

Speaking of Engineering...

Have you ever wondered...



Major James Fera, P.Eng.

What a military engineer does in Afghanistan?

Major James Fera, Commanding Officer, Commander 14 Construction Engineering Squadron

Major James Fera, commanding officer, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron, will be in St. John's to talk about his recent deployment to Afghanistan where he and 16 members of his squadron were assigned to the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT).

Major Fera will talk about the military's role in reconstructing and developing Kandahar and enabling communities to stabilize Afghanistan. He'll provide his audience with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insight about the Canadian Forces engineers' contribution to the Afghanistan mission. As

members of the KPRT, their role was to assist and mentor the Afghans in their reconstruction efforts. Through his experiences, you will learn about the engineering challenges of working in this conflict-stricken region as well as his team's reconstruction projects during their six-month tour.

After completing airfield engineer training in Chilliwack, BC, Major Fera was posted to Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton Construction Engineering Squadron (CES) where he held the positions of design officer, production officer and operations officer. During this posting, he completed a seven-month tour as the operations officer of the Canadian Airfield Engineering Squadron (CAES) for the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH).

Major Fera was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) in 2001, and has held positions of Construction Engineering Training Squadron (CETS) Operations Officer, 2I/C CETS, Officer Commanding CETS, and CFSME Operations Officer. In 2005, he was promoted to his current rank and posted to Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) Formation Construction Engineering as the engineering officer.

Major Fera took command of 14 CES on 11 July 2007. With an established formed unit opportunity for 14 CES, Major Fera and 16 members of the Squadron deployed with OP ATHENA TF 1-09 as the preponderance of the Construction Management Organization (CMO) from April-October 2009.

Major Fera graduated from the Royal Military College (RMC) with a Bachelor of Chemical and Materials Engineering Degree in 1994.

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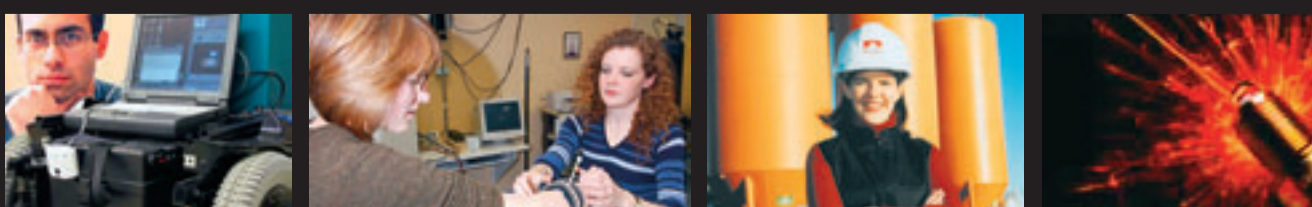
Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Memorial University, St. John's Campus
S.J. Carew Building; Room EN 2006

Reception to follow
Admission is free. All are welcome.
Parking is available in Lot 16

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