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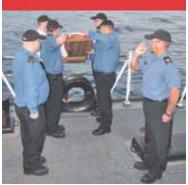
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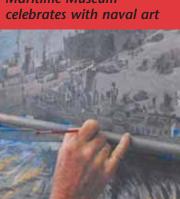
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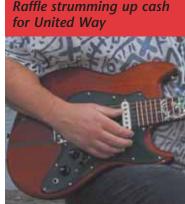
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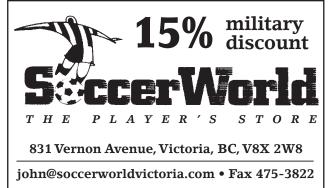
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OS Brendan Churcher, a Naval Combat Information Operator, takes aim during a naval boarding party exercise in HMCS In Focus15 Calgary. Calgary just completed Panamax 2009, an international exercise off the coast of South America.







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A/SLt Mark Fifield, HMCS Calgary

AB Christopher Ricard places a mini coffin on the ramp. The coffin contains the remains of beard shavings donated by PO1 Ken Kowalski.

Sailors mourn beards, buried at sea

A/SLt Mark Fifield HMCS Calgary

The wearing of beards is a longstanding naval tradition that originated back in the times of wooden sailing ships when fresh water couldn't be spared to allow sailors to shave on a regular

However, as of July 14 all personnel on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ships and submarines were no longer permitted to have beards while at sea.

The policy was changed due to safety concerns about the presence of facial hair preventing a proper seal when wearing respiratory protection systems.

As to be expected, there were a few "old salts" in HMCS Calgary who mourned the loss of this beloved tradition and marked its passing with a mock burial at sea.

On Sept. 20, a small funeral procession led by Calgary's Buffer, CPO2 Patrick O'Hara, took place with the collection of a beard that was shaven after the new policy had taken effect. The remains were generously donated by AB Christopher Ricard and placed in a small casket built for the solemn occasion by PO1 Kenneth

read by AB Ricard and the odd tear or two, the casket containing the beard was committed to the deep and eventually reached its final resting place at Davey Jones Locker.

It slowly descended beneath the waves for all eternity and was recorded at the following location After some somber words 07° 01' N, 074° 15' W.

Calgary is currently in the South America region following the completion of Panamax 2009, which was a joint multinational exercise involving navies from 16 countries with the aim to improve cooperation and interoperability between the Canadian Forces and our international partners.

Eulogy for a sailor's beard

Navies around the world, regardless of a "set" now has a new meaning and creed or country of origin, share naval traditions. One of these traditions was the growing of a fine and full beard.

Times have changed my friends, and we have lost a warm and fuzzy friend.

The tradition of having a beard on sailing ships originated from fresh water shortages in the days of wooden ships, and over hundreds of years spawned into a tradition held dearly in the pockets of salty and wise sailors.

Traditionally called growing a "set", it consisted of both a beard and a mustache. To the peril of us all, growing

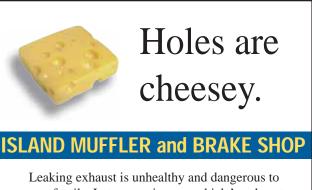
mustaches everywhere are singing their lament of loneliness.

I....we have lost a friend and ever present companion, gone are the hours of quiet comfort. Gone is a right of passage held dear to anyone who has sailed any sea. Gone is a naval tradition hundreds of years old, never to return.

To the depths of which you were spawned, my dear friend, so you return.

May your comfort and warmth see its way into heart of the deep drink and to all fish kind.

Goodbye.



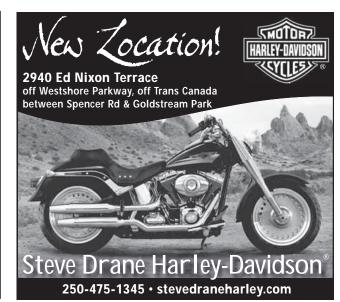
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Saltiest sea legs reside in dockyard

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Since age 10, Queen's Harbour Master relief skipper Anthony Steward could think of nothing he wanted more than to go to sea.

Seventy years later, he's got a treasure chest full of memories and dozens of stories to share with other seafarers, especially those who work in auxiliary vessels at HMC Dockyard.

"I think one of my distant ancestors was a sea captain, and I came from a seafaring race because I love the ocean and the experiences it gives me," said Steward during the week of his 80th birthday.

He added to that cache of yarns on Sept. 12 when his colleagues held a surprise party on a barge in Dockyard.

"My party was held in a place we sometimes have meetings in. So when fleet manager Doug Kimmet asked me if I could come meet some new people I didn't think much of it." said Steward. "Then I was surprised to see 45 of my colleagues there cheering, clapping and singing Happy Birthday to me. It was quite emotional to see all my shipmates, some I have served with since the early 80s, hold a party like this for me."

Steward's sailing career began at 17 when he left his home in London, England, and set sail for India as a sea cadet. "When I was growing up I don't think there was a street in Britain that didn't have a sailor on it, and I wanted to be one too."

For years he travelled the globe as a merchant seaman in general cargo



Anthony Steward, a relief skipper with Queen's Harbour Master, celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise party on a barge in dockyard. Steward was suprised to see 45 of his colleagues waiting with a cake to mark the occasion. For 35 years he's been working on ships, but the last few years have been spent at CFB Esquimalt.

ships, tankers and war ships (RCN).

"I loved the travel aspect and the sense of adventure that joining a new ship and going somewhere different would bring. To me it's a sense of independence being away from the constraints of living ashore."

Through word of mouth and through recruiting agencies Steward got jobs sailing under the Papua New Guinea, Panama and Jamaican flags, and with the variety of ships he sailed came more experi-

For Steward each nautical mile travelled is part of a greater story.

"One of the loneliest voyages for me was the 19-day sail from New Zealand to Panama. This was 19 days

of seeing nothing, no ships, no planes, just the sea and the sky. It seemed like we were the only people in the world," he said. "We'd listen to news on the radio and couldn't believe where we were and that we were completely removed from it."

In 1954 he came to Canada as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy; he served on both coasts before leaving the navy to help raise a family. But years later he felt the pull of the ocean and returned to be a civilian sailor at Dockyard.

"Working on HMCS Endeavour was one of the best jobs I ever had," he said. "I spent 13 years aboard the research vessel as third, second first officer, and captain," recalls Steward. "Being in command has its various rewards. With a good crew, it was most enjoyable."

These days Steward spends his days at Dockyard as relief staff on the boats, and also helps with administration and personnel.

"I enjoy working here. I enjoy the people I work with and we have such a wide variety of seafaring experience here, I love to share a coffee with them and hear their stories.

"I'll do this until I'm tired," he says.

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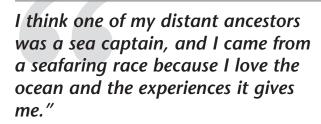
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Recruiters were right, sailors get unique travel

A/SLt Dave Kay
Contributor

As the recruiters claim, and every sailor fully understands, the navy definitely offers some unique work and travel experiences. There are very few (if any) organizations in Canada, where within three weeks of graduating from university, a new member/employee finds themselves sailing on a foreign naval ship in the South Atlantic on a two month trip around South America.

Due to my training schedule I was available for an on-thejob opportunity on board the Brazilian Navy's training ship U27 Brasil (no that's not a typo, there is supposed to be an s in there) for two months.

The ship is making a sixmonth deployment as a final exercise for the recent graduates of the Brazilian Naval School (equivalent to RMC) with stops in almost every country along the South American Coast, Central and North America, many European countries, and Africa.

I began the journey in Rio de Janeiro, and left the ship in Miami. Other foreign officers were also embarked representing Venezuela, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Honduras, Paraguay, India, Guyana (which I rather embarrassingly discovered is not in Africa, but Northern South America), Spain, Angola, Portugal, Germany, the United States and the Brazilian Army, Air Force and Merchant Marine.

CF training has taught me the value of teamwork and tolerance towards others. Since I couldn't speak a word of Portuguese or Spanish, there was obviously a huge language barrier. My two cabin mates were Mexican and Venezuelan and there were only

three of us (out of roughly 400) on board who were relatively fluent in English. As a result, 95 per cent of the time I had no idea what was going on, and the three of us had to work together, share information and tolerate each other's extremely different personalities and backgrounds in order to get through the day with some semblance of competence.

There were some very interesting port visits on my leg of the trip. We stopped in: Rio Grande, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Montevideo, Uruguay. We sailed past the Falkland Islands, transited a channel just North of Cape Horn then steamed north, stopping in Valparaiso, Chile; Lima, Peru; and Guayaquil, Ecuador. We transited the Panama Canal then stopped in Cartagena des Indes, Columbia. A port visit was scheduled for Honduras, but with the recent

political turmoil, the Brazilians chose not to stop there. My final port visit was Miami where I met my replacement, and returned to Canada.

Although each port was very different, and some were better than others, one common theme running through them was my increased appreciation for Canada, and our extremely high standard of living. During the deployment I rarely saw a neighbourhood, street or even houses that compared to even the poorer areas in Canada.

This deployment was a fantastic eye opening experience, and a fabulous learning opportunity. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of any and all opportunities to experience foreign countries, militaries and cultures. It will change your view of the CF and Canada, and make you appreciate how good we Canadians have it.



All 20 foreign exchange officers on the flight deck of U27 Brasil upon departure from Guayaquil, Ecuador. Top row (left to right): Venezuela, Honduras, Uruguay, Brazilian Merchant Marine (x2), United States, Brazilian Army, Portugal, Guyana, Chile, Peru, Paraguay, Canada, Angola. Bottom row (left to right): Argentina, Spain, Mexico, India, Germany, Brazilian Air Force.

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Time to recognize phenomenal women

Jon Chabun MFRC

The military often celebrates the contributions of people in uniform, but the Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) would like to celebrate the contributions of women who are "the strength behind the uniform.

"The MFRC is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Phenomenal Woman Award. The honour recognizes an outstanding woman in the defence community who is a great role model, contributes to the quality of life of others, demonstrates initiative and shows great commitment to their community. It may be a military spouse, a woman in uniform or a DND employee. And we all know someone who could fit the bill.

"It's inspiring to see the impact women have in this community," says Gaynor Jackson, Esquimalt MFRC executive director. "There are so many interesting, talented, giving women doing amazing things, but often they don't get acknowledged for their efforts. This award recognizes them for making incredible contributions while facing unique challenges."

If you know a phenomenal woman, download a nomination form from www.esquimaltmfrc.com and submit it before the Oct. 16 deadline.

The award ceremony is part of Pacific Women's Day, the MFRC's annual women's conference, taking place on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Inn at Laurel Point. Registration costs \$55 and includes three workshops, a buffet lunch and the keynote speaker. For more information, contact the MFRC at 250-363-2640 (toll free: 1-800-353-3329).

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UCAN will be presenting their programs at CFB Esquimalt from 12 to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7 in the BPSO classroom, located on the third floor of Bldg N30. If you are interested in attending the information session, please contact Patrick Mossman at patrick.mossman@ucan.ca or call (778) 238.6969









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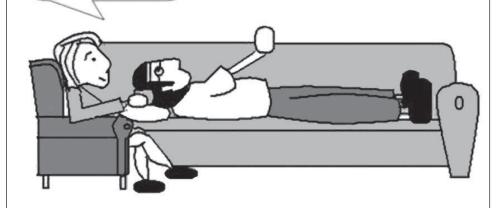
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Talking about depres- and drug therapy. sion can be a scary thing. But the truth is everyone is affected by mental illness in one way or another. The Canadian Mental Health Association estimates that one in five Canadians will experience a mental illness in their lifetime.

Another fact is many people live very successful lives with mental illnesses.

Before she was known as the acclaimed author of Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling was a single mother and divorcé struggling to make ends meet. She fell into a bout of depression so severe she even contemplated suicide.

Jim Carey explained his initial interest in humour as an "act of desperation" and a way to deal with his depression, which he continues to work with today. Both celebrities have opted to seek treatments that range from spirituality and "clean living" to counselling

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) understand that depression can be hard to talk about, so they are working together to create comfortable opportunities to learn more about depression.

During Mental Health Awareness week (Oct. 5-9), DND community members and their families will find what they need whether it's information about depression or a confidential conversation with a mental health professional about concerns regarding themselves or a loved one.

Information about depression will be available

- from Oct. 5 to 9 at:
 MFRC Signal Hill
- MFRC Lampson Street
- Colwood Pacific Activity Centre (Front entrance)
- Base Hospital (Front entrance)

- EAP Resource Room (D29 Rm 105)
- Learning and Career Centre Resource Library (N136 Rm 116)

If you're concerned about yourself, a friend or a family member and would like to speak with a mental health professional, please dropin at:

- Learning and Career Centre Resource Library (N136 Rm 116) - Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- MFRC Signal Hill -Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (appointments possible).
- Colwood Activity Centre - Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (appointments possible).

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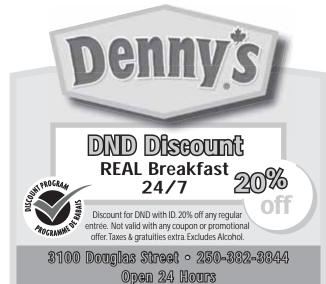


John Horton puts the finishing touches on his painting "The Changing Fleet," one of 35 paintings that will adorn the walls of the Maritime Museum of British Columbia to celebrate

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Naval artist celebrates centennial exhibit

Mary Ellen Green Staff writer

The Maritime Museum of British Columbia is hosting one of two Naval Centennial Exhibitions featuring works by Canadian marine artist John Horton.

Opening Oct. 22, the exhibition will feature 35 of Horton's paintings, all with a naval focus.

LGov Steven Point will be on hand to officially open the exhibition, which opens to the public Oct. 23.

The show will move to the Vancouver Maritime Museum in early April 2010.

John Horton was the first artist deployed in the Canadian Forces Artist Program (CFAP), which sends artists into the field to record Canadian soldiers,

work.

"I was the first one to be sent into theatre," Horton said. "They said if I was successful, they'd send others

The program is now in its eighth year and more than 20 artists have followed in Horton's footsteps.

Horton sailed for a week in HMCS Algonquin while in the Arabian Gulf on Operation Apollo in 2002 as part of the CFAP pilot program. Horton donated six paintings depicting the

they'd send others out.

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theatre. They said if I was successful,

sailors and air personnel at trip to the navy on his return. One of the most famous, The Homecoming, can be seen hanging to the right of the duty desk inside Nelles Block.

> He's since sailed in HMCS Protecteur and HMCS Vancouver as an embedded artist.

> Three of Horton's paintings were also selected to be part of the Canadian Naval Centennial celebrations in Ottawa. A national competition was held for artists to submit ideas for commissioned paintings, and the

best were chosen.

"Twenty-five artists submitted works, I submitted 15 sketches," Horton said.

Six paintings were commissioned from the entries, depicting the First World War, Second World War, Korean War, the Cold War, First Gulf War and Campaign against Terrorism.

The six Canadian Naval Centennial Paintings will be unveiled Oct. 15 at the Cartier Drill Hall in Ottawa.

Signed prints will be made available for purchase through the CANEX online store for centennial merchandise, www.canadiannavalcentennial.ca.

For more information about John Horton, visit his website at www.johnhorton.ca.



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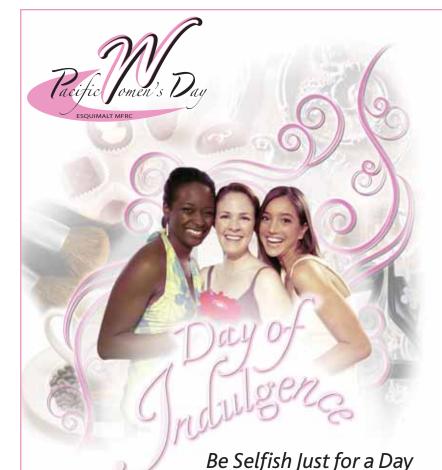
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Sailor captures Queen's Medal for Champion Shot

Darlene Blakeley Maple Leaf

For the first time a sailor has been awarded the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot (Regular Force) at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC).

PO1 Martin Cashin, a naval electronics technician at the CF Naval Engineering School in Halifax and deputy captain of the Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) Combat Shooting Team, captured the prestigious prize Sept. 19 at the Connaught Range in Ottawa.

"Competing in a field of around 200 top CF and international competitors, PO1 Cashin has excelled in his musketry and has done the Navy and the CF proud," says Lt (N) Dave Giannou, captain of the MARLANT team.

The Queen's Medal for Champion Shot, originally created under the British Honours System, was introduced in Canada in 1991. Two medals are awarded annually to a member of the CF Regular and Reserve Force, or the RCMP, who obtain the highest aggregate score in stages one and two of the Queen's Medal Competition.

PO1 Cashin, who has been shooting competitively since 1994, has competed at CFSAC nine times. Placing second last year, he was thrilled to be "chaired off" the field this year as the top shooter by members of his own team and other competitors.

"Every year you try to get better and better," he says, "and then it's your turn to be in the chair. I didn't know I had won until they announced it – I think I was carried 100 metres in the chair before it finally settled in."

PO1 Cashin, who has also competed at the international Bisley competition in England, is thrilled to be the first sailor to capture the coveted prize, but adds that the colour of his uniform is not important. "We are tri-service," he says. "We are all one big family. Whether you're army, navy or air force you still have to be able to shoot; it's the first thing we learn in boot camp."

He adds that since all three services can be deployed to Afghanistan, marksmanship is a critical skill. "Borders are being broken down between all three services," he says. "We all need to have the determination and the will to get things done, regardless of the uniform we wear."

As CFSAC's Champion Shot, PO1 Cashin now has automatic entrance into many international competitions, including some coming up in the US and Australia next spring. However, he



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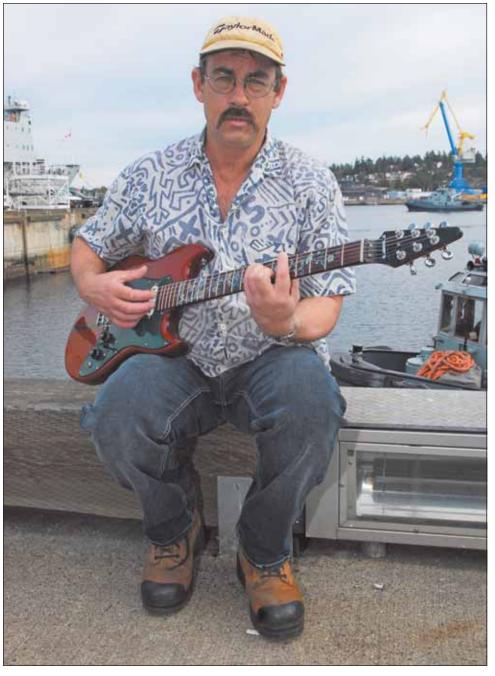
PO1 Martin Cashin is "chaired off" the field after winning the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot (Regular Force) at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition.

is being deployed to Afghanistan instead. in January and will take his ability

"Ultimately, this is what we as a marksman into a war zone are trained to do," he says. "I can manipulate it to get results."

go there with confidence in my weapon and my own ability to





Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Al Gendron strums a few chords on the electric guitar he spent a year creating out of Honduras mahogany. After playing it for a while, he decided to donate it to Fleet Maintenance Facility's GCWCC/United Way raffle.

Dockyard worker strums up money for United Way

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

It took Al Gendron the better part of a year to sculpt a block of Honduras mahogany into a soft sounding musical instrument.

Once complete, the marine industrial labourer from shop 171 strummed chords on the solid body electric guitar for a year. But he recently decided to donate it to the Dec. 11 Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) raffle in support of the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC).

"I have too many guitars and I felt like the right thing to do was to donate it," he said. "It's too elaborate for me to use and I'd like to see it being played."

Gendron has been building guitars as a hobby for the past 10 years and playing them for over 30. His project began with drawings and a lot of brainstorming about shape, size and style.

"I wanted to build a highquality guitar that was of a better quality than what you see in music stores. This guitar has a unique voice because of the way it's been crafted," he said. "If you want anything different you have to make it yourself"

Once Gendron came up with a design he liked, he had to stick with it as he began to shape and sculpt the wood.

"The most important part of building a guitar is committing to a design because if you change it you will make mistakes. For every minute I've spent working on the guitar, I've spent an hour thinking about it, and that is what makes the guitar unique as well," he said.

The guitar features a mother of pearl and abalone fret board inlay with a neck through design. It has a single coil neck pickup and an Ibanez stacked humbucker bridge pickup and comes with a hard shell

"I always considered it a lady's guitar because it's so light; it weighs only six and a half pounds," he said. "I think it's worth around \$1,000 and through United Way I want the proceeds to go to an organization that helps children like Queen Alexandra Hospital or Big Brothers Big Sisters," he said.

Each year FMF hosts a raffle to support the GCWCC and the Christmas charity campaign.

Tickets for the guitar cost \$5 each and can be purchased through any GCWCC loaned representative or by phoning Dan Deringer (3-2367) Tara Laursen (3-4993), Dianne Blanchard (3-5851), Dale McComb (3-2311) or LS Malley (3-4899).



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Shelley Wright is the winner of the early bird draw for Pacific Women's Day. Her prize includes \$800 in new clothes, accessories, hair and makeup. Shelley's new look will be revealed at the MFRC's annual women's conference taking place Nov. 7 at the Inn at Laurel Point.



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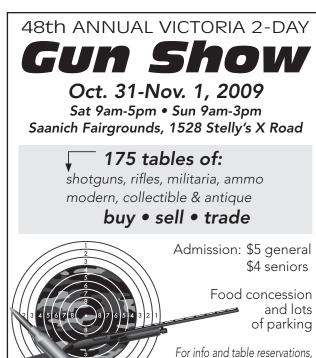
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Motorcyclists cruised for toy drive

Shelley LipkeStaff writer

Engines roared and children cheered as more than 1,200 bikers riding everything from dirt bikes to custom choppers loaded with children's Christmas presents cruised into the community of Port Alberni for the 25th anniversary of the Port Alberni Toy Run Sept. 19 - 20.

"This year \$63,000 in cash and \$40,000 in toys were raised to go to multiple charities in the Alberni Valley, and help with sports groups and special Olympics for kids across the valley," said Donna Kimball, Port Alberni Toy Run secretary.

Bikers came from all over Canada and the United States and had teddy bears or other toys strapped to their bikes to deliver to the kids.

"As we rode into town the reaction from the crowd was phenomenal," said Lt(N) Mike Butler. Aboard his Yamaha Roadstar Midnight Silverado, he and wife Susan delivered an etch-asketch from Victoria.

Along with a dozen other Canadian Army Veterans (CAV) from across Vancouver Island, he participated in the ride to help kids.

"We are a group of veterans, serving members and supporters of the Canadian Forces that ride motorcycles together," said Lt(N) Butler. "It was my first year doing this ride and I will definitely do it again because it was for such a good cause and also so much fun."



Lt(N) Mike Butler, Contributor

More than 1,200 bikers screamed up Thunder Hill in Port Alberni to put on a show for the crowd during the 25th annual Toy Run.

The ride began in Little Qualicum Falls where bikers sipped coffee and congregated awaiting the noon start time. When the clock stuck 12 a cannon blast signified the start of the ride. Engines purred and hummed as tires gripped the pavement heading for the number one highway.

"I had no idea there was going to be that many bikes until we got there. You needed to register to take part in the games that are held in Port Alberni, but many bikes just joined in for the ride. As we rode down the highway we would see bikes on trailers catching up with us to join in.

"Once we hit the highway there was no chance of traffic getting past us and as far as the eye could see was motorcycles," said Lt(N) Butler. The bikers staggered across both lanes and gently cruised the hour and a half to Port Alberni at a steady 50 kilometres per hour while soaking in the scenery and absorbing the reaction from the crowd that had come out as spectators.

"The whole way up people lined the streets with lawn chairs and waved at us. A few bikers bought huge bags of candy to throw to the children and one woman stood along the highway with a sign saying, 'The kids thank you.' I liked being in the presence of that many bikes, and knowing that I was a small part of a bigger parade that was for such a good cause.

"The ride takes you through a few residential streets in Port Alberni and through this section we saw a lot of people on roofs of their buildings to get a street view of all the bikes. There is one point in the ride where we had to go up a steep hill called Thunder Hill and the bikes roar up this at 80 to 100 km an hour to put on a show for the people on the streets."

Aside from the toys donated, the toy run raises money through events such as a 50/50 draw, a dinner and dance, poker run, and biker games.

"I'll be doing this again next year and taking candy with me to throw to the kids," he said.

The Port Alberni Toy run first began with 25 riders escorting 40 toys from the Alberni Mall to the Salvation Army, and has grown over the past 25 years into the large scale bike event it is today.



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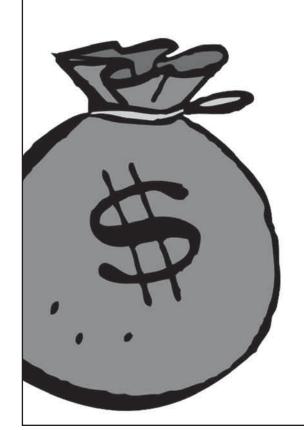
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INBRIEF

CF wide changes to mess due collection

Due to a Canadian Forces wide change in mess management software (Microsoft Great Plains) the following changes will take place.

In the past mess dues appeared on pay statements as the mess and amount that you pay. Under the new configuration it will simply read CFPSA. Please note that if you have a CANEX payment plan that comes off of your pay it will also be included in the amount shown on the pay state-

This new software will provide the messes the ability to offer members more options for paying for functions, such as the tickets you buy for dances and other events can now be charged to your mess account and then taken off your pay.

With this change mess dues will now be collected in arrears. This means that October pay statements will have no mess dues charges listed on them. October's mess dues will show on your pay statement in November.

All CFB Esquimalt mess staff will be in Ottawa for training from Sept. 30 until Oct. 4, and no clearances will be permitted during this time. Although the mess offices will be open for business as usual on Monday Oct. 5, they will be working off-line until the implementation team arrives from Ottawa on Oct. 7 to get the new system up and running, which should be completed by Friday Oct. 9.

All questions are to be directed to CPO1 Miller, 363-4075, or your applicable mess staff.

PSP activities

Managing Angry Moments (MAM)

> Oct. 1, 8,15,22 8:30 a.m. - noon

This course consists of four, mandatory sessions.

MAM teaches participants how to use their anger constructively. It is a course intended for everyone as we all feel anger at various times, but we don't always behave the way we would like to.

Participants gain a better understanding of their relationship with anger and learn skills for changing their behaviour.

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Iron Chef Junior Colwood Pacific Activity Centre Children 9 – 12 yrs Wednesdays, Oct. 7 – 28

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This program will have children reading recipes, creating menus, preparing meals and snacks, and of course, cleaning it all up. As well, the children will learn about nutrition, healthy eating habits, and exercise. All new recipes will be sent home to create again and again. To register or for more information call 250-363-1009

Babysitter's Training Course Colwood Pacific Activity

Centre 12-17 years Sunday, Oct. 4 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$50

This course is loaded with everything you need for your child to become a competent babysitter: responsibilities, child development and behavioural problems; nutrition; safety and basic first aid; handling emergencies; the sick child; games and play activities; and children with special needs. Reference book and certificate included. To register or for more information call 363-1009.

Social Ballroom Dancing

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Pte Jonathan Couturier was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Sept. 17.

Pte Couturier was from the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, based in Valcartier, Quebec, and was serving as a member of the regiment battle





Cash for work in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan

Lt(N) Jonathan Monaghan

Kandahar Provincial **Reonstruction Team**

For the three weeks leading up to the beginning of Ramadan, a "cash-for-work" project in Spin Boldak District employed 750 labourers, providing muchneeded income to men who might otherwise be coerced into planting improvised explosive devices (IEDs) for the insurgency.

The influx of U.S. troops into Spin Boldak made this period a particularly good time for a wide-ranging project that maximized the use of manual labour and supported the Afghan government's three pillars: governance, development and

Also, Spin Boldak District is a long way from Kandahar City, so it rarely sees largescale projects.

The cash-for-work project was developed and implemented by the tactical Civil-Military Co-operation (CIMIC) team embedded at the Joint District Coordination Centre in Spin Boldak, and the workers were recruited in the villages of Wesh, Newa Kalay, Kuchi and Spin Boldak itself.

The District Leader and the local detachments of the Afghan National Police and the Afghan Border Police

supported the project from its inception, and pledged to help make it successful.

The aim of the project was to improve the streets of several villages, including Spin Boldak and Wesh, where the border crossing into Pakistan is located.

The work included cleaning mud, garbage and debris out of drains, gutters and ditches, and conducting minor road repair. Debris is often used to hide IEDs, so the project improved safety as well as accessibility and appearances in the villages.

When the project was finished, the CIMIC team and the staff of the Joint District Coordination Centre held a shura to discuss its successes and failures with the



Afghan men are earning much-needed money working as labourers in Spin Boldak.

District Leader and the local elders. Much to the CIMIC operators' surprise, the participants called it an all-out success, mainly because 750 men would go into the crucial season of Ramadan with a little extra money for their families.

The cash-for-work program worked so well in Spin Boldak that plans are under way to repeat it in the districts of Zhari and Dand.

Maurine Karagianis

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Left: Members of HMCS Ville de Quebec lined up along an overpass on Simco St. in Oshawa to salute the hearse carrying the remains of Pte Patrick Lormand as it drove along the Highway of Heroes.

Bottom left: The man overboard recovery team in HMCS Calgary replaces Oscar the dummy with a live body (SLt Meryl Spondor). A real person better replicates the difficulty of moving casualties from the zodiac to sickbay.

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