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Esquimalt Remembered

Above: Capt(N) Steve Waddell, Base Commander Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, and CPO1 Shawn Taylor, Chief Petty Officer, place flowers at the HMCS Esquimalt cairn during the Memorial Service held April 6.

Left: PO2 Greg Sly plays the Last Post at the ceremony.

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Whitehorse and Nanaimo return home

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

After a five week deployment on Operation Caribe, in which *HMCS Whitehorse* and *HMCS Nanaimo* assisted in seizing a combined six metric tons of cocaine, the two ships arrived home last Wednesday to a crowd of cheering families and loved ones.

The ships sailed past Duntze Head for the traditional salute while the Naden Band serenaded the crowd. Waiting loved ones eagerly clutched flowers and balloons as the ramp was slowly lowered, by crane, onto the Y jetty. The first step off the ship was taken by Master Seaman William Dennis of *Whitehorse*, who proposed to Jenny Clark on the ramp, before the two shared a customary first kiss.

Whitehorse and *Nanaimo* joined the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard on Feb. 23 as Canada's contribution to the multinational Operation Martillo, which seeks to intercept trafficking by transnational organized crime in the Caribbean Basin and Eastern Pacific.

Operation Martillo has been strengthening international partnerships between the Western Hemisphere and European nations in a bid to improve regional security and deter future criminal activity. Historically, interagency cooperation efforts such as Martillo have resulted in yearly seizures of millions of dollars of illicit drugs, while actively disrupting trafficking in international waters and airspaces around South and Central America.

"If drugs make it through

the easier passages, Mexico for example, they can eventually get to North American markets," said *Whitehorse* Commanding Officer, LCdr Christopher Rochon upon the ship's return home. "There have been traces of these drugs making it to Canada, so it's good for our ships to be out there."

The two ships acted in a supporting role to the operation, tasked with locating, tracking, and approaching suspect vessels found along the Pacific coast of Central America. The ships were also authorized to transport U.S. Law Enforcement Detachment personnel to the suspect vessels, where the trained American crew was responsible for boarding and conducting law enforcement operations.

Whitehorse assisted in two larger drug seizures during its routine surveillance. Its first bust on March 6 resulted in the seizure of 5,284 kg of cocaine from a freighter sailing off the coast of Costa Rica.

"We intervened a coastal freighter that had been trying to travel up to north Columbia and potentially Guatemala or Mexico," said LCdr Rochon. "The U.S. Navy ship Garry got to the scene first, and as soon as the freighter saw Garry, they started dumping their contraband overboard; so it became a two-part operation: one was to recover the contraband, and the other was to intercept the ship itself."

Whitehorse carried an eight-person detachment of the United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement to the freighter, allowing for

identification and possible prosecution of those on board.

At the end of March, *Whitehorse* assisted another U.S. Navy ship in retrieving 15 bales of cocaine, weighing more than 600 kg, that were dumped into the waters of El Salvador by a speeding fishing boat. *Whitehorse* chased the vessel for more than half a day, and as the evasion progressed, contraband was continually dumped overboard.

"We assume that our combined forces were the reason they were dumping, and for us, that's a win," said LCdr Rochon.

He says the crew's rigorous training for the operation also accounts for its combined successes.

"When you're actually in the situation, your training kicks in. I couldn't be prouder of the way they performed – no less than I expected. It was amazing."

On March 10, *Nanaimo* also achieved its goal to help intercept trafficking after discovering 50 floating one kilogram packets of cocaine off the Guatemalan coast. The ship had followed reports of suspicious activity in the area, leading them to discover the drugs over several kilometres of ocean. There were no vessels found in the area, and the source of the cocaine remains unknown.

Like LCdr Rochon, LCdr Jeff Hopkins, *Nanaimo's* Commanding Officer, attributes their success to the thorough training of his crew. But he adds it was the smooth cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy that really made the operation a victory.



Photos by Rachel Lallouz,
Lookout

Above: MS William Dennis proposes to Jenny Clark after arriving back from Operation Caribe.

Left: LCdr Christopher Rochon greets his children after being away at sea for five weeks.

Below: Families and loved ones cheer on the arrival of *HMCS Nanaimo* and *HMCS Whitehorse*.



Trafficking thwarted on open seas

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, RAdm Bill Truelove joined senior U.S. Navy and Coast Guard command teams for a media briefing to announce the overwhelming success Operation Caribbe has had on thwarting drug trafficking on the open seas.

U.S. and allied forces operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean have seized more drugs in the last six months than they did in all of fiscal year 2014.

Coast Guardsmen operating from cutters, and sailors in U.S. Navy ships and Royal Canadian Navy coastal defence vessels have seized more than 56,000 pounds of cocaine worth over \$848 million wholesale, and apprehended more

than 101 suspected smugglers this year. This includes the most recent 11,000 pound seizure of cocaine from a coastal freighter in the Eastern Pacific Ocean by HMCS Whitehorse, and U.S. Navy ships Gary and Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell.

"This is a powerful reflection of the strong and unwavering partnership that we enjoy, and the shared commitment we have to this important mission of enhancing regional stability and inhibiting transnational crime organizations from threatening the defence and security of our nations," said RAdm Truelove. "There are no closer allies than the U.S. and Canada."

Over the past year, Canada has deployed ships,

submarines, and maritime patrol aircraft to the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean under the leadership of the U.S. Southern Command.

Canada's contribution, formally known as Operation Caribbe, is a component of a long-term, multi-national plan spearheaded by the U.S and supported by Canada to capture and prosecute suspected drug smugglers off the coast of Central America.

Admiral Truelove says Canada's role in the operation will continue to strengthen its international partnerships with nations across the hemisphere, while demonstrating its commitment to address the security challenges in the region posed by trafficking.

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell's homecom-

ing and drug offload in San Diego last week was also attended by RAdm Truelove, who emphasized that Canada is committed to this mission because it understands the importance of a strong and coordinated approach to continental security.

He then turned his attention to the crews of HMCS Whitehorse and HMCS Nanaimo.

"I am incredibly proud of the Reserve and Regular force sailors from Whitehorse and Nanaimo who returned home to Esquimalt yesterday," he said. "They played a major part in the interdiction of the narcotics that are being offloaded. I want to publicly thank them, and their families, for their tremendous service."



Left: RAdm Bill Truelove, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force Pacific, speaks at a press conference at Naval Base San Diego, April 16, as the crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell look on.

Photos by PO2 Connie Terrell, U.S. Coast Guard

Right: A Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell crewman guards more than 28,000 pounds of cocaine during an offload at Naval Base San Diego, April 16. The Boutwell crew returned to San Diego with the cocaine, worth over \$424 million, seized in 19 separate interdictions by U.S. and Canadian forces in drug transit zones near Central and South America.



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People Talk

While on board HMCS Oriole, Lookout asked sailors-for-day, high school students participating in the Youth Challenge Program, this question:

What are you planning on doing after high school that is meaningful to you? Why?



I've always wanted to find a way to help others be more friendly to the environment. I want to do something or make something that would make it difficult for people to treat our earth badly.

Charlie Smith, 17



I would like to complete humanitarian and relief work overseas, because I want to help people who can't help themselves.

Keaton Miller, 17



I want to be a stage manager. I've always loved being behind the scenes and doing things in the background.

Lex Mitchell, 17



I would like most to be a pediatric nurse, because I'm passionate about medicine and working with kids, and I could give back to my community this way.

Julia Wilson, 16



I want to be a teacher. I like interacting with kids and teaching them how to learn to the best of their abilities. Teaching isn't easy, but I want to do it.

Shannon O'Dowd, 16

Fire hall takes all

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

The 28th annual game of the Pacific Region Beaver Cup Ice Hockey Tournament concluded on April 10 with an eight to one win for the CFB Esquimalt Fire Hall against Defence Construction Canada. The two teams played against hosting team Real Property Operations Section Esquimalt and 19 Wing Comox in a three day tournament, beginning the morning of April 8, with Col Darlene Quinn dropping the puck.

The tournament, taking place at the beginning of April each year, is open to the entire Canadian military engineer family, and includes retired and currently serving members and employees.

The regional games started in Borden in 1981, and were brought to Esquimalt in 1988, before expanding to include the Atlantic and Prairie regions.

The winning team this year was given the infamous Beaver Cup, which symbolizes the role of the engineer as "nature's builder."



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Above: The CFB Esquimalt Fire Hall team poses for a photograph after winning the Beaver Cup.

Left: The referee drops the puck at the Pacific Region Beaver Ice Hockey Tournament.

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Egg addling aims to reduce Canadian Geese population

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

The non-migratory Canadian Geese population that can be found nesting at Naden, Dockyard, Work Point, and DND's surrounding islands, will soon experience an alteration to their flock's future numbers.

A round of egg addling, organized by the Formation Safety and Environment Branch, has taken place in support of the Capital Regional District's Canada Goose Management Strategy.

Formation Environment Officer Kara Foreman and Port Operations Environment Officer Louise Wilkin, in addition to helping organize addling efforts on the base, assisted in the physical addling process.

Egg addling is an approved method of goose population control in which fertilized eggs are temporarily removed from a nest, shaken to terminate embryo development, and then placed back in the nest. Mature geese are misled into believing their eggs will continue to develop, so they continue to sit on the nest. If eggs were removed from the nest the geese

would likely lay a new clutch of eggs either in the same spot or move and nest in a new location.

According to Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service, the geese were introduced in the 1960s and 70s to increase their populations for hunting purposes. Over the years, as hunting areas have become more restricted, populations have increased, leading to the problem, explains Foreman.

The geese affected in this round of addling are all Resident Non-Migratory, meaning they live in the area all year long and are not native to the Esquimalt area. They are urban geese who nest in developed areas and thrive due to a lack of natural predators.

Both Resident Non-Migratory Geese and Migratory Geese are protected under the government's Migratory Bird Convention Act, so a permit from Environment Canada is required to perform egg addling activities.

"The most obvious issue we see with the geese is



Trained egg addlers move Canadian geese away from their nests using umbrellas. They do this in order to get to the nest and determine if they should shake the eggs to terminate their growth.

the massive amounts of fecal matter produced," says Foreman. "The matter can not only increase the coliform count in local waterways, but also pollutes areas used for military training, which can become

a health hazard, especially if tracked indoors."

Although egg addling has been taking place at the base since 2008, Foreman indicates these birds have the potential to diminish local ecosystems, cause harm to a variety of plant species protected under the Species at Risk Act on the base, and may lower the biodiversity of some areas. The unfettered size of the population prevents native species of waterfowl from surviving in the habitat.

In terms of their effects on humans, a quick walk to the Naden Athletic Centre reveals how aggressive the geese can be towards people during their mating season.

The effects of the geese in the Capital Regional District are widespread, ranging from extensive crop damage, reduced water quality in recreational beaches and lakes, and

aviation risks to airplanes.

Wilkin says the majority of the addling is taking place only on base property, but DND has received permission to addle on Cole Island, which is owned by the Province and has large numbers of nesting geese.

Wilkin explains that CFB Esquimalt was strategic about how to begin the addling process by contracting an environmental consulting group, EBB Consulting, to pinpoint the high and low probability areas for nesting.

"Based on the recommendations from the consulting group and observations in recent years, we focused the addling on the high probability nesting areas," she says.

The geese have moved from the courting state, to creating nests and laying eggs. Wilkin and Foreman have scouted out goose nest locations throughout the base, scouring shorelines and grassy areas that are close to the ocean. When a

nest is found, addlers coordinate a maneuver to move the geese away, and then observe the number of eggs found in the nest.

Typically, a clutch can range anywhere from a few eggs to as many as nine, with most averaging around five to seven eggs. Eggs with clutch sizes of five eggs or more will be treated right away; those with smaller numbers will be recorded and revisited in a week's time to see if more eggs are laid, at which time they will be treated.

Prior to 2008, CFB Esquimalt used hazing methods to help control the goose population. This involved using trained dogs to chase geese off the property, but observations concluded the geese would take refuge in the water nearby, and shortly after the dog left the geese simply returned back onto land.

Other options have been used over the years including using a dead goose decoy, installing fencing, and not watering the playing fields in the summer, all without success.

As geese can live up to 20 years, addling is a long term population control method that allows environmental officers to track the numbers of new young being added to the local base population.



Naval war veteran surprised with Arctic Star Medal



Able Seaman Gerry Butler during the war.

Darlene Blakeley
Navy Public Affairs,
Ottawa

Naval war veteran Gerry Butler received an unexpected gift on his 90th birthday. Nearly 70 years after ending his wartime service he has been awarded the Arctic Star.

A military honour unveiled by the Government of the United Kingdom in 2012, the Arctic Star is granted for operational service of any length north of the Arctic Circle from Sept. 3, 1939, to May 8, 1945. It commemorates and recognizes

the particular severity of the conditions experienced by those who served in the Arctic during the Second World War, and is available to all Commonwealth forces including those from Canada.

Butler was overcome by emotion when the medal was delivered to him at his apartment in Montréal March 23. His son-in-law, Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Rick Bowes, a 23-year veteran of the Canadian Army who was instrumental in getting the medal through Veterans Affairs Canada, joined other members of the family to surprise the veteran with the medal.

"He had tears running down his face," says LCol (Ret'd) Bowes. "You know, these old veterans don't expect anything. They are humble to the core."

During the Second World War, many Canadians served on Allied convoys as they sailed across the Arctic Ocean to deliver vital supplies to Russia. Commonly known as the Murmansk Run, ships departed from North American ports and sailed to the northern Soviet

Union in an effort to assist them in their fight against Germany.

A young Butler joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942 and served in Her Majesty's Ship Jamaica through the North and Baltic Seas to Murmansk between June and August 1944.

He is one of a few Canadian naval veterans entitled to wear both the Arctic and Pacific Stars as he also served in Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Uganda.

"He joined Uganda in Charleston, South Carolina, at some point in late 1944," explains LCol (Ret'd) Bowes. "The ship then sailed north where it came to be based out of Scapa Flow, Scotland, for a short period. From Scapa Flow it sailed south through Spanish and Portuguese Atlantic waters and then transited through Gibraltar on its way to the Pacific theatre of operations. Employed as a Captain's plotter, Gerry recalls the ship taking part in operations as part of the Battle of Okinawa."

LCol (Ret'd) Bowes says it has only been in recent years his father-in-law has



LCol (Retired) Rick Bowes

Naval war veteran Gerry Butler holds a framed letter and the Arctic Star medal received from Veteran Affairs Canada.

felt comfortable talking about his wartime experiences.

"During the last couple of years he has begun telling stories about the war," he says. "He vividly recalls seeing the rivets on a kamikaze airplane as it flew overhead to bomb an American warship."

Butler has also been

awarded the 1939-45 Star, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and the War Medal (1939-45) for his wartime service.

After demobilization in early 1946, Gerry Butler, an Able Seaman, returned to his native Montréal, recommenced his university studies and went on to a long and successful business

career.

"He is the father of seven children, all of whom are extremely proud of his wartime service," says LCol (Ret'd) Bowes.

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Reserve sailor earns top kudos

MS Victor Wong
HMCS Carleton

The message is vague and mysterious: report to the Commanding Officer's Cabin at 2000 hours.

Outside the door, MS Marie-Christine Fortin fidgets. "I didn't know what is going on, and I don't like that," she says.

She is part of HMCS Carleton's training department, and has been preparing the unit's newest members to attend basic training.

When she's called into the cabin, she's surprised to learn that Commodore David Craig, Commander of the Naval Reserve, is on the phone. The reason: he's pleased to name her the Naval Reserve Sailor of the Year for 2015.

"It's incredible that you've done so much for the morale of your unit. You are the best that we have in the Naval Reserve," he says.

The Sailor of the Year Award recognizes the achievements of a sailor,

Master Seaman Fortin got unanimous support from all members of the selection board. She's created an incredible niche for herself.

CPO1 David Arsenault,
Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer.

Master Seaman and below, whose professionalism, dedication, knowledge and overall performance have earned the respect of their superiors, subordinates and peers. It takes the physical form of a trophy, first presented in 2010 and kept at Naval Reserve Headquarters. Later in the year, Commodore Craig will present a copy of the trophy to Master Seaman Fortin, but for now, she was presented with a commemorative coin by CPO1 David Arsenault, the Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer.

"Master Seaman Fortin got unanimous support from all members of the selection board," says CPO1 Arsenault. "She's

created an incredible niche for herself."

A lawyer with the Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario, a not-for-profit organization that works for the promotion of access to justice in French and English, MS Fortin joined the Naval Reserve at HMCS Montcalm in May 2003. She was trained as a musician, playing the oboe.

"I liked the idea of getting paid to play music," she says. "I even got the chance to play for Her Majesty the Queen, in 2009."

She transferred to HMCS Carleton in 2012. A bandsman in a unit with no band, she volunteered to take on the task of prepar-

ing the unit's new recruits for their first summer training.

"It was a good challenge," she says, "because the training was based on a completely new program that no one was used to, and you don't want the recruits to suffer because of that."

In addition to leading the recruits, MS Fortin took the initiative and became a physical fitness and first aid instructor. In this role, she assists in preparing Carleton's members for the physical fitness evaluations.

When LCdr Carmen Lapointe, Carleton's Commanding Officer, announced MS Fortin's award at the end of the training evening, it's greeted with thunderous applause by the ship's company.

"This is a really, really big deal," says LCdr Lapointe. "It makes me proud and happy that we've got people in the Naval Reserve with the drive and the energy that Master Seaman Fortin has shown."



PO2 Mary Pierce, HMCS Carleton

MS Marie-Christine Fortin receives the Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer's coin while being named Naval Reserve Sailor of the Year. From left to right: CPO1 David Arsenault, Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer; MS Marie-Christine Fortin; and LCdr Carmen Lapointe, Commanding Officer HMCS Carleton.



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LCdr Jeffrey Kibble
HMCS Oriole's Captain



Students wait for instructions on how to hoist Oriole's sail.

Students board Oriole for an *adventure* sail

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

As part of HMCS Oriole's "Youth Adventure Challenge," 14 high school students from across Canada left their homes to come aboard and sail with the navy crew for five days.

Students were selected through a competitive application process organized by the Canadian Student Leadership Association, which invited senior Leadership 11 and 12 students from secondary institutions to apply.

Only those applications with glowing academic credentials, extensive volunteer work, and well-crafted application essays were chosen. The high number of applicants was expected, as the entire challenge, apart from transportation, is free of cost.

Students travelled from Quebec, Alberta, and the interior of B.C to set sail on April 13 from Esquimalt Harbour, and many had no experience sailing.

"Some of them have never seen the ocean," says Oriole's Captain LCdr Jeffrey Kibble. "Some of them have never been on a boat, and some of them have never even left their province. So for them to suddenly come to another part of Canada and have an adventure on the West Coast is truly amazing."

As the crew, the students completed tasks normally expected of a fully-trained crew, such as hoisting and lowering the 136 kilogram main sail multiple times a day, helping cook meals, cleaning, and practicing safety training. Students took turns holding different crew positions, acting as the supervisory Buffer, the "Shack" or Chief Cook, and the "Stokes" or Chief Engineer. They also rotated watches, with each student working one mandatory night shift.

"They aren't here for a cruise," says LCdr Kibble on the first day. "They are here to learn from us, and what we're going to teach them is that teamwork and leadership are necessary to sail this vessel. The more responsibility they take on, the better."

The young crew is far from daunted, and when the ship launched off into the stormy weather from the base, they quickly became accustomed to the navy's language and task expectations.

"It's all new," says Charlie Smith, a 17-year-old from Kelowna. "We're all figuring out what the next thing to do is, how to tie this or how to knot that, what to pull and who to listen to. But I'm so amped up right now."

Students met for the first time one day before the sail, and had to work together to ensure the sail went smoothly,






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LCdr Jeff Kibble instructs high school student Charlie Smith at the helm.

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especially during difficult weather conditions and any other unforeseen challenges.

Even as the high winds set in, and the ship heeled over from the increasingly choppy waves, students calmly took their positions on deck to lower the sails and help steer. In the galley below, more students took turns as the "Molly," washing dishes and tidying up the eating and sleeping quarters.

"The fact is this particular vessel can't be sailed by one person," says Bill Conconi, Executive Director of the Canadian Student Leadership Association, who accompanied the students. "We've got 14 different high schools represented here, and they must work as a team to succeed."

In its tenth year, the challenge has sent over 100 students on the adventure, demonstrating the navy's long standing prioritization of leadership training, and its firm partnership forged with the Canadian Student Leadership Association. LCdr Kibble says that by supporting the challenge, the navy is able to connect with Canadians beyond the coast, and Oriole is given a chance to reach youth inland that may not have direct access to the navy.

"It's an incredible opportunity for the youth to understand the navy better," adds Conconi. "Many of them see that it isn't at all what they expected it to be. We've had participants go on to the Royal Military College, and others to join the navy, after recognizing that the military's type of leadership style is just what they are looking for."



Students take a break to enjoy lunch in the galley.



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Hindu priests from the BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Toronto dropped by the Formation Chapel April 7 during their annual visit to Victoria. They met with Major Doug Friesen, Formation Padre, who gave them a tour of the chapel, and chatted with them about the similarities between the Hinduism and other world religions, such as Christianity.

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LS Ogle Henry, MARPAC Imaging Services Dr. Margaret Brooke is joined by Cmdre Bob Auchterlonie, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, during the announcement of the Arctic/Offshore Patrol ship that will bear her name. With them are CPO1 Michel Vigneault, Fleet Chief Petty Officer, and SLt Tasha Sprenkle. Dr. Brooke, a former nurse in the Royal Canadian Navy, received the honour for her heroic act to save a fellow nursing sister following the torpedoing and subsequent sinking of the SS Caribou on Oct. 13, 1942, in the Cabot Strait off Newfoundland.

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Fredericton completes Black Sea Ops

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HMCS Fredericton completed its participation in joint NATO training exercises in the Black Sea on March 21.

Throughout the month of March, Fredericton and five other Standing NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2) warships participated in anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface warfare procedures in the Black Sea during separate exercises with the Turkish, Bulgarian and Romanian navies. The deployment was part of the regular rhythm of training exercises that allow NATO to enhance

interoperability within the alliance and with partner nations.

"The Canadian Armed Forces' participation in these joint exercises and maritime situational awareness operations in the Black Sea strengthens our operational readiness and interoperability with our NATO allies and security partners in the region," said Lieutenant-General Jonathan Vance, Commander of Canadian Joint Operations Command. "It also enhances NATO's capabilities to respond quickly and effectively across the full spectrum of operations."

At the end of the deployment, Fredericton assumed the role of SNMG2 flag-

ship; this marked the first time that a modernized Halifax-class frigate has served as a command ship on an international operation.

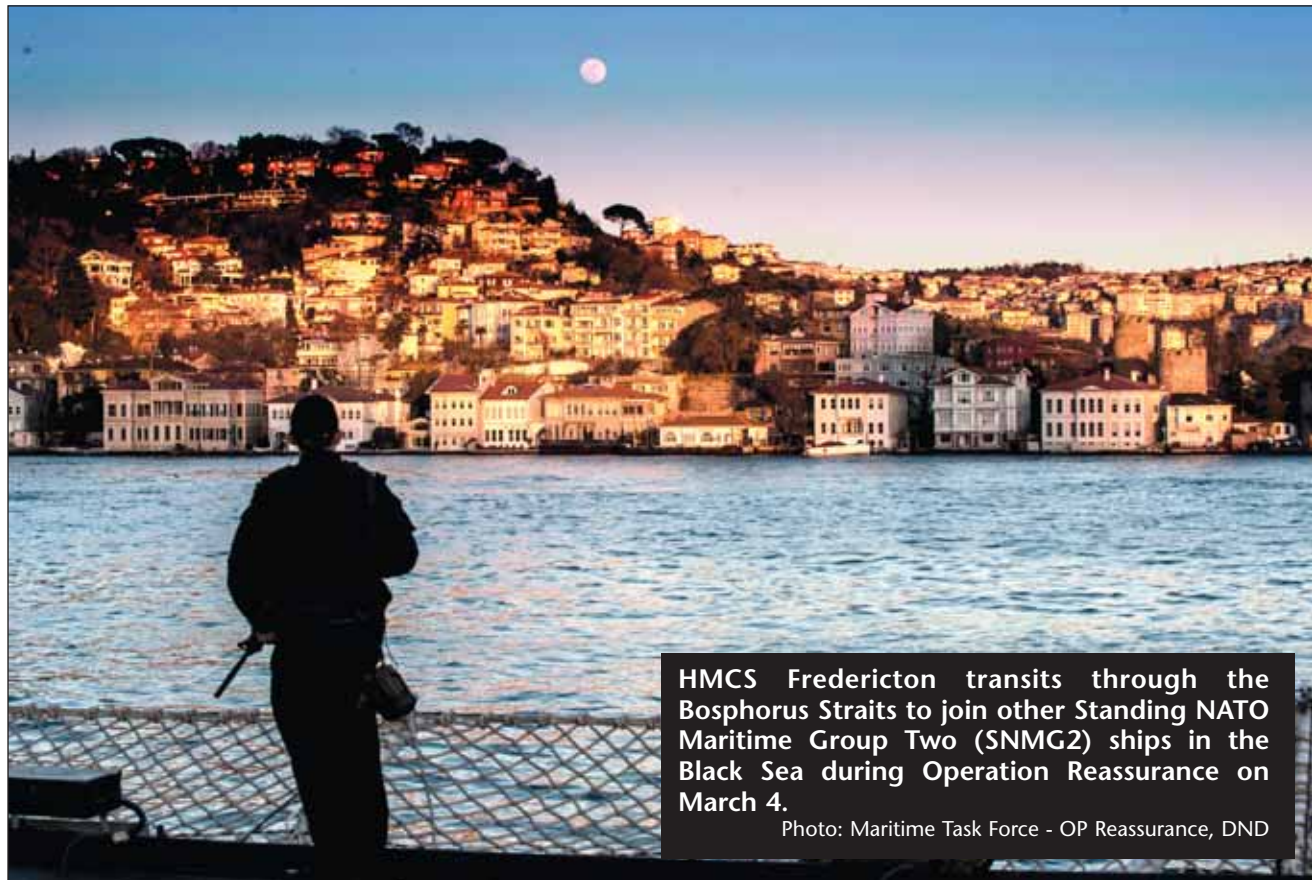
"Sailing out of the Black Sea aboard HMCS Fredericton was a great experience for me and my Staff," said RAdm Brad Williamson, United States Navy, Commander of SNMG2. "The crew easily transitioned into their command support roles which demonstrated the exceptional teamwork and rapid flexibility required of SNMG2 ships."

Serving in a command and control role added complexity to the ship's routine, but the duties in sup-

port of RAdm Williamson were well managed by crew members.

"I am really proud of what our team was able to accomplish in the Black Sea and in support of the SNMG2 Command Staff," said Commander Jeff Murray, Commanding Officer of HMCS Fredericton.

Fredericton is only the second HMC Ship to operate in the Black Sea since the early 1990s. After departing the Black Sea, HMCS Fredericton transited through the Mediterranean Sea and is currently proceeding to the North Atlantic Ocean to participate in Exercise Joint Warrior with more than 50 ships from NATO and non-NATO allied nations.



HMCS Fredericton transits through the Bosphorus Straits to join other Standing NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2) ships in the Black Sea during Operation Reassurance on March 4.

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70th anniversary service

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A memorial service was held on April 16 to honour the service and sacrifice of the crew of HMCS Esquimalt, the last Canadian warship lost to enemy action during the Second World War.

The ceremony marked the 70th anniversary of its sinking.

Capt(N) Steve Waddell, CFB Esquimalt Base

Commander; Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of Esquimalt; and Doug Grant, President of the Esquimalt Legion; all laid memorial wreaths.

Approximately 50 members of the public were present at the ceremony, which included a 21-person Ceremonial Guard and a performance by the Royal Canadian Navy's Naden Band.

HMCS Esquimalt was conducting a routine anti-submarine patrol in the harbour approaches to Halifax when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat, U-190, on the morning of April 16, 1945, just three weeks before the end of the Second

World War.

The explosion instantly knocked out the onboard power, preventing the crew from sending out a distress signal. It began to list heavily to starboard, pushing the lifeboat under water, and sank within four minutes.

The surviving members of Esquimalt's crew spent six hours adrift on four Carley floats before HMCS Sarnia reached them. They rescued 27 men and recovered the bodies of 13 others. In total, 44 sailors were lost.

One of the crew members aboard HMCS Sarnia that day was Sub-Lieutenant (Ret'd) Louis Howard, 91, who was at the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom on March 27, and gave an impromptu speech about that fateful day. He is one of three remaining survivors of Sarnia and was awarded with the Oak Leaf - Mention in Despatches (MID) for his heroic actions.

The sinking of HMCS Esquimalt is commemorated annually in April at a gathering outside Esquimalt City Hall.

It was one of 18 Bangor class minesweepers built during the Second World War and is the only ship ever to be named after the Township of Esquimalt.



Next of kin travel benefits update

All military personnel are advised that updates have recently been made to the finalization and payment processes for the Next of Kin Travel Benefit (NKTB).

The NKTB is potentially payable to an ill or injured CAF member once a medical doctor recommends that next of kin presence is warranted for a specific period of time. This benefit applies when a NOK travels to the member's location, not for the member to travel to their NOK.

The potential payment of the NKTB is tightly scrutinized by the

Director Casualty Support Management (DCSM).

Reimbursement of NKTB can be obtained for up to four NOK listed on a member's DND 2587 Next of Kin Identification Form for a combined total of 120 days.

Individuals not listed on the member's DND 2587 are not eligible for NKTB, regardless of their relationship to the member.

Personnel are encouraged to closely review their DND 2587 forms during their Annual Personal Readiness Verification (APRV) and as needed, to ensure their desired NOK are properly

named.

Personnel interested in knowing specifics surrounding the NKTB, such as the numbers of eligible travelers for a specific memorial service, are encouraged to read the references available at the links below.

For further information in English and French, please consult their website available at the following link: DCSM website: <http://cmp-cpm.forces.mil.ca/dcsm-dgsb/pub/index-eng.asp> or www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-benefits-ill-injured-deceased/guide.page#nktb

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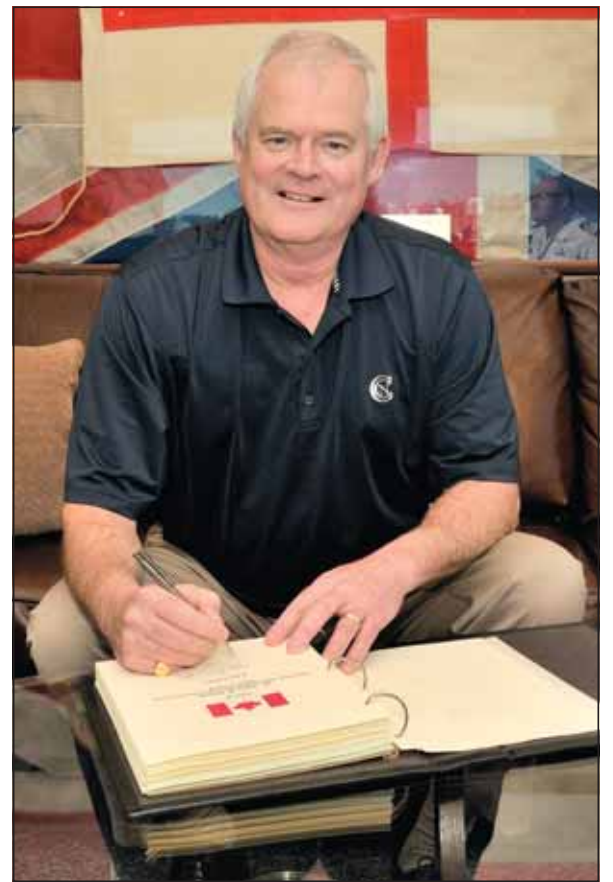
Right: PO1 Tony Brooks is promoted to CPO2 by Cdr Drews, at Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt.
Below: PO2 Elisabeth Zaragoza is promoted to her current rank by CPO2 Andy Moulton, Coxswain of HMCS Victoria, and Cdr Alex Kooiman, Commanding Officer of HMCS Victoria.



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The Admiral's office had two special visitors on April 8. Capt C.J. Cassidy (above), United States Navy Naval Attaché to Canada, and Jaime Pitfield, Assistant Deputy Minister Infrastructure and Environment, stopped by and signed the guest book.



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MP 75th Anniversary Mess Dinner

Thursday, 11 June 2015

Reception at 1800 hrs • Dinner at 1900 hrs

**Esquimalt Chief and Petty Officers' Mess,
1575 Lyall Street**

\$25 per person

Dress:
Mess Dress 2 or 2B for Military members
and civilian equivalent for non-serving
members.

For tickets contact:
Mess Dinner Coordinator,
Sergeant Barry Oxford, 250-363-5526
barry.oxford@forces.gc.ca

Sunset Ceremony at Royal Roads University

A Sunset Ceremony will be held April 25 to celebrate 75 years of leadership and learning at Royal Roads – 55 years as a military institution/college and 20 years of Royal Roads growth as a public university.

The Ceremony starts at 7 p.m. on the former parade square (now parking lot 3) below Hatley Castle at Royal Roads University, 2005 Sooke Road.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lifeguard/Swim Instructor

PSP Division - CFMWC - CFB Esquimalt

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current National Lifeguard Service Certificate (NLS) – pool option qualification
- Current CPR Level C and Standard First Aid qualifications
- Current Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certification
- Current Lifesaving Instructor certification
- High school diploma AND some experience working with children
- Salary: \$13.73/hr - \$18.44/hr

The successful candidate will be prepared to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends, and be able to conduct light physical duties.

Position available immediately.

Submit résumé attention:
Recreation Coordinator
via email to
npfhresquimalt@cfmws.com

PSP FUN SEEKERS SUMMER CAMP

<p>Camp Hours & Cost 9am-4pm 5 day camp cost: \$130 Reg/\$135 Ord/\$140 Assoc 4 day camp cost: \$105 Reg/\$110 Ord/\$115 Assoc</p>	<p>Extended hours & Cost AM: 7-9am, \$35 Reg/\$40 Ord/\$45 Assoc PM: 4-5:30pm, \$25 Reg/\$30 Ord/\$35 Assoc Location : CPAC</p>
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See the Summer Activity Guide for camp themes.

Children love our Fun Seekers Summer Break Camp and parents love our prices! All PSP lead camps combine the excitement of camp with the safety parents expect. Each week has a theme loaded with activities, educational games, creative arts and crafts, exciting day trips, swims, marvellous music, heaps of silly fun and much, much more. Does your 10+ year old want to have fun this summer? Register them for the Senior camp. Dates, times and themes are the same with different leaders and different rooms to hang out in.



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