

CDA Annual General Meeting - February 11, 2019

1. Members of the CDA Board, fellow Military Association reps, ladies and gentlemen, my name is John Page, President of the Canadian Forces Logistics Association (CFLA) and it is my pleasure this afternoon to provide you with a brief update on CFLA activity over the past 12 months.
2. I have been elected as the President since November 2017 and will hold the office for two years, or until replaced. We have a formal constitution, have been registered as a Not-For-Profit Corporation and have a full slate Board of Directors representing our retired leadership from the RCN, Canadian Army and RCAF at the Officer and NCO levels. Our Board of Directors are:
 - a. National President, John Page – Double Hatted as a Director,
 - b. Col Retd Mike Boomer, Chair of the Board of Directors,
 - c. Cmdre Retd Michel Charron,
 - d. CPO1 Retd Jake McDavid,
 - e. Col Retd Gary Furrie,
 - f. CWO Retd Brad Curtis, and
 - g. CWO Retd Daphne Germain.
3. We are now a truly national organization with 25 chapters across North America in operation or start-up phase. We held our last AGM on 15 October, 2018 at Connaught Ranges and have scheduled our next AGM for 01 Nov 19 at CFB Borden.
4. The Logistics Branch celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2018 and we met the challenge to ensure that a prominent Canadian Logistician was nominated for, but not the recipient of, the 2018 Vimy Award.
5. The Logistics Branch is the largest branch in the Canadian Forces with over 15,000 Regular and Reserve serving members, we bring synergies to the full spectrum of Personnel (J1); Technical (J4) and Financial (J8) Services with one Officer Classification and 8 NCM Trades, with the recent separation of the RMS Clerk into a Financial Services Administrator (FSA) and a Human Resources Administrator (HRA).
6. The Association has taken a lead role in preparations for the year-long, Global celebration this year. The CFLA has published a 50th Anniversary Picture Book with proceeds going to the celebration. We were a key part of publicising and communicating events as they happened, with particular emphasis on the Flag Relay that circled the globe, everywhere Canadian Logisticians were serving...jumping in with the Sky Hawks - twice, enduring a Deep Sea dive on the West Coast, Dog Sled rides in Yellowknife and surviving the western Death Race....a real accomplishment. The culminating point for the celebration was a week-long concentration here in the Nation's Capital, where on 16 October Her Excellency, Mme Julie Payette conveyed on behalf of HRM Queen Elizabeth II, our designation as the Royal Canadian Logistics Service. The parade was very well attended and we were graced with a flypast by the RCAF C-130J that sported 50th Anniversary Tail Art. On Friday 19 October, 2018 Logisticians celebrated at the first Annual Logistics Gala, sponsored in part by the CF Logistics

Museum and our local Army Reserve unit, 33 Service Battalion's museum. The final event was held at Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre on Friday 01 February, where we formally closed the celebration by graduating 80 new Apprentice HRAs, their Logistics Cap Badges presented by either LGen Lamarre, our senior serving Logistician; or BGen Virginia Tattersall, the 50th Anniversary lead. The Logistics Flag that completed the relay was passed from our Veterans, represented by local and national CFLA leaders, to the Royal Canadian Logistics Service leadership; who passed it to the Senior Serving command team who entrusted it to our future – a young Master-Seaman, flanked by a soldier and aviator! The flag is now being displayed "On Loan" from the CF Logistics Museum, at CFLTC. A fitting ending to a very full year!

7. Allow me to conclude by saying that things are better than they were and we will continue that trend as long as all members of the logistics family share the same goals and provide energy and resources. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity, if you have questions I am prepared to take them or we can talk on the margins.