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# Colourful handprints mark community outreach ahead of June 21 events

**Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan**

Community outreach is often represented by joining hands. June 15, 14 Wing Greenwood's Defence Ab-



original Advisory Group (DAAG) offered an opportunity to Grade 5 students at Dwight Ross Elementary to help the wing prepare for June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day.

DAAG military co-chair Master Corporal Crystal Cox, of 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, organized the school visit, inviting students to paint their hands and add their prints to a canvas that will be displayed on the 14 Wing teepee.

Cox explained to the students their handprints represent the children affected by experiences at residential schools. DAAG civilian co-chair Marla Ward also joined in, adding her handprint

alongside the children's. This event showed great partnership between the DAAG and the Greenwood community school, where many of the children have military family members.

The wing's teepee will be put up for National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21, also a day to celebrate the summer solstice. The Mi'kmaq flag will be raised at the main gate at 9 a.m., followed by a teepee ceremony and red dress ceremonial smudge by Elder Sarah Emily in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women. 14 Wing members are encouraged to wear orange T-shirts to work June 21. →



**14 Wing Greenwood's Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group military co-chair Master Corporal Crystal Cox adds her handprint to a display created with Dwight Ross Elementary School students, ready for National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21.**

2Lt M. Duncan

# Snowbirds putting in pre-season practice week from 14 Wing

**Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan**

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds, 431 (Air Demonstration) Squadron, will be in Greenwood for training June 23 to 28. Their last visit was in 2020 during Operation INSPIRATION, and they are keen to return to the East Coast.

Captain Gabriel Ferris, public affairs officer for the Snowbirds says "14 Wing is our eastern home, and we're very excited to go there for a

few days."

The Snowbirds are thrilled to return to a normal airshow season in 2022, and to interact with Canadians. They have a busy touring schedule planned for this summer, visiting multiple airshows – including performing in Debert August 27 and 28. More information about the Snowbirds, including their formal airshow schedule, may be found at [canada.ca/en/air-force/services/showcasing/snowbirds.html](http://canada.ca/en/air-force/services/showcasing/snowbirds.html) or on their social media.

From June 23 to 28, Valley residents may notice an increase in aircraft presence and noise with the Snowbirds in town, and might be able to watch the Snowbirds practicing. The wing will not be open to the public, but a possible viewing area could be the parking lot at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum and CANEX. Follow "The Aurora News" on Facebook for updates on practice times.

One member of the Snowbirds team is quite famil-

iar with Greenwood: Captain Steve MacDonald, originally from New Waterford and now living in Kentville, has spent the majority of his Royal Canadian Air Force career as a CP140 Aurora pilot. He joined the RCAF in 1994 and was posted to Greenwood in 2002; he flew the Aurora in various 14 Wing-based squadrons, including 415, 405 and 404. In 2012, he was selected to join the Snowbirds for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. Following two years with the Snowbirds,

MacDonald returned to 404 Squadron, where he once again instructed Aurora aircrew. In 2015, he retired from the RCAF to fly as a commercial airline pilot and became a Reservist with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, also at 14 Wing; before rejoining the Snowbirds for the 2021 season as Snowbird 11 advance and safety pilot. He is back with the Snowbirds for 2022, this time as the Snowbird coordinator: making arrangements for the team - and he is already

starting to plan for the 2023 airshow season.

Another Nova Scotian Snowbird is crew chief aviation technician Sergeant Richard MacGillivray of Dartmouth. MacGillivray served with the Princess Louise Fusiliers Reserve Light Infantry Regiment from 2002 until he joined the RCAF in 2006. After trades training, he posted to 12 Wing Shearwater from 2008 to 2018, and then CFB Moose Jaw in 2018. In 2020, he was selected for the Snowbirds position. →

# Civilian team recognized during Public Service Week

Sara White, Managing editor

After two years of take-out, 14 Wing Greenwood got

the chance for a full-on BBQ and sit-down celebration of National Public Service Week June 13. Command team represen-

tatives started off the day with early morning greetings at the main gate, welcoming Defence Team members of the wing's Union of National Defence Employees and the Professional Public Service Institute of Canada, along with other civilian employees. At lunch, they took turns at the Annapolis Mess on the grill and buffet line, serving up hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, salads and drinks. "You serve us every day; this is our chance to serve you," said 14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan



14 Wing Greenwood marked National Public Service Week June 12 to 18, inviting civilian workforce members of the local Defence Team for a BBQ lunch. S. White

Cook. "This is just a quick thank you for the work you do here at 14 Wing every day; enjoy the camaraderie."

Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx thanked the public service team, and urged them to give them-

selfes a round of applause. "What you do is not forgotten – you each serve a purpose on this wing." →

# 24 Military Police Flight encourages following the '9PM Routine'

Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan

Greenwood Military Police is endorsing the "9PM Routine" program to increase security in the area around the base. The 9PM Routine is a nightly reminder to residents to remove valuables from their vehicles, lock their vehicle doors, lock the doors to their residences, turn on exterior lights and activate all alarms and security systems.

Master Corporal Mike Howse saw the idea on another law enforcement agency website and thought it would be a good idea to start the initiative here in Greenwood. "We're seeing an increase in thefts around the base. As the weather gets warmer, more people are outside and staying out later, too." Howse wants people to remember to stay safe and lock their vehicles. "In the summertime, people

tend to be more absent-minded: they forget to lock their vehicles." Many thefts from vehicles occur as a result of vehicles left unlocked. Criminals walk through neighborhoods, trying vehicle door handles and hope to find an unlocked vehicle. The best way to prevent theft from vehicles is to remove all of your valuables, lock your vehicle's doors and take the keys to the vehicle inside your residence.

The Canadian Forces' Military Police are responsible for the provision of policing services to all CAF bases and DND establishments; however, it is everyone's responsibility to report suspicious activity. To report a crime in progress or to request immediate police assistance, call 911. To report a non-emergency or to make a complaint about a possible crime, call the Greenwood Military Police at 902-765-5111. →



Greenwood Military Police Corporal Chris Ward, on patrol around the streets of the 14 Wing Greenwood Residential Housing Units. 2Lt M. Duncan

# Out-going 415 command team marks squadron 'excellence, achieving goals'

Sara White, Managing editor

For a squadron not too many people claim to know much about what it does, there was lots said June 7 by 14 Wing Greenwood leadership during a change of command and appointment ceremony.

415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron, known by its crest's distinct swordfish insignia, marked the work of Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick LeBlanc and Master Warrant Officer Jason Patterson as they leave their command team partnership; and welcomed the incoming Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger and Master Warrant Officer Ed Delorme.

LeBlanc and Patterson both bemoaned the array of technical acronyms they learned as they came into the capability development and testing squadron from past flying-focused squadrons, but were beyond proud of the Swordfish as they take on their next postings.

"415 Squadron was the only long range patrol unit I'd not been a part of, and it was a steep learning curve in operational testing and evaluation," LeBlanc said. "These are the best and brightest people in the fleet. Having flown every block of the Aurora through my career, I was excited to be coming here to be part of bringing Block IV about. What a challenge – and we still have issues, but we've now seen the Block IV complete missions. That operational success is because of the people of this unit. I'm glad I could be part of it, and witness their professionalism, pride and camaraderie."

"It's been the highlight of my career."

LeBlanc thanked Patterson for being an "outstanding command team partner, a fire

team buddy and a friend – and I know we're leaving the squadron in good hands."

Patterson said his time at 415 saw him move "from the frying pan to the fire," to today, "when I can't think of a unit that could have made the past year any better."

"415 has a never-wavering commitment to excellence and achieving goals – unparalleled. You all have the capabilities to handle any situation that presents itself, you should all be proud of the work done – and I only wish you stay the course."

LeBlanc acted as the reviewing officer while Patterson signed squadron warrant officer duties over to Delorme, posting in from 14 Wing's 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron.

"Thanks to the chain of command for the opportunity," Delorme said. "I'd like to thank the 415 family for having me become part of the team – I look forward to it."

14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendon Cook acted as the presiding officer, as LeBlanc turned command of the squadron to Fugger, posting in from his role as deputy commanding officer of 14 Operations Support Squadron. Fugger is no stranger to the work of 415 through legacy projects – we are now flying operations, we are force generating with 405 Squadron, we're introducing it to Comox and heading to RIMPAC this summer. In a two-year period, when much of the world stood still or went


sideways, you were given a challenge, you plotted a course and you 'hit the mark.'"

Cook said 415 Squadron's civilian and military members have done "amazing things in

the past two years, delivering aircraft and capabilities the fleet sorely needed." →



June 7, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force development) Squadron marked both a change of command and a change of appointment in its command team. In the back row, left, Master Warrant Officer Ed Delorme took over squadron duties from out-going Master Warrant Officer Jason Patterson, right. Seated, left, Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger signed on as the new commanding officer, as Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick LeBlanc, right, departs; Also pictured are 14 Wing Commanding Officer Colonel Brendan Cook, seated centre; and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, standing centre. Corporal C. Hildehey, 14 Wing Imaging



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## Combined effort marks commitment to community pride

Sara White,  
Managing editor

Kings County Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz says her home can do much to create a nurturing and safe space for her three young children to grow into themselves, but what happens as they go out into the community?

A good answer came June 6, as representatives from four municipal units, two provincial ridings, several businesses and community organizations, high school students and others gathered at the Kings County municipal office to celebrate the start of June as Pride Month – together.

“Here at the county, our vision is to be a community of communities – and communities with differences can often intersect,” Lutz said, as she co-hosted the launch event with Wolfville Councillor Mike Butler.

“It is incumbent on all of us to create spaces where these communities can all belong, flourish and thrive. This isn’t done with words and numbers, but with action, because we feel people deserve better.”

14 Wing Greenwood was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, the wing champion for the Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, with Wing Chief Officer Jonathan Proulx; were in attendance.



Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, the champion for the 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, shared local action to recognize diversity as a strength in the military workplace, and the wider community.

Officer Jonathan Proulx. He said the “collective strength in a community is far greater than its parts – and I’m thankful for that.”

“Pride Month is really a chance to recognize the great diversity of opinions, experiences, cultures – all their forms; and that that brings resiliency, strength and versatility that strengthens any institution. All people belong, and that’s precisely what 14 Wing and the Royal Canadian Air Force feel. We have the pride flag flying at our main gate, and we’re proud to be part of a community that feels the same.”

Christianson acknowledged past challenges, barriers and struggles as important, even with more modern efforts to foster all people towards their “authentic selves. “Don’t brush those aside,

ignore them or forget about them. Pride Month is also an important time to take those lessons learned and do better.”

Kings County Mayor Peter Muttart also described environments, learning and home experiences as influences on how people – particularly of different generations, religions or opinions; may feel about Pride Month, and accepting diversity on a daily basis.

“We have to be kind and intentional in our actions. Discrimination is now new; it’s old. We can be kind, but we can correct it when we see and hear it.”

“Today, upon unanimous motion of the County of Kings, I formally proclaim June to be Pride Month – and thank you all very much for being here with us.” →



Community leaders from government, businesses, schools, and organizations gathered June 6 in Coldbrook, at the County of Kings offices, to raise the pride flag for June as Pride Month. Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, the champion for the 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, with Wing Chief Officer Jonathan Proulx; were in attendance.

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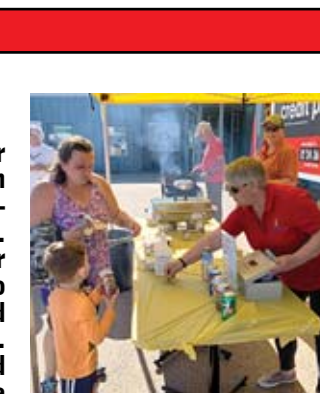
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## Corvette cruise-in

It was a pretty classic Friday night drive: summer weather, coffee and a BBQ, collectible and modern Corvettes – all parked under the wings of the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum’s display Lancaster. The museum hosted the first of three free summer cruise-ins June 10, inviting Corvette enthusiasts to come out for show and tell, photos, museum tours and a peek inside the museum’s CC130 Hercules aircraft. Many other vintage and unique vehicle also rolled in, making for great parking lot talk. Plan now for a “British Invasion”-themed car event August 5, and a Porsche-Palooza September 9

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# Ham radio operators on international airways June 25 to 26

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Field Day 2021 saw more than 26,000 hams partici-



pate from thousands of locations across North America. According to ARRL, there are an estimated three million amateur radio operators (hams) worldwide. You may have heard of some: Walter Cronkite, Marlon Brando, Gilles Morin, Juan Carlos, Jean Shepard, Burl Ives, Ronnie Milsap, Jim Croce, Patti Loveless - just to name a few. Field Day challenges hams to set up

emergency radios and contact as many other stations as possible in a 24-hour contest.

Ham radio operators from the Greenwood Amateur Radio Club will participate from 3 p.m. June 25 until 3 p.m. June 26 at the Wilmot Community Centre, 13972 Highway 1. Hams will establish temporary ham radio stations using alternative energy sources (generators, solar panels and batteries) to power their equipment, as Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wire-



less communications network. Some hams from the Greenwood Amateur Radio Club will also use the radio stations set

up in their homes or taken to their backyards to operate individually or with their families during this event.

During the event, the GARC welcomes visitors: members will demonstrate radio skills, show how they meet challenges of emergency preparedness, and provide educational Field Day activities. Interested visitors will be able to talk with the radio to someone across the country or the world. Drop by anytime during our 24-hours of Field Day operations.

For more information about the Field Day event or on becoming a ham, contact Brian DeAthe, VE1IQ (GARC president advisor); at briandeathe@hotmail.com. ➔

## Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre offers a range of fun options every week for youth aged six to 12 (five if they have completed one full year in a school program). To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or drop in to the Church Street offices

weekdays. All recreation programs require a mask to be on your person and used if social distancing can't be maintained.

**Monday, June 20, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** – Kids Club – Free baseball/ softball outdoors. Pre-registration required by noon on the day of the activity. Please dress accordingly

for outdoors and have a water bottle.

**Tuesday, June 21, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** – free family open/drop-in gym night for military, Defense Team members and Community Recreation Card holders (please provide proof at door). Please have indoor gym shoes to use the facility.

**Friday, June 24, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** – YTGIF - Minute to Win It games and bingo with prizes PLUS a tasty snack! Cost: \$10 plus tax for non-rec card holders; \$7 plus tax for rec card holders. Please have indoor gym shoes, outdoor wear for outside, and a water bottle. ➔



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