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Shelley Lipke, Lookout



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Winnipeg crew experiences unscripted missile training

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Over the Feb. 14 weekend, *HMCS Winnipeg* successfully launched five missiles in the Barking Sands Operations Area off the Hawaiian Island of Kauai in a drill new to Canadian ships – a Black Firing Missile Exercise.

“This missile shoot was unique in that it was a true tactical test of our combat team,” said Naval Weapons Technician MS Chris Lawrence. “During a missile launch, the profile is normally scripted, so the operations team knows exactly where the drone will be approaching from, how it will behave and when it will arrive.”

For this missile shoot, only the Safety Team, headed up by Commander of Sea Training, knew the time and manner of attack. Not even *Winnipeg’s* Commanding Officer knew when or how the ship would be under threat.

“We had to react like we would in a theatre of operation, which posed more challenges for the team,” said Lt(N) Todd Kennedy, Operations Room Officer.

To ensure safety concerns were met, there were several members of Sea Training Pacific acting as an integrated safety cell.

“The Sea Trainers spoke with range control and made all the safety arrangements for the ship during the launch, relieving the crew from that responsibility and allowing us to focus on defence,” said Lt(N) Kennedy.

During the exercise, remote drones showed up on the ship’s radar system. Lt(N) Kennedy’s job was to lead his Operations Room team in assessing and stopping the threat, while keeping the Commanding Officer informed of the situation.

“We had to establish which drones were threats,” he said. “It was quite stimulating, and you



Above: A camera on board *HMCS Winnipeg* captured the various stages of the missile shoot.
Right: Naval Weapons Technician MS Chris Lawrence prepares the missile launcher for the exercise.



could pretty much hear a pin drop on the operations room floor because everyone was so focused on their job. We had to ensure that the missile launched correctly, and that it make a hit criteria.”

Upon launch, the missiles rose vertically to the height of the frigate’s mast and then changed course to track its target, a BQM remote controlled drone simulating missiles fired from aircraft or ship. The targets were launched off the U.S. Navy base and travelled 40 miles by radio control, put into formation and assigned a profile.

As the exercise unfolded throughout the day, the ship’s company was closed up inside the ship with the entire upper deck out of bounds. Only personnel and Sea Training staff on the bridge watched the missiles being launched.

In the moments leading up to each launch, a silence engulfed the ship, with the entire ship’s company listening to the voice reports. A loud whoosh was heard and

flames and smoke shot out of the exhaust funnel of the firing cells once each Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile was launched. Then the roar of life ramped up on the ship as people began talking again, said Lt(N) Kennedy.

MS Lawrence described the ship’s atmosphere as one of anxious determination.

“This missile shoot was a culmination of months of preparation by the entire crew,” said MS Lawrence. “The ship’s communications systems are heavily relied on during an exercise like this. Anytime a ship goes into a missile range it’s important to guarantee that all the weapons systems are fully operational.”

If the radar suite was not operating correctly, the operations room team would have a very challenging time tracking and assessing whether the target was a threat or not to *Winnipeg*, added Lt(N) Kennedy.

“We did a firing in November,



and since then the Combat Systems Engineering Department and the Operations Room Team have spent countless hours preparing for this.”

The ship’s crew also received support from the Weapons Training Division, Sea Training Pacific and the Warfare Centre in Halifax leading up to the launch.

“This missile launch proves without a doubt that *Winnipeg* will be able to defend herself against any threat, and that’s a comforting thought heading out on a long NATO deployment,” said MS

Lawrence. “It was nice to have a successful shoot to start our long deployment off on the right foot.”

Sea Training Pacific staff disembarked in Hawaii, leaving *Winnipeg* to rendezvous with a United States Navy Seventh Fleet Carrier Strike Group in their area of responsibility off the Korean Peninsula for a multi-national maritime exercise.

After this, *Winnipeg* will continue the next leg of its six-month deployment with Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

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TRAINING: VESSELS' ROLE EXPANDS

Orcas show off new hoist capabilities

Mary Ellen Green
Staff writer

History was made this month on Patrol Class Training Renard when a Sea King helicopter carefully lowered a mail bag on to the quarter deck during Exercise Silver, the second phase of Olympic security training held in Vancouver two weeks ago.

It was the first time a hoist to or from an Orca class vessel was attempted in the Canadian Navy, but it wasn't the last.

By the end of the two-week exercise, both a Griffon and a Sea King lowered air crew on to Renard's decks.

Renard was sailing in support of Exercise Silver at the time, but was also conducting the last three weeks of a six-week sea phase for five MARS 4 students.

LCdr Jean-Luc DeVillers was the Officer in Charge of Renard, with support from 13 HMCS Algonquin sailors. LCdr DeVillers is also Algonquin's executive officer.

"The first hoist transfer was a planned serial as part of the exercise, but the second and third hoist transfer weren't planned," said LCdr DeVillers. "I got a call from the Griffon just outside Howe Sound and they asked if they could practise the hoist transfer."

The ship's company set up a safe environment for the air crew by removing extra equipment from the decks. They also ensured a fire hose was ready to respond quickly in the case of an emergency.

"The Orca vessels are very suitable as training platforms for young sailors, but they also have a lot of other

capabilities," said LCdr DeVillers. "The ability to hoist people, parts or cargo is now an extension of their capability."

Capt(N) Gilles Couturier, the Commander of Maritime Operations Group Four, and the Maritime Component Commander for Exercise Silver and the upcoming Exercise Gold in preparation for Operation Podium, said the results of the hoist exercise were a resounding success.

"The primary role of these vessels is for training officers and non commissioned sailors to get the basics of seamanship and navigation," he said. "An Orca Class vessel could encounter a situation that would require us to consider hoisting someone to or from the vessel. We now know that this option is a viable option for Orca Class vessels."



First Canadian to earn American award

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

For the first time in history, a Canadian watch officer has received the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System (IUSS) Watch Officer of the Year award at the Naval Ocean Processing Facility (NOPF) at Whidbey Island, Washington.

Lt(N) Tyson Bergmann, a Tactical Watch Officer, shone above other watch officers in three integrated Canadian/United States units to receive this honour, which was awarded at a banquet held in Virginia on Feb. 11.

"I feel proud just to be able to represent the Canadian Forces in a binational command," he said.

The IUSS was first established in 1951 because of the threat posed by enemy submarines during the Second World War. By examining acoustic trans-

missions within the ocean's deep channels, potential threats could be exposed at long ranges, increasing homeland security.

The Whidbey Island location opened in 1987, and Lt(N) Bergmann was posted there in October 2007. Since then, he's led 17 United States and Canadian Forces sailors, and provided acoustic cueing to anti-submarine warfare commanders during nine subsurface prosecutions including: RIMPAC 08, SHAREM 156, ANNUALEX, and USWEX.

"To me the award is a great honour; however, it would not have been possible without the excellent training I have received in anti-submarine warfare both back in Canada as well as down here at Whidbey Island," said Lt(N) Bergmann. "The United States Navy and Canadian sonar operators I work with on a daily basis consistently give one hun-



Lt(N) Tyson Bergmann receives the Integrated Undersea Surveillance Systems Watch Officer of the Year award from Commodore Peter W. Furze, Commander Undersea Surveillance.

dred per cent effort, which really makes my job as a watch officer that much easier."

U.S. Navy Cdr Stephen Tripp, current Commanding Officer at Whidbey Island, recognizes the benefit of

having Canadians in the unit.

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Scottish heist unravels in Stone of Destiny

W. Andrew Powell
The GATE

Coming to theatres this Friday, *Stone of Destiny* takes a look back to 1950 when three young, Scottish nationalists tried to steal the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey. Also opening, in *Fired Up*, two high school students ditch their football dreams for the wonders of cheerleader camp, and Tyler Perry returns with the film version of his play, *Madea Goes to Jail*.

Stone of Destiny

When people talk about Scottish films, or at least films set in Scotland, the conversation often turns to the likes of *Rob Roy*, *Braveheart*, *Trainspotting* or even *Highlander*. So when a new film about one of Scotland's most treasured artefacts debuts, it's understandable that expectations might be a little high.

Set in 1950, *Stone of Destiny* is the story of Scottish national pride, which retells the story of the three young nationalists who broke into Westminster Abbey to steal the famed Stone of Destiny, better known as the Stone of Scone.

With Scotland's national pride barely registering at the time, the story looks at the events that led three young men to try to bring their country's national symbol back home.

Stolen by Edward I in 1296, the Stone is Scotland's royal symbol, used during coronations since around 840 AD. After it was stolen, the Stone was held in Westminster Abbey, and placed inside a coronation chair as a symbol that the reigning monarch of England also ruled over Scotland.

Directed by Charles Martin Smith, *Stone of Destiny* stars Charlie Cox, Kate Mara, Billy Boyd and Robert Carlyle. The cast is a good mix of actors, who all contribute to the story, but there is no missing the film's rather weak script. At just over an-hour-and-a-half, *Stone of Destiny* is not overly long, but it drags every step of the way.

There is also very little about the film that goes beyond expectations. For a film set in Scotland, you at least expect great cinematography, but it tends to disappoint in every way. High expectations aside, I expected a lot more than a bland retelling of this iconic tale.

Fired Up

Let's just get this out of the way. The critics are not impressed with *Fired Up*.

Michael Rechtshaffen of the Hollywood Reporter called *Fired Up*, "An over-cranked teen comedy that only travels so far on its one-gag premise," but are you really surprised?

In this made-for-teens film by first-time director Will Gluck, two high school guys (Nicholas D'Agosto and Eric Christian Olsen) ditch football camp for their dream experience: cheerleader camp. As the only two guys with this idea, this of course gives them access to a camp full of beautiful women, but what happens when one of them falls for the head cheerleader? Or when the two guys need to actually help make it into a cheer competition?

If you need a cheap laugh this weekend, or are under 20, *Fired Up* is probably your best bet in theatres this weekend, but I per-



sonally can't imagine actually paying money to see this film.

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail

Which brings me next to Tyler Perry's latest triumph, *Madea Goes to Jail*.

With an 80s-inspired title if I ever heard one, which reminds me of the time Ernest was headed to camp, and despite a critical history that would make Alan Smithee flee in terror, Tyler Perry is back with another story of that mean-spirited grandmother, Madea.

Sent off to jail thanks to a car chase on the highway, and her unfettered anger, Madea's family rallies to set her free upon the world once more. While she is

locked up, however, Madea takes a young prostitute under her wing, as an assistant district attorney works on the woman's case.

While I am no fan of Perry's work, the man has quite a following. A following that apparently accepts him for who he is, and whether or not he can actually make an entertaining film. Based on a lack of early reviews, I can't say if I'm being fair or not, but with his track record I'm betting this will be more of the same.

In other words, if you enjoyed some of Perry's previous films, like *The Family That Preys*, *Meet the Browns*, or *Why Did I Get Married?*, maybe you'll like this one too.

WHAT SAY YOU

Good Samaritans a common trait in DND

Last month, my mother, who is in her 70s, was out along the Gorge for her daily exercise. Going at a good clip, she suddenly stumbled and landed hard on the pavement, with her arms pinned under her and one hand broken, unable to move. She began shivering from shock and the cold. After a while, she realized she had not seen many people out in the park that day, and that help might be a long time coming.

Eventually, a woman driving by with her husband noticed something that "didn't look right" by the water. She asked her husband to drop her off so she could check it out, and he drove up a ways to park. When she realized that it was a woman lying face down on the pavement, she quickly gathered Mum up and held her close to keep her warm. Her

husband phoned for help and waited by the side of the road to flag them down and direct them to where Mum was.

It did not surprise me at all when my mother told us later that she recalls the woman who helped her said she was a nurse and that they worked for the nearby military hospital. Good Samaritans and generous acts seem to be common in the DND community.

My mother and our whole family would like to offer our sincerest thanks to that DND couple for acting, not simply driving by, but for helping my Mum the way they did.

Many, many thanks and of course, Bravo Zulu.

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Naval reservist reflects on Sudan deployment

Lt(N) Jim Parker
HMCS Malahat

In April 2008, Lt(N) Parker headed into the heart of Africa's Sudan to spend six months as an unarmed United Nations Military Observer, joining Canadians and other military members from UN countries on the mission. Their role was to monitor and observe interactions between the Muslim and Christian Sudanese following the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by both the Government of Sudan, representing the North, and Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLA), representing the South on Jan. 9, 2005. Below are his thoughts on the experience.

Like many hundreds of CF members, I am settling in at home following a deployment.

In my case, I have returned from Operation Safari, Canada's contribution to the UN mission in southern Sudan, where I was a military observer.

I had spent a great deal of time before I deployed wondering how I might be affected by spending six months in a third world, war-ravaged country.

Before I deployed to Sudan, I vowed I would leave my "Canadianess" behind. I would try to accept Sudan for what it was, to make no judgments or comparisons to Canada. I thought by doing this, I would be able to enjoy my experience there. This proved

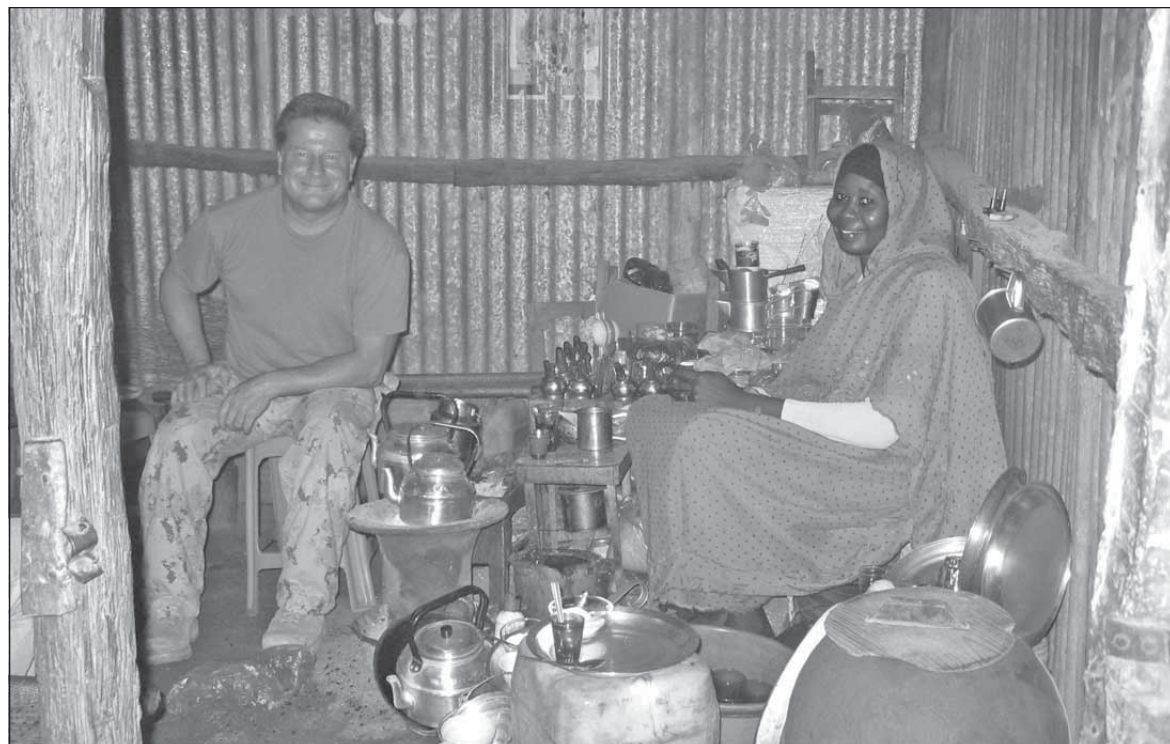
to be very much the case.

I found Sudan to be a country of many dichotomies. The biggest of which was the dichotomy between our two countries. I saw sad things and wonderful things in Sudan: friendly people, beautiful women, and laughing children in a dirty, corrupt and harsh country.

In my travels as a military observer, I saw bullet holes surrounded by Jasmine, modern SUVs whizzing by nomads on camels, women carrying loads on their heads while their husbands slept, and soldiers with AK47s slung over their shoulders while they rode their children to school on bicycles.

I often thought I had landed on Mars because Sudan is so different from Canada. I mean, here I was a naval reservist, ex-physical education teacher from beautiful and sheltered little Victoria, BC, dodging donkey-pulled wagons in the town of Dilling, haggling the price of vegetables, melting in 40 Celsius heat, getting used to being stared at (and called "Kawaja" - foreigner) and trying to make myself understood using bits of Arabic. And yet I loved it.

Some of my colleagues from the Nordic countries were not enjoying their time though. I often thought their problems stemmed because they had brought their standards and expectations from home and were trying to apply them to this third world country. And so they were perpetually disappointed.



Photos courtesy of Lt(N) Jim Parker

Above: Lt(N) Jim Parker sits with Asha, a Sudanese woman he befriended.

Bottom left: A young nomad poses for a photo.

Bottom right: Lt(N) Parker visits a school during a UN observer mission.



"TIA," we learned to say - This is Africa.

Being a cynic, I need to have things proven to me or see them with my own eyes. We have all heard the Canadian military member is very highly regarded around the world and that Canada itself is held in high esteem. Before I left for Africa, I had felt these state-

ments were overblown. Well, I have since become a believer.

Almost every Sudanese I met knew something of Canada. Often they would touch the red and white Canadian flag on my shoulder and say, "Canada" and smile. I handed out items with Canadian emblems on them that HMCS Malahat, my naval reserve unit in

Victoria, had kindly sent me and if I wasn't careful, started fights between groups of boys, if not fairly distributed.

The other myth that I had substantiated was the high regard for the CF member held by other countries and militaries. At Canada House in Khartoum, we were told that Canadian officers were quickly made "G3s" or "OpsOs" or other leaders of the G cells upon arriving at the team sites or shortly thereafter. This

is precisely what happened at our team site in Dilling, when my very switched-on young Canadian colleague Lt(N) Janan Sutherland was appointed G3. He also became acting team site leader for a period, a position normally given only to officers from countries that would be in theatre for at least a year.

Our Canadian predecessors led the way, and I hope that we at least maintained the bar, if not raised it for our follow-on colleagues. It was reinforced quite regularly by our 20 or so colleagues from 15 different countries, that said the CF member is consistently the best trained and displays the best leadership qualities of any military.

It is also my personal opinion that coming from a multi-cultural country such as ours, contributed hugely to our successes. To put it simply, we were able to get along with everybody!

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Task Force Kandahar Headquarters

In May 2008, eight soldiers from 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery departed Petawawa to form the Fire Support Coordination Centre (FSCC) as part of the Task Force Kandahar Headquarters (TFK HQ) in Afghanistan.

The reality of being in a war zone hit everyone immediately, as we participated in a ramp ceremony for a fallen comrade the day after our arrival. In spite of this, we had a significant job to do and had to get focused.

The TFK FSCC worked with British, American, Australian and many other soldiers that make up the International Security Assistance Force. In addition to working with Canadian soldiers in TFK, we also worked with other agencies such as Task Force Helmand, Regional Command (East) and the International Security Assistance Force Headquarters in Kabul. We worked diligently to ensure multi-national ground-based indirect fire assets and air assets could support Canadian troops fighting in Kandahar Province. It was encouraging to see how the various Task Forces were so keen to support the Canadians.

The Canadian guns were very busy during our tour as they supported friendly forces and provided accurate and timely fires when and where required. During our tour, we had the pleasure of working with two different Artillery Batteries.

We said our good-byes to B Battery from 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Shilo, MB, at the halfway point in our tour, and welcomed F Battery from 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Petawawa for the last half. It was great to see so many familiar faces from Petawawa and begin the process of working with the soldiers from the 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group.

In July 2008, the TFK FSCC faced the challenge of providing integral artillery support to "2-2 Infantry" — the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army — when its combat power was added to Task Force Kandahar. Canadian M777s deployed to 2-2 Infantry's forward operating base, and the TFK FSCC helped mentor the American battalion on the employment of Canadian artillery. 2-2 Infantry successfully engaged several targets using their Canadian guns, thus strengthening further the professional relationship between soldiers of both nations.

During our deployment, B Battery fired more than 300 artillery missions of all natures and F Battery has fired more than 200 missions thus far.

The tour provided us the opportunity to meet and work with officers and soldiers from several different nations. After so long in Afghanistan, everyone is excited about getting back home and reuniting with their loved ones.

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Far left: Station attendant John Collins wears a vest supporting the troops.

Left: Nick Wasielewitsch, John Collins and Jason Hay.

FALLEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Gillian Crouse

Manager, Air Canada Employee Communications

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In most airports, only one thing can bring an entire operating ramp to a halt: lightning. But in Toronto Pearson, there are two: lightning, and a fallen Canadian soldier being carried home for the last time.

No one can say exactly when it started, but they all remember how.

Handling human remains is sadly a regular occurrence for the cargo team, and they have long had a respectful process in place for the carriage of the deceased.

One day a few years back, Nick Wasielewitsch answered the phone and was told there was a casket to handle that day. But this one carried a Canadian soldier who had recently been killed on tour.

"He was going to be flown out on a 320, so we got out one of our regular PKC folding units," recalls Nick. "I looked at it, and even though it was perfectly clean and fine for a regular day, it just seemed that to carry the body of a hero, it should be made to shine."

Nick's feelings were shared by several others, so with some help he power-washed and polished the unit until it sparkled. Caskets are put on skids to help with balance, but the gang felt the wooden skids looked too industrial. So Nick found some silver paper to wrap the skids, taped it up, and made sure it looked neat and clean.

"Respectable," is how he describes it. "I mean, this is Air Canada. We are carrying a fallen soldier. He gave his life for our country; we can give him a respectful carriage."

And so began the "Ramp Ceremony." Now when they receive word they will be transporting a fallen soldier, the Cargo team as well as many others are ready.

When a soldier is killed in battle or on tour, the remains are flown to Trenton, ON, aboard military aircraft. They are accompanied by another soldier, usually a friend, of equal or lower rank. From Trenton, they are taken to the coroner in Toronto where a funeral director arranges to transport the body to Toronto Airport. Air Canada then flies the deceased to wherever they are going to be buried.

It's not just clean equipment that goes into transporting a fallen soldier onto an Air Canada aircraft.

Jason Hay was the STOC Coordinator when the Ramp Ceremony started up, and has taken on the communications responsibility.

"I hear from Corporate Security, or sometimes from the funeral home, that we will be transporting a fallen soldier. Once I get word, I make sure everyone who wants to know knows."

A lot of people want to know – John Collins was one of the first to get involved, and takes care of making sure the right equipment is available, while Jason looks into having the

accompanying soldier upgraded, gets bag tags from Concierge, and meets everyone else on the ramp.

"We are able to escort the accompanying soldier from the ramp; he doesn't have to go up through the airport. We have CATSA, GTAA, GUADRA, and everyone else we need to screen them on the ramp," says Jason.

It is John who drives the accompanying soldier across the ramp.

"We have roadways we always follow; we don't have radios to the tower so we must stay on track. Once we get to the gate, the GTAA veer off and I bring in the van driving the accompanying soldier. It's pretty solemn. Then there is another van behind me carrying the fallen soldier. All the fire department, all the police, the military, even pilots come out to salute as we drive by. They hold a spontaneous Honour Guard until he is on board.

"Watching a 767 fall into procession behind a van carrying a surviving soldier who is travelling home with his deceased buddy – it's something else."

As time has gone on, more and more Air Canada employees have heard about the Ramp Ceremony and found ways to get involved. One person started making skids from materials he paid for from his own pocket. Several others helped him finish them. Lots more go out and buy flags to carry or adorn the ramp. And still someone else special-orders cargo straps that are clean and white. Many help out on their lunch breaks. Others show up whether they are working that day or not.

"Even people who can't be right here are still helping," John says. "For example, while I'm doing my part with the ceremony, someone else is covering my shift. We can't just stop the whole operation, so even colleagues who aren't out here are still helping."

Asked why he thinks so many people put in the effort, Jason says "Well for one thing, we are Canadians and we work at Air Canada. There is a lot of pride with that. But mostly, we have a lot of employees here who have sons and daughters in the military. Many have even served themselves, or are in the Reserves now. It's a sign of respect for our colleagues."

Nodding, John adds "I think we are all also thinking of the family of the fallen. They almost never see the ceremony, but even if they don't, I just want to help give them peace of mind that their son or daughter is being honoured and taken care of."

In addition to all the employees who are involved in carrying out the Ramp Ceremony, even more have written letters to Montie commending the team, or posted messages on the blog to say how proud they are of their colleagues. But no one seems to want to own the effort, and all praise is humbly shrugged off.

"We don't do it to be thanked," John explains. "The accompanying soldiers are always so grateful. But we keep telling them, don't thank us. Just tell your buddies in Kandahar what you've seen here. Tell them that Air Canada is still here for them."

"I think it's pretty amazing for us to be able to do this," Jason reflects. "I can't think of many other jobs that would even have this opportunity. We all feel so strongly about it. No one told us to do it. We just took it on."

"You know, something else always strikes me," John adds. "I don't think a soldier could possibly notice this, but during the ceremony all our divisions are gone. We are just one little Canada. When we are out there, on the ramp with a deceased soldier and his buddy, we are not STOC and Cargo and Ramp. We are Air Canada. All of us."

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This is the passenger announcement made in the event that crew find themselves operating a flight which is transporting the remains of a soldier from a mission in Afghanistan. The announcement was approved by Air Canada and the Department of National Defence, and so great care is taken to read the announcement verbatim without deviations.

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Building a legacy for CPO1 Ron Guilderson

Mary Ellen Green
Staff writer

The Communications Training Centre at Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt now has a new name – CPO1 Ronald H. Guilderson building – and a new legacy following a ceremony held last Tuesday.

CPO1 Guilderson was a friend and mentor to many Canadian Forces sailors, in and out of the communications trades.

“He touched many sailors throughout his career, with his wit, charisma, and no-nonsense leadership approach,” said CPO2 Pierre Picard, who coordinated the ceremony.

“It was only befitting that the Communications Training Centre be renamed after such a role model.”

Throughout his career, CPO1 Guilderson worked his way up to Chief Yeoman of Signals in *HMCS Algonquin*. He was the Base Chief Petty Officer between 1991 and 1994, and later became the MARPAC Fleet Chief Petty Officer before retiring in 1995.

He was also instrumental in the opening of CFB Esquimalt's Military Family Resource Centre and in integrating female sailors into various naval trades.

“With his leadership he was able to curb the old

mentality of sailor, and usher in a new navy where women have access to any naval occupation,” said CPO2 Picard.

A warm and sunny morning welcomed guests and dignitaries to the old parade square in front of building N50, including CPO1 Guilderson's two sons, Wayne and Greg, and RAdm Tyrone Pile, the presiding officer.

The Naden Band provided the musical backdrop, the Petty Officer Guard was on parade and a graduating class of QL3 naval communicator students stood at attention.

After RAdm Pile inspected the guard and presented QL3 certificates, he addressed the crowd that had gathered in the open square.

He praised CPO1 Guilderson as being a top-notch communicator and an inspiration to young and old sailors alike.

He then called upon Guilderson's sons to help unveil the new plaque that adorns the entrance.

“We are really taken aback by this unexpected honour,” Wayne Guilderson said. “I'm overwhelmed by the professionalism and generosity of the navy.”

“I'm really glad to see the naval family keeping its heritage alive,” said son Greg. “It's a real honour to be here. If only he knew.”



Mary Ellen Green, Lookout

Above: RAdm Tyrone Pile (left) watches as CPO1 Ronald Guilderson's sons Wayne and Greg unveil a plaque dedicated to their father.

Bottom: A crowd gathered on a sunny Tuesday morning to dedicate the Fleet School Esquimalt Communications Training Centre in honour of CPO1 Ronald H. Guilderson.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the conference of the CPO1 Ronald H. Guilderson, MMM, CD Building where guests looked at a photo slide show and shared stories of the Chief.



Memorial for Lt(N) Cameron Tkachuk

Lt(N) Cameron Tkachuk passed away due to cancer Aug. 31, 2008, while serving as a CTO at Venture.

In a gesture of goodwill and friendship to those who served with him in the navy, Lt(N) Tkachuk bequeathed funds for his memorial RPC, which will be held in the Naval Officer Training Centre Gunroom on Thursday Feb. 26 starting at 3 p.m.

Lt(N) Tkachuk's father and broth-

ers will attend and present a gift to the Gunroom on Cameron's behalf. Refreshments and a meet and greet will immediately follow.

All friends and former shipmates of Lt(N) Tkachuk are invited to meet the family and share with them stories of Cam's time.

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Rotation review: Outgoing Commander reflects on mission

Capt Sonia M.I. Dumouchel-Connock
Task Force Kandahar
Public Affairs Officer

After serving nine-months as Commander of Task Force Kandahar, BGen Denis Thompson passed command to the incoming commander, BGen Jonathan Vance. The transfer of command authority took place in a ceremony at Kandahar Air Field on Feb. 19, and was attended by a host of Afghan, Canadian and international guests.

"Our mission in Kandahar Province was to increase and solidify the Afghan people's support for their government while at the same time removing the

insurgent influence over the people," says BGen Thompson. "During our time here, we strove to do this through operations and activities geared at improving security, governance, and development and reconstruction in the province."

Because the road to peace and development is long and the insurgency will not be defeated in the short term, the focus of the Canadian mission in Afghanistan during the past year was on winning the trust of the Afghan people and building up local government and security institutions.

"Our mandate has been to keep the insurgents at bay in order to give Afghan security and governance

institutions a chance to continue to develop," says the outgoing commander.

Unable or unwilling to take on NATO and Afghan security forces using conventional military means, the insurgents' tactics clearly shifted in the past year as they put their weight behind the use of terror tactics against vulnerable targets.

Numerous government, tribal, religious, and security force leaders were assassinated, including LCol Malalai Kakar – the highest ranking Afghan female police officer serving in Kandahar Province. In Kandahar City, 15 school girls were attacked by insurgents on motorbikes who threw acid in their faces.



MCpl Karl McKay, TFK Image Technician

A Canadian soldier works alongside three members of the Afghan National Army during Operation Roob Unyip Janoobi. The operation took place in August 2008 in Maywand District. Conducted jointly with Afghan security forces, it was one of the major operations for Task Force Kandahar this year.

While these brutal tactics have terrified the local population, slowed the progress of development and governance, and captured the attention of international news media, the use of such tactics has

also alienated Afghans from the insurgency, notes BGen Thompson.

"Afghans are frustrated with the slow progress of reconstruction and nation-building, but they are also horrified by the atrocities committed on a daily basis by the insurgents," he says. "They are a strong people and this strength is exemplified by the fact that every one of the girls attacked with acid in Kandahar City is back in school. They have not been cowed by the terrorist actions of insurgents."

Throughout the past year, Canadians worked hand-in-hand with Afghan and coalition partners and achieved a number of notable operational successes. Nine months ago, Maywand District had virtually no coalition or Afghan force presence. Today, soldiers of 2-2 Infantry – an American battalion under the command of Task Force Kandahar – are regularly patrolling and marginalizing the insurgents in this district that used to be a key logistical node of the insurgency.

In the Zharey and Panjwayi districts, Canadian troops and their Afghan partners faced heavy opposition but held their own. Numerous successful operations were conducted, huge weapons and IED-making component caches were discovered and destroyed, and new tactical infrastructure was built for use by the Afghan army and police.

Operation Shahi Tander 1, which was conducted in these districts in early January 2009, greatly degraded the insurgent IED capabilities. Surprise searches of compounds of interest led to a hefty find of IED-making components that included: night vision goggles; 38 pressure plates (switch mechanisms used

to trigger IEDs) with wires attached; timing devices; multiple tubes of home made explosives; thousands of rounds of ammunition; a recoilless rifle; a number of weapons; medical supplies; and an extensive list of IED-making components including 138 detonators. Since one detonator is essential for the making of each bomb, the seizure of these detonators was comparable to taking 138 IEDs off the roads, where they cause death and serious injury to Afghans and coalition forces.

The mentoring and training of the Afghan army and the Afghan police were among the pivotal activities of the last year because capacity-building of these security forces will set the conditions for nation-building.

"In a counter-insurgency such as the one in Afghanistan today, the people are the prize, and the development of Afghan security forces is the key to protecting the Afghan people over the long term from the cruel and repressive ways of the insurgents," says BGen Thompson.

While it is clear that significant security challenges remain in Kandahar Province, the progress made over the last number of years is not disappearing. The economy continues to grow, the Afghan security forces are making progress, and improvements to infrastructure continue to be made.

"Hope remains for Afghanistan," says the outgoing commander. "Our soldiers and government partners firmly believe that, and it is evident in the excellent work they are doing here in Kandahar Province. I am incredibly proud of our troops, and I leave Afghanistan with a renewed respect for them."

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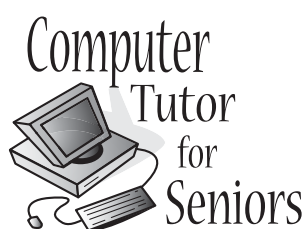
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Military ushers in 38th Legislature

Canadian Forces members were at the centre of a ceremony that opened the 5th Session of the 38th Parliament of B.C. on Feb. 16. Supporting a ceremonial Guard of Honour was an artillery saluting battery from 5th (BC) Field Regiment and the Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific.

Right: Members of the honour guard await the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor Steven Point outside the British Columbia Legislative building.

Bottom: 5 Field Artillery Regiment RCA members Bombardier Chris Conway (left) and Sergeant Jason Street fire one of the 105 mm Howitzers for the 15-gun Vice Regal Salute for the opening of the B.C. Legislature ceremonies.

Below: Lieutenant Governor of B.C. Steven Point, salutes the honour guard before entering the Legislative building.



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David Snashall, Contributor

Canada's military was honoured at the Feb. 3 Vancouver Canucks home game as four members performed a puck drop prior to the game start. (Left to right) PO2 Paul Parent, Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Walter Natynczyk, PO1 Shayne Reay and Lt(N) Amardeep Singh took to centre ice, tossing a ceremonial puck between Eric Staal of the Carolina Hurricanes (left) and Henrik Sedin of the Vancouver Canucks.

Bravo
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Left: LCdr Bruce Winter (middle), J6 IMO, was promoted to his current rank by Mike Maxwell (right). He was assisted by CPO1 Missinne.

Middle: Christopher Jensen (left) enrolled in the Canadian Forces Reserve to become a Cadet Instructor Cadre with 2422 The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Royal Canadian Cadet Corps. Commanding Officer Capt Anthony Bone administered the swearing in at the corps weekly parade.

Right: Cadet MCpl Steven Drakeley of 2422 The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Royal Canadian Cadet Corps receives ACS medal for his four years of dedication. Mike Godsiff, Chairperson of the Corps Sponsoring Committee presented the medal on Feb. 10.



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Left: RAdm Tyrone Pile presents LS Nicholas Fenton with the Top Student award for the Naval Communications, Jr Communication Information Systems and Network Operator Course.

Right: 2Lt Peter Hucal receives his new rank from Base Construction Engineering Officer LCol Burbee. 2Lt Hucal is currently taking on-the-job-training and will resume training at CFB Gagetown this summer.



Maj Peter Weatherley, DND

Dockyard workers protest Bill C-10



Above: Dockyard workers took leave without pay to gather at Canteen Road and Esquimalt Road for a press conference to address Bill C-10, which could roll back approved wage increases for the workers if passed.

Left: Boiler maker Kenneth Plante and recording secretary for local 191 boiler makers Danny Lyle hold up a banner at the press conference.

Shelley Lipke, Lookout

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Community Recreation Coordinator

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Under the direction of the Recreation Director, the Community Recreation Coordinator plans, organizes, coordinates, and evaluates the operations and delivery of recreation programs. He/She recommends, implements and monitors recreation policies and directives. The Community Recreation Coordinator prepares and submits budgetary guidelines, provides budgetary guidelines for activity leaders, and prepares an annual operating budget summary for recreation programs. He/She also recruits, supervises, and arranges training for volunteer leaders and instructors.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Physical Education, Recreation, Leisure Studies, or a related field.
- OR
- College diploma or certificate in Sports Administration, Recreation Management, Leisure Services, or a related field, AND some years of experience in recreation administration, or in a related field.

AND

- Current CPR and Basic First Aid qualifications

Language requirement: English essential, bilingualism (French / English) an asset.

Knowledge Requirements

- of recreation programs
- of general business practices and theories
- of budget management
- of the principles of marketing
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- of employee labour relations and union proceedings
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- of risk management

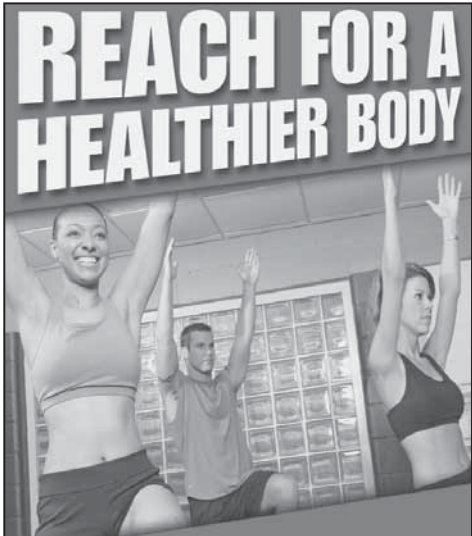
Experience Requirements

- in planning, organizing, and evaluating the operations and delivery of recreation programs
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 16

Level: Beginner

AIR FORCE: DEFEATING DRUG TRAFFICKING

Aurora assists in offshore drug bust

NPAO

A Canadian Air Force CP-140 Aurora long-range patrol aircraft based at 19 Wing Comox, B.C. has returned from a successful mission in the Pacific Ocean where it participated in a drug bust off the coast of South America in January.

As part of Canadian Forces' Operation Caribbe, the Aurora assisted in the identification of a low-profile or Self-Propelled Semi-Submersible (SPSS) vessel operating in international waters. Such vessels are one of the latest methods used in the region to illegally smuggle narcotics. This vessel was carrying seven metric tonnes of cocaine worth an estimated \$242 million. SPSS vessels can transport several tons of cocaine and other illicit cargo to ranges in excess of 2,000 nautical miles.

"Naval and air force crews operating in counter-narcotics missions use many of the same surveillance, reconnaissance, and targeting skills that they would employ on an actual combat mission," said Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile, Commander of Joint Task Force (Pacific). "In addition to the excellent training value, this mission reflects Canada's strategic interest in the

region and provides an opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities alongside our allies."

Under the U.S.-led Joint Interagency Task Force South, Canada has worked alongside partner nations France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States in multinational drug surveillance and interdiction operations in the Caribbean Basin and Eastern Pacific since November 2006.

Canada Command, the Canadian Forces organization responsible for all routine and contingency Canadian Forces operations in Canada and continental North America, contributes Canadian naval warships and the CP-140 Aurora long-range patrol aircraft to JIATF-S, offering powerful surveillance capabilities that help law enforcement authorities locate, track, and intercept illegal activities off North America's coasts.

Participation in Operation Caribbe also supports development and refinement of "maritime domain awareness" capabilities, thus contributing to Canada's ability to meet the security challenges of the world's longest coastline and ensure Canada's maritime security.

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