

Personnel receive National Honours

From CFPN

Governor General and commander-in-chief of Canada Michaëlle Jean is pleased to award Military Valour decorations to nine members of the CF who have displayed gallantry and devotion to duty in combat. The Governor General has also announced four Meritorious Service decorations (military division) and seven Mentions in Dispatches to CF personnel whose specific achievements have brought honour to the Forces and to Canada.

STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR

Corporal Sean Teal, Petawawa, Ont.

Private Jess R. Laroche, Petawawa

MEDAL OF MILITARY VALOUR

Cpl Chad G. Chevrefils, Shilo, Man.

Cpl Jason Funnell: Petawawa

Master Corporal Sean H. Niefer, Petawawa

Pte Michael P. O'Rourke, Petawawa

Cpl Clinton J. Orr: Petawawa

Captain Michael J. Reekie, Shilo

Cpl Joseph J.L. Ruffolo, Petawawa

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS

Brigadier-General Gary J.P. O'Brien, Toronto

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Major Cary A. Baker, Brunssum, The Netherlands

Master Warrant Officer Darcy S. Elder, Ottawa

Honorary Colonel Bernardus A. Van Ruiten, Winnipeg

MENTION IN DISPATCHES

Sergeant Brian V. Adams, Shilo

Cpl William J. Elliott, Shilo

Cpl Nigel J. Gregg, Shilo

MCpl Richard J.A. Harris, Petawawa

Sgt Dan J. Holley, Shilo

MCpl Dwayne R.A. Orvis, Petawawa

Pte Timmy D. Wilkins, Shilo ✦

Nurses in Afghanistan get 'a little piece of home'



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LCol Claudine Côté, left, and Capt Odette Rioux, both just back from Kandahar, brief Canadian Nurses Association representative Ms Marlene Smadu, second from left, and Shelley Kohut, from Johnson & Johnson Inc., on what deployed nurses might like to receive in care packages.

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International Nursing Day 2007 brought more than recognition to Canadian nurses serving in Afghanistan.

To mark the May 12 event, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) companies in Canada partnered to assemble and send packages to deployed Canadian and Allied Forces nurses.

"For our nurses, these packages are priceless," says Captain Odette Rioux, from CF Health Services Group. "We miss our families, and these packages remind us that someone is thinking of us, giving us support, and showing us they appreciate the work that we are doing."

About 50 packages were sent. Each contained professional and personal items such as high-quality stethoscopes, sunscreen, eye drops, sleeping masks, pillows and blankets, skin care products, pedicure sets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash, herbal teas, and cheeses.

The CNA initiated the idea of the care packages but, as a non-profit organization, needed to find a partner to bear the cost. J&J agreed to purchase all the items suggested by two CF nurses just back from Afghanistan, and threw in a range of other products from J&J companies in Canada.

Ms Marlene Smadu, president of the CNA, commended CF and Allied Forces nurses on the contribution they are

making to the global effort of bringing peace, stability and development to Afghanistan.

"We recognize this is a difficult and dangerous mission, and appreciate all that our nurses are doing to serve Canada, and to help those less fortunate in this troubled part of the world," she says. "Thanks to the generosity of the Johnson & Johnson companies in Canada, we are able to send our nurses a little piece of home to show Canada's gratitude for their efforts."

J&J companies in Canada who contributed products are Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc., Johnson & Johnson Medical Products Inc., Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Inc., and LifeScan Canada Ltd.

"These packages are only a small acknowledgement of our gratitude for our nurses' commitment and dedication to the health and well-being of Canadian soldiers, Allied soldiers, and of others in the region," says Ms Shelley Kohut, Director of Communications, Public Affairs and Philanthropy for J&J Inc.

The CNA is a federation of 11 provincial and territorial professional associations and regulatory authorities for registered nurses.

Johnson & Johnson produces health care products and related services for the consumer, pharmaceutical, and medical devices and diagnostics markets.



Canada okays UNMIS medal for wear

From CFPN

You may now wear the UN Mission in Sudan medal, recognizing 90 consecutive days of honourable service with that operation from March 24, 2005.

You cannot count service recognized by this medal toward any other medal

except the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, where applicable.

This medal follows the UN Operation in Ivory Coast (ONUCI) medal in the Canadian Order of Precedence.

You will be able to obtain the ONUCI ribbon through the CF Supply System at a later date.

➤ Read CANFORGEN 084/07 at http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/vcde-exec/pubs/canforgen/intro_e.asp for information.

➤ Visit the Directorate of History and Heritage at www.forces.gc.ca/hr/dhh/honours_awards/engraph/med1_e.asp for information. ✦

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