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Cpl Roderick Hopp, Base Imaging Esquimalt

Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, (right) joined by Rear- Admiral Tyrone Pile, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, stands on the starboard side of HMCS Calgary for the review of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club while entering Vancouver Harbour for the June 5 naval mast dedication ceremony at Prospect Point.

HMCS Calgary transports royal guest

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

A naval mast dedication in Vancouver's Stanley Park on June 5 marked the beginning of Canadian Navy Centennial celebrations of the West Coast. It was especially memorable for the crew of HMCS Calgary, who had the rare privilege of transporting a member of Britain's royal family, His Royal Highness Prince

Edward, Earl of Wessex.

"It was a unique and memorable honour to have the opportunity to host a member of the royal family in Calgary," said Commanding Officer Cdr William Quinn. "The visit was one of those kinds of events that sailors brag about to their friends on other ships and recount proudly to their family and friends."

After being transported to

the ship via Sea King helicopter with B.C. Lieutenant-Governor Honorary Captain(Navy) Steven Point, Prince Edward was greeted by Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific RAdm Tyrone Pile, Base Commander Capt (N) Marcel Halle and Cdr Quinn, but he spent most of his time speaking with the ship's crew during his journey to Vancouver, said Cdr Quinn.

While on board, Prince Edward paid his own homage to naval history by ordering an age old tradition not often seen in Canada- a splice the main brace.

Traditionally, this custom was ordered to celebrate the crew's hard work and entitled each sailor a tot of rum. Today, the order may only be initiated by a member of the royal family or the Governor-General of Canada.

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CPO1 Mark Moger and LCdr Gary Friedrich, representing Maritime Forces Pacific, lay coins at the mast-stepping ceremony at Prospect Point on June 3 in advance of the naval mast dedication ceremony held on June 5. Placing coins at the mast-step of ships is thought to bring good luck to the vessel.

Flag ceremony marks year of celebrations

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"This order was well received by the ship's company, and was certainly the first time this honour had been bestowed upon a Canadian warship in decades," said Cdr Quinn.

While this naval tradition normally involves the entire ship's company raising 2.5 ounces of dark rum in unison, off-duty crewmembers LS Michael Gregg and MS Josh Schmidt were chosen to partake in this tradition. Other crewmembers had to wait to follow suit until they were alongside in Vancouver and off duty. "Prince Edward signed

a certificate offering us to partake, and then the three of us raised our cups, downed the rum and raised our cups once more," said MS Schmidt. "Taking part in this ceremony has made me grateful. I will always remember this exciting experience and I am greatly honoured to have been chosen for this event," said MS Gregg.

As the ship neared the Port of Vancouver, Prince Edward took the salute as the Royal Vancouver Yacht Squadron sailed past.

Once ashore at Canada Place, the prince and his hosts were greeted by the Vancouver Police Guard of Honour and the Vancouver Fire Department band who played "God Save the Queen." The dignitaries then travelled by motorcade to Prospect Point for the mast dedication ceremony.

During the celebration, RAdm Tyrone Pile spoke about the Canadian Navy's centennial celebrations.

"The highlight of our centennial celebrations will be next year's International Fleet Review, with some 26 navies of the Indo-Pacific region arriving in our waters to celebrate our 100 years of history," he said. "Today's ceremony marks the opening of those centennial celebrations for the West Coast Formation. In a



Cpl Roderick Hopp, Base Imaging Esquimalt Prince Edward signs the certificate for a splice the main brace.

moment, a large Canadian flag will be raised. It will



be a welcome beacon to everyone that enters the City of Vancouver by sea. That same flag is carried by ships of the Canadian Navy wherever your navy sails and is a welcome symbol of the values and traditions of our wonderful country," he said.

Four flags representing the Province of B.C., the City of Vancouver, the Canadian Navy Centennial and Maritime Command were raised to the yardarm on the 80-foot mast, below the larger Canadian flag, which will be visible to vessels arriving in and departing from the Port of Vancouver.

They will fly until the completion of the naval centennial celebrations.

MP tours the rock for charity

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Watching his sister battle leukemia, Sgt Lamont French knows the pain cancer can bring and that's driving him to raise as much money as possible for this year's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock.

"Cancer affects everyone, and this is the one thing that I can do to help the kids," he said. "My personal goal is to raise \$5,000 for this cause."

His sister's leukemia and the battles other members of his family have fought with cancer fueled the military police officer's passion to sign on as a rider in the annual fundraising bike ride around Vancouver Island.

"After almost losing my sister on the emergency room table, her leukemia has been in remission for nine years now. I have two aunts that have beaten breast cancer. I lost my dear grandfather to cancer, and I'm dedicating this ride to his memory," said the 45-year old cyclist.

As one of three military police in this year's ride, he will cycle 80 to 150 kilometers a day totalling more than 1,000 kilometers during the 13 day ride around Vancouver Island. Joining him will be LS Matthew Schlauch from CFB Esquimalt and Cpl Trevour Harding from 19 Wing Comox, along with 18 RCMP, RCMP auxiliary and city police officers from across Vancouver Island and two media personalities.

"I want to do all that I can to help these kids live the best life they can, or better yet, help find a cure for cancer. The tour itself is not about the 23 riders, it's about the reason we are riding." The funds he and the other riders raise before and during the ride will help send more than 300 children with cancer to Camp Goodtimes in Maple Ridge, B.C. and will also help fund cancer research.

Prior to the ride, the Tour de Rock team will visit Camp Goodtimes and have an opportunity to meet some of the children. "I will probably end up crying also once I see and understand first hand just what it is they go through," he said.

Each rider is teamed up with a junior rider – a young cancer survivor who is now in a position to help other children and act as a motivating factor for them. Sgt French hopes to partner with 14-year-old Carmin Blomberg.

"Carmin was diagnosed with cancer shortly after she was born and, after fighting it for five years, she has been in remission ever since. I think she's an incredible source of inspiration and we've asked to be paired up together for the ride," said Sgt French. "Carmin will show up at some of the venues



Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock rider Sgt Lamont French with the bike he'll ride around Vancouver Island at Clover Point.

during the ride and has designed a 2009 poster, which will be a part of this year's Tour de Rock poster."

Last year's tour raised \$1.7 million, and this year's goal is set at \$2 million, which includes corporate donations. "Within this amount, our team is aiming to raise \$250,000," he said.

Among the many fundraising initiatives up his sleeve, Sgt French is using a personal weight loss goal to up the ante on donations.

He has vowed to lose 75 pounds by the time the Sept. 19 ride rolls around or he will match the highest donation under his name of the Cops for Cancer website.

Sgt French and LS Schlauch are brainstorming a number of other fundraising initiatives to bring in as much money as they can.

"On June 17 we are hosting a bike rodeo in Belmont Park geared to put kids through safe cycling practices and raise money from their parents and anyone else who wishes to attend and help support this great cause," said Sgt French. "We are also thinking about holding an Amazing Race in Victoria and hopefully involving one of the ships in a day sail."

So far Sgt French has raised \$975 with all donations tracked and recorded on the Cops for Cancer website.

In the months leading up to the ride, both men will be busy preparing for the physical demands of being in the saddle for 13 consecutive days. "We started training in February once a week and now are training three times a week, focusing on distance, hills and speed," said Sgt French.

With a few 100 kilometre charity bike rides under this belt, cycling this distance daily for 13 days will be a challenge, but a welcome one, he said. "The pain I will go through is nothing compared to what these kids go through on a daily basis. If I can help make even the smallest difference with some sweat, aches and pains then it will help me feel I have accomplished something of great pride, and maybe make a difference in some child's life for the better."

To support either Sgt French or LS Schlauch go to the Cops for Cancer website, click on British Columbia/ Yukon, then on Vancouver Island 2009, and support a rider.







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New DVDs: Eastwood takes surly to new level

W. Andrew Powell The GATE

A fresh stack of DVDs arrive in stores this week, including the Clint Eastwood drama *Gran Torino, The International* starring Clive Owen and Naomi Watts, plus the teen comedy *Fired Up*. **Gran Torino**

Throughout his long and incredible career, Clint Eastwood has starred in and directed some of the most interesting and amazing films of the last 40 years. In that time he has played his share of tough, no-nonsense men, and directed them as well, but the character of Walt Kowalski takes that old surly attitude to new heights.

Eastwood stars in and directs *Gran Torino*, an odd drama about a prejudiced old man named Walt who becomes an icon for the people he seems to hate.

Disenfranchised from his church, his family, and living in a community that has slowly been turned into a multicultural suburb, trouble comes to his own front yard, and aging Walt doesn't hesitate in dealing with a local gang that is making trouble for the family next door.

As the community celebrates him he tries to adjust, and slowly comes to realize what he really thinks about the people he has always riled against.

For me, what makes Gran

Torino a good film is not necessarily the acting, or even the direction, but the tones in the story itself, which take a head-on approach to racism. It is not a subtle film, but it can be clever, and Eastwood plays Walt to the utmost believable level, infusing the character with heart, buried beneath the broken, craggy exterior.

The truth is that a lot of the film left me rolling my eyes, including most of the last twenty minutes, but Gran Torino left an impression on me that conquers even the most ham-fisted and melodramatic of endings.

Considering Eastwood has suggested this might be the last film he stars in, it's a worthwhile effort, and his performance is a huge part of that. But looking at his recent directorial efforts, including *Changeling* and *Letters from Iwo Jima*, it's clearly time for Eastwood to stick to directing.

The International

You could hardly pick a better subject for our trying times than a movie that tackles corruption and world-wide investment schemes in the banking industry.

Clive Owen stars as Interpol Agent Louis Salinger in this thriller about a powerful investment bank, which clearly has evil ties, and a tendency to kill people with loose lips.

Contributor

by PO2 Bill Sheridan

Working with an American district attorney, played by Naomi Watts, the two go on a far-reaching search for connected individuals who could help them bring the bank to justice.

Their search leads them from Berlin to Milan and then to New York, building on leads and counting the bodies that start to pile up.

Directed by Tom Tykwer, the man who brought us *Run Lola Run, The International* has an interesting, if convoluted plot that runs just on the edge between boredom and brilliance. Owen broods his way through the details, but because he invests a lot into this role, he is easily the best part of the film, especially compared to the otherwise half-interesting or halfdeveloped characters.

Watts is especially bad in this film, walking into a closet that the script-writers built for her, and never bothering to turn on a light. Her character also seems like a lost soul, brought in during an earlier version of the script that might have once given her something to do, but in the final cut, it's hard to care why she would even bother to show up.

Lastly, don't let Columbia Pictures' misleading trailers get the better of you. *The International* is a thriller, with one big, explosive scene, but the rest of the film is essentially

Working with an American a tense drama focused on one strict attorney, played by great actor.

Fired Up

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

That said, critics have a tendency to reject films that don't strive for greatness and they often miss one of the most important things: sometimes audiences just want a good laugh. It's not rocket science people.

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?

Fired Up will not win any awards, but it will make you laugh and the rapid-fire puns and jokes are ten times more ingenious than any of the recent spoof movies. Considering my initial disdain for this film, I almost feel like I owe the filmmakers some sort of apology, but they'll have to settle for my happy recommendation of this slick and silly comedy.

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- 5. How many times was Billy Martin hired by the Yankees to manage?
- 6. What four players are in the 40/40 club, home runs and stolen bases?
- 7. Who won the most games for the Montreal Royals of the international League?
- 8. What manager has been named manager of the year a record eight times?
- 9. What was the Beadle Baseball Player?
- 10. What is the average life span of a major league baseball?



INFOCUS



MCpl Elton Adams, a military police officer from Halifax, serenades 55 Boomers Legacy cyclists as they pass Goldstream National Park on June 12 for a two day ride to Courtenay. This year's ride is the third annual ride, which raises money for the Assistance to Afghanistan trust fund, a fund to help soldiers dispurse money to help aid children and citizens of Afghanistan. The ride is in honour of Cpl Andrew "Boome" Eykelenboom, a medic who was killed in Afghanistan.

Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Sailors from HMCS Malahat, on board

an Orca-class vessel,

hand over treasure to

children on the 5th

annual Variety Boat for Hope, which pro-

vides children who

have special needs a

fun-filled day on the

Held on June 6, the

event featured a variety of boats tour-

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Cdr Hayden Edmundson (left) signs over command of HMCS Regina to Cdr Derek Moss (right) during HMCS Regina's Change of Command Parade held at A Jetty on June 12. Presiding over the signing was Cmdre Ron Lloyd, Commander **Canadian Fleet Pacific.**

> Cpl Roderick Hopp, Imaging Services Esquimalt





INMEMORIAM

Private Alexandre Péloquin from the 3e Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier near Quebec City, was killed when an explosive device detonated during a foot patrol in the Panjwai District, Afghanistan, on June 8.



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Left: Laine Jeannotte played the victim and was fitted with a harness so he could be hoisted out of the manhole to safety.

Right: Jean-Paul Condon, equipped with a breathing aparatus, exits the manhole after the exercise.





Esquimalt takes four top finishes in CF **Running Nationals**

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

The fastest woman in the Canadian Forces lives here in Esquimalt.

A/Slt Denita Hammond won the women's 5 kilometre open event at the CF National Running Finals, held in conjunction with the Ottawa Race Weekend, May 22 to 24.

A/Slt Hammond said she was surprised by her first place military finish with a time of 19 minutes flat. "I was in basic for the four months prior to this race, so I didn't get any time to train," she said. "I came into this race with no expectations, and I got a pretty good time.'

A/Slt Hammond ran a race in Montreal during basic training so she could qualify for the CF National Finals.

She hopes to do well at the upcoming Navy 10 kilometre run on Aug. 16, and has her sights set on being a member of the CISM team for upcoming races in Europe in February 2010.

Three male runners from CFB Esquimalt also fared well at this year's national finals. LS Mark Ritchie finished second in the 10 kilometre Masters category with a time of 38:44. Lt(N) Walter Cantwell finished the Master's half marathon with a time of 1:18:34, putting him in second place, and LS Jonathan Gendron crossed the finish line of the men's Open 5 kilometre category

in second place with a time of 16:21. "I went full out for 5 k," LS Gendron said. "I just love the feeling of accomplishment when you push yourself and beat your time.'

"I love to run and I love to compete," said Lt(N) Cantwell. "You can really feel how much competition there is in an event like the one in Ottawa when you're running beside 10,000 people."

Another aspect to the CF National Running Finals is the coveted Environmental Shield.

Each environment (army, navy, and air force) makes teams of four with one participant from each race, including one female. At the end of the events, their total scores are tallied and the team with the lowest score, or fastest time, takes the title.

This year, the navy team came out on top.

"It was really exciting," said A/Slt Hammond. "We were the only navy team competing against multiple army and air force teams."

Lt(N) Cantwell agrees. "That was the most important thing for me all weekend," he said. "As long as we beat the army this year, it made it all worthwhile."

Lt(N) Cantwell, LS and A/Slt Gendron Hammond all have their sights set on earning a chance to compete as CISM athletes at the 2011 World Military Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Fun day offers great prizes and activities for all ages

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

Summer is a time to kick-back, relax, and enjoy the company of the people you love. It's also time for Formation Fun Day, a chance for members of the defence community to get together and enjoy fun for the whole family.

On June 27, Naden will be transformed into a summer wonderland for young and old. More than 65 activities have been planned for this year's event, including some of the most popular events from last year and some new additions.

"The biggest difference this year is that we took the evening part of the program out. We feel that this type of entertainment program aimed primarily at adults will be better presented as a separate event." said event co-chair, Steve Lawrence, Operations Manager of the Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC). "We'll still have entertainment on the main stage below the mast on the Naden Parade Square throughout the day."

Kids will enjoy songs and stories of Canada's heritage with singer Michael Mitchell, who has donated his time and talent for the day. He spent 24 years as an infantry officer with The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada), was a military intelligence officer, para-

in the Order of Military Merit in 1993.

Local band, Kooler, will also take the stage and perform top 40 hits.

11 Field Ambulance will be on hand with camouflage face painting and their teddy bear clinic. Anyone with an ailing teddy bear is advised to bring them in for a check up with these professional healers.

New this year is the Formation Fun Day Amazing Race, which will see teams of four test their physical and mental might in various activities throughout Naden. The grand prize is four passes to Wildplay Element Park in Nanaimo. Look for signup information on the MARPAC MAN notice board.

Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt (CFFSE) will once again offer Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat rides, which was the most popular event last year.

Gamers can test their skills in the Wii tournament which will be projected onto massive screens in the Naden drill shed.

Sumo suits will be available for the big and small to battle for heavy-weight supremacy.

The Esquimalt Lions Club has donated its services to cook and serve a barbecue lunch, and Rogers Chocolates is providing free ice cream for everyone.

The Home Depot will provide woodworking kits for children to create bird

trooper and was invested feeders, toolkits and other projects. More than 500 of these projects were constructed last year.

The CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum is hosting a garage sale, with surplus military books, plaques and ships' crests and badges. The museum and its gift shop will be open all day.

Parking will be at the Fleet School Lang Cove parking lot, the CANEX parking lot and overflow at the old Wardroom lot. The Langford Trolley will shuttle people from the parking lots to the event venues.

"Formation Fun Day is a chance for us to recognize the sacrifice made by military members and their families and reward them for their hard work throughout the year," Lawrence said. "One common misconception is that this event is not open to the whole defence team, and we want to make sure that everyone knows they are welcome.

More than 100 volunteers will join about 50 Personnel Support Programs, MFRC, and Base Administration staff to pull off this huge event, funded by the Base Fund.

Door prizes include a cruise for four to San Francisco, golf passes, MP3 players, gift cards and memory sticks.

Formation Fun Day is being held at Naden on Saturday, June 27, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Amazing Formation Fun

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

A new addition to Formation Fun Day is designed to test physical and mental might, and provide amazing entertainment for all who compete.

"The Formation Fun Day Amazing Race is the ultimate scavenger hunt composed of extreme physical and mental challenge es," said event coordinator and Personnel Support Programs (PSP) co-op Fitness Instructor, Emiko Ihara.

Starting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 from the Naden Parade Square, teams of four will set out to complete a series of "roadblocks" or physical activities and answer trivia questions about their surroundings.

"The event is not necessarily of a naval theme and the activities are for any age and any ability," Ihara said.

Teams must arrive back at Nelles Block before the 2:30 p.m. deadline to be entered to win.

"The first team to complete the hunt in the shortest amount of time and having completed the most challenges wins the grand prize," Ihara said.

The grand prize is four passes to WildPlay Element Parks in Nanaimo, B.C., which features outdoor adventures from bungee jumping to zip lining.

Teams or individuals of all ages can register in advance at the Naden Athletic Centre kiosk. The registration form, event rules and poster are also available on CFB Esquimalt's intranet site at http:// esquimalt.mil.ca/badm/psp/index.htm, or on the MARPAC notice board.

The Formation Fun Day Amazing Race is open to all members of the defence community and their guests. The registration deadline is June 22.





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A "ferry" interesting find

Shelley Lipke

Staff writer

Today is BC Ferries 49th birthday and just in time to celebrate, *Lookout Newspaper's* Kate King found an interesting piece of history in the building adjacent to *Lookout* – a B.C. Ferries rate schedule from 1960, their first year of operation.

The building, 1526 Esquimalt Road, housed the Maritime Museum of B.C. archives until 1965 when it moved to its Bastion Square location. During its current renovation, King couldn't resist a peek inside one of the building's cubby holes, which revealed this heirloom.

King's find showed a glimpse of the good old days when a mere \$5 would allow travellers to cross the Juan de Fuca straight to Tsawwassen with a vehicle, or \$2 without.

"It's been nearly half a century since B.C. Ferries began its operation between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay with two ships and 89 employees on June 15, 1960," said Deborah Marshall, B.C. Ferries' Director of Media Relations. "Now with 36 ships, 25 routes and 4,700 staff members, we've got a lot to celebrate as we head into our 50th year."

In 1997, the Maritime Museum of B.C. refurbished several of its galleries, one of which includes the story of B.C. Ferries. The museum and B.C. Ferries began

When B.C. Ferries began operation, \$5 would allow travellers to cross the Juan de Fuca straight to Tsawwassen with a vehicle, or \$2 without. to search for suitable artifacts to tell the story and form a collection. B.C. Ferries was generous in its loan of archival material such as menus, rate schedules, rack cards and artifacts including period uniforms, dishes and flatware, and builder's models of the ships serving in the fleet. This newly found treasure will be added to the collection. Kate King says the long

history of the base and its landmarks fascinates her.

"Since I started working at Lookout I've been fascinated with the old buildings here at CFB Esquimalt. Seeing the crawlspace door open in the old building next to the Lookout was just too much for me to resist. I peered inside and immediately spotted a piece of paper sticking out of the old insulation which covered the dirt floor. When I pulled it out from its hiding place, what I held in my hand was a June 15, 1960 B.C. Ferries rate schedule, which was in surprisingly good condition. I then did some digging around online and found out that the year on the card was the very first year that B.C. Ferries operated. History is fascinating to me so in order to help preserve a small piece of it, I decided to donate my little treasure to the Maritime

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Protecteur makes family connection

CPO2 Eric Meredith HMCS Protecteur

It is often said among members of the military community that they are part of a large, extended family. Occasionally, this can be taken literally, such as with the Meredith family, who have provided the Canadian Forces with service for three generations. While it may not be so rare that military service is a common bond among families, having the privilege to serve on the same ship at the same time as father and son is certainly something special.

This rare opportunity was presented to my son, OS Chris Meredith, and myself. I was posted to HMCS Protecteur in April while my son, Chris, continued to serve as a member of the deck department in HMCS Ottawa. Once Chris caught wind of my impending posting, he immediately thought of how incredible it would be to sail alongside his father. Fortunately, for both of us, Chris was granted his request to be temporarily posted to Protecteur for their deployment on Westpac Oiler to Asia and Hawaii.

The Merediths have enjoyed the honour of sailing together. Indeed, how many sons can say their fathers took them out for their birthday while alongside in Guam? However, the phrase "respect your elders" undoubtedly takes on a whole new meaning when your dad's a chief on your ship.

This lineage of servicemen does not stop at the two of us. My father, PO Eric Meredith, is a retired member of the Canadian Navy with 20 years of service. CPO2 Richard Meredith, my brother, is currently working at the Fleet School in Halifax, NS. My stepson, SLt Randy Camponi, is employed at CFB Esquimalt and his grandfather Leonard Camponi, a Korean War veteran, served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. OS Michael McGall, my nephew, is currently a member of HMCS *Regina's* deck department.

The recurrent theme here is evident; the history of serving Canada in its armed forces is a tradition that runs deep in this family. While we have yet to have one of them don the uniform themselves, the women of this family



Cpl Frieda Van Putten, HMCS Protecteur Son and father, OS Chris Meredith and CPO2 Eric Meredith, requested a special temporary posting together so they could sail alongside one another in Protecteur.

have played a significant role in supporting their servicemen and Canada's defence interests at home and abroad as wives, mothers, grand-

mothers and sisters. They are sure to be on the jetty to welcome *Protecteur* and the Meredith boys home this month.





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Protecteur crew enjoys "No Day"

Lt(N) Jim Smith **HMCS** Protecteur

With Tokyo now a memorv HMCS Protecteur is nearly a week into its journey to the next area of operations around the Hawaiian Islands and has just crossed the International Date Line at longitude 180 00"00'E/W.

While the crew may have lost April 11th on the journey west they gained two June 7ths on the transit east. A few sailors joined the ship in Tokyo and this was their first time crossing the date line. While there is no special ceremony to mark the event, there is a little known tradition of convincing people who have never crossed the line that there actually is a line in the ocean and some get caught staring out to sea from the port and starboard waist deck trying to get a glimpse at it. Of course, all is done in good fun and many are a little wearier next time they are asked to go get a bucket of steam from the engineers.

There were several special events that took place on the second June 7th. First

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was LS Hamel who was lucky (or unlucky) enough to celebrate his 26th birthday twice. The second was the Stokers' Open golf tournament, and for those unfamiliar with a golf tournament at sea, this plays a little differently than those ashore. One of the rules is the golf clubs can't be real golf clubs. They need to be home made, unique and unusual. This tournament saw clubs made from ladles, copper tubing, a toilet seat, a modified catapult, umbrellas and a hockey stick. The firefighters used their CO2 extinguisher, which won the longest drive contest. The holes were challenging with hazards such as a flooded male wash place, a makeshift castle in a cargo space and a tough firefighterinspired hole in the hangar with obstacles like chemox cases, firefighting boots and of course, an assortment of fire extinguishers.

In the early evening a banyan was organized by the ship's boarding party and dive teams with a medieval theme because of the recent popularity of



A medieval-themed banyan got the crew's creative juices flowing.

the movie Role Models on the ship (especially in the Wardroom). There were some extraordinary efforts put in to the making of costumes, complimented by a feast fit for a king, which included a whole pig with an apple in its mouth. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and due to rain, the event was held indoors in the comfort of the dispersal area, but everything else was picture perfect and the attitude that the ship's company brought to the

evening made for a unique and entertaining experience that will be remembered for a long time to come.

To wrap up the evening two bands, Req 48 and a yet unnamed group made up of OS Boisvenue, LS Marsh, MS O'Quinn, and lead signer Cpl Townsend took to a makeshift stage to play to an assembled mass of newfound fans. It was an excellent end to what was a wonderful day at sea and a nice break from the regular routine a ship normally falls into.



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Protecteur takes Tokyo by storm

Lt(N) Jim Smith **HMCS** Protecteur

HMCS Protecteur is now back at sea after spending the last five days alongside one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in the world under the shadow of the Rainbow Bridge in downtown Tokvo.

During the transit north from Guam, Protecteur continued in its duties, replenishing units of the USN Seventh Fleet, which is home ported in the area. By far, the most memorable Replenishment at Sea (RAS) was with the much larger Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship USNS Alan Sheppard, which lasted nearly seven hours. As with every RAS Protecteur has performed. it went off flawlessly and by the end of that afternoon the USNS Alan Sheppard had received 2.7 million litres of fuel.

As Protecteur neared the coast of Japan, the weather turned remarkably cool, and to the comfort of most, the heat and humidity abated and gave way to temperatures in the low to mid 20s.

Tokyo is made up of a number of cities within cities and given that more than 28 million people call this area home, there was no lack of things to do, see and buy. Many people spent hours on amusement rides at the Tokyo Disneyland and Disney Sea. Other highlights included excursions to Mount Fuji, an evening with Cirque du Soleil, and baseball, Japanese style.

The transportation system in the city was an attraction all its own. After taking one

look at the spaghetti labyrinth known as "the underground," intimidation set in. Once mastered, however, it became the most efficient and quickest way to travel from one end of the city to the other. For the adventurous, getting off at any random stop always offered something new and interesting.

Protecteur was not only in Tokyo for rest and relaxation, but to serve as a host. On the fourth evening in port, Deputy Minister of National Defence Robert Fonberg and Protecteur co-hosted a reception on board, with the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, Jonathan Fried in attendance. Dignitaries from local government, foreign embassies, and representatives of some of Japan's largest corporations were treated to an evening of wonderful food and fine drinks.

This visit was an outstanding chance for Protecteur's crew to be exposed to Japanese society and culture while making new friends and strengthening the bonds between our two nations and navies.

Next stop for Protecteur will be Pearl Harbor where the ship will continue its RAS program with American units of the Third Fleet. This is also where a group of family and friends will be embarked in Protecteur for its sail home to Esquimalt as part of a "Tiger Cruise." The journey will give 22 people a rare opportunity to understand the skills and dedication required to be professional naval sailor.



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UNITY OLYMPICS: BECOME A TORCHBEARER

MARPAC seeking torchbearer nominations for 2010 Olympics

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

The dream of holding the Olympic torch will come to fruition for one fortunate defence team member from CFB Esquimalt.

Nominations are being sought from the Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC) community for a deserving member to take part in the Olympic Torch Relay when it passes through the gates of Naden.

"The individual who is ultimately selected will be our finest ambassador from within MARPAC and someone who embodies the Olympic spirit," said Torch Nominations Committee Coordinator, Cdr Tony Evans. "We will be taking merit, performance, and community service into account, but ultimately it is the allrounded deserving person that will be selected.'

The nomination message is already out, but the window to propose a candidate is short. The selection process will be completed by the end of June.

Nominations cannot be self-directed and must be initiated through the chain of command to J1.

The selection committee will narrow the nominations down to the top three, and those people will be recommended to the MARPAC Honours and Awards Committee who will make the final selection. The Vancouver Olympic Committee is the final approval authority.

The Olympic Torch Relay begins Oct. 30, 2009, when the torch is flown into Victoria. A civic ceremony will be held downtown at 10:30 a.m. and then the torch will begin its 106-day journey across Canada. At 11:30 a.m. it will make its way through the Naden gate, past a crowd of spectators lining the streets.

"On the base itself there will be three legs of 300 metres," said Cdr Evans. One of these legs will be run by the MĂRPAC selected member. A 10-minute ceremony and barbecue will follow the completion of the first leg.

After the torch leaves Naden it will work its way to Comox and over to the

mainland, and after travelling throughout Canada will arrive in Whistler to mark the opening ceremonies for the Olympic Winter Games held Feb. 12 to 28, 2010, and the Paralympic Winter Games March 12 to 21, 2010.

'We are one of 14 Canadian Forces Bases the torch will pass through; however, we are the only navy base," said Cdr Evans.

The Olympic Torch Relay will involve more than 1,000 communities before it reaches its Whistler destination, making it the longest Olympic Torch Relay within a single country.

"This represents a very unique opportunity to be part of the Olympic experience" said Cdr Evans.

11 Service Battalion gets a new leader

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

The soldiers of 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion have a new leader after Maj Bruce Nelms relinquished command to LCol Al Jensen in a change of command ceremony on May 30.

Soldiers and invited guests including the reviewing officer, Col Glen Richmond, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, gathered at the LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury to bid farewell to the outgoing commanding officer and welcome a new one.

"I am grateful for the trust that the chain of command has bestowed on me today," LCol Jensen said as he addressed the crowd. "I pledge to you today that I will strive to continue to learn, provide you with the leadership and guidance which you rightfully deserve and expect of your commanding officer."

LCol Jensen now shares his time between 11 Service Battalion and Joint Task Force Pacific where he is the Deputy Joint Engineer as a Class B reservist. He will continue to hold that post until July 31, 2010. He was recently pro-

moted from Major to Lieutenant-Colonel effective May 23, 2009.

11 (Victoria) Service Battalion is a Combat Service Support unit of 39 Canadian Brigade Group and a Lodger unit of CFB Esquimalt.



LCol Al Jensen (left) receives his new shoulder slipons from Maj Bruce Nelms as he takes command of 11 Service Battalion.



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Photos by Sub-Lieutenant Mike McWhinnie, HMCS Winnipeg



As executive officer, LCdr Timothy Kerr's calm leadership prepared the ship's company for any contingencies arising from the pirate vessel boardings. He provided critical recommendations and ensured command intent was quickly translated into action.



Lt(N) Mike Baker's leadership of the naval boarding party ensured the successful boarding of two armed pirate vessels. His calm analysis of the tactical situation and concise reports to the command team clarified confusing and complex situations and enabled critical and timely decision-making.



Mai lames Hawthorne's composure as the crew commander of HMCS Winnipeg's Sea King helicopter was essential to locating and interdicting the pirates. His ability to interpret simultaneous inputs ensured command intent was applied effectively.



AB Chris Hennebury was ordered to fire his machine gun towards the pirate vessels in an attempt to stop them. Under pressure, he rectified two consecutive mechanical stoppages and calmly fired an accurate set of warning shots in the vicinity of the pirates, after which they surrendered.



Lt(N) Christopher Nucci's ability to analyze the tactical situation and determine the capabilities and intentions of other coalition ships ensured the development of a comprehensive operational plan against a pirate vessel. He provided sound advice to the commanding officer, ensuring the successful capture of the vessel.



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Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

Do you want to contribute to B.C.'s largest breast cancer fundraiser, but don't have the time or the energy to participate?

Navy wife and Victoria Police Constable. Kristi Dupuis (Ross) is making the trek to Vancouver for The Weekend to End Breast Cancer, Aug. 15 to 16, and is looking for support.

"I've agreed to raise at least \$2,000, but hope that with support from my friends, family and the community, they will help me raise much more," she said.

Dupuis will walk 60 kilometres alongside her 61-yearold mother, Sandra Ross, whose best friend is currently battling breast cancer in hospice in Vernon, B.C.

Dupuis is married to LCdr Todd Dupuis, officer in command of the Vancouver 2010 Combined Dive Team. He says the family has been hit hard by cancer.

"My Nana died from breast cancer and my aunt Linda is currently undergoing treatment," he said.

This isn't the first time Dupuis has taken the initiative to raise money for cancer.

"In 2002, I was a volunteer rider with the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock. The emotional journey was more challenging than the physical one, as I came to know and care for the many children and families we met during the year-long initiative, whose lives have been impacted by cancer. I experienced firsthand the power of collective action to make a difference. That year our team raised over \$700,000," she said.

Proceeds from The Weekend to End Breast Cancer go to breast cancer research and care through the B.C. Cancer Foundation, which is an international leader in the fight against cancer, and an independent charitable organization, which supports research and care at the B.C. Cancer Agency.

For the first time, walkers can chose whether the funds they raise go directly to breast cancer or to research.

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