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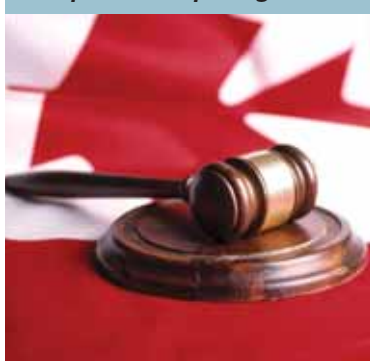
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BON VOYAGE HMCS WINNIPEG

HMCS Winnipeg pulled away from A jetty last Thursday morning for the first leg of their six-month deployment with the Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 in the Indo-Pacific region. For just over two months, Winnipeg will join the NATO fleet and navigate the Straits of Malacca, Java and the South China Sea. While en route, the frigate and crew will undertake training and exercises with other navies.

Mary Ellen Green, Lookout



Left: Andria Cotnoir and husband LS Mathiew Cotnoir embrace before he boards the ship. Middle: Families and friends wave good-bye from Duntze Head. Right: Cdr Craig Baines says farewell to his daughter Charlotte, 4, on A jetty.

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Security training unfolds in Vancouver this week

Mary Ellen Green
Staff Writer

Almost a year before the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, Joint Task Force Games and the Land, Air and Maritime Component Commands are participating in the first live security training to prepare the military for the sporting event.

Exercise Silver is the second of three government-wide security exercises designed to integrate the security team for the Olympic and Paralympic games.

More than 100 municipal, provincial and federal agencies, including 500 CF members, are in the air, at sea and on the ground this week in support of the RCMP-led Integrated Security Unit (ISU) exercise.

The CF component on the exercise is dubbed Exercise Staunch Maple 09 and has members from the army, navy and air force in Vancouver, Whistler and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. The entire CF Olympic security effort is called Operation Podium, and is led by Rear Admiral Tyrone Pile. Each CF element is led by a Component Commander, each with their own command centre.

Alongside BC Place are *HMC Ships Calgary, Regina, Edmonton, and Yellowknife*, and Patrol Craft Training Wolf and Renard. Other naval assets include the Operational Dive Team and a Port Security Unit made up of more than 100 reservists from 22 of the 24 Naval Reserve Divisions across Canada.

Maritime Component Commander

Assets from Maritime Forces across the country that are participating in Exercise Silver, and eventually Operation Podium in 2010, work under the Maritime Component Commander Capt(N) Gilles Couturier.

Based out of Vancouver's Naval Reserve Division, *HMCS Discovery*, Capt(N) Couturier and his headquarter staff will coordinate the navy-led maritime surveillance, interdiction, coastal patrols, port security and diving operations within the RCMP-led marine security unit. The RCMP will also establish their headquarter in *Discovery*, allowing RCMP, navy and various other government department assets to work in close cooperation throughout the Olympics.

Five ships and hundreds of sailors, one third of whom will be Naval Reservists, are involved in the 14-day training.

"We have a lot of interest from Naval Reservists to partake in this operation. For Op Podium, we will be looking at reservists from across the country participating in Exercise Gold in November and Op Podium from mid January to the end of the Paralympics in March," said Capt(N) Couturier.

The Operational Dive Team, comprised of Port Inspection Divers and Clearance Divers, are working with the RCMP Dive Team to provide underwater investigation and sweeps of key locations.

While exercise Pegasus Guardian 2.2, a command post exercise, was taking place last week, the ships were at sea supported by Sea Training Pacific Staff to allow maritime units to shake off the cobwebs and get used to the environment.

"It's really a challenge to maintain an accurate maritime picture," said Capt(N) Couturier. "We focused on basic communications, picture compilation, rules of engagement, and training for port security and boarding parties."

This week, training will shift from scripted to free-play with a series of scenarios and injects that will test the maritime component's ability to assist the RCMP with neutralizing potential threats.

"We have regular force and reserve sailors from across the country involved in Exercise Silver. We are supporting the RCMP, which is responsible to provide security for the Olympics using a pan-navy approach," said Capt (N) Couturier.

Air Component Commander

During the Olympics, the air component, led by Colonel Bill Veenhof, will provide aviation mobility and air surveillance support to the RCMP-led Integrated Security Unit and the other Component Commanders, while maintaining search and rescue responsibilities.

Air assets will include Buffalo and Aurora fixed wing aircraft, Griffon, Sea King and Cormorant helicopters, and their respective air crews from CF bases across Canada.

Colonel Veenhof says the Air Component will provide mobility to the RCMP Response Teams, something not normally accomplished and that will require dedicated training for both the RCMP and helicopter aircrew.

Exercise Silver allows air crews to experience the full spectrum of planning and flight operations in the same weather conditions expected for the Olympics. This exercise includes joint operations with the RCMP and NORAD. NORAD will focus on exercising its mission during Ex Silver and their operations will include the use of CF-18 fighter aircraft. The Air Component's Command Centre will be in the combined ISU/JTFG command centre in Richmond.

Land Component Commander

Soldiers on the ground during the Olympics and Paralympics will be under the command of Colonel Andre Corbould.

Their primary role is patrol, surveillance and reconnaissance in both the Whistler and Vancouver venues.

Around-the-clock, the army will patrol various Alpine venues throughout the Area of Operations, plus provide mobility support to the RCMP-led Integrated Security Unit.

"We hope to be doing joint patrols with them as opposed to operating on our own, because we are working with them hand-in-glove at all the venues they've asked us



Cpl Roderick Hopp, Base Imaging Services

More than 500 specially trained reservists and a team of clearance and port inspection divers are in Vancouver for Exercise Silver, an event designed to prepare the military for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

to support," says Col Corbould. "We will be taking a distinctively low-profile approach to everything we do because we don't want our presence from a security perspective to overwhelm or overshadow the games in any way."

This week, about 50 army headquarters and planning staff are involved in Exercise Silver.

"Exercise Silver is primarily a command post exercise for the land component, so our focus for the exercise will be coordination," he said. "When you start to consider all the municipal, provincial and federal agencies involved, what's important is making sure we coordinate all activities so we know who's doing what and how we can all support each other in the greater aim of securing the games."

As the games draw closer, soldiers will practice back-country alpine skiing, avalanche safety and rescue training in the Rocky Mountains.

"While we have trained quite a bit for Arctic operations, the Alpine environment is quite different and will require more specific training in these early stages," says the Colonel.

The land component will conduct up to 10 training exercises over the next 12 months to prepare them for the Olympics.

Based out of CFB Edmonton, Col Corbould is the Commander of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) from Land Forces Western Area.

Most of the approximately 1,500 soldiers who will take part in Operation Podium in 2010 will be from 1 CMBG units, including 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Shilo, MB and the Lord Strathcona's Horse Armoured Regiment of Edmonton, and augmented by army reservists from across Canada.

Elements from 39 Canadian Brigade Group, headquartered out of Vancouver, will form sub-units and operate in a supporting capacity.



Cpl Roderick Hopp, Base Imaging Services

Leading Seaman Blair Tobin, a member of Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic, trains in water off HMCS Discovery in Vancouver in support of Exercise Silver.

Canadian waters patrolled by Calgary

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

Now that *HMCS Calgary* has delivered the Canadian Rangers to Kitimat, and into the initial leg of their northern trek to Churchill, Manitoba, the frigate has adjusted its course for a journey down Vancouver Island.

Their mission: maritime security patrol (MARSECPAT).

Part of a Canadian naval ship's duty each year is to further training, to enhance community relations and to provide security and surveillance in Canada's waters.

In Kitimat, the ship took in Junior Canadian Rangers from Port McNeil and Port Hardy for an overnight sail to Prince Rupert. Young Canadians ages 12 to 18 who live in remote and isolated communities can join the program.

Cameras snapped as the crew completed a man overboard exercise to demonstrate their at-sea rescue skills. The Junior Rangers, dressed in sweat-shirts and ball caps, also got the chance to learn first aid and bandaging techniques from the ship's medical team.

"This is a great opportunity for them to see what happens on a navy ship, and this type of exposure may generate more interest among youth to become Junior Rangers when they return to their communities and tell their stories," said Sgt Ray Hockey, Junior Canadian Ranger Instructor.

After disembarking the youth in Prince Rupert, *Calgary* headed to the outside passage of Vancouver Island for training.

"Exercises such as gunnery, damage control, casualty exercises, engineering drills, and training for the Officer of the Watch are all necessary to maintain the ship's operational readiness," said Cdr Bill Quinn, *Calgary's* Commanding Officer. "We try to take advantage of every day at sea because we have to keep current with our skills, and will be going to sea again in the spring or early summer."

While at sea, the ship also looks for illegal activities.

"If we saw illegal fishing activity we would call in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, or if we saw some drug activity we would call the RCMP," said Cdr Quinn. "We also



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

LCdr James Salt looks through the "big eyes" on board *HMCS Calgary* as the ship nears Prince Rupert.



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Canadian Ranger John Willis demonstrates first aid on Junior Ranger Rusty Robinson's arm under the supervision of Calgary's senior medic WO Christopher Robinson. **Below:** OS Lefverve and SLt Konnor Brett await word from the bridge to raise the flag for the ship's arrival to Kitimat.

provide surveillance and act as a standby for search and rescue."

After the ship reaches the southern tip of Vancouver Island it will continue on to Vancouver for a multi-department exercise led by the RCMP.

During this training, the crew will focus on surveillance techniques and how to deal with potential security threats in preparation for their role of seaside security for next year's Olympics.

This exercise is being done at the same time of year as the 2010 Olympics, so the crew can see traffic patterns in a similar setting to what they'll deal with next year, said Cdr Quinn.

After the week-long exercise, the ship will visit Seattle to show the flag and provide the crew with a little rest and relaxation before it sails back home to Victoria.



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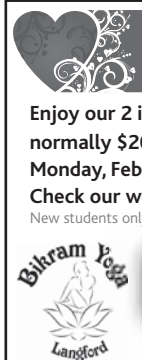


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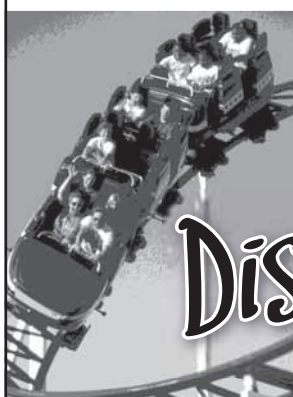
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We have much to celebrate and be proud of as we continue to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity and constant support, you have helped to make a difference.

*Bravo Zulu
Capt(N) Marcel Hallé*



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

PO1 Jamie Lone, CPO1 Ron Mierau and LS Kelly Ball receive a Spirit Award at the United Way Awards ceremony held on Jan. 22. HMCS Protecteur raised nearly \$30,000 during their campaign, which won them this award.



LCol Jon Burbee and Marcelo Lazaro, representing BCEO Buildings and Grounds, received the United Way Spirit award for employee campaign of the year for under 50 employees at the United Way awards presentation Jan. 22.



DND was the top fund raiser this year, and Cdr Steve Irwin accepted the award on behalf of Base Commander Capt(N) Marcel Hallé who couldn't attend the ceremony.

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Pink Panther 2 – feast or famine?

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The GATE

Even if you liked Steve Martin in the *Pink Panther* remake, can he make the role more interesting the second time around? This week in theatres, Martin returns as Inspector Clouseau in *The Pink Panther 2*. Also debuting this week, Neil Gaiman's *Coraline* makes its 3D debut, the self-help book *He's Just Not That Into You* gets a fictional re-imagining, and lastly, the terrible tale of the Montreal Massacre is told in *Polytechnique*.

The Pink Panther 2

From the director of *Agent Cody Banks*, *Agent Cody Banks 2*, and *One Night at McCool's* comes the sequel that should never have been made.

Steve Martin stars, once again, as the ever-bumbling Inspector Clouseau, who is sent away on a "vacation" in France just as the Pink Panther diamond is stolen for a second time. Leading a team of equally inept experts, Clouseau must track down the master criminal before he makes off with more treasures.

Although Martin is an unmistakable comedic talent, even when he's slumming it in films like this, it seems like he has really reached a new low. Even in some of his worst film choices, like *Cheaper by the*

Dozen, there was a feeling that Martin still had a lot of great work ahead of him.

After *Cheaper by the Dozen 2* and the first *Pink Panther*, it's getting a bit hard to believe he's not stuck in a smoking, burning wreck of a career nose-dive.

Coraline

In all the world there are few writers who I admire more than Neil Gaiman (aside from Terry Pratchett). Gaiman's stories are consistently intense, moving, and all-together spellbinding in a world of what I can only call mostly mundane.

In this stop-motion animated feature, which is based on Gaiman's Hugo and Nebula award-winning novella, Dakota Fanning voices the part of Coraline, a young girl looking for adventure in what she considers her otherwise dull life. When she discovers a special door, which opens into a parallel world where life is exciting, Coraline may have bitten off more than she can chew.

Directed by Henry Selick, who also brought *The Nightmare Before Christmas* to the big screen, this is easily my big pick for the week.

He's Just Not That Into You

You can hardly make this kind of thing up, but since when does a self-help book make for a good movie?

With it's catchy, although

overly long title, *He's Just Not That Into You* is based on Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo's book of the same name, which promises "The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys." Including a definite all-star cast, the film peers into the lives of twenty- and thirty-something women trying to figure out the men in their lives.

Starring Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck, Drew Barrymore, Scarlett Johansson, Jennifer Connelly, and Justin Long, the film is a definite girly-flick, which could be a hard sell for anyone but the ladies.

Polytechnique

Finally, I wanted to mention one Canadian release this week, which may be a bit hard to find, but deserves a note.

Director Denis Villeneuve brings the challenging film *Polytechnique* to select screens this week, telling the horrific story of the 1989 Montreal Massacre in which a young man killed 14 women on the campus of Montreal's Polytechnique.

The topic is a tough one, and some critics are calling the film needlessly sensational for a topic that deserves respect, but there is no true consensus yet.

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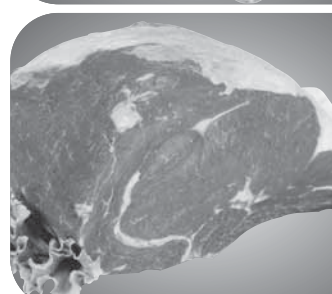
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Above: MS Kevin March, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician, shows the CDS the Teodore EOD robot used in Afghanistan. Gen Natynczyk later presented MS March with a CDS coin in recognition of his service in Afghanistan in 2006.

Below: LCdr Robert Watt, Commanding Officer FDU(P), discusses the unit with the CDS and RAdm Tyrone Pile, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific/Joint Task Force Games.

Right: FDU(P)'s newest recruits get some kind words of encouragement from Gen Natynczyk.



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Sapper Sean Greenfield, from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment based at CFB Petawawa, was killed when his armoured vehicle struck an improvised explosive device on Jan. 31 near Kandahar, Afganistan. Sapper Greenfield was a member of 24 Field Engineer Squadron and was serving with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

Investigation concluded, alcohol a factor in crash

The investigation into the car accident at CFB Esquimalt last year has been completed by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS), an independent unit of the Canadian Forces Military Police.

At 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 14, 2008, a car crashed through a cement barrier at the end of Naden Way and plummeted into Lang Cove. Driver Stephanie Hendel was pronounced dead at the scene. The male passenger was rescued and transferred to hospital. The identity of the passenger will not be revealed as it is protected under the Privacy Act.

Following the investiga-

tion, which included the Coroner's findings, the CFNIS determined the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when it crashed. At the time of her death, Hendel's blood alcohol level was found to be twice the legal limit according to the toxicology report. This was a contributing factor in the accident and her subsequent death, which was determined to be as a result of drowning.

The accident was investigated by the CFNIS, assisted by Victoria City Police and the CFB Esquimalt Military Police Detachment, as the accident occurred within Military Police jurisdiction.

Wanted: Marchers for Nijmegen

Calling all Marchers - Briefing Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m.

The Nijmegen International March will take place in the Netherlands July 21 - 24, 2009. This rigorous and prestigious annual event draws more than 40,000 marchers from 50 countries and is witnessed by over one million spectators.

A Maritime Forces Pacific (MARFAC) contingent of 11 military volunteers will be assembled to reflect a diversity of units, ranks, trades, environments and gender.

Teams must complete the four-day 160-km (4 x 40 km) march in CADPAT carrying a minimum rucksack load of 10 kg.

Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend an information brief at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17 in the Rutherford Theatre at CFFS(E). Team training will start Feb. 23.

For further information, contact Lt(N) Paul Pendergast, J02PA, 363-2499.

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Local CF members receive Order of Military Merit

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Three Victoria-based Canadian Forces members have been invested with one of the highest honorary awards – the Order of Military Merit.

This order recognizes distinctive merit and exceptional service displayed by men and women in regular and reserve Canadian Forces, and is next in precedence to the Order of Canada.

Capt (N) Marcel Hallé, Base Commander of CFB Esquimalt, CPO1 Dave Markin, Coxswain of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, and WO Michelle Cowperthwaite of the Dispute resolution Centre were all appointed members in a ceremony held in Ottawa Jan. 30.

All appointees were invited to bring their spouses to witness the award presentation by Governor General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief, Michaëlle Jean,

“I was overwhelmed and somewhat in a state of disbelief when I first heard that I would receive the insignia,” said Capt(N) Hallé. “Given that there are so many deserving folk within the Canadian Forces, at first I figured why me? It makes me proud to know that the organization has appreciated the efforts and contributions that my family and I have made.”

“It came as a complete surprise,” said CPO1 Markin. “I was walking through Dockyard and I ran into Commodore

Greenwood who congratulated me, and I had no idea what he was talking about. The message was released and circulated while I was away from my desk, so I was the last one to know.”

The ceremony in Ottawa began with an evening reception at the Canadian Aviation Museum. This provided the nominees an opportunity to meet the past and present recipients. Then at Rideau Hall, 56 recipients from across Canada were called up individually and presented this award.

“It was such an honour to be there,” said CPO1 Markin. During his 35 years with the navy, he has served in ships and shore establishments across Canada, and spent a lot of time outside of his role as coxswain volunteering.

He was nominated for this award by *HMCS Vancouver’s* Executive Officer, Cdr Mazur, and Commanding Officer, Capt(N) Donovan, when he worked as the ship’s coxswain. “My wife Cathy liaised with Cdr Mazur and the Commanding Officer to fill in many details about my accomplishments off the base. I had no idea she was doing this,” said CPO1 Markin. “And I am very grateful, because a lot of my success is based on her support.”

Also receiving this award was reservist LCol Terry Kopan of the Reserve Force Cadet Instructor Cadre, of Abbotsford, B.C.



Photos by MCpl Jean-Francois Neron, DND

Governor General Michaëlle Jean presented the Order of Military Merit to three Esquimalt military members in a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa:

Above: Capt(N) Marcel Hallé, CFB Esquimalt Base Commander.

Bottom left: CPO1 Dave Markin, Coxswain of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton.

Bottom middle: WO Michelle Cowperthwaite of the Dispute Resolution Centre.

Bottom right: LCol Terry Kopan of the Reserve Force Cadet Instructor Cadre, of Abbotsford, B.C.



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Protecteur's fund raising win at sea

Shelley Lipke
 Staff writer

The dollar bills were flying when *HMCS Protecteur* dedicated an entire day at sea to raise money for their United Way campaign.

Their heart-felt efforts raised more than \$30,000 and earned them a United Way Spirit award in the category of Leadership Campaign Over 75 Employees.

The award was presented at the annual United Way awards ceremony on Jan. 22 at the Fairmont Empress hotel.

"We always come together as a crew and are proud of the amount we raised for United Way and the teamwork we saw with the ship's company to raise these funds," said CPO1 Ron Mierau, Coxswain.

During their six-and-a-half month deployment, the entire ship's company came together in a bidding war that lasted all day. The fund raising kicked off with a pancake breakfast while sailing the Indian Ocean. Hefty fund raising such as \$1,000 head shaves and \$1,400 beard shaves were typical of the day. Each person had the option of paying a lump sum, charging the bids to their credit card or making a deduction off of their paychecks throughout the year.

"The morale committee invents all these ideas from past and present experiences on their ships, and this year's United Way campaign was led by two firefighters on the



PO2 Hartley puts a pie in the face of Lt(N) Turner, combat systems engineer in *HMCS Protecteur*, during a United Way fund raiser held at sea.

Shelley Lipke, Lookout

ship, Sgt Joseph Debalinhard, and MCpl Chris Green," said CPO1 Mierau.

There was also the opportunity to bid on a night in the Commanding Officer's cabin. This included dinner with the Commanding Officer, a movie on his big screen TV, drinks and conversation.

"The highest bidder could have three guests with them if they won, and would be taken off their next watch," said CPO1 Mierau. This honour went to OS Shawn McIntosh and OS Andrew Clark who each paid \$500 to play cards, chat and empty Capt(N) Sean Cantelon's fridge.

"My mother worked for Canadian Mental Health for 20 years, and she often



Lt(N) Langevin, a liquid cargo officer, gets a pie in the face as well.

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brought her clients to our home. I could really relate to them and felt really good about giving to the United Way because this helps these

people," said OS McIntosh. This year, the United Way Campaign had its most successful year to date with \$6.3 million raised.

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IN BRIEF

Urgent care returns to medical clinic

The roof replacement/repairs currently underway at CF Health Services Center (Pacific) have progressed sufficiently to allow Urgent Care to return to the Clinic.

As a result, the temporary Venture Sickbay in Bldg 1070 at Work Point will close effective 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. Urgent Care will re-open at the Base Clinic effective 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16. We regret any inconvenience this temporary change may have caused.

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Urgent Care Clinic: Building N97 on Colville Road

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Booked appointments at the CF Health Services Center (Pacific) Clinic are made through the members' CDUs:

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Questions or concerns regarding this temporary change may be directed to:

- Vic Falconer, Manager Primary Care Services 250-363-5585
- Ray Rovas, Patient Relations Officer 250-363-5657
- WO Louis Robichaud, Acting Clinic Warrant Officer 250-363-7069

Basketball results

19 Wing Comox Totems team were victorious at the Pacific Region Men's Basketball Championship, which took place Jan. 8-10 at 19 Wing Comox. They took home the gold, beating the Formation Esquimalt Tritons in a best of three series. 19 Wing Comox will go on to represent

the Pacific Region at the Canadian Forces National Championship taking place Feb. 21-27 at CFB Borden.

Decommissioned warship to be transferred back to DND

The Minister of National Defence has announced Fraser will be transferred back to DND from its current owner, the Artificial Reef Society of Nova Scotia (ARSNS).

Despite the best intentions and best efforts of the ARSNS, the significant scope of maintaining Fraser proved to be beyond the capacity of the Society's resources.

The vessel has been slowly deteriorating over the years. A comprehensive survey of the ship's condition will be conducted. This will be accompanied by remedial work to address any immediate environmental, health or safety risks that are assessed during the survey.

The work will also ensure that the ship is safe to move. The title, custody and liability of Fraser will be transferred to DND immediately before the vessel is moved from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, to a temporary berth.

DND is evaluating a number of disposal options, including preservation of the vessel for heritage purposes, sinking it to create an artificial reef or disposal as scrap. Fraser has been in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, as a floating museum since 1997.

Westbank Air Cadets and Williams Lake Sea Cadets lead in BC Biathlon

A team of three brothers, who are members of 909 "Peregrine" Royal Canadian

Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS), Westbank, and three sea cadets from 202 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) "Chilcoltin" of Williams Lake, will lead the B.C. Region Cadet Biathlon Team to the National Cadet Biathlon in Valcartier, Que. next month.

The cadets earned their spot after winning their categories in the two-day Olympic style, B.C. Region Cadet Biathlon races at Sovereign Lake, near Vernon, B.C. two weeks ago. The winning cadets were selected from their standing after a six-kilometre individual race.

Biathlon couples the rigorous sport of cross-country skiing with the mental and physical control required for precision smallbore rifle marksmanship with elapsed time and target scores determining the outcome.

Sea Cadets, Sarah Thompson, Julia Rook and Stephanie LaChappel of Williams Lake were the first place female unit team, and Westbank air cadets Jasper, Ben, and Carson MacKenzie were the first place male team.

They join Sea Cadets, Rita Dubman of 102 RCSCC "Fraser" of New Westminster, Olga Kapustina of RCSCC "Grilse" of Port Moody, and Zak Andres and Jeffrey Dietrich of 100 RCSCC "Admiral Mainguy" of Duncan, along with Air Cadets Karen Young of 848 "Royal Roads" RCACS Colwood and Stephen Kinsey of 205 "Kitimaat" RCACS of Kitimat.

Jasper and Carson MacKenzie were top individual senior and junior boys. Cadets Rita Dubman, Karen Young and Olga Kapustina were gold med-

alists in the Senior, Junior and Youth female category. Sea Cadet Cody Williamson of 204 RCSCC "Babine" of Smithers took first place in the male youth category, but did not qualify for the national team.

The 12 cadets, six boys and six girls, will travel to Valcartier, Que, to compete against cadets from across Canada March 1 to 7.

New Commander for Victoria's Naval Reserve Division

Cdr Paul MacNeill has relinquished command of HMCS Malahat, Victoria's Naval Reserve Division, to Cdr Steve Pokotylo during a formal ceremony Jan. 30. Commodore Jennifer Bennett, Commander of Canada's 24 Naval Reserve Divisions and former Commanding Officer HMCS Malahat, was the presiding officer.

Cdr MacNeill serves the navy full-time as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Exercise Coordination at Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters. In his civilian employment, Cdr Pokotylo is a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Intelligence Analyst with the Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC) in Victoria.

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A multinational success in Afghanistan

Capt Paul Kim
Contributor

Due to the high elevations and dry conditions, flight operations in Afghanistan have been very challenging for the new Joint Task Force Afghanistan (JTF-Afg) Air Wing in Kandahar.

The Canadian Helicopter Force Afghanistan (CHF(A)) have had their challenges as well, but have managed to lift off without a snag.

Technicians from 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

based in Edmonton, who are currently serving with the CHF (A), have not only been working on their own aircraft, but have also been lending a helping hand to other Canadian aviation units and other aviation units deployed at the Kandahar Air Field in Afghanistan.

"We have an incredible maintenance facility here at the Kandahar Air Field, and our maintainers are always willing to go that extra step in order to ensure we provide the best service

that we can," said Major Derek Lay, JTF-Afg Air Wing Maintenance Flight Commander. "Anytime we can help other Air Wing units or units from different countries, the interaction and team work between all the air units here makes it all worth while."

The JTF-Afg Air Wing is composed of six CH-147 Chinook D model medium - to heavy - lift helicopters, three CC-130 Hercules aircraft, up to three Heron Unmanned Aerial Vehicles,

and eight CH-146 Griffon helicopters.

"What has been unusually interesting and gratifying is the amount of multinational support that we receive from the United States Army, Marine Corps and the British Joint Helicopter Force. We share our resources on a daily basis, and since the United States Army operates the same Chinook D Model helicopters, we can share our expertise as well - it's a multinational success," said Major Lay.

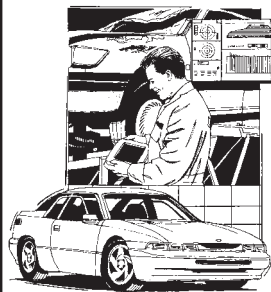
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Awards and Presentations in HMCS Winnipeg



Above: LS Longeran receives her Kuwait Liberation Medal from Cdr Craig Baines, Winnipeg's Commanding Officer.

Below: CPO1 Lake, Coxswain, receives a farewell memento from Cdr Baines and LCdr Tim Kerr, Executive Officer, for his departure from the ship.



Above: LS Machtmes receives his Machinery Control Console Operator Certificate from Cdr Baines.

Below: AB Robinson receives his Auxiliary Machinery Certificate from the ship's commanding officer.



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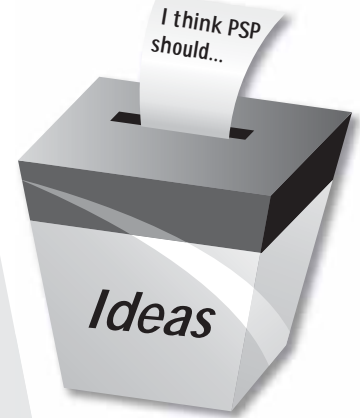
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PO2 Janet Sinclair (left) and PO2 Silvyia Reid (right) pled guilty last week to tampering with a DND computer application.

Sailors await sentencing for damaging computer system

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

Two female sailors are awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to willfully damaging a database icon at the National Defence Command Centre (NDCC) in Ottawa.

During a court martial that began last Wednesday on base, PO2 Janet Sinclair and her spouse PO2 Silvyia Reid both admitted to purposely tampering with a Microsoft Access application, originally created by PO2 Sinclair, which was used to produce briefings to senior officers and defence officials. This database contained classified information on missile launches and space data that was provided by our allies, said LCol Theo Heuthorst, Commander of the National Defence Command Centre.

Both women worked at NDCC as information management non-commissioned members and held security clearances of the highest level, explained LCol Heuthorst during his testimony. "They worked with extremely sensitive and highly classified information."

Prosecutor Maj Jason Samson read in court an email conversation between the two women that provided evidence of them planning to crash the database.

On July 23, 2007, a formal investigation began when LCdr Gavin McCallum, a senior officer working at NDCC at the time, initiated an investigation.

In the statement of circumstances read in court, Maj Samson reported that PO2 Reid confessed that her actions were intended to see if co-workers could return the application to operation

and that she was motivated by a desire to teach other members of the watch a lesson.

PO2 Reid admitted in court that she had had trouble with two colleagues and felt they weren't doing their job properly. LCdr Gavin McCallum testified that one fellow co-worker was subsequently counseled for her poor performance. "I had no idea the problems got to the level that they did which led to this incident," said LCdr McCallum.

The act degraded the efficiency of the section for two weeks and cost \$536 to repair damage to IT resources said Maj Samson.

"The accuracy and timeliness of the information being transferred [from the database] was affected," said LCol Heuthorst, adding it could have compromised sensitive information that the Canadian Forces holds.

Prosecution asked LCol Heuthorst about how publicity on this case will impact the department. "As it became public it called into question the accuracy and timeliness that National Defence Command Centre provides to our allies and senior levels of the Canadian National Defence," he said. "I will need to make a formal apology to our allies and make them aware that this is an isolated event, and not a representation of the department."

PO2 Reid wrote a letter of apology shortly after the incident and before she was charged.

After the internal investigation, both women were initially charged with a number of offences, but mischief to data, willfully damaging property, and negligently

performing a military duty were presented at the beginning of this case. When they pled guilty to willfully damaging property the other two charges were withdrawn.

They were re-assigned to other roles in the Canadian Forces.

At press time Friday afternoon, the case moved into closing arguments, where the defence spoke about what they consider a just punishment. The case is scheduled to continue today.

Court martial judge Col Mario Dutil said the maximum penalty for the crime they have pled guilty to is less than two years in prison.

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