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Left: Chelsea Henry, seven, takes a turn sitting in the Commanding Officer's chair as Sgt Ken Munro slips a ship's ball cap onto her head.

Below: Grade One and Two students from LAUWELNEW **Tribal** School in Brentwood Bay watch as Cpl Josh Knipe suits up in fire fighter bunker gear.

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HMCS Vancouver opens brow to youth

Penny Rogers Staff writer

When asked to lead a school tour of HMCS Vancouver on Monday, June 13, Sergeant Ken Munro, the ship's senior firefighter, saw an opportunity to do two things.

First, support this year's Aboriginal National Awareness Day, albeit a few days early, and second, do a bit of fire prevention and education along the way.

Ten students from Ms. Lisik's first grade class and 14 from Ms. Morris' second grade class at Brentwood LAUWELNEW Bay's Tribal School arrived mid-morning, excited to board a warship for the first time. Typical six- and seven-year-olds, they were all smiles and laughter as they piled out of their yellow school bus, anxious to

get the tour underway. But formalities would need to come first.

Sgt Munro and fellow firefighter, Cpl Josh Knipe, ran the group through a safety brief that included sounding the general alarm and having crew member OS Diane Gusevski demonstrate the piping of the still. When Sgt Munro asked the group why the tiny instrument was called a still, one young student proudly yelled out, "Because you need to be still if you hear it."

With the rules and regulations out of the way, the firefighters led the curious group into the bowels of before heading up to the bridge where they had a chance to take temporary command while sitting in Commanding Officer's and Executive Officer's chairs.

On their way to lunch they got a glimpse of HMCS Victoria, the submarine that was tied up adiacent to HMCS Vancouver. then made a quick stop on the fo'c'sle to learn about the giant anchor chain and the ship's armament.

After a feast of burgers and hot dogs it was back up the ladders to the flight deck where Sgt Munro had a chance to end the tour on an educational note.

He had Cpl Knipe dress



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People Talk

Lookout asked this question:

With most of our cold weather behind us, what are your plans for the upcoming summer months?



I've got a son at hockey camp in August, maybe go and watch him. We'll probably do a drive up to Penticton. We just went to Las Vegas and we're hoping to go to Hawaii at Christmas, so summer isn't going away time.

Kim Bogle



I'm going to Ottawa for my sister-in-law's wedding; hopefully lots of camping

Anne Corkery



I'm going to Seattle for the Canada Day long weekend to shop. I'll maybe get some camping in at Sooke Potholes.

Hannah Neubert



I'm going to Trail in August for the B.C. Senior Games as a darts player.

Rob Long



I'm going to a farm near Peace River with my family then going to the Northwest Territories for a wedding.

Celene Hobson

Super 8 a thriller with a great storyline

W. Andrew Powell

The GATE

Opening at a theatre near you: J.J. Abrams directs the retro-thriller, Super 8; and Jordana Beatty stars in the kid-centric comedy, Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer.

Super 8

J.J. Abrams has made his career based largely on the success of his hit television shows, such as Felicity, Alias, and of course, Lost, but his success as a contemporary film director is quickly overshadowing all of that work, and for good reason.

Abrams' first gig as a film director, Mission: Impossible III, came pretty late in his career, but it's a fantastic example of why the filmmaker has been so successful. He took what was otherwise a flashy action series and gave it new life, stripping the story and the characters down to the core elements that made Mission: Impossible so fun to watch.

The filmmakers third directorial effort, 2009's massive hit, Star Trek, did the same thing for what was essentially an old, tired series, and he did it with an upstart cast of mostly unknown actors.

This weekend, with his third film, Abrams has teamed up with one-and-only producer Steven Spielberg for a movie that not only pays tribute to Spielberg's early days, but also pays homage to creature features of past decades.

Set in 1979, this sci-fi thriller, which was also written and produced by Abrams, has a group of kids trying to make their own Super-8 movie. But when they happen to leave their camera rolling, they capture footage of a train derailment that may be a lot more than it seems.

What we do know is that whatever was in that train, it's now causing strange occurrences in the nearby town where something dark and sinister is hunting the locals.

Taking a page from Spielberg's playbook, and liberally referencing the great director's early films, J.J. Abrams has crafted a film that is a thriller, but as many critics have pointed out, it's also a serious homage to the decades of filmmaking when storytelling was a much larger part of the

Like Abrams' television work, the film deftly mixes action, adventure, special effects, and more than a little heart. Super 8 is also quite obviously guided by Spielberg's

Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer

John Schultz delivers his kid-friendly rendition of Megan McDonald's Judy Moody books for the big screen.

Jordana Beatty stars as Judy, an adventure-seeking kid who has one goal: to have the best summer possible with her brother. Stink, played by Parris Mosteller, and her



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures Left to right: Gabriel Basso plays Martin, Ryan Lee plays Cary, Joel Courtney plays Joe Lamb, and Riley Griffiths plays Charles in Super 8.

fun Aunt Opal, played by Heather Graham. Although author McDonald may have enjoyed a lot of success with her books, it's safe to say critics aren't admiring the film adaptation much at all.

Kirk Honeycutt of the Hollywood Reporter called the film, "A for-smallchildren movie that excludes everyone else." While Claudia Puig of USA Today wrote, "Though the lead actress, newcomer Jordana Beatty, gives a spunky performance as third-grader Judy, her character's borderline bratty charm wears thin fast. Mostly it's undercut by the movie's irritatingly antic slapstick style."







Google and navy key to family reunion

LS Kirsten Arensen Contributor

The craziest thing happened the other day. I received a phone call from a man with a thick Danish accent; he identified himself as Jesper Ipsen.

He was searching for his father, whom he had never met. He asked me if my father's name was Jes Arentoft Nielsen, which was indeed the case. Then he told me that he was my half brother from Denmark, and that he had been searching for his roots for years, and until today, had come up empty handed.

I was blown away. My sister, Janet, and I have known for years that we had a half brother from Denmark, and she had often looked for him but never had any luck, and just like that, out of the blue, he calls me.

The best part though is how he found me. He Googled our father's name.

His name and the fact that he moved to Canada in 1968 was the only information that Jesper had about him. What came up when he Googled was: Canadian Navy HMCS Winnipeg Guest book, and a comment that my father made prior to the ship's deployment in 2009: "Wishes Kirsten Arensen and her shipmates a safe and happy voyage. Love Dad."

Upon reading that, Jesper realized that maybe I was his sister, so he Googled my name. What came up was a whole bunch of stories and stuff about Ironman and triathlon. He found a photo of me on Flickr and had a feeling that he was looking at his sister.

And it just so happens that as the president of the base triathlon club I am listed as the contact person on Triathlon B.C.'s website; so my phone number was right there. He decided to call, and as a result discovered not only a link to his father, but that he had two sisters as well.

What makes this story even more serendipitous though, is that after I got

off the phone with him, I frantically called and texted my sister, demanding that she call me, but just got her voicemail.

She wasn't answering her phone because she was on the phone with our mother, and they were talking about Ipsen. Janet had spent the morning on ancestry.com to see if she could find him again. All she knew was that his name was Jesper, that he was born in 1968 and that he lived in Bornholm, Denmark.

What are the chances that, at the same time my sister was talking about him, he would find me and pick up the telephone? It's unbelievable.

We spent the rest of the afternoon on Facebook and Skype, looking at photos and talking face to face. It's exciting to have finally been united after all these years, and as Jesper said, "Thanks to the Canadian Navy, I found my family."

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Bill C-25 requires the Minister of National Defence to conduct an independent review of the provisions and operation of the Bill every five years, and to table a report of the review in Parliament. The review will only deal with the changes Bill C-25 made to the National Defence Act, not the entire Act. Bill C-25 made important amendments to the Act concerning the military justice system, the Canadian Forces grievance process, and the military police complaints process.

As part of Defence's commitment to fairness and transparency, former Chief Justice LeSage (the "Second Independent Review Authority") will have complete access to Department of National Defence (DND) employees, Canadian Forces (CF) members, the members and staff of the CF Grievance Board, the Military Police Complaints Commission and the Ombudsman for the DND and the CF, as well as to any information held by the DND or the CF relevant to the review.

The Second Independent Review Authority will be visiting selected CF bases across Canada to meet with individuals who have comments about the subjects under review, and to receive feedback on how the changes made by Bill C-25 and Bill C-60 are functioning.

Individuals who have an interest in the military justice system, the CF grievance process or the military police complaints process, and who would like to provide comments to the Second Independent Review Authority, are encouraged to contact him, preferably in writing, by July 4, 2011. Submissions will be made public, although the Second Independent Review Authority may, in his entire discretion, choose to receive certain submissions in confidence.

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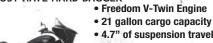
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Fundraising efforts exceed expectations

Penny Rogers

Staff writer

The latest fundraising effort for the CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue over-35 hockey team was another smashing success when they hosted an eightteam slow pitch ball tournament on June 11 and 12.

The team has held various events this year to raise money for their trip to the 2011 World Police and Fire Games being held Aug. 26 to Sept. 5 in New York City.

Although the Victoria Gazoos team walked away with the \$425 grand chop - the amount surprised even

prize after the final ballgame on June 12, it was the hockey team who really came out winners as their hopes of raising \$2,500 over the two-day event was not only met, but exceeded.

"We are very excited about what we've been able to raise so far," said firefighter and hockey team member, Jim Grant. "We didn't think it would take off like it has. The response from people donating money, pitching in like they have, it's just been really, really good."

After the figures were tallied from an earlier fundraising event - a wood

them as the weeklong cutting, splitting and delivering of over 18 cords of wood netted the team close to \$4,000.

According to Grant, the fundraising will help offset the cost of flights and hotels, as the team will be travelling with approximately 20 people, including 14 players, coaches and team managers.

The World Police and Fire Games, currently the second largest multisport event in the world surpassed only by the Summer Olympics, will coincide with the tenth anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

Queen's new award announced, Prince appointed Admiral, Royal visit in June

Lt(N) Hayley **Mooney** Contributor

Whether or not you are a loyal Monarchist who just updated your wedding scrapbook for Will and Katherine, here are three reasons the Royals should be on your radar this month.

First, a new medal has been announced by the Governor General in order to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Oueen Elizabeth II accession to the throne as Queen of Canada, which will take place on Feb. 6, 2012.

The Diamond Jubilee Medal will be given to 60,000 deserving Canadians, both military and civilian, for their contributions to Canada or to a particular province, territory or community, or for their outstanding achievement abroad that has brought great credit to our country. In order to be eligible for the award, candidates must be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, and have been alive on Feb. 6, 2012.

The nomination process for this prestigious award has not yet been announced, so keep your eyes peeled to the official Governor General website (www.gg.ca/diamondjubilee) for further details, and until then perhaps you can think of someone worthy to receive it.

The second piece of royal news, which is of interest to CF and DND members, is the recent appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh as an honorary admiral and general in the Canadian Forces. On Friday, June 10, Prime

Minister Stephen Harper announced the honorary appointment on the occasion of His Royal Highness' 90th birthday.

"I am delighted that His Royal Highness has accepted this honour from Canada in recognition of his significant contribution to our national life," said Prime Minister Harper. "His unwavering support of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and his commitment to the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as to many other fields of endeavour in this country, are worthy of our highest recognition and deepest gratitude.'

The Duke of Edinburgh had an illustrious naval career, serving in active duty on Royal Navy battleships during the Second World War until he eventually retired as a commander when Her Royal Highness Elizabeth II took the throne. He often reflected that his time in the Royal Navy was the best of his life and he has remained associated with many military associations, including Canada where he is currently Colonel-in-Chief of five Canadian Regiments, and holds similar appointments in all three cadet organizations. It is fitting therefore that he is the first to receive an honorary rank at the highest level of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Finally, for those living in or visiting Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario from June 30 – July 8, there is a reason to celebrate. Prince William and Katherine Middleton are making a nine-day visit to those provinces. Details have not yet been released.

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On June 11, the Province of B.C. officially renamed the section of Highway 1 from 152nd exit in Surrey to the Sumas exit in Abbotsford the Highway of Heroes to honour Canadian soldiers who have died in service. The event coincided with the Second Annual Ride for the Fallen, organized by the CAV Ubique Chapter.

Above: Members of the Colour Party lead CAV members as they march to the Chilliwack Cenotaph for a wreath laying ceremony.

Right middle: CAV members work to raise a giant Canadian flag for all the riders to pass under as they leave the PNE in Vancouver to ride the newly named Highway of Heroes.

Right bottom: Barry Drews, Vice President of the CAV Ubique chapter in Chilliwack, presents a Silver Cross Family unit patch to fallen soldier Lt(N) Andrew Nuttall's mother and sister (left) during the ceremony at the Chilliwack Cenotaph.

Ride for the Fallen: Highway of Heroes



Kevin Richmond, a CAV Ubique member, had his \$60,000 Canadian Forces Titan custom chopper on display for the event. The graphics feature scenes from the First and Second World Wars, Korean War and Afghanistan. The gas tank bears the poem "In Flanders Fields.'





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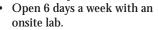




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LCol Paul Fleet (left) receives the Canadian Forces Certificate for 35 years of service from RAdm Nigel Greenwood (right).

Retirement snags another exceptional army officer

Ben Green Staff writer

Seated in two large chairs in the centre of the Wardroom's upper lounge, LCol Paul Fleet and his wife, Shirley, patiently listened as speakers filed to the podium in front of them.

Some used the platform to share hilarious stories from years past, others simply offered a few words of heartfelt thanks; but all praised the man whose 35 years of service is dwindling to an

Come December, LCol Fleet will be LCol (Ret'd) Fleet, or just Paul. As the transition to civilian life ticks ever closer with each passing month, more than 30 friends and colleagues from units across the Forces attended his retirement ceremony to give him a proper send-off.

"I've never met a quieter, more persevering professional than Paul Fleet," says Col Paul Crober, a colleague from their time at Joint Task Force Games at the Vancouver Olympics. "I have no doubt in my mind he'll have an interesting career after this. He's left quite the legacy in the CF."

LCol Fleet, most recently the Assistant Chief of Staff Plans (J5) of Joint Task Force Pacific, has spent his career all over Canada and the world since completing engineer officer training at Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in 1981. His three-and-a-half decades in uniform took him full circle, from Royal Roads Military College in Victoria to various positions in eastern Canada, the American Midwest, the Darfur region

He's a details guy, he doesn't miss a beat. You can't pull the wool over his eyes, no matter how hard we tried.

-Capt Mike Soley

of Sudan, Europe, and now back on the Pacific Coast.

One highlight from a career abundantly filled with memories was LCol Fleet's leadership as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations (J3) for the Vancouver Olympics and Paralympics. His role, coordinating all Canadian military assets to support the games, went off without a hitch.

"He's a details guy, he doesn't miss a beat," says Capt Mike Soley, who worked in the cell LCol Fleet personally operated at the Olympics. "We couldn't pull the wool over his eyes, no matter how hard we tried."

Col Dave Barr, who was Chief of Staff for Joint Task Force Games, echoed Capt Soley's sentiments.

The complexity of the Vancouver Olympics [security] hasn't been matched in the post-911 world," he says. "Its success was directly attributed to Paul Fleet."

As friends and colleagues each took their turn behind the podium, members from the army, navy (RAdm Nigel Greenwood was personally on hand to express his gratitude), and air force all took turns presenting LCol Fleet, and his wife, with numerous certificates, gifts, and mementos to honour his time in the service. He even received a letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper congratulating him on his retirement.

"It makes me feel proud to see everyone here today," a humbled LCol Fleet said as he finally addressed the crowd. "I've enjoyed everywhere I've lived, every posting I've had in the military. Along the way I've had the opportunity to work with great people, I've always had loyal officers and non-commissioned members work with me.'

With his closing remarks he took a moment to thank his wife for her unfaltering support during his career. They plan to continue to reside in Victoria for the near future.

A rousing applause brought ceremony formalities to an end. As LCol Fleet made the rounds of handshakes, embraces, and laughs with old friends, he stole a quick moment to grab an appetizer and gaze out across the sparkling blue Pacific from the Wardroom's perch. His 35 years has taken him across the globe in uniform, but as luck would have it, he's right back where he started.

During his career, LCol Fleet was decorated with the U.S. Meritorious Service Medal, Operational Service Medal (Sudan), Special Service Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration, Army Commander's Commendation, Chief of Defence Staff Commendation.



Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force Ship JS Asagiri arrived at the Burrard Dry Dock pier in North Vancouver last week. The vessel, along with JS Mineyuki and HMCS Winnipeg, were in town for a three-day port visit.

Lt(N) Tony Wright, Contributor

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Japanese training squadron visit

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HMCS Winnipeg had the honour of hosting three ships from the Training Squadron of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force last week. The Squadron, consisting of Japanese Ships Kashima, Asagiri and Mineyuki, is visiting Vancouver as part of its yearly training cruise, a five-month voyage that will eventually take it to 14 ports in six countries, including Halifax, NS.

The Training Squadron provides valuable experience and sea time for the complement of almost 200 newly commissioned officers, as well as her regular crew. The Squadron con-

This visit was a great opportunity to strengthen both professional and personal relationships between ships of the Canadian and Japanese navies.

ducts training exercises and diplomatic activities with navies around the world, introducing their trainees to naval life and fostering international friendship.

Winnipeg met up with the Squadron in the West Coast Firing Area off Vancouver Island. After exchanging liaison officers, the four ships conducted joint gunnery exercises, RAS approaches, communications exercises and a photoex. These exercises were a valuable tool for improving interoperability and friendly relations on both sides. The Japanese were particularly impressed with the Canadian warships' hammerhead remote controlled targets, calling them "valuable training."

The following morning, JS Kashima departed for Seattle for a port visit, while JS Asagiri and Mineyuki proceeded to Vancouver with *Winnipeg*. Following Japanese tradi-

tion, the two ships went to anchor that night in order to prepare the ships for the alongside in North Vancouver. The next day, a busy but rewarding port visit began. Highlights included wreath-laying ceremonies in both Stanley and Victoria parks and friendly softball and floor hockey games.

This visit was an opportunity to strengthen both professional and personal relationships between ships of the Canadian and Japanese navies. Many of the Japanese sailors still had stories of their last visits to Vancouver, some of which were over 15 years ago, and hopefully this visit will also live on in the memories of all who participated.



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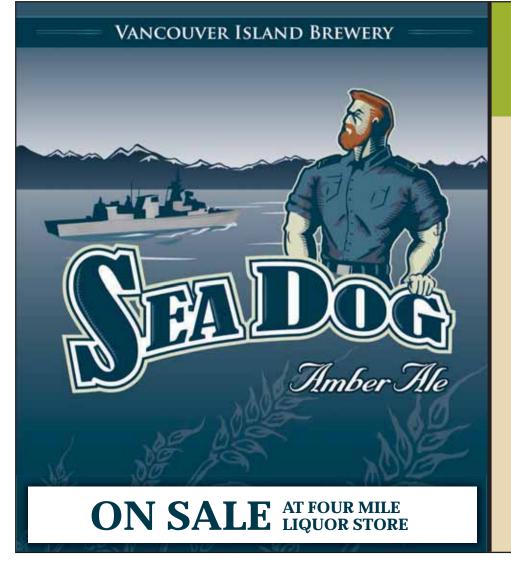
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Training keeps fire fighters in top shape

Ben Green

Staff writer

"Exercise, exercise, exercise, we have a house fire at 316 Anson, building 1163 Work Point; bring ladder one, engine one and Rescue normal road speed, respond now," says Mike Gains, Battalion Chief at CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue, calmly into his radio.

A plume of smoke rises from the door of a house a few metres from him.

A static voice comes over the radio confirming the address and that the engine is on route. A shadowy figure wades through the smoke and emerges on the front porch beside Gains. Tyler Alain, Fire Captain, explains everything is in place as the two men wander down the steps to the street to wait.

Within minutes, three fire trucks turn down Anson Street and make their way to the two men and the smoking three-story building behind them.

The monthly structural drill is one of many the fire department uses to keep the team sharp.

"We have a lot of our senior firefighters leaving in the next few years, or already have left," says Gains as eight firefighters unload gear and unwind the hoses. "We're bringing in new people who are EMR (emergency medical responders) trained, NFPA firefighter level one and two, are very qualified, but

we have to fine tune them to CFB Esquimalt."

Firefighters here face more challenges than a normal fire department because many disciplines are practiced on base including nuclear emergency response, ship board fire fighting and hazardous materials response and high angle/confined space rescue.

Using the former Military Family Resource Centre at Work Point for the first time, it gives them an unfamiliar platform in which to test the firefighters. Because the house may receive heritage status, the fire department was instructed to simulate its drill – no water, no fire.

Instead, three smoke machines have been placed in the basement and main floor of the house; the visibility mirrors that of a real fire, just without the heat.

Gains and Alain strategically placed thermal heat packs in the basement to simulate the "hot spot", or where the fire originated from. They also placed packs on a dummy in the basement to mirror a casualty that needs to be evacuated. Using their thermal imaging cameras, the team should be able to pick up the packs and "extinguish" the source of the fire, as well as track and save the casualty.

As the dry hoses are hooked to a hydrant, the team gathers around Alain who is in control of the accountability board. This board is the lifeline to any firefighting procedure.

"It's a way of organizing resources," says Gains. "If you have to bug out of a building, you know what an individual's task was, their last known location and the status of the incident."

In the Passport System, each firefighter gives Alain a magnetic tag with their name and helmet number. On his board, he positions them into three groups; search one, attack one, or ladder one. Search is tasked with tracking and evacuating casualties, attack hunts the source of the fire, while ladder provides other entry/escape points on higher floor levels. In constant communication with command outside, each group radios their position if they happen to come across what another group is searching for.

Opening the front door, the teams crouch low to the ground for clearer visibility, to check the floors for compromised spots, and to stay cool in the event of heat from the fire. As one team makes their way upstairs to search the bedrooms, the other scans the main floor before heading down to the basement. Minutes later, a voice breaks over the radio. They've discovered the casualty and are evacuating them through the back door to the awaiting Rapid Intervention Team who take the casualty to Triage to await the arrival of BC Ambulance. As two members hand the dummy off outside, they re-enter the building



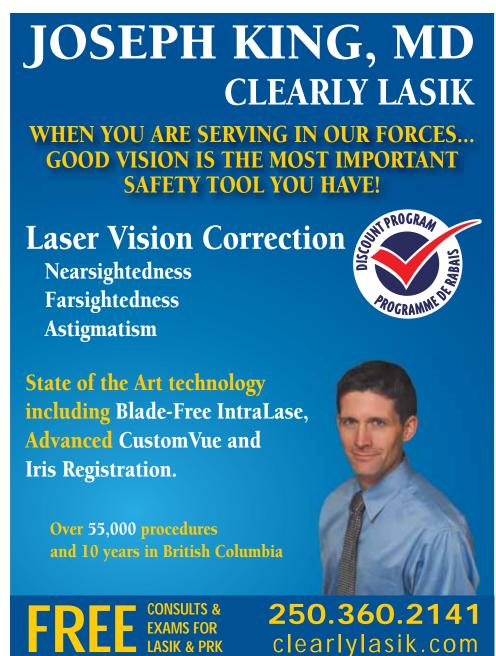
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Firefighters crouch by the front door of a "burning" building as they prepare to make their way inside.

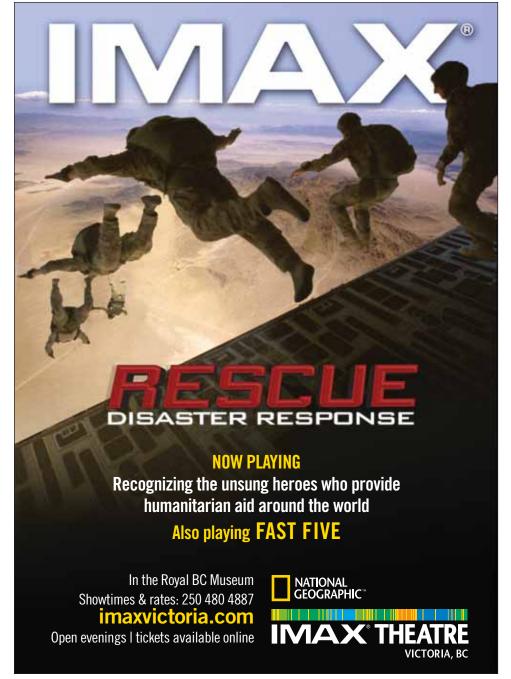
to find the source of the fire. With visibility so low, Gains radios the teams to bug out immediately to practice a quick escape. Seconds later the teams emerge through the smoke onto the front porch tired, sweaty, and successful.

"It went very well," adds Gains

as portable fans are set up to create positive pressure ventilation of the building. "The firefighting teams were methodical in their searches, they reported back to command, and they worked together for the common goal, to safely stabilize the incident."



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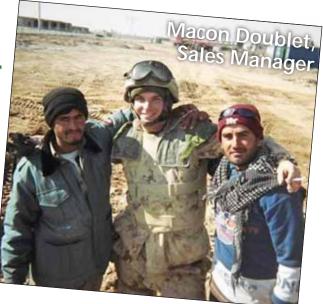








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COMMUNITY NEWS: CLUB RE-IGNITION

Help revitalize the base motorcycle club

Shelley LipkeStaff writer

It's the most requested club on the base, and it needs your help.

The MARPAC Riders are all about safety, education and hosting fun, charitable motorcycle activities in the community.

Last year it shut down when their teaching license was revoked, but the ongoing interest for the club has it being resurrected.

"If you build it, they will come," says Vice President A/SLt Justin Ward. "Personnel Support Programs still receives more calls from personnel interested in this club, than any other club on base. We have 40 members just from word of mouth. If you're looking for an economical and environmentally friendly form of transportation and a positive safe learning environment, this is your club."

The club's President, certified motorcycle instructor MS Richard Beaumont agrees.

"The two hurdles we face right now are: we need instructors, and we need licensing."

Back in 2007, the club was thriving and base personnel were able to write their learner's licence and use 12 Honda 125 training bikes

"People don't want to go out and buy a new bike and risk dropping it. They want to learn on our bikes with an instructor before they buy their own bike," says MS Beaumont. "We were operating under the Vancouver Island Safety Council School, but they revoked our licence because we had a shortage of instructors."

Add to that, ICBC rules and regulations proved overwhelming, and the building the club used to teach mechanical classes and practical theory was no longer available due to operational requirements.

This year they aim to bring these club activities back.

Under instruction from MS Beaumont, and with the aid of a pool of mentors who ride with the new riders, they would help prepare them to pass their ICBC Motorcycle Skills Assessment.

"The goal of the club is to promote safe riding, and teach skills to new and established riders. along with offering a conduit where riders can meet others who share their passion for motorcycles, and can partake in fun social and charitable activities with the club," says A/SLt Ward. The club recently participated in two charity rides benefiting prostate cancer research and raised more than \$1,200.

Anyone interested in joining the club or instructing should contact A/SLt Justin Ward at 250-589-6537.

The two hurdles we face right now are: we need instructors, and we need licensing.

-MS Richard Beaumont Club President



Shelley Lipke, Lookout

PO1 Richard Ford, MS Rheal Arseneault, A/SLt Justin Ward, MS Richard Beaumont, Cpl Yance Sheehan and OS Christopher Martin are trying to revitalize the Base Motorcycle Club.

Requirement for rescuers

■ SAR mission coordinators course

Capt Alexandre Cadieux

19 Wing PAO

It's a scenario that plays out all too often.

The phone rings. The airport in Whitehorse reports that a plane with four people on board departing from Seattle has not arrived as scheduled.

The call triggers questions in the head of the duty mission coordinator: did the pilot file a flight plan? How was the weather along his route? Where was the plane last seen? Did they change their mind about going to Whitehorse? Did it crash?

Those questions need answers and the faster the members at the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre can find them, the faster they can use the resources available to search for the plane, and rescue its passengers if the worst has happened.

For the members of the air force and the Coast Guard deployed to search for people in distress, the mission can be difficult. They have to face inclement weather, often the cause of an incident, search a vast area with limited information, and put their own safety at risk.

Before they start a search, they needed reliable information. It is the role of the SAR (search and rescue) mission coordinator to get that information and oversee the efficient execution of any search within the Canadian area of responsibility.

For three weeks in May, a group of 10 candidates took the SAR Mission Coordinator (SMC) course at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia. They learned the tools needed to move from being an operator to being a coordinator of

search and rescue.

This knowledge will enable them to be employed as air or marine coordinators at three Joint Rescue Coordination Centres (JRCC): Victoria, Trenton and Halifax.

"The course has two goals," said Capt John Harrison, SMC course director. "We aim first at developing in the candidates the inquisitive mind set necessary to solve the multiple puzzles they will face for each mission file they initiate, and secondly to teach them how to use the SAR mission management system (SMMS)."

Each search and rescue scenario consists of tasks the coordinator needs to complete to shed light on the situation he or she is investigating. They need to conduct interviews with those who have useful information, chart routes on the map, and log the data they gather.

"The SMMS allows for great economy of time and enables a standardized approach where all the information is available to every team member," explains Capt Harrison.

Coordinators must have a strong SAR background, as each SAR region responds to an average of 2,500 cases a year. Marine cases make up the majority of the incidents and often involve support from the air force. JRCC will also investigate air incidents and provide support to other organizations in humanitarian cases.

"Just like the personnel coming from the air force side, the Coast Guard members are coming with a lot of experience. They have worked on different vessels and took on leadership responsibilities," said Scot Burgwin, Coast Guard instructor on the SMC course. "There are so many

variables when you are dealing with a marine environment, nothing will ever react the same way twice. You can't teach it, you have to have experienced it."

The Canadian SAR system brings together more than air force and Coast Guard assets. Other government organization such as the RCMP, ambulance services and provincial emergency preparedness, and volunteer organizations such as Ground Search and Rescue Association may be involved in cases coordinated by the JRCC.

Did you know...

Canada's responsibility for aeronautical and maritime SAR extends over 15 million square kilometres of land and sea — an area one-and-a-half times that of Canada's landmass or of continental Europe.

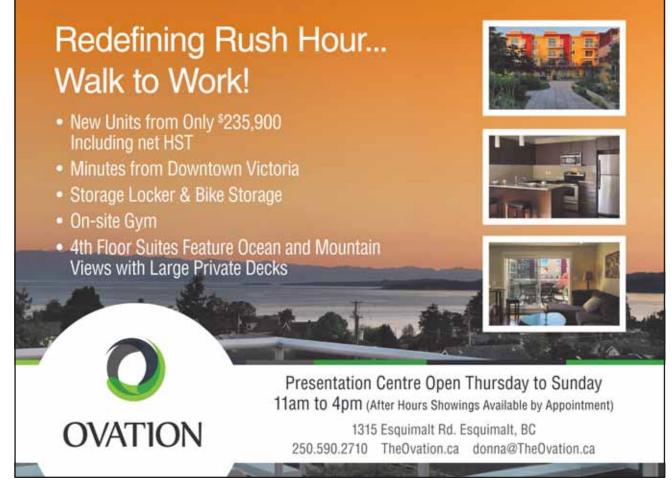
The aeronautical SAR area extends from the U.S. border to the North Pole, and from approximately 600 nautical miles (1,111 km) west of Vancouver Island in the Pacific Ocean to 900 nautical miles (1 667 km) east of Newfoundland in the Atlantic. The maritime SAR mandate includes the oceanic waters within this area, in addition to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes. Ground and other marine SAR are generally provincial or territorial responsibilities.

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On June 10, RAdm Nigel Greenwood, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, presented a number of awards to serving and retired CF members during a ceremony in the Wardroom.

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Col (Ret'd) Crober receives the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation (with pins).



Mr. Ayers receives the MARPAC Bravo Zulu.



LCol (Ret'd) Thornton receives the Canada Commendation (with pins).



LCdr Laplante receives the Canada Command Commendation (with pins).



Maj (Ret'd) McSorley receives the Canada Command Commendation (with pins).



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Command letter of achievement Bravo Zulu. (with coin).



PO2 Rainczak receives the Canada Lt(N) Clancy receives the MARPAC



PO1 Conway, CPO2 Gallinger, PO2 Carriere and PO1 Jarrett receive the MARPAC Bravo Zulu from RAdm Greenwood (centre).



Gregory Eyre, Suzie Fortin, Leah Diston, Mike Nyeste, Jason Faubert, Larry Jervais, Tony Den Otter Wai Leung, Peter Herschmiller, Al Hounsome and Steve Meredith receive the MARPAC Bravo Zulu.

Governor General honours Esquimalt personnel

NPAO

David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, presented Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division) to three Victoria residents last week. Retired Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile, Cdr Christopher Hargreaves, and Honorary Capt(N) Cedric Steele appeared before His Excellency in a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Rear-Admiral Pile received the Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division) that recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in an outstandingly professional manner, according to a rare high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the Canadian Forces. The citation for the award reads:

"As Commander of Joint Task Force Games for Operation Podium, the Canadian Forces' mission in support of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, Rear-Admiral Pile led one of the most complex domestic military operations ever conduct-

ed in Canada. He demonstrated exceptional leadership in shaping a co-operative and effective working environment among dozens of partners, including all levels of government and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as their civil and military counterparts in the United States. His ability to facilitate the collaboration and coordination of these entities, while ensuring that strategic and operational goals were understood, respected and met by all, was instrumental to the success of Operation Podium and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces."

Commander Hargreaves and Honorary Capt(N) Steele received the Meritorious Service Medal, which recognizes a military deed or activity performed in a highly professional manner, according to a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces. Their citations read:

"Since his appointment in 2008 as commanding officer of Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt, Commander Hargreaves' inspira-

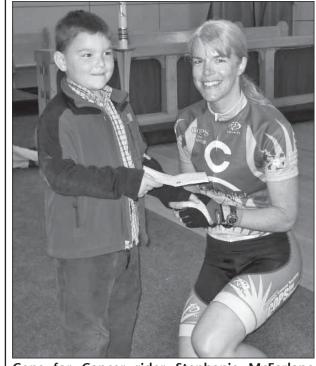
tional leadership, detailed analytical skills, dedication and infectious motivation have been the driving force behind initiatives to improve naval courses. His actions were instrumental in enhancing the sailors' quality of life and reducing time away from home and units. His commitment and professionalism have had a significant impact on the individual training requirements for naval force employment, generation and development."

"In the 13 years since 1997, Honorary Capt(N) Steele's unflagging service to Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, Maritime Forces Pacific and to the Canadian Forces in general, has inspired and connected the Navy with prominent Canadians and various business groups, as well as the local community. Through Capt(N) Steele's extraordinary energy, vision and tireless efforts, the Esquimalt-based Navy has become linked to the identity of Greater Victoria, as further demonstrated by his commitment to create the Naval Centennial Homecoming statue on the Victoria waterfront."





MCpl Dany Veillette, Rideau Hall



Cops for Cancer rider Stephanie McFarlane accepts a cheque from one of the young representatives of St. Peter's Chapel.

Chapel supports Cops for Cancer

OCdt Michael BruceContributor

Tucked away behind John Stubbs School in Belmont Park is St. Peter's Protestant Chapel, a sleepy little church with a big-hearted community.

On Sunday, June 12, the community celebrated the Feast of Pentecost by opening their doors to Cops for Cancer, one of the many charitable organizations they support.

Cops for Cancer are a police bicycling organization that raises funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

While the organist played "A Bicycle Built for Two", the cops rode their bikes right into the sanctuary. Kevin Pearce and Troy Anderson, both aged six, represented the congregation by presening a cheque to Cops for Cancer representative Stephanie McFarlane. Padre Bowditch then gave them a blessing to encourage and strengthen the police in their work.

St Peter's supports three local charities, as well as 12 other missions including Operation Eyesight and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

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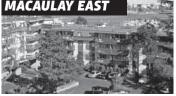




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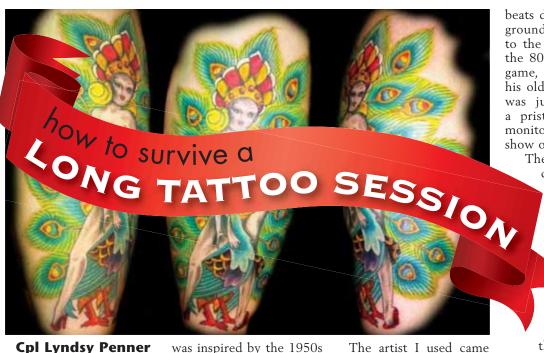
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Getting a large intricate tattoo is an arduous and sometimes painful feat.

When I received an old-school tattoo of a show girl astride a colourful peacock with feathery plumage on my left calf, it took eight hours to complete – an entire work day.

Before I sat upright in the padded dentist chair, I had to prepare mentally and physically for the painful journey of committing ink to skin.

The design I had in mind

was inspired by the 1950s pin up girls – buxom, curvy, and colourful. It became an obsession of sorts to collect images that closely represented what I had in my head, and then take them to a tattoo artist.

I am discerning in my selection of an ink artist. I want someone at the top of their craft familiar with the style I'm wanting. There is a difference between someone skilled in black and black, or portraits, and someone versed in art-deco polychromatic tattoos.

The artist I used came highly recommended. He had 20 years of developing his craft, learning from some of the best tattoo artists in Canada. He also looked that part - a man who has lived full tilt partying hard to Iron Maiden music, interweaving musical inspiration and album covers with his work.

Stepping into his parlour, my eyes were struck by the vibrancy of lacquered candy apple red walls adorned with ghostly demonic album covers hanging next to battle axes and swords. Bass pumping

beats droned in the background, paying homage to the hairspray bands of the 80s. An iconic arcade game, memorabilia from his old stomping grounds, was juxtaposed next to a pristine LCD 32-inch monitor showcasing a slide show of his artwork.

The black and white chequered floor laid an inviting path to his chair; the tools of his trade close by in a tool box.

After lock-

the design, booking the appointment and paying the deposit, I set about getting physically ready. I knew from past tattoos, eating and staying

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hydrated were a must.

I have a super solid tattoo meal plan that has been tested during other tattoos: one foot-long Subway sandwich with veggies and ham, four chocolate chip cookies, two bags of Sun-Crisp chips, and three bottles of orange juice. I eat one half of the foot long and drink one bottle of orange juice 30 minutes before the tattoo sitting.

After I slipped into the

chair, remaining meal plan close by, I hiked up my pant leg and watched him shave and clean the area with rubbing alcohol. Nimbly, he laid the stencil of my tattoo over the dampened skin, gently pressing to ensure its adherence. As he peeled it away, I could see the blue out line of my future tattoo. My heart fluttered with anticipation, and dread.

The snap of latex gloves was followed by a methodical arranging of inks in small plastic ink caps.

Then, like a doctor preparing for surgery, he inserted a clean set of disposable needles into the tattoo gun. A roll of white paper towel, the thick kind, was nearby, used to wipe away blood, ink, and plasma released by the body as the needle penetrates the skin.

No matter how many times I sit down in an artist's chair anticipating another tattoo, it always feels like the first time. It takes a few moments before the buzzing of the needles injecting the polychromatic rainbow into the dermis (second layer) of my skin becomes familiar.

Once the tattoo marathon of pain begins, I plug into my music and breathe

through the worst spots of pain, remembering to take breaks for the bathroom and to snack on food.

When I hit the "wall" of tattoo stigmata and post adrenaline-endorphin high, I draw in a friend's supporting hand. It helps keep my faith solid to the end goal of finishing the tattoo, even when the skin is rubbed raw and the softest caress feels like sand paper.

The pain is soothed momentarily when cold distilled water runs over the skin, intermittently offering seconds of relief.

As the electric needle continues to puncture my skin with ink, the artist at the helm conducting his machine into a symphony of whirring and buzzing, the pain is euphoric and damning.

Through many shed tears and curses let loose like a sailor returning to home port, I survive this session.

Once the tattoo artist washes away the remaining blood and plasma, pats the skin dry with a paper towel, puts a sheen of Vaseline on the inked art and swathes it in a bandage, I take the after-care instructions and head home to a comfortable bed, with a few extra strength Tylenol in tow.









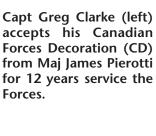
Adrienne MacDougall receives her new rank from CPO1 Gregory (left) and Cdr Doug Mackeen, Base Administration Officer.

LCdr Pasturczyk is promoted by Cdr Bolduc, Commanding Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, and Cdr Irwin, J4 Logistics.

On June 15, JRCC presented awards and recognition to several personnel:



Forces Decoration (CD) from Maj James Pierotti for 12 years service the





Capt Stuart Robertson (left) accepts his CD1 from Maj Pierotti for 22 years of service the Forces.



WO Conrad Cowan (left) accepts his CD1 from Maj Pierotti for 22 years of service in the Forces. He also received a promotion.



MS Jesiah Montgomery (left) is promoted by Maj Pierotti.





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