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'We do' Couple caps 10-year anniversary wedding day with milestone military humanist service

Managing editor

Five shared responses of "we do" reinforced 10 years of commitment for legal wedding day celebrated some new beginnings.

Captain Gordon Tait, 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron, and Lieutenant Lisa Bebyck, Wing Compto personalize their formal wedding, an opportunity to celebrate with friends, incorporate things they love and do it under the eye of Captain Marie-Claire Khadij, the first and only humanist chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces.

"Our path to true love is not as clear cut or fairy tale as it may seem," Bebyck systems officer. Bebyck folsaid, opening her vows to Tait with a "brief history" of how they came together.

The couple met at Bermuda's 400th anniversary tion degree with a degree in celebration in 2009. She economics. Tait graduated

was a Reserve musician with the Governor General's Foot Guard Band and Tait was a musician with the United Kingdom's Regular Force.

"We left Bermuda as two Royal Canadian Air friends—there was no way!" Force members March 16, Bebyck said. "That was Ocas their anniversary-turned-tober 2009. By January, he was planning to visit, and he came for 10 days. I went to visit him in March. Then, we spent three weeks together in the summer. By fall 2010, he was here, and troller, have had a decade it's been going wonderfully since then."

> Tait left the British military, moved to Ottawa, joined the band as a civilian and worked at Starbucks. He earned Canadian citizenship, was accepted into the Canadian Armed Force's Regular Officer Training Program and finished a mathematics degree as an air combat lowed a similar path a year after Tait: she was accepted into ROTP as well, adding to her earlier music educa-



Captain Marie-Claire Khadij, centre, the first and only Canadian Armed Forces humanist chaplain; handfasts Lieutenant Lisa Bebyck, left, and Captain Gordon Tait as she starts their humanist wedding ceremony March 16 in Greenwood.

in 2019; Bebyck graduated March break trip to Scotland, did it all, anyway, without we enjoyed being commonin 2020. After a quick stop in Winnipeg for Tait's training, they were posted to 14 Wing Greenwood.

In 2012, as Reservists, the

inviting family and friends to join them for travel, daytrips, food – and a wedding March 16. They had it all planned, but realized they couldn't couple planned a week-long legally be married: so they

the "legalness."

legal wedding for a big anniversary," Bebyck said. "We could have done it anytime along the past 10 years, but

law. What about this year, "We figured we'd save the or this year? But, we were deep in school. We made sure we covered all the holes

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10-year anniversary wedding...

of legalities - wills, next-of- with their cats. kin, insurance.... Everyone accepted it – we always got being invited to officiate anniversary cards from our a humanist ceremony on

at it last summer."

as the binding cloth during humanist chaplain." their inclusion of a Ukrainian Khadij thanked St. Mark's and Scottish handfasting chaplains for sharing and tradition. A bagpiper and preparing their space for drummer were organized. a non-spiritual, humanist Ten RCAF peers practiced a service. sword arch. A champagne "Humanism is more about reception was set for the VPI human rights, dignity, sci-Centre in Greenwood, fol- ence and compassion, and lowed by a catered dinner of using all of that to contribute wick home. They made time explained to the wedding for a civil marriage in the guests as Tait and Bebyck ding day." And, Khadii, based people." at 5th Canadian Division Jen Mackin, with Metis married?" afternoon celebration.

said, readying the three ing the promises made that dozen friends gathered in St. bring us here today."

watching a slide show with lots of pictures of the couple

Support Base Detachment and Cree heritage, shared Gagetown, was enlisted as a Mi'kma'ki land acknowl-

"I have the privilege of Gordon and Lisa's official "We started really looking wedding day, and be here for two wonderful human Friends were tasked to beings. This is also a historic recite poems. Swatches of day - the first military hu-Crawford and Grant tartan manist wedding performed were stitched back-to-back by a Canadian Armed Forces



favourite foods in their Ber- to an ethical society," Khadij Ten friends lined up to create a sword arch exit for newly-legally married Captain Gordon Tait and Lieutenant Lisa Bebyck on their 10th anniversary wedding day March 16 in Greenwood.

to be wedded and live together as fun, and fills me with joy."

"We do," both replied.

eryone they were standing support to her, being bold and ad-partner, as of today." welcome to all," Khadij Tait and Bebyck, "uphold- would follow you anywhere."

Mark's Protestant Chapel, Khadij led Tait and Bebyck Canada the very first time 10 years lowed. >>

morning - starting off their arrived. "A humanist ser- through vows they'd prepared 10 ago, and learning to live and grow "10-year anniversary wed-vice allows us to celebrate years earlier: "Do you take each other together since "has all been amazing

Their final response was said together, as Khadij "called upon Bebyck further personalized her all present to witness as each acthe officiant at the humanist edgement, reminding ev- vows, thanking Tait for being a great knowledge the other as their wedded

"Bienvenue everyone: together for their friends, venturous, romantic and a leader: "I Swords, pipes and drums, a group picture in the snowy, sunlit yard of Tait replied he knew he'd fallen in St. Mark's, hugs, a parade down love with Bebyck before he came to the sidewalk and champagne fol-

In 2021, the Canadian Armed Forces chaplaincy represented Christian, Muslim and Jewish spiritual and faith traditions, along with Sikh, Buddhist and Universalist Unitarian. A review that year indicated 39 per cent of CAF personnel do not have a religious affiliation, but chaplaincy work goes beyond that, offering counsel, support and respect. Including humanist chaplains furthers inclusion and diversity, adds to CAF chaplaincy capabilities and contributes to the spiritual well-being, moral character, purposefulness and integrity of military personnel and their families.

In May 2022, Captain Marie-Claire Khadij, previously a Christian chaplain, became the first humanist military chaplain within the CAF; Canada became the fourth country to have a humanist chaplain. At CFB Gagetown, where Khadij is posted, a humanist volunteering program connects the military community with local nonprofit groups. Khadij offers reflections and resources to all base members; as any chaplain of a particular faith or spiritual background would.

Tait and Bebyck's humanist wedding March 16 in Greenwood was preceded by a civil event in the morning: Humanist Canada is currently only recognized in Ontario to do the legal part of weddings.

Find out more at

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Listening, learning key to reconciliation and relationships

Wing marks International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sara White. **Managing editor**

create a comfortable con- We also need institutional listen and learn. versation around their life change. The two put to- "And, not all experiences experiences and the change gether are very powerful."

stories at the wing's Defence had deep roots. Visible Minority Group event, "I was 10. I recall school children.

"I'm grateful for that every the outlook of the future."

portunity to see community. me. too." find out about their strengths

and assets, and meet people. and is now in command of with her for the entire first background, we were always "I was very uncomfortable a Royal Canadian Air Force week dropped her when told to learn from experience dancing - but that pushes Squadron and, this summer, he found out she was First - and to learn from those me. I love having the oppor- will take command of 5 Wing Nations. tunity to share experiences." Goose Bay.

Sajan said the type of "I acknowledge what the realize I was the same as ing, and we're lucky enough

direction," said Wing Chief Nelson Mandela speaking dela spoke of." Warrant Officer Jonathan from inside a large stadium

institutions to "create that tion dream. On my first deployment to the Sudan, Two guest speakers at 14 "Aspiration matters to someone asked me, 'What Wing Greenwood's March me, personally," Sajan said. makes Canada work?' I 21 event to recognize the "Change is going to come in couldn't straight forward an-International Day for the different ways, and grass- swerthat – and I don't know Elimination of Racial Dis- roots change is more last- if I ever can; but, it may be a crimination did their best to ing. It may take a bit longer. willingness of Canadians to

are universal. Listening and Sajan grew up in Tanza- learning helps us reconcile, "We're going in the right nia, and described hearing and that's what Nelson Man-

co-hosted with the Defence being off – it was a big cel- "My mother met my fa- grand-children – "have that

day, and it's never too late to Sajan was 13 in 1993 She described the sadness thing," and health issues, learn. In the post-Rwanda when his family moved to in her community for many from long-standing diabetes Canadian Armed Forces, Canada and, the day he years after the First and Sec- to the newer COVID-19, have the importance of cultural was accepted as a Canadian ond world wars, when First disproportionate impacts in awareness as we left the citizen, at 18, he went to a Nations veterans came home First Nations communities. country grew; it has only CAF recruiting office and with-out recognition or acbeen more recently we need signed his service papers. cess to services other Ca- asking me to do workshops. that here in Canada. We're He failed his basic training, nadian veterans had. While I'm working to find people not where we need to be." "not equipped culturally or she went to high school to help." Proulx said the privilege to from a family background of and "no one paid attention attend last year's apology to military service. I felt I had to I was Native, my cousins MacKenzie is the military members of the segregated adapt to the CAF, but MREs stopped school in grade 7 co-chair of the DVMG, and No. 2 Construction Battalion (field meals) were dependent or 9: they didn't want to do he thanked Sajan and Macand the AVFN's strawberry on pork products, and I'm a school with non-Natives." At Donald for their time and pow wow - even joining a Muslim. The interaction in a school leadership confer- perspective, and those who dancing circle - was an op- the Messes was different for ence in Wolfville, MacDonald attended for their contribu-

experience Proulx described CAF has done for me along him," MacDonald says. as uncomfortable is a sign of the way – the opportuni- In the 1970s, MacDonald to create these groups to change, and that there are ties to command, serve my attended Dalhousie Univer- listen and share." +

efforts by individuals and country and follow my avia-

MacDonald is an elder sity, started her involve-Proulx, as he thanked 14 over loudspeakers in 1990, and knowledge keeper for ment with the Native Council Air Maintenance Squadron upon his re-lease from South her Mi'kma'ki community of Nova Scotia and other Lieutenant-Colonel Aleem African jail under apartheid and, since her high school groups and helped First Sajan and Annapolis Valley rules. Mandela was visiting years, has been active in Nations women get their First Nation Elder Sarah Tanzania, where he and the sports, civics and advocacy, status back. She gathers MacDonald for sharing their African National Congress particularly around the rights history and stories from of First Nations women and her community to ensure

everyone – including her 18

"Things have changed,

The legacy of residential

work "is the worst of any-

"The best thing is people

Master Corporal Matt

"I know from my army

Indigenous Advisory Group. ebration him visiting. The ther here at the Greenwood knowledge Proulx is an advocate of kids were all still in their social centre in 1951. This life-long learning, and cred- school uniforms. I remem- was his first posting. When and it won't stop. Some its the early work his own ber Mandela was thanking he married mom in 1952, things today may look all parents did to expose and Tanzania for its support and she lost her rights. She was good, but there are underlyencourage him to "step out also urging reconciliation. not an Indian anymore but, ing things." of my comfort zone" grow- "And, that's the journey of travelling across Canada and ing up in a distinctly white today: we recognize racism stopping at a restaurant or school experiences remains Southern Ontario commuexists. In talking, we learn, somewhere, they were often a struggle, Missing and Murwe do better and we change told, 'We don't serve those dered Indigenous Women people."

re-members a participant tions. He re-coursed, passed who'd talked and hung out

with experience. As times are "It was hard for him to changing, things are changnow in the military to be able



Annapolis Valley First Nation Elder Sarah MacDonald, left, and 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Aleem Sajan were guests March 21, as 14 Wing Greenwood marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The pair shared their experiences, and a conversation, with members and wing personnel attending the Defence Visible Minority Group and Defence Indigenous Advisory Group co-hosted gathering.

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Visible sign of transgender safe, welcoming wing

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couraged them to remember people exist: "They've always abilities to the CAF." existed, but the truth of that March 31 is a day to cele-

lives because other people challenges. are making their decisions."

know they will have a "safe Major Backhouse, 14 place to go."

14 Wing Greenwood's and Training) Squadron those at the flag-raising to Defence Team Pride Advi- Lieutenant-Colonel Josh remember "today is a day to sory Organization, with wing Christianson, the DTPAO mark transgender visibility, peers, raised the transgender champion and on behalf of but not all transgender people flag at the main gate March Wing Commander Colonel can be visible. 31 to mark the International Jeff Davis, said the Canadian "It is a choice for some, Transgender Day of Visibility. Armed Forces prides itself on but others can't be visible - to DTPAO military co-chair respecting the dignity of all their families, in their com-

people know transgender to contribute their skills and be visible themselves." >>

history is missing so many brate transgender awareness and the recognition of rights derson, left, and Sergeant

"And even many of those Fisher said the transgender hard-fought rights for people flag is a "beacon of light" for have been challenged and International Transgender

Wing's professional conduct 404 (Long Range Patrol culture officer, reminded

Corporal Sky-Lynn Fisher people, and any group that is munities, out of fear.... The welcomed attendees, and en- persecuted and marginalized. CAF is a diverse, inclusive and "We welcome people to be welcoming place for everythe day is not about letting their authentic selves, and one, even though they can't

Corporal Alexander An-"Too many people have and independence gained in Justin Kubis raised the moved quietly through their the face of more traditional transgender flag March 31 at 14 Wing Greenwood, as the base's Defence marginalized people, who erased in more recent years." Day of Visibility. s. white



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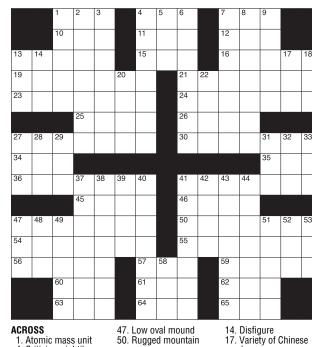


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April 10, 2023

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Babies and Books

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Pancake breakfast

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side gets into a tussle with your

optimism. Scorpio. Being a realist

doesn't have to mean you give up

hope. There are many things that

Sagittarius, while you may feel like

sleeping the week away, awaker

to the possibilities before you

Numerous opportunities await, so

answer the door when they knock.

what the heart wants. Capricorn

out. Ponder your likes and dislike

mistakes can sabotage all of your

focus on the details. Have someon

temperamental than usual. Pisces

Avoid offering any unsolicited

check that everything is perfect.

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to determine your path.

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your judgement in the days to come It's better to seek the advice romantic partner, Libra. If you of a third party who can guide you without the added drama.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Messages from the universe could Sometimes your pragmatic come across as confusing or vague, Taurus, You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel

reiuvenated CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you haven't devoted CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 enough time lately to taking care It is alright to feel uncertain about of vourself you might awaken this veek with a foggy head. Take care of vourself

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The Aquarius, messy work and small trick is to ask others to lighten your hard work thus far. Buckle down and load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand. VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, try not to compare yourself to with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparisor could dampen your spirits.

April 12, 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., April 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the seven years and younger may Maria Augusta Trapp, follows the Berwick and District Library Berwick and District Library Book attend, as long as the parent/ a young nun-in-training who invites youth ages zero to five, Club is hosted by Barbara, and is guardian stays in the library) for serves as governess to the seven for-profit organizations. Submissions le principe du premier arrivé, premier with caregivers, to share the fun open to anyone. Print books or Saturday morning crafts. Some- children of the imperious Captain are limited to approximately 25 words. servi, et les avis continus seront inclus and adventure of reading, rhymes ebooks of the monthly selection thing new and interactive each von Trapp, bringing music and are available. Join the discus- week, with all materials supplied. joy to the household. Adult ticksion via Zoom or in person. This Registration required. April 13, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the month, we'll be discussing The Stuffie sleepover & PJ day

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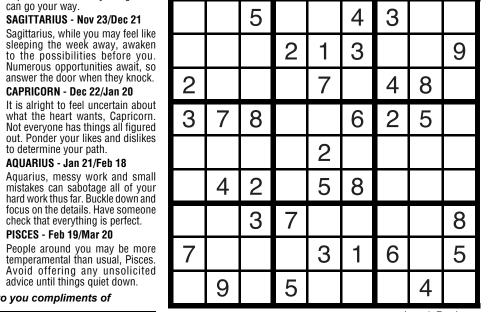
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Erich Karrer brings his Swiss Jack-of-all-trades lifetime of experiences in the Army, as a pilot, a tool and die maker, a sales and businessman, a resort operator and more; to restoration and exhibit fabrication projects as a volunteer at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. Submitted

Swiss touch adds expertise to museum restoration work

Volunteers are the back- Museum (GMAM). In fact, bone of many institutions we have an international - especially true here at the flavour, as volunteer Erich Greenwood Military Aviation Karrer grew up in the small

village of Baar, canton of Zug, Switzerland

Karrer had taken a fouryear course learning the tool and die maker trade after regular schooling, but did not continue this as a profession. At age 20, he took a 17-week obligatory term in the Swiss army and, subsequently, a three-week refresher yearly thereafter. At this point, Karrer ventured into the field of sales, which led to a managerial position for Dutch-run PreFab Buildings Co., in its first office in Switzerland. This company produced many different products, including pre-fab hospitals, schools, offices etc., as well as homes.

So, how did this Swiss lad end up in Canada? Would you believe a desire to fly a seaplane! At 24, Karrer earned his private pilot's license and then added a seaplane qualification. Being an avid aviation aficionado, Karrer always read the latest aviation magazines and, in one, he read of a unique flying vacation experience at Elmhirt's Resort in Keene, Ontario. This was Karrer 's enticement to vacation in Canada and fly these seaplanes. The resort owner, Peter Elmhirt, owned four Cessna float planes. This was a dramatic turning point for Karrer, as he would vacation at the resort twice a year for the next several years and,

in doing so, became friends completing the restoration with Elmhirt.

While on one of these vacations in Keene, Karrer met Karin, a fellow Swiss, also vacationing at the resort. They married at the resort 1993 with Elmhirt as Karrer's best man. Incidentally, Elmhirt's father, Art, was a test pilot for the Anson aircraft.

The Karrers developed a business plan to run a resort in the Keene area, a plan which ultimately gave the couple enough "points" to satisfy Canadian immigration. They moved to Canada in 2002 and decided on the purchase of a small resort near Keene, Wildwood Cottages on the Otonabee River south of Peterborough, which they ran for the next 15 years.

Ok, so then how did Karrer find his way to Nova Scotia, and the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum?

Following a lifelong itch to live on the ocean, the Karrers sold the Ontario resort and moved to Morden, Nova Scotia, purchasing a property high on a cliff above the Bay of Fundy. With his background and interest in aeronautics, Karrer naturally gravitated towards the Greenwood museum and became a volunteer in the back workshop. With his natural talent, good nature and strong work ethic, he soon became a valued member of the team,

of the Piasecki H21/H44 helicopter.

Oops - not so fast! What about the rotor blades for the Piasecki? With the help of a few good volunteers, Karrer took the lead in restoring six wooden clad blades, fussing over them like a mother over a child, until they were perfect! He is anxiously waiting for good weather to install them this spring.

Now, with the helicopter work behind him, Karrer has joined the volunteers dedicated to restoring a 1942 Beech-18 and turning it into a 1950/ 1960 RCAF C45 Expeditor. At this stage of the restoration, he is focused on the horizontal stabilizer, cleaning off years of corrosion and oxidation, prepping for priming and painting. His strong work ethic and attention to detail shows up in his exceptional work.

Karrer has become a valuable member of GMAM restoration teams, and he also helps in several other areas, including acting as a traffic marshal during our several invitational automobile shows over the years.

Welcome Erich, thanks for all you do. Clear skies and smooth waters.

"Willkommen Erich und vielen Dank für alles, was du rust. Klarer himmel und ruhiges wasser." >>

Malcolm Uhlman & Bob Lorencz, **Greenwood Military Aviation Museum**

Youth Happenings

14 Wing Greenwood Com- on early dismissal days. munity Centre offers a range of fun options every week for youth aged six to 12 (five if they have completed one full year in a school program). To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or drop in to the Church Street offices weekdays.

After school camp - Daily games, activities, crafts and fun for youth ages six to 12 (or on completion of one full school year program). Camp runs 2:30 p.m. to 5:30

Youth Happenings at the p.m., and is also available friends, play games, and use Registration is \$10+HST per day for military, Defense Team, DND, PSP Plan holders; or \$15+HST per day for public at large (discounts for multiple children). Preregistration is required by calling the community centre. Interested families must speak with your school about bus change permission and

Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m.

the gym facility. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Free for PSP Plan holders or one-activity pass youth evening program holders: \$5 drop-in fee for others/ \$20 for groups of four or more

Friday, April 14, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - YTGIF: pickleball and rock wall activities plus a snack. \$10 plus HST for non-PSP Plan members:

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