



# THE BUGLE



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# St. Michael's Company

## Lt. Marissa Mercer

St. Michael's Company started the second half of the 2019-20 training year on January 14. Since then, we have partaken in many fun activities including going to a Growlers game on February 5. We unfortunately missed some time due to winter weather, but that didn't stop two of our senior section members from attending the winter expedition and senior corps sleepover. We also had four of our staff members (Capt. Sheila Mercer, 2/Lt. Taylor Mercer, 2/Lt. Marissa Mercer, and 2/Lt. Melissa Breen) take part in the officer proficiency training held at the Armoury on March 23. Continuing on with the fun, we enrolled 6 new members on February 17 and celebrated Mothering Sunday on March 31. We would also like to thank St. Augustine's Company for hosting us on March 18 and April 1 so we could pair and prepare for our upcoming compulsory drill and rifle drill exams. Additionally, we would



like to recognize the great fundraising job our members have done by selling Aunt Sarah's chocolate bars which we still have available for \$3 each. Lastly, we can't wait to see what the rest of the training year has in store for us and we especially can't wait for summer camp 🇨🇦



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# St. Mark's Company

## L/Cpl Peddle

Time for another check in with St. Mark's Company. A recap of our last Bugle article – Our annual Christmas Party, where games were played, prizes were won, and Gingerbread Men were made and eaten! On January 29, 2019, the Edge played the Hurricanes in their Defend the Rock game – the Rock was not defended at that game, but the Edge came out on top in many games.

This now takes us into February, which is a favourite time among parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles alike, and even the cadets, as this was the month of our delicious Cold Plate Fundraiser. This fundraiser can only be classified as “Successful” and a BIG Shout Out to all those who peeled, boiled, baked, mashed, shredded, chopped, cut, and packaged a grand total of 640 tasty cold plates. To all those who purchased the cold plates, a BIG Thank you for making it a big success. The pressure is now on for next year's Cold Plate Fundraiser.

Also in February, we participated in the CLB Winter Expedition at the Old Comrades, Foxtrap. During this expedition we learned winter survival skills. We learned how to build fires, build improvised shelters, as well as ice safety. One never knows when one may need these skills. February may be the shortest month, but it was one of our busiest months.

Our very busy February month now leads us into March. This was the month when we had the opportunity to put our February winter survival skills to the test. We had our annual CLB Winter Camp at Deer Park. Besides the serious side of survival, ie, building shelters and fires, we also got to enjoy, ice fishing, skating and the game – Mantracker. Also in March, we had our PT test, displaying the results of all our training and hard work, which certainly paid off!

Tune into the next edition of The Bugle to read about more exciting adventures. Until then, Keep the Flag Flying 🇨🇦



## Helping Hands

### Lt. Michael Cooper

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10

“Fire wiped out the main warehouse of the organization that supplies many of the food banks in Newfoundland and Labrador on Wednesday morning, destroying stock at a difficult time of year when donations tend to trail off. The blaze at the Community Food Sharing Association’s warehouse in Mount Pearl, N.L., claimed food worth

how much of an impact this would have in our area. After a couple of phone calls and some interesting conversations (seems CLBERS are everywhere) I found out that the local Food Bank receives an average of 2 pallet loads of food from that warehouse that burnt down every month and it would affect roughly 80 households in the Trinity Bight and Trinity Bay North area. These could be friends and even families of our CLB members, so I decided to put to our CLB Company to do a door-to-door Food Drive with all proceeds to go to the local Food Drive. I put

joined us on Valentine’s Day. The first thing he did as our new Chaplain was offer the Rectory to store the food once received until the presentation a few days later. Jan 22-23 Food Drive time...all CLBERS were out in Trinity Bight collecting for the Food Drive to amazing community support!!! Every time someone gave to our drive we gave them a little blue slip saying thank you. The CLBERS were having a grand ole time doing the Drive to the point where they were comparing it to Halloween only better, for the “treats” were going to go to the people who needed it the most. We stored all the food at the rectory with Rev. John getting to know the CLBERS and their parents in the process. Jan 27 Garry and Ivan from the TBN Food Sharing came up to our regular parade night to receive the food we collected. We did our regular fall-in and to my surprise, found out while the youth were forming up that Garry was former CLB family and knows Col. Gail Dick! After our prayers, we fell out to do the Presentation of our Food Drive collections to which Garry gave an amazing speech to the youth about giving back and how proud he was of them!!! Great Job!!! The youth after a few pictures even had fun helping Garry and Ivan load up their vehicles, again showing true CLB spirit. Total Food Dive Proceeds 30 boxes of food, \$97.15 in cash + 15 youth and 6 leaders feeling a huge sense of pride. The community support and the kind words received from this project really makes your heart warm!!! Again, great job CLBERS and families 🇩🇪



hundreds of thousands of dollars, officials say. “CBC news, 10:38am, January 30, 2019.

Devastating news to a whole province that wintry morning. Interesting enough that when asking my CLB youth for fundraiser ideas that the word Food Drive was among the ideas just a few days before. After the fire, and with the idea already thrown out by our youth, I contacted the Food Sharing Association to see

the idea on the floor to the youth members who, in true CLB fashion came back with an overwhelming yes! We as a group decided on the dates of February 22-23 for the Food Drive and I started the promotion the very next day on our Trinity East-Port Rexton CLB Facebook page.

As the community started to get behind us on this project, we also received a big company boost in our new Chaplain Rev. John Sparkes who



# Mount Pearl Company

## Captain Craig Dyer

The Frosty Festival has been a fixture in the City of Mount Pearl for over 3 decades. It began in 1983 and now as it enters its 37th year, the Frosty Festival has grown into the largest winter event in Atlantic Canada.

Our Company has been participating with the Festival for the past 5 years now, and this year was another busy time for our members and staff. Frosty ran from February 6th to the 17th with a total of 82 events for all ages.

Our Company hosted the “Old Dutch Frosty Lip Sync” on February 10th at St. Peter’s Jr. High School. There was a total of 21 groups partaking, with 100s of people in attendance.... we actually ran out of chair for people to sit and watch. The highlight of the evening was when Cpl. Desiree Rogers won the Bronze medal in her age group.

During the festival the company also volunteered at:

- The Festival of Lights
- The Battle of the Brains
- Jiggs Dinner and Variety Show
- Frosty Bingo Bonanza

The Festival was a huge success, and our members had a fantastic time. We are looking forward to next year and being involved again 🇧🇪



## A C.L.B. Boy from J.T.C. to Q.C.

### Colonel J. A. Heffernan

My mind goes back a good number years to C.L.B. junior camp at Mint Brook when a young man from Bay Roberts Company vowed he would return to next year's camp despite a difficult adjustment to his first summer camp. Return he did, as I had attended both years and watched him struggle again, but this time win out. Such has been the record of this staunch C.L.B. member who also challenged to become an officer in the Canadian Army reserves. Today he is a proud Officer with Paradise Company #1010 and made sure people knew this through his bio. So, it comes as no surprise to the Brigade that the Honourable Andrew Parsons, Minister of Justice and Public Safety, was pleased to announce that one of the province's newest appointments (2018) to the Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant Governor in Council is our own Lt. Greg French, Q.C. The honorary title of Queen's Counsel recognizes senior lawyers for exceptional merit and contribution to the legal profession. These lawyers have served a minimum of 10 years as a member of the bar in Newfoundland and Labrador, have gained the respect of the legal community and are in good standing with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. Lt. French, we in the C.L.B. are extremely proud of you and we salute you for this achievement, a great example for us to follow 🇨🇦



## Paradise Company

### C.I. Darlene Jackman

Back and refreshed from our winter camp in February, the company returned to working hard on Wednesday nights with regular practice and badge work. In March, the YTCs completed their PT and drill exam while the Seniors and JTCs completed their T & E exam. The Seniors continue to do rifle drill, pyramid practice and the third phase of their proficiency. After all of that, we still managed to squeeze in a well deserved sports night in return for everyone's efforts. We also have an upcoming field trip that we are all looking forward to and will tell you all about the next time 🇨🇦



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# Upper Gullies Company

## Captain Sandy Dinham

It's hard to believe another training year is almost over. Our company has been very busy working on badges and getting ready for our T&E exams.

On March 5, 2019 we attended a pancake supper provided by the ACW at St. Peter's which was a very nice evening of food and fellowship with our parish family. After supper, Canon Tibbo did a tour of the church with our LTCs and YTCs which they very much enjoyed. Thanks to Canon Tibbo for taking the time to do this with us!

Our LTCs visited CBS Animal Humane Services with a tour of the building and visited the animals there. They brought along donations for the cats and the dogs there. A big thank you to our own O.C. Kayla Hiscock, who works there, for arranging our visit and giving the tour.

On April 13th our company, along with St. Peter's junior choir, hosted a Magical Easter Breakfast followed by magical crafts, activities and an Easter egg hunt. Similar to our Breakfast with the Grinch, this event was open to the CBS community so there were be lots of people in attendance.

On May 4th we will be holding our annual inspection and banquet. Our company will be celebrating our 33rd anniversary on this day - how time flies! It will be a busy day but, no doubt, enjoyed by all.

With the promise of spring, another training year is quickly coming to a close. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the JTC and SC members attending summer camp a wonderful time. We hope that everyone has a great summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

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# St. George's Company

## Lt. Chasity Mercer

Another year has almost past, although we have had our struggles, we have pulled together and made it work. The understanding and support we have received from out TCB family has helped tremendously this year. We will be forever grateful

and appreciative of them. Big thanks! Though out this year, our members have had a blast and created great memories. From hiking lessons, rifle & foot drill, crafts parties, badgework and great fellowship with Rev. Lisa, who has shown us great support and is there for whatever we need. The experiences they have had will follow

them throughout their young lives and help build great character.

A team, a family, we all have one goal...to ensure our kids are enriched with experiences that help them grow and develop to be the best they can be.

Keep the flag flying 🇺🇸



# St. Augustine's Company

## WO2 Gillian Read

This has been a busy few months for St. Augustine's company. One of our biggest events however was our company's 50th anniversary. On February 23rd our youth were joined by St. Marks and Harbour Grace/Carbonear companies. We spent the day playing games, bowling, the senior section completed the cooking portion of their badgework, and then finished off the night with a movie. It was nice to see our kids getting along so well with other companies and the teamwork expressed by the N.C.O.s. On Sunday morning, the 24th, exactly 50 years to the day, we had our anniversary church service. Officers and youth from all different companies came out to support us and participate in our service. It was nice to see so many generations of company commanders and St. Augustine's members in one place. We even had members of the women's auxiliary from when our company first started. It was a fun and busy weekend for all of our youth and we enjoyed getting to collaborate with other companies for this special occasion. Until next time, keep the flag flying 🇮🇷



# Upper Island Cove Company

## 2/Lt. Nancy Lieff

As the 2019 training year quickly comes to a close, UIC company has so many amazing things to look back on, to be grateful for and to be proud about! We have been active on all levels of the company with parties, church parades, interactive badgework initiatives, winter outings, fundraising and training initiatives. I think it is safe to say, every child and officer has learned and grown so much as individuals and collectively as the strong and dedicated group we are continues to develop.

Our company has put lots of energy and creativity into company activities and badgework over the past few months. Firstly, the LTC and YTC sections enjoyed an interactive Valentine's Day party together. They made their own Valentine crafts and tapped into their inner decorators as they decorated beautiful homemade baked goods to eat. And who can forget the infamous selfie stick?! Lots of laughs were had posing in the photo booth together, showing some Valentine's Day comradeship in style. In early March, Capt.

Sharpe and Capt. Lynch took the JTC and SC on an ice fishing day. Despite the very cold temperatures and strong winds blowing across a New Harbour pond, there was a great turn out. Holes were drilled,

worms were baited, some fish were caught but most importantly, there was lots of playing and exploring in nature where everyone benefits from the fresh air, sunshine and the best company.

Highlights of the training and badgework this year include a visit from the Bay Roberts Police detachment and a chance to sit in the Police car (Safety Badge), making homemade bird feeders and taking a nature walk this past week-end with a generous and skilled local woodsman who showed our children how to identify tree species, start a fire and have a boil up in the woods (nature badge)! Our SC has been busy with ongoing training for their W/NCO

Armoury and enjoyed this fantastic learning opportunity and closing social.

This winter we also focused on fundraising. Together with the support of surrounding communities in the Conception Bay North area as well as the great staff of Powell's Supermarket in Bay Robert's, and near full attendance of our company, we held a successful fundraiser. The members practiced handling people's food with care and courtesy and were a big hit with the customers as they thanked everyone individually for their support to the C.L.B. In support of the C.L.B. Armoury we also fundraised for the Klondike Cash Sweepstakes for the

upcoming Casino Night which, we are hoping will bring remarkable success to the Brigade! Winding down our training year is preparing for T & E's and the annual inspection; W/NCO proficiency Phase 3 training; the Annual Spring Parade and an Easter party/sleepover for the LTC, YTC and JTC sections – you bet we will use that selfie stick! Until the next Bugle issue, all of us at UIC co.



proficiency and recently attended the Put the Child First training/sleepover on March 30th at St. Mary's Church. On March 23rd, several of our officers attended the newly revised Officer's Proficiency Course at the C.L.B.

would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in the Brigade family a wonderful spring, successful end of year inspections and a safe and memorable summer – keep the flag flying 🇳🇸



## Trinity East - Port Rexton Company

### CI Connie Fillier Cooper

The cold weather has not slowed us down any as we continue on with our busy schedule. We started the month of February with a visit with Rev Emma O'Rourke at her United Church in English Harbour. Pvt Landon Rex was promoted to Jr L/ Cpl at the service, Congrats Landon! On the 13th after drill training we enjoyed a craft night making heart people and valentine hugs to give to our families. We welcomed our new Minister Dea John Sparkes to our area on the 14th. The weekend of the 22nd and 23rd was a very busy weekend for us. We did a door to door food drive covering the entire Trinity bight in freezing cold weather. All CLBERS took part and had a grand time with it and were filled with so much pride to be helping others in our communities, you could tell by all the smiles they had on their faces and how eager they were to do it. Congrats to St. Augustine's on your 50th anniversary as a CLB Company. Our CO Lt Michael Cooper attended

their celebration on Feb. 24th. On our nightly meeting on Feb.27th, we were joined by Garry Blackmore and Ivan Berg of the Food Sharing Association. They were presented with the food collected during the food drive. The CLBERS were super excited to load up their vehicle with what they had collected for the local food bank. Cpl Sandra Cooper was presented with her Instructional Techniques badge at this meeting as well.

March brought with it more fun and hard work for our Company. On the 6th we attended Dea Sparkes Ash Wednesday service in Champney's West where the CLBERS did the collection. The W&NCO Mess Dinner was held on the 9th, Lt Michael Cooper and Capt. Roslyn Cooper attended the dinner at the CLB Armory. The 22nd was a special day for our area and CLB. Dea John Sparkes's Ordination took place in Trinity, our Company was asked to take part in his very special day. Congratulations Rev Sparkes and welcome to Trinity Bight! We are looking forward to working with you

in our future endeavors. March 23rd was the officer's proficiency training at the Armory. Lt Michael Cooper did his level three training along with CI Jenelle Collins and CI Arlene Piercey who completed their level one training. WTG you guys! On March 27th we had a family fun night where we learned a new game, DR Dodge Ball. The month was finished up by a wake-a-thon. CLBERS spent the evening and night at the Port Rexton Recreation Hall where they enjoyed a homemade spaghetti and garlic bread supper followed up with a movie and popcorn, fun and games. They tried their hardest to stay awake as long as they could but by 12 all were ten toes up and snoring! It was an amazingly successful fundraiser, raising close to \$1300. I would personally like to send out a huge thank you to our communities here in the Bight for your continued support to our Company. It is with your generous donations and support that enable us to proudly keep our flag flying 🇬🇧



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# Ordination of John James Sparkes to the Priesthood

**Lt. Michael Cooper**

“On March 22, 2019 at St. Paul’s Church in Trinity, The Rt. Revd. John E. Watton welcomes you to the Ordination of John James Sparkes to the Priesthood. Our Mission: To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ... by worship and sacraments, by word and action, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Following Jesus we are led to be a Servant community which ministers and witnesses in the world to the transforming power of God’s Love” Taken from the first and last page of the Ordination Service Handout. As CLB Companies, our Chaplains are our Spiritual Leaders for our youth and today we were honoured to support our Chaplain on this very important day. This day had many friends and family come out to support Rev. John Sparkes (even 4-5 carloads from his old parish including Capt’s. Tucker and Dawe). The love and support showing this day was palpable and uplifting. Even in practice before the service, for a lot of people who didn’t

know each other beforehand this fellowship could be felt and brought many a tear to Rev. John Sparkes eye. (Sorry, Rev. John, had to be said). Practice at 4, Service at 7...so we all had to run, get something to eat and changed for the service in a very short time. 7 pm...Ordination Service. As with any service led by Bishop John Watton, our CLB company was looking forward to an engaging and moving service, especially this time. The service was started with a procession led by Crucifer Charlie Cox with the Acolytes immediately behind. The service procession for this service was that long that we have to start halfway up the middle aisle and it was still 3/4 up the side from the Vestry. There were Licensed Lay/Eucharist Ministers, Queen’s College Students/Faculty, Clergy from both our and other Diocese, Presenters, Rev. John Sparkes, Executive Ven. Terry Caines, Examining Chaplain Revd. Robert Peddle, Bishop’s Champlain Hedley Johnson, Rt. Revd. John Watton to

complete the procession. Even at the beginning you can tell this is a very special service. The Readings were done with such Power and Grace, up to sermon by Bishop John explaining the Gospel of Christ has to extend past the 4 walls of a Church in this changing world and we are its Messengers. Then the Presentation, Examination, Consecration of the Priest, words fail me to explain this part of the service, for the Power in the Word and Spirit, especially the laying of the hands on the Ordinand by the Bishop and Priests. Even the Peace, Offertory & Celebration of the Eucharist had an extra spiritual feeling to it this night. A very powerful service to say the least. CLB Involvement: Acolytes Capt. Cooper and Myself Escorts for the Gifts, Jr. L/Cpls Collins & Rex for Rev. John’s sister and brother-in-law Offertory All youth ranks LTC/YTC/JTC/SC in groups of 2 in a guard formation for presentation, Plus a special mention by Bishop John during the service. If anyone would like to see the videos or pictures from this service please





go to the TEPR Facebook page or to Joyce Morgan's Facebook page (thank you Joyce for use of your pics/vids). From all of us at Trinity East-Port Rexton Company to Rev. John Sparkes, congrats and we all can't wait to see where our Spiritual journey takes us over the years with you as our Chaplain





*Members of Trinity East - Port Rexton Company at the Ordination Of John James Sparkes to the Priesthood*



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