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The last Canadians involved in the NATO training mission in Afghanistan board an American Chinook helicopter on March 12 as they leave the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. Inset: MGen Dean Milner, last Commander of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission in Afghanistan, hands over the

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Capt Chelsey Llewellyn, a Sea King Helicopter pilot, conducts flying operations during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise on board HMCS Algonquin in the Hawaiian Islands.

*Inset*, top down: Boatswain LS Rebecca Charlesworth; Maritime Surface and Sub-Surface Officer Lt(N) Jana Steingass; Logistics Officer Lt(N) Quinn Cope; Resource Management Support Clerk and Coxswain CPO1 Janet Graham-Smith.

## **Smooth sailing for women in the CAF** Female crew in HMCS Regina weigh in on their role

#### **Lucy Ellis** CJOC

Life in *HMCS Regina* has its challenges.

From stormy seas to the daily activities of Operation Artemis (the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) maritime security operation in the Arabian Sea region) crew members are kept busy.

However, the one challenge not faced by the crew, in particular women aboard *Regina*, is their gender.

On March 8, Canada celebrated the United Nations International Women's Day, and one only needed to look at the formidable women onboard *Regina* to see the accomplishments Canada has made in terms of gender integration in the Royal Canadian Navy, and more widely in the CAF.

The meritocratic system allows women to pursue any role with equal consideration to their male counterparts.

ĊPO1 Janet Graham-Smith is *Regina's* Coxswain. As such, she mentors and provides leadership to crew members of all ranks. She is the highest ranking noncommissioned member on board – a commendable position that is still relatively rare for women. The first female Coxswain of a major warship was CPO1 Jan Davis, appointed 2004.

CPO1 Graham-Smith's ambition and industrious attitude helped her overcome the challenges faced when she first entered the CAF 33 years ago. At that time, women did not serve on board warships, in the air or in the field.

She felt held back by the limited number of positions she could achieve. Despite that, a 19-year-old Graham-Smith informed her father that she would become a Coxswain in the navy. To which he replied, "That's impossible, they don't even let women serve on board ships. How in the world will you ever do that?"

The answer? Dedicated work and progressive changes in policy. He is

Nobody looks at me as the 'female coxswain'; I'm just the coxswain. That's progress.

-CPO1 Janet Graham-Smith Coxswain, HMCS Regina

proud that she and the CAF proved him wrong.

Canada's developments throughout the mid to late twentieth century have allowed for complete gender integration and equality in the CAF. CPO1 Graham-Smith says, "Nobody looks at me as the 'female coxswain'; I'm just the coxswain. That's progress."

Lt(N) Jana Steingass is a Maritime Surface and Subsurface (MARS) Officer in *Regina* and says she is recognized for her work, not by her gender.

"I am proud to serve my country, and I happen to be a woman," says Lt(N) Steingass. "I didn't join the navy—or army originally in order to make a political statement. I joined the military for similar reasons as others: to serve my country, to see the world, to make a difference."

The adventurous decision to try something new led to an exciting role that includes driving the ship, acting as representative for the Commanding Officer, and assisting the Navigating Officer. She is also a member of the ship's dive team.

Capt Chelsey Ann Llewellyn, a Maritime Helicopter Crew Commander, has a background in biochemistry but fell in love with flying during a summer job with the British Columbia Ministry of Forestry. Encouraged by her family, she followed her passion and joined the CAF as a pilot in 2006. Capt Llewellyn has an appreciation for the women who paved the road towards an equal space "by establishing successful careers within the military... as well as the men who opened up their hearts and minds in the early days to train those women who showed up ready to learn and serve."

Women were first selected to be pilots in 1979.

LS Rebecca Charlesworth is a boatswain in *Regina*. Her work environment is heavily team based and includes activities such as leading exercises on the secure handling of firearms, man overboard recoveries, and the safe and effective transport of personnel or equipment.

In her 12 years of service, she has seen perceptions of women evolve past looking at gender to recognizing job performance as the most important metric for evaluation.

In terms of the international aspect, LS Charlesworth says, "In several countries, women in uniform is now becoming a norm... It doesn't matter what the gender is, the question is can that member effectively carry out the task given to them by their command."

Abilities, commitment and effort – rather than chromosomes – determine success she says.

The physical aspect of working in the CAF can sometimes be difficult, but women have risen to the challenge. "It's about body mechanics and using the right equipment properly," says LS Charlesworth.

Women's advancement in the CAF was achieved through the collaborative efforts of both sexes; it grew from the combination of the strong women who persevered and the male allies who accepted them into their teams and who continue to foster an inclusive atmosphere.

Worldwide, women are gaining strength in military positions and are being recognized for their full capabilities.

## **Computer security - know the rules**

#### Wendy Arthurs

Information Protection Officer

There is a policy in place that details what employees can and cannot do on any DND information system.

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## Raven program more than a "summer camp"

I am writing in response to an article in the Feb. 17 edition.

WHAT SAY YOU

I was pleased to see the article on our new Defence Champion for Aboriginal Peoples and his dedication towards military opportunities for young men and women from Aboriginal communities.

There is one point in the article that needs to be clarified, however.

As the Leadership Division Commander at Fleet School Esquimalt (CFFSE), I am

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necessary convenience for

responsible for the Raven program. This is not a "summer camp" as indicated in the article. Raven (along with Black Bear and Bold Eagle) is a Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) course that requires the candidate to enroll in the Reserves and complete recruit training.

The CFFSE Raven program consists of a four-day Culture Camp run by Aboriginal elders and counsellors, where the students work around the clock learning about their backgrounds, sharing their experiences and observing cultural traditions.

They are then handed over to Leadership Division for six weeks of military training. On successful completion, they attain a Reserve BMQ Land qualification and have the option of transferring to a unit, applying for Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Year at Royal Military College or releasing from the Reserves.

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Stacey Kaminski left and Tracey Jones right, interior stylists & stagers.

Kara Tibbel, Contributor

## restore@habitatvictoria.com ReStore Spruce up your home before you sell

#### Kara Tibbel Contributor

One drawback to military life can be moving from one destination to the next in a short time frame. This can add stress for military members and their families.

It can also mean a need to sell a home quickly.

If you are putting a "for sale" sign on your Victoria home, you may benefit from what Tracey Jones and Stacey Kaminski have to offer.

The duo are interior stylists and home stagers with more than six years experience creating attractive spaces like those seen on HGTV shows.

Styling and staging, while similar, serve different purposes.

Real estate staging is the best asset for a military fam-

ily to sell their home rapidly, while interior styling makes a temporary living arrangement, such as a Residential Housing Unit, feel comfortable and homey. "It's not necessarily about

buying new things; people own lots of amazing stuff but don't know how to use it. Paint, throw pillows, greenery, vases, etcetera, we take what you have and either redesign it or add to it, to give the space the style it needs," says Jones.

"Anything is possible with just a little creativity," Kaminski adds.

Two options exist to create a space that will entice buyers to make an offer, says Jones. You can use your own furniture, or they can rent furniture for you from a local membership based company, such as HOUSSE, to stage

#### the space.

The two interior stylists are overflowing with tips on how to redesign and style. The key is to keep it light. Packing every corner with odds and ends makes a room feel small and uncomfortable. Use or create storage with baskets, shelving and organizing drawers to hide your stuff.

Curtain walls if there is an awkward placed window or area; it adds a new dimension to the room.

Want to punch up a room? Add art and colour.

Want a room to seem larger? Hang mirrors.

Want to keep up with what's in style? Something raw, organic or distressed is very in right now; adding these elements will make your home feel real and not like a museum piece. "I never would have thought of that.' We hear this endlessly, but it is true," says Kaminski.

Jones and Kaminski share the same passion for interior styling and re-designing. For them, creating a room for people to enjoy is art. But the most rewarding part of their day-to-day job is the gratitude they get.

"It makes us feel so good when we've been a part of giving someone a home and not just someplace for them to live," says Jones.

If you are interested in Tracey Jones' and Stacey Kaminski's expertise, email them at remarkableredesign @gmail.com or interior stylesbystacey@gmail.com

Be sure to check out Lookout Newspaper's Pinterest site for more DIY ideas on how to spice up your home.



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## **Regina fundraises for sick kids**

Lt(N) Mark Fifield Op Artemis Roto 4 PAO

Gourmet hot coffee, delicious baked goods and great live entertainment provided a memorable night in *HMCS Regina's* Master Seaman and Below Mess, affectionately called the Bushwakker's Club, during Operation Artemis off the coast of Africa on March 9.

The event, known as the Dave Barber Coffee Barge, is just one of many fundraising initiatives that support the Dave Barber Charitable Foundation, which is one of the official ship charities.

MS Dave Barber died from leukemia in 1999 and in the years since, the ship's company has held a series of events in his memory to raise charitable funds for the Child Life Department at the Victoria General Hospital. In addition to the Coffee Barge, the Dave Barber Charitable Foundation organizes pizza nights, barbecues, fishing derbies, sports days and a memorial golf tournament at Metchosin Golf Course.

Funds are used to purchase items needed on the pediatric wards, pediatric surgical daycare unit, and emergency department, as well as the outpatient clinic areas such as the diabetes and oncology units. Items range from toys, crafts, stuffed animals, books, and games, as well as DVD's, DVD players, portable game systems and music players, and televisions.

Smaller items are given to sick children enduring a lengthy hospital stay, experiencing difficult treatments and/or procedures, or celebrating a

special occasion such as a birthday or the end of a long treatment for an acute illness.

Electronic items are used exclusively in the pediatric areas that bring entertainment and a welcome distraction to children and adolescents admitted to the hospital for a day's treatment or a lengthy hospital stay.

"It is a great feeling to see the smiles of those kids who have benefited from our fundraising efforts, and to know we have made their lives just a little bit better during their stay in the hospital," said PO1 Tracy Tkachuk. "The Dave Barber Charitable Foundation is very near and dear to the hearts of the ship's company, and we look forward every year to participating in these fundraising events that are held in Dave's memory."



Cpl Michael Bastien, MARPAC Imaging Services

PO1 Joseph Scheubel performs a song at the Dave Barber Coffee Barge event hosted on board HMCS Regina in support of Dave Barber Charitable Foundation.



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# B.C. Maritime Museum spruces up naval gallery

**Chelsea Falconer** NPA Office

The Maritime Museum of British Columbia is making significant revisions to its naval gallery.

The gallery is being revitalized to "celebrate the story of the Royal Canadian Navy," said Anissa Paulsen, the museum's director of exhibits and engagement.

"The Naval Role in the Development of British Columbia is the working title for the new gallery, which will look at how the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy have both influenced the development and identity of British Columbia throughout history and today. During this project, the museum will explore ways to portray the experiences of current navy families within the context of Canadian naval history.

Re-development will occur in three stages, with the first stage focusing on the early history and

Esquimalt developed around the dockyard and the graving dock was huge part of that development.

-Anissa Paulsen, Director of Exhibits and Visitor Engagement

significance of the Esquimalt Graving Dock. The second stage will feature the first Canadian naval vessel - HMCS Rainbow as part of a tribute to the anniversary of First World War.

Part of the re-development plan is to include a more user-friendly approach to showcase local history so children and adults can engage with the exhibit. As a result, the third stage will include a "life at sea" section where visitors can better imagine life on

board a navy vessel; for example, through an interactive display.

The first stage of the gallery renewal is currently underway with plans to finish in June 2014. This stage will highlight the importance of the Esquimalt Graving Dock in the development of Esquimalt and the City of Victoria.

"Our historic interactions with the water are critical to our identity as British Columbians today," Paulsen said. "Esquimalt developed around the dockyard and the graving dock was huge part of that development."

The plan to update the naval exhibit began last year when the Naval Officers Association Foundation donated \$5,000 to the museum for this project. Paulsen has been connecting with the local naval community at CFB Esquimalt to establish a modern context for the exhibit. Retired Commodore Jan Drent, a longtime supporter and volunteer at the museum, is advising Paulsen on naval aspects of the exhibit.

The museum is keen to embrace the local military community and will host a "Navy Night" to welcome navy families to the opening of the revitalized exhibit after stage two is completed later this summer.

The Maritime Museum - with a staff of seven - relies mainly on volunteers for exhibit renewals and they are hoping to find more people to contribute to this project. Interested parties can visit the website, www.mmbc.ca, for more information on volunteering.



# Left: St. Paul's Anglican Church in its original location. The church was moved to its present location on Esquimalt Road in 1904 to accommodate an expanding

dockyard. Centre: Bust of an admiral.

**Right:** Ship paraphernalia and original photos from Esquimalt Harbour circa 1900.



## HMCS REGINA ON OPERATION ARTEMIS





**Above:** AB Craig Gagnon trains on the Long Range Acoustic Device while the ship sails off the coast of Africa.

*Left:* Cpl Caitlin Rielly, AB Joshua Rose and LS Joshua Krohn perform simulated first aid on PO2 Timothy Rose during a training exercise.

**Bottom left:** The ship's company move garbage ashore at the port of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

*Right:* The deck department prepares for the ship's arrival in the port of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

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Linesman PO1 Line Laurendeau (CFB Esquimalt), Referee Lindsay Hill (CFB Kingston), Referee MCpl Anita Zacher (CFB Cold Lake), and Linesman Capt Jackie Zacher (Cold Lake).

## All female officials, first at CF National game

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

A little piece of history was made at the 2014 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) National Hockey Championships held March 1-7.

The women's semifinal game between CFB Esquimalt and CFB Halifax marked the first time a national hockey game was called by all female officials.

"I was honored to be a participant in that pioneering event," says POI Line Laurendeau of CFB Esquimalt, one of the four officials involved in the semi-final game. "It's the first time it's happened, but hopefully it won't be the last time."

PO1 Laurendeau attributes the event to a recent increase in female officials.

"Before, a lot of women either didn't know this was an option or didn't get involved because it's traditionally a male dominated industry," she says. "Lately we've been seeing a lot more ladies coming out, and the other female officials and I couldn't be happier."

In the semi-final game, CFB Halifax went on to defeat CFB Esquimalt 3-0, going all the way to the top after beating CFB Borden with a shattering 5-0.

The CFB Esquimalt ladies placed fourth in the round robin standings; Région Montréal was third, CFB Borden second, and CFB Halifax placed first.

## Victoria Honorary Citizens Awards nomination

The City of Victoria is now receiving public nominations for its Honorary Citizens Awards. An Award nominee must meet the following criteria:

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LS Matthew Chalovich (centre) is promoted to Acting Master Seaman by Capt Grant Whittla (left) and Cdr Lori McAllister.



LS Robert Morris (centre) is promoted to Acting Master Seaman.





PO2 Derek Dakai is presented with a meritorious unit commendation for his work at Naval Ocean Processing Facility Whidbey Island.



CPO1 David Bodie is presented with the second clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 32 years of service.



PO2 Guy Tardif is presented with the second clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 32 years of service.



WO Sean Baldwin is presented with the first clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 22 years of service.



PO1 Michel Rouleau is presented with the first clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 22 years of service.



Decoration for 22 years of service.



LS John Curry is presented with his Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service.



Cpl Blaine Sewell is presented with his Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service.



LS Eduardo Quiroz-Borrero is presented with his Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service.



SLt Brian MacMillan is presented with his completion certificate for his Officer's Professional Military **Education**.

## Ottawa crew volunteers at shelter in support of Women's Day



HMCS Ottawa's volunteers gathered in the Cool Aid Society's newly cleaned storage locker that was previously packed with garbage bags full of donations.

Members of HMCS Ottawa's nizing the shelter's major storcrew volunteered at the Victoria Cool Aid Society Emergency Shelter on Saturday, March 8.

Victoria Cool Aid Emergency Shelter, located on the Rock of clothing, which was then Bay Landing at 535 Ellice stocked on shelves and offered Street off of Gorge Road, is Victoria's largest emergency shelter. It offers 84 beds to the homeless, which are filled every night.

In an effort not to turn anyone away, the shelter has several mats they lay down in the main lobby for overflow people in need of a place to sleep.

When Ottawa's crew members showed up early Saturday morning they got to work orga-

age area. Due to an overflow of donations, the storage area was packed. Ship volunteers sorted several garbage bags full for free to anyone in need.

The major goal was to sort the winter clothing from the summer clothing, and the male clothing from female clothing, so the shelter could easily identify what they had in their inventory. Sailors successfully cleaned the whole storage area, setting aside the summer clothing that will be needed in the upcoming months.

The shelter is run on a core staff, but relies on volunteer workers to help operate the shelter on a daily basis. They accept food and clothing donations from the general public. Donations are then offered to people in need at no cost.

Other services offered to the homeless are the use of bathrooms, showers, laundry and storage lockers. As a result the shelter is always in need of toiletries such as towels, soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste and razors, which it can offer to people seeking to use their facilities. Members looking to donate or for more information on the Victoria Cool Aid Society Emergency Shelter can visit their website at coolaid.org/join-us/



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## **CFB Esquimalt gets a taste of world cuisine**

#### Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

On Wednesday, diners at Nelles Block and Venture's galley can stick their forks into some international cuisine

A special menu has been created by Base Foods staff to support International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

"It's a good opportunity to give people something new to try dur-

ing their lunches, as well as a way to support a good cause," says MWO David McLaughlin, Deputy Base Foods Officer. "Base Administration is committed to supporting causes like this, and we thought this would be a fun and unique way to throw our hat in."

The menu includes Szechuan Pork Stir Fry, Lahori Red Chicken Karahi, and Mexican Vegetarian Corn. "We tried to pick foods from all across

the globe, instead of just one continent or country to give people lots to choose

from," says MWO McLaughlin. "It's nice to be able to use the unique skills of Base Food staff."

The menu is also an opportunity for the cooks at Base Foods to showcase their cooking skills.

"The cooks get a chance to make things they don't get to make every day," he says. "With the creativity involved in preparation and the unique choices for people dining at the mess halls, on top of supporting something we care about, it's a win-win all around."



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LS Dave Eason serves up hot food at the Nelles Block service line. Inset: Pte Andrew Fitzpatrick prepares mise en place in the Nelles Block kitchen.

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