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Centennial summer starts this week

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With 2010 passing its mid-way point, the Canadian Navy's celebrations and activities on the west coast have been numerous, and promise to increase in size and scope as we enter the summer season.

From June 9-14, Victoria will play host to foreign naval personnel, during The International Fleet Review (IFR), the largest gathering of ships and naval personnel that Victoria has seen in over 50 years.

The event will wrap up with the fleet review, where the visiting and Canadian naval vessels will

line up for review by the guest of honour, Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

Other IFR events include the Navy Rocks concert on June 12, a fireworks display for visiting naval personnel, and an aerobatics show performed by the Snowbirds.

For naval enthusiasts and military watchers, the event will be of significant interest, as several modern warships will be making an appearance at the IFR.

The United States Navy has confirmed it will send its latest generation of warship, the littoral combat ship USS Freedom. Constructed at a Lockheed Martin shipyard in Wisconsin and com-

missioned in late 2008, Freedom has since made its way through the Great Lakes to the Atlantic and down into the Caribbean, where it passed through the Panama Canal en route to its new homeport of San Diego.

In fact, Maritime Forces Pacific's IFR will be the first port visit outside the U.S. for the 21st century vessel, of which the USN ultimately plans to buy 55.

Other naval ships will arrive from Australia, New Zealand, and Japan amongst other nations, making the IFR a truly international affair.

Once the party and pageantry of the fleet

review winds down, the attending ships will break off for more formal naval business. The Rim of the Pacific exercise, or RIMPAC as it is known, is the world's largest multinational naval exercise. The biennial event takes place in the waters off Hawaii.

Summer 2010 promises to be a busy season for the navy and Maritime Forces Pacific. Beyond the events, exercises, and operations mentioned above, numerous other smaller events such as community outreach and awareness campaigns will be ongoing as our navy celebrates its first 100 years with those it serves and protects, the Canadian people.

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A welcoming message from the Admiral



Rear Admiral Tyrone H.W. Pile
CMM, CD
Commander Maritime Forces Pacific - Joint Task Force Pacific

This week Maritime Forces Pacific is hosting sailors from five other nations that share the Pacific Ocean as a maritime frontier. I know every citizen of Victoria shares our pride and pleasure in welcoming our seafaring colleagues to historic Esquimalt Harbour and the communities of Greater Victoria. As the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific I look forward to returning the hospitality that the visiting navies have graciously provided to sailors of Canada's Pacific Fleet when we have visited our Pacific allies.

Of the three pillars of maritime defence - sovereignty, security and diplomacy - navy to navy diplomacy is a primary aspect of our collective mission of keeping watch over the

great ocean commons that every nation on earth depends on for trade and commerce.

An International Fleet Review is a rare event. The attendance of so many of our friends, some sailing great distances to be here, is gratifying and inspiring. It demonstrates not only the common bonds shared by navies, but the esteem with which the Canadian Navy is held amongst other navies of the world.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the Canadian Naval Centennial. It is my hope that you will take full advantage of the opportunity to make our guests welcome, to help them learn about Canada, and to make new friendships as you enjoy the full range of centennial celebration activities.

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9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Visiting navy ships arrive!

Friday, June 11
9:30 a.m. Executive Curl unveiling (Homecoming Statue Plaza)
10 a.m. Welcoming Centre at Ship Point ribbon cutting
10:30 - 11 a.m. Naval Parade of Nations in the vicinity of the Inner Harbour
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Air demonstration practice
1 - 6 p.m. In preparation for the International Fleet Review, Canadian Navy ships and visiting foreign navies will move to the Royal Roads anchorage area
10 p.m. Evening fireworks display from barge at Royal Roads anchorage

Saturday, June 12
10 a.m. International Fleet Review (Royal Roads anchorage) by the Governor General
11:30 - 11:50 a.m. Skyhawks parachute show
12 - 12:30 p.m. Military aircraft fly past
12:30 - 1 p.m. Snowbirds air demonstration show

Sunday, June 13
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. A programmed sports competition where each nation will offer up their best athletes to compete in a series of sporting events. Plus, local sports recreation groups will play a friendly game of cricket (Beacon Hill Park), rugby (Windsor Park), and sand volleyball (Strathcona Rooftop Surfclub).

Monday, June 14
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Visiting ships will depart Esquimalt Harbour as the International Fleet disperses to carry on their individual programmes.

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Having fun bottom line for navy concert

Lt(N) Michael McWhinnie
Base PAO

With less than a week to go before the International Fleet Review (IFR), there is a tangible buzz around the Formation as preparations reach their final stages.

From berthing plans to airspace management to DND bus resources, a myriad of details are being worked by Formation personnel. As the ships from visiting navies approach and we focus on the operational aspects of the fast-approaching celebrations, members of the defence team are being reminded not to neglect an essential element for a successful IFR - their own recreation.

"Having fun should be on everyone's agenda for this Saturday," says Base Commander, Capt(N) Marcel Hallé. As the organizer for The Navy Rocks concert, he continues to encourage maximum participation amongst the Formation. "We have experienced many formal events marking the Centennial but this Saturday's concert will be an occasion for everyone to come together and enjoy themselves in a relaxed and festive environment."

With award winning musical acts the Sam Roberts Band, 54-40 and Matt Mays, the concert is certain to be one of the most memorable events of the year.

In a recent interview, 54-40 lead-singer and chief songwriter Neil Osborne said he looks forward to his role with IFR. "I will be in Victoria a couple of days either side of the concert," he said, adding he is eager to "check things out."

Though Osborne has lived on Vancouver Island since his teen years, he hails from Dartmouth, NS, as does co-performer Sam Roberts. "Sam is a great guy and you want to bring your most positive rockin' you can when you play with Sam," said Osborne. When asked how the navy's work hard play harder reputation will affect the band's performance he said, "We'll be sure to throw in our more rockin' numbers and feed off the energy that's there."

Osborne understands that the Canadian Forces and civilian defence team have been

working hard recently, including efforts in support of the Centennial. He calls on everyone to "let loose a little bit, let's have a good time," referring to Saturday's concert. "Let's have some fun!"

"This will be an excellent musical show," states Capt(N) Hallé, "but, equally important, it will be our chance to welcome the people

of Greater Victoria and sailors from visiting navies and show them why the Canadian Navy enjoys an international reputation as outstanding hosts."

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FLEET NEWS: OPERATION PACIFIC AMISTAD

Warships set sail after Fleet Review

Penny Rogers
Staff writer

The day after the International Fleet Review (IFR) weekend, *HMC Ships Algonquin* and *Calgary* will depart Esquimalt harbour with ships from Japan, the United States, France, Australia and the Netherlands, and together head south for Hawaii.

Their departure marks the commencement of Operation Pacific Amistad, which is the overarching name of an operation that also involves *HMC Ships Vancouver*, *Protecteur*, *Edmonton*, *Whitehorse*, *Brandon*, and Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific). The operation was named Pacific Amistad because Amistad in Spanish translates to "friendship / bring together", which is at the heart of this complex operation.

Calgary and *Algonquin* will sail June 14 for the first part of the four-month operation, Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC). They will join naval ships from Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Peru, South Korea, Singapore, and Thailand and conduct operations in support of this year's theme - "Combined Agility, Synergy and Support" - and marks the 22nd exercise of its kind since its inception in 1971.

Cmdre Ron Lloyd, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific (CANFLTPAC) will assume the role of Deputy Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander and, as such, will have a key role in the direction of all RIMPAC naval forces (and their aircraft) deployed at sea, particularly during the employment of these forces

during the exercise's tactical phase.

"While we are there we will be conducting advanced force generation training with our RIMPAC allies and coalition partners to ensure that, heaven forbid, if we ever have to deploy and operate together as the navies of the world, as Canadian ships have done for the War on Terror, Gulf War One and Gulf War Two, we will have established the basic techniques, tactics and procedures to work seamlessly together," he explains.

RIMPAC is but one component of Operation Pacific Amistad; three Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDVs) are also heading to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on June 15 to continue to foster relations with that nation.

"With Mexican President Felipe Calderon's recent visit to Canada, the navy has got a significant role in terms of reinforcing our diplomatic outreach, and Operation Pacific Amistad is, in part, designed to assist with that," said Capt(N) Couturier, the Maritime Component Commander. While en route, *Whitehorse*, *Brandon* and *Edmonton* will conduct a three-vessel training exercise to prepare them for operations, and concurrently conduct a MARS IV course for naval officers. At the end of RIMPAC, both *Algonquin* and *Calgary* will remain in the waters off Hawaii for a unique Japanese-Canadian bilateral exercise. Normally, Japan conducts training exercises only with the United States, but this year they are including Canada.

"This will be an exceptional opportunity for our two Navies to work together and it will mark the first time where we have conducted operations of this degree of complexity and difficulty," said LCdr Barry Whelan, CANFLTPAC Weapons Officer.

With the Japanese-Canadian exercise scheduled for completion on Aug. 3, *Calgary* will return to Esquimalt; however, *Algonquin* will continue into the next phase of Operation Pacific Amistad, heading further south to Valparaiso, Chile, with *Protecteur*.

"Based on our understanding, neither *Algonquin* nor *Protecteur* have been south of the Panama Canal on this coast, so this will be a great opportunity for the two ships' companies to visit South America, to operate with the Chileans, which is particularly significant this year because, sadly, the earthquake precluded their attendance at both the International Fleet Review and Rim of the Pacific Exercise," explains the Commodore. "They have been extraordinarily receptive to sending their ships to operate with us off the coast of Chile and so, nested inside this Operation Pacific Amistad will be another exercise with the Chileans."

While in Valparaiso, the Canadian ships will participate in the country's bicentennial celebrations; will support Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Ambassador to Chile, Sarah Fountain-Smith; and will serve as the host platforms for the Chief

of Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, who will be visiting Chile in conjunction with the ships' visit to reinforce the liaison between the two navies. In mid September *Vancouver* will also head south for more exercises and operations that fall under the umbrella of Operation Pacific Amistad. *Vancouver* will join the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S), which is a U.S.-led multinational drug surveillance and interdiction operation in the Caribbean Basin and East Pacific Ocean.

"On completion of that very important commitment to helping to ensure drugs don't enter North America, *Vancouver* will meet *Protecteur* and *Algonquin* and proceed to the operation areas off the coast of San Diego to conduct a task group exercise that will culminate in an advanced missile exercise prior to returning home," says Cmdre Lloyd.

The completion of the missile exercise off the shores of California will bring the multifaceted Operation Pacific Amistad to a close, allowing *Algonquin*, *Protecteur* and *Vancouver* to make their way back to Esquimalt Harbour by mid-October.

Operation Pacific Amistad is exceptionally complex and detailed with lots of moving parts, and it has been an "all-team effort" between ships, Fleet and Formation staffs. "It took a tremendous amount of teamwork by all concerned to bring about an operation of this nature," noted the Cmdre Lloyd.

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Sailors prep the flagship for the Governor General

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

With less than a week left before the International Fleet Review, the crew of flagship *HMCS Algonquin* are gearing up for this monumental Canadian naval milestone.

Sailors are scrubbing the decks and polishing brass and glass to a shine, in preparation of hosting the Governor General of Canada Michaëlle Jean. During the Fleet Review she will inspect the ships at anchor while underway in *Algonquin*.

In preparation, the crew has transformed the bridge top into a reviewing platform complete with reviewing dais, banners, and an awning to protect Her Excellency and 20 of her guests from the weather, rain or shine. Each ship in succession will salute her as she reviews them.

Sailing behind *Algonquin* will be additional VIPs from 13 nations in *HMCS Whitehorse*.

It's a busy time for the crew, especially because two days after the International Fleet Review the ship sets sail for their four-and-a-half month deployment on Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) and Operation Pacific Amistad, a deployment to the west coast of South America.

"The ship will feel a lot of pride especially at the end of the day when the Governor General and the VVIPs leave the ship and we

have a moment to reflect back on the experience, but right now we are focused on the task at hand," said Executive Officer, Cdr Lorne Hartell. "Our Commanding Officer said early on that this will be something we will recall later in our careers, and for the ship's company this is a big event."

"Ships go through cycles and this event has driven us to the top of our cycle with readiness, husbandry, look and appeal," said Chief Boatswain Mate CPO2 Scott Morley. "We will be in top shape. About 60 of the ship's company took part in a traditional ship's company upper deck scrub down that involved cleaning to make the ship shine."

A special menu has been prepared by cook WO Colin Winkler, who will not sail with *Algonquin* but has led the ship's culinary crew in preparing for this event. "We have two different functions to cook for that day. One will be on the bridge top and another for the Governor General's entourage on the flight deck. She will come with an entourage of 20 and there will be an additional 250 guests stationed on the flight deck. Once we finish with the fleet review we will serve a buffet style lunch, and people can eat it on the flight deck as they watch the parachute team and the Snowbirds air show."

The menu is a Canadiana theme featuring Alberta beef and Pacific salmon with a vegetarian Asian noodle stir fry option. "It's been exciting planning the menu for this venue. All the galley staff took part in it, each making suggestions. The Governor General's office sent us a list of dietary wishes in order to ensure we have a healthy menu. She's a very healthy person and because all our food is prepared fresh daily it's easy to meet the requirements we have been given," said WO Winkler. "The crew is really excited. We have young staff members that are primarily new to the military. As food service professionals, it's a pinnacle in our career to be able to cook for someone of that stature," said WO Winkler.



Shelley Lipke, Lookout
OS Brittany Anderson passes a line to other crew members of *HMCS Algonquin* to tie down at the fueling jetty. The crew is preparing the ship to host the Governor General of Canada.

The ship will feel a lot of pride especially at the end of the day when the Governor General and the VVIPs leave the ship.

-Cdr Lorne Hartell
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The commemorative plaque of Cpl Nick Ashley Bulger is added to the cenotaph behind the Joint Task Force Canadian Headquarters at Kandahar Airfield.

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Canadian company creates cenotaph

Penny Rogers
 Staff Writer

When the first four Canadian soldiers were killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan in 2002, Rod McLeod of AFPP-International in Calgary, AB, felt compelled to design and produce a laser engraved memorial plaque to honour them. Copies of the plaque were made for both Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regional Headquarters and Land Force Western Area in Edmonton, AB.

In 2003, two more Canadian soldiers lost their lives in a landmine explosion. So when Camp Julien was preparing for its Remembrance Day ceremony that year, McLeod sent out a copy of the first plaque he had created, along with one commemorating both Corporal Beerenfenger and Sergeant Short.

The Canadian Military Engineers prepared a large granite memorial stone cairn to which they affixed these two plaques.

Camp Julien was closed in November 2005 and the Canadian troops moved south to Kandahar, taking the stone cairn with them. According to McLeod, it became clear a very short time later that a larger cenotaph was needed as the number of casualties began to rise.

"While there is certainly a thread of continuity running through the designs, because each soldier was a unique individual, I varied each plaque a little bit," said McLeod. "If there was more than one casualty at the same time, all would be included on the same plaque, but in August 2006 it was decided that each soldier should be memorialized on his or her own plaque."

Assisting McLeod in the

process is Sheldon Fedetchko of Laser Etch Technologies Ltd., a Calgary-based company that specializes in laser engraving.

These plaques now grace the larger cenotaph that is located behind the Joint Task Force Canadian Headquarters at Kandahar Airfield (KAF). Each plaque is placed inside a wooden grid attached to the cenotaph, which allows fellow soldiers and visiting family members an opportunity to affix a memento, if desired.

Corporal Joe Curry, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, is quick to praise the work done by McLeod over the years. "Rod had done an outstanding job on the cenotaph plaques. I know it is a labour of love for him and not simply 'work.'"

Sgt Karen Mullen, who recently returned to Canada, agrees wholeheartedly. "I was in contact with Rod during my seven-and-a-half-month

tour in Afghanistan and I can't say enough about how wonderful he was, and for what he continues to do," she said. "The plaques he produces are touched every single day by the caring hands of those that clean them, often by friends who come to pay homage to their fallen comrades, by those family members who chose to visit where their sons or daughters last drew breath, and by complete strangers who are moved by these individual sacrifices. I too have laid a hand on every plaque, not only in the service of my job, but to satisfy myself that they will never be forgotten. Rod has given us that."

It has recently been decided to expand the KAF cenotaph to include Americans under Canadian command. McLeod is now working on designing and producing 20 memorial plaques to commemorate the death of their soldiers.

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Repatriation in Afghanistan

The following is an email written by Corporal Joe Curry, currently serving in Afghanistan, to his family and friends back home shortly after Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake, a member of the Canadian Navy, was killed by an improvised explosive device.

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This morning, the most sobering event in my life took place as we said goodbye to Petty Officer Blake on the tarmac of Kandahar Air Field.

I did not know him.

He arrived here just about a week before I did, as part of the same rotation (roto 9). While we came here prepared to face tragedy, it does not subtract from the sheer sobering reality you face as you stand here holding your salute with a thousand brothers-in-arms as one of our fallen begins his final journey home.

I had a sinking feeling in my stomach the other night as I realized first that the internet was not working, then my cell phone. I went to the trailer filled with small booths, each containing a phone, provided for us to call home. No dial tone. Comms lockdown! We lost someone I realized. (This, as you know, is done until the next-of-kin are notified).

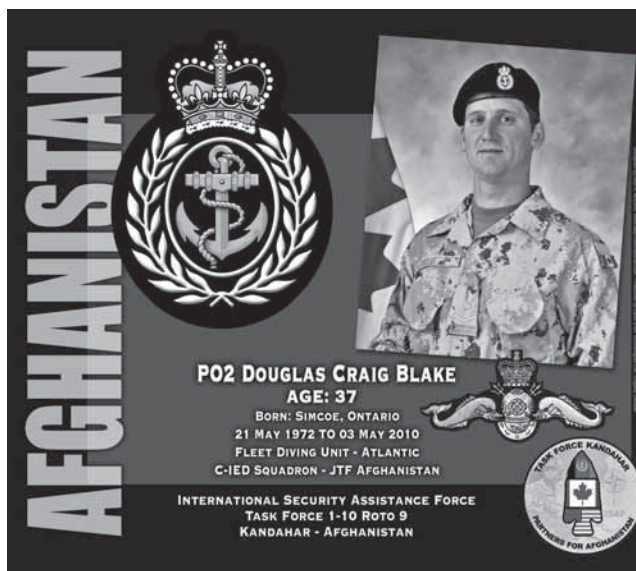
As I walked back to my tent I overheard a civilian contractor complaining to his friend that he couldn't get online to book his vacation which he plans to take in September. They don't know.

In the morning, the maple leaf over Old Canada House flew at half mast. Later in the day (being called upon to assist with the Viewing and Ramp Ceremony) I stood in the mortuary adjacent to the runway where the bodies of Canadian, American and British sons and daughters are lovingly prepared to begin their journey home.

In a place where one can seemingly never escape the dust and putrid odour which hangs in the air, this room is cold and sterile. I never want to come here again.

A small ante room off the side contains a large table where the flags to cover the transfer cases are meticulously pressed and prepared. Off to the side hang several flags which have been rejected due to small imperfections.

"See here?" Sgt Mullen points to where a small portion of red dye has run over into the white part of the



flag (only noticeable upon close inspection). "Would you want that for your child? No one would," she answers herself.

"You can take one if you like, we have to burn them and I don't like to burn a Canadian flag if I don't have to." I decline.

The Military Police then arrived to break the seal on the refrigerator so we could move his body to the Afghan War Memorial for the Viewing. Nestled in the Task Force Kandahar compound, the memorial is a beautiful, peaceful place. Matching white marble walls rise from a base of black marble, which is also used to cap the walls. On these are mounted black marble plaques, each etched with the face of a fallen soldier along with his name and unit. The memorial is shaded by several large drooping trees which resemble willows and add to the serenity of the place.

Workers finished polishing the memorial just moments before we placed the flag draped transfer case on it, next to a photograph of PO2 Blake and his General Campaign Star.

I decided not to stay for the viewing - it is a time for those who knew him to grieve together.

I emerged from my tent at 0500 hrs this morning into a thick soup of what can best be described as viscous fog mixed with dust. It is something you may have

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difficulty imagining. There was a dust storm last night (as we frequently experience), which then mixed with a thick fog. It seemed that the moisture particles bound to the dust particles and kept them afloat. At the end of the ceremony our berets, eyebrows, eyelashes, hair etc. were "frosted" with dust. If one didn't know better, they would think to see it that we were all frozen in place.

This cloud insulated the ramp ceremony, making it almost surreal. No outside sound penetrated. From where I stood at the side of the LAV III from which PO2 Blake's body was carried, only the open tail of the Hercules could be seen on the other side of the formed body of Canadian, American, British, Australian, and Slovakian troops - the body of the aircraft vanishing into the cloud. It was quite an insular ceremony.

As the boots of a thousand soldiers marched on, I felt privileged to be a part of this national – and international - tribute to a fallen Canadian hero.

Yes, there was a swell of emotion as we held the salute to our fallen brother as he made his way feet first onto the aircraft - departing the way he had arrived. I thought of the caution I had received from MCpl Lee before going out onto the tarmac: "whatever you start to feel out there, lock it away. We can't afford to get emotional here; there will be plenty of time for that when we get home."

As I type this now I can feel the cold steel of the transfer case, the weight of the handle pressing into my palm. We have more to carry now: the torch of PO Craig Blake. We cannot stop to feel the emotion fully yet because his work here needs to carry on through us who remain.

God rest his soul; and may we never forget.

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Mini review at Dallas pond

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

One day after the International Fleet Review, radio-controlled warships, tugs, freighters and submarines will honour the Canadian Navy with a review of their own - Salute to the Navy.

With transmitters in hand at Dallas Road Harrison Pond on June 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the skilled operators will perform technical maneuvers resembling those of full-size vessels.

"Since the navy has invited Canadians to celebrate and commemorate the centennial, and it has helped our club directly in the past, and a number of our members are former navy personnel, I wanted to salute the navy in our own fleet review," said Ron Armstrong, publicity director for the Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society. "It's a purely celebratory event, and modellers will have their ships in top running condition to take part."

A sail past will involve modellers from near and far operating their vessels under the watchful eye of a naval commander who will review the ships.

"Each ship will sail around the pond once in their moment of glory before entering a special harbour set up at one end of the pond," he said.

Then follows the two-man team maneuvers, where each team uses the four-foot Mackenzie class destroyer-escort, owned by the event chairman, for a replenishment at sea. It is a test of skill and wits as one operator sails a tanker model in a straight line and the other member attempts to connect the destroyer-escort to the tanker.

"It will be challenging because they can run out of pond while travelling. The person driving the tanker has the easy job, but the other person has to rely on the steady speed and straight course of the tanker to be successful. It takes very careful steering and handling of the models so the ships don't collide or miss completely," said Armstrong.

The water gun shoot will test the combined skills of drivers and gunners as they try to hit a target while maintaining speed. "It sounds simple but wind and wave affect accuracy."

The final maneuver is blind conning, which is

perhaps the most nail biting evolution of the day. It will involve a skipper facing the destroyer-escort model to navigate it through a steering course. He does this by giving orders over his shoulder to the helmsman on the transmitter. The trouble is the skipper can't see the transmitter and the helmsman can't see the model.

"Most modelers are used to looking at their ship and responding instantly to its movements. This exercise sometimes brings out the worst in people as panic mangles orders, but it's also a lot of fun," said Armstrong.

"We are hoping that sailors from other countries will make their way over from Esquimalt to see our event. It is our way of welcoming them to Victoria to share in the tribute to the navy."

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Naval Centennial musical roadshow hits local theatres

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

The Sailors and Songs Roadshow is a lively musical tribute to 100 years of the Canadian Navy and it's coming to Victoria's Royal Theatre June 23 and June 24.

Performed by the Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific with accompaniment from vocalists Ken Lavigne and Stephanie Greaves, it's wowing crowds from coast to coast with music, lights, and visual displays that rekindle the many years of naval history being celebrated this year.

"The roadshow is going across Canada with approximately 50 concerts this year and the Naden Band is performing for 23 of them from Thunder Bay west to Victoria," said Navy Centennial Roadshow project manager PO2 Edith Eaton. The Stadacona Band will handle the eastern region with their own version of Sailors and Songs.

"This is more of a show than a concert. We take the navy through 100 years of history using music and songs and multimedia visual presentations."

The premise behind the show is to entertain the audience and build awareness and pride of the navy and of Canada.

Chronologically the Roadshow begins with black and white still photos and leads up to motion pictures in the end. "We start with music of the 20s and then play big band, disco and cover the development of music throughout the last 100 years. We do a World War One medley and play songs that were popular in the Second World War as well. The video presentations prominently feature the navy."

Eaton says the show is a scaled down version of the 1942 Meet the Navy roadshow that featured 100 performers as musicians, dancers, comedians and singers. "We have costumes and 20s and 30s slapstick humour. It's like an entertaining musical documentary. It's fun."

At the concert each guest is given a special CD of the Sailors and Songs show, and tickets are selling so fast for \$17.50 that a second show on June 24 has just been added.

"Ken and Stephanie are both a gift to the



EA Photography

The Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific is taking its show on the road, performing 23 concerts across Canada to celebrate the Navy's 100th anniversary.

navy. They have performed with us for 10 years and shared tremendous talents. Ken's career is quickly expanding and Stephanie is versatile and talented with a flare for theatrical. The audience leaves loving Sailors and Song without exception. Some cry. The feedback is phenomenal," says Eaton.

Limited seats remain for the first show. Those interested in purchasing a ticket should contact the Royal and McPherson box offices at 250-386-6121 or go online to www.rmts.bc.ca

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Celebrating 70 years of history and military music

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Ask any member of the Naden Band, past or present, what stands out in their mind most about the band and you'll get flooded with answers.

It's the special relationship with the community of Victoria. It's the opportunity to share military history while celebrating the joy of music. It's the talented musicians who orchestrate the unique sounds of the Naden Band.

Now into its 70th year, there are plenty of reasons for the members to celebrate a milestone anniversary June 11 - 13.

More than 200 retired military Naden Band veterans from across North America will fly in to join the festivities.

Some haven't seen each other in years, let alone played their instruments, and this occasion will allow them to do both.

"We have members attending from each decade of the band," said tuba player and 70th reunion chairman PO1 Andy Reljic. "This reunion provides us with a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships, make new friends and celebrate the music of the Naden Band."

This event is being held in conjunction with centennial events.

Beginning Friday, June 11, the Naden Band will play in the Parade of Nations at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Victoria in honour of the International Fleet Review, then members past and present will gather in the Naden Band hall to play together before performing at the Admiral's residence in a private garden party.

On Saturday they will play in the Buccaneer Days Parade at 10 a.m., which begins at Dominion and Esquimalt Roads and finishes at Admirals Road, and host a Sunday sliders event at 2 p.m. in the Naval Officer Training Centre Gunroom to socialize after their busy weekend.

"This reunion is about what the Naden Band represents. It's about giving to the community in support of the navy," says PO1 Reljic. "I'll be retiring this year after 42 years in the military, so I've been in for more than half of the anniversary we are celebrating. To me the Naden Band represents a sense of community and family."

The Naden Band has a rich history

It started in 1940 as a volunteer band and then became a regular force band after the war, encompassing Army, Air Force and Navy.

Then in 1994 it was disbanded when a political decision was made to reduce Canadian military bands from nine to four, but a public outcry eventually changed this. Thousands of letters were sent by Victoria citizens to Ottawa lobbying to bring back the band.

Each year an estimated 100,000 people attend Symphony Splash in the Inner Harbour where the Naden Band opens for the Victoria Symphony Orchestra before an array of fireworks light the sky. "We are met with tremendous public support and the feeling of good will," said Reljic. "There are five other Canadian Forces bands, but none with the community relationship that the Naden Band has in Victoria. Here everybody knows us and our concerts are sold out weeks in advance."

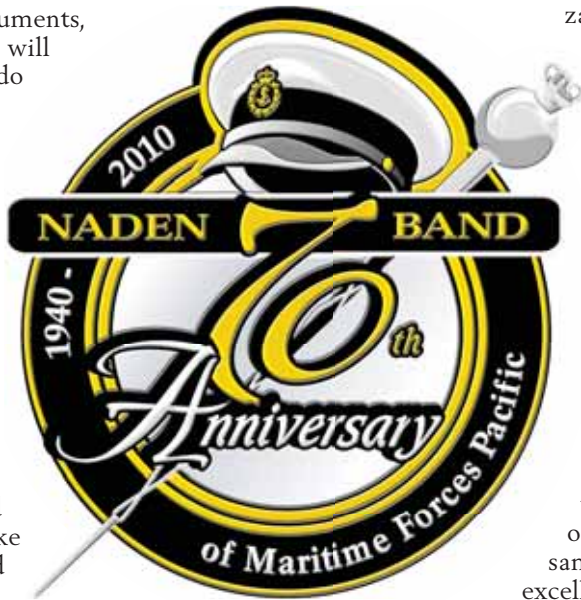
The band and the base have supported The United Way campaign for years, but in 2003 a special thing happened.

"We qualified and won three specific awards for the most money given per capita by an organization and the most money raised within a single military unit within M A R P A C . The United Way named an exclusive award called the Naden Band Spirit of Excellence Award which they now give to other organizations that have demonstrated the same degree of excellence," said PO1 Reljic.

Since 1978 the band has raised over a million toys for needy children in the annual Salvation Army Toy Drive Christmas concert. "It touches your heart to see so many people committed to helping the less fortunate in our community. The lobby is filled with toys and gifts that children will not have at any other time of year. As you look out into the audience there is such joy generated. I've been a professional musician for over 40 years and have performed in many orchestras, but the Naden Band holds a special connection for me," he said.

This year to celebrate their many successes in sync with the naval centennial they are producing a centennial road show CD. This is a musical retrospective of 100 years of the music in the navy's history to celebrate their many successes.

Now a 35-piece multi-faceted ensemble of professional musicians perform diverse musical styles including classical, jazz, pop and contemporary in a full military marching and symphonic concert band. Musicians also break into smaller ensembles to form Dixieland band, woodwind quintet, brass quintet, stage band and other jazz combos and classical ensembles in support of military or public parades, events, dances, concerts, receptions, and fund-raising events.





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Canadian Naval Centennial International Fleet Review

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The International Fleet Review events begin on June 11 with a "Parade of Nations" in downtown Victoria featuring the sailors of the visiting nations. In the evening there will be a fireworks display.

On June 12, the visiting ships will gather alongside ships of the Canadian Fleet Pacific at the Royal Roads anchorage for the ceremonial review, when the Canadian Navy flagship HMCS Algonquin carries the Reviewing Officer through the lines of ships at anchor.

Following the sail past, there will be a display by the Canadian Forces "Sky Hawks" skydiving team, a fly past by maritime aircraft and the spectacle will conclude with a performance by the

Canadian Air Force "Snowbirds" Air Demonstration Squadron.

On the evening of June 12 is the Navy Rocks concert and on June 13, intra-navy sports events.

Throughout the week, a "welcoming centre" situated at Ship Point Quay in Victoria's Inner Harbour will serve as a gateway for the visiting sailors.

The fleet review is a Royal Navy tradition that was originally a means of demonstrating the strength of the fleet to a potential enemy in anticipation of going to war. The first recorded fleet review was gathered by King Henry V at Southampton in 1415 in preparation to sail on his first French campaign that ended in the victory at Agincourt. Fleet reviews are rare. The Royal Navy has held less than 50 fleet reviews in its history to mark events such as coronations, royal jubilees, and more recently the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar in 2005.

The first fleet review held in Canadian waters was on the occasion of the British Columbia Centenary in July 1958. Thirty-two ships took up the anchorages in Royal Roads. Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret in HMCS Crescent was the Reviewing Officer.



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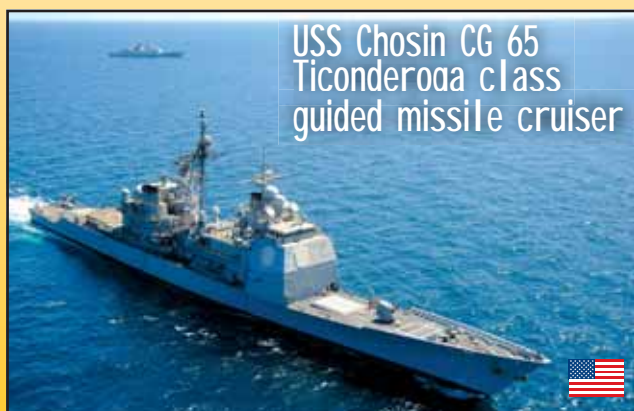
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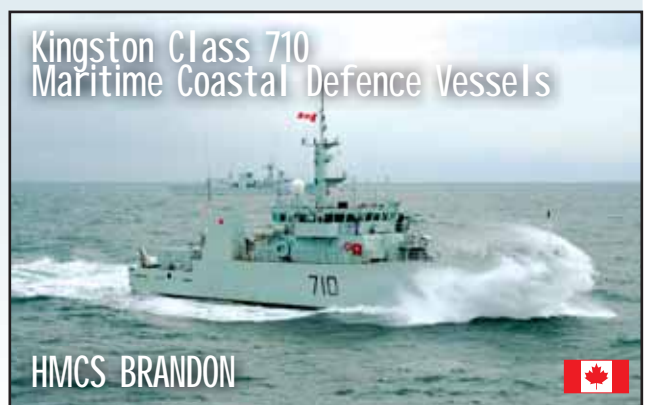
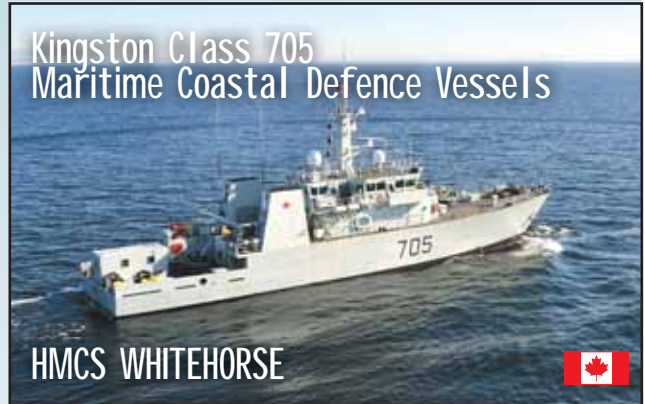
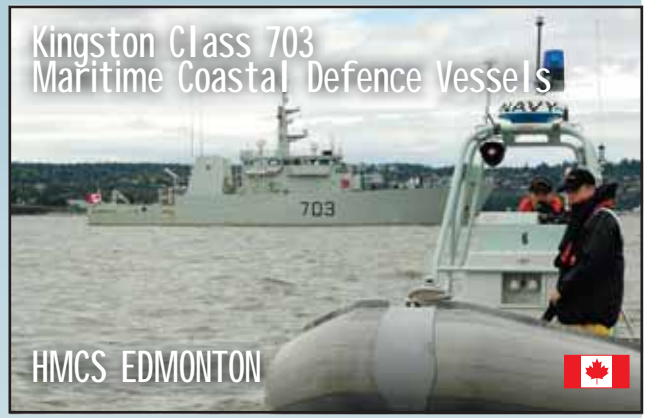
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Air show returns to Shearwater

Capt Paul Finnemore
12 Wing Public Affairs

Lieutenant Robert Hampton Grey, a Second World War naval aviator, has the distinction of being the last Canadian to be awarded the prestigious Victoria Cross. This summer, an expected 30,000 to 40,000 spectators will have the rare opportunity to see one of Grey's aircraft, the Corsair, buzzing the skies over 12 Wing Shearwater.

It was recently announced that the Nova Scotia International Air Show will return to its original home. The last time the Air Show was held at Shearwater was the summer of 2004.

"Given that 2010 is the year of the Naval Centennial as well as the 65th anniversary of naval aviation, it is quite fitting that the air show return to the home of Canadian naval aviation in Shearwater," says Colin Stephenson, executive director of the air show.

The Hampton Grey Corsair naval fighter is just one of many aircraft to appear at this year's air show. The show will include

familiar participants such as the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, the Skyhawks parachute demonstration team, the CF188 Hornet, CH124 Sea King and the CP140 Aurora. As well, to reflect the historical significance of the Naval Centennial, several not-so-common heritage aircraft, such as the Hawker Sea Fury FB-11, flown in from Memphis, Tennessee, are expected.

The Canadian Forces will have a strong presence throughout the show and not just from the air force.

"It's more than just an air show from our perspective," said Colonel Sam Michaud, 12 Wing Commander. "There will be a joint aspect to it. We expect to see the army and the navy here."

The air show will offer a chance for the people of the Halifax Regional Municipality and area to meet military members. "It will be an opportunity for the people in the local area to come out here and interact with their military," explains Michaud.

The air show will take place Sept. 11 and 12.

VIA Rail offers CF special fares

In addition to the 2010 Canadian Forces seat sale issued on April 7, 2010, VIA Rail is now offering the 2010 CF family appreciation fare.

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Fisgard lighthouse celebrates 150 years

Penny Rogers
 Staff writer

Fisgard Lighthouse will shine much brighter on Friday, June 11.

The tiny island will be aglow from shoreline to skyline when festivities get underway for a combined celebration in honour of both the 150th anniversary of Fisgard Lighthouse and the Naval Centennial's International Fleet Review.

The site will open at its regular time on Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with normal admission fees, but will re-open at 6 p.m. with free admission for all to witness a spectacular fireworks display courtesy of Victoria Shipyards and Washington Marine Group.

"The fireworks for the Naval Centennial will happen Friday night from 10 to 10:15 p.m., plus we're going to have Luminara here, and they are going to do illuminations on Fisgard Island and along the surrounding shoreline," says Dale Mumford, a 35-year employee at Parks Canada's Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Site. "There will also be projections onto the lighthouse, and along the water's edge there will be a marine theme that will also be neatly lit. But I don't want to give too much away!"

Other festivities on the evening of June 11 include performances by the gypsy marching band Bucan, Bucan, fire jugglers, Lighthouse Dance Academy dancers and a lantern-making workshop hosted by members of the Inter-Cultural Association's Luminara crew.

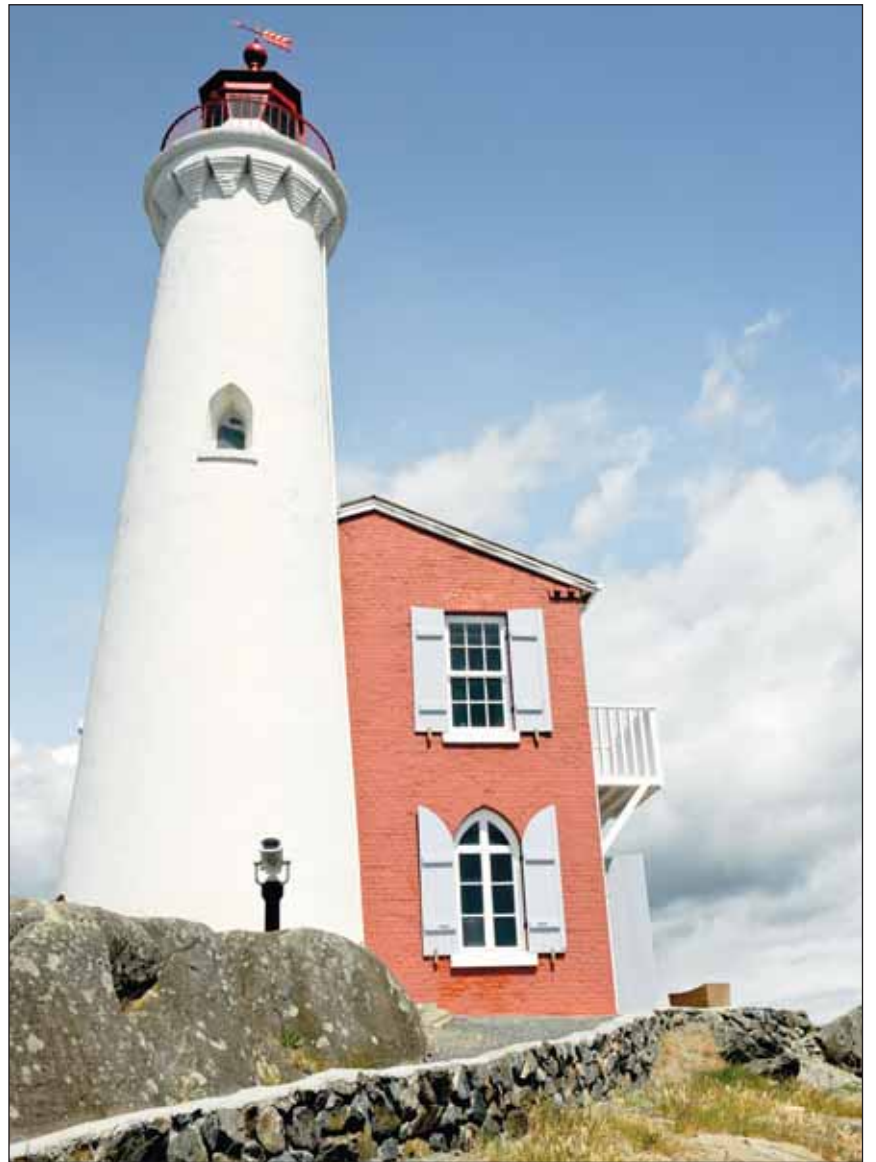
"We also encourage people to bring lanterns they have already created," said Mumford, as, in preparation for this event, the nearby Coast Collective Art Centre has also been hosting a series of lantern-making classes with creations ranging from simple designs inspired by the lighthouse to more complex wire and bamboo lanterns.

Because of limited parking on site, free shuttle buses will operate from the Park and Ride lot at Sooke Road and Ocean Blvd from 7 to 11:15 p.m. on Friday evening.

On June 12, the site will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with free admission all day and free shuttle buses will also operate from the Parks and Ride at Sooke Road and Ocean Blvd. and for the additional parking at Royal Roads University. Saturday is very much a family day with the local Emily Carr Festival setting up a tent to display art based on the lighthouse, as well as other local art. There will be performances by First Nations dancers and singers, The West Shore Concert Band and other performers throughout the day. The Maritime Museum of B.C.'s Pirate School will also be on site to teach kids how to scrimshaw, or adorn bars of soap with pirate-themed designs such as mermaids or anchors. "You will learn sword play with your balloon swords and, more importantly, how to speak pirate, which is, of course, essential," said Mumford with a chuckle.

June 12 will also be a busy day for the Naval Centennial and there will be no better place to view the events from than Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse. Off the shores of Royal Roads anchorage will be the International Fleet Review, Skyhawks Parachute show, military aircraft fly past and the always-breathtaking Snowbirds Air Demonstration.

Also on Saturday, a beer garden will be set up from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



for the first time in the site's history. Lighthouse brewery has collaborated with the Fisgard team to create a special beer to celebrate 150 years.

"So you'll be able to get a glass of Fisgard 150 Bavarian Lager, which is kind of unique," said Mumford.

Much needed renovations began on the lighthouse in June of 2009 with \$1.56 million being funded through the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. Structural repairs, new exhibits, barrier-free washroom facilities, a fire suppression system and electrical upgrades were all completed 10 months

later. "The exhibits are all brand new. This time we wanted to get more of the people story across so we tried to emphasize the light keepers, plus we wanted something more interactive and, as the site is often unmanned, we had to design it so everything was fairly bulletproof, and I think we succeeded," said Mumford.

"We even have an exhibit where you can sail a ship out of Victoria Harbour and over to Esquimalt Harbour using Race Rocks and Fisgard Lighthouse to navigate, which is traditionally the way mariners did it."

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, June 11**
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites open regular hours with regular admission.
6 p.m. Sites reopen with FREE admission for Fisgard 150 celebrations and Canadian Naval Centennial fireworks display. Lantern making workshop begins operation.
6 p.m. Free shuttle buses begin operating from the Park & Ride lot at Sooke Road and Ocean Blvd and from Royal Roads University parking to transport visitors to the site.
8 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Performances begin by gypsy marching band, Bucan Bucan, and fire jugglers. Luminara displays begin to illuminate.
10 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. Canadian Naval Centennial fireworks display.
10:15 p.m. Additional Luminara displays illuminate. Band leads visitors to shuttle buses.
11:15 p.m. Last shuttle bus departs from site.

- Saturday, June 12**
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites open to the public with FREE admission all day. Free shuttle buses to site from Park and Ride at Sooke Road and Ocean Blvd. and from Royal Roads University.
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. All day celebration with Maritime Museum of B.C.'s Pirate School and Building B.C. program from Fort Langley National Historic Site. Festivities include international food fair, Colwood Arts Collective art show, live music and exhibits from local environmental, heritage and community groups.
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Canadian Naval Centennial's International Fleet Review.
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Beer gardens open featuring 'Fisgard 150 Bavarian Lager' from Lighthouse Brewing, created in honour of the lighthouse's first 150 years.
11 – 11:30 a.m. Official opening ceremonies and cake cutting for new Fisgard Lighthouse exhibits and renovations.
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Canadian Forces' Skyhawks Parachute show, military aircraft fly past and Snowbirds Air Demonstration Team show.

Homecoming statue keeps giving

■ Funds donated to Military Family Resource Centre

Penny Rogers
Staff writer

The recently unveiled Homecoming Statue on Wharf Street is a symbol of the sacrifice the naval community makes in service to Canada. It's a scene that has played out many times on the jetties of HMC Dockyard: a father re-uniting with his daughter after months at sea.

The committee who made this possible through countless hours of fundraising is continuing their support of the navy community by donating a \$50,000 surplus to the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC). The money will be used to create the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a project the MFRC has been keen to build.

"I'm thrilled that we're finally going to be able to run the program. We're really excited about it," said Linda Scott, MFRC Program Manager. "We are the first MFRC in Canada to do this."

Parton started the Imagination Library in 1996 to help children of her home county of east Tennessee receive high-quality books to inspire a love of reading. It became so popular it spread throughout the United States, into the United Kingdom and Canada. In Canada, the Imagination Library is sponsored by Invest in Kids, which is a national charity dedicated to improving outcomes for children by supporting their parents.

Base Commander, Captain(N) Marcel Hallé, also a member of the Homecoming Statue Committee, is pleased to see the surplus funds go toward such a valuable project.

What can be more worthwhile and fulfilling than connecting kids with parents, immersed in a safe and comfortable learning environment?

-Captain(N) Hallé
Base Commander

"It's fantastic. What can be more worthwhile and fulfilling than connecting kids with parents, immersed in a safe and comfortable learning environment?" he said. "The time that parents spend with their children is immeasurable, and there are few greater gifts than to teach our child to read and to inculcate this as part of their routine. This is a key piece to ensure their future success."

Once registered in the program, children receive in the mail one free book a month from the time they are born until their fifth birthday. The program will start with babies born in 2010 in honour of the Naval Centennial, but the MFRC hopes to continue to build funding so it will continue far into the future.

"We really liked the Imagination Library idea because we want to see a greater literacy not only for people involved in the Canadian Forces, but all youth, so that struck a chord with us," says Cedric Steele, an Honorary Navy Captain and Homecoming Statue Committee

Co-chair. "Through this program, initially parents will read to their children, but eventually children will read to their parents. This creates a bond between parents and children, while increasing the literacy of the child quite dramatically at an early age."

Scott echoes that the parent-child bond is important in the military community. "With the military lifestyle comes relocation and deployment, which can be challenging, but a program like this really brings parents and children together and provides that continuity for the child. Despite the changes, they will continue to receive their book every month," she said. "Our goal is to develop resilience in the youngest members of our community so they can effectively cope with these unique military family challenges. Parents will also feel supported by their community in caring for their children"

Families can register for the Imagination Library program Aug. 14 during the annual Formation Fun Day event at Naden, and Sept. 11 at the West Coast Welcome event at the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre. After Formation Fun Day, serving members can also register at any of the three MFRC locations: Lampson, Signal Hill or CPAC.

"We thought that with those two events it's a good way of welcoming new families and signing up anyone with babies born in 2010. The official launch will be in October during National Family week."

National Family Week runs Oct. 4-10 with this year's theme being "Families Connecting Through Stories."

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Centennial paintings unveiled

On Oct. 15, 2009, six centennial paintings commissioned from renowned Canadian marine artists for the Canadian Naval Centennial were unveiled in a ceremony headed by the Chief of Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden. The paintings reflect significant eras in Canadian naval history.

Royal Visit

Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall conducted an official visit to Maritime Forces Pacific on Nov. 9, 2009. As part of their visit, Their Royal Highnesses participated in a

parade that highlighted the upcoming 2010 Canadian Naval Centennial (CNC) year. The ceremony consisted of an inspection of the naval guard and Queen's Colours, as well as the raising of the CNC flag at Duntze Head.

Centennial Flag Raising

The first raising of the Naval Centennial flag in Victoria took place at Naval Reserve headquarters HMCS Malahat at a special colours ceremony on Jan. 1, 2010.

Canada's first Navy Lady Rose dedication

International Women's Day on March 8, 2010 marked the debut of a joint WREN and Canadian Naval Centennial Committee initiative called the Navy Lady Rose.

The CFB Esquimalt Wardroom held the first official launch of this ceremonial flower during a dedication ceremony with dozens of Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS) veterans gathered with currently serving Canadian Forces naval women.

Right across Canada this year countless similar rose dedication ceremonies followed, and this spring and summer the rose bushes will bloom to sport deep red petals and dark green leaves signifying a special meaning to the naval communities past and present.

Naval Centennial Calendar

The Naval Centennial Calendar was launched this year featuring marine artist John Horton's work. Each month of the centennial calendar depicts a different era in Canadian naval history. Some sketches show submarines or destroyers leaving Esquimalt and Halifax harbours and all involve a variety of different actions throughout periods of Canadian Naval history.

Commemorative Coffee Table Book

Dr. Richard Gimblett, command historian of the Canadian Navy designed this special publication that features articles by distinguished contributors covering the origins of the Canadian Navy back to the late 1800s, both world wars, the Korean conflict, the postwar period and a look at the navy of the future.

St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church Naval Centennial Window

On May 22, to commemorate the centennial, a naval memorial stained glass window was installed in St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church depicting the many aspects of Canadian naval history from east and west coasts to include the naval reserves, special ships, and sailors. St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church has long been associated with the Royal Esquimalt Navy, followed by the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Forces Maritime Command, dating back 150 years.

Naval Postage Stamp

On May 3, 2010, Canada Post unveiled a set of two commemorative stamps celebrating the Canadian Navy's 100th anniversary at the Canadian War Museum. The stamp tells a story and helps to create public awareness of the role that the Canadian Navy has played both in war and peace over the past 100 years. The stamps feature Canada's first warship HMCS Niobe and a modern frigate HMCS Halifax.

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with its 2010 silver dollar. It features the image of HMCS Sackville, one of 122 Flower Class Corvettes in operation by the end of the Second World War. Designed by Nova Scotia artist Yves Bérubé, a Quebec native and member of the Canadian Society of Marine Artists, this doubled-dated sterling silver dollar features Sackville in action on the high seas surrounded by the Canadian Navy's motto "Ready Aye Ready/ Prêt Oui Prêt" engraved in Morse code.

The Canadian Naval Centennial Bell

The Canadian Naval Centennial Bell is a traditional 12-inch ship's bell normally installed in a frigate or destroyer. In celebration of the Canadian Naval Centennial the 90-pound bell was cast from over 100 brass artifacts donated by individuals, organizations, and friends of the navy.

On May 4, The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate, and The Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, hosted Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, Chief of the Maritime Staff, as he presented the Naval Centennial Bell to the people of Canada in a ceremony held in the Senate Chamber on Parliament Hill. The bell will remain on Parliament Hill for one year before it begins touring Canadian museums across the country.

Navy Day - Freedom of the City Parade

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy, Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAAC) participated in a series of events on May 4. The Freedom of the City Parade saw thousands of military members parading with a guard under arms, drums drumming and flags flying through the streets of Victoria lead by MARPAAC/JTFP Commander RAdm Tyrone Pile. This milestone in Canadian naval history was well attended by thousands of community members and heavily covered by local and national media outlets.

The parade marched to Ship Point where The Homecoming Statue was unveiled. This statue depicts a sailor returning home from sea with arms outstretched, ready to embrace his young daughter and is symbolic of all sailors past and present who return to the port of Victoria after their deployments. Navy Day wrapped up with a civic appreciation barbecue hosted by the Downtown Victoria Business Association and

evening receptions at the naval messes.

Rogers' Chocolates Commemorative Tin

Rogers' Chocolates introduced a special commemorative chocolate box honouring the Naval Centennial in February, which contains a special navy DVD in each package. The tin depicts HMCS Rainbow, a light cruiser commissioned as the first ship for the Canadian Navy on Aug. 4, 1910.

Sea Dog Amber Ale

When the Canadian Naval Centennial Committee put a call out for a signature beer to honour the navy's 100th anniversary, Vancouver Island Brewery jumped on board with Sea Dog Amber Ale. The beer is available in government and private liquor stores, bars and pubs throughout Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. The label incorporates navy blue colours and a burly sailor overlooking a Canadian frigate sailing the Strait of Juan de Fuca with the Olympic mountains on the horizon. Each six pack of Sea Dog Amber Ale comes with a Canadian Naval Centennial sticker.

Events to come:

Symphony Splash Salute to the Navy

On Aug. 1 Victoria's Inner Harbour will come alive in tribute to the Naval Centennial

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Canadian Naval Centennial 10K Run

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Canadian Naval Centennial Ball

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A history of naval rank insignia

Gerry Pash
NPA

Prior to 1910, the British Royal Navy provided maritime defence for British North America and, from 1867, for the Dominion of Canada. Early in the 20th century, Great Britain redistributed the British fleet, reducing its stations in Halifax and Esquimalt. As a result, on May 4, 1910, the Government of Canada, under the authority of the Naval Services Act, created the Naval Service of Canada. On August 29, 1911 it was designated the Royal Canadian Navy by King George V and remained as such until 1968 when Canada's Navy became Maritime Command within the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Canadian Navy adopted the organization and uniforms of the Royal Navy. The Royal Navy had after all set the pattern that was followed by many nations throughout the world. That was particularly true among the nations of the British Empire.

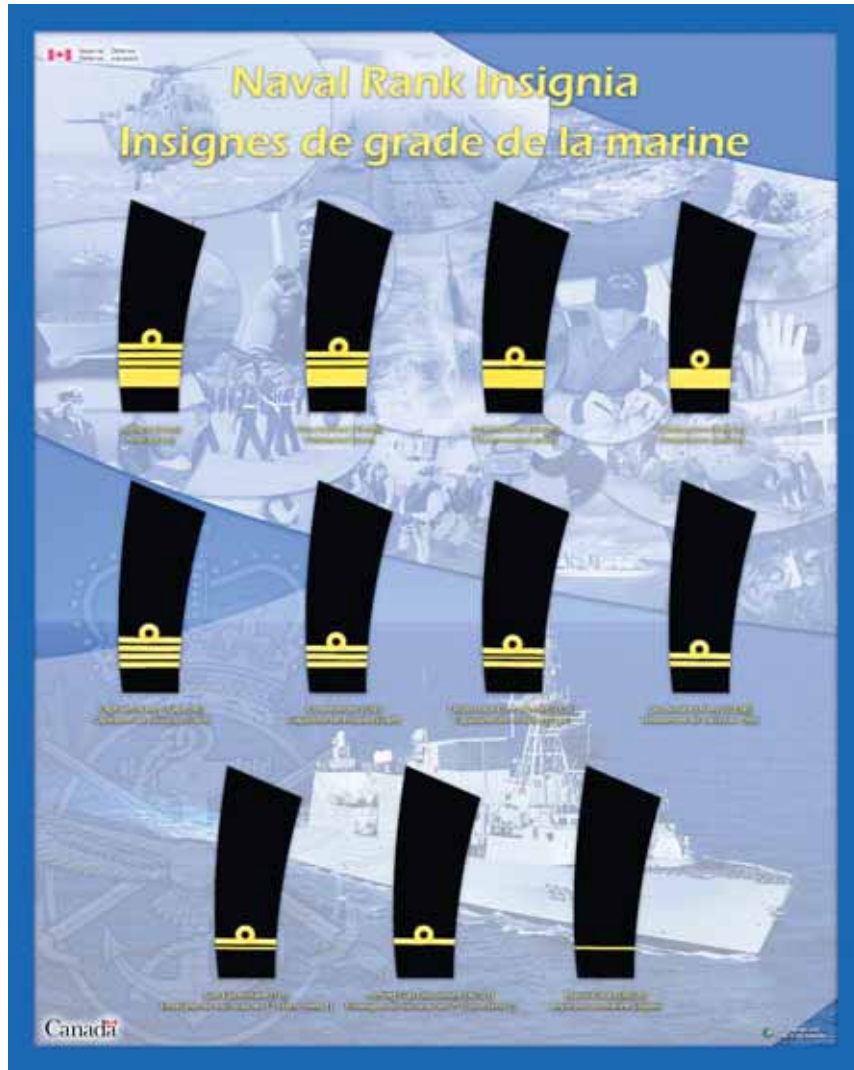
Lord Anson's Board of Admiralty issued the first uniform regulations in 1748 in order to set a distinction between naval and other officers, and lay down precise rules of rank and precedence among naval officers. Distinctive lace on the sleeves of flag officers (commodores and admirals) was introduced in 1783 and was extended to other officers in 1856, with the addition of the curl in the uppermost row of lace for officers of the executive branch only.

In January 1915, the use of the curl was extended to engineering officers and to other officers in 1918. The naval pattern lace was different in that it followed a straight line with a round loop, while British Army uniforms were decorated on the sleeve with a loop that rose to a peak in the form of a "crow's foot".

When the Royal Naval Reserve was formed in 1859, its officers were differentiated from regular officers with rank braid that was half the width and formed two wavy lines, one superimposed upon the other with a six-pointed star in place of the curl.

In 1903, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was instituted and the officers were distinguished with wavy stripes worn parallel to each other, surmounted by a squared wavy "curl."

It was natural for the emerging Canadian Navy to adopt the same straight rings with the executive curl for the permanent navy, and subsequently the "wavy" shaped rings for the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR), and the rings of narrow interwoven gold lace for the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve (RCNR).



Other variations in rank insignia included sky blue lace with a diamond shaped loop for officers of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, and a small anchor in place of the executive curl for Sea Cadet Corps officers.

Following the Second World War, the Royal Canadian Navy was reorganized with a single reserve component. In 1946, the distinctive wavy gold braid of the reserves gave way to the straight braided executive curl of the regular force. With the integration of the Canadian Armed Forces in 1968, a straight braid became the common rank insignia for all officers of both the Regular and Reserve Forces. The executive curl rank insignia was reserved for navy mess dress only.

The origin of the executive curl, or "Elliott's Eye," as it is sometimes referred to, is somewhat of a mystery. One story is that it is in memory of Captain Elliot, who when wounded in the arm in the Crimean War, used the gold on his sleeve as a sling and that it was called Elliott's eye. It is also believed that the Elliott's eye referred to the method of making an eye in a hemp cable, and is said to have been introduced into the service by the Honourable William Elliot, a member of the Board of Admiralty in 1800 and 1801.

The executive curl is emblematic of officers in navies around the globe, including navies of the Commonwealth as well as those of countries such as Spain, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Romania, Argentina, and Poland, to name a few.

On March 5, 2010, in recognition of the Canadian Naval Centennial, Mr. Guy Lauzon introduced a Private Member's Bill (Motion 459) in the House of Commons. The motion read: "That, in the opinion of the House, in light of the upcoming centennial of the Canadian Navy, the government should consider reinstating the Navy executive curl on its uniforms."

Motion 459 was adopted unanimously by the House of Commons, and on May 2, 2010, the Honourable, Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence authorized the use of the executive curl for the Canadian Navy. The curl comes into effect on June 11, 2010, on the occasion of the Canadian Naval International Fleet Review parade of nations held in Victoria, B.C.

Source: *Badges and Insignia of World War II*, Guido Rosignoli, 1983, *Peerage Books*

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Right: Base Commander Captain(N) Marcel Hallé and Victoria Mayor Dean Fortin take the salute from the dais at Centennial Square.

Left: The Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party marches past the reviewing stand.

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This winter, the MIL was especially busy answering calls and updating messages about the deployment of CF personnel to Haiti for Operation Hestia. An officer from the Disaster Assistance Response Team provided updates to an automated MIL message box almost daily so that families could hear firsthand how their loved ones were helping with the relief effort.

"Families called in regularly to hear about everything from the first baby born in the CF makeshift hospital, to how many litres of water they had made safe for drinking, to how the people of Haiti are doing," says Robin Whitford, MIL Manager.

"Though this deployment happened suddenly, it was great that word of mouth let people know where to call for information. During the two month deployment, the message boxes dedicated to Op Hestia received over 1,000 hits!"

The MIL provides message boxes dedicated to each military operation on deployment, and works with CF personnel to keep the boxes updated regularly. Families can call and listen to the recorded messages at any time to get a sense of what

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Kingsmill granddaughter visits Naval Officer Training Centre

Penny Rogers
Staff writer

Admiral Sir Charles Edmund Kingsmill is considered to be the Father of the Canadian Navy.

In 1908, he retired from service in the Royal Navy and returned to his home country of Canada, at which time he advised Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the creation of the Canadian Navy.

Most fittingly, it is his likeness you now see adorning the banners and posters used to promote the Naval Centennial.

In May, Commanding Officer of The Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) Venture, Commander Kelly Larkin, was given the unique opportunity of hosting a small group of guests that included Mary MacLeod of Vancouver, Washington, the granddaughter of Admiral Kingsmill.

Cdr Larkin led the group on a tour of Venture and, more importantly, of the Admiral Sir Charles

E. Kingsmill Building, which opened in September 2005.

"I'd heard of the Kingsmill Building because my cousin Diana's son had something to do with the architecture of it," said Mrs. MacLeod. "So I wanted to learn more about it and decided to come up and see it."

Housed in the building is the Venture History Project, which is a collaborative effort by the HMCS Venture Association, consisting of graduates of Venture 1954-1968 and NOTC Venture, to preserve and promote the history of both Venture and the Canadian Navy, according to historian and retired navy captain Dr. Wilf Lund.

Dr. Lund was on hand during the tour of the Kingsmill Building to point out elements of the collection to Mrs. MacLeod, who will be graciously donating items of her grandfathers to the Venture History Project.

"We have a beautiful painting of him and also an old stove that he

used to use and oh, his spyglass. I prize that," said Mrs. MacLeod. "I don't know if they'll want the wedding picture but it's there too, and then there is a small dog, about eight inches high. I don't know what it's made of, but it's pretty heavy. He liked dogs very much."

The Venture History Project hopes to honour the career of Admiral Kingsmill by using these items in a display in the building's foyer.

"We also have in hand a collection of photographs of Admiral Kingsmill provided by his great granddaughter, Patti Kingsmill," said Dr. Lund.

Although Mrs. MacLeod didn't know her grandfather personally, she enjoyed catching glimpses of his likeness adorning banners throughout downtown Victoria and at CFB Esquimalt.

"He's looking down at me, definitely, very much so," she said with a chuckle. "I was very proud."



Penny Rogers, Lookout
Commander Kelly Larkin gives a tour of the Naval Officer Training Centre Venture to Mary MacLeod, the granddaughter of Admiral Kingsmill, whose image adorns the Canadian Naval Centennial banners draped around the city.

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Local WREN launches naval poetry book

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

A new book of poetry showcasing naval history from a Canadian woman who was seconded to the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace for the 1959 Royal Tour of Canada has just been published.

Victoria resident PO1 (Ret'd) Rosalee Auger (van Stelten) had an unforgettable career as a WREN working as lady clerk to the assistant press secretary to The Queen both at Buckingham Palace and on board Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia. She brings these exciting experiences to her readers in her new book.

"It was like being on a movie set," she says reflecting on her service in Great Britain. "I wanted to write a book about it and share this with others."

'WREN Memories of Navy Days from Royal Yacht to Quonset Hut' focuses on her naval history as a WREN which led her from training at HMCS Naden as the WREN Divisional Petty Officer to working in Great Britain for The Queen.

It's a series of short stories told through poetry.

"Most of the poems in my book are narrative poems which are about what happened to me and those around me in the service. Some are serious, some lighthearted and some are humorous," she says.

They range in topics from the young WRENS learning to swim in the Naden Pool, to what it was like being a woman in HMCS Cornwallis – the largest military training establishment in the British Commonwealth.

As one of 50 women among 1,200 men stationed at this training facility, PO1 (Ret'd) Auger has many stories to share about this time. "I was very much aware of being a minority woman in a men's service at the time, but the men saw we could do the job and we became like their moms and sisters. It was overwhelming, but

exciting too."

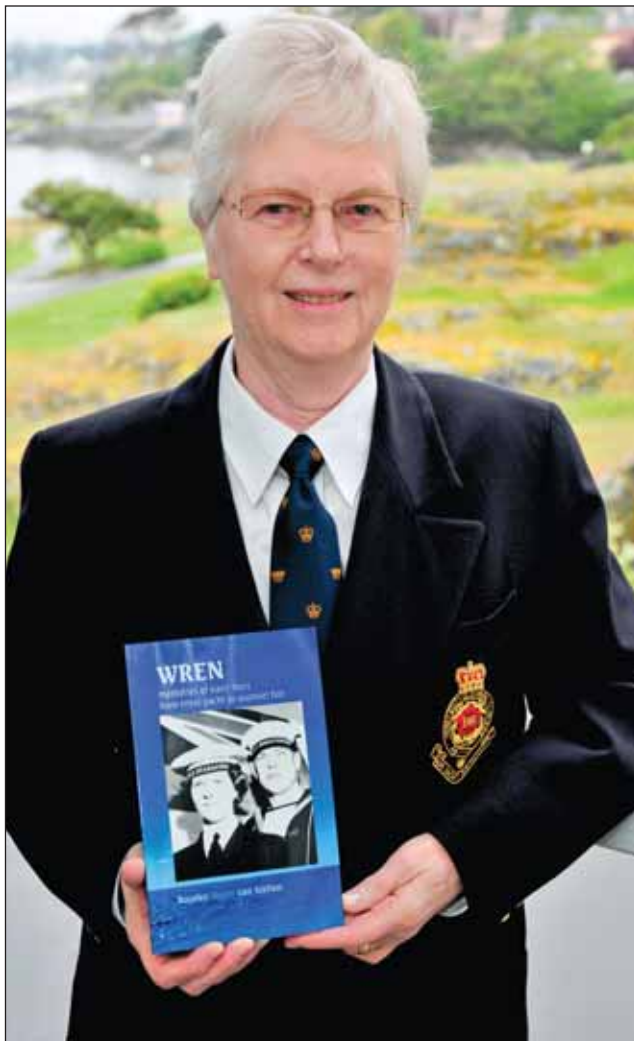
Her overseas WREN career began in 1959 when The Queen came to Canada to officially open the Saint Lawrence Seaway. "It was decided that it would be an extended tour and The Queen wanted an assistant press secretary who was a Canadian. Esmond Butler was chosen for this role, and because he had been in the naval reserves he wanted a WREN for his personal secretary. Out of many WRENS I was chosen for this role," she said. "Headquarters said it was my stenographic ability, tact, capacity for work and appearance that got me the job. These days they wouldn't admit to hiring on appearance," said the 77 year old with a smile.

The experience that followed was as close to royalty as she could possibly get. On board the luxurious yacht PO1 (Ret'd) Auger described life as if living in a movie. "The Royal Yacht HMV Britannia was a floating hotel for the Royals," she said. "I was the only female service woman in Britannia's history and the only women ever to wear the Royal Yacht tally and shoulder flash. I feel very proud, and it was an honour when the Admiral called me to the bridge and presented them to me."

For the flavour of the book there is poem about Britannia and how she felt sailing the St Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes coming into her hometown of Thunder Bay. "My grandfather was presented to The Queen because he was a Boer War veteran and it was a very exciting time. I had to suppress so much excitement on this trip."

At Buckingham Palace, life got even sweeter. "The palace staff made very sure that I could experience as much as possible. I saw gold, crystal and fine china decorative banquet halls, had tickets to Ascot and saw The Queen knighting people with awards. It was a truly amazing experience."

It was important for her



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Wearing her Royal Yacht blazer crest, PO1 (Ret'd) Rosalee Auger (van Stelten) holds up her new book entitled "WREN Memories of Navy Days from Royal Yacht to Quonset Hut."

to launch this book in the Navy Centennial year. "It covers the old navy and the new navy carrying on that same tradition. The young naval women I've shown it to found it intriguing. They were interested in the reflection of navy life, and eager to learn what happened in the navy back then," she said.

"This book reflects the way the old and new navy carry on a tradition. When I was in the WRENS we didn't serve at sea, our job was to release men for duty so they could serve. I think it's interesting for people to see the history and tradition through these poems.

Read the book and find out more," she challenges the CFB Esquimalt population.

The book sells for \$16.95,

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