



The Golden Spur
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Best wishes, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all serving and retired Linemen their friends and families and all friends of the Line Trade.

It's been a crazy couple years for everyone, dealing with the COVID 19 reality which has really changed many facets of our professional and personal lives. As a start, I want to say that my thoughts and best wishes are with you and your families as we continue to work thru these challenging times. One of my favorite quotes is from Winston Churchill, "Keep Buggering on" (KBO), so we all just need to keep positive and keep moving forward. The challenges are also felt by our association, being locked down is not indicative of Linemen, we are the types to be out in the open, **on the road**, among our friends, family, fellow Linemen and the public, we are the life of any party. Items like this Christmas newsletter will hopefully pass on to all Linemen our friends and families that we are still here, we are still the best Trade in the C&E Branch and we will be here when COVID is over and we will continue to move forward. We continue to watch the progress of 77 Line Regiment who are now on their 3rd Regimental LCS, MWO Rick Cooper and 3rd CO LCol Alex Cote. They are certainly making progress but continue to struggle with logistical and other issues. The work for the new Regiment is daunting, everything from, moving supply accounts, funding, vehicles being transferred, and actually getting down to the tasks of cable and antenna construction and maintenance has all members of the new regiment digging in and getting down to work. I'm sure they will rapidly move forward in the tradition of the Line Trade once again, for the first time since 1996, under a unified Chain of Command for the workforce for strategic side of the house. One thing we do notice is the absence of THE CABLE newsletter from 77 Line Regt, hopefully they will get back at it in due course and in a non COVID 19 world.

26th of January 2022 will be the 34th anniversary of our association and I'm sure with the continued support of retired and serving members it will continue to thrive, we are looking forward to 77 Line Regt becoming more involved in a leadership role in the CAFL, esprit-de-corps seems to be a no brainer for this new Regt and that is what the CAFL is all about.





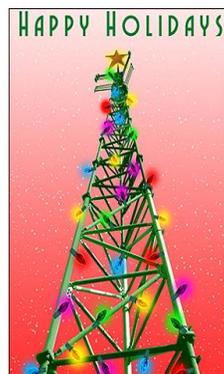
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This year will be/was to be a huge celebration at the 50th Line Trade Meeting and Tasking Conference. On the books now to be held at the NAVCENTER Cornwall On 21-24 Feb 2022. With the surge in COVID in the last 2 weeks, it's not looking great to hold it in person so as of today it will probably be ran in a virtual fashion like the 49th LTC was, but there will be more to follow on this early in the New Year. As many of you, I've been at the LTC many times over the years, and I fully support this Conference as the pinnacle event for the Line Trade, a conference that sees input from all Command level/L1's that have Linemen in their ranks.

Enjoy the Christmas season with friends and family and I hope to see many of you in the upcoming year. I thank you all greatly for the contributions to this newsletter the association and the Trade. Good luck and all the best over the holidays and in the upcoming year.

Ron During
President
Canadian Association of Forces Linemen



LLWC Winnipeg Golden Spur

2021 has been a wild year for LLWC Winnipeg to say the least. Sgt Young was promoted to WO and posted to Edmonton making him the Pacific/Central Regional Warrant Officer for 3 Sqn. Everyone here in Winnipeg was sad to see him go but we are happy to see all his hard work materialize into success. Filling the void left by WO Young's new posting was Sgt Davenport who was promoted from the MCpl position in LLWC Shilo, he now takes over as the LCF for LLWC Winnipeg. The transition has been seamless and he brought tons of new tricks and tips regarding Base side Line work here in Winnipeg. MCpl Larsen returned from OP Reassurance this summer looking ten years younger and he cannot wait to go back for some more pork meatball. Cpl Kuzyk has also just returned to LLWC Winnipeg from OP Impact and has a few busy months ahead travelling and enjoying the time off. Cpl Lee-Jordan was left to keep the shop afloat and is expecting a baby girl in January and couldn't be happier.

The crew here in Winnipeg is all smiles and we cannot wait to see our friends at EX Western Grinch. We wish all members of 77 Line Regiment and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



From Left: MCpl Larsen, Sgt Davenport, Cpl Lee-Jordan.
Missing: Cpl Kuzyk



We here in CFJSR C-TP have been busy all year with different projects and exercises. We have almost completed a total overhaul and restructuring of our warehouse. There has been constant work improving and tweaking our new quick deployable camps, which will allow us leave at a moment's notice. Along with these projects, we have also had the chance to work not just in Canada but around the world.

Early 2021 we completed a maintenance project in Shirley's Bay with Sgt Smith, MCpl Ross-Bergeron, MCpl Pearson, Cpl Fleurant-Lamy, and Cpl Guevara Perez. The task was to provide a cable record verification for the entire campus, and we were successful.

Cpl Bate, Cpl Lapierre, Sgt Saunders had the opportunity to go to Bahrain for the theater opening of OP ARTEMIS in January. The work there provided the backbone for the communications networks used for naval operations in the Persian Gulf and surrounding area. We were there during the Covid lockdown so it created a new challenge to overcome. With every temporary install comes a tear down so Cpl Bate returned to Bahrain in the summer to remove the cabling.

While some went to an island in the Middle East, Cpl Buckley, Sgt Perron flew to a different island in the Caribbean. They went to Jamaica for OSHLAC, A hot and humid exercise to make sure our high readiness unit is ready for short notice disaster relief.

During summer leave, Cpl's Fleurant-Lamy and Graham went off to the beautiful country of Latvia for OP REASSURANCE. They had the arduous task of building the cabling infrastructure for a vehicle return section HQ.

We also participated in a number of domestic exercises. CWIX, which spanned 10 time zones where 28 NATO and Partner Nations conducted classified and unclassified interoperability testing across 5 networks. Ready Devil, which was a division level exercise where we were able to test some new set ups and line systems that a lot of us have never implemented before. Ready Posture with Sgt Perron, Cpl Bate, Cpl Bennett, Cpl Thomas, Pte Leclerc, and Pte Grenon. A month spent in the muddy fields of Mountain View allowed two of the new privates to flex the skills. Hermes Echo, Unified Resolve, and the early preparation for next year's Ex Mercury Striker.

This year saw a few members posted out. MWO Villeneuve, MWO Boucher, Cpl Lapierre, and Cpl Guevara-Perez. But with every person out somebody comes in. Posted in the year was WO Girard, WO Gosse, Pte Leclerc, Pte Grenon, Pte Wright, Pte Edmunds, Pte Bleakney,

From all of us, we would like to wish all the Line Techs a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the best troop at CFJSR.

Cpl Nelson Bate
CFJSR 3SQN C-TP



3 Line Sqn Regional Warrant's SHQ Edmonton

Written by: WO Nickerson

Happy Holidays from WO Todd Young and myself WO Jeffrey Nickerson from the Regional WO's office in the 3 Line Sqn HQ in Edmonton. 2021 has brought on another round of COVID-19 Ground Hog day like symptoms. This has made it another very challenging and interesting year for all of us with restrictions put in place and lifted (the on and off the bus effect military personal saying) that effected our 1st Line maintenance work schedules and our personal lives.

With travel restriction being loosened a bit more in 2021 it has allowed our members to see their love ones and get away from their homesteads and allowed time to embrace the most important things we have, which is family and friends to recharge our batteries. We as a Sqn have learned to adapt and overcome the new challenges that have been brought upon us. With the winter months now back upon us and cooped up again inside, so please try to get out for some social time to beat the winter blues.

We like to pass on to all our LLWC LCF's the many thanks and graduated for being flexible with last minute requests, course requirements and changes to work schedules. Remember all that you have accomplished this year, it has been a busy year where we fitted in a Sqn IBTS Trg exercise and EX TREE LINE was in September at CFB Edmonton this included online IBTS courses to weapons ranges. During that time we had our CO and RSM visit to present some awards and partake in the PWT level 2 Shoot. All were successful.

Since then we have had to complete more DLN trg between tasking's and maintenance. With planning for upcoming exercise, EX WESTERN GRINCH line refresher training. This office has been busy with either being double hated or completing career course while staffing all admin for regional areas.

We like to pass on our Congratulation to the members of our team that earned promotions this year which where, MCpl Kneabone promoted and posted from RLWC to LLWC Wainwright, MCpl Zwaagstra promoted and posted from RLWC to 3 PPCLI, MCpl Brunet promoted and posted from LLWC Edmonton to LLWC Shilo, Sgt Davenport promoted and posted from LLWC Shilo to LLWC Winnipeg. WO Young was promoted and posted into SHQ as Regional WO for Pacific /Central Region. We finally got the band back together in the same shop / office as peers after a 20 year hiatus since 2001 at 2 RCHA.

Best of luck to those that have retired or will be retiring in the New Year. Members were Cpl Mai LLWC EDM, MCpl Hache LLWC COM, Cpl Able LLWC ESQ, Cpl Omer RLWC EDM, and from the Local SLOC holdings from mosses times himself Sgt Anderson from LLWC EDM (That's if supply can figure how to transfer from stone tablets to paper for his upcoming release).

Also without due, congratulations on the expanding of the Regt family with babies being born to the following members; Sgt Yashuk of LLWC SUF having another boy on 7 February 2021 named Ryder Yashuk, Cpl Dumont of LLWC Dundurn having a baby boy on 15 July 2021 Tristan Dumont and Cpl Emond-Godin of

LLWC Yellowknife with the birth of a girl, Lydia Jeanne Emond-Ross on 8 September 2021. So another three potential Line Techs for our future trade.

From all of us here at 3 Line Sqn we like to wish everyone and their families a safe, and healthy

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



LLWC Yellowknife/Mountain Region

After finishing off Qtr. 1 on a good note with a very productive 1st line maintenance project at 440 Squadron, Cpl Emond-Godin and Cpl Duclos quickly came together to plan the next big maintenance at Joe Tobi and also the anticipated 2nd line maintenance project in Whitehorse. September is the best time to get the job there started because it is not yet too cold and the flies are dying down.

As we all know the Covid-19 restriction are still in place but do not prevent us to carry the work required and to keep up with daily PT, speaking of which, we were lucky to be able to have the Prospector Challenge back up and running and to participate in it, LLWC Yellowknife took the 2nd place overall. This challenge consists of 5Km of Canoe, 1.5km of portage and 12km of running through swamps, wood, rocks and the last sprint through Yellowknife downtown. Very fun stuff.



Figure 1 Cpl Emond-Godin on the finish line during the Prospector Challenge.

April to June: LLWC Yellowknife was called into work to conduct the urgent repair at Joe Tobi who took the majority of our time. The job consisted of updating, changing, labeling and testing the infrastructure in the whole building. 3 telecommunication rooms have been completely upgraded, rack transfer and cleaned up in the scope of this maintenance task.



Figure 2, right to left: Cpl Duclos upgrading the MMO, Cpl Emond-Godin trying to make sense of unlabeled ports.

August, September: We cleaned up our tower site on Ingraham trail which was much needed. Nothing better than going into the woods to cut some wood/bushes all day and getting away from those computers! The fresh air and hard work is a healthy life...



Figure 3, right to left: Ae SPQ 230 site being cleared, Cpl Emond-Godin beside a pile of good work.

After all of this good work, Cpl Duclos and Cpl Emond-Godin did all the necessary preparation to be ready for Whitehorse by going over maintenance report, looking at pictures and plans of the cadet camps, planning the work on a day to day schedule and getting all our tools shipped there and ready to go. We were really looking forward to go there and get the job done, visit a little and enjoy the majestic scenery of Whitehorse's mountains but Cpl Emond-Godin's daughter came up early (6 week early) so he had to take care of that while Cpl Duclos



Cpl Duclos stepped up to take charge of the project with confidence and lead the project to success. She adapted to being the only line tech, asked Cpl Lee (who was on the cadet camp to do his own work with 3CDSG) for help and gave clear directions in order to pull the cable into 500ft of underground conduit (R1 (new building) to D1 (main building)). She worked long hours to ensure the infrastructure was in place so she could terminate the newly installed cable. She remained calm and professional during the entire project even with encounters with issues like: transporting the cable drum with a loader to the desired location, getting the plywood painted by the maintenance personnel to install the BIX inside the new TR, etc.

Figure 4, Lydia Emond-Ross, Born in Yellowknife on September 8th at 2355.

LLWC Yellowknife are also waiting with arms wide open for the “get together week” in December to finally get out of the wood and see all the 3 Line’s friendly faces. It will be a much appreciated trip!

Yellowknife is freezing up quickly, it is already the time for sledding and ice fishing! We wish you all a Merry Christmas with your loved one!

From LLWC Yellowknife, we wish all the best to everyone, enjoy your holidays!

*Cpl Emond Godin
3 Line Sqn LLWC Yellowknife*





1 Line Squadron

KINGSTON, ON

By Cpl Rebutal

Season's Greetings from all of us here at 1 Line Sqn Kingston. Warm wishes to you and your family throughout the holiday season. We hope everyone is able to take some much-needed time off to relax and spend time with friends and family.

1 Line Squadron has been quite active this year compared to 2020, with all the “exercises” that have not been cancelled. Another year utilizing our expertise to install, maintain, and repair leading edge communication infrastructure domestically, and around the world.



Antenna projects:

Albert Head/Metr BC
Aldergrove/Abbotsford BC
CASIM Course Kingston/Point Petre ON
HF Portable Kingston ON
Walkley Road/CFS Leitrim ON
CFS Alert NU
Mill Cove/Shearwater NS

Cable projects:

Suffield AB
Trenton ON
CFS Alert NU
Goose Bay NL

TAVS:

Israel
Latvia

The crews were certainly busy throughout the year. We bid farewell to almost half of our experienced members, due to promotions and postings. The antenna crew was most affected by this, but were fortunate to keep MCpl Livingstone and Sgt Henry. They were able to pass on their vast knowledge and experience to Sgt Carrier, who switched from cables and MCpl MacLean, coming from CFSCE.

We celebrated a few promotions and position changes such as: Cpl Boulous, Cpl Bergeron, Sgt Carrier, Sgt Henry and MWO Gummer to SLCS and MWO Upshall to the SSM.

Also farewell to those who have left 1 Line: Cpl Cena, Cpl Lidstone, Cpl Milner, Cpl Reid, Cpl Savoie, MCpl Turcotte, OCdt Nuncio-Painchaud, MCpl Macintyre, Sgt McFarlane-Hurst, Sgt Hardy, MWO Leblanc and SSM MWO Rose. Good luck to them in their future endeavours, until we meet again.

We are excited to showcase our professionalism, work ethic, and skills in 2022. We look forward to confronting any and all challenges that come our way.

We would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and Covid free holiday season, and a prosperous new year.



Military Maintenance Facility (MMF) – Kingston
Article for Golden Spur – December 2021
Prepared by: Rob Cassista



Season's Greetings from the MMF, we hope this finds you and your loved ones well this holiday season. The last year has been a whirlwind of activity at the MMF and if you haven't been by for a visit in the last year you may not be aware of what has been accomplished.

The MMF has a staff of five and is a mix of public servants and contractors. John (Soupy) Campbell is the facility manager and assistant cable LCMM. Winston Hewlin is the Antenna LCMM, Antenna TA and project manager. Rob Cassista is the Assistant Antenna LCMM, project manager and technical writer. Steve Bycok is the warehouse supervisor and technical resource for all things Line. Mike Purvis is our procurement and shipping supervisor.

Over the past year we have had significant forward movement of projects designed to enhance our ability to support crews in the field when performing maintenance on the strategic tower & antenna fleet along with cable plants on DND bases.

As base cable plants moved away from pressurized cable systems, the trade moved away from training air dryers. This did not take into account the fact that there are still pressurized cable systems on most of our antenna sites and they are critical to keeping the antennas operational. As our cable plants have aged this has become even more important.

In order to support the ongoing maintenance of air dryer systems the MMF has liaised with the manufacturer, obtained training, built up stores of components and has repaired enough air dryers to support requirements and provide technical guidance to our people in the field. Almost every first line AOR has air dryers within them, so when you find one, don't run away from it, instead contact the MMF with any of your questions. Based on their experience there isn't too much that Steve and Rob haven't seen before, they'll do their best to help you out with knowledge, tools and materials.

In addition to these steps taken by the MMF we have also ensured that students at CFSCE will be introduced to air dryer maintenance during their courses. The MMF supplied the materials and knowledge to set CFSCE up for this and will provide continuing support to this training.

Steve has been hard at work making up air dryer maintenance kits that will be issued out to those tasked with performing air dryer maintenance, they should be available in the next FY.



Steve Bycok Rope Stretching

The MMF supported the CASIM Course this spring. Winston was the project officer and Rob was tasked as the standards rep. The MMF was able to supply the majority of the consumable stores and spare parts to make the course a success. New ropes for the 237C antenna array were “pre-stretched” by Steve and were installed on site by the course.



Steve Bycok w/CASIM Course

During the course the students spent a day at the MMF and were instructed on the use of Nicopress crimping tools and accessories, limit switch adjustment for the 89J rotatable log periodic, and a familiarization with the new style of limit switch controller which are beginning to be rolled out as the older style ones reach the end of their life cycle.



Rob Cassista w/CASIM Course

During the summer months 77 Line Regt provided us some manpower to inspect and trial three portable antenna systems; the LP-1112, the CM 2020 and a portable single wire beverage. While there is still a lot of work to do on these portable systems we were able to get a good idea of the

feasibility of these antennas for deployed use and what else needs to be done to prepare them for that use.



Mike Purvis, sending materials out

One area that we have been focused on is the inventory for antenna parts held at the MMF and within the supply system. As many of our antennas are over 50 years old there are no OEM parts available, keeping these systems working requires us to partner with local industry to reverse engineer certain components and manufacture them. Winston does the bulk of the legwork on this, digging deep into the more obscure aspects of the materials and manufacturing processes, conferring with industry and dealing with QETE to ensure what we get meets or exceeds the requirements. Once all the background research is completed, Mike Purvis does his supply tech voodoo to procure the items.

Over the past year we have significantly added to our parts and consumables to support 3rd line projects and crews heading out the door today will find themselves much better supplied than they were just a year ago. We are constantly striving to further improve our inventory to effectively support the strategic antenna fleet.



One Order of 89J Parts

The repair/refurbishment areas of the MMF and the associated tooling/materials, have been upgraded and expanded. While still a 'work in progress' we have developed dedicated work areas for specific tasks. We are able to perform; limited electrical work, cleaning and restoration work, 89J rotator refurbishment, construction of 6:1 pulley systems, pivot winch refurbishment, etc. These capabilities are all the more necessary due to a lot of our materials being stored outside in wooden crates that need constant upkeep, or this happens.



Winston Hewlin, Assessing the Damage.

Now, just in case you thought the only thing we did here was antenna related work, you should be reminded that the MMF also has a big part in managing the National Cable Holdings and has a large cable yard to maintain.

Anything that comes into the MMF that is slated for long term storage is packaged based on its individual requirements and the location where it will be held. Commercial off the shelf items must be labelled with an NSN in order to be accepted by depot and searchable in DRMIS and the majority of this material handling, packaging and labelling is done at the MMF.

Another aspect of our work that consumes a lot of our time is the shipping, receiving and processing of just about anything used in the trade. Between cable, antenna and miscellaneous equipment and material, the main floor of the warehouse is always busy and is in a constant state of flux. Steve handling the packaging and Mike doing the shipping, ensures these hard fought for materials and equipment gets to where it needs to be without being damaged.



89J Rotator, from the picture above, almost ready to ship

As we move into the winter season in the unheated warehouse the acronym MMF changes from meaning Military Maintenance Facility to Military Meat Freezer. Work does slow down and we have to be more selective on what we take on, but it never stops.

Every day we make progress towards the end goal, which is a fully functioning Maintenance Facility that is well stocked and employs subject matter experts to provide support to the crews on projects. The lessons learned here are documented by Rob, our technical writer, and disseminated to the trade so they can also learn from our experience.

We are now a lodger unit at CFB Kingston and have seen an increase in support that comes with that being established. John spends his days between DRMIS, finance and developing and maintaining the relationships we have with various base services. It's not perfect but we will keep moving forward, keep improving and are dedicated to building a team and facility that will support the Line Trade for generations to come.



Soupy, as close as we can find to him doing work ☺

Next time you're in the area stop by the MMF for a coffee and see it all for yourself. From John, Winston, Steve, Mike and Rob have a safe and happy holiday season and take care of you and yours.



Happy Holidays from the MMF

VVV,
Through,
MMF Sends.

CFSCE Line Training 2021

Happy holidays from all the staff at CFSCE Line Training! Another busy year of training saw the completion of two Apprentice courses (RQ Line Tech Pte) and the start of another; as well as one Journeyman course (RQ Line Tech Cpl).

This year we said goodbye to some of our friends as they carried on to bigger and better things. WO Steve Williams will be retiring after 32+ years of service. Sgt Jesse Myers was lucky enough to leave his seat at Line Training to go over to 1 SQN to impart knowledge and wisdom upon young officers. Sgt Coreas was promoted and sent back to the prairies. Oscar and MCpl CJ Maclean were sent across the street to be a 1 Line Tower guy!

CFSCE welcomed new members posted in including a new SSM (MWO Mike Clarke), new Course Director (Sgt Rideough), and new instructors MCpl Turcotte and MCpl Milner. Last, but not least, a worthy mention and kudos to our CFTPO instructors; MCpl Trylinski (from 3 Line Sqn Yellowknife) and MCpl Fullwood (from 1 Line Sqn Kingston).

As next year approaches, we look forward to seeing many new faces through our doors as we have a very full plate of making new Line Technicians! We also look forward to welcoming back old friends and faces throughout the New Year as there are also some Cpl courses on the horizon.

CFSCE wishes all the Line Techs throughout the Branch, serving and retired, a safe and prosperous 052 holiday season!

MCpl Milner, Sgt Rideough

CFSCE RQ – Line Technician – Pte (serial 0003)



CFSCE RQ – Line Technician – Cpl (serial 0001)



Pole line/LCV/strand and lasher training



Dismantle/Construct 80' Millard guyed tower



Season's Greetings from 3 Line Comox!



Finally, the year is coming to a close, but before we greet the New Year there are a few changes in 3 Line Comox. We have had one member retire from the army and seeking a new adventure, MCpl Hache and may he have the best of luck in his future endeavors! We had a new Cpl posted to our position and will strive to keep up with the high expectations this regiment holds.



Cpl Shore has just been posted in to us from 1PPCLI in Edmonton. This will be his first time with 77 Line Regiment and will get to learn a lot here at LLWC Comox. With the New Year bringing in more work and as COVID-19 restrictions slow down we will need to keep up with more Assyst Tickets as they come up. No change for the rest of the team, Cpl Zachary Lavallee-Fequet and MCpl Simon Leblanc are still busy at work on base and will continue to be valuable assets in teaching and overall combat readiness.

The year has been very up and down for a lot of people. A lot of big changes have occurred with COVID-19, etc. As everyday seems to be unpredictable, LLWC Comox continues to keep the morale high. Over the course of the year, we have been running inside cables, outside copper and fibre, and working on towers around the area. We also continue to be a strong presence in the community and base by helping others whether work or events to just saying hi and bringing a friendly atmosphere. Morale and good spirits are important especially these last few years and the crew at LLWC Comox will always be there to keep a hardworking and motivated environment.

In closing. We would like to wish all of you the best in the New Year to come! Happy Holidays and to always keep your spirits up. Enjoy the days ahead with loved ones and family. If you want to start some new goals or personal achievements for yourselves now is the chance. The New Year is coming and now is the perfect time to set up yourself or others! Cheers and see you all in the new year.

LOCAL LINE WORK CENTER SHILO

Season's Greetings

This year has been especially busy here in the backwoods of CFB Shilo. With a tonne of personnel changes...we had Cpl Forget posted in, then VOT to Rad Op – Sig Op – ACISS core and be posted to Val-Cartier. Newly promoted Sgt Davenport was posted down the straightest highway in Canada to CFB Winnipeg. MCpl Brunet is trying to fill his shoes but he does have big feet. Pte Sommer arrived here so fresh and new when we pulled him out of the plastic a desiccant package fell out. To top everything off someone got bored and burnt over 6 km of joint use pole line to a crisp!



From the Lineman in Shilo, Sgt Michael Purdy, MCpl Isabel Brunet, Cpl Chandler McBride, and Pte Caleb Sommer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



4 Line Sqn RLWC Petawawa



4 Line Squadron Regional Line Work Center Petawawa saw no exception to the heavy workload that this quarter had to bring. But as always, we set forth into the wild blue yonder to meet goals and maintain the exceptional quality of work that 4 Line Squadron brings. Words will hardly do justice to the tireless effort of our members, but this will be but a brief glimpse into their accomplishments of this past quarter.

With a bang both figuratively and literally, September started off with annual IBTS training. With members across 4 Line Sqn descending upon Petawawa to refresh and hone their skills, The week comprised of pistol, c7, gas hut, first aid and was topped off with a squadron BBQ. It was good to see old friends and new, before returning back to the work that awaited us. No sooner was the last hot dog taken off the grill, both crews were back to work, as one crew returned to the Greater Toronto Area to finish up the arduous task of completing the re-wiring of large sections of Denison Armories. The other set their sights on Canadian Forces Base Trenton to complete the full install of the communications closet of IFRCC building which will now be the home to the F-18 pilots when on base ready to scramble.

Fall weather started to roll through the Ottawa Valley as both crews prepared for the next task ahead. The John Foote Armories would be home to one of our crews for the next 4 weeks, as they kick off the project to completely remove existing cat-5 cabling from one half of this magnificent building and replace it with cat-6. The members of John Foote should be thanked for the amazing hospitality during this endeavor as we look forward to seeing them in the New Year to complete phase 2 of the project. Our other members saw themselves visiting a few locations, but that's to be expected with tower maintenance. They travelled to Kinston working right near the next generation of line technician, as they maintained the 100 and 150 foot tower. The work then took them to Pointe Petre and Carrying Place just outside of Trenton to carry on with second line maintenance those particular antenna sites.



Often the crews leave Petawawa planning for multiple weeks away, but for some members it wasn't the case. Only a week into the next project in Meaford, the crew was asked to pack up and return home. Three of its members; MCpl Closs, Cpl Matthews and Cpl Foster would start their isolation before they headed north to Canadian Forces Station Alert for an emergency fiber repair. As for the other crew they headed east into the heartland of our neighboring province Quebec. They would stop across many locations on their way back west; Bagotville, Lac Castor, Val-Cartier, Nicolet, St-Hubert and finish with a couple nights in Farnham.

We did get to welcome in Cpl Pickering this fall as he returned from post deployment leave and Sgt Organ and Cpl Daigle recently returned from Op Impact. Sgt Laframboise, MCpl Closs, Cpl Johnston, Cpl Hutchen, Cpl Mongeon, Cpl Teahen, Cpl Foster, and newly promoted Cpl Matthews all remain part of our team.

Short of our members up north still in Alert, for whom we wish no further delays in getting back home, all of our members returned home safe. As the holidays draw in closer and closer, we get ready to celebrate with friends and family alike, with a slew of new stories to tell from these last few projects.

4 Line Squadron Regional Detachment Petawawa and all members of 4 Line Squadron would like to remind you to stay safe, enjoy your time with your families and make sure to keep your spurs sharp, you never know what the next job will bring.



Written by: Cpl R. Mongeon

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAC MAINTENANCE COORDINATION TEAM!!

Over the past year + DPDCIS has started a new initiative to place personnel at the major Ae sites in BC, AB, ON and NS to support the LCMM's with maintenance coordination.

So I'm Jodi Jones



I'm the DPDCIS STAC Site Maintenance Coordination Lead working out of Newport Corner. I have been in the position since Feb 21 and it's been a world wind from the start. I have conducted Site visits to Edmonton and Halifax AOR's, initiated a vehicle project to procurement for each site and starting the process that will allow us to run and maintain a UAV program to be able conduct aerial inspections on DND sites using drones.

We also have had three positions filled over the past year and getting them all set up and established has been challenging to say the least. But for now we are all topped up and I would like them to introduce themselves to you...

Alex Bergman Site Coordinator Newport Corner.



Since taking on this position in April of this year, I have gotten out in the Atlantic AOR to antenna sites in Goose Bay, Gander, Gagetown, Greenwood, PEI and the Halifax AOR. There are still many sites to visit, such as the CADRS antennas and structures spread across the east coast in remote areas. It has been a busy time getting situated and identifying the challenges to address in the coming years.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dion Rose Site Coordinator Point Petre



I retired on the 3 Oct and started work on 4 Oct. After receiving keys and security codes to buildings and gates at both Carrying Place and Point Petre, my first task was to clean some of the storage areas and remove obsolete antenna parts from the site for disposal. The next assignment was mainly to brush cut and remove all the growth around the poleline leading into the building at Point Petre which has been neglected for years. This is just the start prior to tackling the brush around the antennas before the snow hits the ground.

I would like to personally thank WO Brad Hardy and his team at 4 Line Sqn, 8 Wg Trenton for their assistance with everything so far, and very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year. Enjoy the holidays and most importantly:

GO LEAFS GO!!!!!!

Tim Brown Site Coordinator Cardiff



I was sitting in Wainwright training area one day back in May 2019 contemplating life, when I received an email asking if I was interested in a contract job working for, at the time, DJCIS. Well yes I was very interested, anything was better than the Wainwright training area!! Fast Forward to March 2020 and I went from wearing a uniform to wearing company provided clothing and showing up at Cardiff to begin a new adventure. There has definitely been many challenges since that first day. I have been working with various LLWCs and other organizations throughout the western and northern AOR, trying to maintain the antenna and structure fleet.

There has been a few success stories in moving the yard sticks forward, however there is still a long way to go. Every day is something new.

I would like to wish all past and present Linemen, especially those deployed, a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Chris Jenkins Site Coordinator Matsqui



Greetings all from sunny and wet BC! For those that don't know me, my name is Chris Jenkins and I am the Maintenance Coordinator for BC.

While transition to civilian life has occurred, work still feels the same. Once a Lineman, always a Lineman.

Reattaching grounds, stopping air leaks, brush clearing, filling metal bins with scrap, calculating pressurized cable plant requirements and most importantly making sure our gear is working, are just a few of the things I have been doing since joining the STAC team in September. Look forward to introducing myself to the crews when they come to Matsqui or the island.

Have a Happy Holidays and best wishes to everyone and their families during the upcoming break!



So on behalf of myself and all members of the DPDCIS STAC Site Maintenance Coordination team we would like to wish you and your family all **the best for this holiday season and a prosperous new year. Stay Safe!!**

Jodi Jones



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORCES LINEMEN

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL



I _____
First name/nickname Surname

hereby make an application for membership/renewal in the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen (CAFL).

I completed my Lineman Apprentice Training (Group 1/TQ3/QL1/DP 1.1)

From: _____ to: _____ and served in the Canadian
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Armed Forces from: _____ to _____
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is a cheque/money order in the amount of \$ _____ to cover my
membership dues for the period 01 Apr _____ to 31 Mar _____.
(Year) (Year)

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year and the membership year is from 1 Apr to 31 Mar.

Note: Make check payable to the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen.

Date: _____

Signature

Forward to: Canadian Association of Forces Linemen

P.O. Box 64064, Holland Cross RO, Ottawa On. K1Y 4V1

Attn: Membership Chair

