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The Official Newsletter of the Flight Deck

COOPS CORNER

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Hi my name is Kiran! I'm a second year Mechatronics Engineering student at the University of Waterloo. I'm working as a Backend Software Developer here at the Flight Deck. Right now, I am hard at work on the Beacon project! In my free time I like to watch movies, and play sports like badminton and basketball. My favourite TV shows are Jack Ryan, Game of Thrones, and The Boys. Here's a picture of my dog Cliff (not to be confused with Clifford because he's little and white, not big and red).



A NEW LOGO FOR THE FLIGHT DECK HAS BEEN REVEALED!

It was designed by one of the co-ops, Silvia, a UX/UI Developer!



FLIGHT DECK AFTER A YEAR

by **Chris Young, Tech Lead**

It was just over 12 months ago that Maj. Christian Hirt sought out a "Technical Lead" for the Flight Deck. Then Innovation Section Head, Maj. Hirt had a belief that introducing an individual with industry technical expertise would help move the Flight Deck's software initiatives in a new direction.

I had just exited my latest start-up and became aware of the opportunity. Knowing nothing about the RCAF and having very little experience with government, it struck me as an interesting challenge. My main concern was that bureaucracy would prevent us from accomplishing anything. I like to move fast and deliver. I specifically remember asking Maj. Hirt if "we are going to actually do something", to which he confidently reassured me we would.

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WINTER '20 COOPS TAKE ON TRENTON!

It wasn't smooth, and it took a phenomenal amount of extra effort and sacrifice from many individuals, but it is now safe to say that we have "actually done something". And more importantly, we've proven that the RCAF is not only great at operating aircraft but that we have an incredible opportunity to be great and supporting our crews with amazing software.

TOUCH & GO: THE PODCAST

By Grace Geng, Full Stack Developer

Good day from Grace at the Flight Deck! For the next three-ish months I'll be taking on the challenge of producing our shiny, rebranded podcast: Touch n' Go! We thought the title was fitting since the podcast is a chronicle of what it's like to be a student working at the centre of innovation in the Air Force. In a way, our time at the Flight Deck will be another practice take-off, launching us into the next chapter of our careers.

Our premiere episode was inspired by a surprise visit from our most recent ex-coops — Jiaru, Moe, Nabihah, and Irena — who passed on lessons learned, key takeaways, and memorable moments of their time at the Flight Deck. Sifting through the raw audio at the office after-hours, I noticed a topic that came up time and time again; a love for the feedback culture that Dispatch has cultivated between us at Flight Deck, and you at the Air Force. Being able to work so closely with the end users of our technology and see the change that we're able to make is an amazingly rewarding opportunity, and a big part of our first impressions and lasting impressions alike. Take a listen at <https://theflightdeck.ca/blog.html>.

Tune in next time to hear about our first visit to Trenton! Reflections, exclusive interviews, after-hour tidbits galore... don't miss it on Touch n' Go!

DISPATCH FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

**By Marcel Rusu, Full
Stack Developer**

Previously submitting expenses as a LM or AC member was a pain point. The old expense forms were not mobile friendly and would require the user to input duplicate data. Now you can submit all expenses on mobile from Primary Services. Here's an example of what submitting a handler expense looks like!

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Company	Fax
Company	123-456-7890

Phone	Email
123-456-7890	marcel@rcafinnovation.ca

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