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# Essay win highlights roles, opportunities for women in logistics trades

Second Lieutenant Katie Evans, Replenishment Flight, 14 Mission Support Squadron

In 2019, Corporal Rechell McDonald of 14 Mission Support Squadron submitted an essay for the Lieutenant-General Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition. As 2020 arrived, and many activities slowed in pandemic circumstances, McDonald didn't learn until September she had won first place. With stay-at-home orders, being on course, isolation post-course and other delays. she was officially presented her award in January 2021.

McDonald chose to write

the military, focusing on the Canadian Armed Forces' goal of increasing female membership to 25 per cent and how she views the Royal Canadian Logistics Service as having already surpassed that target. McDonald explained why we have accomplished this target, and proposed creating a freeflowing occupational training opportunity among logistics trades to assist in creating a more balanced female representation within the branch. This proposal, as McDonald has suggested, would provide members with the opportunity to more easily explore other trades while limiting fatigue and increasing job satisfaction. The goal: raising member on the topic of women in retention. McDonald further

discussed the value of recruiting post-secondary students for both non-commissioned members and officer roles, and emphasized the benefits of using a face-to-face recruitment approach as opposed to recruiting through social media.

McDonald is no stranger to writing composition, being a published author, so her subject and approach to this essay were acknowledged and well received by competition judges as she shed light on and provided solutions for an issue where new and innovative ideas are welcome.

Congratulations, McDonald, on this first-place essay, and we look forward to reading more from you in years to come. >>



Corporal Rechell McDonald, right, of 14 Mission Support Squadron, was officially presented the Lieutenant-General Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition top price in January, by 14 MSS Lieutenant-Colonel Sherry Buckler.

# 415 Squadron recognized with CASI award for Op IMPACT role

Dr. Jacques Giroux, president of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute for 2019-20, December 16 announced the honourees of the 2020 CASI Senior Awards, including the Royal Canadian Air Force's 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron, based at 14 Wing Greenwood.

ee) Trophy, the oldest aviation award in Canada, established in 1927 by Captain J. Dalzell McKee. The achievement for which the trophy is awarded may be a single brilliant exploit within the past year, or a sustained high-level performance in recent years; pioneering of new areas of air operations

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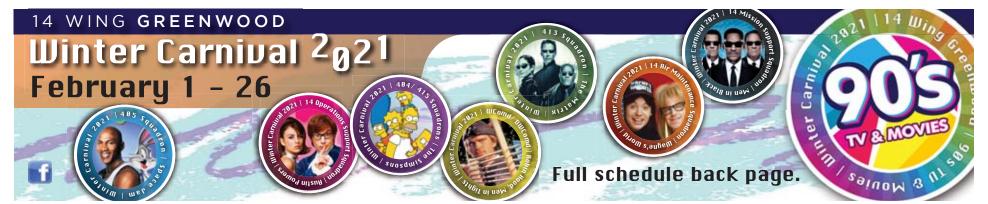
415 Squadron has led the way in the implementation of cutting-edge technology to enhance air power during combat operations. As the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to Operation IMPACT, the fight against

ISIS, 415 Squadron aircrew and maintainers worked tirelessly to operationalize a beyond line-of-sight capability (iBLOS) on the CP140 Aurora. Their efforts resulted in a capability which enables the Aurora to stream real-time, full-motion video to remote destinations anywhere in the world, increasing command situational

the overall intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) picture. 415 Squadron has provided ongoing support to ensure the iBLOS capability continues to be optimized, setting the stage for the integration of iBLOS into operations: 405 and 407 squadrons' aircrew and maintainers now seamlessly

awareness and improving employ iBLOS during operational missions, enhancing the ISR capability of the CP140 for maximum combat effectiveness. In today's air combat environment, integration and dissemination of information and intelligence products are key enablers for effective kinetic actions.

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# 415 Squadron...

415 Squadron has exempli- come as a surprise to fied the professionalism, you! Renewed conteamwork and leadership gratulations and required to enhance airborne most sincere re-ISR operations in a com- gards," said Geoff bat environment with their Languedoc, implementation of the IBLOS CASI execu-

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to attract prospective air hands on aircraft, yet per- the five-day Force Protection capacity.

The road to becoming a maintainers. One solution haps don't have the ability Course to achieve their occu- This means these new Re- perience gained will greatly

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Royal Canadian Air Force air for prospective technicians to make a significant time pation's Qualification Level 3 servists are on the job, touch-inform any later decisions maintainer is a long one, both is to join the RCAF Reserve commitment; or, for those (QL3). AOS Techs employed ing aircraft much sooner. about an occupational transby design and circumstance. as an air operations support who aren't quite sure yet if on a wing with aircraft will Less time in training means fer to an aircraft maintenance RCAF maintainers are im- technician (AOS Tech), a new the occupation is their true then receive approximately more time on the hangar occupation (such as aviation three weeks of on-the-job floor, which can result in systems technician or aircraft carry huge responsibility. RCAF Reserve. While force For example, an avion-training (OJT) in air main-quicker promotion: once the structures technician), about Due to the impact of the protection is their primary ics systems technician can tenance, that includes both member has reached OFP, remaining in the Reserve, COVID-19 environment on duty, AOS Techs are trained spend 20 to 30 months in online and on-floor train- and after just two years in the or completing a component the generation of RCAF per- in basic air maintenance. training before achieving ing. This OJT period covers RCAF Reserve, they become transfer into the Regular sonnel, circumstances have They perform many tasks their Qualification Level 3 about 40 per cent of the AIR eligible for promotion to Force to transition to a difcomplicated the RCAF's related to the first line main- (QL3) and Operational Func- Tech Common Core training. corporal.

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January 7, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Master Warrant Officer Craig MacLellan, left, 14 Air December 14, Corporal Don-Kelly Hadaway, left, 14 Ai presented with a flight safety award for professionalism by AMS Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand. AMS Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand. 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook.



Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook.



December 15 at 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, Corporal Grattan, right, was awarded the Flight Safety Coin to recognize his contribution to the Flight Safety Program, presented by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook. The FS coin conveys the Director of Flight Safety's appreciation to Canadian Armed Forces members who exemplify the values of the Flight Safety program.



Master Corporal Chad Sheppard, left, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron; received his Sentinel patch from 14 AMS Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand.



was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Goldie, left: with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson





Squadron; was presented the Director Flight Safety Coin by 14 Patrol Force Development) Squadron, receives a 1 Canadian current rank by former 415 Squadron Commanding Officer Air Division Commander's Commendation, presented by 14 Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Freeman, left, with Master Warrant Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook.



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Squadron flight engineer Sergeant Danny Lewis, right, was Maintenance Squadron; received his Sentinel patch from 14 Maintenance Squadron; received his Sentinel patch from 14



December 15, Corporal Thomas Grattan, right, 4 Air Maintenance February 20, 2020, Major Todd Simms of 415 (Long Range March 5, Sergeant Trevor Parkes, centre, was promoted to

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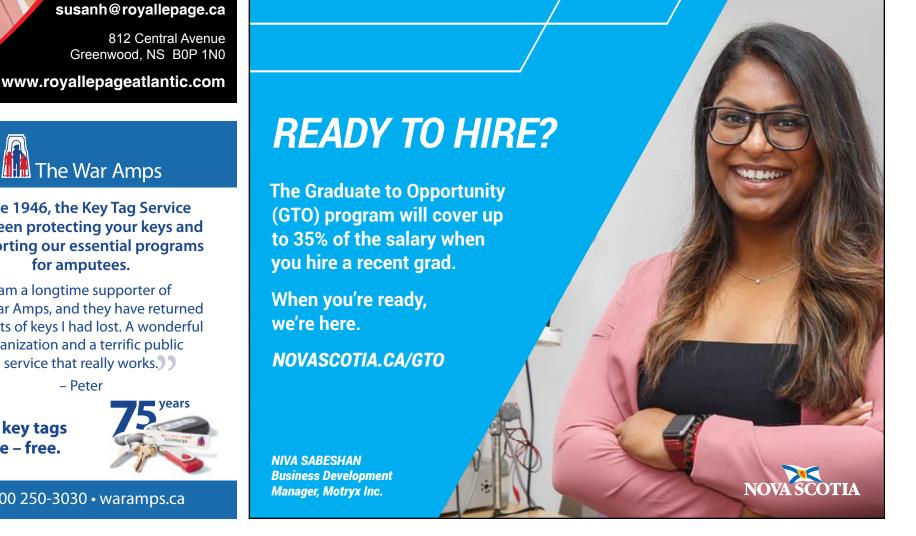
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fessional and personal lives. stress. One way to bring your Laugh out loud - Laughter • leaning slightly toward the Intentionally taking steps to busy life down a notch is to boosts our immune system. manage stress, anxiety, social use a series of mini-breaks Learn to differentiate between isolation and other issues throughout your day. Stop what is serious and what during this pandemic, while what you are doing and take is not. You can incorporate • keeping an open stance supporting the mental health three deep breaths. Go for a laughter into your day by of families, colleagues and five-minute walk, preferably actively seeking out humour. employees; is challenging. outside. Stand up and do Whattickles your funny bone? The tried-and-true ways to some gentle stretching for Watching old or comedy movmanage these can still be very two to three minutes or, if ies? Playing board games with helpful, but they may need to you are not working, take a your spouse and/or children? These activities can all con-Maintain a virtual social net- tribute to making us laugh



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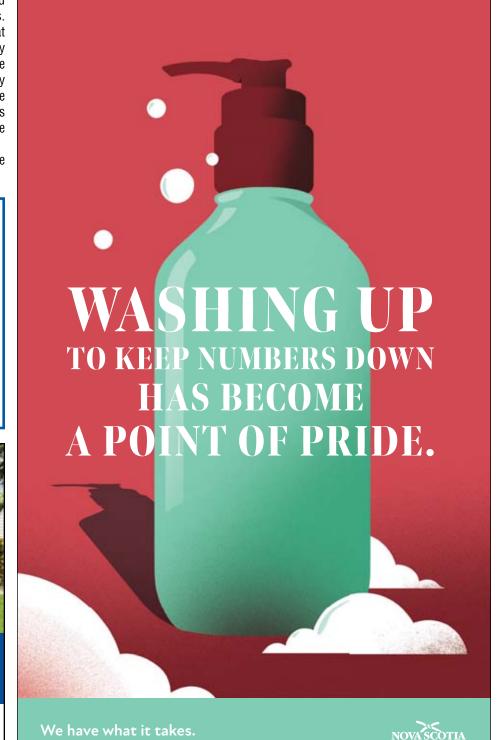
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opportunities for social interaction. This may lead to friendships or even

promising business opportunities

Thoughts may pop in and out of your mind, Scorpio. The trick is

to figure out how to weed out the pertinent ideas from the fluff. Ask

others to weigh in if need be.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

your partner this week. Sagittarius

Enjoy the ride as this outpouring of

emotions will strengthen your bond

Sometimes others do not even need

good gift to have and can bring you

closer to those around you

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

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CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

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### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your ideas may seem a bit Libra, facilitate conversations fantastical to the people who are with new people to broaden your closest to you. It could be time to expand your reach a little bit and pitch your thoughts to others. TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A financial surprise may require extra attention early in the week. Taurus. Take a step back and look at things from a new perspective as you try to adjust.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, expressing how you feel Emotions run high between you and to someone special is key to your personal growth this week. Don't hesitate to share your thoughts and

### open yourself up CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, sometimes routines can be a good thing - even if you feel as are feeling. Capricorn. This is a though change is needed. Knowing what to expect when other things

### are off-kilter can be comforting. LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 A supervisor may ask you to take

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through a sudden modification in troubleshoot areas that need a bit the way you think, Virgo. This can of modification, Pisces. Be hones be a refreshing change for you and with yourself.

### Aquarius, a recognition of you specific talents and skills is the lead on a project that is right conveyed to you by others. It may n your wheelhouse, Leo. Put in inspire you to work on a new project the extra effort to help ensure the

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# Sudoku

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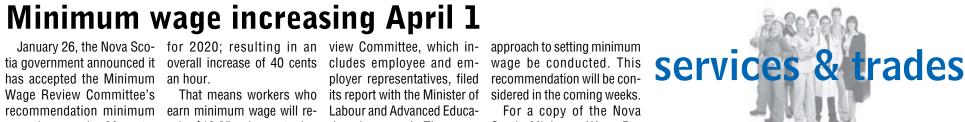
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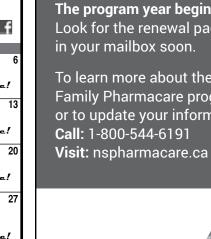
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# **Trail** grooming opens up golf course for winter fun

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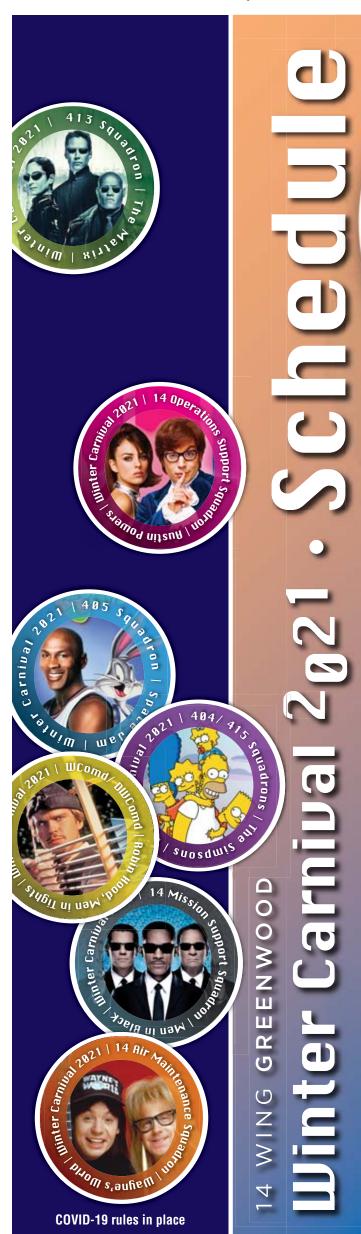
Skiers are encouraged to support volunteer grooming efforts by purchasing a Halifax Nordic Ski Club membership. Specialized grooming equipment, along with expertise for setting the trail systems, technical aspects of grooming, and securing funds to launch the project; have been sourced through a partnership with the HNSC. Volunteers within the Kingston community are maintaining the trails.

"The Kingston community has been waiting for this opportunity," says Sara Wilson, Paragon manager. "It's important to recognize the value of staying active, especially during these times. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, people are staying closer to home. The additional grooming will provide another physical outlet for people in the off-season."

Valley Special Olympics coach Jim Spurrell welcomes the groomed trails project.

"As an avid cross country skier enthusiast and coach for Special Olympics, I have been skiing at Paragon for many years now. Although the task of cutting our own trails can be daunting by times, especially after every new snowfall, we really appreciate it all when we get to compete on well-groomed trails."

Recreation departments in Middleton (recoffice@town. middleton.ns.ca) and Berwick (tboylan@berwick.ca) rent cross-country skis. 🗲





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Tuesday	8 a.m. to noon	Volleyball, F&S Centre
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Wednesday	8 a.m. to noon	Volleyball, F&S Centre
	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Soccer, F&S Centre
Thursday	8 a.m. to noon	Volleyball semi-finals, F&S Centre
	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Soccer semi-finals, F&S Centre
	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Wing Commander's Mystery Challenge
Friday	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Escape room, Annapolis Mess
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Saturday	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Family board games, Annapolis Mess
	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Family bowling, Greenwood Bowling Centre

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