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## **Director Dental Services Comments**

*by Colonel Scott Becker, D Dent Svcs*

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Dental Corps, it has indeed been quite awhile since our last newsletter. The Fang served its purpose and, as seems to be the unfortunate norm, was overtaken by events. Nous espérons que cette nouvelle version sur le Web fournira un accès plus facile, une distribution plus étendue et de longue durée. J'apprécie beaucoup les efforts de notre éditeur, major Groves, pour avoir eu cette initiative. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members who have put on the uniform and joined us this year.

The ever-present theme of change continues and we never seem to be able to get away from the normal days of everyone running at 100 mph with our hair on fire. La transformation des FC a créé une nouvelle série de pressions sur les services de santé et il nous reste à voir ce que le futur amènera. Bien que je pensais que la plupart des points concernant "l'harmonisation" étaient réglés, il semble que certains refont surface sur une base cyclique. We must keep in mind that although we, like everyone, continue to have some problems, the CFDS is light years ahead of where we were or could be. Some of our problems are good ones to have. Too many dentists vice too few, 10 months behind in pay review vice 10 years, reductions (small but real) in admin at the Dets with initiatives to further reduce vice more increases, some PG training vice none, Hyg get well program vice not, etc. Cette année, au mois d'août, nous avons organisé un événement de première classe pour le Congrès mondial des Forces dentaires militaires de la Fédération dentaire internationale. Ceci fut un grand succès! Les éloges reçus des nations participantes de partout dans le monde furent unanimement positives. Life is not perfect, but it ain't bad, and it could be a lot worse.

On another note, the possibility of the CFDS having an official Colonel-in-Chief is becoming very real. I have had ongoing communication with Buckingham Palace, through Rideau Hall, with respect to the Duchess of Gloucester accepting the appointment by the Queen as our Dental Corps Colonel-in-Chief. The request for this appointment was initiated by the CFDS about 2 years ago and is getting favourable consideration. More to follow on this subject as news becomes available.

After some unscientific research and personal reflection, I have concluded that promotion is bad for your hair and eyesight. As I look around here, not only for me but others as well. At least LCol Lemon doesn't need glasses yet, but we'll get him into the HQ and then see. (Sorry Dwayne). Despite this and humour aside, the Ottawa crew continue to work very hard and long hours to represent and facilitate for all of you out there, whom we know work long and hard as well. What keeps us going, and myself in particular, is seeing how many truly good people we have out there bustin' butt day after day, week in and week out. We can do nothing less than work equally hard on your behalf.

La période des fêtes approche rapidement et non, je n'avais pas terminé mes achats de Noël. OK, je n'ai pas encore commencé mes achats de Noël. And I would be happy with a little Peace in Health Services if we can't have Peace on Earth. Je vous encourage tous à prendre un moment pour penser à nos camarades déployés outre-mer et à leur envoyer une note, où à mettre quelque chose à la poste pour ceux qui ne seront pas à la maison pour les fêtes.

Je voudrais vous rappeler bien de vous amuser, de vous reposer, et d'être prudent pendant cette période festive. Encore merci pour votre bon travail tout au cours de l'année! I would like to wish everyone a very happy, restful, safe and festive holiday season. And again, thanks to all for your hard work throughout the year.

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## CFDS Hosts World Military Dental Congress

by Major Richard Groves, D Dent Svcs D DPP-2

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) and Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ) hosted this year's Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI) World Dental Congress from 24-27 August 2005 in Montreal, Quebec. Traditionally, the FDI Section of Defence Forces Dental Services (SDFDS), which is the military component of the FDI, holds a Congress of uniformed dental professionals immediately prior to the World Dental Congress, allowing the military delegates to participate in the main FDI event. This year the World Military Dental Congress took place in Montreal from 20-24 August 2005.

The history of the SDFDS starts at the FDI Congress in St Louis in 1904, when the Commission on Military and Navy Dental Service was established, with Canada being one of the founding

countries. As a result of the work of this commission, many member countries, including Canada, established uniformed dental services prior to or during WW I.

The SDFDS remains one of the Canadian Forces Dental Services (CFDS) key strategic partnerships. The CFDS directly benefits from membership in the SDFDS through the exchange of ideas and information concerning varied clinical, operational and organizational topics.

Past protocol and tradition is such that the military dental service of the host country organizes and hosts the World Military Dental Congress. This event consists of a three-day programme that includes two days of scientific presentations, two meetings of the international SDFDS executive, and a social day showcasing the

heritage and military culture of the host nation.

The organizing committee consisted of most members of D Dent Svcs and 1 DU HQ. Staff from Dent Dets St-Jean and Longue-Pointe also worked very hard to ensure the success of this international event.

The theme of this year's World Military Dental Congress was "Evolution in Military Dentistry." Sixty foreign delegates from 21 countries, many of them the chiefs of their respective Dental Corps, and 30 CFDS dental officers attended. The scientific sessions featured 22 presentations from delegates representing 12 countries, including four from Canada.

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DND Photo

**SDFDS delegates and spouses visit the Black Watch Armoury**





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# World Military Dental Congress

20-23 August 2005



PHOTO: Maj Richard Groves

## Director Dental Services, Colonel Scott Becker, and CFDS Colonel Commandant Bill MacInnis inspect the Compagnie Franche de la Marine

The spirit of international cooperation and strategic partnerships are built and fostered as much through the social program as through the scientific program.

The social day was a major success. It included a bus tour of Montreal, a display by The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

of Canada - Pipes & Drums, a tour of the Stewart Museum at the Fort on Île Sainte-Hélène, which featured a re-enactment of two historic regiments (the Compagnie Franche de la Marine and the Olde

78th Fraser Highlanders) preparing for battle, and finished with dinner at the Festin du Gouverneur.

CFDS personnel also gave a presentation at the main FDI Congress. Titled Canadian Forces Dental Services in Operations, from the Gulf War to today, it described CFDS dental support to deployed CF troops over the past 15 years.

Maj Boyd, Maj Groves, CWO Burton, MWO Giroux, MWO Luneau, WO Desmarais, WO Southall, Sgt Forward and Sgt Bouchard recounted personal experiences from deployments to Bosnia, Afghanistan, the Arabian Gulf, and Haiti, where they had provided dental care from clinics on board ships, mounted on vehicles, or under canvas or in provisional shelters. There was also a short overview of the CFDS Forensic Team deployment in response to the crash of Swiss Air 111 near Peggy's Cove.

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PHOTO: Maj Richard Groves

## MWO Dan Giroux leads the CFDS Choir in a rousing rendition of *Vive les canadiennes*

# BALTOPS 05: Adventure On The High Seas

by Major Mike Moser, 1DentU Det Winnipeg

## L'aventure d'un dentiste militaire des FC en haute mer

Having sorted out my security clearances and clinical credentialing with the US Navy through 1 Dental Unit HQ and CDLS(W), I set sail 20 May 05 on board the USS TORTUGA out of Norfolk VA, heading to the Baltic Sea to participate in the multinational maritime exercise BALTOPS 2005. The exercise was hosted by Latvia and included more than 4100 personnel, 40 ships, 2 submarines and 28 aircraft from 11 countries including Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The purpose of BALTOPS was to improve interoperability between allies by conducting a peace support operation at sea which involved a combined amphibious landing and exercises in gunnery, replenishment at sea, undersea warfare, radar tracking and mine countermeasures.



Photo by LT Troy Keyes USN

**USS TORTUGA docked in Germany, with the HMCS Montreal in the background, and Maj Moser in the foreground**

**Major Mike Moser à bord du USS TORTUGA. Le navire est accosté en Allemagne et à l'arrière plan, on voit le NCSM Montréal.**

The USS TORTUGA, with a crew of 412, is an amphibious troop transport ship whose role is to rapidly move up to 500 Marines, their equipment and supplies from sea to shore. To accomplish this role the ship has both a flight deck for helicopter landings and a well deck, which can receive smaller vessels into the body of the ship. This is done by using pumps to fill tanks in the wall of the ship with seawater as ballast to drop the stern of the ship below the water line; then, when the tailgate is dropped, boats can sail directly in.

Après avoir réglé les détails concernant mes autorisations de sécurité et mes titres et certificats cliniques auprès de la US Navy, par l'intermédiaire du quartier général de la 1<sup>re</sup> Unité dentaire et de l'État-major de liaison des Forces canadiennes (Washington) (ELFC (W)), je suis parti à bord du USS TORTUGA depuis Norfolk VA en direction de la mer Baltique. En ce 20 mai 2005, je participais à l'exercice maritime multinational BALTOPS 2005.

L'exercice était organisé à Latvia et plus de 4 100 membres du personnel, 40 navires, 2 sous-marins et 28 aéronefs provenant de 11 pays, notamment l'Allemagne, la Russie, le Royaume-Uni et les États-Unis, ont pris part à l'événement. Le BALTOPS visait à améliorer l'interopérabilité entre alliés en effectuant une opération de soutien de la paix en mer qui combinait un débarquement amphibie et des exercices de tir au canon, un ravitaillement en mer, une guerre sous-marine, une poursuite radar et une lutte contre les mines.

Le USS TORTUGA, avec un équipage de 412 personnes, est un navire de transport de troupes amphibies dont le rôle consiste à déplacer rapidement jusqu'à 500 Marines, leur équipement et fournitures, de la mer à la côte. Pour remplir ce rôle, le navire dispose à la fois d'un pont d'envol pour l'appontage d'hélicoptères ainsi que d'un pont du coffre qui sert à recevoir des bateaux plus petits dans le corps du navire. Pour ce faire, on utilise des pompes pour remplir d'eau de mer les réservoirs situés dans les murs du navire et faire baisser l'arrière du navire sous la ligne de flottaison. Lorsque la paroi arrière est baissée, les bateaux peuvent y entrer directement.

Le TORTUGA transporte quatre engins de débarquement sur coussin d'air (LCAC) et un grand aéroglisseur à plat-pont qui peut quitter le navire et se diriger rapidement vers les côtes où les Marines peuvent débarquer sans délais.

Le TORTUGA était le seul navire de tout l'exercice qui avait à son bord une équipe dentaire. Il y avait deux cabinets dentaires entièrement équipés et quatre membres du personnel dont un dentiste militaire (Dent M) et trois techniciens dentaires (Tech Dent). Le technicien dentaire principal s'occupait de l'administration à titre de coordonnateur de clinique, alors qu'un autre n'effectuait que des nettoyages dentaires. Le technicien subalterne exerçait les fonctions d'assistance dentaire.



The TORTUGA carries with it four Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC) and a large flat-deck hovercraft, which can exit the ship and speed to land, continuing right up onto the shore where the Marines can rapidly disembark. The TORTUGA is 609 feet in length, 84 feet tall with a cruising speed of 20 knots. While this vessel is not heavily armed with offensive weapons, we traveled with two destroyers, the USS COLE and the USS ANZIO, which had more than enough firepower to protect us.



**USS TORTUGA docked in Latvia**

The TORTUGA was the only ship in the entire exercise with a Dental team on board. There were two fully equipped Dental operatories and a staff of four comprising a DentO and three DentTechs. The senior DentTech handled the administration as the clinic coordinator, while another did exclusively dental cleanings and the junior Tech performed the chair side assisting. With me added to the team, we were readily able to complete the check-ups required for each of the three months we were deployed in one day by using both chairs. This minimized downtime for the crew by leaving more time available for scheduling follow up appointments, which allowed more flexibility during the busy exercise. We did routine treatment as well provided emergency coverage for all ships on BALTOPS 05.

Once word got around that the TORTUGA had two dentists on board, we soon received a number of international patients needing extractions, root canals, incision and drainage of infections and other urgent care. The Dental team also had paramedical roles with the ships Medical team during mass casualty exercises and there were many drills and mock casualty evacuations both during the exercise and on our transit across the Atlantic.

It took a total of 12 days to get to Latvia where we enjoyed 3 days of liberty, while docked in the port of Ventspils, before the exercise started. Before heading out again, we picked up 300+ US Marines as well as a German Medical Field Unit, which greatly increased the activity level on board.

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L'équipe que nous formions a rapidement été en mesure d'effectuer tous les examens requis en maximisant l'utilisation des deux chaises sur une base quotidienne, et ce, pendant toute la durée du déploiement. Cela a permis à l'équipe dentaire de réduire au minimum les temps d'inactivité. Nous disposions ainsi de plus de temps pour planifier les rendez-vous de suivi et de souplesse pour les journées d'exercice bien remplies. Nous avons effectué les traitements de routine et d'urgence pour l'ensemble des équipages des navires du BALTOPS 05.



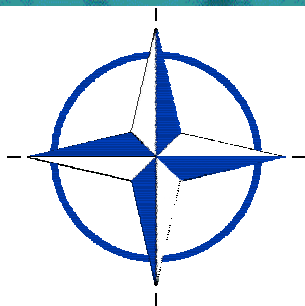
**Maj Moser (left) and DT3 Jones (right) providing care aboard the USS TORTUGA at sea**

Dès que la nouvelle de la présence de deux dentistes à bord du TORTUGA s'est répandue, nous avons reçu la visite de nombreux patients d'origine internationale ayant besoin d'extractions, de traitements de canal, d'incision et de drainage d'infections et d'autres soins urgents. L'équipe dentaire assumait également des rôles paramédicaux avec l'équipe médicale du navire au cours des exercices comportant un grand nombre de blessés et il y a eu de nombreux exercices militaires et d'évacuations de blessés au combat au cours de l'exercice et lors de la traversée de l'Atlantique.

BALTOPS 05 was then conducted over 15 days and was highlighted by a mock amphibious invasion of Poland, led by the Marines transported ashore by the TORTUGA.

Following the exercise we stopped in Bornholm, Denmark, Kiel, Germany, and Plymouth, England before starting the 12-day Atlantic transit back to Norfolk. The days were packed with training exercises and drills to keep the crew focused and to prepare for upcoming inspections. On the fourth of July we enjoyed a special BBQ on the flight deck, arriving back in Norfolk on July 7 after a successful trip.

BALTOPS 05 represented an outstanding opportunity for me to exchange information and learn the ways of our closest ally, while gaining valuable experience on a major joint and multinational exercise.



Le voyage pour se rendre à Latvia a duré 12 jours en tout. Une fois ancré au port de Ventspils, nous avons pu profiter de trois jours de liberté avant le début de l'exercice. Avant de repartir, nous avons accueilli plus de 300 Marines des États-Unis ainsi qu'une unité médicale de campagne allemande, ce qui a eu pour pendant plus d'une quinzaine de jours, agrémenté d'une invasion amphibie simulée de la Pologne dirigée par les effectifs d'augmenter passablement le niveau d'activité à bord. L'exercice BALTOPS 05 a ensuite été exécuté par les Marines transportés à terre par le TORTUGA.



Photo by LT Troy Keyes USN

**USS TORTUGA Dental Team for BALTOPS 05**



Photo by LT Troy Keyes USN

**USS TORTUGA in transit to the Baltic, with the USS ANZIO in the background, and Maj Moser in the foreground**

Après l'exercice, nous nous sommes arrêtés à Bornholm (Danemark), à Kiel (Allemagne) et à Plymouth (Angleterre) avant de commencer la traversée de l'Atlantique de 12 jours vers Norfolk. Les journées étaient bien remplies grâce aux exercices d'entraînement et militaires qui visaient à maintenir la concentration de l'équipe et à se préparer aux inspections à venir.

BALTOPS 05 a été pour moi une occasion exceptionnelle d'échanger des renseignements et d'apprendre des méthodes utilisées chez nos plus proches alliés, tout en acquérant une précieuse expérience au cours d'un exercice conjoint et multinational de grande envergure.

**Welcome to the Dental Branch: Corporals Nathalie McIsaac, Daniel Oake, Marc Robert, Debora McKay, Gillian Nadeau, Cynthia Goodyear, Monica Cegledi, Richard Ross, Michelle White, Marie Dube-Belanger, Michelle Nantel, Sandra Parry, Tracy McGean, Paula Ranford, Irene Benoit, Stephanie Paquette, Katie Tracey, and Nathalie Robitaille.**



## Editor's Comments

by Major Richard Groves

Back by popular demand, this is the first issue of the new CFDS newsletter. Originally published as the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Quarterly in 1960, it has gone through several name changes and formats. Those first issues were 32 typewritten pages with very few pictures, and devoted mostly to clinical articles with a few pages at the end reserved for Company news.

In the D Dent Svcs conference room many of these newsletters are still available and give the reader a good indication of how military dentistry has evolved over the past 45 years. (One paragraph that drew my attention instructed readers to clean the prophy handpiece daily, and leave it in handpiece cleaner overnight. Of course, one prophy handpiece would be all that was required using that system of infection control.)

The last issues of the CFDS newsletter, The Fang Gazette / les crocs vedettes, were published from Oct 1998 to Dec 2000, and are still available in electronic format on the DWAN, in the CFDS Private Area. This is also where new issues of this newsletter will be published. The required username is *cfds*, and the password is *smiles4me*. This password is not classified, and should be made freely available to all CFDS personnel, but should not be shared with others.

It is my intention to produce this newsletter on a quarterly basis, depending on how much material is submitted. Pictures with captions and/or short articles detailing clinical techniques, operational experiences or clinic/section news are most welcome. Submissions should reach me before 30 Jan 06 to be included in the next issue.

Remember, a 600-word article with some pictures will fill two pages of the newsletter. There will also be few recurring columns, such as comments from D Dent Svcs, the Branch CWO, and CO 1 DU; Personnel Updates (postings, promotions, etc); and Branch Trivia.

As the previous name, The Fang Gazette / les crocs vedettes, did not meet with universal approval, I am looking for a new name for this newsletter. Some suggestions received so far are: Communiqué, The CFDS Newsletter / Le Communiqué SDFC, and Operculum. To make a suggestion, or to register a preference for any one of these names, please let me know by email at [Groves.RR@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Groves.RR@forces.gc.ca). After analyzing any feedback received, a final decision as to the new name will be made by D Dent Svcs.

## CFDS Flag

by CWO Leslie Burton, Branch CWO

**Reference:** *Flags, Ensigns, Colours, Pennants And Honours, For The Canadian Forces (A-AD-000/AG-000)*

One of the first queries that came to my desk as the Branch CWO was the procurement of the CFDS Flag. I have researched the reference and consulted with the financial authority as to the history and entitlement for flags. Our Folks at CFDS have worked diligently to acquire a flag that will be stocked at the CFDS kit shop for resale at a reasonable price.

Flags have been used from the earliest times to identify individuals and groups. A branch or "Camp Flag" is flown to identify the location, headquarters or boundaries of a unit, or of units within a branch or a formation. Command, formation, branch and unit flags are all camp flags.

NDHQ/Director History and Heritage (DHH) has authority for all flags within the CF. The Canadian Forces Dental Services Flag was approved in 1977. Camp flags are authorized by NDHQ/DHH, but unfortunately are not provided by public funds, the idea being that Units purchase their own camp flag out of Unit funds. Unit funds are generally generated from things like canteens, kit shops, and donations. Therein lies the difficulty when you have a small branch. I regret that 1 DU HQ and the Directorate as directed by policy cannot support funds for this type of purchase.

Camp Flags are not consecrated colours, so they may be repaired as required. When flown, displayed flags should not be allowed to touch the ground, floor or deck. Repair, replacement and destruction procedures and precedence, protocol and basic rules can all be found in the reference.

The CFDS Flag pictured below is now available for purchase from the CFDS Kit Shop. The flags are 3' x 6' (90 cm x 180 cm), made of outdoor nylon and are sold for \$100 each. Sergeant Jacques Tremblay is in charge of the CFDS Kit shop and can be contacted via e-mail at; [Tremblay.JPJ@Forces.gc.ca](mailto:Tremblay.JPJ@Forces.gc.ca).



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions in regard to the CFDS Flag protocols.



# Cmdt 1<sup>re</sup> Unité Dentaire / CO 1 Dental Unit

*by/par Colonel James Taylor*

**MILITEM PRAEPARAMUS**



After another intense posting season and summer leave period, 1 Dental Unit is back at full speed, providing world-class dental readiness care to the CF population, and significant incremental staffing to other CF organizations. Numerous challenges have been met with great effectiveness and the Members of the Unit have again shown great dedication and expertise. Many activities and initiatives are under way at this time of the year as the operational tempo to prepare soldiers for deployment is kept at a high level.

Suite à une autre saison d'affectation intense et de vacances estivales, la 1<sup>re</sup> Unité Dentaire est de retour à plein régime, fournissant des soins dentaires de préparations de niveau mondial à la population des FC ainsi que du personnel de renfort à d'autres organisations des FC. Plusieurs défis furent relevés avec grande efficacité et les membres de l'unité ont encore une fois démontré un haut niveau de dévouement et d'expertise. Plusieurs activités et initiatives sont bien en place à ce moment de l'année, et le tempo opérationnel pour préparer les soldats au déploiement est maintenu à un haut niveau.

First and foremost, the establishment change within the Headquarters is a major initiative that I am proud to say is complete. As mentioned previously, the regional administration officers have been replaced by Regional MWOs, which will assist and advise our Detachments in their day-to-day operations. As well, the creation of Unit Finance Officer and Unit Operations & Training Officer positions, as exist in every other CF H Svcs Gp Unit, will greatly increase the overall effectiveness of the Unit. Now that the HQ is better aligned to both support the Detachments and meet our fiduciary responsibilities as a national HQ, the completion of procedural guidelines is the next objective. In doing so, we will keep in mind the direct, efficient and immediate support to the Detachments, as processes are perpetually being reviewed and revised in order to continuously improve the quality of our command and control functions.

En premier lieu, les changements au sein de l'organisation du Quartier-Général est une initiative majeure que je suis fier de dire est complétée. Tel que mentionné auparavant, les officiers d'administrations régionaux ont été remplacés par des adjudant-maîtres régionaux qui assistent et avisent les détachements dans leurs opérations journalières. De plus, la création de positions d'officier de finances de l'unité et d'officier

d'entraînement et des opérations, tel que retrouvé au sein de tous les autres unités du Gp Svc S FC, augmentera de façon significative l'efficacité générale de l'unité. Maintenant que le QG est mieux structuré pour supporter les détachements et rencontrer nos responsabilités fiduciaires en tant que QG national, l'établissement d'un guide de procédures est le prochain objectif. En faisant de sorte, nous gardons en tête le support direct, efficace et immédiat aux détachements, les processus étant constamment révisés afin de continuellement améliorer la qualité de nos fonctions de commandement et contrôle.

Exceptionally this year, seven Members of the Unit have been posted to year-long second language training. This will increase Unit effectiveness and provide flexibility when staffing positions, as we work toward fulfilling our responsibilities for compliance with the Official Languages Act. Furthermore, the personal development gained from such training is significant. While it is impossible to train everyone, Unit personnel who display interest and aptitude to increase their second language ability will be considered, provided their other required competencies as a DentO or DentTech are in order.

De façon exceptionnelle cette année, sept membres de l'unité ont été muté sur un cours de langue seconde d'une durée de un an. Ceci augmentera l'efficacité de l'unité et offrira de la flexibilité dans l'affectation des positions pendant que nous travaillons à remplir nos responsabilités envers la Loi sur les Langues Officielles. De plus, le développement personnel gagné par cet entraînement est exceptionnel. Comme il est impossible d'entraîner tout le monde, le personnel de l'unité qui démontre de l'intérêt et de l'aptitude à améliorer ses habilités en langue seconde sera considéré, en autant que leurs compétences requises en tant qu'officier et techniciens dentaires sont en ordre.

The Staff Assistance Visit season is underway, and our visits to British-Columbia and Ontario have been a great success. I am looking forward to visiting each of your Detachments this year with either the Unit CWO or your respective Regional MWO, and personally bringing you up to date with recent activities and future plans for the Unit.

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La saison des visites d'État-major est bien entamée, et nos visites en Colombie-Britannique et en Ontario ont été un grand succès. Je vais visiter chacun des détachements cette année, avec l'adjuc de l'unité ou votre adjum régional, et vous fera une mise à jour des activités récentes et prochains plans de l'unité.

Ops Cadre training is well under way again this year. The central training of all personnel will increase the number of selected personnel actually completing the IBTS and BFT, as well as providing a synergy of our three Cadre groups in meeting their responsibility for maintaining enhanced personal deployability. It is important to remain focused on this task, as we need to maintain a minimum level of operational capability to remain in compliance with our Commander's directives.

L'entraînement de l'Op Cadre est encore une fois bien entamée cette année. L'entraînement central de tout le personnel augmentera le nombre de personnel sélectionné à compléter le NIAC et EAC ainsi que fournir une synergie de nos trois groupes Cadre à rencontrer leur responsabilité de maintenir un niveau amélioré de capacité à se déployer. Il est important de se garder au aguets pour cette tâche car nous devons conserver un niveau minimum de capacité opérationnelle afin de suivre les directives de notre Commandant.

Another interesting initiative has been the establishment of monthly teleconferencing meetings with Detachment Commanders. The Regional DCOs are heading up this initiative with great effectiveness; and feedback is always welcomed.

Une autre initiative intéressante fut l'établissement de téléconférences mensuelles avec les cmdt de détachements. Les cmdtA régionaux prennent charge de cette initiative avec grande efficacité et les commentaires sont toujours bienvenus.

It was a pleasure seeing our Detachment Commanders and Clinic Coordinators at the recent Commander's Conference in Ottawa. Beyond the Commander's Day, Branch Day and the excellent discussions we had at the Unit Town Hall meeting, our Clinic Coordinators enjoyed a high-powered 1.5-day workshop with our Unit Fin O and Regional MWOs on Fin Adm, and our Detachment Commanders were treated to briefings by our Deputy Judge Advocate, Human Resources Service Manager and the Director of the Canadian Forces Leadership Institute, Col Bernd Horn.

Il fut un plaisir de rencontre nos cmdt de détachements et adjoints de cliniques dentaires à la Conférence du Commandant à Ottawa. En plus de la journée du cmdt et de la branche ainsi que des excellentes discussions que nous avons eu lors de l'heure du cmdt d'unité, nos adjoints de cliniques dentaires ont profité d'un groupe de travail de 1 journée et demie avec notre O Finance de l'unité et les adjum régionaux sur l'administration financière. Nos cmdt de détachements ont été briefé par notre Adjoint au Juge-avocat Général, le gestionnaire

des services en ressource humaines et le directeur de l'institut de leadership des Forces Canadiennes, le col Bernd Horn.

Finally, our recently coined Unit motto, **MILITEM PRAEPARAMUS**, is a message I am trying to convey to the military population: *we ready the soldiers*. It reflects our mission and should always be uppermost in our minds when undertaking our work, be it in the provision of dental care or in a leadership or managerial role. I ask that you use it, along with our Unit logo, on your on-Base/Wing communications.

Finalement, notre toute nouvelle devise d'unité, **MILITEM PRAEPARAMUS**, est un message que j'essaie de transmettre à la population militaire : **nous préparons les soldats**. Elle reflète notre mission et devrait toujours être dans notre arrière-pensée lorsque nous accomplissons notre travail, que ce soit en effectuant des soins dentaires ou dans un rôle de leadership ou de gestion. Je vous demande de l'utiliser, en conjonction avec le logo d'unité, lors de vos communications au sein de vos Bases/Escadres.



On 27 Oct 05, we had the privilege of promoting LCol Jean-Pierre Picard (DetComd Edmonton) in Ottawa.





# CFHIS Update

by Major Nathalie Morin, D Dent Svcs D DPP3



**H**ave you felt an /Ssssss breeze lately?

Wind of DentIS Online and CFHIS is coming from many mouths and blowing along many corridors these days. At the outset, both initiatives require cooperation, patience and understanding, but, eventually, we will realize the value of these applications and will not want to go back to the old way of doing business.

DentIS Online was launched at the beginning of October. We can honestly say that it is a success and that it represents a milestone in CFDS history. It is a great tool for all CFDS clinics, as well as a great reducer of the administrative workload. There is no more need to produce and submit quarterly reports, since all the data is available in real time, at all times, to those who need it. Major Ross and his team are doing wonderful work, and the resulting products are the envy of many.

The CFHIS Limited Capability (Scheduler) has been successfully implemented in more than 60% of our dental clinics. The remaining sites will be rolled out before the end of February 2006. Full Capability (Charting, Treatment Planning, Treatment Records and Log) will be piloted first in Ottawa, in 2006. "Dental Imaging" and "Wall-Mounted Monitors with Keyboard and Mouse Trays" (to enable the 12 o'clock position at the chair) are other issues being worked out and evaluated. We can expect major spending and major work, but, in the end, major benefits for patient care.

Please consult the CFHIS Web-site under "Newsletter" to read the latest "CFHIS Project Update" bulletin (Fall 2005), especially for its section "User Tips and Tricks" at: [http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/health/cfhis/engraph/cfhis\\_communications\\_e.asp](http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/health/cfhis/engraph/cfhis_communications_e.asp)

Stay tuned!

**A**vez-vous entendu parler de technologies de l'information récemment?

DentIS Online et CFHIS font maintenant parti des conversations courantes pour plusieurs d'entre nous. Au début, ces deux initiatives demandent de la coopération, de la patience et de la compréhension, mais éventuellement, nous réaliserons la valeur de ces nouveaux systèmes et ne voudrons pas retourner aux anciennes façons de faire les choses.

DentIS Online fut lancé au début d'octobre. Nous pouvons affirmer que cela fut un accomplissement majeur dans l'histoire du Service Dentaire. DentIS Online est un outil qui évolue et qui permettra de diminuer la charge de travail des cliniques dentaires. Plus besoin de produire et d'envoyer les rapports trimestriels puisque les données sont disponibles en temps réel. Le Major Ross et son équipe font un excellent travail et les produits résultants font l'envie de bien des gens.

La cédule électronique du projet CFHIS fut implantée avec succès dans plus de 60 % des cliniques dentaires. Les sites restants seront implantés d'ici la fin février. Les autres composantes de la filière dentaire électronique (odontogramme, plan de traitement, rapport de traitement, etc...) seront testées à Ottawa en premier, en 2006. Les radiographies digitales, et les bras de soutien au mur (position à 12 heures) pour moniteurs, avec tablette pour clavier et souris, sont d'autres items considérés par le projet. Nous entrevoyons des dépenses majeures mais aussi des bénéfices important dans le traitement de nos patients.

SVP, consultez le site Internet du CFHIS et lisez les Bulletins d'information et les trucs utiles, et remplissez le questionnaire: [http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/health/cfhis/engraph/cfhis\\_communications\\_e.asp](http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/health/cfhis/engraph/cfhis_communications_e.asp)

Restez en ligne!

**In memoriam** Colonel (retired) J. Murray Donely, CD, QHDS passed away suddenly in Barrie, ON on Nov 15, 2005. Colonel Donely served with the RCDC/CFDS on HMCS Magnificent, in Korea, and numerous other postings. He retired from the CF as Commandant, CFDS in 1985. For those who wish, as an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, Barrie, ON. Condolences may be forwarded through [www.steckleygooderham.com](http://www.steckleygooderham.com).



## Personnel Updates 2005

### NCM Promotions 05

Sgt R. Assoun	Det Casteau	01-Jan-05
MCpl A. Plante	Det Halifax	01-Jan-05
MCpl S. Thornhill	Det Esquimalt	01-Jan-05
Sgt T. Garnier	Det Trenton	01-Apr-05
MCpl S. MacEachern	D Dent Svcs	18-Apr-05
Sgt Buchanan	Det Ottawa	18-Apr-05
Sgt M. Savery	Det Gander	29-Apr-05
WO M. Ryan	Det Halifax	04-May-05
Sgt S. Besmargian	Det St Jean	01-Jun-05
Sgt F. Chalmers	Det Comox	03-Jun-05
MCpl B. Alkerton	Det Cold Lake	27-Jun-05
WO C. Buxcey	Det Edmonton	11-Jul-05
WO C. Gilholm	Det Kingston	30-Jun-05
Sgt K. Pratte	Det Winnipeg	01-Jul-05
MCpl C. Belanger	Det Kingston	01-Jul-05
MCpl A.M. Gnurlantino	Det Trenton	01-Jul-05
MCpl J. Raybould	Det Greenwood	01-Jul-05
MWO S. Sarrazin	Det Edmonton	27-Jul-05

### NCM Releases 05

WO B. Bouchard	Det Kingston	25-Nov-05
Sgt D.A. Hall	Det Shilo	06-Sep-05
WO M. Maggiolo	Det Trenton	05-May-05
Cpl C.A.L. MacKenzie	Det Ottawa	27-Jul-05
Cpl M.L.M. Cloutier	Det Borden	15-Jul-05

### NCM Training - Ongoing

Sgt L. Sheppard	Hygiene	Grad Jun 06
MCpl J. Bell	Hygiene	Grad Jun 07
MWO J. Beach	SLT	Grad Jun 06

### Officer Promotions 05

Maj S. Labbe	Det Greenwood	27-Jun-05
Maj C. Holmes	Det North Bay	01-Jul-05
LCol M. Brochu	Det Petawawa	11-Jul-05

### Officer Releases 05

Capt Resch	Det Esquimalt	01-Mar-05
Maj T. Vankka	Det Edmonton	05-Jul-05
Maj J. Paul	Det Ottawa	02-Aug-05
Maj R. Rix	Det Shilo	18-Sep-05

### Officer Training - Ongoing

LCol K. Goheen	SLT-Borden	Grad Jan 06
Capt P. Miklos	SLT-Valcartier	Grad Jun 06
Capt K. Warner	SLT-Edmonton	Grad Jun 06
LCol B. Gerry	SLT-Edmonton	Grad Jun 06
Capt S. West	SLT-Ottawa	Grad Jun 06
Maj T. Anderson	SLT-Esquimalt	Grad Jun 06
Capt M. Mishriky	SLT-Esquimalt	Grad Jun 06

## Branch Coins and CFDS 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins

Now that all detachments have had a chance to acquire 'CFDS 90' pins, there is still a small supply left. Anybody wishing to order more pins should contact Capt Al Brown at 945-6786 or Major Groves at 945-6788. They cost \$4 each (plus \$1 shipping per order to non-DND addresses).



The newly minted CFDS Branch coins are finally available for sale, at \$10 each. Congratulations to MWO Mike Wilson for providing the winning design.

Cheques for pins or coins should be made out to the 'CFDS Fund'.



*Dedicated to our Country.  
Focused on our Goals.  
Successful at our Mission.  
A Corps of many Souls.*

*Honour in our Service.  
Excellence in our Staff.  
Courage in our Future.  
Pride within our Past.*

*We are the Dental Corps*

*Sanitas In Ore*

Written by MWO Susan Sarrazin

*Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association  
Bulletin  
L'Association du Corps Dentaire Royal Canadien  
by Colonel (Retired) Peter McQueen*



The RCDCA is pleased to have the opportunity to have some news published in the newly fashioned CFDS Newsletter.

So what is the RCDCA?

Prior to integration and unification of the Canadian Forces in about 1967, CFDS was called the *Royal Canadian Dental Corps* or the RCDC.

The RCDCA was created long ago as a group of serving and retired RCDC and CFDS dental officers. Its goals were to foster the friendships formed during service years and to support the CFDS. Not too long ago its membership was changed to include all ranks military and civilian; in short all who are, or were with the Dental Corps can join.

For several years now the RCDCA has conducted an annual golf tournament at CFB Trenton every September plus we send out three newsletters per year all with news about what we are doing etc. We also join with the CFDS from time to time to curl and golf together. On a more military side we collect military dental history material in an effort to preserve our rich heritage for all to see.

Why not see our website for more info?

<http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/> or e-mail us at [prm@rogers.com](mailto:prm@rogers.com)

All are welcome join. It costs only \$ 15.00 per year and the enrolment form can be downloaded from our website.

This year's golf was at CFB Trenton (Sep 20-21, 2005) and we had a meet and greet BBQ and a dinner with a few prizes after the golf. In addition to great weather, good golf and lots of fun we had a chance to meet old friends and meet some new ones as can be seen by the photo. Why not golf with us next year? It will be at CFB Trenton Sep 19-20, 2006.



**RCDCA Golf Tournament Dinner  
CFB Trenton Sept 21, 2005**

Front row L to R: BGen J Wright, Cpl J Flecknell, CWO L Burton, MCpl J Raybould, BGen F Begin

Rear and center rows combined standing L to R: Col P McQueen, Sgt R Lindsay, MWO G Anderson, WO J Clarke, Capt S McIntosh, Maj G Austin, MWO B Goodwin, MWO D Davies, Maj R Todd, Capt R Jackson, WO R Tremblay, CWO H Ayerst, CWO C Beauchamp, Col G MacDougall, WO R Danyluck, Col B Yates, LCol W Budzinski, WO M Hall, MWO E McFadden



## CFDS Congratulates ...

Sgt Madonna Savery and Sgt France Chalmer on the successful completion of their respective hygiene programs.

WO Anna Aldrich, WO Josee Dubois and WO Karen Nelmes on the successful completion of the ILQ. WO Aldrich was the recipient of the Comradeship Award.

MCpl's Sherri MacEachern, Andy Plante, Jodine Raybould, Tammy Ross, Kelly Scott, Shawna Samson, Nathalie Morin, and Ysabel Poirier on the successful completion of the PLQ course held within various locations from across Canada. Special recognition goes to MCpl Plante and MCpl Samson for receiving achievement awards from their respective PLQ course.

Cpls Catherine Eisenmenger, Amanda Lagace, Jennifer Hill, Julie Roy, Caroline Winters, Valerie Whynot, Stephanie Paquette, Kathleen Trottier, Misty Finnamore, Angela Smid, Amber Medcalf, Marie-Claude Desharnais, Nancy Larouche, Amy Kowalisyn, Myriam Boulianne, Irene Benoit, Martine Leboeuf, Nathalie Robitaille, and Melanie Morin on the successful completion of the QL5A Direct Entry course last spring.

Maj Bob Hart, Sgt Duane Forward (Sep 04 -Feb 05), Maj Ray Warmerdam, Sgt Tom Johnson (Feb 05 – Aug 05) and Sgt Angie Martineau (14 Mar – 6 Apr 05) on their safe return from Afghanistan.

LCol Eric Reid for completing 32 years of service on 24 Oct 05.



**WO Anna Aldrich receiving the Comradeship Award at ILQ Graduation Ceremony**

### A note from the CFDS Kit Shop:

The CFDS Kit Shop has now an official NPF Account. Therefore, starting on 1 November 2005, GST and PST must be collected for all sales.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sergeant Jacques Tremblay, (705) 424-1200 ext 3726 or Tremblay.jpj@forces.gc.ca

## Dent Det Comox donates to Child Development Association

By MCpl Tracy Gauthier, 1 Dent Det Comox

For the past 8 years, Dent Det Comox has been fundraising for the Comox Valley Child Development Association. The donations are used to purchase therapeutic equipment for children with special needs.

A local orthodontist, Dr Helpard (previously a military dentist) started an annual fundraiser, **The Tin Grin**, in which dental offices get together and contribute to children's charities. This year Dent Det Comox donated \$2025, making our total donations to date almost \$11,000.

Dent Det Comox fundraises on the Wing with many draws throughout the year. The Christmas Cheer Basket is always a great success. Additionally, this year all of the returnable items from the Air Show were delivered to the dental clinic to sort and contribute to our fundraising efforts.



The Dental Unit donated \$2025 to the Comox Valley Child Development Association.



## Branch CWO Corner

by CWO Leslie Burton



It has been with great pride this year that we are celebrating 2005 as Year of the Veteran and also the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dental Branch. In addition to our beautiful anniversary pin the Dental Branch has produced our very own coin that symbolizes who we are filling us all with pridefulness and increased esprit de corps.

### *Dental NCM's on the GO January 2005 – Today*

CWO Leitch, MWOs Luneau, Tracy, Wilson, WO Haley and I participated in the US Army Snr Dent NCO Conference in Wash DC, 12 – 17 July 05. Presentations were given on such topics as NCO values, sustainment training, DA assignment process, and promotion boards. There were also briefings from the DA academy, the Regional Sgt-Majors and the MEDCOM CSM. Our CFDS members in attendance gave presentations on various subjects of the CFDS. Our group attended the ADAA AGM and conference where MWOs Luneau and Wilson proudly marched in the Canadian flag during the Posting of the Colors for the President's Dinner and at the First House of Delegates meeting. We also had the privilege to visit the Pentagon dent facility as well as tour many of the war memorials and historical sites of Wash DC.

Over 20 Dental NCM's participated in a host of activities throughout the FDI in Montreal this Aug. Dent Tech's attended the CDAA International Symposium where participants came from Canada, US, UK, Saudi Arabia, Jamaica, Denmark, Australia and South Africa. We



discussed topics such as certification systems, formal education, licensing, organizational development and continuing education. Dent Tech-Hyg's also participated in numerous educational events sponsored by the CDHA.

A group of 11 CFDS Dental Assistants had the opportunity to participate in the CDAA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and AGM in Winnipeg, MB, Sep 29 - Oct 1, 2005. Six of our NCM's in attendance provided a presentation on the CFDS history, training in preparation for Ops and our activity on International Ops from the last 15 years. Four of our NCM's, along with the President of the Manitoba Dental Assistant Association, participated in a flag ceremony that was introduced at the President's Gala Dinner by the CFDS. The CDA president and Col Becker, amongst many other distinguished guests, were present.

The president of the CDAA commented on many occasions her appreciation for the professionalism, presence, discipline and participation of all the CFDS members in attendance.

At the AGM in Winnipeg there was a unanimous vote that the CFDS be granted the status of Corporate Members of the CDAA. This marks the formalized beginning of a parallel and complimentary strategic partnership to the long held partnership our CFDS Officers have had with the CDA. As Corporate members we will bring our knowledge as members of the Profession of Arms and the Profession of Dentistry to the CDAA board and we will work with all corporate members in the advancement of Dental Assisting in Canada. The Individual membership of our CFDS members is voluntary and can be paid directly to the CDAA.

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### Current Issues

As a result of the Dent Tech-Asst and Dent Tech-Hyg Annual Military Occupation Review that took place in Feb 05 the following issues were brought forward and discussed:

- 100% of all NCM's to receive an offer to change their TOS to IPS when eligible;
- Based on projected attrition as 11/13/yr, 00335 Dent Tech intake for FY 06/07 is for 14 and is forecasted to be 14 each yr for the next 5 yrs, this will include 7 Direct entries and 7 OT's;
- A Hygiene Get Well Program has been approved to increase the training seats from two to five for the next four years.

There will be two NCM courses held at CFDSS/CFMSS in 2006, a bilingual QL5A course and a bilingual QL6A course.

An establishment change has been actioned to move the WO position from the LCMM into the Directorate to work with the Br CWO and Directorate staff. A decision will be made where to best place this WO position within the Branch at a later date. The LCMM position is now being filled with a reserve WO and will be established as a civilian position 1 Apr 06. This decision was made based on succession planning for our Dent Tech WOs as well as the need to provide continuity for the LCMM.

Finally, I would like to thank our NCMs for their hard work and dedication. As you are responsible for the effective and efficient accomplishment of all tasks and the immediate welfare of subordinates you know that your leadership and discipline is of utmost importance to the effectiveness of our Dent Dets, Op Units and the CFDSS. I encourage you to work together with your Dental Officers and Det Comd to build a strong integrated clinical, operational and management team.

I wish you all the very best this holiday season and throughout the New Year!



## EXERCISE STALWART GUARDIAN 2005

*Submitted by Cpl Davies  
2 Field Ambulance Dental Platoon*

The sun is nothing more than a splash of light on the horizon as thousands of soldiers scattered throughout Canadian Forces Base Petawawa's vast training area slowly rise, battling fatigue and aching bodies to begin a new day. Then again these are the lucky ones. Many haven't had the pleasure of sleep in days. Welcome to EX STALWART GUARDIAN.



EX STALWART GUARDIAN, which ran from 20-28 Aug, involved approximately 3600 Army reservists from across Ontario. This marks the third consecutive year that LFCA's Reserve Force has trained together as a whole, confirming the skills and cohesion of the units involved and simulating actual combat operations.

Cpl Davies and Cpl Smid of 2 Field Ambulance Dental Platoon, along with 1 Dental Unit Detachment Petawawa Ops Cadre members Capt Doucette, Sgt Norris, MCpl Dearman-MacIsaac, Cpl Finnermore, Cpl Ranford and Cpl Soucy-Phillips, had the opportunity to

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unloading patient stretchers from helicopters including hot loads once we were familiar with the process. This proved to be very interesting and quite the adrenalin rush and was rewarded with a helicopter ride. Once the initial group finished, the roles were reversed and those who had been carrying the stretchers became the patients. The feeling of being loaded and flying while lying down was an experience that gave an appreciation as to what the patients go through while being transported.

A day trip was also arranged to visit the Unit Medical Stations located at various points throughout the training area, affording dent personnel an

participate providing no-duff coverage for dental related emergencies. Major Mohr of Dent Det Edmonton, one of the few Dental Officers currently enrolled in the Reserve Forces, also accompanied members of the dental team.

The first task in the field was the Dental SEV set-up, including interface and modular tentage. In addition to caring for the Reservists, the EX provides the dental team a necessary opportunity to re-familiarize with SEV layout and equipment functions as well as trouble shooting protocols and daily maintenance routines.

Since relatively few dental casualties present during this type of EX, dental personnel are given the opportunity to participate in other aspects of training going on around the camp. Several members were involved in loading and

insight into the Med Techs' responsibilities in a field setting. The Dent Team also examined their triage, patient care, and casualty sweep roles in a Mass Casualty situation. A tour of the Battalion Medical Station was also provided with a brief introduction to the technologically complex CasSim mannequin and it's very life-like responses to medical interventions.

EX STALWART GUARDIAN 2005 proved to be a very unique and interesting week. The opportunity to participate in various aspects of training and meet new people from across the province was a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. All members are definitely looking forward to going out again next year and hopefully running into some familiar faces.

