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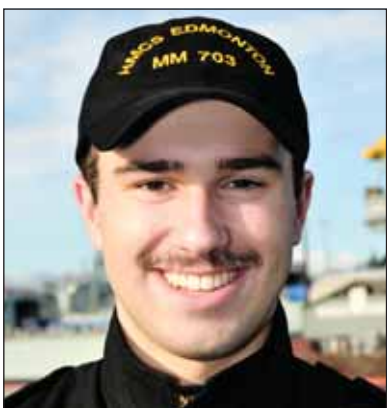
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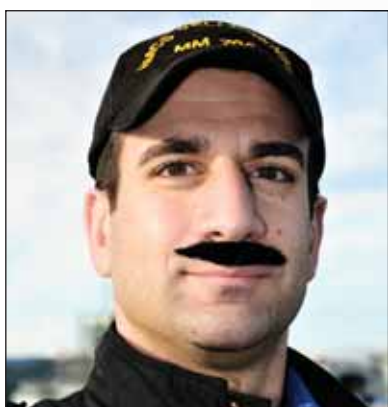
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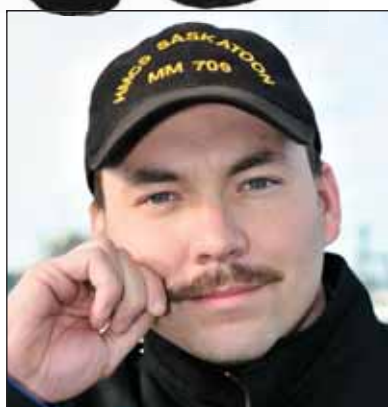
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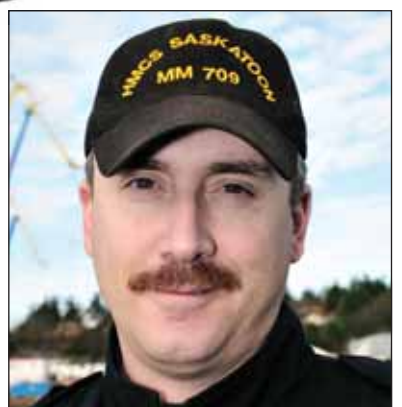
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Joe Salazar, the U.S. Consulate Deputy Principal Officer, (right) presents retired Capt(N) James Heath (left) with the U.S. Legion of Merit Medal.
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Retired sailor receives prestigious award

A/SLt Sean Catterall
Navy Public Affairs

“Early dialogue in coordination is important for success and it cannot be done at the last minute.”

That was one of Capt(N) retired James Heath’s messages at a Nov.16 award ceremony held on his behalf.

At the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom, in front of a group that included Joe Salazar, the U.S. Consulate Deputy Principal Officer, and Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove, Commander MARPAC, Capt(N) Heath was awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit. He earned this medal for exceptional meritorious service as the Division Chief of Maritime Homeland Defense during his time with the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Hawaii from July 2009 through July 2012.

Capt(N) Heath humbly accepted this honour while attributing his success in this role to his prior experience, and the extensive knowledge he acquired from his time spent in numerous command and staff posi-

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-Capt(N) (Ret'd) James Heath

tions in the U.S. and Canadian Navies.

Wrapping up a successful career of 36 years, Capt(N) Heath stressed the importance of maintaining informal lines of communication and interoperability between the two nations.

“It is important that we retain and maintain those skill sets through actual asset integration, the placement of people at the right level, at the right exchange and liaison positions and through practice in training, so that we don’t call upon those

skills for the first time when a real world event occurs.”

Capt(N) Heath’s position allowed him to coordinate U.S. and Canadian naval and coast guard vessels in order to prepare for, and respond to maritime security threats as they became apparent over the past few years.

Specifically, he had a direct hand in coordinating the interdiction of the motor vessel Sun Sea in August 2010; providing the maritime security for the Vancouver Olympics that same year; and positively contributed to Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

In closing, Capt (N) Heath had this to say in response to receiving the Legion of Merit: “The citation speaks factually of some of the specific things I was involved in, but more importantly it recognizes the high regard, in my mind, that the U.S. have for the calibre for the soldiers, sailors and air men and women that Canada produces and makes available to the U.S. and other countries through liaison and exchange positions.”

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Canada visit prize for New Zealand sailor

Shawn O'Hara
Staff Writer

Recognition for a good deed has sent one New Zealand sailor to Canada.

Leading Chef (LCH) Brock West of the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) is in town to visit the Royal Canadian Navy on the Pacific Coast as part of his commendation.

The 24-year-old was honoured this year as the RNZN's Sailor of the Year for heroic actions he took when troubles arose during a salvage operation.

LCH West and HNZN Rotoiti were aiding a salvage vessel with the break down of a grounded cargo ship when the seas got rough.

"We were approaching in our little inflatable boat and we saw a man fall from the ladder," says LCH West.

The man fell five metres and landed on another person. It was then that the medically trained LCH West knew he had to do something.

"Instinct took over, and I jumped from my boat to theirs," he says. "The man

who'd fallen was okay, but the one he'd landed on was a banged up. I administered first aid and we got them back to our ship."

Luckily both men came away with only bumps and a bruised vertebra.

LCH West admits he was just doing what he thought was right, but the recognition still feels good.

"If it was me I'd have wanted someone to do the same thing," he says.

While at CFB Esquimalt he toured the base museum, took in naval life on the West Coast, and had coffee with the RAdm Bill Truelove

"The Admiral is a great guy. We talked about the issues facing our two countries and the future of the navy," he says.

The actions he took are nothing short of what would be expected of a member of the RNZN, says LCH West. His commendation reflects that point of view.

"Your friends always give you a hard time, but it's always nice to get acknowledged for doing the right thing," he says.



Chris Weissenborn, New Zealand Naval Photographic Unit
Leading Chef Brock West was rewarded with a trip to Canada after being honoured as New Zealand's Sailor of the Year.

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People Talk

Lookout asked this question:

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?



I'd be either here or Hawaii. I've spent a lot of time there and it's nice and warm year round. I wouldn't mind taking up surfing after I retire.

MS Gord McKiver



I would want to live in Iceland. There's sunshine there 24/7 during the summer.

Maggie Webster



I don't think I'd want to live anywhere else. I've lived in Victoria my entire life and I don't know if I could be happy anywhere else.

Gertrude Webster



I'd go somewhere down south like Brazil. With my pension I'd be able to live in the lap of luxury.

LS James Poirier



I'd want to live in Florida. I like it there. It's normally nice and warm.

PO2 Gordon Kinslow

SPORTS trivia

by PO2 Bill Sheridan
Contributor

QUESTIONS?

1. Who was first defenceman to win the Conn Smythe Trophy?
2. What year saw the first Allstar type game in the NFL?
3. Wayne Cashman retired in 1983, making him the last person to do what?
4. Gus Weyhing holds the record of 277 what?
5. Who was the quarterback and receiver of "The Catch" in the 1981 NFC Championship game?
6. Which NBA team at one time called Moline Illinois Home?
7. Which Cubs fan sat in a seat at Section 4, Row 8, Seat 113
8. Who stepped aside for the last two games of the 2002 season to allow Roger Neilson to coach to finish his career at 1000 games?

ANSWERS

1. Serge Savard
2. 1938 saw the Champions play the all-stars, where the Giants defeated the all stars.
3. Play prior to the 1967 expansion-Original 6
4. Hit batters 277 times
5. Joe Montana Threw to Dwight Clark to win the game
6. Tri City Blackhawks, formerly Buffalo Bisons, and now the Atlanta Hawks
7. Steve Bartram, who got in the way of Moises Alou on a foul ball
8. Jacques Martin

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NEWS *Nuggets*

BC museum displays flock of wildlife

The world-renowned all-new exhibition of winning images from the 2012 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition – including the work of four Canadians – has opened to the public at the Royal BC Museum.

This is their first stop after being on display in London.

With 100 huge backlit images by photographers from Estonia to Taiwan, this year's winners were chosen from more than 48,000 entries from 98 countries.

The exhibition includes:
 • Overall winner of Wildlife Photographer of the Year, an underwater shot of penguins in Antarctica taken by Canadian Paul Nicklen of Nanoose Bay.

• Nicklen's specially commended image of B.C.'s Kermode bear, named in 1905 after one of the Royal BC Museum's earliest curators, Francis Kermode.

• Humorous images, such as the raven on a bad hair day taken by Canadian John

Marriott

• Photojournalism portfolios and impactful images that range from storks eating from garbage dumps to the brutal and illegal harvest of rhino horn.

Images are by young photographers ages 10 to 17 in three age categories.

A Winter's Night

The Greater Victoria Concert Band presents "A Winter's Night" with the Greater Victoria Concert Band and special guest Parkland Secondary School Senior Concert Band, directed by Michael Keddy.

Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney. Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and Students.

The opening performance is by the Parkland Secondary School Senior Concert Band, directed by Cristina Sousa.

Profits benefit Parkland Secondary School music program.

Tickets available at Mary Winspear box office. 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney 250-656-0275. www.gvcb.ca.

Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial

The Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial was unveiled and dedicated in the community of Trenton, ON, on Nov. 10.

The \$1.2 million memorial was created and funded by Canadians from across Canada. It is located in Bain Park on the shores of the Bay of Quinte. Trenton's 8 Wing, Canada's largest air force base and the starting point of the Highway of Heroes, is only steps away.

The service in honour of the 158 Canadian service members who have fallen to date in the Afghanistan conflict was attended by more than 2,000 friends and family members of the fallen and members of the public. Air cadets read aloud the names of each of the fallen as

a bell tolled. Royal Military College cadets unveiled the memorial followed by a fly past of a CC-130 Hercules from 8 Wing.

Fleet overhaul

With an eye to the future, the Canadian Army is overhauling its vehicle fleets.

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Sidney woman pens wartime memoirs

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

Anna Maria Alberts-Zeeman has been a Canadian citizen for more than 50 years, but each spring she glances out her window in Sidney to see the Peace roses in bloom, and her thoughts turn to memories of Holland.

These large vibrant pink and yellow roses take the 84-year-old Amsterdam native back to her teenage years – a time of fear, oppression and poverty in a war-torn country.

Like many Dutch teenagers at the time, she spent her childhood in fear, wondering if her family would starve to death like so many compatriots had.

Now in her twilight years, she decided to pen her memoirs. *The Peace Rose* is her book that chronicles her childhood in Holland, the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers, her immigration to Canada, and an inspirational journey through her life.

Last year, she met with a group of soldiers from CFB Esquimalt about to attend the annual Nijmegen march in Holland.

"I told those soldiers they reminded me of the young soldiers from so many years ago during the liberation, smiling and sharing chocolate bars with us.

The Dutch will never forget what Canadians did for us. It is our life and our history. We cherish it," she said.

Amsterdam was one of the last places in Holland to be liberated after the war.

Alberts-Zeeman was 12 when the war started and 17 when it ended.

"I lost a big portion of my teenage years. By the last year it was just survival, as Holland was downhill already economically," she said. "We lived in darkness when the war was on because we had to put black paper on our windows. Everything had to be dark to protect both us and the Nazis from the allied air raids. The Germans took away our radios, so we had no contact with the outside world."

Dramatic change swept the country when the Nazis systematically stripped the Jewish people of dignity and freedom.

"They had to wear a yellow cotton star of David with black etching around the star marked Jood (Jew) in the middle. They were made to leave their homes and businesses and forced to live in Nazi camps. It was a frightening time."

As a teen, she remembers seeing gatherings of people on the streets.

"We knew it was trouble. It would either be Jewish people taken from their homes and put into trucks to go to the camps, or Dutch people helping the Jews hide or escape. Dutch people could go to jail for helping the Jewish people. They also could go to jail if they were caught listening to English radio about the progression of the war."

Then the food supplies diminished. Germans took much of the food for themselves from the farmers.

Alberts-Zeeman remembers riding a bicycle with wooden tires to



Photo courtesy of Anna Maria Alberts-Zeeman

Anna Maria Alberts-Zeeman spent her teenage years in poverty and oppression during the Second World War in Amsterdam. She wrote a book called "The Peace Rose," which is her memoirs about this time, including the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers.

the countryside to ask farmers for food near the end of the war; then she remembers being too weak to make the journey home by bike. People were dying of starvation.

Sweden, a country neutral in the Second World War, flew planes over Holland dropping supplies of flour so Dutch bakers could bake bread.

"We looked to the sky to watch what looked like a miracle," she recalls.

Then the Canadians arrived in Amsterdam.

"The Dutch will never forget the moment we met our Canadian liberators face to face. Trucks and tanks rolled in. They gave us smiles and chocolates and freed us from our oppressors. I felt overwhelming emotions.

"All those years we survived thinking only of the next day. Would we have enough food? Would bombs drop on us? Would sirens call us to go to the shelters built under Amsterdam bridges, shelters to protect us from Allied bombs?"

"We had hope again and were free to make our own decisions about our future, build up our communities and our country again. It was an overwhelming joy; we were re-energized."

The entire country broke out in street parties. Although food supplies were still very short, spirits were high, and it was at Alberts-Zeeman's street party that she met her husband John Zeeman.

Like many young Dutch men, he

had been taken out of the country and put into forced labour for the German factories during the war. Taking a great risk, he escaped from Germany to Switzerland where he found shelter and food until the end of the war.

"He told us of his hardships in the war camps, of long hours, very little food and cramped living quarters," she said. "It was love at first sight."

Soon after, the couple married and immigrated to Canada. A rocky, challenging and rewarding road followed them, including learning a new language and leaving friends and family.

Then Alberts-Zeeman found herself a widow at age 39 raising two children with her first job in Canada. Later, her second marriage also left her a widow.

Her story is a spiritual, inspirational and embracing one about love, loss and hope.

"When I met those sailors at CFB Esquimalt last year I thanked them for what their forefathers did. I also thanked them for their service. All of Holland is in love with the Canadians and what they did for us. We will never forget."

Alberts-Zeeman was born in Amsterdam in 1928 and immigrated to Canada in 1953. She returned to live in Holland during the 70s and 80s, but has lived in Sidney, B.C. since 1988.

Her book is for sale Monday to Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Pacific Fleet Club.

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Left: Marine Engineer OS Kyle Tessier adjusts a lathe prior to use.

Bottom left: Supply Technician LS Shawn Harris stores care packages sent from Canada for all the members of the ship's company to be opened during the holiday season.

Below: LS Ulric Ferguson (foreground) and LS Jenigab Arte inspect the radar on the bridge.

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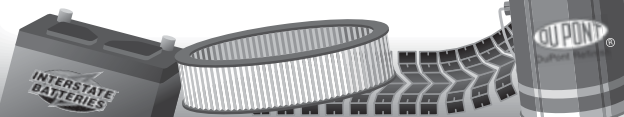
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Officers and NCMs tackle Grey Cup Sunday

Shawn O'Hara
 Staff Writer

It's not often Naval Officers take the field against Junior Ranks, but hours before the Sunday Grey Cup all ranks were off.

The Wardroom Warriors and the Fleet Club Seadogs met on the sports field near Colville Road for their pre-Grey Cup game.

The Seadogs put up a fight early. They led until the third quarter when the Warriors came back strong.

The final score was 28 to 14, with the Officers taking home a late game win.

"Some of those old guys are pretty big," said MS Leger. "They've got the leadership experience and can really knock people around. But it was a blast."

The idea for the game came when MS Chris Leger, Mess Manager for Venture, The Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC), realized both he and the Fleet Club were planning a Grey Cup party.

"One of the officers suggested we challenge the Fleet Club to a game. I thought it was a great idea," he says.

The game was initially planned as unit versus unit, with Venture NOTC facing off against the Fleet Club Junior Ranks, but the officers had other plans.

"They told me they didn't

want me on their team. I said okay, if that's how it's going to be then it's on," says MS Leger.

The game was a great way for Officers and Non Commissioned Members to spend time together and get some exercise, says MS Leger.

"Personally, I haven't played football like that in years," he says. "Hopefully we won't have to wait for another Grey Cup to do this again."

MS Leger would like to make it an annual, if not regular, occurrence. The only problem is the position of Mess Manager is reassigned fairly regularly.

"I hope if I lay groundwork for regular games that I can pass them onto my successor," he says. "It's a lot of fun and hopefully whoever is in my shoes in the future will continue down that road."



MS Gord McKiver, Contributor

Above: The UVic cheer team waves their pom poms during a half time show at the Pacific Fleet Club.

Below: Non commissioned members and officers faced off against each other in a friendly game of football to mark Grey Cup Sunday this year.



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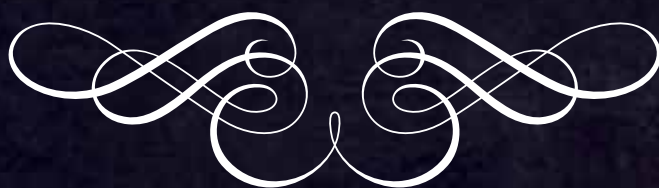
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Canadian military photographers



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The silent witnesses of war

Holly Bridges
 RCAF Public Affairs

More than 70 years ago, during the height of the Second World War, Canadian military photographers were silent witnesses to a nation at war, all with the aim of capturing the moment on film, however grim.

But many of the pictures of Canadian military personnel from the Second World War were staged for the media to use back home, shot by former press photographers who signed up to chronicle Canada's involvement in the conflict.

According to Collections Canada, late in 1939, Frank Badgley, commissioner of

the Canadian Government Motion Picture Bureau, prepared a report recommending the Canadian Army organize a special film and photographic unit.

The purposes of this unit, he wrote, would be:

"... to record in motion pictures and photographs the day by day activities and achievements of...those units actively engaged in the combat zones, not only to provide an historical record, but to provide informational and inspirational material for... the maintenance of public morale and the stimulation of recruiting... [and]...to provide material for world wide distribution through the newsreels, news photo organizations, the press and

other outlets... that will serve to keep Canada's war efforts vividly before not only our own people but the rest of the world."

In 1940, a public relations photographic section was formed at Canadian Military Headquarters in London, England. It was the forerunner of the Canadian Army Film and Photo Unit set up in September 1941. Back in Canada, the photographic section of the Army's Directorate of Public Relations was organized at Ottawa in 1942.

In March 1940, Flying Officer Fergus Grant, the air press liaison officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), asked that the RCAF's Photographic Establishment to cre-

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Left: Airwoman E.F. Nightingale, served as a Canadian military photographer during the Second World War.

Right: A Canadian photographer stumbled upon a group of Canadian Spitfire pilots taking part in an improvised church service during the Second World War.



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ate a "Press Photographic Section" for the purposes of "securing photographs of air force activities that may be distributed to the press of Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland and other countries."

F/O Grant specified that "the photographs should be good, and have news value." The result of this request was the Press Liaison Section; it began operating in the spring of 1940. One year later, RCAF Overseas Headquarters in London established a similar photographic section.

In May 1940, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) began to consider the possible uses of photography. The director of naval information was Lieutenant John Farrow, who wrote an eloquent memorandum that stated: "A pictorial record should accompany the compilation of the war diary...men die, ships sink, towns and ports change their contours, and without the aid of the camera their images are left to the uncertain vehicle of memory or to be forgotten in the dry passages of dusty files." Moreover, "at all times headquarters could, at will, issue to the press photographs of events or of

persons that might be considered of topical interest."

By 1940, all three services – Army, Navy and Air Force – had photographers serving overseas with newly-formed photographic units. Three of the original photographers who were active in 1940 were Laurie Audrain of the Army, Gerry Richardson of the Navy, and Norman Drolet of the Air Force. Sadly, however, many of the wartime photographs that are contained in the Collections Canada image bank say "photographer unknown."

A proud heritage

Although military photography did not really come into its own until the Second World War, military photography dates back as far as the 1800s. According to Master Warrant Officer Norm Marion, a Canadian Forces photographer and public affairs officer at 16 Wing Borden, Ont., "The title of being the first Canadian military photographer has to go to Captain James Peters, an officer commanding a battery of Artillery during the 1885 Northwest Rebellion.

"Captain Peters, a talented writer who, in addition to his duties as artillery officer, acted as correspondent

to a Quebec newspaper, was also a keen amateur photographer and carried his own camera equipment throughout the campaign. Although the technology had, by then, evolved to the use of magazine-loaded dry plates, the logistics involved in carrying the equipment into battle remained a major part of the operation. While dealing with the business of running his artillery unit, Capt Peters managed to photograph, often from his saddle, the actions of his troops at Fish Creek and Batoche. His photographs are generally recognized as the first in the world taken during battle, rather than before and after the fighting. Captain Peters was mentioned in dispatches for his actions during the campaign."

Today, we salute all Canadian Forces military photographers whose proud heritage has allowed Canadians to witness the efforts of our personnel, in peacetime and in war.

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New web tool for defence team

DND Internal Communication

It's nice to be able to quickly and easily locate information.

-Moya Green
 President, Canada Post

In recent weeks ADM(HR-Civ) launched its new and improved Intranet site for members of the Defence Team. An important step forward in improving civilian HR communication and services was made with the launch of the HR-Civ Intranet. It provides managers, employees, and HR service providers with a user-friendly tool that puts relevant HR information and tools right at your finger tips.

What's Different

The updated site has been developed with the HR client and practitioner in mind. Users of the old Intranet were outspoken that the site was difficult to navigate and that reference material was not readily accessible.

"We heard those concerns loud and clear, and keeping in mind HR-Civ's mandate to evolve to an operating model focused on offering our clients easy access to civilian information quickly and easily (i.e. click, call, consult), we made major changes to the way material is presented on our site," said Cynthia Binnington, ADM(HR-Civ).

Material is now organized by topic rather than by organization and content is specifically tailored for Employees, Managers, and HR Service Providers. For example, if you are looking for information on pay, you will look under the topic

Compensation and Benefits without having to determine which organization in HR-Civ is responsible.

The aim is to streamline the users' online experience to make it more focused and efficient. With this in mind, a vital component of the redesign is ensuring that the information found on the site is easier to find by applying the philosophy that content be tailored to users depending on the hat they are wearing at any given time. For example, if a user is looking for HR information for themselves, they will select the Employee tab. If the user is seeking information to assist them in their role as a manager of a civilian employee, they will select the Manager tab. Likewise, if the user is an HR Practitioner and needs help in performing a task for his or her clients, they will select the HR Practitioners tab.

"It's nice to be able to quickly and easily locate information with a topic-based system as opposed to losing valuable time searching through a hundred and one pages to dig out the one thing you really need," says Michelle Francis, Business Planning Analyst with the L1 Corporate Planning group. "This new site is

quite easy to get around. I like it!"

Moving Forward

Most importantly, at regular times throughout the year, audience-specific quick links on the home page will highlight timely HR activities – HR planning and annual performance reviews are just two examples of these calendar-sensitive topics. Yet another new feature of the site is the ADM's Corner where users will find regular messages from ADM(HR-Civ) herself to keep the civilian community informed of new HR initiatives, activities, and issues.

"I am committed to providing all users with accurate, timely, reliable, and relevant content and to continuously making improvements," says Mrs. Binnington. Comments and suggestions are essential in ensuring the intranet space remains relevant for the user and therefore all members of the Defence Team are encouraged to provide feedback by emailing the web team.

Civilian members of the Defence Team are encouraged to visit the new HR-Civ Intranet site. Note that the site has a new URL and you may need to update your existing bookmarks.



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Canada receives top NATO honour

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It was the first-ever NATO multi-national field hospital involved in combat operations.

BGen Jean-Robert Bernier, the Canadian Forces (CF) Surgeon General, and Colonel Jacques Ricard, the first Commander of the medical unit, accepted the award at the semi-annual meeting of the Committee of the Chiefs of Military Medical Services at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) headquarters in Brussels on Nov. 21.

The Dominique-Jean Larrey Award is the highest honour for medical support that NATO bestows. It is awarded in recognition of a significant and lasting contribution to NATO multi-nationality and/or interoperability or to improvements in the

provision of health care in NATO missions within the areas of military medical support or military health-care development.

This is the second time the award has been granted.

The CF were honoured for its outstanding leadership and the extraordinary clinical success throughout the mission, with the highest survival rate for war victims recorded to date.

The CF were also commended for their groundbreaking work in integrating multinational health teams comprised of military and civilian personnel from partner nations, including Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

More than 800 CF Health Services personnel worked there with coalition partners during the period of Canadian command.

"This award is a testament to the extraordinary dedication and professionalism of the Canadian and allied military and civilian personnel who served there," said BGen Bernier.

Halifax museum holds name contest

Richard Sanderson
Maritime Command Museum CFB Halifax

The Maritime Command Museum at CFB Halifax is looking to change its name.

They're running a contest to find the best and most fitting name for the museum. The contest is open to everyone.

They need a name that talks about their connection to Halifax and the Atlantic, a name that shows the rich heritage of the Royal Canadian Navy, and honours the significance of their home, Admiralty House. The name must speak to the civilian public and the navy community.

Many years ago the Maritime Museum of Canada gave birth to twins: Maritime Command Museum and Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. That's been their name for nearly four decades despite the fact that Maritime Command moved on years ago.

The museum is the largest collection of RCN artefacts in the country

and includes material that helped define Canada as a nation. With the re-naming of the navy, the time is right to create a new face for the museum as well.

Visit the web site or better yet, if in Halifax drop by the museum, take a look and tell them what you think. Submit your proposal to Rick Sanderson, Acting Director, Maritime Command Museum, via Sanderson.RA@forces.gc.ca. by midnight, Dec. 31, 2012.

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This year, the RCNBF received 79 applications and 24 bursaries were awarded. Total value of the 2012 scholarships is \$39,000. Recipients are all pursuing post-secondary education in community colleges or universities across Canada. Of the 24 recipients, six were children of serving sailors. Not surprisingly, most came from Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and Ontario.

Each year, the RCNBF awards scholarships to dependants of serving RCN members, and the children and grandchildren of former naval service members. Fifteen are RCN Centennial Bursaries, five are CPO Douglas R. Hooser scholarships recognizing his generous donation to the Fund in 2006, and the

remainder are CPO Andrew McQueen Jack Trust Fund awards.

"Since being established in 1942, the Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund has been all about sailors helping sailors and their families and our scholarship program is an important part of this. These scholarships not only help naval families financially; they also contribute to the future of our country by assisting young people who will be our future leaders," said Cdr (retired) David Primeau, current president of the Fund.

In addition to these bursaries, this year the RCNBF enhanced its educational assistance with a new program for those pursuing technical training courses. This assistance is available year-round subject to annual funding limits.

More information about the RCNBF and its educational assistance programs can be obtained at www.rcnbf.ca or by contacting the Fund office at 1-888-557-8777.

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Jon Chabun
MFRC

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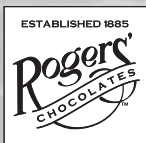
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