### Did You Know?

- There are 1400 military and 400 civilians employed at CFB Shilo.
- ⇒ About 90 Westman residents serve with 26th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA), Brandon's Reserve unit.
- ⇒ HMCS Brandon is a MCDV (Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel) harboured at Esquimalt, BC. The fleet of MCDV's in the Royal Canadian Navy are crewed primarily by reservists.
- ⇒ About 1750 people live on base. Hundreds more military and civilian personnel live in Brandon and surrounding communities.
- CFB Shilo is home to the N a t i o n a l M u s e u m o f t h e Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery which houses Canada's largest collection of artillery artifacts and the world's largest collection of Canadian made military vehicles. It is a provincially designated "Star Attraction".
- The training area at CFB Shilo encompasses over 100,000 acres/40,000 hectares.

## "The Salute"

The salute is as old as history itself and is at once a greeting and a mark of respect. It is also a mark of trust and confidence, an act of courtesy and good manners.

It is a mark of loyalty. Salutes are accorded in different ways, each with a long tradition of its own, but the symbolism, the feeling or message conveyed, remains constant. **Brandon Salutes** is a community-building project and our success is dependent on community involvement and input. We would love to hear your ideas for strengthening the partnerships between military members and their families and non-military individuals.

#### **Our Commitment**

"Brandon Salutes will recognize all personnel who serve their country, from the youth who serve in the Cadet programs, to the reservists who work as civilians and commit their spare time and more to military service, to the sailors of the HMCS Brandon, and to the full time military personnel who are based at CFB Shilo. Brandon Salutes also acknowledges the civilian workers and their contribution to this relationship, and of course, the family members of those who wear a soldier's uniform."

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# Do you know who your neighbours are?

#### **Mission Statement**

Brandon Salutes fosters unity of the military and civilian communities in the Brandon area based upon a mutual respect of their unique contributions toward a strong and proud partnership.

## Why Brandon Salutes?

Our communities are already intertwined, and Brandon Salutes provides a vehicle to draw the civilian and military communities even closer. Through a better understanding of each other's viewpoints and contributions, we build stronger relationships that will lead us to a stronger community.



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# What Can You Do?

Participate in one of the Brandon Salutes special projects or events.

Serve on the Brandon Salutes Committee. We need members-at-large to help us.

Nominate someone you know, military or civilian, who has contributed to our mission, for one of our "Salutes". Both our formal "Salute" and the "Westman Salutes" on CKLQ and STAR-FM radio recognize the good work done by various people in our community.

Send us your ideas for programs, initiatives or special events that would bring our communities together.

If you have a business, tell us about any special incentives you may offer to military members and their families. We help promote these to the military community.

Contribute to our "We Care" care package program to send a little piece of home to our deployed soldiers.

For more information, to volunteer or share ideas, please visit <u>www.brandonsalutes.ca</u>



Formal Salute presented to Ray and Leita Piche, owners of the Forbidden Flavours coffee shop franchise at CFB Shilo.

# Together we can be ....GoodNeighboursProudPartners



Soldier for a day, September 24, 2014