



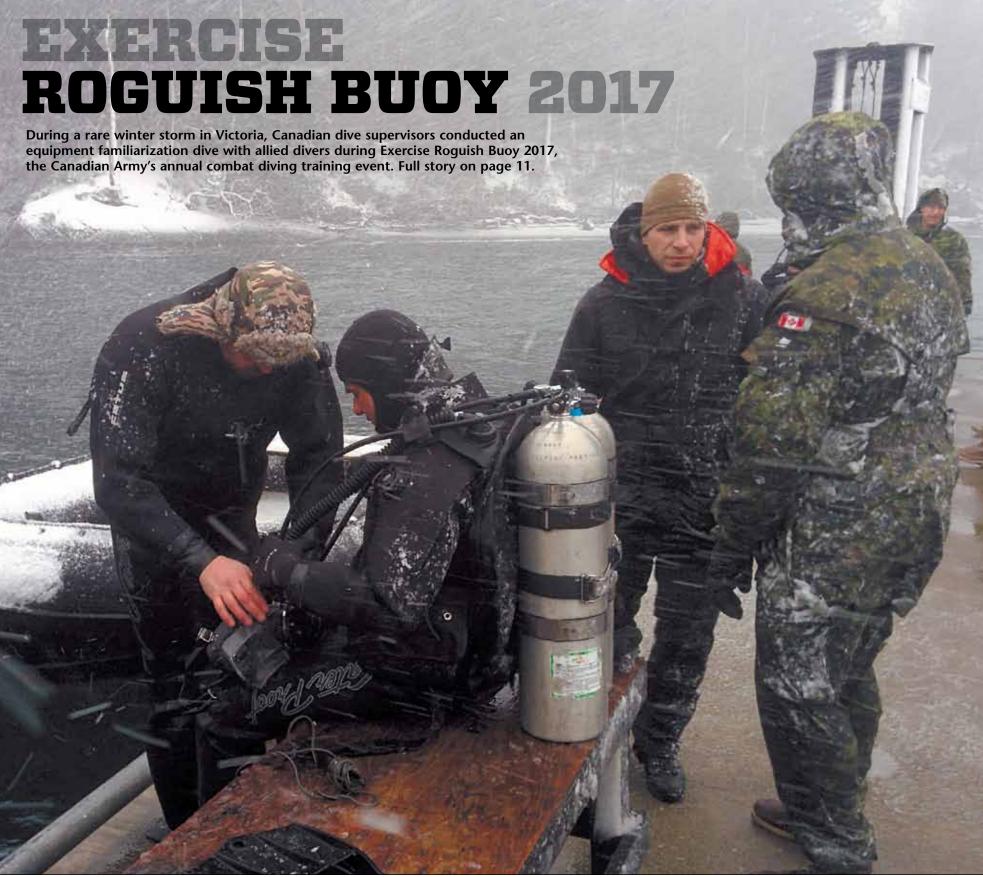
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) N I H E Eagle nest relocated

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

An eagle nest perched in the upper branches of a tree high atop Signal Hill has been successfully relocated.

The nest was moved in order to ensure that construction of the antenna on Signal Hill could continue this winter, and to remove the eagles out of the sightline of the antenna system. After building a platform, their nest was relocated to a similar tree approximately 150 metres to the southeast of the original nest, which is well outside the southwesterly transmission path of the antennas.

Time will tell if the nesting pair will take up residence at the new

The Feb. 3 move was carried out by contractors employed by Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) and overseen by the Formation Safety and Environment (FSE) section.

"Both the FSE and DCC staff will be observing the relocated nest to determine if it is used in future years, but at this point it is too early to tell," said Tracy Cornforth, FSE. "It is common for a nesting pair to have more than one nest, and it appears this year the pair may be rebuilding a nest in dockyard."

The bald eagles built the nest

on Signal Hill a 34-metre high in the nest, a green light was given Grand Fir tree that overlooks the Wardroom. The mating pair reared three eaglets at that location last year. Cornforth says the eagles appear to switch locations between the Signal Hill nest and a nest situated near the tennis courts on Commodore Road in dockyard.

Stantec, an engineering and consulting firm, was hired by DCC to study the site and suggest possible alternative homes for the eagles. In their Dec. 8, 2016, report to DCC they noted, "The modification of existing trees to improve stability for nesting is the preferred option."

DCC then applied for a wildlife permit to conduct the move from the B.C. Ministry of Environment, which was obtained in December. Melissa Tokarek, DCC coordinator of environmental services, said time was an overriding factor in moving the nest since the breeding period for bald eagles on the South Coast of Vancouver Island runs from Feb. 5 to Aug. 31. Moving a nest within this time period is prohibited by Ministry of Environment regulations.

'Our biggest concern would have been if there were eggs in the nest, had that happened we would have been forced to postpone the work until much later this year," says Tokarek.

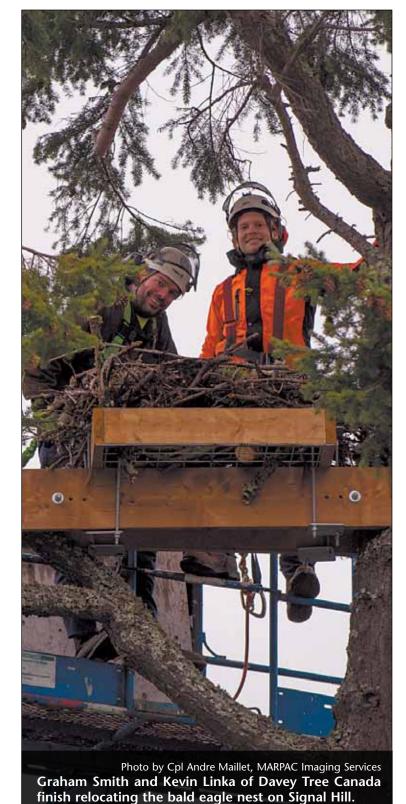
But since no eggs were observed their newly constructed home."

to the move.

On the morning of Feb. 3 two arborists from Davey Tree service and a raptor biologist from Stantec, working from the bucket of a large mobile crane, were hoisted high into the tree top to move the nest. They used chain saws to clear away obstructing branches on both trees, clearing a path for the safe removal from the old tree and then placement of the eagle nest in its new location. The entire process took approximately two hours to complete, but required over two months of coordination and planning.

Tokarek said handling the nest with great care in an effort to keep it in one piece during the move was the biggest concern. After the move was complete, she rated the operation a "success" and said cooperation between various branches of government and the private sector were essential in the operation.

"It has been so rewarding to be part of a project that demonstrates the department's commitment to environmental stewardship supported by a team of professionals who are able to balance operational requirements and environmental responsibility," said Tokarek. "I look forward to watching the eagles flourish in







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Navy command badge re-designed

Darlene BlakeleyEditor Crowsnest Magazine

The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) has adopted a redesigned command badge that better reflects both the current RCN makeup and its traditional identity.

The original badge was adopted in 1968 with the stand-up of Maritime Command after unification. It has been out of date since 2011 when the historic names of the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) three services – the RCN, the Canadian Army (CA) and the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) – were restored.

"Like the return to our historic name, the redesigned command badge recognizes our heritage and many years of proud RCN service," says Dr. Rich Gimblett, the RCN's Command Historian. "It takes its core inspiration from the pre-unification command badge."

The redesigned command badge incorporates the following modifications:

• The background light "air force" blue has been replaced with dark navy blue, which matches the pre-unification badge and better reflects the RCN's traditional blue;





• The central device (anchor)

has been flattened to reflect

the device found on the pre-

unification badge and for con-

sistency with the anchor found

on the CAF badge. Also, the

eagle has been removed to bet-

ter reflect the RCN's current

• The motto, "Ready Aye Ready",

already translated for common

use in French as "Toujours là,

toujours prêts", has been trans-

lated to the Latin "Parati Vero

Parati" for consistency with the

army and air force badges. The

English and French translations

will be used below the badge

makeup; and



where appropriate.

For uniformity within the CAF, the redesigned command badge retains the standard CAF command badge style with a central circular rope surround and maple leaves clustered at the bottom.

And while the RCAF design element of the eagle has been removed from the new RCN command badge, Dr. Gimblett says it will continue to be a central part of the Canadian Naval Ensign (flag) flown aboard warships.

"The eagle is inappropriate on the command badge as the RCN does not maintain an air branch within the command anymore," explains Dr. Gimblett. "However, continued incorporation of the eagle on the Canadian Naval Ensign is entirely appropriate because our warships are CAF assets and the embarked RCAF air detachments historically have been, and are expected to remain, critical elements of their combat capability."

New badge design.

The introduction of a redesigned command badge follows a number of other important changes in recent years that recognize the importance of the RCN's history and origins. These include restoring the Executive

Curl for naval officers in 2010; reinstating the command's historic name in 2011; and in 2013 authorizing warships to fly a distinctive Canadian Naval Ensign, consistent with standard Commonwealth naval practices.

"These changes have not only been well received, but have quickly become part of our core identity and pride of service," says Dr. Gimblett.

What is a badge?

A badge is a distinctive sign, symbol or emblem used to visually identify a military organization and foster the pride and cohesiveness necessary for operational effectiveness. Official badges formally identify an individual branch, formation or unit, and the primary badge of each organization is personally approved by the Governor General as the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Navy primary badges evolved from ship figureheads and unofficial insignia. In Canadian service, they were centrally regulated based on the use of common badge frames and ship livery colours beginning in the middle of the 20th century.





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WHAT SAY YOU

People Talk

Lookout asked those attending the 49th anniversary celebration of the Logistics Branch, What is the job you do as a logistician and why do you like it?



I'm in the stock taking investigation group and it is basic warehouse work. It's very meticulous work that requires a lot of attention to detail, but it suits my personality perfectly.

Cpl Raimond Domino



I love being a Supply Tech because we are working the gears that drive the engine of the Canadian Armed Forces. Making sure our troops are equipped with the proper equipment is key to their success and that in itself is very rewarding for me.

LS Steve Robicheau



I'm second in charge of the Wardroom Galley, which includes managing rations and all functions and events. It's a new position for me so I'm quite busy learning everything about my new job. The day goes by quite quickly and I really like it.

MS Dennis Fields



I do contracting for NPFO (nonpublic fund office), which is essentially account management to make sure the money is spent properly. Each day is always different and I like it because I'm never bored. I get to meet new people all the time and help them do their jobs to the letter of the law.

SLt Natacha Coursol-Stevens

WHAT SAY WE

SPORTS trivia NHL All-Star Game by Stephen Stone & Tom Thomson

The first official All-Star game was held in 1947. Prior to that there were four occasions when benefit All-Star games were played.

Questions

- 1. The first All-Star game in ice hockey predates the NHL. It was played on January 2, 1908, before 3,500 fans at the Montreal Arena. It was a benefit game for whom?
- 2. The NHL held its first ever All-Star game on February 14, 1934. The game was played at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. It was a benefit for which player?
- 3. On November 3, 1937, at the Montreal Forum, the game saw two All-Star teams play. The first was a team of stars from the Canadiens and the Montreal Maroons, the second was made up of stars from the other teams in the league. The game was a benefit for this player who had died on March 8.
- 4. This player drowned in Lake Huron in August, 1939. To benefit his family, the Canadiens and Maroons organized a game between the Canadiens and a team of NHL All-Stars. The game was held on October 29, 1939, at the Montreal Forum and raised \$15,000 (equivalent to \$247,013 in 2017). Who was the player?
- 5. Where and when was the first official All-Star game held?
- 6. When did the defending Stanley Cup champion win its first All-Star game?
- 7. Which Toronto Star columnist suggested the game should be played at mid-season and the fans should choose the starting lineup?
- 8. When was the All-Star games moved to mid-season?
- 9. Which expansion team was the first to host an All-Star game?
- 10. Who has played in the most All-Star games?
- 11. Who has scored the most points in All-Star competition?
- 12 Who has the most penalty minutes in All-Star competition? 13. Who has the record for assists in an All-Star game?
- 14. Which goaltender played in the most All-Star games?
- 15. Which goaltender has had the most goals scored against him in All-Star competition?

- 15. Patrick Roy 27. 14. Glenn Hall - 13.
- 13. Mats Naslund 5 (1988).
 - 12. Gordie Howe 25.
- 11. Wayne Gretzky 25 (13 goals, 12 assists).
 - 10. Gordie Howe 23.
 - St. Louis Blues 1970. .6
 - 7961 .8
 - Red Burnett. ٦. 1950 — Detroit won 7-1.
- the beginning of the season. the other five teams in a game played at Stanley Cup champion against stars from The original format pitted the defending
- Maple Leaf Gardens on October 13, 1947.
 - Babe Siebert. ٦.
 - Howie Morenz. .ε
- first number to be retired in the NHL. uniform was retired by the Leafs. It was the
- 2. Ace Bailey. During the event Bailey's #6 won the Stanley Cup in 1907.
- drowned three months after the Wanderers Wanderers player Hod Stuart, who
 - It was held in memory of Montreal ٦.

Answers







CRCN Commendation

Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander RCN/Acting Vice Chief of Defence Staff, presented the CRCN Commendation to the Sailor of the Year, Leading Seaman Marjolaine Plante Feb. 7.

Vice-Admiral Lloyd conducts Town Hall



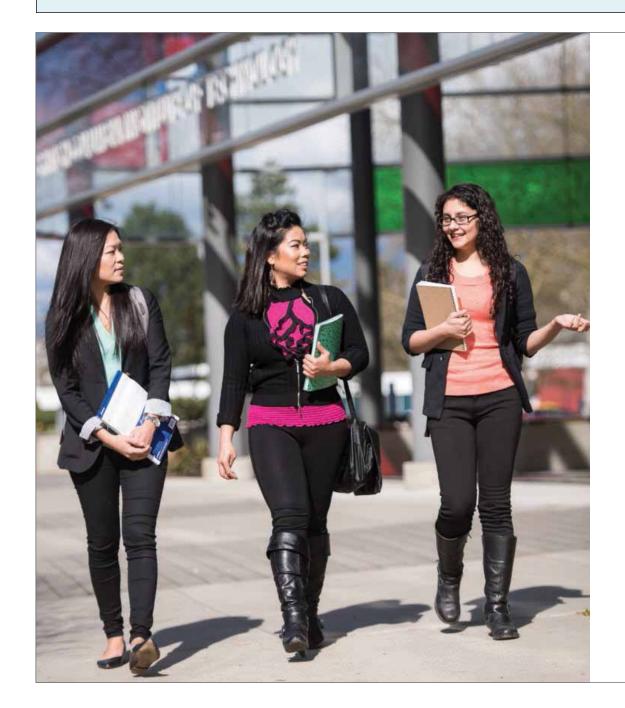
SLt Melissa Kia MARPAC PAO

Overlooking a sea of military and civilians employees gathered in the Pacific Fleet Club Feb. 7, Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd discussed his vision of mission first, people always, and fielded questions from the audience.

The Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), and Acting Vice-Chief of Defence Staff, was at CFB Esquimalt to attend the Admiral's Council.

His town hall at the Junior Rank's mess was an opportunity to hear directly from West Coast sailors relating to his vision of the RCN. Questions ran the gamut from the X Ship program with *HMCS Montreal*, to Operation Honour, the Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS), and the Naval Reserves.

In his closing remarks the Admiral thanked his sailors and their families for their extraordinary work reminding them, "People First, Mission Always."



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Former military member found guilty of sexual assault

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Ex-Petty Officer Second Class (Ex-PO2) James Wilks has been found guilty of three counts of breach of trust and one count of sexual assault by a General Court Martial in Gatineau, Quebec.

The charges for which Ex-PO2 Wilks was found guilty relate to breach of trust by a public officer, and sexual assault, which occurred while Ex-PO2

Wilks was a Canadian Armed Forces recruit medical examiner in London and Windsor, ON, in 2009. The charges were reported between 2013 and 2016.

Of the eight charges, which were preferred by the Director of Military Prosecutions on July 27, 2016, the panel:

 Found Ex-PO2 Wilks guilty of three charges of breach of trust by a public officer, under section 130 of the National Defence Act (NDA) (section 122 Criminal Code of Canada).

• Found Ex-PO2 Wilks guilty of one charge of sexual assault, under section 130 of the NDA (section 271 Criminal Code of Canada).

The CAF takes all allegations of any form of sexual misconduct seriously and is committed to dealing with them as quickly as possible.

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Charges laid against civilian

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The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service charged a Department of National Defence civilian employee at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown with one count of sexual assault under the Criminal Code of Canada on Feb. 7.

The charge relates to a reported sexual assault against a member of the Canadian Armed Forces while the Burton, NB, on March 27, 2017.

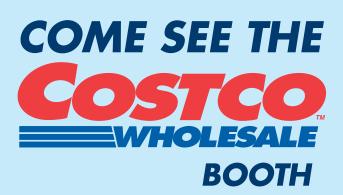
accused was attending a social function at the base in December 2016.

Richard Kingdon of 5th Canadian Division Support Group faces one count of Sexual Assault under section 271(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The matter is now proceeding in accordance with the civilian justice system. The case is scheduled to be brought forward in Provincial Court in Burton NB on March 27, 2017

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Major Mike Gibbons (right), Senior Fleet Chaplain, says a prayer as he conducts a burial at sea ceremony prior to the ashes being committed to the sea.



RCN Chaplaincy Mission:

"To train and prepare our Navy chaplains to support RCN personnel, both on Operations and home port and to enhance the effectiveness and resilience of its leadership, the individual men and women who serve and their families - through the provision of comprehensive religious and spiritual support, advice and care."

RCN Chaplaincy Vision:

"To be an operationally relevant Chaplaincy through professional advice and through support and care for RCN personnel and their families, wherever they live and serve, by developing their resilience and empowering them spiritually and morally to meet the demands of Sea service."

Chaplains unite for discussions on their future roles

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

Forty chaplains from across the nation gathered at CFB Esquimalt Jan. 23 to 27 for Mariner Spirit 2017, an annual training and fellowship exercise that rotates between Esquimalt and Halifax each year.

Padres from Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC), Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) and Naval Reserve divisions, along with three members of the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy (ICCMC) and senior levels of the Royal Canadian Chaplain Services (RCChS) spent

two-and-a-half days in discussions and presentations, and one morning sailing aboard *HMCS Vancouver*.

The theme for this year's event was RCN Chaplaincy in the Developing Environment. After opening addresses by ICCMC chair Rev. Doctor J. Morris and Rear-Admiral Art McDonald, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific/ Joint Task Force Pacific, the first day of the conference saw presentations on strategic priorities including the RCChS's Spiritual Health Strategy and Operation Honour.

"Mariner Spirit was developed by examining the RCN chaplaincy in the context of strategic, operational and tactical components, and sharing best practices pertaining to chaplain operations," said LCol Andre Gauthier, Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) Command Chaplain, in his welcome message to participants.

On the morning of Jan. 25 delegates were welcomed aboard *Vancouver* by the ship's commanding officer, Cdr Clive Butler. During the sail they reviewed policy and procedures for worship and ministry in confined spaces on navy ships and the proper protocol for committal of ashes at sea.

"We have requests for committal of ashes at sea quite frequently," said Maj David Donevan, Formation Chaplain. "This is a very important part of our training and work when we are at sea it is up to the chaplain on board, with permission of the Commanding Officer, to perform these services."

After disembarking *Vancouver* delegates returned to the Pacific Fleet Club for a presentation by Commodore Jeff Zwick, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, on operational priorities. Other speakers included MARPAC's Asia-Pacific Advisor Dr. James Boutilier who delivered a presentation on global political realities and how they relate to the RCN; Naval Reserve commanding

officer, Cmdre Marta Mulkins who spoke on deployments for Padres in the reserves; and Lt(N) Mark Papineau who highlighted the complexities of mission planning.

On their final day at the base, a presentation delivered by LCol Gauthier focussed on the Army's Sentinels Training peer support program for mental health. Other topics covered included a review of recent chaplain deployments such as RIMPAC, Westploy and Operation Reassurance, and a discussion on what the chaplaincy needs to do in order to prepare for future military operations and the new naval capability coming to fruition in the next few years.





Generate Forward - deploying navy assets

Darlene Blakeley Editor Crowsnest Magazine

It began as a multinational exercise in the Norwegian Sea, but soon turned into an unanticipated real-world operational patrol in support of NATO.

Her Majesty's Canadian Submarine Windsor had been participating in Exercise Dynamic Mongoose with over 3,000 sailors and air personnel from eight allied countries last summer when the call came to support a classified NATO operation. With the concurrence of the Government of Canada (GoC), Windsor was rapidly re-tasked and able to remain in theatre for an additional two weeks before returning home.

"This request, and Windsor's quick response, highlights the value that having a submarine already deployed brings to Canada and its allies," says Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander Royal Canadian Navy (RCN).

VAdm Lloyd was impressed with Windsor's contribution to the major exercise and the ease with which it transitioned to the new operation. "HMCS Windsor's deployment proves once again the tremendous capability and agility of Canada's navy operating forward," he says.

The RCN calls the concept "Generate Forward", and it maximizes the operational use of limited personnel and materiel assets, conducting force generation abroad in order to also be readily available in strategic operations. A driving force behind current and future planning, it allows RCN assets away from home waters to work with partners in developing relationships, friendships and ultimately trust. It also allows the RCN to be geographically close and therefore much more quickly responsive to any GoC directive to re-task an RCN asset as a first responder in areas of the world where it

might be needed.

"The mission success of *Windsor* was directly attributable to the broad, balanced skill sets of our sailors, combined with the geographic positioning of the submarine while it was conducting other activities," says Captain (Navy) Jamie Clarke, Commander Canadian Submarine Group.

The RCN is a globally deployable, multi-mission capable enterprise readily available to meet the strategic priorities of the GoC both at home and abroad. However, producing mission-ready force elements is a complex process. The inherent nature of force generating personnel, equipment and training into combat-capable teams requires significant resources and extended time at sea in order to be operationally

"Generating forward will leverage the unique capabilities of our sailors and ships to conduct much more force generation further offshore than we have done in recent years, while concurrently providing a readily available RCN capability for achieving strategic GoC priorities, from a demonstration of military resolve to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief," adds Capt(N) Josée Kurtz, Director Naval Operations and Plans at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

Strategic pre-positioning of assets

As to where RCN assets will deploy at any given point in time, the GoC provides overarching strategic direction through the Global Engagement Strategy (GES), which defines planning for priority regions and countries based on Global Affairs Canada advice. The Department of National Defence then executes operational command of assets and personnel congruent to the GES, and finally the RCN provides assets to meet these strategic objectives. The exact location and nature of employment for RCN resides with the Commander of the RCN, based on the advice of the RCN Global Engagement team on his staff. When urgent events occur, RCN assets will respond under the direction of the appropriate operational authority.

Many of the RCN's forces are capable of generating forward, depending upon the area of operations and the potential missions and tasks. While it will primarily apply to Halifax-class warships and Victoria-class submarines, specialized elements including clearance divers, the Maritime Tactical Operations Group, and Naval Security Teams all have a role to play in creating opportunities for capacity building and maintaining readiness while deployed in strategically important regions of the world.

"The strategic pre-positioning of RCN assets provides options in response to any emerging crisis," explains Capt(N) Kurtz. "The availability of RCN ships as they conduct their tasks throughout the world can often be leveraged to support developing emergency situations."

For example, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Vancouver was available at short notice to assist New Zealand following a 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck the South Island on November 14. Vancouver was in the vicinity of Auckland, NZ, at the time of the earthquake, preparing for a goodwill visit to celebrate the 75th anniversary of New Zealand's naval forces with other allied naval forces. At the request of the Government of New Zealand, the ship diverted to the region affected by the earthquake to contribute to relief operations.

As part of a multinational naval task group, *Vancouver* contributed to the evacuation of approximately 900 people and the delivery of more than 216 tonnes of food and emergency supplies such as generators, por-

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HMC Ships Ottawa and Winnipeg will be conducting an Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment in 2017 employing the Generate Forward concept with anticipated engagements in numerous locations.

table pumps and portable chemical toilets. The ship's involvement in earthquake relief efforts fell under Operation Renaissance, which is the rapid deployment of the Canadian Armed Forces to the scene of a disaster overseas, as directed by the GoC.

As another example, an RCN submarine pre-positioned off the coast of South America can provide the

government with strategic response options to intercept illicit trafficking.

"Time and space considerations are often detrimental to timely response of naval forces and strategic response options for the government," says Capt(N) Kurtz. "The RCN concept of Generate Forward will help to mitigate these concerns should the need arise."

Professional development opportunities

Forward-deployed RCN assets also provide an opportunity to integrate with global partners, facilitating unit and individual training objectives through mutually beneficial training and exchange opportunities. Professional development opportunities for naval personnel are achieved through bilateral training and exchanges during all Generate Forward activities.

"Training and exchange opportunities maintain

institutional credibility by ensuring that naval personnel acquire valuable at-sea operational experience and advance training and qualifications at all levels," says Capt(N) Mike Knippel, Commander Naval Personnel and Training Group in Esquimalt, B.C.

In the future, RCN strategic global engagement, through the concept of Generate Forward, will continue to expand and leverage the production of mission-ready forces while facilitating Canada's diplomatic relations and regional partnerships in support of higher GoC strategic intent. And while deployments such as Windsor's can change on a dime, others are planned. HMC Ships Ottawa and Winnipeg will be conducting an Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment in 2017 employing the Generate Forward concept with anticipated engagements in numerous locations.



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University of Victoria engineering students Alex McKay (left) and Nicholas Saar developed pre-fire plans for CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue. During their fourmonth work study project they developed PDF maps of high traffic buildings at the base in an effort to help first responders quickly identfy the features in the buidlings they are entering.

Fire department benefits from co-op student hires

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

Two engineering students from the University of Victoria are being hailed for their co-op placement project of designing new pre-fire plans for CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue.

During a four-month work study term, which started September 2016 and ended December 2016, Alex McKay and Nicholas Saar mapped in detail 146 of the base's approximately 800 buildings.

Their digital maps outline stairwells, fire exits, fire extinguishers, hazardous materials, locations of sprinklers and alarms, electrical systems, and a complete list of equipment and supplies that could pose a threat to emergency crews.

"Their project will be very helpful to the battalion chief and the entire unit," said Geordie Douglas, Deputy Chief, CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue. "When our crews

arrive at the scene of an emergency at a structure on base the maps will show our crews the potential hazards on the site and give them an understanding of the layout of the building."

For their efforts the two students, both entering their third year of a five-year program, were each presented a commemorative coin from Capt(N) Steve Waddell, Base Commander. Douglas says their awards were well deserved noting they helped to solve huge gaps in both detail and accessibility of existing prefire plans.

The maps have been downloaded to computers located inside the fire department's vehicles.

"There was a big emphasis on making the maps of the buildings clear and easy to understand for firefighters working in a stressful situation," said McKay. "We didn't want to overload them with information, but who will continue the work have everything necessary

mapped out so they can do their job."

The students focussed the bulk of their mapping on high traffic buildings such as Fleet Maintenance Facility, Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, the Naden Athletic Centre, the Wardroom and Work Point's Naval Officer Training Centre accommodations building.

"We realized very quickly once we took on the project how important those plans are because one mistake or error could cause a casualty," said Saar.

Pre-fire plans for the remaining buildings have yet to be done, but Douglas said the work of McKay and Saar at planning and implementing the plan, along with mapping some of the base's more prominent structures, was crucial.

CFB Esquimalt Fire Rescue anticipate the arrival of two new students of Saar and McKay.

We realized very quickly once we took on the project

Nicholas Saar, co-op student

how important those plans are because one mistake or error could cause a casualty.



Peter Mallett Staff Writer

Military divers from Canada and around the world have converged in the waters off Albert Head for Exercise Roguish Buoy 2017.

Approximately 100 divers from Canada's military, along with personnel from international NATO partners, are taking part in the military exercise at Albert Head Training Centre, which began Feb. 7 and concludes on Feb. 26.

The exercise is being hosted by the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering, a school of the Combat and Training Centre located in Gagetown, N.B.

Divers are testing and improving their skills in underwater construction and infrastructure repair, underwater debris clearance, the repair of floating military equipment, and underwater search and recovery. The operation will go a long way in improving diver readiness to respond

to any situation, says Colonel Craig Aitchison, Commanding Officer of the Combat Training Centre.

"As soldiers we must remain flexible, always prepared to deploy when our government calls upon us, whether at home or here in Canada or somewhere else in the world," said Col Aitchison. "Events like Exercise Roguish Buoy help ensure the soldiers we send on underwater operations can meet their objective and exceed all expectations."

Col Aitchison says the exercise will help refine and confirm diving doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures to achieve assigned battletask standards, standardize diving operations with the Canadian Army, and ensure that Canadian combat divers are capable of both "functioning and integrating" with other NATO combat divers.

NATO countries participating in the event include the United States, Great Britain, Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany.

- In Memoriam -

Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Nicholas Groves

The Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, RAdm Art Mcdonald regrets to announce the passing of Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Nicholas Groves, MARS officer and shipmate on Feb. 4, 2017, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, in Victoria, B.C.

SLt Groves is remembered as a devoted friend and co-worker, always willing to help someone in need, with a strong desire and ambition to succeed. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the honour house society: https://honourhouse.ca.



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Black History Events

Anniversary, the Victoria African & Caribbean Cultural Society (VACCS) is proud to host a series of Black History Month events focused on diversity and inclusion. Throughout the month of February, join us as we celebrate the legacy of the black diaspora, past and present:

Film Screening & Panel Discussion: The Colour of Beauty - Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, École Victor-Brodeur, 3-8 p.m.

Join us for a free screening and panel discussion of The Colour of Beauty, a compelling short documen-

In the spirit of Canada's tary directed by Canadian filmmaker Elizabeth St. Philip. The Colour of Beauty examines racism in the fashion industry. Light dinner will be served.

Black History Month Community Recognition Awards & Closing Gala - Feb. 25, 2017, Cedar Hill Recreation Center Auditorium, 6 p.m. – 12:30

The 4th Annual Black History Month Recognition Awards & Closing Gala pays tribute to members of the Victoria Black Community who have distinguished themselves in the public, private and community sectors.

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Application Deadline: 23:59 hrs Pacific Time on Feb. 13, 2017

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online: www.cfmws.com

Family and friends climb aboard HMCS Winnipeg

LS Brendan Gibson HMCS Winnipeg

HMCS Winnipeg's ship's company entertained family members during a day sail to Constance Bank on Friday, Feb. 3.

Friends and relatives arrived at 9 a.m. and received a safety brief while the crew prepared for the departure. Guests particularly enjoyed observing preparations from the bridge.

Winnipeg began the sail with maneuvering demonstrations that emphasized the impressive turning rate of a Halifax Class Frigate, and its ability to hastily reach high speeds and to stop within a ship's length. Younger guests even had the chance to be helmsmen, under supervision, with five-year-old Sean Flynn saying, "It was fun driving the boat."

Guests also observed a man overboard drill. Colin Earl threw the initial smoke marker that indicated the position of the mannequin used for training purposes.

"It was cool to throw a smoke marker, and it was awesome to see it light up in the water," said the youngster.

Although this is a well-practiced drill onboard Royal Canadian Navy ships, guests were thrilled to see the ship's company work toward a common goal – recovering the person.

Captain Chris McDonald, Captain Madeleine Dah, and Heidi Dahl were impressed with the coordination of drills and enjoyed the tour of the Operations Room, saying it looked like the bridge from Star Trek. They similarly enjoyed LS Gray (left) and LS Yance (right) show off naval boarding party equipment to visitors in the hangar.

the ship listing during the sharp turning maneuvers.

Ernie and Sheryl Semeniuk said they enjoyed seeing the streamlined approach to the man overboard drill, and expressed particular interest in the attentiveness of the boat's crew, whose attention to detail and organization ensured a seamless evolution.

Day sails such as the one conducted by *Winnipeg* provide guests with a better understanding of life at sea and the comradery of a ship's company. This context can increase the comfort level of family members while sailors are deployed.



Sean Flynn "drives" the ship from the helmsman console on the bridge.







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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Lincoln Alexander and the RCAF

Joanna Calder RCAF PAO

"The air force experience taught me the value of self-respect, discipline, and confidence, and those are elements that have served me well throughout my life. They apply to all areas, whether the air force, the law, or politics," said Lincoln Alexander in his 2006 memoir Go to School, You're a Little Black Boy.

Lincoln Alexander, Canada's first black person elected to the House of Commons, first federal cabinet minister, and first black person to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, died Oct. 19, 2012, at the age of 90

He was born in Toronto on Jan. 21, 1922. His father, Lincoln MacCauley Alexander Sr., was from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and his mother, Mae Rose Royale, was from Jamaica. Job options for blacks were limited in those days so his father, who was a carpenter, worked as a railway porter, and his mother worked as a maid.

Lincoln Alexander's first job was in a laundry in Harlem, New York, where his mother had moved after she left her husband in the 1930s.

In 1942, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"None of the three services – army, navy and air force – were interested in having blacks," he said in his memoir. "I opted for the air force. Besides, I thought I looked best in their uniform."

In fact, the RCAF did not allow any visible minorities to join until March 31, 1942. A few recruiters ignored the regulations, enlisting six black Canadians between 1932 and 1942, while at least three black Canadians joined in 1936 and 1939. Major Mathias Joost, of National Defence's Directorate of History and Heritage, had, as of 2009, been able to identify only 32 black Canadians who served with the RCAF during the Second World War.

Alexander had poor eyesight and thus was not deployed overseas. He trained as a wireless operator in places such as Guelph,



Photo: Toronto Star Archives

Honorary Colonel and Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander chats with piper Barbara Lawrie as he inspects 2 Wing during a 1986 parade in Toronto. During the parade, Honorary Colonel Alexander presented awards to outstanding wing members.

Ontario, and Lachine, Quebec. He then served at Number Seven Air Observer School, in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, which was a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) establishment. He was discharged at the end of the war, with the rank of corporal.

"I have a special bond with the people who serve in the Canadian Forces and for those I served with during the war," he said. "It troubles me deeply to hear the debates that arise annually over whether Remembrance Day is still relevant, or to hear people disparage what our soldiers have done for us. It's incredibly naïve... We live in a country rich in freedom and

democracy, and it is important that we pause annually to recognize those people who have sacrificed so that we can enjoy such privileges."

His connections with the Air Force continued in his later years. He served as Honorary Colonel of 2 Tactical Aviation Wing (later 2 Air Wing) from November 1985 to December 1996. A Royal Air Cadet squadron – 876 Lincoln Alexander Squadron, in Scarborough, Ontario – is named in his honour and he was an honorary director of the Air Cadet League of Canada

He was educated at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and later studied law

at Osgoode Hall in Toronto. Elected as a member of Parliament for Hamilton West in 1968, he was Canada's first black person elected to the House of Commons, serving for 12 years.

He made history again in his final year in Parliament when he was appointed Minister of Labour, and thus Canada's first black cabinet minister.

In 1985, Lincoln Alexander was appointed Ontario's 24th Lieutenant Governor, the first member of a visible minority to hold this post anywhere in Canada.

During his more than six years as lieutenant governor, he focused on youth and education; an awards program for young people who demonstrate leadership in combatting discrimination and racism within their schools or communities was established in his name

He then accepted a position as Chancellor of the University of Guelph. In 1996, he was chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and was also made honorary commissioner for the International Year of Older Persons Ontario celebrations.

He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada and to the Order of Ontario in 1992, and in June 2006, he was named the "Greatest Hamiltonian of All Time."

"Mr. Alexander will always be remembered for breaking down racial barriers in Canadian politics, and his concern for social justice, his compassion and his humanity were evident and prominent throughout his life," said the then-Minister of National Defence, Peter MacKay in a statement following Alexander's death. "He left an indelible imprint on Canada and the Canadian political system.

"His enormous heart and compassion, leadership and love of life matched his physical size. He was a role model for all and will be missed by all who knew him."

A state funeral was held for Lieutenant-Governor Alexander on Oct. 26, 2012, in his hometown of Hamilton, Ontario. He laid in state at the Ontario Legislature in the lobby of the main legislative building until the evening of Oct. 22, and then laid in repose at Hamilton City Hall until Thursday, Oct. 25.

All Alexander's quotations are from Go to School, You're a Little Black Boy: The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander: A Memoir, published in 2006 by Dundurn Press.

With files from the office of the premier of Ontario's website.



Photo: Courtesy Royal Canadian Air Force Association



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Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander, wearing the uniform of an Honorary Colonel of the Air Force, speaks with a veteran.

Lincoln Alexander, back row, second from right, in a Second World War-era photo.

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