

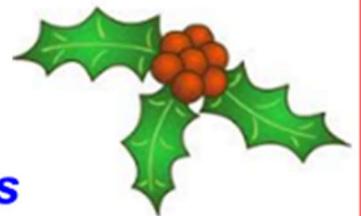


**The Golden Spur
The Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen
December 2019**



***Merry Christmas
And A Very Happy
New Year***

To All Members and Their Families



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of our President (Kevin Duffett) and of the entire National Executive Committee, I would like to extend our best wishes for a 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.

Despite our very busy work schedule and family / community commitments, it's been a very productive year for the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen and, based on articles received from the members, an excellent year for the Line Trade as well.

The National Executive Committee took on a few major projects such as the updating of the constitution as well as the modernization of our web site (www.cafl.org). I wish to recognize the outstanding efforts of Winston Hewlin (CAFL Secretary / Treasurer) and Neil Reese (CAFL Webmaster) who spearheaded these respective projects.

Others diligently worked in the shadows to keep the preverbal peg moving ahead. Of special interest are the steadfast efforts of Arnie Murray (CAFL Retired Linemen Liaison Officer) while searching for and keeping in touch with retired linemen across the country. He submitted an article depicting the life and military career of one of the oldest Linemen alive (Mr. Henry Doucet 96 years young). I invite every one of you to read this article as it is truly a testimony of the spirit of the Lineman.

As always Claude Mathieu (CAFL Fellowship Representative), John Campbell (CAFL Membership Representative) and Lee Winchester (CAFL Chaplain) could also be counted upon to provide close support to the Lineman community. I also want to recognize the contribution of our friend Terry Murphy who continually provided committee members and the linemen community at large with most valuable assistance.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who submitted an article for this newsletter. I ask you all to have a special thought for our brothers and sisters that are deployed and especially for their families who will be celebrating the holidays without them.

The President is looking forward to see some of you at the Annual General Meeting scheduled to take place in Cornwall on Monday 10 of February 2020.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Newsletter Editor
Canadian Association of Forces Linemen





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The current National Executive Committee (NEC) is comprised of:

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- **CAFL Vice President:** Yvan Tremblay
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- **Membership Representative:** John Campbell
- **Fellowship Representative:** Mike Huard
- **Fellowship Representative:** Claude Mathieu
- **Chaplain:** Rev. Lee Winchester
- **Retired Lineman Liaison Officer:** Arnie Murray
- **Webmaster:** Neil Reese

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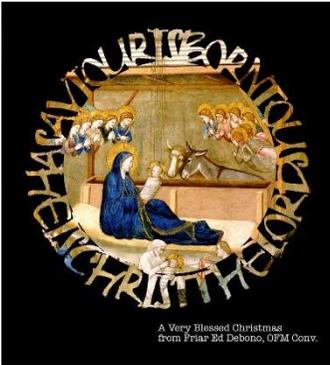
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 - **Secretary/Treasurer:** *vacant*

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 - **Vice President:** *vacant*
 - **Secretary/Treasurer:** *vacant*

The Padre's Corner – 2019



Each year around this time we think about gift giving. Thanksgiving and gratitude follow upon the recognition of a gift. When we see our lives correctly, we see that all is a gift. If we appropriate this, than our eyes will be opened and we recognize that God has been walking with us all along. Like the people of the Bible, we can say to each other, ***“Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us through all our experiences that we felt were only secular.”***

We are all pilgrims who walk together throughout our life journey. As a military brother or sister this is even more apparent. Our life is a period of preparation during which we learn the art of loving God and each other.

As a padre, I have the privilege of being a celebrant at many funeral services for veterans and others. I often tell a little story: Once a rich man stopped to visit a famous teacher who lived in a modest hut. He was astonished to find that this famous man had only a table, simple chairs, and a few books in one room. The man said to the teacher, “Teacher, where is your furniture? The teacher replied, “I might ask you the same thing.” The rich man said, “I have no furniture with me, I am a pilgrim just passing through.” The teacher replied, “So am I.”

My brothers and sisters of the “Line communication family”, whether retired or still serving, you share a journey. One that started many decades ago by veterans and continues today. Others have been envious of your fraternal commitments and accomplishments that identifies your professional trade group as unique and very special. Your giving of yourself for each other and for strangers is what the Christmas message is all about.

God is not something vague; Our God is not a God spray; he is tangible; he is not abstract but has a name: “God is love.” The birth of Jesus that Christians celebrate at Christmas is a sign of his love. It is a gift. This Christmas and throughout 2020 celebrate this gift by revitalizing your fraternal bonds that help distinguish your uniqueness.

May God bless you, your families and love ones with a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Padre Lee Winchester



Season's Greetings from



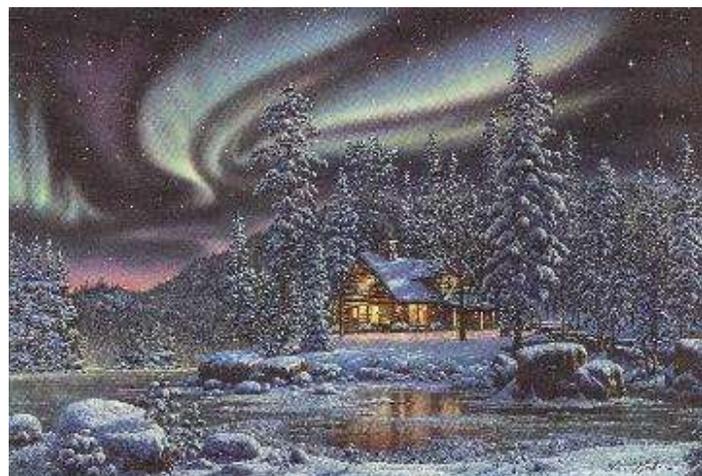
5 LINE SQN LLWC GANDER

Happy Holidays from LLWC Gander. This year there has been a change in leadership we lost MCpl Organ who is now Sgt Organ posted to 4 Line Sqn, but on a good note, we received MCpl Larocque from the Mothership (CFB Kingston). The fire alarm project continues here in Gander with great success at every turn. The FRD 10 is a continuous battle but the maintenance continues to go at a good pace with good results at the end of the day. From day to day here at CFB Gander it's constant closet inspections and maintenance to bring everything back up to spec. We are looking forward to the New Year when the summer arrives to replace some new 110 foot poles at the FRD 10 which is impressive to observe.



Cpl Eichler

5 Line SQN LLWC Gander



5 LINE SQN LLWC GREENWOOD

*Season's Greetings from
5 Line SQN LLWC Greenwood*

It has been a year of big changes in Greenwood, with two members posted out, two new members posted in, a member on tour and promoted into the LCF position. It's a good thing we had Cpl Donovan to keep everything running during all the changes.

Sgt Mark Ramsay has been posted out from 5 Line Sqn LLWC Greenwood, however, he has stayed within the 5 Line Sqn family and has taken one of the Sgt's positions at 5 Line Sqn Halifax. With the addition of two beautiful little girls to the Ramsey's clan, 5 line Sqn will have to wait until February to see him, as Sgt Ramsay has taken parental leave in order to fully appreciate his new position in Halifax.

The LCF torch, for 5 Line Sqn Greenwood, has been passed to newly promoted Sgt Henry Crane. Sgt Crane took the position over after returning from an eight month overseas tour, OP PRESENCE, in GAO, Mali.

MCpl Mark Pelton finished playing in the field and returned to the trade, posted in from 2 RCR Gagetown to fill the position of 2IC.

After six magnificent years in Greenwood, Cpl Ron Keegan has moved on to 2 Line Sqn in Ottawa with Cpl Brendan Gaudet coming in from 4 Regt GS Gagetown to fill the position.

We have participated in two Sqn exercises, EX ESSENTIAL SPUR at Camp Aldershot and EX YULITIDE SPUR in Halifax, where we gained essential training and were afforded an excellent opportunity for networking within the Sqn. Members from the Det also went to the CoC parade and training held in Connaught ranges and Kingston, I am sure a good time was had by all, at least that's what I'm told from what they can remember.

With the many changes in personal and with a member deployed, LLWC Greenwood has continued to give excellent support 14 wing Greenwood, keeping on top of the many assist tickets, Dig locates and developing a plan to tackle the much needed cable plant maintenance for our AOR. With many new projects forecasted for the New Year, we are looking forward to doing our part to complete projects and support the Halifax RLWC when needed to keep 14 Wing running smoothly.

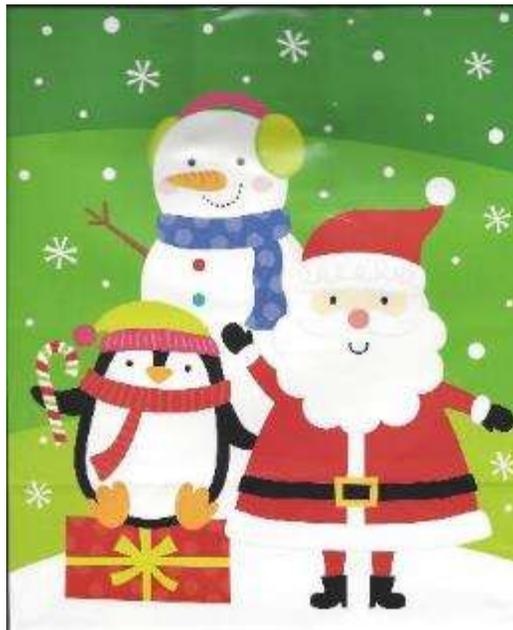
We're looking forward to the New Year and all the challenges it may bring. We are once again ready to make 2020 a great year with many happy clients here in 14 Wing Greenwood.



L-R: Cpl Gaudet, Sgt Crane, MCpl Pelton, Cpl Donovan

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all fellow linemen both at home and away a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Sgt Henry Crane, CD
LCF
5 Line SQN LLWC Greenwood



5 LINE SQN RLWC/ LLWC HALIFAX

Over course of 2019 work year, the 5 Line HFX RLWC/LLWC things have been progressing well with projects in Greenwood, Gander, Mill Cove, CFAD, Halifax doing cable plant installs and various projects in the AOR. Over the next year the RLWC will continue to carry on with projects in CFB Greenwood, Gagetown, Alma and Mill Cove in the Atlantic AOR.

Since the posting season, we have also seen a few changes in manpower, with the addition of Cpl Laagland-Winder, Cpl Duclos, Cpl McDonald, MCpl Davis, MS Boyd, Sgt Ramsey and Capt McPherson. All of these members bring a wealth of trade skills to the unit. 5 Line SQN HFX has seen a few members who have left the fold for bigger and brighter horizons also Cpl Kinnie, Cpl Marshall, MCpl Kenny MCpl Desruisseaux and Sgt Purdy.

On a brighter note, some of our members have added and increased their own family as well with new additions Pte Miller (Maci), MCpl Davis (Cecilia), Sgt Ramsey (Rayne and Layelle), Lt MacKinnon (Lyanna), Capt McPherson (Exodia). All these additions ensure busy families and work at home and on the job site!

In summary, from all of us here at the RLWC/LLWC and SHQ, we wish you all a happy holiday, enjoy your time with family and friends in 2020!!

Cpl McDonald



5 LINE SQN LLWC GAGETOWN

Happy Holidays from

5 Line SQN LLWC Gagetown

Another year is soon approaching its end and we have been quite busy ensuring 1st line maintenance here on base is adequately sustained. From Steam tunnels to Fibre nodes to numerous emergency repairs the crew here has always answered the call and got the job done!

It was a busy year for traveling, numerous regimental and squadron exercises for IBTS, vehicle training, SPRAT, Grounding and Bonding and Christmas festivities along with supporting Gander throughout the last few quarters has certainly upped the travel miles.

This year has brought a few newbies to the crew that fit in immediately including our friendly bearded Viking MCpl Tom Potter and our talkative Jare bear Cpl Jared Dionne. Both are great assets to our shop for the quality of work and morale. We are anticipating the return of our Cpl of the year candidate Cpl Blaquiere who has probably been changing lives in Latvia since July. The rest of the crew consists of MCpl “Milhouse” Underhill, MCpl “Tragically Hip” Savoy, MCpl Berube, Cpl Calhoun, Cpl Harvey, Cpl Knaggs (still rocking the greatest moustache in the CF) Cpl Maddigan, WO Skalaa, Sgt Galbraith, our draftsman Mr. Mike Patterson and myself MCpl Martineau.

The coming year will be just as busy with deployments, the never ending service of Macs and Locates, continuous support to Gander and three of our shop members expecting babies (MCpl Potter, Cpl Dionne and MCpl Martineau)

We would all like to take this time to wish everyone within the Regiment a very Happy and Safe holiday season and to enjoy time spent with family and friends!

MCpl Dan Martineau



MCpl Underhill, Sgt Galbraith, MCpl Savoy, Cpl Dionne, MCpl Martineau WO Skalaa, Cpl Knaggs, MCpl Potter, MCpl Berube and Cpl Harvey. Missing from Pic Cpl Calhoun and Cpl Blaquiere.

Meilleurs Voeux
du
2ieme Escadron
du
77ieme Régiment des Lignes



Season's Greetings

77e Régiment des Lignes/2e Escadron Centre de Travail de Lignes Local Bagotville

L'année 2019 fut une année de changements. Tout d'abord, nous avons eu la chance d'accueillir deux nouveaux membres au sein de notre détachement. Avec la naissance du troisième enfant du Cplc Dion, qui a été affecté en août 2019 au 2^e Bataillon du R22^eR du 5^e GBMC. Ensuite, le Cpl Cyr s'est joint à notre équipe. Il s'est adapté rapidement au rythme du Centre de Travail de Lignes Local de Bagotville (Bagot).

Depuis un an, la base de Bagotville s'affaire à la construction d'un nouveau radar d'approche de précision (PAR). Cela a engendré plusieurs travaux de réparation de câbles souterrains endommagés par la machinerie de creusage aux alentours de la piste d'atterrissage. Cplc Deschamps et Cpl Plourde-Larouche (photo du haut), ont fait preuve de professionnalisme et d'une grande expertise en répondant rapidement aux différents défis qui se sont présentés à eux.



De plus, nous avons effectué la maintenance des salles de communications et des trous d'homme pour assurer un rendement exemplaire de toutes nos installations afin de fournir un service digne de notre réputation.

Finalement, nous avons eu le SAIB (spectacle aérien international de Bagot) qui se tenait en même temps que l'EX COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. Le Cplc Deschamps, supporté par deux Cpl du 5^e GBMC ont réalisés un travail exceptionnel, et ce, malgré le manque de personnel.



En cette année 2019, nous voulons profiter de cet instant pour vous souhaiter de joyeuses fêtes et une très bonne année 2020 à toute la famille des poseurs de lignes du Canada!



77e Régiment des Lignes/2e Escadron Centre de Travail de Lignes Local Valcartier

Encore une fois, le CTLL Valcartier a su se démarquer des autres CTLL, tant par leurs nombreuses réalisations menées à terme que leur extrême implication à la génération de la force et autres tâches. Le tout mené de mains de maîtres par le LCF et son acolyte. Voici donc quelques réalisations qui se sont distinguées des autres dans la dernière année. Tout énuméré prendrait le Golden Spur au complet!

Diminution significative des demandes ASSYST / Projet au RDDC / Déploiements (OP PRESENCE, OP IMPACT, OP REASSURANCE) / Cours de Sprat / Projet de maintenance sur 2 ans / Réponse efficace aux bris des câbles occasionnés par Mère Nature.

Nous nous attendons à une année 2020 qui ne sera pas de tout repos, parmi les éléments à surveiller, notons la tenue de l'exercice aventurier qui sera axé sur la cohésion. Pour le CTLL Valcartier, il s'agit d'un événement où il sera facile de se démarquer. Il y aura aussi les nominations pour les différentes missions. En plus de toujours fournir un service efficace et professionnel avec un effectif réduit.

La fin de l'année est propice à la fête, aux grands repas, aux cadeaux et surtout à la convivialité et à la chaleur pour compenser les frimas de l'hiver. C'est aussi le moment de souhaiter de joyeuses fêtes et une bonne année 2020 à ceux qui nous sont proches, que ce soit famille amis ou collègues, profitez de ce moment magique pour festoyer et vous reposer, ayez néanmoins en tête prudence et vigilance tout au long de ce congé festif, nous voulons tous vous revoir.

Sur ce, tous les membres du CTLL VAL se joignent à moi pour vous souhaiter à tous et à toutes, santé et prospérité en cette période des fêtes.



77e Régiment des Lignes/2e Escadron Centre de Travail de Lignes Local

Saint-Jean and Montréal.

Year 2019 has been a busy but a good year for 77 Line Regiment 2 Line Squadron, LLWC Saint-Jean and Montreal. This year has been marked with a lot of contractors working within our lines. Few major buildings were delivered to DND becoming our responsibility to maintain or FIX! Crews from LLWC Montreal and Saint-Jean are still working very closely together thus supporting each other depending on priorities and available staff in their respective AOR.

This year has also been a record year of mixing / shuffling crews due to releases or temporary duty calls of key members like Cpl Marta, Cpl Hervieux, Cpl Savard's deployment and MCpl Potwarka's PLQ: Thank God, MCpl Potwarka learned so much Line related material on his PLQ that he was able to catch up in no time upon his return. Without each other's support, neither LLWC would have survived this past year.

This one have been a year of transition, starting with the loss of Cpl J-P Marta that has retired after 20 years of honorable service to the CAF. J-P was recently replaced with Cpl Ernest Hatungimana, acquired from LLWC Edmonton. We took another big hit with the loss of Cpl Jason Hervieux (LLWC Montréal). His expertise is truly being missed and, the fact that his position was not filled, it left LLWC Montreal with a short staffed crew: Sgt Comeau, MCpl Mathurin & an SSC member, Bob Lepage. This year and while short staffed, they had their hands full with a higher MAC demands than ever & mandatory level 1 preventive maintenance within our AOR. LLWC Montreal had to recruit pretty much anyone wearing a uniform, qualified or not, to keep up with the work load. P Res members, Jimmy Batista and Cpl Gaumond from 34 Sigs Regt, brought support to the LLWC in exchange for training and experience.

These members were great addition to our team and we strongly recommend other Squadrons to employ Line Reservist to increase our workforce including rebuilding the Reserve Force. Both members quickly picked up the tricks of the trade (good and bad) and helped us keeping on schedule.



HELP WANTED LLWC MONTREAL!!!

For whom concerned, due to Cpl Hervieux's release, we need a replacement as early in the next fiscal year!! So, if you are reading this, wearing a Cpl's rank or maybe you know someone, who also has a second language profile or wishes to improve his 2nd language skills, you must put in a good word with the big man, Santa, vice the CM. Let's be realistic!!

Here's a few qualities/criteria's that the member must have to replace the empty hole left by Jason Hervieux:

- Must obviously have vast line experience and knowledge;
- Like Cpl Hervieux, must be stubborn as a mule, so we don't miss him to much; and
- Must hate being home and enjoy being stuck in traffic for hours.

WISHES FOR YEAR 2020:

- Vacant SSC positions will all be filled;
- All Line positions will be filled by CM;
- Acquiring a Supply Tech;
- Contractors will install purple Cat 6 and not yellow; and
- They will fix their own mistake!
- Be officially out of ACISS (New upcoming trade developments?)

Members from LLWC Montreal and St-Jean wishes everyone, in the New Year, a one without emergency cable repairs & we're are saluting all the Troops serving overseas.

Special thoughts for these deployed members & their families during the upcoming Holidays.



77e Régiment des Lignes/2e Escadron Centre de Travail de Lignes Local Ottawa

**``The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree:
the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.`` -Burton Hills**

The NCR welcomes new members joining our team including, WO Hammond posted in from 1 Line Kingston, Cpl Keegan coming with a bountiful amount of knowledge from 5 Line Sqn up in CFB Greenwood, Pte Billard and Pte Maclean straight off their courses completed at CFSCE. With these new qualified additions, we will gain new outlooks on the jobs ahead in the NCR. Unfortunately, we also had to say goodbye to some members this year. Sgt Hardy has been posted to 1 Line out in Kingston and MCpl Brown's transitioning out of the military. The NCR is also welcoming back home members from OUTCAN deployments & a career course: Sgt Grenier (OP IMPACT), MCpl Forgues (OP REASSURANCE), MCpl McCabe (OP IMPACT) and MCpl Myre from his PLQ. We are looking forward to seeing MCpl Myre come back with his new leadership skills & knowledge. We are also wishing a safe tour to Cpl Beattie who will be proceeding to OP REASSURANCE.

One of our main tasks this past summer and fall was manhole maintenance and getting all the cables and pictures up to date. Locating DND manholes, pumping them out and re-tagging was a main component. Lots of new drops have been installed around Ottawa with new configurations in offices with employees and military personnel transitioning in and out notably in the new NDHQ Carling Campus building. In the past year, we have completed many work tickets all across the NCR ranging from cable ups and cable downs at NDHQ to rough and somewhat difficult outside cable pulls in Shirley's Bay.

We have had some strange work tickets this year from a face plate needing one screw to finding a hanging Fiber DVO in a ceiling. All in all, it has been a busy year for the NCR with the new DND buildings popping up all around Ottawa, personal moving in and out of work areas and, as for in our lines, new trade acquired knowledge & experience as for our new members that arrived to our team this past year. We look forward to new jobs, challenges & experiences as they come up.

From all of us at LLWC NCR have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy holidays, spend time with family and friends, and be safe.

Pte Matt MacLean



LLWC Suffield / 3 Line Squadron / 77 Line Regiment

Happy Holidays, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Yule, Omisoka, and Winter Solstice from LLWC Suffield.

2019 was a very successful year for us. We had members deployed, went on multiple road jobs, including FRD10 maintenance in Masset, BC, and lots of 1st line maintenance at our home base.

Although our work to man-power ratio is constantly inconsistent, we have had many lessons learned and still enjoy working together every day. We are looking forward to another busy year in 2020 and will be starting off a new decade with another road trip to Lethbridge.

We wish you all good health and fortune this new year.



Retired Lineman Liaison Officer Article



SERGEANT (RET'D) HENRY DOUCET CD, LINEMAN MOC 052

This article is written in recognition of one of our own, Mr. Henry (Hank) Doucet. At 96 years young, Henry is one of the two oldest living Canadian Army/Canadian Armed Forces, lineman MOC 052. A proud and true military veteran, he has lived a long, varied and adventurous life. He has served his country in war and peace with honour and distinction. His life's story must be told and remembered.

Henry was born on the 26th of May 1923 in the town of Petit Rocher, Gloucester County, New Brunswick. His siblings consisted of four brothers and one sister. As of this writing, Henry is the only living member of his family.

In June 1941, at the age of 18, he and four of his buddies from Petit Rocher, New Brunswick travelled to Quebec City to join the Canadian Army. In those days, the army recruitment office was identified as depot number 7 and located in the post office building on rue Saint-Onge.

The Second World War was on and these young men were anxious to see some action. But first they had to demonstrate their willingness to participate in basic military training. In 1941/1942, they took their basic training at the Canadian Army Basic Training Centre (CABTC) in Rimouski, Quebec. Henry's basic training class number was 55.

Henry's military regiment was known as "les Voltigeurs de Quebec". Following his graduation from basic training, he was sent to Niagara on the lake, to do sentry and guard training. In 1942, he went to camp Borden Ontario for more military infantry training. In 1943, he was transferred to Camp Sussex, New Brunswick and then to Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia for more military infantry training.

In 1943, he departed from the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia aboard "HMCS Queen Elizabeth" for the port of Greenock in Scotland. From Scotland, he sailed from Greenock to the port of Hampshire in south east England. While in England, he underwent more infantry training in a place called "Hartley Row." All of the infantry training in different countries and places was in preparation for and support of the Second World War action going on in Europe.

In August 1943, Henry's regiment "les Voltigeurs de Quebec" disbanded. In September 1943, he was posted to 1 Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit (1 CIRU). During his posting with 1 CIRU, he took a switchboard operators course and volunteered to go to fight in the war in Japan.

Henry returned to Canada from Europe in July 1945 and went on thirty days leave. While on leave the war with Japan ended. He reported to his unit in Lauzon, Quebec and remained there until he took his release from the Canadian Army on the 3rd of November 1945.

In July 1946, Henry once again couldn't resist the call of the military. He travelled to the army recruiting depot in Fredericton and re-enlisted in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. He was subsequently posted to the New Brunswick Area Signal Troop in Saint John. In October 1946, the New Brunswick Area Headquarters was moved from Saint John to Fredericton New Brunswick.

In 1949, Henry qualified as a group I lineman via the on the job training (OJT) method while serving with the New Brunswick Area Signal Troop in Fredericton. In 1952, he took a driver mechanic course in Vimy Barracks and was employed by the MT section from 1952 to 1957. During his time in Vimy Barracks, he deployed on a peacekeeping tour along the Gaza strip in Egypt in 1956/1957.

From 1958 until 1963, he was posted with the Field Signal Squadron in Calgary, Alberta where he completed his lineman group II course in 1962. In 1963 he completed his group III line course. During the winter of 1963/1964, he deployed with the Canadian contingent in support of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Congo.

In September 1963, he was posted to 1 Line Troop, Kingston, Ontario. In 1968, he completed his group IV line course at the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics, Vimy Barracks in Kingston, Ontario.

He was promoted to corporal on the 18th of April 1953 and to sergeant on the 24th of August 1958.

A few of the linemen that Henry served with during his time in the Signal Corps are: Warren Buckley, Frank Nowlan, Carl Olsen and Stan Klippenstein.

On the 9th of January 1970, following twenty eight years of war and peacetime military service, Henry retired with honour from the Canadian Armed Forces. His last unit of military service on retirement, was 1 Line Troop, Kingston Ontario.

Henry has been a “lifetime member” of the Signallers Club of Canada since 2003. He has earned and wears with pride the following medals:

- The Defence of Canada Medal,
- The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal,
- The 1939-1945 War Medal,
- The Peacekeeping Medal (Egypt),
- The UNEF Medal Congo,
- The Peacekeeping Medal “in service of peace”, and
- The CD with rosette.

Having read Henry’s military history, one would guess that he must have been quite old when he retired from the Canadian Armed Forces. However, he was only 47 years old when he retired in 1970. This meant that he still had a lot of gas in the tank. He decided to attend a technical trade school in Bathurst, NB where he graduated as a qualified electrician.

Despite all that he had already given to his country he still wanted to give more. He served as president of the legion in Pointe Vert, NB for several years. He also served as president of the “golden age community club” in Charlo, NB for many years. He is still very active in his community of Bathurst and is always willing to take on leadership roles when required. He loves meeting linemen (young and old) for a coffee and a chat. If you happen to be travelling in Henry’s area of residence, be assured that he will be ready and willing to enjoy some lineman stories with you over a coffee.

A true gentleman, lineman and military veteran that we can all be proud to know. In closing and on behalf of the entire linemen community: “Henry thank you for your service and may God continue to bless you with many more years of healthy living”.

Once a lineman always a lineman.

Sent by Arnie Murray
CAFL Retired Lineman Liaison Officer



ROAD TRIP TO FRANK LEBLANC'S PLACE

Season's Greetings to fellow linemen and friends of the Line trade,

As most of you probably know by now, in the past few years our friend Frank Leblanc has had to deal with some serious health issues which he faced head on and true to his character overcame life's adversity.

A few years back, in an effort to reside closer to their daughter Sarah's little family but foremost to be in proximity of their granddaughter Alice, Wendy and Frank sold their beautiful home in Carleton Place and relocated to beautiful Picton Ontario. They built a gorgeous new home located in a peaceful new neighbourhood.

Realizing that Frank was somewhat isolated from the old gang and that it would be wonderful to reunite with him, on 22 may 2019, Arnie Murray, Mike Huard and Claude Mathieu embarked on a road trip to spend the day with our good friend Frank in Picton.

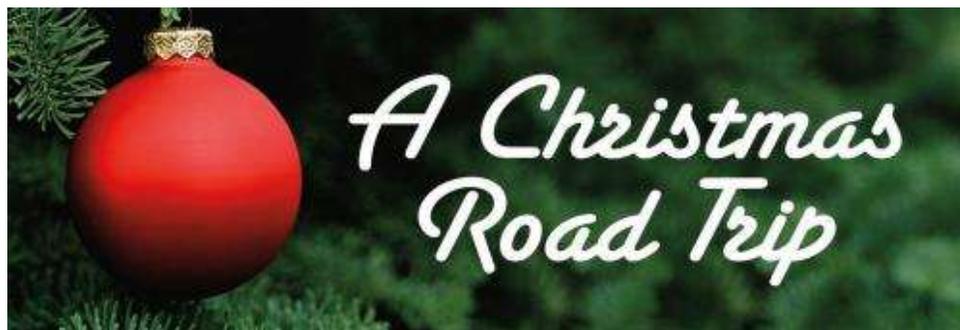
When we pulled up his driveway we found a smiling Frank waiting for us on his porch eager to greet us and invite us into his spacious new home. After a brief visit of his property, Frank gave us a tour of the town pointing out many points of interest and of historical value. As usual Frank was a great host and the greatest tour guide. We then went on for lunch and chatted for hours about our respective families, future projects and, of course, of past adventures we shared with him throughout the years.

Later on in the afternoon, Frank took us on a visit to two local wineries as well a distillery. We had a chance to sample some of the products and to purchase a few bottles to take back home with us.

The hours just flew by and we realized that it was time to return to Ottawa. It was sure nice to see Wendy and Frank in such good health and spirit. One could almost say that Frank looked good but, since he never did before, there is no point to mention it.

In closing, I wanted to state the importance to keep in touch with one another it did a world of good to all of us to reunite and be once again like the good old boys. With that in mind, I urge you all to reach out and to get in touch with an old comrade in your region. Invite them for a coffee or a beer. The look on their faces and their big smiles will indeed be your reward.

Mike Huard
CAFL Assistant Fellowship Representative





Frank and Wendy's home



Mike, Frank and Claude at the distillery



Arnie, Mike and Claude enjoying some wine sampling



The effect of too much wine sampling on Frank



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORCES LINEMEN

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL



I _____
First name / Nickname Surname

hereby make an application for membership/renewal in the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen (CAFL).

I completed my Lineman Apprentice Training (Group 1/TQ3/QL1/DP 1.1)

From: _____ to: _____ and served in the Canadian
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Armed Forces from: _____ to _____
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Home/Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone - Home: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Please indicate if you allow the CAFL NEC, to publish your contact information on the website, by checking one of the boxes:

-Yes, you can publish my contact information; or

- No, you cannot publish my contact information.

Enclosed is a cheque/money order in the amount of \$ _____ to cover my membership dues for the period 01 Apr _____ to 31 Mar _____.
(Year) (Year)

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year and the membership year is from 1 Apr to 31 Mar.

Note: Make check payable to the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Forward to:

ATTN: CAFL NEC
The Military Communications and Electronics Museum
95 Craftsman Blvd.
Kingston, ON
K7K 7B4



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?	
Application Date: (Refer to Post Mark on Letter)	
Copy of High School Diploma:	
Copy of Post Secondary Institution's Acceptance Letter	
Copy of post secondary institution's registration fee receipt	
Copy of applicable birth certificates	
Copy of applicable marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship	

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:

ATTN: CAFL NEC
The Military Communications and Electronics Museum
95 Craftsman Blvd.
Kingston, ON
K7K 7B4

CAFL MEMBERSHIP LIST 2019

Dear members,

Please find, in the following pages, a membership list which identifies past and present CAFL members as well as respective membership status.

This membership list is a living document which needs to be constantly updated to permit us to better serve you.

To that end, your assistance is solicited in identifying discrepancies, omissions and, hopefully, additions.

Mr. John Campbell, CAFL Membership Representative, can be contacted via e-mail at john.campbell3@forces.gc.ca .

Your assistance in this important matter will be greatly appreciated.

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Abel	Jason	Inactive
Amirault	Carl	Inactive
Archer	John	Inactive
Armitage	Steve	Inactive
Arnold	Chuck	Inactive
Ashton	Dale	Inactive
Asselin	Caroline	Inactive
Aube	Nicolas	Inactive
Aubin	Bernie	Inactive
Aucoin	Shawn	Inactive
Aylwin	Aylwin	Inactive
Babcock	Wayne	Inactive
Backlund	Ian	Inactive
Bailey	Ken	Inactive
Baines	Jason	Inactive
Bard	Robert	Inactive
Barrett	Mike	Inactive
Barrington	Mike	Active
Bartlett	Monty	Active
Battiste	Troy	Active
Beaton	Brian	Active
Belanger	Andre	Inactive
Belanger	Serge	Inactive
Bell	Gordie	Inactive
Bell	Joe	Active
Bergeron	Christian	Inactive
Bergeron	Jean	Inactive
Bergman	Alex	Active
Berube	Gerry	Inactive
Bjerland	Larry-Wayne	Inactive
Blanchard	Steve	Inactive
Bondon	Jean	Inactive
Bouchard	Jocelyn	Inactive
Boucher	Rock	Inactive
Bouffard	Ray	Inactive
Bourgoin	Ronald	Inactive
Boyd	Peter	Inactive
Briand	Hervey	Inactive
Brisson	Stephane	Inactive
Brodhagan	Mark	Inactive
Brown	Marty	Inactive
Brown	Tim	Inactive
Bryce	Robert	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Buckovic	John	Inactive
Burger	Christian	Inactive
Burns	Stan	Inactive
Bycock	Steve	Active
Byrne	Burnzie	Inactive
Byrne	Robert	Inactive
Byron	Bruce	Inactive
Cameron	Barry	Inactive
Cameron	Don	Inactive
Campbell	Wayne	Inactive
Campbell	John	Active
Cantin	Claude	Inactive
Caouette	Roley	Inactive
Care	Jim	Inactive
Caron	Bobby	Inactive
Carrier	Ronald	Inactive
Carriere	Alain	Inactive
Carriere	Brad	Inactive
Cartwright	Dale	Inactive
Cassista	Rob	Inactive
Cayer	Vincent	Inactive
Champagne	Ben	Inactive
Champagne	Pierre	Inactive
Charbonneau	Bruce	Inactive
Charest	Emile	Inactive
Charlong	Darren	Inactive
Chateaufeuf	Simon	Inactive
Chevarie	Alibe	Inactive
Chiasson	George	Inactive
Chiasson	Mike	Inactive
Chretien	Donnie	Inactive
Chute	Steve	Inactive
Cladullo	Guidio	Inactive
Clark	Ian	Inactive
Clarke	Mike	Inactive
Cluney	Darren	Inactive
Cole	Jeff	Inactive
Conway	Mike	Inactive
Cooper	Rick	Active
Corney	Bob	Inactive
Costello	Glenn	Inactive
Cote	Dan	Inactive
Cote	Jean	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Cox	Andy	Active
Crabbe	Owen	Active
Cross	Terry	Inactive
Currie	Bernie	Inactive
Cybulski	Jerry	Active
Daubert	Dave	Inactive
David	Trevor	Inactive
Davidson	Dennis	Inactive
Davies	Ronald	Inactive
Davis	Wayne	Inactive
Demolitor	Lockhart	Inactive
Dennie	Patrick	Inactive
Deschenes	Dave	Inactive
Desgagne	Bertrand	Inactive
Desgroseilliers	Jean	Inactive
Desmeules	Dede	Inactive
Devlin	Mike	Inactive
Dickerson	James	Inactive
Digou	Blair	Inactive
Douglas	Mel	Active
Dowling	Gerry	Inactive
Doyle	Timmy	Inactive
Dube	Marty	Active
Duclos	Kristan	Active
Duffett	Kevin	Active
Dufrense	Jeannot	Inactive
Dumas	Marcel	Inactive
Dupuis	Leannan	Active
Durand	Alain	Inactive
Durdle	Des	Inactive
During	Ron	Active
Dutcher	Bob	Inactive
Dvoracek	Benjamin	Inactive
Dyck	Allan	Inactive
Edquist	Roy	Inactive
Eichlev	Richard	Active
Emmett	Bob	Inactive
Engelbrecht	Mark	Inactive
Etienne	Robert	Inactive
Fahie	Butch	Inactive
Farrell	Russ	Inactive
Fayle	Jimmy	Inactive
Felts	Kevin	Inactive
Ferguson	Anthony	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Filbey	Leon	Inactive
Fisher	Phil	Inactive
Flanigan	Keith	Inactive
Flood	Gerald	Inactive
Ford	Barry	Inactive
Fortin	Tony	Inactive
Francis	Rick	Inactive
Fugere	Serge	Inactive
Fullarton	Brian	Inactive
Fuller	Terry	Inactive
Furness	Smiley	Inactive
Gagnon	Eric	Inactive
Gallant	Geoff	Inactive
Gaudet	Denis	Inactive
Gaudet	Larry	Inactive
Gauthier	Ben	Inactive
Gelina	John	Inactive
Gendreau	Rick	Inactive
Gillis	Jerry	Inactive
Gillis	Sheldon	Inactive
Giroux	Eric	Inactive
Glavin	Robert	Inactive
Goad	Donald	Inactive
Goddard	Chris	Inactive
Godin	George	Inactive
Goucher	Robert	Inactive
Grenier	Marc	Active
Grondin	Daniel	Inactive
Guillemette	Sebastien	Inactive
Gummer	Kris	Active
Gunville-Vachon	Julien	Active
Hache	Stephane	Active
Hagel	Greg	Inactive
Hall	Patrick	Active
Haldorson	Fredric	Inactive
Hammond	Jamie	Inactive
Hanna	Phillip	Inactive
Hansen	Jan	Inactive
Hansen	Val	Inactive
Hardy	Brad	Active
Harris	Charles	Active
Hawrish	Peter	Inactive
Heath	George	Inactive
Hendriksson	Scott	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Henry	Al	Inactive
Henry	Les	Inactive
Hervieux	Mike	Inactive
Hewitt	Bill	Inactive
Hewlin	Winston	Active
Homouth	Brian	Inactive
Hopkins	Steve	Inactive
Houle	Oliver	Inactive
Huard	Mike	Active
Huff	Garnet	Inactive
Huff	Gibb	Inactive
Huot	Tiny	Inactive
Hutchinson	Will	Inactive
Iltuko	Greg	Inactive
Isabelle	Alain	Inactive
Isenor	Ira	Inactive
Jacob	Jay	Inactive
Jenkins	Chris	Inactive
Jennex	Gerald	Inactive
Johnson	Bill	Inactive
Jones	Jim	Inactive
Jones	Ken	Inactive
Jones	Jodi	Active
Kapothanasis	Kostas	Inactive
Kasimer	David	Inactive
Kennedy	Don	Inactive
Kiss	Steve	Inactive
Kliche	Rich	Inactive
Klippenstein	Stan	Active
Korosi	Gene	Inactive
Krohn	Schuyler	Active
Kuhn	Robert	Inactive
Ladouceur	Roger	Inactive
Laframboise	Steve	Active
Laframoise	Mike	Inactive
Lafreniere	Denis	Inactive
Lambert	Gerry	Inactive
Lamoureux	Ryan	Active
Langevin	Isabelle	Inactive
Lanteigne	Checkers	Active
Lanthier	Gaetanne	Inactive
Laplante	Mike	Inactive
Laplante	Shawn	Inactive
Laponsee	Jake	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Larson	Craig	Active
Laurie	Bob	Inactive
Leblanc	Frank	Inactive
Leblanc	Marty	Inactive
Leblanc	Meo	Inactive
Leblanc	Norm	Active
Leblanc	Ron	Active
Lee	Phil	Inactive
Lemay	Sly	Inactive
Lepage	Bob	Inactive
Levesque	JP	Inactive
Lingley	Kevin	Inactive
Littau	Ewin	Active
Lolly	Marco	Inactive
Lyman	Rick	Inactive
Lymer	Barry	Inactive
Lyne	John	Inactive
MacFarlane	Doug	Inactive
MacKnight	Blair	Active
MacIsaac	Don	Inactive
Mackenzie	AJ	Inactive
Mackenzie	Gord	Inactive
Mackie	Mike	Active
Malenfant	Bruno	Inactive
Mann	George (Dusty)	Inactive
Manuel	Randy	Inactive
Marceau	Eric	Inactive
Marquis	Sebastien	Inactive
Marsh	Crystal	Inactive
Martel	Mario	Active
Martin	Jason	Inactive
Martin	Stephen	Inactive
Martin	Justin	Active
Martin	Sneaker	Active
Mathieu	Claude	Active
Mayer	Bob	Inactive
McCartney	Dean	Inactive
McEvoy	Mike (Brent)	Inactive
McGraw	Pete	Inactive
Mckay	Robert	Inactive
McLaughlin	Shawn	Inactive
McLean	John	Inactive
McLean	Stephen	Inactive
McNeil	Kenneth	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
McPherson	William	Active
McQuay	Sammy	Active
Meadus	Jay	Inactive
Melville	Paul	Inactive
Merlo	Tony	Inactive
Miclette	Marcel	Inactive
Milburn	Dan	Inactive
Miles	Adam	Inactive
Molloy	Kevin	Inactive
Mongeon	Robin	Active
Morin	Moe	Active
Morneau	Pascal	Active
Morris	Jason	Active
Morrison	Keith	Inactive
Mullett	Rod	Inactive
Mullins	Rau	Active
Munro	Dave	Inactive
Murphy	Walter	Inactive
Murphy	Terry	Active
Murray	Allan	Inactive
Murray	Arnie	Active
Nadeau	Ron	Inactive
Naugler	Rick	Inactive
Nichol	Sten	Inactive
Nickerson	Jeff	Active
Nicolson	Rob	Inactive
Noel	Gino	Inactive
Noftle	John	Inactive
Oelrich	Dale	Inactive
Ogrinc	Tony	Inactive
Oikle	Scot	Inactive
O'Keefe	Kevin	Honorary
Organ	Marty	Active
Olivier	Ken	Inactive
Ottenheimer	Johnny	Active
Ouellet	Jean-Claude	Inactive
Paiement	Jean-Claude	Inactive
Palmer	Richard	Active
Paquet	Simon	Inactive
Pardy	John	Inactive
Parker	Iain	Inactive
Parker	Terry	Inactive
Pasnak	Jeffery	Inactive

Surname	Name	Membership Status
Patel	Casper	Inactive
Pelletier	Mike	Active
Perreault	Pierre	Inactive
Perron	Kriss	Inactive
Perron	Yannick	Inactive
Perry	Matt	Inactive
Pilote	Reg	Active
Piovesan	Joe	Inactive
Poole	Bob	Inactive
Porier	Rich	Active
Porter	Gerry	Inactive
Postill	Herb	Inactive
Potwarka	Matt	Active
Powell	Vic	Inactive
Power	Jimmy	Active
Pringle	Terry	Active
Proulx	Guy	Inactive
Purvis	Tony	Inactive
Quesnel	Martin	Inactive
Racine	Daniel	Inactive
Ramsay	Mark	Active
Rawding	Wayne	Inactive
Reese	Neil	Active
Richard	Alain	Inactive
Richard	Daniel	Inactive
Richards	Will	Inactive
Richer	Patrick	Inactive
Robertson	Gord	Inactive
Robinson	Todd	Inactive
Rochon	Luc	Inactive
Rogers	Larry	Inactive
Romard	Jean	Inactive
Rose	Dion	Active
Rose	Ronald	Active
Roux	Francois	Inactive
Roy	Andy	Inactive
Royal	Brian	Inactive
Rutherford	Paul	Honorary
Rutter	Kevin	Inactive
Salesse	Pierre	Inactive
Sandey	Jeff	Inactive
Savard	Stephane	Active
Savory	Robert	Inactive

