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**Brandon Salutes Committee Welcomes New Chairperson**

**Steve Morrison**

After 3 years of dedicated service, Brandonite George Haggerty, Chair of both the Brandon Military Relations and the Brandon Salutes Committee, turned over the leadership reins today to Brandon resident Steve Morrison.

In accepting this role, Steve noted he was extremely pleased to be asked by Mayor Dave Burgess on behalf of the Military Relations Committee, to take on this role and is very enthusiastic about continuing the great work Chair George Haggerty and his committee have accomplished thus far. The Committee's goal is to strengthen the community connection that exists between Brandon, the R. M. of Cornwallis and CFB Shilo communities.

Steve recently retired from Manitoba Hydro and in the past was involved with the Canadian Armed Forces, both in the Army cadet movement and as a Commissioned Officer with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. He is also a current member of the 26<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery Pipes & Drums in Brandon.

In his new role as Chair and on behalf of the Brandon Salutes Committee, Steve expressed appreciation to George Haggerty for his excellent leadership over the past three years.

Under George's direction, the committee completed a successful awareness campaign regarding the function and work of the committee, including the Brandon Salutes "Banner Program" which provided a means for local business to show support for the military families in our communities. In addition, the committee organized and conducted a major "welcome home" event for soldiers returning from active duty in Afghanistan.

Steve also voiced his appreciation of accomplishments to date by dedicated committee members and other community volunteers.

Current initiatives of the Brandon Salutes committee include;

- Salute recognition to military and civilian members whose actions contribute to the committee's mission statement.
- Appreciation letters to all soldiers deployed from CFB Shilo to Canadian Forces assignments throughout the World.

***For further information about the "Brandon Salutes" program – please visit the Brandon Salutes website at [www.brandonsalutes.ca](http://www.brandonsalutes.ca)***

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