

CFSME Raffles Shed for United Way

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For years, the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) has been combining training with giving back to the community.

For this year's annual United Way fundraiser, CFSME awarded the keys to a custom-built shed to Master Bombadier (MBdr) Mick McNeil and Kim Morrison. The school was able to raise \$2300 in the raffle that was open to all military and civilian members of the community.

"To be able to contribute to a very worthwhile cause is outstanding," said LCol Allain Carrier, Commandant of CFSME, after presenting the keys to MBdr McNeil.

MBdr McNeil, a member of Radar Troop at the 4th Air Defence Regiment, is a long-term supporter of United Way and has been buying tickets for this raffle for as long as it has existed. In order to get the shed from CFB Gagetown to MBdr McNeil's home, Sunbury Towing will be delivering it free of charge.

The shed, which has been proudly displayed near the entrance of the base, is impressive in its own right. "It's a little bit more than a shed," explained LCol Carrier.

Indeed, it resembles a small home inside and out. There are proper windows, finished floors, insulation, dry wall, a partition and even kickboards. The DP1 Construction Technician candidates who built it applied many of the skills they learned on their course.

LCol Carrier explained that the charitable cause also has real training value: "It's to make sure that our tradesmen at the DP1 level are being assessed on everything they are taught."

Despite a demanding training tempo, LCol Carrier said that CFSME has contributed to the community in other ways as well. "Earlier this year, we had a project to rebuild the bridges at the Gagetown Golf & Curling Club, which were in dire need of repair," he said.

Although the shed is likely one of the fanciest in existence, it seems that its job may not be; when asked how it would be used, MBdr McNeil answered plainly, "Storage."



LCol Carrier (centre-left) presents the keys for the shed to MBdr McNeil (centre-right). Others who were there for the presentation include (left to right): Cpl Storey – Fundraising Committee, WO Lacroix – CFSME President of the Fundraising Committee for the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign, Anne Foster – United Way Rep for central New Brunswick, Kim Morrison, Sgt Robinson and Cpl Gagné – Fundraising Committee. Photo by: 2Lt Alexandre Fisher