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RMS clerk recognized for 43 years of helping people

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

When MWO (Ret'd) Bob Quann joined the military as a Resource Management Support (RMS) Clerk, he wanted to build a career helping people. He never imagined doing a job he loved would earn him a trip to Ottawa to receive an award

Just a month prior to retiring from a 43 year career with the military and public service, Quann visited the National War Museum to accept a Deputy Minister's Commendation that recognized the passion, dedication, and excellence he's shown during his career.

I guess I spent the last 43 years looking after others and never expected this type of recognition for myself. I'm going to miss being able to help people every day.

-Bob Quann

Deputy Minister of National Defence Richard Fadden presented the award, which consists of a certificate signed by the deputy minister, a lapel pin and a gift of Canadian art.

The commendation recognizes work above and beyond normal duties, or community service that either benefits or brings credit to the Department of National Defence.

"I was truly honoured and humbled by

the award," says Quann, who retired July 18. "I was totally unaware that I was nominated, so when my boss, PO1 Andrew Chadwick, showed me the e-mail where I was awarded the DM Commendation, I was blown away, to say the least."

While his end-of-career recognition is welcome, the thought of awards never crossed his mind.

"I guess I spent the last 43 years looking after others and never expected this type of recognition for myself," he says.

While an outsider looking in may see the administrative work of an RMS clerk as just filing and paperwork, Quann found it to be much more than that.

"In this trade you've always got someone coming to you with a problem," he says. "Being able to get to the root of their problem and help find a solution for them is what I love best about this job. I'm going to miss being able to help people every day."

Quann enjoyed his work so much that he continued on as a civilian at CFB Esquimalt after his retirement from a 35-year military career seven years ago.

Born in Glace Bay, NS, Quann travelled all over the country and abroad during his military career with two tours at sea, postings in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Kingston, Trenton, Toronto, Canberra Australia, and many more before finding a permanent home in Victoria.

Since his arrival in Victoria 12 years ago, Quann has worked in units throughout CFB Esquimalt, including the Base Orderly Room, Release Section, and Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters.

Joining the military at age 19 was a logical choice for Quann.

"Where I'm from in Cape Breton you either worked in fishing or the coal mines, and neither of those seemed too appealing to me," he says. "Plus my grand-



Deputy Minister of National Defence Richard Fadden presents MWO (Ret'd) Bob Quann with the Deputy Minister's Commendation. Quann received the commendation during the Corporate Awards in Ottawa for his dedication, passion, and excellence during his 43-year career as a Resource Management Support Clerk with the Department of National Defence.

father, father, and brothers have all been in the military so I thought I'd see where it took me. I never expected to be in uniform for 35 years, but I loved it."

The Quann family has over 350 years of collective military service since the Second World War.

While initially looking for a trade, Quann signed up with Communications Research. After finding the trade didn't suit him, he switched over to Admin Clerk and knew

he'd found the right match.

"I'd found a job where I was paid to help people," says Quann. "It was perfect."

As he retires, Quann plans to spend his time with family, relax and travel.

"I'll be glad to spend more time with my wife Margaret and family," he says. "We've got a grandchild on the way so this is a very exciting time in my life. I can't wait for what comes next."

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James Utterson (second from right) presents his charitable donations to Mary Lynn McKenna, Executive Director at Esquimalt Neighbourhood House (left) and Gaynor Jackson, Executive Director of the Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre (right), while Utterson and Ken Langdon, Olympic View Sales and Events Manager, hold the \$10,000 Hole-in-One cheque.

HOLE IN ONE PRIZE BENEFITS LOCAL CHARITIES

Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) received a \$1,000 donation from James Utterson, winner of the Second Annual Base Commander's Golf Tournament Hole in One, which took place on June 25. Gaynor Jackson, Executive

On July 15, the Esquimalt Director of the MFRC, accepted a cheque on behalf of the organization and indicated the money would be used to support the centre's deployment program.

Utterson also donated \$2.000 to the Esquimalt Neighbourhood House (ENH) the same day.

The MFRC and ENH took the opportunity at the gathering to announce they will embark on a partnership in September in which ENH will provide space for the MFRC's casual childcare program, which is currently operating out of Lampson Street School.



Utterson James (right) accepts \$10,000 his cheque from Steve Baker, Director of Operations for Seaspan Victoria Shipyards, and Ken Langdon, Olympic View Sales and Events Manager.

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LCdr Ellen Mariano



what it may seem like from the outside. Sometimes the hard decisions have to be made, and unfortunately it's up to us to make them.

CPO2 Michael Banks

CPO1 Robert Anderson

The Itinerant Chef: It's Strawberry Season!

LS Matt Nicolle

I have recently become addicted to the many farmer's markets that take over open spaces in the city on weekends.

PO1 Nathalie Scalabrini

On my last cycling odyssey, I noticed that the season is coming up red with local strawberries. Naturally, my mind wandered back to my pastry roots and I was inspired to share my recipe for an old favorite: Gâteau aux Angles aux Fruits Rouges.

Gâteau aux Angles

500g Egg Whites (room temperature, you'll need about 12 eggs) 250g Sugar 3g Salt

10ml Pure Vanilla Almond Extract (optional) Dry Portion

250g Sugar 190g Flour

Pre-heat your oven to 350 F. and make sure the middle rack is alone in the oven (your cake will rise and stick to the top rack so remove it).

Separate the dozen eggs. I separate the whites directly into the mixing bowl, then put the yolks into a sealable container for later use (they make great pudding, crème brulée and crème caramel). Be sure not to "dirty" your whites with yolks or by using an oily bowl as they will not rise.

Using the wire whisk attachment on your mixer, start fluffing the whites to foam, then add the first portion of sugar, salt, vanilla and almond extract. Continue whisking until the whites form stiff peaks. You can check this by removing the whisk and turning it upside down. If the dollop of white on the tip stands on its own, then the whites are the right consistency.

In another bowl, using a sieve, weigh out and sift the second portion of sugar and the flour. Fold the dry mix into your stiffened egg whites in two parts. Use a spatula and lift the whites from the bottom of the bowl to prevent them from deflating.

Pour your pastry into a nongreased fluted pan, and place it directly into the pre-heated oven.

Bake the cake until it starts to colour (about 20-25 minutes); then turn the oven down to 325 F and allow the cake to stiffen for another 15-20 minutes, or until it is golden blond and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan. The time for your cake to bake will depend on the relative humidity on the day you bake it.

Crème Légère 250 ml Milk 2 Egg Yolks 50g Sugar 25g Corn Starch Vanilla (pure extract or the seeds of ½ a real bean) A pinch of Salt 250ml Heavy Cream

Crème légère is simply pastry cream that has been "lightened" with heavy cream. It is made in two steps. Pour the milk into a pot and bring it to a simmer. While the milk is heating, separate the yolks into a mixing bowl, and then add the corn starch, vanilla and sugar directly into them. Whisk them together until the yolks become a buttery yellow colour. This technique is known as "blancher" the yolks. When the milk steams, pour half of it over the yolk mix, and combine all of it with a spatula. Then pour the mixture back into the remaining milk, and place the pot back over medium heat. Combine the pastry cream with your whisk until it comes to a boil and thickens. Pour the pastry cream directly into a metal bowl and cover it with plastic wrap (make sure the plastic touches the surface so a skin does not form). Place it in the fridge to cool. When the pastry cream is cooled, whip it to a creamy texture with your whisk. Then, using your wire attachment, whip the heavy cream to soft peaks and fold it with a spatula into the pastry cream. Voilà! You now have crème légère. For even more strawberry taste, you can put some extra berries and their syrup directly in to the cream. If you're in a rush, make the cream

the night before.

To build your cake, slice the cooled Gâteau aux Angles into four to five tires, depending on how high yours has risen. Now, place the crème légère and macerated strawberries (strawberries with sugar water) onto each layer. If you are feeling extra decadent, you can ice the whole thing at the end with Chantilly Cream (heavy cream with icing sugar whipped to medium peaks). Decorate with more strawberries and serve.

For the time-compressed among you, you can cheat by buying your cake, or change up this recipe entirely by layering the crème légère and your strawberries with pound-cake, sugared and deep-fried wonton wrappers, or in little phylo cups.

Enjoy this taste of summer with your loved ones. Be careful though - they'll keep asking

> Your Itinerant Chef, A/SLt Melissa Kia









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SOLDIERS, SAILORS & AIR PERSONN

Alycia Coulter CJOC

When the Province of Manitoba declared a state of emergency due to flooding on July 4, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members were on the ground and ready to assist that very day.

As the regional command for domestic operations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the Joint Task Force West (JTFW) Commander tasked available units in the region to support the relief effort.

"It was through JTFW's high state of readiness that we were able to deploy quickly and work handin-hand with our federal,

partners to deliver real effects on the ground," said BGen Christian Juneau, Commander 3rd Canadian Division/JTFW.

On July 5, more than 300 CAF soldiers were on the ground in Portage La Prairie for Operation Lentus 14-05.

The first soldiers to arrive were from the Immediate Response Unit (IRU) an individual unit within each Canadian Army division that is designated as the first military presence during a domestic emergency. In this case, the IRU that deployed was made up of soldiers from the 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery unit from CFB Shilo. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) at CFB Shilo supported the IRU troops.

The first deployment of troops assisted with sandbagging production, delivering sandbags to areas that were difficult to reach and constructing barriers to protect critical infrastruc-

The CAF presence grew to 500 on July 6. With the additional troops, Operation Lentus became a joint operation – all three environments had deployed members to provide the communities in Manitoba.

The second deployment of personnel came from Winnipeg. Members of the 38 Canadian Brigade Group, air personnel from 17 Wing and HMCS Chippawa Naval Reserve sailors augmented troops already on the ground with sandbagging operations.

The troops' efforts helped to save 350 homes in Fort La Reine, St Francois Xavier and Cartier. Their collaboration and teamwork meant that fortification efforts were also conducted at the Hoop and Holler Bend.

"It feels really good to see that people won't lose their homes or at least it won't be as bad," said Gunner Marie-Pier Patenaud, a

1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery unit from CFB Shilo who participated in sandbagging production.

"There is a really good reaction to us being here. It feels amazing," she said.

By July 8, more than 212,700 sandbags had been produced and approximately 184,000 were delivered by CAF members, provincial authorities and volunteers to hold back the

"JTFW's Regular Force and Primary Reserve soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen, worked around the clock, in adverse conditions, slinging sandbags and fortifying dykes protecting homes and key infrastructure," said BGen Juneau.

tinued reconnaissance of the flood diversion systems in place.

"The deployment of the Griffon supported the relief effort by providing a reconnaissance platform from which Brigadier-General Juneau, the Premier of Manitoba, Ministers and Emergency Management Officers could survey the affected areas," said Captain Benjamin Anderson, a Griffon Pilot deployed to Manitoba from 408 Squadron in Edmonton.

Once the Province of Manitoba was able to take over full flood operations, the deployed troops returned to their homes, bases and communities.





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The naval boarding party of HMCS Regina conducts tactical movement drill practice on the ship's upper deck off the coast of Africa on earlier this year during Operation Artemis.

RCN enhances naval boarding capability

Jamie Cook

MARPAC Public Affairs

The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) is taking important steps toward tailoring its operations to confront and deter smaller, asymmetric threats with the standing up of a single dedicated unit that will provide an Advanced Naval Boarding Party (ANBP) capability.

"We are excited about the development, the standup of this new unit, and the unique and challenging opportunity it presents to all RCN personnel," said LCdr Wil Lund, the ANBP Capability Officer in Charge. "It represents an important milestone that will enable the RCN to combine over a decade of highly successful operational experience with the ingenuity and abilities of our own officers and sailors."

Right now, naval boarding parties are comprised of regular members from a ship's company who perform these duties in addition to their primary duty on board. Once fully operational, the new unit will deploy specialized teams on any RCN platform operating in a high-risk environ-

Though traditional NBPs are capable of conducting basic obstructed boardings, the dynamic and evolving nature of RCN missions now calls for a new approach. The ANBP capability will allow for deployed vessels to meet the new level of risk and to provide other direct support when necessary.

With today's naval operations increasingly concerned with providing maritime security in the littoral (near-shore) environment, the need for an advanced, versatile force that can respond rapidly to threats such as pirates, drug smugglers or small, nimble fast attack craft is as salient

These operations require a highly trained team such as the ANBP. Through extensive specialized training and careful selection, the Maritime Tactical Operators from this unit will eventually employ a spectrum of advanced tactics, such as hand-to-hand combat, improvised explosive device (IED) identification, close quarters battle, as well as tactical shooting and tactical questioning.

The implementation of this capability will be gradually phased in over several months, starting with the instructor training that commenced earlier this month to force generate the instructors required to train the first team. These instructors will develop an initial Enhanced Naval Boarding Party (ENBP) capability in the form of the first team of Maritime Tactical Operators. Once trained, this team will be ready to deploy, if needed, in 2015.

Utilizing the experience and lessons learned from this initial team, the unit will later develop a full ANBP capability and will be comprised of approximately 70-100 members from across the RCN, including both Regular and Reserve Force. Noncommissioned members and officers wishing to join will be put through a rigorous selection process before being invited to challenge the Maritime Tactical Operator's course.

Selection for the Maritime Tactical Operator's course is scheduled to run from Sept. 29 until Oct. 3.

"What we'll be looking for most in candidates is that they're mature, physically fit, willing to learn and capable of making logical split-second decisions within a high-stress environment," said LCdr Lund.

On-going and highly successful operations, such as Operation Caribbe and Operation Artemis, are a testament to the evolving nature of the RCN's missions and the important work it does to support maritime security in the littoral arena.

LCdr Lund said the standing up of this unit marks an important milestone in the RCN and will be a vital asset to its future endeavours.

"The end product of the 'One Navy' concept will provide an advanced and highly flexible capability at sea that will continue to adapt to the uncertainty and risk of both present and future RCN missions."



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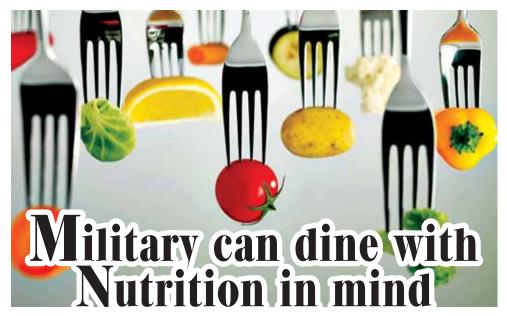
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By now you may have noticed a change in menu options available in the base kitchens at CFB Esquimalt. Over the last few months Mat J4/D Food Svcs, in conjunction with numerous units across the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have been developing the National Standardized Cycle Menu (NSCM) and we are now in the midst of a 12 week trial.

This menu will eventually become the standard for all CAF nourishment in static and deployed operations. Some of the key drivers of this initiative are improving nutritional wellness, better accommodation of religious and spiritual requirements, as well as financial accountability.

By providing a variety of healthier and vegetarian options, CAF Food Services will be able to support optimal performance and the long term health of CAF members contributing to mission success.

Prior to the start of the 12 week NSCM trial there were concerns about limiting choices, removing typical mess hall favourites or forcing diners to eat healthier or vegetarian choices exclusively. The trial has shown that there are ample options to choose from, the vegetarian options are very popular, the kitchen still provides old favorites and you still have a choice when you come into a CAF dining hall.

We have received an overwhelming 85 per cent positive diner feedback on the new choices being provided. This is surprising and exciting as it demonstrates that CAF members are interested in achieving and maintaining a healthier lifestyle.

Vegetarian choices have been very well received. Even if the thought of ingredients such as tofu, lentils and bulgur do not appeal to you, try the vegetarian option and you might be pleasantly surprised.

By and large, the new choices have been well received and diners are pleased. Food Services values your feedback. Choices that are proving unpopular, will be re-evaluated and either amended or removed.

As we near the end of the trial, it is crucial that we continue to receive feedback based on your dining experience. In the first week of the trial phase, we received on average 85 customer reviews from each base; however, in the second cycle we received significantly less feedback. The more feedback we get from diners, the better CAF Food Services will be able to respond and provide healthy, nutritious and appealing choices.

Your continued support in providing comments through the customer feedback forms will assist us in tailoring the menu to meet your expectations. Once the trial comes to an end, a survey will be available online or through your Smartphone so you will be able to give us your thoughts on your overall dining experience.

Thank you for your participation and feedback throughout the past few months. If you have any questions please contact Food Services and enjoy what the NSCM has to offer.







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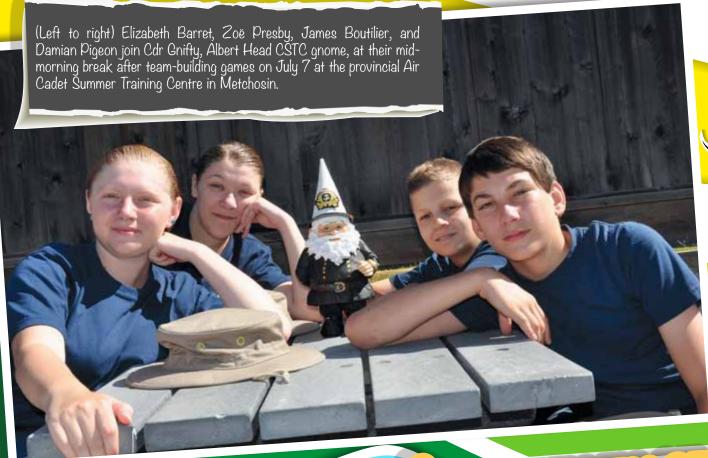
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"The food is delicious," says Mya Su of Nelson as she eats her fish f for lunch on July 7 at the proving Air Cadet Summer Training Centre

Cadets converge for summer camp

A torrent of B.C. cadets took to car, bus, plane and ferry on the first Saturday of July to get to their respective summer camps.

In total, more than 3,000 teens aged 12 to 16 were on the move.

Air cadets from squadrons around Creston, Cranbrook, Kelowna and Fort St. John flew to Vancouver, joined cadets from Lower Mainland squadrons, and then boarded a bus for Albert Head Cadet Summer Training Centre

Another bus took air and sea cadets to Regional Gliding School Pacific and HMCS Quadra CSTC in Comox.

"With family in Vancouver and Edmonton, I am used to long road trips," said Sgt Cory Cunningham, a senior cadet from 396 Squadron in Prince George, who has spent each of his past six summers at Albert Head CSTC. "For my first time away with Cadets, it was exciting - no parents for two weeks, and a road trip with my friends. On the ferry over to Vancouver Island, I immediately spent

my \$20 emergency fund at the arcade," he added with a grin.

Cadets from Terrace and Nelson had the longest journey, leaving the night before to catch their bus to the island.

Zoë Presby of Terrace, 14, didn't sleep before catching her 1 a.m. bus, and - although she checked the list of items to bring more than once - still had her father make runs home to collect forgotten items.

Some of the Terrace teens weren't so organized. Damian Pigeon realized he forgot his favourite runners soon after his bus left Terrace, and is now wearing footwear borrowed from a friend. But he has maintained a positive attitude despite his misfortune.

"Camp is more than I expected; lots of cool programming," he said of the scheduled activities, which included flying, swimming, and an introduction to survival training.

Soon after they finished their administration, the cadets were sent to their barracks to get some rest.

"I had a great sleep Saturday night,"

Sunday afternoon, I even got to have a nap.'

Cory, Zoë, Damian, and Elizabeth are just four of the 140 cadets at Albert Head for the two-week General Training Course, which exposes cadets to summer training opportunities to help them plan their future goals in the Cadet Program.

'Congratulations and thanks to all those who worked so hard to ensure the safe arrival of Cadets from across British Columbia and beyond to our summer camps," said RAdm Bill Truelove, Regional Commander of the more than 7,000 air, sea and army cadets in B.C. "This reflects an incredible amount of work and strong leadership from across the Cadet organization within B.C., and is reflective of the strong partnership that exists between the Cadet units, Leagues, parents, volunteers and so many more all focused on ensuring a safe, successful and enjoyable experience for the Cadets - Bravo Zulu."



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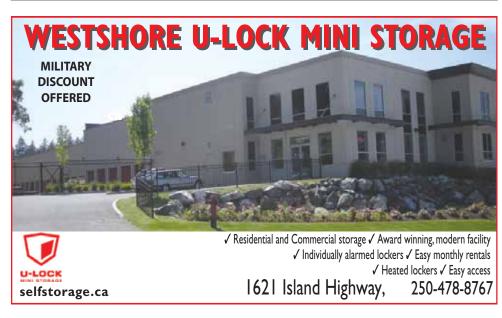




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Forecastle

The pronunciation for this word is fo'ksul. It's the forward part of the main deck and derives its name from the days of Viking galleys. Wooden castles were built on the forward and after parts of the main deck from which the men would shoot arrows and throw spears, rocks, etc.







Naval and Military Museum salutes Canada's submarine service centenary

A/SIt Kia BPAO

2014 is an important year for Canada's submarine service. It represents the 100th anniversary of the first sub-surface ships to defend our coasts. To mark this important occasion, CFB Esquimalt's Naval and Military Museum staff have completed a new design for their submarine gallery.

The installation of the display was started in early July 2014, and will be officially opened for viewing on Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m. by Capt(N) Luc Cassivi. Service members and the public are encouraged to attend the opening, and celebrate this important date in naval history.

The museum has put considerable resources, research and effort into creating the new display.

Previously, the museum's space devoted to the sub-

marine service was limited. To highlight the 2014 centenary, an entire room has been devoted to a permanent exhibit with models, plaques, artifacts and televised information.

Included in the new display is a beautiful model of Second World War submarine, HMCS Rainbow (SS75), built and donated by Ryan Cameron, a fire fighter with the City of Vancouver. His donation to the display was gratefully accepted on behalf of the museum by the Museum Exhibit Designer, Clare Sharpe.

A special temporary display of submarine related artifacts will be shown in a separate room until the end of the calendar year. These were generously loaned from private collector and former submariner, PO1 (Ret'd) George Cruickshank. He currently runs his own small muse-

um called The Battle of the Atlantic Museum, outside of Duncan.

"I served two years on SS75 HMCS Rainbow. I felt it appropriate to help celebrate the 'band of brothers' that make up Canada's submariner community. That's why I loaned my articles," said Cruickshank, who served in the Royal Canadian Navy for 35 years and spent four of them on board submarines.

The public and serving members are welcome to visit the museum from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The cost of a visit is a small donation. To find their location, follow the blue lines from Naden's main gate to Building N37, or look them up on Facebook: www.facebook.com/navalandmilitary museum

They also have their own web page at: www.navalandmilitarymuseum.org



Left to right: John Webber, a volunteer with The Battle of the Atlantic Museum in Duncan, and PO1 Todd Hinks prepare the submarine display at CFB Esquimalt's Naval and Military Museum.



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Former military cook finds solace in writing poetry

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

With only a few lines, a poet can evoke feelings of unrestrained love, heartwrenching beauty, or crushing sadness.

For LS (Ret'd) Cora Dash, poetry is a method of coping, one she initially used following the death of her mother in 2010

"I was trying to think of what to write for her eulogy, and it all just started pouring out of me," says the 48-year-old Chemainus resident. "I didn't know I'd enjoy poetry as much as I did. It allowed me to get a lot of thoughts and feelings out. It was very cathartic."

Dash's topics include the death of her mother, the idea of family, her years living on the streets of Vancouver as a teenager, and her 20 years of service as a military cook.

It was this last topic that led to her pen "The War Within", a poem that deals with the reality of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, mental illness, and the stress which goes hand in hand with military service.

"Spending that long working alongside so many different kinds of military personnel, and dealing with mental illness yourself can make military life difficult," she says. "I wanted to write this poem to maybe help people see the topic of mental illness a different way, and let people know a lot of serving or retired personnel may be dealing with a lot more than someone might think."

The poem itself was written in a moment of inspiration, the words flowing out of Dash in only five minutes.

"I just let it come out and before I knew it was done," she says. "A few minutes of editing and it was a finished product."

Her main source of inspiration came from a six month period spent aboard *HMCS Ottawa* in the Gulf of Oman just weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. During this time, she experienced the tension of a new conflict environment.

"It was tough. Everyone was on edge since we were in a new and potentially dangerous environment," she says. "Spending six months on the edge of your seat can really jangle your nerves and bring up bad feelings, reminding you of bad times in your past. It changes you mentally and that's what I wanted to evoke with "The War Within'."

While she only writes her poetry for personal use, she hopes to distribute some of it to the military community.

"I know what people have been through, and hopefully with my poetry I'll be able to help some of them" she says.

War Within

Day comes so does the war within.

Life goes on but the war within will stop it.

Sounds, lights, weather are parts of the war within.

I am on pins and needles most of the day because of the war within.

Sleep is the hardest because the war within comes to visit.

Dreams are real. The guns go off.

You hear the cries of your friends in the war within

Wake up; sweat pours down your face the war within

I pace the floor too scared to sleep the war within.

I had a respectable job—it's gone because of the war within.

I had great friends till the war within.

Nearby is help; societies want to support you but the war within goes on.

When will the feelings go away from the war within?

I live each day and pray that it will not come, the war within

It is your own war; it comes and goes the war within

When will it stop, the war within?

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HMCS Calgary awards and promotions

Cdr John Wilson, HMCS Calgary's Commanding Officer, made several awards and promotions while the ship is deployed on Rim of the Pacific Exercise.



OS Jennifer Buckell is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Bill Hawke, CPO2 Steve Wist and PO2 Trevor Linfoot.



OS Gregory Cowan is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Jeff Smith, CPO2 Mark Chambers and PO1 Brian Whitman.



OS Marlon Goundry is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Nicholas Culhane, CPO2 Mark Chambers and PO1 Kevin Kemp.



OS Tyler Jakab is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, CPO2 Steve Wist and PO2 Trevor Linfoot.



OS Kevin Lavoie is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Bobby Gilpin and CPO2 Jason Kitt.



OS Stephanie Nicol is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Bill Hawke, CPO2 Steve Wist, WO Sibylle Michel and PO2 Brian Nicol, her brother.



OS Bryan Underwood is promoted to Able Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Mathew Webb and CPO2 Frederic Torres.



AB Bryan Underwood receives his Machinery Watchkeeping Certificate from Lt(N) Mathew Webb, CPO2 Frederic Torres and PO1 Donald Read.



CPO2 Dean Genttner receives his first clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Wilson and Lt(N) Nicolas Vergult.



Lt(N) Kevin Whiteside is promoted to Lieutenant Commander by Cdr Wilson and LCdr Joshua Yanchus.



AB Zhuhao Chen is promoted to Leading Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Mathew Webb, CPO2 Frederic Torres and PO1 Donald Read.



AB Pierre-Alex Larocque is promoted to Leading Seaman by Cdr Wilson and PO2 Maxime Brassard.



AB Semeniuk is promoted to Leading Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Bobby Gilpin and CPO2 Jason Kitt.



AB Zaruba is promoted to Leading Seaman by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Jeff Smith and PO1 Carlos Esquivel.



Lt(N) Steven Drysdale receives his Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Wilson, LCdr Joshua Yanchus and Lt(N) Jeff Smith.



SLt Sebastian Harper is promoted to Lieutant(Navy) by Cdr Wilson and Lt(N) Jeff Smith.



Lt(N) Jason Stewart receives his Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Wilson and LCdr Joshua Yanchus.



SLt Christian Walsh is promoted to Lieutant(Navy) by Cdr Wilson and Lt(N) Jeff Smith.



SLt Jeffrey Woodhouse is promoted to Lieutant(Navy) by Cdr Wilson and Lt(N) Jeff Smith.



LS Matthew Towle is promoted to Master Seaman by Cdr Wilson and PO1 Justin Campbell.

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MS Louis Beaudet is promoted to Petty Officer Second Class by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Bobby Gilpin and CPO2 Jason Kitt.



PO2 Marc Buzzi receives his first clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Wilson, CPO2 Frederic Torres and PO1 Justin Campbell.



PO2 Mathieu Cotnoir receives his Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Nicolas Vergult and CPO2 Dean Genttner.



MS Brian Nicol is promoted to Petty Officer Second Class by Cdr Wilson, Lt(N) Jeff Smith, CPO2 Mark Chambers and PO1 Brian Whitman.



SLt Ellie Aminaie receives her Bridge Watchkeeping certificate from Cdr Wilson.



A/SLt Tony Greenwood is promoted to Sub-Lieutnant by Cdr Wilson, LCdr Joshua Yanchus and Lt(N) Jeff Smith.



SLt Sonja Maul-Wilson receives her Bridge Watchkeeping certificate from Cdr John Wilson.



WO April Levigne receives her Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr John Wilson and Lt(N) Jason Stewart.

New leader at Base Logistics



Shawn O'Hara, Lookout

Cdr Trish Roberts (left) hands over command of Base Logistics to Cdr Nord Mensah (right), as Capt(N) Luc Cassivi presides over the July 17 Change of Command Ceremony.

Personnel Coordination Centre



MS Rajotte receives the award of Areobic Achievement for 6,000 units from Cdr Alistair Harrigan.



LS Douglass is appointed to Master Seaman by Cdr Harrigan (left) and CPO2 James Griffin.

Baines new CO for Atlantic Fleet



Cpl Chris Ringius, Formation Imaging Services Halifax

Cmdre Scott E.G. Bishop (left), reliquished command of Canadian Fleet Atlantic to Cmdre Craig Baines (right). RAdm John Newton (centre), Commander Joint Task Force Atlantic (JTFA) and Maritime Force Atlantic (MARLANT), oversaw the Change of Command ceremony held on HMCS Iroquois July 11.

HMCS Protecteur



LS Granholm received his certificate for QL4 completion from HMCS Protecteur Commanding Officer Cdr Julian Elbourne.



LCdr Stephane Beaudoin received his new rank from Cdr Elbourne



OS Parkinson received her certificate for QL4 completion from Cdr Elbourne.



OS Waller received his certificate for QL4 completion from Cdr Elbourne.

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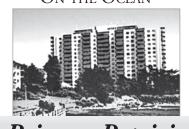
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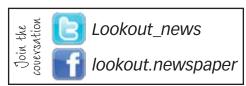
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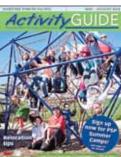
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For dedicated athlete and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) member Sgt Dan Bodden, no distance is too great when it comes to helping wounded veterans.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Assistant Air Controller recently returned from the inaugural Can/Am Veteran's Challenge, a 1,200km bicycle ride 18-day that took 16 wounded Canadian, American, and Danish military veterans, as well as nine civilian riders, from the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, ON, all the way to Capital Hill in Washington, D.C.

The ride was conceived by non-profit organization World TEAM Sports as a way to show injured veterans, as well as the civilian population, that being injured or disabled doesn't mean you stop being active. "The team I was riding with came from all walks of life, all different parts of Canada and the U.S., as well as a few riders from around the world, and they all showed the same fierce spirit," says Sgt Bodden. "It was a very inspiring experience. They showed me that getting on with your life is as much as part of rehabilitation as any surgery or medicine."

When it comes to going the distance for wounded veterans Sgt Bodden is no slouch.

Just this past February, he co-founded the Wounded Warriors Run BC and his team ran from Port Hardy to Victoria.

"As a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) it's my duty to aid and support my fellow service men and women any way I can," he says. "When I heard there was an opening for the Veteran's Challenge there was no way I would pass it up."

His dedication went as far as physically helping a fellow cyclist during the Can/Am ride.

During the journey Sgt Bodden rode alongside US Army Master-Seargent (Ret'd) Marina Libro, who was riding a recumbent bicycle. On the steeper, steadier climbs Libro got an extra push with the "barber pole" – a seven foot red-white-and-blue pole, which Sgt Bodden would hold to push Libro ahead of him.

"It was just about being a team. If I ever got tired pushing Libro, someone would come and push me, and someone would come and push them. All of a sudden there are four or five riders in a row helping each other up the hill," he says. "We really were a team. When you're riding that far you need people you can depend on."

As the team made its way through Ontario, New York State, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, Sgt Bodden says the American people came out in droves.

"Once people heard what we were doing it became a thing," he says. "We drew a crowd everywhere we went and people were very quick to buy us extra food or donate a few dollars to World TEAM Sports. They were all so kind."

Upon reaching Capitol Hill Sgt Bodden and the team were welcomed to the Canadian Embassy by Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer and treated to a sweeping view of the city from the embassy's top floor.

"It was a really great end to a very inspiring trip," he says. "I wouldn't hesitate to do it again. I'm always glad to lend a helping hand where I can."

More information on World TEAM Sports and the Can/AM Veteran's Challenge can be found at canamveterans.org.











