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Firefighters help one of their own

Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Within six hours of learning one of their own had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, base firefighters pulled together to help him tick a wish off his bucket list.

In two days, the firefighting community in Esquimalt, Langford and Nanoose raised enough cash to send Dave Hill, his wife and children to Hawaii to see a volcano up close and the island landscape from a helicopter.

Hotel chains Westin and Sheraton also donated rooms for the Hill family's Jan. 2 vacation.

"I'm totally blown away by the generosity and kindness of everyone involved," said the 54-year-old dockyard firefighter. "My family had a great time together in Hawaii and we will cherish these memories. Thanks to everyone who made this happen."

Hill was diagnosed with terminal lung and esophageal cancer on Nov. 19 after a routine visit to his doctor to check out a persistent cough. A chest x-ray, CT scan and a specialist appointment followed, and by the time the doctors were ready to report their findings Hill had a suspicion it was serious.

"I was fully prepared to hear it was cancer," he recalls. "I went into that specialist appointment with the expectation that I had lung cancer even though I had



Photo courtesy of Dave Hill

Dave Hill (second from left) with his daughter Courtenay, wife Jody, and son David at the Black Sand beach on the south coast of Hawaii.

never smoked. My attitude was if it was lung cancer it could be beaten. I wasn't worried about radiation or chemo."

He wasn't expecting to hear the cancer was in both lungs and the esophagus, in the advanced stages.

"I asked the proverbial question of how long I had left and the doctor wasn't sure, but he told me the cancer was aggressive," said Hill. "When I told my wife it was stunned silence and we both knew we had to fight it the best we could."

Going into each platoon to tell them of his diagnosis was extremely challenging and left a mix of shock and disbelief among base firefighters who have worked closely with Hill, some for more than 22 years.

Firefighter JP Condon recently honoured Hill with a decal that features a red ribbon, the initials D.H. and Hill's badge number 130. Fire fighters will place the decal on their helmet in a show of support for Hill's battle with cancer.

Firefighter Jim Beaton made t-shirts with Hill's badge number and the CFB Esquimalt logo.

"So many people have come together for me and my family and I'm very grateful for all they have done," says Hill. "When I was first diagnosed I hoped somebody would wake me up from this bad dream. I am trying to keep my sense of humour and I have come up with a few jokes about it. Now I've accepted it, but I still want to stay around as long as I can."

Hill begins chemo treatments later this month and says that physically he is starting to notice a change in his health even though it's subtle at this stage.

His philosophy is to live each day to the fullest and enjoy life with his family and friends.

"I'm trying to keep the worry and anxiety down. I want to enjoy whatever time I have left and I'm going to have as much fun as I can."



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life after downsizing. The Way Back

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Six-time Academy-Award nominated director Peter Weir is a prolific filmmaker by Hollywood's standards, but it's been almost seven year's since he released Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World, and that was five years after he directed his previous film, The Truman Show. Once again, as with the rest of Weir's long filmmaking career, The Way Back is a dramatically

W. Andrew Powell

New this week at a theatre near

you: Jim Sturgess, Colin Farrell

and Ed Harris star in the survival

drama, The Way Back; and The

Company Men has Ben Affleck,

Tommy Lee Jones, and Kevin

Costner as three men who face

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different film and story from anything he has directed before. Inspired by Slavomir Rawicz's autobiographical book, The Long

Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom, which details his internment and escape from a Soviet Union labor camp, the film is a survival story that follows a group

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of prisoners on the run from the Siberian Gulag where they were held and the long trek that took them across thousands of miles to their ultimate freedom.

The Way Back" a testament to survival

During the course of their agonizing trip, the group of prisoners, played in the film by Jim Sturgess, Ed Harris, Colin Farrell, Saoirse Ronan, and Mark Strong, among others, have to face the absolute extremes in nature, in addition to soldiers, land mines, starvation, and dehydration.

Thanks to research by Weir and producer Keith Clarke, the film is a powerful drama that is a moving testament to humanity's drive to survive at any cost. On top of strong performances by the cast, The Way Back also features a stellar team behind the scenes including Academy Award winning cinematographer Russell Boyd, film editor Lee Smith, and a number of other talents who previously worked with Weir.

The Company Men

In a film that truly reflects the age we live in, Ben Affleck, Tommy Lee Jones, and Kevin Costner star as three men who lived and worked in the lap of



"The Way Back" tells the survival story of an escape from a Soviet Union labour camp.

luxury, until they were suddenly downsized as the global economy took a nose dive.

Between the three men, who all defined themselves by their jobs, they will essentially have to reshape their lives to find out what's important to them, and what they can do to fill the void, whether it's up to their previous standards or not. Written and directed by ER's John Wells, the film has been earning solid reviews from critics, who are giving it just a little less praise than this week's other big new film, The Way Back.

As Rex Reed at the New York Observer wrote, "The Company *Men* does a piercing job of making you feel the dehumanizing effects that losing a job can have on grown men, but it's more truthful and devastating than that."

SPORTS trivia by PO2 Bill Sheridan Contributor

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- 5. Who has rushed for the most yards in one game in the CFL?
- 6. What was Tin Cup's score on the last hole in the US Open?
- 7. Tessie is a fight song for which baseball team?
- 8. Where are the 2012 Olympic Summer Games?
- 9. Who has the most WTA match wins?
- 10. What is the regulation weight for a golf ball?
- 11. Ronaldo has scored the most goals in the World Cup, how many?
- 12. Which two baseball teams moved from NY to California in 1958?
- 13. What is the Kenesaw Mountain Landis Memorial Baseball Award for?
- 14. What player has hit a major league HR in the most different ballparks?
- 15. Who wrote a book called The Final Call; Hockey Stories from a legend in Stripes?
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Lookout asked deployed soldier, Bdr Charles Paquet, 19, of the Canadian Scottish Regiment, about his experiences serving in Afghanistan over the holiday season.

Is this your first deployment?

Yes, this is my first deployment.

How long have you been deployed?

I've been here for a month and 10 days.

What is your current role in Afghanistan?

I'm currently attached and deployed with the 1st Battalion of the Royal 22ème Régiment. I am a member of the Tactical Air Control Party (TACP As a system operator my primary job is to control all tactical air assets, We work in the Battle Group Area of Operations in support of troops on the ground.

What was the atmosphere like for Christmas? Although there was a lack of decorations and the atmosphere wasn't really all there compared to a Christmas back home, the care packages sent from my family, and the letters from school kids made a big difference.

My family sent me a Montreal Canadiens Fleece blanket, and a whole bunch of goodies (chocolates, candy canes etc...). The letters from cracked a few jokes, and

the kids were from a sixth grade class from L'École Victor Brodeur, which is the school I graduated from in 2009, and it is the only fully French school in Victoria. The kids all wrote to me and made handmade Christmas cards. That made me very happy since I had something to put on my wall beside my bed.

That evening we had a very mediocre and plain turkey dinner, but all that mattered was that The Vandoo Battle Group (the common name given by the Anglophones for the Royal 22nd Regiment) were all eating that same dry turkey and instant mashed potatoes altogether for Christmas. You could also see soldiers and officers walking around the base with Santa hats on.

What did you miss about not being home for Christmas?

I missed my Mom's awesome cooking and my friends.

Where exactly did you celebrate it?

Kandahar Air Field. I went down to Canada House to meet and have pictures taken with Gen Natynczyk, Don Cherry and Peter MacKay.

They all said that they were all very proud of us, and that it was a pleasure for them to be here with us for Christmas. They

welcomed us to take pictures with them.

Gen Natynczyk asked me where I was from after taking my picture with him.

Describe what Canada House is like?

Canada House is a place where people come to enjoy movies, read, play pool, ping pong, play video games etc. There are hardwood floors, leather couches, a theatre on the second floor, and most Canadian activities are held there.

What was this experience like?

Honestly, apart from the day off, the Santa hats and the VIP visits, it felt like any other day here in Afghanistan since we have a job to do. I was up bright and early the next morning resuming my daily work.

How was this different or unique to what your Christmas would be like at home?

It was definitely different in the way that I was away from my family and friends. But in a way it was nice to be with a French Canadian Regiment here for Christmas

I was born and raised in Québec city and it reminded me a bit of home. And very unique given it was 19 degrees that day, and we had a few rocket attacks that night but minutes later we went on with our Christmas celebrations.

didn't affect us very much, that month, I personally

but hearing them, and as part of our drills, we had to get on the ground and seek a nearby bunker. This reminded us that we were in a war zone and not at home celebrating Christmas. After we resumed the celebrations, me and my friend had a coffee and chatted while having a cigar. Like I said we had a busy day of work

Christmas

the next day (26th). Also one thing to add would be that on Christmas Eve we were all thinking of Cpl Steve The rocket attacks Martin who died earlier

did not know him, but I was with friends that knew him. That night on Christmas Eve I'm pretty sure everyone was thinking about him and his family.

When do you return to Canada? It'll be around

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What's the first thing you'll do when you return? I'll have beer and wings with my awesome friends from the Canadian Scottish Regiment back in Victoria.





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Cmdre David Craig (left) takes command of the Naval Reserve as he signs the change of command papers alongside VAdm Dean McFadden, Commander Maritime Command (centre), and outgoing Naval Reserve Commanding Officer, Cmdre Jennifer Bennett.

New Naval Reserve leader

SLt Tammy Audet Contributor

Last week Commodore David Craig took command of the Naval Reserve, leading the way into the second century of the Canadian Navy.

Guests, family, friends and military personnel of all ranks filled the Pointe-à-Carcy Naval Complex in Québec City to bid farewell to the outgoing Commander Naval Reserve, Cmdre Jennifer Bennett, and welcome her successor, Cmdre Craig.

The change of command ceremony, which was overseen by the Commander Maritime Command, Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, was one steeped in naval tradition associated with the transfer of command.

"I am here to attest that the navy as a whole could not have succeeded this year, or at any point in Cmdre Bennett's command, without the tremendous contributions of the men and women she led in our Naval Reserve," said VAdm McFadden to the crowd.

Cmdre Bennett took command of the Naval Reserve in December 2007. As the first female to command a navy formation in Canada, she remains a role model and an inspiration to women across the country.

As Cmdre Bennett addressed the room during the ceremony, it was clear it was with absolute heart-

As the first female to command a navy formation in Canada, Cmdre Bennett remains a role model and an inspiration to women across the country. felt emotion that she must say good bye. She expressed kind words of gratitude for all the support she has felt from both members of the military and her family during the three years leading the Naval Reserve.

Cmdre Craig joined the Naval Reserve as a Naval Cadet in 1974 at *HMCS Discovery* in Vancouver, B.C. What followed was 37 years of training, appointments and vast experience, including service in Naval Reserve Divisions *HMC Ships Discovery*, *Carleton* (Ottawa), *Chippawa* (Winnipeg) and *Malahat* (Victoria), which he commanded in the mid-1990s.

"To be given the opportunity to take command of this Formation is truly the fulfilment of my reserve career and one of the proudest moments of my life," said Cmdre Craig. "I am very much humbled and challenged to have been selected as your next Commodore."





New leader for HMCS Calgary

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Braving chilling temperatures, in front of family, friends, colleagues and members of the ship's company, Cdr Paul Francoeur assumed command of *HMCS Calgary* on Jan. 20. With Cmdre Peter Ellis, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, presiding over the ceremony on the flight deck, Cdr Francoeur took the watch from LCdr

Sylvain Belair. Originally

from Moose Jaw, SK, Cdr

Francoeur most recently

served as the Executive Officer of Sea Training Pacific, and prior to that was the Executive Officer in *HMCS Regina*.

After LCdr Belair, Cmdre Ellis and Cdr Francoeur each addressed the crowd, both incoming and outgoing commanding officers then joined Cmdre Ellis in signing the change of command certificates. Members of the ship's company then joined family and friends in enjoying a fine array of culinary creations courtesy of *Calgary's* galley staff, and as is customary, Cdr Francoeur then officially "cut the cake" in celebration of the occasion.

As the ship intensifies its preparations for entry into dry-dock in June, Cdr Francoeur will give *Calgary* a firm foot forward with respect to the ongoing requirements of the HCM FELEX modernization program.

LCdr Sylvain Belair will assume his familiar position as *Calgary's* Executive Officer, and his experience as commanding officer will ensure that the command team transitions effortless-

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ly from one leader to the next, regardless of the challenges awaiting *Calgary* in the coming months.

Above: (Left to Right) LCdr Sylvain Belair, Cmdre Peter Ellis, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, and Cdr Paul Francoeur sign the change of command certificates on HMCS Calgary's flight deck during the ship's Change of Command ceremony.



Above: Cmdre Peter Ellis, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, presents HMCS Calgary's new Commaning Officer Cdr Paul Francoeur with a commemorative plaque.

Below: Outgoing Commanding Officer, LCdr Sylvain Belair, receives a parting gift from Cmdre Peter Ellis.



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The politics of rare earth minerals

Tanner Oscapella

Office of the Asia-Pacific Advisor

Recently, China imposed an unofficial ban on shipments of rare earth minerals (REM) to Japan as part of a larger diplomatic dispute. The media attention caused by the ban created a number of misconceptions on what rare earth minerals are, and increased concern regarding Beijing's almost unopposed global control of rare earth minerals supplies.

Seventeen elements can be classified as rare earth minerals and are used in high technology products such as TVs, guided missiles, and hybrid car batteries. Additionally, they are absolutely necessary for wireless drones and other guided/wireless weaponry that Western nations increasingly rely on for superiority on the battlefield.

Rare earth minerals are not inherently rare, but rather, it is difficult to find sufficient concentrations to make mining operations economically viable. China has been the main supplier of large, cheap quantities of them for over 20 years. Many believe the recent technological revolution, with the Internet as its nerve centre, would not be possible without an abundance of low cost rare earth minerals.

In 1990, a single mine in Mountain Pass, California, supplied 40 per cent of world demand of rare earth minerals. Today, China controls upwards of 95 per cent of world supply. For over two decades, the Middle Kingdom positioned itself to control the rare earth minerals market with cheap labour and bank loan subsidies.

From the mid-1980s to early 2000s, China artificially deflated the cost of rare earth minerals, making it the first choice supplier of most technology companies. As rare earth minerals prices were driven down by Chinese mines, Western banks did not see enough profitability in further supporting their mining outside of China. As banks withdrew lending to would-be mining companies in countries such as Australia, Canada and the United States, corporations sitting on viable plots of rare earth minerals were forced to close.

Chinese state-controlled banks operate differently than their Western counterparts. Their primary goal is to promote domestic growth through economic stability and full employment, even if this means operating at a loss, and are supported by money from the central government. Thus, as Chinese rare earth minerals exports expanded, state-controlled banks subsidized mining operations so heavily that most analysts believe, until the early 2000s, little or no profit was made. Although low prices did not generate any return investment for the Chinese it drove down prices far enough that by the turn of the century, China controlled over 90 per cent of rare earth minerals exports. Even though China only possesses one-third of viable rare earth minerals deposits worldwide, Beijing's labour and economic practices assure Beijing almost complete control of global supply.

With the market cornered, China began to implement quotas in 2006. The government ensured quotas limited supply and kept prices artificially

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low, which constricted the rare earth minerals market but did not cause the usual increase in price due to demand. This left importing nations fighting for supplies without the ability to maintain domestic mines.

China's recent export ban of rare earth minerals against Japan was caused by a sovereignty dispute over the resource rich and strategically located Diaoyu (Chinese) / Senkaku (Japanese) Islands. The ban caused heavy delays and, in most incidents, ships full of rare earth minerals were simply barred from leaving Chinese ports. The Chinese government has denied that any trade ban took place and stated that it boosted customs inspections in an attempt to stop suspected smuggling. One analyst noted that Beijing's shadowy methods give the country plausible deniability and make such trade measures very hard, if not impossible, to retaliate against.

There are unconfirmed reports that as of November, China's rare earth minerals embargo against Japan has ended with Chinese officials ordering customs agents to speed up rare earth minerals export inspections. However, Japan is still troubled by its current economic overreliance on China. Japan produces many high-technology products that require rare earth minerals and currently imports nearly 50 per cent of Chinese REM exports. Japan fears that its technology companies may be up to 10,000 tonnes short of rare earth minerals this year due to China's quota system, which will hurt the already struggling Japanese economy. Japan has recently assisted its major technology companies in securing new rare earth minerals supplies and codeveloping new mining ventures, but such efforts will take at least a decade before they begin to compete with Chinese exports.

Despite China's current grip on the industry, many analysts believe that China will run out of rare earth minerals in the near future. Before reports stopped being made public by Beijing, figures showed that between 1996 and 2003, China had depleted its mines by 37 per cent. Although China's rare earth minerals trade ban against Japan is arguably being used as an economic weapon, the Middle Kingdom's efforts to reduce rare earth minerals supplies may be a legitimate attempt to prolong dying reserves. With the world's increasing use of wireless and other high tech devices, and Chinese rare earth minerals supplies declining, companies will soon be forced to look to more expensive mining operations in other countries to fill their needs.

With state assistance, Australian, Canadian and U.S. companies are planning on making various rare earth minerals mines operational by 2015. Molycorp, a Canadian company that owns the Mountain Pass mine, has plans to reopen and supply at least one-sixth of global rare earth minerals demand by mid-decade. Canadian companies Avalon Rare Metals and Great Western Mineral both have domestic and international developments that are planned to be online this decade. Although these plans were developed before the Japanese embargo, they have definitely gained support from Western policy makers and defence officials concerned with the current Chinese rare earth minerals monopoly.

China's willingness to ban rare earth minerals supplies to Japan over a diplomatic row provides a good warning to other developed nations. Technology dependent societies must look more closely about their supply of vital resources and pre-empt economic vulnerabilities by diversifying commodity sources

The devil will be in the details as developed nations attempt to feed their societies' needs through trade expansion while ensuring their drive for growth does not make them susceptible to the whims of a single state.



Yttrium, a common element in rare earth minerals.

DND launches Civilian Personnel Education Support Program

Mark Jeckway LCC Learning Advisor

Going back to school is an expensive and time consuming endeavour; however, financial help is available for DND Public Service civilian employees.

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CPESP is available to indeterminate employees who have been employed with DND for at least two years. Deadline for application to the program is March 16, 2011.

Over the past 11 years, the program has helped 149 employees prepare themselves and their organizations to meet DND service needs and future challenges. Specifically, CFB Esquimalt has had numerous successful applicants with different educational needs from around the base, including graduate studies, computer studies, and engineering. Each year DND selects

at least five employees, one from each category: administrative support, operational, administrative and foreign services, technical, and scientific and professional. Additionally, financial support may be provided annually to an individual in each of the following employment equity groups: Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

The selection committee meets in mid-May and is comprised of civilian and military representatives from DND management and unions, including a local representative from Esquimalt. Successful candidates are notified sometime in June about their good fortune and can begin planning for their academic year ahead.

With the March 16 deadline around the corner, those interested should review the website and the application requirements.

The application process involves a significant amount of work and time, including supplying reference letters, transcripts, learning plans and a rationale to show how completing your education will help you develop or improve skills that will benefit DND and the federal public service.

I you require additional information on the program and want to download an application package please visit the website at http:// hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/ CPESP-PAEPC

The Learning and Career Centre will hold two information sessions on the CPESP. Even if you are not considering applying for this year's deadline, the information sessions can be extremely important to inform and prepare you for what the selection committee is looking for on the applications and how to plan your education and career aspirations accordingly.

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Expo on Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Naden Athletic Centre (NAC), to explore your education and learning.

During this event, representatives from various institutions and organizations will be on hand to provide information and resources about the numerous education options and opportunities available through local and distance learning.

Feature organization -**PSP Health Promotion**

Strengthening the Forces Health Promotion Program will be on hand at the Expo to discuss the education and prevention programs they provide to military members, their spouses and DND employees in four health priority areas: (1) Addictions Free Living; (2) Injury Prevention and Physical Activity; (3) Nutritional and Weight Wellness; and (4) Social Wellness. These courses are delivered free of charge to Defence Team members who are looking to take control of their health and wellness and maximize their quality of life and self awareness.

- Basic Relationship
- Training • Stress Take Charge
- Suicide Intervention
- Managing Angry
- Moments
- Nutrition 101
- Weight Wellness
- Top Fuel for Top Performance
- Butt Out (smoking cessation self-help formats)
- Injury Reduction

Strategies Units may also request Pro-D day briefings targeting specific issues/concerns around healthy living (stress, addictions etc.)

Health Promotion staff also work hard to influence and build a culture that supports and promotes healthy decision making in the four priority areas and works with leadership to make this happen. More about Health

Promotion courses Stress Take Charge

This program helps participants manage their internal stress response more effectively. Participants are supported in their identification of the strategies they already use and those they will begin to implement in order to optimize their stress hardiness.

Nutrition 101

What you eat makes

Join us at the MARPAC a difference to how you feel on a day-to-day basis. Eating properly can help you maintain a healthy weight, increase and sustain your energy, increase your overall health, and reduce lifestyle diseases such as adult onset diabetes, heart disease, obesity and some cancers. One day workshop. Butt Out

> Butt Out is a CF smoking cessation program. It is designed to help you identify your personal reasons for smoking and help you develop and practice alternative coping strategies that are less harmful to you than smoking. Fifty percent of people who take Butt Out remain smoke-free a year later.

Weight Wellness

Weight Wellness takes a self-management approach to behaviour change and overall health. Throughout the program participants share experiences with each other and learn about eating habits, physical activity and other lifestyle factors that can contribute to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

Top Fuel for Top Performance

Learn the basics about what you need to put in your body to function optimally.

Nutrition 101 Note: pre-requisite. Relationship Basic

Training BRT is a course for couples and singles who

want to learn skills necessary to mitigate proven risk factors in long-term, committed relationships. Participants learn which factors are important to change and which skills are important to learn in order to maximize the likelihood of remaining in relationship for the long haul. Managing Angry Moments (MAM)

MAM teaches participants how to use their anger constructively. It is a course intended for everyone as we all feel anger at various times, but we don't always behave the way we would like to. Participants gain a better understanding of their relationship with anger and learn skills for changing their behaviour.

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Go behind the scenes at LOOKOUT

Check out Lookout writer Ben Green's blog and find out what we're working on.

http://lookoutlife.wordpress.com/

Today's Best Music

Local woman looks south to honour Canada's heroes

Ben Green Staff writer

When Tammy Chamberlain hears of another military member's death her world comes to a halt with two minutes of silence. As the wife of a submariner, she understands the commitment of military service.

Over the years she's felt a growing desire to pay tribute, in some form, to Canadian military members who have died on duty. In December, an idea discovered on YouTube became a reality.

After watching a video of artist Kaziah Hancock dip her brush into an array of paints and slowly bring to life the image of a fallen American soldier. Chamberlain knew she needed to connect with her.

Kaziah's Project Compassion began in 2004 when she heard on the radio the story of a fallen soldier from Utah, her home state, and was so moved she decided to paint a portrait for his family. Encouraged by friends, the artist officially launched her non-profit project that gives a free portrait to families of a fallen loved one. She now has a handful of artists working for her.

Chamberlain wrote to Kaziah and asked if Project Compassion would be willing to paint Lt(N)

Chris Saunders, a submariner who died seven years ago during a fire on board HMCS Chicoutimi.

To her surprise, not only did Kaziah agree to a portrait of Lt(N) Saunders, but said Project Compassion would be willing to do one for any Canadian soldier killed in action. Their first Canadian painting was Cpl Andrew Paul Grenon from Land Force Command Canada.

"The way they see it is there's no distinction between America and Canada - same heroes, same paintings," says Chamberlain, who is now the official Canadian liaison for Project Compassion.

"Right now my role is more research. I'm trying to get the next of kin's contact information [so we can offer this service]," she says.

Unfortunately, finding the contact information for spouses and next of kin is proving to be difficult.

She has found some, and sent them a package of information. If interested in a painting, they send her back a small write up on their deceased loved one and five high-quality photos.

"It gives the artist a look at their personality and they're able to put that into the painting," she savs.

Chamberlain is also looking for compa-



Project Compassion

Project Compassion has five professional artists led by founder Kaziah Hancock. They take the painting requests on a purely volunteer basis. The organization has sponsorship that allows funding for materials such as paints, oils, brushes, and canvas. Having FedEx as a partner allows free shipping of the finished work to wherever the next of kin resides. The paintings come at absolutely no cost to the family or spouse and take about two months from request to delivery. Project Compassion also creates portraits of fallen police officers and firefighters. Since 2003, they have made more than 800 portraits.

For more information on Project Compassion, to view their gallery of previous paintings, or to donate, visit their Web site at www.heropaintings.com.

nies to sponsor Project Compassion to help pay for the paints and canvas. Anyone interested in requesting a painting, or

that has contact information for next of kin who might, contact Tammy Chamberlain at 250-743-8739 or tamsbc@shaw.ca.

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BCE employee recognition LCol Darlene Quinn, Base Construction Engineering Officer, recently presented a number of awards and certificates to employees.

Doug Smith receives a certificate marking 35 years of service with the Department of National Defence.



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Roger Kobierski receives certificates for the completion of his Electrical Apprenticeship and his Electrician Qualification.



Grace Thornhill receives the Base Construction Engineering (BCE) Commanding Officer's Award for her outstanding work and dedication that brought credit to the entire cleaning staff at Formation Health Services Centre and BCE.



Top: WO John Clairmont of Base Logistics receives his promotion to Master Warrant Officer from Cdr Ballantyne and CPO1 Bombay.

Top right: PO2 Dominic Lebel receives his new rank badges from Maj Jason Quilliam, Naval Provost Marshal (Pacific), (left) and Cdr Allan James, Commander of Queen's Harbour Master.

Bottom right: OS Sarah Marchand, the Admiral's Steward, is promoted to Able Seaman by RAdm Nigel Greenwood (left), Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, and Flag Lieutenant Lt(N) Chantal Desormeaux (right).







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Remembering "Holocaust Memorial Day"

■ Lunch and Learn, Base Library, Jan. 27

Contributor

On Thursday, people in countries around the world will pause for Holocaust Memorial Day and pay their respects to the victims of history's most vicious genocide.

For University of Victoria graduate student and amateur documentary filmmaker Michael Moses Gains, the day has special meaning.

Gains will host a free "Lunch and Learn" on Thursday at the CFB Esquimalt Base Library building N12 at Naden.

The event, from 11:55 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., includes a 20-minute presentation about the terrors of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe and a screening of a short film. A question and answer period that addresses themes of complacency, hate speech and the media will follow Gains' presentation.

In his 2010 film "Jew Street-Zydu Gatve", Gains tells the story of his family's destruction at the hands of the brutal Einsatzgruppen-SS during the Second World War. The eight-minute film was screened at the University of Victoria's 6th Annual "Sunscreen Student Film Festival" where it won "Best Story-Driven Film" and "Best Screen Story."

The documentary explores one of the most violent events of the Holocaust that is often referred to as "The Forgotten Holocaust." History tends to focus on the tragedies that took place at various concentration camps throughout Europe. Gains' documentary shifts that focus to how roaming killing squads

A/SLt Josh Brighton were dispersed throughout the Baltic States as the German Army continued its conquest of Europe.

The campaign authorized systematic genocide by the highest echelons of the German SS and killed two-million Eastern European Jews. Without consideration for age or gender the killing squads were ordered to be ruthless and unrelenting in their executions. The mass murders were indiscriminate. The victims were used as target practice by their executioners.

One of the unfortunate successes of this campaign was the use of propaganda. Relying on nationalist sentiments the German Army successfully spread its hate speech throughout the Baltic States. Gains addresses the dangers of spreading hate through media outlets and how remaining silent leads to tragedy.

Employment Equity Liaison Officer David Lau highlights the importance of these historical events for Canadian Forces members so that they never happen again.

"Knowing the history behind events like this educates people so that history doesn't repeat itself. These presentations let people know the story behind what happened, that society was responsible for them and that we will never let them happen again"

Lau also notes that because this is a lunchtime presentation, it's a great way to both fill an otherwise boring lunch and become better informed about how something like the Holocaust can be prevented from happening in the future.





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