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Cadet experience puts youth in pilot's seat for peer flights

**Officer Cadet
Laura Lascelle**

Cadets from the Greenwood Cadet Training Centre's Advance Aviation Course were able to participate in Cessna familiarization (famil) flights - piloted by own of their own peers, Course Cadet Staff Sergeant Ryan Stevens.

Stevens successfully completed his power pilot license at the Moncton Flight College in New Brunswick last summer through the Cadet program. Though he also participated in the drill team and played the euphonium for the band, learning to fly was Stevens' objective when he initially joined Cadets in 2017.

"That was my ultimate goal when I joined the program, and the main motivation for me. I did find other things that I also enjoyed a lot, but that was definitely the main goal."

And while the seven-week course was challenging, Stevens thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"Amazing. I would do it again if I could. Happily!"

Course Staff Cadet Sergeant

Abigail Little, who completed the power pilot program at the Gander Flight Training School in Newfoundland, echoes Stevens' sentiments.

"I found it amazing. It was a really, like, stressful, and a big study course, but it was really worth it. It was amazing."

There are many aspects to flying an aircraft Stevens enjoys, from the different locations you can travel to, to enjoying the scenery around you from the cockpit.

"Part of it is the satisfaction that you get from it, being like, 'OK, I'm going to level off at exactly 2,000 feet,' and then you do it right, and you go, 'Oh that was great.' All that sort of stuff. You can always keep learning in it, and there's always new stuff that you can try to do. There are always new challenges you can take on."

For his last summer in Cadets, Stevens was able to provide his students with a firsthand look at the opportunities Air Cadets offers.

"It's fun to be in the plane, all the time. It's fun to be

flying, and it's very fun to be flying people - sometimes for their first experience in a plane, because you get to go, 'Hey, look at this cool thing that I can do,' and they go, 'Ooh, that is cool!'"

Course Cadet William Suriano, who enjoyed the instruction aspect of the course, appreciated receiving a flight and learning about the process from a fellow student's perspective.

"It was interesting seeing a Cadet who went through the Cadet program, got their pilot's license going through the familiarisation flight talking about everything. It's also interesting to talk to him afterwards and ask about the process."

Course Cadet Amira Hafaiedh, who had had received a flight tour over Parliament in Ottawa in the past, said the experience with Stevens was fantastic, compared to a scenic flight.

"Honestly, it was a ton more interesting because he explained what the controls were, he explained what we were doing at all times and it



Greenwood Cadet Training Centre Course Cadet Staff Sergeant Ryan Stevens was in the unique position this summer of piloting the familiarization flights for his peers in the advance aviation course at 14 Wing Greenwood, from the Annapolis Valley Air Park. Stevens earned his power pilot license at the Moncton Flight College last summer through the Cadet program, and intends to become a professional pilot after high school graduation.

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was kind of like a lot more in depth. I think I learned quite a bit during the famil flight."

Stevens encourages anyone who has a passion for aviation to try the Cadet program.

"Give it a try. And, ideally, try and get at least one famil

flight done in that time that you try it, because then you get the really fun bits."

In addition to inspiring his peers to try out for the programs and being able to spend more time behind the controls, the flights also count

towards Stevens' flying hours, which he needs to further his licenses and permits. Stevens plans on attending flight school after high school graduation, following his dream to, one day, become a professional pilot. ➔

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Cadet summer courses all about hands-on, skill-building fun



Greenwood Cadet Training Centre Cadets on the advance aviation course tried their hand controlling the flight – and targeted landings – of remote-controlled helicopters.

The students from the first serial of the Greenwood Cadet Training Centre's advance aviation course had an eventful three weeks at 14 Wing Greenwood this July. The course is designed to prepare students for the glider and power pilot scholarship courses offered to senior Cadets by teaching them the basics of ground school. While pilot training is exciting, Captain Eric Simpson, the program's course commander, explains how the program helps the Cadets gain valuable life skills for their futures.

"The Cadets, while they're here, gain lots of leadership opportunities; they're put in different scenarios where they're going to build on those skills, they build on their time management skills - this is a very academic course for them. They're building lots of skills that are going to be valuable as they go along, studying skills which they'll be able to use when they go off to high school."

For Course Cadet Amira Hafaiedh, developing her capabilities as a leader is a big part of the draw in the program.

"I'm really glad my mom signed me up, because this has



Greenwood Military Aviation Museum staffer Alex Dupius takes Greenwood Cadet Training Centre Cadets through the ins and outs of airplane engines on a recent tour.



The Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's Major Brad Wylde, wing heritage officer, tours visiting Greenwood Cadet Training Centre Cadets around the museum's Second World War-era Lancaster display aircraft.

413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, and even traverse the catwalk at the air traffic control tower.

In addition to the various aviation activities scheduled for the course, such as simulator training, building model planes, and flying remote control aircrafts; July 26, the students also took part in one of the of the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's summer tours, which included an inside look at the air park's C47 Dakota. For Course Cadet Megan Maxwell, this was one of the highlights of the program.

"It's a lot of fun. I really like

404 training, mission success focus of leadership

Officer Cadet Laura Lascelle

August 4, members of 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron gathered at the Annapolis Mess for their change of command ceremony.

In his address, outgoing Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson praised his squadron for their diligent work and commitment to mission success under his command.

"I couldn't be prouder of all the squadron has accomplished in the last two years," he said. "It's truly been an honour to have the opportunity to serve alongside each and every one of you. Throughout my tenure, I witnessed firsthand the unwavering dedication and professionalism that's always defined the 'herd.' Together, we've overcome numerous challenges and celebrated many successes, firmly establishing ourselves as leaders in the Royal Canadian

Air Force - and even among our allies."

The esprit the corps Christianson cultivated during his term was evident in the laughter shared during the presentation of many gifts to the outgoing commanding officer, which included an antique 404 Squadron plaque created in Great Britain in the 1940s, a bicycle helmet equipped with bison horns, a face mask in the likeness of Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson, and a cake in the shape of a bison - to all of which Christianson exclaimed, "You can never have too much cake. My motto for the last two years: 'any excuse for cake!'"

Christianson, in turn, presented his herd members with a commissioned, wall-mounted wooden bison head, carved by Master Warrant Officer (retired) Dave Emmons. In lieu of the traditional bouquet of flowers given to the outgoing and incoming commanding officer's spouses, the team made a contribution to the Nova Scotia Society for the



August 4, Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, seated right, turned command of 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron over to Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac, seated left, under the eye of 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Jeff Davis, seated centre; in a change of command ceremony at the Annapolis Mess. Acting wing Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Bates, standing right, and 404 Squadron Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon witnessed the exchange.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Presiding officer 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Jeff Davis commended Christianson on his leadership, particularly with regards to the distribution of mission training and simulation. To

the incoming commanding officer Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac, Davis said, "I'm looking to you for your experience - not only from your previous time here in Greenwood and Comox, but also from your involvement in learning in all capacities

not directly related to the flying operation. Your task is to continue to stabilise the team as we work through these dynamic times, but also challenge us - challenge our priorities in the ways we do business. You must continue to refine our training methods

and put an unprecedented priority on simulation."

Gignac spoke on his commitment to the wing commander's vision, and shared his intent to follow his predecessor.

"I promise to you (Christianson) that I'll keep aiming for that level of achievement and leadership, and carry on with the momentum that you set the squadron on its continuous path to success. In this rapidly changing world, maritime patrol operations have gained a renewed significance. We must be the forefront of readiness and prepare to train technicians and flyers to fulfill the requirements the fleet so desperately needs."

Gignac rallied his new squadron: "Let's embrace these opportunities that lie ahead with confidence, and steadfast commitment to one another. As a team, we will navigate and overcome the obstacles and continue to be the well spring of antisubmarine warfare excellence within the fleet." →

Greenwood's RPOU marks detachment milestone

Officer Cadet Laura Lascelle

Real Property Operations Unit (RPOU) Atlantic held a change of appointment July 25 for the outgoing and incoming officer commanding (OC) of RPOU Detachment (Det) Greenwood.

Though it is not common to have a change of appointment ceremony for the OC position, the event's guest of honour, RPOU Atlantic's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel James Legresley, informed guests RPOU Atlantic, which covers four of the 32 detachments, has begun the practice.

"They're not traditional but, here in Atlantic, we like to prioritize them. I was an OC here from 2015 to 2019, and we had done a change of appointment ceremony when I relinquished command. I thought it was a very important milestone because, just like the COs across the base, the OC isn't called a commanding officer - but he acts like one. He carries that posture, and he briefs the wing commander - just

like the other ones do. It's an important milestone for everybody involved, and it's one of those things that, the alternative is, you just show up one day and you start your job and there's no actual transition from old to the new."

Legresley also took the time to thank Major Jordan Vadala, who accepted the interim position in January.

"Major Vadala, you stepped into the breach and kept the ship running. I've heard a lot of praise about your leadership abilities and compassion towards people. It's not too often I get to do a demotion ceremony, but I thank you very much for stepping up. A true testament to leadership and the team as well."

Although Vadala passed on the unit's golden shovel to incoming OC Major Ray Doiron, he's proud to continue working on the RPOU Det Greenwood team.

"I want to thank the people at RP Ops and Construction Engineering: all you folks are very professional, hard workers, and you almost



Real Property Operations Unit (Atlantic) Detachment Greenwood substituted their golden shovel for the traditional staff, signifying a change of command appointment ceremony July 25 at 14 Wing Greenwood between Major Jordan Vadala, left, and the incoming Major Ray Doiron. Commanding Officer for Real Property Operations Unit (Atlantic) Lieutenant-Colonel James LeGresley presided.

run yourselves. You made it easy for me. You're going to do great with Ray. I was on course with him, and he's a very good fit for this. I'm so happy that I get to stick around and see it play out and make sure things go

smoothly for the transition." Doiron commended his predecessor on his exceptional job over the last seven months, and spoke of his own excitement at beginning this new chapter.

"I've only been here for a

few days but, what I've seen and from things I've heard, I'm really looking forward to working with you and supporting you and make sure that we keep up this work that's been going on. It's great to see that there

is such a good involvement between all the units on the wing with RP Ops. I'm looking forward to keeping that with all of you, in regards to what you need and what we can do to support those operations." →

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~ Obituary ~


HUNTER, Ray Douglas,
Selfridge Corner, NS

HUNTER, Ray Douglas ~ age 74
of Selfridge Corner, NS passed
away Saturday, August 5, 2023
in Valley Regional Hospital,
Kentville surrounded by his family.
Born in Amherst, NS he was a son
of the late Austin and Annie May
(MacDonald) Hunter. Ray retired
after 30 years in the Canadian
Armed Forces, serving in the Black
Watch Regiment, RCR and the
Engineers. He enjoyed golfing and
was an avid collector, especially
hockey cards and a Chicago Black Hawks fan. He loved
his family dearly, especially his grandchildren. Ray is
survived by his loving wife of 51 ½ years, Ruth; sons, Ray
Hunter, Trenton, ON; Robert (Tammy) Hunter, Courtenay,
BC; Richard Hunter, Mount Pearl, NL; sisters, Marilyn
(Edward) Everill, Tatamagouche; Venetta Rimmer (Matt),
Winnipeg Beach; Leota (Charles) Johnson, Ancaster, ON;
brothers, Bill (Frances) Hunter, Winnipeg; Glen Hunter
(Ruby), Middle Sackville; grandchildren Alexis Hunter,
Sarah Hunter, Austin Hunter, Camryn Hunter, Calvin Hunter,
Logan Hunter, Claire Hunter, Matthew Hunter and several
nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased
by his brothers Wallace, Gary, Darrel and sister, Sharon. In
keeping with Ray's wishes, cremation has taken place. A
Celebration of Life was held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, August 12,
2023, in Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 98 Kingston,
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Officer Cadet
Laura Lascelle



incredible, and knowing that my home unit trusted me with the responsibility was a warm and fuzzy feeling.”

While he has participated in various training and exercises in the past, including leadership roles in teaching and administration, this tasking is particularly significant.

The NSP, which started in 2007, honours all Canadians who have served in the major wars of the 20th century. Every year, the Canadian Armed Forces selects deserving members from a rotation of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Rangers to stand as sentries at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa.

Because he represented his element, it was crucial Bateman perform at a high standard for the duration of the highly publically-visible tasking. For CAF members interested in experiencing the NSP themselves, he recommends refining not only their personal drill, but

also their general dress and deportment.

“The biggest advice I could give for prospective members is to make sure your unit can see that you will be a representative to be proud of.”

While there is certainly an amount of pressure involved in taking on such a public

role, Bateman was proud to stand with his CAF peers at the memorial.

“That’s part of what made it so important, and knowing that you’re out there representing your country is an incredible feeling. I would be ecstatic to go back and do it again some day.” ➔



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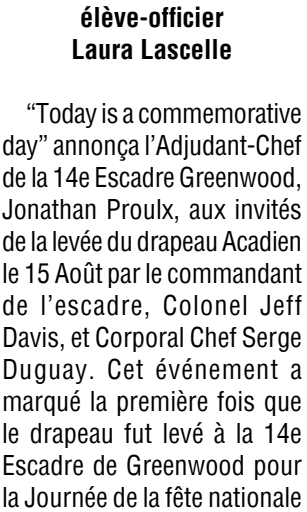
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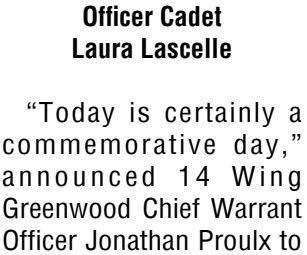
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“Today is a commemorative day” annonça l'Adjudant-Chef de la 14e Escadre Greenwood, Jonathan Proulx, aux invités de la levée du drapeau Acadien le 15 Août par le commandant de l'escadre, Colonel Jeff Davis, et Corporal Chef Serge Duguay. Cet événement a marqué la première fois que le drapeau fut levé à la 14e Escadre de Greenwood pour la Journée de la fête nationale

Acadian Day recognition chance to ‘make some noise’

Officer Cadet
Laura Lascelle



“Today is certainly a commemorative day,” announced 14 Wing Greenwood Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx to

Snowbirds highlight Air Show Atlantic August 26, 27

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds Aerobatic Demonstration Team will be performing at Air Show Atlantic August 26 and 27 in Debert, Nova Scotia. This will mark the first time the Snowbirds have performed at Air Show Atlantic since 2019. The Snowbirds were recently on a tour of Atlantic Canada, which included stops in Halifax and

Moncton, at which they were unfortunately not able to fly due to poor weather.

Air Show Atlantic executive Director Colin Stephenson says aviation fans in Atlantic Canada are eager to see the team perform once again.

“There is an appetite for the Snowbirds to perform every year in our region, and rightfully so. Thousands of fans in Nova Scotia and

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14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, right, and Master Corporal Serge Duguay shared the job August 15 of raising the Acadian flag, marking National Acadian Day for the first time at the wing.

Officer Cadet L. Lascelle


place in the Maritime communities during the day's celebrations.

“National Acadian Day highlights the contribution of Acadians to the Canadian cultural fabric, recognizes their historical presence

on the land and celebrates their cultural specificity in all its diversity.”


One tradition that brings Acadians together on this day is a “tintamarre,” which Duguay explained is to gather and “make

noise to demonstrate your Acadian Pride! Make noise by means of drums, bells, trumpets or any other sound-making object. All are welcome to join in the celebrations and participate in them.” ➔



instituted a unique way to experience the show: a drive-in option allows fans to drive onto the airport property and park in the front rows of the show, get out and picnic and enjoy the show in their own private viewing area.

Advance tickets and more info about the show are available at airshowatlantic.ca, and all kids under 12 attend the show for free. ➔



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Meet the coach making waves for the Greenwood Dolphins Swim Club!

The Greenwood Dolphins Swim Club, a competitive youth swim club at 14 Wing Greenwood, is proud to announce their head coach, Amanda Bond, has been selected as one of only two coaches in Nova Scotia to participate in Swim Nova Scotia's New Coach Mentorship Program.

Bond, born and raised in Glace Bay, is a mom of two, a military spouse of 18 years, and is currently on her third posting to Greenwood.

Bond first became seriously interested in the sport of swimming while cheering on her daughter in a local swim team during a posting to Adelaide, Australia. Upon her return to Canada, she began

coaching and, in 2020, Bond became the head coach of the Greenwood Dolphins. This past year, Bond was selected to be a coach for Team Nova Scotia's contingent of athletes who competed at a championship meet in Maine. This is where Bond, as part of Team Nova Scotia's coaching staff, won the prestigious Coach of the Meet award.

Recently, Bond was selected to be mentored by Lance Cansdale, Swim Nova Scotia's director of swimming and head coach of the Dalhousie University Tigers swim team for the 2023/ 2024 season. Cansdale has been coaching swimming for over 30 years and is looking forward to working closely with Bond to

help improve her skills as a coach, and help create great opportunities for Dolphins swimmers. Bond will be spending time on deck with Cansdale at Dalhousie team practices, observing and participating, and learning new drills and skills to expand her education and improve swimmer abilities. Additionally, Bond is working towards her Level 2 coaching certification and achieving her NLS Lifeguard certification.

Under Bond's guidance, Dolphin swimmers have broken many club records, won countless medals at age group meets, including relay medals, high point awards, and a team spirit award. Bond has also had the pleasure

of mentoring her own club members, seeing some of the swimmers grow from Novice level to become Junior coaches themselves.

Bond's hope is to grow the club and help every individual become a more confident swimmer. As a coach, she incorporates proven techniques to enable individuals to swim to their full potential in a relaxed atmosphere, while learning to compete in the sport and improve their swimming skills and physical fitness.

Swimming as a sport in Nova Scotia is overseen by Swim NS. When a swimmer joins a club, they begin at a participation level. Once able to complete all four strokes in the time required, they advance

to the Nova Tech program, where they begin to compete at local swim meets. From there, they progress through levels one and two and finally into Age Group, where they will compete at AA or AAA meets with opportunities outside of the province, and even the country.

If you have a swimmer between the ages of nine and 17 who would like to try out for the Greenwood Dolphins, contact Bond at gwddolphinscoach@gmail.com, or club president Sharon Bond at gdsccpresident@gmail.com. Tryouts will be held September 9, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the 14 Wing Greenwood outdoor pool. Come prepared to swim! ➔



Amanda Bond is the new Greenwood Dolphins Swim Club head coach Submitted

Wing heading to soccer Atlantics

**Officer Cadet
Laura Lascelle**

14 Wing Greenwood's women's soccer team has been hard at work preparing for the Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic Region championship, which will take place at CFB Gagetown August 21 to 25.

This season, the team has been getting in extra practice, playing in the Valley District Soccer Association. Returning player, and the team's midfielder, Captain Danielle Beland, says the Valley

league games give the group a chance to practice working together in a game setting, excellent preparation for the CAF regionals. Rather than putting pressure on winning the games, the team uses the league as an opportunity to have fun, form stronger bonds and get to know how their teammates work on the field.

"It really helps us gel together. I first started in 2019 pre-COVID, and then we took a break, and then I played last year and this year - so this is the third year."

Beland encourages anyone

who would like to join the 14 Wing team to come out and join their practices.

"Even if you don't have a lot of experience, just come. A lot of us are learning as we go anyway, and we're more than happy to teach."

Beland is excited to be joining her team in regionals this year. She is looking forward to the new experience.

"I've been to regionals before only here in Greenwood. This is the first time that I'm actually travelling for regionals, which is exciting for me." ➔



14 Wing Greenwood women's soccer team strikers Corporal Brandi Weibel, right and Corporal Kate Walker, left. Officer Cadet L. Lascelle

HFX launches 15@15: Youth Building Democracy

To mark the 15th Halifax International Security Forum, HFX announces the launch of 15@15: Youth Building Democracy. This global competition will introduce young people to HFX's vital mission of strengthening strategic cooperation among the world's democracies.

Fifteen years ago – 2008 – was momentous: Russia

invaded its smaller neighbor, Georgia; China hosted its first Olympic Games, the housing bubble burst and the ensuing banking collapse led to a global recession, and the United States elected Barack Obama, its first Black president. A lot has happened in the past decade-and-a-half. Now, as democracies work together to solve the challenges of

the next 15 years, it's time to engage global youth.

"Youth have the highest stake in our future and deserve a voice in shaping the policies that will affect their world," says Peter Van Praagh, HFX president. "15@15 will be part of building a new era for democracy, opportunity and peace - with youth leading the way."

The 15@15 global competition is open to any individual born in 2008 and requires applicants to submit a 15-second video about one positive change they would like to see within the next 15 years that will make their world more secure. The winners will receive an invitation to the 2023 Halifax International Security Forum.

Halifax International Security Forum, hosted in Nova Scotia, is the world's most consequential meeting on democracy and global affairs. The forum brings together political decision-makers, senior military officers, industry leaders – and now youth! – to

address the world's most pressing security and defence challenges through the prism of democracy.

The 15@15 global competition will close for submissions September 15. For information, including application instructions, please visit halifaxtheforum.org. ➔

Volunteers welcome for Community Recreation clubs, programs

14 Wing Greenwood Community Recreation offers a variety of clubs and recreational sports to the community. Whether you are a youth or adult, Community Recreation has various opportunities for you to try something new or master your current skills.

Community Recreation

would not be able to provide these opportunities without generous and dedicated volunteers. There are currently vacant positions, such as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary; within many of the clubs. Volunteer roles are available in the Dolphins Swim Club,

Greenwood Minor Basketball, Greenwood Figure Skating, the Greenwood Amateur Radio Club, minor recreational hockey, and the archery, wood hobby, soccer, motorcycle, Powerhouse, multi-sport and squash clubs.

If you are interested in learning more on how you

can contribute to our club community, and become a member, coach, volunteer or become executive of a club; reach out to Community Recreation manager Jill Jackson, jill.jackson@forces.gc.ca or Jackson.Jill@cfmws.com, or 902 765 1494 local 5331. ➔



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