New Formation Chief on the ground

After two years at Maritime Forces Pacific, CPO1 Mike Feltham has handed over his post to CPO1 Gilles Grégoire. He relinquished his command last Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Chiefs and Petty Officers’ mess with Rear-Admiral Art McDonald presiding over the event. Read the full story on page 2.
CPO1 Gilles Grégoire takes over from Chief Feltham

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CPO1 Michel Vigneault (left) said he searched high and low for a bottle of 100-year-old Port to give the outgoing Formation Chief, CPO1 Mike Feltham as a present, but couldn’t find one. Instead he presented him with 10-, 20-, 30- and 40-year-old bottles of the apéritif, which all added up to 100 years, he said.

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Navy Public Affairs Ottawa

In an effort to enhance the safety and security of its ships and personnel while on deployment, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) is developing a new capability called the Naval Security Team (NST), designed to support specific missions.

The NST will be composed primarily of naval reservists and will include a full-time command team to ensure personnel, training, and equipment are available for deployment.

The NST starts with a command and support cell, and then has other teams attached, like Lego blocks, as the mission dictates, explains Commander Jeffrey White, Officer-in-Charge of the NST concept. "These attached layers will include a security or force protection section, a tactical boat section, a mobile repair team and intelligence support."

The team’s task will include port force protection and host nation liaison, along with support and intelligence requirements in foreign ports.

After selection, the team of approximately 30 to 50 personnel will be trained to meet specific mission requirements. For most force protection missions, this will include use of force, rules of engagement training, more advanced weapons training, small boat tactics, communications, deployed logistics and liaison skills.

Cdr White says the force protection burden placed on a ship’s company when deployed can be challenging to maintain over time and reduces the availability of personnel to support other tasks, such as maintenance.

“NST seeks to support and help address this deficiency by providing an extra layer of force protection,” he says. “This capability requires short-term commitments that fit well into the lifestyle of part-time reservists, allowing our Naval Reserve to fulfill another role in the defence of Canada.”

During the recent Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, a small group of naval reservists was embedded with a U.S. Navy (USN) team similar to the NST called Coastal Riverine Squadron 1, to learn about its operations. These squadrons, part of the USN Expeditionary Combat Command, provide layered defence for ships at home and in foreign waters.

“This was a unique experience,” says Cdr White. “RCN sailors were afforded the opportunity to better understand how USN reservists assist their regular force colleagues through annual training events and pre-deployment readiness checks. RIMPAC 2016 was an outstanding chance for our sailors to dig in and identify specific best practices and lessons learned from our USN counterparts to assist in the development of the NST.”

The inaugural NST will be deployed in the Spring/Summer of 2017 to support ships as part of WestPloy, an operation aimed at building strong ties between the RCN and the navies of Asia-Pacific countries, while also promoting peace and security in the Pacific region.
Workplace charitable campaign launch

How you can give

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2016 Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC).

The GCWCC, which includes the National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign, takes place in federal government workplaces across the country, and is the largest and most successful workplace fundraising campaign in Canada.

The Defence Team is consistently the largest dollar contributor to the national campaign. Last year, we raised close to $4 million nationally and provided funds to thousands of charities in more than 90 communities across Canada.

We provide an amazing level of support to charities that make a real difference in our community. These charities provide for many Canadians, sometimes even for members of our own Defence Team.

This is a campaign of choice.

You choose which charities to give to and the form of payment. You can choose to give through payroll deduction, credit card, cheque or cash.

Last year, we supported the re-building efforts in Fort McMurray after their devastating fires, research for cures and treatment of illnesses, support for institutions that help the sick at home and abroad, and many other valuable charities.

We know there are still some challenges associated with the rollout of the Phoenix pay system and we understand this may be a consideration when you determine your contribution for this year. That said, be assured that National Defence and Public Services and Procurement Canada are working diligently to resolve these problems as quickly as possible and get everyone back on a regular pay cycle. We are taking this very seriously and treating it as a top priority.

We encourage you to take part in the events and activities taking place in your region. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who organize and run the campaign across the country for their tremendous effort.

Thank you, in advance, to the donors – there is no charitable campaign without you.

So whether it’s your first year or your 30th year of giving, please give hope, give opportunity, and give generously.

– John Forster, Deputy Minister
– Gen Jonathan Vance,
Chief of the Defence Staff

People Talk

Lookout asked this question:
If you won a $10 million jackpot in the lottery what is the first thing you would do after collecting the loot and why?

Mike Tipton,
Electrical worker with Mega Power Installations, Ltd.

The first thing I would do would be to divide a few million up and share it with my friends and family so they would be set for life too. Some of my friends are like family, and I know if they won they would share their winnings with me.

LS Nichole Tipper,
HMCS Ottawa

I would pay off my house right away because it would enable me to make my occupation a vacation instead of working for the mortgage.

I have lots of family and friends who would get a chunk of it, but the first thing I would do personally would be to explore my family roots and history in Yorkshire, England, and for me that would be the trip of a lifetime.

Put the money in a bag and take a good long look at it and then start planning my retirement. The first thing I would do after that is quit my job, but I wouldn’t just not show up to work next day, I would give my employer proper notice.

– Stephen Milne, POESB
HMCS Vancouver arrived in Darwin, Australia, last week to take part in Exercise Kakadu 2016, Australia’s largest international maritime exercise. The ship began its transit to Australia last month following participation in RIMPAC off the coast of Hawaii. While en route they stopped for a port visit in Guam before completing the transit alongside Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Ship Fuyuzuki, participating in joint training along the way.

Kakadu aims to strengthen mutual understanding and interoperability and will see Vancouver showcase advanced surface gunnery capabilities designed to better protect sailors and warships operating in littoral waters.

There are 19 nations taking part in the exercise from Sept. 12-24: Australia, Canada, Fiji, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, United States of America and Vietnam.

Upon completion of Kakadu, Vancouver will embark on WestPloy 2016. This deployment will further allow the ship to engage in a variety of training opportunities with foreign navies while also visiting several countries in the Asia-Pacific region before returning to Esquimalt at the end of the year.
Pearson's new VP a naval veteran

Danielle Pope
Pearson College

Tyronie Pile is accustomed to leading. He served Canada and the Royal Canadian Navy for more than 35 years in various capacities, from Commander of the naval frigate HMCS Regina, to Rear-Admiral and Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific.

While the military lifestyle left Pile and his family used to moving locations rather than staying in one place (17 moves, to be exact), he finds a surprise twist in his new position at Pearson College as he will be working very close to home.

Since marrying his Metetchin-raised wife, Debra in 1980, Pile and his family have bounced between various locations across Canada with the hope to someday settle down on Vancouver Island. Now, as Pearson’s Vice President of Operations and Administration, he’s set his anchor firmly in a most favoured location.

His career started near Pearson back in 1975 when he left the small gold-mining town of Geraldton, ON, to attend Royal Roads Military College (now Royal Roads University) in Victoria. His interest in engineering was overtaken by a love of writing, history and the humanities, leading to an Honours Degree in English and graduation from Royal Military College in Kingston, ON, in 1979.

He believed great lessons sat waiting in those history texts, but it would be a decade before Pile returned to school on a navy scholarship, earning his Master’s Degree in History at the University of Victoria. “A lot of wisdom can be gained in trying to learn from those who’ve learned before you,” he says. “Integrating learning through living from the past.”

In his new role, Pile will report to the President and be responsible for finance, operations, human resource, revenue generation and legal matters at Pearson College.

“What I see at Pearson is tremendous potential,” he says. “It’s a talented, committed and resourceful community of educators and mentors who are located in one of the most natural and beautiful settings in Canada. It is a privilege to serve alongside a great team with a common goal — to preserve and promote Lester B. Pearson’s vision of tolerance, understanding and acceptance, and to instil these values and confidence into class after class of Pearson graduates.”

Player-coach collects top honours at CAF soccer finals

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Womens Tritons’ player-coach and team captain Lt Adelaide Fearnley was awarded tournament MVP at the CAF Women’s National Soccer Championship.

Even though the Pacific Region team failed to defend their title after a 4-0 loss to Quebec in their Sept. 14 semi-final game at CFB Borden, Lt Fearnley represented her team with the MVP nod.

“I was humbled to receive the Pacific MVP [award] as well as the overall tournament MVP,” said Lt Fearnley, a member of 12 Field Ambulance in Vancouver. “The team maintained an incredibly positive and supportive attitude throughout the competition which I believe was the key to our success.”

Quebec’s representative were from CFPU Ottawa and defeated Ontario’s CFB Petawawa 2-1 in the championship game to claim this year’s title.

Pacific opened their campaign with a 2-1 win over the Prairie on Sept. 11 and improved to 2-0 after 2-1 win over Atlantic the next day. Pacific then lost two closely fought games on Sept. 13 against the eventual finalists, falling 1-0 to Ottawa and 2-0 to Petawawa.

CAF Women’s National Soccer Championship Results

Sept. 11
Pacific 2, Prairie 0
MVP Lt(N) Kristy Jinnouchi

Sept. 12
Ontario 2, Pacific 0
MVP Mcpl Holly Dronyk
Pacific 2, Atlantic 1
MVP Lt Fearnley

September 29th:
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Leadership changes

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Right: Air Component Coordination Element (Pacific) (ACCE(P)) Incoming Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Ryan Sexsmith; Brigadier-General David Lowthian, 1 Canadian Air Division; and Outgoing Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Bowen sign the change of appointment certificate at the ACCE(P) Change of Command ceremony, Sept. 7.

Left: Outgoing Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) (RCSU(P)) Commanding Officer, Commander Andrew Muir; Brigadier-General Kelly Woiden, Commander of the National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group; and incoming RCSU(P) Commanding Officer, Commander David Coulombe sign the official certificate during the Change of Command ceremony held at the Venture Gun Room, Work Point, Sept. 9.

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Minister of Defence in Vancouver

The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Canadian Minister of National Defence, and Dr. Ursula von der Leyen, German Minister of Defence, are greeted by Lieutenant-Commander Preston McIntosh, Commanding Officer Patrol Craft Training Unit Pacific on board Orca Wolf 59 in Vancouver, Sept. 10.

Harjit Sajjan talks to the Guard of Honour during the visit to Vancouver.

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There was much to see at the Industrial Supplier Trade Show Sept. 15 at the Naden Drill Shed. For example, a Titan boat, 10 metres in length, with the entire cockpit suspended on high-speed wave impact technology produced by Shockwave was a huge draw. Not to mention the virtual reality demo from Racerocks 3D and so many other examples of modern technology on display. Show-goers also enjoyed Serious Coffee, and a free lunch from two food trucks. Attendance was high, with more than 900 DND employees making it out to the event.
Attention military members and military families...

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Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS), in collaboration with Military Family Resource Centres (MFRCS) and Personnel Support Programs (PSP), are conducting a confidential web-based Community Needs Assessment to determine the needs of the military family community. Your input will help us to serve you better now and into the future. We value your opinion and thank you in advance for your participation.

▶ Survey is open from Sept. 12 to 23, so don’t delay...

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E.J. Hughes art on display at museum

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Sketches from renowned Canadian artist E.J. Hughes have returned home to the Ashton Armoury Museum in Victoria after being on display in July and August at Frameworks art gallery in Duncan.

While Hughes was best known for his land and seascapes, these 20 sketches are from his brief career as a military artist during the Second World War.

Hughes’ conceptual sketches, which he envisioned in Kiska, Alaska, the site of the Battle of Kiska, were a popular attraction in Duncan says Museum Director Ted Leaker. “People were astonished because they never thought they would see something like this,” he says. “One attendee said they never really understood how Hughes got to his final product, so these sketches reveal how he developed his concept on canvas.”

Born in 1913, Hughes was a gunner with the Royal Canadian Artillery during the first years of the Second World War. He then served as one of Canada’s official war artists between 1943 and 1946, sharing with Canadians the sacrifices made by the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces.

After the war, Hughes became better known for his non-military paintings, including his painting of Lake Okanagan that fetched over $402,000 at an auction in 2007.

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The museum is dedicated to preserving the experiences of men and women in the Canadian Army who engaged in roles of combat support and combat service support.

Photos by Jazz Campbell

A display of E.J Hughes sketches and the finished painting entitled Armoured Car, painted in 1946, are on display at the Ashton Armoury Museum. Hughes was a Second World War artist and the painting pictured above shows an armoured car receiving maintenance by a Royal Canadian Dragoons’ member.
**Charges laid against members**

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On Sept 12, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service laid a charge under the National Defence Act against Sergeant Kevin MacIntyre of the Military Police Unit at Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

The charge relates to an alleged sexual assault that took place in Glasgow, Scotland, in September 2015, while the accused was participating in an international exercise.

The alleged victim is also a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Sergeant Kevin MacIntyre faces one count of Sexual Assault under section 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada, punishable under section 130 of the National Defence Act.

On Sept 13, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service laid two charges under the National Defence Act against Master Seaman Daniel Cooper of Naval Fleet School (Atlantic) at Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

The charges relate to an alleged sexual assault that took place while the accused was deployed as a member of HMCS Athabaskan in November 2015. The alleged victim is also a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Master Seaman Cooper faces the following charges:

- one count of Sexual Assault, under section 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada, punishable under section 130 of the National Defence Act; and
- one count of Abuse of Subordinates, punishable under section 95 of the National Defence Act.

The Canadian Armed Forces takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by its members very seriously and, in all cases, action is taken to determine facts, conduct applicable investigations, analyse available evidence and, if warranted, lay the appropriate charges.

How can we serve you better?

**Complete the Community Needs Assessment**

Calling all military personnel, veterans, and family members, from Sept 12-23 share your opinions in our Community Needs Assessment survey.

The Community Needs Assessment is your opportunity to influence the programs and services available to support the military community. The survey is administered jointly by Personnel Support Programs (PSP) and Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC) and is available online at www.cfmws.com/CNA.

The Community Needs Assessment asks you to share your most pressing challenges and to define your needs as a military member, veteran or family member. We ask you to share your opinion irrespective of whether you use PSP or MFRC services regularly, occasionally, or not at all.

This information will give us a better picture of which issues military personnel, veterans and their families think are most important, and of how well our current services address those key needs.

Our services will be adjusted at the local and national levels based on the survey outcomes to ensure that we are delivering programs that are as helpful and relevant as possible.

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Lt(N) Stuart MacDonald
SCC Battle Watch Officer

RIMPAC 16 provided an opportunity for the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) to achieve an historic first by assuming the role of Sea Combat Commander (SCC), embarked in HMCS Calgary with its integrated command suite, from July 11 to Aug. 2. During the world’s largest maritime exercise, the SCC led by Capt(N) Jason Boyd, Director New Capability Introduction, and supported primarily by Canadian Fleet Pacific staff was given the responsibility for defending the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis from surface and sub-surface opposed units, as well as planning and conducting surface and air operations.

It was an honour to fulfill the role of SCC and act in the capacity of Destroyer Squadron Twenty-One for USS John C. Stennis, said Capt(N) Boyd. The SCC had the opportunity to assume the role of Commander Task Group 170.1 consisting of nine ships divided in two separate Surface Action Groups, from several countries including the U.S., Australia, Korea, Singapore, Chile and India. Over the course of the exercise French and Indonesian warships were also attached, along with other allied nations, swelling the number of ships to 15, all integrated into a single Carrier Strike Group supporting Stennis.

Unlike Destroyer Squadron staff, which conduct their leadership from the Carrier, the smaller-in-numbers RCN staff would further be challenged by being separated from Stennis to execute its role as SCC from onboard Calgary.

The command suite integrated into Calgary through the Halifax Class Modernization refit provided multi-function consoles and large screen tactical displays. They allowed SCC and the Battle Watch Officers and Chiefs to maintain full situational awareness of the exercise and provide the necessary direction to the Task Group.

This was additionally aided by the multi-link 11 and 16 capability built into Halifax Class Modernization that allowed a shared common operating picture to be disseminated throughout the Task Group, along with a robust communications suite that allowed SCC to remain in constant contact with the Strike Group, ensuring unity of purpose.

Despite the majority of personnel in the SCC staff originating from Canadian Fleet Pacific, under the direction of the former Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, RAdm Gilles Couturier (now Deputy Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, RAdm), the already talented staff was reinforced with Liaison Officers from the USN and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. These officers greatly contributed with a myriad of sage advice on carrier and destroyer squadron warfare tactics and planning considerations, long range patrolled aircraft capabilities and command and control considerations, as well as advise on the best employment of the Japanese unit, IDS Chokai, in the Commander Task Group.

Working together, SCCs multinational staff was able to utilize key enablers to greater efficiency to coordinate this complex exercise and execute its primary mission of providing protection to Stennis, thereby allowing the Carrier to exert force projection in the maritime environment.

Excellent coordination with Calgary’s experienced and knowledgeable team was the final lynchpin enabling SCC staff to perform their duties.

“Working with Calgary exemplified what can be achieved when a talented team in an extremely capable platform support a dedicated staff,” said Capt(N) Boyd. RIMPAC 16 proved to be a solid success that demonstrated Canada’s continued ability to integrate within a USN Carrier Strike Group, lead a multinational Task Group of warships, and prove the HCM frigate as a command platform capable of deploying anywhere in the world conducting or even commanding multi-threat theatre level operations.

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RCN Halifax-class frigate HMCS Calgary steams alongside Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis during RIMPAC 2016.
MARPAC HQ Promotions and Awards

Captain (Navy) Steve Jorgensen, Chief of Staff Plans and Operations, presented promotions and awards at Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, Sept. 13.

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Norm Cawthra is promoted to Lt(N) by Sea Training Pacific Commanding Officer, Commander Chris Peschke, and Coxswain, Chief Petty Officer First Class Pierre Picard.

Aviator Ryan Halmich (centre) is promoted to Corporal by Capt(N) Jorgensen (right), alongside Ms. Halmich and WO Wayne Donner.

LS Lee Ketterer is awarded the Sea Service Insignia (SSI) Level One.

PO2 William Raths is awarded the Operational Service Medal – Expedition.

MS Jonathan Rielly is awarded the Sea Service Insignia (SSI) Level One.

LCdr Troy Gillespie is awarded the Operational Service Medal – Expedition.

MS Darris Foster is presented the United States Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon.

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