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Brandon Salutes Formally Salutes The Shilo Men's Club

The Shilo Men's Club is the fourth recipient of a Brandon Salutes "Salute" recognizing the significant contributions and volunteer efforts made toward building a strong and healthy community and strengthening the ties between the military and civilian communities.

The Shilo Men's Club was founded in 1968 by a group of military and civilian members of the Shilo community. Today the club has grown to include men from all walks of life and of all ages. It's purpose remains to provide fellowship, meet the needs of the community and foster good relations with surrounding communities.

Each year the Shilo Men's Club donates thousands of dollars, raised through a multitude of activities. Among others, the Shilo Men's Club is involved in; the Winter Carnival, Armed Forces Day, the Down-homer, the Shilo & Area Rodeo, the Terry Fox Run, and Oktoberfest. 100% of all funds raised are returned to local communities, which amounts to \$12,000-16,000 annually. In Brandon recently, the Shilo Men's Club donated \$5000 to the Brandon General Hospital, bought a 52" TV for Fairview Home and provided \$500 scholarships to the top Grade 12 Shilo student in each high school. These contributions along with a host of other donations, financially and through the loan of equipment, clearly display that the Shilo Men's Club is more than "men dressed in green", they are men with a profound desire to make Shilo and the surrounding communities a better place to live.

Brandon Salutes Chairperson, George Haggerty presented the Shilo Men's Club with a certificate of "Salute" as formal recognition of the club's significant contributions toward achieving Brandon Salute's mission: "to foster unity of the military and civilian communities in the Brandon area" today at CFB Shilo. George emphasized, "The club's support benefits both the military and civilian communities by supporting and donating money to many great causes. The Club has been extremely successfully in fostering good relations with local communities and meeting the needs of Shilo and surrounding area."

*The **salute** is as old as history itself and is at once a greeting and a mark of respect. It is also a mark of trust and confidence and an act of courtesy, good manners and loyalty.*

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