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Welcome to Canada – and 4 Wing Cold Lake.
That was the message to about 900 U.S. Marines from Texas who arrived at 4 Wing for training as part of Exercise Sentinel Edge.

The soldiers crammed the 4 Wing theatre last week in two sessions as the 4 Wing Commander and a Defence Team group welcomed them and offered tips about the base and being in Canada.

“It’s a fantastic opportunity for you to do some flying and shooting,” said Wing Commander Col. Paul Doyle welcoming the Marines. “Welcome to our piece of heaven.”

“You will decide it’s always great to come up and hang out with Canadians.”

The Marines, at 4 Wing until June 20, will be involved in training exercises primarily at Cold Wing Air Weapons Range (CLAWR) north of the city.

“We can’t do enough to ensure you will be on for your training objectives,” said Doyle.

He was joined by enthusiastic organizers taking turns to brief Marines on what to expect during their visit.

Major Christopher Horch, who has been involved in planning the exercise called Sentinel Edge, told Marines that organizers for such visits “pursue excellence in everything we do.”

“We know the Marines have invested a lot of time, money and effort,” in the exercise, he said.

“You are at the top of our priority list,” said Horch. “Hopefully you will find us to be friendly and helpful.”

Rob Larson, Deputy Manager of PSP, outlined facilities available to the Marines during their visit including Col. J.J. Parr Sports Centre. The main gym has been booked for the Marines for the duration of their stay. Their visits are free of charge plus discounts offered at Cold Lake Golf and Winter Club and they are welcome at all messes on the base.

Most of the training exercises will be at the CLAWR. The range, in use for about 60 years, is about 110 by 35 nautical miles in size and features about 90 complex targets.

But it can be a hazardous place with dangers they don’t expect, Marines were warned.

There are few bears in Texas. They are on the endangered species list in the state. But the Marines were told there are plenty here.

“Don’t go near the bears,” said 4 Wing logistics operations officer John White. “Don’t feed them. They are dangerous. They will kill you. There are lots of animals in the training area.”

They were told if they are in a vehicle that breaks down on isolated roads in the weapons range they are to call for help, not to walk to seek help because of the possible threat from bears.

Another warning involved the possibility of finding unexploded ordinance. The range has been used for decades by British, American and Canadian troops. There is also the possibility of finding experimental ordinance. A 4 Wing team is ready to deal with such hazards.

U.S. Marines from Texas visiting 4 Wing leave a briefing held at 4 Wing theatre.

The 2nd Battalion 14th Marines from Ground Prairie will provide Marine Air Ground Task 41 with a multiple launch rocket system and missile fire to reinforce, suppress, neutralize or destroy an enemy.

Training objectives include: aviation raids, close combat attack, forward arming and refuelling operations, tactical airlift contained delivery system drops, and close air support with CF 188s and AH-1 FAC helicopters, to name a few.

Aircraft and weapons systems include: KC130 Hercules, MV-22 Osprey, AH-1 Super Cobra and UH-1 Huey helicopters.

They will be firing inert rounds with a maximum range of 15 kilometres until June 18, testing the Multiple Launch Rocket System RPRR.

U.S. Marines, here until June 20, have set up their base camp at 4 Wing.
Welcome to our allies

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The inescapable conclusion is that we are friends. Always will be. Despite any small differences we are the strongest of allies in what can be a difficult world.

The Marines were reminded in briefings on their arrival at 4 Wing that this is an operational fighter base. Among its tasks is to support NORAD and our NATO allies. It is unlikely the daily flights of CF-18s went unnoticed.

They will return home to Texas knowing Canadians can be a bit different, but just like them we focus on being prepared and ready to stand with them shoulder to shoulder if times get tough, just as we have in the past.

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And what might they learn about Canada?

Well, we do indeed seem to like saying we’re sorry.

We’ve apologized for the foul weather that occurred when they started arriving from Texas and explained that even we didn’t expect or imagine they could be greeted by snow flurries at the beginning of June. It’s not our fault. This is Alberta.

But they are U.S. Marines, and they should be ready for anything. Even the unimaginable.

What else might they learn during their Alberta sojourn?

We are quite friendly folk.

The marines installed concertina wire around their temporary home on 4 Wing, just across the corner from the Officers’ Mess. It’s probably a training exercise thing. Perhaps mandatory when they are out of town to put up concertina wire. But as Canadians all they needed to do was ask us to keep out and most of us would have happily done so.

And if we had wandered into their space, we likely would have simply welcomed them and wished them a pleasant visit. Oh, and apologize for interrupting them. But, of course, too much of a good thing can simply be too much. As friendly as we are, we probably wouldn’t have left them alone. They would have been homesick for Texas and some peace and quiet.

We’re all pals. And that’s probably the most important lesson from these exercises.

They will laugh at some of our habits. We will laugh at some of theirs. We’ll laugh together.

Father’s Day lunch

4 Wing Chief Warrant Officer Remi Nault (left) talks to dads at Father’s Day luncheon at Military Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCS) with Wing Commander Col. Paul Doyle, MFRCS Executive Director Floyd Perras and MFRCS Fund Development Manager Judith Chance.

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This week’s movies/ À l’affiche cette semaine

**Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m:** The Boondock Saints (1999)

Two Irish Catholic brothers become vigilantes and wipe out Boston’s criminal underworld in the name of God. Rated: R

**Friday, June 21, 7 p.m:** Shazam! (2019)

We all have a super hero inside us, it just takes a bit of magic to bring it out. In Billy Batson’s case, by shouting out one word - Shazam – this 14-year-old kid can turn into a grownup super hero. Rated: PG 13

**Sunday, June 23, 3 p.m:** Dumbo (2019)

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer. Rated: PG

**Sunday, June 23, Fr, 3 p.m:** Asterix: Le secret de la potion maqigue (2018)

Panoramix, accompagné d’Astérix et d’Obélix, part à la recherche du druide le plus talentueux du monde gaulois afin de lui transmettre le secret de la potion maqigue et ainsi assurer sa succession. Rated: PG

**Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m:** Dumbo

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer. Rated: PG

**Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m:** Asterix: Le secret de la potion maqigue (2018)

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**Saturday, June 29, 7 p.m:** Dumbo

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer. Rated: PG

**Sunday, July 1, 3 p.m:** Dumbo

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There can be a lot more to soccer camp for kids than kicking a ball around.

It can be a huge learning experience for the kids, the volunteer instructors as well as the organizers says Capt. Chris Willis, a 4 Wing chaplain who started the camps with Sgt. Tom Yaksich, of 410 Tactical Fighter (Operational Training) Squadron.

They started the one-week annual summer soccer camps in 2015 when they realized there was less interest in traditional summer Bible camps for kids. They thought blending sport with the goals of a Bible camp would be a winner. Turns out they were correct.

They started in 2015 with about 35 kids enrolled from five to 12 years. This summer’s half-day camp runs for five days from July 8 to 12 and they expect as many as 70 kids.

It’s called St. Marks Protestant Chapel Soccer Club.

“We have always heard positive reports from the families involved,” says Willis. “The way we have been able to bless the military families has been encouraging.”

The camp is offered free of charge to military and civilian families. Participants learn soccer skills in the morning at Col J.J. Parr Sports Centre, taught by military volunteers. They finish with Bible talks at the 4 Wing protestant chapel and lunch. It gives parents a break looking for summer activities for kids. Costs of the program are covered by donations to the chapel.

“When summer hits it can be tough to find things for kids to do.”

Some of the volunteer instructors already have soccer skills. Willis applauds the military for their willingness to free up members to volunteer for such community efforts. Volunteers are all subject to background checks and welcome the challenge because some have never worked with kids before.

“If they don’t go to church they believe in what we’re doing. This gives them experience teaching and leading kids.”

Willis credits the 12 to 15 volunteer soccer instructors for making the camp a success.

“It’s not just a way to reach out to kids, but a way to reach out to military families,” says Willis. “It’s outside of the box for what the chapel community is used to doing. We could keep to ourselves but as chaplains we have good news to share.”

Padres win with soccer

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It takes more than a handshake and a grip to welcome a newcomer. It’s all in the details, all those niggling details to be dealt with, as anyone has learned who has made a long-distance move.

Few know better than members of the military who frequently make such moves. And it’s a reality the Royal Canadian Air Force takes seriously.

A program at 4 Wing, introduced by the RCAF, is expected to help ease the transition for those arriving in Cold Lake, said program organizer Anita Gervin, Volunteer Coordinator at Military Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCs).

“It’s a big deal because more than 200 RCAF members are expected to relocate this year to 4 Wing. It’s quite a simple program, but can make a huge difference in people lives,” says Gervin. “It can be a friendly face to turn to for information when you start over in a new community.”

MFRCs pairs newcomers with local volunteers of similar interests who will assist as a contact person who is familiar with local services available to families. Volunteers, who will be subject to background checks and confidentiality agreements, will be trained by MFRCs and will be expected to help newcomers ease into their new community by telling them about services available to them.

“If they develop friendships that’s great, but it’s not required. The main idea is to help newcomers build resilience.”

The goal is to help newcomers be aware of local services that are available to them.

The military lifestyle is very different in that often one partner is away for periods of time.

The program can also involve the volunteer working with a family when a spouse is deployed.

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Skeena & Wake-up Workshop
Respect for the CAF
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Multiculturalism Day Lunch
Family Ceramic Paint Night
Guadac Rossin Night
School’s Out for Summer BBQ
Injury Prevention & Active Living
WHERE
MFRCS Welcome Centre
Col J.J. Parr Activity Room 1
MFRCS Assembly Mall
MFRCS Activity Room 1
MFRCS Assembly Hall
MFRCS Youth Centre
MFRCS Activity Room 1
DATES
June 20, 8:30 am - 9:30 pm
June 25, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
June 16, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
June 27, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
June 27, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
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Your father may always be present in your life

Father’s Day

Last Sunday our calendars marked a special day to honour our fathers. For some of us it might have been a day of celebration while for others a day of reflection. And for some a day which might of brought all kinds of feelings and emotions.

How did you or would you celebrate this day if you lost your father a long time ago?

But moreover, remembering him today I realize there was a day of celebration while for some a day which might have been a day of reflection. And for some a day which might of brought all kinds of feelings and emotions.

He made it clear to us, his children that were his parents. He was not just the physical resemblance and all. But what shaped him was the personality, his love to us.

And I carry on his DNA; conscious at times, and in my failures I am his body and mind, in my hesitancies, in my over self-denial, he pushed me always in that direction.

He always enjoyed a good joke and often pranked us. He also had a serious side. Was gentle yet strong. But he never bullied anyone or was violent. I sense that now in my own life, in my failures I am his reflection. He was my father and I carry on his DNA. He made it clear to us, his children that were responsible for our lives and that, if we wanted to succeed, we needed to apply ourselves to everything we did as nothing could be achieved without hard work. He taught us to respect and help others, and that our lives were not only our own but that we were given a vocation from God and that that vocation was to serve, even if that meant sacrifice. I haven’t always lived that perfectly, but his voice inside of me has pushed me always in that direction.

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To learn more about and to be a part of the DVMAG activities, contact the 4 Wing DVMAG chairpersons Capt Dalwinder Kalay at ext. 6690 or Kunal Jadav at ext. 8055.

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The event is put together by the 4 Wing MFRCS and the 4 Wing Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group (DVMAG). DVMAG’s mission is to identify and recommend ways to eliminate systemic barriers for DND Visible Minority members. As an organization that promotes a “barrier-free and fair” concept of employability, DND has a need to increase awareness and acknowledgement of the diversity and the unique strengths that every member brings to the Defence Team.

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The benefits of multiculturalism will be celebrated at 4 Wing on June 27 with a banquet lunch at Military Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCS) assembly hall.

Open to all active members of the 4 Wing Defence Team, the international catered buffet lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 is free. Advance registration is required by calling the MFRCS at 780-594-0006 Ext “0”. The registration deadline is June 21.

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### Crossword

**ACROSS**
1. Drains
2. Cleveland baseball team
3. Leaves in for apples
4. Language spoken in India
5. Norwegian parish
6. Wings
7. ‘Family City, USA’
8. Prague
9. Tottenham footballer Alli
10. Carrots
11. Healthy lunch
12. Gurus
13. Witnesses
14. Lacking hair
15. Norwegian parish
16. Wings
17. ‘Family City, USA’
18. Prague
19. Tottenham footballer Alli
20. Cakes
22. A way to save for retirement
23. Good gosh!
24. HBO Dust Bowl series
25. Cool!
26. Basics
27. ELO drummer Bevan
28. Remove
29. Seaport in Finland
30. Kids’ game
31. Computer giant
32. Luxury automaker
33. You should eat three aircraft
34. Dips feet into every day
35. Made disappear
36. Patti Hearst’s captors
37. Mandela’s party
38. Talk
39. Semitic lords
40. Humorous conversation
41. Gurus
42. Greek mountain
43. Disfigure
44. Swiss river
45. Made disappear
46. Offer
47. Flower cluster
48. dazzles
49. The Navy has them
50. Palmlike plant
51. Vaccine developer
52. Carpenter’s tool
53. Jai __, sport
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55. Never sleeps
56. Cavalry sword
57. Beloved movie pig
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
60. Scottish island
61. Curtain pulls on
62. Type of jazz
63. Italian seaport
64. Fruit tree
65. Old World island
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Gentleman
68. Cover with drops, as with dew
69. Don’t stick it out
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71. Drains

**DOWN**
1. Broken branch
2. A distinctive quality surrounding someone
3. Commoner
4. It can be poisonous
5. Recipe measurement
6. Eagles
7. City in Finland
8. Acting appropriately
9. Pitching shot
10. Cops wear one
11. Evergreen genus
12. Routine exercise
13. Witnesses
14. Type of jazz
15. Dips feet into every day
16. City in Finland
17. Acting appropriately
18. Pitching shot
19. Routine exercise
20. Cops wear one
21. Supplies to excess
22. A distinctive quality surrounding someone
23. This street produces nightmares
24. Type of jazz
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26. Basics
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### HOROSCOPES

- **AQUARIUS**: January 20 - February 18
  Work and health take the helm this week. Aquarius. Are you running yourself ragged or not feeling 100 percent? It might be time to really focus on schedule adjustments.

- **PIECES**: February 19 - March 20
  Good old fashioned fun is on the horizon, Pisces. Use the warm weather as an opportunity to go to a drive-in movie or attend a local carnival.

- **ARIES**: March 21 - April 19
  Full out all the emotional stops this week, Aries. Things seemingly tug at your heartstrings more so than in the past, and it’s okay to have a few tears develop during a sad movie.

- **TAURUS**: April 20 - May 20
  Taurus, kick communication up a notch if you want to get things done. Write things out if you need a cheat sheet. Then pull together all of the key players.

- **GEMINI**: May 21 - June 21
  Money is a priority this week, and you have to put your focus on finances, Gemini. Have you reconciled your checking account lately? See where you are spending and saving.

- **CANCER**: June 22 - July 22
  You are in need of a break this week, Leo. However, there are many demands on your time and focus. Devote this weekend to self-care and R&R.

- **LIRBA**: September 23 - October 22
  Libra, career stars are shining brightly for you and all eyes are on you. Use this opportunity to really showcase your talents. People with power may be watching.

- **SCORPIO**: October 23 - November 21
  Scorpio, inspiration is in big supply this week, but be sure to watch out for those who might try to dissuade you. Keep plans on the down low if you have a great idea.

- **SAGITTARIUS**: November 22 - December 21
  Sagittarius, you might get a little off course in the next few days. But all it will take is a little correction to have your plans and goals line up once again.
The Canadian Space Agency, the RADARSAT Constellation Mission (RCM) was launched on June 12 from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, on board a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

The constellation of three identical synthetic aperture radar Earth observation satellites will have daily access to 90 per cent of the world’s surface and the Arctic up to four times a day. The RCM is also equipped with an Automatic Identification System, allowing improved detection and tracking of ships in near-real time. The RCM will orbit Earth at an altitude of 600 kilometres and each satellite has a life expectancy of seven years.

In 2016, the Royal Canadian Air Force took over operational authority for Joint Space within the Canadian Armed Forces. In this role, the RCAF is focused on enhancing the Canadian Armed Forces’ space capabilities to support joint and combined operations.

“The Canadian Armed Forces’ space-related activities are critical to effective operations both at home and abroad,” said the RCAF’s Brigadier-General Kevin Whale, director general and joint force component commander for space. “The launch of the RADARSAT Constellation Mission enables enhanced maritime domain awareness, global wide area surveillance and a significant contribution to collaboration with Allies.”

The CAF relies on space capabilities for a wide range of functions including command and control, weather information, navigation, communications, mapping, and search and rescue.

The RCAF will use data received from the RCM to make informed decisions for operations at home and abroad, including to detect changes in terrestrial or maritime environments, to support intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for expeditionary operations, as well as for maritime domain awareness overseas and in the approaches to Canada (including the Arctic).

As outlined in Canada’s Defence Policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, the launch of the RCM aligns with initiatives to acquire space capabilities to improve situational awareness through space-based earth observation.

More than 12 federal government departments use RADARSAT data. The RCM required the direct collaboration of the Canadian Space Agency, Natural Resources Canada, the Department of National Defence, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Public Safety Canada, among others. The Government of Canada owns and will operate the RCM, ensuring the continued availability of data to deliver services to Canadians.

Building an improved raft for a water crossing were among challenges for Canadians.

The Royal Canadian Air Force’s team took third place in the 20th edition of Exercise Air Raid held from June 7 to 9 at Base aérienne 942 Lyon-Mont Verdun, France.

After a 36-hour blitz, the team from 19 Wing Comox, B.C. successfully completed the 58 tests that evaluated skills including combat techniques, first aid, marksmanship and survival, as well as military knowledge.

The RCAF team members were Aviator Miaya Cramb, an air operations support technician with 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron; Aviator Kent Gilroy, an air operations support technician with 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron; Aviator Dax Klea, a plumbing and heating technician with 19 Wing Construction and Engineering Squadron, and Master Corporal Donald Miller, a supply technician with 19 Mission Support Squadron. In addition, Sergeant Stephane D’Aragon, a recruiter with 19 Wing Air Reserve Flight, served as team lead. All but Aviator Klea are members of the Reserve Force; competition regulations call for the teams to be composed of at least two reservists and one “active duty” member.

“Although the tests were tough, I’m proud of myself and what we have accomplished as a team,” said Cramb. “I’d do it again tomorrow!”

This year’s competition brought together 44 French teams and five foreign teams from Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Canada, and a “foreign” team that was composed of French aviators currently serving outside of France; in total there were nearly 200 competitors.

During the competition, which was conducted rally-style, participants made the most of their military skills, theory and practice, bringing to bear their agility, endurance, and resistance to stress and fatigue.

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