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Hallé at the helm

Last Thursday was full of military splendor as the leadership of CFB Esquimalt changed hands. Above, from the left, Capt(N) Marcel Hallé, RAdm Tyrone Pile and Capt(N) Mike Williamson sign the change of command certificates, making it official Capt(N) Hallé is now in charge.

Leadership change at CFB Esquimalt

Alexander Jones
Staff Writer

Uniforms were impeccably ironed and crisp, hair immaculately groomed, and band instruments well polished as military and civilian personnel congregated at the Naden Museum Square last Thursday to honour the base's outgoing Commanding Officer and wel-

come his successor.

As his final duty as Base Commander, Capt(N) Mike Williamson handed the reins of CFB Esquimalt over to his long-time friend and peer, Capt(N) Marcel Hallé in a change-of-command ceremony overseen by reviewing officer, Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile.

"Today is a noteworthy occasion for CFB Esquimalt as I hand

over command. At the end of this ceremony, CFB Esquimalt will have a new commander, who will bring his own set of values, ideas, and aspirations," began Capt(N) Williamson in his address to the crowd. "With him will come a fresh approach and enthusiasm for the challenges that will face the base in the future."

He went on to thank those

who work on the base and in the community, noting the list is long, and described his three-year job as one third mayor, one third businessman and one third military.

"I've got to say that the last few years were a lot of fun, a lot of sleepless nights, but an incredible chapter in my life," he said.

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SHIP NEWS: REPLENISHING IN THE GULF



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HMCS Protecteur replenishes Pakistan Navy Ship Tariq somewhere in the Arabian Sea.

HMCS Protecteur supports Pakistani ship

A/Slt Greg Atkinson
HMCS Protecteur

HMCS *Protecteur* is continuing its mission in the Arabian Sea after a successful rest and maintenance period in the Persian Gulf.

Since departing for sea on July 4, the Canadian warship has conducted several replenishments at sea (RAS) and approach operations.

Since *Protecteur* is part of Combined Task Force 150, it gets to participate in Operation Altair as both a supply ship and patrol ship. Twice the ship has stored cargo in the morning, then commenced a security patrol, followed by an approach operation in the afternoon. These make for long days at sea but they are very fulfilling for the crew of 260.

The versatility of multinational operations in CTF 150 was highlighted recently with a rare opportunity to RAS with Pakistani Navy Ship Tariq, which is Pakistan's contribution to CTF 150. Tariq is a former Royal Navy Amazon-Class Frigate. It is the smallest frigate that *Protecteur* has conducted a RAS with so far on this deployment.

Uniquely, it requested not just fuel but also a supply of fresh water. The transfer of fresh drinking water is not a frequent occurrence for *Protecteur*. In order to accomplish this, a separate 2.5-inch hose was attached to the main fueling hoses and passed across with the fueling rig.

The crew of PNS Tariq was very efficient, and the ship conducted the RAS with excellent sta-

tion keeping alongside *Protecteur*.

A unique event occurred with the playing of the breakaway song; which is music played at the end of the RAS evolution as the freshly fuelled vessel moves away from *Protecteur*. For Tariq, *Protecteur* selected the Punjabi pop song "Raatan" sung by the artist Jaspinder Narula. As the song commenced, beaming smiles broke out on the Pakistani crew.

Protecteur also showcased its ability to be a maritime security asset with four approach operations and five vessel queries conducted on small cargo dhows thus far in July. Patrolling specific areas and deterring suspicious activity is a major component of the mission. Although the searches conducted by the board-

ing and intelligence gathering teams yielded no suspect activity, continuous checks such as these are meant to provide a heightened level of security to merchant and local shipping in an otherwise volatile area.

The routine inspection of small vessels is something *Protecteur* has integrated into its operational tempo. Each approach operation involves a discussion with the master of the dhow; these discussions are on shipping routes and trade, and help improve the coalition's understanding of the patterns of shipping in the region. With the information gained during approach operations, it is much easier to determine if a vessel's behavior is suspicious or could be related to illegal drug smuggling.

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Top: Capt(N) Mike Williamson, his wife Alexis and daughter Jessica, are driven off museum square following the change of command ceremony.

Above: Incoming Base Commander, Capt(N) Marcel Hallé addresses the parade following the certificate signing.

Right: Outgoing Base Commander, Capt(N) Mike Williamson stands at attention while his pennant is lowered.

Photos by Cpl Chris Ward, Base Imaging

Hallé looks forward to new challenge

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His final words before his pennant was hauled down were of support for his successor.

"I can rest assured that during his tenure, Capt(N) Marcel Hallé will have a steady, sensible hand on the rudder. CFB Esquimalt will have a great Base Commander."

Thursday's ceremony also marked the end of Capt(N) Williamson's military career, as he is hanging up the uniform and taking a job in the civilian world.

Following the final stroke on the change of command certificates, Capt(N) Halle took the podium.

"Like most naval officers, this is where my naval career started," he

began. "I remember on arrival being in awe—not only of the Fleet I was about to join, but by

I look forward to leading the Base and working with Formation Staff, MARPAC and lodger units in confronting the many challenges that lie ahead.

-Capt(N) Marcel Hallé
Base Commander

the rich history and traditions of the Navy and the sheer beauty of this magnificent harbour and

surrounding area.

"I stand before you today, returning after a 23-year hiatus, and am still in awe."

Capt(N) Hallé joined the Canadian Forces in 1985, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Like Capt(N) Williamson, he has extensive experience on both surface ships and submarines, and his most recent appointment was at National Defence Headquarters, where he served as Director of the Submarine Class Desk, Project Manager of the Submarine Capability Life Extension project, and interim Director of the Submarine Directorate.

"As an officer, one of the greatest privileges is to be given the oppor-

tunity to command and lead the finest of our citizens both in uniform and those who form our civilian defence team," he said. "I look forward to leading the base and working with Formation staff, MARPAC and lodger units in confronting the many challenges that lie ahead."

His goal for the upcoming years is building on what Capt(N) Williamson established: support the Fleet and CF operations, the security of the base and its personnel, and to make incremental improvements in an atmosphere of trust.

"Admiral Pile sir, CFB Esquimalt, ladies and gentlemen, I have the watch," he concluded. "Base Chief, break my pennant."

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Coast to coast in a 1950 Dodge Sedan

by Bill Sherk
The Old Car Detective

One old car story often leads into another. A few months ago in this column, I told the story of Bill McGinnis purchasing a new 1950 Dodge D36 coupe from Dangerfield Motors in Barrie, Ontario. That story prompted Bruce Hodgins of Lanark, Ont., to send me the following email:

"I enjoyed the story of the 1950 Dodge in the EMC paper. It hit an old soft spot with me. I still own my '50 Dodge four-door sedan that I bought in the fall of 1976 at the age of 21. The car had just arrived in Ottawa from Vancouver Island with 78,000 miles on it and towing a 3500 lb. U-Haul trailer.

"It had been purchased from the original owner by two UBC

students moving to the nation's capital to finish their final year at Carleton University. For me, it was love at first sight. I was lucky that I was the first person this couple talked to about selling the car and the rest is history.

"That began my love and collecting of old cars. I rebuilt the motor during the winter of 1980 and left that summer for Newfoundland to pick up my girlfriend. We headed for California across Route 66, then up to Vancouver and back across Canada on the Trans Canada Highway.

"During the late '80s, I installed a 30 per cent overdrive. Best thing I ever did to it. That let it cruise at 50 mph with plenty of power from the happy engine. Today she sits on blocks in my garage with 135,000 miles on the odometer, a bit neglected and awaiting a new front end."

Bruce Hodgins' Canadian-built 1950 Dodge sedan

Bruce Hodgins' 1950 Dodge D36 was built in Windsor, ON, and utilized a Plymouth body with Dodge trim. The engine is a flathead in-line six cranking out 97 hp at 3600 rpm from 217 cubic inches. A total of 15,977 of these distinctive Plymouth-based cars were built during the year. The equivalent U.S. model was the D34, which was five inches wider than the Canadian model. The American Dodge also had a more powerful engine - a flathead in-line six with 230 cubic inches producing 103 hp.

In his book "The Dodge Story", Thomas A. McPherson describes a new body style for Dodge in 1950: "Placing an emphasis on styling, Dodge announced the new Diplomat

two-door hardtop to the model line this year. As an addition to the top line Coronet Series, the Diplomat was available in five different two-tone color combinations."

Meanwhile, Bruce Hodgins' Canadian-built 1950 Dodge is not alone in his garage. His 1940 Packard 110 sits in front and his '52 Ford F5 dump truck sits behind it.

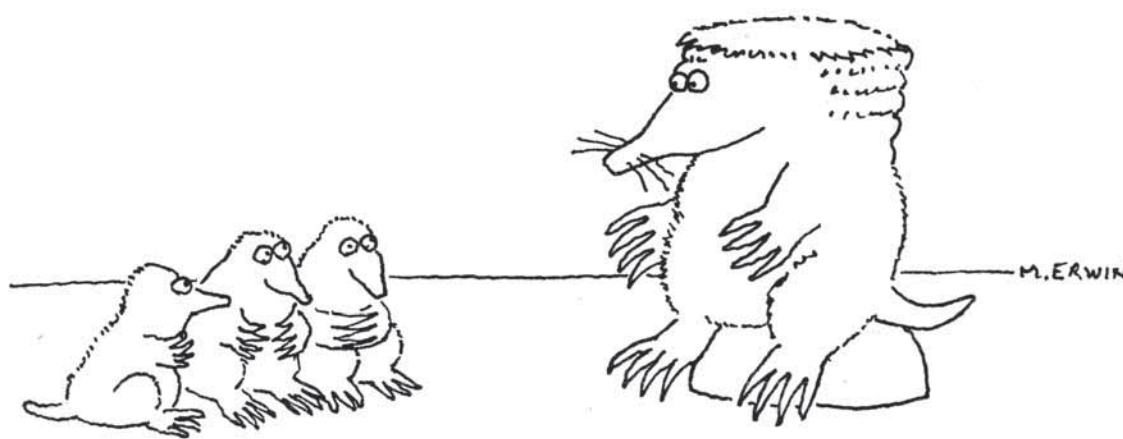
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Christian Bale stars as Bruce Wayne in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' action drama "The Dark Knight." The movie also stars Michael Caine, Heath Ledger, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Morgan Freeman.

Ledger delivers a haunting role

W. Andrew Powell
The Gate

This week in theatres *The Dark Knight* continues to be a very hot commodity, thanks at least in part to Heath Ledger's final performance as the insane Joker. New arrivals include the *X-Files* movie, *I Want To Believe*, which comes 10 years after the first one hit theatres; the raunchy comedy *Step Brothers*, starring Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly; and the dark indie comedy, *Just Buried*.

The Dark Knight

With Christopher Nolan's reboot of the franchise in 2005, *Batman Begins* reinvigorated one of comic-doms greatest heroes, with a depth and understanding of the character that gave Batman and Bruce Wayne new ground to explore. But even after that film, *The Dark Knight* has gone much further, taking the mood of the entire Batman universe and giving it a place to live on the big screen.

The Dark Knight opens with the long-awaited appearance of the Joker, played by Heath Ledger,

in the midst of a bank robbery. Acting as an agent of chaos, as he puts it, the Joker has a plan to bring Gotham to its knees in a bid to help the mob keep its dirty money out of the hands of the Batman.

Meanwhile, Harvey Dent, played by Aaron Eckhart, is trying to work with police to put the mob behind bars, and that dirty money would go a long way to locking a majority of those criminals up for years.

Christian Bale returns as the caped crusader, but this time he has to deal with copy cats out on the street trying to help him fight crime. He also faces the reality that Rachel Dawes, played this time by Maggie Gyllenhaal, has moved on and is now with Harvey Dent.

Ledger's performance as the Joker demonstrates the way he dove into this character, using little words and much expression to showcase his villainy. The camera lingers on his face in nearly every scene, and you can see him form every sentence with the intent to stab with each vowel. It's a stunning

performance, dark and brooding, but amazingly funny at the same time, and as Ledger's last role in life, it will inevitably be his most remembered.

The X-Files: I Want To Believe

Aliens have been troubling Fox Mulder and Dana Scully for a long time, and *X-Files* creator Chris Carter promises fans and non-fans a chance to see these FBI agents in an adventure that breaks from the series' long-running theme of extra terrestrial life.

In *I Want To Believe*, David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson once again star as our supernatural crime fighters, called back for a case that has everyone stumped. While the plot is kept tightly under wraps, we do know Scully has a son, and the case seems to involve a spiritual theme, with Billy Connolly playing the role of the obsessed-looking Father Joseph Crissman.

For hardcore *X-Files* fans, it is very likely the film will pay off since it involves a lot of the original people involved with the series.

Step Brothers

Teaming up for the second time in their careers, following *Talladega Nights*, Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly co-star in *Step Brothers*, another Judd Apatow-produced comedy about losers. This time, the losers are Brennan (Ferrell) and Dale (Reilly), two going-on-40 guys who move back home. With no jobs, and no prospects, the two men are forced to live together with their parents, and at first they can't stand each other. But, when pushed to find jobs, the duo become fast friends as they hunt for work, and try to keep their antics from tearing the new family apart.

Just Buried

Also open this week in limited theatres is Chaz Thorne's grim comedy *Just Buried*, about a young man who inherits a funeral home, but can't find enough business to keep it running. The solution is of course to create a little business, and with the help of the local corner, that shouldn't be too hard, now should it?

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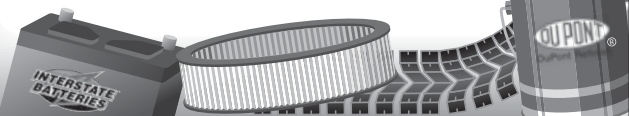
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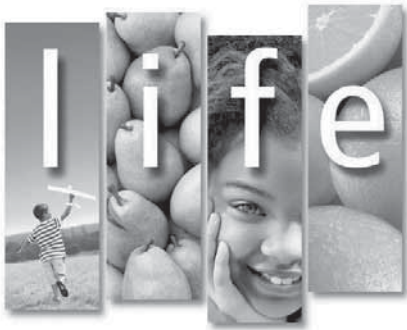
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IN BRIEF

Charges laid in Lt(N) Ashley death

San Francisco Police arrested a suspect in the hit and run collision that killed Lt(N) Mark Ashley on Aug. 18, 2007.

Taken into custody July 17 in San Francisco on an arrest warrant was Jonathan Pagmanua, 26, of Daly City.

Lt(N) Ashley, 27, was struck and killed by the driver of a Mercedes-Benz while walking across the intersection of The Embarcadero and Howard Street shortly before 2 a.m. The driver continued driving after hitting him.

San Francisco Inspectors and Daly City Police also served search warrants on the Pagmanua's residence. Police seized his car, a 1988 Mercedes-Benz, located near the Daly City Bart Station.

Pagmanua has been charged with felony hit and run, destruction of evidence, and driving without a license.

He pleaded not guilty to the felony hit-and-run charge and two misdemeanours, driving with a suspended license and destruction of evidence, connected with altering the damaged car, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Pagmanua is out on bail and is due back in court Aug. 13 to set a date for a preliminary hearing in the case.

Soccer success

Coming off winning their first game of the new outdoor 7 a-side women's summer soccer league against Gordon Head 4-2, the CFB

Esquimalt Triton ladies carried on that momentum in their match against Gorge FC.

Even though the Gorge team is stacked with premier league players, Tritons held them to a 2-2 tie.

Gorge FC scored first in the opening 10 minutes of play, but the Triton ladies showed their resiliency and determination by drawing level before the half.

The second half commenced with Gorge going into the lead once again, but the Triton ladies fought back to draw level within 10 minutes.

Both teams had good scoring opportunities, but failed to capitalize.

Both goals for the Triton ladies were scored by MS

Sarah Biberger from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific). Coach Dave Molinari, Personnel Support Programs Manager, praised the ladies for putting forth their best game of the season and noted the team's vast improvement over the course of league play.

Commemorative watch

Time is Ticking has united with the Toronto Military Family Resource Centre to create and sell the Afghan Mission watch in honour of service personnel on that mission. Proceeds go to MFRC to allow them to continue in their behind-the-scenes work for families and members.

The watch can be viewed and purchased at www.timeisticking.ca

Celebration of students set

Andrea Duke
Contributor

Maritime Forces Pacific (MARAPC) is hosting a celebration of its co-op and Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) students and their supervisors on Wednesday July 30 at 10 a.m. in the D141 lunch room. The event is a thanks to students and their supervisors, a chance for students to meet one another, and an opportunity to inform everyone about the federal government student bridging program.

Student bridging is a way that DND can hire recent post-secondary and vocational training program graduates. Any student who has completed a co-op, internship, Federal Student Work Experience Program or Research Affiliate Program may be eligible to be bridged into term or indeterminate positions, or into apprenticeships.

In addition, while they are employed as

students, they are eligible to apply on internal advertised appointment processes, where students are included in the area of selection.

The best part about student bridging is they have experience working in the federal government, and DND benefits from the investment made in their training. Having already completed months of work in a co-op or internship, they have proven their suitability for federal public service employment. Managers can see first-hand a student's abilities, work ethic and performance.

There is no obligation for managers to bridge students, which allows DND to hire quality over quantity.

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RIMPAC: HONING SKILLS



A Mark 46 exercise torpedo is fired by HMCS Regina at an Australian submarine during RIMPAC 08.

Canadian warships fire torpedoes at Aussie sub

Mary Ellen Green
Staff writer

Another rare opportunity was given to the crew of *HMCS Regina* during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2008.

On Tuesday, July 15 they launched an exercise torpedo at an Australian submarine in the Barstur Range within the Pacific Missile Firing Range in Hawaiian waters.

There are people who have been in my position for 20 years and they've never had the chance.

-LS John Barrie
HMCS Regina

The torpedo had safety measures put on it in order to not damage the submarine.

For many of the people involved, it was the first time witnessing the firing of a Mark 46 torpedo.

"I've been on here for five years, and it's the first time I got to fire," said LS John Barrie, the sonar operator who pushed the launch button. "There are people who have been in my position for 20 years and they've never had the chance."

The torpedo was launched in emergency mode, with verbal cues via radio to LS Barrie from the Anti-Submarine Warfare Director housed in the operations room.

The torpedo recorded a bull's-eye.

"It did everything it was supposed to do," said LS Barrie.

The crews from *HMCS Ottawa* and its embarked CH-124 Sea King helicopter also launched three torpedoes at the same target.

The Australian diesel submarine operated within a specific depth range, and the torpedoes were fired at a different depth to avoid physical contact.

"Firing an exercise torpedo at a live target provides the most realistic training for sailors above and below the water," said LCdr Barry Whelan, the Sea Combat Commander's Weapons Officer and one of the event's lead planners.

Canadian ships have conducted similar firings at Barstur Range in the past against U.S. Navy nuclear submarines. This year's event is unique in that it not only involved firing on a different nation's submarine, which attempted avoidance using unique tactics and procedures, but the event was against a diesel submarine, which is a

quieter and consequently "harder to find", especially closer to shore where they have the greatest advantage.

"The number of diesel submarines in the Pacific is increasing in both quantity and quality at a rapid rate. Countries acquire submarines because they could be highly effective at denying the freedom of the seas on which all of the Pacific Rim's countries depend for their livelihoods," said Cmdre Nigel Greenwood, Sea Combat Commander. "Keeping our anti-submarine warfare skills sharp in concert with our allies is vital to our countering any threat to our sea lanes and trade."

Anti-submarine warfare continues to be a focus during the multinational RIMPAC exercise, the world's largest maritime exercise taking place in the waters off Hawaii.

During this final week, six submarines will join *HMCS Regina* and other warships and aircraft to form the "opposing force" during the war games portion of the exercise. Together they will try to breach the defensive perimeter of the friendly forces. At specified periods and under prescribed conditions, the two forces will hunt for each other by sea and air over vast ocean areas.



Photos by Sgt Eileen Redding
19 Wing Public Affairs

Top: SLt Jay Yates takes a bearing off the compass on the bridge of HMCS Ottawa while preparing to exit Pearl Harbor to re-join the RIMPAC exercise.

Middle: The foc'sle partnership hands break down the jack staff after HMCS Ottawa left port for sea.

Bottom: LS Stephanie Imhoff, performs monthly preventative maintenance on the 50 calibre mount in HMCS Ottawa.

Nations compete in a virtual 57mm shooting challenge

Lt(N) Peggy Kulmala
NPAO

During the Rim of the Pacific exercise, *HMC Ships Ottawa* and *Regina*, with warships from five other navies, took turns shooting at "Fake Island", a virtual, three-dimensional landmass at an instrumented range off Hawaii on July 18.

The two ships test-fired the 57 mm Bofors gun, a rapid fire defensive weapon normally used for anti-air or anti-surface engagements, which is the main gun of the ship's foc'sle.

In a littoral environment, the Bofors gun allows Halifax Class frigates to defend against a shore-based threat, thereby allowing them to stay on station and complete their mission. This is the

first time Halifax Class frigates have participated in the shooting challenge.

Each of the six navies' shots were judged for accuracy, and, once the data is collected and analyzed, a winner will be declared. The winner will receive the coveted RIMPAC Naval Surface Fire Support Trophy.

"Adding a competitive twist to the live fire event helps keep our sailors on track and their morale high after a busy week," said Commodore Nigel Greenwood, Sea Combat Commander, from the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. "The live fire event is icing on the cake before we move to the final week of the exercise, where we test multi-national participants to ensure we have

collectively learned from the operational phase."

Ships were given a bearing, distance and altitude for the virtual target, a fake fuel depot. Specialized software on board converted the information to aim at a specific point in the water. After each ship fired, the range's hydrophones "heard" where the shot landed. The resulting information was fed back through the software to judge whether the ship had "hit" or "missed" the fuel depot.

"Live fire exercises such as this one provide the most realistic training possible in peacetime," said Cmdr Greenwood. "Sailors come to understand the effectiveness of – and gain confidence in – the employment of modern naval weapons and technology."

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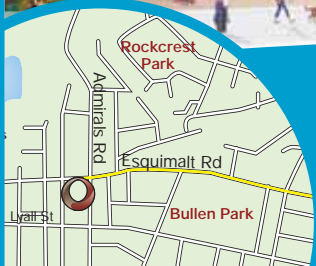


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Thanks to the Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre, Personnel Support Programs and CFB Esquimalt's Base Administration Team, who with support from Construction Engineering, Base Manual Party and many other base organizations, worked to make the 2008 Formation Family Fun Day a huge success.

All photos by Alexander Jones, Lookout



Cpl Dave Harrison and daughter McKenzie put the finishing touches on her new keepsake chest.



The two headliners in action: Johnny Bagpipes (left) mugs for the camera during his set in the Naden Parade Square main stage. Johnny kept the crowd in stitches with a humorous blend of impressions, jokes, and solid piping. After handing the stage over to Juno-award winning musician David Gogo (right), the entire parade square was jumping to the sounds of blues guitar.



Ashton Combdon takes a kick at the soccer station in Wurtele Arena. Ashton's father, MS Quinton Combdon, is currently deployed on board HMCS Calgary.



Knights from the Medieval Club demonstrate medieval combat techniques outside Nelle's Block.



Dancers from the Filipino Samba Gita dance group perform a banga dance on the main stage. The Banga, or pot, dance integrates a dancer's beauty, grace, and strength.



Emcee Corrie Harrison (left), from 98.5 Ocean FM, assists entertainer Anne Glover during her set on the main stage.

Family Fun Day

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Kids had the opportunity to help CFB Esquimalt's fire fighters extinguish a "fire" with a real hose.



FR1 Jim Grant of the CFB Esquimalt Fire Department prepares a family for a tour of the base in the fire truck.



Kelly Binette stands with Western Speedway Promoter Darrell Midgley's #81 NASCAR Tour Car.



Texas Tom gives MS Jacob Underwood and his son Brian a ride. The horse riding station was a popular destination for families throughout the day.



Cpl John Killam helps daughter Wendy build a bird house at Home Depot's tent. The home improvement centre was on hand to provide kids with a variety of wood craft projects.



The Naden Athletic Centre's pool turned into a mini marina as countless children discovered the joys of rowing canoes and kayaks.

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Top left: Twelve-year-old Willy leads the pack during a Go-Kart race.



Bottom left: Children enjoy Safari Day with Junior Leader 15-year-old Duncan (centre). Left to right back: Mryn, and Angus. Left to right front Ryan and Shae.

Top right: Emily and Maddison, both nine years old, give a thumbs up for the slip and slide set up on the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre lawn.

Bottom right: Military Police officer MS Amanda Nevers visits with her new deputies Sidney, Abigail, Mryn, Emma, and Miranda.



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Red Devils train with the Marines

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Like a scene in an action movie, Canadian soldiers, 130 in total, rapidly descended by rope from a helicopter, reaching the ground in mere seconds.

The soldiers, the "Red Devils" of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, were "fast roping" alongside the U.S. Marines during the multi-national Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, currently unfolding off the coast of Hawaii.

Fast roping allows troops to operate in areas where a helicopter cannot safely land, such as on top of a building or in rough terrain.

"Although the Canadian Army has many effective means to get troops where they need to go, fast roping is an important and extremely specialized skill that expands Canadian Forces capabilities in a littoral environment," said Maj Mason Stalker, officer commanding Red Devils.

RIMPAC is offering the soldiers unparalleled training opportunities, he adds, as the majority of Red Devils had never used the fast rope technique before RIMPAC.

Over a period of two weeks in June, the Red Devils practiced the technique using a stationary tower at the Marine Corps Base in Hawaii.

"Some of us had reservations about sliding 50 feet down a rope without a break-man," said Lt Edward Kamps of 3rd Platoon. "But we made the descent without any issue. And as each individual made more descents from the training tower, reservations turned to enthusiasm at the thought of fast-roping from a helicopter."

Once trained, the Red Devils boarded a CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter in groups and practiced the skill in low altitude hovers. One by one, each grabbed the rope, twisted it 45 degrees to protect their weapon, and stepped off the helicopter ramp out into the air. In three or four seconds they were on the ground, 10 to 12 metres below.

"The wake from the rotor wash made the rope violently flail, and the engines were deafening," said Lt Kamps. "But each of us had fun and learned a practical and battle-tested skill. This skill will be put to the test in RIMPAC—and potentially on overseas deployments."

Other drills included dunker training - how to get out of a submerged helicopter. It's a safety qualification



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Webb
Above and below: Soldiers from A Company 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry practice boarding a CH-53 Delta in a timely manner during a training exercise on board USS Bonhomme Richard.

a soldier must pass before flying over a large body of water.

Dunker training was broken down into a progressive series of scenarios, beginning with being placed in the egress seats upside down to give them a sense of the disorientation that can occur while submerged.

Trainees were also given a crash course in using on-board emergency breathing apparatus.

As the Red Devils became more adapted to the climate experienced in underwater emergencies, they graduated from this portion of the training with a full-scale 12-person evacuation from a submerged helicopter mock-up. The trainees completed the exercise wearing their full kit and blackout goggles.

"The first time, I made the mistake of not ensuring my seat belt was fastened," recalls Sgt Aaron Cutler. "When the helo mock-up flipped, it was like being in the agitator cycle of a washing machine. I dubbed it RIMPAC 'Fear Factor' 2008."

Soldiers didn't focus solely on helicopter action. Also included was training on Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAVs), which are used by the U.S. Marine Corps. The Red Devils are using the AAVs in several scenarios for RIMPAC.

The Red Devils also tested their warrior spirit at the Boondocker training area. Unique to the U.S. Marine Corps, this training ground is comprised of several tests to challenge the soldiers physically and mentally, as individuals and a group. The Red Devils completed an obstacle course, leadership reaction course, and gang hut.



Sapper Riley of 1 CER, attached to A Coy, attempts to cross an obstacle in the leadership reaction course.



Soldiers from A Coy attempt to solve a challenge in the leadership reaction course.

With the specialized training undertaken at Marine Corps Base Hawaii completed, the Red Devils of the PPCLI were ready to embark on board USS Bonhomme Richard and start the tactical phase of their RIMPAC experience.

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LCdr Gilles Maranda
Contributor

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The new design has all the safety features of the current boot with one noticeable advantage; it utilizes the Canadian Forces "Mondo Point" sizing system, making them available in a range of 72 sizes.

The new boot will be introduced on an attrition basis, which means that as old stocks are depleted they will be replaced by the new style boot. There is still some stock of the current "Terra Boot" in the supply system. Before you rush to exchange your old boots in hopes of getting the new style boot, please remember that there is a good chance the new boots you receive may very well be the "Terra Boot" until all old stock are depleted.



La marine a conçu la nouvelle botte de mer ! Cette botte va remplacer la botte actuelle, qui était inspirée d'un concept commercial (Terra Boot) qui, bien qu'adéquat, n'avait pas été conçu spécifiquement pour la marine et constituait plus un compromis générique en attendant que nous ayons terminé notre botte conçue sur mesure. Le nouveau concept comprend toutes les caractéristiques de la botte actuelle en plus d'un avantage évident : il utilise le système de «Mondo Point» des Forces canadiennes, ce qui fait que les bottes sont offertes dans 72 grandeurs.

La nouvelle botte sera introduite par attrition, ce qui veut dire qu'à mesure que l'ancien stock de botte sera écoulé, il sera remplacé par la botte de nouveau style. Il existe toujours un stock de «Terra Boot» dans le système d'approvisionnement. Avant que vous vous dépêchiez pour échanger vos vieilles bottes dans l'espoir d'obtenir une paire des nouvelles bottes, rappelez-vous qu'il y a de bonnes chances pour que les nouvelles bottes que vous allez recevoir soient probablement la 'Terra Boot' d'ici à ce que le vieux stock soit écoulé !

Soldier facing charges in Cpl Megeney shooting death

Canadian Forces

LCol Bruce MacGregor, the Canadian Forces acting Director of Military Prosecutions (DMP), has preferred charges of manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death and negligently performing a military duty against Cpl Matthew Wilcox in the shooting death of Cpl Ronald Kevin Megeney.

On March 6, 2007, while deployed to Afghanistan, Cpl Megeney was killed in a shooting incident. On Oct. 25, 2007, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service brought charges against Cpl Wilcox. These charges were then referred to the DMP by the chain of command on Dec. 13, 2007. Military prosecutors consider two main issues when

deciding whether to prosecute a charge at court martial: whether the evidence is sufficient to provide a reasonable prospect of conviction, and whether the public interest requires a prosecution be pursued. The charges were forwarded to the Court Martial Administrator who will convene a General Court Martial at the first available date.

Donate to the 443 Squadron First Annual Formation Toy Ride and join us on the road



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443 Squadron to Duncan

443 Sqn will host its first Formation Toy Ride on Aug. 15. The mission is to collect as much money as possible to be donated to the Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children.

The Foundation raises, invests and stewards funds to provide support for the physical, mental and social well-being of children, youth and families primarily on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

We invite any civilian or military riders in the formation to come along with a minimum donation of \$10. The ride will commence at 443 Squadron at 0900. We will make our way up to Duncan and back to the squadron to conclude with a barbecue.

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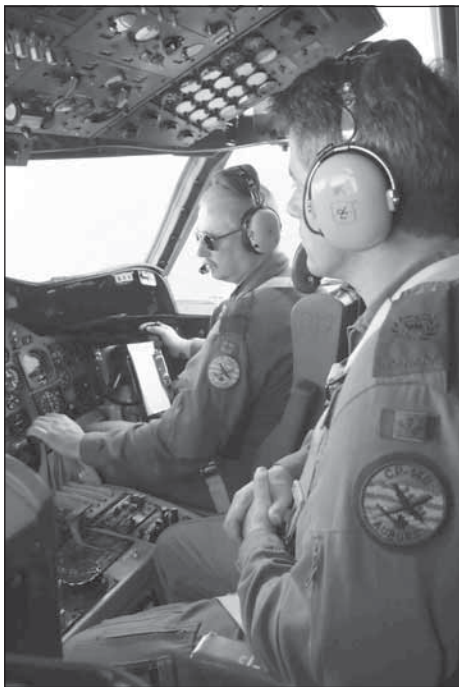


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Above: Left to Right: MCpl Gord Sinnett, ACS Technician, Cpl Brian Selman, AVS Technician, Cpl Kiel Lalone AVS Technician, remove the sonobuoy tubes after the CP-140 Aurora aircraft returned from a mission, and replaced them with new sonobuoys. The Aurora is deployed on RIMPAC 2008, taking place in the Hawaiian operating area until July 31.

Below left: Capt Laz Nemedi, pilot with 407 Squadron 19 Wing Comox, flies a RIMPAC mission with MWO Mike Kaehler, Flight Engineer.

Below right: Capt Matt Carere, pilot with 407 Squadron 19 Wing Comox, records data during a RIMPAC mission.



Alexander Jones, Lookout

RAdm Tyrone Pile and out-going Base Commander Capt(N) Mike Williamson inspect the parade during the change of command ceremony last Thursday.

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Alexander Jones, Lookout

Alice Prince from Uniglobe GEO Travel presents the lucky winners of the Formation Family Fun Day grand prize with their tickets to Disneyland. From left to right: Dave Molinari, PSP Manager, Jennifer Buckland, her husband MS Scott Buckland, and Uniglobe's Alice Prince. In the front row are Nathan and Keira, the children of MS Buckland and Jennifer. The trip, valued at \$3,232, was provided by Raytheon Canada, PSP, MFRC, and Uniglobe.

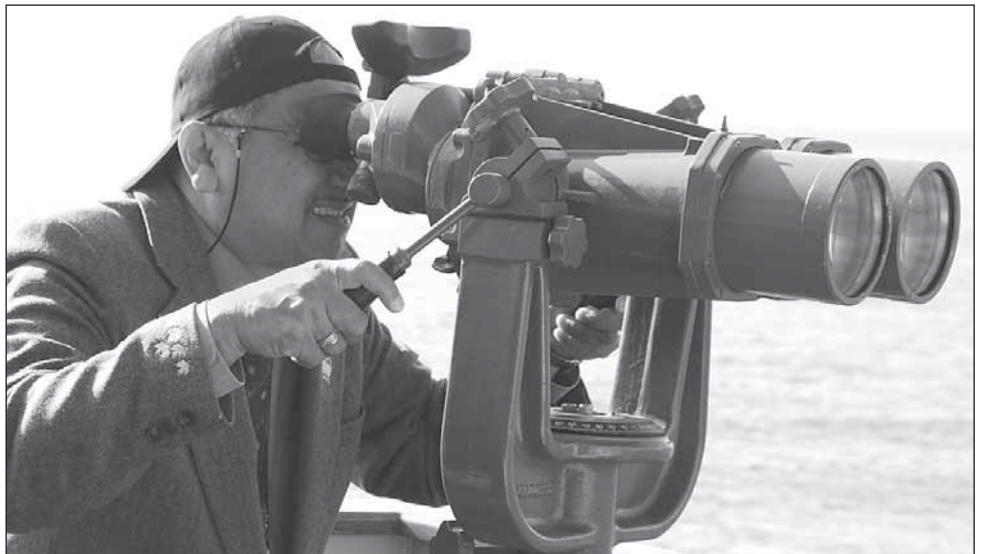


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LGov of B.C., Steven Point uses the "big eyes" on board HMCS Yellowknife to check out a pod of Orcas off the Victoria waterfront. LGov Point and his wife Gwen sailed in Yellowknife from July 19 to 23, making stops at Kuper Island, Alert Bay, Echo Bay, Kingcome Inlet, and Rivers Inlet before disembarking in Port Hardy.



MCpl Jo-Anne Verreault, DND

LGov Point, and his wife, visited 19 Wing Comox July 23. Lt(N) Melvin Cardoza, Officer in Charge of the Leadership Course at HMCS Quadra, shakes hands with his honour.

Air Force at RIMPAC: **SEARCHING BELOW THE SURFACE**

Sea King also took aim at sub

Lt(N) Peggy Kulmala
NPAO

Captain Kévin Leblond played a key role on board the CH-124 Sea King anti-submarine warfare helicopter that launched two Mark 46 exercise torpedoes against a submarine from Australia.

I have launched torpedoes on 'submarines before, but the magnitude of the exercise and the unfamiliarity of a non-NATO country's tactics make it special.

-Capt(N) Kévin Leblond

As the crew commander and tactical coordinator on board the Sea King, Capt Leblond was in charge of its mission, and decided how the helicopter approached the diesel submarine to launch its torpedoes.

"I have launched torpedoes on submarines before, said

Capt Leblond. "But the magnitude of the exercise and the unfamiliarity of a non-NATO country's tactics make it special."

The Sea King, along with HMC Ships *Ottawa* and *Regina*, fired a total of four exercise torpedoes against the diesel submarine. The Australian submarine operated within a specific depth range, and the torpedoes were fired at a different depth to avoid physical contact. The different depths ensured the safety of the crewmembers of the target submarine.

The firings took place in Barstur Range within the Pacific Missile Firing Range in Hawaiian waters. Barstur Range has hydrophones strategically placed within its 12 by 14 nautical mile area to "hear" where the torpedoes go, thereby allowing range analysts to calculate whether each shot was a "hit" or "miss."

The Sea King remains a highly effective means of finding and disabling a hostile submarine. It is more mobile and agile than a warship, allowing it to get closer to the submarine than a ship. Consequently, it extends a naval task group's sensor range and reach.



Capt Kévin Leblond takes a break outside a Sea King helicopter.

Sailor goes from single to hitched

Mary Ellen Green
Staff writer

When Master Seaman Sheldon Riley sailed away from CFB Esquimalt on board *HMCS Regina* in April, he had no idea he'd return from his three-month deployment a married man.

"We talked about it before I left, but I thought it was going to be sometime next year," he said with a smile as he showed off photos of his new bride.

He flew home from Guam in June to marry his girlfriend of six months, Suzie, in Nanaimo.

"The original plan was for Suzie to meet me in Hawaii, but when she couldn't find her birth certificate to get a passport, she suggested I fly home, and I was all over that."

Talk of marriage came up shortly afterwards, and planning was soon underway.

Since MS Riley hadn't yet proposed, he picked up an engagement ring in Hong Kong and presented it to Suzie at the Victoria airport.

"She had no idea I was going to propose, but I figured I should make it official. I knew she was going

to say yes, because the wedding was already planned." MS Riley was on Vancouver Island for 10 days.

"I had to find an outfit, but she already told me what I was wearing, so it was easy," he said.

MS Riley wore a khaki linen suit and his bride wore a white chiffon summer dress.

The wedding took place in the backyard of his new in-laws' house in Nanaimo on June 23.

About 40 friends and family were in attendance for the ceremony and a catered reception, complete

with home-made wine and beer courtesy of the bride's step-father.

MS Riley got a posting message just after leaving Esquimalt in April, so the new couple will be relocating to Comox, where he start work Sept. 1.

For now, the newlyweds have to rely on email and short phone conversations until MS Riley returns home to Esquimalt in August.

They plan to hold another wedding ceremony next year with the hope that family and friends from across the country will be able to attend.

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