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2014: A year of milestones, accomplishments, special occasions and unprecedented recognition for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton

2014 was a year when 8 Wing/Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton was very high profile, for a number of reasons. It started with the highly visible rescue of a crane operator, coverage of and recognition of which appeared in papers locally and provincially throughout the beginning of the year.

But a high ops tempo in a year that was supposed to be a bit of a recovery year for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton personnel was really business as usual in the midst of Change of Commands (COC) and ap-

pointments in many of the units and squadrons at the base.

Base personnel also put themselves front and centre with an Open House and Air Display in celebration of the Royal Canadian Air Force's (RCAF) 90th Anniversary, immediately following the National Day of Honour in June when, once again, it became perfectly obvious that 8 Wing/CFB Trenton loves its local community - and the feeling is obviously reciprocated in spades.

Looking back at 2014 at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton reveals an amazing rescue in Kingston by our SAR Techs, a National Day of Honour for those who served in Afghanistan and the base threw open its doors and its arms for an Open House. When all was said and done, the bond between the base and the community was again strengthened by the interaction throughout the year.

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JANUARY

While 2014 was a year of milestones, accomplishments and special occasions, it was also a year of unprecedented recognition for 8 Wing and the people who performed their duties day-in and day-out. The first issue of 2014 reviewed many of the events and displayed the uniform enthusiasm this base always displays to challenges and taskings.

News in *the Contact* in early January featured the spectacular 424 Squadron Search and Rescue (SAR) crew rescue of a crane operator from above a large downtown Kingston fire. Quick response by the crew from 8 Wing Trenton resulted in the saving of the crane operator's life. Also in that first real news issue in 2014, 88 members of the DART team were welcomed back to Canada from the Philippines by members of the Filipino community from Toronto.

The third issue of January featured the amazing accomplishment of United Way of Quinte with a huge assist from 8 Wing/



CFB Trenton and many other surrounding area businesses. That issue was also an issue of looking forward to the CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic which had attracted 26 teams and would feature the most famous hockey dad, Mr. Walter Gretzky, as the guest speaker at the "Roots of Hockey" dinner at the National Air Force Museum of Canada on the final night of the tournament.

Weather played havoc with the CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic although everything went off on time. Hockey games were often played in heavy snow squall situations, but \$36,000 was raised and 220 people came out to the "Roots of Hockey" dinner to hear Walter Gretzky talk about his famous son and their family. 8 Wing PAO Capt.

Christopher Daniel responded to typhoon Haiyan in his Philippine homeland by serving as a liaison officer and helping to coordinate relief efforts in the stricken country.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company presented 8 Wing Commander Col. David Lowthian and 436 Squadron Commander Lt.-Col. Mark Goulden and 426 Squadron Commander Lt.-Col. Damon Perrault with a shadow box medallion set in recognition of their contribution to the one million flying hours the J Model Hercules had surpassed late in 2013. A new BAK-14 Barrier Arrestor Kit was installed at 8 Wing's airfield reducing the time the runway is unavailable to other aircraft whenever CF-18 fighter jets landed at CFB Trenton.



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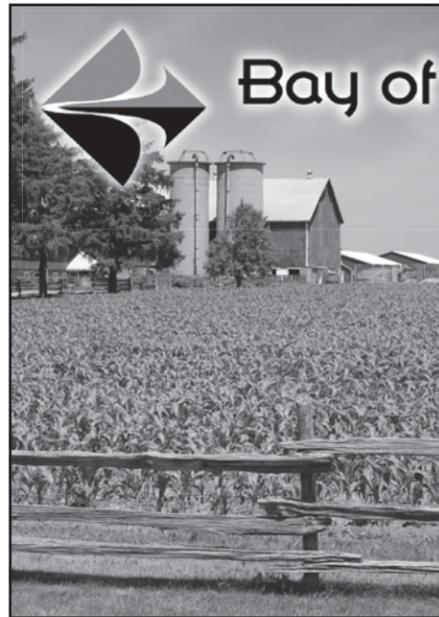
For the second month in a row, it was all 424 Squadron on the front page of *the Contact* in early February as the members of 8 Wing's 424 "Tiger" Transport and Rescue Squadron crew responsible for the rescue of a crane operator during a massive fire in downtown Kingston in December of 2013 were recognized for their heroic actions. The crew was given the Key to the City by Mayor Mark Gerretsen and they were one of the feature attractions at a special reception at City Hall. Heather Tello, who showed up with Tiger headgear, was immediately adopted as the mascot of the squadron for the evening.

Members of 8 Wing/CFB Trenton were giving back to their community in a unique way in the second issue of February. Fifteen military members were serving as Canadian Ski Patrol personnel at the Batawa Ski Hill and helping to keep the hill and the people using it safe, interacting with the public, checking conditions, responding to the daily challenges and just generally ensuring people had a

good skiing experience on the local hill. The 8 Wing Officers' Mess Ladies Club continued their successful run by holding yet another fantastic Charity Spa Night.

During a winter of what seemed like almost continuous snowstorms and cold weather after an icy start, the winter of 2013-14 seemed to lag on. No wonder, then, that CFB Trenton personnel were looking forward to the Snowball Olympics late in February. Organizers were calling for team participation in the Feb. 21 issue of *the Contact* and the many exciting competitions were outlined to try to attract even more teams and participants.

The final week of February featured the Air Expeditionary Wing preparing to take off to high readiness as Exercise UNIFIED RESOLVE 14 was taking place in Petawawa. Airmen and airwomen from wings across Canada took part in the exercise with their army counterparts as they exercised command and control along with processes and procedures to effectively operate even in austere conditions.



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MARCH

Competition at the 2014 Snowball Olympics was brisk as the squadrons and base personnel turned out to exercise some esprit de corps and fun during good-natured competitions. In the end, the teams from 8 AMS ARO Shaft Warriors and the 426 Squadron Thunderbirds had a true "tiebreaker competition" to determine first place with the Shaft Warriors emerging victorious but another tie occurred for third place and, since both teams were from TEME, they agreed to share the hardware. As a result of the great competition and camaraderie, the winter blahs were firmly kicked out the door for another year.

Gender equality hit the front page of *the Contact* in the second week of March as International Women's Day was celebrated with a speaker's forum. Four guest speakers indicated that the Canadian Armed Forces has taken some very large strides in the direction of gender equality over the years, but there are still strides to be made. The National Air Force Museum of Canada received a

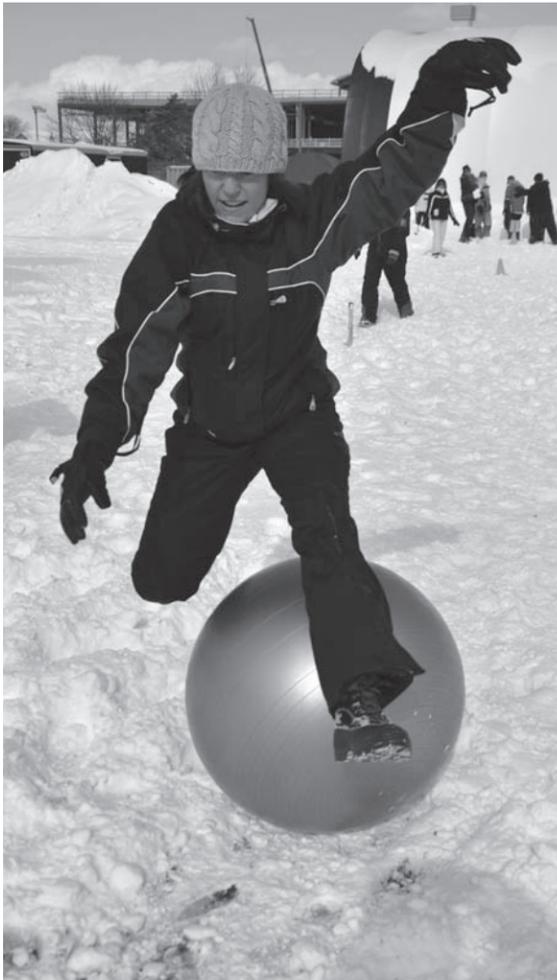


huge boost when it was the recipient of over \$1 million in art donated by Montreal financier Sam Kloda. He donated 37 pieces of military and aviation art from his personal collection to the local museum.

In the third edition of March, 429 Squadron celebrated flying the last troops out of Afghanistan with a tarmac ceremony featuring Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings Daryl Kramp representing the Minister of National Defence. While the CC-130 Hercules was called the workhorse in Afghanistan, 8 Wing Commander Col. David Lowthian called the CC-117 the lifeline to the troops in Afghanistan. As usual at this time of year, WO Dan Gorman used *the Contact* to search for a champion for his annual Cut for the Cure Cancer fundraising event.

8 Wing Commander Col. David Lowthian came up with a unique way of honoring the RCAF when he produced 90 limited edition prints of his coloured pencil drawing of "the Herd." Prints were to be given away to dignitaries at the base in celebration of the RCAF's 90 anniversary and the remaining prints would go to the National Air Force Museum of Canada to be sold to recover

the costs of the print. Speakers at the Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group (DVMAG) seminar indicated they had seen huge gains in racial equality over the years, but there were still stereotypes to overcome.



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APRIL



DART could do during Typhoon Haiyan.

By mid-April, construction on Hangar 6 was about 40 per cent completed, according to Deanna O'Leary, Coordinator, Construction Services for Defence Construction Canada (DCC). Much of the work so far on the behemoth hangar had been on the footings and underground, according to Ms. O'Leary. Mr. Len Boyd, from Halifax, NS., presented one of his paintings to 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron on behalf of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association in remembrance of



The annual Leadership Forum at 8 Wing continued to set the pace in the Canadian Armed Forces for the outstanding talent it attracted, including Mr. Ken Ellis, the Honorary colonel for 429 Squadron and the Managing Director of the World Association of Nuclear Operators, Lt.-Gen. Stuart Beare, the Commanding Officer (CO) of Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC), Lt.-Col. Karen McCrimmon, the first female Commanding Officer of a flying squadron (429 Squadron), Mr. George Fink, the chief Executive Officer of Bonterra Energy Corporation, and CWO Kevin West, the Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer

(CWO). A Philippine delegation also visited 8 Wing that week to detail best practices for DART, as they were considering setting up a similar organization in their own country after seeing what

Each year in April for the past 27 years, military members and the general public begin to think about Surf 'n Turf, an eight-leg,

event. The 8 Wing Officers' Mess Ladies club held another spectacular dessert tasting competition which tickled the palates of all of the ladies attending.

At the end of April, the Wing Comptroller's Office had not only taken up the Public Support Program's Pedometer Challenge, they had completed their Quinte area goal of walking across Canada and involving their efforts, the team had potluck dinners serving typical regional food as they logged miles through the various provinces of Canada, including poutine in Quebec, and fish and brews in Newfoundland. The Trenton Military Family Resource Centre was preparing for its 10th annual Invisible Ribbon Gala after having grown considerably from their initial efforts 10 years previously.



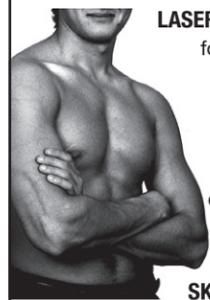
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MAY



The month of May opened with the adoption of a new Gypsy son, as 8 ACCS invested new Honorary Colonel Bernie Ouellet while saying farewell to former Honorary Colonel Maureen Piercy. During her five-year-term as Honorary Colonel of 8 ACCS, she witnessed the men and women of her squadron respond to an actual civilian aircraft crash at Resolute Bay, where they were flying for a staged operation. Ethics workshops were continuing to be run twice yearly at 8 Wing to help make people aware of the process they can go through to make the best ethical choices.

Sgt. Norm Ford ran the first leg of the Soldier On Relay starting at the Afghanistan Repatria-

tion Memorial (ARM) in Trenton on May 9, as it eventually wound its way through to Ottawa for the National Day of Honour ceremony held in June. Eighteen ill and wounded comrades filled out the remainder of the relay team dedicated to honoring the 158 members of the Canadian

Armed Forces killed in Afghanistan. The 10th annual Invisible Ribbon Gala raised \$68,000 for the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre despite getting a late start thanks to the stellar efforts of event planner Stefanie Wolf and a team of hard-working volunteers.

The Quinte Region joined the rest of Canada in honouring those Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who fought in Afghanistan as part of a National Day of Honour ceremony held at the ARM in Quinte West on May 9. In the well-attended but solemn ceremony, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne perhaps put the thoughts of many into words as she took a break from the provincial election campaign to attend the Quinte West ceremony when she said, "Because of you, we don't have to question our security." She was of course speaking to the many military members and their families from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton in attendance.

On the heels of the National Day of Honour celebration, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton promptly threw its energies into organiz-

ing an open house and air display on May 31 in celebration of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 90th Anniversary. The family-oriented event was to be held behind the National Air Force Museum of Canada in the vicinity of the two new hangars. The annual Cut for the Cure came through with nearly \$5,000 raised for cancer research while event organizer WO Dan Gorman announced he would only organize the event one more year before he was forced to retire. He hoped someone else would jump on board for the next event, get the gist of the process, and carry it on after he was gone.

8 Wing Commander Col. David Lowthian sat down and talked with *the Contact* in mid-May about RIMPAC 2014 and the Canadian participation in that semi-annual Navy-centric, United States-hosted military exercise involving 23 nations, 47 ships, six submarines, 200 airplanes and 25,000 personnel, including 1,000 Canadians. Col. Lowthian would serve as the Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander in the exercise lasting from June 27 to Aug. 4 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Final touches were just being put on the preparations for the 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Open House and Air Display in celebration of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 90th Anniversary on May 31.



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JUNE

They loved it! Over 8,000 visitors came to CFB Trenton on May 31 to the RCAF 90th Anniversary Open House and Air Display and enjoyed the day of mingling with the personnel of 8 Wing. Eager to see the new hangar facilities and aircraft, the civilians also witnessed a wide range of moving and static displays. It was visually reaffirmed that CFB Trenton and the Greater Quinte Area have a strong mutual regard for each other. While 8 Wing/CFB Trenton was hosting the open house, Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert held their very successful Relay for Life northern style.

CFB Trenton's annual Surf 'n Turf proved to be as popular as ever this year as over 600 athletes tested themselves against the 60 km eight-leg, cross country fitness challenge. Spanning the City of Quinte West, this year's competition featured the familiar events of running, kayaking/canoe-



ing, cycling and swimming. In that same issue of the Contact, approximately 1,700 bikes rode off the parade square at CFB Trenton to participate in the Heroes Highway Ride on June 7.

ExecuTrek arrived, at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, midway through June. Offered through the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, the program gave organizational representatives the opportunity to literally walk in military shoes for a short period of time, giving them a first-hand feel from some of the equipment used to train military personnel, including reservists. While ExecuTrek was touring the air park at the National Air Force Museum of Canada in Trenton, the Organization of Military Museums of Canada was sitting down for a luncheon inside the museum. They visit museums across the Canada to share best practices to enhance their effectiveness in preserving and showcasing their collective history.

Change of Command season hit 8 Wing/CFB Trenton suddenly in the latter part of June with six Change of Command parades and change of appointments in seven working days. Leading that parade were 424 Tiger Squadron and the 437 Husky Squadron, but closely followed by the 2 MP Squadron, AT-ESS and Wing Ops. All experienced new leadership in widely varying and emotional parades benefiting from glorious weather as the longest day of the year came and went. This period also kicked off the search and rescue season at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton.



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JULY



As June switched over to July and Canada Day, *the Contact* was still featuring Change of Command parades and ceremonies on its front page, this time for 426 Squadron and the Canadian Air Force Aerospace Warfare Centre (CFAWC). Lt.-Col. Ryan Deming took over 426 Squadron while Col. Kelvin Truss assumed command of CFAWC. Even as Quinte West and CFB Trenton joined forces to celebrate Canada Day, Wing Public Affairs Officer Capt. Christopher Daniel was receiving the Canadian Joint Operations Command Commander's Coin



for his exceptional efforts in the Philippines in late 2013.

Jim Fowler was working to improve the 8 Wing Intranet site in July, as he was in the process of switching it from its current format to a more user-friendly content management system called TelerikSitefinity. When he finished the migration, the changes would have significant ramifications for all squadron and unit web pages on the base. At the same time, AT-ESS was busy putting the finishing touches on the F-86 Sabre being refurbished after it was taken off a pedestal in Zwick's Park in Belleville. ATESS personnel had been working on the project over the past two years.

Another contingent of approximately 118 Canadian Army soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment (3 RCR)



departed from CFB Trenton in mid-July to begin their participation in the multilateral security operation training exercise in Eastern Europe. They were relieving a contingent of 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) from Edmonton who participated in Operation REASSURANCE. In that same issue, CFB Trenton military driver Cpl. Stephane Coulombe authored his first and last book, *Nos Héros En Sol Afghan* (Our Heroes on Afghan Soil) published by Les Editions GID was something he felt he just had to do, but also something he would not want to do again.



James Bezan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Rob Nicholson, announced late in July that the government remained committed to seeing that C-130J Hercules crews received stellar training through \$33.5 contract amendment. According to Mr. Bezan, the training systems used by aircrew and technicians would be advanced over the next 20 years as aircraft systems changed. The first Serial of General Training Course cadets graduated from the Trenton Cadet Training Centre in that edition, as well.



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AUGUST



The front page of *the Contact* indicated a busy month was about to begin in August as a CC-130J Hercules aircraft from 436 (Transport) Squadron at 8 Wing delivered supplies to the Canadian Air Task Force (ATF) in Romania in late July. The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) had become a classroom for 22 countries during the summer, including 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Commander Col. David Lowthian, who was serving in theatre as the Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander. The Military Police and other personnel from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton took advantage of a classroom presentation and flying demonstration by the OPP Aviation Services to learn more about unmanned aerial systems (UAS) and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) during that period, as well.

The SkyHawks did a series of demonstration jumps for the RecPlex Kidz Camp on Baker Island in early August while the members of CFS Alert welcomed their new Commanding Officer, Maj. Scott G. Marshall, during a Change of Command

ceremony July 30, presided over by Lt.-Col. Deborah Graitson, CO of 2 Air Movements Squadron from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. In his farewell address, Maj. Rick G. Dunning reflected on his time in Alert.

Canada continued response to Russian aggression and militarism in Eastern Ukraine continued to be “swift, targeted and unequivocal,” according to Canadian Minister of National Defence Robert Nicholson on the front page of the *Contact* in mid-August. In that same paper, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton said farewell to Wing Chief Warrant Officer Sandor Gyuk and welcomed new WCWO Darcy Elder into the fold at a Change of Appointment ceremony at the National Air Force Museum of Canada.

Two stellar parades took place at the tree-quarter mark of August when 8 Air Maintenance Squadron bid a fond farewell to Lt.-Col. Tressa Home and welcomed Lt.-Col. Andrew Wedgewood as the new Commanding Officer during a Change of Command ceremony at the National Air Force Museum of Canada. On the main parade



square on the base, a very impressive final graduation parade from the Trenton Cadet Training Centre (TCTC) took place with a number of cadets being recognized for outstanding contributions throughout the summer cadet training period.

A new Splash page was about to go into effect in early September, according to a story on the front page of *the Contact* in the last issue in August. Base personnel were warned in that article that on Sept. 4, the old Splash page would be kicked started from its current format to a more user-friendly content management system (CMS) called Telerik-Sitefinity. Maj. (Ret'd) Louise Maziarski and Cynthia Skubicky reported about their walk of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain earlier in the year in that final issue in August, as well.



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SEPTEMBER

In the first edition of September, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that the Royal Canadian Air Force CC-177 Globemaster III strategic airlifter from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton had completed its first delivery of military equipment, donated by the Republic of Albania, to security forces in Iraq fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). That issue also featured the final Change of Command parade for the year when the Canucks Squadron said a final farewell to Lt.-Col. Mark Goulden while at the same time welcoming Lt.-Col. Troy Paisley as their new Commander.

The United Way of Quinte established a 2014 campaign goal of \$90,000 over \$2 million and they

said they were relying on the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) through 8 Wing/CFB Trenton to help them achieve that lofty goal. The base campaign was kicked off with the traditional 15th Annual Wing Commander's Invitational Golf tournament. The Grapes of Wrath Extreme Survival Race at Hillier Creek Winery in Prince Edward County was established as a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The Grapes of Wrath Extreme Survival Race at Hillier Creek Winery in Prince Edward County raised \$79,000 when 420 participants and 70 teams were challenged by the obstacle course set up at the winery along with Mother Nature's rain and mud throughout the course. Soldiers of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) retraced the symbolic route of their original members as they marshalled for the First World War and they also made a stop at the Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial (ARM) in Trenton.

Glenwood Cemetery in Prince Edward County (PEC) held their annual Veteran's Day on Sept. 20 which featured guest speakers MP Daryl Kramp, PEC Mayor Peter Mertens, Capt. Harry Harsch, Technical Services Manager of



the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and Lt.-Col. Andrew Wedgwood, Commanding Officer of 8 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. The Canadian Air Task Force Iraq continued to provide strategic airlift capabilities for military supplies donated by the Czech Republic.



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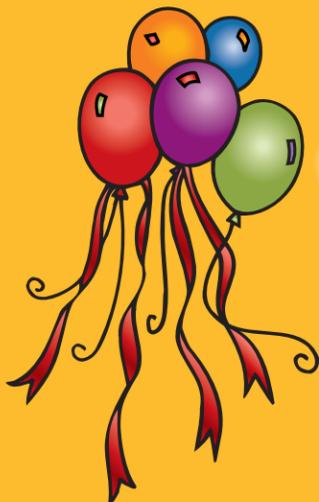
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OCTOBER

Retired Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield knew he wanted to become an astronaut when he was only nine years old and he began working towards that lifetime goal when he began flying gliders at the Mountain View airport in Prince Edward County when he was just 15 years old. Col. (Ret.) Hadfield was the guest speaker at the Quinte Human Resources Professionals Association presentation at the Empire Theatre on Sept. 25. The Ad Astra Stone Dedication ceremony was held at the National Air Force Museum of Canada on Sept. 27. There are nearly 11,000 Ad Astra Stones at the museum Air Park now.

Col. David Lowthian practices what he preaches, starting his work day three days a week with a good physical workout to keep himself in shape for the demanding job he performs. On a recent "Day with the boss," noted that they often schedule events three months in advance because they have to, but he also tries to work in contact with his personnel and units in that schedule. During October, it was with the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) an important part of the base in his view. Also during that early part of October, the Hercules Pull Challenge raised \$2,000 for the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC).

By mid-October, 437 Squadron was reporting its celebration of its 70th anniversary. Meet and greets, wine tours, golf games, and a formal mess dinner made up the bulk of the festivities along with a commemorative parade. The Squadron together was enjoyed and celebrated by all who attended. 424 Squadron was doing what it does best, making timely deliveries of charitable cargo to the Arctic, and supplying needed material for a family of seven who were burned out of their home.

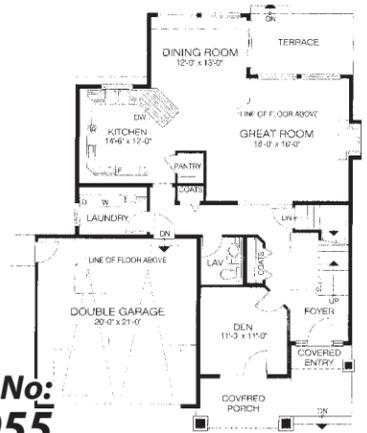
In the latter half of the month, the Theatre Activation Team was departing from 8 Wing Trenton in support of Operation IMPACT in the Middle East. The deployment of the team was a key step in arranging initial preparations for CAF units deploying to that area. The Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre (CAAWC) put their mock tower and rappel tower to good use raising funds for the GCWCC campaign. When the day was finished, CAAWC had raised \$1,160 along with the level of awareness of the public about the talents they exercise on a regular basis.

During the last week of October, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) was leading operations to recover a Northrop Nomad aircraft which crashed into Lake Muskoka on Dec. 13, 1940. The aircraft had been discovered by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in July 2010, some 70 years after its fateful crash. Wing Commander Col. David Lowthian also cut a ribbon for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton's new Barrier Arrestor Kit, a system which reduces the amount of time a runway is tied up if there is a fighter jet emergency declared and a CF-18 or other allied fighter aircraft must land at CFB Trenton



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Just beyond the den, a coat cupboard and powder room are situated for easy use by both family and visitors.

Ahead, past an L-shaped

flight of stairs on the right, is the spacious great room, where a gas fireplace will warm this room as well as the open-plan dining room and kitchen.

Natural light will flood into both the dining room and the great room through large windows. Near the windows, a narrow part of both rooms is open to the floor above. These rooms also enjoy access to a terrace overlooking the back garden, an ideal spot for summer-time meals and relaxation.

The kitchen is separated from the other two rooms by an angled counter that

conceals the dishwasher. A window over the sink will provide a garden view for the cook, and a large pantry guarantees always-welcome storage space.

The laundry room, situated a few short steps from the kitchen, has access to the double garage, easing the task of carrying the groceries from the car. A coat cupboard is nearby.

Upstairs, the master bedroom is situated at the back of the home for privacy. A large walk-in closet will provide enough space for even the most clothes-conscious couple. The corner windows

will let light into the ensuite, which includes a soaker tub and a shower stall.

The second, third and fourth bedrooms each contain one special feature — a built-in desk in one, a window seat in another and a walk-in closet in yet another. These bedrooms share a three-piece bathroom. A linen closet is conveniently placed nearby.

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NOVEMBER



As Quinte West was preparing to remember its veterans, a grim reminder of the cost of war arrived at the National Air Force Museum of Canada (NAFMC) in Trenton in the form of the Northrop Nomad 3251 on the flatbed of a truck. Recovered from Lake Muskoka, the aircraft will eventually make up a display at the museum. Barb Neri, in charge of Public Affairs at NAFMC called the recovery of the aircraft awe-inspiring, noting that when the aircraft finally came out of the water, she was feeling a great deal of respect for the people who were involved in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

A beautiful sunny day and the recent events in Ottawa perhaps helped to swell the ranks of those remembering Canada's veterans and their fallen comrades at the 2014 Remembrance Day services in Quinte West. Regardless of the reasons, a very large crowd turned out to the cenotaph in Trenton. Base personnel were being urged to think about families needing help over the holiday period and encouraged to inform the committee of the Angela Hayden Adopt A Family so they could supply needed assistance.

1 Canadian Air Division Commander Major-General D.L.R. Wheeler told 8 Wing personnel he knew he asked them

to do a lot all of the time, but not to expect that to change. He said his number one mission and priority was to accomplish those tasks assigned to him and he couldn't do that without the team effort of Air Force personnel. Military family members were being invited to a Family Forum at the Military Family Resource Centre in Trenton to learn more about needed services and solu-



tions currently in development.

In the last edition of November, outgoing Quinte West Mayor John Williams took a seat before nearly 500 people at the National Air Force Museum of Canada and was roasted royally as a friend to both the people of Quinte West and the military community at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. It was also announced at that event that he would become the new Honorary colonel for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton a little later in December. Overall visit of the Royal Canadian Air Force Family Support Team garnered valuable information and feed-

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Fifth C-17 being added to 8 Wing fleet

C-17 fleet allows RCAF to operate higher, heavier, faster, further and deeper

By Ross Lees

A fifth CC-117 Globemaster added to the existing fleet of four Globemasters at 8 Wing/Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton will be a force multiplier, according to Wing Commander Colonel (Col.) David Lowthian, allowing the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) to continue to operate higher, heavier, faster, further and deeper.

Col. Lowthian made the remarks Dec. 19 upon announcement by the Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Rob Nicholson, that a new CC-117 Globemaster would be added to Trenton's fleet in the spring of 2015 at an estimated cost of \$415 in existing defence budgets, in addition to 12 years of integrated in-service support valued at \$30 million.

The addition of the new aircraft to the fleet in Trenton is expected to benefit the operation in several ways, including easing the burden on the current fleet and extending the life expectancy of the entire fleet by about seven and a half years. It should also allow 8 Wing/CFB Trenton to have at least three C-17 aircraft available more than 90 per cent of the time to respond to concurrent international or domestic crises.

"Our government has made the rebuilding of Canada's defence capability a cornerstone of our

policy agenda at a time when the world remains volatile and unpredictable," Mr. Nicholson noted during the announcement. "Having a fifth C-17 will significantly augment the flexibility of the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) strategic airlift, allowing our men and women in uniform to respond quickly when necessary."

Mr. Nicholson said the C-17 fleet has revolutionized the way the CAF operates.

"Without these aircraft, we would be forced to contract airlift services from our allies," he said. "Instead, we are now in a position to help allies when required."

Personnel deployed in Canada or around the world will ultimately pass through Trenton, the hub of Air Mobility in Canada, according to Col. Lowthian, who added that the addition of the fifth C-17 would increase the flexibility and effectiveness of the CAF.

"It will expand our capability to respond to crises and provide support for a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance, peace support and combat," he stated. The C-17 is a force multiplier, he added, enabling important and unique elements like responsiveness, relevance, reliability and operational reach to such concurrent missions as troop transport, supply sustainment, medical evacuation or disaster response and humanitar-



Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Rob Nicholson, announced on Dec. 19 that a fifth C-17 Globemaster would be added to the 8 Wing/CFB Trenton fleet in the spring of 2015. Photo by Ross Lees

ian assistance.

Col. Lowthian said the carrying capacity of the C-17 is exceptional and covers long distances at speeds three quarters the speed of sound and carry four times the amount a CC-130 can carry and get there more quickly.

The current fleet of C-17s have been playing an integral role in ferrying supplies and troops to Kuwait to establish and resupply the Canadian camp through Operation IMPACT. It has also de-

livered essential armaments and materiel to CF-18s deployed in Lithuania in support of NATO as part of Op REASSURANCE and the international response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

The CC-177s have also been used domestically to provide support to Operation NANOOK where they transported both equipment and personnel in Canada's largest arctic sovereignty operation, and on Operation BOXTOP, where they provide a

critical lifeline and resupplies on a semi-annual basis to Canadian Forces Station Alert.

Canada's defence sector will continue to benefit from the purchase of the fifth C-17 through the Industrial and Technological Benefits Policy. Boeing's value proposition includes strong commitments in areas such as supplier development and research and technological development to improve the competitiveness of Canada's defence sector.

Trenton MFRC announces the appointment of new Executive Director

By Ross Lees

She's the new executive director of the Military Family Resource Centre, she's just not new to the job.

Tamara Kleinschmidt was given the title she has held for a year as interim director in an announcement released Dec. 18.

The new appointment came with high praise from Chair of the Board of Directors of the MFRC, Major (Maj.) Christine Bannerman.

"Tamara is a visionary. She is a charismatic leader with a wealth of experience. We are thrilled to have Tamara continue with us at the MFRC," Maj. Bannerman noted.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt was very pleased to have been given the appointment.

"I have to be honest, I am really excited to be staying with the MFRC on a permanent basis. The organization has some incredible staff and volunteers and it will be a joy to be working with them on a full-time basis," she told *the*

Contact.

The announcement did not come as a total surprise to the woman who had been at the head of the organization for the past year.

"The Board and I had been in discussions for a few weeks so I was aware that the announcement was coming. The Board did express to me that they were extremely pleased with the direction the MFRC was taking during the past year," she said.

Familiar with recent happenings at the MFRC, Mrs. Kleinschmidt has some goals she hopes to achieve early in the new year.

"We have conducted focus groups with members and families, and completed strategic planning. These processes have identified some key strategic goals that I will be working on for the next year. We need to improve awareness of who we are and what we do to the military family community, as well as the broader civilian community. We have determined that community awareness is a key goal

so you will see a lot of activities associated with this in the New Year. We also determined through our strategic plan that we need to focus some energy on improving access to primary health care for the families we serve. We will be working to create beneficial partnerships with local community health teams to improve access for families as well as focus on directed education and information to help families find local resources," she indicated.

Expecting to be under the microscope in the coming year, Mrs. Kleinschmidt welcomes the chance to display the experience and knowledge of her organization and staff.

"We have been identified as a pilot location for the Government's initiative for services to veterans and their families. I am really looking forward to seeing the progression of the pilot and the positive impact we will be able to support for medically releasing CF Members. Of course, there are many other program specific initiatives

that we will be working on throughout the year," she added.

Also Mrs. Kleinschmidt knows whereof she speaks. With 27 years as a military spouse, she has seen first-hand the challenges faced by military families.

Prior to her year-long, temporary appointment as the interim executive director of MFRC, she held the position of Executive Director of The HUB Child and Family Centre in Prince Edward County for three and a half years.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to the position. She holds a Bachelor of Arts/Political Science from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. She formerly sat as an Executive Committee Member of the Military Families Fund, which supports military families with unforeseen and immediate needs as a result of the military lifestyle. She is also a former Co-Chair of the Military Family National Advisory Board and has served as Chairperson, MFRC in January 2015.



Tamara Kleinschmidt has been appointed new executive director of the Military Family Resource Centre in Trenton. *Contact file photo*

Board of Directors with the Trenton MFRC and the Ottawa MFRC in the past. Tamara was elected as Chair of the Board of Governors at Loyalist College for the 2013-2014 terms and has served as a member of the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee and the Board of By-Laws and Policies Committee.

She lives in Belleville with her husband Peter and their three children. She begins her role as Executive Director with the Trenton MFRC in January 2015.

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DECEMBER



high ops tempo and force protection measures had contributed to the drop this year. 8 Wing/CFB Trenton marked International Day for Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 3 with a forum featuring guest speaker Maj. Tim Gushue, who specializes in human dimensions, conflict management, planning and research and resilience building. The main focus of his address was resiliency.

A successful Angela Hayden Adopt-a-Family Christmas program at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton helped 11 families and 31 children on the base despite a late start for the program. Fortunately, the delay only gave the base units longer to come through for this traditional support program. The Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) also held its annual 8 Wing Deployment Christmas dinner for 29 families who experienced separation during the year. The dinner is made possible by a \$2,000 donation from Sears Canada and local supporters like Carl and Carole Catering of Frankford.

That was our look back at 2014 in *the Contact*, but there were a couple of other events which took place in the final two days prior to the base taking its traditional holiday break.

8 Wing/CFB Trenton replaced one popular, high-profile Honorary Colonel with another popular and high-profile Honorary Colonel on Dec. 3 when new Honorary Colonel John Williams stepped in to replace former Honorary Colonel Armin Quickert as the 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Honorary Colonel. Having recently relinquished his job as Mayor of Quinte West, HCol. Williams was welcomed back into the fold at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton. The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train once again visited the area on Dec. 6 and made Christmas a lot more

cheery for many local residents when it donated a cheque of \$7,000 to the Trenton Care and Share Food Bank and also generated the donation of food through its arrival at RCAF Road. Once again, a large, generous crowd turned out for the appearance of the festive train.

The Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) officially ended on Dec. 4 and handed over a cheque for \$112,000 to the United Way of Quinte's executive director Judi Gilbert. Down somewhat from the previous year, it was felt a



Camp Maple Leaf children were the substantial beneficiaries of a \$16,812.55 cheque from UA Local 401 and their contractor Dependable Mechanical, including over 300 military children who will attend the camp from Ontario this summer. Tamara Kleinschmidt was appointed the new executive director of the Military Family Resource Centre

(MFRC), a position she had held as interim executive director throughout 2014. On the very last day the base was open beyond necessary personnel, Minister of National Defence the Honourable Rob Nicholson made an appearance at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton to announce the acquisition of a fifth CC-177 Globemaster to augment the current fleet of four.

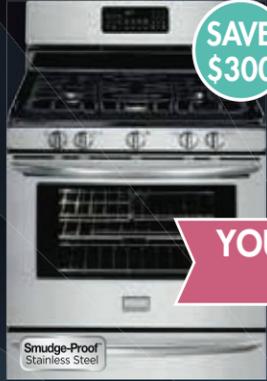


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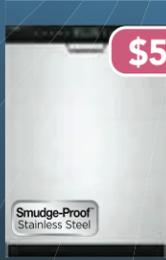
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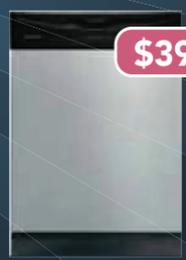
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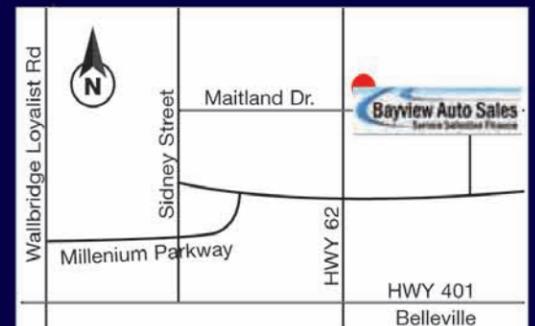
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