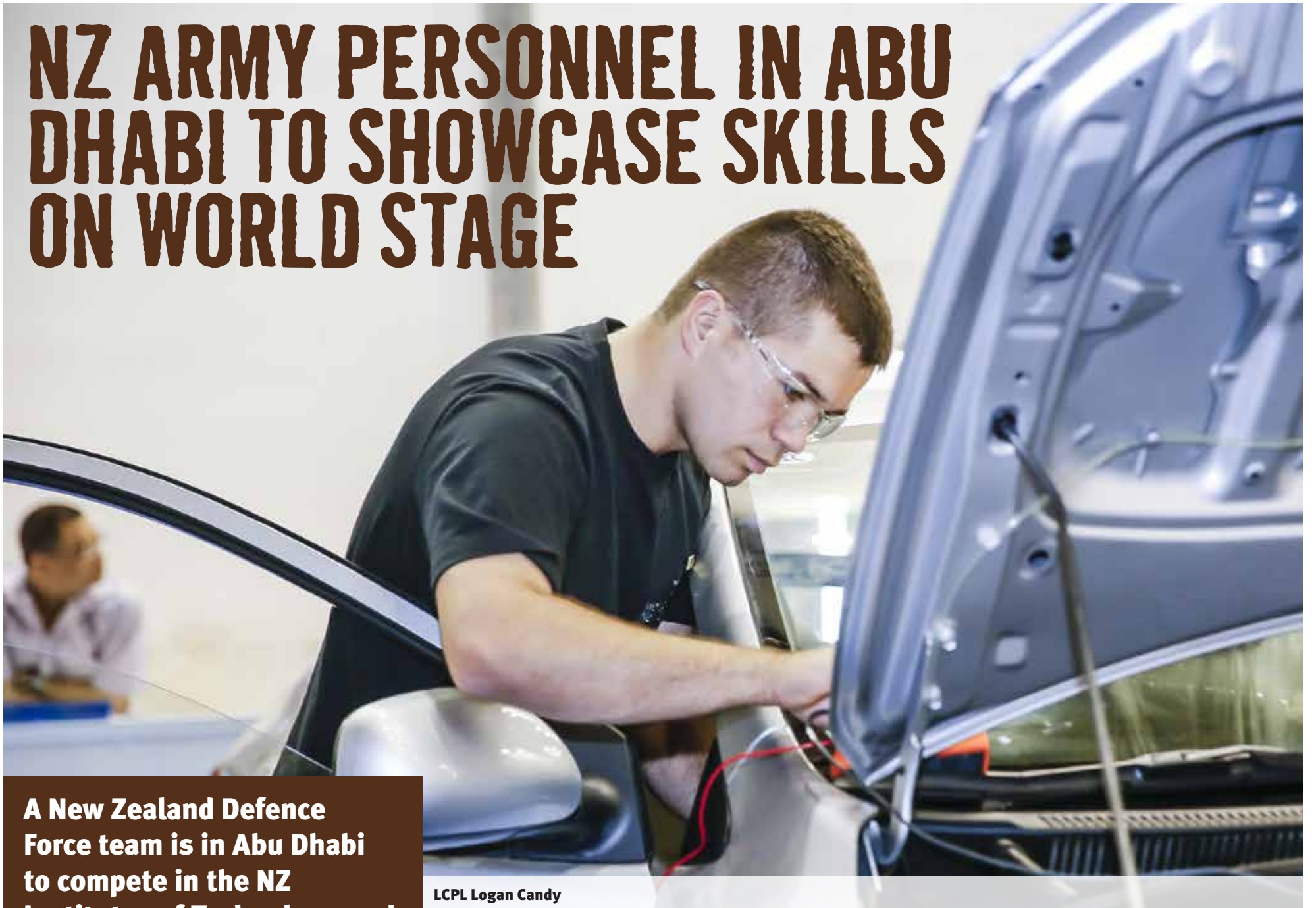


# NZ ARMY PERSONNEL IN ABU DHABI TO SHOWCASE SKILLS ON WORLD STAGE



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## A New Zealand Defence Force team is in Abu Dhabi to compete in the NZ Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics WorldSkills International Competition.

The team, which left New Zealand on October 10, includes Mr Rick Anderson, HQ NZDF – WSNZ Team Leader; Mr Mike Naus, NZDC – National Skill Manager/Deputy Chief Expert (International), Aircraft Maintenance; SGT Kirsty Lister, DCS – National Skill Manager/Judge (International), Restaurant Service; LCPL Logan Candy, 2 CSSB – competitor, Automotive Technology; LCPL Kim de Schott, 3CSSB – competitor, Restaurant Service; LCPL Nick Todd, 3CSSB – competitor, Cooking and SPR Todd Hamilton, 2 ER – competitor, Carpentry.

Although all of the competitors are NZ Army this time around, the National Competition held at WinTec, Hamilton in Sep 2016 saw all three Services on the podium with four gold, two silver and one bronze medal. This unprecedented level of success for the NZDF Team resulted in the team winning the Sir John Ingram Award for best Regional team (highest aggregate score).

“The high level of success of NZDF tradespeople is due mainly to the instructors throughout NZDF Trade Schools that continue to work above and beyond the call of duty to train all of our tradespeople and should be singled out for the hours of extra effort they put into preparing these few young ambassadors of NZDF Trade Training to compete at International level,” said Mr Anderson.

“Having 4 NZDF pers selected for the NZ Team is not just a measure of the success of the high level of Vocational Educational Training within NZDF but also of the increased level of management, support and communication of WorldSkills Competition due to the efforts of ComLog, WO DLC and their staff at DLC who sponsor NZDF WorldSkills on behalf of CDF.”

You can continue to follow the competitors’ journey on the WSNZ Website at [www.worldskills.org.nz](http://www.worldskills.org.nz) or if you would like to know more about NZDF WorldSkills for the next cycle of competition then view DFO 4, Chap 22 here <http://publications/Defence/dfo/dfo4/22.pdf> and ask your Trade School instructors for help.



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