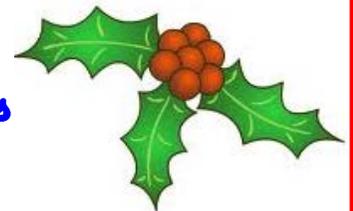
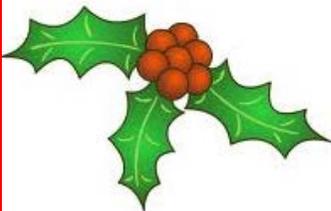




**The Golden Spur
The Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen
December 2015**



*Merry Christmas
And A Very Happy
New Year
To All Members and Their Families*





Best wishes, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all serving and retired Linemen, their friends and families and to all friends of the Line Trade.

It's been a great year for the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen and an excellent year for the Trade. That said, there were regrettably some sad times this year such as the loss of WO Frank Evans. With the sudden loss of WO Evans the CAFL responded with a fund raiser that would support Frank's son, Connor Evans, future education in the amount of \$2500.00. This year was a challenging time for one of our own, Jim Power, who was diagnosed with a cerebrospinal fluid leak several years ago. He was finally approved to have and underwent the surgery in December. To assist him and his family with the large costs a fund was established which raised \$10,490.00. Much of these funds were raised by members of the CAFL. For more information you can go to the link below on Jim's journey and ongoing recovery.

<https://www.gofundme.com/JimgoestoCali>

The big news in the trade is the approval of a new Line Regiment. This will see basically all base/wing and garrison Line Work Centre's Linemen in the forces under one chain of command except for the brigade units and a few others. This will of course not be an overnight transformation and will take months/years to build but it will be a great and exciting time for all Linemen working together in the development of the new Line Regiment. One thing I can mention at this time is that the first Commanding Officer of the Line Regiment will be a former OC of 1 Line Squadron, LCol Scott Gillingham.

Enjoy the holiday season with friends and family and I hope to see many of you in the upcoming year. I thank you all greatly for your contributions to the newsletter, the association and to the Trade. Good luck and all the best over the holidays and in the upcoming year.

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**WTIS LINE SECTION
14 Wing CFB GREENWOOD**



Left to right: Cpl Keegan, MCpl Ramsay, and Sgt Flood.

Here we are with the holidays approaching and CFB Greenwood has no snow as of yet. We have been a section of 4 for half of the year but in late August we lost Cpl Villeneuve Due to an occupational transfer. The Postal trade will surely benefit with this stellar soldier.

This year has been rather eventful. There has been an increase in construction on the Wing. Or it seems like it because we are out on the dig sites a little more often repairing our cables, apparently the contractors can't see our stakes in the ground or they choose to ignore them. But Sgt Flood, MCpl Ramsay and myself, Cpl Keegan, are still able to keep Greenwood's Cable plant functioning.

From the line folks here in Greenwood,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Once a Lineman, Always a Lineman!!!!

Submitted By;
Cpl Keegan

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CFJSR DETACHMENT HALIFAX



Season greetings from the Canadian Forces Joint Signals Regiment Detachment Halifax. 2015 has been a very active year for Det Halifax, the busy project schedule kept the crews active travelling all over Atlantic Canada from Gander to Gagetown. Cpl McAtamney was sent over to Kuwait for 6 months in support of Op Impact Roto 1. MCpl Issacs and Cpl Desruisseaux are currently deployed on Roto 2. Wishing them all the best while deployed over the holiday season.

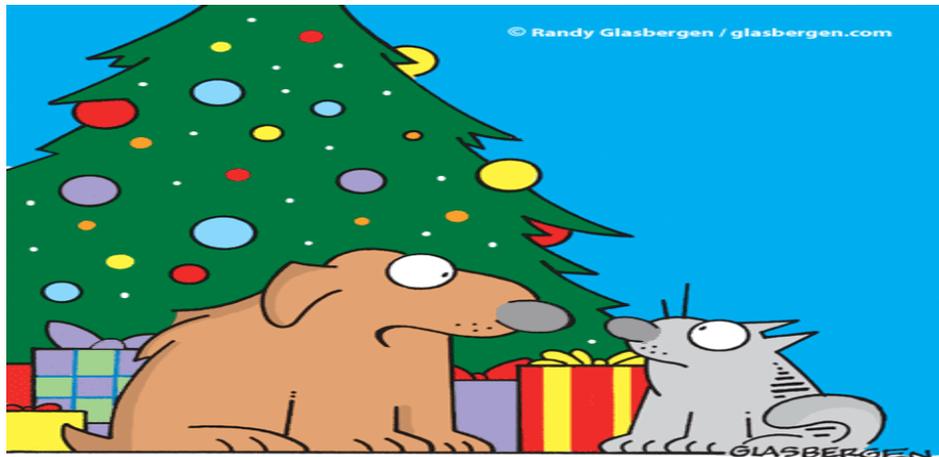
We have said good bye and hope to see you soon, too Cpl Scott, A.K.A (K.B) kit bomb now enjoying his new posting in Yellowknife, Sgt Chris Gosse, A.KA (The Goose) is all settled in and doing well at CFJSR Det Petawawa. Also, MWO Les Henry who has retired this year after 30 plus years of service. We have welcomed in this year our new Det Commander, MWO Godin, Sgt Dennis Jackman from CANSOFCOM and Cpl Pierre Thibodeau from 9 Wing Gander.



This year also involved a big move for Det Halifax over to CFB Shearwater due to building structure issues in the old Willow 6. As you can imagine, moving a line shop of this size and sorting through all the kit that our storesman Jack has hoarded over the years was no easy task, but now we are enjoying our semi-permanent location in Hanger SH4.

With the holidays quickly approaching, we are taking the time to slow down and enjoy our friends and family's company, reflect on the year that has past, remember the good times on the road and prepare for another busy year at the Det. On behalf of the Det Commander, MWO Godin, LCF WO Dion Rose and from all of us here at CFJSR Det Halifax, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Submitted by Cpl LaPointe & Cpl McAtamney.



**"It's not the gift, it's the thought that counts.
So I thought about getting you a gift."**

Season Greetings from Your friendly Neighbourhood Line Trade QS/TP Manager

Well I know that everyone is excited to hear the events that have taken place here in the Training environment of CTC HQ Training and Design, where I am 1 of 1 for lineman. Where to start... First I would like to say a big thanks to now MWO George Godin for doing a great job here prior to me taking over and leaving me with a good start point. Second I need to thank whoever decided to give MWO Brian MacAvoy the Tech MWO Position here in the same office. His humour and stories keep me going each day. I do spend a lot of time wondering if his hair is real or not but mostly just envious! We have had a good year with lots of movement on which way the trades-training is going, and how we can achieve it but I will endeavour to push on. Mostly I would like to take a moment to wish all our lineman brothers and sisters everywhere a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and ShwarzAvoy!!!

We wanted to send a pic of us, so here you are!

Me after 6 months in Position!



MWO Brian MacAvoy (What he thinks he looks like!)

WO Glen Duff!!!!

QGET 5 GBMC BFC VALCARTIER

L'année 2015 avait à peine commencé, et déjà plusieurs exercices étaient prévus en vue de la montée en puissance du 5 GBMC. Afin de donner un support en distribution filaire, l'implication des poseurs de ligne du QGET fut nécessaire. En commençant l'année, nous avons participé à l'exercice RAFFALE BLANCHE (19 au 27 janvier 15) à Valcartier où la section des poseurs de lignes du QGET a supporté les différentes unités du 5 GBMC avec leur nouveau concept de mobilité. Au même moment, une partie de la section a débuté le câblage de l'exercice UNIFIED RESOLVE (9 au 26 février 15) dû à l'ampleur des travaux à exécuter. Nous avons ensuite participé à l'Exercice LION NUMÉRIQUE (16 au 27 mars) toujours situé à Valcartier.

La section des lignes du QGET de la 5e GBMC a fourni un support en télécommunications durant le déploiement à Wainwright. Le support c'est donc déroulé du 20 avril 15 au 30 mai 2015, cet exercice a eu pour but de confirmer les compétences acquises lors de notre montée en puissance avec le nouveau concept de mobilité du QGET.

À notre arrivée, nous avons constaté qu'une tâche colossale nous attendait. Nous étions 18 poseurs de Lignes du QGET pour faire l'installation de plusieurs kilomètres de fibre optique, de câble de cuivre et de câble réseaux.

Afin de pouvoir s'assurer que chaque entité soit reliée aux réseaux tels que le DWAN, TACNET et téléphonique nous avons dû installer plusieurs liens filaire entre notre point de distribution à plusieurs antenne HCLOSS et satellite TSS. L'un des grands défis que nous avons à faire face était de relier toutes les unités aux réseaux de fibres déployés dans un très large périmètre.

Nous avons également accompli l'installation du câblage réseautique à l'intérieur des tentes. Plus de 5000 mètres de ce fameux fils bleu et rouge de Cat 5e avait été installés afin de permettre aux unités déployées d'accomplir leurs tâches sur les réseaux sécurés et non sécurés.

Durant MAPLE RESOLVE, notre unité a accompli des mouvements répétitifs vers l'avant (PC miroir) afin de fournir des communications toujours aussi fiables. Chacun de ces deux PC mobiles était constitué d'une équipe de 6 poseurs de lignes pour accomplir les tâches en matière de câblage.

Pour ce qui est de l'exercice TRIDENT JUNCTURE au Portugal (06 octobre jusqu'au 14 novembre 2015), ce fut une expérience très enrichissante pour les 9 membres de la section qui ont participé puisqu'ils ont dû travailler avec les différentes nations impliquées dans cet exercice de l'OTAN

Ces déploiements furent bénéfiques à tous, en contribuant à aiguïser nos connaissances et à développer de nouvelles techniques d'installation due aux nombreux défis rencontrés. Nous étions tous impressionnés de la qualité du travail que nous avons accompli en si peu de temps, grâce au dévouement et au travail de tous et chacun.

Sdt Daigle, Sdt Levesque, Sdt Savard
5 GBMC Valcartier
QGET / Tp C / son des Lignes



Section de Valcartier USP (E)

Cette année, la section des lignes a accueilli 3 nouveaux membres. Encore cette année, nous avons dû composer avec la séparation de la section au sein de deux unités soit; DND (l'Escadron des transmissions du Groupe de Soutien de la 2^e Division du Canada) et USP (E). En tout, la section regroupe 7 militaires et 3 membres civils. La plupart du temps, la section est séparée en 4 équipes pour accomplir les différents travaux. Nous avons une première équipe qui s'est occupée de la maintenance des secteurs d'entraînement ou ils ont refait tous les terminaux, mise à la terre, inspecter et réparer toutes les épissures et faire la mise à jour des plans. Une seconde qui a fait l'installation de conduits et de supports à câbles dans différents édifices sur la base de Valcartier. Les deux dernières équipes s'occupent majoritairement de fournir le soutien nécessaire afin d'effectuer les différentes réparations et installations requises.

Au cours de l'année, certains caporaux ont quitté vers Kingston, afin de poursuivre leurs qualifications du cours de métier D.P 2.1, qui leurs a permis de mettre en pratique leurs connaissances sur les divers aspects du métier. C'est ainsi que c'est terminé leur qualification de poseurs de lignes. Durant l'année, nous avons répondu à plusieurs projets. Entre autres, l'aménagement de plusieurs salles de communications aux 2^e R22R, 430, 5BNS ainsi qu'au manège militaire situé à Montmagny. Par la suite est venue l'inspection de tous les puits d'accès qui se trouvent sur la base de Valcartier. Il y a également eu la localisation de tous les câbles de la Citadelle en vue d'une réfection majeure du plan de câblage, qui s'est

échelonné sur une période d'un mois. Nous avons procédé à une mise à jour des plans de communications géo localisés. La section s'est dotée d'un système à code-barres dans son quartier-maitre afin de mieux contrôler les ressources. Nous avons effectué différents travaux comme l'installation de lignes de poteaux, les réparations de prises et connecteurs, ainsi que différents tests sur la fibre optique et le cuivre. Tous ces projets ont tenu occupé l'ensemble de la section, pour l'année 2015, et ce, sans compter (LA SECTION 28 ET 29). Nous sommes fiers de notre équipe et des personnes très compétentes au sein de la section. Notre unité est le meilleur endroit pour prendre de l'expérience et ce perfectionner en tant que poseur de ligne et apprendre de nouvelles choses dans le domaine.

Au nom de la section des lignes de Valcartier, je vous souhaite un très joyeux Noël et une très bonne année 2016

Cpl Brabant



Régis Pilote, Cpl Soucy, Cpl Careau-Hamel, Cpl Gibson, J-C Paiement, Cpl Brabant, Cplc Lebel, Dan Guénard Cpl Forgues et Sgt Champoux



L'année 2015 fut une année très chargée et n'a pas été de tout repos pour la section des lignes de la base de Bagotville avec ses nombreux projets, demandes de travail et maintenance sans oublier le spectacle aérien international. Tout cela évidemment dans un contexte où l'octroi de mission d'opération en Irak et au Koweït nous a privés d'un de nos membres, le Cpl Larouche qui s'est distingué par son travail en mission. Nous avons eu une naissance au sein de la section, l'épouse du Cpl Dion a mis au monde un beau garçon en santé. Nous reprendrons nos activités et travaux normalement après la période des fêtes avec le retour des membres qui ont été déployés durant l'année 2015. J'aimerais remercier le Cplc Deschamps pour son professionnalisme et son dévouement, en maintenant les opérations de la Base malgré un manque flagrant de personnel.

Nous tous de la section des lignes de la 3e Ère de Bagotville profitons de cet instant pour souhaiter à tous les autres membres de la grande famille des poseurs de lignes de partout au Canada de joyeuses fêtes, une bonne et une très heureuse année 2016.

2015 was a busy year and has not been easy for the Bagotville line section with its many projects, work orders and maintenance including the international air show. All of this of course taking place in a context where the operation for Iraq and Kuwait deprived us of one of our members, Cpl Larouche who distinguished himself during the mission. We have had a birth in the section, Cpl Dion's wife giving birth to a beautiful healthy boy. We will resume our activities and work normally after the holiday season with the return of members who were deployed during 2015. I would like to thank MCpl Deschamps for his professionalism and dedication in maintaining the operations of the base despite a blatant lack of staff.

We, the 3 Wing Bagotville line section would like to wish all members of the greater line family from across Canada Happy Holidays and a very happy and prosperous 2016.

Sgt Loirier, Cplc Deschamps, Cpl Larouche, Cpl Dion

Once a lineman, always a lineman!

Merry Christmas from the Nation's Capital
Annual CAFL newsletter
SSU (C) Det Ottawa



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Deck Our Lineman Halls

Tis the season to be Jolly, Fa la la la la la la!
Don we now are Lineman apparel, Fa la la la la la la!
Sing the Ancient 052 carol, Fa la la la la la la!

See the blazing fibre strands before us, Fa la la la la la la!
Strike the hammer and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la!

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la!
Well I tell of yuletide towers, Fa la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye Linemen, Fa la la la la la la!

Sing we joyous all the Line Crew! Fa la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la!

With some changes to our shop this year, we managed to succeed with ease. We are happy to have Cpl Henderson trained as a lineman and finally posted to the section after completing his DP1.1 (apprentice course). WO Barrington and Cpl Beattie both completed career course's this year. Once again we are happy to have MCpl Roch Grenier and Cpl Jordan Knaggs attached posted to the section again this year. Also we would like to thank Carol Choquette and Will Jason for the hard and dedicated work they have been doing throughout the year for our section stores.

Another yet delightful and joyous year! 2016 will bring on the great yet spirited Line Section of Hangar 14 Ottawa. As the searing sounds of jet engines nearby and the grunts of the hardworking crew '052' Santa Claus looks forward to seeing Cpl Beattie, Cpl Henderson, Cpl Knaggs, Cpl Paquette, Cpl Raycraft, Cpl Ryan, and Cpl Whittaker nestled tight in their beds on this Christmas Eve. He will be taking a look and checking it twice to make sure no one was naughty but all were nice.

Phone's a ringing and the Sgt singing, MCpl Brown steps in all cheery and jingling. In having such a festive spirited group it just reflects how we perform as the outstanding Line Troop. In the morning awakening of the quiet shop MCpl Grenier jumps with joy while sipping his 'Pepsi pops'.

We should remember this year and take from it well and have time to think of those who fell. Give a lot take a little as this is our nature, being a proud lineman is such a pleasure. If it's just a prayer to help those in need it may be enough at Christmas to do a good deed.

Reflections of the Crew 2015



Cpl Beattie, Cpl Paquette (Hanger 14)



Cpl Raycraft (Masset BC)

Lastly a big part of our Lineman Crew SSU Det Ottawa that we all couldn't go without is Joey Adams, Anthony Purvis, Chris Gauthier-Brousseau, and Eric Giroux. With years of knowledge and experience, they let the 'Lineman Gods' present them as stars. 'Thanks to all and to all a good night please be good and fight the good fight'.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from MWO Walsh,
WO Barrington, Sgt Hall, Sgt Leblanc and all members of
SSU(C) Det Ottawa!!**



EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ARE FROM THE NATIONAL LINE WORK CENTER, 1 LINE SQN ON VARIOUS PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR. ENJOY!!

Life on The Road (Project Articles)

AIDN Course 2015



While waiting for replacement parts or the wind to become favourable we used the time to qualify many troops on ATV. With some beautiful trails near Lake Ontario MCpl Daigle vigorously tested the candidates, and determined the top candidate for the Ranger was MCpl Nava. So when you next see Alex make sure you congratulate him.

Taking inspiration from either Sgt Conway's garage beer emporium or the suspected meth lab, we drove past every morning on the way to Point Petre, Cpl Stordock has started to infuse flavours into standard booze. Ask to try his Apple Pie.

With some wheeling and dealing Det Halifax has acquired a work trailer from the mothership. There may be some Quebec styled beer arriving in Nova Scotia in the near future.

Sgt Snyder fearing either Taliban in the grass or someone trying to steal his coveted weekly sit-reps, executed an outstanding combat roll while maintaining positive control of his laptop. The junior troops were quite impressed with the retention of infantry skills.

The Det members on the course or as we like to call ourselves the 'Foreigners', were from Det Edmonton Cpl 'Zwag' Cameron Zwaagstra, from Det Petawawa Cpl 'Zoolander' Nick Zollner, from Det Halifax MCpl 'Dick Eye' Richard Isaacs, and Sgt 'Dirty' Mike Purdy. With all the standard personalities and idiosyncrasies of 'Trenton trash' and the crew, we managed to get through the course without any Lineman being knocked out. Sgt Conway did manage to defend Cpl Parker's heritage.

A notice to anyone travelling with Sgt Conway, he has an intense dislike of anyone utilizing his bathroom. This may stem from the poo gas that emanates from some people after multiple beers, or perhaps Det Halifax's standard practice of jacking the heat to max in other troop's room when they are not paying attention.

For our final thoughts; the kleptomania reigns, project swims are cold, clean your tools after use, do not pee into the wind, red walls equal no sleep, seagulls love spice and beer, two big guys on one small tower are funny, 30 cheese burgers take a long time to cook, distract the mom to get the daughter, muscles do not mean speed or strength, 'Nava dismount', high velocity paper, Ospreys are migratory, do not eat sim cards, these things happen, Euchre.



CFS Newport Corner/Millcove/Great Village

On the 28th of September 2015, our fearless leader Sgt Noseworthy, lead his crew for a two day scenic drive to Newport Corner, Nova Scotia. The crew consisted of MCpl Snook, Cpl Livingstone, Cpl Stordock, Cpl Parker and me Cpl Savoie.

You know, sometimes in life you get stuck...Sometimes you get a trailer stuck on salt bags at a gas station, and a forklift has to move the trailer so you can get back on the right path once again. Other times it's with ATV's in a swamp, or a truck on wet grass. Regardless of the circumstances, you swallow your pride, ask for a hand, buy a round and move on.

After what felt like an eternity of cable locating, testing and mud hole swimming we finally got to our main events. It was all wires and steel and sex appeal which started up very nicely, the tower gods were on our side. Too bad Mother Nature didn't get the memo though but all in all, it wasn't too bad...Yeah, let's go with that.

We were sailing smoothly through the job, workload and crew dinners without many hiccups. But you know a smooth sea never made a skillful sailor and good things came to an end. Because all of sudden, out of nowhere, "Franken tower"! The tower looked like a bunch of scavenging parts from different sources, half falling apart and some not even there. You know a real dream!

So we rolled up our sleeves faced the Franken tower and got started; after our morning coffee of course. We fixed as much as we could with parts on hands, but at the end of the day, our schedule didn't allow for a full overhaul.

So dear "Franken tower" this is not a goodbye, it's a see you later!

CFB Esquimalt Phase I Fibre Install

On 19 May 2015, a six-man crew from CFJSR 1 Line consisting of Sgt Villeneuve, Cpl Henry, Cpl Lyman, Cpl Larocque, Cpl Kedini, and Pte Dubien left Kingston in order to make their way to CFB Esquimalt.

The tasks entrusted to the crew consisted of rerouting several hundred strands of fiber optic cables between multiple buildings in the dockyard through the new underground utility corridor. As well, we had to splice and terminate the new installed cables in order to remove redundant cables in several manholes. Due to the expedient crew, we were able finish the fibre and move onto phase II which was installing new copper cables throughout the base.

After a short planning stage, the crew began to work at completing the tasks at hand and through efficient work and a bit of improvisation, completed the job ahead of schedule.

There were a few lessons learned by some members of the team throughout the short six weeks the crew spent in CFB Esquimalt. Some breaking multiple fiber optic fan-out kits is a sure fire way to owe the rest of the crew a case of beer; others learned that when downloading through Shaw cable could result in a costly bill.

3rd Line Antennae Maintenance

CFS Alert, Nunavut 15 Jun – 06 Aug 2015

As per usual, our trip to Alert began in Trenton, followed by a mind numbing six hour flight to US AFB Thule, Greenland. During our one night stay in Thule, we decided to frequent the T.O.W. or Top of the World Club. The night was more or less quiet, people watching therefore became a good pass time. Seeing the occasional light weight, with his interesting pick up techniques, dramatic failures, and one epic face plant, did liven up the evening a bit.

Alert is always an interesting environment to work in. With limited supplies and resources; you become extremely intuitive with thinking outside the box. The phrase “Alert Standard” was coined out of this environment, meaning whatever it takes to get the job done. During our two month stay here, we came across runs that consist of three different types of cable, splices enclosures which are just cut up and taped pop bottles, and other random ingenuity of the technicians that makes absolutely no sense to us, but seem to work none the less.



With our extra-curricular activities now limited, due to the actions of one careless individual, not one of us... and unable to amuse ourselves in a traditional linemen fashion, we had to find new ways to pass the time. MCpl. Nava spent his time creating beautiful wax sculptures out of discarded Babybel cheese wrappings. Pte Dion became immensely interested in wildlife photography, to the point where he jumped out of a moving BV, running towards the Arctic wolf to get the best photo. He immediately turned tail, and attempted to re-enter the still moving BV, as the wolf took interest in him and started running towards him at a trot.

Sgt. Morneau and Cpl. Langlois took to playing cards to pass the time, neither willing to admit defeat, these games (crib and euchre) would take place during any available spare time, each one vying to outwit the other. Cpl. Parker developed an addiction to the TV show 24 and the antics of the character Jack Bower. Sgt. Morneau would often be awakened to the sound of 24 theme songs.

POLAR DIP!!! SUMMER 2015 (water temp 3.3 Degrees C)

(Sgt Morneau, Cpl's Langlois, Stordock and Pte Dion)



With the project coming to an end, we are all excited to get home and enjoy our long overdue holiday, with our friends and loved ones. Once our batteries are re-charged, we will be more than ready to tackle the next quarter before the Christmas holidays.

-Cpl. Stordock T.

Project Article

DJSCS PROJECT 351516-04 RESOLUTE BAY



The expedition departed Ottawa in the early hours of the 15th of June 2015, with a crew of six, to conduct strategic antenna maintenance, in Resolute Bay Nunavut. All the latest technology of equipment was packed and shipped to ensure mission success. Various items included Dillon quick checks, an earth meggar, cigarettes and two weeks' worth of alcoholic beverages for one soul.

Upon arrival to their location, it was quickly discovered that additional alcoholic beverages were unavailable to be obtained. The small supply was rationed, then unanimously decided to be consumed in one evening. With the arrival of the work related equipment the next day, the team decided to get down to business. After unpacking the items, and locating the C class cache underneath the Polar Continental Shelf (building), the crew quickly realised that there wasn't enough assets to sustain themselves throughout their mission. Without a compass and only the sun to guide them, the expedition trekked off into the open frozen tundra, to search for noalox, batteries, preform guy grips and anything else that must be suitable for the task.



Hours turned into days, and then the days turned to weeks. Sobriety was starting to set in. Even though the material unable to be obtained, the mission had to be carried on by any means necessary. The DJSCS commissioned crew sought out local personnel for their assistance. The only currency at hand was cookies and random baked goods, used to sustain the crew during the harsh and sometimes unforgiving climate.



At about this point, the crew sustained their first loss. Cpl Adam Nickerson disappeared without a trace. But that should be expected, for someone getting a Gucci posting at CANSOFCOM. With one lineman down, and our livers starting to feel better, it was decided to attempt the walk southwards during the melting season. According to the locals, the last known sighting of Cpl Nicolas Zollner, Cpl John Turcotte, Cpl John Gagnon, MCpl J.J. Daigle and Sgt Matthew Taylor was at the southern tip of Cornwallis Island, crossing the Northwest Passage, and on to freedom.

Project Article CFB Valcartier
Project# 13049

On June 1st, 2015, 1 line Squadron from CFJSR Kingston deployed a crew to CFB Valcartier, Quebec to perform a pole line job in accordance and demands of the directive for Project 14002 and 13049. The crew consisted of the IC Master Corporal Martineau and the 2IC Corporal Gilbert, Corporal Chateauneuf, Corporal Lafontaine, Corporal St-Arneault and Private Robinson.

We completed Project 14002 and we then began the pole line job in accordance and demands of the directive for Project 13049. We received our supplies from the Quarter Master Stores at CFB Valcartier Line shop although a few items arrived late. We loaded them in the designated vehicles along loading a drum of 72 pair single mode fiber onto the cable trailer then brought it to the designated area. The first part of the job was to lash the cable to the current pole line from terminal box T-103 to the pre-existing splice from a previous job 4 kilometers away. We came across rough terrain and multiple obstacles including a river, we also encountered one road crossing and had to do a loop back for extra slack using a snowshoe fibre optic storage system in which we installed a total of 7. The following part was to install a new 3/8" strand on new poles from building VC-835 to terminal box T-104. This went well considering the drum for the strand was broken and very hard to unwind. After the strand was installed we lashed a 12 pair single mode fiber from terminal box T-104 to building VC-835. Once the 12 pair single mode fiber was installed we mounted a 24 pair single mode fiber from the terminal box T-103 to terminal box T-104 for a distance of 2 kilometers using a current pole line. We had a road crossing and a river crossing among other obstacles. Succeeding the cable and strand installations, we then needed to terminate the fiber at terminal boxes T-104 and T-103 as well as splice the 72 pair single mode fibre into an existing 144 pair single mode fiber at the splice. The crew was broken into two to promote productivity with half the crew splicing and the other half terminating the 12 pair, 24 pair and 72 pair single mode fiber using ST single mode hot melt connectors. After completing the splice we then installed the terminal box and terminated the 12 pair single mode Fiber with LC Panduit single mode connectors inside building VC-835.

Subsequently all the termination and splicing were completed, we had to test the connectors and test the splice to ensure there was acceptable decibel loss for the Fiber. Finally we installed the ground rod and connected the strand to ground at pole 826 by building VC-835.

The final days consisted of cleaning and packing tools then departing back to CFJSR on Friday the 10th of July, 2015.



PTE ROBINSON

1 LINE SQN

Project Article CFB Valcartier
Project# 14002

On June 1st, 2015, 1 line Squadron from CFJSR Kingston deployed a crew to CFB Valcartier, Quebec to perform a pole line job in accordance and demands of the directive for Project 14002. The intent of the job was for us to reroute the cables at the Centre Castor Cottage for the construction of a new building. The crew consisted of the MCpl Martineau, Cpl Gilbert, Cpl Chateaufneuf, Cpl Lafontaine, Cpl St-Arneault and Pte Robinson. Upon arrival to CFB Valcartier we unhooked our trailer at the line shop, found our designated QM and unloaded kit and began charging our tools. The IC and 2 IC conducted a site recce to plan and schedule the tasks for the next two weeks. After the site recce we conducted a crew brief in the IC's office. After the crew brief and directives were handed down we began to get our supplies from the Quarter Master Stores at CFB Valcartier Line shop. After getting the necessary supplies we began loading them in the designated vehicles. We received a termination box that needed to be modified by placing a sheet of ply wood inside the box for mounting purposes. We then made tension guys with preforms, 3/8" strand, and strand insulators. They were installed to the existing anchors using a Chicago grips, a chain hoist and a temporary pulling eye. We then had to measure out the correct length of strand with a measuring wheel walking from pole to pole. We then pulled the distance we needed off of the drum and cut it to the lengths. We also installed "Z" guy hooks and suspension clamps onto the poles and strung up the strand with preforms, Chicago grips and chain hoists. After the strand was installed, we ran the new fiber optic and copper cable from the communications closet in VC-610 MTR through the conduit up the pole then lashed it to the strand and ran it to the Telecommunication Terminal Box. The next phase of the job was to prepare the existing cable to be rerouted from the old poles and conduit to the new poles. We had to take off all of the existing lashing wire and installed D-blocks for the cable to rest on.

Final phase of the job was to do the cut over. This phase was the most intricate as the existing cable had to be cut and removed from the old poles and conduit then re-ran through the new conduit and lashed onto the strand and finally terminated into the new telecommunication terminal box. The cut over had to be done in one day as it was a business, and their phones, point of sale machine and computers would be down. It was a long day in the sweltering heat followed by a storm of mosquitoes and rain but we finally overcame adversity and completed the job after a 17 hour day and a good portion of the following morning. The end of the final phase was completed by replacing and installing new cable guards and ground wire.

A final note, for those visiting Quebec City and only speak English, be careful when ordering a number three with a poutine, you might end up getting three poutines instead.



PTE ROBINSON 1 Line SQN

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SSC-DNS Cable Plant Relocation at CFB Esquimalt

On the 28th of Sept 2015 a Line crew left Kingston and travelled across the country to Esquimalt. On the crew was Sgt Skalaa (Project Forman) , MCpl Henry (Project 2IC) , MCpl Myers (Project 2IC & Admin) Cpl Chateauneuf , Cpl Pearson and Cpl Laagland.

We all were aware of the amount of work that needed to be done and we we're prepared to tackle this project head on for the next 6 weeks. We knew we would gain valuable experience when it came time to install, splice, terminate, and test copper cable. We learned various methods of installing copper cable and various methods for fault finding, and learned new tips and tricks on which is the best methods to pull cable in tight and challenging spots. But with a great crew working cohesively everything was completed accurately and within the allotted deadline.

During the splicing phase of the live cutover many long days and weekends we're required to get the job done within the scheduled timings for outages.



On a tight 6 week schedule while still having to pull out all the redundant copper and Fibre optic cable our project got an extension for another week in beautiful Victoria.

Well now it's time to leave and all the testing is complete, everything is sealed up and looks better than ever. The line crew is off back to Kingston to our families and our homes until next time.....

Cpl Laagland

DJSCS PROJECT 351516-03 CFB EDMONTON

On June 15th, 2015 the CFJSR Kingston crew departed for the next adventure which would take place in Edmonton, AB. The crew consisting of Sgt Noseworthy (Project Foreman), MCpl Snook (Project 2 IC), Cpl Livingstone, Cpl Duguay, Cpl Flores and young fresh Pte Rathwell all arrived safe and eager ready to work, along with facing any problems that would be thrown their way.

The crew quickly realized even before they had left Kingston that they had an enormous amount of work to be completed and lots of experience to gain. Not only would they get the chance to fully dismantle an old LPH-89J Antenna, they would also get the chance to fully assemble and install a brand new one from scratch. It was looking like quite a huge project. It was also called the Adult Lego Set. Only if it were that easy!

Right from the get go the Project Foreman and the 2 IC knew they had lots of work on their hands. They needed the crew to be in tip top shape and in good spirits to handle all the tedious jobs that would be thrown their way. Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts.....

Pulling late hours and some weekends, the crew worked extremely hard to prepare for the dismantling and installation of the towers. Everything seemed to go smooth at the beginning with little to no major problems, but near the end of the installation and prior to raising the newly assembled antenna, that's when S@?T hit the fan, so to speak. Within an hour of raising it, it was discovered that one of the sections were bent. How could this happen? WOW!! "Houston we have a problem" Thankfully we were graced with the presence of Mr. Ken Cooper from Antenna Products and he investigated as to what happened. We thought we had our A game and we couldn't figure out where we went wrong. Low and behold the section that got damaged was a manufacture default. "THANK DA LORD" it wasn't our rigging.

On the bright side, this major problem worked out well, we not only assembled this puppy once, we did it twice. Problem solved! We were able to get the old section refurbished onsite and with a little over a week's delay, the crew was back in business. The late hours paid off and morale was kept high, as the Project Foreman BBQ'd for us onsite. This was a bonus, as we didn't have to cook.

Off the topic of the work and the late, late days the crew was able to take in some sites and share some good times, either at the Outback Steak house where on Monday nights it was 50% off for military or whether it was sucking back schooners at Bravo Papa's, aka Boston Pizza.

Well the job is finally coming to an end and we are packing up ready to get home for some leave. It was definitely quite the experience. NUTS & BOLTS!!! Where to next???

Life @ 1 Line, oh yeh!!!

Cpl Mario Flores

Shearwater Road Job

On October 13, 2015. The Kingston JSR Crew departed for another exciting road job which would take place in Shearwater, Nova Scotia. The crew consisting of Sgt Purdy from Halifax, Mcpl Hendry (Project Foreman), Mcpl Gilbert(2IC), Cpl Flores, Cpl McDonald, Private MacIntyre, and a new soldier enthusiastic to join the crew Private Rathwell who was the butt of many jokes.

From the beginning the job started out with a bang. The crew was looking forward to what new experience they would acquire during this fiber optic road job. What interested the crew the most, was upon hearing that they would get the chance to splice not 1 fiber, not 2 fibers but up to 1,400 fibers! By the end they would become professional splicers.

But becoming a professional splicer does not mean finishing early. Because of sensitive buildings and unable to shutdown these building during normal work hours. The Line crew had to pull extremely long hours up to 18 hour work days and weekends! Boy were they tired. So tired that every day was a Monday for them.

Many problems arose during the road job such as none of the cables in any of the manholes labeled, old fiber optic completely snapping because of age, fusion splicers not working because of extreme weather changes. Lucky enough by having two MCpl's on the crew they were able to handle difficult problems that the crew were not able to solve. Even more luck arose during the road job as the crew received a home cooked meal made by Sgt Purdy's wife & running into old friends who were once posted in CFJSR. Moral was never down! Especially with the road job ending with a free helicopter ride & Private Rathwell trying a Donair for the first time.

By: Cpl Flores & Cpl McDonald

2015 Christmas Article for SSU(C) Det Kingston Line Section
By Cpl Neil Reese

The hits just keep on coming over here at Kingston Line section. After saying goodbye to Jay O'Quinn last year, we also lost Rob McKay in April and Steve Bycok in August, bringing the amount of real workers down to just one – well, Marty St-Louis helps sometimes when he's not bulking out at the gym. His efforts helped the small, plucky team from SSU(C) take first place in the Jean Romard challenge, beating out the rest of Canada back in June.

As for Sgt Johnny Ottenheimer, his dream of manhole maintenance is fading further and further away as we get hit with work from all sides. Kingston's been very active; with lots of people moving their offices around, adding trailers, and so on. 2015 saw us take on more responsibility as we even found ourselves in CFB Trenton. There's nothing quite like driving two hours to do a five-minute cable locate (I know you are envious Sgt Slaney). After all, we're not 1 Line; we'll take the road time we can get!

Thankfully we manage to scoop up base crew alumni MCpl Dan Cody and newcomer Cpl Galen McFarlane-Hurst, both from 1 Line, near the end of the year for a little while. Without any couches to sit on, they were very motivated and helpful, especially when we had to clear some fallen poles in the windstorm at the end of November, and do antenna maintenance atop the water tower not too long ago.

Yes, in the home of Signals there's no shortage of work, especially with so many around who think they know what they're doing. Through these trials and tribulations, SSU(C) Det Kingston wishes everyone a grand holiday season and we'll see you all again in the New Year!



LINE SQN

Hello everyone from the line section on OP IMPACT in the Middle East!!! Yes all the dream team completed their work up training and has officially taken over and began a major overhaul of things under the technical expertise and advisement of the task force LCS. At the helm of Roto 2, we are being led by our LCF and his trusted 2IC. Three excellent journeymen are at the forefront of the section; each contributing a unique skillset from either side of the country to enhance the communications in the desert.

This tour has definitely broadened everyone's technical skills. With the help of the engineers, we were able to construct new concrete encased pull pits throughout the camp. This of course meant several days of hand digging a compound in order to not destroy existing infrastructure. With precision work, the construction aspect of the project was completed on time, but not without a lack of tired muscles, sore joints and ever so appealing farmers tan. Currently in progress is the installation of the cable infrastructure that will not only outfit the current needs of the task force but also allow for expansion and versatility of an ever changing mission.



Aside from the multiple projects forecasted throughout this tour we still find time to enjoy life on camp; just as much time is spent at the gym as playing bingo. Fun runs and euchre tournaments are always an excellent way to keep morale high while remaining focused on the mission.

During the holiday season we reflect on how blessed we are to have family, friends, and fellow linemen supporting us overseas, and wish to share our gratitude with those of you back home. May this joyous season bring you peace, health, and happiness throughout the coming year.

052 Forever

CFJSR Det Petawawa **(The Det of Choice)**

It's been another stellar year for CFJSR Det Pet on and off the road. There's been minimal time to slow down and take it all in. The Det's demanding work schedule had both crews consistently deployed all over Ontario, Quebec and to the far outreaches of Northern Canada, we also deployed to the four corners of the world when called upon.

To contribute to a busy schedule, the Det made time to send members on numerous career crses and upgrade their knowledge throughout the year. Before being posted to the Det in July, Cpl's Aaron Closs, Justin Pattinson and Greg Viau successfully completed their DP 2.1 Mod 1 (Journeyman crse). Cpl Nick Zollner also completed this course, as well the demanding Advanced Antenna crse, where he was awarded top candidate. After successfully completing his DP 3B.1 (Supervisor crse) in March, MCpl Hardy deployed to sunny, and very hot Kuwait, as part of OP IMPACT - Roto 1, for 6 months. He is now rested up and ready to work, preparing for yet another busy year in 2016.

This past year, the Det lost several members who took valuable experiences with them but we gained some fresh new faces that can gain from this new experience at the "Det of Choice". Amongst the departing members were the newly promoted MCpl Colin MacLean, who left to pass on his knowledge at CFSCE, MCpl Fred White was posted out West to the prairies and now calls Wainwright home. WO Marc Bergevin returned to his home-land and assumed the LCF position in Valcartier. Both Cpl Adam Nickerson and WO Rich Kliche ventured to CANSOFCOM and Cpl John Turcotte stayed in the area to hone his field craft at 2 CMBG HQ & Sigs. Last but not least, Sgt Joe Bell retired after 24 plus years of dedicated service, he decided it was his time to take a step back and open a new chapter venturing into the civilian life.

The Det welcomed in Cpl's Aaron Closs, Ryan Lamoureux, Justin Pattinson and Greg Viau all from 2 CMBG HQ & Sigs as well as Sgt Chris Gosse from CFJSR Det Halifax (the other Det) and Sgt Sammy McQuay from SSU(C) Det Petawawa. WO Mike Taylor was also welcomed, coming in from 1 CMBG in Edmonton.

2015 was a year unlike any other in the sense that it was non-stop projects, taskings/ deployments and training for both crews. Congratulations go out to MCpl Crane for the new addition to his family this year. With both MCpl's either deployed or on parental leave, this added some leadership responsibilities to some of our up and coming Cpl's. Whether it was as close as CFB Borden, conducting critical manhole maintenance and repairing numerous copper splices, (1500 pair splice being the biggest), or as far as Kuwait where the Line Section completely refurbished a 60ft grounding whip for the camps new generator farm, crews embraced the opportunities presented to them. Other project destinations include but, were not limited to; Bagotville, Valcartier, North Bay, Kingston, Trenton, Ottawa, Leitrim, and Meaford. The work on these projects ranged from 2nd Line Maintenance of towers/antenna systems, manholes, to installation of OSP cables to new buildings.

This year has been an excellent example of how the Det can maintain a strong work ethic in an extremely fast paced environment. Although all members would love to keep working and work hard with the best of them, they are really looking forward to a much needed break to spend quality time with family and friends over the holidays. From MWO Bill Grandy and all members of CFJSR Det Pet we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Cpl Aaron Closs & Cpl Greg Viau

Have a merry LMN 052 Christmas from RLWC Petawawa



Jean Romard: History, Honour and Competition

By Sgt Greg Snook
B Tp Line Sect Comd
2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn

For the first time ever, on 11 June 2015 the Jean Romard Challenge (JRC) was hosted at Garrison Petawawa with a joint effort from 2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn, Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment Detachment Petawawa (CFJSR Det Pet) and Shared Services Unit Central (SSU(C)). A total of 9 teams consisting of 4 tradesmen from coast to coast came to compete for this year's annual JRC.

The name Jean Romard was given to this competition in recognition of CWO Jean Romard (ret'd), who was the first French-speaking CWO of the Line Trade 052. Originally based on technical skills and knowledge (from 2000 to 2005), the competition has evolved to

become a more competitive and exciting event. In 2006 (the seventh edition), the challenge received this makeover. The competition has also adopted a team approach to events and not individual soldier skills. The first competition in 2000 was organized jointly between the members of QGET and the Sigs troop of the 5e GSS Valcartier. It was supposed to test their abilities as linemen and at the same time create a better esprit-de-corps in the line trade.

This year's JRC consisted of six events: a 600 lbs drum hand rolled through a 100m pylon course and driving skills, an aerial road crossing with a height clearance of 20ft, a nose bag lift at 30ft lifting 40lbs, manual brace and bit to drill through a telephone pole, 4 man 4 poles relay race, and a 4 man

pole carry (400lbs) 100ft elimination race consisting of 4 heats.

All teams participated extremely hard and awards were presented to the three top teams. In Third place was 2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn Petawawa. Second place was Garrisonagetown, New Brunswick. The team that had topped all competing teams across Canada receiving First place was SSU(C) consisting of members from Petawawa, Kingston and Ottawa.

Overall, the JRC was without a doubt, a huge success. Teams from across Canada came together to compete, which created outstanding cohesion and comradery amongst all competitors. All linemen were in high spirits telling stories of the past and present. Linemen everywhere are waiting in anticipation to see where the Jean Romard Challenge will be held next year and hope to see many new faces there.



(Above) RCAF vs CFJSR Det Edm; (below) Group Photo; (left) climbing high; (top right) Sgt Clarke, CFJSR Det Edm; (below left) the winning team. (Submitted photos)





MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM 2 CMBG HQ & SIG SQN

December 2015

The year of 2015 has gone really fast here in 2 Brigade with high tempo of exercises and deployments. All members are looking forward for a nice relaxing leave and time to spend with family and friends.

This year we had seven exercises that challenged our expertise: Stalwart Guardian, Final Glory, Spartan Bear, Frozen Jimmy, War Fighter and Hermies Reach. During these exercises the demand was high for communication support from the Linemen. With the professional crews that we have, we fought through all exercises building comradery and ensuring a high quality standard in our installation of tactical communication cable plants. MCpl Desjardins, Cpl Swan, Cpl, Maynard, and Cpl Cahill completed two permanent structure wiring projects at the RCD and 2CER.

With this year's APS we lost some hard workers and leaders due to postings, deployments or other life choices. The members that left the Brigade include, MWO Lavoie, WO Cooper, MCpl Hennigar, MCpl Laframboise, Cpl Maynard, Cpl Krieger, Cpl Viau, Cpl Lamoureux, Cpl Closs, Cpl Monnin, Cpl Pearson, Cpl Boudreau, Pte Stencill. Their professionalism and contribution to 2 CMBG as Linemen is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

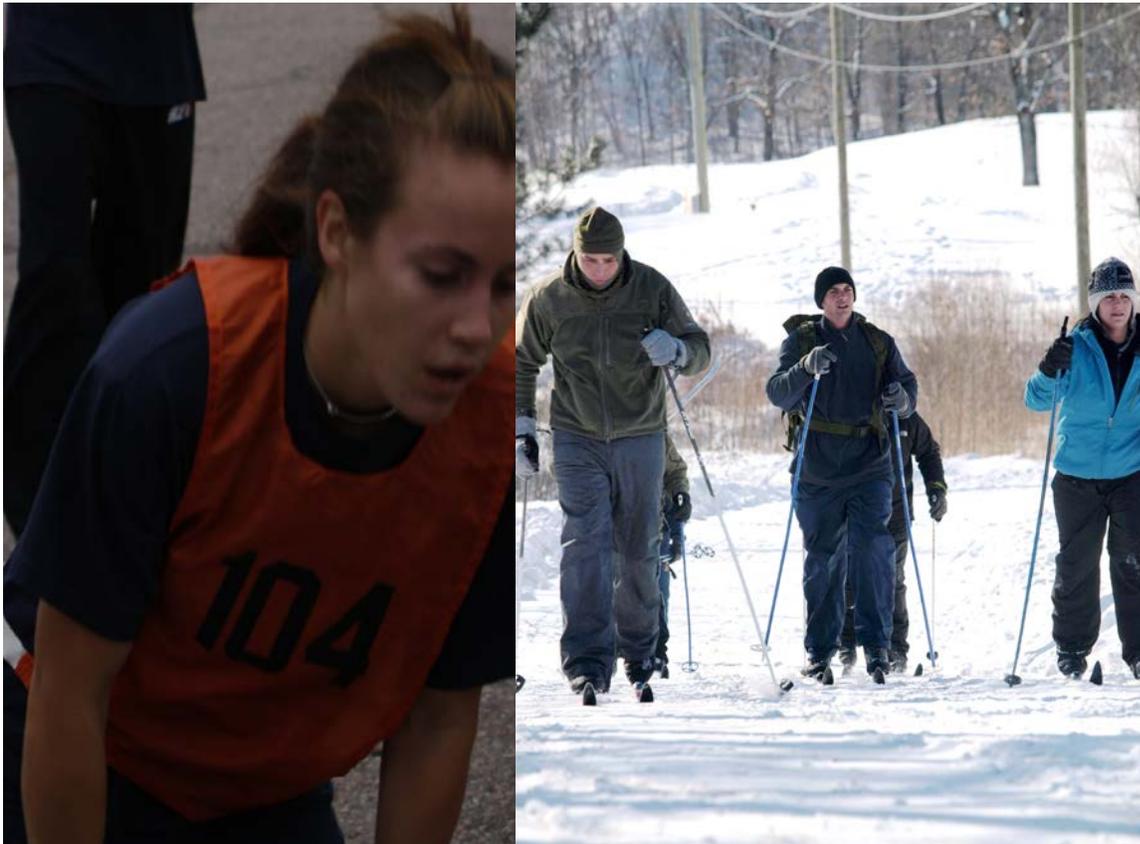
Although we had a large turnaround of the old guard we certainly gained a lot of new keen people that will bring with them a fresh perspective to the work of the Line Crews: MWO Perry, WO Pelletier, Cpl Brammer, Pte Smith, Pte Evans, Pte Pickering, Pte Chevarie, Cpl Turcotte, Pte Maddigan, and Cpl Matthews.

We had our first Jimmy Cup that incorporated all aspects of the signals corp. It was a huge success introducing people with different trade specific tasks that they do not do on a regular basis.





2CMBG HQ & Sigs hosted the Jean Romard competition this year. It was a great turn out with some hard competition. We also had our annual Fishing derby at Cory Lake. As of every year, we enjoyed lots of laughs and good stories with some good fishing.



I am sure the New Year will be as busy as it usually is. From all of us at HQ & Sigs Line Troop we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jason G Morris
Cpl
Line Section
2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn

Season's Greetings from 17 Wing Winnipeg LLWC

It has been a very busy year here with lots happening. First off Cpl Gallant returned to the fold in the middle of June, back from being deployed on OP IMPACT in the Middle East. It was nice to have him back with just Sgt Scagnetti and myself holding down the fort at WTISS. Then I finally sold the house in Gagetown and moved the family here, we are now almost settled in. Sgt Scagnetti got posted to JPSU mid-August and started school at the University of Manitoba full time, last I talked to him he was still undecided in what to Major/Minor in but does have exams and essays for the next two weeks. We also received a new DP1.0 in Oct, Pte J. Lee-Jordan he starts his DP1.1 course in Mid-Jan and will be back here in June. The Draftsman Brad Silliker is still here with us drafting away and confounding me with his Rubik Cube. If all goes according to plan Cpl Gallant will be posted to CFB Gagetown next APS (Note any Journeyman's wanting to show up and work here in Winnipeg let your CoC know).

The work here has been very steady with more work than time due to tasking, parades, etc. One Line Det Edm came down in Nov and helped us out with our maintenance. Contractors managed to damage three cables while using a two month old Dig permit (and they wondered why they couldn't see any markings). Out of a four man Sect we have at any time in the past year only had two personnel on the ground. The new Canex building was finally opened after numerous delays. I think the Canex is one of the smallest things in the building but at least we have one. As per usual we got done what we could but still have a full plate. We hope the New Year finds you healthy, full of cheer and loved. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Lineman and drafting Yoda (Brad Silliker) here at 17 Wing Winnipeg.

MCpl Craig Larson, Mr. Brad (Yoda) Silliker and Cpl Malcom (Spud) Gallant



Seasons Greetings from Alberta, Western Chapter, CAFL.

Another year has passed, and our Annual Campout was again a great success. It was held at Imrie Park close to Onoway Alberta. The regulars and their families that always show up had a great time, we had the meet and greet on Friday night, followed by friendships and refreshments. Saturday the games started with cribbage, bocciball, horse shoes and this year we had ladder toss or ladder game. Saturday evening was our steak BBQ, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Sunday morning we had our breakfast and followed by the awards presentation. All in all a great time was had by all.

The attendees were Lester Berkness 'BJ', William Escott "Bill" Don McNair, Moe Morin and Gary Welch, don't let forgot the wives and children/grand-children and friends of the members. Unfortunatly Gordon Heaton and Steve Blanchard and their families couldn't made it this year, due of other commitments. Every years, we are attempting to get more personnel to attend but it seen to have hard time recruiting, hopefully next year for the 25th anniversary.



In 2016 the annual campout will held, on the 19 – 21 of August. A group site as been reserved with limited power/water facility. It was mentioned, we could have a golf day on Friday afternoon and having a linemen group photo at the Zero Pole.

Any retired or serving Lineman that are interested can contact Moe in Wainwright for more information at moe.morin@ssc-spc.gc.ca or 780-261-0073

In January, Gordon Heaton, Don McNair and friends drove to Wainwright and brought the new sign for the Zero Pole. Due of major construction, the pole was removed from its site for the last two years. Moe arranged to have a concrete pad poured to a new location slightly off from the old location by the site contractor. The Local line section assisted with the poles and fence post installation with retired Lineman, Moe and Brian Bachelder.



Signs were made by Gordon Heaton son



Moe, Don and Grod at the Zero Pole

CFJSR DETACHMENT EDMONTON CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Written By Members of CFJSR DET EDM

Well it's that time of the year again when we say hello to the man in red. As CFJSR Det Edmonton rings in the New Year, we would like to welcome new faces posted in and say goodbye to friends who have left. Newly posted in members include WO Casey Worth, MCpl Mark Gilroy, MCpl James Davenport (newly promoted) as he takes over his new role in the Det, Cpl Cody (Bones) Kneabone, and Cpl Isabel (Izzy) Brunet who will return to work in January. Det farewells go out to the following members: MWO Mark (Joey) DesRoches who has decided to take other opportunities in the civilian life after a long career in the Line Trade, MCpl Paul Hawkins who decided to attend a yearlong French course in Shearwater, MCpl Anthony (Tony) Yashuk who took a posting to Suffield, Cpl Rene Arsenault who also decided to live the civilian lifestyle, and lastly Cpl Stephen Jones who released from the forces and moved back to Cape Breton to do what whatever Stephen Jones does. As Det Edmonton's year comes to an end we would like to look back at some of the places Det Edmonton has gone to visit.



We bring you to the beautiful province of BC, the crew consisted of Sgt Anderson, MCpl Hawkins, Cpl Coreas, Cpl Zwaagstra, Cpl Jones and an augmentee, Cpl Josh Martin from 1 CMBG HQ&Sigs. They went to the special location of Winchelsea Island where you either take a little boat or a helicopter (highlight of the trip) to get to the island located around Nanoose Bay. Here we started replacing horizontal cross members and removed AE's for the duration of our time there. About a month later Sgt Clarke's crew went north to Yellowknife to see the Aurora Borealis. This crew consisted of Sgt Clarke, MCpl Yashuk, Cpl Davenport now MCpl, Cpl Turpin, Cpl Zwaagstra, and another augmentee Cpl Andre Leonor from 1 Line Kingston.

Here Cpl Leonor was literally pushing us out of the way to get to work. The rest of the boys kept busy feeding Cpl Zwaagstra Snickers bars, because he just wasn't being himself. We got to build some comradery with other CF Members of Yellowknife while playing floor hockey. It wasn't all fun and games though, Cpl Zwaagstra and MCpl Davenport had the pleasure of taking AE's down in -40 degree weather. But, they got to warm up at Buffalo Airways and picked up some souvenirs while they were there.

The highlight of the year for lineman all over Canada, would have been the Jean Romard Challenge. This challenge puts together the BEST lineman from every unit (or whoever was available or not on leave). Our shop set out to CFB Petawawa with a crew of four, including some young blood in Cpl Coreas and Cpl Jones, and "veteran" presence in Sgt Clarke and MCpl Yashuk. The tournament was a great success with a high level of competition in all events and by all the different units. Everyone got to say hi to old friends posted far away, and rivalries were started by friends who are close by. As always the Det has members that are serving proudly overseas, this year we welcomed back Cpl Arsenault who was deployed to Kuwait for 7 months. Cpl Todd Clark took over that role when he deployed in October. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return home.

So to sum it all up it's been a steady and fast paced year! Lots of hard work and laughs along the way. We're all looking forward to a good Christmas break then right back at it in the New Year. To start the year off right the Det will be hosting the annual ball hockey tournament and January training. On behalf of CFJSR Det Edmonton we would like to wish you and yours a happy holidays and a happy New Year!



COLD LAKE LINE SECTION '15



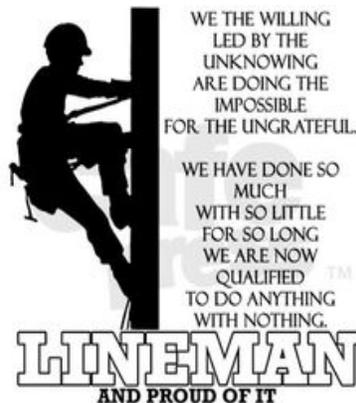
What happened at CFB Cold Lake this year you ask? Well it went a little like this.....

In the July of this past year, WO Dean Upshall left the Line Section to continue his career in Kingston, Ontario as the course director for Line training at CFSCE. At the same time newly posted in Cpl Clifford Maynard left the Line Section as well to attend his Journeyman Lineman Course at CFSCE in Kingston, Ontario.

Newly promoted Sgt Gene Korosi filled the position as Line Maintenance Foreman. As these changes were being made and there was movement in and out of the section, MCpl Pascal Brisson and Cpl Robert Trylinski were left to maintain the base spending on some days, countless hours to repair manhole splices as well as any other jobs that needed to be completed.

As Clifford returned from his journeyman line course, Pascal participated in a final exercise on November 3rd to the 7th to prepare for deployment to Kuwait in December. Simultaneously Cpl Trylinski took part in exercise Elk Reduction Program in Suffield, Alberta, where he not only got to see amazing herds of elk, but ended up getting a couple of his own with a few more comrades from 4 Wing TIS. The Line Section will be fed great this year as we have many freezers full of meat!

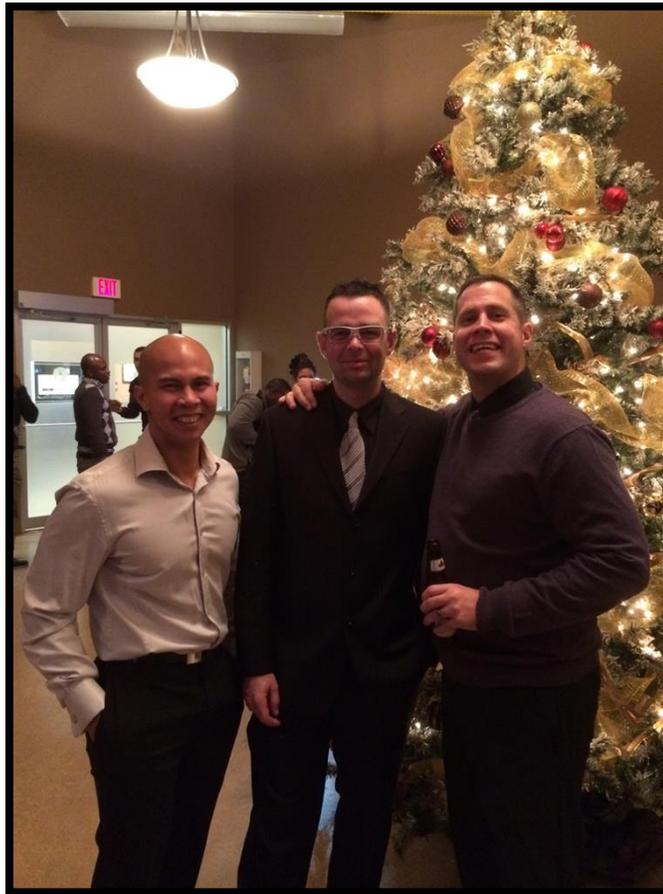
Now as we continue into our leave, Robert will be resting here in Cold Lake as he has recently broken his collar bone playing ice hockey, which needed surgery and some steel. Gene will be returning to his family in Wainwright, Alberta. Clifford will be returning back home to his family and friends in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Pascal will be deploying mid-December. We wish him all the best and good luck on his Tour. As another very busy year with a lot of movement comes to an end, we can say that even with all the changes the Line Maintenance Section here in Cold Lake has been able to complete all tasks that were thrown their way with a high standard. We had an exciting year and look forward to see what 2016 brings us, as we all know it will be another busy one!



3 CDSG Sigs Sqn Det Suffield Line Section

December 10th, 2015 by Cpl Savoy

Good day to everyone from out here in CFB Suffield. Currently in our shop we have; MCpl Tony Yashuk, Cpl Sammy Septimo, myself Cpl Dave Savoy, Mr. Tony “The Crow” Crowley (SSC) and over at SSU West is Sgt Jeff Nickerson.



In this past year we have been very busy, but that can be expected when we have to take care of the largest base in the entire commonwealth. We take care of the maintenance for both the Canadian and British sides. Sometimes it takes a bit to understand everyone here, but after a quick reference to the good old English to English dictionary, conversations get easier.

We have been busy in the Ammo compound thanks to faults in the direct buried cables and grounding issues. The massive training area also keeps us occupied doing pole-line and 1st line tower work.

Manhole maintenance was a huge priority for MCpl Yashuk since he got posted in this summer. His past experience has made me and the rest of the shop more sufficient in making the necessary corrections.

The aim for 2016 should be no different and continue to be a very busy Line Section, with little down time for courses and leave. We will continue doing a lot of pole-line as there is quite of few poles that need replacing. Possibly some tower maintenance thrown in there for a little break and hopefully some headway in our goal for a new or an addition to our building.

In closing, we would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2016.





GREETINGS FROM 19 WING COMOX



2015 in Comox has been another busy year for the Line Section, no complaints as idle hands are the devil's workshop they say. As I am newly posted to this location, I had a lot to see and learn once I showed up and some big shoes to fill as the newly promoted MCpl Clavet is putting his training to good use on deployment. A very impressive airshow was one of the first taskings on the agenda in the Valley. Set up was quite a thing to behold but nothing compared to the realization of planning that had been in the works since last years show.

The area surrounding the airfield has undergone some major construction. A new ASR\SSR radar has been erected adding a bright new golf ball to the horizon, as well a new accommodations and IPSC building which were promptly cabled. All in all a good place to play.

Following in the steps of previous years we had the privilege of hosting a few visiting linemen during the year. January- February saw JSR Det Edmonton with a crew on the ground for 2nd line maintenance and also brought MWO Desroches, Major Chaisson, and WO Pelletier to the West Coast for QC. I'm told that their time here was nothing short of excellent; we look forward to hosting more crews in the future.

Being the nature of the beast, Cpl Wilson and myself were lucky enough to travel to some remote locations on the island to put our trade to use. Cpl Wilson assisted the SAR techs in Jarvis Lake with the installation of a 3G antenna furthering their capabilities in the area and allowing Wilson to spend some time in the woods on the governments dime. I was lucky enough to visit our coastal radar site in Holberg to do some cabling for the APU building. Surrounded by the mountains in such an area truly does add a certain element to the work, just awesome.

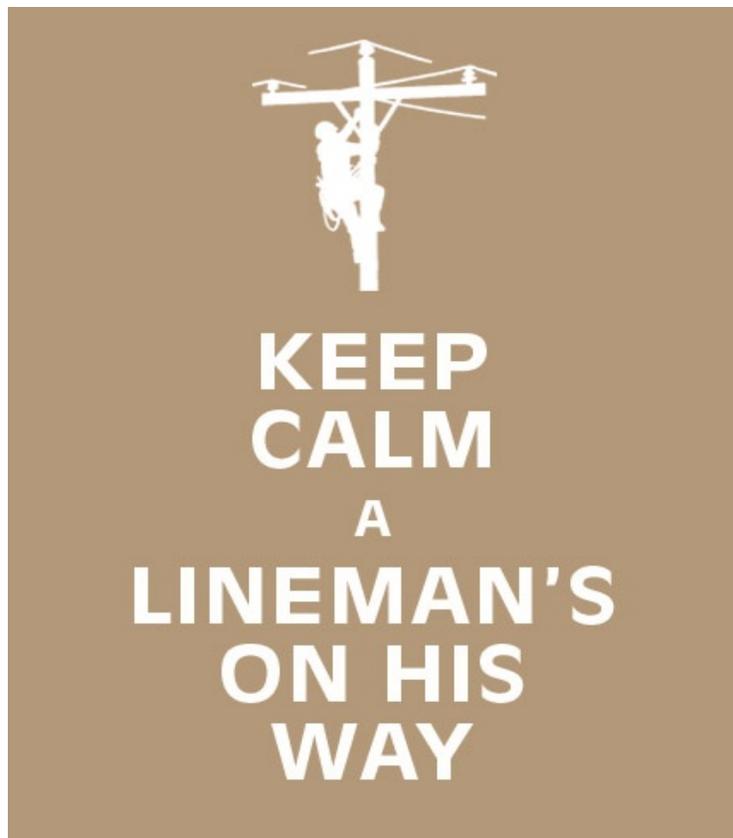
We have some pretty incredible folks here on the Wing, all deserving recognition for something or other I'm sure. Our very own MCpl Hache has recently been awarded the WCWO

coin. Did he deserve it...I don't know. I mean a contractor cut a cable sure, these things happen right.. sure they do. These things don't always shut down a glide path, I'm told glide paths are important for landing planes, kind of a big deal. Not as far as MCpl Hache is concerned. Barely batting an eye he was able to quickly assess and fix the problem so that by the time the problem made people excited it was already fixed. In addition MCpl Hache was able to use this incident as a quick justification to pull a new cable, bypassing the direct buried portion. In the scope of things, he saved the day ; so did he deserve the coin? Hell yeah he did!!!...shame on you for doubting.

Cpl Jay Wilson is out the door for his first deployment in the coming days and we all wish him an exciting and successful tour.

From all of us here at CFB Comox, Happy Holidays and have a great new year!

VVV
Cpl Corey Collins





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23 Feb 2015

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**Canadian Association of Forces Linemen National Meeting 02/15
Held Mon, 23rd Feb 2015 at
1900 hrs Navigation Canada Trg Center
Cornwall, ON
General Meeting**

RECORD OF DECISIONS

NATIONAL CHAPTER

President/Chairman	Owen Crabbe
VP	George Godin (not in attendance)
Secretary/Treasurer	Yvan Tremblay
Membership	Jeff Sandney (not in attendance)
Fellowship	Mike Huard Claude Mathieu
General Members	Blair MacKnight Mike Barrington Jodi Jones Brain MacAvoy

**CENTRAL CHAPTER
(Kingston & Area)**

President	Winston Hewlin
Vice President	Rob Cassista
General Members	Sammy McQuay Casey Worth Steph Brisson Johnny Ottenheimer John Campbell

**PETAWAWA CHAPTER
(Petawawa & Borden)**

President	Fred White (not in attendance)
Vice President	Tim Stephens (not in attendance)
	Gordy Bell

General Members

Basil Slaney
Stephane Langevin
Ron Ross
Sammy McQuay

ALANTIC CHAPTER

President

Sandy Mackinnon

Vice President

George Chaisson

Membership

Chris Gosse (not in attendance)

Secretary/Treasurer

Les Henry
Shawn Aucoin
George Chaisson

General Members

NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER

President

Vice President

Kevin Duff
Dave Burgess

General Members

QUEBEC CHAPTER

President

Sebastien Thomassin

Vice President

Stephan Savard

General Members

Richard Poirier
Bruno Thibault
Martin Dube

PRAIRIE CHAPTER

President

Troy Polak

Vice President

Jason Scagnetti

General Members

WESTERN CHAPTER

President

Don McNair (not in attendance)

Vice President

Gord Heaton (not in attendance)

General Members

Joey DesRoches
Mike Pelletier

PACIFIC CHAPTER

President

Vice President

Chris Jenkins



Item	Decision	Action
I	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>President, Owen Crabbe, addressed the association at 1900hrs.</p> <p>The Pres asked for a motion to open the meeting, motion carried.</p>	<p>1st Sammy McQuay</p> <p>2nd Steph Brisson</p>
II	<p><u>REVIEW OF MINUTES AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES</u></p> <p>The Pres asked for the membership to review the last available minutes from the last general meeting (2014).</p> <p>After about 10 minutes the Pres asked for a motion to adopt as read, motion carried.</p>	<p>1st Mike Walsh</p> <p>2nd Mike Barrington</p>
III	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>The treasurer Yvan Tremblay gave the group an update on the current CAFL financial status.</p> <p>Balance in TD account \$2009.12 Balance in Paypal \$622.30 Total \$2631.30</p> <p>Pres moves for a motion to accept Financial report as is, motion carried.</p>	<p>1st Mike Huard</p> <p>2nd Les Henry</p>
IV	<p><u>FELLOWSHIP REPORT</u></p> <p>Mike Huard gave the group an update on the current CAFL fellowship status.</p> <p>Mr Frank Leblanc was hospitalized in the month of Dec but is doing much better now and should be returning home very soon.</p> <p>If there is a passing of fellow lineman, contact Mike Huard, please pass along all pertinent info WRT location, funeral home etc.</p> <p>Pres moves for a motion to accept Fellowship report as is, motion carried.</p>	<p>1st Chris Bergeron</p> <p>2nd Marty Dube</p>
V	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u></p> <p>Jeff Sandney was not present so Owen Crabbe gave the group an update on the current CAFL membership status.</p> <p>The associate is sitting around 389 members (100 paid in full).</p> <p>Membership numbers are on a rise and the associate is getting stronger compared to three years ago.</p> <p>Yvan Tremblay mentioned it would be wise to keep 50% of your dues in your own chapter and send the remaining 50% to National.</p>	<p>1st Richard Gendreau</p> <p>2nd Les Henry</p>

Steph Savard suggested putting the names and the year the membership expires on Facebook so people would know when they need to renew.

Pres moves for a motion to accept membership report as is, motion carried.

VI **CAFL SCHOLARSHIP**

Pres mentioned that last year at the annual general meeting they amended the constitution from requiring 3 nominations to only 1. This year there was 2 nominations and the recipient is Josh Grandy (Bill Grandy's Son)

1st Mike Walsh

Pres moves for a motion to accept Scholarship report as is, motion carried.

2nd Steph Savard

VII **REGIONAL REPORT**

ATLANTIC CHAPTER

Lester Henry mentioned they had two nice gathering this year. They have had much success with their 50/50 draws and they plan on raffling off a BBQ come the summer months.

1st Baz Slaney

They also plan on having a fishing derby like Pet but on a smaller scale. It will be sent out to all once the dates are confirmed.

2nd Marty Dube

NEW BRUNSWICK

Nothing to report

QUEBEC CHAPTER

Nothing to report

PETAWAWA CHAPTER

Jeff Lavoie mentioned they had great success at the fishing derby last year and look forward to next year's event.

They are looking at holding the Jean Remard challenge in Pet sometime in June, MTF.

CENTRAL CHAPTER

Nothing to report

PRAIRIE CHAPTER

Nothing to report

WESTERN CHAPTER

Joey DesRoches- Held one unofficial event this year. Ball hockey tournament consisting of 40 lineman. This year's winner was 1SIGS.

The event is planned to run every year.

PACIFIC CHAPTER

Nothing to report

NCR

Nothing to report.

Pres moves for a motion to accept Regional report as is, motion carried.



VIII OLD BUSINESS

Review of old business

Pres moves for a motion to accept old business, motion carried.

1st Les Henry

2nd Marty Dube

IX NEW BUSINESS

X GENERAL DISCUSSION

Marty Dube- If anyone requires anything to be translated, send it his way.

Pres- At the next AGM there will be an election for the majority of the National executive. Should you want to volunteer during the year, please do so.

Pres moves for a motion to accept General Discussion, motion carried.

1st Mike Huard

2nd Les Henry

XI MOTION TO ADJOURN

Pres - Thanks everyone for coming out. Great turn out.

Pres - Puts forth a motion to adjourn to the mess.

1st Mike Huard

2nd Les Henry

*Original Signed
by*

G.O. Crabbe
CAFL President

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Action

National Executive
All those identified as having action items in this document

Info

CAFL Members



CAFL Family Scholarship



Approved during the sixteenth annual CAFL General Meeting held in Cornwall Ontario on 21 February 2005, the CAFL Family Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to CAFL member's dependent attending a full time program at a recognized post secondary institution such as University, Community College or Technical Institutes.

The funding of this scholarship will originate from annual membership dues or private donations held and managed by the National CAFL executive. The awarding of the scholarship began in school year 2005- 2006 and will carry on at the wish of the membership and as funds remain available. The scholarship was amended in February 2014 at the 42 annual LTC in Cornwall On to only require one (1) applicant for the scholarship to be awarded.

Amount:

A single \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded annually during the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Eligibility

Note: As approved during the CAFL General Meeting held in Cornwall Ontario on 21 June 2010, the CAFL Scholarship's eligibility was extended to include grandchildren and siblings (brothers and sisters).

Eligibility to the scholarship will be based on the following criteria:

- a. applicant must be a sponsored dependant (**children , grandchildren, brothers, sisters or spouse**) of a CAFL member in good standing (paid up);

Note: For clarity, extended family such as nephews and nieces are not to be considered as dependants.

- b. must be enrolled and registered in a full time program at a post secondary studies institution for the year of application;
- c. must apply, in writing, to the CAFL National Executive Committee **no later then 31 Jan** in the calendar year which schooling starts and include the following information (see attached form):
 - i. name and particulars of sponsor (CAFL member);
 - ii. name and particulars of applicant (CAFL member's dependent);
 - iii. a copy of high school diploma;
 - iv. a copy of post secondary institution's acceptance letter;



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- v. a copy of registration fee receipt of a post secondary institution;
- vi. a copy of a birth certificate or certificates showing the relationship with the CAFL sponsor as follows:
 - **Children:** birth certificate showing relationship with CAFL sponsor.
 - **Grandchildren:** birth certificate showing parent names **and** parent's birth certificate showing relationship with grand parent (CAFL sponsor).
 - **Spouse:** marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship with CAFL sponsor.
 - **Brothers or Sisters:** applicant's birth certificate and CAFL sponsor's birth certificate.
- d. the post secondary institution must provide full time programs which leads to a collegial or university degree;
- e. all eligible applications received by the National CAFL Executive Committee will be entered into a "simple draw from the hat";
- f. the draw will be held annually during the Annual National Line Tasking Meeting, and
- g. the scholarship cheque will be sent by mail following the Annual National Line Tasking Meeting.

Duration:

Dependents can apply yearly as long as all criteria are met. Dependent can only be awarded the CAFL Family Scholarship one time.

Accessibility:

Only one yearly application per CAFL sponsor will be accepted.

Minimum entry:

As voted during the 25 annual CAFL meeting held in Cornwall in February 2014, the scholarship awarding requires a minimum of one (1) nominations / applications from the membership. If the minimum nominations / applications are not received, the awarding of the scholarship will be deferred to the next year.



CAFL Family Scholarship

Application Form

DEPENDENT INFORMATION (STUDENT)		
First Name:		
Name:		
Date of Birth		
Address:		
Telephone Number:		
Secondary school graduated from:		
Secondary school address and phone number:		
Graduation date:		
Post-secondary institution attended:		
Post-secondary full time program attended:		
Relationship with CAFL Member (Child, grandchild, brother, sister, spouse)		
SPONSOR INFORMATION (CAFL MEMBER)		
First Name:		
Name:		
Address:		
Telephone Number Home:		
Telephone Number Work:		
For the Use of the CAFL Executive Committee Only		
CAFL Membership paid up?	YES	NO
Application Date: (Refer to Post Mark on Letter)		
Copy of High School Diploma:	YES	NO
Copy of Post Secondary Institution's Acceptance Letter	YES	NO
Copy of post secondary institution's registration fee receipt	YES	NO
Copy of applicable birth certificates	YES	NO
Copy of applicable marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship	YES	NO

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete. In the event that I receive the scholarship, I grant authority to publish my name as the recipient of the scholarship for publicity purposes.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of CAFL Member _____ Date _____

Email your application and supporting documents no later than 31 January of the current year to webmaster@cafl.org. If you have no internet access, please mail a hard copy to the address below. CAFL Family Scholarship, 15 Settlement Lane Russell On, K4R 0A4: Attn Owen Crabbe.