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HMCS Regina sails up to HMCS Winnipeg in order to complete a boat transfer of personnel during Task Group Exercise 3-08 on Nov. 12. Winnipeg and Regina were in Southern California with HMC Ships Yellowknife and Whitehorse to take part in a combined task group exercise with ships from the U.S. Navy. The aim of the exercise was to practice self-defence operations independently and with a large naval task force. *See more photos on page 8.*

Ships head home after intensive training

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

This week, HMC Ships Regina, Winnipeg, Yellowknife and Whitehorse return to Esquimalt after a completing a comprehensive series of training exercises in Southern California to ensure the operational readiness of every sailor.

The last of a trio of task group exercises took place off the shore of San Diego, in the Southern California Offshore Range from Oct. 27 to Nov. 22.

Winnipeg conducted an Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile (ESSM) firing as part of continued tests of the new missile and its integration within Halifax Class Command and Control System.

A pair of BQM remote controlled drones were launched into the sky from 40 miles away on San Clemente Island, simulating missiles fired from an enemy aircraft or ship. The ship successfully conducted detection, missile assignment and engagement to confirm *Winnipeg's* technical and combat readiness. This was a key milestone as the ship continues to ramp up as the Pacific Fleet's next high readiness deploying unit.

In the final phase of the task group exercise, Canadian warships teamed up with American aircraft carriers, ships and submarines to play a game of "colours" that involved strategy, tact, and training with more than 20,000 sailors. Warships were assigned to the fictitious countries of Black, Orange and Blue. The Blue and Black force were allies opposing the Orange force. At the heart of the war games were an expeditionary strike group and a carrier strike group that included a Canadian warship. Together they practiced the skills required to communicate with each other, conduct missions and fend off enemy threats, all in preparation for a Middle East deployment next year.









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The first CH-148 helicopter, set to replace Canada's Sea King helicopters, makes its first test flight.

Sea King replacement airborne

The first CH-148 Cyclone helicopter, which is being developed by Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. for the Canadian government as a replacement for its long-serving Sea King helicopter fleet, has completed its first flight successfully at Sikorsky's Development Flight Center in Florida.

The flight took place Saturday, Nov. 15.

Steered by Sikorsky test pilots John Armbrust and Rick Becker used state-of-the-art, fly-by-wire technology. The aircraft hovered and accomplished low-speed handling tasks including forward flight at speeds reaching 30 knots, and sideward and rearward manoeuvres. The helicopter, Tail No. 801, will continue to undergo a series of increasingly demanding flight tests leading up to certification and production deliveries. Sikorsky will build 28 CH-148 helicopters for the Canadian government. The CH-148 helicopter is equipped

with a fully digital, fly-by-wire system designed to improve the aircraft's manoeuvrability, safety and effectiveness.

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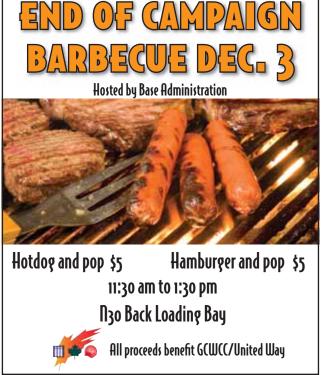
The helicopter will be an extremely versatile, multi-mission aircraft with capabilities including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, search and rescue, and troop and cargo transport. rotary wing aircraft in the world, the helicopter will be an extremely versatile, multi-mission aircraft with capabilities including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, search and rescue, and troop and cargo transport.

It will be fully equipped for shipbased operations including automatic blade and tail fold systems and a deck to aircraft recovery assist system.

Capitalizing on proven S-92 helicopter capabilities that include a glass cockpit with advanced avionics, systems allowing flight into known icing conditions, flaw tolerant components and state-of-the-art search and rescue equipment, the CH-148 helicopter will incorporate additional mission systems including Forward-Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR), 360 degree search radar, passive and active acoustics systems, threat surveillance and countermeasure capabilities, and network link communications.



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Daycare expansion almost complete

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

Renovations to turn three classrooms at the former Lampson Street Elementary School into a daycare centre are nearing completion, and the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) is expecting them to be filled with children by January 2009.

Twenty-six children will be cared for during the day when the new facility opens. That's doubling the number of spots available in the MFRC's current daycare program that runs out of the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre.

There are 150 children from military families on the current waitlist for MFRC daycare, with the majority in the infant/ toddler category, and age three and under. Parents should expect a call in the near future to fill the new spots. Scott Branch, MFRC Children's Services Coordinator, expects the age three to five daycare won't fill up right way, but the infant/toddler group will fill instantly.

"There is a city-wide shortage of daycare spots in the infant/toddler age group because there is a shortage of trained early childhood educators (ECE) with the infant/toddler specialization," he says. "It is also the most expensive day care to run because we need one trained ECE for every four infants, as opposed to one for eight in the three to five age group." One renovated room will

create 10 new infant/toddler spots, with a nap room, a change room and a private washroom. It shares a kitchen with the 16 aged three to five children.

Another classroom is being renovated for two classes of 10 preschool children and casual drop-in.

"We needed to create washrooms in each of the classrooms, and that was a huge undertaking. In some areas, we had to cut through concrete walls that were almost a foot thick," explains Branch.

Office space is also being created to house MFRC staff from Work Point, plus the MFRC Coordinator of Volunteers, **Employment and Education** Coordinator, the Navigator Program Coordinator, the Francophone Assistance Program, and a resource library and conference room.

When the renovations are complete, the facility will boast craft areas, a reading nook, private washrooms for all classrooms, a small kitchen and three outdoor play areas.

Branch expects the renovations to be complete by Dec.5.

The outside play area for the infant/toddler program will feature rubber bricks and as much greenery and shrubs as possible.

"The age three to five play area will work with the

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MFRC Children Services Coordinator





Mary Ellen Green, Lookout

Above: MFRC Child Services Coordinator, Scott Branch stands amid the construction on the Lampson Street school grounds. The renovations are expected to be complete Dec. 5, with the new daycare facility opening in the New Year.

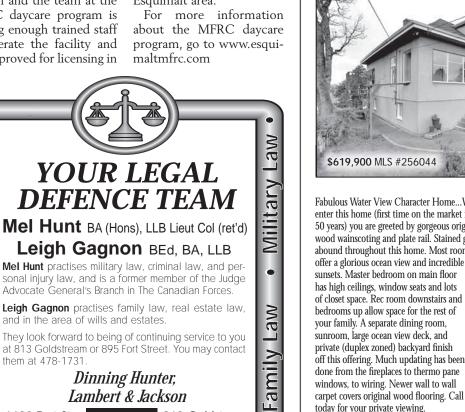


natural features the environment provides, like rocks and trees to encourage creativity, instead of structured play," Branch said.

A path for tricycles will run through the existing green space in the school yard.

The next challenge facing Branch and the team at the MFRC daycare program is finding enough trained staff to operate the facility and get approved for licensing in December.

The program is only available to the military families. Lampson School is being leased by the DND, and also houses the Canadian Forces Second Language Training Centre. The school was closed last year due to declining enrolment in the Esquimalt area.



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Don sold that '53 Chevy and moved on to newer vehicles in the years that followed. But no matter how much time and how many cars rolled by, he always saved a special corner of his heart for his first car. And then one day...

"In July 1987 my wife Shirley and I found another 1953 Chevrolet Two-Ten in nearby Stratford. We agreed on a price of \$3,000, a long way from the price of my first one. Aren't cars supposed to get cheaper as they get older?

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"The first owner was Mr. Charles Kanrov and he bought the car from Bouse Motors in

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To alleviate congestion and line-ups at D jetty Blue Boat float, the following additional Blue Boat runs have been added, effective Nov. 24:

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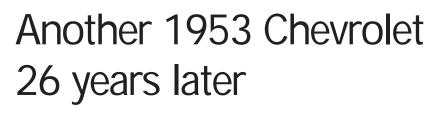
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See the blue boat schedule at: http://esquimalt. mil.ca/poesb/auxfleet (click on blue boat)

PSP 50/50 Winner

Personnel Support Programs 50/50 draw was OS Julia Foster won. The draw was held Oct. 31, with \$750 raised by event, half of which went to the winner.



Willimantic, Connecticut, on Dec. 3, 1953. The base price was \$1,564 plus transportation (\$80), delivery and handling (\$165), undercoating (\$18), and sales tax (\$48.50). He was allowed \$239.75 for his trade-in, a '49 Plymouth.

"The next owner after me will be Conner, our four-and-a-half year old grandson."

Don Murray's 1953 Chevrolet is equipped with many popular accessories of that era, including a radio, outside sun visor, outside rear view mirror, stainless trim by the gas filler door, grille guard, headlight eyebrows, and wide whitewall tires.

The 1953 Chevrolets featured fresh new styling with a one-piece curved windshield and wrap-around rear window (except on the club coupe, station wagon, and convertible). Three new series were offered: the low-priced One-Fifty, the medium-priced Two-Ten, and the top-of-the-line Bel Air.

Under the hood was an improved overheadvalve Blue Flame six cylinder engine with 235 cubic inches and 105 horsepower with standard shift and 115 hp with Powerglide. The Powerglide was available with the Two-Ten and Bel Air only and power steering was an extra-



Don Murray's current 1953 Chevrolet Two-Ten.

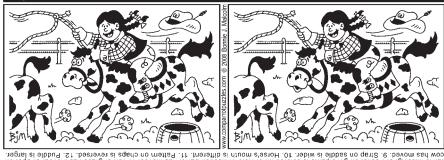
cost option. Ignition-key starting was standard on all models (no more starter button).

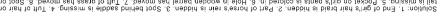
Seventeen models across three series were the most ever offered by Chevrolet up to that time, and it was Number One in sales for 1953 with over 1.3 million sold.

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Padre Domotor's career a blessing

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

After 23 years of service to God and the Canadian Forces, Padre LCdr John Domotor will retire in December at age 60. He leaves behind a legacy of respect and dedication to the many men and women he served in the army, navy and air force. But he wants to be clear, he's retiring from the CF, not from his ministry in the Roman Catholic faith.

He will miss the friendships he made and the many opportunities he had to see the world, but says it's time for him to move on and try new and different things.

"I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to come and go and pick and choose what and how much ministry I'd like to do. I will miss wearing the uniform and the operational side of my duties, but I won't miss the administration, certainly," he said.

Padre Domotor held many positions in CF Chaplainry at bases across Canada. He served the air force at Cold Lake, the navy in Halifax and the

Looking back at the life I've lived, the places I've been, the things I've done and the opportunities that I've had, it seems unreal. God, I've been blessed.

-Padre John Domotor Chaplain



army at CFB Borden. He was also the Base, Fleet and Formation Chaplain at CFB Esquimalt.

Padre Domotor was deployed on operational duty three times while he was Fleet Chaplain at CFB Esquimalt. He loved it so much he said, "I would go today, just give me a few moments to pack my bags."

He was sent to East Timor in 1999 on Operation Toucan embarked in HMCS Protecteur, where he was the senior naval chaplain and the only English speaking Roman Catholic Padre for the INTERFET peacekeeping flotilla. He spent much of his time being transferred from ship to ship to render his services to sailors from Australia and New Zealand. Because he was embarked in a supply ship, they often made trips to Darwin, Australia, to pick up supplies. He was there so many times. he says it feels like another hometown.

LCdr Domotor also had two deployments to the Persian Gulf in HMCS Winnipeg. He enjoyed the first six-month deployment so much, he signed a waiver to return to the theatre of operations almost right away. He was also the only sailor on the ship allowed entry into all three messes. This is the case with all Chaplains aboard ship. "The doors were always open, it was like I had my finger on the pulse of the morale of the troops," he said with a smile.

"I would often make



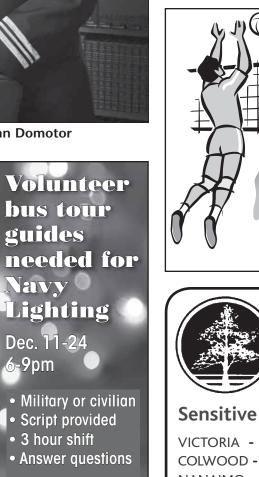
Padre LCdr John Domotor

myself available in the galley, where I would sweep, tidy or serve the steam line. It was a great way to get to know everyone."

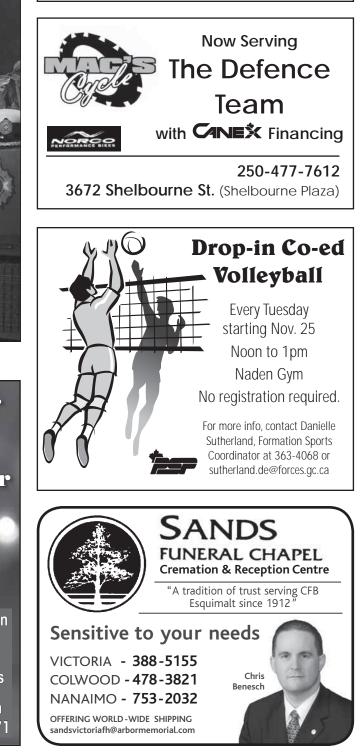
Padre Domotor has already passed on the role of Formation Chaplain to newcomer, Maj Paul Acton, who arrived at CFB Esquimalt in September.

He also passed on these words of advice: "As far as wisdom goes, I've encouraged Father Paul to enjoy his job and take opportunities to recharge himself spiritually, as well as physically."

"Looking back at the life I've lived, the places I've been, the things I've done and the opportunities that I've had, it seems unreal. I've been blessed."



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Perhaps the training missed a few areas that would have been good to know before you stepped on board? Or perhaps you've felt like the course critique process kind of "missed the boat?" Would you like to do something about it?

Read on to learn a bit more about the training system and how you can have a chance to provide CF Naval Operations School (CFNOS) with valuable feedback.

Training does not just happen. It follows a systematic approach that is well documented in the Canadian Forces Individual Training and Education System (CFITES).

In general, it works like this. At some point, a requirement for training is identified, based on the job requirements. Experts in the field are then assembled to sit a Qualification Standard and Plan Writing Board (QSPWB). A lot of words to say they review the training requirement and determine the skill sets that are required to perform the task that needs to be trained.

Decisions are also made as to how to best deliver the training. Options for train-

ing may include (but are not limited to) formal coursing at a CF train- If you have completed ing establishment or other educational institutes, or through periods of on-job-training (OJT). Alternatively, self study, formal boards, or any combination of the above methods may be considered.

During training, instructors and students are regularly canvassed to monitor the progress of the training. In this way, problems that may arise during formal training may be addressed as required.

The real test, however, that determines whether or not training has met the job requirement, happens aboard ship. The question that must be answered is: "Does the training received actually allow the member to perform all aspects of the job?"

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Diver meets Queen during special Remembrance service

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2Lt lan McIntyre Contributor

The highs and lows of a 30-year career in the military were certainly on the mind of PO1 Paul Walsh as he stood in the middle of Trafalgar Square at a unique Canadian war memorial in London.

PO1 Walsh, a clearance diver with Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) in Halifax, NS, was one of three members one per element - selected to represent the CF in England for a special Remembrance Day ceremony.

Vigil 1914-1918, developedby actor R.H.Thomson, was held at Canada House, located in the Canadian High Commission. In attendance, were Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth

II and Prince Phillip. Using special lighting equipment, the names of fallen soldiers from the First World War were projected onto the walls of the building, one after the other, commencing Nov. 4 at 5 p.m., and continuing until sunrise on Nov. 11. It commemorated the 68,000 Canadian soldiers who died in the First World War.

"It was a truly humbling experience," said PO1 Walsh. "There were thousands of people standing around Irafalgar Square. It was the proudest moment of my career in the military."

A vigil similar to the one held in London began several hours later as night fell in Canada, starting in Atlantic Canada and moving gradually from east to west. The main Canadian display was at the National War Memorial in Ottawa adjacent to Parliament Hill, although official vigils using

the same technology were also held in Fredericton, Halifax, Toronto, Regina and Edmonton.

"To take the salute for Oh Canada and The Last Post... it was an incredible feeling," said PO1 Walsh. "We weren't there as individuals, but to represent those that were lost. I wish my grandparents were alive today to have seen this."

At the ceremony in London, the Queen and Prince Phillip stopped and spoke to each of the Canadian representatives. PO1 Walsh said she discussed how important this event was to her and displayed a sincere respect for Canada.

Following the ceremony, a local child came up to him asking about the various badges that he wore on his uniform. When asked which one of the badges he liked best, he pointed to the curved Canada emblem stitched to the shoulder of his dress uniform.

PO1 Walsh graduated as a clearance diver in June 1990, participated in the Swissair crash recovery efforts in 1998, and deployed with Operation Medusa in Afghanistan as the head of an Explosive Ordinance Disposal team with Task Force 3-06 in 2006.

After nearly 30 vears of service in the CF, PO1 Walsh is preparing to retire. He takes with him some incredible memories; some good and some bad, but each one singularly representative of a career spent in the service of an equally proud nation.

"I leave the CF with a heavy heart", said PO1 Walsh, "but it has been a great, great ride."



(Left to right) PO1 Walsh, LCol Fournier and Maj MacKenna are reviewed by Queen Elizabether II, escorted by Canadian High **Commissioner James** Wright.

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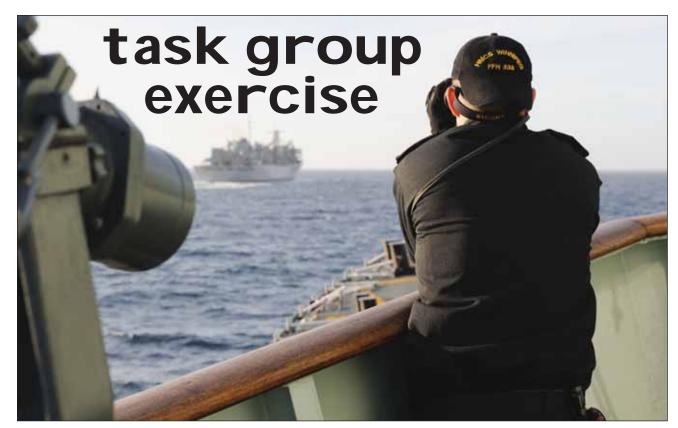
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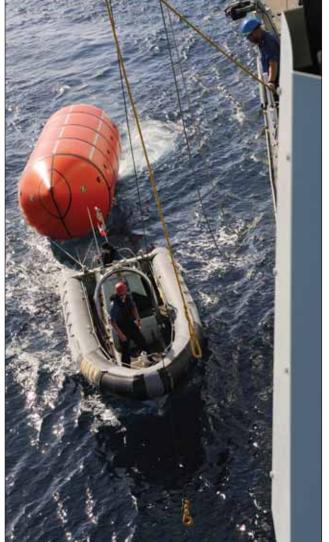


Above: A member of HMCS Winnipeg's crew watches from the starboard bridgewing as a U.S. Navy ship departs after refuelling Winnipeg.

Left: OS Patrice Inglas works in Winnipeg's operations room during workups to a missile firing.

Right: The Bofors 57mm gun on Winnipeg fire as part of the live fire range practice. Ed Dixon, Base Imaging Esquimalt





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The rigid hull inflatable boat crew tows the High Speed Inflatable Tow Target (HSITT) alongside Winnipeg to be hoisted aboard following the completion of the 76mm gun firing on Nov. 12.



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Canada in Afghanistan: making real progress

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Karen Foss, Deputy Political Director for the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), has personally seen how Canadian efforts in Afghanistan are improving the country.

For 13 months she worked alongside 330 people who comprise the PRT, a mix of diplomats, corrections experts, development specialists, Canadian police, including the RCMP, and the military. They help the democratically-elected government of Afghanistan extend its authority and ability to govern, rebuild the nation, and provide services to its citizens, such as police training.

"As a diplomat, my job was to develop networks and contacts, and to analyze the local political and cultural systems in order to advocate for Canada's interests," said Foss. "Being a strong believer in the mission, I wanted to do my part, and when the government decided to increase the presence in Afghanistan, I felt privileged to be a part of that."

Since returning home to Ottawa in July, Foss has been lecturing around the country to not only tell about her experiences, but to let people know of Canada's role beyond the military commitment. She spoke at Royal Roads University last week.

"One of the key messages to deliver is the fact that we are doing something really unique there. The Government of Canada has identified three signature projects they plan to deliver by 2011 when the forces pull out of Afghanistan."

First, they are addressing the declining lack of water in Afghanistan. More conflicts arise from this factor than from

insurgent forces, says Foss. The Dahla Dam, Afghanistan's second largest dam, provides irrigation to the majority of Kandahar province, but needs to be renewed. Canada is stepping up to do this by investing \$50 million over three years. It's predicted the ren-

ovations will generate 10,000 seasonal jobs, and once complete, create a secure irrigation water supply.

Canada is building 50 new schools in Kandahar province, so

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Deputy Political Director for the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team

children will have a safe, modern place to learn. The last main project is eradi-

cating Polio.

"Afghanistan is one of the only places left in the world with Polio. The Canadian mission goes to rural areas to immunize children against it. The insurgents recognize that this is important for their children too, so we are able to get into those rural areas, and by 2011 it should be eradicated," says Foss.

As a representative of Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DEFAIT), Foss has travelled extensively to Third World countries in the past, but Afghanistan remains an eye opener for several reasons.

"One of the things that would surprise most Canadians is the Afghan people. They have been through war, starvation, and draught, but they are so determined and so committed [to rebuilding their country]. I certainly underestimated their drive until I got out there and saw it first hand."

Going to schools, health clinics or any element associated with the Government of Afghanistan is a dangerous risk for Afghans, said Foss.

Six more priorities have been set by Canada in addition to the top three developmental projects, and more members of Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team will endeavor to see them to fruition.

"Canadians are there because they believe in the mission. I haven't met a single person in Afghanistan who is looking forward to the end date in 2011. There is a sense of pride and commitment about what our people are doing there. It's amazing to see how quickly the situation has improved in just a few years of our presence," says Foss.



Above: Karen Foss stands with light armoured vehicles in the background during her 13-month stay as Deputy Political Director in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Inset: Foss meets with community leaders in Shah Wali Kot Kandahar.



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Call for submissions: Centennial Bell Rope

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

Traditionally, a ship's bell was used to signify the passing of time during sailors' watches. Through the years, the use of bell became ceremonial ringing out during morning Colours.

Now it's being used to mark the passing of time in a different way – the 100-year anniversary of the creation of the Canadian Navy.

As an official Naval Centennial project, the Naval Reserve is organizing the production of a Centennial Bell to be used in a rededication ceremony and celebration set for May 4, 2010, in Ottawa. Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt (CFFSE) is doing its part by hosting a competition to see which coast can create the best bell rope to hang from the Centennial Bell.

CFFSE Sea Division Chief Petty Officer, CPO1 Gino Spinelli is the project organizer for Maritime Forces Pacific, and is calling for design submissions.

"If there's anybody out there, retired or serving members of the navy, who want to participate in commemorating the naval centennial, here's your chance," says CPO1 Spinelli. "Right now we have 14 par-

ticipants from the West Coast, but we want more."

CPO1 Spinelli said interested parties should come up with their own design, but should keep a few things in mind.

The bell rope should have a four inch tassel, a 12 inch body, a half inch inside diameter for the becket, and although colour is optional, it is recommended that traditional naval colours such as royal blue, black, red and white be used.

The casting of the Centennial Bell will be done by Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton. It will be a standard frigate-sized bell (12 inch) and will weigh about 90 pounds.

CFFSE Sea Division will supply line and any other materials required to produce the bell rope. Email MS Eric Kenney for details at: Kenney MS EPJ@CFFS@Esquimalt.

One bell rope from each coast will be chosen to go head to head in a battle for the coveted spot inside the Centennial Bell. Submissions should be made before September 2009, in preparation for final judging.

To participate in the competition, contact CPO1 Gino Spinelli at Spinelli CPO1 RS@CFFS@Esquimalt or 250-363-4268.



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Base embarks on strategic planning journey

Capt(N) Marcel Hallé Base Commander

In the lead up to the navy's centenary, the base has embarked on a strategic planning journey that will culminate with a strategic plan being introduced in the spring of 2009. Recognizing that the navy has embarked on a transition to modernize, and that the CF is still undergoing transformation, this strategic plan will ensure that our support to operations is properly aligned with where the navy and the Canadian Forces are heading, and will verify that our processes maximize our effectiveness.

The CFB Esquimalt defence team is a line organization comprised of 2,000 integrated military and civilian personnel, and together we play a critical part in providing integral support to maritime and CF operations.

The strategic planning process is the mechanism used to particularize and validate an organization's mission, vision, strategies and goals, based on higher headquarters direction, to best meet the needs of those we support.

In the case of CFB Esquimalt, our main focus is to provide support to our sailors, soldiers, airmen and women, and the equipment and systems they require to fulfill assigned missions – be they at sea, in Afghanistan, or Vancouver 2010

- as well as support to those within Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force (Pacific).

This demands a clear understanding of the work required based on the direction provided. It includes wanting to be held accountable for these tasks through an objectively managed performance system that is focused on continuously improving on what we've learned.

The process to create this strategic plan has commenced and is being led by my Chief of Staff, Cdr Brian Lofthouse, facilitated by Sharon Halkett, a consultant with extensive experience in the strategic planning field. In addition Michael Morrison from Base Logistics, Arlene Nash from Base Information Services, Aidan Neill from Base Construction Engineering, and the Base Comptroller, LCdr Scott Guild, comprise the remainder of the core team that will help champion the plan within the respective branches on the base.

The core team, the Branch Heads and I, have been meeting for over a month to develop the foundations for the plan. The process will also include retreat sessions as part of this journey, which will involve some of the major external stakeholders (Fleet Maintenance Facility cape Breton, Fleet and Formation Headquarters), as well as greater representation from the branches and input from union leadership.

The first one-day retreat is planned for Nov. 27. In addition, many of the folks within each of the branches will have an opportunity to partake in the process through various sessions that will be led by their respective Branch Head or core team member, via town halls or other means.

It is critical that all members of the CFB Esquimalt defence team be engaged in the process to produce this plan. I encourage a sense of ownership, and anticipate that everyone will recognize their role within the plan, and appreciate the direct linkage between their valued individual contributions and our collective ability to fulfill the operational demands of our defence mandate. For this to happen, everyone, be they military, civilian, officer, non-commissioned member, management or labour, will need to be engaged in some capacity. We need to capture good ideas regardless of whether they originate from town hall sessions, one-day retreats or water cooler discussions.

This is the first of many communiqués that will be sent out as we progress on this journey together. As Base Commander I am looking forward to working with all of you in producing a sound strategic plan that will guide what it is that we do on the base in maximizing the support we provide to operations over the next several years.

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Lab launch, you're invited

Rachel Blacklock HPRD

The Human Performance Research and Development Laboratory (HPRD) at CFB Esquimalt is officially opening Dec. 9 at the dockyard gym (D22). Lab staff is inviting the defence community to join the celebration.

The open house is from 10:45 a.m. to noon featuring demonstrations of assessment capabilities, and light refreshments. Don't miss the opportunity to enter your name in the draw for one of three maximal aerobic power (VO₂ max) tests.

The lab is outfitted with state-of-theart equipment allowing the research team to assess demands of various Canadian Forces tasks, both in the field and in the lab. This information will better guide the development of specific occupational fitness standards and training programs.

Currently, the primary focus of the lab is project standards of occupational fitness for navy requirements (SONR).

HPRD hopes this event serves to better acquaint the defence team with their capabilities and introduce the Human Performance staff. It will also provide a glimpse into their projected evolution. As Project SONR progresses, HPRD staff will call on navy personnel to get involved in a variety of ways.



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Cdr Rob Hughes, Commanding Officer, Regional Cadet Support Unit; B.C. Lieutenant Governor Steven Point; Capt Madeleine Dahl, Commanding Officer of 2483 Esquimalt (Princess Patricia's) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, and Lt(N) Jamie Webb, Honourary Aide de Camp, gather on the stairs at Government House with the most recent recipients of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Gary Webster, Contributor

Member of Parliament Dr. Keith Martin presents Don and Jean Bendall with a Citation from Ottawa for their outstanding commitment to the Cadet Program. Left to right: Dave Yates, President of the Vancouver Island Navy League of Canada; Capt Richard Harrison, Chief of Staff, Maritime Forces Pacific; Dr. Keith Martin, Don and Jean Bendall, Pierre Yans, past president of the National Navy League of Canada.



East and West Coast sailors have come together at Camp Nathan Smith in Afghanistan as part of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team: (left to right) PO2 Scott Wells of HMCS St. John's, LS Gordon Mosher of HMCS Vancouver, LS Brad Saunders of HMCS St. John's, Lt(N) Chris Horsman of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, LS Terry Billes of HMCS Fredericton and PO2 Chris Schleihauf of CFNOS.



Navy League Cadets Katarina and Mikayla Schonnert pose with their father, LS Greer during a Remebrance Day Assembly at Pacific Christian School on Nov. 7.



Liam Mackey (18 months), son of MS Mackey, HMCS Victoria dressed as a "mini Mackey" for Halloween trick or treating this year in Belmont Park.

Ombudsman Award

National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman

Every year, the Ombudsman's office asks for assistance in identifying individuals within the defence community - members of the Canadian Forces, employees of National Defence, and/or family members - who have made a significant contribution to the defence community and who may qualify for an Ombudsman's Special Recognition Award.

The Ombudsman's Special Recognition Award recognizes individuals or groups in the department and Canadian Forces who have clearly gone above and beyond the normal requirements of their job to assist others in resolving a specific problem, or who have brought positive and lasting change to the defence community through improvements to their workplace, existing policies and regulations, or the quality of life of our people.

Anyone in the defence community can submit a nomination directly to our office. All that is required is a letter or email explaining how an individual has gone above and beyond the call of duty to bring positive change.

This year's nomination period closes on Jan. 16, 2009.

A commendations ceremony honouring award recipients will be held in Ottawa in May 2009. Award recipients will receive a framed citation and an engraved glass sculpture.

Additional information on the award criteria and nomination process can be found on our website at www.ombudsman.forces.gc.ca or by calling Althea Basudde, Communications Officer, at 613-995-8698.

Nominations open for Military members to face general court martial

CF Director of Military Prosecutions

PO2 Silvya Reid and PO2 Janet Sinclair will face a general court martial in relation to the alleged corruption of a government database in July 2007.

PO2 Reid and PO2 Sinclair were charged by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service on Aug. 5, 2008, with one count each of conspiracy, sabotage, mischief in relation to data and wilfully damaging property relating to Her Majesty's Forces while working in Ottawa, ON.

The charges of conspiracy and sabotage were not brought forward, or "preferred," to the court martial stage by the Canadian Forces Director of Military Prosecutions (DMP) following the postcharge screening process; however, a charge of negligently performing a military duty was added.

The date of the trial will be determined shortly and will most likely take place in early 2009. The final charges facing PO2 Reid and PO2

Sinclair are:

• Mischief in Relation to Data - contrary to Section 130 of the National Defence Act, pursuant to Section 430(5) of the Criminal Code;

• Wilfully Damaging Property Relating to Her Majesty's Forces - contrary to Section 116(a) of the National Defence Act; and

• Negligently Performing a Military Duty - contrary to Section 124 of the National Defence Act.

All potential court martial cases undergo a postcharge screening process. Prosecutors consider two main questions at this point when deciding whether or not to prefer charges:

• Is the evidence sufficient to justify the continuation of charges as laid or the preferral of other

• If the evidence is sufficient, does the public interest require a prosecution to be pursued?

PO2 Reid and PO2 Sinclair are currently employed at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt. They have chosen to be tried by a general court martial, which is composed of a military judge and a panel of five members. Each accused is represented by a defence counsel designated by the Director of Defence Counsel Service.

The DMP is an independent authority for military prosecutions that exercises prosecutorial discretion within the military justice system, free of influences, and based on legal principles and criteria.

Naden building to assume name of former Fleet Chief Petty Officer

Lt(N) Brenda Cyr CF Fleet School

Chief Petty Officer First Class (CPO1) Ronald Guilderson, a former Maritime Forces Pacific Fleet (MARPAC) Chief Petty Officer, will be honoured in the new year by having building N50, the Communications Training Centre of Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt, named for him.

Building N50 is a designated heritage building built in 1943 to house HMCS Naden Gunnery School, and has been the centre for naval communications training since the mid-1950s.

The proposal was initiated by CPO1 Harry Learning, a naval communicator, whose office was in building N50 when he was the Combat Division Chief Petty Officer at Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt. He wanted to recognize the importance of the building to the trade and instil trade pride by having an outstanding naval communicator recognized. He immediately thought of CPO1 Guilderson.

CPO1 Guilderson was from the small town of Parraboro, Nova Scotia, where he joined the Royal CanadianNavyinSeptember 1962. He was assigned the trade of signalman and had served on both coasts and in NDHQ Ottawa throughout his career.

From 1970 to 1980, Chief Guilderson served at various shore establishments and ships, which included HMCS Provider, 747 Communication Squadron, Fleet School Esquimalt, HMCS Saskatchewan as Yeoman of Signals, and the Naval Officer Training Centre Esquimalt. In 1981 he was promoted to Chief Yeoman of Signals and

served on board HMCS *Algonquin*.

In 1983 he was posted to National Defence Headquarters as the career manager for the communication's MOCs. Upon completing this position he was again posted to the West Coast where he served in HMCS Gatineau and HMCS Huron as coxswain.

In 1988, CPO1 Guilderson was posted to Training Group Pacific Headquarters where assumed the position as coxswain.

In 1991 he was posted to Fleet School Esquimalt as the Communications Training Officer until his appointment six months later as the Base Chief Petty Officer. After three years he earned the honour of being appointed as the MARPAC Fleet Chief Petty Officer, and retired from the position and the navy in 1995. Throughouthisdistinguished career CPO1 Guilderson had a significant and positive impact on all who served with him. His vigorous and proactive leadership style and love for the navy made him one of the quintessential Chief Petty Officer's on either coast. His strength of character, commitment and dedication to the service and his subordinates could only be complemented by his personal contributions and achievements throughout his years.

CPO1 Guilderson past away on Aug, 29, 2001, at the age of 58.

The official authorization for naming the building, granted by the Directorate of History and Heritage, was met with excitement by many of his former associates, ship mates and friends who are pleased that CPO1 Ronald Guilderson will continue to be an example and a source of inspiration for future generations of tradesman.





🖔 NAVY CENTENNIAL: FUNDRAISING ON TRACK

Navy memorial window just shy of goal

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

With over 300 donations from all over the globe, the St. Paul's Church Navy Memorial Window Project has 90 per cent of the initial \$68,000 fundraising goal in hand, and is now moving into the design phase.

Mercer and Schaefer Glasstudios from Victoria is designing, creating and installing the four-panel stained glass window for the southwest wall of the historic naval and garrison church to commemorate the Canadian Naval Centennial in 2010.

Padre Andrew Gates, a retired army major and the reverend at St. Paul's Anglican Church, says the historic church is very much a living "militaria" museum. The naval window will be a great addition to the numerous military artefacts that line the walls of the church that has served the civilian community and the Canadian Forces for over three centuries.

"The window will be given promi-

nent position in the church and the design will be in keeping with the many existing memorials and pieces of military history," Padre Gates said.

Rear-Admiral (retired) Bill Hughes, chairman of the Navy Memorial Window Project, says the final design will be decided by the glass studio. "I've given them a long list of things I think should be included, but the church will have to approve the final design." The design will feature naval history from both coasts, the naval reserve and possibly the merchant navy.

According to Tom Mercer, of Mercer and Schaefer Glasstudio, the design will encompass the Canadian Navy from the beginning and take it through to present times. He is hoping to have a "Maquette" or small scale colour design proposal ready for next fall, but for now, he is focusing on doing his research with help from the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum.

Donations are still being accepted,

and can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in hounour of" a loved one and will be printed in a memorial book that will sit on a devoted shelf below the window.

Padre Gates said the single biggest donation was made by a deceased Leading Seaman's widow from the area who wanted a memorial for her husband.

R/Adm Hughes is challenging the Royal Roads classes of 1945, 1946 and 1947 to be the class with the most donors. He is also challenging members of the Naval Officers Association of Vancouver Island to make donations, and said he will match donations up to \$5,000.

Donations can also be made through GCWCC, as the fund is a registered Canadian charity. To donate, simply note in section C of your gift pledge form that you would like your donation to go to Charity # 118787142RR005.

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