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Introduction

1. The year 2006 was a busy and challenging year for the personnel of the Canadian Component (CC) Elmendorf. The following report contains information regarding the major events and activities of CC Elmendorf. This report is broken down into several main topics including Personnel, Promotions Decorations and Awards, Military Activities and Courses, Social Activities and a status report of Department of National Defence (DND) Property. You will also find attached at Annex A, a Nominal Roll for CC Elmendorf that is current as of 31 December 2006.

Personnel

2. In 2006, the Canadian Component at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, included 30 military personnel -- 18 Officers and 12 non-commissioned members. The unit personnel are employed within seven areas: the Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR) Headquarters, the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS), the 611 Air Operations Group (AOG), 611th Air Intelligence Squadron, the 611th Air Support Squadron, the 176th Air Control Squadron (ACS) and the Canadian Personnel Services Support Centre.

3. All but one of the Component's members live in civilian housing, either in Anchorage or the nearby Eagle River area, the Senior Canadian Officer being the only exception, as his position of Deputy Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, includes designated on-base housing. Travel time to work is no more than 30 minutes for any member. The city of Anchorage is the metropolitan centre of Alaska, supporting a population of over 260,283 (US Census 2000). It has all the institutions and facilities associated with a modern city, including universities, colleges, art galleries, concert halls and shopping malls. Services provided on the base include recreational support, fitness centres, an education centre, day care, Base Exchange (shopping) and a Commissary (grocery).

4. The component experienced a sizable turnaround of staff this year with six families leaving Alaska and six new families joining the community during APS 06; four officers and two non-commissioned members. In addition to the military impact, the unit also experienced a change in leadership at the Canadian Family Support Centre where Mrs. Shauna Langley became our new MFRC Representative.

5. The following Canadian Forces personnel were posted from Elmendorf AFB:

- a. LCol M.C. Truswell (National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa);
- b. Maj P.A.F. Dozois (United States Air Force Staff College, Alabama);
- c. Capt R. Bowden (Canadian Expeditionary Command (CEFCOM), Ottawa);

- d. Capt J.M. Mawdsley (CFSACO, Cornwall);
 - e. WO G. Tremblay (1 Canadian Air Division HQ, Winnipeg); and
 - f. Sgt N.A.M. Connolly (National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa).
6. The following Canadian Forces personnel were posted to Elmendorf AFB:
- a. LCol J.A McLean (Canadian Forces College, Toronto);
 - b. Maj J.A. MacMillan (51 AC & W (OT) Squadron, 22 Wing North Bay);
 - c. Capt M.G. MacNeil (21 Squadron, 22 Wing North Bay);
 - d. Capt F.J. Paradie (425 Squadron, 3 Wing Bagotville);
 - e. Sgt G.D. Noel (2 RCR, CFB Gagetown); and
 - f. MCpl J.R. McCarron (1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters, Winnipeg).

Promotions

7. The Canadian Component celebrated four promotions within its membership during 2006:
- a. Sgt B.J. McPhee was promoted to Warrant Officer on 1 Apr;
 - b. MCpl B.J. Kilpatrick was promoted Sgt on 1 Apr;
 - c. MCpl S.L. Retieffe was promoted to Sgt on 1 Dec; and
 - d. MCpl P.W. Rowlands was promoted to Sgt on 1 Dec.

Decorations and Awards

8. The Canadian Component presented the following medals and decorations:
- a. Maj R.T. Murphy CD1;
 - b. Capt C.K. Smith CD1;
 - c. MWO G.D.G. Neickar CD2;
 - d. WO G.S. Benoit CD1;
 - e. WO B.J. McPhee CD1;
 - f. WO G. Tremblay CD1;
 - g. Sgt J.P. Latreille CD2; and
 - h. MS D.P. Chamberlin GSM for Camp Mirage.
9. Personnel from the Canadian Component earned the following awards, wings and honours during 2006:
- a. Capt T.D. Wheeler 611th ASUS CGO of the Quarter;
 - b. Capt T.D. Wheeler 611th ASG CGO of the Quarter;
 - c. Capt T.D. Wheeler 11th Air Force CGO of the Quarter;
 - d. Capt T.D. Wheeler Team Elmendorf CGO of the Quarter;
 - e. Capt T.D. Wheeler AF Special Recognition Commander-In-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence;

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| f. Sgt N.A.M. Connolly | Unit CDS Commendation Pin for Afghanistan; |
| g. Sgt B.J. Kilpatrick | 611 th AOS NCO of the Quarter; |
| h. Sgt B.J. McPhee | 962 nd AACS Senior NCO of the Year; |
| i. Sgt B.J. McPhee | 962 nd AACS Senior NCO of the Quarter; |
| j. Sgt B.J. McPhee | 962 nd AACS Battle Director Technician of the Year; |
| k. Sgt P.W. Rowlands | Trenton Professional Development Certificate; |
| l. MCpl S.L. Retieffe | 962 nd AACS NCO of the Quarter; and |
| m. MCpl P.W. Rowlands | AWACS Wings – 23 Feb. |

Military Activities and Courses

10. The involvement of Canadian Component members in military operations at Elmendorf AFB is continuous and varies widely in scope. There is a constant need for readiness, which requires the on-going participation in simulated and live exercises, both in preparation and execution. In addition to daily operations and support, Canadians participated in the following activities in 2006:

- a. 3 Wing “Arctic Thunder” Air Show – 12 to 13 Aug;
- b. BCS-F Upgrade / Certification;
- c. Commissioning of Sgt David L Pitcher Building, 22 Wing North Bay – 16 Oct;
- d. Exercise AMALGAM ARROW (Nine conducted);
- e. Exercise COPE ALOHA - 17 to 23 Jan;
- f. Exercise FALLEN COMRADE – 11 to 14 Oct;
- g. Exercise FENCING DART 06-2 - 24 to 28 Jul;
- h. Exercise FENCING GAIN (101 Conducted);
- i. Exercise FENCING SABRE (Five conducted);
- j. Exercise FENCING SPADE (Five conducted);
- k. Exercise ICE JOLT (JAG);
- l. Exercise POLAR FORCE;
- m. Exercise RED FLAG ALASKA;
- n. Exercise TRIDENT FURY - 10 to 14 Dec;
- o. Exercise VIGILANT SHIELD (Two conducted);
- p. Evaluation AMALGAM MUTE 06-12 (NORAD NAFE) – 21 Mar;
- q. Evaluation AMALGAM MUTE 06-14 (NOE) – 19 to 26 Jun; and
- r. Unit Compliance Inspection.

11. The following CC Elmendorf personnel completed flying hours as indicated with the 962nd AWACS for a total of 1,362 Hours:

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| a. Maj J.C.B. Beaulieu | 141 Hours; |
| b. Maj J.A. MacMillan | 35 Hours; |
| c. Capt M.J.G. Brisebois | 57 Hours; |
| d. Capt T.G. Livingston | 121 Hours; |

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| e. Capt T.M.P.J. O'Neil | 45 Hours; |
| f. Capt D.D. Reck | 156 Hours; |
| g. WO B.J. McPhee | 102 Hours; |
| h. WO J.C.A. Winters | 154 Hours; |
| i. Sgt J.A. Langley | 200 Hours; |
| j. Sgt J.P. Latreille | 140 Hours; |
| k. Sgt S.L. Retieffe | 218 Hours; and |
| l. Sgt P.W. Rowlands | 132 Hours. |

12. CC Elmendorf personnel participated in and/or completed the following courses, training events and qualifications in 2006:

- a. Air Weapons Officer Initial Qualification Course (Capt M.J.G. Brisebois – 02 to 20 Jan);
- b. Alternate Dispute Resolution Training (CC Elmendorf - Sep);
- c. Arctic Survival Training (Sgt S.L. Retieffe & WO B.J. McPhee – 19 to 24 Feb);
- d. Audit AWACS 101 Course (Maj R.T. Murphy – 02 to 18 Jan);
- e. AWACS Mission Crew Commander Course (Maj J.A. MacMillan – 08 Oct to 25 Dec);
- f. Senior Director Qualification (Capt C.A. Randell – Feb, Capt C.K. Smith – Nov);
- g. Basic Electronic Warfare Course – Distance (Capt B.J. Tinsley – Dec);
- h. Basic SERE Course (Capt M.J.G. Brisebois – 05 to 16 Feb);
- i. Bataan Death March – 17th Annual (Sgt S.L. Retieffe – 23 to 27 Mar);
- j. Business Planning Training Course (Maj L.M.R. Martel – 01 to 04 May);
- k. DEMS II Phase 3 Training (MS D.P. Chamberlin – 05 to 09 May);
- l. Dependent Educations Course (Maj L.M.R. Martel & MS D.P. Chamberlin – 24 Apr to 01 May);
- m. Harassment Advisor's Course (Capt B.J. Tinsley – 26 to 30 Nov);
- n. Intermediate Leadership Course (WO B.J. McPhee – 26 Sep to 2 Nov);
- o. Middle Management Course (Capt B.S. Tuttle – 27 Jan to 11 Feb);
- p. Middle Management Course (Sgt S.L. Retieffe – 22 Jul to 5 Aug);
- q. Navigation Instructors Course (Capt T.G. Livingston – 02 Apr to 20 May);
- r. Network Support Services Representative Training (WO J.C.A. Winters – 16 to 20 Oct);
- s. Second Language Training Course (French) (WO G.S. Benoit – 3 Sep to 26 Oct);
- t. Space Operations Course (Capt C.A. Randell – 19 Nov to 16 Dec); and
- u. TID – Airborne Communications System Course (Sgt P.W. Rowlands – 02 to 07 Jan).

13. CC Elmendorf personnel participated in the following conferences and boards in 2006:

- a. 1 CAD Unit Warrant Officer's Conference (MWO G.D.G. Nieckar – 29 Oct to 03 Nov);
- b. ADCS Program Management Review (Capt T.D. Wheeler – 11 to 14 Sep);
- c. ADCS SOW Review (Capt T.D. Wheeler – 11 to 16 Jun);

- d. AGC Dedication (Maj L.M.R. Martel – 10 to 16 Oct);
- e. AIMS Conference (Capt T.D. Wheeler – 16 to 22 Apr);
- f. Annual NORAD C2 Conference (Capt T.D. Wheeler – 22 to 27 Oct);
- g. Amalgam PHANTOM 06 Final Planning Conference (Maj C.L. Doucette – 04 to 11 Mar);
- h. ANR NOE Final Planning Conference (Maj C.L. Doucette – 23 to 24 May);
- i. ANR NOE Middle Planning Conference (Maj C.L. Doucette – 30 Jan to 03 Feb);
- j. ANR NOE Simulation Cell (Maj C.L. Doucette – 23 to 28 Jan);
- k. Base Commander's Forum (Col M.J.R. Major - 08 to 17 Jun and 17 to 25 Nov);
- l. BCS-F GO/FO Summit (Col M.J.R. Major – 03 to 06 May);
- m. CC Cmdr's and Unit WO's Conference (LCol J.A. McLean & MWO G.D.G. Neickar – 13 to 16 Nov);
- n. CNOS Admin Conference (Capt T.M.P.J. O'Neil, Sgt G.D. Noel & MS D.P. Chamberlin – 03 to 06 Dec);
- o. COMPLAN 3310-06 Initial Planning Conference (Capt T.M.P.J. O'Neil – 20 to 24 Mar);
- p. DOD JPO/JNDPG Annual Conference (Capt T.D. Wheeler – 26 Nov to 01 Dec);
- q. ESCAT / SCA MOU Conference (Maj L.M.R. Martel – 01 to 04 Aug);
- r. Exercise Training Conference – Nellis AFB (Maj R.T. Murphy – 6 to 10 Nov);
- s. Fighter Force Co-Succession Planning Conference (Col M.J.R. Major - 30 Sep to 08 Oct);
- t. N-NC Mid-Year Review (Maj C.L. Doucette – 03 to 06 Apr);
- u. NORAD Ops Conference (Col M.J.R. Major & LCol J.A. McLean – 04 to 07 Nov);
- v. NORAD OUTCAN NCM PER Board (MWO G.D.G. Nieckar – 10 to 13 Apr);
- w. POET Qualifications Standards Review Board (Sgt P.W. Rowlands – 14 to 27 Oct);
- x. SCAN Seminar / Resume Writing (Col M.J.R. Major - 27 May to 01 Jun);
- y. Synchronization Table Top Planning Conference (Capt T.M.P.J. O'Neil – 21 to 24 Feb);
- z. VIGILANT SHIELD 07 MSEL Conference / Review (Maj C.L. Doucette – 23 to 30 Sep);
- aa. VIGILANT SHIELD 07 / NORTHERN EDGE 07 MPC (Maj C.L. Doucette – 04 to 15 Jun);
- bb. VIGILANT SHIELD 07/08 CDC (Maj C.L. Doucette – 21 to 26 Aug); and
- cc. World War Two Lend Lease Memorial (Col M.J.R. Major – 25 to 28 Aug).

14. On 11 November 2006 the Canadian and American Militaries performed a combined Remembrance Day/Veterans Day Service at the Alaska National Guard Armory, Camp Denali in Fort Richardson. At the conclusion of the indoor ceremony, the Canadian Component and members of the Anchorage community proceeded to the Fort Richardson National Cemetery, where 11 Canadian Servicemen who died in the Aleutians Campaign during World War II are interred.

Social Activities

15. Despite the geographic distribution of Component members and the many varied opportunities presented by living in Alaska, the unit maintains an active social calendar. The Maple Leaf Room (MLR), an all-ranks mess, is the center for most functions. The MLR helps to keep morale high and provide mutual support for the members and their families while away from Canada. In addition to typical mess functions, the MLR is utilized by the Canadian Family Support Centre for bi-monthly teas, and both the unit teen and youth clubs utilize it for various activities.

16. While the MLR is the primary venue for Canadian activities, the Component has access to numerous USAF facilities such as the various chalets on the base, the recreation camp at Seward, and the Elmendorf Officer's Club for social/recreational activities. The Component also supports a hockey team, the Mirror Pond Moose, which competes in the local men's league alongside Anchorage community teams. The team won the 2006 Alaska Military Hockey Tournament (Tier II). Major Canadian social events for 2006 included:

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| a. Mixed Curling Funspiel | Feb; |
| b. Winter Carnival | 25 Feb; |
| c. Canadian Farewell Party | Jun; |
| d. Canada Day Celebration | 01 Jul; |
| e. Canadian Meet and Greet | 24 Sep; |
| f. Canadian Youth Meet and Greet | 16 Sep; |
| g. Battle of Britain Mess Dinner | 05 Oct; |
| h. Remembrance Day | 11 Nov; |
| i. Children's Christmas Party | 10 Dec; |
| j. Component Christmas Party | 16 Dec; |
| k. Teen Christmas Party | 23 Dec; and |
| l. Thanksgiving Dinner (Canadian) | 08 Oct. |

DND Property

17. There was no loss or damage to DND property or equipment in 2006.

Component Commander's Comments

18. The year 2006 was indeed a very busy and challenging time for the members of CC Elmendorf, and 2007 promises to be equally ambitious. With the transition of operations to another building, and the introduction of the F-22 and C-17 into the Elmendorf inventory, the Canadians will continue to play a wide array of critical roles in the mission of defending the Alaskan NORAD Region.

Nominal Role

1. As of 31 December 2006, the following Canadian Forces personnel were on strength with the CC Elmendorf:

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| a. Col M.J.R. Major | (Deputy Commander – ANR) |
| b. LCol J.A. McLean | (Commanding Officer) |
| c. Maj J.C.B. Beaulieu | (962 nd AWACS & B-Flt Comd) |
| d. Maj C.L. Doucette | (C-Flt Comd) |
| e. Maj J.A. MacMillan | (962 nd AWACS, B-Flt and DCO) |
| f. Maj L.M.R. Martel | (D-Flt Comd) |
| g. Maj R.T. Murphy | (A-Flt Comd) |
| h. Capt M.J.G. Brisebois | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| i. Capt T.G. Livingston | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| j. Capt M.G. MacNeil | (176 th ACS – A Flt) |
| k. Capt T.M.P.J. O’Neil | (ANR/CDE, ADMINO & E-Flt Comd) |
| l. Capt F.J. Paradie | (611 th AIS – D-Flt) |
| m. Capt C.A. Randell | (176 th ACS - A-Flt) |
| n. Capt D.D. Reck | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| o. Capt C.K. Smith | (176 th ACS – A-Flt) |
| p. Capt B.J. Tinsley | (176 th ACS – A-Flt) |
| q. Capt BS Tuttle | (176 th ACS – A-Flt) |
| r. Capt T.D. Wheeler | (D-Flt) |
| s. MWO G.D.G. Nieckar | (Unit MWO) |
| t. WO G.S. Benoit | (176 th ACS – A-Flt) |
| u. WO J.C.A. Winters | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| v. Sgt B.J. Kilpatrick | (A-Flt) |
| w. Sgt J.A. Langley | (962 nd AWACS – B Flt) |
| x. Sgt J.P. Latreille | (962 nd AWACS – B Flt) |
| y. Sgt G.D. Noel | (E-Flt – PSC C Clerk) |
| z. Sgt S.L. Retieffe | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| aa. Sgt P.W. Rowlands | (962 nd AWACS – B-Flt) |
| bb. MS D.P. Chamberlin | (E-Flt – PSC 2 I/C) |
| cc. MCpl J.R. McCarron | (176 th ACS – A-Flt) |
| dd. Shauna Langley (Civilian) | (CCPC) |