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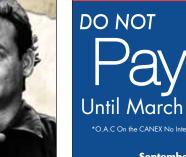
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A "Smart" campaign idea **Mike Hillian** Contributor Back when Dan LeBlanc it up for our business." owned a sign business. he always thought about buying a Smart Car to advertise. He has finally brought that idea to life, but instead of advertising a business he's supporting the Government plan. of Canada Workplace Campaign

LeBlanc, who is Chief of Staff for Canadian Fleet Pacific, owns the finelydecorated white Smart Car you see driving around Dockyard. The vehicle is clad with GCWCC decals - a look that was inspired by LeBlanc's time in the sign business.

"When I had the sign business the thought came across my mind that when Smart Cars came out, peoples' heads were turned," said LeBlanc. "They liked this concept of a little mini car going around, so we had actually thought about buying one of these for our business and then decaling

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The idea never came about. but LeBlanc recently bought a Smart Car for personal use. Low donation numbers within his unit got LeBlanc rethinking his old

"I was particularly disturbed by the fact that we haven't got the level of contribution within Fleet that we have in the past," said LeBlanc. "I saw people looking at the car and I thought: now I want to take advantage of that ability and advertise or promote the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign."

LeBlanc worked with a few Fleet colleagues to create the design. His old sign business produced the decals for a good price and LeBlanc applied them at home. So far LeBlanc's Smart Car theory has proved accurate and he's received lots of attention.

"I get a lot more stares on the highway and I know I get stares from people walking by my car, which was the original intent," said LeBlanc. "I want people to see it and be reminded that we're halfway through the campaign."

With less than two months left in the GCWCC campaign, LeBlanc hopes his car will motivate people still on the fence about donating. Although LeBlanc's plan was conceived with Fleet donations in mind, he is optimistic the car will reach an even wider audience.

"This is not just about the Fleet, it just happens that I work within Fleet," said LeBlanc. "This is about an overall community effort within MARPAC and if I can inspire more than just Fleet personnel, I've achieved my aim."

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The CFB Esquimalt Running Team ran away with the Canadian Forces Team of the Year Award at this year's Sports Awards Banquet in Ottawa. A season full of outstanding performances, which placed them miles ahead of the other environments, is what nudged them over the finish line.

Pictured here from left to right: LCdr Mark Cunningham, LS Kirsten Arensen, LGen Stu Beare, SLt Denita Hammond, and LS Mark Ritchie.

Grievance Board to hold town hall

A delegation from the Canadian Forces Grievance Board (CFGB), headed by the Board's Chairperson Bruno Hamel, will visit CFB Esquimalt Nov. 16-18.

During the visit, the Board will hold a town hall on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Pacific Fleet Club, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

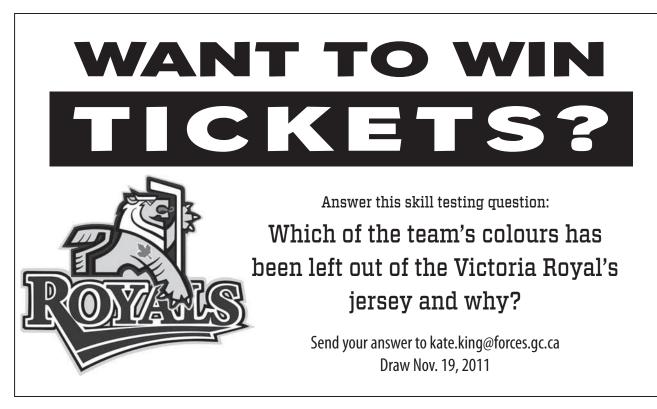
The meeting will provide an opportunity to explain the distinct and independent role the CFGB plays in the military grievance process. It will also allow for direct exchanges about issues and concerns related to complaint resolution, as well as trends and dissatisfiers identified by the Board through its review of grievances. The Chairperson will also hold a briefing session for senior base staff and the delegation will meet with stakeholders involved in conflict resolution at the base.

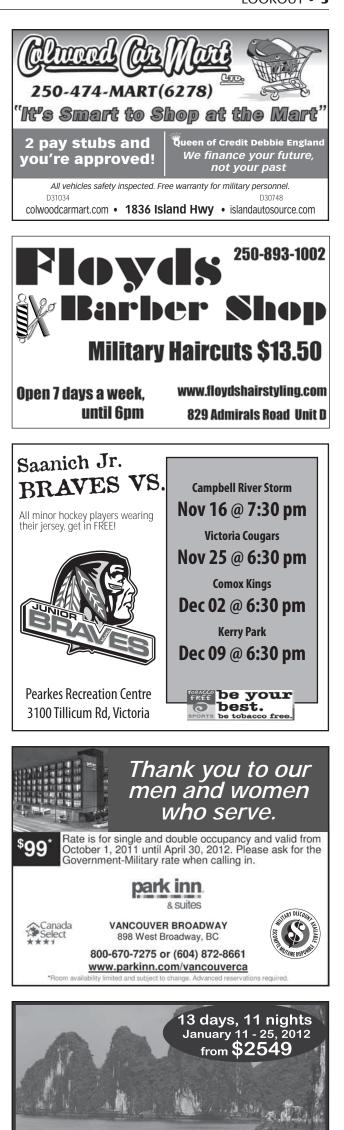
Other members of the Board's delegation are the vicechair, Jim Price; Board members Denis Brazeau, Michael Auger, Carina De Pellegrin and Frederick Blair; the Director of Operations and General Counsel, Caroline Maynard; and Team Leader, Michael MacPherson, as well as the Communications manager, Najwa Asmar.

As an administrative tribunal independent from the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces, the Board reviews military grievances referred to it by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and provides findings and recommendations to the CDS and the griever. If the CDS does not act out on a finding and recommendation, he must include the reasons for doing so in his decision.

The Board makes periodic visits to CF formations/units to learn about taskings and activities and to see, firsthand, CF members in the environment in which they serve. In turn, the Board holds briefings, both formal and informal, where all ranks are encouraged to participate in grievance related discussions.

For more information on the CFGB, you can visit the Board online at www.cfgb-cgfc.gc.ca/English/home.html.





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BPSO's Bits and Bytes: the ins and outs of transfers

LCdr Kathryn Hodgson Contributor

Have you ever heard that you are "locked in" to your occupation and thus there is no hope of an occupation transfer (OT) to another MOSID in the near future?

What about hearing that you won't be competitive or that the occupation you want is closed for intake?

Or my personal favourite, have you ever been told to just fill-in the second and third choice spots on the application form with any occupation, even though you really don't want to serve in either of those occupations?

Honestly, I get it; navigating the in-service selection bureau-

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cratic quagmire is not easy and it can definitely be even more frustrating when you're not receiving the correct information.

At the BPSO office, we often hear stories from members about well-intentioned advice they have received from their work colleagues. Sadly, in some cases, the advice has been inaccurate and the end-result has been missed opportunities or even worse, a transfer to an occupation that's truly not suitable.

This column is really too small to go into the necessary details that will help everyone figure out their individual case. Suffice to say, there are policies that govern your OT eligibility and the OT process. There are also existing updates and amendments to those policies that not every unit early by coming in for a career has received or kept. However, we at the BPSO office are the subject matter experts for OTs and OT policy application.

It's our job as Personnel Selection Officers to keep abreast of all changes, updates, and amendments to existing policies and guidelines. We don't expect you or your chain of command to navigate the quagmire by yourselves. We can help you figure out whether or not you are truly "locked in" to your occupation, if you'll be competitive for the occupation of your dreams, if your occupation is closed for OT out, or if you're making the right career choices for you.

The best advice I can give you is to start your OT investigation counselling appointment.

Additionally or alternatively, we can come to you and provide your unit/section with a quick informal or formal briefing followed by a question and answer period on any in-service selection program (e.g., OT, University Training Plan for Non-Commisioned Officers, Special Commissioning Plan, Commissioning from the Ranks, etc).

Essentially, we want to provide you the most current and accurate information possible so that you can make informed choices about your career path in the CF. Call us at 363-4091 - we'll do what we can to help.

Next Week: Reassignments... why choices are so limited.

Bullying comes in many forms

Sgt Benoit Rheaume **Military Police**

Community Relations

Bullying is when someone repeatedly says or does hurtful things to

or where you are from, bullying can happen.

Sometimes bullying situations end up with a person experiencing depression, lost wages or violence.

Bullying can involve just two people or a group of people and comes in many forms: • Physical: using your body or

objects to cause harm. Examples

• Cyber bullying: using technology, text/instant messages, posting embar-

rassing photos online, creating websites to make fun of others or pretending you are someone else by using his or her name.

People who bully typically have self-esteem issues, may fear getting picked on, are not happy or may have trouble expressing negative emotions or dealing with issues in their own lives. Bullying is learned behaviour and can be eliminated with proper counselling or intervention.

Bullying doesn't have to be part of a child's life, or an adult's life for that matter. Very serious consequences have come up for individuals that were bullied in the past: eating disorder, low self esteem, unable to sleep, anti-social behaviour and even suicide has been linked to victims of bullying.

John Stubbs School uses a "Code of Citizenship" to prevent such behaviour. Each student receives a copy of that "Code" in order to have a better understanding of unacceptable behaviour. Education is a key to deterrence.

CFB Esquimalt's civilian workers and service members receive regular training on their PD day on bullying and harassment prevention and awareness.

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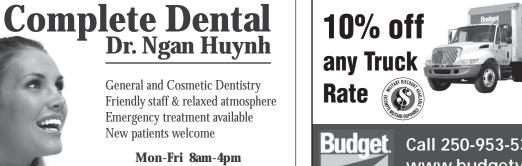
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 Social: using your friends and relationships to hurt someone. Examples include spreading rumours, gossiping, excluding others from a group or making others look foolish or unintelligent.

such as a computer or cell phone to hurt someone. Examples include sending mean or threatening emails or

HMCS Regina Coxswain fitter at 50 than most 20 year olds

Dawn Bennett Staff Writer

Being physically fit isn't just for young people. Just ask CPO1 Bob Anderson from HMCS Regina.

Last month he received a silver seal and registered in the top one per cent for his age category (49 and under) in the Canadian Forces (CF) Physical Fitness Award of Aerobic Excellence Program. The silver seal represents 10,000 units of exercise and took the Chief eight years to complete.

How did he do it? "It's pretty simple," says CPO1 Anderson. "You've just got to haul your body out of bed at 5:30 a.m., go to the gym and then run on the treadmill until 7 a.m. Do that for five days a week and you'll see results."

The CF Award of Aerobic Excellence is divided into seven levels of achievement. Each of these levels is broken down into in six sub-levels (red to gold seals), each of them requiring the member to complete 2,000 units of aerobic exercise before moving on to the next seal. At the end of each level, a member will have completed 12, 000 units of aerobic exercise. Completion of all seven levels would signify the accumulation of 84,000 aerobic units.

"They give you two years to reach your first level of 2,000 units," says CPO1 Anderson. "You can do it in a year if you do three units a day, seven days a week. But schedules often get interrupted when people are deployed or on a course, so two years is a fair amount of time."

The CF Award of Aerobic Excellence is done on an honour system with each participant keeping a personal log book for each unit of exercise. CPO1 Anderson started his training in 2004 and his log

book is 19 pages. He feels that keeping a Monday to Friday daily routine makes it easier to achieve his goals.

"The program is designed to keep you motivated and interested and gives you a goal to strive for," said CPO1 Anderson." It's similar to ParticipACTION, the fitness program launched by the government in the 1970s. If you're my age you'll remember that."

The award can be acquired through time or distance. For example, swimming 400 metres and skipping rope for seven minutes both qualify as one unit. Activities can include everything from snowshoeing and cross country skiing to jogging and martial arts. Personnel Support Programs sports and fitness staff has the full list and details on how to register.

Chief Anderson has signed up a dozen people from Regina and crew member OS Graeme Peppley has already completed his scroll and received his red seal.

"I encouraged the crew to sign up to give them a goal to strive for," says CPO1 Anderson. "We also have our unit PT for 45 minutes Monday to Friday at 8 a.m. and that helps keep them motivated. And I go to the gym now at 7 a.m. instead of 5:30 a.m. to be with the team and encourage them on."

The final question has to be why. Why did CPO1 Anderson create such a challenge for himself?

"It's not just the physical benefits," says CPO1 Anderson. "Mentally, I'm more alert. Tests have proven the physical exercise benefits your mind as well.'

Chief Anderson is now going for his gold seal. He started that level on June 23 and expects to be finished by June of next year. As of Oct.18, he was at 680 units



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From HMCS Regina's tightly packed fitness room, CPO1 Anderson, ship's coxswain, displays his Physical Fitness Award for Aerobic Excellence certificate. The seals on the bottom represent all the different levels he has completed so far, with only the gold seal remaining, which he's currently working on.



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In Memoriam Farewell to a West Coast Sailor

PO2 Alana M. Power Contributor

CPO1 (Ret'd) John G.F. Power, CD, OMM, passed away peacefully in his sleep Oct. 2, 2011, in Edmonton, Alberta, after a lengthy and courageous battle.

He is predeceased by his father Gordon and mother Hazel.

He is survived by his loving wife Anita, daughters Karen Picco (Walter) and Alana Power, grandchildren Joshua Alan John Power, Nicole Breanne and Alexandria Picco.

John is also survived by his big sister Delva Stark (Jack) and younger sisters Cheryl McDonald (Wilson) and Patricia Gordon (Bill).

John joined the RCN in 1960 at the age of 17 requiring his father's consent. Leaving Belleville, ON, to "travel the world" was exactly what he had in mind. In 1964 he married and had two children, who wondered who this stranger coming in and out of their lives was. It was established early on by his daughters "a big deal." Just going to the Odeon in downtown Victoria with dad was so fun, all of the young sailors who knew him snapping to, calling my dad Chief.

John had met his match when he remarried Anita in 1982 in Victoria to whom he remained married for the rest of his life. The majority of John's 35-year career as a Marine Engineer Mechanic was spent on the West Coast on various ships and submarines, as well as postings to Quebec and Ottawa. When asked during our last visit in September what his favorite ship was, he quietly said "the Rainbow."

Our father was both a humble and proud man. He took pride in his service and always spoke highly of the Navy to friends and family. The stories he would tell of his many adventures entertained all.

This will be the first Remembrance Day without our Sailor, husband, father/ grandfather, and brother. We will remember him.

NEWS/Vuggets BCE employee remembered

On Oct. 28, Lindsay Edwards passed away after a brief battle with cancer. He was employed as a tradesman at Base Construction Engineering for the past eight years. A memorial was held on Nov. 5 at First Memorial, and instead of flowers, donations were asked to be given to the Victoria SPCA or the B.C. Cancer Society. Free regular parcel service

Canada Post is once again offering free regular parcel service from Oct. 17-Jan. 13, 2012, for family and friends of deployed Canadian Forces members. Parcels will be delivered free of charge from any retail Canada Post outlet to designated CF bases where they will be forwarded through the CF Postal System to the members overseas. Additionally, Canada Post will also be offering free delivery of letters to deployed troops until Dec. 31, 2012. Due to cargo limitations on military flights, this offer is restricted to operations served by the Belleville, ON, K8N 5W6 address and to any deployed Canadian ship.

CF Artists Program

Interested artists have until Nov. 30 to submit their applications to be the next participants in the Canadian Forces Artists Program. Selected artists will able to participate in a military-related exercise for about seven-10 days which will springboard their creativity in creating works of art depicting military life. There is no payment for artists, who in turn aren't required to return works to the program, but artists may be asked to lend some works for promotional art tours or other uses. More information on the CF Artists Program can be found at www. cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/gal/ap-pa/ index-eng.asp

Leadership forum

On Nov. 24, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m., a Leadership Forum will be held at Work Point's Nixon Building. The forum gives civilian and military supervisors the opportunity to listen to speakers on leadership and innovative ways of managing teams. Speakers include:

Dr. Linda Duxbury - a renowned international expert in the area of managing change from Sprott School of Business, Carleton University. She'll be speaking on organizational change and behavior, creating a supportive work environment, and managing the new workforce.

RAdm (Ret'd) Roger Girouard – an associate professor at Royal Roads University, he'll focus on the role of the middle manager and discuss the elements of change, the need for adaptability in being a part of an organization, and the value of team collaboration.

Interactive sessions – will provide managers and supervisors with the opportunity to have guided discussions on issues impacting their workspace.

Interested participants can register via their unit training coordinator.

The Victoria District Office of Veterans Affairs, Occupational Stress Injury Social Support (OSSIS), and Bureau of Pension Advocates (BPA) are moving from their current location at 816 Government Street at the end of October.

On **Tuesday November 15, 2011**, the three offices will open to the public at their new location in the Atrium Building at the corner of Blanshard and Yates Street.

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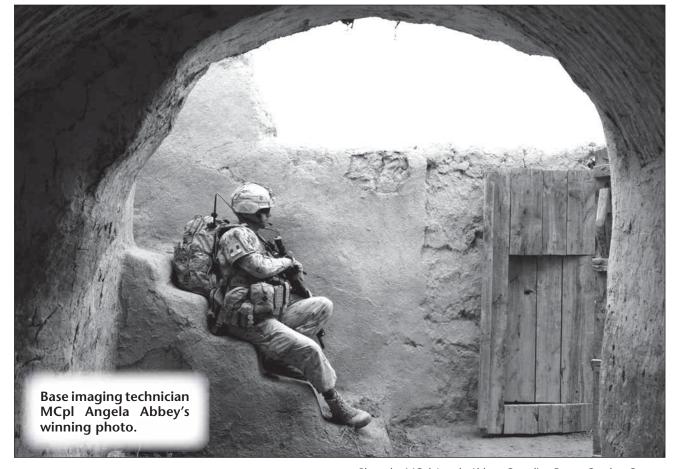


Photo by MCpl Angela Abbey, Canadian Forces Combat Camera Corporal Sebastien Gratton from Bulldog (Bravo) Company, 1er Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group (1R22eR BG), provides local security in Nakhonay during Operation Tayra Taygh where clearance patrols searched for caches of weapons and IED-making supplies.

Local photographer scoops major award

The 2011 DND Photography Contest committee received a total of 1,164 entries from 186 participants. With all the high quality submissions received, a panel of three judges faced quite a challenge in selecting each category's winners. The three judges for this year were:

Sgt Serge Gouin - Graduated from the photography program at La Cit Collgiale in 2001 and soon after he joined the Canadian Forces as a military photographer, he spent four years as the Governor General's photographer and was just recently transferred to the Canadian Forces Joint Imagery Centre;

Mylne Choquette - Graduated from the applied arts and technology program at La Cit Collgiale in 1996 and is presently a photographer at the Canadian Conservation Institute; and

David White - A professional photographer with over 30 years of experience in the photo industry he presently works for Henry's Canada as a commercial account manager.

The two-day judging session took place on Oct. 19 and

20, and as per previous years was open to the public. Major Awards

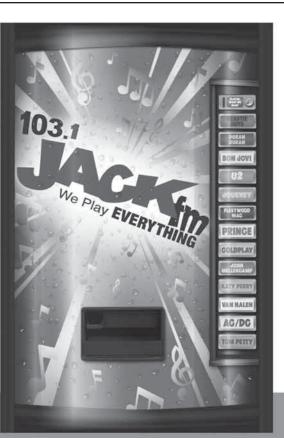
- Professional Photographer of the Year: LCol (Ret'd) Jean Lapointe, Gatineau, QC.
- Amateur Photographer of the Year: Cpl Mark Schombs, CFB Petawawa, ON
- Best of Show Professional: MCpl Angela Abbey, CFB Esquimalt
- BC Best of Show Amateur: Cpl Jose Girard, Brussels
 Belgium Environment Award: LCol Geoff Carter, Ottawa, ON

The name of the Deputy Ministers award recipient will be announced after Nov. 17.

Starting Nov. 14 you will be able to vote on www. DNDPhotoContest.ca for the "People's Choice Award."

All the winning photos will be displayed around mid-November the web site and also in the National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) concourse, 101 Col By Drive the week of November 21-28, 2011.

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HMCS Algonquin hosts Russian ships

Mike Hillian

Contributor

HMCS Algonquin hosted a Pacific Fleet Detachment of the Russian Federation Navy in Vancouver from Nov. 8 to 11.

Vancouver was the final stage of the Russian Detachment's long-range cruise, in which they also visited Japan and the U.S.A. to strengthen naval cooperation.

The three Russian vessels, cruiser Varyag, tanker Irkut and a sea-going salvage tug, rendezvoused with HMCS Algonquin on Nov. 7. The ships spent time exercising in Juan De Fuca Strait before coming alongside Canada Place on Nov. 8 for the visit.

Once in Vancouver, the two navies enjoyed social activities such as a barbeque luncheon and sporting events. On Nov. 9, sailors participated in friendly games of floor hockey and volleyball at HMCS Discovery. Russian sailors also enjoyed bus tours of Vancouver during the visit, and opened their own ships to the public for tours.

On Nov. 10, HMCS Algonquin personnel took advantage of being in Vancouver and visited 24 schools in Surrey and Richmond to give Remembrance Day presentations. As part of the National Veterans' Week Speakers Program, officers helped honour those who have served Canada while encouraging the Canadian public to participate in remembrance.

On the final day of the visit, units from both navies attended the Vancouver Remembrance Day ceremony at Pioneer Square Cenotaph. Russian ships then embarked on their journey home the afternoon of Nov. 11, when HMCS Algonquin escorted them from Vancouver back through Juan De Fuca Strait.

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Maj Don Saunders has spent over two decades in uniform serving in dozens of countries along the way. The engineer, now with Construction Base Engineering, has served tours in Afghanistan (left) and Haiti, as well as various Technical Assistant visits to countries such as Sierra Leone (above).

Photos Courtesy of Maj Don Saunders

ENGINEER'S CAR FOUNDATION

Ben Green Staff Writer

It was his words rather than his weapon that saved Maj Don Saunders' life when he stared down an MP5 machine gun during a 1997 United Nations tour in Haiti

Wearing no body armour and his pistol holstered, he drew in a few deep breaths and told himself to remain calm.

"It's all about talking, your body language, your general posture," says Maj Saunders, now the Operations Officer at Base Construction Engineering. "You have to maintain your composure; if you overreact things can go south pretty quickly."

It was his first deployment, employed as the Force Engineer at the U.N. headquarters in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. He was tasked with overseeing the transition of old army outposts into functional police stations. The professionalizing of the Haitian police force led to interactions with people who, at times, were less than thrilled to see a U.N. vehicle pull up. "Not everyone was

pleased with the U.N. pres-

ence, especially some of the the Persian Gulf, respeclocal powerbrokers, as the U.N. was reinforcing the legitimate government of President Rene Preval," he says. "As a result, their influence was diminished."

This scenario, mostly in outlying villages and suburbs of Port-au-Prince, was one that Maj Saunders faced on several occasions. His cool demeanour proved more effective than bullets as after a few minutes of tense negotiations, the weapons were lowered and he was allowed to speak with the local powerbrokers.

Those four months in the impoverished Caribbean nation were the first of three deployments and a handful of Technical Assistant Visits he's been a part of in his 22 years in uniform. Since joining the Regular Force in 1990, he's served on four continents and dozens of countries in-between.

His jobs on deployment have varied as much as the countries they've been in. For seven months in 2001/2002, he was part of the initial team sent into the United Arab Emirates to build Camp Mirage; a logistics hub for Hercules and Aurora aircrafts supplying Afghanistan and patrolling

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"It was an interesting challenge and a severely constrained timeline," he says. "They had the intent to get it done [built] in 60 days originally."

Building on a lot in a UAE airbase, Maj Saunders was part of the 13-person Specialist Engineering Team augmented with a lineman from the Joint Signals Regiment who prepared designs for all the base communications. The team soon had power generation, communications, water distribution, waste-water collection and disposal, offices, accommodations, and recreational facilities including a gym and a chapel constructed.

The following year he headed east of the UAE to Afghanistan. For two months he initially accompanied, and eventually led, an Environmental Industrial Health Hazard study to determine the health impacts the region could have on deployed soldiers. Based out of various camps near Kabul, the team looked at possible factors such as

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soil, air, and water to see what negative influences they could have on personnel. In the end, no long-term health hazards were found.

"The analysis involved comparing test results with the Canadian Environment Quality Guidelines for allowable exposure levels," he says. "These were also reviewed by a physician specializing in industrial medicine."

In 2010, following a seven-year hiatus from longterm deployments, Maj Saunders once again found himself back in Afghanistan; this time in Kandahar. In his first 35 days at Kandahar Air Field there were 28 rocket attacks on the base, 100 over the duration of his tour.

"Kandahar is Kandahar; it pretty much met expectations," he says. "It's a stressful environment but you know it's going to be a stressful environment [before going in]."

For 11 months he was the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Task Force Kandahar Engineer Regiment. The Regiment,

totalling over 260 members, included an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Squadron that dismantled IEDs and other explosive hazards, an Engineer Support Squadron that built and maintained forward operating bases, and an Engineer Construction Squadron that rebuilt Afghan infrastructure. During his tour, Afghanistan's Dand and Panjwa'i districts benefited with more than 100 kilometres of new roads, over 50 kilometres of new irrigation canals, 42 repaired mosques, 18 police stations, and the construction or repair of 28 schools. Maj Saunders says local Afghans were very involved in the projects' identification, planning, and construction processes. Because of this, most communities took a sense of ownership and responsibility for the new infrastructure which often led to fewer problems with

militant attacks. Back on Canadian soil for now, he says this time of year especially is full of personal

reflection for the friends and colleagues lost. Having been immersed in a variety of conflict zones, and come out unscathed, it's not something he takes too lightly.

"Before Afghanistan, Remembrance Day was paying respect to those who served in the First and Second World War, Korea, and other deployments," he says. "We're turning around and remembering friends and colleagues who we've lost now. It kind of makes Remembrance Day more personal. It's still important to remember the people who have gone before, but now there's a personal connection to it."

This month, Maj Saunders also shared his experiences with an elementary class at École Mill Bay, where his sister teaches, as well as a local Cub pack. He hopes by speaking with younger generations they'll be able to see the value in helping others less fortunate and recognize the sacrifices that past and current Canadian Forces personnel have made.





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Longtime Victoria advocate continues betterment journey

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Honorary Captain (Navy) Cedric Steele is an ideas guy.

Good ideas have marked Steele's professional and philanthropic career and have left a mark on Victoria. The president of Cedric Steele Realty Ltd. is credited with bridging a closer relationship between the business community and the Armed Forces, and being a driving force behind the creation of the Royal Roads University Fellows Council, among many other achievements.

"Cedric is an extraordinarily generous man," says David Marshall, chair of the board of directors of the Greater

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Victoria Chamber of Commerce. "He's generous with his time, with his energy, with his influence - and he has a great deal of that - and with his ideas. He's not at all short of ideas, and energy and passion. He is always thinking of how can we do better as a navy, as a chamber, as a community."

Marshall's relationship with Cedric dates back to 1997, when Chair, Greater Victoria Chamber of Marshall was named Base Commander at CFB Esquimalt and

Cedric was named Honorary Captain. The pair worked closely in those years and Marshall says Steele's dedication to the navy and the community of Victoria is as strong today as it was then.

"There are only so many honorary captains around," says Marshall, principal of Strategus Consulting, a management consultancy. "Some serve for four years, some serve for six. Cedric will now have served for 14, which is well beyond the norm. It reflects his ongoing commitment, the fact that he's not tired and still has a lot of ideas."

In addition to generating his own ideas to benefit the community, Steele is also helping others focus and execute their

ideas. Marshall says Steele, who won the chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award in April, jumped at the opportunity to participate in an upcoming program at the chamber that will connect emerging professionals with successful executives for one-on-one sessions. The young businesspeople participating in the one-on-ones will primarily be from the Prodigy Group, a networking association of young businesspeople affiliated with the chamber.

"I would like to continue to be a bridge between those who have new ideas and want to improve the community and also be able to introduce them to others who might be able to help their journey," says Steele, adding that he's looking forward to

being a soundboard for the ideas in a friendly, Dragons' Den-esque setting.

Incidentally, Prodigy Group was founded by Steele's son Shawn, a Royal Roads alumnus who is poised to follow in his father's footsteps. "It's given me great satisfaction to see how Shawn's involved in the community," Steele says with a smile. Steele's office overlooking the Inner Harbour is testament to the lives

he's touched. Certificates of achievement hang on the wall and photos of celebratory moments sit on the bookshelf. On his desk is a miniature replication of the Homecoming statue at Ship's Point, which depicts a sailor's happy reunion with his daughter and was erected to celebrate the navy's 100th anniversary last year. Steele, who co-chaired the fundraising campaign, was instrumental in making the memorial a reality.

Steele will have to find a home for his Chancellor's Community Recognition Award, which he received from Royal Roads at convocation on Oct. 21. "It certainly is a great honour," says Steele, adding



that all the volunteer work he's done has been fun and hasn't seemed like work at all. In fact, Steele says, he feels he's benefitted more from volunteering than the organizations in which he's been involved. "It's been part of my own education," he says. "What little you can do to make an organization better, I feel you usually get back five to 10 times more than you give."

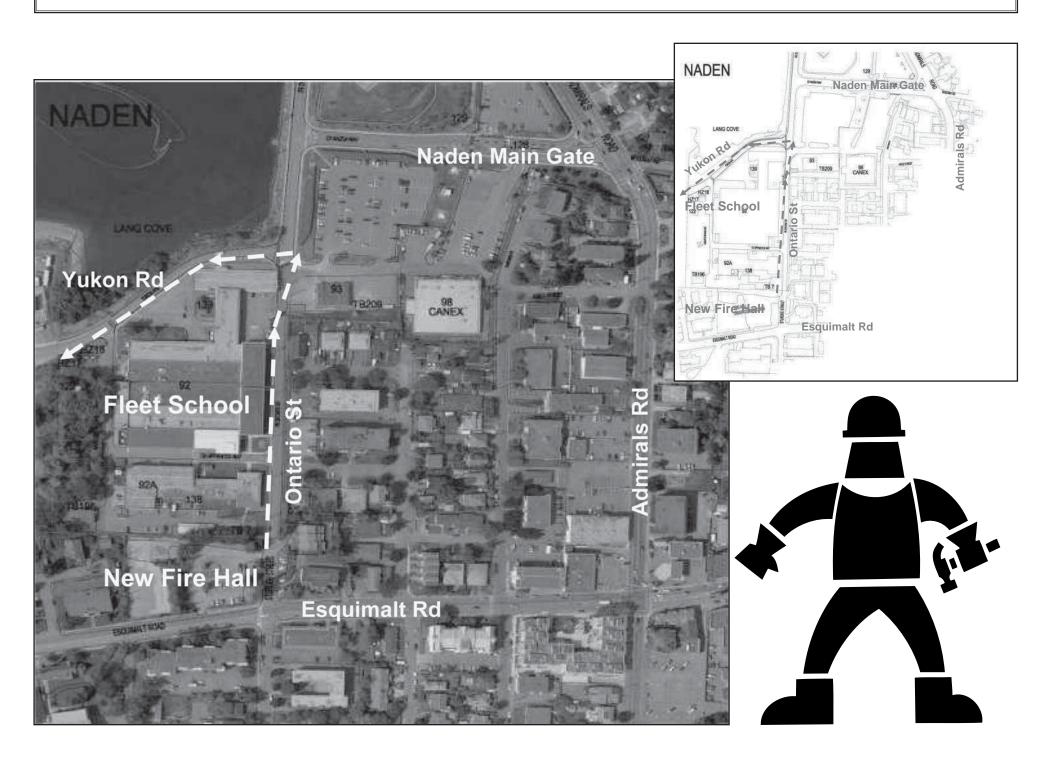
Moving forward, Steele says he will

continue to focus his volunteer time - and his ideas - on three organizations, all of which have inspired and educated him: the navy, the Salvation Army (where he sits on the advisory board) and Royal Roads University. "From Royal Roads, I've learned a lot as to how an innovative educational process can work to the betterment of the community," he says. "There are some huge opportunities there."



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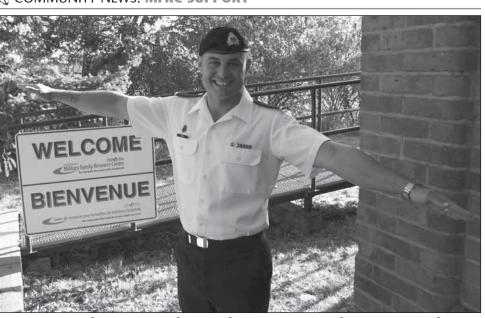




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Local cadet shoots for bronze

Ben Green Staff Writer

Squeezing the trigger of her Angel M80 rifle, Alix Voorthuyzen 17, recited the lyrics of a song from her playlist as the rounds pierced the target a few hundred yards away.

"Getting a song stuck in my head is usually what I do as it helps to keep my mind off the score and more on my shooting," says the army cadet from Victoria's 2289 Artillery Army Cadet Corps. "It also stops me from over-thinking my shot process – getting in position, loading, breathing, and shooting – as over-thinking can sometimes mess with your natural process of shooting."

Shooting since she was seven, and target rifle shooting since she was 13, Voorthuyzen's methodical approach to her sport has become second nature for her - "muscle memory" she calls it.

It was this consistency that earned Voorthuyzen a spot on the Canadian Under-25 team for the World Long Range Championships last month. For 18 days in October, the teenage cadet joined her teammates in Brisbane, Australia, for two weeks of intense tests of marksmanship.

The World Championships, held every four years, saw team Canada go gun-to-gun with teams from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Great Britain. While the team faced some very talented shooters, Voorthuyzen says their lack of cohesive preparation was the biggest hurdle to overcome.

"The only major obstacle we had to get over was the fact that we barely practiced together, as three were from the east coast and two of us were from Victoria," she says. "So practising as a full team was near impossible."

The competition was divided into four distances – 300 yards, 600 yards, 900 yards, and 1,000 yards – where shooters tried to achieve a perfect score of 50.10 points. At

each range, shooters took 12 shots with 10 of them being judged for score. Two shots, called sighters, are dismissed. The centre of the target, or the V-bull, is worth 5.1 points, with outer rings worth five, four, three, two, or one point respectively.

"Each shooter is coached by a head coach and an assistant coach," says Voorthuyzen. "These two are responsible for making adjustments to the sights to get the shooter into the centre of the target. They also have to watch the wind and make a decision on what to do when the wind changes."

After two weeks of contested shooting, Voorthuyzen and Team Canada earned a bronze medal.

"We were really excited that we had won third as a Canadian Under-25 team has never placed in the top three in world competition," she says.

Voorthuyzen only dropped 10 points throughout the entire tournament, but still insists her long-range shots need to be honed.

"The one thing I would like to work on is my 1,000 yard shooting," she says. "At 1,000 yards it is tough to get a good, clear picture of the target, so working on getting a good picture faster at 1,000 yards is what I would like to do. Taking too long to get a good picture can affect the quality of the shot."

Back in Victoria, Voorthuyzen isn't dwelling on her recent success. She's hunting for two jobs to afford a trip to South Africa next year to shoot, as well as taking the next step to turn her hobby into a profession some day.

"I've also put in my application for the Regular Officer Training Plan at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, for a major in psychology and leadership," she adds.

Voorthuyzen has been shooting since age seven when she first learned at a carnival in England. After moving to Canada with her family, she picked up the air rifle when she joined the Navy League Cadets. At 13 she transitioned to the army cadets where she's been target rifle shooting for four years.



Photo courtesy of Alix Voorthuyzen

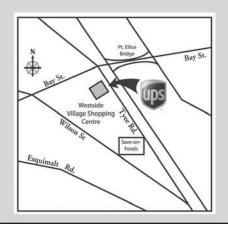
Here the Canadian U-25 team - Justin Hearn, Nielson Woodman, Greg Perron, Tyler Sangster, Alix Voorthuyzen, George Wright, and Serge Bisonnette - pose for a photo at the Belmont Range in Australia.





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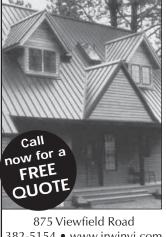
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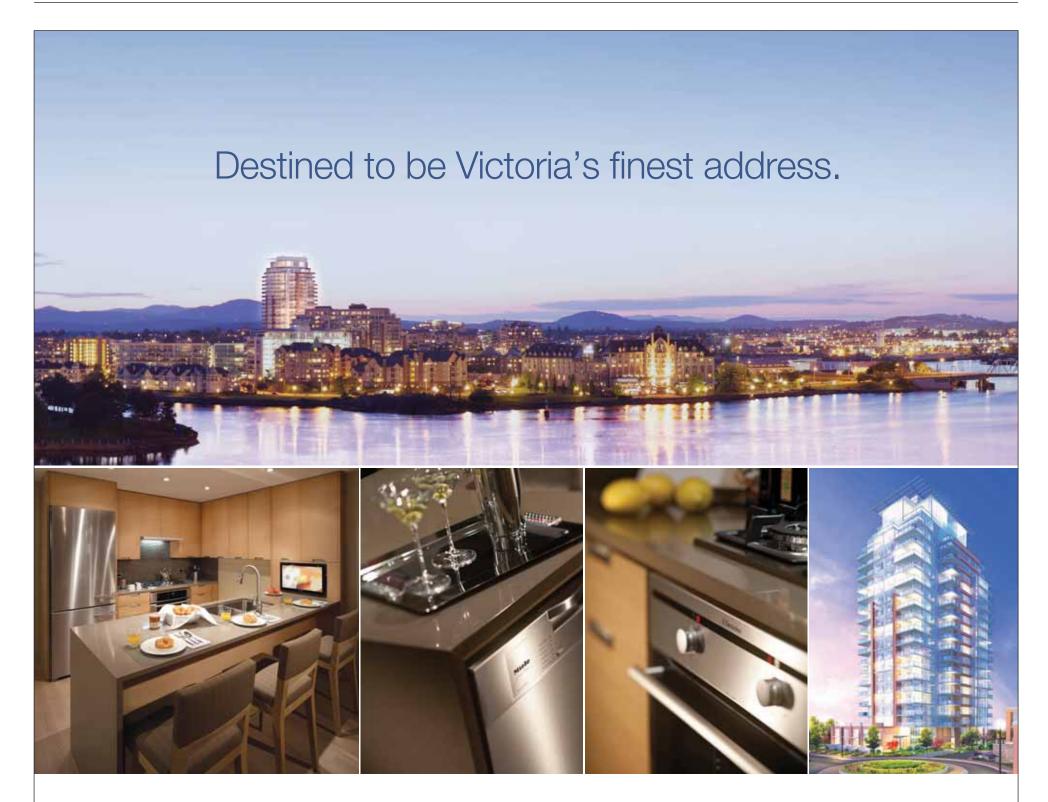
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