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# The long march to Nijmegen

Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Twenty six military members are wearing down their boot soles in preparation for the Nijmegen March. Only eleven will be chosen to march with international military and civilians from July 19 to 22. Each year, this march sees upwards of 45,000 people walk 40 kilometres each day for four days from the Dutch town. Pictured above, the group trains during an early morning walk around Esquimalt with 10 kilogram packs and full dress. Read the story on page 3.





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# What military members need to know about voting

Most Canadians will be going to their local community centres, school gyms and church halls on May 2 to elect their next Member of Parliament.

However, many members of the Canadian Forces will be far from the place they officially call home. So voting with civilian neighbours will not be an option. For this reason, Special Voting Rules (SVR) have been established that permit military members to cast their vote in an advance poll.

This year, the Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC) advance polls will take place April 18 to 21. Polling stations will be established in many places, including ships at sea, squadron hangars, armories, base gymnasiums and stations abroad.

## The Voting Process

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The first thing that will happen when you arrive at the CF Polling Station is a check of your identification. You will then be directed to a polling desk to meet a Deputy Returns Officer (DRO) and their assistant clerk. Your name will be located in a register of CF members for the area.

At some time, you should have recorded in your personnel file a Statement of Ordinary Residence (SOR). This statement legally binds you to vote in the riding you chose, which might be in an entirely different part of the country from where you are living now.

The DRO and their assistant will remind you of your SOR and provide you with the names of the candidates for your home riding before you go into the voting booth. Ideally, before you come to vote you should review your SOR and be prepared to make an informed decision about your desired candidate for that region. What happens if you don't have an SOR on file?

If you arrive at the CF polling station and the DRO cannot confirm your SOR several things can happen.

You may be permitted to make an official selection on the spot. There will be some paperwork to do, so you will be shuffled off to the side where you can fill out the form. The following CFB Esquimalt locations will be open during the April 18 – 21, 2011 voting period:

Naden Drill Shed 10 am. - 3 p.m. Dockyard Gym 10 am. - 3 p.m. Work Point Nixon Gym April 18 only: 8 a.m. - noon April 19-21: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Once complete, you can return to the line and complete the voting process.

If you are a Reservist, you should bring verification of your SOR from your home unit because many of you will have no SOR against your name in local files.

Reservists who cannot obtain verification of SOR from their home can complete a SOR in advance and bring it with them, or complete the form in front of the DRO at their polling station.

Regular Force annuitants currently on Class B or C service who have retired recently will be required to complete the SOR form in advance or at the polling station. The Judge Advocate General (JAG) has confirmed that the former SOR from their Regular Force records is not considered to be current.

## Changing your SOR if you don't like it

Sorry, but the process of changing the SOR is a long one and can take up to 60 days to be registered. There is insufficient time left for you to change your SOR for this election. This is a process best conducted in your unit's Orderly Room.

Again, it would be best if you familiarized yourself with the candidates for your old hometown or make a selection for the party you prefer.

### Voting with your neighbours

CF members are eligible to vote at a civilian polling station if they meet specific criteria.

First, the member must have already completed a Statement of Ordinary Residence (SOR).

Second, the elector must actually reside in the same electoral district as reflected on his or her SOR. Third, the elector's name must be included on the National Register of Electors, a copy of which is held in the polling station.

If your name does not appear in the list held at the civilian polling station then there are a few challenges to meet. You will have to be accompanied by an elector whose name does appear on the National Register for the same polling division. For example, your next-door neighbour, who must officially vouch and sign an oath stating you are who you say you are and you do live in the area.

You will have to provide a proof of identification that shows your address in the area, such as a valid driver's licence, and you too will have to swear an oath.

### Where to vote

Those units whose URS (Unit Records Support) section is CFB Esquimalt may vote between Monday, April 18 and Thursday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Polling stations for Esquimalt will be set up at three locations: in the CFB Esquimalt Drill Shed in Naden, in the Dockyard Gym and in the Nixon Gym at Work Point.

In the Dockyard Gym during this period access to some gym floor equipment or facilities will be limited, but changing rooms and showers will remain open.

All other units who hold their own personnel records, such as ships at sea, 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron and CFMETR Nanoose will establish their own polling stations, dates and timings. A mobile polling capability will be available for those in unique circumstances, such as members in hospital.

## For additional information

Updates on the CF Advanced Poll will be provided to units for their Routine Orders or may be found on the MARPAC electronic notice board on the DWAN. Other questions, or requests for Mobile Polling support may be directed to the Senior Deputy Returns Officer, LCdr Peter Southam, Executive Officer of MARPAC HQ, (250) 363-2716 or Peter. Southam@forces.gc.ca.

# Nijmegen tryouts a gruelling process DONT DRINK & DR

### Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Nijmegen training is so tough it'll wear the sole off the best-made boot.

Twenty-six military members preparing for the July march in Holland know this first-hand; eight are nursing blisters, and their boot heels are grinding down fast.

"I tell them pain is only weakness leaving the body," says team leader CPO2 Chris Koblun.

With determination and perseverance, the group meets weekday mornings to prepare for the four day march; however, only 11 members will be chosen to represent the Formation.

Marching with a 10 kilogram pack, in CADPAT and combat boots, paired in twos, they are finding tryouts a gruelling process.

Since Feb. 28 the team has been pounding pavement with distances steadily increasing.

"We train five days a week, Monday to Thursday from 6 to 7:45 a.m., and each Friday we do a long march, and increase the distance each week by five kilometres until we reach 40 kilometres. Right now we are up to 25 kilometres," says CPO2 Koblun.

Team members are also getting shaped up by Personnel Support Programs (PSP) personal trainer Kim Miller who is teaching strength and endurance interval training.

"I like being able to take a team of hopefuls and get them educated in the fitness program," she says.

The march is not a race; people are not allowed to speed walk or run. More than 45,000 marchers congregate at the start point, Nijmegen, and do a different loop of 40 kilometres each



CFB Esquimalt's Nijmegen team takes a brief break at Macaulay Point.

day through towns and villages in a cloverleaf fashion. Military marchers are

assessed differently than civilian participants.

"We have the dress police who are checking our dress, making sure we are marching properly and that our packs are not underweight," says CPO2 Koblun, a march veteran who has been involved with the MARPAC Team for seven years and has done the march twice. "March officials do random spot checks and weigh your pack and if it's lighter than 22 pounds your team is disqualified. We put sandbags in them and weigh them to ensure we have the minimum weight."

At night military teams return to a giant camp, built by the Dutch Army just for the event, that accommodates the approximately 6,000 military members from around the world that are involved in the march.

"The teams have staggered start times and at the end of a day we march right into a big beer hall, where all the teams who have returned from the march already are waiting. It's a huge celebration. One Norwegian team carries huge logs on their shoulders with a platform and a throne carrying a person to show they are still very strong. Some will crabwalk on the ground. Our team has a specific song we sing very loudly and stomp our feet so hard we shake the ground," says CPO2 Koblun.

Second in charge of the team is Sgt Kim Arnold, a veteran of Nijmegen since 1998. He's done the march 10 times and this year is his 13th training year.

Those who stay on the team until June 13 will have

This year marks the 95th Four Day Nijmegen Marches taking place July 19-22. In the early 20th century, sergeants from the 6th Infantry Regiment in Breda, Netherlands, founded a soccer club and an eventual Field Army Sports Day. With a strive for better overall physical education being promoted throughout the country, an idea to have a four day march to the games in Breda was suggested in 1907. The **Dutch Physical Education** Association designed 15 routes for the first Four Day marches in 1909.

marched between 900 and 1,150 kilometres, but that alone won't qualify them to go. They must be selected by CPO2 Koblun and Sgt Arnold based on their ability to help their teammates. "Even though they are

competing against each other there is camaraderie involved. This is the most important aspect we base the selection on. Each marcher has to be able to assist their fellow team members both mentally and physically. When we come into a rest stop to get water or bandage up our feet, everyone supports each other. We also sing as we march," said CPO2 Koblun. "The last year MARPAC participated in the marches (2008) we were presented with the prestigious Woodhouse award for the team who exhibited the highest esprit de corps. It's for teamwork and overall fitness as selected by the Canadian contingent command."

On June 13, after back-toback 40 kilometre marches, the team leaders will make their selection of nine marchers and four spares.

Across the Canadian Forces 15 teams of 11 people are sent each year to Nijmegen.





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## Source Code solid sci-fi and mainstream thriller

### W. Andrew Powell The GATE

## Source Code

Directed by Duncan Jones, who previously worked his magic in the film Moon, Source Code is a dramatic thriller that stars Jake Gyllenhaal as Captain Colter Stevens, a decorated soldier assigned to work on a top-level government experiment. What bothers Colter is that he doesn't remember how he got into the experiment in the first place.

Colter's latest mission is to work in the "Source Code" program that lets him relive the last eight minutes of another person's life to help solve the question of who set off an explosive on a commuter train. If Colter can solve that question, there is hope the answer could avert an even larger target as someone threatens the city of Chicago with a second more terrifying explosion.

Reliving the last eight minutes of one man's life over and over again, Colter hunts for answers, but at the same time he discovers a woman named Christina, played by Michelle Monaghan, who may end up causing the soldier to divert from his mission.

Co-starring Vera Farmiga and Jeffrey Wright, Source Code has a solid sci-fi premise that is wrapped up like a mainstream thriller. As directed by Jones, who has a natural talent with far out concepts, the film looks like a hit, but it is getting a little negativity in terms of the overall transparency of the story and the lack of a strong concept. The film was written by Ben Ripley, who doesn't have a lot on his resume, aside from the direct-to-DVD Species III, but there is still a lot of good press out there for Source Code.

Hop may have been written by two of the



Jake Gyllenhaal stars alongside Michelle Monaghan in "Source Code.

guys involved with writing the screenplay for Despicable Me, but based on the reviews it has a lot more in common with the director's previous work, Alvin and the Chipmunks.

James Marsden stars as Fred O'Hare, a jobless wonder living in Hollywood who stumbles on the son of the Easter Bunny, cleverly named E.B. and voiced by Russell Brand. While Fred is a slacker, E.B. has actually shirked his duties as the next Easter Bunny and has wandered off to Hollywood to become a drummer, but when he meets Fred he convinces the man to take him in.

At the same time, on Easter Island, a fluffy chick is trying to take over the job of Easter Bunny, and without E.B. there to stop him, the little yellow fiend may just succeed. It will be up to Fred and E.B. to make sure he doesn't ruin Easter for good.

### Insidious

In this horror film from director James Wan, the man behind the original Saw movie, a family with a young son discover that their brand new house may not be the perfect home after all as their child falls into a sudden, unexplained coma.

As terror breaks out around the child, the family discovers that his mind has been trapped in the otherworldly realm called The Further, and if they don't figure out how to bring their child back, his mind will be stuck there forever.

Working with doctors, no one is able to figure out why their son went into a coma in the first place, and they can't revive him either. It's only through a psychic, played by Barbara Hershey, that they begin to find answers as spirits continue to haunt them wherever they go

# Take on the Health & Wellness Challenge

It is with regret that I have to miss the launch of the monthlong MARPAC 2011 Health & Wellness Challenge due to work commitments that will take me out of the local area.

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I thoroughly enjoyed the last challenge and I would therefore urge you to register and attend this year's launch that will be taking place at the Naden Athletic Centre at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 2.

Senior Formation staff will be there and it is anticipated that up to 500 people will join them in the festivities. Sandwiches will be provided by Thrifty Foods, so book your spot soonest.

As we prepare to embark on the Health & Wellness Challenge, it is important for me to recognize and thank all of our military members and DND employees in advance for participating.

We are indeed fortunate to have highly trained and educated PSP staff and employees throughout MARPAC that care about their health and wellness, so please tap into the resource and use it to continue improving your quality

of life. For as we already know, a healthy and well work force in turn affects work place and operational capability in a positive and constructive manner.

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All of you will be laying the framework and groundwork for what will be soon become a national challenge event.

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to provide programs that contribute positively to your well-being.

I would like to thank our sponsors, Thrifty Foods and Aura Fitness for the food and beverage and the prizes respectively. Your continued support helps in the delivery of our morale and welfare programming for the Formation and CFB Esquimalt.

Furthermore, I would like to take the time to thank both the participants of the challenge and my staff for taking the lead on this most worthwhile challenge.

Dave Molinari, PSP Manager



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## Earth lovers unite, march and educate

### Ben Green Staff writer

On Saturday, April 16, the Earth Walk Committee and Victoria InternationalDevelopmentEducation Association are hosting their annual Earth Walk & Environmental Fair in downtown Victoria.

The cast of colourful characters will parade to the beat of Samba du Soleil as they dance from the Legislature, up Government Street, finishing at Centennial Square.

Originally founded in 1981 as the Peace Walk, the event still tries to bring the message of peace and social justice to the forefront of the community.

"I would say we can expect about 2,000 people; we have achieved crowds of this size for the last several years," says Steve Filipovic, a 10-year member of the Earth Walk organizing committee. "In the 1990s the crowds were estimated to be around 18,000 as attendance peaked over the nuclear disarmament movement."

As the procession winds their way to Centennial Square, three guest speakers will address the crowd highlighting the walk's most important issues.

"The walk tries to have a speaker on peace, environment and social justice," says Filipovic. "This year we have Cindy Sheehan to address peace issues, Zoe Blunt to talk about environmental issues, and Rose Henry to speak on social justice issues."

Cindy Sheehan, the headline speaker and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, is an American anti-war activist whose son was killed during his service in Iraq in 2004. She attracted widespread media attention when she set up a makeshift tent in a ditch outside President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, to protest the war. What came to be known as "Camp Casey", named after her son, it stayed in place while Bush was in office.

There will also be live music and various information booths showcas-



Marchers in last year's Earth Walk filled Wharf Street with banners and music.

ing the work and issues of local non-profit organizations.

Filipovic encourages anyone who loves the planet will love this event.

"I would invite everyone to gather up their family and friends and get them all dressed up colourfully and bring them to the Legislature to join in Earth Walk," he says. "It's where people of all walks of life come together to show each other they too care about our world and are willing to act to protect it." Participants are to assemble at the Legislature at noon. The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. and arrive in Centennial Square by 1 p.m.

Earth Walk coincides with the annual Earth Day held every April 22. First celebrated in the U.S. in 1970 by almost 20 million people, it's considered the birth of the environmental movement. Today, over 600 million people worldwide participate in Earth Day by taking part in local events.



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# Tour de Victoria recruiting cyclists and volunteers



Lt(N) Harry Learning, MS Kim Chaisson and LCdr Simon Brown are three cyclists from CFB Esquimalt who are training for the May 28 Tour de Victoria.

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### Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Ryder Hesjedal, the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked professional cyclist in the world, is inviting local riders to join him on May 28 for the Tour de Victoria. The ride will take them on local roads he used to train for his seventh place standing in last year's Tour de France. To support mass partici-

pation, this event caters to all fitness levels with three distances.

Former Olympic rower Silken Laumann will take families out for an hour and a half community ride. For a greater challenge, Olympic triathlete Simon Whitfield will lead a 90 kilometre route, or go the gusto with Hesjedal on a 140 kilometre trek.

"I want to use this event to inspire young and old to discover the joy of cycling," said Hesjedal. "Growing up cycling on the roads and trails of Greater Victoria provided me the skills and solid cycling foundation to achieve seventh in the 2010 Tour de France. I want people to see just how amazing the cycling is here in Victoria."

## I want to use this event to inspire young and old to discover the joy of cycling.

-Ryder Hesjedal Professional Cyclist

Lt(N) Harry Learning, scheduling officer at Venture, the Naval Officer Training Centre, is taking on the 140 km distance with Hesjedal. The sailor has been cycling for close to 20 years and is the past president of the Base Cycling Club, a past member of the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, and the Bike to Work Week representative for Venture.

"This ride is one of four that I'm taking on this year. I'm also doing the Nanaimo Cycling Victoria to Challenge, the Hurricane Ridge Hill Climb and the GranFondo Whistle ride. When I heard about this ride I thought it was great to see a local event of this length being planned for the Victoria area. I wanted to challenge myself in an event that I would have time to train for, and this ride offers challenges for every level of cyclist out there," he said.

So far 900 riders have signed up for one of the three distances.

The Tour de Victoria is part of the Victoria International Cycling Festival, a registered non-profit society. This three-week long celebration of cycling showcases the diverse cycling community in Victoria and supports several charities including the Power to Be Adventurous Therapy.

Registration is \$20 for the community ride, \$25 per family, or \$175 for the 90 and 140 kilometre distances. A special VIP package is available that allows riders to ride the first 10k with Ryder as he meets every member of that special group. Afterwards he will cycle amongst the remaining riders of the Tour.

The event is looking for volunteers for course control, security, transportation and communication.

One hundred road marshals are needed and those interested will receive training and a certificate good for three years.

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## Massive marine garage sale fundraiser

The Maritime Museum of B.C., in partnership with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, will hold its 8th Annual Massive Marine Outdoor Garage Sale April 30.

The event will take place at the warehouse building on Pier A at Ogden Point terminal from 9 a.m. to l p.m.

Whether you are a buyer or have something to sell, this sale is a "must do" event. Vendors can sell all kinds of outdoor and marine related gear as sale items. Everything from fishing gear to boats, sails to motors, and everything in between.

People can also enter a bid for a stunning 9.5-foot hand-crafted dinghy with oars. This beauty is currently on display at the Maritime Museum of B.C. The winning bid will be named at the garage sale. All proceeds from this auction go directly to the Museum to assist with their programming and to aid in the preservation of nautical history.

Costs are:

• Entrance fee for buyers: \$5 (children under 12 are free)

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Settle in for a tale of the RIB, now the most seaworthy of rescue boats, as told by the man who witnessed its birth as a student project.

RIBs are used today by life-saving crews around the world, but their roots are right here, on the shores of Pedder Bay at Pearson College. Well, almost.

The first RIB was constructed by students at United World College of the Atlantic in Wales. Pearson's sister college, in the mid 1960s, using plywood glued to the frame of a dinghy-type rescue boat.

In 1974 (and several prototypes later), drawings and materials for two RIBs were sent to Pearson College, then in its inaugural year. That summer the College loaned one of the boats to the Canadian Coast Guard.

It was fast, solid, economical, and took off as a rescue boat around the world.

Today, RIBs are widely used as rescue, whalewatching and dive boats. David Sutcliffe, a found-

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ing member of United World College of the Atlantic and its headmaster from 1969 to 1982, witnessed the origins of the vessel and has written a book, The RIB: the Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Lifeboat and its Place of Birth - the Atlantic College.

Pearson College is bringing Sutcliffe to the Maritime Museum of B.C. on Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., where he will take us on a worthy seafaring voyage to the origins of the RIB. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: mdieno@mmbc.bc.ca.

### **Big Bike ride**

As you may be aware, the Heart & Stroke Foundation hosts a Big Bike ride event every June (stroke month).

The bike is powered by 29 people. This is an extremely fun event. and the base is currently recruiting CFB Esquimalt teams to take part. CFB Esquimalt's Big Bike ride day will be June 2.

Here are the basic details: • Each team needs 29 cyclists (min of 20)

• The route Government St, Pandora St, and Wharf St, starting and finishing in front of the Parliament

• The ride takes about 20 minute, with a new team taking off every 30 minutes • The event usually runs from approximately 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (although time slots will be confirmed upon registration of teams) • The ride can be a team building experience or perhaps a unit challenge

• Teams are encouraged to create costumes, wear uniforms, and develop themes

• Music, horns and noisemakers are welcome and will help to draw attention throughout the downtown core

& • Heart Stroke Foundation provides small awards/photos/media exposure

The minimum fundraising amount per person is \$50 - fundraising assistance is available online and made very easy with an email system set up for riders to email friends for pledges and send thank you emails as well

Tax receipts are available. One more fun thing about the Big Bike is the "easy seat." There is one seat on the bike that is extra comfortable and doesn't have any pedals. The easy seat could be for the highest fundraiser on the team, or you can assign it in any fun way you can think of.

Let's show off our CFB Esquimalt team spirit and round up as many teams as we can.

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## Naval passion and a pursuit of the past

## Ben Green Staff writer

For Dr. Barry Gough, a yearning for the open waters combined with a continuous itch to uncover the past has led to fulfillment both professionally and personally.

The Victoria naval historian has spent over 40 years teaching and writing about history, the seas, and the history of the seas; an infatuation he dates back to his early childhood.

"The seas have always been a passion for me," says Gough. "As a young boy, to have all the channels and waterways [in and around Vancouver Island], it was a dream."

Gough turned his passion into a profession becoming a professor of naval history at various educational institutions across the country. This included Wilfrid Laurier University where he spent 33 years and teaching assignments in War Studies as adjunct professor of history at Royal Military College.

Currently he is teaching the Technology and Warfare course at CFB Esquimalt's Venture Officer Professional Military Education (OPME).

Gough's current position sees him teaching young officers, chiefs, and petty officers past and current naval state of affairs to try and predict technology developments, doctrine, strategy, and conflicts in the future.

"For me the fun as a historian is trying to point the way where we're going," he says. "The whole process is engaging with the past. When you put the complexities of the past together, you really get to see where we're going."

From a personal standpoint, Gough's passion has led to 17 novels ranging in topics from rela-

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Dr. Barry Gough

tions of the navy with coastal First Nations, to trade, discovery, and exploration in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. His first book, "The Royal Navy and the Northwest Coast", examined the development of Esquimalt as a naval base and Canada's naval transition from under imperial Britain's shadow.

Exactly four decades on, his latest history book, "Historical Dreadnoughts", has just been published. After 15 years in the making it focuses on the feud and different interpretations of civil military relations between British naval historian Stephen Roskill and American academic Arthur Marder during the Second World War.

With free time now at a premium, Gough is once again putting pento-paper on "Titans at the Admiralty"; a chronicle of the turbulent relationship between Winston Churchill and Adm Jacky Fisher during the Dardanelles campaign.

Gough considers himself lucky. He's not only working in the field he loves but has also received personal success from it as well. For now, he's setting his sails in pursuit of his next nautical adventure, but it's not so much what's lies ahead that concerns Gough so much as what he can uncover from the past.





Ben Green Staff writer

The Artificial Reef Society of B.C. (ARSBC) has been given the green light to sink the former HMCS Annapolis in the coming months.

Commissioned in 1964, Annapolis was a 371-foot destroyer and was considered one of the most capable anti-submarine vessels in the world. Built and serving out of Halifax, it arrived in Esquimalt in 1989. It was decommissioned in 1996 after 32 years of service and over 750,000 nautical miles covered (1,389,000 km).

The B.C. Ministry of Environment, Parks Branch, has accepted the ship as part of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It's been a long road trying to sink the destroyer, with delays putting the project in limbo the past year and a half.

"It has been our plan for some time to place the ship in the marine park, but last summer there was some confusion over the legal framework on how this would be done, which has now been sorted out," says Howard Robins, President of ARSBC.

The exact resting spot for Annapolis will be Halkett Bay Marine Park near Gambier Island. Robins says the project will bring back an abundance of marine life that has been lacking in the area for decades.

"We are delighted to be able to restore Halkett Bay because the bottom where the ship will be placed has suffered from decades of log booming, and the resulting bark detritus has severely impactWe are delighted to be able to restore Halkett Bay because the bottom where the ship will be placed has suffered from decades of log booming.

-Howard Robins President, ARSBC

ed marine life on the sea floor," he says.

Since it's creation in 1989, ARSBC has sunk seven vessels and one Boeing 737 airplane in provincial waters. Based on these previous projects, within three years approximately 100 marine species will be seen in and around Annapolis, such as rock fish, shrimp, ling cod, scallops, wolf eels, octopi, crabs, and anemones.

ARSBC has been preparing the ship ever since they bid on and won the vessel back in April 2008. Already demilitarized of all its weapons, petroleum products, hazardous materials, and any serviceable equipment, the ship has undergone another 12,000 hours of work by over 1,000 volunteers to make sure it satisfies Environment Canada, Fisheries and Ocean, and Transport Canada's regulations. The extra work is to salvage any recyclables, remove any residual hydrocarbons, remove all hatches and doors, and provide vertical and horizontal diver access holes for ambient light penetration.

The ship will be sunk in 100 feet of water (within the ideal range for artificial reefs), although the exact date is still undetermined.

"The exact date for the sinking is dependent on the issuance of the necessary permits," says LCdr (Ret'd) Rick Wall, Volunteer Director ARSBC and Annapolis Project Navy Liaison. The ARSBC plans to use linear shaped charges placed low in the ship below the water line. The rapid but controlled sink is key to ensure the ship remains upright when its comes to rest on the floor. Robins believes the marine park will be enjoyed by all British Columbians, especially divers, and not just those who live close by.

The Annapolis Project is a cooperative effort between B.C. Parks, ARSBC, W.R. Marine, and the Squamish Nation.



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# FMF crafts Howitzer parts for army reserves in B.C.

### Shelley Lipke Staff writer

Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) Cape Breton is supplementing its usual naval support role to manufacture parts for the army's updated Howitzer guns.

"FMF has unique manufacturing and engineering skills within DND and with these talents we began doing the AVCON kits for C3 Howitzers," explains service officer Greg Eyre.

Used to secure and stabilize the guns to the platform they sit on, AVCON kits allow the Howitzer to be manoeuvred quickly at any of the 18 different firing positions.

"They ensure the gun doesn't recoil and injure the operators. They give the gun a stable platform from which to fire. Without them it would be like firing a shotgun on a pair of skates," says Evre.

In Rogers Pass, army reservists have been manning and operating the guns for more than 100 years helping Parks Canada keep traffic safe from falling avalanches in the winter.

Last year when the new guns were launched, FMF began designing the kits they are now manufacturing. "We started researching to find a way to mount these kits. We had no drawings and nobody really knew how this work was done on the original guns as each one seemed to be fitted differently. We tried to come up with a universal form of mounting that needed no modifications, or props. They had to be easily fitted to the guns within a few hours," he said.



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Eric Appleton, a machinist at Fleet Maintainance Facility (FMF) Cape Breton, works on a mill turn to finish a wheel that will be installed on a Howitzer gun for use by Army Reservists in Rogers Pass. Last year, FMF was tasked to work on a variety of parts for the guns.

Very few facilities have engineering embedded within the production facility, which makes us unique in doing prototype work.

-Greg Eyre FMF Service Officer

Looking at the original design, engineers began brainstorming with several key points in mind.

"They had to be installed without any special tools, equipment or calibration," says Eyre.

The Howitzer is a 9,000 pound artillery piece that needs to fire 700 or more rounds per season. The kits also had to be rugged enough to withstand winter conditions with snow and ice, and not freeze up.

"Very few facilities have engineering embedded within the production facility, which makes us unique in doing prototype work. We used a combination of off-the-shelf readily available hydraulic components so they can easily get spares without any requirements," said Eyre.

The AVCON kits are fitted over a frame and to the undercarriage to support its weight, and it also mounts onto the trails of the weapon to ensure stability when firing.

The initial prototype has been produced by Weapons Shop 162 and was tested this winter in Rogers Pass.

"In the field it works great," said Eyre. "There are

several modifications we will be making to make the process even easier for the operators."

The new system is much faster with a double acting pump. Power goes up and down the cylinder, it's less prone to freezing and if the operators had to move the gun in a hurry due to an avalanche coming down, they can move it and get out of the way. The old guns were spring designed and were prone to freezing. Operators had trouble with avalanches covering the guns in the past.

FMF will make a total of five kits with a delivery date of next October. Four will be deployed on C3 Howitzers and one will be a spare. Each unit will take about 800 hours to build at FMF.

FMF's involvement with the Howitzer goes beyond the AVCON kits as it also handles the recoil and wheel carriage assemblies the guns sit on.

"Our foundry casts the wheels and the machine shop finishes them up. Dockyard labs played a big part in this three-year project to make enough wheel hubs for the entire fleet. FMF really has unique capabilities not available elsewhere," said Eyre.

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## Casualty care: a sailor's triage skills tested in Afghanistan

### **Darlene Blakeley** CMS Public Affairs

It was baptism by fire for a young naval communicator working at a forward operating base (FOB) in Afghanistan.

On May 12, 2009, after just one month in-theatre, LS Kimberly MacLean (née Peterson) found herself in a situation she could never have anticipated when she joined the navy just a few years earlier. Nevertheless, her decisive and selfless actions that day, a long way from her usual seabased duties, led to the CDS Commendation announced recently.

LS MacLean served in Afghanistan from April to November 2009, working with a Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) team as an information management clerk. Her broad spectrum of duties involved everything from data entry, to meeting with Afghans and gathering information about them. On that day in May, an incident occurred that would test the basic tactical combat casualty care skills she had learned on a two-week course prior to deploying.

LS MacLean was at work in a FOB when word came that a civilian bus loaded with Afghan civilians had run the gauntlet



Lt(N) Jon Monaghan LS Kimberly MacLean shakes hands with an Afghan child while on patrol in Afghanistan.

of an ambush nearby and rolled over. Other Afghans, witnessing the scene, began pulling people from the bus, loading them into vehicles and taking them to the FOB, where they knew there was a small hospital with expert medical care available. Afghan police contacted the base, and LS MacLean and two others had five minutes notice before carloads of casualties began to arrive.

"We had to pull casualties from out of the cars and triage them," LS MacLean says. "It was very intense. We put the dead aside, and some of the Afghan army acted as stretcher bearers as we tried to get the injured into the hospital, which is enclosed inside the FOB."

Working with interpreters, LS MacLean immediately took charge of the situation, triaging over 20 casualties and staying with them until they received medical care. Many of them were seriously wounded. It was very intense. We put the dead aside, and some of the Afghan army acted as stretcher bearers as we tried to get the injured into the hospital.

-LS Kimberly MacLean

"You don't think about it, you just do it," she says. "If I thought about it, it would be overwhelming. So you just keep going."

The triage process was completed in about 20 minutes, but it was over three hours before the casualties were treated and then medevaced by three US Blackhawk helicopters to either Afghan hospitals or Kandahar Air Field. By the time it was over LS MacLean was exhausted, having endured temperatures up to 45 degrees celcius and hours covered in blood during the emotionally draining experience.

"When it was over I could not get the blood from my arms in the small field sink," she remembers. "I had to get one of the guys to pour bottles of water over my arms to get them clean." Overall, LS MacLean said everything went smoothly and that she was impressed by the calm attitude of everyone involved.

"They just got on with it," she recalls.

And while it was a bit difficult to put it all behind her, she says the ability to speak to her thenfiancée (they married in May 2010), deployed to Afghanistan at the same time, via secure phone as her "saving grace."

In March she received a phone call from the Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic, Rear-Admiral David Gardam, telling her she would be receiving a CDS Commendation for her efforts.

"My first thought was 'why is the admiral calling me, did he have a wrong number?'," she laughs. "I was shocked and overwhelmed. It's nice to have recognition for the things you've done."

RAdm Gardam is quick to point out that LS MacLean is a fine example of the outstanding people serving in today's navy.

"It's great to see that she has been acknowledged in this way for her actions in the high-stress environment of the Afghanistan mission," he says.

LS MacLean, currently an instructor at the CF Naval Operations School in Halifax, will be promoted and posted to a ship this summer.





HMCS Saskatoon sailors welcomed 100.3 the Q radio station personalities Chris Loran and Ryan Awram on to their ship on March 11 for the Q Rockline on the Road lunch.

## **Saskatoon hits the airwaves**

## LS Brandon Bourne Contributor

HMCS Saskatoon was extremely pleased to host 100.3 the Q's Rockline on the Road recently.

Chris Loran and Ryan Awram from the local radio station broadcast from the bridge Friday, March 11, from noon until 1 p.m., bringing Subway sandwiches and refreshments for the ship's company.

Rockline on the Road is a promotional visit run by 100.3 the Q, and consists of a live broadcast of music requests along with a glimpse into the work environment and culture within an organization or business.

Awram and Loran who represented the radio station started their day

by meeting the Captain, LCdr Patrick Montgomery, after which they had a tour of the ship. When it came time for lunch or as we call it in the navy, "dinner", the two had learned a little more than they expected.

By the end of their morning on ship, they and their listeners knew what it meant to muster, learned about the boatswain's call and also had the opportunity to learn a little about what some of the people in specific trades in the navy do.

As the ship's company mingled on the bridge, enjoying the food and refreshments that the radio station provided, they were able to listen to their requests played across the Greater Victoria area. As this was a live

radio broadcast, most of the ship's company were understandably nervous before it was time to go on air, but all wore smiles when some of their favourite songs were broadcasted ship-wide.

"It's really nice that we were able to get outside of the norm with this one; we are usually in an office for Rockline on the Road. We have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to support men and women in uniform through different events such as the Naval Centennial Fleet Review and Snowbird's Air Displays - rarely do we get to do broadcasts on a base or on a naval vessel. It is a great opportunity for us to put a face to the navy within the local area," Loran said as they were departing CFB Esquimalt.



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## Well done **HMCS** Regina

On April 1, the crew of HMCS Regina honoured three of its members.

Left: Lt(N) Mike Butler (left) and Cdr Doug MacKeen (right) promoted CPO1 Janet Graham-Smith.

Top right: LS Michele Schnob accepts her new shoulder slip-ons to words of congratulations from her husband and child.

Bottom right: MS Anneliese Becht receives her Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years in the service from Cdr Arthur Wamback, HMCS Regina's Commanding Officer.

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## Devotion to sailing recognized

### **Capt Amélie Leduc** Cadet Public Affairs Officer

Lt(N) Tracy Terry, from Regional Cadet Support Unit – Pacific, received the Woman in Sports Award on Sunday April 3 at the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence.

This is her second award in just over a month for her dedication and efforts with the Canadian youth and sailing. She was also awarded the Bobbie Steen Excellence Award for her leadership and contribution to the recreation and sport communities. She was nominated by Tine Moberg-Parker, Executive Director of B.C. Sailing.

The woman in Sports Award - Sport Builder is given to an individual who promotes and builds a sport in their community. Lt(N) Terry was nominated by one of her colleagues, Lt(N) Jean Cyr, and chosen amongst many other candidates.



Jeff Slater, SNAP Victoria Lt(N) Tracy Terry accepts the Sport Builder Award from Jason Scriven of the Times Colonist.









**Above:** CPO2 Eric Meredith, (centre) of Base Foods, receives his Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Doug MacKeen (left), Base Administration Officer, and Lt(N) Lynda Hinch, Base Foods Officer.

*Left:* SLt Ramaniah is promoted by Cdr Bolduc, Commanding Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, and LCdr Golden from Base Logistics.



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# Local sailor part of special envoy

### **Ben Green** Staff writer

The windswept fields of Northern France were quite the change of scenery for Esquimalt-based LS Katerina Stewart as she represented the Canadian Forces in funerals almost a century in the making.

It was last month that the boatswain from Calgary HMCS was selected to fly overseas to be part of the Honour Guard for two First World War soldiers being laid to rest.

"There was an email asking for the four Sailors of the Quarters from last year [she was awarded the second Sailor of the Quarter for 2010]," says LS Stewart. "From there I was selected to go [along with AB Humphrey of HMCS Algonquin]."

It was the first time visiting one of the world's most historic battlegrounds for the New Aivansh native, who grew up about an hour outside Terrace, B.C. The weeklong trip saw her and the 11 other Honour Guard personnel (three navy, four air force, and five army) attend two separate funerals.

The first, on March 15, saw the ceremony of Pte Thomas Lawless at La Chaudière Military Cemetery in Vimy, France. Pte Lawless was killed in action on June 9, 1917, but his remains were not discovered until 2003. It took another eight years to uncover his identity, but in January a series of tests finally proved it was indeed Pte Lawless.

He was given a full military burial signalled with the three volley salute by LS Stewart and the rest of the Honour Guard.

The second funeral, two days later, was for an unknown Canadian soldier from the First World War. The ceremony took place at Pozières British Cemetery in Somme, France. Here, the Honour Guard stood at silent vigil since no relatives of the soldier were in attendance. A volley is often by request of the family.

While the trip was a reflective seven days for LS Stewart, it's an experience she's not soon to forget.

"I felt really honoured to participate in this tasking," she says. "Just learning about the First World War was really interesting.'

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Above: LS Katerina Stewart.

Below: A religious service was conducted at Saint-Martin de Vimy church in France for Pte Thomas Lawless, a Canadian First World War soldier whose remains were recovered and identified on January 10.





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# The value of student hiring

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Most of us are used to walking past the great warships and beautiful beach views the base provides, but with the brighter days and warmer weather ahead comes a batch of fresh faces: students joining MARPAC as their school year comes to an end.

Hiring through Co-op and the Federal Student Experience Work Program (FSWEP) provides valuable work experience for students, but managers who have hired them find it a win-win situation.

"The Co-op program gives me access to bright, articulate, motivated students who bring energy and fresh perspective to bear on their analytical work," says Dr. Boutilier, Asia Pacific Advisor to the Admiral. He also emphasizes that Co-op

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their mandate." Many of the current and previous Co-ops agree to an unclear opinion of the Canadian Forces prior to their work term. Mallory Palliyaguru is a Co-op student with MARPAC Public Affairs. "Before, the DND was an ominous force I heard mentioned [but] I wasn't really sure what it was or why it was so important. After this wonderful opportunity...I have learned how essential the Canadian Military is to Canada."

An eye-opening experience was a recent HMCS Ottawa day sail during refit training exercises. The students saw a day in the life of a sailor - from the messes and living quarters to the engine room, bridge, and Master Control Room. Most importantly, they got to see the human side of the crew.

"It was fun seeing them joke around like long-time friends...they were some of the nicest people you could meet. You can tell they're hard-working folk who are passionate about what they do," said one participant.

Gaining a clearer sense of DND and the CF isn't the only benefit to students on a Co-op term at MARPAC. They get first-hand experience working in their field of study, including human resources, mechanical engineering, environmental technology, and policy analysis. It's a perfect opportunity to broaden their professional network and see what a career in the public service looks like. "Given the impending retirements in the next few years, student employment is key to MARPAC's long term workforce renewal strategy," says Margot Cutcher, Formation HR Business Manager. "Managers can bridge students who have worked with the federal government through a Co-op program or the FSWEP into entry level positions. The student is eligible for bridging up to two years after they graduate if they meet the essential qualifications."

It shouldn't be too hard to convince the current Co-ops to work for DND again.

"I would be ready at a moments notice to jump back on the band wagon," says Mallory. "Somewhat like the slogan: 'Ready, Aye, Ready!"

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opportunities at DND are tremendous, as "it educates them not only about our particular field...but about the Canadian Forces in general. [This] is important, because many students harbour misperceptions about the Canadian Forces and ESTSHORE U-LOCK MINI STORAGE