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First Woman Reservist to gain Platinum on the FORCES TEST, only second woman in the CAF



MCpl Ryan being presented her platinum pin and certificate. Left to Right: Col Osmond, MCpl Ryan, CWO Kane (GSM) Major Brooks (5CDSG Aldershot Det Comd). Photo Credit: Cpl Lindsey DeEll

**By Capt Tara Timmons, 5 CDSB
Gagetown Det Aldershot**

Upon joining the Canadian Army Reserve in 2006, then Pte Shaina Ryan, was a young woman not fully appreciating the physical requirements of a soldier. She informed her chain of command that when she first joined the CAF she was

unable to do one pushup. Now 13 years later as a Master Corporal, she has not just embraced the CAF embodiment of physical fitness, rather she thrives within it.

MCpl Ryan, a Human Resources Administrator at 5 CDSG Detachment Aldershot, is now the

proud mother of two boys. They keep her very busy at home and she still stays “on the ball” with upside down pushups at the gym. Most people in the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) recognize how many hours an HRA is required to spend sitting (or standing) at their desks, working on claims, travel arrangements, and generally helping to keep the unit

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MCpl Shaina Ryan at the Aldershot fitness center. Photo Credit: 5 Div PAO office

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organized. She has also been active in planning and participating in fun and physically engaging activities in Aldershot, including a PT session that involved members of Det Aldershot and lodger units or spending the day scaling tree tops at the near-by Tree Go establishment.

The Det has a solid PT plan encouraging and ensuring all members are given the opportunity to better themselves and their level of physical fitness daily. The fitness centre has been updated and upgraded with new equipment in the last 2 years. This has given all personnel at the Det a variety of ways to work on their strength and cardiovascular training. MCpl Ryan can be seen daily at the gym during PT times lifting weights, engaging in vigorous cardio training, and some days, quiet recovery with yoga, mobility, and stretching. She ties this all together to ensure she remains in top physical shape. She makes it a point to use her time wisely at the gym, focusing on all aspects of physical fitness.

This approach to her personal fitness plan has paid off. She has recently joined the elite numbers of Platinum recipients on the Forces Test. The Commander of 5 CDSG Gagetown, Col Osmond and Formation Sergeant Major, CWO Kane were available in December to present her with her pin, the coveted hoodie and a letter of congratulations direct from the CDS. She now stands proudly amongst the CAF's most fit soldiers, 2 more of which are housed at the Detachment! Sgt Garrett Bessagato, the Det Ammunitions NCO, and WO Casey Welbourn, the Det Ops NCO, also scored Platinum this past year on the Forces Test. There seems to be something in the water here at Det Aldershot as more and more personnel are moving their fitness game up a notch and exceeding expectations.

MCpl Ryan is very proud of herself and the support she receives from the entire Det in Aldershot. She has been working as a full time HRA since 2007 and enjoys the daily challenges that come with working on a training support Det. Her next goal is to be part of a TAV team somewhere outside of the Aldershot AO in the coming few years. She is ready, willing and able to participate in all things the Canadian Army will throw her way and is eagerly looking forward to more opportunities and her 2020 Forces test!

Congratulations to MCpl Ryan from Logisticians across the country!





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Log member receives CDS Commendation



Left to Right: LCol Pratt, CO of 14 MSS, Major Rigby, OC 14 MSS Pers Admin and MWO Semenchuk.
Photo credit: 2Lt Stephanie Hutchings

Major Rigby was presented the CDS Commendation at CFB Greenwood for exceptional planning abilities and technical expertise as the AF Lead Logistics Planner for EX TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2018.





Logistics Coin Nominations

By Maj Michael Wood, Operational Support Hub South West Asia

The RCLS coin has been approved as a means to recognize exceptional service within the RCLS or for the RCLS. Nominations and awarding of the coin is inclusive and covers the entire RCLS team (military and civilian). Nominees can be of any rank or position and recognition can take place at any point in a nominee's career. Furthermore, the RCLS coin may also be awarded to other CAF/DND personnel and coalition forces when deemed appropriate.

Major Kathryn Maitrejean (US)

Major Maitrejean as Commander of the 386th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron has provided exceptional support to OSH-SWA and Camp Canada. Resolving urgent issues in an expeditious manner, she ensured the success of several Canadian requirements. She has truly become a key contact for the Canadian contingent by willingly supporting requests and facilitating introductions to her US counterparts thereby enhancing OSH-SWA and JTF-Is effectiveness.



Major Cindy McLeod

Major McLeod, as the OSH-SWA Senior Logistics Operations Officer availed herself at all times to ensure the success of the mission. Her exceptional dedication, breadth of knowledge, and "can do" attitude ensured that all aspects of OSH-SWA operations were timely executed. Her efforts and attitude enabled exemplary support to all Canadians in the Joint Operations Area (JOA).





Logistics Coin Nominations



Major (WSE) Elaine Bourgault

Maj Bourgault, as the OC Contract Management Cell, was key to the success of Contracting Operations within the JOA. Her outstanding contracting acumen and detailed review of all Op IMPACT contracts ensured her section was able to successfully manage over 60 contracts in 4 countries. Her ability to analyse complex contracts significantly reduced the error rate during Roto 1.

Master Warrant Officer Guy Thivierge

MWO Thivierge was presented the logistics coin by LCol Shamas in recognition of his tireless work ensuring the sustained support to all units supported by the Operational Support Hub – South West Asia (OSH). His leadership to all logisticians operating within the OSH was instrumental to its past success and laid the ground work for successful operations.”





Deployed Contracting Milestone Achieved

By Capt Joshua Sanders, NSE CMC

The National Support Element (NSE) Contracts Management Cell (CMC) of Op REASSURANCE in Latvia reached a significant milestone in early December 2019 with the signing of the 200th contract since the start of the mission in 2017. For those unfamiliar with contracting files, this is a very high number. The milestone contract was for electric heaters to replace outdated models currently in use in the tent lines and represents a massive achievement for such a small cell. The most recent heater contract was the 29th contract raised during ROTO 1902, an achievement in itself and an example of the very high operations tempo.



NSE Contracts Management Cell (CMC) of Op REASSURANCE. Left to Right: Cpl Bedard, Capt Saunders, LCdr Narozanski, Sgt MacFarlane. Photo Credit: Cpl Dorothy Amos

The CMC initiates all contracts between \$25K and \$400K CAD for Task Force Latvia in support of the enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Battle Group and concurrently manages 63 open contracts worth 9 million EUR. Total value of all contracts since mission start is 27 million EUR. The CMC has recently expanded to four individuals to meet the growing demand for contracted services. It is led by a lieutenant-commander who is posted to the NSE for three years, as well as a captain, warrant officer/sergeant and corporal who deploy on a rotational basis.

Commencing with the Theatre Activation Team, every imaginable contract has been put in place since the

start of the mission. Contracts for the provision of hotels, buses, ground and water testing, and catering services are just a few examples of the support provided to the mission by the CMC since its inception. All of these contracts and standing offers have enabled the soldiers of the eFP to conduct their mission while minimizing the number of support staff required on the ground. Other Sending Nations have also made use of Canadian contracts to support their own forces on a cost-capturing basis. This is all part of the Canadian Armed Forces fulfilling its requirement as the Framework Nation for the eFP in Latvia. The provision of real-life support, through contracted services, has ensured that the right tools, equipment and supplies are available and provided by local companies in Latvia, thus reducing reliance on supplies from Canada.

Despite reaching this impressive milestone, the work is not yet at an end. ROTO 1902 is preparing to handover to ROTO 2001 and the requests for new contracts has already begun. A couple priority examples include a stair-and-platform system in order to enable utilization of stacked sea containers and a high dollar value standing offer for catering services. One thing is for certain: The CMC will continue to support Op REASSURANCE through the provision of contracted support. This will ensure that the entire eFP is prepared to meet its objective of deterrence. Special thanks to the following past and present CMC staff for their hard work and outstanding support to this mission.

LCdr K. Narozanski	Capt L. Boydes
LCdr S. Jacques	Capt G. Annand
Capt Mitchell	Lt B. Germain
Capt S. Taillefer	Sgt B. Castonguay
Capt J. Saunders	Sgt B. MacFarlane
Capt J. Cantin	MCpl J. Nader
Capt M. Bowerman	MCpl Desmarais
Capt J. Mitchell	Cpl D. Bedard

The NSE CMC is always looking for CAF supporters with contracting experience who wish to deploy. Advise your Chain of Command of your willingness and complete the Deployed Operations Procurement Course (AKVY). Contact the NSE CMC for more information.



Op PROTEUS Focuses on Logistics

By Maj Ryan Matthies, Op PROTEUS

On February 5, 2020 the Logisticians who make up Operation PROTEUS Roto 20 celebrated the 52nd birthday of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service. The members of Roto 20 comprise a cross section of Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel from the rank of Master Seaman to Colonel. During the birthday celebration, Colonel Rivière, Task Force Deputy Com-

mander, paused to discuss the important work that logisticians do and pointed out that while we are often in the background, our contribution is critical to enable operations.

Over the past few months, a review of the operational priorities for this mission by the United States Security Coordinator (USSC, to whom we respond) has placed Logistics develop-

ment and Human Resources reform practically at the top of the list. The immediate result of this change is to make our work on Supply Chain Development, Central Vehicle Maintenance, and Human Resources Management a high profile task. Our task is broad, the personnel are few, and the challenges are many, but our work is certainly not in the shadows any more.

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Left to Right: Maj Rony Khalil, LCol Norm Ruttle, Maj Kaitlin Baskerville, Col Dan Rivière, MS Amanda Clancy. Kneeling: Maj Ryan Matthies, Capt Tom Geilen. Photo credit: Op PROTEUS, ROTO 20



Op PROTEUS Focuses on Logistics

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There are two organizations we work with on an almost daily basis: the Logistics Commission (LC) and the Organization and Administration Commission (OAC). While they are relatively young, under developed, and not adequately staffed, the people are smart and enthusiastic to build their

support structures. It has become clear to us that they take a lot of pride in their work and are working towards becoming a dependable provider of logistical support to the entire Palestinian Authority security apparatus.

We must also highlight the contribution of our National Support

Element (NSE) – a small but mighty team that is always hard at work and delivers. This covers the entire spectrum of logistics functions, from administrative support to establishing a vehicle repair parts system, to contracting. We are proud of our accomplishments, and your dedication embodies our motto, “*Servitium Nulli Secundus!*”



Left to Right: Maj Ryan Mathies, Col Dan Rivière, Capt Tom Geilen, Maj Kaitlin Baskerville, MS Amanda Clancy, LCol Norm Ruttle, Maj Rony Khalil, and Maj ‘Moose’ Maringer (PPCLI and former MSE Op). Photo credit: OP Proteus, ROTO 20



A Cycle of Impermanence

By Capt Derek Vanstone, 2 Mission Support Squadron, 2 Wing Bagotville

Operation REASSURANCE
Air Task Force Romania (ATF-R) Roto III at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base (MKAB) began in August 2019. The ATF was comprised of five CF-188 Hornets that worked with the Romanian Air Force in an enhanced Air Policing mission. The majority of personnel and assets originated from 4 Wing Cold Lake with augmentation mainly from 3 Wing Bagotville and smaller contributions from other locations.

This theatre is unique because it is only open for the last third of the calendar year and closes in January. This means the deployment and redeployment phases do not conduct a hot handover. These two phases are conducted by the same personnel with key logistics augmentation from 2 Wing, 3 CSU, and 2 Air Mov Sqn. This translates to a flurry of logistics activity throughout the mission from cradle to grave. The ATF deploys a large quantity of its own materiel, requiring strategic air movements at the opening and closing of the roto. The Traffic Techs worked almost non-stop to keep the materiel moving. In addition they assisted the Host Nation (HN) with loading and unloading their cargo for their mission in Mali, thus boosting NATO relations.

Another distinctive aspect of this mission is that some materiel and

infrastructure remains in theatre from roto to roto under the custodianship of the HN. Many items and consumables cannot be stored over the winter which requires Sup Techs to make large local purchases for the mission. Their responsibilities also include 100 per cent stock verification, managing between meal supplements (BMS), and handling inventories. Although the ATF had its own aircraft spare parts, there was a steady stream of high priority requests needed from Canada to keep aircraft serviceable. Supply Techs work around the clock to source, order, and track these essential parts.

sion investigation support, driving duties, and other daily tasks. During the Roto, MSE Ops provided significant materiel handling equipment training to ATF pers, which enhanced the overall effectiveness and capability of the mission while creating CAF Force Generation gains. In addition, they quickly learned HN and European transport laws in order to educate ATF personnel.

The HRAs and FSAs maintained a standard deployed role of activities including human resources administration, pay, allowances, claims, cashier services, and accommodation coordination. MKAB is a very transient location with US Army units constantly rotating in and out. Due to limited accommodations available, acquiring space during surge periods of deployment and redeployment required thorough coordination with the Area Support Group Black Sea, a US Army organization. This resulted in some Canadian personnel sharing quarters with American soldiers.

ATF-Romania has offered Canadian Logisticians an impressive venue to build relationships and learn from NATO allies' processes while applying CAF logistics best practices.

Achieving the required mandated support has provided unique learning opportunities allowing Logisticians to do what they do best – enable operations!



ATF-Romania RCLS Personnel supporting the CF-188s during Op REASSURANCE. On Aircraft Left to Right: Capt D.L. Vanstone, Lt A.J. Kerr, Maj M.C.M. Simoneau, Cpl J.A.D. Gagne, MCpl N.L. Bridger, MCpl T. Kamprath, Cpl R.M.C. Fallon, Capt M.R. King. On Ground Left to Right: MCpl B.S. Francis, Cpl K.J.C. Gregoire, Sgt S.G. Abbott, Sgt J.M. McNeil, Sgt V.A. Winsor. Photo credit: Erica Seymour

Due to the impermanence of the ATF, all contracts were initiated and closed for our mission. Some of these major contracts, including rental fleets, generated significant coordination by MSE Ops who provided colli-



Christmas 2019 with 1 Service Battalion

By Major Douglas Thorlakson, DCO 1 Service Battalion

1 Service Battalion was honoured to include special guests to the annual soldier's appreciation dinner. Joining the nearly six hundred soldiers and civilians of the unit was Mrs. Bev Taskey and her two sons Bruce and Robin. They attended as special guests of the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Grenier-Lachance and Regimental Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer Wilson.

Mrs. Taskey is the widow of Major Vern Taskey who enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1952 in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) and learned Supply and

Transport duties in Central Command and 2 Transport Company of the RCASC. He completed flight training as a Canadian Army aviator in 1957.

Maj Taskey flew a number of different helicopters including the bubble canopy H-13 (made famous in the TV series M*A*S*H) and the twin-rotor H-21, which preceded the Chinook. As an Army aviator he served in the Canadian Army until unification of the services in 1968 as a pilot and flying instructor. After unification he officially transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force. Later in his career he qualified on Twin-Huey and Kiowa helicopters and was instrumental in the formation of Tactical Helicopter Squadrons. He remained in uniform

until 1981 when he retired as the DCO of 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron (Edmonton).

Mrs. Taskey and her family graciously donated Maj Taskey's Battle Dress to the Battalion for display in the main entrance. As there were only 101 RCASC personnel ever awarded the Blue Army Aviator's wings it is a unique piece of sustainment history that will proudly be on display at 1 Service Battalion.

For a comprehensive overview of Canadian Army Aviator history please visit

<https://www.canadianarmyaviation.ca>.



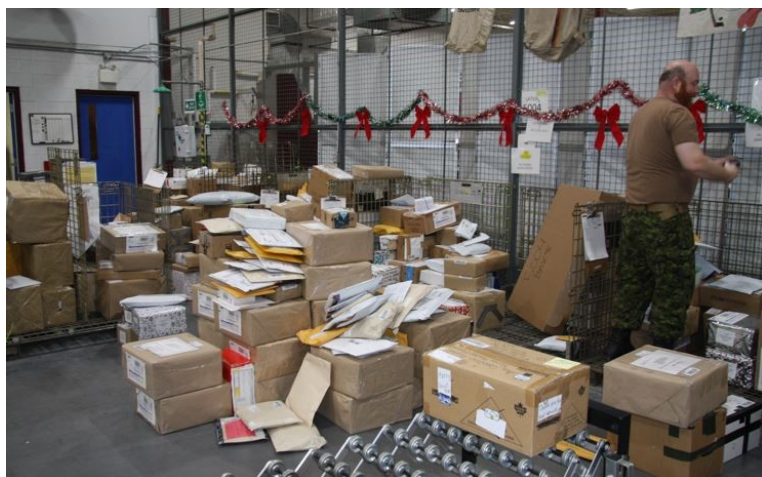
1 Service Battalion - Soldiers Annual Dinner. Left to Right: CWO Wilson (RSM), MCpl Jollymore (Acting RSM), Mrs. Vern Taskey, Robin Taskey, Bruce Taskey, Maj Thorlakson (DCO) Aviator Gagnon (Acting CO), LCol Grenier-Lachance (CO) with battle dress tunic of Maj Vern Taskey. Photo credit: Sgt William Warford



Few Serving Many

By MCpl Jordan Gibson, Canadian Forces Postal Unit

Good day fellow Logisticians! I hope your new year is off to a good start. As for the Postal trade, things are just starting to cool off here in CFPU Trenton and for the Postmasters abroad supporting missions.



CFPU sorting facility. Photo credit: MCpl Jordan Gibson

The 2019 year saw us receiving unprecedented amounts of mail through the Christmas period thanks to several programs designed to make it easier for people to get mail to their loved ones. Once again Canada Post offered their fantastic free mail program so that any parcel mailed to Belleville, Halifax, or Victoria's deployment postal code would be free for the sender.

After a few Twitter posts from members abroad and at home asking to have Christmas Cards sent to deployed members, we saw a huge spike in letter mail. Several posties were also featured in news stories by various websites and radio stations to promote the "any Canadian Soldier" letter mail service. Along with now having a few celebrities in the Postal trade, it saw us receive approximately 500,000 letters between November and January alone.

By taking advantage of commercial carriers for overseas locations when service flights were unavailable means that CFPU can send mail more frequently and have it arrive faster to all deployable missions overseas. This extra resource really helped out with the Christmas rush. I hope everyone overseas was able to get something from home before the Holidays!

It wasn't all fun and games though. Sorting 10,000 letters a day takes a long time! Thankfully, we did receive some outside help as non-postal members of the unit volunteered some of their time to help meet the rush. It was heartwarming to witness everyone coming together to support members overseas.

As a "Postie", it always feels great getting the mail out during the Christmas period. While sorting, I saw a few names I recognized, including my brother-in-law's mail that my sister sent him on deployment. It feels especially good to be here when we are receiving such a huge outpouring of support from the Canadian people to our hardworking members overseas.

This year for the holiday season the CFPU sent out 51,000 kgs of mail and all of it reached deployed members hands. That's what makes me love being a "Postie".



CFPU personnel sorting through thousands of letters. Photo credit: MCpl Jordan Gibson



The Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA)



HMCS IROQUOIS bow was removed, cut in half and shipped to Ottawa. It is to be placed on display. Photo credit: NDQAR Marine Halifax

By Pte Alena Dolgopyatova, ADM (Mat) DQA

The Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA) is the departmental centre of expertise for quality systems. DQA personnel are responsible to promote, market and provide advice to defense industry and to the department, on the principles and practices associated with quality.

The services provided by the DQA are delivered by a team of quality professionals located in National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ), Ottawa, and in work centres across Canada.



Two identified and tagged controlled goods from *HMCS IROQUOIS* about to be demiled. Photo credit: NDQAR Marine Halifax

They do their jobs with amazing energy, enthusiasm and excellence while upholding a high standard of ethics and integrity.

The DQA has a broad spectrum of responsibilities and

one of its roles is overseeing ship disposal. With the prospect of many new vessels being built for the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard there are large numbers of vessels of which will need to be decommissioned and disposed.

The most recent ship disposal project was held in 2017 to 2019 and included six ships. For this project two contractors were awarded contracts to eliminate the former *HMCS PROTECTOR*, *HMCS ALGONGUIN*, *HMCS IROQUOIS*, *HMCS PRESERVER*, *CFAV QUEST* and *HMCS ATHABASKAN*.

All vessels tend to have some toxic materials, contents or coatings. That is why before towing the vessels to their respective work sites, contractors had to remove all hazardous material such as fuels, oils and hydrocarbons in order to reduce the envi-



HMCS PROTECTOR bridge after dismantling preparations have been completed. Photo credit: NDQAR Marine Halifax

ronmental impact in the event of an emergency or accident during travel time.

Once the ships arrived on site, DQA staff started their work. They tagged all controlled goods onboard and noted all discrepancies on demilitarization certificates. DQA staff also conducted additional inspections looking for items that may have been missed or recently arrived onboard. They worked very closely with contractors on both sites and worked together throughout the project, identifying items. In addition to that, informational lectures were given to contractor staff about controlled goods and how to identify additional items because the ships were large and had many nooks and crannies.

It is also important to mention another method of ship disposal which is re-purposing. It means that a ship can be preserved in part or in its entirety to be displayed in museums or become a memorial. In the case of 2017 to 2019 disposal project, *HMCS IROQUOIS*' bow was removed and shipped to Ottawa in order to be placed on display.

In conclusion, throughout the 2017 to 2019 disposal project DQA achieved several goals. These goals were key in ensuring that a ship's final voyage would unfold in a planned, responsible and cost-effective way.



Cake Boss eat your heart out!

By CWO John Robinson, A4 Food Services

Since 2014 MSS Food Services across the RCAF have been asked to produce a cake to help celebrate the RCLS birthday and have a chance at winning the coveted Cake Competition Trophy (and of course bragging rights!). This may not be the Stanley Cup but the Wing Food Services personal definitely put in the hours practicing, crafting and honing their skills. The Food Services teams have been challenging themselves with learning new techniques

in sugar art, chocolate molding, gum paste, and other cake decorating techniques. This is often done after their regular shift, with several hours of personal time dedicated to accomplish the task.

This year, to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of Op FAUST, the gauntlet was dropped and Wings were challenged to produce a cake to help honor this operation. They did not disappoint...

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Cake prepared by 17 Wing, MCpl Leamont, Cpl Scappaticci and Avr Burden. Photo credit: Cpl Linda Carr



Cake prepared by 14 MSS Foods, Pte Johnston, Avr David, Pte Buckle and Sylvain Cyr. Photo credit PO2 Lisa Jenkins.



Cake prepared by 22 Wing foods Sgt Beaulieu. Photo credit: Sgt Eric Doxsee



Cake Boss eat your heart out!



Top left: Cake prepared by 8 Wing Foods Cpl Kuipers, MCpl Tremblay, Pte Williams. Photo credit Sgt Martine Boily

Top right: Cake prepared by 19 MSS Foods Cpl Hutchinson and MCpl Quick. Photo credit: WO Scott Matheson

Bottom: Winning cake by 4 MSS Foods Ms Cassandra Clouter, Avr Thomas, 2Lt Campbell, & MCpl Kielo. Photo credit: MCpl Jillian Kielo



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While the details of Op FAUST have been told over the past year at various RCLS events, the true magnitude of what was accomplished by the 1st Canadian Army and the RCAF was not lost in this cake challenge. The incredible amount of research and thought that went into the designing and crafting some of these cakes is truly impressive and helped capture the events of Op FAUST. When the Challenge was first sent out, no one could have imagined the level of detail and research the teams would put into it. Wing submissions were not an obvious one day cake build, but demanded a meticulously well thought out plan taking several days in-between normal work hours and

personal lives. A small sacrifice compared to the significance of Op FAUST and what it represents, but the hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. Well done to all the teams and thank you for your dedication and inspiring works of art!

This year the winner of the 2020 RCAF Cake competition is 4 Wing Cold Lake, well done and congratulations!

List of past winners:

2014: 19 Wing	2018: 8 Wing
2015: 8 Wing	2019: 17 Wing
2016: 8 Wing	2020: 4 Wing
2017: 19 Wing	



CFLTC Brings in Big Pucks-Bucks for Soldier On!



Hockeython Team members and organisers present cheque to Soldier On.
Photo credit: WO Dale Lalonde

By 2Lt Venessa Robert, CFLTC

This past fall, CFLTC hosted the 10th Annual “Hockeython” event in support of Soldier On at CFB Borden. The Hockeython 2019 team held several events to meet their \$40,000 goal. Through their sustained efforts, the team set up activities such as holding a 24-hour hockey event, a silent auction, friendly games with local children’s leagues and the Jr. Colts (the minor team of the Ontario Hockey league (OHL) Barrie Colts).

With additional support from the Barrie Colts, all ticket sales from the promotional hockey game between Base Borden and the Barrie Colts, on December 5th, were donated to the Hockeython grand total. During this game, military personnel filled an entire section at the Molson Center for a special “Teddy Bear Toss.” This event took place just before Christmas and the military personnel joined police and paramedics from the City of Barrie for the honour of collecting the stuffed animals from the ice and subsequently donate to the Darling Home for Kids.

Through all these fundraising events, as well as many generous local sponsors, the team proudly presented a total of \$41,996 for the great cause of Soldier On. The 2019 Hockeython team consisted of SLt St Aubin, MWO Neville, 2Lt Robert, WO Lalonde (photographer), Sgt Lapierre, Sgt Baggs, MCpl Daine, MCpl Tremblay and the outstanding participation of CFLTC Honorary Colonel HCol Peacock.



Left: Stuffed animals rained down on OHL Barrie Colts during Hockeython’s “Teddy Toss”. Photo credit: WO Dale Lalonde

Right: Member of CFLTC Team displays RCLS flag during Hockeython. Photo credit: WO Dale Lalonde





2020 Prairie Logistics Professional Development and Mess Dinner



Professional Development session. Left to Right: BGen Harding, Col Johnson, BGen Zimmer. Photo credit Lt Emily Rowlandson



John Page, President of the Canadian Forces Logistics Association (CFLA), receiving RCLS Medallion from Col Johnson for 42 years of service. Photo credit: LCol Kenneth Mills

By Lt Emily Rowlandson, 17 MSS, Transportation Officer

On 23 January 2020, Col Aaron Spott, 1 Canadian Air Division A4 Logistics / Director RCAF Logistics, hosted logisticians across the prairies as part of the 52nd Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) Anniversary. This gathering included a logistics professional development (PD) session and a Mess Dinner. Among our esteemed guests were BGen Christopher Zimmer (DG Support, Strat J4 SJS), BGen Carla Harding (DG Support CJOC HQ), BGen Michael Rafter (DG Air Staff/DG Air Reserve), BGen Iain Huddleston (DComd 1 CAD) and MGen (ret'd) Mark McQuillan (RCLS Colonel Commandant). We were also honoured to welcome Col Bruce Johnson (RCLS Advisor/Integrator), CWO

Patrick Dufour, (RCLS CWO), Col Gwen Bourque (Comd 38 CBG) and Mr. John Page (President of the Canadian Forces Logistics Association).

Representatives from a variety of organizations in Winnipeg were present for the afternoon Logistics PD session. As important as it was to see the collaboration between the RCLS, SJS, CJOC HQ, and to hear new initiatives from the Strat-level, it was equally important that they receive feedback from the tactical level to influence change. Pte Dimitri McKeown-Rodrigues, an MSE Operator who was present at the PD session, said, "it's nice to see the higher echelons come to discuss what is going well and what challenges exist."

In the evening we were treated to a memorable Mess Dinner. While keeping with tradition, organizers Lt Phillip Pageot and Maj Isabelle Rochon, PMC for the evening, were able to incorporate fund raising activities for the Op FAUST 2020 battlefield tour in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Holland. Guests from the head table, including the 17 Wing Command Team, Col Eric Charron and CWO Claude Faucher, switched seats with junior members. It was an unexpected pleasure for many sitting within the table lines to have the opportunity to mingle with some of the distinguished guests. Col Spott noted, "The RCLS Prairie Region Mess Dinner 2020 showcased the esprit de corps of not only logisticians, but given the attendance of personnel from across the Support spec-

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2020 Prairie Logistics Professional Development and Mess Dinner

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trum, that of the CAF Supporter Community writ large. The organizing committee, the kitchen, serving and bar staff, the piper and the RCAF Band made the evening a truly memorable one.”

In the spirit of celebrating the logistics community, serving and re-

tired, Regular and Reserve Forces from all elements, and civilian equivalents travelled from Cold Lake, Thunder Bay and Saskatoon. BGen Huddleston commented, “The camaraderie and morale on display throughout the evening amongst our most junior to our most senior logisticsians from all the three services was simply outstanding.” The Guest of Honour, BGen Zimmer, praised the esprit de corps among logisticsians of all occupations

and elements, describing the future of logistics as exciting times, with exceptional leaders at the highest levels of the RCLS, across all environments, collaboratively leading positive change and looking out for the well-being of all logisticsians.

SERVICE SECOND TO NONE!



Mess Dinner head table and esteemed guests.

First row Left to Right: Col Bourque, BGen Zimmer, BGen Harding, Col Spott, MGen (ret'd) McQuillan, BGen Rafter, BGen Huddleston, Col Johnson.

Second row Left to Right: CWO Amyott, Col Charron, CWO Faucher, CWO Filliatrault, CWO Dufour, LCol Mills, CWO Savard, John Page, Maj Rochon. Photo credit: Wing imaging



Sharing your Logistics Pride

By MWO Osztian, DFoods O, ASU/CFB Shilo

“Logistics is a solemn duty that is critical to operational success, but often times conducted behind the scenes.”

We, as Cooks in the CAF, are part of a larger, unified service. Cooks are members of the Logistician family, working in the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army, and the Royal Canadian Air Force. We can be employed with any of the three services and experience the unique challenges associated with these environments. This week Cpl Lorrain, a cook with 2 PPCLI at ASU/CFB Shilo, takes a rare but well deserved turn in the spotlight.

Cpl Lorrain is employed in the Flatlands Dining Hall and demonstrates remarkable culinary skills & artistry. He takes the time to mentor subordinates and peers, taking pride in all that he does. The Logistics Birthday to Cpl Lorrain has profound meaning. Not only is it a day of celebration for all logisticians, but it is an opportunity to showcase his culinary skill; demonstration that Cooks are one of the hardest working trades in the CAF. Though he works long hours, keeping the morale up for our sailors, soldiers and aviators, Cpl Lorrain inspires all to be proud of what they do in their career.

Well done Cpl Lorrain.



Cpl Lorrain Photo credit: MWO Sean Osztian, Food Services, ASU/CFB Shilo





Op REASSURANCE marks RCLS Anniversary



Maj J.H. Convey, CWO R.D Runge (RSM NSE). Photo credit: Major (OF-3) Joe Convery

By Maj (OF-3) Joe Convery, Officer commanding, National Support Element

All RCLS members currently deployed on Op REASSURANCE ROTO 20-01 took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the RCLS birthday held on 1 February in Camp Adazi. The day started with a professional development session where members explained the history of their trade and how they operate in theatre. The event concluded with an extraordinary cake from a local bakery.





Greenwood celebrates RCLS Anniversary

By 2Lt Stephanie Hutchings, 14 MSS

On 5 Feb 20, 14 Wing Logisticians came together for a luncheon to celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of the RCLS. The RCLS was established 1 Feb 1968 with the merging of the RCASC and the RCOC to form the RCLS. There are several trades that fall under the service: Supply tech, MSE Op, HRA, FSA, cook, traffic tech, postal clerk,

ammunition tech and logistics officer. In light of our Log celebration, members of all logistical backgrounds came together to enjoy catering from the Annapolis Mess Dining Hall, including cake, coffee and finger foods. The cake itself was made for a contest. This year's theme was chosen as the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Along with the catering, "Minute to Win It" games were played to simulate different log departments.



LCol Pratt, CO of 14 MSS and Senior Logistician at 14 Wing Greenwood, Pte Johnston, Avr David, Avr Buckle, Mr. Cyr, MCpl Selaal (the five cake artists) and MWO Semenchuk. Photo credit: 2Lt Stephanie Hutchings





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Logistics indigo T-Shirt



Logistics Full Zip Hood



Logistics Ball Cap



Logistics Hockey Puck



Logistics Magnet

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