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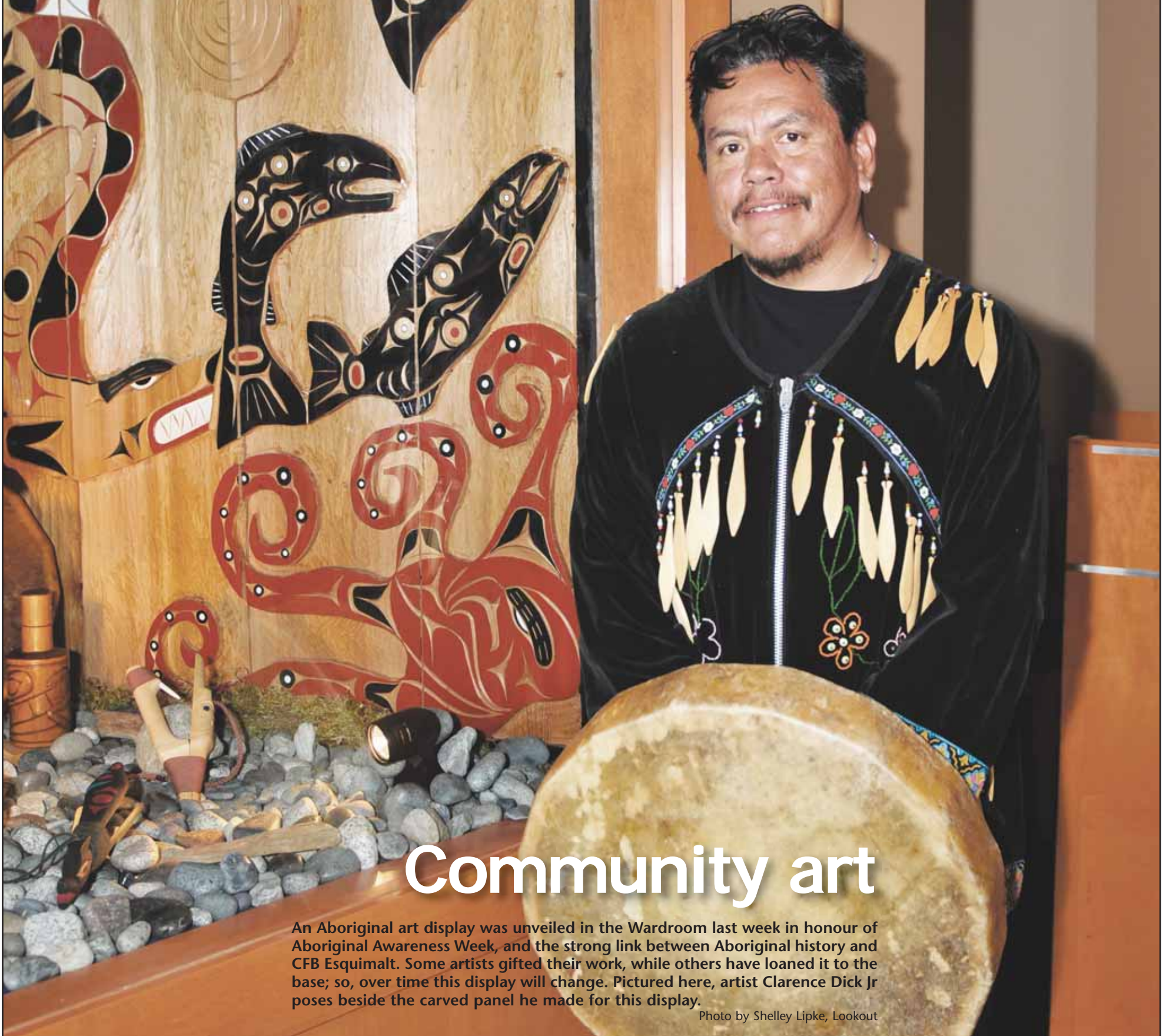
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An Aboriginal art display was unveiled in the Wardroom last week in honour of Aboriginal Awareness Week, and the strong link between Aboriginal history and CFB Esquimalt. Some artists gifted their work, while others have loaned it to the base; so, over time this display will change. Pictured here, artist Clarence Dick Jr poses beside the carved panel he made for this display.

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CPO1 Richard Boileau

Navy mourns loss of Chief Boileau

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

CFB Esquimalt is mourning the loss of a submariner after a recreational diving incident on the Victoria Day long weekend claimed the life of *HMCS Victoria's* coxswain CPO2 Richard Boileau.

On May 19, 47-year-old CPO2 Boileau was scuba diving with two friends in the Saanich inlet when he experienced complications underwater that resulted in his death.

"As a core member of the command triad and the submarine community, he will be missed both professionally and personally," said *HMCS Victoria's* Commanding Officer, Cdr Christopher Ellis.

CPO2 Boileau came to serve in *Victoria* Nov. 18, 2011, as a last minute replacement on the eve of the submarine's sailing work ups.

"Even though he had been away from subs for a few years he stepped up to the challenge of being the senior sailor. He had such a positive influence on the crew through his mentorship," says Cdr Ellis. "He was fair and just. He was a man of integrity. With the dynamic manning of *Victoria*, he was a catalyst in making sure members, many from out of area, got integrated into the team, so they were welcomed and not

overcome by the demands that were placed on them. He will be missed."

On Sunday, Cdr Ellis recalled the crew to inform them of the tragedy in person. "It was hard to deliver that message. Because of his key role and because we are such a small unit; his absence will be felt."

Before taking on the role of *Victoria's* coxswain, CPO2 Boileau served as the Logistics Coordinator in *HMCS Protecteur*, and prior to that as a cook in *HMC Ships, Vancouver, Regina, and Victoria* in 2003.

"He was an avid diver and had been for years. It was one of his favourite past times," said Cdr Ellis.

Since word of the Chief's death, condolence messages have been pouring in from across the CF, locally and nationally.

He is survived by wife Brenda, two adult children and two grandchildren, all residing in Victoria.

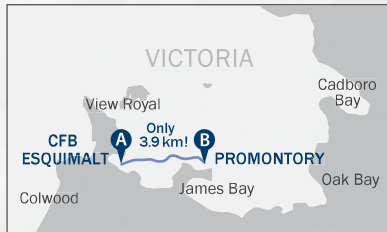
Those wishing to pass condolences to the family may contact assisting officer, Lt(N) Stephane Champoux.

"The family has received excellent support from across the Formation, especially from Fleet Chaplain Padre Jeannine Friesen and Norma Mcleod of the Joint Personnel Support Unit," said Cdr Ellis.

Civilian authorities are investigating the incident.

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First Nations art honoured at Officer's Wardroom

Shelley Lipke
Staff writer

Aboriginal Week was the perfect occasion for Base Commander, Capt(N) Craig Baines to launch an initiative to honour First Nations people, their heritage and their connection to CFB Esquimalt.

On May 23 at the Wardroom, he unveiled an Aboriginal display cabinet full of art. Among the spectators were the Chief's of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the Songhees Nation drummers, spiritual advisors and several First Nations artists and their guests.

The unique display, a project managed through Public Works and Government Services Canada, includes the work of Aboriginal artists from various Nations including Esquimalt, Songhees, Cowichan, and Haida.

While some pieces have been gifted to the base, the majority are on loan in what will be a rotating display showcasing work of local Aboriginal artists.

Coast Salish artist John Marston of Ladysmith brought five pieces to display including sun and moon masks, a canoe box and two bentwood boxes.

"When I heard about this display I wanted to be a part of it. I felt it was a good initiative to support," he said.

Marston has been carving since age eight and learned from his artist parents. His sun and moon masks each took five to six weeks of full-time carving to complete.

Clarence Dick Jr, an artist from the Songhees Nation, carved a cedar panel of sea creatures he made especially for this base exhibit.

"This piece is called The Life Cycle. It shows the whale chasing after the sea lion and the sea lion chasing after the salmon. I'm happy to be a part of this exhibit," he said.

Other pieces include two eagle masks more than 100 years old from the Haida Nation, on loan from Mary-Ann Thomas of Esquimalt Nation; a toggling harpoon used for fishing; a Salish cedar hat; clam basket; and archival photographs from the B.C. Archives and Royal B.C. Museum.

Above this museum-like exhibit hangs the hand-carved 15-foot red cedar canoe Sea Raven – a gift carved by LGov Steven Point and presented to the Royal Canadian Navy in honour of the 100th anniversary.

After seeing how great the Sea Raven canoe looked in the Wardroom, Capt(N) Baines realized a display case beneath it would be perfect to showcase Aboriginal art to members and guests of the Wardroom.

"It is a tangible way to recognize the heritage and fantastic work of the First Nations people. We chose to officially open it during Aboriginal Awareness Week and hope that it will increase our understanding of one of our most important neighbours," said Capt(N) Baines.



An Aboriginal art display was unveiled in the Wardroom last week.
Left: Coast Salish carver John Marston poses beside his sun mask.
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WHAT SAY YOU

Estate planning - the importance of a will

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Prior to his current employment at NOTC VENTURE, LCdr Keith Guinchard was employed for six years in the Victoria area as a Certified Financial Planner. This was followed by four years as a non-profit Debt Counsellor. He maintains a keen interest in all things financial and stays current on financial issues and their impact on Canadian families. His opinions are meant for general awareness only and are not to be construed as specific financial direction.

A will is a key component of an estate plan. While having a will is not mandatory for members of the CF or the public, it is highly encouraged.

There are many excellent reasons why everyone needs a will. Whether single or in a relationship, a will goes a long way in resolving many of the complex

issues that arise with your estate when you die.

Surprisingly, approximately 50 per cent of Canadians do not have a will. This statistic indicates that many Canadians are going to be placing unnecessary stress on their families at a time when emotionally they are least able to handle it.

The Canadian Forces has a one page basic will that is appropriate for most single members. It has a number of shortfalls, however, when personal circumstances outgrow its ability to address complex issues. For instance, it does not provide instructions for guardianship of minor children.

Once the CF will no longer meets your personal requirements, you need to seek civilian legal counsel and get a more comprehensive will prepared.

If you die without a will, you are deemed to have died intestate. In this case, the province in which you reside will step in and determine the settlement of your

estate. The results may not be what you believe would happen or even have wanted. The intestate rules vary from province to province. The province of Quebec, because it follows the Civil Code, has regulations that are different from the other nine provinces. Dying intestate will add extra cost and complication to the settlement of your estate.

A will has many benefits that make the relatively low cost of getting one professionally prepared worthwhile. For instance, through a will you can:

- Decide who will get your assets after you pass away;
- State your funeral wishes;
- Name someone to administer your estate (Executor);
- Name someone to look after dependent children (Guardian);
- Protect your loved ones by making arrangements for their well being;
- Leave a gift to someone outside of the family; i.e. a good friend;

- Reduce the cost and perhaps the taxes that arise in the settlement of your estate; and
- Avoid family conflicts that may arise during your estate settlement when your wishes are unknown.

A common question is: "Should I get a will prepared through legal counsel or prepare my own using a self-help will kit?" The kit may work for a basic estate that involves little complexity. For anything beyond the basic will, legal counsel is the preferred way to go. Civilian legal counsel will have the experience and knowledge to cover the "what ifs" that a kit cannot answer. A will is of little use if it is out of date. You should review your will after every life-changing event and at least every three to five years.

Finally, a will that cannot be found is useless. Do not forget to tell your executor where to find it.

MP corner Missing kids, be prepared when you call

LS Nicolas Muir
Military Police Community Relations

In the last few weeks, our MP Unit has been dealing with a few incidents of "missing" children.

In the event that your young child does decide it is in their best interest to leave your home without permission, and you do fear for their safety, the first call should always be to your local police department.

If you live on base, that would make us, the Military Police, your first contact point.

Upon receiving your complaint, an MP will come to your home while others begin the search for the missing person. When the first MP does arrive at your home, they will be looking for basic information, which will be passed on immediately to those searching for your child.

They will request a photo and the following information:

- the individuals date of birth, sex, height, weight, hair and eye color
- the description of the clothing they were last seen wearing
- any medical issues the missing person may have
- the last time they were seen
- the names and phone numbers of possible friends they would visit

- any locations they may visit
- background on possible past incidents of the same nature
- if they have any money, credit cards, transportation or a cellular phone

After gaining as much information as possible and distributing the photo to all MP patrol members, things will begin to happen quickly. Children who are seen and may match the description will be identified by MP's, this includes any children walking, biking, and even sitting inside vehicles as passengers. This could require roadblocks, where each vehicle leaving or entering military property gets searched to ensure any children in the vehicle are not the possible missing child. This will continue until the child is returned home safely.

As a parent, you can always have a child fingerprint kit available to help out the police. Normally, these kits include fingerprints, or footprints if you have a baby, and a photo that can be updated annually. Kits can be ordered online and completed at home, or done during special events such as the West Coast Welcome and Formation Fun Day where the Military Police have a booth. Not only could this help in the short term, but long term in cases of child abductions.

We also must continue to teach children

about the danger of speaking to strangers. Fortunately, while living on base, many neighbours are also military; however, knowing that can breed complacency when it comes to safety issues. A child may be more easily persuaded to trust a stranger who not only is "missing a family pet and needs help finding it", but also says they're in the military, just like their parents.

Amber Alerts are provincial wide alerts, sent out through mobile devices, radio and television, that can help the police locate missing children. There are criteria needed to place an Amber Alert; they require the child to be under 18 and for the police to believe they were abducted and in imminent danger. Police will also need descriptions of a possible abductor or vehicle used, and they also need to believe the child may be found with help from the Amber Alert.

As always, safety starts at home and proper planning can help return your child home if they ever go missing. For more information on missing children, visit www.missingkids.ca. CFB Esquimalt Military Police: (250) 363-4032 or 9-1-1. To report information relating to any crime, visit www.victoriacrimestoppers.com or call 1-800-222-8477.

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Celebrate the art of drumming

Kevin Li
Contributor

During the week of May 22 to 25, every day from 6:30 to 7 a.m., Bill Stewart performed Aboriginal drumming and singing at Duntze Head to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Aboriginal Awareness Week.

"The drum beat represents the heart beat of mother earth," says Stewart, Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group Co-Chair. "Drumming and singing is how I communicate with the people, the Spirit, and Mother Earth, and this is my way of contribut-

ing to the National Aboriginal Awareness Week."

According to Parks Canada, Aboriginal Awareness Week was first introduced in 1992 with the purpose of increasing awareness of Aboriginal peoples and cultures within the Canadian mosaic and the public service. Since that time, it has evolved and grown into a government-wide celebration giving federal public servants from across Canada the opportunity to participate in a week of activities that highlight the unique and diverse Aboriginal cultures in Canada, including Métis, Inuit and First Nations.

In addition to his drumming, Stewart remains well-connected with his home community [Ahousaht] within the Nuu-Chah-Nulth traditional territories. He continues to learn about his people, and represents his culture with pride. For Stewart, drumming is an important part of these ties as it indicates "who we are and where we come from." Drumming is about more than

just culture, as Stewart also practices Aboriginal drumming because "it helps him to prepare for his day and what is to come."

Drumming has been an integral part of Aboriginal culture since time immemorial. The drum is made with natural materials and they come in various sizes with unique histories and stories. Stewart started learning Aboriginal

drumming at the age three, and in recent years has learned many of the songs handed down from family members. Aboriginal people use this art to remember and celebrate their unique histories and stories by passing down this knowledge to future generations.

If you are interested in finding out more about Aboriginal drumming and learning more about the Aboriginal

culture, please contact the Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group.

http://esquimalt.mil.ca/marpac/n14/programs/Employment%20Equity/adv_gro/daag/daag.htm You can also visit the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people's website at: <http://nuuchahnulth.org/index.html>

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Base readies for Freedom of the Township of Esquimalt

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

History will repeat itself June 7 when more than 500 Canadian Forces members parade to the Esquimalt Municipal Hall in the Freedom of the Township of Esquimalt ceremony.

Forty years ago, Canadian Forces members donned their Number 1s to celebrate the township's six decades; in a few weeks they will help celebrate 100 years.

"Base Commander, Capt(N) Craig Baines will represent Maritime Forces Pacific by leading the parade of 500, with a 100-person armed guard flying the Queen's colours," said CPO2 Patrick O'Hara, Base Regulating Chief Petty Officer.

The contingent will march at noon beginning at Dominion Road and head down Esquimalt Road to the Municipal Hall.

After identifying himself and his unit to Chief Constable Jamie Graham, Capt(N) Baines will rap on the door of the Municipal Hall three times with the pommel of his sword to gain entry. Greeting him will be Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins, who will read the Freedom of the Township declaration.

Freedom of the City is an ancient honour granted to martial organizations; it allows them the privilege to march into the city with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

"Over 3,000 military members were involved in the 100th anniversary Freedom of the City (in celebration of the navy's 100th anniversary) on May 10, 2010. This will be a scaled down version," said CPO2 O'Hara.

Hansen appointed Honorary Colonel

Rick Hansen has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Forces (CF) Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU) by Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence.

JPSU offers dedicated programs and services to support serving and retired ill and injured military personnel, as well as their families, and the families of those who lost their lives while serving.

"We are truly honoured to have such a remarkable person as Mr. Rick Hansen join our military family by accepting this important appointment," said Minister MacKay. "I have no doubt that he will continue to be an inspiration to all our men and women in uniform, and their families, who find the strength to face the tremendous challenges that come with their situation and for their desire to recover and live accomplished lives in the face of adversity."

Minister MacKay's decision to appoint Hansen as Honorary Colonel of the CF Joint Personnel Support Unit was met with absolute delight by Rear-Admiral Andy Smith, Chief Military Personnel.

"Mr. Hansen's life-long devotion to making a difference in how people with a

disability are perceived, and his ability to inspire them to move forward is truly fitting to one of the main priorities of the Canadian Forces, that of caring for our own," said Rear-Admiral Smith.

Hansen, a renowned Canadian athlete and founder of the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Rick Hansen Institute, grew up in small-town British Columbia with a single dream: to one day represent Canada at the Olympic Games. But at the age of 15, he was thrown from the back of a pick-up truck, paralyzing him from the waist down. Unwilling to give up on his love for sport and fortified with a new dream, Hansen became the first person with a disability to graduate from the University of British Columbia with a degree in physical education. Ten years later, he set off on his Man In Motion World Tour, travelling 40,000 kilometres through 34 countries and raising \$26 million for spinal cord research.

Upon returning home from his epic journey he founded the Rick Hansen Foundation, which has raised more than \$252 million to help find a cure for spinal cord injury and to build an accessible, inclusive

After the ceremony, the marching contingent will parade from Municipal Hall with colours flying and march through Dockyard to A Jetty so employees can see the parade.

Members of the Victoria and Esquimalt Camera Clubs will attempt to recreate a modern image of a photo taken in 1885 when military members marched through Esquimalt.

The Guard of Honour, 100 strong, will practice for three days at the Naden Drill Shed in preparation for this event.

CPO2 O'Hara remembers the honour of being in the Royal Guard for the Queen Mother in 1979 in Halifax. "When we were there to receive the Queen's Colours, we trained for two months every day. It was all we did back then. The timing had to be immaculate. Everybody had to complete all the movements perfectly. We practiced 30 minute standouts not moving at all. It was mid summer and we had a sun-burned faces and below our berets it was as white as snow, almost like we were down a quart," said the Chief.

The tradition of granting Freedom of the City to a military unit goes back more than three centuries. Throughout history there has been a strong aversion against the war-like appearance of large bodies of troops in city streets disturbing the peace and appearing to be a threat to the ancient civic rights of the city fathers. The custom first took hold after the restoration of King Charles II of England in 1660.

Today, it is an entirely ceremonial honour, and remains one of the oldest ceremonies in the Commonwealth.

society for all Canadians.

Hansen was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1987. He is also a member of the Order of British Columbia, a recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Medal and one of Canada's most decorated Paralympic athletes.

"I look forward to sharing my own experiences with all JPSU members, their families and the families of our men and women who lost their lives in service of Canada," said Hansen. "My goal in accepting this honour is to provide some encouragement to those faced with life-changing challenges. We each have the power within in us to take small steps to overcome extreme obstacles. When we have hope, we have possibility."

As an Honorary Colonel, Hansen's role will be to help foster morale within his unit, help build relationships through the honorary colonel network and ensure that the customs and traditions of the CF are maintained.

The Minister of National Defence, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, is the approving authority for all appointments. Tenures are normally for a period of three years.



Combating piracy and oil theft in Nigeria

Georgina Nicoll
Office of Asia-Pacific

Royal Roads University, the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, and Maritime Forces Pacific will be holding the biennial Maritime Security Challenges conference in Victoria, B.C. from Oct. 1-3, 2012. One of the conference panel discussions will focus on security issues in the Gulf of Guinea. This article explores key maritime concerns in this region and discusses some of the political and economic factors that make improving security in the Gulf of Guinea such a challenge. More information on MSC 2012 can be accessed at www.msconference.com

Much has been written about Somali piracy and its threat to the international shipping industry. However, there is also a growing piracy problem on the other side of the African continent, in the Gulf of Guinea. According to the International Maritime Organization, 2011 marked a peak year for pirate activity in the region, with 64 reported attacks, a 28 percent increase from 2010. The waters off Nigeria are particularly risky: Africa's most populous country and top oil producer is home to a strong network of criminal organizations that have increasingly targeted ships carrying valuable cargo. In coming years, shipping traffic off the coast of Nigeria is projected to increase, as world demand for its oil grows. The risk of hijacking, however, could discourage international shipping vessels from approaching Nigeria's ports.

Improving security in Nigerian waters will not be easy. It will require coordinated action among naval and coast guard fleets to fend off pirate attacks. It will also require taking action against land-based criminal groups, and the government corruption that allows them to thrive. In addition, a long term strategy against piracy and organized crime must include measures to address the extreme poverty and inequality that have driven Nigerians to pursue illicit activities. Piracy is a symptom of deeper economic, political and environmental problems, all of which need to be examined and rectified in order to put a permanent end to piracy and oil theft.

THEFT AT SEA

The International Maritime Bureau has recorded 10 attempted hijackings off Nigeria in the first quarter of 2012, though the real number is likely much higher. The majority of the attacks occurred near the Niger Delta and targeted ships carrying oil. Unlike Somali pirate attacks, which have focused primarily on hostage-taking for ransom, Nigerian attacks have focused on stealing cargo. The pirates are usually equipped with automatic weapons, communication devices, and improvised oil tankers to transport their plunder. They have been known to attack ships over 70

nautical miles from shore.

Although piracy has occurred in Nigerian waters since the late 1970s, the problem has received relatively little government attention and has flourished unchecked. There have been many reports of crews broadcasting distress calls, but receiving no response from the Nigerian authorities. Furthermore, there have been many allegations that government officials have turned a blind eye to the issue, or have actively colluded with criminal groups to receive a share of piracy profits.

In the past decade Nigeria has increased its naval and coast guard capabilities. Nigeria opened a regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Lagos in 2008, and signed a multilateral agreement with neighbouring countries on streamlining search and rescue operations. This February, the Nigerian Navy hosted naval forces from 11 other nations in a four-day exercise focused on crime prevention at sea. The Navy has also budgeted funds to purchase more than two dozen new patrol vessels this year. Despite recent improvements, however, the country's maritime forces are still under-equipped for the considerable task of patrolling Nigeria's 853 kilometre coastline.

FIGHTING PIRACY ON LAND

While it is important to increase the capacity of the coast guard and navy to prevent pirate attacks, piracy at sea stems from the deeply engrained land-based problem of organized crime. Nigeria's coastline is notorious for its criminal networks, armed insurgents, and thriving black market, especially in the oil-rich Niger Delta region. Criminal groups have established hidden camps among the mangrove forests of the Delta, taking advantage of the labyrinth of swamps and creeks. From these camps, they launch waterborne attacks against ships then retreat to the complex waterways of the Delta.

Many of the camps belonging to criminal groups house illegal refineries, used to process oil that has been stolen from ships or from pipelines. An estimated 100,000 barrels of oil per day are illegally diverted from the pipelines that criss-cross the Delta, in a process referred to as "illegal bunkering." Approximately 10 percent of Nigeria's refined oil supply comes from illegal bunkering and refining operations. There is a well-established black market, which is reported to involve officials at all levels of government, selling oil to customers across Nigeria and in neighbouring countries.

The various groups in the Niger Delta have different motives for stealing oil. Insurgent groups such as the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) have turned to oil theft – as well as kidnapping – for political reasons, mainly to raise funds for their armed struggle for

control of local resources. They are opposed to the state's alliance with oil companies, and claim that oil theft is a just form of vigilante wealth redistribution. Other criminal groups have the more immediate motive of personal enrichment.

Cracking down on oil theft and organized crime with military force has proven complicated. During the 1990s and the early 2000s, the region became increasingly militarized; as state security forces increased their presence to protect oil fields and pipelines, criminal operations and militias acquired huge stocks of modern weaponry. The military launched counter-insurgency campaigns, and the ensuing clashes with armed criminal and rebel groups resulted in many casualties and a significant displacement of civilians. Violence eased following an amnesty in 2009, but there are still regular reports of clashes and bomb attacks launched by militia groups. The conflict has hindered oil production, with output dropping 20 percent between 2006 and 2011.

Currently, the military is again trying to ramp up its operations in the Niger Delta. In early 2012, the Air Force opened a new Mobility Command Headquarters in the Delta, and the Navy is also looking to establish a permanent presence to facilitate raids on criminal hideouts. A joint military task force, code named Operation Pulo Shield, was launched in January 2012 to combat oil theft, and has raided close to 100 bunkering and refining operations. The authorities are making a serious attempt to strengthen the rule of law, although some fear that the increasing military presence in the region will anger local communities and renew the cycle of arms accumulation and violence.

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES

The government's strategy against piracy and organized crime has received criticism from some community leaders and analysts for failing to address the key economic and political issues that engender conflict and criminality in the first place. Indeed, a long term strategy against piracy and oil theft in Nigeria must somehow address the severe poverty of the Niger Delta region, as well as the endemic corruption and mismanagement in the Nigerian oil sector that see revenues go only to the top echelons of society.

The foreign oil companies that began drilling in the Niger Delta in the 1960s have made billions of dollars in profits. The Nigerian government has also benefitted immensely, with oil profits representing 80 percent of federal revenues. The country's political and business elite have received a hefty share, as have the ruling elite in the Niger Delta. Oil revenues that could have been invested in social programs, infrastructure and economic opportunities in the Delta have largely been diverted to projects in other regions, inflated government and industry salaries, or simply pocketed

by corrupt officials.

The people of the Niger Delta perceive this as a grave injustice. The local people who are most affected by the industry have watched in frustration as rich foreign oil workers come to stay in luxurious enclosed camps, while most of the nearby villages lack basic services. Over 70 percent of the Delta's 30 million people have no access to electricity, clean water, or medical care. Despite government and industry claims that oil would bring development to the country, the average Nigerian in the Delta region is probably worse off now than before oil was discovered.

Some reports suggest that in the Niger Delta, piracy and illegal oil operations are among the only economically rewarding occupations available in a region where the adult unemployment rate is around 70 percent. Traditionally, Niger Delta communities survived on fishing and agriculture, but 50 years of irresponsible oil industry practices have poisoned the water and soil, turning the Niger Delta into one of the most contaminated zones on earth. Crop yields have declined, and fish stocks have collapsed almost completely. Foreign oil companies are not entirely to blame, as illegal bunkering and refining operations have also been very damaging.

The UN Environment Programme estimates that it would take up to 30 years of intensive clean-up efforts to restore the region. In 2011 the Nigerian government was discussing a billion-dollar cleanup plan, but progress has stalled, and there are rumours that the project may be cancelled altogether. Yet restoring the environment and nurturing economic alternatives are key steps to improving security for the local population, the oil industry, and the shipping industry.

CONCLUSION

Nigeria is facing a grave problem with crime on land and at sea, and the country has begun to address the issue by strengthening its maritime security forces and cracking down on organized crime in the Niger Delta region. The government is financially dependent on oil revenues, and is aware that it needs to improve security in order to maintain oil production and export levels. However, improving long term security for tankers and oil rigs cannot be accomplished with military force alone. There is a need for a two-pronged strategy, which both deters criminal activity by increasing military patrols, and addresses the underlying problems of poverty and corrupt governance that make criminality so appealing.

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Lt(N) Jessica MacDonald
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Sailors from *HMCS Charlottetown* provided medical assistance to a local fisherman in the Gulf of Aden on May 16.

The Canadian warship routinely hails vessels as part of its tasks while operating with Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150). CTF-150's mission is to promote maritime security in order to counter terrorist acts and related illegal activities, which terrorists use to fund or conceal their movements.

"Everything checked out and we assessed that the dhow [larger vessel commonly used for fishing and transporting goods in the region] was a legitimate fishing vessel," said Cdr Wade Carter, Commanding Officer of *Charlottetown*. "We were about to depart when the vessel hailed us requesting medical assistance for one of their crew members."

Charlottetown sent members of their boarding party team, the physician assistant, and an interpreter in their rigid-hulled-inflatable boat to provide



the medical assistance.

"I wish I could have done more for him," said WO Gino Short, Physician Assistant in *Charlottetown*. "His eye was infected from what looked to be a corneal abrasion. He was already blind in his other eye, so I truly hope the antibiotic drops I gave him will help. I also advised him to see a doctor as soon as possible, but the reality is he probably doesn't have access to healthcare."

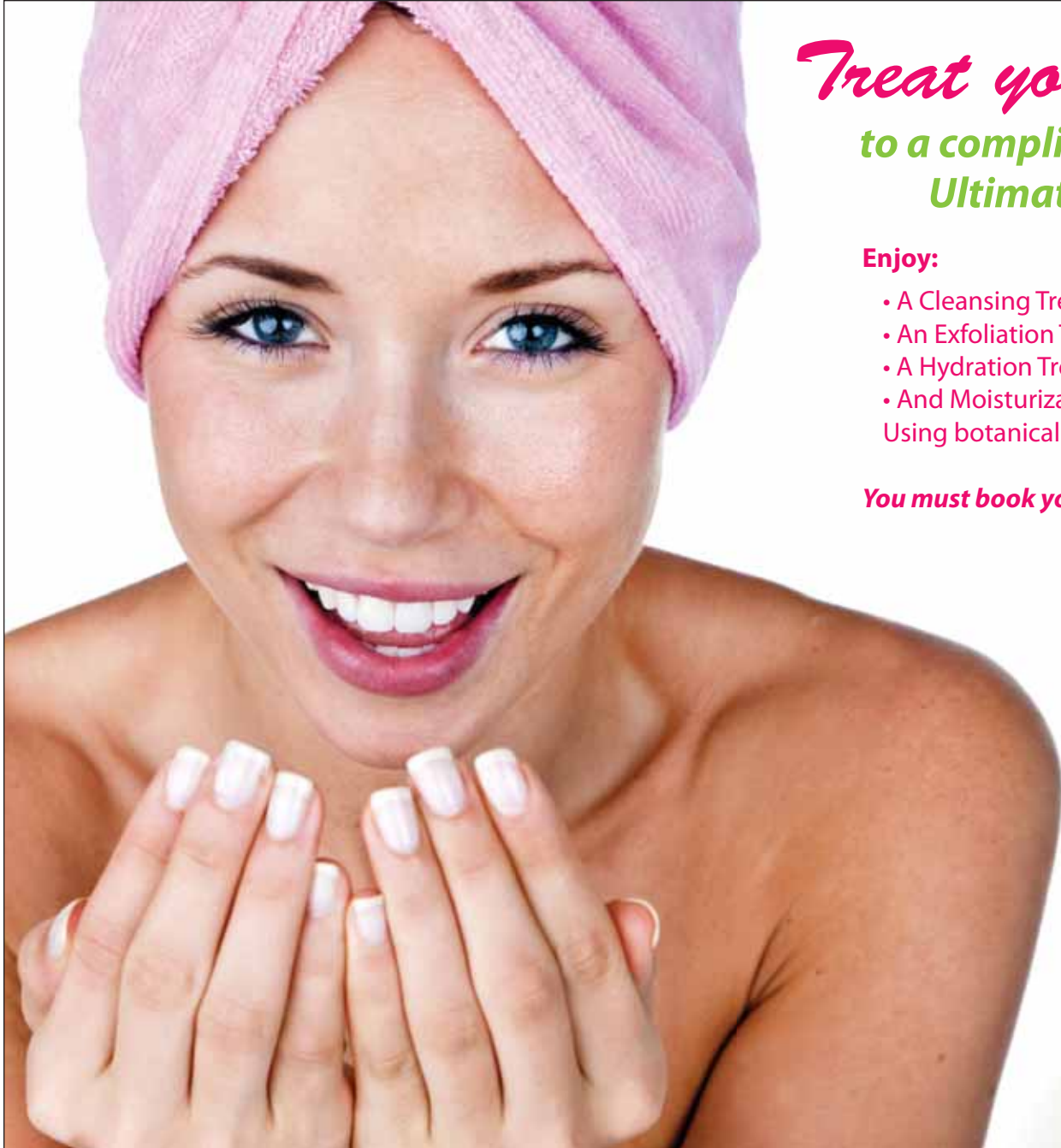
"These type of good will approach operations are important because they show local mariners we

care," said Cdr Carter. "In return, the relationships we build are critical to achieving mission success and CTF-150 goals, because they provide us with invaluable information that allows us to track illicit activities in the region."

CTF-150 is one of three task forces operated by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). CMF is a 26-nation naval partnership that exists to promote security, stability and prosperity across approximately 2.5 million square miles of international waters covering the Arabian

Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the Indian Ocean, an area which encompasses some of the world's most important shipping lanes.

CTF-150 is assigned to counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism; CTF-151 conducts counter-piracy operations; and CTF-152 operates in the Arabian Gulf where it coordinates Theatre Security Cooperation (TSC) activities with regional partners, conducts Maritime Security Operations (MSO), and remains prepared to respond to any crisis that may develop.



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Top: Sun Country Highway shows a completely electric sport car to CFB Esquimalt navy personnel.
Above: CFB Esquimalt firefighters demonstrate their Jaws of Life capability.
Left: Tanya Moeykens kicks up a foot after trying on a new pair of work boots at the May 10 Expo.



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Regina Change of Command



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Commodore Peter Ellis, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific (Right), presents HMCS Regina's incoming Commanding Officer, Cdr Jason Boyd with a plaque that quotes Joseph Conrad. The presentation was made during Regina's Change of Command Ceremony held at NOTC Venture on May 18. Friends, family, distinguished guests, and the crew members of Regina gathered at the drill deck to say farewell to their outgoing Commanding Officer, Cdr Chris Moore, as well as welcome their incoming Commanding Officer, Cdr Boyd.

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Artists unite in Victoria Sketch Club

Shelley Lipke
Staff Writer

Seventy-four-year-old Brigadier General (Ret'd) Larry Gollner never imagined people would buy his art, even though he's an honorary member of the oldest fine arts club west of the Great Lakes - the Victoria Sketch Club founded in 1909.

Over the years more than 30 paintings have left his studio, tucked under the arm of a new owner, destined for display on a solitary wall.

"To be quite frank, it is satisfying and motivating when people actually buy your art," he says. "It's a compliment and recognition."

The Sketch Club allows only about 40 artists at a time, with noteworthy artists Emily Carr, Samuel McClure and Max Maynard on the register at one time.

For the retired soldier, art didn't become a passion until he borrowed some of his wife Christine's supplies on a whim nearly 20 years ago. Christine attended the Emily Carr Art and Design Institute, and is a widely recognized artist. Canvas, brushes and paint were only a few strides away in their home. Gollner dabbled in the genre after hours; it was the military that had his full attention.

Retirement and a nomination into the club propelled him to fully explore his talent.

"I moved into the true creative side - which to me is abstract painting," he says. "I

got into abstract painting because I appreciated the amount of planning required. I figured early on I would never be good at painting apples. I don't have the talent, or the patience to do that. Abstract just suits me better."

He starts by cutting out strips of coloured paper. Next, he makes models followed by producing a small mock up on paper, then on board.

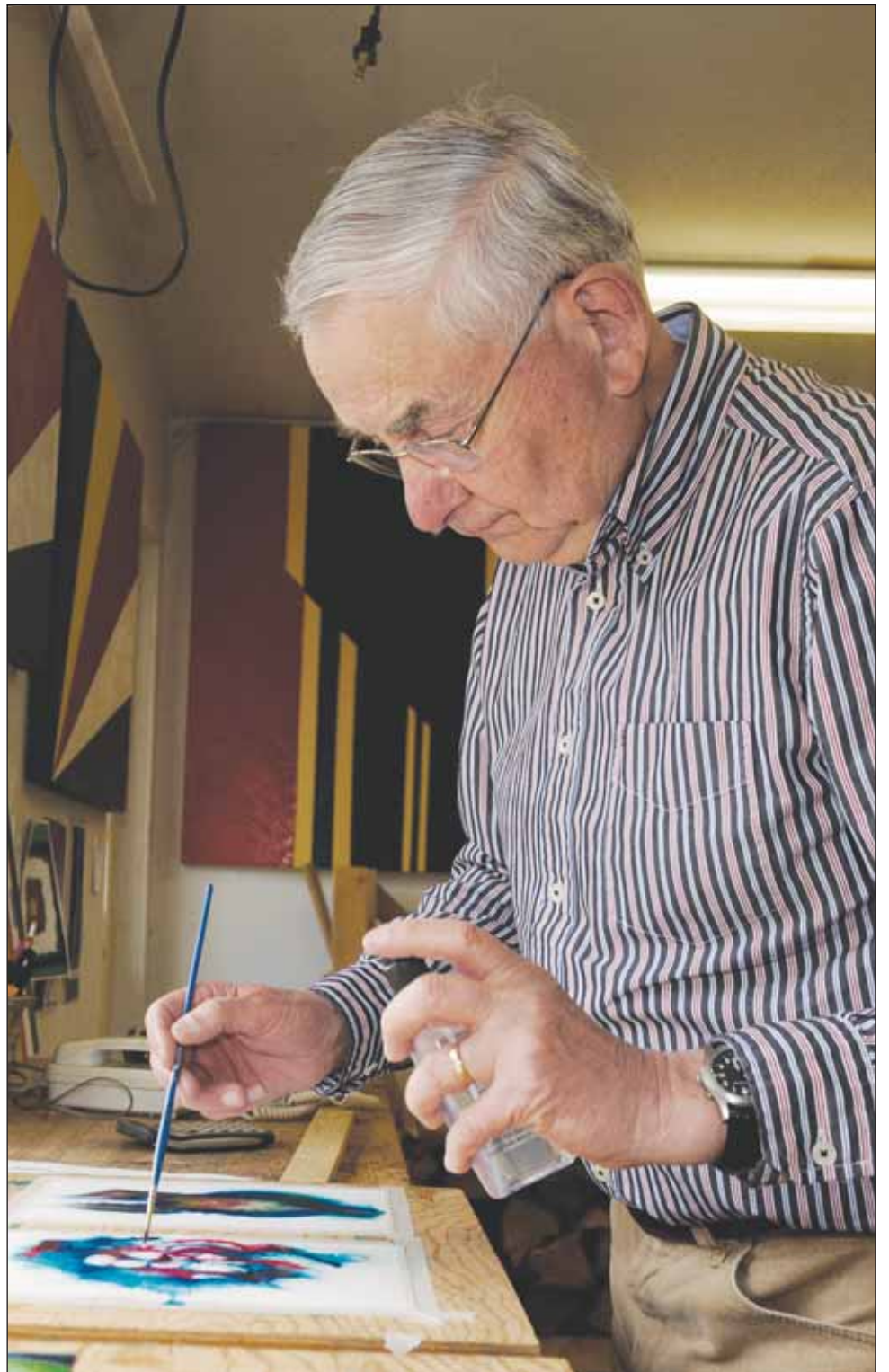
"When I am satisfied that I've got the proportions and the colours right, I determine the size of the painting," he says.

His other medium is watercolour, which adds an extra element of skill as it is both spontaneous and unforgiving, he says. "There is no going back. Once it's done, the chances of repairing a mistake are slim; whereas other types of paints you can paint over once they are dry."

Over the years he has received pointers from some of the more renowned club members such as Ted Harrison and Victor Lotto. "When you have people like Ted and Victor sitting around, you learn a lot and you tend to pay attention," says Gollner. "I enjoy the artists in the club; they are not only good artists, they are pleasant people and friends."

Members range in age from 40 to 90 plus.

For more information on the Victoria Sketch Club and to see samples of Gollner's work, go to www.victoriasketchclub. An account of the Club's history can be found in John Lover's book *The Victoria Sketch Club; a Centennial Celebration*.



Photos by Shelley Lipke, Lookout

Above: Larry Gollner is a member of the Victoria Sketch Club. In his studio in Cobble Hill he uses paint and water from a spray bottle to create one of his abstract paintings. This year the elite club of 40 local artists celebrated it's 103rd show. The Victoria Sketch Club is the oldest art club east of the Great Lakes.

Left: Here he displays some of his vivid paintings at his studio in Cobble Hill.



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The motorcycle will serve as a memorial to the tragedy that claimed more than 15,000 lives, in accordance with the wishes of its owner, Ikuo Yokoyama.

The remarkable story of the 2004 FXSTB Softail® Night Train® motorcycle's survival and recovery by Canadian, Peter Mark, made international headlines after he found it washed ashore on a remote beach on British Columbia's Graham Island at low tide. Mark discovered the motorcycle, still bearing its Japanese licence plate, along with several other items, in the remains of an insulated cargo van container where the motorcycle was being stored by Yokoyama prior to the tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, 2011.

"It is truly amazing that my Harley-Davidson® motorcycle was recovered

in Canada after drifting for more than a year," said Ikuo Yokoyama. "I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Peter Mark, the finder of my motorcycle. Due to circumstances caused by the disaster, I have been so far unable to visit him in Canada to convey my gratitude."

Working with news agencies and representatives from Deeley Harley-Davidson® Canada, and Harley-Davidson® Japan, contact was made with 29-year-old Yokoyama, who lost his home and currently lives in temporary housing in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. Harley-Davidson Motor Company extended an offer to return the bike to him and to restore it to running condition. Still struggling to rebuild his life in the aftermath of the disaster, which claimed the lives of three of his relatives, Yokoyama respectfully declined.

Although grateful for the offer to repatriate his motorcycle and touched by the outpouring of support from Harley® motorcycle riders around the world, Yokoyama's strong desire instead is for his bike to be preserved in the Harley-Davidson Museum™, in honour of those whose lives were

lost or forever changed by the disaster.

"My heart really goes out to Ikuo Yokoyama and all the survivors of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami for everything that was taken from them. I cannot even begin to comprehend the loss of family, friends, and community," said Peter Mark. "I think it is fitting that the Harley® [motorcycle], which was swept across the Pacific Ocean by the tsunami, will end up in the Harley-Davidson Museum™ as a memorial to that tragic event. It has an interesting and powerful story to convey preserved in its current state."

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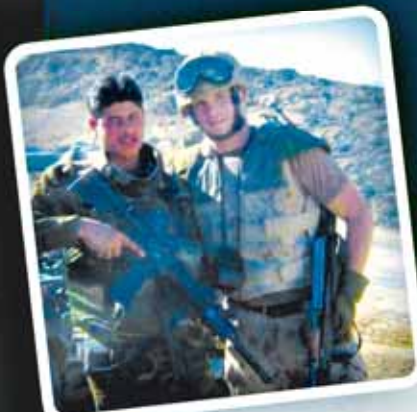
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Candlelight Tribute

Plan to attend the God's Acre Candlelight Tribute

on Thursday May 31 at the Gorge Vale Golf Course (entry off Colville Road). Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of Esquimalt, and Base Commander, Capt(N) Craig Baines will be in attendance. The ceremony, being held on the 144th anniversary of the God's Acre Cemetery, is sponsored by Esquimalt Dockyard Branch 172 of the Royal Canadian Legion and Veteran Affairs Canada. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

For more information, please contact Bob Haldane, Esquimalt Dockyard Branch 172 Vice President, 250-474-3666.

Fishermen Rescued After 10 Days Stranded

Three fishermen were found and recovered after spending 10 days stranded on an island in Hecate Strait following the sinking of their vessel.

The men were on a fishing trip when their 50-foot long liner Pacific Siren capsized suddenly about 70 miles south of Prince Rupert. Fortunately, all three crewmen man-

aged to board their life raft and paddle eight miles to Banks Island, where they remained until sighted and recovered by a sailing vessel. The men used their raft as a shelter, and lived on clams and seaweed.

The ship did not have an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) on board, which would have notified Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Pacific of their distress.

HMCS Huron Unveiling

On Sunday, June 3, The Military Museums in Calgary, AB, will unveil its latest addition, the port propeller from former warship HMCS Huron. Huron, a Tribal-class destroyer, was decommissioned and later sunk during the Royal Canadian Navy's Exercise Trident Fury in 2007 off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Huron's screw (propeller) unveiling ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the general public. His Honour, Colonel (Retired) Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant-Governor of

Alberta, will be in attendance.

World Oceans Day

Join World Fisheries Trust and Esquimalt Parks and Recreation in celebrating World Oceans Day June 3 noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Esquimalt Gorge Park. This year's theme is "Youth - the Next Wave for Change."

The Ocean Project, an international network of more than 1,000 aquaria, zoos, museums and conservation organizations including World Fisheries Trust, which promotes and coordinates activities worldwide with a special focus on engaging youth in helping to conserve and protect the world's oceans.

Family friendly activities will include: Seaquaria touch tanks filled with local marine life; interactive 3D model of the Gorge Waterway; face painting; marine themed crafts; canoe rides on the Gorge; live music and food. This event is free, but donations to help operate the Nature House at Esquimalt Gorge Park are welcome.

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EAST COAST NEWS: ALL IN THE FAMILY

DYNAMIC DUO: Father-daughter team serve simultaneously on two CF missions

Lt(N) Jessica MacDonald & Lt(N) Sylvain Rousseau
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Every father has the potential to make a difference in his child's life. Captain Tom Brown did so when he inspired his daughter Private Ashley Stewart to join the military.

Currently, they are both serving on two different Canadian Forces (CF) operations in the Middle East.

Capt Brown is a logistics officer for Operation Attention in Kabul, Afghanistan, and his daughter, Pte Stewart, is the medical technician or "baby doc" in HMCS Charlottetown, which is currently deployed in the Arabian Sea as part of Operation Artemis.

"My Dad has relentlessly reminded me that I am a 'stubborn Brown,' and it's always given me the motivation to push through any obstacles that come my way," said Pte Stewart. "He's extremely supportive and never hesitates to let me know he's proud."

As "Baby Doc" on board Charlottetown, her first deployment, her role is a licensed primary care paramedic.

On a day-to-day basis she does sick parade, which includes taking vital signs, medical histories and doing physical exams on patients. She also gives immunizations, IVs, and dispenses medications under the supervision of the Senior Physician Assistant.

In the event of a medical evacuation, she is responsible for escorting the casualty, and she also helps train the casualty clearers on ship.

"It's a steep learning curve as the Baby Doc because it's a QL5 [Qualification Level] position and I am a QL3," said Pte Stewart. "It's a great experience and I know this

deployment will improve my medical abilities. I'm also getting more exposure to the navy, which is great because my Dad was navy and was actually the Chief Clerk on Charlottetown a number of years ago,"

Capt Brown has served the Canadian Forces for more than 30 years, a career that has taken him around the globe on five international missions and three naval deployments. One of the warships he served on was actually HMCS Charlottetown.

He is currently deployed as a staff officer with the National Command Support Element for the Canadian Contribution Training Mission - Afghanistan (CCTM-A).

"I've always loved having Ashley there to see me off and greet me from overseas deployments," said Capt Brown. "Another highlight was getting to be the officer who swore her in to the Canadian Forces. However, the hardest thing I've had to do is watch her sail away on her first deployment on my old ship."

As a recipient of the Order of Military Merit, which is awarded to individuals to recognize conspicuous merit and exceptional service by CF members, he knows what it takes to have a successful and meaningful career.

"The hardest thing for me, over the years, was the innumerable festive occasions and tragic events that have happened while I've been away; moments that you missed, moments that you'll never get back," said Capt Brown. "But over the years my family and friends have been steadfast in their love, support and encouragement for me. And my experiences overseas have truly given me a newfound appreciation for life's simple pleasures, and the freedoms that we as Canadians can

sometimes take for granted."

Pte Stewart is about half way through her present tour of duty so she will return home before her father; Capt Brown has a few more months before his return.

"I'm looking forward to that day when I get home myself - and hoping that Ashley is there with the rest of the family, ready to run into my arms as she's always done since she was a little girl," said Capt Brown. "She may be Daryl's wife, but she'll always be my little girl."

"Knowing that both my father and I are currently on operation in the Middle East is surreal," said Pte Stewart. "Twenty five years of seeing him off on deployments, and as of January the roles were reversed. I now understand what it's like from his perspective and it gives me a newfound appreciation for what we do. I'm proud of my career choice and I'm very proud of him."

Three of Capt Brown's four children have pursued a career in the Canadian Forces: his oldest, 2Lt (Ret'd) Tina Benjamin, a former Royal Military College graduate who resides in Trenton, Ont.; his oldest stepson, Cpl Michael Betts, a LCIS Tech stationed in Halifax; Jason, though not inclined towards a military career, followed his brother's interest into Information Technology; and the baby, Pte Ashley Stewart, who is presently serving onboard Charlottetown as the junior medic.

"I cannot fathom doing anything else for a career," said Capt Brown. "And, should my children choose to remain in the CF and make a career out of it I only have one wish; to do 'one last tour' but with them before I retire."



Photo by Cpl Ronnie Kinnie, Formation Imaging Services
Above: Pte Ashley Stewart, a Medical Technician on board HMCS Charlottetown, checks a crew member's blood pressure in sick bay, as the ship sails through the Red Sea while on Operation Metric.



Right: Moments before his departure to Croatia in 1994, Capt Brown holds daughter Ashley in his arms.



Royal visit

Photos by MCpl David Singleton-Browne, DND-MDN Canada

Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited Canada as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen.

Above left: Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall talks with Corporal Thomas Eveson while inspecting the Guard of Honour during her first visit to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at the Moss Park Armoury in Toronto, Canada.

Above: His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Jesse Jones, the Commanding Officer of the Royal Regiment of Canada, inspect the Guard on parade during a massed military muster at Fort York Armoury in Toronto.

Middle: His Royal Highness presents the 1812 Commemorative Banner to General Walter Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff.

Bottom left: Her Royal Highness unveils her official portrait as Colonel-in-Chief with the artist, Richard Stone, during her first visit to The Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto. The Duchess of Cornwall has been the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief since January 1, 2011.

Below: His Royal Highness salutes as troops march past during a massed military muster at Fort York Armoury in Toronto.

Photo by Cpl Igor R. Korpan



Bravo ZULU

CFFSE honours, awards & promotions

On Thursday April 12, a CF Fleet School Esquimalt Division parade was held, where honours, awards and promotions were awarded.



PO2 Lavallée, CFFSE DCD DIV, received his promotion to Acting PO1 from Cdr Drews.



MS Coolidge, CFFSE CBT DIV, received his promotion to PO2 from Cdr Drews.



MS Fraser, CFFSE CSE DIV, received his promotion to PO2 from Cdr Drews.



LS Ho, CFFSE CBT DIV, received the Commander-in-Chief Commendation (while serving with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment) from Cdr Drews.



PO2 McGee, CFFSE MSE DIV, received his Canadian Decoration from Cdr Drews.



PO1 Kranz, CFFSE SEA DIV, received his Certificate of appreciation in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to the Sooke Preschool 2nd Annual Touch a Truck Fundraiser 2011 which raised over \$4,000, from Cdr Drews.



MS Lovejoy, CFFSE DCD DIV, received his Canadian Decoration from Cdr Drews.



MS Fielding, CFFSE CBT DIV, received his Rotation Bar to the South Western Asia Service Medal from Cdr Drews.



MS Coolidge, CFFSE CBT DIV, received his Canadian Decoration from Cdr Drews.



PO1 McCrea, CFFSE CBT DIV, received his Certificate for successfully completing all components of the Officer Professional Military Education (OPME) from Cdr Drews.



Patrol Craft Training Section, Commanding Officer, LCdr Sam Patchell and Coxswain CPO2 Dave Morse promote LS John Niedoba to Master Seaman.



Patrol Craft Training Section, Commanding Officer, LCdr Sam Patchell and Coxswain CPO2 Dave Morse promote LS Randy Spencer to Master Seaman.



Karen Shields, of the Naden Band, is promoted to PO1 by CPO2 Pierre Cayer and Lt(N) Matthew Clark.



At the luncheon in Admirals House, Admiral Greenwood presented Retired Admiral Bill Hughes with the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service, which is authorized by the CDS. The citation reads, "Rear-Admiral William Andrew Hughes, CD (Retired), for dedication, leadership and perseverance in the implementation of the Naval Memorial Window project in 2010."



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