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HMCS VICTORIA: one step closer to the water

After a year spent refitting and reshaping HMCS Victoria's bow assembly, FMF workers have reached an important milestone in the submarine's refurbishment.

Last week, using a crane, they lowered the two sections in to place.

See page 2 for the whole story.

Photos by Shelley Lipke, Lookout

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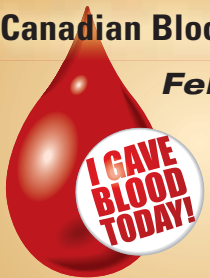
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SUBMARINE SHAPING UP

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Last week, ship repair workers made a huge advancement in resurrecting *HMCS Victoria* after its five-year refit.

Two bow shutter modules that make up the nose of the submarine were carefully lowered into place, fitting together like a jigsaw puzzle.

It took boiler makers, welders, sandblasters and weapons technicians five years to sculpt, shape and craft the modules.

"The work was not without its challenges," said underwater weapons mechanical submarine engineer, Joe Chaney, who has worked on this project since the beginning. "We had to ensure the dimensions of components were correct and the shutter doors would operate as intended, so we had to make some changes along the way."

Bow shutter modules limit flow noise when the submarine transits submerged. They form one continuous bulbous profile to the submarine's nose area, and are also the exit point for torpedoes shot from the boat.

These modules needed to be re-designed to fix some minor abnormalities in their operation and strengthen the bow shutters, says Chaney.

A team comprised of Fleet Maintenance Facility's production and engineering shops worked

with weapons contractors to develop a new design.

At the heart of the project was boiler maker Steve Johansen who did the majority of the work. Johansen reverted to old fashioned forming techniques, and worked out the geometrics using the tools of his trade.

"He was instrumental in getting this done," said Chaney. "Any time he had problems he often had a solution worked out in his head before he told me there was even a problem. I came to rely on his expertise and recommendations, which were sound through the entire process."

Tweaking their placement is next; aligning them to ensure the firing line is straight for torpedoes.

"The boiler shop and weapons department will spend about three weeks connecting the hydraulic and electrical infrastructure," adds Chaney. "The alignment process will ensure true straight torpedo firing lines, and a final torque and fastening of the modules to the sub will complete this portion."

Sound dampening tiles need to be affixed, at which point the project of the bow shutter modules will be finished.

Work will continue on the submarine in coming months, and with high tides mid summer, the submarine will exit dry-dock for at-sea tests and trials.



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Above: Boiler makers, metal fabricators, weapons fitters and welders, who laboured for more than a year to refit *HMCS Victoria's* bow assembly, gather for this group shot.

Bottom left: Fabricator Bryan Rhode removes the legs attached to the bow assembly before a crane lowers it onto the nose of the submarine.

Bottom right: While the module is attached, shipwright Mike Cruickshanks (right) helps direct the workers aligning the part.



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Spirited Thanks to the DND community

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

When United Way campaign chair Michael McEvoy announced the grand total achieved through fundraising this year was \$6.7 million, surpassing the goal of \$6.35 million, the crowd at the Empress Hotel ballroom went wild, jumping to their feet and applauding to show their excitement for the success.

But the recognition didn't end there. The Jan. 27 event, hosted by the Empress Hotel, also included handing out 2009 Greater Victoria United Way Spirit Awards for excellence in fundraising and outstanding leadership.

The Half Million Dollar Spirit Award went to the Department of National Defence and was accepted on behalf of the entire CFB Esquimalt community by Base Commander and campaign chair Capt(N) Marcel Halle, and campaign co-ordinator Vikki Ilkka.

Through personal pledges or participation in special events, over \$640,000 was raised by the DND community; and retired defence team members contributed more than \$60,000, allowing CFB Esquimalt to surpass its fundraising goal of \$700,000.

"As your campaign chair, I extend a big thanks to each and every one of you who got involved and participated in this year's event; it was a fantastic campaign with an outstanding result," said

Capt(N) Halle about the DND community's involvement in the successful campaign.

He said despite the downturn in the economy and a reduction in personnel numbers, he was extremely proud of the entire Formation for their caring generosity and hard work, and wants all of CFB Esquimalt to take pride and share in this Spirit Award.

"My aim for this year's campaign was twofold," said Capt(N) Halle. "It was to raise aware-

ness within CFB Esquimalt regarding the tremendous need in the community by those less fortunate, and to ensure that everyone within the Formation had an opportunity to participate. This year's outcome demonstrates once again the generosity and community spirit of Esquimalt's Defence Team. The good that will result from our Government of Canada Charitable Workplace Campaign originates from all those who took part and who share meriting this recognition."

During the

presentations Dan Deringer, Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) Cape Breton campaign co-ordinator, was called up and recognized for 15 years of outstanding service to this campaign and presented a signed Chris Szarka Saskatchewan Rough Rider jersey. He was moved and spoke about his dedication and thoughts towards the campaign, telling the crowd he wanted to continue with the cabinet and other duties to support United Way after his retirement from FMF this May.

Four other Spirit Awards went to DND recipients including:

Quantum Leap Spirit Award (50-150 employees)

POESB Auxiliary Fleet – recognizes the employees of an organization that has an exceptional increase in dollars raised.

Employee Campaign Chair of the Year (50-150 employees - new 2009)

Dave Jones POESB Auxiliary Fleet – recognizes the employee chair/representative for a unit that achieved significant results

Leadership Campaign Spirit Award (under 75 employees)

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People Talk

While at the Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) Venture Lookout asked this question: *If you could serve in one capacity in the military, in which you haven't already served, what would you want to do?*



I think being a technician for electronics would be interesting. And it would have lots of opportunities in today's market to roll over into a civilian workplace after getting out of the Forces. I don't know much about electronics at all right now, but I'd like to learn.

Eric Larose,
Cook at Work Point



I'd like to be in navy logistics because that way I could be in the navy but still get out to sea. Logistics is a support position ensuring food, supplies and payroll support is provided to the sailors on the ship. If I was to do this type of work I could remain a naval officer. Right now I'm in training and am still deciding what I'll do once I divide my specialties.

A/SLt Steven Drysdale,
MARS officer training



I would want to be a Combat Systems Engineer chief on a ship. I haven't done this job before and it looks like it would be a huge challenge to co-ordinate two departments. Working with the naval weapons technicians and the naval electronics technicians would be interesting. I've always done a lot of work face to face with direct interaction, but chiefs don't get that luxury. They talk to a senior non-commissioned member and direct the work to be done. I think that challenge would be interesting.

PO1 Jason Kitt,
Senior Naval Electronics Technician HMCS Calgary



It would be doing anything with wood, like a material technician. I'd like that because I've been interested since high school in wood work. It's something I've wanted to do. I'm constantly making stuff around the house like coffee, end tables, a headboard for my bed, stereo stands and bookshelves. I like doing this instead of buying it, because I like to build, and wood is fascinating because of the different colours and textures. Working with it is something I like to do.

Cpl Dale Lamberton,
Cook at Work Point



I would like to go on deployment. I have yet to deploy to Afghanistan or to a United Nations posting. I've always wanted to, but they always say we can't spare the MARS officers. I think I'd like to work with one of the civilian military co-op teams co-ordinating and meeting with locals to set up projects to support them, or as a UN observer. Right now I monitor the quality of instruction at Venture and ensure the lesson plans are up to date. It's like quality assurance for the course.

Lt(N) Mike Lu,
MARS Standards Officer

FILM friday

Wartime tale Dear John cranks up sappy tension

W. Andrew Powell
The GATE

New this week in theatres, Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried play long-distance lovers in the romantic drama, *Dear John*; and John Travolta and Jonathan Rhys Meyers team up as CIA operatives in the action film, *From Paris With Love*.

Dear John

Director Lasse Hallstrom, who brought us films *The Cider House Rules* and *Chocolat*, delivers the adaptation of Nicolas Sparks' novel about a young couple brought together by chance, but separated by war.

Channing Tatum stars as John, a soldier on temporary leave when he meets Savannah, played by Amanda Seyfried, a lovely college girl who immediately captures his heart. Spending two weeks together, the two fall in love, but

are quickly torn apart when John's leave takes him back to the turmoil of war. Over the course of his tour of duty, the two share their lives through letters. But once reunited with Savannah, a second tour looms on the horizon.

Written by screenwriter Jamie Lindon, who previously penned *We Are Marshall*, *Dear John* is a romantic drama that is happy to flaunt its two leads as it cranks up the sappy tension.

From Paris With Love

With a title reminiscent of a 1950s-era love story, *From Paris With Love* is the latest action movie from writer and producer Luc Besson and director Pierre Morel, who previously created *Taken*. Besson is perhaps best known for writing the *Transporter* films, which is along the lines of what you can expect from this film.

Set in Paris, Jonathan Rhys Meyers stars as James, a personal aide to the U.S. ambassador in France who basically has it all, including a beau-

tiful girlfriend. Secretly though, James is a CIA operative who wants to become a real agent some day, and when an opportunity presents itself, he jumps at the chance.

Unfortunately for James, that opportunity includes his first partner, the wisecracking loose cannon Charlie, played by a scenery-chewing John Travolta.

Working together as they try to avert a terrorist attack, the duo embark on a city-wide shooting spree while they hunt for a crime ring that has its sights set on James. That gives the wanna-be agent at least one good reason for sticking next to Charlie throughout the course of a wild, trigger-happy 48 hours. They just have to find some way of working together as the green operative tries to prove himself next to his crazy partner.

Compared to *Taken* or *The Transporter*, *From Paris With Love* is frankly not getting inspiring reviews.

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Sailors working in site of “unbelievable destruction”

As I pen these words we have many of the crew ashore providing aid and assistance to the people of Haiti. I want to assure you that the Canadian Forces, indeed all of Canada, are pitching in together to provide some relief to the Haitians in their time of need.

We are currently patrolling about 3-5 miles off the coast of a town called Leogane; it is west of the capital city of Port au Prince. It is from here that we send, on average, about 50 people ashore each day to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Leogane is one of the worst hit areas and is one of the focal efforts of Canadian humanitarian assistance.

Leogane was very close to the epi-centre of the earthquake and has suffered unbelievable destruction.

I would assess that up to 90 percent of the buildings have been destroyed. Those that remain are largely single level homes that were either very well built or had a “flexible” structure. Two story homes generally “pan-caked”: the first floor gave way, unable to take the load of the second floor during the shaking.

I would say that most of the 130,000 residents of the city are now homeless and have moved to tent cities or are living in their yards and streets. It is a very sobering sight. Because of the many aftershocks, some of which would qualify as earthquakes themselves, the people are reluctant to move back into their homes that have received less damage.

Water has been scarce, food limited and medical care facilities were destroyed. We are helping with temporary



Cpl Johanie Maheu, Combat Camera

Sailors from HMCS Athabaskan rolled up their sleeves and donned their tool-belts to make a tangible difference in the lives of Haitians.

shelter, water and medical support.

On Jan. 13 we all came to work in Halifax thinking that the ship was in a work period and that shoveling snow was our greatest concern. A short 36 hours later we were at sea heading south at speed. Not knowing exactly what the situation would be like, we planned for the worst, training people and designing humanitarian assistance teams on the way. On that first day when we went ashore it was clear that we had prepared well.

We did not have to deal with the deceased victims of the tragedy as for the most part, that task had been completed. We were able to set our minds and efforts to providing help, comfort and medical care to the survivors.

One of the first jobs that we took on was the set-up of the Canadian Medical Assistance Team (CMAT) camp. Located close to the centre of Leogane, this team

of doctors from Canada has treated well over a thousand Haitians since we arrived.

In addition to setting up the facility itself, we helped process patients using our casualty clearing teams; carried patients to and from the treatment tents; and, our medical teams – Doctor, Physicians Assistant and Medical Assistants - have been treating patients alongside the CMAT doctors.

CMAT estimates that with our help they are able to treat twice the number of patients that would normally be possible. There have been all manner of operations done in this tent facility from setting of fractures to amputations. Our sailors, especially those who speak French, have proved invaluable in providing comfort and care to patients.

We have also been providing security to the CMAT camp during the day. Let me assure you that the Haitian people have been very orderly and calm through-

out this tragedy. Line-ups for treatment have been long and they have been patient and brave, considering the seriousness of some of the injuries.

We are working with two orphanages to help them get back on their feet. The first one cares for about 45 kids and the couple in charge is a husband and wife - she is Canadian from Quebec City and he from California. They have a reasonable supply of food having just received a shipment from the States and we are giving them a steady supply of clean fresh water until their purification system is repaired. We built a shelter for the kids and temporary toilet facilities. Their house is still standing but has significant cracks that make it dangerous, especially with the aftershocks.

We just took on a second orphanage with 80 kids and we are working with Crisis International to provide some temporary shelter. Our sailors are working in

the heat to build a wooden frame and tarp building that will get the kids off the ground and out of the brutal heat. Crisis International is providing the materials and food and water to this mission.

We have also gone out into the community to seek areas in which we can help – we have fixed solar panels, got generators running and restored water purification systems. Sailors have great skills that they have learned both through the Navy and from their hobbies and pastimes. All are in demand and being put to good use.

One of the biggest assets that we have is the helicopter. It has flown everyday, landing in airports, clearings and farmers fields to move people and materials where they are most needed. We moved most of the DART medical equipment from the capital to a neighboring city, many soldiers to Leogane, and loads of supplies all over the region. We even flew two critically injured people to the US hospital ship, Comfort, which is operating just offshore. The aircrew is flying 8 -10 hours a day and

the aircraft never goes anywhere empty.

Here on board, those who are not ashore are working double time to support the teams and keep the ship running. I estimate that it takes just as many people to launch and load the boats as go ashore. The engineering spaces have been as hot as 50 degrees and guys have been down there keeping our water making at 100 percent when the tools are too hot to hold. Everyone is doing their part. I am trying to make sure that over the period that while we are here helping Haitians, everyone who wants to get ashore to help will have that opportunity.

We were one of the first military organizations to get ashore and make an immediate improvement in the conditions ashore. While we cannot build them new homes, we can help with medical care, water and temporary shelter. I have taken the liberty of modifying the Athabaskan motto: We Fight (and Help) as One.

Cdr Peter Crain
Commanding Officer
HMCS Athabaskan



Cpl Johanie Maheu, Combat Camera

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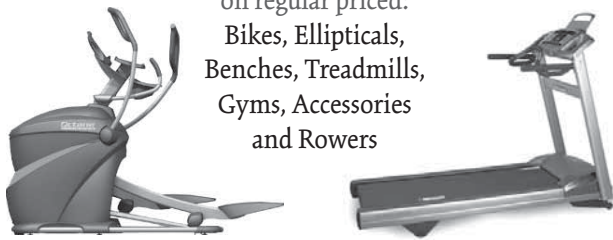
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Local celebrities took on former professional hockey players in Play On, the CBC's Hockey Night in Canada Official Canadian Street Hockey Tournament Championship.

Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Submariners take shots at celebrities

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Two sailors from HMCS Victoria assumed celebrity status a week ago when they played against former hockey giants and icons on Belleville Street in front of the legislature.

PO1 Garrick Logan and LCdr Paul Sutherland laced up their runners and taped up their hockey sticks for Play On – CBC's Hockey Night in Canada Official Canadian Street Hockey Tournament Championship.

While 30 teams from across Canada competed for the \$10,000 prize and the sought after Redwood Cup over the Jan. 30 weekend, on three make shift asphalt rinks, the sailors were there to represent the navy in their ship's namesake city and have some old-fashioned street hockey fun.

"We heard about the Canadian Naval Centennial (CNC) this year and wanted the Canadian Forces involved [in the celebrity game]," said CBC Sports Event manager Charles Musto.

The sailors joined a team of seven, touting ex-NHL hockey players for a celebrity version of the 4 on 4 street hockey play.

Spectators crowded around the celebrity game for the launch of the championship matches. High above the crowds, the mechanical arm of the CBC camera filmed the match.

Victoria's Commanding Officer, LCdr Chris Ellis dropped the ball at the face off between Victoria Mayor Dean Fortin and CBC sports host Scott Russell.

"It was a quick game on a really small area, and it involved a lot of passing,"



LCdr Paul Sutherland, HMCS Victoria's Commanding Officer LCdr Chris Ellis, and PO1 Garrick Logan proudly stand by the sought-after Redwood Cup.

said LCdr Sutherland. The ball was often shot out of bounds, flying high over the spectators, destined for the Inner Harbour. Heads turned to follow the ball, and then focused back on the players when a new ball was tossed in to keep the game going.

There were plenty of shots on net made by both teams, and LCdr Sutherland took credit for one goal.

Fast action followed with two penalty shots – one for each team. Marty the Marmot, the Salmon Kings mascot, ran onto the street to shoot one penalty shot and the crowd cheered at his goal.

Two 15 minute periods flew by. It was a close game that ended with the sailors' team defeated 6-5.

Players shook hands, congratulated each other and vacated the street, making way for the official men's and women's games to begin.

"That was a lot of fun, and it was an honour to represent Victoria in our hometown," said LCdr Sutherland.

Both sailors grew up playing street hockey. "I like it because you can play anywhere. All you need is a stick, a base-ment, or a street and everybody knows how to play. It was great to play against some of these accomplished players. I especially liked to see the ex-NHL Courtnall brothers," he said.

At the end of the tournament the victorious teams were the women's Vancouver Wildcats and men's Vancouver Ball Hoggz.

"They will have their names engraved on the 63-pound Redwood Cup, and the men's winners will be recognized on CBC's Hockey Night in Canada as Canada's Greatest Street Hockey Players, and will also win a \$10,000 cash prize,"

said Musto.

Since 2003, CBC's Hockey Night in Canada's Play On tournament has involved over 30,000 men and women of all skill levels and ages to play street hockey in cities across Canada.

"This program is a great way to get people active and is a family-oriented event to promote and partake in hockey at the grassroots level," said Musto.

Musto along with his CBC associates came to the base the next day for a tour of the submarine, and the fleet.

"We showed them the different classes of ships and took photos in front of the sub building with the kisby ring and crest of Victoria in the background while holding onto the Redwood Cup," said PO1 Logan. "They were really impressed and enlightened to learn about the navy, and said they didn't realize the navy had such a scope."



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Dignitaries unveil the new stamp honouring Petty Officer William Hall, who served with the Royal Navy and was the first black person, and the first Nova Scotian, to receive the Victoria Cross in 1859.

New stamp commemorates Nova Scotian William Hall

CFB Halifax Public Affairs

The Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia, Canada Post and Maritime Forces Atlantic unveiled a stamp to commemorate Petty Officer William Hall, VC, Royal Navy, at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia on Feb 2. This stamp launch was in conjunction with African Heritage Month.

Also in attendance at the stamp unveiling was MCpl Phillip Safire, the only living military descendant of William Hall. MCpl Safire, an Intelligence Operator from Land Forces Atlantic Area, is currently providing security services to Operation Podium, the military's contribution to the 2010 Olympics in B.C.

William Hall, born in Horton, Nova Scotia, (1827-1904) was the first black person and the first Nova Scotian to receive the Victoria Cross,

the British Empire's highest award for valour. He was named to his award Feb. 15, 1859, and received it aboard HMS Donegal Oct. 28 that same year.

After a long and rewarding career, Hall retired from the Royal Navy as a Petty Officer Quartermaster in 1876 and spent the remainder of his life farming in Avonport, NS.

Few of us today can relate to the harrowing experience he faced in 1857. A naval

gun crew of approximately 400 sailors travelled by barge and then on foot, fighting all the way from Calcutta to Cawnpore. They carried eight-inch guns and 24 pound howitzer cannons over some of the most unforgiving terrain ever, with a final destination of Lucknow, India, during the Indian Rebellion.

On Nov. 16, 1857, under heavy gun fire, and with his HMS Shannon ship mates being killed all around him, Leading Seaman Hall found the courage and strength to persist. With each bullet fired at him, knowing full well he could die, he and Lt Thomas Young, who was seriously injured, slowly advanced firing and dragging his cannon to within 18 metres of the Shah Najaf mosque.

Facing formidable adversity, and against all odds, with a solitary 24-pound cannon, he almost single-handedly continued to bombard the walls until it was destroyed.

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Letter of thanks

Dear Captain(N) Hallé,
 We are writing to thank you, and your officers, sailors and soldiers, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, for the assistance provided in every aspect of the funeral of our cherished son and brother, Lieutenant Andrew Nuttall, Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry.
 From providing the Naden Band for the funeral march, logistic support, Public Affairs support (Captain Darin Guenette), Military Police, catering services at Cordova Bay United Church, and sailors and soldiers from CFB Esquimalt, you all worked

hard and effectively to honour Andrew and his sacrifice, and support his grieving family.
 There were many functions and activities requiring liaison with Lt Greg O'Neil, Master Warrant Officer Steve Merry, and others of the PPCLI, and you provided the complete support of CFB Esquimalt.
 At this time of profound grief, it was comforting to know that you, and the officers, sailors and soldiers of CFB Esquimalt were there for us.

Sincerely,
 Richard, Jane and
 John Nuttall



Stock photo

A military procession escorts Lt Andrew Nuttall's casket to funeral services at the Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria on Jan. 4.

Drivers beware: slow down or be fined

Shelley Lipke
 Staff writer

Victoria Police are warning CFB Esquimalt motorists to ease off the gas pedal on residential streets near the base.
 Recently changed speed limits on Colville Road and Lockley Street means hefty fines for drivers caught speeding.
 The message from police: slow down.
 During the Christmas break the usual 50 kilometre limit was changed to 30km on Lockley St. and 40km on Colville Rd. Eighty per cent of speeders nailed with fines during peak hours were from the base.
 "The difference between 50 kilometres and 30 kilometres is quite a big change; so if people are unaware the speed has changed it can be a heavy fine," says Sgt Raymond Prytuliak, Military Police operations support sergeant.
 Driving 10 kilometres over the speed limit equates

to a \$138 fine, while driving 20 or more is over is \$196.
 Since the construction began last summer on the Admirals/Colville intersection, detours sent people down Colville Rd. or Lockley St. and then onto Gorge Road towards the highway, said Sgt Prytuliak. "Now people are used to that route and it seems they are still avoiding the intersection, but they are not used to the new speed limits."
 Many people use these roads to avoid what is known as the "Colwood Crawl" – a slow movement of traffic during rush hours heading up Admirals to Craigflower Road.
 Victoria police have asked the MP section to make people on the base aware of this problem, says Sgt Prytuliak.
 Work on the Admirals/Colville intersection is ongoing, and people should approach with caution as traffic lights are not installed and the traffic pattern has changed.

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New Life in Haiti

DART medics help bring Haitian baby into the world

Capt Mark Peebles
JTF Haiti / DART

A team of Canadian Forces medics helped deliver a baby girl at the Disaster Assistance Response Team's (DART) medical clinic in Jacmel Thursday afternoon, Jan. 28.

It was the first baby delivered at the clinic and the first delivery for many of the medics – an experience they say was an immense morale booster.

Jean-Jilles Marie's water broke the night before. Her husband, Jean-Charles Pierre, had taken them to Hôpital St. Michel, but they didn't receive any help from the medical staff there.

At 7:30 a.m. the next morning, one of the clinic's interpreters took them to the DART clinic and she was ushered into one of a number of modular tents.

Cpl Cheryl Belanger, a medic from Canadian Forces Health Services Ottawa, started readying the necessary equipment and supplies in preparation for the delivery. In the meantime, Toronto-based Cpl Petra Sutton initiated an intravenous drip on Ms. Marie and tried to ease her discomfort.

As the morning drew on, Ms. Marie continued to dilate as the medical staff monitored her situation. Just after noon, with her

contractions becoming more frequent, Ms. Marie began to deliver her child on a fold-out medical table under a modular tent at the city's port as yellow-smocked medics gathered about her in the stifling heat of the midday sun.

With doctors Maj Annie Bouchard and Capt Rob Ennis providing guidance, Cpl Belanger and Cpl Sutton were joined by Corporals Karine Rousselle, Melissa Bisutti, Monique Bartlett and MCpl Lucie Rouleau to help Ms. Marie deliver her child. Together, they encouraged, comforted and supported the mother through 25 minutes of labour.

"I was holding the baby's head with Monique," explained Cpl Rousselle. "As soon as the head came out, the liquid came out. We got a shoulder out and the rest slipped out right after."

With the cheering medics holding on to the child, Monique-Lucie Marie was born into the world at 12:45 p.m. Cpl Bisutti clamped and cut the umbilical cord and the squalling six-pound baby girl with a full head of hair was placed in an improvised bassinette made out of a cardboard box lined with sterile sheets and towels.

Maj Bouchard, a general practitioner with a specialty in obstetrics and a veteran of a thousand

deliveries, praised the work of her medics.

"I could have been in a civilian hospital in Canada and it would have been the same level of performance. They were awesome," she said.

For all the medics who participated, the birth – a first for almost all of them – was a touching experience. Though all are employed in clinics from Gagetown to Toronto, they said participating in delivering a child is a rare experience.

The birth was also a welcome change from some of the work the DART medical staff have had to do since they arrived in Haiti two weeks ago. Rather than having to perform amputations and other aspects of trauma medicine, the medics said this experience boosted their morale.

"This experience amazed me. We're here working out of tents with the bare minimum and we were able to work a miracle," remarked Cpl Belanger.

After a couple hours of rest and medical attention, Ms. Marie walked out of the clinic with her family and its newest addition in tow. She will be back for check-ups both for herself and her newborn daughter, which means the medics at the clinic will have another chance to see the child who touched their lives.

First baby delivered at DART clinic named after medics

Capt Mark Peebles
Public Affairs

While the birth of the DART medical clinic's first child in Jacmel touched the lives of all the medical staff who helped deliver her, two medics have a permanent link to the child.

Monique-Lucie Marie's name came courtesy of two of the medics who delivered her: Cpl Monique Bartlett and MCpl Lucie Rouleau.

The name, a gesture of gratitude from the girl's father Jean-Charles Pierre, is something both medics say is an event they will never forget.

Cpl Bartlett and MCpl Rouleau, both mothers of girls themselves, were part of the team of medics and doctors who helped deliver the little girl at the DART's medical clinic at the port in Jacmel. Monique literally had a hand in delivering the child – she held the infant's head as it was coming out.

After the baby was born, Cpl Bartlett asked the father if they had chosen a name for the girl. He asked her what her name was. When she told him 'Monique', he gestured to MCpl Rouleau and asked her name. When Cpl Bartlett answered 'Lucie', he responded, "Her name is Monique-Lucie"

"We were just a part of the team that helped with the delivery of his child," explains Cpl Bartlett. "I just happened to ask him if they had a name for her."

The two Ottawa-based medics are honoured and touched by the expression. They say it is a wonderful experience that reminds them why they became medics in the first place.

"This is the most wonderful experience ever. It makes us realize exactly what we are here to do," says MCpl Rouleau.

When Monique-Lucie gets older, Mr. Pierre says he will tell her the story of how she was born and the wonderful Canadians who helped her into the world – two of whom she can thank for her name.



Cpl Julie Bélisle, Combat Camera



Johanie Maheu, Combat Camera

Clockwise from top left:

- Cpl Richard Alam, a member of the Mobile Medical Team (MMT) treats the injured leg of a Haitian woman from Tom Gato. The MMT is a section of the Disaster Assistance Response Team providing basic medical assistance to remote areas around Jacmel, Haiti.
- Sailors from HMCS Athabaskan tend to an injured child.
- A Canadian soldier carries an orphan from a Griffon helicopter at the Port au Prince Airport in Haiti. The orphans were in the process of being adopted by Canadian families at the time of the earthquake in Haiti. The CF helped transport the orphans from Jacmel to Port au Prince using a Griffon helicopter as part of their long journey to Canada.
- Haitians in desperate need of clean water gather around a giant water container dropped in a field of Leogane. Members of HMCS Athabaskan help distribute the supply.
- Capt Dez Desjardins and MCpl Doug Neufeld, Urban Search And Rescue Technicians assess the damage caused to the convent of the missionary du Christ-Roi in Port-au-Prince.



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Cadets to save memorial

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer



The Canadian Scottish Regiment cenotaph in Pioneer Park is in need of restoration after 59 years of exposure to the elements and vandalism.

In Pioneer Square, near Christ Church Cathedral, a much worn cenotaph awaits refurbishing.

Cadets from the Canadian Scottish Regiment have taken on the task to help finance the renovation by holding a "tag day" on Feb. 20.

"Tag day involves the cadets out in the community in full dress uniform asking members of the community for donations and providing them with information on where the donation will go," says Capt Larry Jeffries, Commanding Officer 2136 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

Forty-five cadets will be at the Super Store and Canadian Tire at Canwest Mall, at the Thrifty's and Starbucks in Fairfield Plaza, and also at Moka House and Serious Coffee in Cook Street Village from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"They usually raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500 on their tag days, and this project is important to them," said Capt Jeffries.

Every Remembrance Day the Regimental family and the cadets encircle the cenotaph to pay homage to the fallen, including the Canadian Scottish Regiment who died in the First and Second World Wars.

"The cenotaph helps me remember how much history our Cadet Corps and Regiment has and makes me proud," said Cadet Master

Corporal Nathan Deringer. "It is more than a monument. It is a sign of pride and is a place to see the history of The Canadian Scottish Regiment and the veterans that came from our community."

The restoration project is estimated to cost \$50,000.

Exposure to the elements and vandalism has taken a toll on the 59-year-old 16-foot granite memorial.

It replaced the wooden remembrance cross that was raised on the battlefield of Vimy after Canadian Corps captured Vimy Ridge in April 1917, defeating the Germans. At the end of the First World War the wood cross was transported to Victoria from France and installed at Pioneer Square. Natural deterioration forced it to be moved for safekeeping to a permanent display at the Bay Street Armoury.

"The mortar joints between the granite components

needs re-pointing; damaged granite posts and curb stones require repair or replacement; the chain that identifies the perimeter of the memorial site needs to be replaced with a low metal fence, and improved lighting is also required," said Brigadier General (Ret'd) Michael Heppell, Honorary Colonel of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) and Chair of the Regimental Cenotaph Restoration Committee.

"Unlike today, soldiers killed overseas during both world wars were not repatriated home, so local cenotaphs and memorial structures are used to remember their sacrifice. What the cadets are doing is very much appreciated."

Veterans Affairs Canada has a program for the restoration and preservation of cenotaphs and monuments to Canada's war dead, in which they will provide up to half the necessary funds. The cenotaph restoration committee will apply for this grant.

Anyone wishing to support the cenotaph restoration can send a donation to the Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Foundation at the Bay Street Armoury - 715 Bay Street, Victoria, B.C. at V8T 1R1, or phone BGen (Ret'd) Heppell at 250-658-1391.

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An Afghan National Army soldier searches a local national during a mission through a village near Forward Operating Base Sperwam Ghar. During the two day mission, ANA troops found numerous improvised explosive devices and bomb making material.

Pfc David Hauk, 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Army heats up fight against Taliban

Capt Lena Angell
JTF-Afg / OMLT and
1 PPCLI Battle Group

Southwest of Kandahar City, Afghan national security forces and Canadian soldiers launched Operation Otash as dawn broke on Jan. 12.

The battalion-sized operation was led by soldiers of 2nd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 205 Corps of the Afghan National Army with assistance from the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) in Task Force Kandahar, along with members of the Afghan National Police with mentors from the TFK Police OMLT, and a company of Canadian troops from Task Force 3-09 Battle Group.

Otash, meaning "fire" in Pashto, was a two-day mission aimed at disrupting Taliban operations in the area by seizing caches of weapons and improvised explosive devices, identifying Taliban sanctuaries, and sending a message to the insurgents that Afghan and coalition forces are committed to denying them control of the villages surrounding Kandahar.

The allied force met no resistance until the second day of the operation, when both Afghan and Canadian troops battled Taliban fighters without suffering any casualties. The Afghan forces searching the area discovered an IED cache

that included artillery shells, wires and bomb-making materials.

Although Operation Otash was a fairly routine type mission, it was notable in that it was conducted by Afghan forces under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sakhi Mohammad Barriz, with Canadian forces in a strictly supporting role. Coalition forces continue to provide combat support in areas such as air power and artillery, which the ANA has yet to develop fully.

"I'm very happy with the operation," said LCol Barriz. This was the second operation the Kandak commander has planned and led, and the first in which he managed the battle space independently.

"Planning and executing complex missions like this one, which require the management of numerous enablers, is a clear indication that [the Afghans] are a capable and effective security force," said Task Force 3-09 Battle Group commander LCol Jerry Walsh. LCol Barriz praised his troops' work and highlighted the Canadians' professionalism.

"One local said to me, 'Who are those troops?' and I told him that they were Canadians," said LCol Barriz. "He said he liked those troops because they were the first to give him money for damage to his fields."



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The Title of the Initiative is:
An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST).

Summary of Initiative:
The purpose of the initiative draft Bill is to declare that the agreement between the federal government and the British Columbia government to establish a harmonized sales tax (HST) is not in effect. The draft Bill would reinstate the 7% provincial sales tax (PST) with the same exemptions as were in effect as of June 30, 2010 and establish the provincial sales tax as the only sales tax in British Columbia for the purposes of raising provincial revenue. The draft Bill proposes that it be effective retroactively to June 30, 2010. The Bill also proposes that the provincial share of HST revenues received between June 30, 2010 and the date of Royal Assent of the Bill that exceeds what would be collected under the PST rules as of June 30, 2010 would be reimbursed to British Columbians on a per capita basis.

Opponent Registration:
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Who May Sign the Petition:
Registered voters as of Tuesday, April 6, 2010 may sign the initiative petition. Individuals may only sign the petition once, and must sign the petition sheet for the electoral district in which they are registered at the time of signing. Signed petitions are available for public inspection.

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The initiative application and draft Bill are available for public inspection on the Elections BC website and at the Elections BC office at the address below.


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Soldiers from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) conduct a security patrol on a Land Over Snow Vehicle during Operation Podium.

Op Podium troops briefed on avalanche

Lt Susan Magill
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Professor Murray Toft presented an avalanche awareness briefing on Jan. 15 at Cal-Cheak Quarry, B.C., to over 160 headquarters staff and troops from Task Force Whistler, as part of training for Operation Podium.

Toft presented the Canadian Forces members with a patrol briefing and

a terrain analysis on their area of operation – mainly the Callaghan Valley and Whistler mountains.

"Not all snow is the same," he said. "There's a big difference between snow in the Rockies and the Coastal Mountains."

During Op Podium troops will patrol the Whistler area on foot, ski, snowshoe, and on snowmobiles. Toft's training is necessary to ensure troops stay safe while on the slopes. According to

the Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA), 23 Canadians died last year in avalanches, 17 of those were on snowmobiles.

Toft is not new to training troops. In February 2009 he guided a small group of CF members on an alpine expedition to ski Whistler backcountry. He trained the experienced backcountry skiers in basic mountaineering skills, avalanche awareness and avoidance as well as, hands-on alpine survival

skills. This training was part of Exercise Alpine Ram which helped prepare troops for the challenges of Op Podium.

"Snow is a very elusive thing to play with so you need to be very prepared," said Toft. He adds that the minimal tools must be used when travelling in snow-covered slopes and knowing how to use those tools is extremely important. Toft recommends one never traverse the mountains in winter without an avalanche receiver, snow shovel and a probe.

"And you need to pay attention to the daily avalanche bulletins at CAA," he advises.

Toft knows what he's talking about. He has survived three avalanches. He is an avid climber and continues to instruct leadership training, technical workshops and rock management seminars. He has been guiding internationally for many years in Norway, South America, the Rockies, Alaska, and he currently guides seasonally in the Alps.

Avalanche studies indicate that three factors are required to have an avalanche accident: suitable terrain, unstable snowpack and a trigger. The trigger is often, but not always, human. Sometimes heat and snow weight in trees can cause an avalanche.

"Look up," Toft recommends. "Keep your head on hazards from above and learn to recognize avalanche terrain."

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OLYMPIC NEWS: READY FOR THE CHALLENGE

Training key to overcome flying conditions

Lt(N) David Lavallee
Joint Task Force Games Air
Component Public Affairs Officer

Securing the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a daunting assignment, one that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, supported by the Canadian Forces and other security partners, have been working towards for years.

Nevertheless, the air component of Joint Task Force Games—the air force element of the CF's support to the RCMP (dubbed Operation Podium)—is up to the task.

With aircraft including the CH-146 Griffon, CH-124 Sea King, CP-140 Aurora and CC-138 Twin Otter, the air component represents a cross-section of Canada's Air Force. Its main responsibilities will be to provide airlift for RCMP and CF personnel and equipment, medical evacuation for RCMP and CF members and air support for RCMP patrols and area surveillance.

After years of planning and a rigorous exercise period in the fall of 2009, Air Component Commander Colonel Bill Veenhof declared his team ready in the final week of January 2010.

"We have some of the brightest and hardest working people in the Canadian Forces serving with the Air Component for Operation Podium," says Col Veenhof. "Everything I've seen, from the planning to the exercises to our final days of preparation, tells me this team is more than ready for this challenge."

And a challenge it will be. When it comes to terrain, the Olympic Joint Operations Area (JOA), approximately 10,000 square kilometres, is a mixed bag of features, from river deltas to snow-capped mountain peaks, densely-populated urban areas to tree-laden valleys. The Sea-to-Sky corridor from Vancouver to Whistler is just that, a stretch of land that starts at sea level and soars to heights over 2,000 metres high—in just 120 kilometres.

It's not just the terrain. The Olympic JOA is home to some of North America's most challenging weather conditions for flying—low ceilings, high winds, snow, rain, fog and sleet, for starters. Throw into the mix the fact that Operation Podium will run during the time of year when flying weather is at poorest, and the challenge seems even more intimidating.



Sergeant Paz Quillé, Combat Camera

Above: A Royal Canadian Mounted Police Emergency Response Team prepares to board a Canadian Forces CH-146 Griffon helicopter at the Vancouver airport in response to a simulated incident during security training in preparation for the Olympics.

Bottom: Sea Kings are among the aircraft being used to provide air support for Olympic security.

This is complicated by the fact that the Air Component will draw personnel from every Air Force Wing across Canada, from Comox, B.C. to Goose Bay, N.L.

As always, however, the air force has adapted to these conditions and overcome them. How?

"Training, training and more training," says Major Glen Lovsin, operations officer of the Composite Aviation Unit, which encompasses all the CH-146 Griffon helicopters assigned to the Air Component. "During Exercise Spartan Rings in October 2009, most of our aircrew were able to get up in the air,

get a feel for the area and get used to the conditions and the terrain."

When the aircrew and aircraft arrived back in the JOA in January, they once again began a regime of flight training that involved increasingly complex operations. All of this has been focused on ensuring that the Air Component can do its part to help the RCMP deliver safe and secure Olympic Games.

"I'm very proud of these people," says Col Veenhof. "My job is to ensure they develop as a team and that they can safely operate in the beautiful province of British Columbia."



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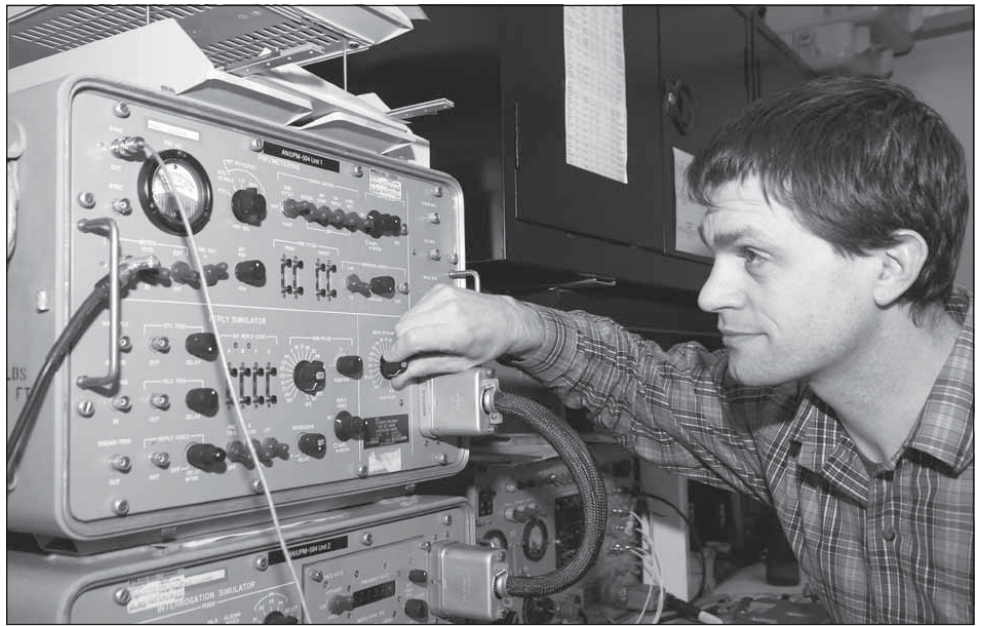
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Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Top: Electronics technician Ralph Vance calibrates HMCS Vancouver's electronic warfare system before the equipment is refitted to the ship.

Below: Jonathan Stoski, an electronics technician, runs a test on the "Identify Friend or Foe" system of a transponder that is used on ships and aircraft.



Base mourns loss of Brian Burr

Burr, Brian Passed away suddenly on February 1, 2010 at work, of heart failure, at Rocky Point Ammunition Depot at the age of 61.

Born in Prince George on Oct. 8, 1948, he is survived by his mother, Bernice and his brother, Robert. Predeceased by his father, Frederick in 1960 and his brother, Barry in 2009.

Brian joined the Canadian Navy at the age of 18 and retired in 1995, Petty Officer Second Class. His greatest passions in life were his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs and his Dalmatians.

Brian's family sincerely thank his co-workers, Rocky Point Fire Department and BC Ambulance Service, who did their utmost to save him.

Service to be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 1379 Esquimalt Road, Victoria at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. A reception will follow at The Chief and Petty Officers' Mess, Rainbow Room, 1575 Lyall Street, Victoria at 2 p.m.

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LCdr Brian Merz (centre) receives his new rank from Capt(N) Les Falloon (right) and Cdr Thomas Percy (left).

CF gets new occupation

Two weeks remain for 2010 applicants

The list of exciting career opportunities in the CF grew by one this Jan. 1 with the stand-up of the new CBRN Operator occupation. CBRN operators will be employed with the Canadian Joint Incident Response Unit (CJIRU) based in Trenton.

Prior to the stand-up of the CBRN operator trade, CF members would leave their parent MOC while employed with CJIRU. Unfortunately, no matter how much they enjoyed their employment, or how skilled they were, succession demands of the parent MOC would inevitably require individuals to depart CJIRU.

The creation of the CBRN Operator occupation will allow CBRN Operators to remain involved in this exciting role for longer periods of time, and for their expertise and skills to be maintained and expanded within the CF.

The CBRN Operator trade is currently open only to serving members of the CF through the occupational transfer process. Filling the vacancies in this new trade will be a phased process with the initial priority for occupational transfer going to those CBRN operators who are currently serving with the unit, or those who have served with CJIRU within the past two years and hold current qualifications in at least one of the following four CBRN Operator specialties:

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological Agents
- Decontamination
- Surveillance Operator
- Command Centre Operator

The first billets will be filled in March and April of 2010. The deadline for applications is Feb. 19.

These changes affect only the CBRN Operator billets. The opportunity for CF members to fill support positions at CJIRU such as medical technician, signal operator or electronic-optronic technician remains unchanged.

More information can

be found on the CJIRU website at www.cjiru-uuic.forces.gc.ca or by reviewing the message D MIL C 7-3 3218 issued 051528Z JAN 10 which is also available on the CJIRU website. CJIRU conducts an annual selection process; CF members who have not yet completed CBRN training will have the opportunity to complete an occupational transfer at a later time. The CJIRU recruiting team is always happy to answer your questions; they can be reached at CJIRU_Recruiting@forces.gc.ca

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Caretaker of an Island/Rural Estate Property

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You are an ideal candidate if you possess at least basic and trouble-shooting skills in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, landscaping, gardening and cleaning, and have the ability to contract and supervise the same. You also have better than basic administration, writing and verbal communication skills to fulfill the role of representative, and possess the common sense to deal with all aspects of safety, security, and custodianship. Your attributes include being a self-starter, trust-worthy and loyal. You are frank and honest, and have a deep commitment to family, community, relationship building and cooperation. Finally, the ideal candidate will be available as early as May 1, 2010.

Conditions of employment

- Middle-aged; approximately 45 years old
- Married and co-habiting; with spouse willing to participate in a minor capacity
- No children co-habiting
- Live on the property approximately 11 months of the year
- Commit for the long term; approximately 20 years

Salary and Benefits

- Starting salary of approximately \$3,000 per month
- Newly built caretaker house, of 800 square feet, provided
- Utilities, less phone, provided
- Use of the property and facilities, including by your visitors, subject to the owner's family use

Submit your covering letter and résumé in MS Word format and confidence to dougpoutras@shaw.ca by March 1, 2010.

All responses are appreciated but only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Vantage Point

Photographers shoot to score

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Two military photographers were shocked and delighted to hear their entries into the 2009 DND photo contest were winners.

Both Cpl Alex Croskery of Base Imaging and 2Lt Trevor Reid, a student at Base Language Training Centre, entered the military life category with images from their past deployments.

On Jan. 21, during divisions, they received certificates from Base Commander Capt(N) Marcel Halle for their accomplishments through the lens.

First place went to Cpl Croskery for his entry 'Working the Bird'; he also won the Deputy Minister of Defence award that included a tripod and camera backpack.

2Lt Trevor Reid took second place for 'Watch on the Mudwall' and an honourable mention for his entry 'Night LAV's'.

Lookout asked a few questions to delve into the minds of these sharp shooters:

Describe the location of the winning photo and the circumstances in which you shot it?

• Cpl Croskery: I took this photo on WESTPLOY RIMPAC while in HMCS Ottawa in 2008. In preparations for deployment I upgraded my old 35mm Canon SLR to a Nikon Digital Single Lens Reflex camera. After seeking permission, I was allowed to go up with the air detachment (after proper protective equipment and a briefing about what to do in the event of an emergency) to photograph vertical replenishment training.

• 2Lt Reid: I am in the air force now, but back in March 2008 I was in the army and it was during a patrol through a town near Kandahar. We were following a group of Afghan police officers and I had my Nikon D50 with me. I always carry it around with me, not only for my own shots, but also for the platoon. We may need to take photos of anything we see for intelligence purposes. I took a whole series of shots, but this one that I submitted was the best. My platoon commander was in the right place at

the right moment. I took two different shots of him looking down the long mud wall and I thought that the angles lined up and worked quite well. The lighting that day was perfect. The great thing about that country is the lighting. It is always good for photography, as it's always nice and sunny. At that moment we were waiting for another section of the platoon to swing around the other side of the town, we were looking to see if we could see any of our guys to see their location.

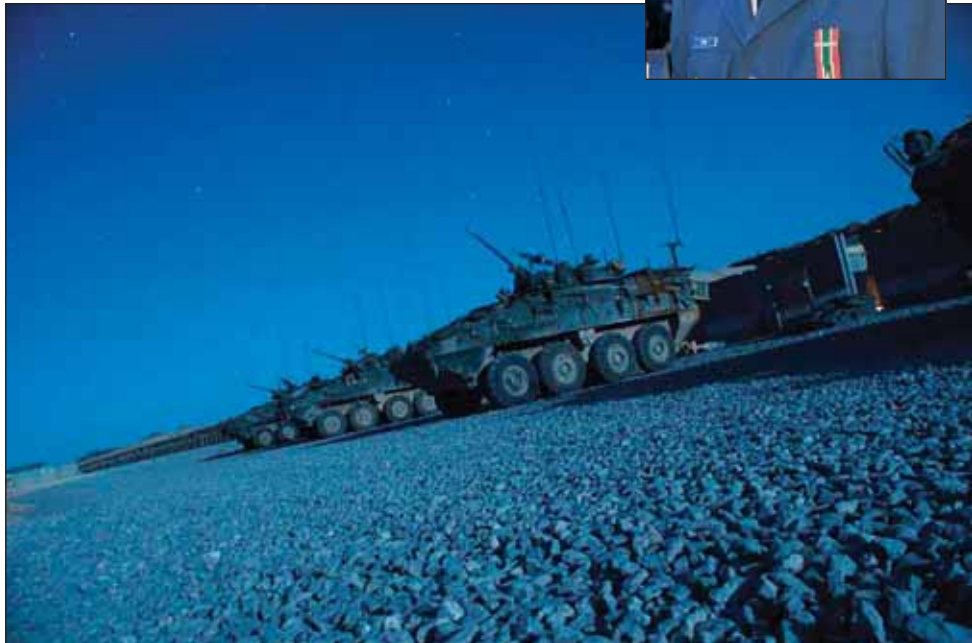
Describe how you set up the shot and what went through your mind as you composed the image?

• Cpl Croskery: I had gone up with the intention of trying to get some cool images of the helicopter flying. I wanted to get the blades frozen in the air and the nice blue background of the sky at sea (it always seems to be really clear for some reason). I didn't really set up the shot. I had a limited area where I could stand (for safety), so I just angled myself in such a way to try and capture the events. All in all I would say it was a little skill and a lot of luck. I mean you can have the camera set (shutter speed, aperture) perfectly but if you can't move around and the subjects don't work for you, your photo is going to be boring. It does not matter how technically perfect your picture is, if its boring its not going to catch anyone's attention.

• 2Lt Reid: It was a pretty wide angle shot. I tried to get it so my platoon commander was in the right hand side of the shot to force the viewer to look down the wall from the same position I was looking



2Lt Trevor Reid won second place for "Watch on the Mudwall" (above) and earned an honourable mention for "Night LAVs," (below), in the 2009 DND Photography Contest.



Cpl Alex Croskery won first place for his photo "Workin' the Bird."



at it from. I tried to use the rule of thirds for this. The wall is on a diagonal that trails off in the distance so the wall plays the rule of thirds.

What were you trying to accomplish with this image?

• Cpl Croskery: Once I saw the opportunity to get a shot of the crew working the deck and the bird in the air I knew it was going to be the kind of different shot I was after (one people don't see everyday). So I lined myself up from my safe vantage point, and waited for the cargo to touch the deck and the crew to move out and grab it. I wanted to get five things in the shot: the people working (but more than that I wanted them in motion so it looked real), the helicopter hovering with the blades just frozen enough to be visible, the flight deck, the ocean and the sky.

• 2Lt Reid: I don't know, I thought it was a pretty

neat shot. I didn't think I'd ever submit it to the photo contest, but in the end I liked the way it worked and decided to use it.

Personally, what do you like most about it?

• Cpl Croskery: If I had to pick one thing I would say it's the way that everything flows together. Just like in real life, no one part is more important than the other, if one part is less then the whole thing suffers.

• 2Lt Reid: I think the colours. It's a very brown photo, but I like the lighting and I thought it gave a good sense of the person actually being there. It's a very personal shot. He is very close, and in the background you can see another soldier. I think the image reflected where I was in that photo and the viewer can see the same thing that I saw taking the photo. I like it because it turned out how I pictured it in my mind when I shot it.

Talk about your passion for photography.

• Cpl Croskery: I started in photography during my second year in high school. Back then we had a dark room and 35mm film. I was allowed to keep two broken cameras from the school shop, so I took them and fixed them. I then started taking pictures of everything. During my last year I was given a co-op with the Trentonian - the local tri-weekly newspaper. But one needs to pay the bills, and back in the 90s it was hard to scrape a decent job as a freelancer, so I applied as an image tech. I was told it was a re-muster only trade so I joined as a supply tech (last year I re-mustered and am currently waiting on my threes course for image tech.) I never stopped the photography though.

• 2Lt Reid: It's just a hobby of mine. My father worked for Kodak his whole career and there has always been a camera in my house.