

# Edie Knight Promoted to Major

Shari Knight is proud to announce her sister, Edie Knight, formerly of Masstown was promoted to the rank of Major effective 29 Jun 15. She was presented her rank by the Director General Susan Truscott and her supervisor LCol Blanc. She is a Personnel Selection Officer currently working for Director General Military Personnel Research and Evaluation in Ottawa.

She was a Master Corporal with the Truro Nova Scotia Highlanders from 1989-94 and is believed to have been the first female to complete the Infantry Section Commanders Course in 1991. Major Knight is the daughter of Cheryl (deceased 1994) & Edward Knight (deceased 1991) and the sister of Shari Knight who resides in the family home in Masstown."

Masstown area resides are also proud of Edie's successes. Here Bio is presented below.

In 1989, Edie joined the First Nova Scotia Highlanders as an Infantry Soldier. She was a member of the Atlantic Militia Area (AMA) Rifle Team and was the first female to pass the Infantry Section Commander's Course in 1991, after which she received an accelerated promotion to Master Corporal. Edie released from the Infantry in 1994 to attend full-time university. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Developmental Psychology with a minor in Anthropology from Mount Saint Vincent University in Bedford, Nova Scotia.

In 1999, Edie re-enrolled in the Primary Reserves as a Personnel Selection Officer (PSO) at 36 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters in Halifax. She gained experience in class B positions, while maintaining her class A PSO duties, as a Military Career Counsellor at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre and at the Formation Administration Development

Office assisting PSOs in times of heavy workload. During this time, she studied Industrial Organizational Psychology courses at Saint Mary's University with the aim of gaining acceptance into their Master's program.

In 2003, Edie completed a component transfer to the Regular Force and was posted to the Canadian Forces Training Development Centre followed by the Group Personnel Selection Office in Borden. In 2007, she was sponsored for Post Graduate Studies and was accepted into the Master's program at Saint Mary's University, graduating in 2009. Following graduation, she was posted to the Chief of Air Staff in the position of Director Air Personnel Strategy 2-2 as a researcher and staff officer, working on projects related to SAR Techs, AEC, ACSOs, and Pilots.

In 2012, she deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months where she worked as Deputy Operations Officer for the Afghan National Police. However, she was seconded to a new position to plan an international police conference and then to conduct Job Analysis. She travelled to many areas in Kabul, often as driver, sometimes truck commander (MOI, Green Village, KAIA, ANP-TGC) and flew via Blackhawk helicopter from Bagram into Kapisa Province on two separate occasions. She developed a Job Analysis course for the Afghans in her last month of deployment. Throughout her tour she was the S1 for approximately 80 Canadians in Camp Eggers, and was the Secretary for the Senior Leaders monthly conference and was on the Mission Essential Vulnerable Area Team as a Tactical Combat Casualty Care provider.

Following deployment, she was posted to DGMPRA where she is happy to remain.

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send out a great big very sincere thank you to the 50 or so volunteers who made this happen.

On a similar theme I would like to mention about a 4-H exchange program which took place this summer. A local Colchester County 4-H club held an exchange with another club from Manitoba. Each group spent a week or so visiting each other's communities. Well I saw [once again on face book, a great

promotional tool] a photo of the group from the west on the mud flats and they were covered with mud from head to toe. Can you imagine what kind of an experience that must have been for a group of future leaders from the prairies and the stories and memories they will share when they return home?

In closing I just want to say that these dog days of summer are some of the most spectacular of the year along the shore. Please take time to enjoy them. Tom

**Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10, Colchester County**

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The reason these inquiries are not turning into actual prospects is because we have allowed the infrastructure at the Airport to deteriorate over the years. Council has placed the revitalization of the Debert Airport as a top priority in the growth of

the Debert Business Park. Through the investment of such infrastructure as the Debert water system and Airport we can grow and create the jobs we need to retain our youth here at home.

Please get out and enjoy our beautiful County. We truly are blessed to be able to call this place home.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**



# We Are Off To The Polls

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2011 election is returning to represent the New Democratic Party of Canada. Kenneth Jackson, who previously ran in the provincial election for the Liberals in Cumberland South has entered the federal race as an independent.

A visit to Elections Canada website on August 23rd revealed only three of the five candidates has filed nomination papers:

Scott Armstrong, Conservative Party of Canada, Office Ph: 902-893-8679; Graham Long, Official Agent and Myles Johnson, auditor.

Jason Matthew Blanch, Green Party of Canada; Bruce W. McCulloch, official agent; and Stacey Campbell, auditor.

Kenneth Jackson, Independent, Office Ph: 902-669-2019; Karen Anne Jackson, official agent and Rhonda Lynn McIver, auditor.

Liberal Candidate, Bill Casey was filing his nomination papers at the Elections Canada Office, Truro on Monday, August 24th.

We were unable to confirm, when Wendy Robinson, flag-bearer for the NDP would be filing her papers.

Anyone wishing to run in the October 19th Federal Election must file their papers by Monday, September 28th. The complete list of confirmed candidates across Canada will be available on Wednesday, September 30,

2015.

Those who may be away and unable to vote on October 19th will be able to vote in the advance polls held on Friday, October 9th, Saturday, October 10th, Sunday, October 11th and Monday October 12th

In the 2011 Federal election, Scott Armstrong won re-election with 21,041 votes. Wendy Robinson, who represented the NDP placed second with 9,322 votes. Jim Burrows carrying the Liberal banner polled 7,264 votes. Jason Blanch who also represented the Green Party of Canada finished a distant fourth with 2,109 votes. Jim Hnatiuk, representing the CHP Canada (Christian Heritage Party) received the support of 375 voters.



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