For the second time in less than a year HMCS Fredericton has deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in support of Operation Reassurance. The frigate sailed from its Halifax home port Jan. 5. Read the full story on page 2.

Photos by Master Corporal Alexandre Paquin
Teary farewells as HMCS Fredericton deploys to the Mediterranean Sea

Ryan Melanson
Trident

As HMCS Fredericton prepared to depart Dockyard Jan. 5 to join Operation Reassurance, the ship’s new command team and young crop of sailors received words of advice from RAdm John Newton, Commander Joint Task Force Atlantic and Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT).

“I want every sailor aboard Fredericton to know there is somebody beside you and somebody more junior who has not had the same level of CAF or RCN experience. I want you to put your arm around that person and give them the best deployment in the CAF they’ll ever have.”

RAdm Newton said the tempo and importance of the mission, with the goal of promoting security and stability in Central and Eastern Europe, will make for exciting and demanding work, and will likely be one of the fastest deployments of a sailor’s career.

“Fredericton and its ship’s company will spend six months in the Mediterranean Sea working with NATO allies in support of surveillance and monitoring, regional defence, capacity building and diplomatic engagement.

The ship itself returned from an initial seven-month deployment to Op Reassurance in July of 2015, where it became the first ship to deploy following completion of the Halifax-class Modernization/Frigate Life Extension program.

This time around, with a largely new crew, some sailors leaving the jetty on the frigid afternoon were doing so as their first major deployment. One of those was MS Kristian Fitzgibbons, who waved from the flight deck as daughters Madison and Chloe held up signs with goodbye messages.

“You guys are the support structure that allows us to do what we do and go off to accomplish this mission for the Government of Canada,” he said.

He also thanked the MARLANT community and other friends of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) for support as he and his team worked to bring Fredericton up to a level of operational readiness.

The contingent gathered on the jetty included VAdm Mark Norman, Commander RCN; Cmdre Craig Baines, Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic; a group of retired admirals and commodores, and BGen (Ret’d) J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

“We have gone through one of the most intensive programs that we have ever been a part of, and we have received wonderful support through that,” Cdr MacLean said.

In a statement, Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, remarked on the importance of having the presence of Fredericton and its 250-person crew as part of Standing NATO Maritime Forces.

“Over the last six months we’ve gone through one of the most intensive programs that we have ever been a part of, and we’ve received wonderful support through that,” Cdr MacLean said.

The deployment of our modernized Halifax-class frigates and their world-class capabilities on Operation Reassurance demonstrates the Royal Canadian Navy’s continued readiness to respond to the security objectives set forth by the Government of Canada and the interoperability we share with our NATO allies,” he said.

Fredericton will replace HMCS Winnipeg when it arrives in the Mediterranean, and is expected to return to Halifax in June.

Commander Trevor MacLean addresses the crowd before the departure, along with Rear Admiral John Newton, Commander Joint Task Atlantic and Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic.

A warm embrace as a sailor says farewell to a young loved one.
Gym/pool facilities temporarily closed

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People Talk

On assignment at the Naden Athletic Centre, Lookout posed this question:

Who would be the person you would least like to be trapped in an elevator with and why?

Donald Trump. He’s pretty obnoxious and I liked it better when he didn’t talk.

Brittany Schneider, Fitness Leader

My high school math teacher. He had zero social skills.

Dave Wong, Engineer with HCM Felex

Someone who doesn’t speak English or French – we would have no way of passing the time by talking!

Alex Donald, CFB Esquimalt Fire and Rescue

Someone who is paranoid would make it a terrible time!

LS Perrin Perry

Robert. Plant. That’s because he’s taken the Stairway to Heaven.

From the Base Commander - Contest winners announced

2nd Annual Tree Decorating Contest.

Members of MARPAC and CFB Esquimalt,

It was evident that a flurry of decorating fun and creativity took place at the Wardroom, The Chiefs’ and Petty Officers’ Mess, the Pacific Fleet Club and at Nelles Block during the first two weeks of December, as members from 21 units in MARPAC came together in holiday spirit and healthy competition with their unique ideas to decorate pre-lit Christmas trees.

Participating units competed for prizes in three coveted categories: Most Festive (for the most Creative Design); Best Griswold Design (for the most outlandish tree); and the most Creative Design); Best Griswold Tree went to 1 Dental Unit Detachment (a strong runner-up).

Finally, in a surprise performance, CFFSE Seamanship Division looking for a repeat win with their ‘Abominable Snowman’ was a close runner-up.

When the scoring sheets were tallied, the judges awarded the title of Most Festive Tree to MARPAC HQ N4 (just to note, the Base Commander fully agrees with the ‘Naughty List’), who edged out HMCS Regina looking for a repeat win with their ‘Force Awakens’ Star Wars-themed tree.

The title of Best Griswold Tree went to 1 Dental Unit Detachment (a strong performer last year); however, CFINIS with their ‘Abominable Snowman’ was a close runner-up.

Congratulations to this year’s winners!

On behalf of the panel judges and organizers for this year’s holiday program, I would like to convey a sincere thank you to all of the participants in this year’s Formation Tree Decorating Contest.

Capt(N) SM Waddell

Base Commander
Help fill a sick child’s dream - be a part of their hope

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

Help Fill A Dream Foundation, a Vancouver Island charity that makes the dreams of sick children come true, is midway through their seasonal fundraising campaign and is looking for community assistance.

“We are an immediate responsive charity that steps in to provide resources and financial support to families who have a child with a life-threatening illness,” says Craig Smith, Executive Director.

Established in 1986, Help Fill A Dream has been supporting civilian and military families on the Island for the past 30 years by offering three types of programming to families in need: the Dreams Program, Family Assistance Program, and Quality of Life Program.

Their most publicized program, explains Smith, is the Dreams Program, which fulfills a single dream of a child, no matter how wildly imaginative the dream is. “The idea is that when a child is sick, or when they are in their recovery period, they can look forward to their dream coming true,” says Smith. “Having that one thing to look forward to is very powerful incentive to get better, and having hope and happiness is so beneficial in the healing process.”

For this particular program, someone who knows the ill child, be it a medical practitioner, family member, or neighbour, fills out an online application on behalf of the child. The child must meet the organization’s requirements, meaning they must reside on the island or on the Gulf Islands, be under 19 years of age, and have a life threatening condition.

Once approved by the organization’s board, Smith and his team work on making the dream come true. “We’ve done everything from having families meet celebrities such as Carrie Underwood to sports stars. In a couple of months we’ll be having a Nanaimo child travel to Los Angeles to hang out on the set of The Mindy Project,” says Smith.

But the most popular “dreams,” says Smith, are mostly travel-oriented. “This past Christmas, Help Fill A Dream sent a young man with lymphoma to Disney World. In the past, Smith sent a sick child and his family to Mexico, and reunited a father who lived in Barbados with his ill daughter. “The one thing we hear consistently from families with dreams, especially trips, is that the trip gives everyone in the family an opportunity to make positive memories,” says Smith. “To just spend time together as a family is so special because they might not be able to do that if their child is going through an illness.”

Help Fill A Dream’s second program is Family Assistance, which provides immediate financial assistance to a family who has just learned their child has been diagnosed with a life-threatening condition.

“Often, a child could end up in BC Children’s Hospital, meaning that Mom or Dad might need to take time off work anywhere from three to 12 months,” says Smith. “Costs could add up for accommodation, food, travel, and medication. This program allows a family to basically survive a very stressful time.”

Just this summer, says Smith, a military family from Comox had a young baby diagnosed with a serious illness. The baby and mother needed to stay at BC Children’s Hospital, and through the Family Assistance Program, both the father and young son living in Comox could travel back and forth to visit them. “Again, the theme we hear from families about this program is survival: it literally comes down to surviving,” says Smith. “It’s unbelievable.”

The final program is Quality of Life, a broad program that provides financial assistance to improve an ill child’s quality of life. A child might be coming home from the hospital and need a wheelchair, or a special bed, or an insulin pump, says Smith. They’ve also provided iPads to children to help them catch up in school and communicate with their teachers, and even covered the cost of therapeutic horseback lessons.

In the past year alone, the organization has fulfilled 10 dreams, quality of life requests, and helped 60 families through the family assistance program.

“Our programs exist for families who need the support,” says Smith. “Most likely there are military families who are unaware of us as a resource when they are dealing with stress and financial strain of having a child with a life-threatening condition. We can make a world of difference for them.”

Smith says that to support these families, the organization needs funds. Their $400,000 yearly budget is mostly made through community donations.

“We look at every dream as transformational for the child, and that dream has a ripple effect: there is a child and their dream at the centre, a family around them, and around the family is the community offering them support.”

Help Fill A Dream accepts donations year round. To make a personal donation to Help Fill A Dream, please visit: www.helpfilladream.com
Rare photo collection tells the story of Dockyard’s rich history

Rachel Lallouz  
Staff Writer

Chris Nixon, a marine industrial labourer with Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton shop 171, has an unusual hobby that has been on display to passers-by in building 215 for over three years.

Lining the walls of the building’s first floor north end are over 300 meticulously dated photographs of Dockyard.

“As a kid, I grew up in the Work Point area and always had a fascination with military bases,” says Nixon, who recalls visiting Dockyard as a little boy for Armed Forces Day. On that special day every year, Nixon and his friends would tour warships, fire blanks out of guns, and talk to the sailors.

His love of the military turned into a hobby in 2013 when he was researching photographs of the Dockyard’s history. He began to print off ‘before and after’ copies of photographs to more clearly reveal the historical development of the base to onlookers.

One before and after set shows a photograph of St. Paul’s Church just outside the dockyard front gate in the late 1800s, before it was moved to its present location at the corner of Esquimalt and Grafton Street in 1902. The main gate area has a dirt road and more pines are visible in the fairly undeveloped area. The photograph next to it is of the familiar, present day Dockyard main gate.

His ever growing collection of images now spans from the mid 1800s to modern day. Nixon estimates that about 90 percent of his photographs are of the CFB Esquimalt area, and the remaining 10 percent document bases on the East Coast, or feature ships and aircraft.

“You’ll notice looking at the photographs of the much older vessels, as far back as 1860, that they are simply sailing ships. They have no engines and have cannons on the sides of them,” says Nixon.

He says the visual reminder of Dockyard’s history is important for younger military members or employees who might not be aware of the historical significance of the area.

“They can take a look at something dated from 150 years ago and build that appreciation,” he says. The best part of his hobby, says Nixon, is how he feels when he sees visitors from other shops slow down during a busy day to peruse the photographs.

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“Some of the older folks are prompted to share their stories when a certain photograph jogs their memory,” he says. “The collection just brings up a lot of chatter and reminiscence.”

Though Nixon’s shop will be moving to a different building in the next year, he has been assured that his sprawling collection will have a new home on its walls.

Men’s hockey clash on tap at Wurtele

The road to the CAF National Men’s Hockey Championship begins this week at Naden with the Pacific regional series.

The Pacific region’s defending champion CFB Esquimalt Tritons will battle the CFB Comox Flyers in a best-of-three series at Wurtele Arena beginning with Game 1 and Game 2 on Wednesday Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Game 3 tiebreaker, if necessary, is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Tritons won last year’s regional clash, hosted by the Flyers, and advanced to the nation- als at Borden, where they placed 5th.

Later this winter the Old Timers and Women’s teams from Comox and Esquimalt will drop the puck in Pacific Regionals slated for Feb 9 and 10 at Wurtele Arena with the winners of these competi- tions also advancing to the national finals at Borden.
Four Ottawa sailors ventured to the Nation’s Capital

Lt(N) J.P. Nellan
HMCS Ottawa

This past December, a small delegation from HMCS Ottawa departed for the nation’s capital. Ottawa has been ramping up to rejoin the Fleet after completing its modernization program and wanted to reaffirm connections with its namesake city, and share the details of the upcoming program.

Four members of the ship’s company participated in the visit, including the Commanding Officer, Commander Sylvain Belair; Coxswain, CPO1 Alen Darragh, and two deserving sailors, OS Jean-Michel Derome and Lt(N) Jonathan Patrick Nellan, who had once called the city home.

Although they only spent two days in the capital, a busy program was prepared, including volunteering with charitable organizations, visiting local schools, and meeting with community leaders.

To kick off the visit, the sailors volunteered their time at the Ottawa Mission by helping set up decorations in advance of the holiday season. The Mission has been a pillar in the downtown community for nearly 100 years and prides itself on helping those less fortunate.

Following their visit to the Mission, the four conducted presentations at two local schools: the Elgin Street Public School and Lisgar Collegiate Institute. Students were eager to learn about life at sea, as well as the nature of operations and the various careers in the Royal Canadian Navy.

The Captain and his team then proceeded to City Hall where they had the pleasure of meeting the Mayor of Ottawa, His Worship Jim Watson. He was fascinated to learn about the ship’s program for the upcoming year and expressed interest to sail aboard Ottawa in the future.

The first day wrapped up with the members of the ship’s company huddled around a campfire with the 3rd Orleans Scout Troop, who Ottawa has sponsored since its commissioning in 1996. They joined the Troop in songs, cheers, and skits before presenting the group with ship’s mementos.

The next morning commenced with a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Canadian War Museum’s extensive archives. The group viewed original artwork that depicted the sinking of the first HMCS Ottawa. Seeing Canada’s war efforts captured on canvas was a unique and enriching experience for Ottawa’s present-day sailors.

Next, they continued their charitable efforts at the Salvation Army’s Grace Manor, a long-term care facility. There they had an opportunity to meet with John Coughlan, a former RCN sailor who served on all three of Canada’s aircraft carriers, and presented him with a ship’s ball cap and coin.

“It was the most engaged we’ve ever seen him,” said Azra, one of the resident staff at the Manor. Their rounds then took them to the Perley and Rideau Veterans’ Health Center where they mingled over tea and biscuits with navy veterans and shared stories of life at sea.

That afternoon, the members of Ottawa met with a long-time friend of the ship, Simon Fuller, the son of Captain Thomas G. Fuller, otherwise known as the Pirate of the Adriatic.

While touring displays of artifacts, they reminisced about Thomas Fuller’s time in service, his love of the sea and his commitment to both the Royal Navy and RCN.

The Commanding Officer and the Coxswain set off to visit with RCSCC Centurion for divisions and awards and were impressed by their professionalism and dedication.

The brief namesake city visit culminated with the Captain and crew attending a Senators hockey game. Unfortunately, having members from the ship on hand was not enough to bolster the team to victory, and they fell to the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2.

HMCS Ottawa’s sailors were grateful for the opportunity to visit their namesake city, and connect with it citizens, further strengthening the bond that exists between our great ship and our nation’s capital.

Main image: Four sailors from HMCS Ottawa pose with scouts and scout leaders during a trip to Ottawa.
Inset: Commanding Officer, Commander Sylvain Belair; Coxswain, CPO1 Alen Darragh, and sailors OS Jean-Michel Derome and Lt(N) Jonathan Patrick Nellan meet with Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson.
Larger than life 1944 image greets museum visitors

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

Visitors to CFB Esquimalt's Naval and Military Museum now have another reason to admire the building’s charming heritage exterior.

On Dec. 2, an enlarged version of a black-and-white photograph from the museum’s photo collection was adhered to the entrance doors of the naval exhibits building (building number 37).

“The door has no real heritage value as it stood,” says Clare Sharpe, Museum Exhibit Designer “It was pretty plain, so we’ve been looking at ways to jazz it up and thought a graphic would really suit the spot.”

The now larger-than-life size image, which originally appeared in the Vancouver Daily Province in 1944, features Signalwoman Madge Foster proudly posing in a pair of bell bottom pants – almost unheard of in the early 1940s – as a sailor looks on, clearly puzzled and delighted. The photograph’s caption published in the Province read: “No wonder this husky sailor seems slightly puzzled. He has just spied a Wren wearing, of all things, bell-bottomed trousers!”

The sailor looking on is Yeoman Walter Clements of Saskatoon, a sailor who worked closely with the Signalwomen.

“As far as we know only a limited number of women in the naval service were able to wear bell bottoms as part of their uniform attire,” says Sharpe, who explains that for a Signalwoman, pants suited the physical demands of the job better than a skirt. ‘Madge was one of the four in a group of signallers who was permitted to wear the bell bottoms.”

Foster, originally from Vancouver, was stationed at a West Coast naval base, possibly HMCS Discovery, to send and receive navy messages in code and cipher.

Sharpe says the photograph’s vertical orientation fit well with the shape of the door, but her main reason for selecting the image was to pay homage to the role women played in the Second World War and postwar era.

She says she spent the past year sifting through hundreds of photographs before settling on Foster’s. “I’ve always loved that picture, and it was donated by the daughter of Yeoman Clements, so it has a really direct connection to the museum’s collection and heritage,” she says.

After choosing the photo, Sharpe photo shopped the image herself, and had it printed up on adhesive Phototex Material. Owner Danny Glubus of Suite Signs installed the photograph.

Danny Glubus, owner of Suite Signs, poses in front of the new graphic he installed on the front doors of CFB Esquimalt’s Naval and Military Museum.

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Before and After Camp activities also available.
Register early as space is limited.
More detailed schedules available February 2016.

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Caption from the 1944 newspaper “The Province”

Photo by Rachel Lallouz, Lookout
Commander Wes Golden, Commanding Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, made award presentations at MARPAC HQ, Dec. 17.

Lt(N) Francois Gaudreault was presented with the Canadian Forces Decoration, representing 12 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces.

OS Brandon Ferguson was promoted to Able Seaman with Lt(N) Esther Nightingale.

Lt(N) Francois Gaudreault was presented with the Gun Metal Sea Service Insignia for 180 days at sea.

MCpl Mike Bastien receives the Gun Metal Sea Service Insignia for 180 days at sea.

ASLt Melissa Kia is promoted to Sub-Lieutenant, with LCdr Desmond James, Navy Public Affairs Officer.

MCpl Matthew Peeters is promoted by Cdr Byron Derby, Base Information Services Officer, and department head CPO2 Michael Mehlmann.

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