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The IMAX crew films segments of "Rescue 3D" at sea in November.

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disaster."

Steven Low embraced this idea, and with the IMAX camera strapped to a helicopter, the filming began.

"Typically in a third world

county it's hard to film, but because the [Haitian] military took over the country [during the disaster] we were very successful in filming," said Mr. Low. "The Canadian Navy did wonderful stuff in Haiti. They fashioned a large water bladder that they constructed on board the ship and slung beneath a Sea King helicopter to deliver fresh water to hundreds of children. It was very moving and very dramatic. They sent work parties ashore each day and built latrines, rescued people and helped at the hospitals with triage, and getting schools Their divers checked dam-

Through all these events

night. This movie shows the



depth of the catastrophe and the adversities people caught in natural disaster's face. All the help given was dependent on the taxpayers of the western world. It's important they see the final results and how these people were being helped by the general public around the world. Both Canadians and Americans played a huge role."

Filming of the story began in November on board HMCS Toronto, which stood in for HMCS Halifax, currently in refit Commander Peter Crain, commanding officer of Athabaskan, is one of four main personalities in the film involved in humanitarian-related action. Cdr Josée Kurtz, former commanding officer of Halifax, is also featured.

This movie is expected to make its debut in Canadian IMAX theatres sometime in April.

Naval action at heart of IMAX flick

Shelley Lipke Staff Writer

A new IMAX movie featuring sailors of the Canadian Navy up close and in action during their humanitarian role in Haiti is coming to theatres in April.

"Rescue 3D" features East Coast sailors from HMC Ships Athabaskan and Halifax during the relief mission they took part in after the devastating earthquake in Haiti last

"While what happened in Haiti was very tragic, it was also an opportunity to film the Canadian Navy in action," said Charles Brown, public affairs manager of broadcast for Chief of the Maritime Staff. "The Navy suffers from a lack of public awareness, so the idea was to show the humanitarian aspects and the spectrum of operations involved with helping in a

Canadian filmmaker

functional and operational. aged wharfs and jetties."

the IMAX cameras rolled. "When I was flying over Haiti I could see the miles and miles of trucks helping deliver supplies from the ships," said Mr. Low. "Part of the ongoing story is that it didn't get better over-

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🔪 what say **you**

Kenya vacation brings about awareness

Lt(N) Richard Brierley Contributor

Lt(N) Richard Brierly, a west coast sailor, was recently posted to Geilenkirchen, Germany. The following is a story of a vacation that ended with charity and kindness.

The final day of our week-long Kenyan vacation started out under sunny skies with temperatures hovering around 30 degrees. It was a perfect day to lie back on the beach sporting my new \$45 Billa Bong shorts and Oakley sunglasses, and reflect on what had been a wonderful week.

Little did I know our most memorable experience was yet to come.

My wife, Capt Yvonne Brierley and I, along with 48 others from the military community, had travelled to Kenya for a week long safari organized by the Canadian Contingent NATO Airborne Early Warning Force, better known as CC-NAEWF here in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

After completing our three-day safari from Nairobi to Mombasa, we arrived at the Voyageur Beach Hotel for a relaxing four days by the pool and beach. It was on the last day after my morning swim, with cocktail in hand, that Yvonne told me of the opportunity for us to visit a local orphanage not far from our hotel. The driver would pick us up at noon.

I asked myself, selfishly, "But what about my drink and what about lunch?"

We scrambled to gather articles of clothing, candies, medications, toiletries and other items that we could give to the orphanage.

With a full kit bag and a back pack, (full of items donated from an extremely supportive Canadian group) we headed down to meet our driver Anderson, a native Kenyan. He was a happy and friendly man who had volunteered at the orphanage. He loaded our bags into the older Toyota diesel van owned by the orphanage. It was warm and our shirts stuck to our bodies as we leant forward to grasp some of the cooler air rushing in from the front windows as we sped up between villages. The roads were rough and full of pot holes causing Anderson to continuously swerve around obstacles big enough to consume the whole front wheel.

What an experience, dodging cars on a four-lane village road designed for two lanes, with a constant mass of pedestrians sauntering back and forth balancing five gallon water jugs on their heads; glad I wasn't driving! How fortunate we are to live in Canada.

After approximately 30 minutes of motoring mayhem, we arrived in Bamburi, at Tumaini – The Home of Hope. Tumaini was established in 2006 by Joan Smith, an ex-probation officer from Kent, England. Joan retired to the shores of Mombasa,



Lt(N) Richard Brierley and wife Capt Yvonne Brierley sit with children who live in Tumaini - The Home of Hope, in Kenya.

Kenya, where she volunteered her time at a hospital clinic for children suffering from HIV/AIDS. On one particular day, while at the clinic, she was asked to help a small girl who was very ill. After receiving hospital treatment, the girl was released into the care of her uncle. Some months passed and Joan was anxious to find out how the little girl was keeping. She learned, to her distress, that because the child had AIDS her uncle had taken her out into the bush and abandoned her, leaving her on her own to die. The seed to help these children was sown, and Joan has spent her retirement tirelessly working to establish the orphanage, the Home of Hope.

We entered through the gate into the secure compound and were met by two beautiful girls bursting with delight. Yvonne was barely out of the van before Selba jumped into her arms and held on as if she was her mother returning after time away.

I tried hard to fight back conflicting emotions of sadness and joy. Sadness at the cruel hand fate had dealt to so many children, but joy for the simple, genuine appreciation expressed for what we brought, a simple hug and a kind word.

Selba, five, was diagnosed as HIV positive and it is believed her mother died as a result of AIDS. For many of the children here -35on this day – the story reads the same. From the age of one through 18, this orphanage is their life and, for some, it will end here.

Upon entering the building, Anderson introduced us to Mary the matron, Grace, the administrator, and of course the 35 cheerful and excited children. As Grace began to document our donations, she expressed an abundance of heartfelt gratitude each time she opened a bag. Thankfully we did not have to stand there long as we were as anxious to see the children as they were to see us. Although the children were eager to get our sole attention, they were extremely polite, taking turns to show us their beds and few possessions; all of them wanting to take our hands with complete trust.

The establishment itself is very well maintained and extremely clean. As a result of generous donations, the building has running water, a modern playground, full operational boys' and girls' bathrooms, laundry facilities, a fully trained nurse, a cook and many other volunteer caregivers.

What a day this turned out to be. Anderson was kind enough to take us back to the hotel, where I am sure our faces reflected gleams of joy and fulfilment. Although it was a sad day for both Yvonne and myself, to know the happiness and joy we created through our care and support of those not-so-fortunate children gave me a memory for a lifetime and all it cost was a cocktail and lunch.





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Divers go inland for disposal training

Shelley Lipke Staff Writer

Each year, Exercise Taz Tornado brings Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technicians from across Canada together to share knowledge and experiences working with military ordnance in a training scenario. The massive 11,600 square kilometre Jimmy Lake Academic Range near 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, provides the perfect training

ground. Used by fighter pilots, this massive range is a realistic venue for the 25 participants who took part in the two-week exercise late September.

Four EOD Technicians from Fleet Diving Unit (FDU) Pacific met up with army and air force EOD specialists.

"Coming from a navy environment we don't normally get to work on large air ordnance like missiles and MK 82 series bombs," said EOD Technician MS Shawn Goodine. "The divers really enjoyed it and found it both challenging and interesting. Being an EOD Technician is a secondary duty for a lot of people and it's not something they deal with on a daily basis. It was good to come together, refresh skills and techniques, talk about our experience and have this in-depth training," he said.

It began in a classroom environment and then broke into practical application as groups of four were paired up based on their experience levels, so the more advanced EOD Technicians could mentor the less experienced.



safe procedure for a missile. *Inset:* The result of a render safe technique used on a MK 80 Series Bomb.

"Each team had its own scenario to work through and then we would rotate through them. One included a missile being dropped from an aircraft due to inflight emergency. We arrived on scene where the missile was dropped and started the task of identifying the ordnance and then gathering as much information about the incident. Then, with the aid of EOD manuals and an electronic database, we had to come up with the best render safe procedure (RSP) to disarm the ordnance," he said.

"In an ideal scenario the easiest way to deal with any ordnance is to properly identify it and blow it up in place, but this is not always possible as there could be infrastructure or environmental conditions that can't be disrupted or damaged. Sometimes we have to use alternative render safe techniques," explains MS Goodine.

Scenarios involved rendering safe ordnance and transporting the item to an area that could withstand a high order detonation. They also constructed a protective structure around a piece of ordnance that was unsafe to move, utilizing 200 sandbags to protect the surrounding structures when the item was disposed of by high order detonation. Another scenario involved a 500 lb. MK 82 series bomb that dropped and was considered unsafe to move; however, the local area could withstand some damage, so they performed a low order detonation that resulted in less collateral damage. On the other hand, disposing of the same bomb by means of high order detonation would result in massive

damage and would require a large evacuation template for safety.

"It was a great learning experience that brought specialists from across Canada to share knowledge and solutions," he said. "The levels of individual knowledge and experience varied within the exercise, and this is how the teams were split up so we could work together and learn from more experienced members." The business of EOD is

The business of EOD is carried out by clearance divers, ammunitions technicians, combat engineers, and aviation technicians. It encompasses individual training progressing to more advanced training; monitoring ammunition and explosive ordnance procedure manuals; and the destruction of dud, misfired, surplus, obsolete and deteriorated ammunition.



NBRIEF

Tee off with CISM Golf

team will represent the Canadian Forces this year at the 7th CISM World Military Golf Championships.

All Regular and Reserve Force personnel are eligible and encouraged to submit a resume to the CISM golf team manager Jason Price. Resumes should include a current minimum index factor of 4.0 for men and 12.0 for females, high placement in local, regional and provincial tournaments in 2010, and written approval from each member's commanding officer agreeing to their participation.

Members meeting qualifying standards may be invited to future selection/ training camps.

The Canadian CISM golf team has placed well in previous competitions, with

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The 2011 CISM Golf the men's team finishing bronze and the women's team finishing silver out of 16 countries participating in the Military World Championships last year at Windhoek, Namibia.

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Boots requiring resoling are to be returned to clothing stores as follows:

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MARPAC has a ball

MS Chance Sheffield Navy Ball Committee

Maritime Forces Pacific celebrated the Canadian Naval Centennial "in style" on the evening of Oct. 28, 2010.

Nearly 1,000 serving and retired naval and Canadian Forces personnel and their guests enjoyed a spectacular Navy Ball featuring a formal reception, gourmet dinner and dancing at Victoria's downtown Conference Centre and Crystal Garden venues.

Hosted by MARPAC Formation Commander, Rear-Admiral Nigel Greenwood, Their Honours, The Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of B.C., and Mrs. Gwen Point, joined distinguished guests representing the past, present and future of the Canadian Navy in celebrating its centenary.

Popular Vancouver Island media personality Bruce Williams of A Channel kept things rolling as the Master of Ceremony, introducing honoured guests Vice-Admiral Nigel Brodeur, grandson of the first Minister of the Canadian Naval Service, and Mrs. Mary MacLeod, grand-daughter of the Canadian Navy's first commander, Admiral Sir Charles Kingsmill.

An impressive contingent of head table guests included the soon-to-retire Member of Parliament for Esquimalt Juan de Fuca, Dr. Keith Martin, and a number of prominent representatives of major Naval Centennial sponsors: Victoria Shipyards, Lockheed Martin Canada, SNC Lavalin, Irving Shipbuilding and Raytheon Canada.

The Ball organizing committee held nothing back when preparing for the all-ranks affair. From the extravagant formal dining room decorations provided by Huff 'n Puff Party Stuff and floral designs supplied by Sun Petals, to the Naval Centennial-themed backdrops and historical video and photographic presentations facilitated by Sharps Audio Visual, the venues were well and truly "decked out."

All couples and individual guests in attendance were presented with keepsake coins supplied by local firm Landsharkz to commemorate their presence at the ball. Scores of lucky winners also carried away coveted miniature Homecoming statues that were generously donated by the three CFB Esquimalt naval messes. Numerous attractive door prizes including weekend hotel get-aways, centennial banners, giftware, dinner certificates and a Grand Prize \$3,000 Uniglobe Geo Travel package were also awarded during the course of the dinner.

The meal followed the pattern of a traditional naval dinner and included inspirational addresses by RAdm Greenwood and His Honour (and Honourary Naval Captain) Stephen Point, a fabulous multi-course feast, and was capped-off with the "Loyal" toast to the reigning monarch and the naval "Toast of the Day."

Fittingly, and to the delight of the 1,000-strong crowd, the naval toast was proposed by the youngest member present, Ordinary Seaman Francis Richard of HMCS Winnipeg, and was made to "Our Navy!"

Musical entertainment throughout the evening was widely varied and of top-notch quality. The Blue Boat Dixie Band kept the pre-dinner reception hopping, and sophisticated dinner music was provided by the Emily Carr String Quartet. Superb dance music was provided to suit all naval "generations" commencing with the Noteworthy Big Band for the 20th century sailors among us, and by Soulstream of Vancouver for the more youthful "generation next." Needless to say, the music was a big hit and the dance floor remained packed until the lights were raised at 1 a.m. When all was said and done, many Ball guests proceeded to make the short trip to Swans, Harbour Towers and Fairmont Empress as part of the weekend specials provided to patrons of the Navy Ball.

As the final "marquee" event of the MARPAC Canadian Naval Centennial year, the organizing



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

One thousand guests gathered in the Crystal Gardens and Victoria Conference Centre for dinner and dancing during the Canadian Navy Ball on Oct. 28. **Below:** Former Commander Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC), RAdm (Ret'd) Tyrone Pile (left), and his successor RAdm Nigel Greenwood, listen to speeches following dinner.

committee couldn't have been more pleased with the success of the Navy Ball, and the hearty "Bravo Zulus" received from the likes of Canadian Fleet Pacific Commander, Cmdre Peter Ellis. Countless letters and emails have flowed in applauding the achievement and thanking volunteers, sponsors, supporters and patrons – from Ordinary Seaman to Admiral - for putting on such a smashing event. As Cdr Mike Pulchny (Ret'd) of Raytheon Canada who has attended all Naval Centennial Balls across Canada said: "Just the best!"

In addition to the noted major sponsors, a special vote of thanks goes out to the following corporate partners whose generous support helped make the event accessible to all members of the Maritime Forces Pacific Formation: Save on Foods, B.C. Ferries, Point Hope Maritime, Terasen Gas, Hotel Grand Pacific, Royal Roads University, Newalta Corporation, ArmorWorks Canada, Helios Global Tracking Limited, and Rogers Chocolate – the Navy appreciates and is grateful for all of the outstanding support.











Above: The Naden Band plays celebratory music as the Homecoming Statue is unveiled at Ship Point in Victoria's Inner Harbour.

Left: Navy Day revellers examine commemorative bricks at the foot of the Homecoming Statue. Inscriptions on the bricks were sold to fund the statue.

Right: RAdm Tyrone Pile, then Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, and City of Victoria Mayor Dean Fortin inspect the Honour Guard in front of Victoria City Hall.



JANUARY__

- Canadian Forces unfold Operation Podium to provide security around Vancouver and Whistler during the Olympic Games.
- Victoria pays tribute to one of its own, 30-yearold Lt. Andrew Nuttall, the 134th Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan.
- For the 22nd Annual Navy Lighting Contest, *HMCS Regina* wins the best ship category and the Admiral's House wins for best building.
- Chief of the Maritime Staff VAdm Dean McFadden receives the first Navy Centennial 2010 silver dollar from Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. (photo below)

- Canadian Forces respond with humanitarian aid as Haiti is struck by a devastating 7.0 earthquake.
- Cdr Ron Pumphrey takes over the command of *HMCS Calgary*.
- LCdr (Ret'd) Ernest Nash receives the honour of having his name on the Wall of Valour below CFB Esquimalt's Wardroom. In 1979 as a 25-year-old Master Seaman, Nash dove into freezing waters to save a fellow sailor from his ship.
- MS Lani Shields, a Marine Electrician from HMCS Winnipeg, earns Canadian Fleet Pacific's first Sailor of the Year.

FEBRUARY__

- The Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) arrives in Haiti to continue helping the towns, villages, and civilians left in peril after the earthquake.
- Two bow shutter modules of the *HMCS Victoria* are put in place to form the nose of the submarine marking an important step towards final completion.
- United Way campaign chair Michael McEvoy announces the grand total for fundraising in the city was \$6.7 million, surpassing the goal set at \$6.35 million.
- A new stamp is released commemorating PO William Hall. PO Hall served in the Royal Navy

and was the first black person and the first Nova Scotian to earn the Victoria Cross in 1859.

- 2010 Winter Olympic Games kick off in Vancouver.
- Trenton Wing Commander (at the time) Russell Williams is charged with the murder of two women and the assault of two others.
- The Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of B.C., opens the spring session at the Legislature Buildings.
- The Paralympic Torch lights up the streets of Victoria as the relay hits 14 cities across Canada.
- CFB Esquimalt hosts the first Navy Lady Rose ceremony which commemorates women in the Navy's past and present.
- Col Redford "Red" Henry Mulock, Canada's first Ace, is inducted to the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame.
- In keeping with the Navy Centennial, the Navy executive curl is added onto uniforms again, the

first time since 1968.

MARCH

- Canadian Forces play a key role in the drug bust of a sailboat in Port Hardy carrying 1,001 kilograms of cocaine - worth hundreds of millions of dollars.
- CFB Esquimalt's Lookout newspaper is named the best Canadian Forces newspaper in the country.





Corporal Johanie Maheu, Formation Imaging

SEPTEMBER

Operation Hestia was the Canadian Forces participation in humanitarian operations conducted in response to the catastrophic earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan, 12 2010. Operation Hestia was part of a wholeof-government effort that also involves Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency.

• Minister of Defence

Peter MacKay officially

opens the HAZMAT

facility at CFB Esquimalt

and announces the plans

- JULY
- HMCS Calgary and HMCS Algonquin participate in Exercise Rim of the Pacific. The maritime exercise held off Hawaii includes over 20,000 men and women from across 14 different nations with a vested interest in the Pacific Rim.
- Capt(N) Craig Baines takes over as the new Base Commander of CFB Esquimalt from Capt(N) Marcel Hallé.
- B.C's Lieutenant-Governor Steven Point presents a red cedar canoe to the navy to commemorate the friend-

ship between local First Nation tribes and the navy.

photo by MCpl Roy MacLellan, DND

- 60 years ago local warships *HMC Ships Athabaskan, Cayuga,* and *Sioux* set sail to fight in the Korean War.
- *HMCS Vancouver* sailed to its namesake city for Canada Day, the first time in three years.
- HMC Ships Vancouver, Algonquin, and Protecteur depart for Operation Pacific Amistad, which sees them as far south as Chile for various training exercises.

• Cdr Jon Allsopp takes over command of *HMCS Ottawa*.

AUGUST

- Victoria hosts its annual Symphony Splash with a special "Salute to the Navy."
- A Sri Lankan migrant vessel is escorted to CFB Esquimalt.
- Operation Nanook gets underway to help keep Canada's sovereignty in the Arctic north secure.
- RAdm Nigel Greenwood becomes the new leader of the Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific after taking over from RAdm Tyrone Pile.

- The Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival kicks off in sweltering heat at the Inner Harbour.
- Naden hosts Formation Fun Day, a day for military families to enjoy a day of games, activities, music, and prizes.
 - for a joint fire hall/emergency response centre. vities, • RAdm Greenwood
- An approximate 500 runners participate in the Navy 10K, the largest number of competitors to date.



- presents Grand Forks, B.C. native Cpl William Salikin with a Sacrifice Medal. Cpl Salikin was injured in Afghanistan in the same attack that killed diplomat Glyn Barry in 2006.
- *HMCS Algonquin* participates in Chile's Bicentennial International Fleet Review.
- HMCS Algonquin and HMCS Protecteur train with the Chilean Navy during Exercise Terra Australis.
- The Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign kicks off around the DND community.



MAY

APRIL___

- Vancouver Island Brewery unveils its Sea Dog Amber Ale which was created to celebrate the Canadian Naval Centennial.
- Cdr Craig Baines (now Captain(N) and CFB Esquimalt Base Commander) and CWO Christopher Kaye are awarded the Meritorious Service Decoration for specific achievements that brought honour to the Canadian Forces.
- LCdr Francois Laplante becomes the new Commanding Officer of HMCS Nanaimo.
- HMCS Vancouver wins the Damage Control Olympics which tests firefighting, rescue, and flood control skills.
- HMCS Regina wins the Cock of the Walk basketball final.

- Cockrell House opens in Victoria becoming the first Canadian property established to help homeless veterans.
- Joe Wilson, 88, marks a ceremony marking the HMCS Esquimalt's sinking off the coast of Halifax in 1945. Wilson is the last known survivor of the disaster which claimed the lives of 44 out of 71 crew members.
- Chief Fire Inspector Daniel Turcotte retires from CFB Esquimalt after 14 years.
- More than 2,700 Canadian Forces members participate in a Freedom of the City Parade through downtown Victoria. The parade signifies the affection and esteem the city holds for service members.
- The "Homecoming"

statue on Wharf Street is unveiled during Navy Day.

- Dan Deringer is named the 2010 Citizen of the Year at the C-Fax 1070 Community Awards for his years of fundraising and charitable spirit.
- PO2 Craig Blake, a clearance diver with Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic), is the first Canadian Navy sailor killed in Afghanistan.
- The navy presents the Naval Centennial Bell (created May, 1910) to the people of Canada, rededicating itself to another century of service.
- The Naval Memorial Window is unveiled at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church. The four-panel stained glass window honours all facets of the navy both past and present.



- The Naden Band celebrates its 70th anniversary.
- Fisgard Lighthouse celebrates its 150th anniversary.
- Victoria plays host to the Canadian Naval Centennial International Fleet Review (IFR) with ships from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, France, and Japan all participating. Other IFR events include the Navy Rocks concert, fireworks, and an aerobatics show by the Snowbirds and the Skyhawks.

Victoria hosts the annual Victoria Day Parade in commemoration of Queen Victoria.

JUNE

- 90 cyclists honoured the memory of Cpl Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom by making the 260 kilometre trip from Comox to Victoria. The ride raised over \$50,000 for The Boomer's Legacy Foundation created by his mother Maureen. Eykelenboom Cpl was a medic killed in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber.
- Cdr John Tremblay takes over command of HMCS Protecteur.
- HMCS Vancouver represents the Canadian Navy at this year's acclaimed Portland Rose Festival, a place the Navy has been sending vessels since 1924.



OCTOBER

review

- Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada Michaëlle Jean delivers her final address as Governor General during The Farewell Parade.
- HMCS Whitehorse and HMCS Brandon participate in the San Francisco Fleet Week, an annual event hosted by the city to maintain relationships between citizens and their Navy/Marines.
- LCdr Sylvain Bélair takes over command of HMCS Calgary from Cdr Pumphrey
- Russell Williams, former Commander of 8 Wing in Trenton, is sentenced to two concurrent life terms in prison for the murders of two women.
- Crystal Gardens and Victoria Conference Centre host the Canadian Navy Ball to celebrate the Navy Centennial.
- HMC Ships Vancouver, Algonquin, and Protecteur return home from a four month deployment as part of Operation Pacific Amistad.

NOVEMBER

Ceremonies all over the city take place to honour the men and women in uniform, both past and present, during various Remembrance Day vigils.

- HMCS Regina wins this year's Cock of the Walk trophy with four firstplace wins out of 11 sports for a total of 29 points.
- CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue puts out the first Fireman's calendar with all funds going towards The Firefighters Burn Fund of Victoria, The Ride to Conquer Cancer, The Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the United Way of Greater Victoria.
- The Government of Canada announces it will remain engaged in

Afghanistan beyond 2011.

- Two senior Canadian Forces officers, Brigadier-General Hilary Jaeger and Cdr Josee Kurtz, are named among the 100 most powerful women in Canada by The Women's
- Men (and some women) all over Victoria participate in Movember. During the entire month mustaches of all shapes, sizes, and colours are grown to bring awareness to prostate cancer.
- over the command of
- over the command of HMCS Algonquin.

• Ground is broken on the site of CFB Esquimalt's new fire hall and emergency operations centre.

DECEMBER

• Nelles Block hosts the annual Seniors' Yuletide Luncheon where seniors from the community come for a full turkey meal served by Forces members. It also played host to the Junior Ranks Yuletide Luncheon which saw Base Commander Capt(N) Baines switch ranks with the youngest serving member on base for the afternoon.

• HMCS Protecteur hosts their 25th annual Christmas Party for children from local elementary schools.

- CFB Esquimalt raises over \$700,100 for the Government of Canada Charitable Workplace Campaign administered by the United Way.
- RAdm Greenwood kicks off the Navy Lighting Contest which sees 18 ships and many buildings around CFB Esquimalt illuminated with holiday lights and decorations.



- Executive Network.
- Cdr Bradley Peats takes
- HMCS Vancouver. • Cdr Timothy Kerr takes

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Above: LS Kristen Arensen, a Naval Communicator in HMCS Winnipeg, passes the flame to the next Paralympic Relay member after finishing her leg. *Right:* MCpl Brett Richard was

the torchbearer on board HMCS Vancouver in the final hours of the Paralympic Torch Relay. With 25 years in the Canadian Forces, he is the longest serving amputee member.

Below: Hundred of Canadian Forces members worked with various other government agencies on land and sea as part of Operation Podium to keep the Olympics safe. Left: LS Benson won the Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Pacific)'s Olympic Spirit contest in the height of the Olympic Games.





Lloyd Robertson shares inspiration

The following is an excerpt from the book "Canadian Voices," a collection of personal, inspirational stories. The publisher asked well-known Canadians the question: Who has caused you to be the person you are today and what has inspired you?

\lambda BOOK EXCERPT: CANADIAN VOICES

This was TV news anchor, Lloyd Robertson's answer:

When I was a little boy of about 10, I remember pestering my Father to tell me how a large piece of furniture in the corner of our living room really worked. I knew it was called a "radio" but I wanted to know more about this unusual apparatus: how did the sound travel through the air to get in there?

My patient father taught me what he knew about radio waves and directed me to the library to study some more. I learned the rudiments of the technical side of radio, but I was more fascinated by what came out of the box than the box itself. To me, those radio waves were a magic carpet to a larger world. It was a chance to be in the centre of things.

I was inspired; I wanted to be a part of the excitement!!

Those first shreds of inspiration were to lead to a lifelong career in broadcasting, beginning in radio and then continuing in television.

Apart from explaining radio waves to me in those early times, my father was an inspiration on a personal level. He wanted me to lead a "meaningful" life.



Although he had little formal education, I always regarded him as a philosopher king, a truly good man who would have preferred I become a minister of religion, but was happy, before he died, that I was beginning to find my way doing something I enjoyed.

I learned from him that those lucky enough to do well should be thankful and give back. I've tried to follow that direction throughout my life.

Finally, there are those moments of inspiration that have come from the stories I've been close to over the years: the courage and determination shown by Terry Fox in his Marathon of Hope, the look on the face of Alexandre Bilodeau's brother, who has cerebral palsy, when his sibling won Canada's first Gold Medal on home soil and the awe and gratitude in the eyes of parents who have been a part of one of the millions of miracles that unfold every year at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Those are just a few examples.

Inspiration is out there in some form ... right in front of us ... almost every day.

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INMEMORIAM

A Ramp Ceremony was held at Kandahar Airfield on Dec. 20, 2010 for Cpl Steve Martin. Cpl Martin, from 3e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, Para Company, serving with 1er Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group, based at CFB Valcartier, QC, was killed after an improvised explosive device detonated while he was on operations on Dec.18, 2010.

Cpl Tina Gillies, Task Force Kandahar, Afghanistan Image Tech







The Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) Venture nearly doubled its fundraising goal for this year's Government of Canada Charitable Workplace Campaign from last year with \$23,784.10 raised. Tony Whyte and Commanding Officer Cdr Derek Moss hold up the cheque in front of the people who raised funds for this cause.

Your MARPAC GCWCC-UW team is pleased to congratulate NOTC Venture for its outstanding participation and achievements during the 2010 charitable campaign. This photo highlights the unit's contribution to the remarkable overall Formation total of \$700,100 +. Well done! If you would like to arrange a similar photo session to applaud your Unit or Ship's involvement, please contact Vicki Laidlaw at 250-363-2595.



Honours and awards presentations were held for Maritime Forces Pacific J36 Operations and Intelligence Fusion Centre personnel in the Admiral's Briefing room of D100.



Cpl Malcolm Byers, MARPAC Imaging Services

Clockwise from top left:
From left: Cdr Mathias Plaschka, Lt(N) Philip Hagell, LCdr Corey Steiro, PO2 Sherri-Lynn Jones and LCdr Jeffrey Kibble, members of the Operations and Intelligence Fusion Centre, receive coins from Capt(N) Dermot Mulholland.
MCpl Laurie Hoffman (centre), of the Meteorological and Oceanographic Centre, is promoted to Sergeant by Capt(N)

Dermot Mulholland (left) and WO Gordon McLean.
LS Shani Cochrane, J3 Operations, receives the Canadian Forces Decoration from Capt(N) Dermot Mulholland.

• CPO2 Michel Vincelette receives the Second Clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration from Capt(N) Dermot Mulholland.

• Capt James Eke receives a Canadian Forces Fitness Award for Aerobic Excellence from Capt(N) Dermot Mulholland.











CPO2 John Beaulac (centre) receives his promotion from Lt(N) Dave Beldeure (left) and Cdr Al James.



CPO1 Bruce Percival (centre) receives his new shoulder slip-ons from Cmdre Paul Ellis (left) and Cdr Bannister.



LCol J. Sullivan accepts the Air Command Commendation from Col W.F. Veenhof. The commendation reads: As Air Component Command Forward, LCol Sullivan provided exemplary leadership during Operation Podium as he coordinated all Whistler Area of Operations flight activities performed in support of both the Land Component and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Relying on his vast knowledge of tactical aviation helicopter operations he ensured that Air Component flight crews were prepared to safely conduct operations in mountainous terrain under marginal weather conditions.





Top: Col W.F. Veenhof receives a shadow box from BGen E. Thuen, Deputy Commander **Mission Support** at 1 Canadian Air Division HQ in Winnipeg, to mark Col Veenhof's retirement. The shadow box holds a representation of items from a members career. Bottom: Arlene Veenhof accepts a flower bouqet from BGen E. Thuen at the retirement ceremony for Col W.F. Veenhof.

> Cpl Alex W. Croskery, MARPAC Imaging

MARPAC honours outstanding civilians with CNC award

Ben Green Staff Writer

On Dec. 16, the Admiral's House was the scene for the Commander MARPAC Civilian Naval Centennial Award presentation. Established to recognize excellence among civilian personnel in Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC), this year saw six recipients invited to the event.

Each nominee was recommended through their chain of command and further reviewed by the Base Commander's Honours and Awards committee. Each nominee had to meet a list of criteria in order to be up for the distinction: they must have been employed in a MARPAC unit for at least one year, they must be non-management civilians, and they must have demonstrated leadership in enhancing the quality of life within MARPAC, their unit, or in the community.

Along with Base Commander, Capt(N) Craig Baines, several dignitaries, and family members of the recipients, RAdm Nigel Greenwood, Commander of MARPAC, was on hand to personally present each of the six with their awards.

Rob Reid

Rob Reid, Work Center Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton

"For the classic design and meticulous construction of a wood cabinet and case to house the repatriated HMCS Roval Roads navy bell highlighting their maritime history."

George Csurdi

George Csurdi, Site Support Supervisor, Maintenance Detachment Aldergrove

"For his exemplary dedication and selfless devotion to duty while serving as the Site Support Supervisor for Maintenance Detachment Aldergrove. His diligence, attention to detail, broad job knowledge, and exemplary work ethic are continually applied to ensure that mission essential support is unfailingly provided to the communication of Canada's West Coast Navy."

Ken Lidstone

Ken Lidstone, Contracts Administrator,

Base Construction Engineering

"For his leadership and selfless contributions to the well-being and quality of life of personnel at his workplace and in his community over the 17 years he has been a member of the MARPAC team."

Marian Cranston

Marian Cranston, Timekeeper, Base Construction Engineering

"For her leadership and selfless contributions to the well-being and quality of life of personnel at her workplace and in her community over the 25 years she has been a member of the MARPAC team." **Don Thompson**

Don Thompson, Steam Fitter, Base Construction Engineering

"For his leadership and selfless contributions to the well-being and quality of life of personnel at his workplace and in his community over the 27 years he has been a member of the MARPAC team." John Kirstiuk

Unable to attend.



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