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Vancouver hosts civilians to showcase the navy's might

Peter Mallett Staff writer

A group of visitors from across Canada and the UK got an up-close look at life onboard an RCN ship when they boarded *HMCS Vancouver* for a day sail on July 23.

With bright sunny skies, calm seas and a gentle Salish-Sea breeze fluttering, approximately 200 guests were treated to a fourhour sail around Esquimalt Harbour and the southern tip of Vancouver Island.

The event included an extensive guided tour of the upper and lower decks of the Halifax-class frigate, a manover-board rescue exercise by clearance divers aboard a Sea King helicopter, and a demonstration of the ship's maneuvering capabilities.

"It's absolutely fantastic to be on this ship for the first time," said Dan Burneski of Surrey, B.C. "As Canadians we should be really proud of the RCN (Royal Canadian Navy) and what we have, and also the pride the crew here on *HMCS Vancouver* take in their ship."

As the vessel completed a sharp turn and tipped on a 30-degree angle, Aaron Bence, a 15-year-old student from Royal Bay Secondary School, reflected on the fun factor of the day sail.

"I've never done anything like this before and it was cool seeing all the different exercises and drills they do. I also had no idea the ship was so complicated and there was so much high-tech equipment."

A group of 160 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) members - some from as far away as Ghana, New Zealand, and Australia – made up the lion's share of the guests.

"I was really impressed by the crew and how welcoming and friendly they have been today," said Stirling Hinchliffe, an MP with state parliament in Queensland, Australia.

CPA members were

in Victoria for the 53rd Canadian Regional Conference and as they enjoyed a barbecue on the ship's stern, most seemed thrilled with the opportunity to sail away for a day with the RCN.

"When we go back to our hometowns, everyone here with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association won't be talking about the time they had at the conference but their time on the ship and the great people we met and had a chance to talk to," said David Laxton, Speaker for the Yukon Legislature.

Ambassador for the CPA delegation, British Columbia Legislature Speaker Linda Reid, thanked the crew for their hospitality and presented Cdr Clive Butler with an Aboriginal stick carving by Squamish artist Jim Yelton.

"We are awed by the work you do," said Reid. "You and everyone on board your ship today had ambassadorial spirit – we are eternally grateful for this experience."



Image by LS Ogle Henry, MARPAC Imaging Services

Max Thompson, great-grandson of Chief Petty Officer Max Bernays, acts as helmsman onboard HMCS Vancouver during a day sail around Victoria Harbour on July 23.





Images by LS Ogle Henry, MARPAC Imaging Services **Above:** Guests on board HMCS Vancouver get a tour of the 57 mm weapon.

Left: Lt(N) Andrew MacGillvray, Officer in Charge of HMCS Vancovuer's Boarding Team, explains the weapons and tactics used by Boarding Team members.

Day sail hosts war hero CPO Max Bernays' family members

Peter Mallet

Staff Writer

Also included in the *Vancouver* day sail were nine family members of Second World War hero CPO Max Bernays, whose name was recently assigned to an upcoming Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship.

Nearly 73 years have passed since the sailor courageously took the helm of HMCS Assiniboine while it was overcome with enemy fire and flames.

"It was such an amazing experience to be on *HMCS Vancouver* and honouring my father-in-law," said Marilyn Bernays, the daughter-in-law of CPO Bernays. "The children really got an education of life on a navy ship. They all knew their 'grandpy' was in the navy, but now they can really relate."

The day sail was another opportunity for the navy to celebrate CPO Bernays' legacy and show their appreciation to the family.

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After being piped aboard and officially welcomed by Cdr Clive Butler, the Bernays family were given VIP status for their guided tour of the ship by CPO2 John Haggis.

"When the ship's coxswain said he was looking for a volunteer to show the Bernays family the ship, I stepped up right away," said CPO2 Haggis. "I am the oldest salt on board this ship and it was truly an honour for me to show them around."

He saved the biggest surprise during a tour of the ship's bridge when he allowed CPO Bernays' great grandson, 11-year-old Max Thompson to take control of the ship's helm.

"I was so surprised when it happened," said Thompson. "I really wasn't expecting to take command of the ship. It was awesome."

Marilyn Bernays concluded she and the rest of the family were "thrilled" with a chance to take part in the day sail when contacted by CPO1 Picard.









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Minor warships head North for Op Nanook

Rachel Lallouz Staff Writer

On Tuesday, HMCS Nanaimo and HMCS Saskatoon left the shelter of Esquimalt Harbour for six weeks of work in the ice laden waters of the Arctic.

The two ships will make the 3,500 mile journey to Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories for the annual Operation Nanook, where they will conduct surveillance and presence activities in the area.

Operation Nanook is the Canadian Armed Force's largest annual northern training and sovereignty activity, working alongside other government departments to establish a visible federal presence in our northern communities.

This year's operation marks the first deployment north of the 60th paral-lel for a Pacific Fleet ship since HMCS Cedarwood in 1949.

"This particular Operation Nanook is special," says Lieutenant-Commander Brad Henderson, Commanding Officer of *Saskatoon*. "In the past, ships participating in Operation Nanook left from the East Coast, so this is the first time we are entering the Arctic from the West."

The operation will help to prepare the stage for more extensive operations to be conducted in the future by Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships. Training in the northern environment is anticipated to iron out logistical and operating challenges posed by remoteness and harsher

environmental conditions amount of ice when we're in the North. The exercise will also

play a key role in establishing a federal presence in Canada's northern communities, which LCdr Jeff Hopkins, Commanding Officer of *Nanaimo*, says is integral to supporting Canada's Northern Strategy. "But apart from that,

we'll be providing valuable operating time for our sailors in a more challenging environment," says LCdr Hopkins.

Nanaimo's crew will operate a towed side-scan sonar system, which will capture high definition images below the water. The device is used to efficiently create an image of large areas of the sea floor.

Once in the Arctic, Saskatoon will help recover hydrophone arrays left by scientists off Banks Island. Saskatoon will use a Bottom **Object** Inspection Vehicle (BOIV) to recover the arrays, which has cameras and robotic arm capable of manipulating objects underwater.

Henderson's LCdr ship will bring three divers from the Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) to operate the BOIV, which will also be used to conduct surveillance of underwater topography.

To prepare for Operation Nanook, the commanders of both ships familiarized themselves with the environmental conditions of the Arctic. But they aren't too worried – August up north is similar to a Victoria winter, with temperatures ranging from five to 10 degrees Celsius.

"There will be the least

up there," says LCdr Henderson. "The ice will lock up on the shoreline in October. But we're still making sure we understand ice, how to operate in it, how to navigate through it, and the limitations that it can bring."

In terms of supplying the ship with goods and fuel, LCdr Henderson says there's isn't a big difference fueling the ship and stocking it with food and provisions than any other deployment, and with the moderate weather conditions, all gear needed for the crew falls under the standard scale of issue.



Image by Rachel Lallouz, Lookout Commanding Officer of HMCS Nanaimo LCdr Jeff Hopkins reviews an electronic map on board the ship's bridge in preparation for Operation Nanook.







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"The one thing we do is try to take on more rations than we normally would to ensure we won't have to rely on Northern supply chains," says LCdr Hopkins. Other factors each ship is keeping in mind are the distance from shore to ship in Tuktoyaktuk. Extensive shallows mean the closest the ships will get to port is 10 miles, making for long

lines of transit. "The novelty of the Arctic is huge, and getting to operate that far North is rare. As the first ships from the West Coast heading up in roughly 60 years, we're looking forward to the challenge," says LCdr Hopkins.



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SLt Gillian Herlinger,

MARS Officer



cise, taking the helm in a new territory through the ice, and getting to see the wildlife.

> AB Eric Arabia, Boatswain



I'm excited to see icebergs for the first time, and for getting to work with this crew.

AB Bhupinder Jhagg, Naval Communicator



While visiting HMCS Nanaimo and HMCS Saskatoon, Lookout posed this question:

What are you most excited to do or see while in the Arctic on Operation Nanook?

time opportunity to see the Arctic!

LS Ryan Mclean,

Boatswain



I'm excited to go up to an isolated part of the world where not many people visit.

> LS Dino Larizza, Marine Engineering Systems Operator

Local win means national play for Pacific Region Champs

Lt(N) Antony Carter Contributor

The men's 2015 Pacific Region Soccer Championship was held at CFB Esquimalt from July 20 to 23. The men's soccer teams from 19 Wing Comox and CFB Esquimalt played a best-of-three series to determine which team would represent the Pacific Region at the men's National Soccer Championship held at CFB Borden in the Fall.

The tournament kicked off with introductory remarks by Capt(N) Steve Waddell, CFB Esquimalt Base Commander, who then performed the ceremonial "first kick" after the playing of the National anthem.

Game one was a physical game for both teams. The Esquimalt team struck first through LS Callan Power. This goal swung the momentum heavily in favor of the Esquimalt Tritons as they went on to score three more times through AB Asselin, a second from LS Power, and a final goal from LS Harmati.

The game ended Esquimalt 4 - Comox 0. LS Power led the Esquimalt Tritons offensively and was awarded match MVP.

The Esquimalt team continued their winning streak in game two with a 3-1 victory over Comox. In a tight game, Esquimalt scored first through a penalty kick by Lt(N) Landon Zeeman.

Comox responded midway



Team photo of the 2015 Pacific Region Champions, which marks the fifth consecutive year for the Tritons.

alty kick of their own. At the end of

The team was able to build on the momentum gained through league play in the local Vancouver Island Soccer League during the winter months and the Victoria Summer Soccer League during the summer months. This year-round league play allows players to continually hone their skills and build their fitness while playing against local community teams in a competitive, fun league.

For those players interested in playing for the base team, please contact team manager, Lt(N) Antony Carter.

Elders Gathering cutline correction:

Incorrect information appeared in the photo caption of our story on the Elders Gathering on Page 7, of Issue 30. Col David Awalt, Commanding Officer of 39 Canadian Group, was Brigade incorrectly identified as Lieutenant-Colonel. *Lookout* regrets the error.

Take Out



Region Champions. through the second half on a pen-

regulation, the game was tied 1-1.

In extra time, Esquimalt scored

on a stunning free kick to the top

left corner of the net courtesy of

LS Amos Ayodele rounded out

the scoring with a well-placed

shot to the bottom corner of the

goal. The goalkeeper for Comox

was awarded MVP of the game,

and Esquimalt's Lt(N) Landon

Zeeman was named Player of the

This victory marks Esquimalt's

fifth consecutive year as Pacific

Lt(N) Christian Walsh.

Tournament.



Wynne Campbell Contributor

"Brutal, Mad, Xciting!" blared one newspaper headline after the 2012 summer Olympic men's quarter-finals in BMX racing resulted in 10 crashes involving 21 riders.

But that's not how members of the Greater Victoria BMX Association would describe their local version of the sport. Speaking with some of the civilian and military members of the club, the words you hear are inclusive, friendly, family-oriented and fun.

Yes, there are similarities between local racing and the extreme event.

While elite tracks rampup the level of difficulty, all tracks share the same basic features. They're about 1,000 feet long with an elevated start gate, banked switchback turns, and straights that present a variety of obstacles - hills, really - for riders to pedal over, "manual" on one wheel, or jump.

Each track also has a 'rhythm section," a close ly spaced series of small hills, or "rollers," designed to develop pumping skills. It's a compact course that demands riders use a whole repertoire of cycling techniques, all in the 30 to 40 seconds it takes to race one lap.

"It's just a great place for kids to learn, to be confident riders on their bikes, which translates to

commuting on the road or to any other cycling discipline. And they can learn these skills in a controlled environment," says Cam Smith, President of Greater Victoria BMX and storesman within the Environmental Materials Section of Base Logistics at CFB Esquimalt. "Even friends of mine who race bikes and know bikes can't believe how proficient our kids are at riding."

It's no surprise, he adds, that Sir Chris Hoy, one of Britain's most decorated track cyclists started in BMX racing, as did mountain-biking champion Anne-Caroline Chausson, who returned to BMX for the sport's debut in the 2008 Olympics, winning gold for France.

Greater Victoria BMX has produced its own share of top riders, including Brandon Reid, a member of Canada's 2015 National BMX Team. The Church family is on its second generation of champions: mom Kathleen rode for Team Canada at the World Championships in Whistler, B.C., in 1985,

novice. Just by watching him, I got hooked." Riding on practice nights was a slippery slope; once Parkinson was ID' d as a new recruit, it wasn't long before other riders in his age group had persuaded him to race. SLt Gillian Herlinger

and now her 10-year-

ranks number one in her

Canadian National Age

Passing the torch to the

young isn't what makes

Victoria BMX racing

unique; however, what's

surprising is how often the

passion to ride transfers

As Ian Parkinson, a civil-

ian shipwright/joiner at

CFB Esquimalt, explains

it, "My son, Gavin, is a seven-year-old intermedi-

ate, and I'm a 37-year-old

the other way.

daughter, Janel,

old

Group.

tells a similar story. Her son Ian was five when he started riding at the track. "I came out a couple of

nights and watched him and thought, 'This looks like a lot of fun. I'm going to try it out!"

That was four years go and SLt Herlinger a MARS officer, is still willing to endure the Colwood crawl to ride BMX two or three times a week during the summer.

Even for parents who don't ride, there's a sense of community that keeps them at the track. Matthew Taylor, a naval communicator, doesn't ride often now that Theron, his 14-year-old

CHECK OUT THE ACTION

Greater Victoria BMX, located behind the Q Centre arena, has over 200 members, ranging from toddlers to those near retirement. Spectators and new riders are welcome any time - check the track schedule at www.victoriabmx.ca - and one weekend not to miss is Aug. 7-9.

Friday, Aug.7 is Hot August Race Night a double-point race that will bring riders from other Island tracks.

Saturday, Aug. 8 is the annual Race for Life, with all race proceeds going to the B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation for research into childhood leukemia.

Sunday, Aug. 9, Victoria BMX will host a DK Gold Cup Qualifier race for riders looking to place in the 2015 USA BMX and BMX Canada final.

son, trains with a team, but he still makes it out to most practices.

"This is something we do twice a week. I see all the same parents, all the same kids, so I think what happens is you start to form those bonds. And you're always engaged with something. Whether you're helping out on the track, or at the concession stand or helping fix a bike, you're always involved,"

That element has been especially important for SLt Herlinger since her son has Bardet-Biedl syndrome, a rare disorder that affects gross motor skills. For a time, he was also afflicted with Legg-Perthes disease, which caused him significant hip pain. The result was that Ian rode a strider bike until he was almost seven

years old, pushing up the hills with his one good leg.

"By the beginning of the season when he was seven, his hip was getting better, and he had to re-learn how to ride his bike. Some of the kids at BMX worked with him and re-taught him how to ride. He's nine now and still challenged by riding a bike, but it's been such an inclusive, helpful environment."

Is BMX like the 2012 Summer Olympics characterization: brutal and mad? No. But it is "Xciting!"

"I've got to say that the thing I like best about BMX is the actual 'doing' of it. It's like riding a roller coaster under your own power," says SLt Herlinger. "I mean, all the camaraderie, all the family, all the inclusiveness is great, but it's just downright fun."





Charges laid against commanding officer

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The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS) has charged a member of the Canadian Armed Forces with multiple sex-related offences including an offence related to Breach of Trust by a Public Officer, all pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada. Lieutenant-Colonel

Lieutenant-Colonel Mason Stalker, 40, and Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Edmonton, AB, has been charged with:

• three counts of Sexual Assault in accordance with Section 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada;

• four counts of Sexual Exploitation in accordance with Section 153 of the Criminal Code of Canada;

- one count of Sexual Interference in accordance with Section 151 of the Criminal Code of Canada;
- one count of Invitation to Sexual Touching in accordance with Section 152 of the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- one count of Breach of Trust by a Public Officer in accordance with Section 122 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

This CFNIS investigation concerns a series of historical incidents that involve offences alleged to have occurred from 1998 to 2007 in Edmonton, AB, while the member was involved as a mentor with a local army cadet corps.

"These are serious and significant charges under the Criminal Code of Canada," said Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Bolduc. Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service. "Regardless of a member's rank and role in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service works diligently and independently from the Canadian Armed Forces chain of command to protect individuals from those who violate the law."

If anyone has knowledge related to this investigation, they are asked to contact the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service Western Region tip line at: 1-877-233-6066.

CAF member assists victims of accident

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

First aid training was crucial for CPO1 Alan McNaul and off-duty RCMP officer Victor Cunha in helping victims of a fourvehicle accident on the Pat Bay Highway, Tuesday July 28.

The two were travelling together northbound on the highway at 6:45 p.m. when they came across the accident at the intersection of East Saanich Road.

"There was severe damage to two of the vehicles and smoke coming from the truck," says CPO1 McNaul, Coxswain in *HMCS Regina*. "I attended the injured man in the truck and my friend helped the injured woman in the vehicle."

Central Saanich Police confirmed a man in his late 40s was driving north on the highway when he hit a traffic sign and then collided with a vehicle waiting to turn left onto East Saanich Road, sending that vehicle spinning out of control and into oncoming traffic causing a chain reaction collision with two other vehicles.

"My victim was bleeding badly from a facial injury, and his lower lip was split in half to the bone from lip to chin," said CPO1 McNaul. "I found something in the vehicle to apply pressure to the wounds and assessed his injuries. He was fairly coherent at times, but did not know what had happened."

Police say the driver of the vehicle that initiated the collision did not stop and continued north to Sidney where he struck one more vehicle on Beacon Avenue before coming to a stop.

Three of the drivers involved were taken to hospital, one with a bone fracture and two with less serious injuries.

"This wouldn't be the first time a member of the Canadian Forces has come to our aid," said Les Sylven, Chief of Central Saanich Police Service. "It's good to know when there are citizens out there who are trained for emergency situations, and when they come upon an accident like this they will help even when it's not convenient for them."

Upon hearing the news, the new Maritime Forces Pacific Commander, was quick to comment.

"My sincere congratulations to both CPO1 McNaul and Mr. Cunha for being true good Samaritans," said RAdm Gilles Couturier. "Their disregard for their own personal safety and their sense of the need to help people in need were key. It is nice to see that both of their emergency training kicked in and provided them with the skills to help the people in distress."



Pan Am games hit the mark for local marksman

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

He didn't win any medals at the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, but his overall experience was golden says Capt Mark Hynes of Maritime Forces Pacific headquarters, and elite marksmen with a pistol.

The energy, anticipation and thunderous roar of the crowd as he walked out with the Canadian team for the Opening Ceremonies at the Rogers Centre is a memory he will never forget.

"It was a huge deal; you walk out of the tunnel [at the stadium] and everyone is cheering you on, waving flags, and the flash bulbs of hundreds of cameras are going off," he says. "That was the biggest crowd I have ever been in front of and I just enjoyed the moment."

Canada pulled off a record medal haul at this year's games, winning 217 medals, including 78 gold medals, finishing in second place behind the United States. In the shooting competition Canada's team finished in third place with three gold medals and one bronze.

Capt Hynes had a disappointing performance in the 10m Air pistol qualifying competition, finishing 25^{th} in a field of 31; however, in the 50m pistol qualifying competition he posted an impressive 12^{th} place finish amongst a field of 26 competitors, his best ever at a major international event.

He had missed out on a top eighth finish and spot in the final by just three points. The near-miss in the 50m was even more exasperating, says Capt Hynes, because the competition also served as a qualifier for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

"I knew I had the ability to be in the finals. It was so close and a little disappointing. There were several former Olympians I managed to beat, and those who qualified in the finals of the 50m competition weren't light years ahead of me." The Pan Am shooting competition, held north of Toronto in Innisfil, ON, didn't receive much television coverage. So Capt Hynes' co-workers tracked his progress on the Internet.

"Just seeing him get there and represent us at the Pan Am Games made us so proud," said Capt James Eke.

His father Ray Hynes travelled from Newfoundland to cheer for him and the rest of Canada's shooting team. The senior Hynes, a former RCMP officer and competitive target shooter, introduced his son to the sport as a youth, and also coached him in the 1991 Canada Games air pistol competition.

Despite his natural ability as a marksman, Capt Hynes walked away from competitive shooting in 1999, shortly after joining the Canadian Armed Forces. Being away from the shooting range was hard; he eventually resumed the sport in 2008 with Canada's CISM (Counseil International de Sport Militaire] military shooting team.

"It was all about finding the time to train, and a location," says Capt Hynes. "My deployments and other work just kept me really busy. However, I had the itch and desire to get back into it."

Since his return to shooting, he has competed in the Military World Games and represented Canada as a civilian at two World Cups, two Continental Championships, and the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. He is also a member of the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club.

He is now busy practicing for his next competition, the National Pistol Championships in Camrose, AB, from Aug. 7 to 14.







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Soldier, cancer survivor tackles bike ride

Officer Duane Bailey is tackling the second biggest challenge of his life when he cycles more than 200 kilometres in two days for the Ride to Conquer

defeating colon

"I'm a colon cancer survivor, and this year I decided to do the ride in support of myself and a few others I know who have this horrible dis-

From Aug. 29 to 30, WO Bailey, accompanied by PO1 Patricia King and Capt Gary Levesque, will cycle between five and six hours a day from Vancouver to Seattle alongside upwards of 2,000 other participants.

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For me, it's a really personal ride because of what I've gone through. I just think about how many people are affected by this terrible disease nowadays.

WO Duane Bailey

Surgery to treat his 2013 cancer diagnosis kept him from saddling up for the ride last year.

"For me, it's a really personal ride because of what I've gone through," says WO Bailey. "I just think about how many people are affected by this terrible disease nowadays."

He is half way to \$2,500 monetary goal, something all riders need to meet. Money raised by participants is donated to the B.C. Cancer Foundation.

"Apart from raising money, the ride will be an opportunity for me to reflect on what has happened and to give back to the B.C. Cancer Foundation," says WO Bailey.

On day one, cyclists will follow a route out of metropolitan Vancouver to the border, and then along hilly roads that wind through lush valleys and farmlands. Cancer survivors can don a flag from their bike that identifies them from the crowd of riders. WO Bailey will have one on his bike.

Their sleepover night will be spent under the stars at the Skagit County Fairground in Mount Vernon, Washington. Present at the campsite will be entertainment, doctors, massage therapists, and food.

On day two, the throngs of cyclists will ride down country roads through coniferous forest to the Seattle finish line.

To prepare, WO Bailey has been cycling to and from work almost every day – a 40-kilometre-aday feat - plus longer rides on the weekends.

"I think patience is something I have learned being in the military that will really help," says WO Bailey, a Traffic Technician with 34 years in the military. "It will allow me to stay focused on my ride."

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HarbourCats pitch appreciation to cadets

Capt Cheryl Major RCSU(P)

The Victoria HarbourCats baseball team hosted a Cadet Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 26 at Royal Athletic Park, providing free tickets for almost 400 cadets and staff from Albert Head Cadet Training Centre.

The cadets were from across Western Canada, and for many this was their only opportunity to see sport played at this level.

"The Cadet Program is a great organization for youth that makes a difference in communities. These cadets are always professional and we were happy to welcome them into our park to give them an experience they can't get anywhere else," said Jim Swanson, co-owner and General Manager of the Victoria HarbourCats.

Their 90-piece combined cadet band impressed the crowd with their version of "Uptown Funk"; then they opened the game with the U.S. and Canadian national anthems, both sung by cadet Faith Bage from Winnipeg, MB.

Cadet Krista Thorn from Mission, B.C., stepped up to the mound to throw the first pitch of the game; she is attending the Drill and Ceremonial Instructor Course at Albert Head.

The game was rained out shortly after it began, but cadets enjoyed free hot dogs from Maple Leaf Foods and had a chance to meet players from the HarbourCats and Walla Walla Sweets teams.

Players were happy to sign uniform parts and even pretended to interview some of the cadets to learn what they were all about.

The HarbourCats are one



Cadets had a chance to meet the players and get autographs during the rain storm.

of only two collegiate-level teams in Canada. Many players on the team have already been recruited by professional clubs but chose to pursue education first, mostly at U.S. schools on scholarship, with another chance at being a draft pick once they finish college. The players are host-

ed with families in Victoria and play a gruelling 63 games in the 70 day summer season.

The Victoria HarbourCats also host Forces Friday games each season where Canadian Armed Forces members and their families can enjoy a game for only \$5 each.



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Winnipeg integrates with NATO allies

SLt Jamie Tobin HMCS Winnipeg

preparations, and many personnel and Winnipeg officially joined Standing Commanding Officer of Winnipeg. NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2) in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, July 15.

Winnipeg joined the task group as commitment to NATO assurance mea- as Spanish Ship (SPS) Cantabria and SPS Mallorca marks the start of our efforts as necessary support to our NATO Allies.

sures in Central and Eastern Europe.

equipment related challenges, HMCS Commander (Cdr) Pascal Belhumeur, tours to local residents and tourists. While in Palma de Mallorca, *Winnipeg's* the international SNMG2 ships that we NATO task group. SNMG2 is now in crew and command team met with will be working with," said Rear-Admiral the Mediterranean Sea conducting fleet SNMG2 Command (flag) ship, Federal (RAdm) Jorg Klein, Commander of integration training to build team cohe-

'one with the strength of many' and I Hamburg crew hosted the task group's coming months.' After months of trials, high-readiness am proud to say that Winnipeg's strength first diplomatic engagement event, and Each ship sailed into Palma harbour on

"It was an honour to meet with all of as a well-disciplined and professional part of Operation Reassurance, Canada's German Ship (FGS) Hamburg, as well SNMG2. "Our assembly in Palma de

Santa Maria for the first time. In addi- a team and I am certain that our working "Our team lives by the ship's motto tion to holding planning meetings, FGS relationships will grow stronger over the

now extends to our NATO allies," said all SNMG2 ships were open for public July 15 as individual units, and on July 20, SNMG2 sailed out of Palma harbour siveness and they stand ready to provide

















Share memories with Royal Roads

Royal Roads University

What does a Korean War veteran, a former member of Parliament, and a second-generation Royal Roads alumna have in common?

They all have a lifechanging story about their time at Royal Roads.

As part of Royal Roads' 75th anniversary celebrations, the university is calling on alumni, ex-cadets, faculty, staff and community members to share their memories and personal stories of Royal Roads.

For 55 years, Royal Roads served as a training institution for military officers. Originally opened to train naval reserve officers for service in the Second World War, it expanded to provide an academic and military education for all three military services. In 1995, Royal Roads University opened its doors as a public applied research



university.

Today, that legacy is reflected in the stories of the people of Royal Roads. "The story of Royal Roads has many authors," says Katharine Harrold, Royal Roads Vicepresident Communications and Advancement. "Our 75-year history is a constellation of individual stories and life-changing moments experienced by people who have lived, worked and studied here."

The Royal Roads Changing Lives Story Project is accepting written or recorded submissions until Oct. 15, 2015, when a prize will be awarded to a randomly-selected participant.

Stories can be share directly online: changinglives.royalroads.ca Email:stories@royalroads.ca Phone: 250.391.2600 ext. 8540

Roval Roads University, a public university established in 1995, offers a progressive model of post-secondary education, delivering applied and professional programs through the faculties of management and social and applied sciences. The university offers its students a unique blended learning experience, combining online and on-campus instruction, as well as full time intensive on-campus instruction in undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, certificates and diplomas. It also offers progressive executive, custom and continuing studies programs.

Cigarette-caused fires preventable

Over the past 10 years, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) fire departments have responded to nearly 300 structure fires that were determined to be cigarette-caused.

Fires caused by careless disposal of smoking material continues to be a leading cause of fires, both inside and outside of the home.

Cigarettes disposed in planter boxes or in an improper receptacle can smolder and spread to your home and your neighbour's home.

These fires represent more than \$3.4 million in fire loss. A study conducted by the Canadian Forces Fire Marshal (CFFM) office indicates that 14.5 per cent of fires and more than \$1 million in public money loss are now related to improper disposal of smoking material, more commonly cigarettes.

Additional data from the CFFM office shows that 72 per cent of cigarette fires at residential properties originate outside, and nearly one in four of these become structure fires, which extend to the inside of homes. Safety and Prevention Tips:

Smoke in areas away from things that burn, such as potted plants, combustible vegetation and planters.

- Safely dispose of cigarette butts in a noncombustible container filled with water or sand.
- Never empty smoking material directly into a trash can.
- Place ashtrays or metal cans away from anything that can burn.
- Develop guidelines for smoking on your property and enforce them.
- Provide designated smoking areas and suitable disposal containers.
- Consider no-smoking policies.
- Be alert and investigate unusual smoke smells.
- Take an active role in ensuring smoking safety, whether you smoke or not.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Remind those who use home oxygen not to smoke.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Develop and practice a plan to escape your home.



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Sharkz Coins expands to Esquimalt store front

Rachel Lallouz Staff Writer

After almost nine years working out of their home office, coin and sign designers Chris and Helen Edley have finally opened a brick and mortar operation.

Located on the ground floor at #101 - 1245 Esquimalt Road, the new Sharkz Store is a sleek, modern storefront space with their specially designed coins artfully on display in a black velvet-lined glass case. Dangling from the artfully logoed glass window

are large mobile coins; more I understand the history, samples of their work line the walls inside.

Esquimalt seemed like the best location because CFB Esquimalt is one of their major coin clients, says the couple.

As a retired naval officer, Chris says the 14 years he spent in the military as a Marine Engineer Officer provides the understanding and knowledge needed to satisfy a military client.

"My connection to the navy really helps when people aren't sure what to put on their coins," he says. "But the terminology, the language, and the rank structure because I'm part of it."

The two began coin designing in 2006 after volunteering to create a coin to commemorate the British Columbia Geocaching Association, of which they are active members. Chris, who took over his father's sign making business, found designing and producing coins to be a natural step from designing signs.

A number of their designs are for "geocoins" - collectible coins that are hidden in geocache containers around the world to be hunted and found. Coins, or "trackables", are engraved with a metal tracking number and have art chosen by geocachers or a business. They are then activated and placed in a geocache to begin their adventures. Users can trace the travels of their coins and trackables online.

The Edley's employ five people to carry out the process of coin and sign design and managing manufacturing.

"People will come to us with an idea or image sketched on a piece of napkin, even a written description, word file, or PowerPoint," says Chris. "They might give us specific images, ideas, or symbols they want included, like mountains, or a certain crest or type of ship or airplane."

Chris works with his staff graphic designer Monique to draw up a sample coin for the client.

Designs may include colored portions and can be raised to create a two or three dimensional effect. The art is then sent to a factory to cut dies, stamp, paint

and plate the coins.

Liquid paint, applied by hand with a syringe, is painted onto the coin before being fired. Coins can be produced upwards in the hundreds, to commemorate an event such as a ship's commissioning, a mission, or simply for a unit kit shop or a school.

"The whole process embodies pride in the product. We take the same pride in making them as our clients' later feel when handing them out," says Helen. "They are our business cards. If they don't look great, we aren't happy."





Cdr Geoffrey Everts presented several awards to members at Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters on July 27.

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Lt(N) Blume (right) receives the Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service.



LCdr Lahay (right) receives the pewter Sea Service Insignia.



Lt(N) Monsour (right) receives the pewter Sea Service Insignia.



Lt(N) St. Aubin (right) receives the pewter Sea Service Insignia.



Lt(N) Joiner (right) receives the pewter Sea Service Insignia.



Image by Cpl Brandon O'Connell, MARPAC Imaging Services LS Joseph Brown receives the Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces from LCdr Colleen O'Brien, Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters Acting Commanding Officer.



Image by Cpl Brandon O'Connell, MARPAC Imaging Services AB Shawn Snow is promoted to Leading Seaman by LCdr O'Brien and Lt(N) Esther Nightingale.



Image by Cpl Brandon O'Connell, MARPAC Imaging Services Aviator (Avr) Desrochers is promoted to Corporal Cpl by LCdr O'Brien and WO Wayne Donner.





Image by LS Zachariah Stopa, MARPAC Imaging Services Left to right: LCdr Landon Creasy, Incoming Commanding Officer; Capt(N) James Clarke, Reviewing Officer; and LCdr Lawrence Moraal, Outgoing Commanding Officer, sign certificates during HMCS Brandon's Change of Command Ceremony on July 27.

Cadet Camp awards





Above: Maj Ken Prince presents Cadet William Credicott with his award as the Best Cadet in 23 Platoon during the first Intake of the Basic Expedition Course after the Graduation Parade for the first intake of Basic Training cadets at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre.

Left: Private Trained McKay receives his promotion from LCol Johnston, Commanding Officer of Albert Head Cadet Training Centre, assisted by Maj Christian Borland.



LS Kevin McGall is promoted to Master Seaman on board PCT Moose by Commanding Officer, LCdr Richard Cobb, and Coxswain CPO2 David Bisal.

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MS Aird is promoted to her current rank by BIS Commanding Officer Cdr Byron Derby and and Capt Mark MacFaddyen.



MS Charpentier is promoted to his current rank by Cdr Derby and and Capt MacFaddyen.



MS Clarke is promoted to his current rank by Cdr Derby and and Capt MacFaddyen.



PO2 Cantwell is promoted to his current rank by Cdr Derby and Capt Magagnin.



Primary Leadership Qualification Course Graduation

Reviewing Officer, MGen Eric Tremblay, presented graduation certificates and special guests presented achievement awards to students from the Primary Leadership Course (PLQ) 0061 on July 28. Images by Cpl Blaine Sewell MARPAC Imaging Services



MS D. B. Block (right) receives the MS M. Van Delft (right) receives the course 0061 Top Student Award from the Chief and Petty Officers' Association representative, Dale Crewe.



PLQ course 0061 Drill Award from **CPO2** Scalabrini.



MS A.P. Fisher (right) receives the LS P. Wong (right) receives his Formation Chief Petty Officer's Award for displaying leadership and integrity, as voted by his peers from CPO1 Mike Feltham.



Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate from MGen Tremblay.



MCpl T. Bauder receives her Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



Cpl M. A. Belmonte receives his MS J. S. Bonneville receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS K. Braithwaite receives her Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



Cpl V. S. Clarion receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS B. Dagar-Magnan receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS M. J. Francoeur receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



Cpl R. P. C. French receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS J. L. Helpard receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



MS M. Kim receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS D. Merlo receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



MS J. Nadeau receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



LS A. J. C. Nicholson receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



MS R. Pittet receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



MS D. Spiker receives his Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.



MS D. St-Jacques receives her Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation certificate.

CFAD Rocky Point Change of Command and award presentations





Images by Cpl Blaine Sewell MARPAC Imaging Services **Above:** Outgoing Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Rocky Point (CFAD), LCdr Chenney (left), signs over command to Maj Rioux (right), while Col Tattersall (centre), Commander Material Support Group, oversees the Change of Command ceremony at CFAD Rocky Point on July 23.

Left: LCdr Chenney (left) receives a CFAD Rocky Point Service Plaque from Amy Markham on behalf of all employees at CFAD.



Ted Davies (centre) receives the Canadian Joint Operational Command Commander's Commendation on behalf of Al Carter from Col Tattersall, Commander Canadian Material Support Group (left), and CWO Cartier (right).



Drew Natland (centre) receives the certificate of completion for the Civilian Ammunition Technician level 3 course from Colonel Tattersall, Commander Canadian Material Support Group (left), and CWO Cartier (right).



Base Administration promotions

Left: MCpl Robyn Lalonde is presented with her current rank from Cdr J.W. Golden and MWO M.W. Dankwerth.

Right: MCpl Colin McGregor is presented with his current rank from Base Adminstration Officer, Cdr J.W. Golden and MWO M.W. Dankwerth, BOR Supervisor.









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