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Shawn O'Hara, Lookout

Lt(N) Jeffrey Lura, Information Management Officer in HMCS Algonquin, gives cadets of 878 Banff/Canmore Air Cadet Squadron a tour of the ship.

Alberta air cadets discover the navy

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Air cadets from 878 Banff/Canmore Royal Canadian Air Cadet Corps from Canmore, Alberta, got a peek at naval life during a tour of HMC Dockyard last Monday.

The group of 35 cadets were in town as part of Operation Eggstravaganza, a Spring Break tour of military and educational sites in Victoria, Esquimalt, and Vancouver Island.

The purpose of the trip was to assess the leader-

ship skills of cadets, as well as foster an interest in a career in the Canadian Armed Forces.

"Our goal was to make this trip as educational as possible," says Capt Robert Vanderlee, a Cadet Officer with 878 Banff/Canmore. "Even though we're an Air Cadet Corps we're not afraid to expose our kids to naval life."

The cadets toured 443 MH Squadron headquaters, Fort Rodd Hill historic site, Royal Roads University, and CFB Esquimalt.

At CFB Esquimalt

cadets were given a tour of *HMCS Algonquin*, where they saw the ship's mess decks, operations room, bridge, and crew quarters.

"It gave me a scope of how huge the Canadian Fleet is," said Air Cadet WO2 Tate Thornton. "I never really thought of Canada as a country with a huge naval force, but it's a completely different experience seeing it up close."

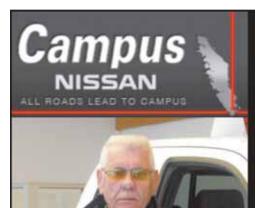
The somewhat labyrinthine *Algonquin* tipped WO2 Thornton to a facet of naval life she wasn't aware of.

"There are so many lad-

ders and corridors all over the place," she says. "I have no idea how everyone remembers where everything is. I would get lost for sure."

WO2 Thornton says the trip gave the land-locked cadets a look at a side of the military they otherwise wouldn't have seen.

"The naval knowledge that any of us have has been very minimal," she says. "Most of us haven't even been on a naval base before, or seen much of the ocean, so this has been a really great experience for us."



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Drop-in sessions set for FORCE test

To assist with the launch of the new FORCE evaluation, information and familiarization sessions are planned for April. All sessions are dropin (no registration required). Presentation/FORCE **Information Session**

This presentation will provide CF members an overview of the new test with videos of all the new tasks. This is not a practical session. This presentation is ideal for those who want to know more about the background of the test, how it was developed, the protocols, and future direction of fitness in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Wednesday, April 3 - BIS Large Conference Room noon to 1 p.m.

Friday, April 5 - FMF Theatre D250 E344 - noon to 1 p.m.

Familiarization Sessions

These sessions will provide Canadian Armed Forces members a brief overview of the FORCE test and then provide a hands-on opportunity to gain experience with the protocols. PT gear is required. You will not be completing the entire test. You will be given time to try each of the four tasks "unofficially." Testing will take place in the lower gym at Naden Athletic Centre.

• Tuesday, April 2 -Friday, April 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Unit EXPRES Coordinators

CANFORGENS (DWAN Only)

• Monday, April 8 -Tuesday, April 30, 8 to 10 a.m. Drop-in for all CAF members

PSP open house - information, familiarization, personal video analysis

• Wednesday, May 1 -Naden Athletic Centre 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Official Testing

Every CAF member is expected to attempt the FORCE test during fiscal year 13/14. Testing of the FORCE evaluation will begin May 1. A schedule will be provided at a later date by PSP staff. As well, current fitness schedules (including Unit PT and testing schedules) can be found on our website: www. cg.cfpsa.ca/cg-c/Esquimalt/ EN/FitnessandSports/ MilitaryFitness/Pages/ GroupFitness.aspx

Training Support

For training support please visit www.dfit.ca and generate a training program. If you require any additional support in understanding the exercises please do not hesitate to contact the base PSP staff 3-4485. Also our daily PT classes will be integrating aspects of the new FORCE protocols.





http://vcds.mil.ca/vcds-exec/pubs/canforgen/2013/038-13_e.asp http://vcds.mil.ca/vcds-exec/pubs/canforgen/2013/038-13_f.asp FORCE website (for questions and answers): www.cfpsa.com/FORCEPROGRAM

Video: http://vimeo.com/cfpfss/videos, PLUS **on Our Base**

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Advance Voting

May 8 to 11

- Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 8 am to 8 pm
- Colwood Pentecostal Church, 8 am to 8 pm

General Voting

May 14 from 8 am to 8 pm

- Esquimalt: DaVinci Centre, Esquimalt Senior Secondary School, Esquimalt Recreation Centre, Esquimalt United Church, View Royal Elementary School, Shoreline Middle Community School.
- Colwood: Eagle View Elementary School. West Shore Recreation Centre (Juan de Fuca) Colwood Pentecostal Church, Sangster Elementary School, Wishart Elementary School

For more locations, go to www. elections.bc.ca.



To vote in the B.C. Elections you must meet the criteria as per their website, as well as have a civic address in B.C. and have lived here for the past six months. A few weeks before the election, "Where to Vote Cards" will be mailed to each eligible voter indicating the voting place where they vote.

In the event a voter is unable to attend to the voting place recorded on the card, as previously mentioned, voting can be undertaken at any of the mentioned voting places or others in

For those who were unable to register at CFB Esquimalt on March 13, 14 and 15, please contact the Elections office at 250-387-5305 for registration instructions.

Arrangements for members on ships who might be at sea during the voting times will be made via CPO2 Rasmussen CANFLTPAC F4 Log at 3-5329. For all other Election enquiries contact the Base PFAO Lt(N) Danila at 363-4103.

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People Talk

Lookout asked this question:

What has surprised you most about training for the Nijmegen



I find the cohesion of the team very inspiring. Everyone has come together as a team very quickly, so it helps when you have to get up and march at five in the morning.

I'm surprised by the amount of walking we actually do. Before we go over to the Netherlands we're marching over 1200 kilometres.

AB Brittany Anderson



It's a lot more fun than I would expect. It's like playing on a sports team, everyone is really nice.

CPO1 Ron Mierau



I haven't been surprised by anything yet. I think I knew what to expect, but the training is a lot more thorough than I expected.

Cpl Junior Trudel



I'm the newest recruit for the march, and I'm really impressed by how encouraging everyone has been

LS Chris Walsh

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, some conflicting signals from a friend this week might seem like trouble is ahead. But it's more likely that your perception of the situation is a little off.

PO1 Karen Shields

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your imagination has a life of its own this week. You may be thinking of living on the edge a little bit in the next few days but don't overdo it.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, avoid a deep discussion about your feelings with someone at work this week. Now is not the time or the place to share anything personal, so keep it professional.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, don't get sidetracked this week because coworkers are expecting your full attention and effort at the office. You may need to juggle a few responsibilities for the time being.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, make sure you comments are not misinterpreted this week. Someone might take something the wrong way, so choose your words carefully.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

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Virgo, you may be feeling great physically, but there is a nagging problem that you simply cannot identify. Give it time and it will come to the surface.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you know what you want and do not need anyone's approval, but you can't help checking in with a family member this week to get a second opinion.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, channel your romantic feelings into action this week. Act sooner rather than later and make the most of your emotions while they're strong.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, learn from the past but do not allow letdowns from the past to dictate your future. There is no guarantee that things will be repeated.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, write things down this week before you say them to be sure you have everything correct. This will help you when you need to make an important announcement.

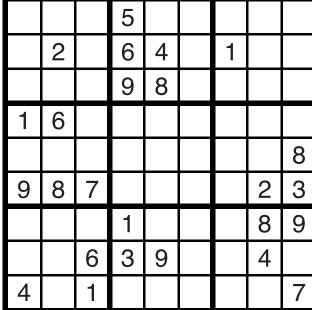
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may feel like escaping to a fantasy world, but that does not mean the pressing matters will simply disappear. A vacation may recharge your batteries.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are in much better shape than you think you are, Pisces. So don't be too hard on yourself this week. It is alright to put your feet up.

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Kids in Bahrain learn about Canada

Shelley Lipke Staff Writer

It took Acting Commander Mike Erwin four weekends to construct Phil Beaver, a paper mache beaver holding a hockey stick and Canadian Flag.

The distinctly Canadian arts and craft project was part of an ambassador program to educate children of the Middle East on the Great White North.

The officer and Phil went on display March 22 at the Bahrain School in Jaffai, Bahrain, as part of an International Fair that filled the gymnasium, auditorium, main hallway, and outer courtyards.

Phil was a hit with local students including 25 Canadian children who attend the school.

"Everyone seemed quite interested in our Canada booth, and I thought the beaver would be a fun way to represent Canada. He's made from cardboard, tape and paper mache," said A/Cdr Erwin.

Each child had a passport listing the countries they needed to visit at the International Fair. To get a stamp they had to answer a question.

"The Canadian question was: What is Canada's favourite sport?" said A/Cdr Erwin.

The booth displayed material from previous Canada Day celebrations and Personnel Support



A/Cdr Michael Erwin, Lt(N) Ian MacKay and PO2 Daniel Hyland hosted a Canadian booth at Bahrain School for an International Fair held for the children. The three are deployed on Operation Foundation, a combined maritime forces coalition of 28 nations providing maritime security operations.

Programs (PSP) sent over stickers and tattoos to hand out.

A/Cdr Erwin is deployed in Bahrain on Operation Foundation - Combined Maritime Forces, a coalition organization of 28 nations that conduct maritime security operations covering 2.5 million

square miles.

The Bahrain School is run by the U.S. Government, and was designed for the children of U.S. service people serving in Bahrain. Canadian children also attend the school from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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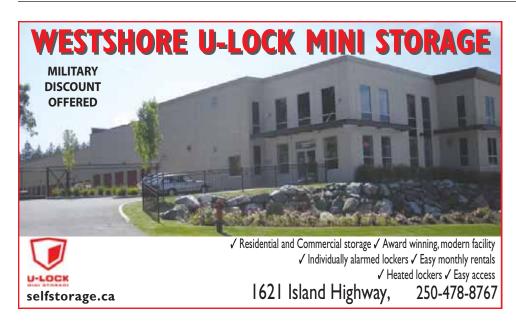
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Lift your cyber veil of ignorance

PO2 Thandi Pilkey Base PA

Ever consider that by "liking" an ad, picture, or video on Facebook you may have invited a computer worm to sift through your personal information?

According to Infosecurity magazine, cyber security, cyber espionage and cyber terrorism top the 2013 list of information security threats.

Individuals, industry and governments are clamouring to proactively manage the inherent security demands.

Your personal computing habits - the way you browse the internet, use social media, and save and transfer files - can also be a hazard to work place security.

Sharing the details of your daily activity is common place in social media. Minute-by-minute updates of your personal life are not harmful unless sensitive information is included in your posts.

For example, Tweeting, "Glad the ship broke down and we get to stop in Crete for parts...who know how long the repairs will take," discloses Essential Elements of Friendly Information (EEFI) that are useful to anyone who wants to cause harm.

In general, EEFIs include information about personnel, equipment, capabilities, position, and operations. This Tweet has just told the "bad guys" where the ship is headed (position), that she is broken (capabilities), her operational capability is limited and that the ship's company will likely be exploring the sights and sounds of downtown Crete. This is valuable information for anyone with the will and means to derail the ship's mission.

Private computing behaviours seldom adhere to principles of acceptable workplace computing and are rarely conducive to opera-

tional security (OpSec). The recently promulgated VCDS OpSec directive (CANFORGEN 032/13) serves as a reminder and a warning to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel that sensitive information must be handled with care, exercising due consideration for public safety and national security. With access to privileged information comes the obligation to safeguard it appropriately.

Collectively, the goal is to make a clear distinction between personal and workplace computing, and to moderate your activity to comply with OpSec regulations and defend against cyber attacks. Increased awareness, training, and skills development are the best defences against what is essentially a cyber veil of ignorance.

For more information on information security, visit www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/sim-gsi/index-eng.asp.

DND offers HPV vaccine Gardasil

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Health Services is reminding Canadian Armed Forces members they can receive the Gardasil vaccine at the base clinic.

The vaccine protects against the Human Papillomavirus and costs on average \$500 for a series of three injections/shots. However, the cost for CF members is being covered by DND

"It's a very worthwhile preventative health vaccine" says Lt(N) Jodylynn Dans, physician at the Base Clinic. "It's a very proactive vaccine and it shows they really care about the future health and wellbeing of military members."

HPV is a primarily sexually transmitted virus that affects men and women of all ages. The vaccine is available for women between the ages of 14 and 45 and men between the ages of 14 and 26. While the majority of HPV strains cause no symptoms in most people, the most common strains can cause warts, and lead to cancers of the cervix, vulva, vagina, penis, and anus.

Gardasil protects against the four most common strains of HPV, two of which are known to cause warts and two that cause cancer.

"Warts are most people's main worry because there's a personal and social stigma attached to them, and are very distressing," says Lt(N) Dans. "However, most people don't realize HPV can cause cancer, let alone that the vaccine can protect against it. This is about potentially saving people's lives."

While men typically show fewer symptoms, they can still pass the virus onto women.

"Often men don't show any symptoms, except for maybe a wart, but they are susceptible to develop cancer later in life," says Lt(N) Dans. "Women who contract HPV and don't get it treated right away can be at a much higher risk of developing cancer, especially cervical which accounts for 10 percent of all female cancers."

The vaccine is administered intramuscularly, through injections into the arm. The procedure consists of three injections at zero, two, and six months after the initial injection.

To receive the vaccine military members can drop into the Base Immunizations Clinic - bring their military ID and the vaccination booklet provided to them.

For more information, or to make an appointment, drop in at the Immunization Department at the Base Clinic at 1200 Colville Rd.



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Camosun hosts first **Comics Conference**

Sunday, April Lansdowne campus

The public is invited to the first annual Comics Conference, hosted by the Comics and Graphic Novels program at Camosun College. The one-day conference will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the third floor of the Young building at Lansdowne campus. Admission is free.

The one-day conference is a celebration of the artistic and literary impact of comics and graphic novels created locally, nationally, and internationally. Conference attendees will hear and see the process of visual storytelling, and discuss the medium with the creators, teachers, publishers, and other fans.

A conference highlight will be the "artists alley" showcasing the publications and artwork created by the 16 students in this year's graduating class. There will also be displays by established local creators including Gareth Gaudin, Janine Johnston, Nelson Dewey, Ash Vickers,

Glen Mullaly, Simon Roy, and Glen and Kay Lovett. **April is Oral Health**

Month

The month of April is Oral Health Month and an important part of this celebration is National Dental Hygienists Week April 7-13. Focusing on the importance of maintaining good oral health practices, and helping Canadians understand how collaborating with dental professionals will contribute to good oral health.

Dental hygienists of 1 Dental Unit Detachment in Esquimalt will host an oral health display at Nelles Block on Thursday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop by the display and pick up free gifts, plus enter the draw for a free Oral-B electric toothbrush.

Volunteers needed for the Navy Run

If you are looking to get involved in this year's Navy Run, June 23, please consider being a volunteer. With the two new routes we are in need more route marshals.

Volunteers will be required

at 7:45 a.m. for three hours. To volunteer contact Kim Miller at kimberly.miller@ forces.gc.ca or Natalie Vincent at natalie.vincent@ forces.gc.ca

Garage sale

Make some extra money from your unwanted items at a huge multi-family garage sale, Sunday May 26, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year, there were more than 50 vendors at the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre and a huge number of buyers descended on the location. Tables sold out well in advance, so get your table early. Cost \$10 by May 4 or \$15 after May 4, and are available for sale at Signal Hill MFRC and CPAC MFRC.

Thefts - Naden Gym

There has been a rash of thefts at the Naden Gym. Someone is going into the men's change room and rifling through unlocked lockers. Presently, only cash has been stolen; however, that could easily change to other items. The easiest way to safe guard your money/property is to lock your lockers.

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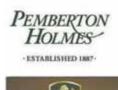
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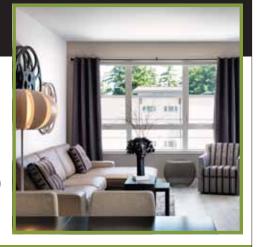
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CFB Esquimalt has gone through enormous changes during the past few years and there are several more years to come.

Over the next year, employees will see several major construction projects take place, many continuing through 2014 and beyond. Although the focus tends to be in Dockyard, there are also major construction projects

underway at several other sites. The objective is sustainable infrastructure to support a modern navy.

As evident by the time line, there are many projects either underway or about to start. The Royal Canadian Navy has the lion's share of the Department's construction allocation over the next 10 years.

There are even more projects in the budding stages. Below are the projects that are underway or coming soon.

Base Fire Hall and Command Post

This brand new facility is in final stages with occupancy slated for May 2013. Its street appeal is achieved by radical use of color and innovative architectural style. Inside it's fitted with the most current fire-fighting equipment and comfortable accommodation facilities including theatre classroom and kitchen.

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Shawn O'Hara, Lookout

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Fleet Maintenance Facility (Cape Breton)

This multi-phased project will enhance FMF (CB)'s ability to deliver ship repair support for the Fleet. Phase 4 is almost complete and the detailed design for Phase 5 is ongoing with some construction due to

start this summer.
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FMF (CB) will be consolidated into a very large modern facility.

443 Maritime Helicopter Hangar

Construction for this project is well underway with the steel skeleton dominating the skyline at Victoria International Airport.

Albert Head Water Main Replacement

This project is well underway twinning the domestic and fire fighting water supplies for much better service and safety at Albert Head. It will be completed by the time the summer Cadet programme commences.

192 Construction Engineer Flight (Aldergrove)

This new armoury for 192 Construction Engineering Flight is in the final stages of construction colocated with the communications facility at Aldergrove. It replaces the old second-hand trailers that 192 CEF has been using for the past several years.

Replace A and B Jetty

A and B Jetties are over 50 years old and well beyond expected lifespan. Replacement

construction is planned to be ready for the newly refitted frigates, as well as the joint support ship, Arctic offshore operations ships, and the future Canadian surface combat-

Over the next year, employees will see several major construction projects take place, many continuing through 2014 and beyond.

ant ships. The replacement work will install modern servicing and equipment, including cranes, plus provide better facilities to the jetties.

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While all this major construction is going on, there are several moves and consolidations happening in Dockyard to optimize functional space use and divest of redundant facilities. Time snapshots and details are contingent upon available funding; however, there is a plan and there is a domino effect of the sequencing of moves and consolidations. Timings may shift somewhat, but the planned occupancy and divestment, and sequences are important.

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Two special visitors sailed in Renard 58, one of eight Orca Class Patrol Craft Training Vessels, on Wednesday, March 13.

General Tom Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff, and Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/ Joint Task Force Pacific, were on board to watch eight students on their Command Development Course (CDC).

"It's great to be out on the sea," said RAdm Truelove, the former Commanding Officer of HMCS Regina. "Orcas are not only used by students coming through Naval Officers Training Centre (NOTC) Venture, but they're also used by reservists and cadets.

Learning on the water is the best way for anyone to experience what being in the navy is about."

This was Gen Lawson's first visit in an Orca.

"We were able to show him a new perspective of the infrastructure in Esquimalt," RAdm Truelove said.

There are 16 students split between two Orcas on the Command Development Course 1202 serial. The course prepares candidates for command by focusing on four pillars: leader, manager, mariner, and warrior. "This phase is a re-

"This phase is a reintroduction of the mariner pillar, giving students fresh out of the classroom time to focus on ship handling and leading from the bridge," said Cdr Bradley Peats, Commanding Officer of NOTC Venture, as well as Officer in Charge of the CDC Course. "Orcas are great learning platforms. They provide experience at sea because the routines and reactions are the same as in the heavies; the scale is just a little different."

Students recently finished seven weeks in the Navigation and Bridge Simulators (NABS) at NOTC Venture, and will complete their training with three weeks of sailing around the Gulf Islands and the Vancouver area.

The training value and force generation in the Orcas goes beyond the CDC candidates; for most of this crew, the past two weeks has been their first experience at sea. The crew is learning necessary skills in line handling, standing watches on the helm and as lookout, and learning how to drive the zodiac, which is used to provide slipping and berthing parties when coming alongside, as well as during man overboard

After the day sail in Renard 58, Gen Lawson toured NOTC Venture to get a closer look at the simulators and meet with students.



Photos courtesy of Navy Public Affairs

Gen Tom Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff, participated in a day sail in PCT Renard. He was briefed on the Orca class ships, ship handling and the training crew and students receive.





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Enduring the long march to Nijmegen

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Early risers in Esquimalt can expect to see a sea of green trudging down Lampson Street. The morning military marchers are in training for the annual Nijmegen March in the Netherlands.

"It's a physically demanding training process," says CPO1 Chris Koblun, team leader for the CFB Esquimalt Nijmegen team. "By the time we head to the march in July we'll have walked the distance of 30 marathons. It may be tough, but the results are worth it."

Nijmegen March is gruelling four day trek through 160 kilometres of Dutch countryside, which participants cover in full combat uniform carrying a 10kg rucksack.

"It's an absolutely career changing experience," says CPO1 Koblun. "It's very physically and emotionally demanding, but it gives you a new perception on what it means to be in the military."

CPO1 Koblun says the experience of the Nijmegen March is one all Canadian Forces members should experience.

"Canadians are really the guests of honour there," he says. "Civilians are excited to see the teams from other countries but when they see the Canadian flag they really go crazy."

The Dutch adoration of the Canadian Forces stems from the final days of the Second World War when the Canadian military liberated Holland and provided citizens with food and protection.

"During the march you hear stories from the older civilians saying they wouldn't be alive if the Canadians hadn't saved their parents," says CPO1 Koblun. "It can be very emotional, and very humbling. Even after all this time they're still grateful."

Training for the march,

which began Feb. 25, is as gruelling as the event itself, and it's not a certainty all marchers will go.

Out of the 24 people that are trying out for the team, only 11 will go to Nijmegen. CPO1 Koblun says the difference between a prospect and team member doesn't have to do with physical fitness.

"It's all about personality," he says. "This is a team venture. We need people who will support their teammates and have their best interest in mind."

The candidates train five days a week with a combination of marches and physical training.

Each team is required to march 500km in preparation for Nijmegen, and CPO1 Koblun says most teams will get around 500-700km. The CFB Esquimalt team, however, will have around 1,250km.

"Most teams don't start training until April, but the mild weather here lets us train more often," says CPO1 Koblun. "By the time we get to The Netherlands our team will be at the top of their game physically."

The excitement of Dutch civilians is something participants of the Nijmegen March will experience.

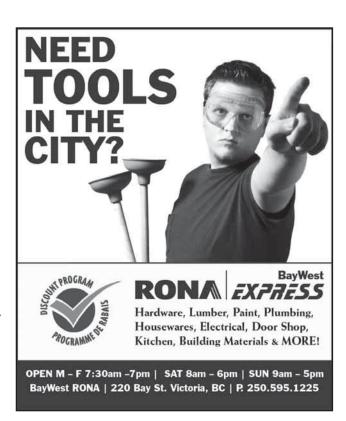
"A lot of the time you'll see the younger kids have signature books, and they have contests to see who can get the most Canadian signatures," says CPO1 Koblun. "If you're not willing to participate and interact with the civilians, who are really only there to meet the Canadians sometimes, you're not going to make the team."

While training for this year's team has already begun, CPO1 Koblun urges anyone interested to try out next year.

"If you're a member of the Canadian Forces it's something you absolutely have to experience," he says. "It doesn't just benefit you physically, it benefits you emotionally. It's life changing."







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Upcoming conference focuses on Middle East Ambassador to Jordan, who to the public - students, aca-

John Perry Contributor

Building on the success of the past two years, the 2013 Vancouver Strategic Studies Conference is scheduled for April 26 and 27.

The Conference will be held in the updated presentation room on the fourth floor - Room 420 - of the downtown campus of Vancouver Community College. The venue is locat-

ed at the corner of Dunsmuir Street and Hamilton Street, close to both the Stadium/ Chinatown Skytrain station and the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Beatty Street Drill

The Conference will kick off with the keynote event on Friday evening, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) with Robert Fisk, the famous British journalist who reports on the Middle East for the UK Independent. He will be featured in a round table discussion titled, "Syria, Security and the Middle East."

Fisk has been described by the New York Times as, "probably the most famous foreign correspondent in Britain." He is the author of the best-selling book, "The Great War for Civilization", published in 2005, which has won many awards and provides great insight into the ongoing, centuries-long conflict in the region.

On Saturday, there will be a series of presentations on Canadian military history and international security issues related to Canada's foreign and defence poli-

The presentations will start with Mike Molloy, Canadian

will provide an in-depth look at the obstacles to peace in the Middle East.

That will be followed by retired Colonel Pat Dennis, who will talk about, "Slackers, Shirkers and Malingerers and other great myths about Canadian Conscripts in the First World War."

Stewart Muir, the recently-retired Deputy Managing Editor of the Vancouver



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Among the keynote speakers at the conference is British Journalist Robert Fisk who reports on the Middle East for the UK Independent.

> Sun, will talk about the conflict between the media and the government in a presentation titled, "The Soldier and The Journalist: An untold World War II story of the press, public opinion, politics and war planning on the west coast of Canada."

> In the afternoon of April 27, the Commander of the Canadian Fleet, Pacific, Commodore Scott Bishop, will speak on "The Royal Canadian Navy in the Middle East."

> The Capstone Speaker, Major-General (retired) Ed Fitch, the former Commander of Land Forces Western Area, will speak on the role of the Canadian Forces in the Middle East.

The Conference is open Development event.

demic and teaching personnel; serving and retired military are especially encouraged to attend. The event is sponsored by the Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University, with sponsorship from the supporting Associations of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke

Connaught's ofOwn), The Royal Westminster Regiment Seaforth the Highlanders Canada.

The aim is to enhance public awareness, education and appreciation of Canada's challenges looking to the future in the areas of foreign and defence policy. The Conference is being supported by the Department of National Defence through the Defence Engagement Program administered by Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy).

Details timings for the Conference, as well as registration for

attendance, are found on line at: http://2013vancou verstrategicstudiesconferen ce.eventbrite.com

The cost is only \$35 for regular registration and \$20 for students and junior ranks - and that includes coffee and lunch.

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Oriole's cook lets culinary creativity flow

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

There's an old adage, "an army marches on its stomach," that most military cooks have taken to heart.

For HMCS Oriole cook Cpl Eric Hermanson, that saying has become

"A nice warm meal can be so important to the crew," he says. "When they're working on the deck all day, soaked to the bone in the rain, a homemade stew or a prime rib can make all the difference to them."

From the tiny galley in Oriole, Cpl Hermanson, or "Cookshack as he is known to the crew, lets his culinary creativity flow by creating scratchmade pastry, and mouth watering

"I may not have the kit that most of the ship's kitchens have, but that just means I have to be more creative with my recipes," he says. "A real cook shouldn't be limited by

their equipment. They should only be limited by their imagination.' Cpl Hermanson joined the Royal Canadian Army 15 years ago as an infantry soldier. After seven years in the Forces, the mild-mannered Cpl Hermanson decided to make the change to the cook trade.

"I'm a really laid back person and I realized I just wasn't suited to the life of an infantryman," he says. "I was looking for something that was a better fit for my personality, so when an opening came up in the cooking trade I took it."

The process of transferring to cook took Cpl Hermanson about two years, which he spent filling out paper work, taking first aid, firefighting, and survival training, and getting galley time under his apron strings.

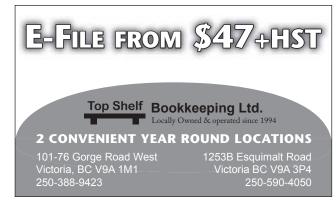
"It was a long process but when I was finally done it was such a relief," he says. "Cooking has become a real passion for me. The impact that you can have on someone's day is incredible."

As the only cook in Oriole, Cpl Hermanson understands the importance of his position and its effect on

"This is the first job I've had where every day someone thanks me for making their day better," he says.

Unlike a larger ship with a hierarchy of cooks, Cpl Hermanson has almost

full authority on what it is he makes.
"It's very freeing," he says. "With
the crew's suggestions and my own interests and inspirations I can basically make whatever I want."





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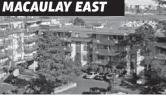


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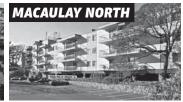
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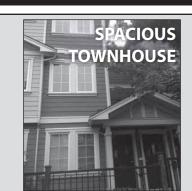


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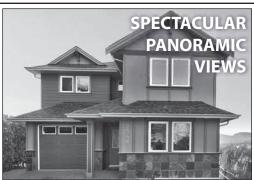
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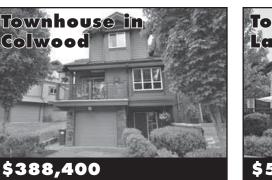
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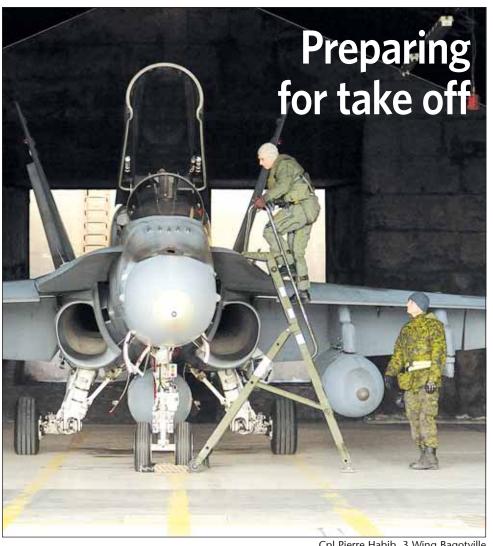


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