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App tracking all the work that makes Aurora airworthy

14 Wing trial of cloud-based 'idea' putting RCAF personnel, innovation to the test

Sara White, Managing editor

No one at 14 Air Maintenance Squadron's Aircraft Repair Organization (ARO) shop picks up a tool without first opening an online app.

Since January, technicians have been testing a home-grown app that tracks the full periodic inspection and maintenance cycle of a CP140 Aurora aircraft. Every detail of every job, part, timing, delay, technician assigned, completion or signature is being tracked in the app in real-time, from shift to shift, tech to tech, section to section.

April 5, ARO technicians lined up to greet visiting 1 Canadian Air Division Major-General Eric Kenny and Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, shaking their hands - but trading a handshake for a tablet so the men could see for themselves the early advantages of Maintainer's features.

Master Corporal Jason McNeil, based at 14 Wing Greenwood but working remotely for the Royal Canadian Air Force Aerospace Warfare Centre, pitched Maintainer through the RCAF Commander's Vector Check a year ago. With an \$800,000 investment and four University of Waterloo co-op software developer students through the fall, the app came into early reality and was accepted to walk an Aurora through its 10-week periodic at 14 Wing.

"We'd been using Excel spreadsheets, and it was very hard to share data - a lack of transparency, with the techs on the floor not having a lot of input. The app is meant to try and improve maintenance and scheduling, so the crews on the planes would know when they're getting their plane back."

The first hurdle was adding wi-fi to hangar space - a logistical and security challenge, but completed with wi-fi pucks, provided by Director General Air & Space Force Development. Several moni-



Corporal Leo Gautier, left, demonstrates to 1 Canadian Air Division Major-General Eric Kenny, right, and Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell April 5 how the Maintainer app is helping technicians manage tasks and reporting during its first 10-week trial through a CP140 Aurora periodic inspection.

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tors hang over the hangar floor at the nose of the Aurora in the inspection cycle now. Technicians report for work and are assigned jobs through Maintainer: as they complete different stages, run into extra work, flag a part of replacement - or mark one delayed, so attention can switch to other jobs remaining to be done; the app records it all.

"Everything is in real time," says Captain Gillian Rideout, the aircraft repair officer for second line Aurora maintenance. "If I go in and move a task, it moves it everywhere. And, it's a web-based application, which means it can be done working from a computer or even at home. Maintainer is tied to ADAM our supply system; eventually, as an end goal, it would be tied to DRMIS, and the techs will be able to sign off their cards in Maintainer. It should save time and improve efficiency."

It could take eight to 12 weeks to turn an aircraft around through its full periodic schedule. One huge win could be the app's compilation of 10 years' of periodic scheduling data.

"We used to ballpark where we would be in an inspection," says Rideout. "Predicting 'forward' on an Excel spreadsheet was difficult. Now, we can see a more complete picture and build a more predictive schedule."

Through the trial, the tech team has already managed to flush out a few "bugs" in the app, adding filters by trade, tech team and engine, for example. By the end of the anticipated May 4 periodic inspection, the app's functionality will have demonstrated "whether we should keep using it," Rideout says.

"This program is infinitely better, but it's not perfect. The plan is to make it a one-stop shop, expand it across the RCAF, wherever ADAM fleets are; bring in the supply network..."

McNeil says the app should be seen as a capability to maintain. "You bring in more data, you want to add it into the algorithms and integrate it to get answers that are correct," he says. "And then you think, 'Couldn't we also have this?' 'Couldn't we verify signatures, or authorizations?' I think it grows."

Kenny and Campbell were impressed: Campbell made a phone call onsite to Sergeant Mike Burrell to virtually present him a 1 CAD CWO's coin for instrumental work preparing 14 AMS for the Maintainer trial, and then being on deck to brief partners, suggest improvements and monitor it in use.

"This is one of the things I like about the RCAF café and Op Quilliq - anybody can bring forward an idea, and then there are the resources to support it," said Kenny. →

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14 Wing, Aldershot mark green energy milestone

Real Property and Defence Construction Canada have reached a milestone, with construction completion of the Energy Performance Contract (EPC) at 14 Wing Greenwood and 5th Canadian Division Support Base Detachment.

Underway since 2019, this EPC included improvements to over 50 buildings, with the goal of reducing energy costs and consumption, and annual greenhouse gas emission of 7,200 tonnes of equivalent carbon dioxide.

This EPC plays a role in the Department of National Defence's "Strong, Secure, Engaged" initiative, aiming to green defence infrastructure and tackle climate change, and reach DND's goal of a 40 per cent reduction over 2005-level greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Local construction began in 2019, and included LED lighting and HVAC upgrades, advanced building automation systems, new energy efficient equipment, and insulation upgrades to steam vaults. A majority of this work was completed by the end of 2021,

with the rest wrapped up in March.

Construction is now officially complete with the finalization of upgrades to the wing's central heating plant, a transition of the wing's heating from heavy, dirty, Bunker C fuel oil to a cleaner, compressed natural gas fuel source. Bunker C, the heaviest of all fuel oils, is known to have negative environmental impacts, including contributing to climate change, and contains harmful air contaminants such as nitrogen oxide, carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter. Converting the central heating plant's fuel type to natural gas will help reduce emissions at 14 Wing by 3,004 tonnes of equivalent CO₂ per year - over 40 per cent of the entire EPC savings.

The first of three boilers in the central heating plant was officially converted in April 2021. From May to September, the remaining two boilers were converted. During this time, a modern boiler management system



Installed when a CNG fill station is desired but there is no natural gas pipeline, the new daughter station at 14 Wing Greenwood quickly and efficiently moves compressed natural gas to meet site demands. Submitted

was also installed. Final commissioning and startup took place in October, when the central heating plant came online for the heating season: it is now fully online. Training sessions were held to ensure the entire team understands the operation and maintenance of the retrofitted boilers, and to guarantee success of the EPC. →

New gas trains installed on each of the three boilers at 14 Wing Greenwood help transport compressed natural gas, replacing the carbon intensive Bunker C fuel historically used to heat the base. Submitted



Birthday BBQ

404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron marked its 81st birthday April 15 with a day-before-BBQ bash. Members of the squadron gathered for an outdoor BBQ and celebratory birthday cake, using the opportunity to raise funds for a fellow squadron member with a personal situation. The event was a nice chance to share some time together. Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse and Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christiansen were on cake cutting duties. S. White



SAR challenges, behind the scenes

Sara White, Managing editor

Experience, trusted partnerships and confidence in decisions made are three factors that may not make "the front page," but do play a role in the success of 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron.

"We wanted to raise a few cases that were noteworthy for different reasons," said Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Surek, welcoming 1 Canadian Air Division Commander Major-General Eric Kenny and Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell to the squadron briefing room as they visited 14 Wing Greenwood April 5 and 6.

413 Squadron's Cormorant and Hercules aircraft cover a vast geography on Canada's East Coast and into the North. Emergency calls include medevacs from fishing, cruise and cargo vessels; lost or injured hikers or recreational boaters, emergency beacon alerts from potentially downed aircraft - and more. Much of the work comes when the weather and conditions are at their worst, and people need help in dire circumstances. It's a 24/7, demanding role, with highly skilled aircrew, search and rescue technicians and ground technicians.

As within the wider Canadian Armed Forces, the pace of retirements and more recent pandemic-affected recruitment and training opportunities have had an impact in SAR work. Senior squadron member Captain

Mike Leduchowski described some of what went into a call last fall, with a Hercules flying into Hurricane Larry to look for a sailboat in jeopardy.

"I've got a fair amount of experience with this unit, and I see a reduction in the experience of our aircrew and our junior members," Leduchowski said. "In this instance, the aircraft commander was upgraded to aircraft commander three days before the mission, and it was his first time flying into a hurricane. The winds were 114 knots, there was a quarter-mile visibility at 1,000 feet and 50-foot swells - it was an uncomfortable scene."

The aircraft commander did decide to continue deeper into the hurricane conditions - until it became unsafe for the crew. They returned to 14 Wing, but Leduchowski said the result was another two days' search time to try and locate the boat.

"This was a junior aircraft commander with three days under his belt going into this, and he did - but, it's important to note, as our experience goes down, our effectiveness is affected. One thing I do know, regardless of experience - our SAR crews make good decisions about safety."

14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook agreed, and that the trust from command in SAR responders to make those safety calls is crucial.

"We train them to have that confidence, to make that decision that something is too much - and that there is no

repercussion if you can't be effective," Cook said. "Nobody is going to give up, but they have to be comfortable making that decision."

Surek agreed, and said his squadron members are "given the keys with one message: that we're not as concerned with the outcome of a mission as we are that they have gas in the tank and wheels down when they turn to come home. "In time and with that experience and confidence, crews do know how to put their toes on the line of the 'box,' the limit of what is safe and legal."

A second example of using partners and resources to back up decisions demonstrate how far SAR crews go to "bring up the safety net"

when they know that "box" of experience is smaller. Captain Zach Sawyer described using continuous weather briefs and radio contacts from the wing and squadron, the Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, the Moncton airport, and resources on the ground on a February call to Entry Island, in Îles de la Madeleine.

"It doesn't mean we're not getting the job done - but we're being safer in general, and we do question more some of the things we did before without reasons. We do what we can do until we can't, and you figure out your 'outs.' In the third case, search and rescue technician Master Warrant Officer Shawn Harrison talked about a March call to

medevac a fishing boat crew member south of Yarmouth. High winds were affecting the boat's return to port - until they weren't. With the Cormorant and its SAR-Techs already en route, everyone was weighing the value of stopping the boat to conduct a medivac for a quick lift to hospital, or allowing the boat to get into the wharf where an ambulance was already standing by - with a 10-minute difference in guesstimated timings and a prescribed SAR response procedure. In the end, the Cormorant stood down, and the boat crew continued medical care as they steamed into Yarmouth.

"This was a case where we're not doing what we know

we can do, and it rests uneasily on members," said Harrison. "There are doctors' instructions on a paper we follow, areas where we can't have any control or influence - like wind or time; but we have to be OK with that. It's not how we train, to not act."

Those mental health implications for personnel are high on Cook's radar - as high as the flying safety of the crew heading into Hurricane Larry.

"We're maxing out what we have on base to support our people's mental health, and we do reach into the community," Cook said. "Having those resources is just as important and do have a role in retention and building the confidence and experience of our members." →



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Men's combined 97 years making music recognized with Sovereign's Medal

Three long-standing volunteer members of the 14 Wing Greenwood band are being recognized for their roles making the music that represents the wing.

Bradley Ryckman, Bruce Gillis and James (Sandy) MacMillan were all nominated for the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. March 29, 14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx presented Gillis and MacMillan with their medals at the band's weekly practice; Ryckman will receive his at a Rideau Hall ceremony later this spring.

The wing's military volunteer service band includes military and civilian members who provide musical support to 14 Wing Greenwood and

surrounding communities. The all-volunteer membership of the 14 Wing Pipes and Drums attends up to 45 rehearsals a year and, as representatives of 14 Wing, the Royal Canadian Air Force and Nova Scotia; performs at, on average, 75 parades, concerts, funerals, community events, RCAF, NORAD and NATO-directed events, 14 Wing ceremonial functions, and provides ceremonial support to the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

Civilian members make up approximately 50 per cent of the band membership. The continuity provided by the band civilian membership allows the band to function when military volunteers are deployed or on training. Regardless of civilian status, volunteers are held to the



March 29, 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, right, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, left, visited the 14 Wing Band practice – for a purpose. The men presented both Bruce Gillis, second from left, and Sandy MacMillan the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Sergeant J. Kubis

same standards of conduct and deportment, musicianship and service as our military volunteers.

Gillis is a 39-year civilian volunteer member of the 14 Wing Pipes and Drums band - its longest-serving

volunteer band member. He is a snare drummer, and also plays the bugle at military services and ceremonies.

In addition to volunteering in the 14 Wing Pipes & Drums, Gillis is a president and coach in the Nova Scotia

Minor Hockey Association, a member of the Annapolis Valley Highland Society, a director of the Annapolis Valley Exhibition 4-H Light Horse Committee, and a director in the Trans County Transportation Society.

MacMillan is a 32-year civilian volunteer member of the 14 Wing Pipes and Drums. He was appointed pipe sergeant from 1999 to 2016 and stepped up to the role of pipe major on many occasions. He has also volunteered many hours providing bagpipe instruction to new members. MacMillan

is a proven and dedicated leader amongst the group. In addition, MacMillan is a volunteer at the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Ryckman is a 26-year civilian volunteer member of the 14 Wing Pipes and Drums. He remains a skilled and knowledgeable snare drummer and has the ability to lead the drum corps. In addition to being a volunteer member of the band, Ryckman is president of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 Wing and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br 98, Kingston.

"I believe the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is an ideal, appropriate, and timely way to honour the significant contributions Gillis, MacMillan and Ryckman have made to the community, to 14 Wing and, indeed, the country," said then-bandmaster Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell (now lieutenant) in the medal nomination packages. "They have each been long relied upon to complete sensitive engagements, including military and veteran funerals, support to 14 Wing leadership and high profile government and community events." →

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Church Grove Cemetery AGM April 27, 7 p.m., the Church Grove Cemetery in Melvern Square will hold its annual general meeting in the Tops Room at the MS Community Centre. Please come if you are interested, and let others know about this meeting.

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North Kingston Cemetery AGM April 28, 7 p.m., the North Kingston Public Cemetery annual meeting will be held in the Kingston fire hall. We encourage anyone who has lots or family in the cemetery to attend.

VPI Greenwood April 29, VPI Greenwood will meet. Pre Fit 1500 Hrs, take off 1600 Hrs, land approx 1630 Hrs. Post fit until 1730 Hrs.

North Kingston Cemetery spring clean up April 30, from 9 a.m., the North Kingston Public Cemetery will be having its annual spring clean up at the cemetery. Please bring gloves and rakes, and all your friends. The rain date is May 7.

Life Through a Mask May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts, 619 Central Avenue, Greenwood, and reg-

istered counselling therapist Sarah Osborne-LePage present Life Through a Mask, a free expressive arts therapy program through May for military personnel and veterans. Register by April 26 at artstherapyandwellness@gmail.com. Supported by Veterans Affairs Canada and 7Arts.

National Association of Federal Retirees meeting May 5 at 11:30 a.m. (RSVP by April 21), the National Association of Federal Retirees will hold its Western NS Branch members meeting at the Kingston Legion, 1472 Veterans Lane. Business is the presentation of the 2022 budget, reserves and by-law amendments. Roast beef dinner at a cost of \$12. Bring a potential member. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations required. If you wish to attend, email NAFR75@gmail.com or call Carolyn/ Bill at 902-765-8590 no later than April 21.

Chapel marks Battle of the Atlantic May 1

St. Mark's Protestant Chapel at 14 Wing Greenwood will mark the Battle of the Atlantic with a service Sunday, May 1, at 10 a.m.

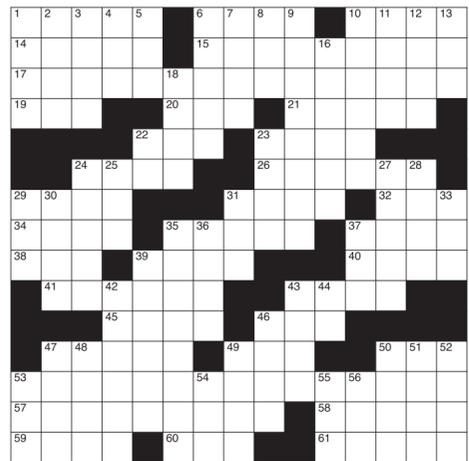
Lasting from September 1939 to May 1945, the Battle of the Atlantic was Canada's longest military engagement of the Second World War, fought with great effort and sacrifice from the Royal Canadian Navy, the Merchant Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Members of the 14 Wing military and civilian community, wider military members and veterans, Legion members; and their families, are welcome to attend. Dress for military members will be DEU 1A with medals. Dress for civilians will be semi-formal.

The service will include standard forms of Christian worship, with emphasis placed on the historical elements of the battle and sacrifices made by those who participated in it.

Due to COVID-19 and in respect of potentially vulnerable attendees, it is requested masks be worn. →

crossword solution page 7



- ACROSS**
1. North American people
 6. Chinese surname
 10. Fit in at the last minute
 14. "Very" in musical terminology
 15. Underwater displays
 17. Crosby's bandmates
 19. Belong to he
 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
 21. Sequences of alternating turns
 22. Genus of grasses
 23. Satisfy
 24. Petty quarrel
 26. Made level
 29. Ruler of Iran
 31. Historical region of Syria
 32. Food suitable for babies
 34. Something to lend
 35. Zone of oceanic trenches
 37. Philippine island
 38. Domesticated animal
 39. Plant of the lily family
 40. Bluish green
 41. Tomei, actress
 43. Without (French)
 45. Lilly and Manning are two
 46. Apply pressure to
 47. Divide in half
 49. Bad deed
 50. Don't know when yet
 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
 57. Aiming to exhort
 58. Faked
 59. A way to pierce
 60. Midway between northeast and east
 61. Points
- DOWN**
1. Group up
 2. Spumante (Italian wine)
 3. Egyptian goddess
 4. Split pulses
 5. Afflict
 6. Type of area rug
 7. Tide
 8. Affirmative
 9. Sudden change
 10. One picked
 11. Debauched man
 12. Stiff bristles
 13. Famous arena
 14. Wear
 16. Established rules and methods
 18. Injection
 22. Father
 23. Protein-rich liquids
 24. He delivers gifts
 25. Advanced degree
 27. Fencing swords
 28. Chinese mountain range
 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
 31. Much... about nothing
 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
 35. A way to act slowly on
 36. Ottoman military commanders
 37. Popular kids' network
 39. Hard compound
 42. Sympathize with
 43. Northeast college
 44. Blood group
 46. Frosted
 47. Turn away
 48. Benefit
 49. Dry or withered
 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
 51. Reproduced
 52. Contributes
 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
 54. Wear
 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
 56. Very small

horoscopes

April 24 to April 30

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a mild feeling of discontent has you searching for new projects. There may be something that has been on your to-do list, but you can't seem to figure it out right now.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
A lot of things are keeping you on your toes, Taurus. There's a good chance you have been craving some quiet time. Find a retreat and stay there for a couple of days.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
There are no obstacles in your way on the path to success this week, Gemini. If you have been holding off on big plans, now is the time to push things into action.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, aligning your goals with others is a surefire way to get things accomplished. You can deviate onto your own course when action is established.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, take a moment and be sure a goal you're pursuing right now is really worth it. If finances are involved, you will likely have to pay it back in the near future.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, collaboration could be key in the days ahead. Another person gets the ball rolling and now you can join in. Follow their lead and trust this person's judgment.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
So many voices are shouting at you from different directions, Libra. With so much advice coming your way, you may not know which way to turn. Mull it over a bit longer.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Nothing is guaranteed, but taking a risk this week could pay off in a big way, Scorpio. Things are more likely to go your way this time of the month, so start moving!

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Pay some extra attention to your life at home, Sagittarius. There are issues that can use a little attention. Letting them fester could lead to big problems.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A hectic week is likely ahead of you, Capricorn. Things seemingly pop up out of nowhere and you have to figure out how to tackle them all. Try to delegate some of your tasks.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It's understandable that you want to make some waves right now, Aquarius. However, it may be better to aim for subtle ripples instead of a cannonball splash.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Express your confident side at work and others will be inspired, Pisces. It's good to stray out of your comfort zone every so often.

sudoku solution page 7

	1				4			
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			1	6			2	

Level: Beginner

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!

County, partner villages approve accessibility plan

The Municipality of the County of Kings and villages of Aylesford, Canning, Cornwallis Square, Greenwood, Kingston, New Minas and Port Williams are pleased to announce the recent adoption of a joint accessibility plan.

Prepared by consultants with Intelligent Futures and Level Playing Field, the plan provides a framework for improving access to services, transportation, buildings, sidewalks, parks, trails, and other infrastructure owned or operated by the municipality and the villages.

Community members, stakeholders, municipal staff, village commissions and members of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) serving the municipality and villages provided valuable feedback and insights that shaped the development of the plan.

"The purpose of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is to provide advice to municipal council and the village commissions on identifying, eliminating

and preventing barriers to access to municipal and village programs, services, initiatives and facilities for people with disabilities," said JAC chairperson Mary Fox. "To start this process, we have played a pivotal role in developing this Accessibility Plan, and thank all of those who helped in its creation, including staff, stakeholders, and local community members."

The joint accessibility plan, approved by municipal council April 5, outlines a series of products and action items

for seven key focus areas: goods and services, information and communication, transportation, employment, awareness, built environment and recreation. As recommended by the JAAC, an accessibility coordinator position has been created to

and other interesting items. Be kind to each other. Thank you & Happy New Year. (4314-4tpb)

The Joint Accessibility Plan may be found at countyofkings.ca/accessibility. →

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sudoku solution

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