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BRANCH UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM YOUR BRANCH CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

CWO Crystal Krammer, Branch CWO



As I sit here preparing to write my article for this edition of the Branch Advisor's Newsletter from my hotel room in Ottawa, I can't help but reflect on what we as an organization, both the CAF and the Branch ask of you the troops each and every day. Despite the obvious (personnel deployed on overseas operations, who leave their families and friends behind to answer the call of duty). I sometimes think we dismiss, or overlook the burden placed on the personnel left behind that have to pull up the slack for the vacant positions created from deployments, domestic taskings, no fills, or members that have taken an operational pause due to illness or mental stress.

Now more than ever, it seems that we are busier than we have ever been with more taskings and demands, we are a product of our own success and professionalism. CP, TASO, Air Marshall, Port Security, Ground security, Road to high readiness, The list goes on and on and so does the pull on you. I am truly amazed, when I look at how many of you respond when we ask you to step up and pull a little harder on the rope. It is

inspiring to me when I travel around or speak to you as you come through the academy to see how involved you are in the CAF, the community; and the Branch as a whole. We have people; that, on top of doing their own daily work, are volunteering to help their community, are setting up social engagements, and raising funds for charities that desperately need it the most.

Aside from all that greatness I think the one thing that inspires me and makes me the proudest, is how you band together and support each other in times of need, when one of your brothers or sisters from the MP family is dealing with something tragic in their lives, or is struggling with issues around work or home, you continue to support each other, you pick each other up, and that folks; is the sign of a true soldier, leader, and friend. Take a look around your unit for those inspirational people, we all have them. Recognize how positive attitudes can change a culture and or a situation that is a bit challenging. I personally need not look far when I travel around for examples, and I continually hear of inspirational stories that your CoC pushes up to me.

The tempo is likely not to change in the near future, take care of yourselves and others around you, we are a family, a very big family, and we need to lean on each other every day. If you are not already one Become an agent of positive change with your unit, you and those around you will benefit from it immediately.

Thank you for all you do, you're the unsung heroes in our Military Police Branch. I am so very proud of you, and proud to be your Branch Chief!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

CFMPA WRAPS-UP BUSY SUMMER

By Sgt Brian Haggith
CFMPA Unit Public Affairs Representative

It has been a busy summer at the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy (CFMPA). There have been a number of significant events over the last few months.

The CFMPA is proud of the four graduating courses this summer and wishes them well in their respective fields. The four graduating courses were the Military Police Officer's Course (MPOC) session 1701, Reserve Military Police Qualification Level 3 (MP QL3) session 0011, Reserve MP QL5 session 0012 and Use of Force Instructor course session 0029.

We were delighted to host another annual Military Police National Motorcycle Relay charity event in support of the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). This year's MPNMR charity pig roast / BBQ was our most successful in recent years raising a total of \$3285.65 for the MPFBC.



Sgt Ian Beswick dons a historic MP uniform from his personal collection and gives a presentation about the MP branch history and heritage on June 15, 2017, at the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy, Borden, ON.

Photo: Sgt Nichole Laidlaw, CFMPA Training Cell, MP QL3



MCpl Dustin Dolliver hits a few balls to his team mates during the pre-game warm up for the staff baseball game during the 77th MP Branch Birthday celebrations June 15, 2017, Canadian Forces Base Borden Sports Field, Borden, ON.

Photo: Sgt Ian Beswick, Director CFMPA History and Heritage Committee

We also enjoyed the 77th MP Branch birthday celebrations, including a history and heritage informative presentation and a staff baseball game. Sgt Ian Beswick gave the history and heritage presentation on the origins of the MP branch. His passion for military history and his collection of MP memorabilia added to the knowledge and enjoyment of all present.

We also bid a heartfelt farewell to a great Commandant (Cmdt) and welcomed his replacement at the Change of Command ceremony. LCol Adam Battista, retired from the CAF after more than 19 years of service, the final three of which were spent as the Cmdt of the academy. LCol Brian Nekurak took over as Cmdt of CFMPA at the Change of Command ceremony on July 21, 2017.



This year's MPNMR charity pig roast / BBQ, held on August 11, 2017, at the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy, Borden, ON, was our most successful in recent years raising a total of \$3285.65 for the MPFBC.



MP Officers sign official documents for the Change of Command of the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy on July 21, 2017. Front Table, Left to right: LCol Brian Nekurak, BGen Rob Delaney, LCol Adam Battista.

MP SUPPORT TO OP LENTUS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The CAF sent troops and aircraft to British Columbia this summer to support provincial firefighters in firefighting operations, help evacuate locals, transport first responders and equipment, delivered essential aid to isolated communities, assist the RCMP in providing information to the public, conducting observation and report tasks at assigned points along access roads in affected areas. About 150 vehicles were also deployed.

At the height of this mission, the CAF employed approximately 800 troops in the province, including members of 1 Military Police Regiment, Military Police Unit Esquimalt and 12 Military Police Flight Comox. In total, more than 2 000 troops from across Canada provided support to the Province over the course of the operation.



MP provide escort to a flatbed truck up an incline and around a hairpin turn in the Fraser River Valley, on the road from the Riske Creek camp to the Williams Lake camp, during Operation LENTUS 17-04 in British Columbia on September 9, 2017. Here, Sgt Jason Moldovan and Cpl Drewe De Boer of 1 MP PI Edmonton conduct traffic control at Riske Creek BC.

Photos by Corporal I. Thompson, Imagery Technician, Canadian Forces Joint Imagery Centre



Cpl Drewe De Boer of 1 MP PI Edmonton conducts traffic control to allow the flatbed full access of the hairpin in the Fraser River Valley while Cpl Mark Michael of MPU Esquimalt prepares the LUVV.



Cpl Drewe De Boer of 1 MP PI Edmonton and Cpl Mark Michael of MPU Esquimalt conduct traffic control on Mackenzie Ave and Hwy 20 in Williams Lake, BC, to allow the wide load to safely pass through.



Cpl Valerie Cornfield of 12 MP Flt Comox and Cpl Clayton Bennett of 1 MP PI Edmonton conduct traffic control in the Fraser River Valley to allow full access for the flatbed.

CANADIAN SOLDIER JOINS KISS ARMY ON FREEDOM TO ROCK TOUR IN ORILLIA

By Kevin Connor, *Toronto Sun*
August 18, 2017

Cpl. Kayla Harris got to “Rock and Roll all Nite” with Kiss at Casino Rama Friday.

The Canadian Armed Forces soldier, currently posted to CFB Borden, was nominated by her boss and ultimately chosen as Roadie for a Day while the iconic rock band performed in Orillia on their Freedom to Rock tour.

Kiss, whose fans are known as the Kiss Army, has been giving military personnel the chance to play roadie during the U.S. leg of their tour and decided to continue in Canada as a way to acknowledge those in uniform for their service.

“My main thing is I truly love working in the military and to be recognized for that is a great honour,” Harris, 30, said. “I’m very excited and nervous all at the same time.”



Canadian Armed Forces Cpl. Kayla Harris enjoyed being Roadie for a Day as the legendary rock band Kiss played Casino Rama in Orillia on Friday, Aug. 18, 2017.

Photo : Peter Turchet

She was introduced to Kiss by her father, who was a fan in the band’s heyday during the 70s and 80s.

Harris joined the band at the VIP meet-and-greet and was given a few roadie duties such as being the fan girl who keeps Gene Simmons cool.

“While interacting with the VIPs, I’m sure I was blushing a red colour,” she said.

During the concert — where the band played an acoustic version of O Canada — Kiss thanked Harris and a Colour Guard for their service.

Harris joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a reservist with the military police in 2007. Since then she has served as an MP in Afghanistan and at the Edmonton Detention Facility, worked with a field medical unit in Winnipeg, and is currently an administrative assistant and facility manager at CFB Borden.

That’s a strong a pretty strong military police background.

“I haven’t seen any illegal things going on (at the concert),” Harris said, adding it was a night she will remember “Forever.”

USE OF FORCE INSTRUCTOR COURSE FOR UKRAINIAN MP A GREAT SUCCESS

By Capt Matthew Hung, OC Line of Effort 3
Op UNIFIER Roto 3

On June 3, 2017, members of the Ukrainian Military Police completed a six-week Use of Force Instructor Course provided by CF MP as a part of Op UNIFIER Roto 3, Line of Effort (LoE) 3 Military Police Training.

The training took place at the new Military Law and Order Service (MLOS) Training Center in the city of Lviv, the cultural centre of Western Ukraine.

Leading the team as Chief Instructor was WO David London (MPU Esquimalt), a six time veteran in teaching the Use of Force Course to the Ukrainian Military Police.

The remainder of the team consisted of Sgt Nick Savard (2 MP Regiment), Cpl Josh Grant (12 MP Flt Comox) and Cpl Nick Marren (MPU Halifax). All the instructors had previously taught the Use of Force course to Ukrainian MP in other cities in Ukraine.



CF MP instructors and Ukrainian Military Police participants of the six-week Use of Force Instructor Course that concluded June 3 at the Military Law and Order Service (MLOS) Training Center in Lviv.

Preparation by the team began late 2016, after the final serial of the Canadian-taught Use of Force Course. As the curriculum of the course required some modification for the Ukrainian Armed Forces, WO London and his team worked tirelessly (with the support of the CFMPA) to create a new Use of Force and Use of Force Instructor manual for the training. Both publications were provided to the students as well as the MLOS Academy to start a knowledge repository of Military Police training.

"The motivation is very high with the students, and they all do very well in adapting to the Canadian way."

-- Cpl Nick Marren

The Use of Force Instructor team arrived in Lviv, Ukraine, on April 11 to conduct pre-course administration and liaison with Op UNIFIER HQ and the MLOS Academy. Training began on April 24 and was conducted six days a week.

The daily schedule mirrored the CFMPA closely; each candidate led a serial of morning PT and classes consisted of theory and practical exercises as well as the theory of teaching.

As the weeks progressed, candidates moved from basic strikes and holds, to more advanced arrests tactics, such as unknown and known vehicle stops.

The final two weeks consisted of weapons retention instruction and a culmination of judgemental scenario teach back, where candidates evaluated their peers as they instructed a topic of UoF curriculum.

"The motivation is very high with the students, and they all do very well in adapting to the Canadian way," said Cpl Marren. "Even though we had some difficulty with the interpreters, we were still able to make the students understand the importance of teaching properly."

"We are very appreciative of your training," said Maj Oleg Krenitsky, MLOS Commandant. "The most difficult aspect for our students is to adapt the new way of teaching, and we hope by having more Canadian MP support in our academy, we can improve on our future training."

LoE 3 departed Lviv on June 3 and the MLOS Academy is now preparing for their fall transition course, part of the upcoming Roto 4 of Op UNIFIER.

AIR FORCE MILITARY POLICE BACK IN ICELAND ON OPERATION REASSURANCE

By Sgt Franco Fabris, 11 MP Flt



Cpl Sylvain Aubry, a Military Police member deployed with Air Task Force-Iceland, checks identification at a gate at Keflavik Air Base during Operation REASSURANCE on June 7, 2017.
Photo: Corporal Gary Calvé, Imagery Technician ATF-Iceland

KEFLAVIK, ICELAND — From May to June 2017, Military Police (MP) members of the Air Force MP Group, augmented by Auxiliary Security Force members from across the Royal Canadian Air Force, were deployed to Keflavik Air Base as part of the Force Protection Element of Air Task Force-Iceland. Military Police from 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron Bagotville and 1 Military Police Squadron provided overall Force Protection for the ATF, liaising with the Icelandic Coast Guard, Keflavik Airport Police, as well as local civilian police forces to conduct airfield security and policing duties.



From left to right: MCpl Allan Laevens (2 AES Bagotville), MS Curtis Walton (13 MP Flt Dundurn), Sgt Franco Fabris (11 MP Flt Cold Lake), Cpl Sylvain Aubry (13 MP Flt Dundurn), and MCpl Brandon Zwicker (2 AES Bagotville).

Formerly Op IGNITION (2011 and 2013), the purpose of Op REASSURANCE - Iceland 17 was to conduct air surveillance and intercept operations in order to fulfill Canada's commitment to block 29 of the NATO Airborne and Interception Capabilities to meet Iceland's Peacetime Preparedness Needs.

PRIVATE ART DONATION MADE TO CANADIAN FORCES MILITARY POLICE ACADEMY

On August 2, 2017, Peter and Marilyn Clark donated an original oil painting portrait of Lieutenant (Lt) Peter Seddon Oliver to the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy (CFMPA).

Peter Clark is a nephew of Lt Oliver and the painting has been handed down from generation to generation since Lt Oliver's death. When Lt Oliver was killed in action at Dieppe, the painting took on a high level of importance to the family and has been prominently displayed in the family home ever since.

Lt Oliver was born in Quebec City on June 8, 1913. He joined the RCMP in 1933, and served with No. 2 Provost Company. He was killed in action on August 19, 1942 at Dieppe, and was buried in the Dieppe Canadian War cemetery in Hautot-sur-Mer. He was reportedly the first Canadian soldier from Quebec City in the Second World War to be buried in France.

Lt Oliver met the artist Kathleen Mann, Marchioness of Queensbury at a function in London England for the Canadian Provost and the artist was so impressed with him that a request was made to paint him. Lt Oliver agreed to pose for the portrait which was hung in the Royal Academy in London for a period afterwards. When news of Lt Oliver's death reached Lady Queensbury, she sent the portrait to his mother in Quebec City.

In honour of Lt Oliver, the CFMPA presents The Oliver Trophy each year to the top Military Police Qualification Level 3 (MP QL3) student. The trophy was created in March 1956 by Captain Nicholas Peete. The donated painting will now be displayed in an area of distinction within the CFMPA along with the Oliver Trophy for current and future generations of Military Police and their families to enjoy. For more information about Lt Oliver, please visit: <http://canadianprovostcorps.ca/rcmp-03.htm>.



Peter and Marilyn Clark donate an original oil painting of Lieutenant Peter Seddon Oliver to the Canadian Forces Military Police Academy, Borden, ON, on August 2, 2017.
Left to right: Marilyn Clark, Peter Clark, CWO Crystal Krammer, CFMPA CWO, LCol Brian Nekurak CFMPA Commandant.
Photo by: Sgt Ian Beswick, Director CFMPA History and Heritage Committee

POLICE DOG SERVICE NOW AT CFB HALIFAX

By LS Alexandre Sausins,
MPU Halifax Community Relations

Not only does Vimy love his tummy rubs, but he also protects and serves in his role as the only military police dog in the CAF.

At 11 years old, the pup has seen it all - from search and rescue to police defence to looking for narcotics. Yet throughout his changing career, his one constant companion has been Sgt Justin Caron. Sgt Caron first took him in at 16 weeks old and has been his handler and best friend ever since.

"He lives with me 24/7 and works with me 24/7," he said. "He goes to every call with me. He may not leave the vehicle but he is always with me, ready to go."

Starting as a general service dog, Vimy was originally chosen as he had a high prey drive. His skills were refined over the years through courses, exercises and real-life experience. At one time, it wasn't uncommon for Vimy and Sgt Caron to respond to up to 130 calls a year. As of late, Vimy has been working less in the field, but his skills still remain sharp. He easily shifts from being an affection-seeking pup to a dog ready to work with a word of command. "He enjoys doing it," said Sgt Caron. "It is a game, it's fun and it has a purpose."

Vimy is great for morale wherever he goes, whether at the station waiting for a call or at events in the community. He attracts attention wherever he goes. "You can bring tanks, you can bring aircraft but when the dog comes out, people are drawn to you," said Sgt Caron.

If you see Vimy and Sgt Caron around any of the community events, please feel free to come over talk to them. Vimy is a friendly dog, but be mindful that he is a trained police canine, so unless Sgt Caron says it is okay to approach Vimy, please refrain from touching him.

Vimy and Sgt Caron both started with Military Police Unit Halifax on August 1, 2017. We don't know how long they will spend time with us here in Halifax, but we sure are excited to have them amongst us.



MP FOIL COMPETITION AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Military Police Officers Lieutenant Chelsea-Rose St-Amand (MPU Ottawa) and Captain Genevieve Therrien (2 MP Regiment, CFB Kingston) attended the World Military Fencing Championships in Acireale, Italy, September 12-18, 2017.

Lt St-Amand and Captain Therrien fenced both individual and team matches in the cities of Acireale and Caltagirone.

The event hosted 19 countries including Canada and was the first World Military Fencing Championships to be held since 2011. Following this event, Lieutenant St-Amand and Captain Therrien are aspiring to attend the World Military Games for fencing in China in 2019.



CISM Canadian Women's Foil Team preparing to fence the Russian Women's Foil team, September 16, 2017. From Left: Coach Patricia Howes, Lieutenant Chelsea-Rose St-Amand, Captain Genevieve Therrien, Major Marilyne Lafortune.



ACADEMY TEAM PROVES SPARTAN TOUGH

CFMPA successfully completed the Duntroon Spartan Race on 8 Sep 17. The Spartan Sprint consists of a 6.5km sprint and 22 obstacles with elements of mud, rope, barbed wire, walls and fire. With the threat of burpees hot on their heels, the CFMPA Spartan's physical and mental toughness prevailed! This was highlighted in the fact that all nine CFMPA runners started the race together, and through selfless dedication and teamwork, finished the race together. Aroo!

Photo: Top (L-R): Rachel Griesse, Sgt Nicole Laidlaw, CWO Crystal Krammer. Middle (L-R): Lt Adam Ward, MCpl Dave Hall, WO Mike Turner,

MILITARY POLICE RAISE MONEY FOR MP FUND FOR BLIND CHILDREN

*By Cpl Christina Fahie,
CF National Investigation Service, Atlantic Region*

At 8 a.m. on June 25, LS Alexandre Sausins and his team of volunteers gathered at Lower Base 12 Wing Shearwater to prep the grounds and receive car and motorcycle enthusiasts from across the province. This year the Military Police Unit Halifax with co-host Cars and Coffee, organized a Show 'N' Shine with all donations going to the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC).

This event showcased art on wheels that included vehicles from the Mustang Club and Corvette, as well as onlookers young and old, for an estimated 2 000 visitors. This entire event was live broadcast by 92.9 Jack FM.



The Military Police Unit Halifax hosts a Show 'N' Shine event as a fundraiser for the Military Police Fund for Blind Children. The event, held at the Lower Base in 12 Wing Shearwater, raised \$4700 in cash donations.

Photo: MCpl Chelsey Hutson, 12 Wing Imaging

The event was host to approximately 350 cars and 200 motorcycles throughout the day and included an opportunity to have your vehicle photographed on November Alpha Jetty.

If you had an opportunity to visit the event, we hope you tasted the local wares offered by venders such as Rustic Crust, Mr. Smooth, or Millers Kettle Corn, had some fun with the mobile gaming unit from Giant Promotions, or bounced to your heart's content in the bouncy castles from HRM Mascots. The event had several special guest booths which included Privateer Harley Davidson, Hellbound Custom Cycles, Porsche, Mazda, Nissan, and Kraftworks Auto Inc.

This year the event collected \$4 700 in cash donations with more still being submitted to MPFBC.

Col James Riley Stone, was the founder of the Fund, which had its humble beginnings in 1957. Col Stone was the Canadian Army Provost Marshal (Military Police), when his daughter Moira was afflicted with cancer of the eye, resulting in sudden blindness and subsequently death. During his daughter's illness, Col Stone came into contact with organizations that were struggling to help blind children. He became aware that there were many other blind children less fortunate than his daughter, who were unable, through lack of money, to enjoy some of the simpler things in life. Their plight affected him tremendously and he was determined to help them in every way he could. He canvassed members of the Military Police, asking them to voluntarily contribute one or two dollars per year and using their donations, established a Fund to help blind children.

BLIND FUND DONATION BY SHILO MP HELPS BRANDON STUDENT

News Release - CFB Shilo

Brandon resident Tzevi Egan is the latest recipient of largess from the CFB Shilo Military Police Platoon when the 21-year-old received \$2,255 including a laptop and specialty software to assist him in his post-secondary studies.

The donation was made possible via the Military Police Fund for Blind Children. The cheque was formally presented to Tzevi and his family on June 1, 2017, at CFB Shilo.

At the age of seven, Tzevi suffered a life altering brain injury that almost took his life. It left him without speech, memory and paralyzed on the right side of his body, reliant on a feeding tube, wheel chair, and intensive daily therapies for months at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. He worked hard to defy the odds and regain his skills.

Despite his challenges, he has become an active member of the community. An aspiring author, Tzevi plans to continue his education at Brandon University this fall.

The Military Police Fund for Blind Children was founded in 1957 and specializes in assisting visually impaired children up to the age of 21. The fund is operated entirely by Military Police volunteers and has no paid employees. All funds raised are used to benefit visually impaired children. For more information on the charity visit www.mpfbc.com.



Cpl Matthew MacKay shows Tzevi Egan the inner workings of a Military Police cruiser at CFB Shilo on June 1, 2017.

Photo: Cpl. Glenda Gauthier



Tzevi Egan receives \$2,255 from the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC) on June 1, 2017, at CFB Shilo, for equipment, laptop and specialty software to assist him in his university studies at Brandon University in the fall of 2017.

From left: Cpl Glenda Gauthier (Shilo – MPFBC Representative), Tzevi Egan and Lt(N) Ansley (1 MP Regiment, Shilo Platoon Commander).

Photo: Maj Katherine Haire

OPERATION CALUMET HOLDS SPIN-A-THON FOR THE MPFBC

This summer, Canadian Armed Forces members deployed on Operation CALUMET participated in the first annual Spin-a-thon to raise funds and awareness for the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). Operation CALUMET is Canada's participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), an independent peacekeeping operation in the Sinai Peninsula.

The Military Police Unit organized and supervised the fund-raising event which included participants from Canada, the United States, New Zealand, and Uruguay. Ten spin bikes were set up with eight participants per team. Spinners donated \$10 each for team entry and collected additional funds as well.

"The MP Fund for Blind Children is a great Canadian cause," said Colonel Michael Sullivan, Commander of Operation CALUMET. "The Spin-A-Thon was a fine event that promoted contingent fitness and morale with a healthy dose of competition."

Designed as a relay, teams traded off their members without letting the spin bike come to a halt. The top team (New Zealand) pedalled a total of 95.8 miles in four hours. New Zealand also collected the highest funds of all the teams. Team Canada was awarded best costume.

"The event was fun and it was exciting having participants from four countries compete in not only cycling but raising funds for an amazing charity. Seeing other contingents helping Canada raise funds for the MPFBC was just as exciting as the cycling itself," said the Military Police Corporal who organized the event. "The Spin-a-thon got everyone involved."

The Spin-a-thon raised a total of \$983.00 (Cdn) to benefit the MPFBC. The fund donates 100% of the proceeds directly to blind children and young adults across Canada.

The MPFBC was founded in 1957 by Colonel James Stone, a Canadian Army Provost Marshal, after his daughter was struck with sudden blindness. During his daughter's illness, he became aware that many blind children less fortunate than his daughter were struggling with their affliction because of a lack of funds. Their plight affected him tremendously and he was determined to help in every way he could.

One of the notable aspects of the MPFBC is that Military Police volunteers continue to run and manage it. It remains unique in Canada as the only military charity in the country.



South Sinai, Egypt. August 17, 2017 – Canadian Forces Provost Marshal, Brigadier General Robert Delaney and Chief Warrant Officer Crystal Krammer, accepted a cheque from Task Force El Gorah Military Police members in the South Sinai for donation to the Military Police Blind Fund for Children.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN SUDAN

Members of CFPSU accompanied Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, to South Sudan this June. The Minister in June 2017 visited the area to assess Canada's assistance with the country's Famine Relief projects.



DECORATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUFFIELD MP RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

On June 7, 2017, Cpl Paul Leon, Suffield Platoon Commander, 1 Military Police Regiment, received the CFB Suffield Base Commander's Commendation for his efforts as Community Relations NCO.

His citation read as follows:

"Cpl Leon has been a key player in the CFB Suffield/Ralston community as the local MP community relations NCO. He has been deeply involved in the community here at CFB Suffield via approximately 20+ community events of which he is always one of the main contributors/organizers. He routinely works longer hours and even comes in on days off, to plan/organize and attend these events.

All feedback from the past year regarding the events he has been involved in have been positive. The Royal Military Police have also been vocal in their positive feedback regarding his efforts to help improve coordination between CAF MP and Royal Military Police for community related events.

Cpl Leon has been a very positive force in the community and has been an outstanding ambassador for the military police and the CAF as a whole. As a result of his many positive interactions with the CFB Suffield community, he has developed a great rapport within the community, which has resulted in people approaching him for help who may not have done so otherwise. Overall his actions have strengthened the relationship between the Military Police and CAF/BATUS community."

Congratulations Cpl Leon.



Cpl Paul Leon receives a commendation in recognition of his community relations work from Base Commander LCol John Scott at a ceremony held June 7, 2017, at CFB Suffield.



POLICING SUPPORT RECOGNIZED

CO LCol Margaret Coleman-McLean and RSM CWO Tod Sinclair present a 1 Canadian Field Hospital command team coin to MWO Ray Prytuliak, CSM Det Petawawa, in recognition of 1 Cdn Fd Hospital's sincere appreciation for Ray's highly effective Communication with the unit and the excellent support provided on policing issues. The presentation was made 17 Aug 2017 at the Matthew Dinning Memorial Lounge.

MP RECEIVES U.S. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Earlier this year, CWO Pascal Turcotte of the Air Force Military Police Group was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work with the United States Air Force.

The award, recognizing CWO Turcotte's service from July 11, 2013, to June 24, 2016, was presented on behalf of the President of the United States, on March 29, 2017, by Lieutenant General USAF Commander, Air Education and Training Command.

The award citation reads:

Chief Warrant Officer Pascal J. Turcotte distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Flight Instructor, and International Liaison, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Alabama.

During this period, Chief Turcotte displayed superb leadership and interpersonal skills in maintaining key North American and allied nation relationships by preparing more than 4,000 senior non-commissioned officers from the Department of Defence, Department of Homeland Security, and several allied nations for strategic roles as senior enlisted leaders.

Chief Turcotte was essential to the largest transformation in enlisted professional military education history by merging 27 institutional competencies into a lean timeline, thereby saving 500,000 dollars in annual temporary duty assignment costs. The resulting design for the ground-breaking Advanced Leadership Experience, as a student-centred learning course, was ultimately benchmarked by the Noncommissioned Officer Academy development teams.

Finally, Chief Turcotte guided officer and enlisted student exchanges in cooperation with the Squadron Officer college, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College, inspiring critical thinking in the profession of arms and broadening student leadership perspectives.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Turcotte reflect great credit upon himself, the Royal Canadian Air Forces, and his country.

Congratulations CWO Turcotte.



CWO Pascal Turcotte of the Air Force Military Police Group with MGen Christian Drouin at a ceremony to acknowledge receipt of the Meritorious Service Medal for his work with the United States Air Force.



CHANGE OF RSM

1 MP Regiment is proud to announce the Change of RSM Appointment from CWO Rick Geals to CWO Jack Kent. The informal ceremony took place at 1000 hrs, 28 July 2017 at building 191, Edmonton Garrison with the passing of the symbolic drill cane. The ceremony was conducted in front of a small crowd of personnel from 1 MP Regiment Headquarters, 1 MP PI and Edmonton Platoon. CWO Geals was commissioned a week later and posted to Cold Lake. CWO Kent came from 2 MP Regiment where he was the RSM. We wish them both well in their new positions.

MP RECEIVES MEDAL FROM MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

PO2 Jamie Tremblay of SOF MPU CSOR Detachment was awarded the Métis Nation of Ontario Louis Riel Medal at a ceremony held June 22, 2017 at the Connaught Range in Ottawa.

The medal was presented by CFPM BGen Delaney and representatives from the High Land Waters Métis Community Council made the presentation.

The medal is issued by the Métis Nation of Ontario and is awarded to Métis veterans for their dedicated service to their peers, community and the Metis Nation. PO2 Tremblay is a proud member of the Métis Nation Ontario.

The Louis Riel Medal is circular in form, made of pewter with gold plating, with a bust of Louis Riel, with the inscription "In The Spirit of Louis Riel" at the top and "Métis Veteran" at the bottom. The ribbon is royal blue and white, divided 50/50, with the royal blue appearing on the left and the white appearing on the right. These were considered the colours of the blue Métis flag.

The medal is worn on the right side over the right breast pocket, suspended by the ribbon described above (swing mount), or can also be worn as a court mount on formal dress. Undress ribbons are worn just above the right shirt pocket (non-formal dress).



PO2 Jamie Tremblay receives the Métis Nation of Ontario Louis Riel Medal from CFPM BGen Delaney and representatives from the High Land Waters Métis Community Council Ms. Candace Lloyd and her daughter, Ashley Lloyd-Gomez, at a ceremony held June 22, 2017, at the Connaught Range in Ottawa.



AN OVERSEAS PROMOTION

CPO1 Rodger Hudson was promoted to his current rank by Commodore Marcel Halle at a ceremony held on June 9, 2017, at SHAPE in Belgium. CPO1 Hudson, who enrolled in the CAF in 1987 as an NCI Op, remustered to MP in October of 1990. His postings have included CFB Halifax; CFB London (Ontario); MPSS Ankara, Turkey; CFMPA; MPSS Mexico City, Mexico; CF MP Gp Ottawa and SHAPE, Belgium.

CF MP GROUP RECOGNIZES TOP NCOs FOR 2016

Each year, the Canadian Forces Military Police Group recognizes the senior and junior non-commissioned officers who, during the previous 12 months, best demonstrated the attributes of dedication, leadership, teamwork, community involvement and job knowledge within their respective rank group.

On April 7, 2016, BGen Robert Delaney, Canadian Forces Provost Marshal and Commander Canadian Forces MP Group, announced the Senior and Junior MPs for 2016 are: Sgt Jeffery Williams of 1 MP Squadron, Dundurn Detachment and Cpl Pascale Couvrette of 1 MP Regiment, Shilo Detachment.

The following are brief write-ups highlighting some of the many and varied accomplishments of these MP members.



Sgt Jeffery Williams

2016 CF MP Gp Sr NCO of the Year - Sgt Jeffery Williams, 1 MP Squadron, Detachment Dundurn

Sgt Jeffery Williams, Flight Commander of 13 MP Flight, demonstrated his ongoing dedication to the values and requirements of the Canadian Armed Forces and the MP Branch.

Responsible for 11 subordinates and the security and policing of Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Dundurn, Sgt Williams' leadership style benefitted all members of the MP detachment. Although there are few investigative opportunities to develop the patrolmen's policing abilities in Dundurn, he designed a professional development program and training plan focused on scenario based police and law problems for junior members to research and solve. He also led professional development sessions on the compiling and use of investigation plans, putting his CFNIS experience to use.

Sgt Williams volunteered to serve on a high readiness Air Task Force MP element, deployed on two serials of Ex VIGILANT SHIELD (in Northern Ontario and Inuvik) and accepted a month-long tasking to support Ex MAPLE FLAG – taking command of a 40-plus person Wing Auxiliary Security Force drawn from across the RCAF and building build a team that projected a professional force protection posture on a very high profile international exercise.

Sgt Williams regularly conducted fitness training with the Wing, supported the Detachment Dundurn Command Team and promoted teamwork. In all respects he served as a role model that challenged his subordinates to improve their operational fitness and readiness. This was even exemplified while he was undergoing Close Protection Assessment Centres (CPAC) training when (without access to a phone) he intervened to prevent commission of an offence by encouraging a bystander to call civilian police.

Sgt Williams also volunteered weekly to mentor community youth, participated in weekend camps, and accepted several speaking engagements during Veterans' Week. Giving and upstanding in his personal and professional life, he has fostered troubled youth and maintains a large adopted family, all while supporting the priorities of the Branch, willing to take on any assignments asked of him.



Cpl Pascale Couvrette

2016 CF MP Gp Jr NCO of the Year - Cpl Pascale Couvrette, 1 MP Regiment, CFB Shilo

Cpl Pascale Couvrette demonstrated strong proficiency as an MP and strong leadership as an engaged member of her community. She gained trust and respect from her peers and superiors through professionalism in all aspect of her life.

She led or assisted in the investigation of over 75 files in the last year. She approached all files conscientiously to understand each case and to best plan her investigations. She applied required investigative processes, but on occasion went further and demonstrated she has mastered those processes, always ensuring files progressed steadily to completion. For example, as lead investigator for a file involving a child being continuously beaten by an adult

in authority, her dedication and attention to detail led to a Crown opinion in which the level of charge was raised. Her actions, in an effort to protect the youth and the most vulnerable members of our society, increased the likelihood of additional convictions.

She never hesitated to step forward to assist colleagues and leadership when asked to cover shortfalls. She volunteered to deploy to Op UNIFIER and always maintained a positive and inspiring attitude, both at work and while volunteering for activities with organizations such as local community Big Brothers Big Sisters. She mentored and inspired youth, and always personified a positive role model, both as a community member and as an athlete. On her own initiative, she created a fitness program for MP colleagues within her unit and assisted them in their training. She achieved FORCE gold standard.

Despite having just over one year's experience as an MP, Cpl Couvrette completed a specialized course typically designed for more experienced police officers. She also voluntarily completed the Basic Winter Warfare Course – an atypical course for an MP – demonstrating a deliberate approach to gaining a better global understanding of CAF, and henceforth, preparing her to assume more senior responsibilities.

NEW GRADUATES

RESERVE MP QL3, SESSION 0011



Back Row (left to right): Sdt Paquette, Sdt Morasse, Sdt Martin-Demers, Sdt Babin. Fourth row (l-r): Sdt Huneault, Sdt Bouchard, Sdt Dubois-Champagne, Sdt Simard, Sdt Emo, Sdt Lafrance, Sdt Tremblay. Third Row (l-r): Sdt Valet, Sdt St-Louis, Sdt Grimard, Sdt Belzile-Hébert, Sdt Audet, Cpl Blanchette, Sdt Tremblay. Second Row (l-r): Sdt Bilodeau, Sdt Lavoie, Sdt Brochu, Sdt Drolet, Cpl Richer, Sdt Guay, Sdt Boulanger, Sdt Gagné, Sdt Fafard, Sdt Amirault-Langlais. Front Row (l-r): Cpl Theodore, MCpl Hall, Sgt Seguin, CWO Krammer, LCdr Topham, Lt Ward, WO Denison, Cpl Jung.
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MPOC, SESSION 1701



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