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Kelly, Ricketts exchange 'honour' of serving as 14 Wing honorary colonels

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Managing editor

Used to putting himself in front of a crowd, but appearing before just a few dozen known friends on this date, 14 Wing Greenwood Honorary Colonel Terry Kelly admitted to feeling a little nervous.

"But, I'm also bursting with gratitude," he said. "I have had the honour of serving the Royal Canadian Air Force and 14 Wing Greenwood."

Kelly was invested in 2015 as 14 Wing's honorary colonel. The well-known Atlantic Canadian entertainer turned over his responsibilities to a new honorary colonel November 16, Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) William Ricketts. Base command teams and a limited number of guests attended the handover at the Annapolis Mess, with the ceremony shared around the base on an internal MS Teams feed.

"'Operate as One' is the motto of the wing, and I have lived that," Kelly said. "I have experienced that, I have felt that."

Kelly likened the range of opportunities and special projects he has been a part of in



In his last official act November 16, 14 Wing Greenwood Honorary Colonel Terry Kelly signed over the certificate of honorary colonelship during the investiture ceremony for incoming Honorary Colonel William Ricketts.

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the past five years to his early years at the Halifax School for the Blind, itself focused on "building camaraderie, and gaining brothers and sisters for, essentially, 10 months a year for us students.

"When I came here to the wing, there was a whole new set of people to connect with: wonderful people. Being the honorary colonel was not about me; the honorary colonel serves the people, and the



Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) William Ricketts, right, accepted the specialty badge pin of an honorary colonel November 16 from 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, as he was invested into the role during a ceremony in the Annapolis Mess.

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role is about the opportunity to serve. Everyone in the world can serve, with gratitude, because you are blessed with gifts and there is cooperation. That is all needed to 'operate as one.'"

Kelly said the opportunity for him to serve the Canadian military was a "dream come true."

In a video message from RCAF Commander Lieutenant-General Al Meinzing

and Chief Warrant Officer J.R.D. Gaudreault, the men thanked Kelly for his ambassadorship on behalf of the RCAF, and for his input and support for the network of honorary colonels across the country.

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14 Wing Greenwood Honorary Colonel Terry Kelly, right, was presented a wooden plaque for his service to 14 Wing and the Royal Canadian Air Force by Colonel Brendan Cook as his term as honorary colonel came to an end November 16. The wing's "Operate as One" crest and motto, including a Braille relief, was surrounded by all the crests of units' and squadron' affiliated with 14 Wing.

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November 16, Tony Kelly, right, was presented a shadow box collection of many of the insignia and markings of an aide-de-camp, in thanks for his five-year unofficial role while his brother, Terry Kelly, served as the 14 Wing Greenwood honorary colonel. Colonel Brendan Cook thanked Kelly for his support and contributions to the wing, and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Honorary colonels...

...cover

They also included Tony Kelly in their comments, as Kelly's brother is a constant partner in Kelly's day-to-day business.

14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook admits, when he was commanding officer of 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron as Kelly was invested, he didn't know Kelly. He missed the investiture, was deployed for months, then posted away from the base. Returning as commander, "I've come to know you, the unshakeable enthusiasm you have that has not disappointed one single day. You've shared your love of music, you've visited with and spoken with our members, you offered me and wing commanding officers insight at our 2019 strategic retreat.

"This spring, when times were tough for us all, you reached out: what could you do? I just asked you to send a message to our people, and you did – and more."

Kelly, with 14 Wing Bandmaster Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell and several community musicians recorded a gift to the RCAF in "No Sky Too High," also creating a video with technicians from 14 Wing Imaging.

"That you could show how

the RCAF goes above and beyond – that moved me and the wing chief to do more, despite the times."

The November project, Op A Pittance of Time, with 14 Construction Engineering Squadron Honorary Colonel Dan Hennessey cemented Kelly's support for those who serve.

"Terry, you have been an incredible force of support for the wing and the RCAF, founded on generosity and caring," Cook said. "It has been a pleasure to have you at my shoulder, as you understand what it means to be a man in uniform and stand by your comrades."

Cook made special mention of Tony Kelly, Kelly's brother, who accompanied Kelly on almost every honorary colonel experience over the past five years. While there is no recognized honorary executive assistant or aide-de-camp position, "Tony dedicated time and effort to this wing, coordinating events and strategies as a strong advocate for the RCAF in your own right. There is so much you have done – and you are a very modest man, never looking for credit. That is the best example of 'Operate as One.'"

Ricketts, the incoming honorary colonel, is no stranger: he served 26 years with the

RCAF, including a number of years at 14 Wing with and as commanding officer of 405 Squadron and, later, as wing operations officer. He planned the first extensive, multi-aircraft operational deployment of the Aurora out of Sicily, Italy, in 1992 with the Maritime Air Group. Upon retirement in 2000, he joined the private sector, retiring from IMP in 2017.

"Your path as an honorary colonel will be necessarily different from that of Honorary Colonel Kelly's, and I see great promise in that opportunity and what we can build together," Cook said. "Welcome back to 14 Wing."

Ricketts expressed feelings of honour, humility, excitement and surprise at being

invested as honorary colonel, "totally committing to do everything I can to help out, in any way I can.

"It feels great to be back in uniform – I never expected it, but I wear it with pride. It is good to be in the RCAF."

Describing his first military uniform as green, under an amalgamated Canadian Armed Forces, then the move to service colours for the RCAF, and now today's uniform, Ricketts said he "is very aware of tradition and heritage, and takes a lot of pride in it. My personal insight goes back to some of the beginning days; in 2024, the air force turns 100, and I am excited I may be a part of that. Thank you for the honour." →



Master Warrant Officer Dave Emmons, centre, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron, received the Command Team Coin from 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Brendan Cook, left, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Campbell for his craftsmanship and attention to detail designing several gifts for the November 16 honorary colonel investiture ceremony.

Corporal Y. Kang, 14 Wing Imaging

Flying milestone marks Turpie's professionalism, mentorship, passion

Sara White,
Managing editor

Captain Paul Turpie "thought he'd try it," working his way through his third year of a history degree but opting to join the Canadian Armed Forces as a pilot October 1, 1982.

"It's worked out for me!" he says, most recently recognized with a certificate marking 10,000 flying hours.

Turpie was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada with his family when he was just eight years old. His father had done national service with the British Army, and his step-father was a military pilot. Now, 38 years later, Turpie has flown four different military aircraft – Sea Kings in Shearwater, Trackers in Summerside, Tutors, as an instructor, in Moose Jaw; and, since 1992, CP140 Auroras in Greenwood.

He describes his career as "amazing.

"I've been to all the places, around the world – the longest was likely a month, when we went to Australia for the Fincastle competition. I was



14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, left, recently presented 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Captain Paul Turpie with an certificate recognizing his achievement of 10,000 flying hours in support of Royal Canadian Air Force operations.

Master Corporal K. Scott, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron

the crew commander: we came second to the United Kingdom aircrew. I have no medals, but I'm working on my third bar of 'undetected crime,'" he jokes, referring to the Canadian Forces Decoration for distinguished service. Flying to interesting places with people he comes to consider "family" after spending hours and days and weeks as a crew is the bonus to a career in military aviation.

"Typically, the crew works

together for a half-year or so, and you do come out of it as a family – that's been amazing. I just keep doing it because I like it."

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook presented Turpie with his 10,000-hour certificate in November, with his congratulations on reaching a "substantive milestone."

"This immense accomplishment is testament to your dedication and commit-

ment to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the countless number of pilots who received training under your mentorship. Congratulations once again on this life-time achievement."

Turpie's current commanding officer is Lieutenant-Colonel Angela Thomas, with 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron. She spent a few moments looking into her own log book to find instances when she flew with Turpie in her own earlier years.

"My first flight with him was August 10, 2006, on aircraft 101 (which was a Block 1 at the time)," Thomas says. "It was one of my first flights ever on the Aurora. I was a student at 404 Squadron and Captain Turpie was an instructor and crew commander. Several years later, Captain Turpie carried out a crew commander (Long Range Patrol Air Combat Systems Officer qualification) check on me during a deployed trip to Keflavik, Iceland.

"Now as CO of 404 Squadron, Captain Turpie is one of my most experienced and

knowledgeable pilot instructors and standards officers."

Thomas says one of the remarkable things about Turpie is his approach to flying and his commitment hasn't changed, either throughout the years or throughout her own role or relationship to him.

"From an untrained stu-

dent to a commanding officer, Captain Turpie has always made time to provide advice and mentorship within his area of expertise. He is a true professional, and 404 Squadron is fortunate to have someone as dedicated and passionate about flying as him as a member of our team." →

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Add to Stockings Were Hung drive, make Christmas for youth brighter

Valley businesses, service groups, sports teams and community groups – led by volunteers – are joining forces in the 8th annual drive to make Christmas a happier time for their neighbours.

The Stockings Were Hung stocking and toy drive is collecting small items and toys, destined to go on stockings for individuals and families

who could use a helping hand providing Christmas treats to youth ages four to 19. Suggested donations include toiletries (shampoo, soap, bubble bath, hair brushes and elastics), games and activities (decks of cards, Lego, toy cars, books and magazines, crayons, Play-doh, notebooks and journals), clothing (PJs, socks, hats and mitts), and

goodies (gum, candy, chocolate). Handy things, including flashlights, ear buds, grocery cards and sports gear; are also wonderful stocking items.

Many The Stockings Were Hung donation boxes may be found at local community businesses and centres; or, contact info@donnaconradteam.com or 902-679-0700 to make a donation – or hold a donation collection event yourself! The project is sponsored by RE/Max Advantage, with many partners.

Online musical variety shows, donation campaigns and activities to help with the collection of goodies and funds may be found on Facebook at [stockingswerehung](https://www.facebook.com/stockingswerehung), or on Instagram at [the.stockingswerehung](https://www.instagram.com/stockingswerehung). The deadline to donate items is December 14. ➔



Festival of Trees

14 Wing Combined Charities hosted its Festival of Trees November 21 at the Greenwood Mall, with base sections and community businesses adding two dozen

decorated trees and hourly prizes for the fundraising effort. All funds add to the wing's workplace giving fall campaign, which contributes to about 60 local and regional non-profit programs. S. White



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Community telethon supporters thanked, reminded to honour pledges

Lion Bob Lyle

The November 29 Christmas Mommies and Daddies Telethon was a great success this year, even with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting so many.

Thanks to all for tuning into Eastlink Community TV Channel 10 for the 52nd annual Friendly Neighbours Society's Christmas Mommies and Daddies Telethon. Valley Lions portrayed lots of Christmas spirit, while public health guidance was strictly adhered to: meaning no live audience at the Aylesford fire hall, and pre-recorded entertainment submitted from dozens of musicians and groups.

The project started as Friendly Neighbours in 1968 as a 14 Wing Greenwood

base welfare program. With Eric and Rachelle Wood at the helm today, Friendly Neighbours coordinates a Christmas hamper program, providing food, a turkey, toys and clothing to several hundred families from Coldbrook to Kingston. The Lions Clubs of Coldbrook, Berwick, Aylesford and Kingston take their turn in chairing the telethon; the Aylesford club was in charge this year, with King Lion Dan Herbert as the chair.

The telethon started at noon, with the 14 Wing Band providing the opening Christmas number, directed by Bandmaster Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell. The 14 Wing Band then provided a Christmas program featuring singers Mark Riley and Chris Palmer. 14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook and

Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell volunteered as two of our pledge desk guests.

We had over \$12,000 in donated merchandise and certificates for the on-air auction from local businesses, whom we thank very much. Exit Reality provided a \$220 donation and over 200 toys for kids collected from their virtual annual "Toy Trot" again this year. The Scotiabank team from Greenwood matched pledges received between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., presenting us with a cheque for \$3,000. We went off the air with an approximate grand total of \$17,600.

Many thanks to the bidders, and to all who made pledges. We ask you to please honour your pledges in Middleton at Middleton Credit Union, RBC and Scotia Bank; in Greenwood at the Greenwood Credit Union, Scotia Bank and CIBC; in Aylesford at the Aylesford PharmaChoice; in Berwick at the RBC; and in Cambridge at the Valley Credit Union. Make sure you specify "Christmas Mommies and Daddies" Telethon when writing your cheques or making a cash donation.

From all of the volunteers connected with the Friendly Neighbours Society Christmas Mommies and Daddies Telethon, we wish the best for your family this Christmas and throughout the new year. Stay safe and healthy. ➔



Telethon co-host Lion Bob Lyle administers the COVID-19 questions to 14 Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell prior to proceeding to the pledge desk to read pledges. B. Graves

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Wing recognizes 2019 sports success Men's soccer in running for CAF team of the year

**Sara White,
Managing editor**

Despite the turn the 2020 military sports season took, 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook says “pick this year to get involved in sport or a fitness program. That’s the goal.”

The wing celebrated its 2019 Sports Achievement Awards virtually November 19 from the wing headquarters lobby; normally, this is a full breakfast event in May, with athletes, teams, coaches, managers and volunteers hearing from a special guest before awards and recognition in sports and health promotion are handed out. Instead, this year, Atlantic military volleyball teams were on the 14 Wing courts in the final days of a non-pandemic-affected March. Nationals never happened, and re-

gional and national sports competitions have either moved to virtual, at-home events, or been cancelled until April 2021.

14 Wing programs were suspended from March into mid-summer, with intersection golf the first to return to organized, base-level play. The Fitness and Sports Centre opened mid-summer, under strict COVID-19 prevention protocols. The basketball and volleyball teams have resumed practices in recent weeks, with intersection curling and hockey now also running. A CAF Sports Day event in October, with adapted sports, was also successfully staged.

“Thanks to the Fitness and Sports folks for getting our programs back up and running,” Cook said. “There may not be actual competitions, but it does give us an opportunity to form teams, work together and build that

esprit du corps.

“I’m a big believer, a proponent, of sports. I really enjoyed playing volleyball with the team this year, and I got to see athletes like those nominated here today practicing, playing and contributing that camaraderie that is central to us building a fighting force, and being healthy for life. Eventually, you will all take off the uniform, and I hope you take sport with you, for you and your family.”

Fitness and sports manager Elie Maroun emceed the 2019 awards announcements, the 21st annual, with Cook, Wing Chief Warrant Officer and CANEX manager Ken Keddy assisting in the presentations. He also took the time to recognize the efforts of all sports program participants, and the contributions of staff, partners, sponsors and wing leadership.

“We have an ongoing partnership that is a complete package,” Maroun said. “Thank you all for your support as, without that support, we would not have these programs.”

2019 highlights include Atlantic regional titles for the 14 Wing squash, ball hockey and women’s hockey teams, which won gold at the Canadian Armed Forces’ championship. Members of the regional badminton, squash and golf teams went on to represent the Atlantic region at the National championship. 14 Wing was also silver medalists at four other regionals. ➔

CISM participation

2nd Lieutenant Chris Topshee – golf
Captain Dani Vortisch – volleyball
Aviator Wesley Aucoin – soccer
Corporal Sandi McLean and Captain Jacinda Smit – swimming/ lifesaving
Captain Mylene Caron - trainer

Coach of the year nominations

Master Corporal Chad Sheppard – soccer
Corporal Dan Stauth - soccer
Captain Shannon Archer – volleyball*

Team of the year nominations

Men’s soccer**
Women’s volleyball

Female athlete of the year nominations

Sergeant Amanda Jardine – rugby
Captain Jacinda Smit – lifesaving/ swimming
Corporal Sandi McLean – lifesaving/ swimming
Captain Dani Vortisch – volleyball*

Male athlete of the year nominations

Captain Chris Topshee – golf, hockey, ball hockey
Aviator Wesley Aucoin – soccer*

*Category winners

**Air Command collective team of the year winner, in consideration for the CAF collective team of the year

Climate adaptation plan underway in Kings

The Municipality of the County of Kings has launched its climate change adaptation engagement campaign.

The impact of climate change is already being felt throughout the Kings Region – from heatwaves and droughts to coastal erosion and flooding. Future effects are expected to impact coastlines throughout the province, food security and contribute to increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, such as the drastic shift from cold weather to the heatwave that took place earlier this year. The municipality believes planning for the future is the best way to prepare for any potential impacts, and having the participation of the community makes that even more possible.

September 15, council adopted a Climate Mitigation and Asset Action Plan for the municipality. This plan outlines planned projects targeting climate mitigation measures, and mandates a culture shift already underway within the organization to one that is climate-focused, while

improving service delivery. The climate adaptation engagement campaign gives residents of the municipality the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise, while providing valuable insight that will inform the forthcoming adaptation plan. This is an opportunity to influence the municipality’s climate change action.

“In order to complete a fulsome Climate Change Action Plan for the Kings region,” says Mayor Peter Muttart, “we acknowledge that opinions and expertise exist within our Kings community. It is both our desire and our responsibility to engage with you and to incorporate your input into our plan. Please respond to our call for communication, engagement and involvement. We must all take ownership of and pride in the result.”

The campaign involves a survey, which will provide respondents with an opportunity to participate in online focus groups aimed at collecting insights and expertise on topics likely to impact the municipality and its residents. A Placespeak

page asking residents to identify areas of concern has been launched as a platform to update residents with information related to the development of the climate adaptation plan. The survey is open for responses until December 18.

For more information on the plan, and links to online documents and the Placespeak page, visit countyofkings.ca. ➔



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All letters must be received by 4 p.m. December 15.

Letters should be a maximum 50 words and include full name, age and home community. A parent’s name and phone number should be included for youth.

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