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14 Wing Greenwood Corporal Alex Anderson, outside the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Anderson was selected as one of seven Royal Canadian Air Force members, and one of 45 Canadian Armed Forces members, to represent Canada in the coronation parade for King Charles III May 6.

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'Moment in history' Greenwood corporal joins RCAF coronation contingent

Sara White,
Managing editor

"Amazing – the experience of a lifetime," says 14 Wing Greenwood Corporal Alex Anderson, one of 45 Canadian Armed Forces members on parade in London May 6 to mark the coronation of Kings Charles III.

"It was a lot – a huge honour to be there, massive to even have been thought of to go."

Anderson is an air weapons technician at 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron. He has been in the Royal Canadian Air Force for about four years.

"We don't do drill. We service the Aurora, and I love my day-to-day job."

Anderson also loves drill, something "not many people are 'super interested' in.

"I like the discipline, and I think it reflects on the Canadian Armed Forces and wider militaries – the better level of drill you have, the better your military is.

He's had the opportunity to be a member of several 14 Wing honour guards and, when the call came out for people potentially interested in participating in Canada's military coronation contingent, he applied.

"Two weeks before I left, I heard – my chain of command



Corporal Alex Anderson, outside Wellington Barracks, London; representing Canada in the coronation parade for King Charles III May 6.

Submitted told me in the office, and then I got an email, like every other deployment," Anderson says. "And it's the biggest kit list I've ever seen – two of everything, even an extra baggage allowance!"

Anderson gathered up two sets of DEUs and the ceremonial dress requirements and headed off to the United Kingdom, arriving April 26. All the Commonwealth countries'

military representatives were housed at Pirbright Army Training Centre, and a set of British drill sergeants took on the role of perfecting them as a combined procession.

"Some countries don't do drill – it's not their focus. Us, the Australians, the New Zealanders and the United Kingdom – we were fairly simple to adapt, as we're similar. Other than the calls were different," Anderson said, describing the British drill leaders as using a "different language. We did drill every single day, early morning to dinner.

"The British drill was amazing – the best I've ever seen."

The parade travelled into London for an overnight rehearsal May 3 – which stood out for Anderson, as the CAF contingent was attempting to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs in their Game 1 Stanley Cup play-off round match (May 2) while assembling outside Wellington Barracks.

"All the other countries were coming over to watch, asking us about the rules. We had a Leafs chant going."

Being able to share such a Canadian tradition with Com-

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First aid re-fresh

First aid training is just one of the common certifications every Canadian Armed Forces member holds, and that means regular training classes at 14 Wing Greenwood's Birchall Centre, including this session on CPR May 9.

Corporal J. Fox, 14 Wing Imaging

Moment in history...

...cover monwealth peers was amazing, Anderson says. Canada marched behind Cameroon, the Nepalese sang a couple of traditional songs, the Australian and New Zealand militaries were quick to point out their countries' differences. Anderson's 405 Squadron "Tasmanian Devil" logoed patches were particularly popular with the Down Under countries. "I traded for pins from the palace's household guards, the Royal Lancers. People were trading unit patches, their name tags.... I even tried on one of

the bearskin hats - they aren't as heavy as you'd think - but they are just as hot!" Coronation day May 6, the military marchers were in London by 7 a.m., waiting at Wellington Barracks and listening in as Charles III was crowned. They marched to Buckingham Palace through the streets, and Anderson says, as people recognized the Canadian Armed Forces members passing by, he could hear people in the crowds singing "O Canada." Assembled in the Buckingham Palace gardens, Kings Charles III came out on the balcony to review the British

and Commonwealth military units. As he was returning inside, everyone removed their headdress for three cheers to the king. "I could see through the ranks, he was being ushered in but wanted to stay until we finished - it was very emotional for us - we were honoured he stayed until the last boots were off the parade." The Canadian military contingent was taken afterwards to Canada House for a dinner with its executive chef, and met Canadian Governor General Mary Simon and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



14 Wing Greenwood Corporal Alex Anderson, second from left; outside Wellington Barracks, London, with the six other Royal Canadian Air Force members representing Canada in the coronation parade for King Charles III May 6 and support staff.

"They were incredibly proud of us, they said, and that was also pretty emotional to hear." May 7, they were guests at Windsor Castle for lunch in barracks, a look around some of the grounds and then attended the outdoor concert. "And then we all passed out on the plane home - just slept!"

Anderson says the coronation experience was a "moment in history," and even some participants who may have questioned their participation in something so traditional and, perhaps, old-fashioned were, "I do want to be here for this." "I have a connection - my great-aunt is British and was raised in the United Kingdom. She was there for the Queen's wedding, and the births of the Royal family members; and my aunt has met the Queen in Canada. I was proud to be there for my family, my country and the Canadian Armed Forces." →

Water calls keep SAR crews busy

April 27, just after 2 a.m., the Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre tasked a 14 Wing Greenwood-based Cormorant helicopter with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron to recover three individuals stranded after they crashed their vessel on the rocks near Sydney. R902 successfully retrieved the crew and returned to Greenwood at 7:10 a.m. May 2, Cormorant rescue 912 left Greenwood at 8:48 p.m. to conduct a medevac of a 50-year-old patient from a cruise ship 240 nautical miles south of Yarmouth. Hercules R343 was also tasked for top cover; it was airborne at 10:13 p.m. The Hercules returned to Greenwood post-mission at 12:48 a.m. May 3, followed by the Cormorant at 4:50 a.m. May 4, at 8:42 p.m., Cormorant rescue 904 launched for a medevac from a fishing vessel 115 nautical miles south of Yarmouth. A 48-year-old individual was experiencing respiratory symptoms. R904 successfully completed the medevac and transferred the patient to an ambulance at the Yarmouth airport. The helicopter returned to Greenwood at 12:34 a.m. May 6, at 9:09 a.m., Cormorant rescue 904 was tasked to search for an individual in the water near Miscou, New Brunswick. R904 was later stood down from the search as the person was recovered by a surface asset, returning to Greenwood at 1:27 p.m. →

Wing traffic disruption May 27 through 29

In support of an ongoing construction project to replace high voltage lines in the 14 Wing Greenwood mission support area, there is a requirement for partial road closures. Traffic control measures will be in place. May 27 and May 28, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a partial closure of both Ad Astra Way and Administration Drive. May 29, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a full closure of Administration Drive. →

Rink-side road closure May 23 to 26

In support of an ongoing construction project, there is a requirement for a road closure affecting Chimo Road, south of B15, the Greenwood Gardens Arena. Traffic control measures will be in place from 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, to 5 p.m. May 26. →

Indoor soccer underway for military members

14 Wing Greenwood military members are welcome to join an indoor soccer club at the 14 Wing Fitness & Sports Centre, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Corporal Noah Sirois, noah.sirois@forces.gc.ca, or Corporal Titel Stan, titel.stan@forces.gc.ca. →

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Adding to the effort

McDonalds restaurants hosted their annual McHappy

Day May 10, raising funds for their Ronald McDonald House family care program, and localized charities. In Greenwood, staff invited community representatives to come in and help raise awareness of the annual charitable blitz.

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14 Mission Support Squadron Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous, right, and Major Matthew King met drive-thru visitors with a basket of options in support of McHappy Day.



Kings West MLA Chris Palmer turns Peace by Chocolate bar salesman.



Below: Kingston Detachment Constable Marie-Eve Corriveau, left, and McDonalds' staffer Michelle Navidad paired up with a McHappy Day socks for sale.



Heather MacDonald, left, and Brigid Savage, right, from Brigaddon Village; get a helping hand from McDonalds' staffer James MacLeod-Fleming hanging the camp's banner in the drive-thru.

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New shoulder patch combines myriad Deputy Wing Commander branch roles



Deputy Wing Command Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left, and Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Rideout show off their new branch patches for the photo, but were even quicker to fix it to their shoulders. The April 28 arrival of the patches is the first time since the branch's creation in 2017 it has had a logo or patch design of its own.

Sara White, Managing editor

"Pretty sharp," said Deputy Wing Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, picking up the first of the new branch patches arriving at 14 Wing Greenwood.

"Supporting the wing: this patch is the representation of that."

Travis and branch Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Rideout were first in line April 28, picking up the brand new patches at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. The branch formed in 2017 from the previous Wing Administration branch, with additional responsibilities; 2023, and this new crest,

has been a long time coming.

"We may be one of the few Deputy Wing Commander branches with a crest even now," said Rideout.

Master Corporal Jean-Roch Chabot with Wing Imaging designed the patch and, with a few tweaks, the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum looked after patch production. Both entities fall in Deputy Wing Commander branch lines.

"We put the request for a design out to the branch and a number of ideas came back that included how we do support the wing in a wide variety of areas."

Travis particularly likes the detailed hand, almost

ghosted or ephemeral, in the design; showing how the branch's personnel play a role in claims and finance, administration, planning, lodger units including health services and policing, infrastructure, morale and welfare services, housing, heritage, public affairs and more. The base's three aircraft are also included, as all air, technician and support units need the Deputy Wing Command branch to operate.

The patch is now available in the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum gift shop, and may be worn on uniformed branch members' shoulders, or displayed by civilian branch members. →

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Eyes up for art

Sara White, Managing editor

Eyes up for art, as you arrive in Greenwood this spring.

The Village of Greenwood, with the artistic talents of members of the 7Arts N.O.V.A. Club, has started hanging graphic panels on telephone poles on main roads throughout the village. The first panel, by artist Allison Meisner, went up on Bridge Street May 3, near the Annapolis River, welcoming people to Greenwood.

"This is just the first one," says Greenwood Village Commission chairman Brian Banks. "We have a dozen – all done by local artists, and their names will be on them – and this is just the first phase!"

The village is undertaking a beautification initiative, and the banner project will brighten Bridge Street



Greenwood's Bridge Street looks a lot better, with a dozen new local art-themed banners lining the sides of the road. The beautification project is a partnership between the Village of Greenwood and 7Arts' N.O.V.A. Arts Council. From left, as the first banner went up May 3, are Greenwood village clerk Kerry Graham, Sarah Shortliffe, artist and N.O.V.A. volunteer; featured banner artist Allison Meisner, Amber Juby, N.O.V.A. council president and artist; and Greenwood Village Commission chairman Brian Banks.

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from the Annapolis River bridge to Baker's Corner.

The N.O.V.A. (New Opportunities for Valley Artists) artists are a peer-run artist club, offering lessons, workshops and artist supports through 7Arts' non-profit studio, gallery and arts space.

"We're so excited," said Amber Juby, N.O.V.A. Seven Arts Council founder and president, watching from the Bridge Street sidewalk as Meisner's banner was fastened over-

head. "We had free reign – the past, the present, the future of Greenwood. This community is more than the base: Greenwood has an identity. A lot of our artists participating have experience, but some have just started – and now people driving by will see new art!"

For more information on arts activity in the local area, visit 7Arts.ca, or drop into their 619 Central Avenue home. →

14 AMS family day fun



Stingers large and small, old and young, in uniform and part of the military family gathered in 10 Hangar, 14 Wing Greenwood, the home of 14 Air Maintenance Squadron; for a squadron family day May 7. Family days are an opportunity to see some of the workspaces and equipment squadron personnel use day-to-day – and have fun!

Master Corporal JR Chabot, 14 Wing Imaging



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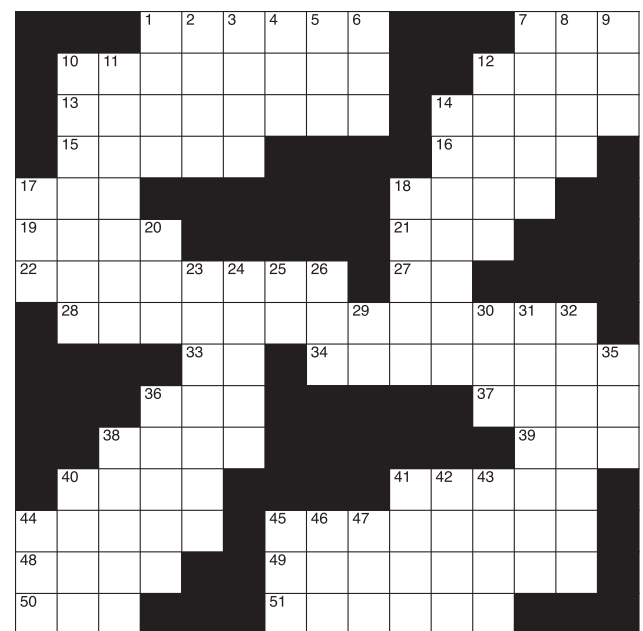
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Caregivers' workshop
May 23, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Caregivers Nova Scotia is holding its "Understanding Dementia Behaviours Workshop" at the Centreville Baptist Church, 870 Murray Drive, Centreville. This free workshop is for caregivers to learn about how dementia affects the brain, understand that all behaviour is a form of communication, and learn strategies for dealing with the most common expressive behaviours. Seating is limited. Registration deadline: May 17. To register, contact Jennine Wilson at 902-680-8706 or Valley@CaregiversNS.org.
Senior sing-a-long
May 23, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Middleton Library hosts choir leader Wendy, with the joy of singing with seniors with decades of life experiences and memories tied to music. Bring your listening ears and your singing voices, and enjoy the simple beauty of musical literacy. Open to ages 55+.

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1. Wear away by friction
 7. Insecticide
 10. Elicited a secret vote
 12. Beef
 13. Disagreement
 14. Crawford supermodel
 15. Jeweled headdress
 16. Digits
 17. Trillion hertz
 18. Snap up
 19. Classical portico
 21. Residue after burning
 22. Large integers
 23. Free agent
 28. Where ballplayers work
 33. Blood type
 34. Scottish city
 36. Google certification (abbr.)
 37. Serbian monetary unit
 38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
 39. Wood or metal bolt
 40. Relaxing attire
 41. Famed neurologist
 44. Dullish brown fabrics
 45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
 48. Griffith, Rooney
 49. Lawmakers
 50. Government lawyers
 51. The arch of the foot
- DOWN**
1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
 2. Britpop rockers
 3. National capital
 4. Consumed
 5. The habitat of wild animals
 6. Sun up in New York
 7. Cygnus star
 8. Male parents
 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
 10. A place to clean oneself
 11. Southwestern US state
 12. South Korean idol singer
 14. Pirate
 17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
 18. Mistake
 20. Promotions
 23. Prepares
 24. Partner to flowed
 25. State lawyer
 26. Patti Hearst's captors
 29. Pound
 30. Electronic data processing
 31. Sports player
 32. Treats with contempt
 35. Apprehend
 36. Excessively talkative
 38. Highways
 40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
 41. College organization for males
 42. Any customary observance or practice
 43. Employee stock ownership plan
 44. Male parent
 45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
 46. Female bird
 47. Autonomic nervous system

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You may struggle to get going this week, Aries. But once you do, it will be full speed ahead. In fact, you may need to slow things down to let others catch up.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you are feeling a bit scattered as of late, take some time out of your schedule to meditate and reflect on what is most important to you. Then follow that path.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, give yourself permission to move slowly this week. If you racing through things, you're apt to make mistakes. Set your own pace and let things play out as they may.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Deadlines could make for a heated week, Cancer. It's best to remove yourself from any situations before they get out of hand. Offer advice when things cool down.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Routines are boring you lately, Leo. You may need to shake things up. If you work a set schedule, see if you can go to flex time and look for ways to change.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Do not let drama that doesn't involve you sneak into your orbit, Virgo. If you need to distance yourself from others for a while, then do so.

Registration encouraged.
One-on-one tech help
May 23, adults may book a one-hour slot at the Middleton Library (or via Zoom) with a digital literacy instructor. Learn basic computer skills, how to use email, word processing, how to use our online library services, how to get started with a tablet or phone – and more.
Theatre – The Importance of Being Earnest
May 23 to 27, 7:30 p.m., the Greenwood Players Theatre Company presents "The Importance of Being Earnest," on stage at the AVM Morfee Centre, School Road, Greenwood. "Delightful and funny," this Oscar Wilde classic is directed by Jeffrey Pocock and features a talented cast of amateur actors and a volunteer backstage team. Tickets are \$5 at the door, or available in advance from Rene, 902-824-2435; or Joey, 902-222-5251.
Kingston Book Club
May 24, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the Kingston Library adult book club meets, an informal, welcoming space for people who love to discuss books. Pick up a copy of this month's book club selection at the library. Registration required.

May 21 to May 27
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, others feel you're giving off some high-strung vibes this week, and they wouldn't be wrong. Something is weighing on your shoulders. Figure out what it is and lighten the load.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you're dishing out all sorts of sage advice but it may be frustrating if others don't want to take it. All you can do is offer and let others lead their lives.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Things may be a little rough around the edges lately, and you'll need to figure out the ways to smooth things over, Sagittarius. Find a few friends who are in your corner.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, emphasize a slow and methodical approach to a problem with an elusive solution. Slowing things down has a tendency to provide substantial clarity.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Disagreements on how to move forward could bring tension at home or work this week, Aquarius. Everyone needs to put their ideas on the table and whittle down the best answer.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't compare yourself to others, Pisces; otherwise, you may downplay all of your wonderful attributes. Be proud of who you are.

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Information session for seniors: rebates, benefits and more
May 24, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Middleton Library hosts Annapolis MLA Carman Kerr in a discussion of Nova Scotia rebates, benefits and supports available for seniors and their loved ones. Open to ages 18+. Registration recommended.
Intro to the Innovation Lab and one-on-one tech help
May 25, book a one-hour slot at the Kingston Library (teens and adults) and learn how to use equipment in the Innovation Lab (3D scanner and printer, Cricut Maker, sewing machines, and more). Once you are comfortable to go it alone, you'll be able to book the lab whenever the library is open. Or, book one-on-one tech assistance with our digital literacy instructor. Please help us prepare for your visit by letting us know what you would like to cover. Registration required.
The Knit Wits
May 25, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Middleton Library hosts The Knit Wits: whether you've been knitting for decades, or just started, it's time to join! We have the yarn and needles: we just need someone to use them! Cheryl will answer any questions or lead the group in a pattern. Have something you have been working on at home? Bring it in! Open to ages 18+. Registration required.
Paper cut beach scene
May 25, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the

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Fun By The Numbers
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Kingston Library invites those 16+ to create a fun paper cut beach scene! All materials supplied. Registration required.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid escape room
May 26, book a 45-minute escape room adventure at the Berwick Library, ages 10+.
Babies and Books
May 26, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Kingston Library invites caregivers and their babies (newborn to 18 months) for quiet stories, rhymes and songs. Registration not required.
Your library online: how to borrow movies, ebooks, TV shows, music, and more
May 26, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Innovation Lab at Kingston Library hosts digital literacy instructor Greg Batty will walk you through how to borrow and stream digital content online, including movies, music, TV shows, ebooks, audiobooks and the latest magazines. Get helpful hints on how to use the Hoopla and Libby apps on various digital devices, such as phones, tablets or desktop computers. Registration required.
Greeting card group
May 26, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Middleton Library invites those 18+ to join Elizabeth for an hour of guided instructions to create a beautiful greeting card each meeting. All supplies provided. Registration required.
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Yard sale
May 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., visit the Kingston Lions' annual spring yard sale at the Kingston Lions Hall. Canteen will be open. Gently used furniture, appliances, kitchenware, tools household items and more! All proceeds toward our many community projects.
Fish cake supper
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bread and assorted pies. Take-out from 4:30 p.m. 'til 5 p.m., and eat-in dinner from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The price is \$18 per person and tickets are available at the Legion bar.
Yard sale
May 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon, the Kingston Baptist Church, 695 Main Street, welcomes everyone to its annual giant indoor/outdoor yard sale. Many, many items will be available, something for everyone!
Book launch
May 27, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Paradise Community Centre. Short reading at 2 p.m. from a book of poems by Joe Beninati, "Shadows I've Seen." For more information: joeben699@gmail.com.
Saturday morning crafts
May 27, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Middleton Library invites ages five to 12 for Saturday

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Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic at the hall, 570 Sparky Street, Kingston. Returning and new donors may book an appointment at blood.ca.
Concert
May 31, 7:30 p.m., the Middleton Choral Society, directed by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston; presents Lay Your Heart Down, a spring concert of joyful and uplifting music in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Main Street, Middleton. Cost of admission is \$15, with a door prize. An open reception will follow the concert.
Blood donor clinic
May 31, noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Berwick & District Lions host a Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic at the hall, 250 Veterans Drive, Berwick. Returning and new donors may book an appointment at blood.ca.

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Greenwood museum exhibit tells a wartime story - in yarn

**Sara White,
Managing editor**

Knowing every stitch of your sweater, hat, vest or gloves was hand-knit by someone taking great care had to have added to the comfort of Canada's Second World War military members serving far from home.

"I've been deployed so often, and just receiving anything from home was a motivation to continue on," said 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis. "I can just imagine the soldiers, sailors and aviators of 80 years ago – in trying times, what that meant to them. It is very important to bring our history forward."

Davis officially opened "Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition" May 5 at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, in its first showing as a travelling exhibit from the Kings County Museum in Kentville's original Fall 2022 show.

The Four Season Fibre Group focused its work through two years of the pandemic to knit pieces from the Monarch Knitting "Knitting for Victory" Second World War pattern book, used across Canada by thousands of volunteers to craft military uniform and comfort pieces for family members - and strangers -

serving overseas. After an initial visit by knitters mid-2022 to the Greenwood museum to compare colours, yarns and designs, their full exhibit in Kentville inspired Greenwood museum volunteers to host the show.

"We weren't sure how we'd fit this exhibit in," said GMAM Society chairman and display lead Ian Patrick, "but these Kings County knitters are wonderful – they're here today, scattered around to answer any questions. Their work is remarkable."

The GMAM was able to add a number of artefacts to the original exhibit, specific to life at CFB Greenwood in its wartime days as a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan base and showing more of what serving members wore overseas.

"We have a mannequin here in a sheepskin vest – what he would have worn in a cold hut in Iceland. Anything from Canada, for him, was a treat with the problems they had just keeping warm. They had their uniform, but they added pieces to keep warm."

Also new at the Greenwood showing of "Wartime Knitting" is an 11-piece collection of espionage knitting. The Four Season knitters spent the winter researching secret code



"Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition" opened at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum May 5. Museum society chairman Ian Patrick coordinated the appearance of the original Kings County Museum exhibit at the GMAM, adding 14 Wing-specific pieces to add to the work of the Four Season Fibre Group's knitwork – which included the knitted ribbon length crafted by Four Season member Marie Meldrum, right, used in the official opening "ribbon" cutting. With Patrick and Meldrum are, second from left GMAM manager Captain Art Gogan, Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, and Kings County Museum curator Ellen Lewis. S. White

work hidden in knitting worn by escaping soldiers, resistance members and spies: changing stitches and knots told an essential story of numbers, locations and details.

"A sincere thank you to the group for their dedication," Four Season member Marie Meldrum said, describing the "second phase" knitting that created the new espionage collection.

"My great-grandmother was determined and resourceful. Her three sons all enlisted; two returned. She – and many other women – did work on the home front to maintain homes, businesses and communities and, when they had a spare moment, they picked up their needles and became an army of knitters."

Meldrum said it's estimated 750,000 women across Canada contributed over 50 million knitted pieces shipped to Europe during the Second

World War.

"Creating this display has been a time of sharing oral history of our loved ones who served, and the dedication of family. As you view this, you can remember and recognize the impact of a great generation of women and men."

Kings County Museum curator Ellen Lewis thanked 14 Wing Greenwood and the Greenwood museum for their support of the original exhibit, but also for hosting the show.

"We are honoured and pleased the Greenwood museum is the first location for this display, on what we hope may become a wide and long tour. This has been a project born from love, gratitude and respect."

Visit the "Wartime Knitting" display, available to June 16, and the wider GMAM collection, Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The outdoor GMAM airpark is open dawn to dusk. Museum admission is free. ➔



Four Season Fibre Group knitter Marie Gallant describes the detail and purpose behind the military knitting she added to the "Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition" exhibit, now onto June 16 at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. S. White

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Bring your lunch and spend an hour at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, sharing memories and enjoying the exhibits included in its current guest show, "Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition."

The 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Women's Advisory Organization invites you to a lunch 'n learn, with guests GMAM Society chairman Ian Patrick and Four Seasons Fibre Group knitters May 25, noon to 1 p.m.

The exhibit, first prepared by the Kings County Museum in Fall 2022, includes Second World War artefact and replica knitwork, reflecting the effort of communities to keep soldiers, sailors and aviators warm, dry and comforted far from home. Some unique-to-Greenwood items have been added: see how secret messages were sent across enemy lines, coded in yarn! ➔



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