CFDS RESTORE IS SIGNED!!!

Director Dental Services
Colonel Scott Becker
Directeur - Service dentaire

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21 July 2008 – BGen Hillary Jaeger, DGHS/Comd CF H Svcs Gp/Surg Gen displays the signed copy of the CFDS RESTORE document while D Dent Svcs and HQ 1 DU staff celebrate.

21 juillet 2008 - B gén Hillary Jaeger, DG S San/Comdt Gp S San FC/Méd-chef montre la version signée de "CFDS RESTORE" alors que le personnel du D svcs dent et du QG 1ère U Dent célèbre l'occasion.
Finally! As I said in my announcement message, this took far longer than anyone initially imagined and should not have taken this long. The new DMPSC in CMP’s shop, Heather Armstrong, was instrumental in the final push to get all necessary signatures on the transmittal sheet and in for the final signature. I was very cognizant of the effect on morale and our leadership’s credibility (I’m looking mostly in the mirror here) in your eyes considering all the talk and not much action over the past 7 months. That being said, we had generated concurrent activity up the BP chain and with DFPPC in the VCDS world, so the last few months were not entirely wasted. Partial funding for RESTORE Phase 2A has been set aside in the VCDS reserve for us. Several wheels we put in motion unexpectedly took both a life and direction of their own that I continue to try and coordinate. We have scored a major victory here but there remains much follow-up yet to do. All the corollary elements were on hold until the initial authority document was signed, which it now has been, and we can proceed with next steps.

OK, next steps … reasonable question. Get the funding released outright or in the meantime get approval to “lean forward” and authorize funding to proceed soonest on all the civilian staffing elements in Phase 2A. This will be the launch point for 1 DU HQ to take ownership of that issue. Also, assist CMP staff in generating whatever other political will and approvals are required for the military ECs and associated sustainment funding. Work is ongoing now on both those issues. Once the ECs are all approved, they will be actioned over the next 2 or 3 posting cycles until they are all manned with the right people in the right places wearing the right ranks.

We should all be collectively thrilled that we have achieved this historic milestone and our future course to adequate resources and viability has been set. Since the dark days of the mid to late 90’s, when we were almost cut to oblivion, defending our very existence on a too frequent basis, the battles to keep our identity and culture, the struggles to succeed under overwhelming workloads with precious few resources, etc etc, we have come a very, very long way. Keep the sunglasses handy, the future is looking pretty bright.

Changing gears, I learned something during the Big Bike Ride for Heart and Stroke (see pictures in article). When some of the girls from the clinic (yes, Karen Plourde, I mean you) ask you to help out and wear “something” for team spirit, caution is advised. When I asked what the “something” was, they said “Don’t worry, just say yes!” For reasons I don’t remember, I promised I would and now you can see the result on page 7. Fun was had by all and we raised a lot of money for a good cause. But next time …. >;)

Col Becker and Maj Richard Groves hit the ‘send’ button, announcing the signing of the CFDS RESTORE document
Enfin, c’est fait! Comme j’ai mentionné dans mon message initial, l’approbation a pris beaucoup plus de temps que nous l’avions imaginé au départ. Le nouveau DSCPM, Heather Armstrong, qui travaille au sein du CPM a contribué à la poussée finale pour obtenir toutes les signatures nécessaires pour l’approbation finale. J’étais bien conscient de l’effet de cette longue attente sur le moral de l’organisation en plus de ma crédibilité de leadership, considérant toutes les conversations que nous avions eues sur le sujet durant les sept derniers mois. Cela étant dit, nous avons généré des activités concourantes menant au plan d’activités avec le DPFCP dans la sphère de responsabilité du VCEMD de sorte que ces derniers mois n’ont pas été en vain. Le financement partiel pour la Phase 2A de "RESTORE" est présentement compris dans la réserve du VCEMD à nos fins. Plusieurs initiatives qui avaient été misent en marche initialement, ont prit leurs propres cours et ont dû être redirigés tout au long du processus. Ceci est une victoire importante, mais il reste encore beaucoup à faire. Maintenant que le document a été signé, nous pouvons donc procéder avec les prochaines étapes du projet.

En ce qui à trait à la prochaine étape, nous devons maintenant nous assurer que les fonds soient libérés pour aller de l’avant avec le processus de dotation du personnel civil de la Phase 2A. Ce sera le point de départ pour le QG de la 1re Unité dentaire prenant la responsabilité de leurs nouvelles positions. De plus, nous devons assister le personnel du CPM à produire les politiques d’approbation de nouvelles positions militaires et des fonds qui y sont associés. Le travail est présentement en cours sur ces deux volets. Dès que ces nouveaux postes seront approuvés, ils seront implémentés durant la deuxième ou la troisième période de mutation jusqu’à ce qu’ils soient tous comblés avec les personnes appropriées, détenant le bon grade et en position aux bons endroits.

Nous devrions tous être emballés d’avoir atteint ce moment historique et d’avoir sécurisé les ressources nécessaires pour le bon fonctionnement de l’organisation dans le futur. Depuis les jours sombres allant du milieu à la fin des années ’90 où nous avons presque sombré dans l’oubli, en défendant notre propre existence sur une base trop fréquente. Nous sommes venus de très loin pour surmonter cette grande épreuve. Gardez espoir car le futur n’a jamais été plus prometteur qu’il ne l’est maintenant.

Changement de sujet, j’ai appris quelque chose durant l’événement du Grand Trajet de Bicyclette pour la Fondation pour les maladies du cœur (voir les photographies de l’article). Quand certaines filles de la clinique (oui je parle de toi Karen Plourde) vous demandent de porter un déguisement pour les aider à promouvoir l’esprit d’équipe, soyez vraiment sur vos gardes. Quand j’ai demandé ce que le déguisement serait, ils m’ont dit de ne pas m’inquiéter et de dire : "Oui". Pour des raisons dont je ne peux me rappeler, j’ai promis de le faire et vous avez constaté le résultat. Tout le monde s’est bien amusé et beaucoup d’argent fut ramassé pour cette bonne cause. Mais la prochaine fois……>;-)
Most of us were not even born in 1958, but did you know that Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army? You could buy a house for $11,995 and gas cost $0.24 a gallon. Queen Elizabeth gave Prince Charles the title of ‘Prince of Wales’ and the Montréal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup.

On 6 July 1958 the largest military training base in Canada, encompassing 1,129 square kilometres, was established between the villages of Upper Gagetown and Westfield, New Brunswick. The land expropriated in 1953 resulted in the removal of 750 families with a total of 3,000 residents and the destruction of 20 communities. The training facility is not only the largest in Canada but also in the British Commonwealth. Camp Gagetown was the home station for 3 Infantry Brigade Group and many regiments, including the Black Watch and Royal Canadian Regiment. Dental support was incorporated within the Brigade. Camp Gagetown is located adjacent to the community of Oromocto, about 20 km from Fredericton.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Camp Gagetown, which was renamed CFB Gagetown on 1 February 1968. More recently, the base has evolved into the centre of excellence for Army Individual Training and is now regarded by many as the “Home of the Canadian Army”.

The terrain of the training area is well suited to all types of training. With open stretches and scattered woods, this area is ideal for armoured and infantry tactics; there are very dense woods and swamps, some of which adequately simulate jungle conditions; and there are mountains, although not very high, for mountain warfare training. The climate, although quite humid, changes seasonally with ample snowfall in winter and high temperatures in the summer, enabling personnel to conduct training throughout the year. CFB Gagetown’s training area includes small arms, grenade, mortar, rocket launcher, anti-tank, field firing, artillery and air defence ranges, as well as tracked and wheeled vehicle driving area. Field engineers also conduct bridging and demolition training. All activities in the training area are controlled and coordinated by Range Control, ensuring its safe use.

Celebrations are scheduled throughout the year. WO Marlene Bouchard and WO Linda White represented the Detachment at the mess dinner and stayed out past their bedtimes. WO Bouchard, trying to capture her youth, attended the “Trews” (Nova Scotia rockers) concert. She is still having trouble hearing. No one from the clinic made it to the Spring Ball at the Delta due to other taskings.
With these historical events comes a vast array of dignitaries. Cpl Arianna Wimmer has been sharpening her drill, for she is ‘at the ready’ for all quarter guards held at the base. There have already been four with more to come. Being the “Home of the Army” her parades are in full fighting order. We make sure her helmet is on snug. Two Corporals from this clinic will be part of the flag party for the main gate re-dedication this July. We are waiting for the Minister of National Defence to be available to solidify the date and the participants.

Monday, August 4th will be Canadian Forces Day celebrations on the grounds of Old Government House in Fredericton. At 2130 hrs there will be a traditional military sunset ceremony. If you have never attended or participated in one of these parades, it is very impressive!!! All movements are to the beat of the drum – that has evolved into a beautiful ceremonial tradition reflecting a long military heritage. The City of Fredericton will be granting “Freedom of the City” to the Canadian Forces on September 6th. Soldiers from Canadian Forces Base Gagetown will march through the city with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

What was happening with dental in 1958 you ask?

The Canadian Dental Corps was granted the prefix “ROYAL” by HM George VI, 15 January 1947 and designated the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. This was the cap badge worn in 1958.

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In June 1958, the official opening of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps School in Borden had taken place. Due to the rapid expansion of the Corps and the introduction of the hygiene trade in 1956, the training facility in Ottawa could no longer cope with the training requirements.
In October 1958 Brigadier General EM Wansbrough retired as Director General of Dental Services after 12 years. Brigadier General KM Baird was his successor.

The Airotor was introduced in the late 50’s. (Airotor is a high-speed, air driven contra angle handpiece. It could obtain speeds up to 250,000 rotations per minute.) Patients were more relaxed and less fatigue was evident due to the lighter pressure. Extractions were easier, operative and crown and bridge procedures were performed faster. This revolutionary invention increased productivity. To outfit all the dental clinics with the Airotor cost the Corps $60,000 not including installation and training.

The United Nations Emergency Force Dental Detachment in Rafah located on the Gaza Strip had an increase in staff. The manning was 3 dental officers, 3 assistants, 2 lab technicians, an administrative clerk and a storesman.

Stannous Fluoride was introduced after a study conducted at RMC Kingston clinic from 1958-1961. The first priority to receive the treatment was recruits, then all members as indicated. Eventually, fluoride became an integral part of the Preventive Dentistry Program.

In closing, researching this topic allowed me to have a peek into our history and I hope you’ve enjoyed reading as much as I enjoyed writing this article.
The Director plays Band Leader, ably assisted by Tooth Fairies Sgt Dawn Ingram and Harmanna Mackley, spurred the Mighty Molars Big Bike Ride team to post the fastest time. All together, $6,700 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Le Directeur jouant au chef d'orchestre, habilement assisté par les fées des dents sgt Dawn Ingram et Harmanna Mackley, est motivé par l'équipe de bicyclette des "Mighty Molars" pour obtenir le meilleur temps. Un montant total de $6700 fut amassé pour la Fondation des maladies du cœur.
After many years of trying to make this project become a reality, it finally happened – face-to-face contact occurred. During the week of the 21 April 2008 the Detachment Commander, Maj Ray Warmerdam and I, WO Richard Asselin, had the great pleasure to visit and host our US Army Dental Corps counterparts from Fort Lewis, Washington State, USA.

This initiative first began back in Feb 2007. During the Winter Working Group in Trenton, CWO Pat Leitch informed me that 1 Dent U Det Esquimalt had been tasked to establish contact with Fort Lewis for a possible Dent Tech exchange. Since that time, many telephone calls have been made and numerous emails have been exchanged to bring this initiative to fruition.

On 21 Apr, upon arrival in Fort Lewis, we were greeted by First Sergeant (FSG) Donald Whitaker, the US Army Dental Corps Western Region Sergeant-Major. FSG Whitaker has been my contact to make this visit happen since last summer. The next day we gathered at their HQ, where, we were officially met by FSG Whitaker and Col Thomas MacKenzie, the DENTAC Comd and the US Army Dental Corps Western Region Comd. Their area of responsibility ranges from California to Alaska.

Our tour consisted of visits to some of their local military dental clinics. All of their dental clinics “on Post (Base)” were well equipped, maintained and extremely clean. One of their clinics was located in the Health Care Center (Hospital). At this location, they have oral maxillofacial surgeons as well as other specialty services. It is comparable in size to any hospital in a medium-size city in Canada. As well, this hospital is the sole provider of health care on the Post and provides services for more than 26,000 military members and their dependants.

On Wednesday, 23 Apr, we departed Fort Lewis and headed back to CFB Esquimalt. There were five of us in total, as Col MacKenzie brought along his lovely wife. Upon arrival in Victoria, we brought them to their quarters to freshen up, and then headed to a local restaurant to meet personnel from 1 Dent U Det Esquimalt. It was an evening appreciated by all, and a special thank you is extended to those who organized this event.
The following day we gave our special guests a tour of both the Naden and the Dockyard dental clinics. Even though on a smaller scale, our visitors were quite impressed with our dental equipment and facilities. Later in the day, we had a naval-guided tour of historical Dockyard, which they found quite fascinating and interesting.

On the evening of 24 Apr, FSG Whitaker was invited to attend the CFB Esquimalt CPO’s & PO’s Spring Naval Mess Dinner. In addition to being our guest at his first Canadian mess dinner, it was also FSG Whitaker’s first naval mess dinner. After a few “what to do and what not to do at a naval mess dinner” tips from WO Karen Nelmes, our Senior Hygienist and myself, FSG Whitaker adapted extremely well to the naval environment and enjoyed the meal and the company. Later in the evening, Sgt Bill Norris, who is attach-posted to HMCS Protecteur from Dent Det Kingston, joined us and added a little more spice to an already entertaining evening. The next day, or should I say a couple hours later, our guests departed for Fort Lewis.
In a short three weeks, the staff of Det Trenton has transformed me from a ‘deer in the headlights’ OJT rookie to a proud, confident, DOTP student with a sense of commitment to the CFDS. In this fleeting interim between 2nd year dental school (at the University of Western Ontario) and my final portion of basic training (BOTP), CFB Trenton welcomed me with a wealth of clinical experience and extracurricular activities.

With words of wisdom and a watchful eye from Major Margaret Cupples, Captain Chantelle Alarie and Captain Stephen Trus, I was able to gain ground on my pre-clinical classmates by administering local, practicing caries detection, placing provisionals, conducting radiographic analysis, and assisting with a number of procedures. The procedural experiences were beneficial; however, I found the experiences related to patient management and anxiety control to be invaluable. Straight from the eyes-front, mouth-shut attitude of the training system, I arrived at Trenton with concerns about patient autonomy, informed consent and the practitioner-patient relationship in a military setting. My concerns were immediately alleviated as I observed the staff handling patients with a level of care absent in many of the civilian practices I’ve worked in.

Until now, my only experience had been the shacks of St-Jean, where left-handed salutes and backwards berets run rampant. Through a series of exciting outings, organized by Major Cupples and MCpl Jodine Duffy, I was able to appreciate the scope of the Canadian Forces and the interconnectivity required to maintain operations – and I certainly had fun doing it.

In my first few days at the detachment, I was trucked out to the Mountainview airfield drop zone to observe CFLAWC (former CPC) jump training and tests of aerial delivery systems. The jump crew was kind enough to allow me to fly with them for a free fall training jump and watch them topple out the doors like fearless dominos at 8000 ft. In the excitement prior to the jump, I asked WO Hamilton how a jump
master finds weekend excitement after an adrenaline-filled workweek of free-falling; he grinned and replied “we golf”.

In the following days I was fortunate to experience the following:

- Parachute rigging at CFLAWC, including deployment-ready aerial delivered medical units
- A tour of Canadian Parachute Training Centre (push-ups included)
- Exploring a CH149 Cormorant and a CH146 Griffon with Major Duffy of 426 Transport and Rescue Squadron.
- A PT filled day of biking the Surf and Turf course to chase and cheer on our dental relay team.
- An exciting tour of the dive centre, jump centre and medical centre with MWO Maltais and the SAR Techs of 424 Sqn.

In my final days at 8 Wing Trenton, I was squeezed onto a CC-130 Hercules for an evening tactical training flight with Captain Boyd and Captain Book of 436 Sqn. Being my first flight on a Herc, it was most certainly a memorable one and thankfully I didn’t need the sick bags I had tucked into each available pocket.

I would like to thank the entire staff at Det Trenton for providing such a wonderful OJT experience. They have exceeded all expectations and worked very hard to make this a memorable experience. I look forward to seeing more of the CFDS and am proud to be a member of this community.
Congratulations to:
Félicitations à

Retirement / Retraites:
Major Nathalie Morin, 15 Jul 08, after 20 years of service
MWO Tim Morash, 15 May 08, after 23 years of service
MWO Sharlene Tracy, 3 Jun 08, after 24 years of service
MWO Linda Savoie, 11 Jun 08, after 27 years of service
WO Karen Nelmes, 5 Aug 08, after 25 years of service
Cpl Brenda Galbraith, 20 Jun 08, after 27 years of service

Releases / Libérations:
MCpl Nathalie Sauvageau 25 Jul 08
Cpl Martine Michaud 26 Aug 08
Capt Mehmet Dani 2 Sep 08
Capt Eric Desjardins 25 Mar 08
Capt Jason Frolow 6 Jun 08
Capt Aaron Cooper 16 Jun 08
Capt Mark Hopkins 30 Jun 08
Capt J-P Couillard 16 Sep 08
Capt Erin Hennessy 18 Aug 08

Promotions:
Maj Randy Gilbert, effective 30 Jun 08
Cpl Mélissa Thibeault, effective 30 Mar 08
Cpl Yolanda Dennis, effective 1 May 08
MWO Mario Bizier, effective 30 Jun 08
MWO Duane Forward, effective 30 Jun 08
WO Todd Sinclair, effective 18 Jul 08
WO Chuck Burley, effective 30 Jul 08

Graduations:
Hygiene / Hygiène
MCpl Anna Gnurlantino – George Brown College
Sgt Marla Buchanan – Algonquin College

PostGrad / Études supérieures
Maj Genevieve Bussiere, AGD, Fort Hood, TX
Maj Antonella Trache, OMFS, University of Texas, Houston, TX
Capt Debra Carter, AGD, Fort Bragg, NC

Dental School / Ecole dentaire
Capt Whitney Dagrain – University of Montreal
Capt Peter Walker – Dalhousie University
Capt George MacPherson – University of Western Ontario
Capt Davin Schmidt - University of Western Ontario
Capt Nathan Elliot - University of Western Ontario
Capt Patricia Wrobel – University of Alberta

And to / et à:
Cpl James Cooke on selection to AVOTP to SAR Tech

LCol Gilles Levesque, D Dent Svcs D DPP and CWO Dan Giroux, 1 DU Unit CWO, congratulate Sgt Marla Buchanan on her graduation from the hygiene program at Algonquin College.

Dr Mark Wong, Director of the oral surgery program at the University of Texas, Houston receives a CFDS plaque from LCol Bruce Gerry, D DPR, and Maj Antonella Trache.
LCpl Nancy Dubois promotes Capt Whitney Dagrain.

LCpl Nancy Dubois promotes Capt Nathan Elliot.

Maj Nathalie Morin received her CF Certificate of Service from Col Becker at the CF H Svcs Gp HQ BBQ.

Col Becker présente au maj Nathalie Morin son certificat de service des FC lors du BBQ du QG du Gp des S San des FC.
Update – DEU Unit Identifiers & CADPAT Slip-ons

The CADPAT regular combat slip-ons are now ready for distribution from the depot in Montreal. CFDS mil personnel can now proceed using the NSN's below to their base/wing supply and submit their req.

NSN 8455-21-920-7777 DENTAL (CADPAT TW) Available soon – keep checking with supply

NSN 8455-21-003-2080 DENTAIRE (CADPAT TW) - Stock in the Depot

NSN 8455-20-002-7180 DENTAL (CADPAT AR) - Stock in Depot

NSN 8455-20-00202061DENTAIRE (CADPAT AR) - Stock in the Depot

Unfortunately, the metal shoulder titles / unit identifiers will not be available until early ‘09.

Well, I hope everyone was able to take advantage of our fine Canadian summer months for some holidays to relax with friends and family. I recently returned from a trip to San Antonio, TX, where the average temperature was 95°F, with a very high humidity rate on top of that. Makes me appreciate our Canadian climate even more, but hey, I could have been in Las Vegas where it was 111°F.

I know some of you were/are busy with postings, deployments, TDs to US naval ships for short tours of duty as well as the continued work in the clinics and field units around the country and abroad, but remember to take some time and recharge those batteries.

On the 8th of July, I flew down to San Antonio to attend the US Army DENCOM SGM Change of Responsibility ceremony. SGM Richard Oronoa handed over responsibility to SGM Exerline Drumm in a very impressive ceremony beneath the Installation Flag Pole at Fort Sam Houston.

Col Scott Becker, LCol Kevin Goheen and CWO Dan Giroux joined me in Texas for the Change of Command ceremony held the next day. Col Larry Hanson handed over command to Col Ted Wong in another impressive ceremony which included a 13-gun salute from cannons set up in the background.

Le jour suivant, col Becker, lcol Goheen et adjuc Giroux sont venus me rejoindre au Texas pour assister à la cérémonie de Passation de commandement tenue le 10 juillet. Col Ted Wong accepta alors le commandement du col Larry Hanson lors d’une impressionnante cérémonie avec le salut de 13 coups de canons placés en arrière-plan.

I have to say Bravo Zulu to our Dent Techs who did us proud at the 1 Dent Unit Change of Command ceremony held on the 7th of July here in Ottawa. Their drill, with weapons, no less, was flawless.

Je dois faire l'éloge de nos techniciens dentaires militaires qui ont fièrement participés à la cérémonie de Changement de commandement de la 1ère Unité dentaire tenue le 7 juillet dernier, à Ottawa. L’exercice militaire avec arme, en plus, était sans reproche. Bravo Zulu.
In some long-awaited good news, I can finally report that the recruiting incentive has finally been approved to remove the distinction between more than/less than 1-year experience as a dental assistant. As of 1 July 2008, any dental assistant enrolling into the CF will become Cpl provisional (Cpl (P)) upon completing basic military qualification (BMQ). Only after completion of the QL5A Dent Tech Crse will they become substantive Cpls.

Some of you may not be aware, yet, that CWO Pete Fortier accepted his commission to Captain this past year. The new NCM Career Manager is CWO James St. George who, until recently, held the position of RSM 1 Fd Amb. He is ready for the challenges that come with the job and has already jumped in with both feet.

In CDAA news, Trish Divell, President, welcomed Betty Daniels as the new Executive Director of the Canadian Dental Assistants’ Association. Ms. Daniels will take on the role August 11th, following a successful work assignment with the College of the North Atlantic in Qatar. Ms. Daniels will replace Michael Brennan, who is moving on after eight years with the CDAA.

On the Quebec front, it is anticipated that intra-oral (Level II) skills will be part of the school curriculum in Fall 2009 and dental assistants will be able to put their skills to use once certified.

Au Québec, nous anticipons que les habiletés intra-buccales (Niveau II) seront incluses dans le curriculum scolaire à l’automne 2009 et que les assistant(e)s certifié(e)s pourront alors faire bon usage de leurs compétences.

That’s all for now. Until next time...

C’est tout pour le moment. A la prochaine…

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Le 2 juillet dernier, à l’ancienne BFC Uplands, j’ai eu l’honneur d’assister à la cérémonie de passation de commandement du chef d’état-major (CEM) des FC. La cérémonie était présidée par la gouverneure générale, Michaëlle Jean, commandante en chef du Canada. Le Gén Natynczyk succède au Général Rick Hillier, qui exerçait la fonction de CEM depuis février 2005. Comme vous le savez, celui-ci prendra sa retraite des Forces canadiennes après 35 années de loyaux services. La cérémonie était quelque chose à voir, particulièrement à la toute fin, lorsqu’un véhicule de type Léopard est venu chercher le gén Hillier sur le dais d’honneur. L’ancien CEM, d’une manière très symbolique, a ainsi quitté le terrain de parade, debout dans la tourelle, saluant toute la garde d’honneur sur son chemin.

**CDS Change of Command**
*By CWO Dan Giroux, 1 Dental Unit CWO*

On 2 July 2008 at former CFB Uplands, I had the opportunity to attend the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Change of Command ceremony, presided by the Governor General and Commander in-Chief of Canada, Michaëlle Jean. Gen Natynczyk took over as CDS from Gen Hillier, who assumed the leadership in February 2005. As you may know, Gen Hillier is retiring from the Canadian Forces after 35 years of dedicated service. The ceremony was quite something to see, especially at the end when a Leopard tank drove up to the dais, picked up Gen Hillier and transported him from the parade area. The former CDS left the parade square very symbolically, standing in the turret and saluting the entire guard of honour on his way out.
On 6 June 2008, 135 teams participated in Petawawa’s ninth annual Relay for Life. For those of you who aren’t familiar with this event, it is a 12 hour relay to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Dent Det Petawawa was represented by team “Floss Trotters”, consisting of Cpl Misty Finnamore, the team captain, Cpl Sandra Pardy, Cpl Amanda Stewart, Cpl Christine Ivanovs, Cpl Cynthia Martinez, Cpl Tanya Ferrish, Cpl Zabrina Anderson, and two civilian DAs, Lisa Kelly and Christie Brennan. The event started at 1900 and lasted until 0700 the next morning at the track outside the base gym, Dundonald Hall. The weather was extremely hot and humid, but everyone’s spirits remained high.

There were many activities from free massages to sumo wrestling, different dancers to watch and a silent auction just to name a few. Bands and a DJ played all night to help keep everyone awake. Most of us hit the Beaver Tails truck for a sugar fix half way through the night to keep us going.

We organized many fundraisers in the weeks leading up to the event. We had two bake sales, a yard sale and two lunch events. We are very proud to report that we raised close to $2500 and the event as a whole raised $267,000. We had such a good time that we are already talking about having a team in next year. If you have never participated in Relay for Life, I would highly recommend it. It is a lot of fun and for such a great cause.
This past June, one of our dental officers accomplished an amazing challenge. Capt Mehmet Danis completed the Gobi Desert March in China on behalf of the charitable organization, the United Way.

Capt Danis was motivated to start running mainly due to his mother’s diagnosis with cancer in October 2007. He was also inspired by a story told by his wife about where some of the monetary donations received by organizations like that of the United Way are actually utilized. Listening to this single example, coupled with the stress of his current family situation, moved him to take action. This came in the form of the Desert Race.

His first attempt at training was a spontaneous 20 km run which he barely completed, walking the last 3 km. On another of his initial training sessions he began the run at 0900 and at the 4 hour and 20 minute mark he was forced to call his friend and fellow dental officer, Capt Gokhan Shevket, to come to his assistance and transport him from the road side. On this same day, Capt Danis completed and continued to push himself to his limits. This was done on Capt Danis’ own time, and he never requested time off to devote to this personal endeavour. In fact, he was very quiet about this new turn in his life, with most of his colleagues unaware of the real extent of his training. In and of itself the training was a mini marathon on a daily basis.

A total of 186 competitors registered for the 2008 Gobi March. The competitors encompassed a vast range of skill levels, from beginner to professional. All members were required to carry their seven-day supply of food, clothing and sleeping bag in their backpack for the entire race. Only water and shelter were provided at the checkpoints throughout the race. The Gobi Desert March stretched across 250 km and was broken into six stages over six days. The first four stages were approximately 40 km each, followed by a fifth stage of approximately 80 km and the sixth and final stage of 10 km.
Despite all of the physical training, he would still have to face the environmental factors once he landed. As a result of these extreme environmental factors, he quickly learned on the first day of the race that he would have to slow his pace to avoid burning out. He ended up coming in thirteenth on this first day. Not bad considering it was his first “marathon”. Heat, sand and high altitude were his main enemies causing nose bleeds among the mainly physical strains suffered during the race.

In the end, Capt Danis completed the race in 31 hours and 41 minutes. He placed 6th overall, was awarded the trophy for Top Runner in his age group (30-39), placed 2nd in North America, and had the top place for a Canadian. Capt Danis is most proud of this last honour. Overall, running the expanse of the Gobi Desert was an amazing accomplishment. The self discipline required to prepare for this race is to be admired. Training every day, never having done anything like this before, is in itself an extraordinary feat, which must be acknowledged in order to truly appreciate this accomplishment.

In addition to achieving a personal goal, Capt Danis devoted his energies to raising funds for charity. The United Way received not only over four thousand dollars of monetary support, but also gained from the publicity Capt Danis was able to generate for the cause.

During the marathon, Capt Danis received many e-mails from friends, colleagues and family, giving him the support he needed to push forward. Capt Danis says he was lifted and pushed by many, especially those from his Kingston family. He credits a very large part of his success to the incredible support he received from his friends who led the way in informing the community of his progress, as well as many others in his clinic who voiced out their encouragement during his training and the race itself. He has said that the race was truly a team sport.
As much as Capt Danis received support and inspiration from us, we can say the same. Every day we followed his accomplishments on the race website. And everyday we hoped he would remain safe, injury free, and in a good standing. As much as we knew he prepared, running in the desert was something he couldn’t practice. This made us truly amazed and proud at the degree of his success.

In response to this achievement, the Base Commander presented Capt Danis with the Base Commander’s Coin. He was also presented a certificate from the CFB Kingston United Way representative (see photos). Capt Danis became a local celebrity, being featured in several local papers and on TV. The Canadian Forces, the Canadian Forces Dental Services, and CFB Kingston are proud to have someone like Capt Danis, who displays perseverance, self-discipline, and caring for others, in their ranks.

Congratulations, Capt Danis, on an amazing accomplishment!
CFDS 93\textsuperscript{rd} Birthday

13 May 2008

The 93\textsuperscript{rd} anniversary of the Canadian Forces Dental Services was May 13\textsuperscript{th}, and was celebrated in various ways.

In Ottawa, D Dent Svs staff, 1 DU HQ staff, Dent Det Ottawa staff, retirees and family members once again celebrated with a 10km volksmarch around Dows Lake and the Rideau Canal. Not only was the weather wonderful, but the Tulip Festival was at its peak, adding to the scenic nature of the walk.

1 DU Detachment Gagetown celebrated the 93rd birthday of the Dental Branch with a pizza lunch, which included a birthday cake to mark the occasion. The not so young Dent Tech WO Marlene Bouchard and the much younger Dent Tech Cpl Carla MacNeil had the cake-cutting honours. This was followed by a clinic mini-putt that required a lot of skills and much more laughter control. In addition to the non-traditional golfing skills, there was a dental history trivia quiz to test the teamwork skills of the participants. The winner of the trivia questions was our newest member, Cpl MacNeil. To this day, members of this Det are sure that she studied the night before. Following a very intense putt off, Ms Terri Gunter was officially declared the mini-putt winner.
The Dental Clinical Facilities and Technical Standards (D CFTS) cell has been an extremely busy place (even more than usual) over the past 6 months. We've been busy building, re-building and reworking the re-building of the framework for several Health Services Projects that seem to have been stalled in time (i.e. Kingston - just ask them - "DELAY" is their middle name). For once the positives seem to be outnumbering the negatives in the Health Services Infrastructure world. In the past we've had projects at the ready only to be derailed due to a lack of funding. This fiscal year we've encountered the opposite - we have been promised funding and are scrambling to re-assemble projects with updated information and data. This is a welcome problem!

The Health Services Infrastructure Team (we're finally working as a team - headed by a new HS Delivery Program Director Col Pucci) has been frantically visiting as many bases and clinics as possible in an effort to meet CMP's current direction. His direction is to implement the "end-state" infrastructure solutions for the top nine priority sites within five (5) years - that means designed, built and occupied within five years. This is a lofty goal but we're determined to give it our all! Efforts are being exhausted to arrive at a means to accelerate the approval process. The biggest potential for delays resides within the Preliminary Project Approval (PPA) and Effective Project Approval (EPA) endorsements from the Senior Review Board (SRB) and their ultimate sign-off by the Project Management Board (PMB) and the Minister of National Defence (MND). That being said we are not looking forward to an election call - this will undoubtedly lead to a delay in project sign-offs.

The intention is to fund the top nine (9) priority HS projects from a newly formed, centrally managed accrual accounting funding source pegged at approximately $140M per year (to be allocated amongst all CF infrastructure projects, not just the Health Services).

The priority projects are: Kingston - 95% design, awaiting EPA sign-off from PMB and MND; Greenwood - 50% design, scheduled for September 2008 SRB for EPA endorsement; Comox - 35% design, scheduled for September 2008 SRB for EPA endorsement; Petawawa - PPA endorsed by SRB, awaiting PPA sign-off from PMB and MND; Valcartier - PPA endorsed by SRB, awaiting PPA sign-off from PMB and MND; Edmonton - awaitng PPA endorsement from SRB pending consultant costing report (received July 2008); Gagetown - gathering data for PPA presentation to SRB; Borden - gathering data for PPA presentation to SRB; Saint-Jean - gathering data for PPA presentation to SRB

Note: St. John's NL - AKA the Pleasantville project - design has progressed as part of a larger consolidation project while it awaits EPA sign-off; Yellowknife - space requirements have been submitted as part of a larger consolidation project - no PPA submission yet; Seaforth Armouries - part of Jericho Beach relocation - space requirements have been submitted as part of a larger consolidation project - no PPA submission yet.

It looks to be a very busy fall for the end-state infrastructure picture - keep your fingers crossed and hope to see me at a base near you SOON!!!

Recently a five operatory dental trailer complex was completed at CFB Valcartier, who are impatiently waiting (with much sympathy from myself - it's frustration overload!!!) for CFHIS computer systems to arrive so they can start using the facility. Computers are going to be a
challenge going forward - all departments are working on a solution to solve both the Capital and O&M funding issues surrounding their implementation. To date it seems as though the Infrastructure Projects will pick-up the Capital cost (V5 funds) of the required additional computer systems, leaving only the O & M sustainment pressures to be solved. As part of a nation-wide HS strategy we are included in several "interim" infrastructure solutions in the form of hi-end trailer complexes complete with ducted central heat and air conditioning. The Bases involved are CFB Petawawa (9 operatories), CFB Gagetown (7 operatories) and ASU Edmonton (7 operatories). These complexes are currently expected to roll-out in late spring/summer 2009.

The DCFTS cell also has its sights on some smaller renovation projects in Esquimalt and London (converting from a part-time facility to full-time). Unfortunately these often are the scapegoats to be pushed to the bottom of the pile when the biggies go awry. Don't worry we'll get to you. Also on the DCFTS radar are all the COMMs, electrical and facility upgrades required to implement CFHIS. In addition to all the infrastructure stuff we're feverishly acquiring lots of new dental equipment in anticipation of all this new treatment capacity.

This year we upgraded our facility in Geilenkirchen, Germany from a one operatory shared (with the Americans) clinic to a CF Medical/Dental clinic in Neiderheid consisting of 3 new operatories and all the trimmings.

Oh yeah, don't forget the Montfort Project in Ottawa - it's nearing completion and is due to be turned over to DND this summer with a move-in projected to start in late fall - hope to start seeing patients by early spring 2009.

If you're on the list, or even if you're not, never hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. It's a busy place and a busy time but we've always got time for our Dental Clinics.
On June 25th, LCol Joane Simard (outgoing Commandant) and LCol Robert Hart (incoming Commandant) signed the official transfer of command papers in the company of the Reviewing Officer BGen Hillary Jaeger, Commander of Canadian Forces Health Services Group/Surgeon General/Director General Health Services. LCol Simard will remain in Borden at CFSTG HQ as the SSO Ops, Trg and Stds. LCol Hart is arriving from Kingston where he was undergoing French language training.

A Dental Officer by trade, LCol Hart is not new to the school as he occupied the position of Chief Instructor and Deputy Commandant from 2004-2006. During his speech, LCol Hart reiterated the importance of the professionalism to ensure that the graduates receive the best training. He also underlined the importance of the team: “Challenges we will have, but with your professional ethic and working together as a team, I am certain we will succeed. [...] Great ideas have no rank and I encourage all members of my team to continuously strive to improve not only your ability, but the entire school in general. As professionals, it is our duty”.
Le Détachement dentaire St-Jean visite les Anciens Combattants

Le 24 mai dernier, toute l’équipe du Détachement dentaire St-Jean s’est rendue à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue afin de passer quelques heures en la compagnie des anciens combattants qui résident dans cette institution de soins de longue durée.

Au printemps dernier, tout en réfléchissant à une idée pour l’activité sociale trimestrielle, le Maj Francine Lavoie a eu la brillante idée de faire d’une pierre deux coups en proposant cette visite aux membres de la clinique puisqu’elle impliquait également une possibilité de bénévolat auprès de la communauté militaire. Toute l’équipe a également préparé des pâtisseries maison et des plateaux de fruits que nous leur avons servis pour la collation de l’après-midi, ce qui a été très apprécié des Vétérans puisque c’était une belle variation de la nourriture institutionnelle aussi bonne puisse-t-elle être. Nous étions installés dans une salle commune et c’est une soixantaine de patients qui se sont déplacés pour venir nous rencontrer.

Arrivant tour à tour ou en petits groupes, le premier contact était quelque peu timide mais avec notre enthousiasme débordant, l’atmosphère s’est vite réchauffée et plusieurs ont même partagé quelques bribes de leur vie présente ou passée. Afin de rendre l’événement encore plus festif, un chanteur est venu agrémenter l’après-midi de chansons tantôt anglaises, tantôt françaises. Quelques patients se sont même laissés aller à faire quelques pas de danse !! Plusieurs ont même mentionné que la fête leur rappelait Noël et ont demandé à ce que l’on revienne les voir bientôt!!
Commanding Officer’s Message: What’s Next?
Message du commandant – Que nous réserve l’avenir?

Lietenant-Colonel Kevin L. Goheen
Cmdt 1re Unité Dentaire / CO 1 Dental Unit

MILITEM PRAEPARAMUS

Les activités de la passation de commandement, le 7 juillet 2008, ont été remarquables et des plus mémorables. Je voudrais remercier personnellement pour leur efforts tous ceux et toutes celles qui ont collaboré à la préparation de la cérémonie, ainsi que tous les membres en uniforme qui ont participé au défilé (on peut voir des photos sur le site Web du Service dentaire des Forces canadiennes (SDCF)). De plus, nous avons reçu plusieurs récits et photos, comme ceux de journées dans une station thermale et de compétitions sportives loufoques, ce qui témoigne de l’incroyable force morale de ceux qui sont à l’extérieur de la région d’Ottawa. Mille mercis! Le colonel Taylor a mentionné les réalisations et les progrès de la 1re Unité dentaire au cours des dernières années, et il était manifestement très fier de chacun des membres de l’unité. Nous lui souhaitons tous du succès dans son nouveau rôle stratégique auprès de la sous-ministre adjointe (Ressources humaines - Civils).

Une question qui revêt une très grande importance pour la 1re Unité dentaire et le SDFC est l’approbation toute récente d’SDFC RESTORE par le Chef du personnel militaire (CPM). Félicitations au col Becker et à son personnel pour cette percée décisive. « Et alors? Un autre bout de papier signé à Ottawa… » diront certains. Sachez que, du point de vue stratégique, ce document permet d’offrir la première méthode jamais approuvée pour déterminer la taille et la composition du modèle de prestation de soins dentaires. Du point de vue opérationnel, on y retrouve l’autorité dont nous avions besoin pour passer, à plusieurs niveaux, d’une organisation de « premiers soins à une base de référence établie ». Le SDFC possède maintenant un mandat authentique approuvé par le patron de notre patron, le CPM, qui nous permettra, au besoin, d’indiquer un document et de dire : « Voilà les tâches qui nous ont été assignées et voici les ressources dont nous avons besoin pour remplir notre mission ». De plus, ce document fait en sorte d’établir des ratios fournisseur-patient qui sont défendables et qui sont perçus par les hauts dirigeants du SDFC comme adéquats en vue d’atteindre un niveau de santé durable pour nos patients. Les

Col James Taylor passed the sword signifying command of 1 DU to BGen Hillary Jaeger, Comd CF H Svcs Gp, who passes it on to the incoming CO, LCol Kevin Goheen.
désaccords concernant l’attribution des locaux pour une clinique dans les nouveaux projets d’infrastructure ou dans les projets actuels sont dorénavant inutiles, car les niveaux de dotation sont clairement établis et ils sont appropriés. Un point important est qu’avec le nouveau tableau d’effectifs et de dotation de l’unité, les frustrations causées par l’autorisation de la dotation seront bientôt chose du passé, car presque tous les postes de durée déterminée se verront attribuer un numéro de poste permanent, ce qui permettra l’embauche pour une période indéterminée et les contrats à long terme. Enfin, à mesure que les Forces canadiennes (FC) grandissent et se transforment d’une base à l’autre, le libellé judicieux et délibéré d’SDFC RESTORE permet de nous procurer les munitions nécessaires pour modifier le tableau d’effectifs et de dotation afin de pouvoir s’adapter sans trop de peine aux pressions causées par la population changeante de nos patients. La mise en œuvre des phases d’SDFC RESTORE exigera de notre part des efforts considérables et une patience soutenue au cours des prochaines années, mais il ne fait aucun doute qu’on nous a offert une superbe occasion d’être reconnus comme un fournisseur de soins dentaires de calibre mondial.

Au fur et à mesure que nous avançons, je veux que vous sachiez que je suis très conscient que plusieurs membres du personnel de nos détachements sont extenués et au bord de l’épuisement professionnel. Au cours des réunions de l’équipe de commandants supérieurs de la 1re Unité dentaire qui ont suivi la passation de commandement, j’ai eu le plaisir de discuter avec les lieutenants-colonels et les adjudants-maîtres de l’unité, et je vais continuer à les consulter et à leur demander conseil sur les questions de durabilité de notre organisation et de son personnel. Ils m’ont assuré qu’ils feraient le nécessaire pour faire en sorte que la 1re Unité dentaire et son personnel soient bien préparés pour les défis et les récompenses qui les attendent. Parlant de durabilité, je vous souhaite à tous des vacances d’été agréables et en toute sécurité, et j’espère avoir la possibilité de vous rencontrer et de discuter avec vous dans l’année qui vient.

Sincères salutations, Icol Kevin L. Goheen

The Change of Command activities on the 7th of July 2008 were remarkable and most certainly memorable. I’d like to say a personal thanks for the exemplary effort put forth by all of those who helped prepare for the ceremonies and to the uniformed soldiers who participated on parade (photos soon available on the CFDS Web site). Additionally, we’ve received several pictures and stories, from spa days to wacky sporting competitions, which are indicative of the amazing spirit shown by those outside the Ottawa area...many thanks. Colonel Taylor spoke of the achievements and advances of 1 Dental Unit in recent years and it was evident that he was extremely proud of each and every member. We all wish him great success in his new strategic role with the Assistant Deputy Minister Civilian Human Resources.
Of great significance to 1 Dental Unit and the CFDS was the very recent sign-off of CFDS RESTORE by Chief Military Personnel (CMP). Kudos to Col Becker and his staff for their momentous breakthrough but, so what...another piece of paper got signed off in Ottawa? Well, strategically, this document provides a first ever approved methodology for the determination of the size and makeup of the dental care delivery model. Operationally, it contains the authority for our organization to go from “bandages to baseline” on many levels. The CFDS now has a bona fide and blessed mandate from our boss’ boss, CMP, which will allow us when necessary to point to a document and say, “these are our assigned tasks and so these are the resources we need to do the job”. It also delineates provider to patient ratios that are defensible and seen by Senior CFDS leaders to be adequate to achieve sustainable fitness levels for our patients. Disagreements over clinical space allocations in new and existing infrastructure projects are now a moot point since staffing levels are now clearly defined and appropriate. Importantly, with the coming new personnel establishment for the Unit, frustrations over staffing authorization are soon to be a thing of the past as virtually all term positions will be assigned permanent position numbers, thus allowing indeterminate hiring and long-term contracts. Finally, as the CF continues to grow and morph from one base to another, the astute and purposeful wording in CFDS RESTORE provides the ammunition for future establishment modification so that we can adapt with relative ease to the pressures of a dynamic patient population. There will be a significant amount of effort and patience required on our part over the next few years as we implement the CFDS RESTORE phases but there is no doubt we have been given a wonderful opportunity to establish ourselves as a world class dental care provider.

As we move forward I want to assure you that I am very conscious that many of our Detachment personnel are exhausted and near burnout. In the 1 Dental Unit Senior Command Team meetings that followed the Change of Command, I had the pleasure of engaging in discussion the Unit LCols and MWOs and will continue to consult and seek their advice on issues pertaining to the sustainability of our people and our organization. I have their commitment that we will do what is necessary to ensure that 1 Dental Unit and its people are relevant and well prepared for the challenges and rewards that lay ahead. In keeping with the theme of sustainability, I want to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday period and I look forward to seeing or speaking with many of you throughout the upcoming year.

Best Regards, LCol Kevin L. Goheen
Dent Det Gagetown celebrated the 1 DU Change of Command ceremony with an outdoor event. Mini-games, pizza, cake and lots of prizes were enjoyed by all. Events included an Egg Run, Potato Sac Race, 3-legged Race, Soccer Run, and Hula Hoop.
GREETINGS FROM 2 FIELD AMBULANCE
DENTAL PLATOON
By: Cpl Angela Smid

With summer holidays quickly drawing near, the members of 2 Field Ambulance Dental Platoon was in need of a much deserved break. Preparations for Task Force Afghanistan 03-08, along with courses and taskings (TCCC, TMST, Driver Wheel) ensured that the members were busy, busy and did I mention BUSY!!

This posting season has seen few changes to the platoon. Cpl Shauna Davies left us for 1 Dent Unit Detachment Ottawa and is being replaced by Cpl Tanya Ferrish of 1 Dent Unit Detachment Petawawa. Best of luck in Ottawa Shauna - you will be missed - and welcome Cpl Ferrish!

Maj Annie Larouche has been active, working as the Medical Company OC as well as the Dental Platoon Commander. From 05-08 May 08, she was tasked to Wainwright for Exercise Maple Guardian to teach dental scenarios to the upcoming deploying members. She will be departing for summer leave shortly. Enjoy yourself at yoga camp!

Capt Isabelle Quenneville departed on maternity leave in March. She and Maj Mike Kaiser welcomed their second son, Zakary, in early April. Enjoy your time with your little ones - they grow quickly! Congratulations to both of them.

Capt George Forrest was the Acting Platoon Commander for a brief period of time before he was whisked away as our new Training Officer for 2 Fd Amb. His new job can be very chaotic at times.

WO Leah Marche has been hard-working, while being the Platoon WO; she also has been filling in as the CSM for Medical Company. After this APS, she will be the new CSM and Dental Platoon WO. From 01-14 May 08, she was tasked to Wainwright teaching the PAD position to the members deploying of TFA 03-08. Enjoy your summer leave with your family.

MCpl France Forget is enthusiastically awaiting summer leave. She has been busy training for her deployment in September; participating in demanding exercises in Ft. Bliss as well as Wainwright. Enjoy your leave!

MCpl Nathalie Hancock returned from Roto 4 in March. After some rest and relaxation with her family, she returned to the platoon in mid April. Since then, she has been busy filling the role of two MCpls.

As for me, I have been busy as well. I had the opportunity to attend the Midmark course in Versailles, Ohio where I learned how to fix certain types of dental equipment. I also expanded my 404s with the G-Wagon and F-450 Ambulance. I am very happy that I get to spend another year here at 2 Fd Amb. Unfortunately, I am leaving dental platoon temporarily to increase my military knowledge by working in Ops & Trg for a year.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!!!
From 19 to 23 June, 2008, fifty chosen members of the Dental Assisting community from across Canada gathered in Edmonton to attend the NDAEB Standard Setting Workshop. The weekend task involved reviewing the NDAEB Written Exam test bank, which is divided into four exams of 250 questions. Keeping the “Minimally Competent Borderline Candidate” in mind, each member gave a score to each question of the test bank. The end result of the scoring set the pass marks for each of the four exams. The “Modified Angoff Standard” method of test scoring keeps the pass/fail chances equal for whichever exam the candidate receives. The weekend produced successful results and was enjoyable for all of the involved dental assistants, both military and civilian.

I (Cpl Ross) became involved with NDAEB in my current capacity in May 2007. My role with NDAEB is known as ‘Clinical Practice Evaluator’. The NDAEB developed a Clinical Practice Evaluation (CPE) for use by Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities in the licensing/registration of dental assistants in Canada, the purpose of which is to protect the public by ensuring that those entering the profession have the skills necessary to complete all dental assisting duties safely and effectively.

The NDAEB administers the Clinical Practice Evaluation at sites across Canada four times annually. Prior to each evaluation session, it is my responsibility to complete homework assignments to become fully conversant with the scoring criteria in order to reach the correct pass/fail decisions during the evaluation. Each of the clinical practice evaluators receive standardized training through calibration, which occurs prior to every CPE session. I have participated in CPE sessions in Toronto and Halifax over the last year, as well as an important Standard Setting Workshop which was held in Edmonton, AB in June 08.

The goal of the Standard Setting Workshop was to set and validate fair and defensible standards for the dental assisting profession. This Standard Setting Workshop brought together a wide range of civilian dental assistants, dental assisting educators, and military dental assistants from across Canada.
In memoriam – Mr Andrew Jardine Neilson

The CFDS recently learned that Mr Jardine Neilson, Colonel Commandant for the CFDS from 2000 until 2003 and a former CDA Executive Director, passed away on 4 Jan 2008, in Langley, BC. While serving as Col Cmdt, Mr Neilson participated fully in Dental Branch functions, most notably the Winter Working Groups, where many CFDS personnel gained the opportunity to meet this very interesting gentleman.