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At a gala dinner at the famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, the Prime Minister received the prestigious World Statesman Award from the international Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

It was a busy summer right through September when the Senate kicked back into full gear with a full slate of legislation to be considered and a busy Defence Committee schedule.

There were many key events over the last few months. This year, Wadena marked its 100th anniversary and former sons and daughters came from afar to be part of the celebration. And we all learned a great bit of history about a connection between hockey, the military and how the Wadena Wildcats came by their name. (see p.11)

I had the great honour to co-chair a dinner in New York City recently where the Prime Minister was named *World Statesman* for 2012, and delivered an important foreign policy speech—Canada has become a true leader in world affairs.

To mark the 11th anniversary of 9/11 this year there was a very special gathering with Rudy Giuliani, the Mayor of New York City at the time of the deadly 9/11 terrorist attacks. Throughout our conversation, he was clearly still very concerned about terrorist threats. Here in Canada, the Prime Minister has proclaimed 9/11 as a National Day of Service—a day where we can engage in small acts of kindness to honour those who lost their lives at the hands of terrorists and those who tried to help in the wake of 9/11.

But perhaps my greatest honour this year was the presentation of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medals to local veterans for their service to country. These men and women are the heart and soul of our communities, and as volunteers in time of war, we owe them an immeasurable debt of gratitude.



A special evening with former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.



Ed Leach, Mike Sowa and, far left, my dad Bill—Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients.

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Making a Difference

“Visiting the World Through My Eyes” was the theme at a dinner hosted by the Women's Business Network of Peterborough, Ontario, where I shared stories of my career and international travels. Part of the message was encouraging people to get out of their comfort zone—to try something different, to overcome fear and take on new challenges. Failure, as I have learned, is often a great teacher! It was a wonderful evening with an amazing group of women who are truly making a difference in their own community.



WBN Program Director, Cindy Lukawesky-Dowdle and the WBN President Cheri Anderson.

Top of Her Class



Kristen Fitch was the recipient of the Leone Wallin *Teacher with a Heart* Scholarship. The award is named for my mother who taught—with heart—in the community for 30 years.

Cross-Border Connections and Cooperation



Chairing a session on the Politics of Energy at PNWER in Saskatoon.

On the Agenda at the *Pacific Northwest Economic Region Annual Summit* in Saskatoon was everything from trade to pipelines to cross-border politics.

Many speakers focused on the positive and constructive relationship that exists between the member states and provinces despite recent delays in the Keystone XL pipeline. But Canada must continue to point out that we are America's largest energy supplier and that our energy is clean and secure.

PNWER is a cross-border organization that aims to ensure better cooperation between Canadian provinces and US states.



Calgary “power-couple” Doug and Lois Mitchell and Premier Brad Wall.

Investing in History

As part of an effort to promote projects that “contribute to our collective identity and define who we are as Canadians” the federal government is investing in the Western Development Museums.

The Museums are located in various cities across the province to give Saskatchewanians access to their history and heritage and educate people of all ages about our own amazing story in a very interactive way.

I'm proud of our commitment to keeping the Saskatchewan story alive!

Premier Wall Tours Asia



Premier Wall speaks at Huawei ceremonial courtyard facility in Beijing.

Our Premier, Brad Wall, had a successful nine-day trade mission to Asia, where he and the Premiers of Alberta and B.C. met government and business leaders and signed working agreements in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia.

Asian markets are increasingly vital to Saskatchewan. China is the province's second largest export market; Indonesia is our fifth largest, at \$817million in 2011.

In Jakarta, four 5-year potash agreements were signed between Indonesian buyers and Canpotex. There were deals signed with China on carbon sequestration as Saskatchewan is a leader in the field of carbon capture and storage. And SaskTel and Huawei Canada also signed a joint trial to test the next generation of wireless broadband technology in rural Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Roughriders' Military Appreciation Day

With flypasts, military brass looking on and a big win on the field, it was the fifth annual Rider celebration of and tribute to our men and women in uniform. The Riders understand the importance of teamwork and so do our Canadian Forces, who must always have each others backs.

The Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC) hosted a pre-game reception, with Lieutenant-Governor Vaughn Schofield presiding. This is a group of prominent Saskatchewan employers, who willingly hire reservists and enthusiastically support the brave men and women of both the regular and reserve forces.



Chief Warrant Officer Charlotte Greenall whom I first met when she was part of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.



Frank Flegel, a director with the Saskatchewan Council of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council.

Dinner with America's Mayor



Former Senator Jerry Grafstein, his wife Carole and Mayor Giuliani, who were raising funds for new children's health care facilities.

On the eve of the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, New York's popular and long time mayor, Rudy Giuliani, offered a strong message warning that the war on terrorism is far from over and that we must remain on guard.

Mayor Giuliani's amazing leadership after the Twin Towers were hit rallied not just New Yorkers but all Americans. I came to know Mayor Giuliani during my time as Canadian Consul General in New York and through an event in support of America at that time, called *Canada Loves New York*, organized by Senator Grafstein. Mayor Giuliani attended the event which I had the honour of hosting.

In Canada, we now mark the 9/11 anniversary each year with a National Day of Service, officially designated by Prime Minister Harper on the tenth anniversary. Every year, on that day, each of us can dedicate ourselves to serving our communities and fellow citizens as a quiet tribute to those who died in service or who have fallen victim to terrorism.

Prime Minister Named “World Statesman”

Prime Minister Harper was named 2012 World Statesman at a gala dinner in New York last month. The World Statesman Award is presented annually by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which promotes religious freedom and human rights around the world.

The Prime Minister spoke bluntly about our obligations on the global stage. We cannot countenance every dictator who has a seat at the UN, he said. And he stated forcefully that countries such as Iran pose a threat to all of us because their intentions are evil and they show no tolerance of others' beliefs and no sense of playing by the rules. Therefore, cutting diplomatic ties may be tough action but it is the right thing to do.



The Prime Minister receives the award from Appeal of Conscience Foundation President Rabbi Arthur Schneier while Dr. Henry Kissinger looks on.

Grain Marketing Freedom Day

Prime Minister Stephen Harper joined western grain farmers in Kindersley this summer to celebrate the new Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act. Western farmers are now free to sell their grain as they see fit. For those who were convicted, fined, even jailed for challenging the Canadian Wheat Board's grain marketing monopoly, the PM also announced a rare pardon.

“Never again will Western farmers—and only Western farmers—growing their own wheat on their own land be told how they can, and can’t, market their products. We have worked hard for many years, through many elections, with the overwhelming support of Western farmers to right this wrong and to see this day come to pass.

I’m also here today to address another wrong, one that is closely tied to all of this. The fight to end the Wheat Board’s monopoly, was not won without cost. Without a price being paid by people who had the courage to challenge the injustice of the law by placing themselves in violation of it.

Their acts were purely symbolic, of course. They did not riot. They broke no windows. Nobody was assaulted. No big profits were collected. No, just a few loads of grain were driven across the border, sometimes just a token sack of wheat in the back of a pickup truck. In one case, it was a gift of grain to a 4H Club.

For acts such as these, those farmers were charged, they were hauled into court—literally in chains—convicted, fined and jailed. They were threatened. Equipment was seized. Lives were interrupted.

But let me be clear about this; These people were not criminals. They were our fellow citizens. Citizens who protested injustice by submitting themselves peacefully to the consequences of challenging that injustice. Those consequences are what was wrong, and those wrongs we shall address today.

For these courageous farmers, their convictions will no longer tarnish their good names. Let me just say this of these Canadians: They held firm; Their courage of conviction never faltered; and it is to them that much of this victory is owed, because it is to them that the consciousness of the country on this issue was really raised.

By standing with them and by enabling Western farmers to freely market their wheat and barley, our Government has kept a solemn promise that dates back to the earliest days of our movement. And so, we have given justice to Western Canadian grain farmers. Our Government has simply given to Western Canadian grain farmers the exact same freedom that already belongs to similar farmers in the rest of this country.”



Prime Minister Harper shakes hands with farmers in Kindersley on Grain Marketing Freedom Day.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper surveys the crops with Brenda and Robin Walde, owners of Rosanna Farms Ltd., where the gathering was held.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentation

It was a great honour for me to present many of our local military veterans with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. I was joined on the occasion by Hon. June Draude, cabinet minister and MLA for Kelvington-Wadena. The medals mark the 60th year in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and are awarded for service to community or service that brings credit to Canada. At the ceremony in the Wadena Legion Hall, we paid tribute to veterans of the Second World War, the Korean War, and the war in Afghanistan, all of whom have risked their lives for Queen and country. Congratulations to all—we are so proud to know you.



Recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Leslie J. Beard
John Bencharski
Frank E. Blosser
Anthony Bohaychuk
Wasył Chaykoski
Allan N. Cherney
John Evans Colville
George H. Demmans
Ronald Dickson
Leo Eberts
Victor Gislason

Robert Govan
Keith Graham
Clarence O. Gronsdahl
Michael Hlady
Thelma Holmstrom
George Keller
Edward Leach
James Marshall
Tom Morton
Barry Needham
Glen Nordmarken

Elmer Olafson
Boyd Pladson
Arthur Ross
John Scratton
Francis Shirley
Fred Slowski
Mike Sowa
Walter Tarnowetski
Mike Tokarchuk
John Usipiuk
William Wallin



Cpl John Bencharski, one of the many reservists key to the Afghanistan combat mission.



A family gathering! My Sister Bonnie along with my mom and dad, Bill and Leone, at the ceremony at the Wadena Community Legion Hall.

The Northern Strategy

On his seventh annual visit to northern Canada, Prime Minister Harper again showed his conviction that our north is vital to Canada's future.

Stressing the importance of responsible resource development, Mr. Harper visited Minto Mine in Yukon, where he and local officials signed a resource revenue sharing agreement to bring more benefits to the region.

In Norman Wells, NWT, the Prime Minister announced Canada's 44th national park, Nááts'ihch'oh, to ensure protection of the South Nahanni River.

In Churchill, Manitoba, Mr. Harper again took part in Operation NANOOK, the Canadian Forces' annual large-scale northern exercise—supporting our Northern Strategy's objective of protecting and defending Canadian sovereignty.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen explore Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

Honouring

RCAF



André Morency and Bomber Command veteran Jean Cauchy, who served in 425 Squadron during the Second World War, then as Honorary Colonel of the Squadron from 1998 to 2001.



Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney, Defence Minister Peter MacKay and me, listening to some of the incredible stories.



Many of the Canadian veterans of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command.

Finally, 67 years after the end of the Second World War, the long-awaited Bomber Command Memorial was unveiled and dedicated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in London's Green Park.

There, in the bright June sunshine, with throngs from around the Commonwealth bearing witness, were 42 Canadian Bomber Command veterans, special guests of the Canadian government, finally being recognized. It was an emotional time for all, the most poignant moment perhaps being when an old Lancaster bomber roared above the crowd, releasing an enormous cloud of bright red poppies.

Some 50,000 Canadians served in Bomber Command, with the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Air Force, in operations over occupied Europe—one of Canada's great contributions to the war effort. More than 10,000 died. The chances of surviving the war were even lower than for infantrymen in the trenches during the First World War.

Now the Canadian government is creating a new military honour to recognize Canadians who served in Bomber Command—a special bar to be worn on the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal ribbon. Surviving Bomber Command veterans can apply for it, as can the families of any Canadian who served in the campaign.

It was wonderful to meet so many of our Bomber Command veterans in Ottawa at a reception. Their stories are still so compelling, and yet they remain quietly humble about just what they risked then for our freedoms today.

The memorial dedication capped several days of events for our Bomber Command veterans, which included seeing the sights in London, lunching with Canada's High Commissioner and visiting the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, which commemorates by name more than 20,000 British Commonwealth airmen from all commands who were lost, with no known grave, during operations over Europe.

Bomber Command



On the way over to the ceremony, the veterans spent some time in the cockpit. Here Robert Bradley talks with the flight crew.



Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force LGen André Deschamps with Bomber Command veteran Ed Carter-Edwards and Air Vice-Marshal Peter Stockwell, Chief of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.



At Canada House with High Commissioner Gordon Campbell, Veterans Affairs Minister Blaney and veterans Gilbert "Gilles" Boulanger, Jean Cauchy and François Savard.



The Queen and Prince Phillip meet the veterans at the dedication ceremony for the new memorial.



The new memorial in London's Green Park, depicts a bomber crew. The roof above the statue was constructed out of aluminum recovered from a downed RCAF Halifax Bomber from No. 462 Squadron, found in a Belgian swamp in 1997.

Wounded Warriors Weekend

Dozens of injured Canadian and American war heroes and their families got a warm welcome in Nipawin this summer at a weekend gathering hosted by *Wounded Warriors Canada* and *USA*. Soldiers had a chance to do some sport fishing in the Saskatchewan River and at Tobin Lake. There was also golf, a parade, a country music concert and a wonderful tribute dinner with some incredible Canadian and American musical talent—including entertainment legend Gordie Tapp, from CBC's *Country Hoedown* and the long-running U.S. TV show *Hee Haw*, who is still performing at age 90. Most of the soldiers attending served in Afghanistan, Bosnia and/ or Iraq. Since it began in 2006, *Wounded Warriors* has assisted soldiers and their families by raising funds to help meet their needs. I was proud to attend this event, and great credit goes to the organizers, Canadian country singer/songwriter Blake Emmons and Nipawin's Jimmy Chute, who poured their hearts and souls into making this event and this organization such a success.



With Jim Chute, one of those who helped make it all happen.



With Gordie Tapp—90 years young!

RCAF Change of Command

My good friend, Lieutenant-General André Deschamps, has retired as Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and has been succeeded by his Deputy Commander, Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin.

LGen Deschamps has been a wonderful leader, a friend, and I thank him for serving his country and for the many insights he's afforded me into the world he loves so much, the RCAF.

At the same time, I welcome LGen Blondin and very much look forward to working with him in the months ahead.



LGen Yvan Blondin, new Commander of the RCAF, and LGen (Retired) André Deschamps, former commander.

Canadian International Airshow



LGen Deschamps and RCAF Chief Warrant Officer Miles Barham. Once again, the Snowbirds wowed the crowd at the always popular Canadian International Airshow. There were aerial performances by a CF-18 Hornet, a Hercules and an Aurora long range patrol aircraft.



Chief of the Defence Staff, Gen Walt Natynczyk, marks the retirement of LGen André Deschamps, Commander, RCAF.

Senate Committee Visits West Coast Military Bases



Committee members with CP-140 Aurora Long Range Patrol Aircraft .

The Senate’s National Security and Defence committee, which I chair, took a listening and learning tour of our west coast military operations in August with visits to Comox and Esquimalt.

19 Wing RCAF were our hosts at CFB Comox. While there, we visited 407 Long Range Patrol Squadron, 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron and the Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue.

We watched a dramatic search and rescue exercise at Comox Lake with a CC-115 Buffalo and a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter where SAR techs parachuted to the rescue. We also toured a C-141 Aurora long range patrol aircraft responsible for guarding our west coast.

At CFB Esquimalt we were guests of the Royal Canadian Navy when we visited Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific. Under a watchful eye, I even took the wheel of a Navy training and patrol vessel! We received thorough tours and briefings on all aspects of our Navy’s Pacific operations. As always, I came away very impressed by the dedication and professionalism of our Canadian Forces.



SAR techs parachute to the rescue, in the calm waters of Comox Lake.

CH-149 Cormorant helicopter and rescue team in Zodiac during the SAR exercise. Imagine this in icy Arctic waters!



At the wheel of a training and patrol vessel in Esquimalt Harbour, guided by Leading Seaman Christien MacDonell, with Senator Dan Lang looking on.



19 Wing Chief Warrant Office David Bolster and 442 Squadron Master Warrant Office Gavin Lee lent a helping hand as we took a look inside the Cormorant., along with Senator Don Plett.



Senate Defence Committee members dockside with RCN Commodore Scott Bishop, Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific, with an Orca Caribou 57 training & patrol vessel behind.

Wadena Cheers



Wadena 1908: No cars, but at 6 years old the town was already an active and prospering community.

Wadena 2012: The streets have changed but the strong sense of community remains intact.



Distinguished Piper Del Kidd from Wadena, who has also performed for HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Parades have been a tradition in Wadena for a long time! This is a parade for Sports Day all the way back in 1924. Now we have a paved Main Street!

Majorette Marie Kienle from Quill Lake has been touring parades for years—in her original costume!



The Dixielanders provided the entertainment on Main Street during the parade—they are a regular fixture at all community events.

A winter scene circa the 1950s. Thankfully the birthday party was in August!

for 100 Years!



Along with co-host, Jared Linnen, I presented the award for longest serving family business to Steve Kwaznitza. Steve's gas station, GK Service, opened its doors—and its pumps—in 1954. Steve took over the station from his father George and has been working hard for decades, and now Steve works alongside his two sons.



Throwing candies for the kids watching the parade.



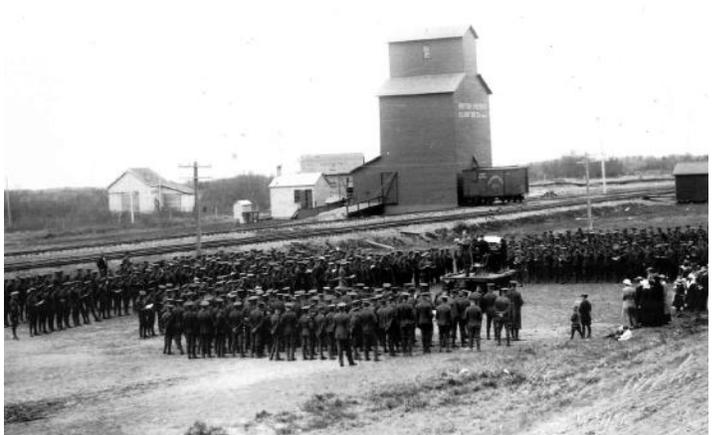
Mayor Wayne Wolden and wife Lori of Wadena, Minnesota—our namesake—along with Mayor Greg Linnen of Wadena, Saskatchewan.

Wadena turned 100 this summer and the whole town was in fine form as it celebrated. More than 1200 people registered and more than 600 traveled “home” from all parts of Canada. The highlights, of course, were the parade and a play written by Pat Casement and performed by the Wadena Players Theatre, complete with live accompaniment by the Dixielanders. Seeing the history of our town acted out on a stage with such love and attention to detail was heart-warming.

There were also some distinguished guests. The mayor of Wadena, Minnesota, our sister city, was on hand to join in the fun. “Our” Wadena was founded by settlers from Wadena, Minnesota and the two towns have maintained a close relationship ever since.

With so many people taking part it was truly wonderful to see the community so alive and active and I can honestly say that I have never been more proud to be from Wadena, Saskatchewan.

During the course of research into the town's 100 year history, the fascinating story of the naming of our hockey team emerged. During the First World War, the 214th Battalion “Saskatchewan Wildcats” was formed entirely of boys recruited from Wadena and the immediate vicinity. Their story of bravery and service was legendary. Then, following the Second World War, the local returning veterans decided to resurrect their senior hockey team in honour of the First World War “Wildcats” battalion and took the name, the black and gold colours and the wildcat emblem for the town's teams. To mark our 100 years, we will honour both groups of veterans for their military service and their national and athletic spirit—by building a picnic and people shelter adjacent to the swimming pool in the park on Jim Heddington Way which will bear a plaque telling the Wildcat story.



The Wadena Wildcat Battalion in formation, circa 1916, just before shipping out to Europe.

Prime Minister Harper Congratulates Athletes

Prime Minister Harper took the time over the course of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to congratulate all the athletes who brought medals home from London.

Canada was represented by some 280 athletes at the Olympics and 145 at the Paralympics. Matching the achievements at Barcelona and Beijing, the Canadian athletes reached their second highest medal total in a non-boycott Summer Olympics. More than 10,500 athletes, coaches and team officials from at least 200 countries participated in the London games.



Rachelle Viinberg of Regina (second from left) was part of the Women's Eights rowing team that brought home a silver medal.

PM Appoints New Chief of the Defence Staff

Canada has a new Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS)—the top boss in the Canadian Forces. General Thomas Lawson, RCAF, is taking over from General Walt Natynczyk, an army man. As chair of the Senate's National Security and Defence Committee I'd like to thank General Natynczyk for exemplary service to Canada throughout his outstanding career, and particularly during the period of Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan. And I'd like to welcome General Lawson to what will be a most demanding and difficult job, guiding our Canadian Forces into the future.



New Chief of the Defence Staff, Gen Thomas Lawson, with Prime Minister Harper.

Saskatchewan's Federal Team Working for You



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