



JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

Meet and Greet: Wednesday 11 June 2014 -11:30 hrs (lunch service begins)

(Please bring a guest)

Meeting Start: 12:00 hrs

Speaker: Commander Joseph E. Deer , Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit



Lunch Menu:

Assorted Premium Sandwiches

Garden House Salad with the Catering Company Dressing

Slow Roasted Beef with Merlot - Au Jus

Red Skin Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal Roasted Vegetables

Assorted Desserts

Coffee

Speaker For 11 June 2014 GCC Meeting



Commander Joseph E. Deer, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit



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Commander Joseph E. Deer, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit will be our speaker at the 11 June 2014 GCC noon meeting.

On 28 November 1942, a WWII U.S. Coast Guard aircrew, flying a J2F4 Grumman Duck, completed a daring rescue using methods never before attempted. This intrepid crew used a 6,000 pound float plane as a ski plane, landed on the frozen Greenland icecap and successfully rescued two air-crewmembers from a downed B-17. On 29 November 1942, they attempted a second rescue, but never returned and were never heard from again. This presentation, using the latest scientific technology, will take you from 1942 to modern day and details the July through August 2014 USCG exhumation plan for this aircraft and the three WWII veterans on board, believed to be frozen 38' under the ice.

Commander Joseph E. Deer, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit

Commander Deer was born in Sheboygan, WI in 1964. His family moved to northern Wisconsin, and except for a brief period in Virginia, remained in this rural area where he completed high school. A 1988 graduate of Northwestern College, he received a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts.

A former U.S. Army officer, he received his flight training at Fort Rucker, AL from 1989-1990 and is a veteran of the 1st Persian Gulf War. Commander Deer received his USCG commission from Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in September, 1992 and was assigned to Naval Air Station Belle Chasse in New Orleans, LA from 1992 - 1997.





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Following assignment to Air Station New Orleans, he was assigned to Air Station Kodiak, Alaska from 1997-2002 where he flew HH-65's in the Alaskan patrol division for three years, followed by a transition to the C-130 Hercules.

In 2002, he was assigned to Air Station Elizabeth City where he upgraded to Instructor pilot in the C-130 and flew a variety of missions, including Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and International Ice Patrol.

In 2005, he was assigned to USCG headquarters where he served as the HC-144A "Ocean Sentry" platform manager – the CG's newest airplane. Additionally, he spearheaded the recovery effort for the 1942 crash of a J2F4 Grumman Duck with WWII veterans LT John Pritchard, RM1 Benjamin Bottoms & CPL Loren Howarth on board near the southeast coastline of Greenland.

In 2009, he was assigned to Air Station Kodiak, AK as the Operations Officer through 2011 when he was promoted to the Executive Officer position. He completed his Master's Degree in Quality Systems Management in 2011 from the National Graduate School, Falmouth, MA.

Commander Deer has flown two U.S. Coast Guard aircraft: HH-65B and C-130H and has acquired over 5,000 hours of flight time. His awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Commendation Medals, three Achievement Medals, the Kuwait Liberation Medal and various other personal and unit awards.

Commander Deer is married to the former Amy Jean Ellenberger of Milwaukee, WI. They have four children: Joseph, Nathan, Caleb and Hannah.



GCC's May Meeting Speaker

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Chief Brad Duncan of the *London Police Service* who at our last meeting spoke on the topic "Current and Emerging Issues for Policing" including human trafficking and cyber-crime.



For further information on the London Police Service, follow the link: <http://www.police.london.ca/>



GCC Speaker Roster- 2014

Below is the program planning for the remainder of 2014.

10 September 2014	COS 31 CBG – Present & Future Plans	LCol Dan McLean
8 October 2014	Royal Canadian Navy and Naval Reserve Update	LCdr Iain Findlater
12 November 2014 (Speaker and AGM)	WW II - Canadians in the Battle of Ortona	LCol Joe Murray

GCC Honouring Veterans Initiative- Colonel Brock A. Millman

We are pleased to announce that **Colonel Brock A. Millman, CD** will be in attendance at our 11 June GCC meeting to be recognized for his service through our *GCC Honouring Veterans Initiative*. Details will be provided at the 11 June meeting.

The GCC's *Honouring Veterans* initiative of the Garrison Community Council (London and Region) acknowledges the service of individual Canadian Forces (CF) and RCMP veterans. As well the initiative celebrates our rich military heritage, both past and present, while continuing our traditions of Remembrance. The *Honouring Veterans* initiative supports the GCC's mission to focus on building a greater understanding of the Canadian Forces within the civilian community. Colonel Millman is Commander of 31 Canadian Brigade Group.



Colonel Brock A. Millman, CD





Significant Military Dates

The list of significant military dates serves as background for the honouring veterans initiative. The dates listed on the next two pages (for June, July and August) is not conclusive and is for reference only.

June 6	D Day Anniversary	The anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion of Europe- 1944. Allies come ashore in Normandy.
June 15	Battle of Givenchy 1915	Major Henry Campbell Becher was killed in action at the Battle of Givenchy. His father Henry Becher had been a mayor of London, Ontario .
July 1	Battle of the Somme / Memorial Day in Newfoundland & Labrador	1916 - Battle of the Somme / Memorial Day in Newfoundland & Labrador
July 10	Canadians come ashore in Sicily	Canadians come ashore in Sicily- 1943
July 10 to October 31	Battle of Britain- 1940	2,936 pilots took part in an historic battle against the German Luftwaffe that was to become the only battle to be fought entirely in the air.
July 27	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	Anniversary of the 1953 signing of the armistice that ended the 3 year Korean War

August 9	Canadian Forces Peacekeepers die in the Middle East	Nine Canadian Forces Peacekeepers die in the Middle East- 1974
August 15	V-J Day	V-J Day is the anniversary of the 1945 informal surrender of Japan, effectively ending World War II.
August 19	Dieppe Raid	Canadians take part in Raid on Dieppe- 1942



31 Canadian Brigade Group Commander's Column: An Informal View of the Brigade's Activities

This short article, normally penned by a member of the Brigade staff, will offer a casual look at ongoing activities in 31 CBG. Written with an intent to avoid heavy use of military lexicon, acronyms and abbreviations, the Commander's Column supports information sharing to groups with diverse backgrounds and will, hopefully, offer a less formal view of the Brigade overall, or the examination of specific issues or events. I welcome suggestion of topics you would like to see covered in these columns.

B.A Millman, Colonel, Comd 31 Canadian Brigade Group





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Despite the final acknowledgement of Canadian troops being withdrawn from the Afghanistan theatre of operations, and rumours of tightening budget, sometimes it seems that Canada's Army Reserve just keep getting busier. 31 CBG continues to advance "full steam ahead" into the Army's future.

This past month, we saw soldiers from the Brigade participating in the national ceremony on Parliament Hill for the National Day of Honour on the 9th of May. Simultaneously, parades either led or participated in by Brigade units took place in London, Kitchener, Hamilton, Windsor, Waterloo, St Thomas and Owen Sound. The many ceremonies in our Brigade area were a firm and confident affirmation of the affiliation our communities feel towards their local units.

Concurrent with the acknowledgements of the National Day of Honour were the announcements of the first Battle Honours for Canada's mission in Afghanistan. The conflict name has been confirmed as "South-West Asia" and this name will join those of the First World War, the Second World War and Korea as the defining label for the Afghanistan combat mission. Within this conflict, two battle honours, specifically the "Theatre Honours" for the South-West Asia conflict, have been authorized. These are "Arabian Sea" and "Afghanistan." The former of these has been awarded to eligible warships of the Royal Canadian Navy and the latter to eligible units of the Canadian Army and Special Forces. In addition, the RCN's Fleet Diving Units have been granted the status of battle honour-bearing units. Within 31 CBG, eight units have received the battle honour "Afghanistan." These are:

- 1st Hussars
- The Windsor Regiment (RCAC)
- The Royal Canadian Regiment
- The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment)
- The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada
- The Grey and Simcoe Foresters
- The Essex and Kent Scottish
- The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)





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My congratulations go out to all these regiments, with particular attention to The Windsor Regiment. This is the first battle honour awarded to that regiment.

While these theatre honours have been announced, it does not preclude the possibility of more battle honours being announced for specific campaigns, battles or engagements. In future years we can expect to see the theatre honour "Afghanistan" emblazoned on Regimental Colours and Guidons as these are replaced in due course by Canadian Army units.

Garrison Community Council members will have been aware of the continued military presence in and around the Memorial Cup tournament in London during May. As the home town presence, 31 CBG filled a lion's share of the tasks to support the tournament and it was great to have the opportunity for our troops to promote the Cup's original rededicated role as a memorial to Canada's fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen.

On 15 May the Memorial Cup arrived at Wolseley Barracks by RCAF helicopter. Among those speaking at the ceremony marking the arrival of the Cup were LCol Kevin Bertoia, Deputy Commander of 31 CBG, and Moon Inthavong, Board Chair of the London Military Family Resource Centre. The arrival was supported by soldiers from the 4th Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, and the 1st Hussars, as well as sailors from HMCS Prevost. The Memorial Cup has featured Wolseley Hall and The RCR Memorial as part of its logo for this tournament, and 31 CBG soldiers from all of the London units and 31 CER will be seen at many of the events throughout the tournament.



This summer, as any members of the GCC travel to our nation's capital, you will have an opportunity to see Brigade soldiers during your visit. The Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill will include about 50 soldiers from the Brigade participating in the Guard's ceremonial duties this year. The Ceremonial Guard has performed Guard Mounting at parliament Hill since 1959 when it was first executed by the Regiment of Canadian Guards. Today, the Ceremonial Guard is a composite Canadian Armed Forces unit. This year, the majority of the Guard is composed of Regular and Reserve Force soldiers from regiments across Canada and for the first time, including members from Canada's Navy and Air Force. We are proud to see 31 CBG soldiers as part of the Ceremonial Guard, even if the required uniformity of dress means they will not be wearing their home unit badges as they march on Parliament Hill.



Left: LCol Kevin Bertoia, Deputy Commander of 31 Canadian Brigade Group, speaks at the arrival ceremony for the Memorial Cup at Wolseley Barracks, London, ON.



Right: Two members of the local Naval Reserve unit HMCS Prevost, exit the RACF Griffon helicopter carrying the Memorial Cup. They will carry the Cup to a waiting Army Reserve G-Wagon for the next leg of its journey. [Photos by Capt M.M. O'Leary]



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31 Service Battalion

31 Service Battalion (31 Svc Bn) is a Combat Service Support (CSS) unit belonging to 31 Canadian Brigade Group (31 CBG). Its mission is to provide CSS capable deployed troops for operations, both expeditionary and domestic. In addition it is also required to provide limited technical support to all dependencies (Regular, Reserve and Cadets) in South Western Ontario. The CSS and technical support we speak of are in the areas of food services, supply, transport, traffic and maintenance which would be provided both in garrison and in the field. The unit has an effective strength of approximately 270 personnel made of both Regular and Reserve Force members.

The unit was formed on 1 April 2009 from the amalgamation of 21 (Windsor), 22 (London) and 23 (Hamilton) Service Battalions and was re-numbered at the same time to 31 Svc Bn. This number had previously been used by the Reserve Service Battalion in St John New Brunswick who were also re-numbered to 37 Svc Bn on the same date. The unit is organized with a Headquarters Company and Support Company in London and two additional Support Company's in Windsor and Hamilton. Also, with the transformation of Area Support London in July 2013, 31 Svc Bn took over command of the Technical Services Platoon (Tech Svcs Pl) which is made up of 37 Regular and Reserve Force personnel. While the majority of Tech Svcs Pl is in London, they do have small detachments in Windsor and Hamilton providing maintenance and supply support.





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On 1 April 2012 the battalion assumed command of the Support Company in Sault Ste Marie that had belonged to 33 Svc Bn which is located in Ottawa and North Bay. In addition in July 2013 with the transformation of Area Support Unit Northern Ontario which was located mainly in North Bay, we also assumed command of their support detachment located in Sault Ste Marie. However, these command relationships were short lived as all the CSS elements in Sault Ste Marie were transferred back to 33 Svc Bn effective 1 April 2014.

The battalion when formed had belonged to 2 Area Support Group whose headquarters was located in Petawawa. As a consequence of transformations ordered by Canadian Army Headquarters, the unit was transferred formally to 31 CBG on 24 January 2013.

As can be seen this unit has gone through considerable changes over the last 5 years, but has never lost sight of what its mission is. At one point in 2010 we had 20 soldiers deployed to Afghanistan and were prepared to deploy troops in December 2010 when Highway 402 was closed due to a severe snow storm. The unit is operationally focused through our training by running a series of exercises named Service Response during the year where we test how quickly we can call soldiers into work and be ready to deploy on a domestic operation. In addition we push hard to get soldiers to attend EXERCISE STALWART GUARDIAN which is the summer concentration in August. This latter exercise provides the soldiers with the experience of living and working in the field under austere conditions for an extended period of time. This experience will prove invaluable when disaster (both manmade and natural) strikes and fellow Canadians find themselves in danger. This is why our unit motto is BELLUM EST CRAS which means "The War is Tomorrow" because we never know when disaster will strike. [See photos on next page.] Author: Captain J.M. Juraszko, MMM, CD





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A troop lift in Borden that has just been ambushed and the troops are reacting off our Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) trucks. We are being escorted by elements of the Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron in their Mercedes Trucks



Troops camouflaging vehicles in Meaford



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Summer Training Challenges Cadets To Excel

With the school year coming to a close, and summer fast approaching, Sea, Army and Air Cadets are counting the days until summer training begins. Each year, thousands of young men and women from communities in every corner of the country travel to one of 23 Cadet Summer Training Centres (CSTC) scattered across the country to take part in a diverse array of opportunities offered by the Canadian Cadet Organization.

“Summer training opportunities are something that no person would ever be able to experience on their own,” offered Warrant Officer First Class Hannah Stewart of 10 Timmins Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron as she recalled her own CSTC experiences. Courses range from introductory to highly specialized and can be from two to eight weeks long depending on the developmental phase and the course of study.

“General Training in my first year was a blast but was also very helpful because I was able to explore all the amazing opportunities I could experience beyond that first summer,” explained Master Warrant Officer Devlyn Lohnes from 1944 Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps out of Creemore, Ont. “There are an incredible number of different directions and training options that are available to cadets that a lot of people probably don’t realize this Program offers.”

Some courses are designed to develop skill-sets in specific areas such as music, sports and fitness, ceremonial drill functions, or marksmanship and bring together cadets from all three elements to provide training that is common across Sea, Army, and Air cadet curriculums. There also a number of courses which are unique to the three components and provide distinct opportunities for cadets to receive enhanced training in areas unique to their elemental program.

Were she a Sea Cadet, WO1 Stewart from Timmins might have specialized in driving an assortment of small boats, cruised the oceans aboard state of the art naval patrol vessels or become an expert in two-person





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sailboat racing. Where, as an Army Cadet, she might have spent her days refining her skills in leadership, trekking or mountain biking through the Rockies on an expedition, or leapt from an airplane on the Canadian Forces Basic Parachutist Course. Or she may have spent a summer with MWO Lohnes representing Canada at the Commonwealth Imperial Meeting international shooting competition in Bisley, England. But as an Air Cadet, it was in the cockpit that Stewart found her passion as she spent several summers learning and training to become a licensed pilot.



"I had never gotten so much of a rush in my life before," she said of the first time she flew a glider on her own. "I was literally sitting in the cockpit shouting "This is so awesome!" the entire first solo flight because I realized that I was flying an aircraft all by myself."

More than simply a summer getaway, each cadet summer training course has its own set of curriculum designed to not only provide fun and challenge to the cadets, but to provide them with subject matter expertise that will prove valuable to their local cadet unit upon their return. Survival Instructors teach their fellow air cadets critical skills for surviving in the field. Sail Instructors allow Sea Cadet Corps to run on-water training that would otherwise require bringing in specialists. Graduates from each course offer something unique, which in turn broadens the opportunities and experiences of all the members of their unit.



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“In addition to the once-in-a-lifetime experiences and friendships that I got out of each summer, I also gained a lot of knowledge and skills that I use at the cadet corps throughout the year,” explained Lohnes. “Not only was I able to help coach our unit shooting team to multiple gold-medal finishes, but the overall leadership and teamwork development I received have supported me in my role as the RSM in charge of my cadet corps.”

Once they have progressed far enough in their own training, cadets can even return to the training centres as Staff Cadets employed to assist in the conduct of the courses. Jobs range from support work such as maintaining equipment or administration to working directly in training, passing on their expertise to a new generation of cadet trainees. The advantages of summer training go beyond the skills taught in their classes however. The challenges faced on these courses require cadets to develop their skills in problem solving, leadership, and effective communication, to name but a few. With these skills, and the self-confidence earned through hard work, these cadets become a crucial part of the smooth operation of their home unit and most other groups and organizations that they become a part of.

“I am so happy that I have had the chance to spend my summers away from home on these amazing adventures. They have changed my life forever,” concludes a confident and grateful Stewart. “The cadet summer training experiences are something that every cadet gains benefit from to not only help them progress through the Cadet Program but also through life in general.”

The Cadet Program offers experiences that Canadian youth simply cannot get anywhere else. Through this dynamic training program, cadets are motivated to improve their physical fitness, to work harder on their academic studies and to give back to their communities all the while making lasting friendships and acquiring lifelong skills that will better prepare them to become tomorrow’s leaders.



The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)

The [North American Aerospace Defense Command \(NORAD\)](#) is a bi-national military organization that monitors and defends North American airspace. It is a unique partnership in the world and after more than 50 years of existence, it continues to play a vital role in ensuring the mutual security of Canada and the United States. Its mission is to conduct “aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning in the defense of North America.” The [NORAD Agreement](#) was first signed by the Governments of Canada and the U.S. on May 12, 1958. While there have been nine NORAD Agreement renewals since 1958, the basic text of the Agreement has been revised substantially only four times – in 1975, 1981, 1996, and in 2006.

The commander of NORAD is appointed by, and is responsible to, both the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States. Although the commander of NORAD may be either Canadian or American, traditionally, the commander of NORAD is American, and the deputy commander is a Canadian. NORAD headquarters is located at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. There are three NORAD Regions:

- The Continental U.S. NORAD Region (CONR), headquartered at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.
- The Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR), headquartered at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.
- The Canadian NORAD Region (CANR), headquartered at Winnipeg, Manitoba, and co-located with 1 Canadian Air Division. The commander of 1 Canadian Air Division is also the commander of CANR.





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Our NORAD contribution includes:

- Canadian Armed Forces personnel serving in NORAD-related activities in both the U.S. and Canada.
- Fighter aircraft on alert status during normal operations.
- The operation and maintenance of the Canadian portion of the North Warning System – a chain of radar stations along the northern edge of North America.
- Forward operating locations to support fighter operations in the North.

22 Wing North Bay in Ontario, also known as the Canadian Air Defence Sector (CADS), is responsible for providing surveillance, identification, control and warning for the aerospace defence of Canada and North America at the Sector Air Operations Centre. For further information see: <http://www.norad.mil/>



North American Aerospace Defense Command

Royal Canadian Navy - Destroyers

The *Iroquois*-class warships are area air defence destroyers, and their advanced communications capability and extra accommodations make it an ideal command and control platform.

Built in the early 1970s, in the early 1990s they were extensively converted and refitted with sophisticated anti-air weapons systems, an improved propulsion plant, advanced surface and sub-surface weapons and communications systems.

Like Canada's newer Halifax-class Canadian Patrol Frigate, the *Iroquois*-class are equipped with one of the world's most advanced integrated combat control systems. In peacetime, they can employ their high-tech systems for a variety of important missions, from search and rescue to fisheries and sovereignty patrols.





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The *Iroquois*-class warship's homeports are Esquimalt, British Columbia, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The current *Iroquois*-class warships are:

- *HMCS Iroquois*
- *HMCS Athabaskan*
- *HMCS Algonquin*



HMCS Algonquin departs from Pearl Harbor to participate in exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2006. [U.S. Navy photo]



HMCS Algonquin, HMCS St-Johns and HMCS Protecteur in formation in the Gulf of Oman



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Annual Garden Party- Wednesday, 04 June 2013 4pm – 6 pm

Please see the formal Invitation that was sent by e-mail to GCC members re the Commander's Annual Garden Party- 31 Canadian Brigade Group hosted in conjunction with the Eldon House Board of Directors at *Eldon House* 481 Ridout Street North, London, Ontario, N6A 2P6 .

"Col. Bob Newman Memorial Golf Classic"- Thursday 12 June 2014

This is a reminder that the Garrison and Commissionaires are holding the "Col. Bob Newman Memorial Golf Classic" as a joint Golf tournament on Thursday 12 June 2014 at the Forest City National. Please see the April GCC Newsletter for further details (<http://www.gcclondon.ca/whatsnew.htm>).

2014 GCC EXECUTIVE

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