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Recently, as part of Celebrating Excellence Awards program, CWO Paul Flowers (Mobile Support Equipment Operator) was recognized for his significant contributions to raising awareness and reducing stigma surrounding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

To this effect, he was the recipient of the DM and CDS Workplace Wellness Award. This award recognizes an individual or team who contributes to wellness in the workplace by leading, supporting, organizing and participating in activities geared towards improving mental health.

After a deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, CWO Flowers channeled his energy into a project that would improve the lives of others who suffered from the effects of overseas service. After much personal and financial investment, CWO Flowers built a custom motorcycle as a tool to raise awareness of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which was featured in an article in the Canadian Biker Magazine. Leading by example, CWO Flowers then started an annual motorcycle ride as part of the Soldier On Program to raise awareness of PTSD. CWO Flowers has also reached out to the Royal Canadian Legion Riders in the hope of holding concurrent annual motorcycle rides across the country to raise funds in support of the Soldier On Fund.

Congratulations CWO Flowers and long live your annual motorcycle ride charity event!





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## Logistics Branch Flag in Northern Ontario



**Gateway of the North arch, Lee Park, North Bay, ON**

L-to-R: Capt Kevin Millar, Sgt Earl Hynes, Sgt Kimberley Houtby, Cpl Emma Nephin, Avr Carol Ferland, WO Kevin Koldesk

Photo credit: MCpl Nicholas McGuire



**North Bay Waterfront, North Bay ON**

L-to-R: Sgt Julian Labrie, Capt Kevin Millar, Sgt Earl Hynes, Avr Carol Ferland, WO Kevin Koldesk, Cpl Emma Nephin, Sgt Kimberley Houtby

Photo credit: MCpl Nicholas McGuire





## Logistics Branch Flag in Northern Ontario



**Brigadier George Lawrence Cassidy  
Armoury, Timmins ON**

L to R: Capt Kevin Millar, Sgt Michael  
Tourangeau, WO Kevin Koldesk

### **Sudbury Armoury, Sudbury ON**

L-to-R: Cpl Mike Palin, MCpl Melissa  
Rawlyk, Sgt Julian Labrie, Sgt Barbara  
Stanton,  
Avr Carol Ferland, Cpl Maria Wilson







## Logistics Branch Flag at 450THS in Petawawa



## Logistics Branch Flag in St. Hubert







## Logistics Branch Flag at 7CFSD Edmonton



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**The First Fifty Years**

A Pictorial History of the Logistics Branch

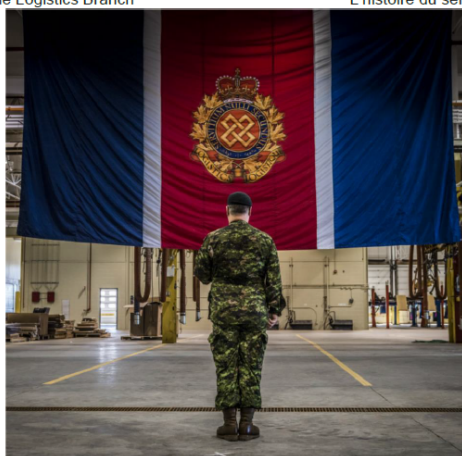
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## *Holiday Message from Director Navy Logistics*



***Capt (N) Bruce Creighton***  
***Director Naval Logistics***



As 2018 draws to a close, there is much to reflect upon as a community of professionals. The Royal Canadian Navy remains a key participant in achieving Government of Canada objectives both at home and abroad. Whether conducting sovereignty, fisheries and surveillance patrols or on security and stability missions. RCN Logisticians are there, both at sea and ashore, playing a vital role in all of these endeavours. You continued to rise to the challenges posed by the demands placed on you to support the RCN and the Canadian Armed Forces. I want to take this moment to express my gratitude to you and to highlight the pride that I have in the work that all of you do each and every day. I also want to thank all of the members of your families who support you and endure the extended absences which is equally as challenging. You, and your families, are all deserving of a BZ.

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the efforts by

Logisticians of all ranks and uniform in the successful execution of the Logistics 50th Anniversary; which was celebrated in style with myriad events. Logisticians can take great pride in being a part of the newly designated Royal Canadian Logistics Service as you were active participants in “The Year of the Logistician.”

2019 will bring with it new and exciting challenges as the RCN’s Future Fleet continues to take shape and progress. The RCN will continue to focus on the delivery of the mandate laid out in “Strong Secure Engaged” Defence Policy. Ships will continue to deploy on operations, at home and abroad, and rest assured Logisticians will be there. The interim AOR, MV Asterix, is busy on operations and Logisticians are there. The HMCS Harry De Wolfe, first of its class, will be delivered and with it, the introduction of new RCN arctic capability and commensurate support requirements. The Canadian Surface Combatant project continues apace,

and RCN Logisticians are there to support the project and help define concepts of support. RCN Logisticians are also rapidly evolving our ability to leverage analytics, technology and prepare for the modernization of our logistics systems in an increasingly complex operational environment. I have great confidence that you will continue to deliver logistics support on an ongoing basis within and to the Fleet on a daily basis. Ships, submarines and sailors will continue to deploy around the world - in large measure - due to your commitment and dedication to service.

Finally, please take time during this holiday season to rest, recharge and cherish your family, friends and loved ones. I wish all of you the best during the holiday season and good fortune in the new year to come.





## 1 Service Battalion - 50th Birthday Celebrations



Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Heather Morrison and Regimental Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer Scott Wilson lead 1 Service Battalion towards City Hall during the Freedom of the City of Edmonton Parade.

### 1 Service Battalion – 50th Birthday Celebrations, 24-26 August 2018

*By Major Douglas Thorlakson (Deputy Commanding Officer)*

A serialized kit-check in the Battalion weapons vault marked one of the last official tasks of a weekend packed with activities celebrating the 50th birthday of the unit. Although the weekend began with unseasonably cold weather and overcast skies the chilly seven degrees was the only damper on an otherwise exceptional weekend. Beginning with a quick parade on the sports field of Garrison Edmonton the Commanding Officer (CO) Lieutenant Colonel Heather Morrison and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) Chief Warrant Officer Scott Wilson officially launched the weekend. Competition quickly heated up between Transport, Supply, Maintenance and Administration companies as they battled their way through several sports including ultimate frisbee, soccer, and softball

with Maintenance company receiving top honours at the end of the day. A small fleet of recreational vehicles conducted hide-occupation drills in the rear parking lot of the Battalion lines beginning on Friday morning.

Saturday morning drew almost sixty personnel to the Edmonton Golf course and although the weather was as unfavourable as Friday (with a sixty minute frost delay) the hearty golfers took to the links. Postie Sgt Pat Kelly sporting full Caddyshack golfing gear and flanked by a dancing groundhog set a festive spirit as the fleet of golf carts deployed from the clubhouse for a friendly round of golf that drew together former and current unit members.

While most of the main venue had been prepared earlier in the week Saturday also saw a number of troops doing the final preparations for the main bar and food serving areas along with assisting the production crew in getting the main stage set with sound

and lighting. Sound checks in the afternoon confirmed that 80,000 watts of speakers would be more than sufficient for the task. MCpl (retired) Chris Stewart drove in a 1952 GMC “Deuce” cargo truck that was provided by Capt Paul Spurrell (retd) from the Military Vehicle Preservation Association to set a historical tone at the entrance gate to the stage area.

Just before the main BBQ started the CO and RSM hosted a reception which saw former Colonel (retired) Bob Baxter (CO 1981-83) rededicate the replacement of a long-missing proclamation from the Freedom of the City of Calgary Parade from 1982. Also attending were Colonel (retired) Beselt (1989-91), LCol (retired) Dave Redman (1995-97), Lieutenant General Charles Lamarre (2003-05) and Colonel Krista Brodie (2011-13). Former RSMs “Dutchie” Fehr (1988-91), Gord Morrison (2002-05), “Paddie” Earles (2005-06), Bob Daly (2006-07), Glenn Vey (2009-12) and

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## 1 Service Battalion - 50th Birthday Celebrations



City of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson speaks with Colonel (retired) Bob Baxter. Colonel Baxter was the Commanding Officer of 1 Service Battalion from 1981-82 and proudly wears his Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) blazer and cap-badge.

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Wayne Bantock (2015-18) brought some good humour and ensured that everyone knew that a number of forgotten shortcomings from the past were never truly forgotten.

Retired Materiel Technician Richard Clemetson (currently works at 7 CFSD) who operates as DJ Masala provided a mix of music throughout dinner and in between the two bands. The CO and RSM greeted the crowd of 700 with a short speech and the Senior Serving Logistician and former CO LGen Lamarre spoke of the special bond that brings together everyone who serves in the Battalion. Col (ret'd) Baxter fondly recalled his days in the Battalion as some of the best times in his life and the CO and RSM officially presented the 50th Anniversary painting by local artist Jacques Martel to an appreciative crowd.

Local band Powerhouse opened the live portion of the evening and two members from 3 PPCLI Recce Platoon jumped in the Battalion flag and 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron overflew the event in their Griffon helicopter as Powerhouse performed a mix of rock and roll hits.

As Powerhouse wrapped up, attention turned to the Leopard Armoured Recovery Vehicle (nicknamed Digger). The ARV, driven by Cpl Joshua Hynes from Maint Coy quickly turned the donated Ford Tempo into an 18" high pile of steel and rubber in very short order.

The evening went into high-gear with the arrival of "DDC The AC/DC Experience" who performed late into the evening and covered top hits from AC/DC to an appreciative crowd consisting of veterans, current serving

members and children from across the Battalion.

Sunday morning came quickly (very quickly for some) as nearly 300 members drew weapons and swords in preparation for the Freedom of the City of Edmonton parade. Forming up a few blocks from City Hall, the Battalion began their approach march through the streets of downtown Edmonton. In attendance were the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, City of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson, 3rd Division Commander Brigadier General Cadieu and 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Commander Colonel Bob Ritchie. Both the Mayor and Lieutenant Governor highlighted the bonds that the Battalion shares with the City of Edmonton and Alberta and the CO LCol Morrison reinforced the connection with the community that

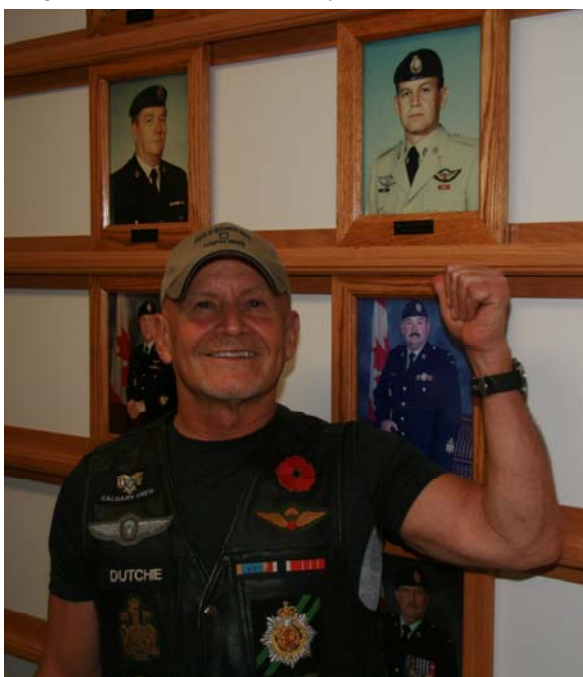
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## 1 Service Battalion - 50th Birthday Celebrations

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the unit shares with the City of Edmonton and the surrounding area. Long after most of the tired troops from the weekend had gone to ground, the last official task of the weekend was completed with a Battalion photographer capturing the Edmonton High Level Bridge being illuminated in the unit colours. This officially closed the chapter on the first fifty years and confirmed the unit motto "Duty Above All" as the unit begins the next half-century.



A remarkable achievement.

Additional photos can be found on the 1 Service Battalion Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/1servicebattalion/>.

Historical note: Greg "Dutchie" Fehr was also in attendance. He has a life-long attachment to the Battalion and was a brand new Private on the 1st official parade of the Battalion in 1968, rose to become the RSM of the Battalion from 1998-91, attended the 25th Anniversary Dinner as a special guest in 1993 as well as participating in the 50th commemorative activities.



Peinture commémorative pour le 50ième anniversaire du 1er Bataillon des services peint par Jacques Martel.





## Annual Royal Canadian Logistics Service Meet and Greet

By LCdr C.M. Allan, D Nav Log 2-3

The 9th annual Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) 'Meet and Greet' was held on 4 October, 2018 at the Cartier Square Drill Hall in Ottawa. This popular event provides a yearly opportunity for local Logisticians - both serving and retired - to congregate, receive the inspiring words from Branch leadership, and welcome new members

50th Anniversary celebrations. The event OPI, LCdr Allan was very pleased with the work done this year. "The members of the committee did a great job planning and executing the event this year, due in large part to the wonderful group of volunteers. This event was definitely a highlight of my social calendar."

But it was not only the organizing team which defined the

future as a Service.

As hundreds of Logisticians from various areas within the NCR made the trek across town to the Cartier Square Drill hall, they were greeted with a spirited group of Logisticians, and treated to a delicious catered meal and a beautifully designed cake. The level of detail and effort applied to the cake and the hundreds of exquisitely handcrafted cupcakes was apparent and appreciated by the community. A special thanks to 412 Transportation Squadron Flight Stewards, Sgt Rodney, MS Boot, MCpl Potvin, MCpl McCabe and MCpl Herradura, who volunteered their services to create an especially unique cake with its tri-element presentation, excellent taste, and creative use of trade badge decorations (the adorned chocolate coins quickly disappeared).

Notable attendees to this year's Meet and Greet included senior leaders such as, the CAF's senior

Logistician, Lieutenant-General C. Lamarre, the Commander of Military Personnel Command, Commodore M. Watson (DGCB), Capt (N) R.B. Creighton Director of Navy Logistics and Colonel A.M. Banville (CFSU(O) Commandant).

As Director of Naval Logistics prepares to pass the torch to the Royal Canadian Air Force for 2019, we reflect on the good fortune of this

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*Address by LGen C. Lamarre, the Commander of Military Personnel Command.*

of the NCR Logistics community.

This year's event was hosted by the Naval Logisticians on behalf of the RCLS. Under the watchful leadership of the Director of Naval Logistics, Capt(N) R.B. Creighton, the organizing team put forth an outstanding effort in attracting 332 Logisticians to the event amidst a period of significant operational tempo and numerous events surrounding the

special nature of the event. The Canadian Forces Logistics Association (CFLA) was present in full force to promote both Service esprit de corps and history. The CFLA President, Mr. John Page, captured the importance of having past and current serving logisticians come together in this setting. The attendance and displays from Dr. Andrew Gregory, the Service Battalion, Flag Relay and Gala team also highlighted our past, present and

future as a Service.



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year's event and look forward to celebrating more 50th anniversary events to come as the Year of the Logistician continues. Recognizing the depth of our historical contributions and our promising future as a Service, it is truly a great time to be a Logistician in the Royal Canadian Logistics Service.



***Ceremonial Cutting of the Cake***

L-R: CPO1 T.J. Aylward (D Nav Log 2-3-2), Col A.M. Banville (Cmdt CFSU(O)), and Capt(N) R.B. Creighton (D Nav Log).

## Regular and Reserve, Serving and Retired Members

Find the CFLA online at: <http://cfla-alfc.org> or contact your local Chapter:

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<b>Halifax</b>	(TBC)	<b>Yellowknife</b>	Cdr Mark White
			Maj Lynette MacKay





## CFAD Dundurn

### CFAD Dundurn Adventure Training 2018

By Cpl Kyle M. Desgroseilliers



From 19-24 August 2018, six members of Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (CFAD) Dundurn participated in a trek through the backcountry of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. The expedition party consisted of Cpl Kyle Desgroseilliers, expedition leader, Maj Andrew Wilson, CO CFAD Dundurn; Capt Derek Vanstone, CFAD MPO; MCpl Sebastien Abbot; MCpl Paul Dodds; and Cpl Richard Fernstrom; . The terrain covered by the expedition was varied and challenging, ranging from gentle sloping grassland in the mountain valleys to sheer rock-faces and razor-sharp scree on the glacier approaches.

On the first day of the adventure, the group departed CFAD Dundurn early in the morning of Sunday, 19 August for an almost 8 hour drive to the parking lot at the provincial park. The first step was to make the 7 km trek to Forks campground, where the group made camp for the first night. It was time to hit the trails once more and make our way to Turbine Canyon. The canyon lays approximately 9.3 km

to the north, but it is a strenuous hike with a total elevation gain of over 400m. Having completed this difficult stretch, it was time to go explore the North Kananaskis pass on the Alberta – B.C. border before heading back to camp.

We started day 3 off with one of the main intents of our expedition: to reach the base of Haig Glacier and walk on and explore the glacier itself. It was a difficult trek with a lot of elevation gain, but in the end the spectacular view and the fact that we walked on a glacier was well worth the trek. We then headed back to Forks. The next morning we began a short 3 km hike, almost entirely uphill with an elevation gain of over 500m, to Three



Isle Lake. After arriving, we took the trail to the South Kananaskis pass, which took us into B.C. once again, and then furthered on to Beatty Lake. This round-trip excursion was about 8.2 km. On the morning of day 5 we had a long trek ahead of us, but fortunately it was mostly downhill. The only tricky part of the 9.5 km trail to Point Campground was the precarious descent from Three Isle Lake. After reaching Point Campground, it was time to set up camp for the final time. In the morning we had a short 3.4



km hike back to the parking lot. Overall, adventure training for CFAD Dundurn this year was a great success. The weather was, for the most part excellent, the bugs were minimal, nobody was injured, there were no encounters with bears, and everyone had a sense of accomplishment after each day's hike. In the six days our group spent in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, we covered over 62 km of mountainous terrain and over 2.5 km of elevation gain. It was a great experience and opportunity to see one of the most beautiful parts of Canada. Everyone who participated is looking forward to CFAD Dundurn's next adventure in 2019!





## 17 Wing Winnipeg

### 600 Bed Covers For Winnipeggers

*Major Karyne Brown, Officer Commanding Services Flight*

17 Wing Accommodations' team recently replaced its old bed covers with new ones as part of its life-cycle management program, accumulating over 600 of them! PO2 Daniel Milburn, the 17 Wing Accommodations Manager, recommended that they be donated to the Winnipeg Siloam Mission since blankets were listed as an item of urgent need. It can be challenging to find an organization who will accept a donation of such high volume.

However, without hesitation the Winnipeg Siloam Mission gratefully accepted the offer. In the morning of 19 September 2018, members of the 17 Mission Support Squadron (17 MSS) Services Flight came together to personally deliver 600 bed covers to the Winnipeg Siloam Mission. "I am very happy that they went to a place that they would be useful. It's a lot better than throwing it out, and it's nice to give back to the community" says Brian Caton, a barrack warden at 17 Wing. The 17 Wing Chaplains also donated an additional 10 to 15 bed covers to each Veterans Affairs Canada and the Spence Neighborhood Association (Safe Space coordinator).

"Many people will have warm blankets because of your efforts" said Padre Hope Winfield, the 17 Wing Chaplain, to 17 MSS' Services Flight. With Winnipeg's extreme cold weather, it's heartwarming to enter the fall season knowing that 17 MSS Services Flight has helped over 600 Winnipeggers. "The homeless and people in need of Winnipeg's core area can really use the help with the cold weather coming" says Ian Stimpson, a barrack warden at 17 Wing. 17 Wing Accommodations plans to continue donating life-cycled items to support the community and those in need.



Services Flight members displaying the bed covers donated. From the left are PO2 Daniel Milburn, MCpl Amanda Crews, staff from the Siloam Mission, Maj Karyne Brown, Capt Stuart Ireson, Cpl Alain Claveau, Cpl Doug Larose, staff from the Siloam Mission and 2Lt Brandon Bland.



Services Flight personnel with a truck filled with 600 bed covers. On top row from the left is PO2 Daniel Milburn, MCpl Amanda Crews, Cpl Doug Larose and Capt Stuart Ireson. On bottom row from the left is Maj Karyne Brown, Padre Paul Gemmiti, Ian Stimpson and Brian Carton.

Services Flight members are unloading the bed covers for donation at the Siloam Mission. Capt Stuart Ireson is hard at work lifting a box.







## Logistics Branch Fund - Subscription Form - Become a member!

Service Number Rank Name Initials

Unit Occupation e-mail address

I hereby volunteer to contribute to the Logistics Branch Fund in the amount identified according to my current rank. I understand that these funds will go towards Logistics Branch initiatives, enabling branch revitalization and esprit de corps for its members. I understand the information provided will be shared with the CFLA.

(Check applicable box)		
	General and Flag Officers, Capt(N)/Col: \$4/month to the Branch Fund; and \$2/month to the GOFO/Col Farewell Dinner Trust Account.	\$6.00/month
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*The Logistics Branch Fund is open to Reg F and PRes serving members. Civilians and retired members are invited to join the Canadian Forces Logistics Association.*



## Fifth annual Mess Dinner Supply /Ammo

### Fifth annual Mess Dinner Supply /Ammo - October 26th 2018

*By CWO Julie Cordeau - Supply Tech occupation CWO*

The fifth annual Mess Dinner for Supply/Ammo was held this year, at the Casino du Lac Leamy in Gatineau QC, on October 26, 2018. It is always a great occasion to mingle with friends and catch up with folks we have not seen in a long time.

Besides guests from the National Capital Region (NCR), we were also privileged to have among us people from Canadian Forces Logistics Training Center, Valcartier, Trenton, Kingston, Montreal and St-Jean-sur Richelieu.

A few years ago, the idea was brought up that having a mess dinner and opening it to family and friends would be an excellent way of demonstrating the sequence of events along with the protocol, in a slightly more relaxed environment. Not to mention it is a great professional development opportunity for our Junior Non-Commissioned Members.

The jazz music provided by our talented CAF musicians, trivia questions (those who answered correctly were given a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin), consequences for not asking permission to get up during the supper, made the evening interesting and entertaining!

We also had the opportunity to take pictures with the Anniversary flag

which was received with great enthusiasm. A special thanks to CWO Paul Flowers and PO2 Sonia Chisholm, who was also a guest, for making this happen.

After the formal dinner portion, people were invited to move to the Casino side to test their luck and participate in the other events held there, which happened to be celebrating their Halloween night.

Lastly, I would like to thank our guest of honor BGen Dave Quinn and his wife for attending our event, as well as the organising team and all the participants for making this evening, as it has been over the last 5 years, an ever growing success.



Photo credits: Mrs. Jade Pearson and Mr. Alexandre Rizk





## Postal Clerks

### THE EVOLUTION OF THE POSTAL CLERK OCCUPATION

*By Sergeant Jonathan Leblanc*



**Sgt Jonathan Leblanc, Op Impact**

As we all know, times are changing. People will say: "Posties? We still have those? Who gets mail nowadays?" Point taken, there has been a dramatic decrease in letter mail volume over the last few years. Canada Post reported a reduction from 9.4 billion pieces of mail in 2013 to 8.4 billion in 2017. Sending and receiving letters is a thing of the past. Why would someone send a letter when they can text message their loved ones from across the world?

What we are realizing however is that parcel mail transactions dramatically increased in that same timeframe. Canada Post reported an increase of 25% in parcel volumes for 2017 alone. That increase is mostly due to the emergence of e-commerce and people making the giants such as Amazon part of their shopping habits.

It's no different for the CAF members overseas. Letters are few and far between. Most CAF camps have internet access and other than the vintage feel of getting or sending a letter through the mail, the practical factor is inexistent. Letters are indeed old-fashioned when everyone knows you can pay all your bills online in a matter of seconds from around the globe.

What we notice in theatre of operation and overseas in general is that online ordering is becoming more and more common. All

proportions aside, there is a major increase in parcel mail volume to the deployed CAF members. Countless customers have the same story; "I can ask my spouse to get me this and that, package it up, go to nearest CFB, MFRC or Canadian Forces Post Office to mail it or I can just go online, order it myself and have it shipped free of charge directly to theatre". A lot of people elect the second option.

The care package as we knew it decades ago is evolving. If Cpl Army wants twizzlers, he will order them himself instead of having his relatives

ship them to him. Of course, the shoe box from home containing chocolate and drawings from the kids is irreplaceable and will always be a great morale boost. However, for day to day consumables, most soldiers opt for a speedier and easier solution: online shopping.

The management of that increasing parcel mail volume is, and will be for the decades to come, the new bread and butter of all the Posties out there. That growth is, in my opinion, not going to slow down anytime soon.

That increasing volume will also be a challenge for the CAF. Efficiency in the movement of that mail will be a key factor for troop morale. Ultimately, getting the mail to theatre regularly should constitute one of the Chain of Command supporting efforts. Once it's on the ground, Posties will always deliver.



**Sgt Jen Jodrey, Op Presence**

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## Postal Clerks

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**MCpl Patrick Dela Cruz, Op Reassurance**

### 50 YEARS OF SERVING CANADA AND THE WORLD

Our men are over 100 years old and our martial traditions have been well honed providing excellent logistics service to Canada during two world wars, the Korean conflict and more recently in Afghanistan. We are the Canadian Armed Forces Logistics Branch with a mission to find, clothe, transport, supply and administer to the diverse needs of the Forces and to those victims of war and natural disasters wherever and whenever in tight need.

From Africa to South East Asia, the Balkans to the Middle East, the Logistics Branch of the Canadian Armed Forces has also earned an international reputation for excellence in the humanitarian evacuation and relocation of refugees.

Be it earthquakes in Haiti, flooding in New Orleans or here in Canada during ice storms, floods and forest fires, Logistics are among the first Forces personnel called upon to respond at home and abroad.

Logistics is the largest branch in the Canadian Armed Forces. It includes active personnel of every rank and trade serving in the regular force, reserve units and other DND organizations as well as retired logisticsians and DND civilians working in the logistics domain. All are represented in the Canadian Forces Logistics Association.

On 1 February 2019 the Logistics Branch will celebrate our 50th Birthday.

The Branch remains firmly grounded in the quality and dedication of men and women who represent us as the Logistics Family of today. Yet, our 50th anniversary is a time to celebrate and collectively acknowledge the outstanding effort and professionalism demonstrated by those who have carried the load over the past decades. Due to the nature of our profession, we tend to focus on those we are supporting, not taking the time to truly appreciate our own real achievements as a Branch. We encourage you all to pause and reflect upon our journey, our many accomplishments and our vibrant future!

It is very important that we commemorate this important milestone. The 50th anniversary Logistics Branch Organizational Committee is therefore extremely pleased to partner with one of Canada's leading watch designers, Time is Ticking Inc., which has a long and venerable record of creating watches that reflect our nation's great military heritage.

To show your pride in the Branch and its history, we are pleased to offer a Limited Edition 50th anniversary Logistics Branch watch. The slim-line watch has a Seiko Japanese movement, 24K, raised gold plating on its face, an engraved case back and a designer leather strap which is being offered in black, red and blue.

The watch will be delivered in an embossed velvet collector's box. This limited edition commemorative timepiece will make an excellent gift. All sales are final.

The cost to you is only \$95.00 plus applicable taxes and postage. The watch is being sold for below its retail value of approximately \$220.00. Generous proceeds from each watch are being returned to the Logistics Branch Fund for them to use as a special initiative.

The Branch was founded on a proud tradition, one that hasn't changed over time, namely to provide the best possible support to Canada's military on land, sea and air. Anywhere. Anytime. Truly. **Logistics - Service Second to None.**

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## 41 Service Battalion



BATUS and 41 Svc Bn logistics soldiers gather for a photo at the end of the day.

### 41 Service Battalion Members - Exercise Prairie Transporter *By LCol P.J. Doyle CO 41 Service Battalion*

On the 11th of August, 2018, logistics soldiers from 41 Service Battalion (41 Svc Bn) took part in Exercise Prairie Transporter with soldiers from the British Army at the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS). Prairie Transporter is one phase in the annual replenishment cycle of armoured vehicles moving between the United Kingdom and Canada in support of operations at BATUS.

BATUS is a British Army unit situated within Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Suffield located near Medicine Hat, Alberta. Thanks to the large training area available at CFB Suffield, BATUS is able to conduct live and dry training exercises up to the Battlegroup level. The close proximity of BATUS to 41 Svc Bn has allowed for elements of the two units to work together in a number of training and social activities which brings unique perspectives and

experiences for both.

The opportunity to take part in Prairie Transporter gave 41 Svc Bn soldiers experience in the movement of armoured vehicles by rail which included becoming familiar with Canadian Pacific Railway rules and regulations, the loading of the vehicles and the securing of the vehicles with the appropriate number of chains and shackles. Safety was paramount during the operation as there were both trains and other military vehicles actively moving throughout the

loading area. With most of the armoured vehicles not being operable, it was a challenge to load the vehicles with the support of an Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV). The ARV was used to push the inoperable armoured vehicles onto the flatbed railcars and as a result, the ARV was the last vehicle to be loaded onto the flatbed railcars. This procedure was required because, once the final destination of Montreal, Quebec was reached, the ARV would have to be the first vehicle off of the flatbed railcars in order to be able to pull the inoperable armoured vehicles off.

From Montreal, the armoured vehicles would continue by sea to the United Kingdom.

Working together, the British and Canadian logisticians overcame all the challenges they encountered to complete the task – this included learning some of the nuances of the English language from each other! By working with BATUS, the logistics soldiers from 41 Svc Bn had the opportunity to take part in unique training that would not normally be available to them. This experience was enhanced by being able to work



The ARV pushes a disabled Challenger 2 MBT on a flatbed railcar.

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with a key ally like the British Army who our soldiers are likely to see on future training and operations around the world. 41 Svc Bn would like to thank BATUS for the opportunity to have our logistics soldiers work together in a real-world support scenario.



A Challenger 2 MBT being secured to the flatbed railcar.



Loading and securing onto the railcar of an AS-90 Self-Propelled Gun.







## 41 Service Battalion

### 41 Service Battalion Battlefield Pilgrimage

*By LCol P.J. Doyle CO 41 Service Battalion*



**Serving and Retired Members of 41 Svc Bn at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.**

While Canadians commemorated the centenary of the Armistice at local cenotaphs and memorials across the country, some members of 41 Service Battalion (41 Svc Bn) had the honour of representing Canada in Mons, Belgium on this historic date. Mons was liberated by the Canadian Corps on the morning of the 11th of November 1918, a few hours before the 11:00 Armistice would come into effect. It was the last place where Canadian soldiers fought prior to the Armistice and 100 years later, officers and soldiers of 41 Svc Bn would march through Mons as part of the commemorations as the keystone event of a Battlefield Pilgrimage they undertook.

The Battlefield Pilgrimage began in London, England where the Battalion was able to see the Royal Canadian Regiment conduct the Changing of the

Guard at Buckingham Palace along with visiting the Imperial War Museum and other important sites. While in England, the Battalion also visited the Regimental Headquarters of the Royal Logistics Corps at Deepcut which included a tour of the Museum and a visit to the Medals Room at the Officers' Mess.

After travelling to the continent, the tour retraced the steps of the Canadian Corps in such important First World War battle sites as Ypres, the Somme and Vimy. At each location, time was spent learning about the actions that had occurred which gave the Canadian Corps the reputation as one of the best fighting formations during the war. Time was also spent visiting the cemeteries and memorials that were erected after the war to remember the sacrifices of the nearly 61 000 who were killed during the First World War. Further commemorations were held with parades at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate (Ypres, Belgium), Vimy (France) as well as



**Lieutenant-Colonel Nathan Smith of the Royal Logistics Corps tells the story behind some of the Medals in the Medals Room at the Royal Logistics Corps Officers' Mess.**

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## 41 Service Battalion

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the aforementioned Mons parade. During these parades, one of the Battalion Pipers had the honour of carrying the Logistics 50th Pipe Banner that had been on parade the previous month when the Royal

designation had been conferred upon the Royal Canadian Logistics Service in Ottawa by the Governor General. The Battlefield Tour culminated in Normandy where the battlefields of the Second World War were visited including Juno Beach, Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery and Point

67 which was the location of heavy fighting in late July of 1944. After two very busy weeks, the 75 members of the tour, which included serving members, retired members and family, returned to Canada on the 18th of November.



Sgt. Ross, an MSE OP and Piper with 41 Svc Bn stands at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial. Sgt. Ross carried the Logistics 50th Pipe Banner that was also on parade in Ottawa for the 50th anniversary parade.

Members of the 41 Svc Bn Battlefield Pilgrimage in front of the Royal Logistics Corps Officers' Mess at the Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut Barrack, England.







## Strategic J4 Fuels & Lubricants (Strat J4 F&L)



**Group Photo of Participants at the 3rd Annual Fuels & Lubricants Workshop**

### ***Capability Expansion in Strategic Fuels and Lubricants for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)***

*By Major Christine Kiryk*

Strat J4 F&L hosted our Annual Workshop in Trenton this year from 4-5 December 2018. Our attendees represented Bases, Wings, Commands and Brigades from coast to coast where public servants and military members work together to ensure unimpeded mobility of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Our third annual workshop drew in experts from internal departments and outside agencies who provided information on current initiatives, technological advances, and emergent capabilities. Best practices were introduced and shared with our fuels and lubricants core service providers during the workshop. The workshop generated many formal and informal discussions during breaks and through-out the two day workshop. Fuel facility supervisors and their staff have a very important role in

supporting our permanent and temporary installations both domestic and abroad. Our guest presenters provided real life examples on how critical fuel is for all facets of CAF operations.

Highlights included a tour of the 8 Wing Aviation Fuel Facility, Mission Support Squadron (MSS) where participants saw Mr. Jorge Tavares perform a live demonstration in real time of the clear and bright test to verify the fuel delivered meets with the required CAF standards before it is introduced into any pipeline system and storage facility. The stringent requirement to check every load delivered to their fuel receiving area assures the Aviation Fuel Facility is not contaminated by something that is not supposed to be in the fuel. As the tests are performed, the fuel operator compares the results of their tests against the certificate provided by the fuel supplier. This analysis ensures the fuel being delivered into the system meets the necessary standard for its intended use; in this case aviation fuel, F-34. Afterwards, participants had a tour of the unloading area which

receives 150,000L of aviation fuel every day from tanker trucks. They have 13 refuelling vehicles dedicated to pushing aviation fuel out to the flights. The analysis of the quality of the delivered aviation fuel is a critical step in ensuring the integrity of the entire system. There have been instances in the past where based on the initial quality assurance test loads have been refused; this emphasizes the importance of the requirement to perform fuel testing at the source each and every time fuel is introduced into any fuel facility.

Mr. Pierre Rivest, Strat J4, F&L 3-2 discussed progress on the Canadian Forces Technical Order on Supervision and Operation of Bulk Fuel Facilities to standardize fuel procedures across the CAF. This order is being reviewed by the Canadian Army (CA), Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). This will ensure it is tactically to strategically relevant to all elements and will be published in the near future for implementation in all fuel facilities

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## Strategic J4 Fuels & Lubricants (Strat J4 F&L)

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across the CAF. This initiative is directly related to compliance and the efficiency implemented will standardize processes across the CAF.

In 2017 the CAF purchased five Portable Fuel Testing Kits that are available to be deployed nationally and internationally to test the quality of fuel we receive from fuel suppliers, ensuring it meets with Canadian standards. This becomes crucial on international and domestic operations where fuel may come from many different sources, through different strategic lines of communication and third party service providers. To

compliment the test kits, Strat J4 F&L is currently working with key stakeholders for the acquisition of a Deployable Fuel Testing Laboratory where testing can be performed in a deliberate, controlled environment. These capabilities enhance our mobility for unimpeded movement around the globe and have a direct link to the current Canadian Defence Policy, Strong Secure Engaged where Canada is prepared to participate in many concurrent operations or deploy in the role of lead nation.

Participants were also introduced to the concepts of a single fuel policy, bio-fuels and fuel caches, however we'll save those discussions for future newsletters. In the end, our participants felt the workshop was an excellent venue to meet with fuel experts; there is no other forum in the CAF where so many people gathered to discuss relevant and emergent capabilities to propel the CAF forward in this area.

Stay tuned for more information on the 2019 Fuels and Lubricants Workshop which will be distributed in the coming months.



Portable Fuel Testing Kit

Mr Pierre Rivest, MWO T. Lidster, LCol F. Lombardo and Maj C. Kiryk at the Annual Fuels & Lubricants Workshop

Photo: Mr. Kelly Turcotte







## Canadian Forces Logistics Training Center

### Traffic Technician NQ3 0019F



Rear Rank: Avr Giguère M.J.J., Cpl Démers-Dufour J.S.L., Avr Arcuri P.A.D.E., Avr Jacques E., Avr Brisson D.G., Cpl Fortin R., Sdt Tremblay S.M.A.

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The graduating students of Tfc Tech course NQ3 0019F from the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre (CFLTC) that had decided to join the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) Fund were very happy and surprised to receive their RCLS Coins at their grad parade on 28 Nov 2018, and it was fitting that they came from Parade Reviewing Officer Col Harris, former CO of 2 Air Mov Sqn in Trenton, and a well-known Officer in the Movements world.





## Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18

### Logistics Support Front and Centre on Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18

By Captain Ian Bird

Photos by Corporal Lisa Fenton



Camp Orkla, home of the JTFSC and JTFNOR HQ. Orkanger, Norway

Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18 (Ex TRJE 18) was a NATO-led military exercise being held in Norway during the latter part of 2018. As a key NATO partner nation, Canada's significant contribution of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel and resources to this exercise will ensure its ability to operate as a part of the NATO Response Force in Europe.

Front and centre of CAF efforts on Ex TRJE 18 are logisticians from all elements and disciplines. From the initial planning effort that started almost a year ago, to the movement of personnel and set up of materiel at the exercise location, and finally during the course of the exercise and subsequent return to Canada, logistics will have facilitated each and every

aspect of CAF operations here in Norway.

CAF Camp Orkla, located near the town of Orkanger, is one great example of this dedicated effort. The location of both Joint Task Force Norway (JTFNOR) HQ and the Joint Task Force Support Component (JTFSC), the camp is a bustle of activity and the central support hub for all CAF operations taking place

during Ex TRJE 18. Personnel from the Canadian Forces Joint Operational Support Group (CFJOSG), with assistance from other contributing units, rapidly deployed and had the camp up and running in record time.

Overcoming challenges such as constant inclement weather, communication difficulties with host nation support, and dealing with the Host nation Ordering and Billing System (HOBS), have required CAF logisticians here at Camp Orkla to think outside the box and develop creative solutions. "Operating within the constraints of HOBS has been a challenge from day one" says Captain Jeffery Mitchell, one of the contracting officers for the exercise. "We've had to really think differently about how we do contracting and procurement here on Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE, but we're making it work and getting the support we need to ensure exercise success".

Despite the challenges faced here at Camp Orkla on Ex TRJE 18, morale remains high, in large part thanks to the efforts of the skilled and professional kitchen staff led by Sergeant Louise Guerin, the camp Kitchen Officer (KO). "Our success can be attributed to our fantastic team, everyone is giving one hundred percent each day and it really shows in the quality of our product. We're also



JTFSC Contracts Cell: Capt Ian Bird, Capt Jeffery Mitchell.

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## Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18

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grateful for the personnel augmentation we've received here; it would have been quite difficult to carry out our operations without their assistance". You won't see anything but smiles in the chow line, and meals in the mess tent give everyone a chance to socialize and enjoy a well-earned break in a more relaxed environment.

While we were disappointed to miss the festivities in the NCR surrounding the granting of the Royal designation to our service we didn't waste the opportunity to celebrate. The cooks



Serving cake to celebrate the granting of the Royal designation to the Logistics Service. From left to right: MWO Purves, Cpl Stubbins, Maj Beauman (RLC), Cpl Cyr., Maj Pleasance.

prepared a wonderful cake using the mobile field kitchen and the senior logisticians from the JTFSC and NCE, with some help from the chefs, served cake to the entire camp. This important milestone in the history of what is now known as the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) is sure to promote pride and morale for the service.

and responsive support structure. The dedicated efforts of all CAF logisticians on Ex TRJE 18 are ensuring mission success, and demonstrating our commitment to provide service second to none.

opportunity for logisticians of all sorts to further hone their knowledge and skills. Lessons learned from the challenges we've faced on exercise here in Norway will allow us to refine and improve our ability to deploy into theatre and set up a robust



JTFSC cook section deployed on Ex TRJE 18 (Norway).

Overall Ex TRJE 18 has been a fantastic



Members of Supply Section conducting daily support tasks.



## Happy Holidays from the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum



Leading Seaman William Roberts, and ship's mascot  
Alice, dispense Christmas mail on board HMCS  
Cayuga off Korea, Christmas, 1950.

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## Canadian Forces Logistics Association

### A summer of 50th Anniversary Celebrations

By Mr. John Page, President CFLA



The summer of 2018 got underway with a bang when our Branch Adviser, Colonel BK Johnson was able to tandem-jump with the Skyhawks at CFB/CFLTC Borden's 50th Anniversary celebrations on Thursday 07 June 2018. CWO Paul Flowers and PO2 Sonja Chisolm were there with the 50th Anniversary Logistics Flag and Pennant that was deploying around the world, and the Skyhawks took the opportunity to jump that in as well! The Commanding Officer, Cdr Francis Turcotte, also used the occasion to introduce the new Officer/Naval Cadets from Royal Military College Kingston, Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, and the remainder of the summer students to the Logistics Branch, the Association. He also highlighted that it is our 50th Anniversary. It was also the opportune time to welcome CWO Jean St-Laurent as the new School Chief Warrant Officer on Friday 08 June 18.

The next major event was held on July 7th, when the 5 Service Battalion celebrated 50 years as an Army combat service support unit as well as the

Logistics Branch 50th Anniversary, one of the founding branches. It was celebrated during a beautiful evening at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and the place was packed with former and serving members of the Battalion. I was very proud to represent our association at the event, and

along with Dr Andrew Gregory, the Curator of our Canadian Forces Logistics Museum in Longue-Pointe, Montreal and sponsor Capt (Retd) Yves Pelletier from Nammo Canada. It was a wonderful evening. It was great to see so many serving members, but also the past Commanding Officers and Company Commanders including MGen (Retd) Guy Tousignant; Colonel (Retd) Ken Lavergne; Colonel Dan Riviere; and Colonel Telah Morrison.

The summer screamed by, and the next big event that I was able to represent our membership at was the 1 Service Battalion, Edmonton's 50th Anniversary events on 25-27 August, 2018. The weekend started with a Golf Tournament on Saturday morning put on by MWO Phil Fader and sponsored by the CFLA Edmonton Chapter; followed by a family BBQ Dinner and concert held that evening in unit lines. It was great to see many

old friends and family from my almost ten years with the Army of the West including Paul Mairs, Glen Vey, Darren Hutchison, Bob Daly, Scotte MacLeod, Lucy Roy, Krista Brodie and many many more. The next day saw the Battalion receive the Freedom of the City of Edmonton, reminiscent of our Freedom of the City of Calgary, last exercised as the Battalion was leaving for Edmonton in 1996. The rain held off for most of the day, and the pomp and circumstance of the ceremony was not lost upon the gathered masses. I was very proud to join the few members of the old guard, mostly past Commanding Officer's or RSMs including Paddy Earls; Ken Beselt; Dave Redman and Bob Baxter. I really enjoyed the opportunity to renew friendships and just see all of the changes that happened to Calgary and Edmonton since my years of service there.



The next event that I attended was the 2 Service Battalion 50th Anniversary celebrations in Petawawa on 3 October, just before our big Logistics Concentration in the National Capital Region. I was looking forward to meeting the current members of the Battalion, experiencing the pride and

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effort they put into the Delivery Point Demonstration, Static Display and Parade; as well as, sharing their Mess Dinner that evening. The next day, 4 October was the Fall Logistics Meet & Greet at Cartier Square Drill Hall for lunch and an opportunity to be reacquainted with all of our fellow logisticians in the NCR.

So far it has been a great year. As a parting word, there are a large number of souvenir items still available through CANEX, and of course the CFLA produced 50th Anniversary Pictorial History Book, Service Second to None and the Logistics Watch available from [timeisticking.ca](http://timeisticking.ca). They would make wonderful

Christmas gifts for that Logistician in your family. Thank you so much for the hospitality everyone. It has been a very enjoyable summer and I have been so proud to have joined so many of you at all of these wonderful events.

I look forward to our next article as the Royal Canadian Logistics Service!







## Logistics Branch Chief Warrant Officer

What a year it has been! With 2018 almost over, one only needs a quick glance to realize what a great year it has been for Logisticians in the Canadian Armed Forces. Since the 50th anniversary kick off back in February there have been so many activities and initiatives that it's hard to keep track. Whether we're talking mess dinners, curling Bonspiels, Golf tournaments, Professional Developments and competitions, Logisticians have come out of the woodwork to celebrate. And this does not even start to cover what was done at the National level, such as the Flag Relay, the Gala and the fact that we got to parade a 100-man guard on Parliament Hill to be reviewed by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada. And to top it all off, we walked out of there with the Royal designation and we are now the Royal Canadian Logistics Service. Through all of this, let's not forget that we've had fellow logisticians deployed around the world doing what we do best, supporting operations. Truly, what a year it has been!

Now comes the time when many of us will get to take a break for

the Holiday Season and share food, drinks, cheers and laughter with our loved ones, our friends, and our families. I wish you love, health and happiness. Let's take this time to be grateful for all our accomplishments, all the good things in our homes and the great people in our lives.

We also need to keep in mind our brothers and sisters at arms that will spend the Holiday Season deployed. I know all too well what it is like and my thoughts are with you. Thank you for the sacrifices you make, stay safe and we'll see you back home in no time.

I do not know what the New Year has in store for us but if it's anything like 2018, I expect it to be busy, challenging, and filled with opportunities and excitement.

But let's not worry about 2019 just yet; let's figure it out together, one day at a time.



I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*CWO P. Dufour*

## The Logistics Branch Newsletter—Staying Connected!

Thank you to all who have contributed and provided input to the Logistics Branch Newsletter. As we continue to develop, we want to hear from you! It doesn't need to be long (**normally 350 words but no longer than 500 words**) and don't forget to include high resolution pictures. Please ensure articles are submitted in both official languages. If you have questions or feedback, do not hesitate to contact us at [+Logistics.Branch.Secretariat@SJS.LBI@Ottawa-Hull](mailto:+Logistics.Branch.Secretariat@SJS.LBI@Ottawa-Hull) or directly:

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