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U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins: “Thank you troops!”

By Lt Wright Eruebi, Public Affairs Officer, 1 CMBG HQ

CFB EDMONTON Alta—U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins visited CFB Edmonton over the weekend and he had kind words for the Canadian Forces—“Thank you!”

The out-going American Ambassador, who is currently completing his last series of visits to Western Canada as his nation’s Ambassador, took time off to visit Land Force Western Area (LFWA), 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and 1 Area Support Unit Sunday afternoon. In reviewing the operations supported by Canada’s military, Ambassador Wilkins conveyed his personal gratitude for the important cooperation and collaboration between Canada and the United States not only in Afghanistan, and in North America but also on numerous smaller security operations around the world.

The Commander, Land Force Western Area, BGen Mike Jorgensen met Ambassador Wilkins at 1 CMBG Headquarters where a Guard composed of soldiers both recently back from Afghanistan and those preparing to go welcomed him and his entourage.

Assisted by senior military officers, BGen Jorgensen provided the Ambassador and his team with an overview of the activities of the Canadian Forces members based in Western Canada. Ambassador Wilkins noted the strong public support shown for the Canadian Forces across the Western Provinces. The briefing lasted about an hour and was followed by a tour of Garrison Edmonton. Mr. Wilkins was accompanied by the U.S. Consul General in Calgary, Mr. Tom Huffaker, and Kimberly Klassen, the Economic and Political Specialist at the United States Consulate General in Calgary.

Mr. Wilkins’ tenure in Canada will be complete in January 2009.

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A Guard of Honour *presents arms* to U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins on arrival at 1 CMBG HQ on Sunday 30 November 2008

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BGen Mike Jorgensen welcomes Mr. Wilkins before the two held a closed-door briefing at 1 CMBG HQ

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