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History unveiled at Canada's National Air Force Museum



Cpl Jean-Francois Neron, 8 Wing Imaging

Halifax NA-337 aircraft unveiling and dedication ceremony was held at the Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial Museum at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on November 5, 2005. An estimated 2,000 invited guests were present at the historic event.

by Laurie McVicar
 Assistant Editor

In the words of Jeff Jeffery, President of the Halifax Aircraft Association, “it was meant to happen.”

Sixty years after Halifax NA-337 crashed into Lake Mjøsa, Norway, the world's only restored Handley Page aircraft was unveiled during a spine-tingling ceremony held November 5 at the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Memorial Museum.

More than 2,000 people packed into the new addition of the building to witness the historical event, marking the finale of a 10-year restoration project and the beginning of a fitting memorial to the 10,000 aircrew members of Bomber Command who lost their lives during World War II.

The Halifax NA-337,

assigned to 644 Squadron of the Royal Air Force (RAF), was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire on April 23, 1945, following a successful supply drop to Norwegian underground forces near Grue, Norway. As the plane was making its return trip home to England, its flight path took it over a bridge held by German soldiers. The Halifax's starboard wing was struck by a shell, igniting the fuel tank and stalling two engines. Unable to gain altitude, the pilot ditched the aircraft in the Lake, ultimately breaking it in half. Although all members of the aircrew initially survived the crash, five of the six perished from hypothermia in the frigid waters.

Saturday's ceremony featured a plethora of high profile speakers including the Minister of National

Defence, the Honourable Bill Graham; Chief of the Air Staff, Lieutenant-General Steve Lucas; Commander of 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, Colonel Andre Deschamps, and Master of Ceremony Dave Devall of CTV News.

Possibly making the furthest trip to address the crowd were Norwegians Tore Marsoe and Rolf Liberg, who were responsible for locating the plane in the 1980s.

“Sixty years ago, Tore Marsoe, at 17 years old, woke up at 2 o'clock in the morning and heard an aircraft flying over his house in Hamar, north of Oslo, and had a great feeling of closeness to this aircraft,” said Jeffrey, who introduced the duo.

“He could never forget the sound of the engines See Bomber unveiled, p.18

Senator Roméo Dallaire speaks to capacity crowd

by Captain Nicole Meszaros, 8 WPAO

“North America sent aid, but it wasn't the aid that was needed,” said Senator Roméo Dallaire referring to the aid that was sent to the central African nation of Rwanda during the 1994 genocide there.

North America sent corn, but not sweet corn, cow corn, a tough corn that cannot be eaten in the same simple way as sweet corn. Cow corn can only be eaten after being cooked with water and turned into an edible paste, however, in the absence of anything to make the paste, i.e. pots, firewood and water, the

large cow corn kernels could not be eaten by the Rwandans.

Starving children ate the corn anyway only to bleed to death, said the senator, as the jagged pieces of corn sliced up their insides.

Senator Dallaire did not delve much further into the horrifying conditions he surely experienced while he was in the African country during his presentation to the residents of Quinte West November 3. This anecdote was enough for most to contend with.

Instead, he spent most of his time explaining the geopolitical conditions that lead to the numerous intra-state conflicts that erupted

in the post-Cold War era, of which Rwanda was one.

The bi-polarity of the “superpower system” of the Cold War created what the senator called the “classic balance of security” of the international community – countries were either in the sphere of influence of the U.S.S.R. or the U.S.A. and therefore were (more or less) stable. The stability that the spheres of influence created enabled conflicts within countries to be “frozen in time”.

When the stability of the international system collapsed in 1989, when the hammer and sickle stopped flying over the Kremlin, See Dallaire, pg. 14

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Senator Roméo Dallaire addressed a large crowd at Trenton High School Nov. 3.

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An ongoing campaign to raise funds for the relocation of the Trenton cenotaph has topped \$68,000, according to the President of Branch 110 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Hugh McKay. On Friday, November 4, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton presented the Legion, the project's organizer, with a cheque for \$12,245, raised during a charity golf tournament last month at the base golf club. The Legion is hoping to meet its goal of \$112,000 to complete the project which has moved the memorial from its long-time home at Centennial Park to the former site of the Trenton Public Library, beside the Branch. Pictured from left to right are: Chief Warrant Officer Don Cheverie, Wing Chief Warrant Officer; John Desjardins, Legion member; Hugh McKay, Branch 110 President; Lorne Bermel, Legion member; Colonel Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton; and Neil McNeil, Legion member.

Airmen's Prayer

Pilot Divine, and Lord of all on high! Thine are the starry squadrons of the sky!

Leads us whose wings for Freedom's sake now soar, Into our hearts thy faith and courage pour -

Oh, hear our prayer! Set Thou our course, whose trust is laid on Thee!

Oh, Thou who chartest all eternity! Through cloud and sunshine, through the darkest night, Guide Thou our wings who battle for the right -

Oh, hear our prayer! Father and friend, in whose almighty name!

We dedicate our lives to Freedom's flame,

Bless now our wings as on through space we wend!

Bless us who to Thy care our souls commend -

Oh, hear our prayer!

Forever bless the thousands of aircrew who gave their lives for the sake of freedom, including members of Halifax NA337:

Flight Lieutenant A. Turnbull, DFC, Pilot

Flight Lieutenant W.R. Mitchell, Navigator

Flight Sergeant G.R. Tuckett, Bomb Aimer

Flight Sergeant A. Naylor, Wireless Operator

Flight Sergeant G.A. Bassett, Flight Engineer

WING LOGISTICS & ENGINEERING PICTURE OF THE WEEK



EME Sqn Supports DART on OP PLATEAU--Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Squadron was tasked recently to prepare DART's deployable equipment in support of OP PLATEAU. Given the immediate response required and the variety of equipment involved, EME Sqn deployed the White Elephant - a reconfigured tractor trailer designed to allow a robust MRT (Mobile Repair Team) to work insitu for specific tasks, in this case a land technical equipment DAG in support of OP PLATEAU. Eight technicians worked under the supervision of Sgt A.S. Dusa, NCM I/C Heavy Equipment Maintenance, for the better part of two weeks in the DART staging area on the North Side, completing the necessary work to get the equipment ready for the scheduled chalks on time. Inspections and repairs were done on all equipment in order to ensure it was safe for loading onto the aircraft, and also capable of working immediately upon arrival in Pakistan without delay. Best of luck to the DART Team from EME Sqn. Sgt Dusa, NCM I/C Heavy Equipment Maintenance, operated with his eight-man team to prepare DART equipment and vehicles for deployment to Pakistan. Back row L-R: Sgt Dusa, Pte Teske, Cpl Desmond, Cpl Kari, Cpl Carleton. Front row L-R: Cpl Underhill, Cpl Rheault, Pte Enwood, Cpl Cleary.



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It won't be long now: Ground broken on Tim Horton's site

by Laurie McVicar
Assistant Editor

Caffeine addicts rejoice--Tim Horton's has officially broken ground for its new outlet on RCAF Road.

Hiring has already begun and construction is, weather permitting, expected to be completed before the end of the year on what the three-time Tim Horton franchise owners are hoping will be another successful venture. They will open for business shortly thereafter.

"The military has been requesting this for four years; we are pleased to be part of the base location. We think there is huge potential here and welcome the challenge," said Josephine Robertson. She and her husband Doug run the popular franchise in both Trenton and Campbellford.

"The corporation is very excited to be part of the base," stated Bob Edwards, Tim Horton's District Manager. "We've generally done well on bases. The military has always been one of our best supporters. We try to help them out as well in terms of contributing to overseas care packages."

In addition, the franchise will be



Photo: Cpl Tom Parker, 8 Wing Imaging

Group shot of (left to right) Doug Robertson, franchisee, Andy Moreau, Trenton Canex Manager, John Farrow, Regional Canex Manager, Josephine Robertson, franchisee, Bob Edwards, Tim Hortons District Manager, Gerry Mahon, CD, President of Canex, and Col André Deschamps Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. A ground breaking ceremony was held in the Canex parking lot at Canadian Forces Base Trenton November 4, 2005 at the site of a new Tim Horton's coffee shop currently under construction.

contributing a percentage of revenue to Wing Fund.

Josephine added, "It's my hope that some of the military spouses and/or teens find employment with us. There will be about 30 jobs at

this location."

Those interested in submitting an application can drop it off at the Tim Horton's store on Glen Miller Road (Sidney Street) near Highway 401.

Search & Rescue UPDATE



424 Squadron Tigers in the past week were quite busy. We were involved in two ELT searches—one in the Toronto area and one in the area of Muskoka. The Toronto ELT was tracked down by our Griffon crew to Pearson International Airport. The Muskoka case was being handled by the Herc and the Griffon. Both aircraft were brought home when the signal was turned off.

On the weekend both the Herc and Griffon were sent to Quebec City to search for an overdue Cessna 172. The search continued until Tuesday afternoon when the overdue aircraft was located by a woman walking in the woods. A search headquarters, additional Herc crews, a Griffon from 3 Wing Bagotville and a Cormorant from 14 Wing Greenwood participated in this search, although the search headquarters did not officially stand up.

While that search was being conducted, our backup Griffon was tasked to support the US Coast Guard to look for a vessel in distress on Lake Ontario, north of Rochester NY. Until next week, stay safe.

Missions for 2005: 153 Missions for Nov.: 9 Persons rescued: 124



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message from the

Editor

Remembrance Day has always been significant to me, even as a child. I'm not sure exactly why, although I suspect a vivid imagination (not always a good thing) and a healthy dose of empathy were important contributing factors, not to mention the fact that I was the daughter of a air force navigator-turned-high school history teacher.

I could easily picture my grandfather as a young man, taking up the call to arms, ready to fight for his country. I could then look at my father or brothers and imagine what it would have been like to have to watch all the men in my family marching into mortal danger, some never to return.

My love of writing dates back to elementary school, when I entered the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day essay contest (and won!)

But it was years later that it really hit home that the wars our grandfathers fought were horribly real and created memories that haunted them years after the fighting ended.

Just after my grandmother passed away, and my grandfather was still raw emotionally, we sat one day in his kitchen in Nova Scotia and he talked for the first time about the war. I guess raw emotions can often summon demons long hidden.

In tears, Grandad told me about one night, shortly before he was to learn where he would serve in World War II. He was tense, worried and at the same time eager to do his part. He fell asleep beside his wife, the love of his life, and dreamed he was battling for his life against a Japanese soldier. He awoke from this vivid nightmare to find, to his ultimate horror, that he was trying to strangle his wife, mistaking her for "the enemy." Though both were shaken, both survived the incident, and the war, and their marriage endured for 60+ years. But Grandad never forgot, and neither will I.

So each November 11th, I remember. For all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. And for my grandfather, who at 92, no longer remembers me.

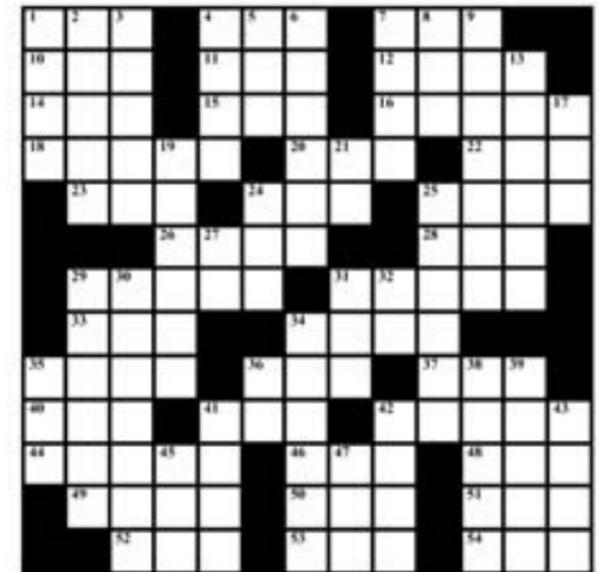
Canadiana Crossword

Row on Row

By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

ACROSS

- 1 Foundation
- 4 Our remembrance day quote begins
- 7 Cleric's gown
- 10 Fed
- 11 Scandinavian name
- 12 Blemish
- 14 Sever
- 15 French coin
- 16 Nurses
- 18 Remembrance day quote continues
- 20 No, in a way
- 22 Ger. autos
- 23 That woman
- 24 Remembrance day quote continues
- 25 Flesh
- 26 Rascals
- 28 Labour org.
- 29 Appraise
- 31 Hockey Hall of Famer Johnny _____
- 33 Wag
- 34 Golfer Mike
- 35 Preserves, in a way
- 36 Remembrance day quote continues
- 37 Self-importance
- 40 Appreciate, slangily
- 41 Friend, in Fannystelle
- 42 Remembrance day quote continues
- 44 Remembrance day quote continues
- 46 Canadian farm org.
- 48 Eggleton, for one
- 49 Child's card game
- 50 Wapiti
- 51 Lamb's lingo
- 52 Navigation sys.
- 53 Canadian Club, for one
- 54 West coast time



DOWN

- 1 Tropical island
- 2 Ties
- 3 Profundity
- 4 Church part
- 5 Prefix denoting new
- 6 Sots
- 7 Not home
- 8 Skedaddle
- 9 Remembrance day quote continues
- 13 Sound of a slap
- 17 Jet freighter, abbr.
- 19 Robberies
- 21 Artist Jackson's initials
- 24 Snoop
- 25 Author of remembrance day quote
- 27 Post grad degree
- 29 Looks forward to
- 30 Remembrance day quote continues
- 31 Barn raising
- 32 EI, formerly
- 34 Complainer
- 35 Certain recordings, abbr.
- 36 Thulium symbol
- 38 Grandpa, so to speak
- 39 Gumbos
- 41 European mountain range
- 42 One of the disciples
- 43 ERA or RBI
- 45 Circuit
- 47 End of remembrance quote



This Week in Contact

1975 – In the land of the midnight sun, just 450 nautical miles south of the North Pole, a small handful of Canadians observe the world's most northerly annual Remembrance Day service, in total darkness. Canadian Forces Station Alert, situated at 82 degrees 30'N and 62 degrees 30'W commemorates the fallen of two world wars, and in particular the fatal crash of an RCAF Lancaster aircraft on a peaceful mission, July 31, 1950.

1985 – On September 24, the first in a new series of Professional Development Luncheons was held at the Officers' Mess with over 100 officers in attendance. It was fitting that the inaugural luncheon of this series was addressed by an officer of such experience and distinction as Air Chief Marshall Sir David Evans, GCB, CBE, CBIM, former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff for the United Kingdom.

1995 – This year Remembrance Day has a special connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. I have had the honour of attending numerous ceremonies in recent months commemorating Canada's important role in the war and especially the momentous events of 1945. Canadians served with distinction in virtually every theatre of the conflict, from the north Atlantic and the Western Europe to the Mediterranean and Asia-Pacific region in all, more than 42,000 Canadians gave their lives.

Created by Lt J. H. MacDonald,
 Compiled by Jason Newman.



Fitness, Sports & Recreation

Exercise for peace of mind

(NC)-According to the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute, physical activity can enhance your psychological health and improve your ability to cope with stress. Incorporating exercise into your daily routine can help manage stress and improve your mood.

Psychologist Dr. Kate F. Hays maintains, "Moderate exercise is an effective mood-regulating behavior. The mind and body connection has been understood for centuries as a contributing factor in overall well-being."

People who exercise report feeling less stressed or nervous. Even five minutes of aerobic exercise (exercise which requires oxygen, such as a step class,

swimming, walking) can stimulate anti-anxiety effects.

Physical exercise helps to counteract the withdrawal, inactivity and feelings of hopelessness that characterize depression. Studies show that both aerobic and anaerobic exercise (exercise which does not require oxygen, such as weightlifting) has anti-depressive effects.

Dr. Hays cautions that we should not confuse everyday stress, worries and occasional blues with more serious conditions such as major depression or generalized anxiety disorder. These are serious illnesses that may be helped by exercise, psychotherapy or may require medical treatment.

Symptoms common

to both depression and anxiety include:

- Feeling tired or having little energy most of the day, every day;

- Changes in sleeping patterns;

- Having trouble concentrating, remembering or making decisions; and

- Feeling agitated or irritable nearly every day.

If you are suffering from these symptoms, speak to your doctor because there are treatments that can help. The sooner you are able to find an appropriate therapy, the sooner you'll find you can get back to feeling like yourself again.

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Astra Lanes bowling report

The Sunday Night League has Tim Horton's experience leading the league by just a few points over the Gutterballs.

Men's High Averages: Jim Cluett, 212; Kevin May, 209; Robert Boudriau, 198.

Ladies' High Average: Nonnie Goulet, 188; Christine Fenton, 172; Shirley Fenton, 169.

Men's High Triple: Kevin May, 759; Jim Cluett, 756; Wayne Fenton, 652.

Ladies' High Triple: Shirley Fenton, 635; Nonnie Goulet, 619; Linda DeRouin, 572.

Men's High Single: Kevin May, 311; Jim Cluett, 311; Uri Budzianowski, 304.

Ladies' High Single: Shirley Fenton, 255; Nonnie Goulet, 242; Danielle Simard, 227.



Ladies Flyers lose to Geen's

The 8 Wing Ladies Flyers played host to the Belleville Geen's Pharmasave team on RCAF ice Thursday November 3rd. The ladies played hard but lost 7-4.

This week, goals were posted by Cpl Kim St-Denis, MCpl Jodi Raybould, Cpl Isabelle Langevin and Sgt Nicole Bureau. Assists were provided by WO Lisa Rowe, MCpl Judith Arsenault, 2Lt Annie Morin, Cpl Isabelle Langevin, Capt Annie Perry and Pte Tanya Logan.

Victoria MacInnis was featured in goal while Cpl Inga Tonopa was away for CISM.

The Flyers will be taking on the Picton team on Nov. 10, at 19:15 and then the Cobourg team on Nov. 17 at 19:15.

Sports shorts...

NOON HOUR HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Noon Hour Hockey Leagues is off and running with four teams fighting for top honour.

The NHL had their opening game on Monday, October 31 with the League Vice President, Corporal Bill Fraser, dropping the ceremonial puck to start things off between Sergeant Gary Swyers of the Flyers and Dave Quinsey of the Bruins. The Fitness and Sports Flight would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive Committee President, Captain Brian Hoogkamp, and Vice President Cpl Bill Fraser, for volunteering their time. Good luck, have fun and play fair.

FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Intersection Floor Hockey League is off and running with three teams fighting for top honor.

The league had their opening game on Monday, November 7 with the League President, Master Warrant Officer Rick Day, dropping the ceremonial ball to start things off between Wing Supply and 911 team.

The Fitness and Sports Flight would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee President MWO Rick Day, and Vice President Cpl Mark Russell, for volunteering their time.

INTERSECTION BOWLING

Golden Oldies finally got it all together this week, and with great games by Ernie Strocel and Harold Stoddart they managed to take a perfect 21 points.

Team Standings: CCC & C, 48; Wing Ops, 45; Sexy Seniors, 39; A2, 36; Golden Oldies, 35.5; 81 AEF, 26; EME, 22.5.

High Average Men: Ernie Strocel, 257; Mike Stoddart, 234; Harold Stoddart, 231.

High Average Ladies: Donna Stoddart, 211; Edie Rathbun, 188; Janette Burns, 180.

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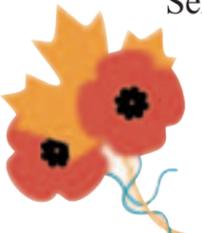
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The Honourable Bill Graham
Minister of National Defence

Freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom to vote, study, work, travel, pray as we choose: These are the freedoms—indeed, the rights—we enjoy in Canada.

They are neither universal nor guaranteed, and we are fortunate that there have always been Canadians willing to defend them. This was true in 1914, in 1939 and in 1950, and it continues to be true today.

Over the years, generations of selfless men and women have given up a measure of their own freedom to preserve ours. They have left friends and family behind, faced privation and danger, put their lives at risk. And too many of them have died in the struggle to secure our way of life.

We have mourned their loss privately and as a nation, for they are not strangers: they are often our loved ones, our friends and neighbours, and always our heroes. Too recently, we shared the grief of those closest to the Canadian soldiers who died in Afghanistan. Our sorrow echoed that of our parents and grandparents who lost loved ones in past conflicts.

But remembrance is not always solemn, and this summer a grateful nation turned out to celebrate and say goodbye to Ernest “Smokey” Smith, Canada’s last surviving Victoria Cross



recipient. His story reminds us that we have much to be proud of in our past and allows us to see a connection with the work the Canadian Forces carry out today.

The bravery and dedication of our veterans and serving members will always inspire us, and their achievements are still making a difference to millions of Canadians and others around the world.

In this special year, the Year of the Veteran, let us remember and celebrate the men and women whose faith in Canada has kept our country strong and free. Lest we forget.



“Leurs vies nous ont donné notre liberté...”

Gen/Gén Rick Hillier
Chef d'état-major de la
Défense

Il a déjà été dit que « les grands hommes ont la terre entière pour tombeau. »

Cette affirmation est particulièrement vraie pour les héros militaires du Canada, ces dizaines de milliers qui sont enterrés dans des contrées lointaines et au pays ou qui se trouvent sous les flots de la mer — sans oublier ceux qui sont revenus avec des souvenirs de lointains champs de bataille.

Au cours de cette Année de l'ancien combattant, nous nous rappelons la multitude de Canadiens ordinaires qui sont devenus des héros au cours de guerres et d'opérations de soutien de la paix partout dans le

monde et nous leur rendons hommage.

Les braves Canadiens ayant répondu à l'appel ont compris que pour protéger la liberté de notre pays, il fallait éradiquer la tyrannie qui règne à l'étranger.

En ce jour du Souvenir, nous avons tous à l'esprit le prix qu'a payé le Canada pour sa liberté.

Bien que le nombre de personnes ayant combattu dans d'innombrables batailles maritimes, terrestres et aériennes diminue, leur héritage continue de prendre de l'ampleur.

Le plus grand honneur que nous puissions conférer à nos anciens combattants est de continuer à chérir cette liberté dont ils nous ont fait don.

Cependant, nous

devons aussi honorer nos anciens combattants en continuant d'assurer un avenir meilleur, non seulement pour les gens à l'étranger, mais aussi pour ceux au Canada.

Vous tous, les hommes et femmes des Forces canadiennes, continuez le travail qui vous a été légué par les héros de notre nation en faisant face aux affronts à la liberté et à la dignité humaine, et ce, peu importe l'endroit.

En ce jour du Souvenir, rappelez-vous des héros canadiens.

Leur bravoure a contribué à la création de l'identité du Canada. Leurs vies nous ont donné notre liberté. Leurs sacrifices sont une leçon d'humilité dont nous sommes fiers. Nous, nous souviendrons d'eux.

“Nous nous souviendrons d'eux”

Bill Graham
Ministre de la Défense
nationale

La liberté d'expression, d'association, de culte, la liberté de voter, d'étudier, de travailler et de voyager comme bon nous semble... Voilà des libertés, voire des droits, dont nous jouissons au Canada.

Ces libertés ne sont ni universelles ni garanties. Nous sommes chanceux qu'il y ait toujours eu des Canadiens prêts à les défendre. Ces derniers l'ont prouvé en 1914, en 1939 et en 1950, et il en va de même de nos jours.

Au fil des ans, des générations d'hommes et de femmes altruistes ont sacrifié une partie de leurs libertés pour protéger les nôtres. Ils ont quitté leurs amis et famille, fait face à des privations et à des dan-

gers et risqué leur vie. Beaucoup trop sont morts en luttant pour défendre notre mode de vie.

Nous avons pleuré leur perte en privé et en tant que nation, car ils n'étaient pas des étrangers : il s'agissait souvent des personnes qui nous étaient chères, nos amis, nos voisins et toujours nos héros. Nous avons tout récemment partagé le deuil des proches des militaires canadiens qui sont décédés en Afghanistan. Notre peine rappelle celle de nos parents et de nos grands-parents qui ont perdu des êtres aimés au cours de conflits passés.

Mais le souvenir n'est pas toujours quelque chose de solennel. Cet été, un pays reconnaissant a célébré et fait ses adieux à Ernest « Smokey » Smith, le dernier récipi-

endaire canadien de la Croix de Victoria. Sa vie nous rappelle que nous pouvons être fiers de notre histoire et nous permet de tracer un lien avec le travail actuel des Forces canadiennes.

La bravoure et l'engagement de nos anciens combattants et des militaires présentement en service seront toujours une source d'inspiration. Leurs réalisations continuent de faire une différence dans la vie de millions de Canadiens ainsi que dans celles d'autres personnes un peu partout dans le monde.

En cette année spéciale de l'ancien combattant, souvenons-nous des hommes et des femmes dont la foi envers le Canada a permis à notre pays de demeurer fort et libre. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

“Their lives bought our freedom...”

Gen/Gén Rick Hillier
Chief of the Defence Staff

It has been said that heroes “have the whole earth for their tomb.”

For Canada’s military heroes — the tens of thousands who lay buried in distant lands, at sea and here at home, in addition to those who returned with memories of distant battlefields — there is no denying this truth.

During this, the Year of the Veteran, we remember and pay tribute to the countless number of ordinary Canadians who became heroes during wars and peace support operations across the whole of the earth.

Brave Canadians who answered the call and understood that protecting this country’s freedom required them to stamp out tyranny abroad.

On Remembrance Day, the price that was paid for Canada’s freedom is foremost in our minds.

Though the numbers of those who fought in countless battles at sea, on the ground and in the air grow smaller, their legacy grows ever larger.

We can bestow the highest honour upon all our veterans by continuing to value the very freedom they gave us.

But we can also honour our veterans by continuing their work to secure a brighter future for people around the

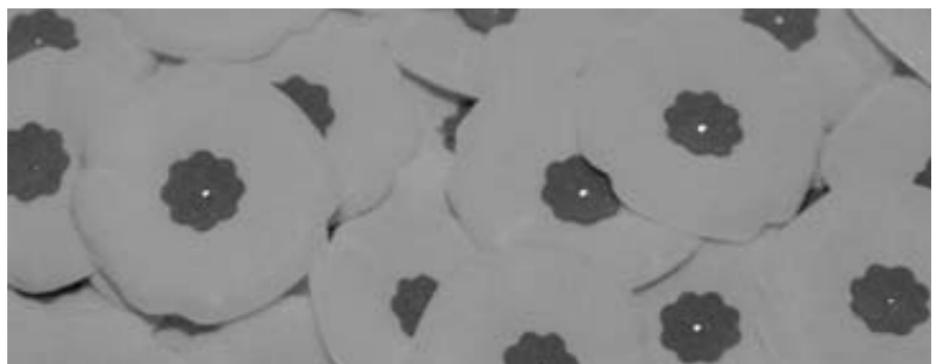


world, and also here at home.

You — the men and women of the Canadian Forces — are fulfilling the legacy of this nation’s heroes by standing against affronts to human dignity and freedom, wherever they occur.

This Remembrance Day, I ask you to remember Canada’s heroes.

Their valour forged our nation’s identity. Their lives bought our freedom. Their sacrifices continue to humble us and make us proud. We will remember them.





Former "Hali" recalls war years



Photo: Laurie McVicar, Contact

World War Two Navigator Allan Todd touches the newly painted, newly restored Halifax Bomber. Inset: Todd following his recruitment.

by Laurie McVicar
Assistant Editor

Saturday's unveiling of the Halifax Bomber was a highly emotional event for those veterans who soared the skies over Europe between its wings, including former navigator Flight Officer (Ret'd) Allan Todd.

Todd, with his wife Irene, travelled from Quebec to take part in the ceremony and reflect on a war-time military career that culminated in the belly of a "Hali."

"In 1942, there was a bit of pressure (to join military). You could join the Air Force on a voluntary basis, but you could be conscripted for the Army. The fever of war was up and everyone was war minded," said Todd. "I enlisted in August of 1942. It was quite an exciting career. You were going new places, meeting new people, doing new things."

Todd started with Number One Manning Depot in Toronto and from there was posted to an advanced training school for pilots flying Harvard aircraft in Ottawa.

"I was there on tarmac duty to assist the ground crew with fueling aircraft, getting pilots strapped in and cranking up the engines to get them started," he said.

In the spring of 1943, Todd was sent to Number One Initial Training School, formerly located at Sir James Whitney School in Belleville.

"I had signed on as a pilot or navigator, but subject to slight eye difficulties with judging distances, I was ruled out as a pilot."

At that time, Air Observer Training took place at the Toronto

Airport.

"That's where I graduated in October 1943 and received my commission as a Pilot Officer. I was given two weeks leave and then posted to Halifax to await a posting to England."

After stints at several Operational Training Units, Todd eventually found a home in 1944 with 427 Squadron in Leeming, England and became part of a Halifax Bomber crew. Up until that point, Todd had trained on the Anson and Wellington aircraft.

"From the navigational point of view, we hadn't seen radar up until that point, so we learned to use it," said Todd. "The radars in those days were made up of 800 pounds of the old glass tubes. We didn't have transistors in those days. It was a very complex piece of equipment. You could tell the difference between land and water and between a large German city with buildings and farm land."

Todd and his crew flew 31 missions against various German targets in France, Holland, and Germany.

"We were the only squadron to drop sea mines for the Navy. During our very final trip, on Christmas Eve 1944, we dropped mines in the harbour of Oslo in order to impede the Germans who were moving iron ore from Norway to Germany," said Todd. "When mines were laid (the Germans) would sweep for days trying to find them, so it would slow down their operations. The other thing is, if a ship went over them, the mines would blow a hole in the bottom of it."

As Todd reflected back on the numerous missions, he admits that luck

was with his crew.

"We took shrapnel damage from German anti-aircraft fire, so we'd have to come back (to base) and they'd have to repair all these holes in the skin of the aircraft. On one occasion, shrapnel went (through) a piece of the plastic window where the pilot sat and blew a hole beside his head. It was close. We were fortunately never attacked by German fighters."

He points out that 427 Squadron lost 25 per cent of its aircrew in war during the four years it operated.

"It had roughly 2,000 members and roughly 500 were lost," said Todd.

Although fear was ever-present among aircrews preparing for missions, Todd explained there was seldom time to acknowledge it.

"Targets were chosen just a few hours ahead. Squadrons generally weren't given much notice, so everything had to be done very rapidly. As a navigator you didn't know where you were going until you went into briefing. They would pull the drapes on the map and at that point you'd find out where your target was. Everything was secret, nothing was announced," said Todd. "The route was laid out, you were given a track, turning points, time to be at the turning points, time to be on target and we were asked to hit the target in plus or minus 30 seconds, which wasn't easy on roughly three hours flying."

The position of navigator came with immense pressure and required intense mental concentration, stated Todd.

"We had heard horror tales of aircrews flying in the wrong direction and making major mistakes.

As a navigator, (the crew) depended on me to do my job," he said. "You had to rush from briefing to your aircraft and get your maps set up."

Although the squadron had a total of 22 aircraft, usually only 15 were sent out at one time.

"These were taking off about one every half minute right around dusk for the night flights. Once airborne, we'd be given instructions to stay in our base area until a certain time. We could climb for height, somewhere around 18,000 feet," said Todd. "Going in on target, we were in a 'shoebbox' formation. We couldn't see each other, however we were all within the 'shoebbox'... Occasionally, over a target, another aircraft would be spotted almost directly overhead and he'd be ready to drop his bombs."

Based on the casualty percentages of the squadron, most crews were aware that they had 98 per cent chance of returning to base.

"When people got lost, you'd think 'surely that wouldn't be me.' There were plans made if you had to parachute out. We were given French money and pictures for passports. If we could get into France, the underground would help us."

Fortunately for Todd and his crew, this plan was never put into action. The same thing could not be said for six other crews who did not return to base during his time with 427 Squadron.

When the war ended, Todd returned to Canada and was eventually joined by his Scottish war-bride. He resumed his career as a lab technician and has since remained actively involved with 427 Squadron.



Left to right: Flight Sergeant Dave Hardy, Gunner; Flying Officer James Barrett, Bomber Aimer; F/Sgt Bernie Kidney, Wireless Operator; F/Sgt Jack Morgan, Gunner; F/O Earl Mayo, Pilot; and F/O Allan Todd, Navigator.

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Remembrance Day is marked in many different ways. Children will pack auditoriums for presentations, music and speeches; some will prefer to recall the bravery of our veterans in silence; and others will come together with their fellow Canadians at Remembrance

Day ceremonies across the country to honour our brave men and women who have given everything they had in defence of their country and to fight tyranny around the world.

We recall today that the 11th hour of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918 marked the end of fighting in the First World War. That day was surely one of celebration and triumph, but must have also been bittersweet as millions of the world's citizens, weary from years of loss and

destruction, could dare, finally, to allow themselves to contemplate the rebuilding of cities, countries and families. Today, November 11 is a day to remember and reflect on the mighty cost our country, and especially our veterans, have paid in defence of freedom.

Throughout the year, Canada has been celebrating the Year of the Veteran. Pilgrimages to Normandy, Italy and the Netherlands, as well as commemorative events held in Canada, to mark the 60th

anniversary of the end of the Second World War have shown us that our Canadian Forces have not been forgotten and will never fade from the memories of those whose lives they helped to liberate. Just last week, I was privileged to join a delegation of Aboriginal veterans on a spiritual journey to Beny-sur-Mer and Juno Beach in Normandy. I valued, more than you can imagine, the opportunity to join with them and share in this incredible journey. Their experiences dur-

ing the war have given me a greater understanding of what our veterans mean to this country and what their experiences mean to them. And while we reflect on the past, let us also remember those who proudly wear the Canadian insignia every day to bring peace and security around the world.

It is my hope that all Canadians will come together to reflect and to remember those who have made it possible to live in a land full of tolerance, hope and freedom.

“Se souvenir de ceux à qui nous devons la chance de vivre dans un pays de tolérance, d'espoir et de liberté.”

Son Excellence la
très honorable
Michaëlle Jean
Gouverneure
générale et
Commandante en
chef du Canada

Le jour du Souvenir est souligné de bien des manières. Dans certaines écoles, les enfants se rassemblent dans l'auditorium pour entendre des présentations, de la musique et des discours; d'autres préfèrent se remémorer la bravoure de nos anciens combattants dans le recueillement et d'autres se joignent à leurs concitoyens pour des cérémonies du jour du Souvenir qui se déroulent à la grandeur du pays, en hommage à nos braves compatriotes qui ont tout donné pour défendre leur pays et pour lutter contre la tyrannie dans le monde.

Aujourd'hui, nous nous rappelons que la 11e heure du 11e jour du 11e mois de 1918 a marqué la fin des combats de la Première Guerre mondiale. Autant cette journée a dû être une de célébration et de triomphe, autant elle a dû susciter des sentiments doux-amers chez les

millions de citoyens dans le monde qui, épuisés après des années de pertes et de destruction, pouvaient enfin oser envisager la reconstruction de leurs villes, de leurs pays et de leurs familles. De nos jours, le 11 novembre est l'occasion de nous souvenir et de réfléchir sur l'énorme coût que notre pays, et surtout nos anciens combattants, ont payé pour défendre la liberté.

Tout au long de l'année, le Canada a célébré l'Année de l'ancien combattant. Les pèlerinages en Normandie, en Italie et aux Pays-Bas ainsi que les activités commémoratives qui ont eu lieu au Canada pour souligner le 60e anniversaire de la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale ont démontré que nous n'avons pas oublié nos Forces canadiennes et qu'elles demeureront toujours dans la mémoire de ceux qui leur doivent d'avoir retrouvé la liberté. La semaine dernière, j'ai eu le privilège de me joindre à une délégation d'anciens combattants autochtones qui entreprenaient une tournée spirituelle à Beny-sur-Mer et à Juno Beach, en



Normandie. J'ai apprécié plus que tout cette occasion qui m'a été offerte d'être à leurs côtés durant cet incroyable pèlerinage. D'avoir partagé avec moi ce qu'ils ont vécu durant la guerre m'a aidée à mieux comprendre ce que nos anciens combattants représentent pour ce pays et ce que leur expérience signifie pour eux. Tout en réfléchissant sur le passé, n'oublions pas ceux qui, chaque jour, arborent fièrement l'insigne canadien afin de faire régner la paix et la sécurité dans le monde.

J'ai l'espoir que les Canadiens se rassembleront pour prendre un moment et se souvenir de ceux à qui nous devons la chance de vivre dans un pays de tolérance, d'espoir et de liberté.

Why should we Remember?

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We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument. (Heather Robertson, *A Terrible Beauty, The Art of Canada at War*. Toronto, Lorimer, 1977.)

These wars touched the lives of Canadians of all ages, all races, all social classes. Fathers, sons, daughters, sweethearts were killed in action, were wounded, and many of those who returned were forever changed. Those who stayed in Canada also served - in factories, in voluntary service organizations, wherever they were needed.

Yet, for many of us, war is a phenomenon viewed through the lens of a television camera or a journalist's account of battles fought in distant parts of the world. Our closest physical and emotional experience may be the discovery of wartime memorabilia in a family attic. But even items such as photographs, uniform badges, medals, diaries can seem vague and unconnected to the life of their owner. For those of us who were born during peacetime,

all wars appear to be far removed from our daily activities.

As Canadians we often take for granted our current way of life, our freedom to participate in cultural and political events, and our right to live under a government of our choice. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms in our constitution ensures that all Canadians enjoy protection under the law. The Canadians who went off to war in distant lands went in the belief that such rights and freedoms were being threatened. They truly believed that "Without freedom there can be no ensuring peace and without peace no enduring freedom." (King George VI at dedication of National War Memorial, Ottawa, May 21, 1939.)

In remembering their service and their sacrifice, we recognize the tradition of freedom they fought to preserve. These men and women had faith in the future and by their acts gave us the will to preserve peace for all time. On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and gallantry of those who served their country.

During times of war, individual acts of heroism occurred frequently; only a few were recorded and received official recognition. In remembering all who served, we recognize the many of willingly endured the hardships and the fear so that we could live in peace.

Jour du Souvenir



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Le mardi 11 novembre, 2003, Jour du Souvenir, des militaires se sont rassemblés devant le monument de la Croix du sacrifice, à l'entrée du parc des Champs-de-Bataille, à 11h, pour une cérémonie commémorant l'Armistice. Sur la photo: Catherine Lebrun de Québec, et son grand-papa monsieur Joseph Lecocq, venu de Belgique.



Halifax Bomber unveiled at museum, cont'd from Page 1

from the aircraft. At the end of the 1970's, he got together with a small group from Hamar to investigate what happened to the aircraft that disappeared into the lake a few days before Norway got freedom back from German occupation," stated Liberg. "From different sources the group was able to obtain names of the crew and the task of the Halifax...fragments were put together and the story became quite clear."

The group travelled to England and made contact with the sole crash survivor, Thomas Weightman and the Royal Air Force Museum, setting the wheels in motion for its recovery in 1995, thanks largely in part to the fundraising efforts of the Halifax Aircraft Association.

"We had just come through a difficult time,

Halifax... Why the Halifax? It flew some 40,000 missions for Bomber Command and Canadians flew 30,000 of those missions. We felt the Halifax would present to the young people of Canada their heritage."

Captain Dave Rutley, who led the recovery team from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, explained the efforts during his address.

"Every day at the work site on the beach at Lake Mjøsa, until the last piece was taken apart, cleaned, crated, and moved off the beach, people came to watch us work and took great interest in our day to day progress. Many people told us stories of the occupation years and asked us all kinds of questions. Teachers from local school brought their classes to see a part of history," said Capt Rutley.

"This Halifax did not



Daughter of Halifax Navigator Flight Lieutenant W. R. Mitchell, Jaqueline Bastable, of England, lays a wreath in front the unveiled aircraft.

assemble, restore and totally rebuild an aircraft such as this," stated Bill Tytula, project manager, during a pre-filmed speech presented at the unveiling. "It was frustrating but it was also humorous. It seemed that

midable institution and I congratulate all of the many employees and volunteers who put so much effort into making this museum the crown jewel of our heritage and history efforts to preserve and promote Canada's proud military aviation legacy. I am particularly proud to hear thanks given to members of our armed forces, presently serving and past, who have put their shoulders behind the wheel as well to make this happen," he said. "It makes me proud to think we can use our assets to help something as wonderful as this, as well as do the other wonderful jobs that our men and women in uniform do.

Like the crew of Halifax NA-337, 70 percent of (air) casualties were crews serving on the Halifax Bomber. Your efforts in restoring this plane, the only true restoration of its type in the world, will be for future generations a reminder of the remarkable achievements and price paid by these gallant young Canadians...Let us also pass to (our youth) an understanding that this precious legacy comes from those who served Canada in battle and peacekeeping operations around the world. It is our privilege to have some of those veterans here today. Thank you for what you did for your country and for our freedom. Thank you also for what you have done to create this important memorial to inspire future Canadians that they may too serve their generation with the same selfless spirit of sacrifice, professionalism and courage that you served yours."

"During the Second World War, many of the Commonwealth's finest young men and women answered their countries' call without hesitation and joined their respective air forces. Throughout the war, our troops fought ferociously and collectively in their small, outnumbered fighter planes and large, vulnerable bombers," said LGen Lucas. "The Halifax and their crew were a central component in the bombing campaign and a key factor in the war effort. Both the Canadian contribution to Bomber Command and the ultimate loss of so many gallant souls was significant. While today we witness and celebrate the rebirth of this magnificent aircraft, one that will remain a prominent fixture within this fabulous museum for many years to come, we must also pause to

acknowledge and reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans. By almost any standard, veterans, such as the British souls aboard Halifax NA337 over Norway, are true heroes and without their courage, dedication and sacrifices, we would probably live in a world far different than the one we live in today."

Colonel Deschamps offered his thanks to the Halifax Aircraft Association for choosing 8 Wing/CFB Trenton and the RCAF Memorial Museum as the location for displaying the bomber.

"There's been tremendous effort expended to see that this aircraft have a proper home and showcases itself the way it should be," he stated. "(The museum) expansion has been a tremendous success and with the Halifax unveiling today, we are now poised to complete the last parts of the museum to fully open to the public. Today is a pinnacle day, it's a significant event for the museum and the Wing and we are truly excited about the future of this aircraft and the museum.

I'd like to express my personal admiration and appreciation to the volunteers who have made this possible. However, please don't quit, because we need you in the future. There's a lot of work yet to be done to make this museum truly reach its potential. 8 Wing is proud to be the home of the RCAF Memorial Museum and especially proud to be the home of the Halifax Bomber."



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Colonel Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, addresses the crowd.

having seen what writers can say about heroes and war," said Jeffery, referring to the controversial three-part Canadian documentary "The Valour and the Horror".

Veterans were outraged by the second episode, "Death by Moonlight" which claimed the blanket bombings carried out by Bomber Command did nothing to hasten the end of the war and, in fact, merely produced enormous casualties among the German civilian population.

"(A group of veterans) decided to do something to show the people of Canada what happened, why it happened and how it happened and to establish something that would perpetuate this heritage. One of us suggested the

belong to a RCAF squadron and there were no Canadians among her crew. How is it then that I feel so strongly that we were working to bring this Halifax home to Canada? The answer lies in the connection I feel to all those in Canada's Air Force who have gone before me and served this great country with such distinction. The aircrew that flew the missions and the ground crew who worked so tirelessly to keep their "Halis" ready for the next flight are a constant inspiration to me," he said.

Even more inspirational still are the members of the restoration team who have contributed over 350,000 man-hours to this project.

"It takes a world of resources to transport, dis-

each space that we found was destined for demolition or renovation into something else. In short, we moved the Halifax six times before we inherited some permanence," said Tytula.

"It's clear that this has been a labour of love – over ten years in the making – and looking at the finished product today, we can all agree it was well worth the effort," stated the MND. "As Minister of National Defence it gives me great pride to see this plane housed at the Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial Museum. As you know, in 1999, this museum was declared to be Canada's National Air Force Museum. (The Department of National Defence is) proud of our association with this for-



Music added to the solemn nature of the ceremony.



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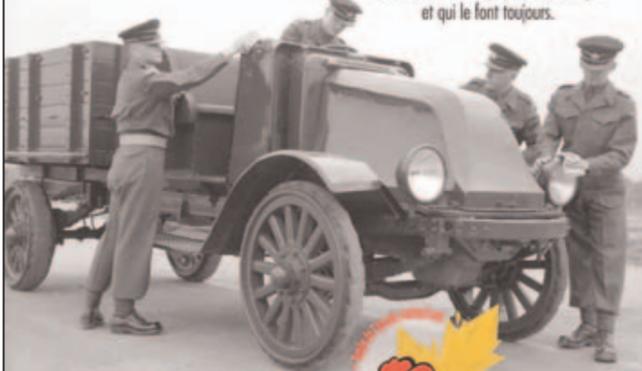
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Dallaire speaks at THS, Cont'd from Pg. 1

intra-state conflicts erupted in countries such as the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

As the classic balance of security changed, so to did the way in which wars were conducted. Senator Dallaire explained. The classic definition of warfare, which he told the audience basically entailed large armies facing off against other armies, became obsolete in the post Cold War era. With the prevalence of intra-state conflict, wars could not play out in the traditional sense of decades gone by.

"The last 16 years have not been classic warfare, war has not been the same and neither has peacekeeping," said the retired general officer. "Warfare is more complex now."

Rwanda did not represent a situation of classic peacekeeping whereby two conflicting nations agreed to have international militaries set up a buffer zone between warring nations and thus creating an imposed peace. Rwanda represented an intra-state conflict, which degenerated into ethnic cleansing and genocide. "A nation imploded," Senator Dallaire recounted.

Again he emphasized that Rwanda did not represent classic warfare but instead a situation whereby Canadians were involved in a mission that did not place Canada the nation at risk but instead was provoked military action based upon principals of humanitarianism.

The gruesome

images of Senator Dallaire's presentation said a thousand words – human rights had fallen off the map during the slaughter of the Tutsis by the Hutus.

"As we move into the world of global communications, we can't hide in the sand... if humanity is advancing it should be all of humanity and not just parts of it," said Senator Dallaire.

He explained that there are options available to those people in western nations working for the protection of human rights. The first option is to sit back and hope that the issues of countries like Rwanda stay over there; the second option is to build a wall in the figurative sense to ensure the "badness" stays out; and the third option is to

resolve issues at the source. For this option the senator explained that terrorism is the expression of rage, so to counter the rage, go to the source of the rage and investigate its origin.

The third option he linked with his "3D" approach to security and protection of human rights. The "D's" represent development, defence, and diplomacy. The three D's when used together as tools can, in theory, prevent such atrocities as those experienced by the people of Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Behold the Sudan... while progress is being made, much ground has yet to be covered in the field of international relations and human rights protection.

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When you knock on as many doors as I am these days, you sure get an earful from people about what's on their minds. And, no, I don't mean Gomery or Dingwall or immigration or anything else political. Instead, it's 100 per cent mortgage rates 100 per cent of the time.

Seems homeowners have become quite rattled at the fact the Bank of Canada has upped its key lending rate twice in the last nine weeks, boosting the prime rate by a half point, and adding as much to the cost of variable rate mortgages, home equity loans and lines of credit. Since almost half of us are now opting for these VRMs, every time the cost of money goes up, so does your mortgage payment. So the question on all lips is simple: Should I lock in now? That answer in a moment.

First, why are rates rising? Good question. The big answer is that the central bank sees inflationary trends in

the economy, and it is using interest rates to try and cool them off. Rising energy costs are inflationary. Rising government spending is inflationary. Rising levels of consumer debt is inflationary. So, by raising the cost of borrowing, the central bank is attempting to dampen the urge to gorge out on cheap money.

Secondly, rates have been artificially low ever since the American central bank (the Fed, as it is known) crashed them following Nine Eleven to ward off a post-terrorist-attack recession. As a result, we found ourselves with 4 per cent mortgages - the cheapest money in 40 years. That played a big role in fuelling the five-year-long real estate boom now hitting the top of its cycle, and contributed to creating the biggest pile of mortgage debt in Canadian history.

So, how long will rates rise, and how high will they go? This answer is more diffi-

cult, since the Bank of Canada would like to keep hiking rates as long as it can - until the economy falters as a result, or until higher rates push the value of the dollar too high. A soaring loonie, of course, makes our exports more expensive, which costs us in both lost sales and lost manufacturing jobs.

The safe bet is that the cost of money will continue to edge higher for about a year, which will mean four to six more increases of a quarter point each. This, by the way, is far less drastic a move than in the States, where the Fed has hiked interest rates a dozen times over the past two years. So, our prime rate of 4.75 per cent today could be at around 6 per cent by Christmas of next year.

This may not sound like a lot, but if you took out a below-prime, variable rate mortgage a few months ago at 4 per cent, when the prime was 4.25 per cent, then seeing it hike to 5.75 per cent means you'll be paying more every month. On a \$300,000 mortgage, that actually translates into \$3,564 more a year - no small amount of extra after-tax income.

Compounding the anxiety for homeown-

ers is the rising cost of everything - gasoline, home heating oil, electricity, property taxes and natural gas. Together, it's all taking a toll, especially on people who bought new houses in the last year or two with relatively small downpayments and honking big mortgages. There are, believe it, a lot of those people in Halton these days, where new subdivisions have been rising out of farmers' fields faster than crops ever did.

Okay - back to the first question - does all this mean it is now time to lock in that variable rate mortgage, and convert it to a loan with a rate that's fixed for the next three or five years? Nope, it does not.

Rates will continue to rise, yes, but at relatively slow pace. Converting to a fixed rate now will increase your borrowing cost more, and sooner, than necessary. Better that you stick with the VRM for at least six months because your payments will be lower, saving you some much-needed winter cash to pay for all those rising, evil utility bills. Come the crocuses, then it will be time to seriously consider getting fixed. Well, you know what I mean.

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ASTRO ADVICE WEEKLY By Eugenia Last
November 13 - 19

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Time is of the essence on the 13th and 14th. Your accuracy will astound everyone. Your willpower and determination will help you see matters through to the end. You can learn a valuable lesson by watching others. You will come into cash or a gift in an unusual way on the 15th and 16th. Take care of a legal concern and resolve issues that have been holding you back. Don't let a personal problem get in the way. Emotional matters will escalate on the 17th and 18th. Brace yourself: Someone is likely to question you. Stop dwelling on the things you can't change on the 19th. Do whatever you can to keep your feet on the ground and your head out of the clouds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Much will be conducted behind closed doors on the 13th and 14th. You may need to read between the lines if you want to get a clear picture. A problem with an older relative will not be as bad as you first thought. You may be caught between what everyone else wants you to do and what you can do on the 15th and 16th. Impulse buying will not pay off. Refrain from making a financial decision. Keep things simple on the 17th and 18th and don't lead people to believe that you have more to offer than you do. A love connection can be made on the 19th if you are single, and if you aren't, plan a special evening for you and your lover.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone from your past may grab your interest on the 13th and 14th. Be sure this person isn't carrying a lot of baggage or still involved with someone else. Problems with travel, authority figures, institutions, banks or hospitals can be expected on the 15th and 16th. Don't leave yourself wide open for criticism. Invest in something that will contribute to the way you look and feel. You'll find it difficult to contain your emotions on the 17th and 18th. If you don't want things to get out of hand, clear the air and tell it like it is. Put a little time aside on the 19th to clear up loose ends and give yourself an edge professionally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will get a big surprise on the 13th and 14th. Your chance to do something really exciting depends on your ability to give in and let yourself go. Don't make it difficult for others to know what you want on the 15th and 16th. If you are open and honest about your needs, you stand a better chance of getting your way. A sudden change of events on the 17th and 18th must not be looked at as a negative. If you are quick to react, you can see the benefit of change. An older relative or friend can offer you some good advice. Put your energy into getting along with others on the 19th, not finding fault or nagging. If you are fun to be with, you will do so much better personally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be tempted to overspend on the 13th and 14th. Back up and consider the bills you have to pay. Someone is likely to bug you or stretch your patience. Don't let anger get the better of you. Open your doors to friends and family on the 15th and 16th. You love to be the one who gathers everyone together, so make plans that will satisfy both young and old. You will be a star in your own circle. You'll have a competitive edge on the 17th and 18th. Put your talent to good use and bluff your way into the limelight. Make some changes to your surroundings on the 19th. A chance to make a deal looks promising. Overindulgence will not solve your problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have plenty to take care. Change should be high on your list on the 13th and 14th. Consider what's not working in your life and do something about it. Take control and make things happen on the 15th and 16th. Someone who is willing to help you will be offended if you are critical and unappreciative. A short trip on the 17th and 18th will help clarify what you want to do and where you see yourself in the future. Take a moment to sort through any personal issues that have developed on the 19th. The time spent with people who are on your side and willing to help will result in finding a solution you've been seeking. A change of heart can be expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pay closer attention to your investments and personal money matters on the 13th and 14th. A contract may be causing you some grief or someone may be a burden. Feel out any situation you face on the 15th and 16th and talk your way through it step-by-step. If you assume something, you are likely to be wrong. Love, romance and adventure should all be on your mind and in your plans on the 17th and 18th. You can and must do something about a problem an older relative or friend is experiencing on the 19th. Your time, patience and effort will be appreciated and teach you a valuable lesson for the future. Don't get too emotional.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put yourself in the spotlight on the 13th and 14th, and be confident that you've done your research and will outshine anyone who questions your thoughts. An opportunity to make a career move is apparent. Don't waffle; follow through with confidence. A partnership can be revamped or taken to the next level on the 15th and 16th. A financial deal will help you increase your assets. Thinking big can't hurt on the 17th and 18th — you can always size down your ideas once you have interest in your plans. Changes will occur on the 19th if you socialize with people you haven't seen for a while. A past friend or lover will want to get to know you all over again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put everything into work, making money and doing your best to get ahead on the 13th and 14th. Try not to change your mind too much or you will confuse the people around you. Your candidness will be respected and bring you interesting responses on the 15th and 16th. Make some overdue changes to your living space. You have added discipline on the 17th and 18th so why wait? The more you participate in activities that will keep you at your best, the better you will do in all aspects of your life. An emotional issue must be dealt with. Collect or pay off an old debt on the 19th. It's time to clear matters up once and for all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check into the risk factor on the 13th and 14th before taking a chance with your money. You will only get back what you put out on the 15th and 16th, so be careful how you handle others. Problems with relatives or neighbors may surprise you. Be careful not to promise something that will be impossible to finish. An all-out effort to get a better job or to make more money must be your goal on the 17th and 18th. Someone will be willing to do a favor for you. Take advantage of any opportunity to make things happen. Everything will depend on you and how you react to the people in your life on the 19th. Don't leave yourself open for ridicule or gossip.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Change may be inevitable on the 13th and 14th, but that doesn't mean that it has to be bad. You'll realize you are long overdue for a complete shake-up. As long as you aren't unrealistic on the 15th and 16th, you will impress everyone to the point that help will be offered and a team effort will unfold. You will have a very unusual effect on the people you interact with on the 17th and 18th. Talk about your ideas, and you will capture the attention of someone who can make a difference to your future. If you are sensitive to the needs of others on the 19th, you will impress someone you want to get to know better. Love interests are mounting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider putting in a few hours on a project that needs to be completed on the 13th and 14th. You will feel so much better once the work is done. You may have problems with someone who is trying to tell you how to do things on the 15th and 16th. Don't let this situation get blown out of proportion. Listen, acknowledge and then add your own unique touch. No matter what you do, it will be difficult to get the recognition you are looking for on the 17th and 18th. Don't go overboard or you may have to talk your way out of a situation that you could have avoided. Things may be looking up on the 19th, but you still have to watch what you share with others.

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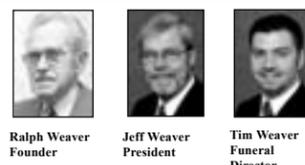
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NOVEMBER 11

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• Zathura (PG)	1:05	7:05	9:15

Coming Soon: Harry Potter, C.R.A.Z.Y.
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Welcome to The Contact Newspaper's Community Events page! Thanks to the generosity of Trenton's Centre Theatre, we can now feature (space permitting) public service announcements, community events and help promote non-profit and charitable organizations in the Quinte area. Fax us at 965-7490 or email to leblanc.al@forces.gc.ca, at least 10 days prior to your event. Call 392-2811 Ext. 7005 for more information.

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The sale is held at the **Trenton Christian School, 340 Second Dug Hill Rd.** (South of Hwy #2 and Walmart).

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News

FAREWELL TO HCOL MORTON



Photo: Cpl Simon Duchesne, 8 Wing Imaging

Colonel Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton (left) presents 8 Wing Honorary Colonel Desmond Morton with the key to 8 Wing Trenton's Main Gate (framed). The presentation took place on November 4 during a farewell luncheon for the Honorary Colonel at the Officers' Mess.

Remembrance Day reception

The Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess, Junior Ranks Mess and Officer's Mess will be hosting our War Veterans and VIP's from the local area on November 11 at the WO/Sgt Mess Main Lounge from 1200-1600 hrs.

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