Aurora crews simulate future missions

Major Sonia Dumouchel-Connock

Aurora long-range patrol aircraft crews from 14 Wing Greenwood and 19 Wing Comox recently completed a “mission-rehearsal-through-simulation” exercise to prepare Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC). RIMPAC, the world’s largest international maritime exercise, is held every two years in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

The virtual exercise was another step in the Royal Canadian Air Force’s initiatives to use advances in modelling and simulation technology to improve its training and readiness, as well as increase its operational output.

“This was the first large-scale simulation exercise aimed at preparing members of the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community for RIMPAC,” said Colonel Iain Huddleston, the commander of 14 Wing.

“Our crews continue to draw great benefits from simulation exercises such as this one. SIMEX 1401 – Virtual RIMPAC – provided our crews with opportunities to enhance their airborne leadership, team-building and communications skills, and prepare for the challenging intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare missions they will encounter during RIMPAC 2014.”

The 12-day simulation exercise took place “virtually” in two of the RIMPAC strike group operational areas, located southwest of the Hawaiian Islands.

After they received their mission briefing, exercise participants from 407 Long Range Patrol Squadron, 19 Wing, and 404 Long Range Patrol and Training Squadron, 405 Long Range Patrol Squadron, and the Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit, 14 Wing; were challenged to complete realistic missions. They were working in a complex warfare environment that included ships, submarines and aircraft acting as friendly or opposing forces.

In the virtual training world, they joined a task group at sea and built and maintained the recognized maritime picture, using their surveillance equipment to detect, intercept, identify, record and analyze sources of electromagnetic energy for immediate...

Getting something off their chest for charity

Three of the competitors in “The 40-Year Old Surgeon” chest waxing competition, now underway at 26 Canadian Forces Health Services in 14 Wing Greenwood’s clinic foyer, make a pitch for your vote, showing off the donation jars voters may use to determine which contestant will receive a complimentary professional chest waxing June 6. Donations may be made in any amount but, for every $5 donated, you may place your name in the “Tear the First Strip” box for a chance to tear the first strip off the winner (under professional guidance). You may vote (donate) more than once. Drop by and donate, as all proceeds are in support of the Relay for Life.

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Aurora crews...

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threat recognition. Working with friendly submarines, they also conducted several combined anti-submarine exercises — known as CASEX — hunting submarines belonging to the opposing forces.

“This simulated exercise helped bring the fleet to a high level of readiness,” said Huddleston. “Crews practiced operating in direct support to a task group at sea and successfully achieved interoperability in an intensive joint communications environment.

“They improved their ability to search, locate, track and report subsurface contacts of interest and adapted rapidly to the different exercise injects introduced by the 404 Squadron exercise staff.”

The exercise participants conducted the mission rehearsal training using devices: the operational mission simulator (OMS) acquired with the Auroras in 1980, and the modernized procedures crew trainer (PCT) purchased in 2012. The OMS, which was upgraded in 2008, replicates the tactical compartment of the CP140 Aurora. Air crews use it to exercise proven tactics, techniques and procedures. Staff members can provide full scenario replays after each individual mission and selected 3-D animation replays during the debriefing at the end of the exercise. The newer PCT is an advanced reconfigurable tactical crew trainer built under the Aurora Incremental Modernization Project (AIMP).

Fourteen of Canada’s 18 Auroras are being modernized and their life span extended under Block III of the AIMP and two other programs, the Aurora Structural Life Extension Project and the Aurora Extension Proposal. These enhancements and modifications will extend the operational effectiveness of the modernized Aurora to 2030 and make it one of the best intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft available. The next stage of upgraded state-of-the-art avionics and missions systems will add three new capabilities to the aircraft: Link 16 DataLink, beyond line of sight satellite communications capability and an improved self-defence system.

“The Aurora community has a long history of supporting operational training through the use of advanced simulation. Since we acquired the OMS with our fleet of Auroras in 1980, this training device has delivered yeoman service,” said Captain Craig Jorgensen from the policy section of the Directorate of Air Simulation and Training in Ottawa. “The introduction of the PCT provides a greatly enhanced ability to train the significantly wider spectrum of capabilities delivered in the AIMP-updated Aurora. This training capability will be further improved with the delivery of a new OMS later this year, which will support with greatly enhanced fidelity and simulation capability the full-crew mission training for the updated Block III aircraft.”

The upcoming introduction of the Royal Canadian Air Force’s new simulation strategy will further refine the Air Force’s use of simulation. The strategy will coordinate the introduction of new training technology within the service, ensuring that new devices can be linked together to form a common virtual training environment.

“The RCAF will build a virtual world that allows training devices to connect with each other and with comparable constructs of our joint and coalition allies,” continued Jorgensen. “Within this virtual world, the Aurora will be able to conduct training and mission rehearsal in conjunction with partners and allies exactly as they do in a real world exercises and operations.”

The successful completion of the first RIMPAC SIMEX at 14 Wing May 5 demonstrated the importance of simulation training for modern and effective military forces. As the Royal Canadian Air Force works to put in place a fully-integrated, optimized training system that mixes live, virtual and constructive training by 2025, “mission-rehearsal-through-simulation” exercises like this one underpin how training devices linked together to form a common virtual training environment are critical to maintaining the RCAF’s high level of operational excellence.

Captain Mathieu Kuhn, a navigation communications officer with 404 Long Range Patrol and Training Squadron, assesses incoming information and, as the mission crew commander, gives direction to the crew to complete the aircraft mission during SIMEX 2014 – Virtual RIMPAC at 14 Wing Greenwood.

Master Corporal R. Wilson, 14 Wing Imaging

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www.airforce.forces.gc.ca

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www.cfccommunitygateway.com

14 Wing Greenwood Site
Site de la 14e Escadre Greenwood
www.airforce.forces.gc.ca/14w-14e

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Military Family Resource Centre
Centre des ressources pour les familles des militaires
www.familyforce.ca

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May 7, command teams from 14 Wing Greenwood helped serve at the Greenwood McDonald’s to show their support of McHappy Day, the restaurant’s annual event fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House and other local children’s charities across the country.

The Greenwood McDonald’s raffled off an iPad on behalf of Camp Brigadoon, a recreational facility on Aylesford Lake dedicated to children with pediatric and chronic illnesses.

Each command team was given an hour long shift and shown the ins and outs of how the restaurant works. Between all the volunteers, 14 Wing provided 11 hours of support in the drive through window, serving coffee, stocking shelves, delivering orders and helping with the games for children.

14 Wing was not alone in supporting this great day; personnel were accompanied by local RCMP members, Scotiabank staff, Kingston Fire Department volunteers, staff from the office of David Proudfoot, CIBC and K-Rock. McDonald’s raised over $4.2 million nationally; of that, $15,000 in the Annapolis Valley, which will be shared between the Halifax Ronald McDonald house and Camp Brigadoon.
May 5, the North American Occupational Safety & Health Week flag raising at the main gate of 14 Wing Greenwood was marked by, from left, Deputy Wing General Safety Officer Dave Mailman, Wing General Safety Officer Roger Walsh, Wing Chief Warrant Officer Pierrot Jetté, 14 Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston, Wing Logistics and Engineering Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Richardson, Wing Workplace Health and Safety Committee Labour co-chair Scott Harrigan, WLE Chief Warrant Officer William Hincheey and PSP Fitness and Sports director Fred Williams.

Showing off NAOSH  
Wing, community partners promote safety, wellness

Sara Keddy,  
Managing editor

At a flying base, workers have a good idea of what air safety encompasses. The 14 Wing Greenwood health and safety fair May 8, during North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, is a good chance to put more safety practices in the forefront.

“What we do with flight safety, and on the ground, has a direct effect on operations,” said 14 Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston, opening the day’s exhibits and seminars at the Fitness & Sports Centre gym. “Everything you can do to encourage our people to be safe, healthy and fit helps me put airplanes out the door around the world, and I thank you for that – you do make a contribution.”

Several dozen community, businesses and military partners participated in the fair, with technical work equipment, safety clothing, specialty products; health and fitness resources and service providers and more to offer visitors.

The event was organized and hosted by Wing General Safety and Health Promotion.

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Physiotherapist Peter Walton of 26 Canadian Forces Health Services was on hand to talk wellness at the health and safety fair May 8.

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U.S. Brigadier General Charles Hyde, Deputy Combined/ Joint Force Air Component Commander, arrives at 11 Hanger by Challenger May 6 to tour 14 Wing Greenwood. From left are Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston, Hyde, Lieutenant-Colonel David Proteau and Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith. The tour included discussion on the similarities and differences of flight simulators in use within each command, the benefits of staging CF18 fighter jets from Greenwood and the improved Anti-Submarine capabilities of the Block III Aurora.

Command tour

Hyde is briefed on the Operational Mission Simulator at 404 Squadron in the Hornell Centre by senior specialist Bill Brown (left).

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The two diaries are small enough to fit into a back pocket and surprisingly well preserved. Inside, the pages are crisp and the writing is easily legible, rather remarkable, considering they date back almost 100 years to the killing fields of the First World War.

The journals were kept by Sergeant John Eric Forbes of the Canadian Engineers and cover 22 of the bloodiest months of the 1914-18 war. They now belong to his son, 77-year-old Murray Forbes of Dartmouth, who is donating them to the Army Museum Halifax Citadel for its exhibition, “The Road to Vimy and Beyond.” The exhibition, the largest in the museum’s history, will mark the centennial of the First World War and the major role Canada played in the Allied victory. In addition, it will acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Murray was in the process of sorting through his father’s wartime memorabilia when he read about the museum’s plans to commemorate the 1914-18 war, a conflict which claimed 16 million lives, including those of more than 66,000 Canadians. When war broke out in August 1914, 22-year-old Eric Forbes of Dartmouth was an engineering student at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. He was also a member of the university’s militia unit and quickly volunteered for active service overseas, as did his entire class. After training in Valcartier, Quebec, the young men were assigned to the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, and dispatched to England in the fall of 1915 as part of the First Division of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. They were bound for the bloody battlefields of Belgium and Northern France.

As army engineers, Eric and his comrades were responsible for repairing and maintaining trenches, railway lines and other infrastructure, including at the front, where the fighting was raging. Murray says his father rarely talked about the horrors he encountered. Only once did he share a bad experience, according to his son. His father and another engineer were returning from the front lines and, believing they were safe, began walking along the top of the trench. “The other chap was in front and Dad was one step behind,” Murray says. “The other chap was shot in the back by an enemy sniper. Dad was, literally, just a footstep away from being killed.”

Eric’s entries in his diaries include details of basic day-to-day military housekeeping chores and training activities, along with unfattering comments about the rain, the cold and the mud, plus accounts of the constant fighting with rats for rations and the torment of infestations of lice. There’s even mention of the first time a new weapon – the tank – was ever used in battle, an event Eric witnessed in September 1916. The entries provide such a fascinating glimpse into the life of an average Canadian soldier, a number were quoted in author Pierre Berton’s book, Vimy.

In addition to the diaries, Murray has his father’s maps of Northern France and Belgium, showing the cross-roads routes taken by his unit as it was ordered into action at various parts of the front. The sites where Eric served are names etched forever in the Canadian consciousness: the Somme, Ypres and, of course, Vimy Ridge, where, for the first time in the war, all four Canadian divisions serving in Europe fought as a single force.

The collection of memorabilia also includes 150 photos Murray’s father took while completing his training in Quebec and during his time at the front. Murray is amazed at the quality of the small, black-and-white snaps.

“For the camera equipment of the time, and the film, these photos are remarkably well preserved,” he says.

And, Murray has a collection of letters his father wrote home during his time abroad, plus three hours of tapes of him talking about his wartime experiences. The recordings were done in 1984, four years before his father’s death at the age of 96.

Eric Forbes served two years with the Canadian Engineers until, finally, frustrated with the squallor and filth, he obtained a transfer to train as a pilot with the Royal Flying Corps, the forerunner of the Royal Air Force. By the time he gained his wings and was ready for his first posting, the war was over. Amazingly, that wasn’t the end of his service to king and country. Eric volunteered for the RCAF when the Second World War began in September 1939. He held the rank of flight engineer and served as a construction engineering officer in Debert, near Truro, until the end of hostilities.

Murray, a retired Environment Canada employee and RCAF veteran himself, is making copies of every item of his father’s wartime memorabilia, transcribing the diaries and the audio tapes. He plans to loan all the originals to “The Road to Vimy and Beyond” exhibition and, when it’s over, he’ll donate them permanently to the museum.

He surveys the extensive collection spread out on the table. “I’m pretty proud of the old fellow,” says the son.
Filling days with different health promotion, participation highlights for Watson

Master Corporal Jennifer Watson is from Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, and enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 2002. She completed her medical training and was posted to CFB Gagetown in 2004. After four years in trade, Watson put in a component transfer to preventive medicine, returning to the medical school in Borden in 2008. Following eight months of intense training, she was posted to CFB Halifax, then to 14 Wing Greenwood in 2012.

“What I like the most in my trade is that everyday is different,” she says. Her job consists of hygiene and sanitation inspection, noise and light survey, travel brief, water testing and pest control.

Watson deployed to Dubai upon the camp closure. She was tasked to spray pesticide on all equipment, trucks and containers prior to returning to Canada. Her most commemorative event is the Memorial March, “To those who served in the Canadian Military Medical Services,” upon the construction of the newly built cenotaph. General Walter Natynczyk presented her with the Chief of Defense Staff Coin after completing 16 kilometres.

A born athlete, Watson is a dedicated team player. Throughout her career, she has devoted herself to various sports, including soccer, hockey and softball. She was nominated athlete of the year in the Army women’s category in Halifax in 2011. As part of the Atlantic soccer team, she participated in several Canadian Forces’ national competitions, earning numerous awards: second place in 2009, first place in 2010 and 2013. She won the most valuable player in 2009 and 2010 and received the all star award every year. Selected by the International Military Sports Council soccer team, she participated in the France World Championship in 2010 and the World Military Games in Brazil the following year. She was part of the team that won hockey regionals and national tournaments in 2009, her first year playing hockey.

In her spare time, Watson enjoys camping, hiking, dancing, riding her motorcycle and having a good time with friends.
Local friends of Kenzie Markey will be pleased to hear she’s out of hospital, crutching around in a friend’s RV in Northern British Columbia as she continues to recuperate from a skydiving accident April 6 in Arizona. Greenwood and Middleton Subway owner Lorrie Penny, who hired Kenzie many years ago as a 16-year-old staffer, organized a May 15 fundraiser which raised $3,000 to help Markey with American medical bills and on-going costs. Penny presented Markey’s dad, Joe, and aunt Maureen Markey, a staff member at Greenwood’s Valley Credit Union, which is coordinating a benefit account at its branch; with a cheque May 23.

Kenzie’s friends

Rebecca Dillman, Recreation Youth Worker, 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre

The participants in the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre’s Active Chicks program recently tried out something not many had tried before: yoga. Most were able to do all the stretches guest instructor Julia Kachur presented us with! Julia teaches regular classes Mondays at the New Beginnings Centre (find her on Facebook for more info).

There’s other fun stuff coming up in the week ahead. Check out the schedule and, if you have any questions or would like to register, contact 902-765-8165 or specialevents@eastlink.ca. Please pre-register for any programs with a cost, so organizers will know what supplies to have at hand.

Teen Council Tuesday, May 27 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Active Chicks Wednesday, May 28 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Taco night $3

Donations, effort adds up to save lives

Kelly Aucoin, 14 Wing Community recreation coordinator

Canadian Blood Services held a successful two-day blood donor clinic at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre May 5 and 6. Two hundred thirty-nine donors attended and, as a result, 192 donations were collected, which can be used to save roughly 570 lives.

Greenswood is at 40 per cent of its annual collection goal in the Partner for Life registered partners program: we have collected 40 units so far and are aiming for 100 in 2014.

Sign up as a 14 Wing partner at https://www.blood.ca/. The base’s official Partner ID is CANAO11270.

The 14 Wing Community Centre would like to thank Tim Hortons and McDonald’s for continued sponsorship of this event, and the volunteer work party members who assisted with the load in and out of equipment: Sergeant Duncan Haldane, Sergeant Nathalie Gelineau, Master Corporal Adam Comer, Corporal Ryan Walsh, Corporal Alex Hachey, Leading Seaman Mathew Skinner, Leading Seaman Will Dunphy, Master Corporal Don Harvie and Peter Moreland.

If you are interested in booking an appointment to give blood or to volunteer at the next two-day clinic, call 1-888-236-6283. Canadian Blood Services next clinic in the area will be at the Kingston Lions’ hall July 14 and 15.
Festival fun starts off summer

Join “Family, Friends & Fun” at the 82nd Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival May 28 to June 2. This year’s festival theme is “Discover the Valley Blossoms.” For a full listing of events and Apple Blossom information, visit appleblossom.com.

May 29 at Memorial Park, Kentville, take in the bouncer party, ultimate bumper jumper, laser tag, Little Ray’s Reptile Show and spray paint art event, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Valley Music Night takes to the main stage at 6:30 p.m., with The Humphan Brothers kicking things off.

Hantsport hosts the tea, 7 p.m., at the Hantsport school.

May 30, head back to Memorial Park in Kentville, with the fun underway at noon and 89.3 K-Rock Birthday Bash starting at 6:30 p.m. The annual fireworks light up the sky at 10 p.m.

An 18th century military encampment takes over the park from 5 p.m. through Sunday, presented by the 84th Regiment of Foot 2nd Battalion. Check out this Highland military regiment and camp as it existed in Nova Scotia during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) - complete with black powder muskets, cannon, display of long-forgotten skills. Most of these re-enactors are direct descendants of soldiers who served in the original 84th Regiment of Foot, and their families often join them in the field. This is history you can experience! Kick off the mountain bike racing season with Trail Flow’s Spring Shredfest. Friday night features a free evening group ride starting from The Gorge for riders age 10 and up. Saturday evening, join Nova Scotia’s first four cross race, featuring head-to-head racing down a challenging, feature packed course. Sunday, it’s back to The Gorge for the Enduro race. Register for events on site.

May 31, head back to Memorial Park for more family fun, plus helicopter rides, a cricket seminar and match and the noon Ramp Jam BMX, skateboard and scooter drop-in. The Apple Blossom Tennis Tournament runs Saturday and Sunday on the Kentville courts (canga@cangaroottennis.com to register before May 24). In Centre Square, take in a family art event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day’s main events are also in Kentville, with the children’s parade at 10 a.m. and the grand street parade starting at 1 p.m. in New Minas, and heading to Kentville. The Big Daddy Motorcycle Ride for Charity leads off the parade, with honorary parade marshals the amazing young entrepreneurs of Hope Blooms. With over 150 entries and averaging two hours, the afternoon parade offers lots of family fun and entertainment.

In Wolfville, Randall House and the Wolfville Historical Society present 1914: Wolfville Goes to War (May 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 1, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

In New Minas, the craft show (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) is hosted at the Louis Millett Community Complex. Come and see the best of the province, for that unique gift for someone special or just something special for yourself.

Evening entertainment includes a free, all-ages street dance on Aberdeen Street, Kentville; and a double-bill concert with Joel Plaskett and David Myles in Wolfville.

Sunday, June 1, Memorial Park fun continues, along with out-of-town events. An antique tractor pull and show begins at 10 a.m. at the Northville Farm Heritage Centre (rain date June 7), and the Gaspereau Canal duck races start at noon, with children’s activities, a BBQ and more family fun. Scotian Gold family fun day in Coldbrook.

Adding up miles, money for wishes

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

They walked, ran and drove from one end of Nova Scotia to the other on a wish.

A dozen Royal Canadian Navy personnel from HMCS Halifax put some miles on for the Children’s Wish Foundation, starting a cross-province challenge May 11 in Sydney and wrapping up May 19 in Yarmouth.

“This is the best thing I’ve ever done in my military career, bar none” said Petty Officer Second Class Jay DeWolfe May 18, just after a breakfast bar none said Petty Officer 2nd Class David Myles in Wolfville.

This was DeWolfe’s third Wish run (his two previous covered Prince Edward Island). Only three of this year’s participants were back from last year. Their goal was an ambitious 120 kilometres per day, covered in two van relays. DeWolfe said seeing people along the route, stopping at schools and meeting businesses and organizations along the way who all supported their fundraising efforts was special, and especially encouraging when the team took in an evening movie May 14 in Truro — and thieves broke into their Decals Band and stole $500 of travel fund money.

“That was unfortunate — these things happen in life,” DeWolfe said. “It was a blow to the team, but we made us mad, but Truro really rallied around. We had lots of donors afterwards on the road, and everyone was speaking of it as they were helping us.”

With road fundraising, extra support and corporate sponsors helping the team along, they’re hoping to reach a $46,000 goal. Last year, HMCS raised $30,000. Every $10,000 funds one child’s wish.

The day’s great news to DeWolfe, who collected $215 for the sailors from a tea party, and presented it to them at her restaurant. Volunteers with the Annapolis Valley Sub-Chapter of the Children’s Wish Foundation helped make three children’s wishes happen last year, and there are two more in the making.

Wish Foundation volunteer Betty Hebb, right, hosted breakfast for HMCS Navy runners at her Millville restaurant May 18, as they set out on their cross-province fundraiser.

K.A. Purcell, (Licensed Denturist)
May 21 was interrupted in the best way, as gym friends surprised him with a 95th birthday. Frank Hawkins, obviously emotional, was surprised and pleased to have his 95th birthday acknowledged. The “regulars” during the weekday morning hours, led by Janine Parker, organized the gathering. “If it’s just so kind, like sunshine and a breath of fresh air when you see him here,” said Judy Hiltz. “He knew my father and my father-in-law – you can tell everyone loves him.”

Ruth Burgess added, “Hawkins talks to everyone. He’s an interesting man.”

Hawkins, born in Charlottetown, joined the Pictou Highlanders September 15, 1939 as an infantryman. “I was 20, just jobbing around, not much doing,” he says. He went on with the Highlanders to overseas service, and remembers guarding a prisoner exchange in 1943. He finished service in 1947 as a sergeant, opting out of the military “when they gave me a posting I didn’t like.”

He and his wife, Thelma, who he married in 1942, moved to South Farmington here in the Valley in 1952, and Hawkins ran a garage in the community (where he’s still at it now) for 20 years. He went on to teach mechanics at vocational school in Middleton. The couple had one son, now in Lunenburg, and Hawkins has two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter. Thelma passed away three years ago.

That’s what spurred his thrice-weekly exercise outings at the Greenwood gym. It’s a way to get out and about and keep active.

“It is better than sitting home and doing nothing. I have a little garden and I drive around, and I’m a lifetime elder at Kingston United Church.”

To lots of applause, handshakes, hugs and tears, Hawkins cut and served his fellow gym friends and centre staff slices of his special cake.

~ Obituary ~

DUNNING, Dennis James
Meadowvale, NS

DUNNING, Dennis James – Age 86 of Meadowvale, NS passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born in Clanwilliam, Manitoba, he was the son of the late Leonard Arthur and Jessie (Thomas) Dunning of the Manitoba Cree Nation. Dennis was predeceased by his first wife Beatrice Annie (Allen) Dunning; two step daughters Darlene (Rice) Parker, Yvonne (Rice) Schneider; three brothers, Edward, Arthur and David; three sisters, Marge, Phyllis and Donna; two grandchildren Steven Parker and Gary Schneider. He is survived by a brother, Jano Dunning (Betty), Erickson Manitoba, his loving wife Judy Hiltz Dunning, Greenwood, NS, daughter Laurinda Dunning Richard (Mike), Aylesford, NS, grandchildren Carissa Dunning-Milbury (Shawn), great grandchild, Austin Young, New Minas, NS, Brandon Richard, Aylesford, NS, Randy Schneider, AB, Danny Schneider, BC, Dennis Schneider, AB, Cindy Schneider, BC, Karyta Hiltz, Truro, Katelyn Hiltz, ON, Simon Landry, NB, two stepchildren, Andrew Hiltz (Stacy), Truro, NS, Capt. Michael Hiltz (Nadine) , Gagetown, NB. Dennis served a full career in the Canadian Air Force. During this career Dennis was stationed at CFB Comox, BC, CFB Greenwood, NS, CFB 3 Wing, Germany, CFB Trenton, ON and Preshivick, Scotland, GB. In 1976 Dennis served a six month peacekeeping mission in Egypt. He retired from the service shortly after the peacekeeping mission. Dennis worked for M.W. Graves/Cobi Foods Farm Division in Berwick for several years after his retirement from the service. Dennis was a kind, gentle man who will be very much missed by all who knew and loved him. At Dennis’s request, cremation has taken place and a service will be held at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, The Diabetes Association of Nova Scotia, Granville Beach Baptist Church or Wilmot Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street, (902) 825-3448. Online guest book may be signed by visiting: www.middletonfuneralhome.com

~ Obituary ~

SKANES, Gordon Lemoine “Gordie”
Kingston, NS

SKANES, Gordon Lemoine “Gordie” CWO Ret’d – 82 of Kingston, NS passed away suddenly, with Millie by his bedside, Thursday, May 15, 2014 in Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Bell Island, NL, he was a son of the late Randall and Irene (Clemens) Skanes. Gordie retired after 36 years of service (1951-1986) as Chief Warrant Officer in the RCAF. He was an active member of the Parish of Wilmot and was a founding member of All Saints Anglican Church, Kingston and was currently serving as Church Warden. He is survived by his wife the former Mildred Inglis; sons Robin (Cynthia), Petawawa, ON, Paul (Karen), Cardinal, ON and Mark (Dana), Australia; sisters Lillian Peach, Bay de Verde, NL, Marjorie Norman, Midland, ON and Mabel Musgrave, Newmarket, ON; grandchildren Robert, Aaron, Sheldon, Brenton, Nicholas, Connell, Savanna, Sheridan; great grandchildren Logan and Carter as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Frederick, Freeman, Melvin, Bill, Edward, Donald, Louis and Revelyn. At Gordie’s request, cremation has taken place. Visitation was held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main St., (902) 825-3448. A memorial service was held 2:00PM, Tuesday, May 20th in All Saints Anglican Church, Kingston, Reverend Matthew Sponagle and Rev. Michael McKeage officiated. A reception followed the service. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Middleton. By request, family flowers only. Donations in memory may be made to All Saints Anglican Church. Online guestbook may be signed by visiting: www.middletonfuneralhome.com
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Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia (CPF-NS) held its 31st provincial Concours d’art oratoire (French public speaking contest) April 27 at Mount Saint Vincent University. Students from every school board in the province, including the Conseil scolaire Acadiau provincial (CSAP) and the Cana-
dian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), participated. Students advanced from their school and school board level to the provincial competition in Halifax. One hundred and sixty students in grades five to twelve represented every French program in the province, from core French to immersion to French first language.

Gr 11/12 winners at the Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia 2014 Concours d’art oratoire competition included Éric Hotton of École Rose-des-Vents. Over 400 people were at the event to cheer on their friends and family. Entertainment after the speeches was Carillon, a Franco-folk group comprising of young talented musicians from the French shore of Nova Scotia.

Grade 5/6 and 7/8 levels first place winners received a French summer camp package prize from CPF Nova Scotia. The first place winners from grade 9/10 will be spending a week at Encounters with Canada in Ottawa during the next school year. All grade 11/12 students who competed received scholarships to Université Sainte-Anne and Université de Moncton. The grade 11/12 first place students will compete at the CPF National Concours in May for scholarships worth over $30,000. This year’s National Concours will take place at the University of Prince Edward Island, part of the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference.

Winners included the following:

7/8 Integrated French/Français intensif - silver Elsey Whitman of Paradise, Bridgetown Regional High, on L’Île du Prince Édouard.
7/8 francophone - silver Isabel MacDonald of Kingston, École Rose-des-Vents, on Comment aider les femmes atteintes du cancer.
11/12 francophone - silver Éric Hotton of Kingston, École Rose-des-Vents, on L’exploration de l’espace.

~ In Memory ~

On May 26, 2013, We had to say goodbye to a fantastic woman; Jennifer Moreau, my best Friend, greatest comforter to Marc, beautiful Daughter of Sarah Kaiser and loving Sister to Jean Cawthra to name a few.

Time may pass but hearts never forget all the Love.

Jen you are sadly missed!

Love Laval, Marc, Sarah, Jean

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Triathletes take on base challenge

Run, swim and bike your way around 14 Wing Greenwood and the surrounding community, as the base hosts the 6th annual Air Force Triathlon and several partnering events June 15. This event is sanctioned by Triathlon Nova Scotia and is part of the 2014 TNS race point series. Atlantic Chip is timing. Race registration details for the 18-plus sprint triathlon (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run), try-a-tri (300m swim, 10km bike, 3km run), duathlon (3km swim, 20km bike, 5km run), 5 & 5 aquathlon (500m swim, 5km run), sprint team tri (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run) and the Youth Points Series events for males and females ages 12 to 13 yrs (300m swim, 10km bike, 3km run), 14 to 15 yrs (500m swim, 10km bike, 3km run) and 16 to 17 yrs (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run); are online at www.atlanticchip.ca. This event also includes paratriathlon divisions for competitors ages 12-plus (if younger, contact race director for information). Divisions are detailed at http://trins.ca/paratriathlon/classifications/(based on impairment and functional ability). Paratriathlon registration is free.

The bike course consists of the 6.6-kilometre loops or two 5 kilometre loops. Volunteers will be present to direct cyclists, and a support vehicle with first aid supplies will be on the course.

All athletes must carry sufficient water with them. Any athletes caught littering will be disqualified. The cycling routes are depicted at http://www.mapmytri.com/routes/66386056. The running course is a one-loop circuit, at http://www.mapmytri.com/routes/97874411/.

There is a $5 discount on race registrations for Greenwood Multisport Club members. A Triathlon Nova Scotia 2014 membership card must be presented upon registration; a one-day, $20 membership fee may be purchased on-site from TNS for insurance purposes. Online registration closes at 6 p.m. June 13 and all registration closes at 8 p.m. June 13. Registration is limited to 200 participants. Race day registration will only be accepted for the duathlon. Parking will be at the Birchall Training Centre and CANEX lots. Race check-in will be on the gym floor of the Fitness & Sports Centre, beginning at 7:45 a.m. All competitors must check-in at least 30 minutes before their event (60 minutes is advised). A pre-race briefing will be given 20 minutes prior to the start of heats. Events are underway at 9 a.m. and should wrap up around noon.

Medals will be awarded to the top male and female athletes in the try-a-tri, duathlon and aquathlon events at the end of the sprint race. There will be award presentations for the sprint triathlon and paratriathlon shortly after the race is over. Random gift cards will be given away as draw prizes. Efforts will be made to minimize impacts on base and local traffic, but minor delays can be expected along the route during the race.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution.

For information contact: Chris MacIntyre, macintyre. cr@gmrc.com.

Get set for C & E invitational

Corporal Jaden Braniff, Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron

The 12th C & E Golf Invitational is upon us, and it’s shaping up to become one of the season’s memorable events. Two days filled with camaraderie and entertainment is bound to leave members of the C & E Branch anticipating next year’s event.

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Football funds

The West Kings high school football team recently received a matching funds cheque from Scotiabank Greenwood, following their 2nd annual fundraising roast beef dinner prepared by the Aylesford Lions. Along with the members of the football team are Lesa Godsworth (branch manager), Shelley Rithaler (senior banking officer), Michelle Kheoe (personal banking advisor) and West Kings principal Barry Squires.
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