Putting it all together – the first Canadian C-17 is joined

by Holly Bridges
Air Force Writer

All the pieces are falling into place for Canada to receive its first Globemaster III C-17 strategic airlift aircraft. At a ceremony at the Boeing plant in Long Beach, California yesterday, the four major sections of the first of four C-17 strategic airlift aircraft destined for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton were joined together before an enthusiastic crowd of Canadian military and civilian dignitaries, Canadian media, and several hundred cheering Boeing employees.

Two Canadian Air Force officers, Brigadier-General Yvan Blondin of 1 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg and Colonel Tom Lawson, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, had the exciting task of ceremonially “joining,” the four major sections of the aircraft together, under the watchful eye of Boeing executives; the actual joining takes several weeks.

Ron Marcotte, Vice President and General Manager of Boeing’s Global Mobility Systems, and Dave Bowman, Vice President and C-17 Program Manager looked on as the final fasteners went into place.

“Since this is going to be a Canadian aircraft, it’s only fitting that we have a little Canadian labour content in it, so I would ask BGen Blondin and Colonel Lawson [to step up to] the forward splice where they will ‘successfully’ and with “great skill” insert a couple of fasteners to help join the forward and center sections of “Canada One,” said Mr. Bowman.

“Canada One,” as it is now officially called, is scheduled to arrive at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton in August. Col Lawson told the crowd the air base is ready, willing and able to fly “Canada One” when it arrives. He saluted the Air Force pilots, loadmasters and maintainers who have been diligently training on the C-17 over the past several months. They will be ready for their first operational mission the day the aircraft arrives.

Col Lawson said personnel are “excited to be the first to commence truly strategic airlift operations for the Canadian Forces and Air Force.”

Sue Hale of the C-17 Project Management Office at National Defence Headquarters thanked everyone involved in making the milestone occur.

“I would like to thank the United States Air Force for letting us have access to production line space and training slots that allows our anticipated August delivery of the first aircraft to take place. To Boeing, and all of our respective government departments on both sides of our border, I would like to extend our most sincere appreciation in getting us into contractual arrangements as quickly as was done.

“Today we are here to witness the joining of the first aircraft destined for Canada, but more importantly we are here to celebrate the collaborative efforts of everyone involved in getting the members of Canada’s military a proven platform in 15 months, and not 15 years.”

Photos: Juanito Holandez, Boeing
March Madness at WTISS. Sergeant Ashby is shown stacking the last of many new computers received at WTISS over the last several weeks. The computers will be "baselined" with software and then distributed throughout the Wing. With several of the IT staff undergoing pre-deployment training for the MSS, the distribution of the new computers will continue throughout the Spring.

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Lessons Learned committee members meet in Trenton

by Lt(N) Pierre LeDrew
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There was a gathering of Lessons Learned (LL) gurus in Trenton on February 21 and 22, 2007 as the Canadian Forces Lessons Learned Oversight Committee (CFLLOC) met to plan the way ahead. The Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre (CFAWC) hosted the meeting.

Colonel (Col) James Cottingham, Commanding Officer of CFAWC, stated in his opening remarks that “the LL group is the centre of gravity at the CFAWC.”

“LL and their analyses are incredibly important to the Air Force,” he added. Thus, it was only fitting that the first CFLLOC meeting held outside of Ottawa should take place here.

Profliting from LL is important to all branches of the Canadian Forces (CF), as we can all learn from the experiences of others and, finding methods of exploiting this knowledge is at the core of the work done by this committee. Key to this is the requirement to make the information gathered widely and easily available. This is done through an online software package known as the Knowledge Management System (KMS). All three environments are now using this system, originally designed for the Army.

In essence, KMS is a database that can be used by anyone in the LL communities of the CF to systematically store and retrieve knowledge data for others to use. It is also an archive of LL. According to the CFAWC Standing Operating Procedures, it is “multi-workflow, multi-user, multi-element (air, land, sea, joint), bilingual, web-based database that will enable the CF to efficiently centralize, structure and access its knowledge.” Colonel Bruce Pennington, chairperson of the committee, put it best when he said that “we want KMS to become a collaborative planning staff tool.”

In this age of CF-wide transformation, this is crucial.

As the CF transforms itself, the importance of LL cannot be underestimated. LL supports the force developer-generator-employer triad by being an enabler. As such, the proper management and use of LL is essential to increase the operational effectiveness of the CF.

LL ensures accountability through recorded observations, analysis of these observations and dissemination of the results so that appropriate change can take place. According to the CF LL Framework, the ultimate goal of LL is to “support constant learning, from the correction of mistakes to the reinforcement of what was done correctly.”

This may seem like a lofty goal on as large of a scale as the CF. But one that is attainable, according to committee members. There are challenges, however. While it is recognized that the opportunity to gather lessons learned is present at all levels, from training new recruits to deploying trained soldiers in Afghanistan, for example, getting LL from theatre into the institutional schools has proven difficult, according to Col Pennington. Still, he believes that it is crucial to future CF development and that it can be accomplished.

Another significant challenge is language. This issue was prevalent throughout the meetings. The Army, Air Force and Navy have their own distinct vocabulary, and trying to reach a consensus on a common terminology is proving difficult.

Finally, getting people and organizations to share the information they have using KMS has not been easy. According to Col Pennington, “sharing of information is the biggest nut to crack.” The system itself is still being refined, and users need to learn how to use it. And in some instances, they need to be convinced to do so. As Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Murray, Analysis and Lessons Learned Branch Head at CFAWC, put it, the Air Force, for instance, has “a good mission debriefing culture, equivalent to the After Action Review process, but we have a complete inability to record and institutionalize what is learned in a debrief. We need to capture and share what is learned much more effectively in the Air Force.”

In spite of these challenges, the CFLLOC is forging ahead, as directed by the CDS. LL is an integral part of today’s military, and is here to stay. The CF will undoubtedly profit from the exploitation of the knowledge gained by becoming a more efficient and effective organization.
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This Week in Contact

1977 – Over $5 million in loans, for military bases, has been approved for the next fiscal year by the directors of the Canadian Forces’ non-public Central Fund. The loans, totaling $5,217,500, range from $1000 for new furniture to $1.5 million for a shopping centre. This assistance, in the form of loans and, in some cases, grants, may be used to improve accommodations, dining, and recreational and social facilities.

1987 – The renowned Ontario Provincial Police “Golden Helmets” Motorcycle Precision Riding Team is scheduled to perform two shows. The team demonstrates the maneuvers they are famous for, such as “The Wheel” and “The Criss-Cross.” Formed in 1963, the Golden Helmets Team comprises of 17 full-time OPP Traffic Enforcement Officers from the Golden Horseshoe area. In 1986, the Golden Helmet team logged 85,000 km as it traveled throughout the country.

1997 – The Honourable Douglas Young, Minister of National Defence, recently released to the Prime Minister an action plan that will enable the Canadian Forces to adapt to new circumstances, meet new challenges and restore public confidence and pride. The Minister’s report reaffirmed the defence policy set out in the 1994 White Paper, which calls for multiple- and single-purpose, combat-capable armed forces.

Created by Lt J.H. MacDonald, Compiled by Amber Gooding.

Canadiana Crossword

Nuts for The Nutty

By Andrea Meszaros and James Gauthier

ACROSS
1. Clock chime
5. Trevor at Paul’s
9. Ethel
12. Captain
14. Composer
17. Spike
20. Exhibition
22. Approves
23. Agnes
25. Grandma, to some
26. Kim
27. Betty
29. Drink
32. Hop, hot spot
33. Uncle
34. Rosie
36. Print a new
37. Article
38. Publisher
40. Judaic ritual
42. Dialogue
44. Announcement
46. Lieutenant
47. Mount (2)
50. So (2)
52. Cub
53. Overleaf
55. Peace, bland, slant
56. Tracks and Jeep
57. The TV, in Tottenham
58. Silver part
DOWN
1. MacKay and party
2. Head
3. Headlines
4. & associates?
5. Colleagues
6. Partners
7. Lewis v. Jan
8. & Ness
9. Red
10. Leather jacket
11. Popular partner
16. Sue & Ken Rose
18. Jackpot
20. Mona
22. Wrestler
23. Snake
24. Wash
25. Baked
26.智库
27. Dome
30. Hop out
31. Upside

5 Partner of Obit
6 Absolutely not
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20. Mona
22. Wrestler
23. Snake
24. Wash
25. Baked
26.智库
27. Dome
30. Hop out
31. Upside
33. Prince
36. Saskatchewan
38. T.S. and Ken
39. Gavar
41. Queen Elizabeth, etc.
42. Elaborate food foil
44. Alphabet run
45. Ban
46. Mystery
47. Saturday night
50. Montreal seal
51. Float
52. Breaker or Sapp, familiar
Four local “March 1st, I Quit” winners congratulated

This year’s March 1st I QUIT! contest concluded with four local winners, three of whom are now smoke free and feeling great.

First place went to Master Corporal T. Baldwin, a former smoker of 16 years, who received a $200 CANEX gift card after remaining smoke-free for the month of March. Second place went to Corporal R. Lagace, an on-and-off smoker for over 10 years, who received a $100 CANEX gift card, and third place went to Corporal Steve Lemieux, a smoker of nearly 20 years, who received a $75 CANEX gift card. Fourth place went to Corporal E. Foster, a non-smoking supporter who received a $50 CANEX gift card.

The March 1st, I QUIT! contest challenges all military smokers and non-smokers, their immediate family members, Department of National Defence public and non-public fund employees to stay smoke-free for at least one month, from March 1 to April 2.

Smokers register to take the challenge, whereas non-smokers register as supporters of members trying to quit, said Kendra Lafleur, Health Promotion Director for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. This year 35 people registered to take the challenge on base, which was a great turnout, she said.

“This program is a great way to challenge yourself and others, as well as achieve the ultimate goal of staying smoke-free and kicking the habit entirely,” said Lafleur.

As the winners were presented with their prizes on April 3 in the Headquarters Conference Room, Lieutenant-Colonel D. Miller, Wing Administration Officer, reminded everyone that the ultimate prize is realizing the health benefits of being smoke-free.

“This is a great program to help those addicted to smoking kick the habit,” said LCol Miller. “It’s not easy for those who battle the addiction but this program offers a great support system and incentives to help stay on track.”

The March 1st, I QUIT! Challenge has been implemented across the Canadian Forces and has demonstrated throughout the years, how determined participants can be—and that they are more likely to quit indefinitely after participating in a focus program.

Prizes were provided by CANEX and SISIP Financial Services, both partners of the March 1st, I QUIT! Challenge.
Canadian Forces Running Championship

The 2007 CF Running Championship will be run in conjunction with the National Capital Race Weekend in Ottawa held on 25 – 27 May 07, and shall consist of the following races and categories:

The following is a list of various categories: Under 19-years-old, 20 to 24-years-old, 25 to 29-years-old, 30 to 34-years-old, 35 to 39-years-old, 40 to 44-years-old, 45 to 49-years-old, 50 to 54-years-old, 55-years-old and over.

Races are as follows: 5 km; 10 km; Half Marathon; Marathon.

To be eligible to compete, all participants must be a member of the regular forces, class B or C reserve.

Each region is limited to 25 runners, provided that they meet the qualifying times.

Personnel who do not meet the qualifying standard may still participate but will not qualify for temporary duty status.

The qualifying times listed below are the minimum times that must have been achieved on a certified course within 14 months prior to the race day.

Proof of time must be forwarded to the 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Fitness and Sports Flight, no later than 24 April 2007.

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Elite Hockey School

Join us for the 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Elite week of hockey school from August 6 to August 10, 2007, for minor atom to minor midget levels.

The Julie Robitaille Flower Skating instructors will be back again to assist with this program.

For the Select and House League levels, join us from August 13 to August 17, 2007. This school is for novice to minor midget players.

Cost for each school is as follows: $275 for members of the community; $375 for the general public.

The cost of the school also includes sweaters, socks, ball caps and lunch.

There is a 10 percent discount for each additional family member and/or a second week of school.

Residence is available for out-of-town participants. Register at the RecPlex.

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Summer Shinny Hockey

There will be three weeks of shinny hockey offered for players from the tyke to the midget level.

The weeks are as follows: July 30 to August 3; August 20 to 24; and August 27 to 31.

Cost is $30 for members of the military community and $38 for the general public.

Please register at the RecPlex.
**Canadian Swim Patrol Course**

If your child is level six (6) or higher and has an interest in lifesaving, they may want to try Canadian Swim Patrol as a break from, or an addition to, regular classes. The Lifesaving Society offers this “on-ramp to life-guarding”, a pre-Bronze training course for young people interested in going beyond just learning how to swim.

**Pleasure Craft Operator certification**

As of September 2002, if you drive a powered boat under 4m in length (including dinghy and personal watercraft like Jet Skis or Sea-Doos), you need to get the Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator (PCO) card, regardless of what age you are.

Cost for CRA members is as follows: $78 for one child, $141 for two children, $184 for three children.

Cost for military community non-members is as follows: $83 for one child, $151 for two children, $199 for three children.

Cost for the general public is as follows: $88 for one child, $161 for two children, $214 for three children.

Before and after care is available in the morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and again in the afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $2/hour/child or part thereof.

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**Bronze Medallion and Emergency First-Aid**

The Bronze Medallion and Emergency First-Aid Course will take place on the following dates: Saturday, April 14, 2007, and Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 15, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The exam date is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pre-requisite: Must be 13-years-old. Please note that 100 per cent attendance at all classes is mandatory.

Cost: $175 for military and CRA members; $185 for military community non-members; $205 for the general public.

Please note that all manuals are included in the total cost of the course.

**The Amazing Race**

Awe, you can’t go to school today! Well don’t sleep in, come to the RecPlex for the great Amazing Race. A treasure hunt that will surely be a lot more fun than school.

Be sure to pre-register or risk not getting your team into the race.

This event is open to those ages 12 to 18-years-old, and will take place on April 27 (PA Day) with a 10 a.m. start time from the RecPlex.

There is a $10 fee for team of two. Pre-regis-

tration is required!

Register at the RecPlex reception desk, located at 21 Namao Dr., or at the MFRC reception desk, located at 50 Rivers Dr.

**Pre-School Stomp and Romp**

A joyful exercise and dance class full of rhythms, songs, rhythm, movement and instrument games for you and your preschoolers.

This assisted-play program for parents and little ones will take place on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the RecPlex, beginning April 19 and running through until June 21, for a total of eight weeks.

Cost: CRA members, $15; military community non-members, $20; public general, $25; Drop-in fee: $4.

**DJ Youth Dance**

Dance to a great DJ and light show on April 14, at the RecPlex Gym. Wired for Sound will keep you hopping all night long. Bring your friends.

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The dance will open to youth ages 9 to 12-years-old from 7 to 10 p.m. The dance will then open to youth ages 13 to 16-years-old, from 7:45 to 10 p.m.

**Amateur Radio Club**

The 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Amateur Radio Club will be holding a course from its Club Room every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course will begin on April 16, 2007 and finishes on June 11.

Cost is $75 per person and includes a study guide, handouts and club membership for one year.

For more information, please feel free to contact Mike Papper by phone at 613-969-1774 or via email at mikepapper@sympatico.ca.

**New Class: Kickin’ Cardio**

Kickin’ Cardio is the newest class that has been added to the various other fitness classes. Join the additional class on Thursdays, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Pre-register at the RecPlex.

**Contact**
Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the Siskin Centre, Bistro

Are you a stay-at-home mom who would like to go out once a week? Would you like to share your ideas with others? Are you new to this area? Just for you?

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Soutien au déploiement / Wednesday Night Out

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April 18 - Cardmaking - 7 pm
Tuesday April 24 - Family Deployment Briefing - 7 pm
April 25 - Coffee and dessert - 6 pm
A variety of activities are coming up, please visit the MFRC website calendar at www.trentonmfrc.cfbtrenton.com

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Volunteers will be in the water and assist with two children. All volunteers will be screened for suitability to work with children. If you enjoy working with young children and are comfortable in the water, this volunteer opportunity is guaranteed to be rewarding and lots of fun. You can commit for bi-weekly involvement or just for the occasional day. To volunteer, contact Wendy at the MFRC, 613-392-2811 loc 3557.

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Pre-register please by calling 613-965-3595 or 613-965-3575
April 18 - Cardmaking - 7 pm
Tuesday April 24 - Family Deployment Briefing - 7 pm
April 25 - Coffee and dessert - 6 pm
A variety of activities are coming up, please visit the MFRC website calendar at www.trentonmfrc.cfbtrenton.com

Soutien au déploiement / Wednesday Night Out

Pre-register please by calling 613-965-3595 or 613-965-3575
April 18 - Confection de cartes à 19h
Le mardi 24 avril - Briefing, la famille et le déploiement
Le 25 avril - Café et dessert à 18h
Les prochaines activités sont planifiées, svp visitez le calendrier sur le site web du CFM, www.trentonmfrc.cfbtrenton.com

Françophones chit-chat

Would you like to meet other Francophones in a time and space just for you? Are you new to this area? Would you like to share your ideas with others? Are you a stay-at-home mom who would like to go out once a week?

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Repatriation ceremonies held for six fallen soldiers

The remains of Corporal David Greenslade arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Cpl Greenslade, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.

The remains of Corporal Christopher Stannix arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Cpl Stannix, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.

The remains of Corporal Brent Poland arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Cpl Poland, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.

The remains of Private Kevin Kennedy arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Pte Kennedy, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.

The remains of Corporal Aaron Williams arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Cpl Williams, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.

The remains of Sergeant Donald Lucas arrived in Canada for a repatriation ceremony held April 11, 2007 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. Sgt Lucas, who was deployed as part of Task Force Afghanistan (OP ATHENA), was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle on April 8, 2007.
Horoscopes

April 15 - April 21

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There is a possible celebration coming your way this week, Aries. Projects should be begun midweek for best results. Others may come to you for advice and sympathy. Your helpful nature is often overlooked due to your impulsive/brash ways. Aries make loyal, true and very fun friends. A weekend flirtation looks promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Happy Birthday Taurus! The week ahead may bring an unexpected stroke of luck. The 17th and 18th are the best days to imagine new plans, begin projects or go on a date. Watch out for possible conflicts with others during a group activity. Let friends invite you out this weekend and you'll enjoy a truly memorable time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This may be your week to finally gain the recognition at work that you deserve. You have many powerful allies who say good things about you. Expect promotions or raises. Mid-week is the best time for brainstorming or putting plans into action. The next few days may bring flirtation and romance. Plan a date for the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There may be someone or something that you have recently taken an extreme dislike to. Examine your priorities and make changes during the middle of the week and you'll feel much better. This weekend you'll find the courage to start conversations with complete strangers and perhaps even flirt with someone you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful that jealousy and envy do not rear their ugly heads. Try to pour your negative emotions and overwhelming desires into improving yourself and working towards goals; results will be best if this is begun on either Tuesday or Wednesday. This weekend, there is nothing that can prevent you from getting whomever you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is a potentially romantic week ahead. With your clever and charming wiles, who wouldn't want to be with you? Virgo's sometimes sarcastic and critical ways will be transformed into sweet, witty words and flirtatious tones. If planning for a night out with a new beau, try for either midweek or weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A relative or co-worker requires your help. Try not to overindulge or overwork or you may find your body suffering as a result. Make plans/begin projects mid-week. You deserve praise and rewards as much as anyone; make sure workmates share credit. The weekend will be an exciting whirl of social activities and romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lucky Scorpios should be prepared for a passionate, sensual and romantic week ahead. You know who it is and what it is you want and how to go about achieving your desires. A new romance may begin midweek. If what you say to your lover is gentle and sweet, then you may find that words of love are spoken this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The repairs around your house and efforts at spring cleaning may finish this week, with amazing and beautiful results. The upcoming weekend will be a fun and social time, busy with outings and relatives coming to visit. Plans made and projects begun on Tuesday and Wednesday will be realized sooner than thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try to loosen that tie and let down your hair this weekend, Capricorn. Ideas will be most successful if put into action on Tuesday or Wednesday. Remember that conversation is not a competition. A romantic tête-à-tête mid-week may transform into a full blown flirtation over the weekend. Your witty ways are attractive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You often spend time and effort helping out others; try to pour that powerful intellect and energy into looking after your own financial situation. Put a brilliant scheme into action during the middle of the week and money may soon come your way. This weekend, you'll be the one breaking the ice at get-togethers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Over the next few days, others will see you as a real go-getter. You can make your dreams a reality if you try to work on the details around the middle of the week. Plan to have a night out with your friends and admirers this weekend. There is a special someone in particular that may benefit from your attention.

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Family Deployment Information Session
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The MFRC will host two Deployment Information Nights at the Siskin Centre. There will be short presentations by: Military Taskings, Judge Advocate’s office, Base Social Worker, the MFRC, SISIP, the Chaplain’s office, the Mission Support Squadron and others. Presenters will have handouts and information packets. Childcare will be available. Please register for childcare by calling 613-965-3575. Refreshments will be served.

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La famille et le déploiement - Scéances d’information
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