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'Anchor station' provides all ops support from, basically, a tent

Sara White,
Managing editor

With "sand still in the cracks" from its most recent use in Kuwait, 14 Wing Greenwood's deployable mission support centre (DMSC) is back on the ground, ready for the next round of at-home training.

At its simplest a tent, the DMSC becomes a high-tech office and communications hub for Canadian Armed Forces members on deployed operations. Yvon Lachance, 14 Operations Support Squadron's tactical systems manager, hosted a tour of the DMSC October 9 for 14 Wing officials.

"It's a typical sea can," Lachance describes: the top splits open lengthwise,

with the sides folding down to become the tent's solid floor. Heavy tarps make the walls and ceiling, the end is pre-built as a double-entry doorway, and interior packing puzzles out to provide interior heating and cooling systems, desks, work stations and stacks of technological computer drives. Antennas and both a 60 kilowatt generator and a 20 kilowatt back-up travel with the DMSC. All told: 17,000 pounds of gear; or, grab and go even faster with just the computer stacks – 1,000 pounds on their own.

"A Herc or a C17 takes it where we need to go," Lachance says. "We've used this system for many, many years and it has served us well. We stay right with the airplanes on the airfield and



14 Wing Greenwood's deployable mission support centre was last set up in Kuwait, but is now completely refurbished and back up for training. The tent ships in two containers anywhere it needs to be to support Canadian Armed Forces' operations, including power, environmental systems, technology and communications links.

S. White

offer direct support to the aircraft."

14 Wing's DMSC configuration includes two of the sea can units, connected as one complex with specially designed openings in the tarps. There are a couple ways to configure the set-up, but "wherever we set up, it's

always the same – whether it's in Comox or here or in Kuwait. A desk, a box – everything is the same. Within 24 hours, wherever we go, we're ready to go. Other forces start from scratch."

The DMSC's strict adherence to template – "we take a picture" – means technicians

and operators trained to provide the operational support and essential communications for aircraft in theatre can do just that, no hesitation: equipment is exactly where it's supposed to be, every time, no matter where personnel were trained or where they are working.

"We do mission support: UHF, VHF and satellite radios, satellite communications, VOIP. We make our own cables and wires as we need them. We know what satellite we're going to hit, where. We do bulk encryption, for everything in and out. We have multiple monitors and

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The DMSC takes all the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information gathered by the state-of-the-art CP140 Aurora aircraft and "pushes it to whatever customer needs it, wherever in the world they are. The guys in the places don't have time to deal with IT: they need to do their jobs. We're the anchor station."

It takes about a year to train a Royal Canadian Air Force aerospace telecommunication and information systems technician; they start work in an operations centre, then they enter the DMSC environment. With the set-up now sitting alongside 14 Wing's airfield, base ATIS techs will regularly work and train here for future deployments.

Master Corporal Jason Davis, a 14 Wing Greenwood aerospace telecommunication and information systems technician, works on getting the base's deployable mission support centre up and running for planned training.



Travis feted at 2018 CAF Sports Awards ceremony

October 18, Canadian Morale and Welfare Services hosted the 30th Canadian Armed Forces Sports Awards Ceremony at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, honouring the best CAF athletes, coaches, officials and teams of the year.

Two accomplished military athletes, Sub-lieutenant Kyle Deveauat, CFB Esquimalt; and Warrant Officer Alain Chali-foux, CFB Greenwood; were featured in a short video, "The Heart of Sports." The video highlighted the contribution of sports to physical ability, teamwork, family and community.

CAF Sports Honour Roll inductees: Major Serge Fau-cher, track and field athlete; Warrant Officer (retired) Stan Poirier, fastball athlete; Ser-geant Ivan Karin, volleyball athlete.

Dedication to CAF Sports Award winners: Master War-rant Officer Chuck Harvey, volleyball; Corporal Kevin Cardinal, hockey.

Achievement Award win-ners: Captain Sarah Graves, triathlon; Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, male athlete of the year, triathlon; Captain Gérard Caron, coach of the year, multi-sports; Capt Ste-ven Stuart, official of the year, volleyball; 3 Wing Bagotville ball hockey team, team of the year.



Tenth aircraft added to museum air park

Malcolm Uhlman, Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society

And then there were TEN! As per the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's (GMAM) mandate to display aircraft and/ or types flown overseas in the Second World War and from this Valley airbase, the Piasecki/ Vertol H44 Helicopter is the latest addition to the diverse and colourfully-distinct aircraft on public display in the air park. The others are the Lancaster, Neptune, Aurora (Arcturus), Argus, Dakota, Labrador, Hercules, Chal-lenger and Silver Star jet trainers.

Affectionately dubbed the "Flying Banana" because of its shape, this newest aircraft display was built for Arctic rescue missions and use on the northern Distant Early Warning Stations, the "Dew Line," with the maiden

flight April 11, 1952. Built in Morton, Pennsylvania, it was powered by a Wright Cyclone 1820 nine-cylinder radial engine, as used on the B17 Flying Fortress WWII bomb-er. The airframe is the fourth in a series of tandem-rotor helicopters, with the Labra-dor being the fifth.

Six H44A helicopters were acquired by the RCAF, based on the H21B airframe, and had metal rotor blades (unlike the wooden ones of the earli-er models) and an advanced transmission. Helicopters with airframe numbers 9591 and 9592 were flown here at R.C.A.F. Station Greenwood in the early 1960s by 103 Search and Rescue Squad-ron. Sister helicopter 9591 was written off in a crash at R.C.A.F. Station Chatham, New Brunswick, in 1968.

On a trip to Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Bob Johnson, then GMAM general manager; recognized the distinct co-lour scheme of an R.C.A.F.

aircraft, as well as the side number 9592, as being linked to Greenwood. He was instrumental in acquiring this newest display aircraft. The forward section and extra transmissions and ro-tor heads were trucked to Greenwood in the summer of 2012, and the next year saw the two rear sections arrive, one rear section to be used for parts. After a workshop reorganization and shoe-horning both the for-ward and aft sections under cover into the workshop, the actual reconstruction project began June 17, 2014.

This new museum addi-tion is the actual aircraft aft section, side number 9592, coupled with a U.S. Army H21C forward section; joined to form the new 9592 on display. The forward section of 9592 was destroyed in a northern accident. Over four years of dedicated work were spent by a team of GMAM volunteers to bring



the aircraft back to its former glory. Corrosion around the engine bay posed the first major task, necessitating the removal and replacement of five large side panels, requir-ing drilling out and replacing hundreds of rivets. Many fibreglass sections along the top and tail were replaced with more durable alumin-ium, where possible, while distinct curved shapes were fortified with extra fibreglass. Many other holes and tears

were repaired, all glass was replaced with durable Lexan and many parts had to be manufactured.

The formal transfer of the H44 from the restoration crew to the wing will take place next spring. A special invitation is extended to those who flew or worked on this type of venerable aircraft: make yourself known to

members of the restoration crew, who will reunite them with the aircraft and be happy to hear their H44 memories.

Soon to come out of the museum workshop is a Bolingbroke/ Blenheim; the next restoration, already started, is a Beechcraft C45 Expeditor. Visit soon; there is always something new to see.



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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (the office will be closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch). No registrations will be taken after noon the day of the activity.

Monday, October 29, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - *Boys Club*: Please remember indoor shoes: we will be playing a game called Ultimate Everything in the gym. Be ready to run!

Tuesday, October 30, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - *Creative Critters*: Tomorrow is Halloween, so we will be making Smartie Witch hats! Wear something you don't mind getting messy and bring \$3.

Thursday, November 1, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - *Active Chicks*: Spa night, girls: a night of hair, make-up and nails.

Friday, November 2, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - *YTGIF*: Tonight we will be having hot dogs and a Just Dance showdown. Wear comfortable clothing, get ready to move and bring \$5.

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Originated in 2011 in a ballfield in Kingston, the event now boasts seven locations across Canada, including a brand new event just held in Kentville October 27.

This zany pumpkin launch allows participants, at \$5 a gourd, to hurl real pumpkins with a 14 -foot slingshot through the air to hit targets, perhaps winning amazing prizes including a 64-inch flat screen smart television! Agatha Bourassa and her husband, Tim Vallillee, cooked up the event in the middle of the night eight years ago in an effort to raise money to fight cystic fibrosis so people like Vallillee can breathe to see another day.

There are about 20 prizes that can be won this Saturday, November 3, in Kingston on the Credit Union Centre ballfield between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The event is a fun-filled day for the whole family and includes a small Angry Birds-style version for kids aged seven and under. There will be hot chilli, a barbecue and other kids' games besides the main event.

Thanks from the families of individuals fighting cystic fibrosis to all sponsors, volunteers and participants. For information, visit squashcf.org or cysticfibrosis.ca or call 902-765-0609.

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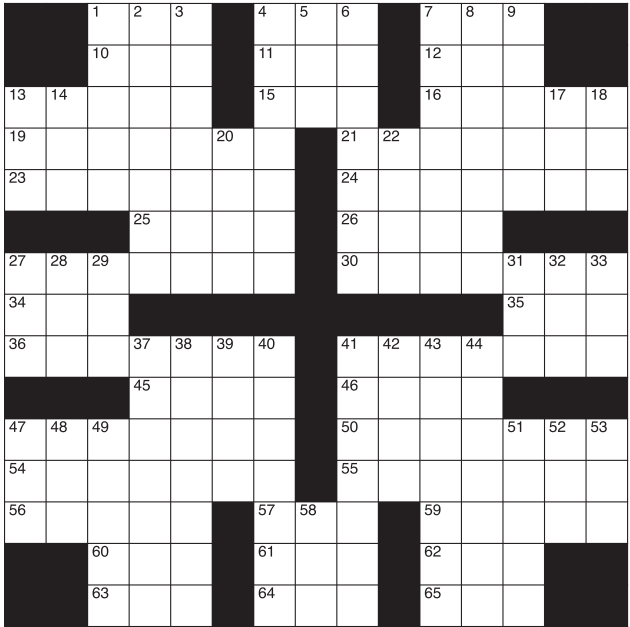


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 - A way to improve
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 - Type of sword
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 - Of one
 - Prom accessory
 - Jai _ sport
 - Assist in wrongdoing
 - Small hill
- Erases
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 - A baglike structure in a plant or animal
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Kingston Area Seniors Association
Come join the Kingston Area Seniors Association. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. and have games days on the second and fourth Fridays of the month (1 p.m. to 3 p.m., \$2 per games day) All at the Kingston Legion. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to join

us. For information, call Mary, 902-847-1613.

Meeting and public talk
October 30, 7:30 p.m., join the Kings County Museum and Historical Society for its monthly meeting plus public talk - "Re-adapting Prehistory: Understanding Human Adaptation to the Natural Environment in Prehistoric Atlantic Canada;" the history of indigenous peoples in pre-historic Atlantic Canada, shaken and stirred with a new theory on adaptation to the environment with David MacInnes. Admission by freewill offering. At the Kings County Museum Courtroom (upstairs), 37 Cornwallis Street, Kentville. 902-678-6237.

Luncheon
October 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Fireflies host a soup luncheon at the Middleton Fire Hall. Homemade hamburger soup, corn chowder or split

pea & ham soup; and either pumpkin or lemon dessert, all for the bargain price of \$9? The Middleton & Area Fireflies raise money for the local volunteer fire department and the proposed new community/ fire hall. For free local delivery, call Bonnie by Oct. 29, 902-825-3062.

Halloween crafts
October 30, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Kingston Library invites youth ages five to 12 to come out for spooky Halloween crafts after school...if you dare!

Chase the Ace
November 1, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (weekly Thursdays), Chase the Ace at Paddy's Pub, Kentville, with Valley Cheer Athletics Association. Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. The winning number will be announced. If no one claims the ticket within 5 minutes, the phone number on the ticket will be called: the contact will have 15 minutes to arrive, or may permit a VCA volunteer to draw on their behalf. FB: Chase the Ace Valley Cheer Athletics.

Middleton book club
November 1, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library adult book club is reading "Witches of New York," by Ami McKay. Next month's selection: "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," by Gail Honeyman. If interested, call the library at 902-825-4835.

At the Evergreen
November 2 at 8 p.m., the Evergreen Theatre, 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville; presents Australian blues legend Lloyd Spiegel, recently named in Australian Guitar Magazine's list of 50 greatest Australian guitarists of all time. Tickets \$30 (military \$25, students \$15) at TIXHUB at www.evergreentheatre.ca.

Church event
November 2, 7 p.m. Praying our goodbyes: a memorial service with candle lighting for departed

family and friends, Holy Trinity Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton. Info: 902-825-2326.

Berwick library book club
November 2, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Berwick and District Library book club will discuss "Do Not Say We Have Nothing," by Madeline Thien. Join at any time. To pick up a copy of the book, please drop into the Berwick Library during open hours or attend a book club session. The book may be available to download.

Bake sale
November 2, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Valley WAAG Animal Shelter will hold its annual bake sale at the Middleton Pharmasave. Expect to find a wide array of delicious homemade goodies. Please help us help the cats in shelter care, while they await their forever homes. For information: 902-765-6629.

Book talk for teens
November 2, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Berwick and District Library teen (ages 15 to 18) book club is reading "The Hate You Give," by Angie Thomas. Pick up a copy of the book at the library or read your copy from home. Come for snacks and a fun discussion.

Tremont Board Game Café
November 2, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (every first and third Friday) at the Tremont Hall, 738 Tremont Mountain Road. Many of the newest and coolest games, and some good oldies in a friendly and relaxed environment. Free. 902-765-4326.

Ticket auction
November 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Middleton & Area Fireflies host a ticket auction at the Middleton Fire Hall. There will be many items donated by local businesses and individuals, as well as gift certificates, special draws, silent auction items and crane facilities.

Fall shopping expo
November 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

the Kingston District School presents its annual fall shopping expo, with over 25 vendors (and counting), a bake table, café serving chilli and hot and cold drinks, door prizes, popcorn and a 50/ 50 draw. Located at 630 Pine Ridge Avenue in the Kingston school gymnasium. Freewill offering at the door.

Breakfast
November 3, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., join the Berwick Lions for a community breakfast at the Lions' Hall, Veterans' Drive, Berwick. Freewill offering for a full breakfast: eggs (fried or scrambled), our own baked beans, pancakes, bacon, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea.

Hike
November 3, Hike Nova Scotia and Canning Recreation present a guided waterfall hike in Baxter's Harbour at 11:30 a.m. Pre-register at director@cannin-grecreation.com. Qualify to win a trail prize. See hikenovascotia.ca for details.

Hike
November 4, Hike Nova Scotia and the County of Annapolis present a guided hike on the Hemlocks & Hardwoods Trail in Kejimikujik National Park and Natural Historic Site at 1 p.m. Pre-register at annapolis-county.ca. Qualify to win a trail prize. See hikenovascotia.ca for details.

Death Cafe
November 6, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library hosts Death Café, an international movement dedicated to taking death out of the closet and discussing it publicly to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. Facilitated

by Louise O'Brien, R.N and soul midwife/ death doula (deathcafe.com). Registration required.

Caregivers' retreat
November 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Caregivers Nova Scotia will hold a caregiver wellness retreat at the Berwick Lions Hall, Veterans Drive, Berwick. If you provide unpaid care to a family member or friend, come and enjoy the company of other caregivers and learn about self-care, enjoy lunch and share a few laughs. Free. Register with Jennine at 1-877-488-7390.

Meeting
November 6, 7 p.m., the Kings County Wildlife Association meets in Room 109 at NSCC, Kentville. Topic: the provincial Learn to Fish Program for kids. The club is looking for volunteers to get this program going locally. The public is invited to attend: you do not have to be a member, and there is no charge.

Crafting Club
November 8, 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library Crafting Club will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month (September to December). All materials supplied. Register at 902-665-2758.

Chase the Ace
November 8, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (weekly Thursdays), Chase the Ace at Paddy's Pub, Kentville, with Valley Cheer Athletics Association. Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. The winning number will be announced. If no one claims the ticket within 5 minutes, the phone number on the ticket will be called: the contact will have 15 minutes to arrive, or may permit a VCA volunteer to draw on their behalf. FB: Chase the Ace Valley Cheer Athletics.

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Volunteer opportunity – Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
The Nova Scotia Health Authority welcomes volunteers: we are looking for volunteers at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Volunteer roles require a weekly commitment of two hours. If you are interested, contact Jennifer Moore for more information, 902-365-1701 local 3444 or jenniferl.moore@nshealth.ca. Criminal record checks are required for all volunteers.

Jam session
Fridays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., join in the Black Rock jam session, 4404 Black Rock Road. Come and play, sing and enjoy a fun evening with friends. Light lunch at break, 50/ 50, door prize. Freewill offering.

Donations accepted
The Opportunity Shop, located in the Greenwood Mall, accepts donations of clean, used clothing, shoes, purses and also linens and small kitchen appliances. No electronics please. All money earned goes to local health care projects.

Game time
Fridays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library invites adults to spend your Friday afternoons playing games: Skip-Bo, Scrabble and more!

Diabetes donations
Diabetes Canada accepts gently used clothing and household items in the Kingston and surrounding area at red clothing donation bins at several locations. Or, call 1-800-505-5525 to arrange a free household pickup or visit declutter.diabetes.ca for information. Proceeds

from donations support diabetes research, education, programs, services and advocacy for 11 million Canadians living with diabetes.

Creative fibre arts
Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (except the last Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. to 8 pm.), the Berwick and District Library

invites you to knit, crochet, rug hook, spin, weave. Bring your project and meet new friends.

Story time
Mondays, 10 a.m., the Annapolis Royal Library invites families in for Monday morning story time. Discover new books, enjoy old favourites, maybe have a little music and do simple crafts.



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