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 two-month deployment off the  
 coast of Southern California to  
 support HMC Ships *Algonquin*  
 and *Ottawa's* participation  
 with units of the United States  
 Navy in a Task Group Exercise.  
*Protecteur* will join the USS  
 Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike  
 Group (CSG), while *Algonquin*  
 and *Ottawa* join the USS Carl  
 Vinson CSG for a bi-national  
 Task Group Exercise.  
 The three ships will also  
 participate in Fleet Week  
 celebrations in San Diego  
 (Sept. 26-30).

Ben Green, Lookout  
 Commander Royal Canadian Navy, VAdm Paul Maddison (left) speaks with MS Raymond Earl, member of the Guard of Honour, during a parade to welcome the navy commander to CFB Esquimalt on Sept. 15. VAdm Maddison made his first official visit here last week and conducted town halls to discuss the challenges and opportunities that will affect this coast over the next few years.

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John Horton, Contributor  
RAdm Nigel Greenwood, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, lowers the ensign aboard the Steveston Lifeboat, owned by marine artist John Horton, during a sunset reception for the Victoria Classic Boat Festival.

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**Above:** Members from First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA), 5th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) and 15th Field Regiment RCA, fire their C3 Howitzers during the performance of the 1812 Overture in B.C.'s Rogers Pass. The Sept. 10 ceremony celebrated the opening of the Discovery Centre; the 125 anniversary of Glacier and Yoho National Parks; the 100th anniversary of Parks Canada; and 50 years of RCA avalanche control on Operation Palaci. In honour of the anniversaries, Canada Command presented three retired 105-mm Artillery Howitzers to the Discovery Centre. The guns will be displayed in Rogers Pass as monuments and memorials in recognition of a half-century of avalanche control operations to protect the Trans-Canada Highway and the railway through Glacier National Park.

**Inset:** LGen Walter Semianiw, Commander of Canada Command, speaks to the crowd.

Cpl Alex. W. Croskery, MARPAC Imaging Services

# Decommissioned guns still serving Canada

**Dawn Bennett**  
Staff writer

Three retired 105 mm Artillery Howitzers were presented to the Roger's Pass Discovery Centre in Revelstoke on Saturday, Sept. 10. Canada Command donated the decommissioned guns in honour of Park Canada's Centennial, and the 125th anniversary of Glacier and Yoho National Parks.

The guns are also a tribute to the Royal Canadian Artillery, which, in conjunction with Parks Canada avalanche forecasters, has provided avalanche control (known as Operation Palaci) in the volatile Rogers Pass region of B.C. since 1961.

LGen Walter Semianiw, Commander of Canada Command, accompanied by retired Brigadier General Ernest Beno, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, made the presen-

tation. Also in attendance was Kootenay Columbia Member of Parliament, David Wilks, representatives of the First nations and Parks Canada staff.

The Band of the Royal Canadian Artillery performed during and after the ceremony. Their program included a performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture complete with artillery fire.

The Howitzers were decommissioned at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton (FMF CB) in Dockyard in preparation for mounting on a platform in front of the Interpretive Centre at Glacier National Park, and on the lawn in front of Park Headquarters in Banff. A howitzer shell casing will serve as a plaque at both locations.

FMF CB followed the specification outlined in the National Defence "Procedure for Preparing Equipment as Memorial or

Museum Pieces" manual. The entire process took about a week.

"This is the first time I've ever done something like this," said Lloyd Matthews, weapons fitter. "It was a novelty to do this kind of work because it's not something we normally do."

Staff removed the nitrogen from the recoil system, immobilized the moving components, which included the equilibrators springs, and tack welded all the removable pieces. This process is used when rendering 105 mm C1, C2 and L5, 155 mm C1 and 10 pounder equipment non-serviceable.

Larry Jervis, lead hand and boiler maker, came up with the design and did all the fabricating for the stands.

Also working on the project were Rob Harman and Peter Rees, who have done this kind of work before when they decommissioned a gun for the War Museum and the Navy Staff College.



Cpl Alex. W. Croskery, MARPAC Imaging Services

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Band members Sgt Janine Bremault-Bamford, accompanied by WO Marc Beaudin on guitar, sings the Parks Canada Campfire Song.

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## WHAT SAY YOU

# BPSO Bits and Bytes: comfort zone doldrums

**LCdr Kathryn Hodgson**  
BPSO

Do you remember the feeling of nervous anticipation before asking that gorgeous potential mate out on a date, or before you did something totally out of your comfort zone?

Hey wait a minute, maybe the nerves got the better of you and you never did ask that person out, go sky diving, give a speech, ask for a promotion, change your career, or whatever it is that you'd love to do but haven't because you've been gripped by fear.

The comfort zone is exactly that, comfortable and easy, and there's nothing wrong with staying there unless there's more you want to experience, more you want to be, more you want to give.

Everyone is born with huge amounts of potential but society has innocuous ways of limiting that potential by introducing the concept of fear. Fear of failure prevents us from moving out of our comfort zone and I agree that the fear of failure may be well placed in some situations (for example, a failing parachute).

But what's the worst that can happen if you apply for a new career/job and aren't accepted?

What's the worst that can happen if you take a course and you discover that you're not that interested?

Are the consequences so bad they prevent you from even trying?

I think the worst case scenario would be if the fear of failure prevented you from taking action towards a goal or dream, whereas if

you had taken action, your life would look amazingly and wonderfully different.

You get one chance at this life; it really isn't a rehearsal. So if there's something you want to do but aren't doing it, ask yourself what's preventing you from taking action. If it's fear, ask yourself what's the worst that could happen if it didn't work out and then decide if those consequences are so bad that you shouldn't even try.

If it's a career or education goal that you're thinking about, perhaps we at the Base Personnel Service Office can assist you by exploring the opportunities and mapping out a plan to help you get there. We're available for career and education counselling – just give us a call at 250-363-4091.

*Next week: "That's not what they told me at Recruiting!"*

## OBITUARIES

# FMF worker dies in diving accident

Ryan Gustav Thompson of Colwood was killed over the Labour Day weekend after a diving accident in Maggie Falls, near the Tofino-Ucluelet junction.

In the afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 3, three friends found Thompson shortly after he jumped into the falls in Toquart Bay. He had suffered serious injuries and B.C. Ambulance attendants were unable to revive him.

B.C. Coroners Service will further investigate the death, but Tofino RCMP says the area is very rocky.

Thompson leaves behind a long list of friends, family, and loved ones – both in

his personal life as well as his professional life where he was a member of Shop 111 (scalers/cleaners) at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton. Here he had worked on surface ships and Victoria Extended Docking Work Period for the past five years.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, Thompson was laid to rest in a service held at the Colwood Pentecostal Church in Sooke. Instead of flowers at the ceremony, family had mourners give a donation to the Ucluelet Search and Rescue or the Victoria General Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward.

Thompson was 24 years old.

## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, if you're seeking fun in the sun, make the most of the last few days of summer or hop a plane to a tropical paradise. This could be a time for romance.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take some time to relax. Keeping up this momentum is only going to cause burnout down the road. It's time for some well-deserved relaxation.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Make a list of all your expenses and see what you can trim, Gemini. It's time to get your finances in check and knowing what you're working with is a first step.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, after doing the same thing week after week, you are certainly ready for a change. Use this opportunity to try one of your "bucket list" ideas to drum up excitement.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

A change of scenery will do you good, Leo. Take a walk or hop on a bike and enjoy the neighborhood or someplace a little further away. This change of pace is refreshing.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, stress at the office has left you feeling a bit down. But recognize this opportunity to show you're a winning employee to your higher-ups.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, plan a visit to see family members and you'll get those warm and fuzzy feelings only your loved ones can help inspire. If a trip isn't in the cards, do a video chat.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, sometimes you have to step away from the problem to find its solution. Spending all your waking hours obsessing over the problem won't help.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Lay low for a while, Sagittarius. Things are happening around you that can lead to trouble if you become involved. It's safer if you keep a low profile.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, consider hiring some help around the house in the coming weeks. There's a lot on your plate and a few extra helping hands can make it easier to manage what lies ahead.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, friends and family will rely on you to diffuse a stressful situation. When something occurs this week, take your usual calm approach.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Creativity is in bloom for you, Pisces. Make the most of crisp weather on the horizon for a fun day trip somewhere.

# Building 50 ready for demolition

**Dawn Bennett**  
Staff writer

People are asked to be extra cautious when moving through dockyard this month as demolition is starting on building 50 in Dockyard (DY50).

Traffic will be single lane when the building is being deconstructed on its south side. The sidewalk will be closed and pedestrians redirected to the other side of Hospital Road.

DY50 is a three-storey, wood framed building built for office use in 1942 and has no heritage status. There have been various departments in DY50 over the years from Base Civilian Personnel (now in N54) to its latest use by Olympic Games Security staff.

The building has been on the deconstruct list for approximately eight years. It was originally expected to come down in 2008 but was postponed for three years due to Olympic Games Security requirements.

After deconstruction, the remaining hole will be filled with appropriate material and capped with top soil and sod. As part of the shop consolidation project for Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, the road adjacent to DY50 will be realigned and cover a portion of where DY50 now sits. This re-alignment is needed to make it easier for semi-trucks to access the jetties.



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# NEWS Nuggets

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From Sept. 14 to 28 people can vote once every 24 hours. Follow the link below for directions and vote for their video. <http://apps.facebook.com/picnicanywhere/entry/184339?e2bp88>

For more information go to [www.westshorerecreation.ca/playground](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca/playground)

**AIR BATTLE HONoured** On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa hosted the 71st anniversary ceremony for the Battle of Britain. The ceremony recognized the small groups of international fighter pilots who pitted themselves against the much larger Luftwaffe in the skies over Britain from July to October 1940.

**NEVER TOO OLD** OS Debbie Dompierre has become the oldest reservist to graduate from basic training in the Canadian Forces. At 56, the grandmother from Metchosin had been a military spouse for 15 years as her husband, CPO2 (ret'd) Eric Meredith, spent the last of his career at CFB Esquimalt. One of her sons spent five years in the navy, while a stepson is also currently serving as a Leading Seaman. OS Dompierre scored so well on her physical tests at basic training that she is exempt from taking them next year.

**VIRUS WARNING** The Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island is warning residents of fraudulent solicitors offering anti-virus computer software over the phone. The callers claim to be representatives from companies such as Microsoft, Windows, Jars Support, or Online PC Care, and tell residents their computers are running slow or are infected with a virus. Payment for the software or repair service is handled via credit card and the charges have ranged from

\$39-\$469. The charges are being debited by banks in Germany, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine, Mauritius, the U.S., and Iceland.

**RESERVIST STAR** Naval Reservist Lt(N) Lee Taal and his wife recently returned from L.A. where they were guests on A&E's hit TV show Gene Simmons Family Jewels. The opportunity presented itself after Lt(N) Taal met Simmons at Operation Western Front, a fundraiser in Vancouver. Philanthropist W. Brett Wilson pledged \$10,000 if Simmons offered a spot on his show to a military officer. Along with Lt(N) Taal, Cpl Paul Fitz from CFB Comox and Cpl John Meneray from 39 Canadian Brigade also were invited. Season seven of the reality series kicks off on Oct. 4.

**WALK FOR FUN** On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Esquimalt Fun & Fit 5km Walk will begin at the Archie Browning Recreation Centre. All casual and serious walkers are welcome, there's even a 2.5km category for seniors and children under the age of 12. The walk starts at 9 a.m.

## Speakers needed for Veterans' Week

Mike Hillian  
Contributor

During Veterans' Week (VW), from Nov. 5 to 11, Canadians remember and honour those who served our country and those who serve in uniform today.

In support of VW, current CF members are asked to volunteer their time by giving presentations at a school or community organization.

The National VW Speaking Program helps honour the achievements of all who have served Canada while encouraging the Canadian public to participate in remembrance. Last year, CF members made more than 1,700 VW presentations across Canada, reaching roughly 500,000 Canadians.

This could be an opportunity to get involved with your children's school. Speeches and slide shows will be provided to presenters to assist in preparing presentations.

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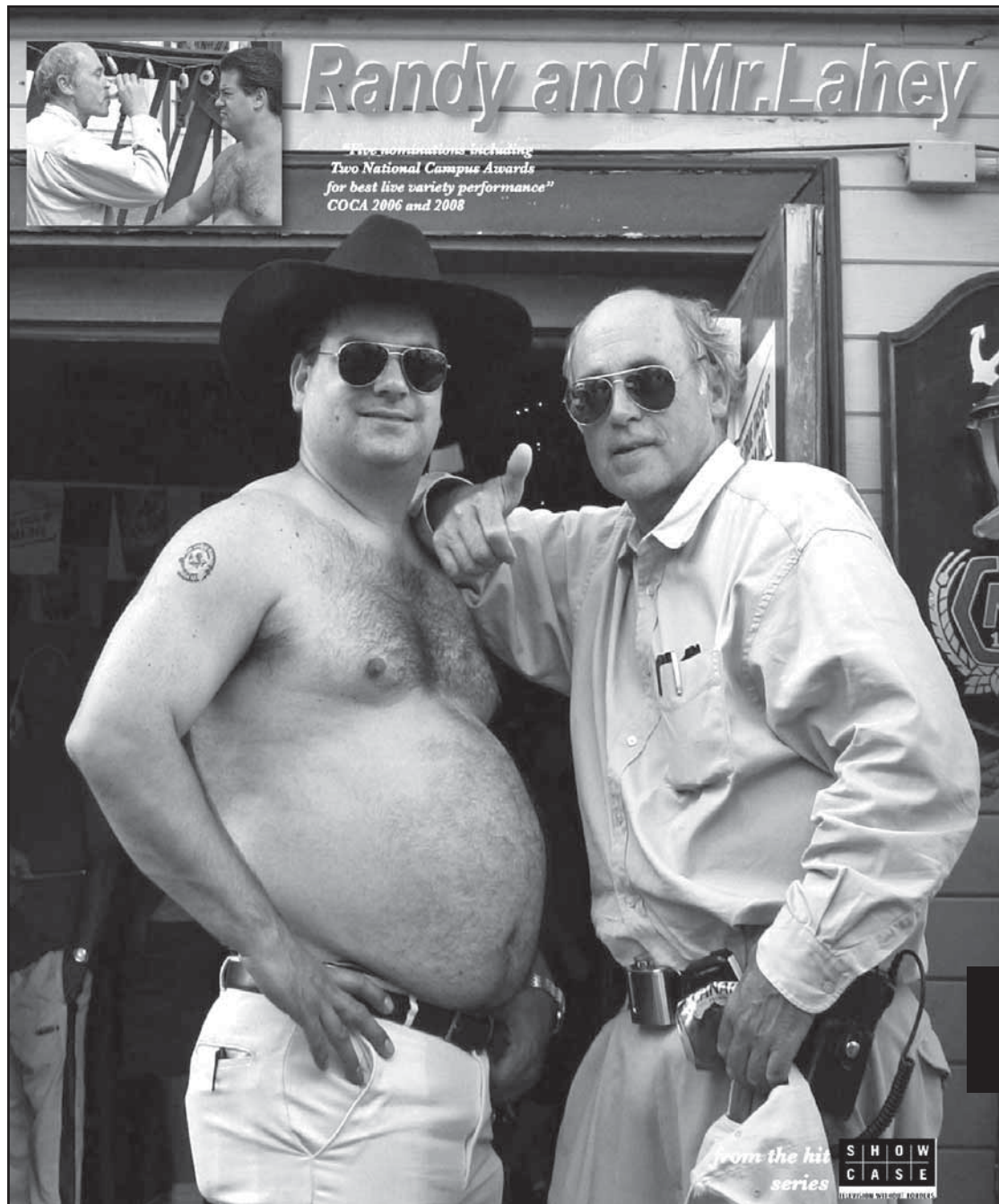
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# New windows honour Canada's Royal Naval heritage

**Ben Green**  
Staff writer

The entrance to the newly named St. Peter and St. Paul's Naval Garrison Church in Esquimalt has a heavenly glow these days.

Streams of light, rich in red, white, blue, and gold hues, baptize parishioners as they make their way into the 150-year-old building.

The angelic glow is thanks to three new stained-glass windows that have just been installed on the church's west side.

Last year, the church commissioned a beautiful stained-glass window in recognition of Canada's naval centennial. There was money left over from that project, leaving the Naval Memorial Committee contemplating what to do with the extra funds.

"I said we'd better find another stained-glass window," says RAdm (ret'd) Bill Hughes, a member of the committee and the driving force behind both window projects.

Once the decision was agreed upon, they found a three-panel, old stained-glass window at the

church's entrance that was in need of repair. With colours fading and the glass starting to bow, the segment was the perfect candidate to be replaced.

So impressed was the committee with the window they had commissioned last year, the decision to hire Mercer and Schaefer Glasstudios again was an easy choice.

"From the kindness of their hearts, they agreed to do the windows for the money we had leftover," says RAdm (ret'd) Hughes.

In May, RAdm (ret'd) Hughes met with Tom Mercer and gave him the only guidelines he could find – a knitted teapot cover that had a fouled anchor and white and blue ensign flags from the Royal Navy.

Over the next few months, Mercer channelled his 35 years of stained-glass expertise and, along with his partners, went to work. Using mouth-blown, German antique glass, they created the three-panelled "Sailors' Window of Remembrance."

The left panel has the naval crown atop, with a

crossing white ensign flag (representing the Royal Navy) and a blue ensign flag (representing the Royal Fleet Auxiliary), and a navy fouled anchor below. The centre panel has a large cross with a sword on it with a rectangular stone beneath it saying, "Their Name Liveth For Evermore." The right panel once again has the naval crown atop, a crossing white ensign flag with a Canadian flag, with a navy fouled anchor below. Decorating the background of all three panels are diamond-shaped pieces which have either an anchor or a cross inside them.

The window is dedicated to all the sailors of the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

"It's fabulous," says RAdm (ret'd) Hughes. "It's what it's symbolic of. In the church you see all the tablets of people who've died at sea; it's remembering all those sailors who've given their lives to their country."

On Sunday, Sept. 11, St. Peter and St. Paul's congregation was able to see the windows for the first time during a dedication service.



Ben Green, Lookout

Chris Clark, a builder with Mercer and Schaefer Glasstudios, prepares the outside of the newly installed windows to be covered with a protective siding. *Inset:* The three new windows.



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# MARPAC opens its doors to immigrants

**Ben Green**  
Staff writer

Canada is renowned for its diversity.

Each year, thousands of immigrants arrive on Canadian soil via land, sea, and air in search of a new start and a better life.

Starting this month, Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC) is providing valuable Canadian work experience as a stepping-stone in the right direction.

MARPAC is participating in the Federal Internship for Newcomers program. The program, which Citizenship Immigration Canada (CIC) ran last year internally, takes qualified, pre-screened newcomers and matches them with federal managers, who will benefit from having a skilled employee for a three-month casual employment. The new immigrant gains federal work experience, interviewing skills and networking possibilities.

"It's a strategy that allows us access to newcomer communities and offers them something they need. It provides us with people in those communities to build awareness of federal employment," says David Lau, acting MARPAC diversity and workforce

renewal desk officer. This is the FIN program's first year and is limited to administrative and computer support, casual positions.

When CIC piloted the program last year, they partnered with local immigrant support agencies to find people for the positions. MARPAC has teamed up with the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre. Counsellors refer clients to CIC, who in turn screen them for proper qualifications. If they pass screening they are offered an interview for one of the job openings.

"This initiative is win-win. It gives MARPAC the opportunity to develop closer relationships with local newcomer communities and encourages career development at DND. The Internship strategy directly addresses the rapidly changing regional demographics and will help reduce barriers to our future job competitions giving MARPAC a wider range of qualified applicants for future job competitions. The benefit for the Interns is that get a fantastic resume-boosting opportunity to apply their skills in the federal workplace while building their future here in Canada,"

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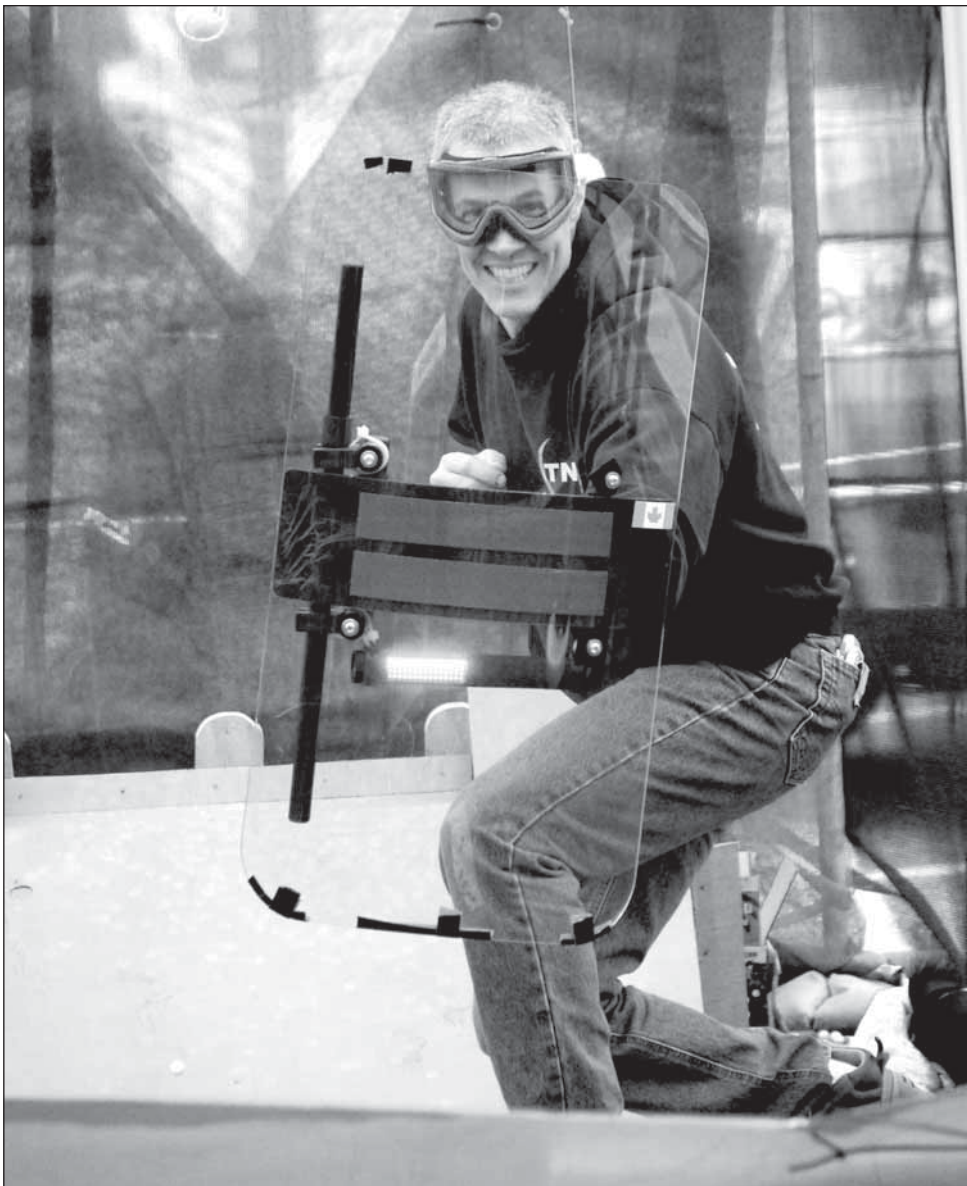
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**Left:** Sara Helmeczi from Base Public Affairs tries her luck at the paintball shoot.

**Above:** Jim Lord, from TNT Paintball, borrows a riot shield to protect himself from a barrage of paintballs during the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign launch.



## Charity campaign target set

**Ben Green**  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Naden's drill deck hosted the annual kickoff for this year's Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC). The rain didn't seem to dampen spirits as Capt(N) Craig Baines, Base Commander, and RAdm Nigel Greenwood, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, introduced the crowd to a host of dignitaries on hand for the celebration.

Those in attendance, including Greg Conner, United Way of Greater Victoria campaign chair; Julie Holder, regional director of the Canadian Diabetes Association; and Capt(N) Luc Cassivi, leadership chair for the Formation, all eagerly applauded RAdm Greenwood as he announced this year's goal of \$725,000.

The campaign's donation drive started right away with a water balloon toss and a paintball shoot set up by TNT Paintball. Capt(N) Baines and RAdm Greenwood even got in on the action, testing their arms with a few water balloon throws after their speeches.

**Opposite page:**

**Top:** RAdm Nigel Greenwood (second from left), Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, joins other dignitaries attending CFB Esquimalt's Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign kick-off in tossing water-filled balloons at human targets.

**Bottom right:** RAdm Greenwood announces the campaign target.

**Bottom left:** Targets for the water-balloon toss gear up in front of the hundreds of water-filled balloon ammunition.



The Drill Deck was buzzing with activity as vendors and visitors of the Industrial Trade Show exchanged information and shared insights on a multitude of products and services.

**Above:** PO2 Mark Seeburger (left) asks a representative of Power Up Lubricants about one of their products.

**Below:** Greg Johnston-Watson from Sharp's Audio Visual demonstrates one of his interactive touch screens to the crowd.







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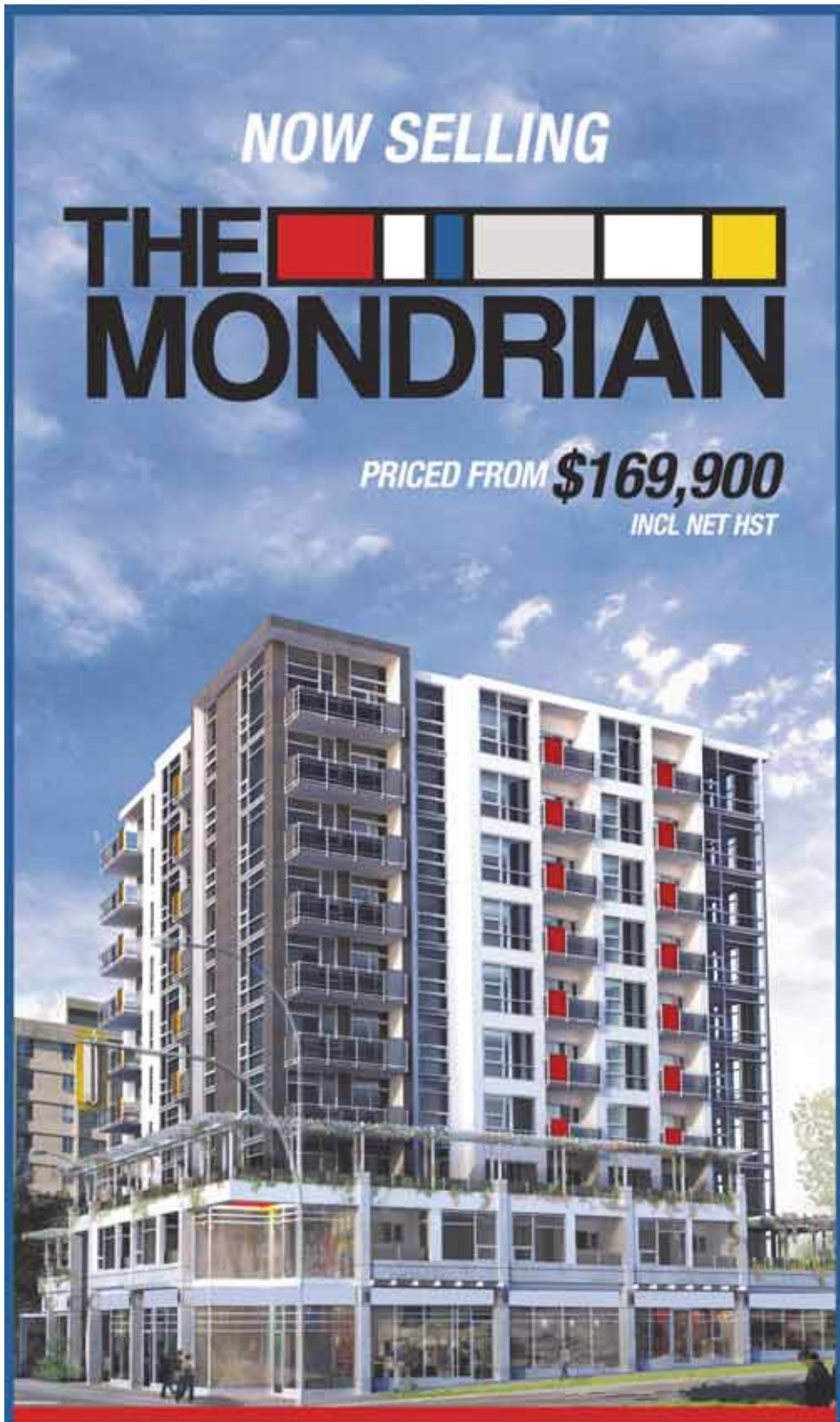
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# Dancing Daug

**Mike Hillian**  
Contributor

The Scheidls are a "military family." LS Colin Scheidl has served for 31 years and his wife Carol had parents in the Air Force. Their daughter Robyn is taking a different path though. She's choosing sashes and crowns over ships and insignias.

Robyn Scheidl competes in beauty pageants. The 17-year-old Belmont Secondary school student participated in her first pageant back in May, and she loves the feeling she gets on stage.

"I do get nervous but I run on the adrenaline rush," said Robyn. "I know all the eyes are on me when I'm on the stage and it feels awesome."

Robyn began performing at a young age. She loves musical theatre, and does every kind of dance, from ballet to Bollywood. Her mother could tell right away that her daughter was a performer.

"She was always a very gregarious child," said Carol. "She did her first ballet class when she was in Grade one when she was six. You knew right from then that's what she wanted to do."

Robyn grew up in Victoria as a single child. Like many military children, she knows what it's like to have a parent away on deployment.

"It's sad when my dad goes away for a long period of time," said Robyn. "I think the longest that I remember him being away was six months. I was constantly asking when daddy was coming home."

LS Colin Scheidl works as a hull technician with Canadian Forces Fleet School. Robyn understands the importance of her father's work, and takes

pride in the service he provides.

"I'm very proud of him," said Robyn. "He does an awesome job and he loves his job."

Although her dad travels for work, Robyn has been the one away from home lately. Pageants take her all over the region, and the experience has dispelled many myths about pageantry.

"Pageant' isn't a dirty word. It's not like what you see on TV, it's very natural," said Robyn. "Sometimes they will add in the glitz, but they don't want you to go out and spend your money on the fake hair. It's supposed to

be you taking the spotlight, not your cosmetics."

A typical pageant involves different stages, such as beauty, fun fashion and talent, in which contestants are judged. Robyn uses dancing as her talent, and so far it's won her a number of crowns and trophies.

She has pageants lined up for the next few months,

with one as far away as Calgary. She is nearing the age limit for many of these pageants, but Robyn sees the experience as a great stepping stone into her future plans.

"I'm hoping to have enough performing training to try and get into a performing arts school, so I can become a professional performer or dancer or actor," said Robyn.

Although performance is not exactly the family business, Robyn's parents are thrilled to see their daughter pursuing her dreams.

"I can see her becoming a professional dancer or some type of performer," said Carol. "It really is her forte. It's what she's always wanted to do [and] it's what she dreams of doing."

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**Above:** Robyn Scheidl was crowned at the Regal Majesty pageant in Langley in August.

**Left:** Scheidl shows off pageant sashes she's earned this year.

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# HMCS Sackville found not liable for Larinda's sinking

**LCdr (Ret'd) Pat Jessup**  
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When Hurricane Juan bore down on Nova Scotia Sept. 28, 2003, few would have predicted it would launch a complicated legal maelstrom that would take a Nova Scotia Supreme Court decision eight years to resolve.

No one it seems, including the captain of the U.S.-flagged schooner Larinda, anticipated the hurricane hawsers and 36-mm braided nylon rope securing the Second World War corvette HMCS Sackville, would suffer a catastrophic failure and snap in the sustained winds that Juan delivered.

"Sackville being a dead ship with no mechanical line handling ability and no crew as such, was berthed with her lines secured for the worst weather that might be expected," stated Cdr (Ret'd) Wendall Brown, Commanding Officer of Sackville.

Larinda, a 64-foot custom replica Boston schooner, taking shelter in Halifax in the same camber as Sackville, attached extra lines to the old warship as an added precaution against the incoming weather.

The Canadian Hurricane Centre's 8 p.m. marine forecast for Halifax Harbour that evening called for easterly gales of 55 to 65 knots with gusts to 75 knots in the harbour approaches, diminishing to southeast gales 35 to 45 knots overnight. In actuality, court documents report the category two hurricane sustained wind speeds of 85 knots and strengthened, rather than diminished as the evening went on.

By 12:30 am, visibility was reduced to zero, debris was flying through the air and Sackville's jetty was awash. While Sackville appeared "steady", despite her extra lines, Larinda was "oscillating" alongside the wharf, reported Cdr Brown. At the height of the storm Sackville lost some of her lines and her bow moved towards the schooner, coming to rest on the port quarter of Larinda's ferrocement hull.

No one could envision the devastation on the waterfront the next morning—yachts torn from their moorings and scattered like matchsticks on the shore, warships and commercial ships alike with broken lines and upper deck damage, railcars washed off the tracks at the Dartmouth railway yard, and Larinda resting on the bottom.

After the hurricane, Larinda was raised, salvaged and sold. In the following years, Larinda's former owner, Wolverine Motor Works Shipyard LLC of Reading, Massachusetts, launched a suit

against the CNMT claiming negligence on the part of Sackville for the sinking of the schooner. The plaintiff also submitted that the CNMT should have had Sackville moved to HMC Dockyard before the hurricane made land and that the failure to do so left Larinda a "sitting duck." The company was claiming \$850,000 in lost revenue and replacement damages in addition to the insurance money already received.

For five days in March 2010, Justice Glen McDougall heard arguments and expert witnesses for the plaintiff and the defendant.

Most telling was a report from London Offshore Consultants Ltd that stated: "...the moorings of Sackville were adequate for the weather that was expected. They were certainly of sufficient strength for the forecast wind. They had been adjusted for the surge in water level that had been forecast. The wave conditions that occurred during the passage of the eye of the hurricane may not have been anticipated. I consider that this factor, in addition to the sudden increase in wind force during the passage of the eyewall, caused additional loading on the lines. This then resulted in the initial failure of #1 line and the subsequent failure of the other lines. The lines were certainly of adequate strength and survived the easterly wind, which was forecast to be the direction of the strongest wind."

In a recent judgement, Justice McDougall agreed that Sackville had made the necessary preparations and her lines broke due to sudden shock, not chafing.

"The defendant's representatives were cognizant of the approaching hurricane, and turned their mind to preparing for it. The personnel in charge of Sackville were experienced seamen who monitored Sackville (and the moorings) in the days and hours before the hurricane. Sackville's moorings were designed with heavy weather in mind...Hurricane Juan was a storm of unforeseen intensity, and I am satisfied that Sackville's keepers could not have anticipated the severity of the combined forces of wind, tide, surge and waves that the ship would be exposed to."

In his ruling Judge McDougall stated that he was satisfied with Larinda's valuation at the time of the hurricane (USD \$250,000) and the plaintiff didn't provide further evidence in support of a valuation higher. He was also satisfied all necessary precautions to secure Sackville prior to the hurricane were taken and subsequently dismissed the case.



Ian Urquhart, HMCS Sackville

**Above:** 12 Wing Shearwater's Pipe Major, WO Dan Smith, plays the bag pipes as HMCS Sackville hoists the message "RCN – AT LAST" during the Royal Canadian Navy renaming ceremony on Aug. 16, an event reminiscent of VAdm Lord Nelson's flag hoist at Trafalgar.

**Below:** HMCS Sackville was a Flower-class corvette that served in the Royal Canadian Navy and later served as a civilian research vessel. The ship is now a museum ship located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, as the last surviving Flower-class corvette.





# Winnipeg enters extended work period

**Mike Hillian**  
Contributor

HMCS *Winnipeg* is preparing for a Mid-Life Refit (MLR). The ship will receive extensive work to improve capability against modern threats as it reaches its mid-life period.

As part of the Halifax Class Modernization (HCM) Program, the Royal Canadian Navy will modernize their 12 Halifax Class frigates. *Winnipeg* is the second West Coast ship after *HMCS Calgary* to begin the procedure.

"It was a decision that the navy made to upgrade all of the Canadian Patrol Frigates," said CPO1 Peter Ford, HCM program coordinator. "The Royal Canadian Navy stood up a project management office in Ottawa. They put a plan together to put the ships in order, and made a schedule up that runs from 2010, when Halifax started, right through until 2018 when the last ship should finish the process."

*Winnipeg* recently entered the pre-HCM work period running in two phases from Sept. 6 to December 2010, and then from January until March 2012. This period will prepare *Winnipeg* for its refit at Victoria Shipyards, which begins April 2, 2012.

"FMF is doing a lot of work for *HMCS Winnipeg* in her pre-MLR piece, and that's getting the ship to



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**HMCS Winnipeg will be scheduled for a mid-life refit as part of the Halifax Class Modernization Program. The refit will improve the ship's capability against modern threats.**

a baseline, so it will be the same as *Calgary* was when she went in," said Ford. "*Winnipeg* will be at that same spot, so will all the rest of the ships as they finish their pre-work periods."

The MLR will involve upgrades to platform and combat system technology. Ship updates will improve capability against modern threats and enhance command and control in the coastal environment.

After one year with Victoria Shipyards, the ship should be returned in April 2013. Although *Winnipeg's*

crew will be without a ship for some time, they will keep busy with other assignments.

"The ship's maintainers will continue to do maintenance on the systems that are still on the ship and operational," said Ford. "The combat operators will get the ship de-stored and will probably start moving away from the ship towards attach postings from other units."

*Winnipeg* is expected back at sea in 2013 for Harbour and Sea Acceptance Trials to test its new combat systems.

# Deer shot by crossbow on DND property

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In the early morning hours of Sept. 13, a deer was killed by a crossbow on DND property near the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre in Colwood (CPAC).

At approximately 9

a.m. a child attending the Military Family Resource Centre daycare at CPAC reported seeing a "sleeping" deer outside the window. A provincial conservation officer attended right away and estimated that the time of death was approximately 3 a.m. and

confirmed the deer was shot by a crossbow likely where it was found.

Formation Environment has made arrangements with Wild ARC, the wildlife rehabilitation branch of the SPCA, to assess the condition of the two young orphaned fawns and their

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LS Warren (right) receives his course certificate from Cdr Deere (left) and Clearance Diver Dolphins from former clearance diver MS (Ret'd) Barry Lavine.



LS Verdun (right) receives the Top Student Award from Cdr Deere.



LS Simonsen (right) receives his course certificate from Cdr Deere (left) and Clearance Diver Dolphins from his father Lt(N) Simonsen (centre) also a Clearance Diver.



LS Hobbs receives the Top Athlete award from PO1 (Ret'd) Jordy Walsh.



LS Wood (right) receives his course certificate from Cdr Deere.

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Cmdre Peter Ellis, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, recently presented several awards in his unit:



**Top left:** CPO1 Marc Pelletier receives a Canadian Fleet Pacific Certificate of Acknowledgement for his service as HMCS Ottawa Coxswain from Oct. 30, 2009 to Aug. 25, 2011.



**Top right:** CPO2 Marie-Josse Chapleau receives a Canadian Fleet Pacific Certificate of Acknowledgement for her leadership and dedication to success while posted to HMCS Ottawa.



**Bottom left:** LCdr Malcolm Smith receives his NATO Non-Article 5 Africa medal.



**Bottom right:** Lt(N) Dale St. Croix receives his South-West Asia Service Medal rotation bar.

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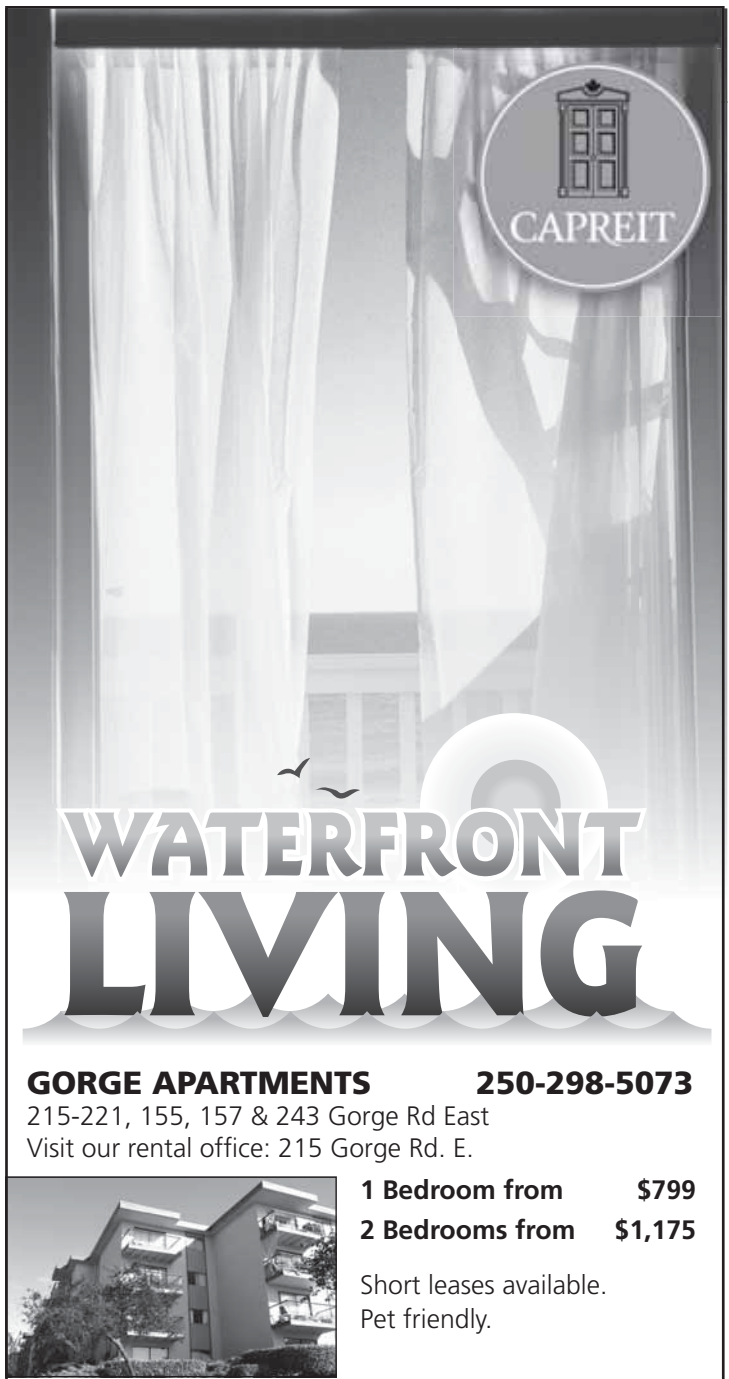


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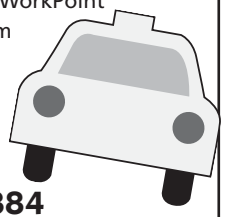
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# RCN issues 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary watch

**Dawn Bennett**  
Staff writer

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Royal Canadian Navy commemorative watch is back and on sale now for a limited time only.

The Navy League of Canada, Ontario Division, commissioned watch designers Time is Ticking Inc., to issue a limited edition commemorative timepiece to reflect the heritage of Canada's

naval service.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were both presented with these specially made watches while they were in Halifax for the Centennial Naval Review last summer.

The 'Tribute to the Canadian Navy' watch is manufactured by the Speidel Corporation and made with Seiko movements. It comes with 21 karat gold plating, a polished stainless steel

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The watch can be viewed at [www.timeisticking.com](http://www.timeisticking.com). For further information or to place an order, please contact: Time is Ticking Inc., by phone at 416-925-5520 or email [timeisticking@sympatico.ca](mailto:timeisticking@sympatico.ca).



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# Canadians in Kabul mark 9/11 anniversary

**Major Glen Parent**  
Contributor

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The ceremony was one of many held across Kabul where members of the International Security Assistance Force gathered to remember those who died in the attacks and to honour those who have lost their lives in the fight against terrorism.

"9/11 bolstered our collective resolve and became a moment that defined a generation," said Brigadier-General John Hammond, commander of the 26th "Yankee" Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard, in his address to the troops at Camp Phoenix. "The soldiers on parade here depict the resilience of the coalition effort in Afghanistan."

Canada's contingent of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, up to 950 Canadian Forces advisors and trainers deployed on Operation Attention, is also head-



MWO Scott Bridger salutes during the ceremony held at Camp Phoenix to mark the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

quartered at Camp Phoenix. The experienced Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen and airwomen of the Canadian Contribution Training Mission Afghanistan work with Afghan National Army trainers and leaders at institutions in Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat. Op Attention is expected to run until March 2014.

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