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As the summer begins

The 2018 season jump starts June 28, 2018.

Staff

Welcome aboard!

The Vernon Cadet Camp Museum is excited to be able to introduce you to your new Assistant Curator Marina Craig. Marina comes to us from the Okanagan Valley, she holds a Diploma of Environmental Studies and Management and will be heading off to the UNBC in the fall to complete her Bachelor of Science of Resource Management.

This summer Marina will be working on cataloging and photographing all items in the museum. She will be working on updating our webpage enabling us to publish our electronic archives and membership page this fall. Marina speaks both English and Portuguese and is excited to be working with Francois this summer and learning new skills.

“The Vernon Cadet Camp Museum stands as a monument to the historical journey of the cadet program. In order to embrace change and continue to develop, we can never lose sight of where we have come from and the changes that have impacted our lives. Our shared history needs to be preserved and embraced.”

— Brigadier-General K.L. Woiden



Marina Craig and Francois Arsenault are getting ready for the season to begin!

Events this Summer

BBQ

We will be having our fifth annual BBQ and Auction August 18, 2018 from 1700-closing. Look for more information on the website and VCCM Facebook page for what will be auctioned off this year.

All proceeds will be going towards the VCCM operations for the 2019 season and any display updates.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Our Featured Cadet



Brigadier-General K.L. Woiden, OMM, CD

General Woiden's interest in the military started as a cadet right here in Vernon in 1972, when he joined 1705 British Columbia Dragoons (BCD) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. It was here where the cadet program inspired him to be the leader he is today. He attended summer training at what is now known as the Vernon Cadet Training Centre in 1973, completing the six-week Cadet Leader Course. He spent the next 2 summers at the Winnipeg Rifle Coach Course where he was successful in making the 1976 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Bisley Rifle team to England. He returned to Vernon in the summer of 1977 as an instructor on the Rifle Coach Course before graduating the cadet program in September.

Brigadier-General Woiden credits the Cadet program for providing him the opportunities to develop leadership, time management and communications skills. These skills have been instrumental in allowing him to succeed in his military career, post-secondary education and in his civilian career in the aviation industry.

“Today, the Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers (JCR) Programs are world class youth development programs based upon solid fundamentals and a proud and valued legacy.”

– Brigadier-General K.L. Woiden

Spoken at the Hubbell Awards Sept 2017



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Next issue coming

August

After his time in Cadets, Brigadier-General Woiden joined the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve as an Armoured Reconnaissance Crewman with the BCDs in 1975. He was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Germany for a flyover task in 1978 and in 1981 was commissioned as an officer. In 1984, he moved to Calgary, Alberta and transferred to The King's Own Calgary Regiment serving as a Troop Leader and Battle Captain.

After completing an Advanced Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering Technology and a Diploma (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering Technology from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology he moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1988 for civilian employment and transferred to The Fort Garry Horse. During thirteen years of Regimental service, he served in numerous command positions from Battle Captain to Commanding Officer in 1997.

In June 2004, Brigadier-General Woiden was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commander of 38 CBG, relinquishing command March 2007. He completed the Advanced Military Studies Program at Canadian Forces College, Toronto in 2007. On 12 January 2008, Brigadier-General Woiden was promoted to his current rank and appointed Deputy Commander Land Force Western Area (LFWA) and Joint Task Force West (JTFW).

In March 2011, he deployed as the Assistant Commanding General – Afghanistan National Army Development for NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan for ten months. He was responsible for Coalition efforts in developing the Afghan Ministry of Defence and the General Staff. Upon his return to Canada he was appointed Director General Land Reserve and Chief of Staff Army Reserve. On 6 October 2015, he was appointed Commander of the National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group.

While serving as a part-time reservist, Brigadier-General Woiden was employed at Bristol Aerospace Ltd in Winnipeg, Manitoba from 1988 to 2012. He held various engineering, flight test, program management and business development positions. When he left Bristol, he was the Manager of the Composites Manufacturing Centre. He also has a Certificate in Management from the University of Manitoba.

In October of 2015 he became The Commander National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group.

Kelly Woiden instructing his brother Cam Woiden on the rifle coach course in 1977. This photo and other like it can be found on the Army Cadet History Web Page

