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Fun in Batawa at Pond Hockey Classic and Winter Jubilee



Photos by Makala Chapman



TOP: Members of the CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic, staff with the City of Quinte West, the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation and Wounded Warriors Canada celebrate the ninth annual CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic in Batawa on Feb. 1
LEFT: Jack and Quinn Durand enjoy smores at the Winter Jubilee.

By Makala Chapman

If there's one thing Canadians are exceptionally good at, it's making the most out of winter. Whether it's snowshoeing, skating or a good old-fashioned game of pond hockey, they've likely tried at least one of them if not all. If you visited the community of Batawa this past weekend, you saw firsthand just how much Canadians love taking advantage of the colder temperatures and snow. As it has been for the last nine years, the CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic once again returned to the Batawa Community Centre from Jan. 31 – Feb. 2. This annual event is a charitable hockey tournament that raises funds for the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation (TMHF) and Wounded Warriors Canada. While the first organization focuses on local health care, the other sees to it that Canada's ill veterans, first responders and their families are taken care of in time of need. In the last eight years, the hockey tournament has raised \$352,000. This year did not disappoint as more than 40 teams laced up their skates and to hit the outdoor rinks. The event kicked off with the "Legends of Hockey"

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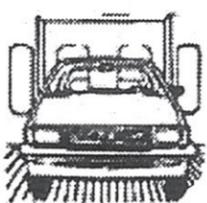
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dinner. Held at the Batawa Community Centre, guests enjoyed a gourmet meal by Chef Nicholas Loshak and partook in live music and an auction. This year's special guest speakers included retired Master Corporal Lawrence Christiansen, as well as NHL player Jim Kyte – who is the first legally deaf athlete to have played in the NHL. "They were both fantastic speakers," said event chair retired Captain (Capt.) Jeff Moorhouse. "Their messages were really about the fact that no matter who you are or what your background is, everyone is susceptible to mental illness. They spoke from the heart and it was a great way to kickoff of the tournament."

When asked to reflect on this year's Pond Hockey Classic, Capt. (ret'd) Moorhouse said he could not have been more pleased with the response from the community. He added he was especially grateful to the volunteers that saved the event from a host of uncertainties after an act of vandalism saw the main outdoor rinks badly damaged just days before the event. "Volunteers had to spend hours rebuilding the rinks," he said. "The ice has turned out absolutely beautiful and I couldn't be more grateful. We even held our opening ceremony on the rink to demonstrate that despite what happened, the tournament would go on." Reflecting over the past years, Capt. (ret'd) Moorhouse said he couldn't believe how big the tournament had gotten. What was once just a few base teams on a rink has now grown into a regional event that spans an entire weekend. "The more money we can raise for purchasing equipment for the local hospital, the better healthcare will be in our community," he said. "Wounded Warriors is also a



Families enjoy free horse-drawn wagon rides at the Winter Jubilee.

great organization with excellent programming for our veterans and first responders. I couldn't think of two better organizations to support." Looking to the future, Capt. (ret'd) Moorhouse said he couldn't wait to see the event grow even larger and hopes to hit the \$500,000 mark by next year.

Also speaking to how excited she was to see another year of the Pond Hockey Classic get underway was the hospital foundation's executive director Wendy Warner. Each year, she and the foundation are tasked with raising millions of dollars in order to pay for much-needed hospital equipment. This year's project is to purchase new omniscells – a drug distribution system that is in all of the departments of the hospital. "We have to raise \$2.6 million for our local hospital this year," said Warner. "Every gift really does count, whether it's big or small, it will go a long way." She added that investing in healthcare in the community was especially critical as many residents rely on the local hospital – including military families. "We look after the military member's families, as well as the veterans, who don't have access to the medical services on the base," she said. "It is essential that we have a local hospital here in our community and it's been wonderful to see the support from the community."

Also speaking to the importance of having a local hospital in the area for military families to access was the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre's (MFRC) executive director Tamara Kleinschmidt. She noted she was relieved to know that should military families need medical attention, a hospital was just moments away from their doorstep. As for the Pond Hockey Classic, Kleinschmidt shared that it was one of her favourite events of the year as it also marked

the MFRC's annual Winter Jubilee. It was three years ago that the MFRC, 8 Wing Personnel Support Programs and the Pond Hockey Classic decided to merge the two events. All looking to bring the community together for some good old-fashioned winter fun, the pairing was a natural fit. "Not every community gets to benefit from these kinds of partnerships and it's truly something to cherish," she said. "We have a great community that cares, and it really shows."

This year, the Winter Jubilee was held on Feb. 2, to compliment the newly formed youth tournament at this year's Pond Hockey Classic. But, while held on a new day, it was still the same great day of winter fun. As for why events, such as the Winter Jubilee, were so important, Kleinschmidt said it came down to making the community stronger. She added it was especially important to consider that since more than 85 per cent of military families live off base, it was crucial to create opportunities for socialization. "We just want to help tie people into their schools, into their local community groups and into the beautiful resources like we have here out in Batawa," said Kleinschmidt. As for what she hoped families would get out of the event, she smiled, and noted it was just a day of fun and to know that their local MFRC was there for them. "The MFRC is a constantly changing organization," she said. "Coming and letting us know what your family needs is essential. We want to be responsive so come in and check us out."

Taking home gold at this year's CFB Trenton Pond Hockey Classic in the adult non-competitive division was the Cherry Lane Pickers with a 15-12 win over the Goon Platoon. In the competitive division, the Rippers took home top spot when they bested Diamond Electric 22-14 in the finals.

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Members of the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre, staff with the City of Quinte West and 8 Wing Personnel Support Programs celebrate the Winter Jubilee on Feb. 2.



Members of 8 Wing Personnel Support Programs Health Promotion team.



Team Wounded Warriors Canada takes on the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation on Feb. 1.



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Families enjoy a free skate in Batawa.



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New Commanding Officer at Canadian Forces Station Alert

By Lt Marie-Eve Bilodeau

Despite the arctic conditions at Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert, including the total darkness at this time of the year, the station members warmly welcomed 8 Wing Commander, Colonel Ryan Deming during his first official visit to the station on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Also present was Honorary-Colonel John Smylie, 8 Mission Support Squadron Acting Commanding Officer Major Dwayne Demers, 436 Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Andy Bowser and 436 Chief Warrant Officer Dany Flamand who were there to attend the ceremony of the station's change of command of CFS Alert is Canada's northernmost permanently inhabited settlement. "CFS Alert has a long history dating back to 1958 [...] the station serves key strategic role in supporting many programs critical to the Department of National Defense and other government departments," said Colonel Deming. He thanked all members involved for their professionalism. He restated that he remains impressed by the dedication that all the members of CFS Alert manifest on a daily basis. Major Tonia Kerr, the outgoing



Photo by 2 Lt Maaz Rabbani

From left to right : the incoming Commanding Officer of CFS Alert Major Loay El-Beltagy, 8 Wing Commander, Colonel Ryan Deming, the outgoing Commanding Officer of CFS Alert Major Tonia Kerr.

ing Commanding Officer, Major Loay El-Beltagy, the incoming Commanding Officer, and Colonel Ryan Deming, the Reviewing Officer, signed the official change of

command certificates at the gymnasium of CFS Alert. CFS Alert is not an easy place to live and work but for Major Kerr it was a great opportunity and the best deploy-

ment of her 32-year career in the Canadian Armed Forces. "There is an atmosphere of family here and there is a place for everyone and that is really special. Life here is not

perfect, but thank you everyone and please continue to take care of each other," said in an emotional speech Major Kerr who led CFS Alert for the past six months.

Major Loay El-Beltagy stated that he is honored to assume one of the most unique and rewarding positions within the Canadian Armed Forces Station as the Commanding Officer of CFS Alert. He gave a special thanks to his wife and two daughters for their support. They understand he has an important job to do, including his special role to protect Santa! The safety and morale of the members will be his main focus for the six months of his mandate as the Commanding Officer.

Major El-Beltagy joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an Air Force Communications and Electronic Engineer in 2001. He was promoted to his current rank in 2013 and was then posted to Bagotville at 2 Wing as Deputy Commanding Officer of 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron. In 2016, he deployed on Operation SOPRANO as a Military Observer Officer in Juba, South Sudan. He was then posted to Ottawa where he was appointed as the Air Readiness Operations Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force Head-Quarters, before being selected as the Commanding Officer of CFS Alert.

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A message from the Wing Commander

As Canadian Armed Forces members of 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, the Royal Canadian Air Force's Air Mobility hub, we are at the centre of strategic operations both abroad and at home. Many of you have likely seen an increase in activity at the Wing. This is due to preparations that are underway to facilitate a request by the Government of Canada to assist with the welcoming and housing of Canadians returning from Wuhan, China. On December 31, 2019, a cluster of cases of pneumonia was reported in Wuhan, China, and the cause has been confirmed as the new coronavirus which had not been previously identified in humans. In order to assist our fellow Canadians, members of Task Force-PARATUS, as part of Operation Globe, based at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, will assist with welcoming and housing returning Canadians from Wuhan so that our federal and provincial government partners may screen and medically assess them.

From our capacity to handle large passenger planes, accommodations and rations capabilities and ability to deliver various logistical supports for our partners in Other Governmental Departments who are leading the reception and care of our guests, 8 Wing is well-equipped to assist in this Whole of Government operation.

CAF support to Public Health Agency Canada for the reception, staging, and onward movement of returning Canadians will be limited to:

- Provision of access to our runway and airfield at 8Wing/CFB Trenton;
- Provision of facilities for reception and initial hospitality;
- Ground transportation for returning Canadians and supporting personnel;
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- Provision of infrastructure for use of federal and provincial authorities to provide additional screening and ongoing medical care;
- Messing and food services; and
- General duties as required

We are cognizant of the potential health risks and we have taken steps to ensure the safety of our personnel, families and the community. The well-being of our members is always top of mind and a priority for all leaders in the CAF. All persons arriving in Trenton from China will be accommodated separately on the Wing.

At the moment, there is no plan to use Royal Canadian Air Force assets to transport those returning from Wuhan. This reduces the impact on other ongoing CAF operations around the world that also re-

quire airlift support. However, we remain prepared to fill unique and limited transport or logistical needs should they arise. Other operations at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton must and will continue during our support to Op Globe.

We will ensure our guests at 8 Wing are well-cared for and will also ensure we are a good host to our fellow Governmental Department partners. At all times we will be diligent to ensure the privacy of our guests, while also ensuring their safety. There is no risk to fellow Wing members and our families, nor is there a risk to our neighbours in the Trenton area. Those engaged in direct support to our guests including medical and social services are experts in their fields and the safety protocols they have in place are rigorously applied and constantly reviewed.

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A message from the Chief of Defence Staff

General Jonathan H. Vance

To our families,

The government of Canada has asked the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to support the repatriation and integration of Canadians being evacuated out of Wuhan, China. Working with our partners at all levels of government, we will support the repatriation, via chartered aircraft, and reintegration of Canadians at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton in the coming days.

CAF medical teams are preparing to deploy with Government of Canada officials to assist with the repatriation of Canadians seeking to depart from Wuhan. At home, a reception and integration center is being prepared at CFB Trenton where the returning Canadians will stay while under medical observation. This will be a trying time for them as they wait with us to see if any symptoms present themselves.

I know this news may raise concerns for family

and friends who have loved ones involved in this important mission. My senior leadership and I have been fully engaged throughout the planning process, and can tell you that we have full confidence in the protocols identified, and the measures put in place, to safeguard all CAF members and returning Canadians.

To our neighbours in the Trenton area, let me assure you that while we host our fellow citizens as they are undergoing medical observation and evaluation, there is no risk to you and your families. Those engaged in direct support to them, including medical and social services, are experts in their field, and the safety protocols they have set in place are, and will be, rigorously applied and constantly reviewed. Know that we are working with public health officials from all levels of government to ensure a high level of care while our fellow citizens are under observation.

As new developments arise, I will communicate further with you. My deepest thanks to all who put service before self in defence of Canada and Canadians.

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The Trenton branch is just one of many groups across the country that contributes to Quilts of Valour Canada (QVC) – a nation-wide not-for-profit organization established in 2006. The charity's founder, Lezley Zwaal, was first inspired to donate quilts after seeing a similar initiative arise in the United States after injured soldiers began returning home from Afghanistan. Since its inception, QVC has sewn and distributed close to

12,000 quilts to Canadian military members and veterans. What makes each quilt even more special is the patch sewn into the corner of every quilt with the QVC logo, a thank you note and the name of the individuals who had a hand in sewing it. The purpose of the quilt is to comfort and ensure all injured Canadian Forces members, past and present, are recognized for their service. For more information, feel free to contact Denise Wenzel, the area representative for Quilts of Valour. Phone: 204-651-2211.



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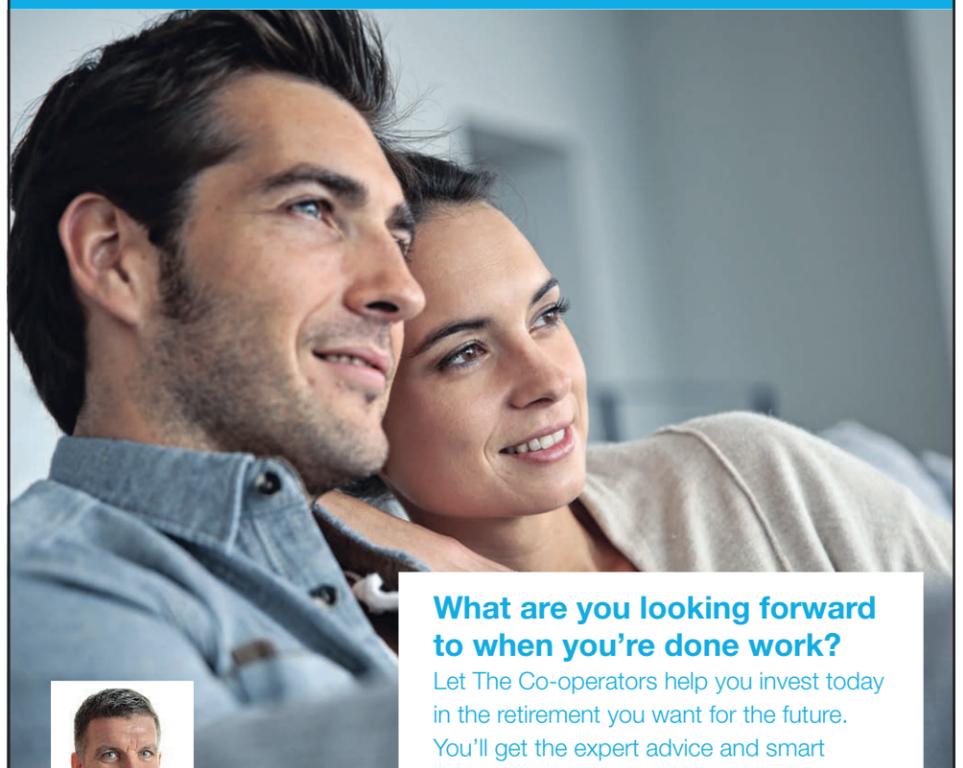
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