax-St. Pierre Ocean Race in 2002, in October 2005 the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) awarded Davies the Gerry Roufs Trophy.

The award was named in memory of Gerry Roufs, an acclaimed Canadian sailor and single-handed offshore racer. Roufs was lost at sea in 1997 and the award was established in 1998 to honour sailors whose accomplishments in international offshore racing help to raise the profile of sailing in Canada.

The Gerry Roufs Trophy was last presented in 2003, when the CYA awarded it to Derek Hatfield, in tribute to his participation in the Around Alone race the Canadian Fleet Commander, Res-



Capt(N) (ret'd) Hal Davies.

of 2002-2003.

Davies learned to sail on the Kawartha Lakes while he was growing up in Ontario. After joining the Royal Canadian Navy in 1959, Davies came to Halifax and was able to take advantage of the sail training vessels that were then in use by the Navy.

Davies recalled, "Every summer we would have whaler sailing expeditions."

all the sailors who participated, Davies race, which will take place in July. emphasized. "You quickly learn how to rely on your own abilities and to have confidence in them." Davies recalled that in the Navy's boat Pickle, "I sailed about 15,000 miles in ocean races... It was a way for me and for the people I sailed with, to learn the trade in a fun and challenging environment."

During his time in the Navy, Davies served in Crescent, the old Tribal Class Athabaskan, Inch Arran, and Bonaventure, where he was Flag Lieutenant to tigouche, and Yukon, where he was in a watchkeeping job while waiting for an Executive Officer (XO) post. He was in Saskatchewan as CO for eight months during refit and early commission running, then XO for four months.

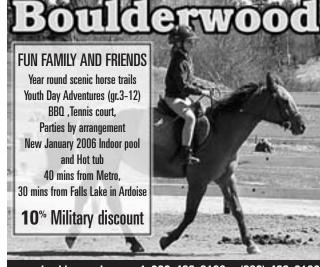
Other posts included three and a half years as Commander Sea Training, Deputy Commandant Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre, and Headmaster at Fleet School. After resigning from the Navy in 1990, Davies commanded HMCS Scotian for a year.

He went into business and now works with Tecsult as a consultant in workforce strategy. "I tried retiring and doing nothing, but it was boring and it didn't work for me," Davies observed. He is currently vice chair of the provincial Education Minister's Advisory Council on Workplace Skills and Strategy.

One of Davies' favourite jokes is that he works as a consultant in order to support his ocean racing habit. He has sailed many times in the Marblehead-Halifax race, and many other events. His 2006 sailing schedule includes plans Those experiences benefited him and to race in the third Halifax-St. Pierre

Davies' current boat, Third Wave, is a 40-foot premier class yacht. Over time, his crew has included his son, his daughter Lieutenant(N) Joanna Davies, and other Navy members.

"I can think of three Navy guys who sailed with me and who now have their own boats," said Davies, adding "We have a subtle but effective way of getting people interested in sailing." He noted that several Navy officers became MARS officers because of their participation in sailing.



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Fredericton crewmember wins fifth national title in armwrestling

By Virginia Beaton

Trident staff

■ Will Sarty successfully defended his Canadian national title as an armwrestler.

"That's my fifth straight national title," stated Cpl Sarty.

He brought his weight down so he up to 121 pounds. "But I got there and there were no entries for the 132 pounds."

This victory qualified him to participate in six classes in the World Armwrestling Championships in Tokyo in December 2005, as well as for the Arnold Schwarzenegger competition in March 2006. But because of sailing commitments (Cpl Sarty is armwrestle for 45 minutes." a storesman onboard HMCS Fredericton) and funding, he had to forfeit these invitations.

In addition to his national championships, Cpl Sarty has won many local and regional competitions, competing in classes for both the right and left arm.

In November 2005, Cpl Sarty participated in a ranking tournament for armwrestlers (also known as pullers) from Atlantic Canada. "There were only two weight classes, zero to 187, and 187 and above, and I ended up getting third in the 187 pound class. The guy I beat in that class ended up getting two silvers at the Worlds. So the chances of me getting a gold were

very good that year. It would have been nice, but I can wait."

Canadian armwrestlers like Cpl n September 2005, Corporal (Cpl) Sarty face serious competition from the athletes in countries such as Russia. "The Russians practice every single day. They armwrestle every day, eight hours a day." Usually, armwrestlers have day jobs and fit their training around those obligacould enter the weight class for men tions. Cpl Sarty trains for three hours daily, following a routine that comprises everything from diet and weight class, so I had to move up to weight training, to working on his the next weight class, which is up to mental discipline, and studying the techniques of his prospective opponents. "We armwrestle twice a week, sometimes three times.'

> At work, he has a pulley system set up for practice in his office. "So at Cpl Sarty watches DVDs and videos lunchtime, instead of taking an hour break, I eat my lunch and then



Cpl Sarty is a champion arm wrestler.

of other armwrestlers. "We go to the Internet and search the pictures to see the different positions that people

In addition to his physical training, stand in." Through their observation of tactics, such as position of shoulders, the armwrestlers can assess their competitors' moves.

> Cpl Sarty emphasizes that he has always received solid encouragement and assistance from gym staff, including Fleet Sports Coordinator Louis Desouza, as well as the ship's company of Fredericton. The former captain, Commander Newton, was an enthusiastic supporter of Cpl Sarty's achievements in sport.

> "He thought it was good public relations for the ship. They all supported me 100 per cent."

For example, when Cpl Sarty was dieting, the ship's cooks provided the right menu choices for him. Dieting to keep his weight steady was exhausting but necessary, Cpl Sarty recalled. "For a couple of weeks, I could hardly walk down the flats my game."

because I was so tired from dieting. So they all helped me a lot."

There is now another local CF member who armwrestles competitively. His name is Trever Weatherbee and there was a time when the two men were in close competition. Cpl Sarty recalled, "When I first started, he used to get first and I used to get second." At Cpl Sarty's first national competition, Weatherbee came down to his weight class "and that was the first time I ever beat him. He came second to me."

He describes Weatherbee as "an excellent competitor."

Cpl Sarty is now focusing his efforts on preparing for the world championship to be held in Las Vegas in 2007. "We started to prepare for it last year."

His trainer, Rick Pinkney, is currently the president of the Nova Scotia Armwrestling Association. "He's the one who got me started in this," observed Cpl Sarty.

Upcoming events include a ranking tournament in April 2006. "I'd like to place in the top three in the up to 187 category. Especially when I go in weighing 128. I'm the lightest competitor right now."

While he admits it would be nice to be a professional athlete in his chosen sport, Cpl Sarty says it isn't necessarily one of his goals.

"My goal is to stand on the podium and hold the flag. I think that would be awesome, a really good feeling to know that I'm at the top of



Cpl Sarty is comfortable using either arm in matches.









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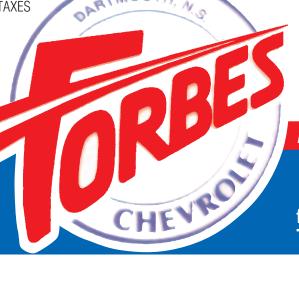


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