



PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEMAKING

Soldiers from afar with their Canadian hearts

Character Education

- Recognize the characteristics of positive role models
- Consider the importance of transferable skills
- Recognize the values transmitted through education and role modelling

Facts

- UNMOs, the United Nations Military Observers, have been the eyes and ears of the UN Security Council around the world since 1949
- Canada trains UNMOs at CFB Kingston's Peace Support Training Centre
- The Canadian Forces' Directorate of Military Training and Cooperation (DMTC) promotes Canada's profile and contributes to international peace and security

Before the Reading

- Make a list of individuals who those in your class consider role models. If you remove athletes and media personalities, who is left?
- Prioritize the top five qualities a role model should have
- Passive learning comes from ideas and values you acquire during the process of schooling. These ideas and values are almost invisible learning. Discuss some of the earliest values young people acquire in day care and kindergarten

Reading I

Kevin R. Junor, Chief Warrant Officer, the International Military Advisory Team in Sierra Leone 2007

Born in Birmingham, UK and raised in Jamaica, Kevin began his military career with the Toronto Scottish Regiment at the age of 17. A CF recruiter at his high school promised Kevin he'd not have to wear a kilt. After that, there was no looking back. Kevin's distinguished 30

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Wife to Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya, Vanessa Hynes presents a certificate of completion to Captain Daniel Kitheka of the Kenya Air force in the presence of Brigadier Robert Kibochi, (centre) Director of the International Peace Support Training Centre-Kenya at the closing ceremony of the Tactical Operations Staff Course in peacekeeping. http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/kenya/highlights-faits/peace_course-cours_paix.aspx?lang=eng

Peacemaking at its best: the Canadian Forces Directorate of Military Training and Cooperation Programme (DMTC)

In May 2009, in Embakasi, 32 military officers from 12 African countries attended a Tactical Operations Staff Course delivered by

the Canadian Forces in partnership with the International Peace Support Training Centre in Kenya. Over the past three years over 300 military officers, from the rank of Captain to Lieutenant-Colonel, have acquired the skills necessary to participate in peace keeping operations in mid—to high—intensity conflict situations in Africa.

The training in 2009 was directed towards junior and field Officers to be deployed to Darfur. Course developer Major Mike Calnan stated, "The Tactical Operations Staff Course is part of a comprehensive response to the crisis in the Darfur Region in Sudan and efforts to restore peace in the region. It is a triumph for Africa that African Military forces through the African Union and the United Nations are playing

year military career saw him rise to rank of the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Army Reserves.



Chief Warrant Officer, Military Diversity Advisor, Canadian Forces
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After a theology degree and a diploma as a civil engineer, Kevin began his “other” professional life as a Senior Business and Policy Advisor at the Ministry of Transportation. For 24 years Kevin provided advice on strategic planning issues. He developed and delivered a number of innovative MTO programs to enhance change management for which he earned accolades from co-workers and supervisors.

In 2007 Chief Warrant Officer Junor deployed to Sierra Leone as one of 11 Canadians with Operation Sculpture—Canada’s contribution to the UN’s International Military Advisory and Training Team (IMATT). Their task was to strengthen the skills and professionalism of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces at the time their military establishment was being reduced to a sustainable 8,500 personnel. Kevin’s leadership and change management advice displayed in the programs he developed earned him a Chief of Defence Staff Commendation.

In northern Sierra Leone, Junor, an Assistant Minister at the North Peel Community Church, lectured with the passion of a preacher to soldiers who had no oil or blanks for their guns, shared boots and were partly paid with three cups of rice a day—when available. RSLAF Lance Corporal Kadijatu Kamara said of Junor, “He can do everything you can think of. He is everything. He makes us feel like we are all Canadians.” Grateful RSLAF soldiers gave Junor the honorary title of Konkor Marah, a legendary Sierra Leone military leader.

Kevin Junor learned from his pupils as well. “They taught me what it was like to be a black man in Africa. The people of Sierra Leone were warm and welcoming, and they gave continuously from what little they had. They did their very best and had personal pride.” When Junor walked up the steps used by former slaves who returned from North America to Freetown he was touched. “To realize that not just Africans but my ancestors walked up those stairs to freedom ... I had to walk it myself.”

The peacemaking efforts Kevin and his UN colleagues contributed took root. The RSLAF reform program

key roles in restoring peace in counties facing conflict in the continent.”

DMTC is a key instrument in Canada’s foreign policy and defence diplomacy, promoting Canadian interests and values and contributing to international peace and security. According to the DMTC website, “The underlying philosophy of DMTC is capacity building (i.e.: train-the-trainer), under which member states eventually become self-sustaining in leading their militaries democratically while DMTC continues to offer them mentorship on an ongoing basis. This capacity building concept advances Canadian foreign and defence policy interest by utilizing Canada’s experience in peace, order, and good government to build similar governance infrastructures in DMTC member states.”

advanced to such a degree that in July 2009 RSLAF deployed a sector reconnaissance company to serve with the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur. Sierra Leone’s UNAMID contingent is now in its second rotation. In 2011 Kevin Junor won the Harry Jerome Professional Excellence Award for outstanding military, professional and voluntary contributions.

See video of CWO Junor, receiving the Order of Military Merit and in an interview, www.whoswhoinblackcanada.com/2011/02/04/kevin-junor/

Reading II

Major Thomas A. Nguyen, Deputy Commanding Officer 25th Field Ambulance Reserve Medical Unit, Toronto



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“Operation Hamlet” Canada’s contribution to MINUSTAH, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, January-July, 2007.

Thomas Nguyen, born in Vietnam and raised in Canada, deployed to Port au Prince in Haiti as Assistant to the Chief of Staff Colonel Normand Lalonde. The mandate of the four Canadian

staff officers with “Operation Hamlet” was to support the constitutional process in Haiti, help maintain a secure and stable environment, support Haiti’s constitutional and political process and protect human rights.

Their first order of business was to assist MINUSTAH and

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The Canadian tale of a Jamaican Officer

A JAMAICAN OFFICER, TRAINED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF DMTC, IN THE MULTI-NATIONAL COALITION: AFGHANISTAN

The following article is taken from the excellent DMTC website; it demonstrates the success of the Canadian Forces training.
www.forces.gc.ca/admpol/mtcp-annual-report-eng.html



Lt Carl Clarke from the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) during his tour with the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan
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Credit: The Department of National Defence

"A new chapter in defence relations was written in the fall of 2009 when Lt Carl Clarke from the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) completed his tour with the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan. Clarke, a JDF Engineer Officer, served as a Construction

Management Team Leader with the Construction Management Organization of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters. It was a long road to get there and Clarke can attest to that fact. From the initial discussions between DMTC staff and the Jamaican CDS to the deployment, a multitude of hurdles had to be overcome. This came at a time when Canada was looking for outside support from allies in Afghanistan, and therefore an offer like this from an ally could not be taken lightly.

Prior to deployment, Lt Clarke received the same comprehensive training package completed by CF troops. Lt Clarke noted that the training he received was one of the key factors affecting his performance in theatre. He was quickly adopted by his Canadian unit and earned the respect of his fellow officers and non-commissioned members. Every step of the long process relating to Clarke's deployment was felt at DMTC. It did not become a reality, however, until the first e-mail from his Squadron Commander in Afghanistan arrived at the DMTC office saying "Guess what showed up on my doorstep this afternoon ... a Jamaican, under an Afghan sun, just stepping off a Dutch Herc." With that, Lt Clarke became the first JDF Officer within the multi-national coalition."

the Haitian National Police (HNP) in pacifying one of the most violent neighbourhoods of Port au Prince, called Cité Soleil. A UN military contingent of over 7,200 people from 16 countries was working with the HNP to root out gang leaders and notorious criminals, a first step towards being able to provide humanitarian aid in the troubled area. Between January and July 2007, thanks to the team efforts, the rat-a-tat-tat sound of 600 gun shots a day declined to almost silence.

The cooperative HNP-UN sweep through Cité Soleil demonstrated an effective way to run a large-scale anti-criminal operation, one that would serve as a model for future pacification efforts. According to Major Nguyen, « La PNH n'est pas encore prête à travailler de façon autonome, mais sa participation à une opération d'importance comme celle-ci permettra aux policiers haïtiens d'acquérir de l'expérience essentielle dans leur quête d'autonomie. Dans certaines parties de Cité Soleil, la PNH peut effectuer des patrouilles seule, ce qui est une grande amélioration comparativement à la situation qui prévalait il y a quelques mois à peine. »

Major Nguyen's stay in Haiti included the April 29, 2007 elections. « Dans le cas des élections du 29 avril 2007, le commandement de la MINUSTAH avait établi que les forces onusiennes serviraient essentiellement à soutenir la PNH. Nous avons déployé un nombre considérable de militaires, prêts à intervenir en cas de besoin. Mais c'est la PNH qui a agi en tant que premier répondant quand cela a été nécessaire. Dans l'ensemble, heureusement, le tout s'est très bien déroulé et nos soldats n'ont été appelés à s'interposer que très sporadiquement. »

Thomas Nguyen came to Canada as a seven-year-old. He joined the Armed Forces to express his gratitude to Canada for taking in his family and providing them with a safe place to live. His 17-year military career has been with a Canadian Forces Reserve Medical Unit in Toronto that fields a medical company, a services support company and an HQ element. They parade out of the Moss Park Armoury and are tasked with providing medical support to the 32nd Canadian Brigade Group.

During his education at the University of Toronto Thomas devoted himself to fencing. As the Varsity Blues head

coach, the former U of T fencing champion, was awarded the Christian Virdosa trophy as fencing's coach of the year in 2009. Both U of T's men and women's fencing teams captured the Ontario University Athletics title that year.

"I'm glad to see that all the hard work paid off; I am simply ecstatic that they brought the banner back to U of T," said Nguyen. As of June 12, 2011 Thomas A. Nguyen sits on the Canadian Fencing Federation Board of Directors and has also been involved with military fencing through the Conseil International des Sports Militaires (CISM).

Major Nguyen was a UN Detachment Commander in Bosnia and a UN military observer in the Sudan. "Giving to your country and to the world is a path filled with pride. There are many roads that lead to positive contributions for others. Choose one!"

After the Reading

- Kevin Junor and Thomas Nguyen are both teachers in their way. Make a list of what they teach in practice and what they teach as role models
- Junor and Nguyen's skill sets are different yet transferable. What transferable skills do they have? What transferable skills do you have?
- How did it feel to have two of Nguyen's quotations in French? How do language barriers or the gift of languages either hinder or help individuals?

Extensions

- In 2010 when Haiti was hit by the devastating earthquake, the Canadian Forces already there helped. Investigate what they did
- Kevin and Dianne Junor are descended from Jamaican Maroons. Report on this fascinating group and its connections to Canada and Sierra Leone
- Thomas Nguyen said, "There are many roads that lead to positive contributions for others." Present a list of 10 roads that include at least three paths you might like to try

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