

The crew of HMCS Ottawa prepare to recover the ship's Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) as the slipping party climbs onboard just outside Esquimalt Harbour Jan. 16. It was the first time since the Halifax Class Modernization upgrade that the ship has gone to sea. Read the full story on page 10.



#### **Winnipeg changes hands**

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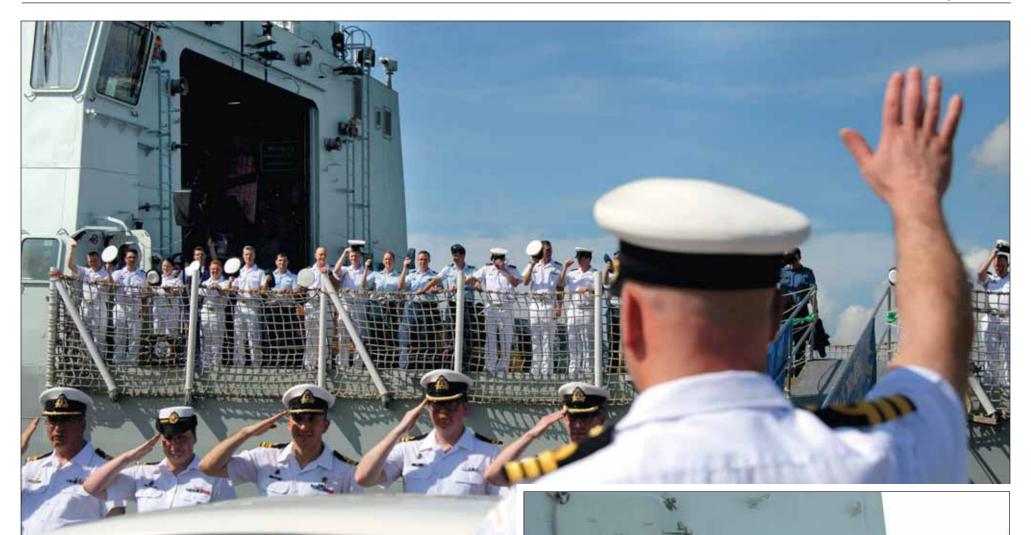
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# Winnipeg changes Captains while on deployment

#### **SLt Jamie Tobin HMCS** Winnipeg

After more than two and half years at the helm of one of the Royal Canadian Navy's forward deployed ships, Commander Pascal Belhumeur turned over command of HMCS Winnipeg to Cdr J. Jeffrey Hutchinson on Jan. 18.

The ceremony took place on the ship's flight deck under the hot Penang, Malaysia, sun and was presided over by Commodore J.B. Zwick, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific.

The ship's company stood on parade to bid farewell to Cdr Belhumeur, who was Operation Reassurance Cdr Belhumeur by man-

joined by his wife Karen and two children for his final day in command.

"This is a great crew and I owe my success to them," said Cdr Belhumeur. "We brought this ship from its mid-life refit and took it on the journey to highreadiness before embarking on a successful operational deployment. This would not have been possible without the support of this incredible team."

Cdr Belhumeur assumed command of Winnipeg July 2, 2013, and led the crew through modernized Halifax-class frigate training and the tiered readiness program before deploying on June 15, 2015.

Cdr Hutchinson was joined by his wife Jin for his first day in command of Winnipeg, and as he took the watch the incoming Commanding Officer made his intentions very clear.

"Our mission is to get Winnipeg safely back to Esquimalt so that we can reunite the crew with their families. Husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters have been waiting for the ship's return for more than seven months and it is time to go home," said Cdr Hutchinson.

Following the service, the crew bid farewell to

ning the ship's port side and giving three cheers to him as he departed with his family.

Winnipeg will host strategic engagements during a few port stops throughout the Asia-Pacific region and is expected to arrive back in Esquimalt in late February.

Photos by LS Brian Bourassa, HMCS Winnipeg

Top: Cdr Pascal Belhumeur, the out-going Commanding Officer of HMCS Winnipeg, bids farewell to the ship's company as they man the ship's side following a Change of Command ceremony in Penang, Malaysia.

**Above:** Cdr Belhumeur turns over command to Commander Jeff Hutchinson at a Change of Command ceremony presided over by Commodore J.B. Zwick.





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# Galleys broaden payment options properties

**Rachel Lallouz** Staff Writer

By the end of February, galleys at Nelles, the Wardroom, Venture, and at the Damage Control School will offer a full range of payment options including cash, reloadable

As we've evolved, we've had a lot of customers from different organizations on base visit the galleys, resulting in more requests for debit and credit use.

PO2 Bill Cameron **Base Food Services**  at last - debit and credit cards.

This latest customer service improvement at Base Food Services offers the convenience of electronic payments for those who rarely carry cash or pay-asyou-go cards.

"As we've evolved, we've had a lot of customers from

pay-as-you-go cards, and different organizations on base visit the galleys, resulting in more requests for debit and credit use," savs Petty Officer First Class Bill Cameron, Base Food Services.

> The new debit and credit card systems have been on trial at Nelles Block since Jan. 20, as Base Food Services continues

to develop standard operating procedures for the additional work required to process the new transactions.

The Base Foods team are programming new terminals to accommodate credit and debit cards in the galleys, and are training galley staff on their use.

He still encourages military members and civilians to use the pay-as-you-go card, which can be loaded up with a chosen amount of funds and used at any of the galleys. The cards can be loaded at the Base Foods Administration Cell, Room 129 in Nelles Block, through Petty Officer Second Class Jason Auer.

PO1 Cameron would like to extend special thanks to Karen Kang, Base Accommodations Finance Clerk, and Master Corporal Vincenzo Agius-Mantello, who both helped to implement the new systems.







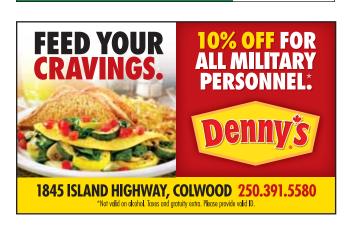
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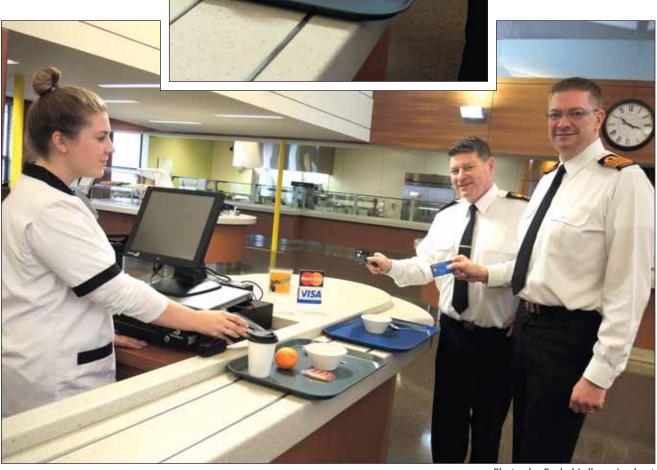
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Base Commander, Captain (N) Steve Waddell tries the new debit and credit card payment options at Nelles with the assistance of Food Service Attendant Leah Stewart. CPO1 Gino Spinelli, Base Chief Petty Officer, stands next in line.



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WHAT SAY YOU

# People Talk

Lookout asked this question: If you could assume the identity of any cartoon character who would you choose to be and why?



Wile E. Coyote because he bounces back from danger, never gets hurt or depressed despite everything that happens to him. Cpl Brent Grounds,



The Road Runner because he is quicker and always finds a clever way to avoid danger.

Byron Barry, Commissionaire, Military **Police Unit Esquimalt** 



Archimedes from The Sword in the Stone simply because he's so charming and intellectual and reminds me of myself.

OS Josh Audet, (Training) **MSEH Division** 



lessica Rabbit. It needs no explanation because she's good looking and never ages.

Ray Marcoux, CANEX Barbershop



Louise Belcher from Bob's Burgers because she's witty. fearless and never afraid to do anything.

Angela Smith, CANEX Barbershop



- 1. Who kicked the longest field goal in Super Bowl history?
- 2. Who is the only player to rush for three touchdowns in a Super Bowl
- 3. How many different languages is the Super Bowl broadcast in?
- Which two cities/regions have hosted the most Super Bowl games?
- 5. Name the only team to have won Super Bowls in four different decades.
- 6. Who is the only Canadian-born player to win Super Bowl MVP?
- Which team has won the most Super Bowls?

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- Who was the performer at the first Super Bowl halftime show to feature only one star performer?
- 9. In 2010, Super Bowl XLVI took-over the record for most-watched television program in history. Which television show did Super Bowl XLVI knock out of the top spot?
- 10. What trophy do the Super Bowl winners receive?
- 11. How many chicken wings are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday?
- 12. Which stadium has hosted the most Super Bowl games?
- 13. Which quarterback holds the record for most passes attempted in a Super Bowl game?
- 14. Which player has participated in the most Super Bowls?
- 15. The Super Bowl originated as an annual game between the champions of which two football organizations?
- 16. What was the date of the very first Super Bowl?
- 17. Why are roman numerals used in the Super Bowl?
- 18. How many Super Bowl games have gone into overtime play?
- 19. Which player has the most starts as a quarterback in Super Bowl games?
- 20. Which four teams have the most Super Bowl appearances?

Denver Broncos (eight Super Bowl appearances each).

- 20. The Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, and
- 19. Tom Brady (New England XXXVII, XXXIX, XLII, XLVI, XLIX) 18. No Super Bowl game has every gone into overtime play.
  - season falls in two calendar years.
- 17. Roman numerals are used, instead of the year, because the football
  - .16. January 15, 1967.

- 15. The National Football League (NFL) and the American Football League
- 14. Mike Lodish (Buffalo XXV, XXVII, XXVIII; Denver XXXII, XXXIII). 13. Jim Kelly (Buffalo vs. Washington, XXVI).
  - hosting seven Super Bowl games.
  - 12. The Louisiana/Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana,
- was named the Vince Lombardi Trophy following his death in 1970. five preceding NFL championships in 1961, 1962, and 1965. The trophy Bay Packers, who won the first two Super Bowl fames and three of the 10. The Vince Lombardi Trophy. It was named after the coach of the Green
  - 9. M\*A\*S\*H\*, which held the top spot for 27 years. local colleges or high schools.
- performer, Super Bowl halftime shows featured marching bands from Michael Jackson (Super Bowl XXVII in 1993). Prior to featuring one star cyampionships.
  - The Pittsburgh Steelers have won the most Super Bowls with six
    - Mark Rypien.
    - 5. The New York Giants (1986, 1990, 2007, and 2011 seasons). each. (Miami)
  - 4. South Florida metropolitan area and New Orleans, hosting 10 games

    - Terrell Davis (Denver vs. Green Bay, XXXII).
    - Steve Christie (Buffalo vs. Dallas, XXVIII).



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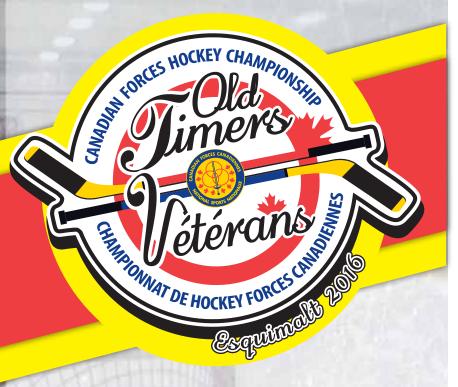
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Erin Bechamp of Canadian Blood Services draws blood from Cpl Olivier Dionne, line maintenance worker with Canadian Forces Service and Support Group, during a blood donor clinic at the Chief and Petty Officers' Mess, Monday, Jan. 18.

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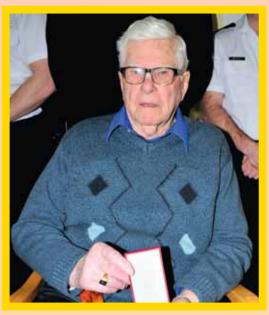




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Jack Porter (92): Jack joined the South Alberta Reserve Regiment at the age of 17. A Sergeant in charge of technical stores, he landed on the beaches of Normandy with supply trucks that supported the tanks.



**Ken Parton (93)**: Ken Served with the 8th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment through Holland, Belgium, Germany and France in a British Light Armoured Track Vehicle.



**Philip Jeffrey (94)**: A Leading Coxswain and part of the combined operations on D-Day, Jeffrey was with the 262 Landing Craft Infantry Flotilla on Landing Craft 250 that landed on Juno Beach, France.



**Geoff Lesueur (92)**: As a member of the 49th and 83rd Squadrons, he flew 48 missions from 1944 to 1945 as a rear tail gunner in a Lancaster bomber. His missions over France and Europe include D-Day and many Pathfinder flights.



Earl Clark (99): Earl served with No. 18 Company, Canadian Forestry Corp. A Polish ship ferried Clark and his company across the English Channel were they scrambled down from netting hanging from its hull to get to the landing craft that ran them to Juno Beach.



**Bill Capek (93):** Bill served with his regiment Lake Superior Scottish during the Normandy Invasion. His regiment went on to free the canals in Holland, and fought their way into Germany when peace was declared.

# France awards veterans with highest honour

**Peter Mallett** Staff Writer

Six Second World War veterans were awarded one of France's highest awards – the French Legion of Honour on Jan. 21.

At the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead, in a standing room only gathering, Jack Porter, 92, Bill Capek, 93, Ken Parton, 93, Geoff Lesueur, 92, Philip Jeffrey, 94, and the oldest of the six Earl Clark, 99, listened as O Canada and La Marseilles, the national anthem of France, played.

Then the four residents from the lodge and two (clients) from Veterans Health Centre were presented their medals by Cmdre Marla Mulkins, Commander Naval Reserves, and CPO1 Mike Feltham, Formation Chief. "By order of the President of the Republic of France you have been awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour," proclaimed Cmdre Mulkins on behalf of the French government. "This distinction, which is the highest national order of France, illustrates the profound gratitude that France would like to express, and is awarded in recognition of your personal involvement in the liberation of France during World War Two."

In 2014, French president Francois Hollande, on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, pledged that all servicemen who fought alongside France would receive the nation's highest honour.

It was well worth the wait says 92-year-old recipient Jack Porter, a member of the South Alberta Reserve Regiment who landed on the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day operation.

"Getting this award made me remember back and cry a little again," said Porter. "I was in the tank regiment; each day we lost people. We were under fire much of the time and it was horrific."

Porter's daughter, Kathy Dorval was equally moved by the occasion and said her grandfather's recollections of the war are still "very vivid."

"I know for my dad this award is very important for him and our entire family," said Dorval. "It's probably the point of his life that he remembers most. He doesn't talk about it a lot, but I know that he's proud of the role he played with the South Alberta."

The medal, a five-armed cross with a v-shaped cut out at the

end of each arm surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves, first came into existence following the French Revolution by the order of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.

After receiving the award, the veterans were congratulated by members of the Canadian Armed Forces in attendance. MS Brandon Ensom, who organizes a monthly trip from the base to Broadmead, says it's always a "humbling" experience for sailors, soldiers and airmen and airwomen to come out to meet with the veterans.

"There is no comparison to the level of danger they faced compared to what I do on a daily basis," said MS Ensom. "It's always humbling to come here and meet these people and put into perspective what they had to go through."







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#### **MFRC's new Veterans Family Program** supports medically released veterans

**Rachel Lallouz** Staff Writer

Military members who are medically releasing, and in need of support for themselves and their families in the transition to civilian life, can now turn to the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) for assistance.

The recently launched Veterans Family Program is a four-year pilot project that extends the services of the MFRC to meet the needs of veterans and their family members.

Any medically releasing military member or medically released veteran can use services at the MFRC for two years post-release, says Colleen Cahoon, Family Navigator Program Coordinator and Veteran Family Coordinator at the Esquimalt MFRC.

Once a member contacts their local MFRC, staff will work the family to assess their needs, provide assistance, and help direct the family to any appropriate community agencies.

The Veterans Family Program might provide

Transition out of the military may be challenging for some families in a way people might not have anticipated.

Colleen Cahoon, **Program Coordinator** 

counselling or emergency respite child care to one participant, or help another search for a family doctor. The program will also connect veterans with resources or other community programs, such as Living Life to the Full, a resiliency based program that helps people deal with everyday life challenges by learning better self-management skills.

"That transition (out of the military) may be challenging for some families and sometimes it's challenging in a way people might not have anticipated." says Cahoon. "This big life

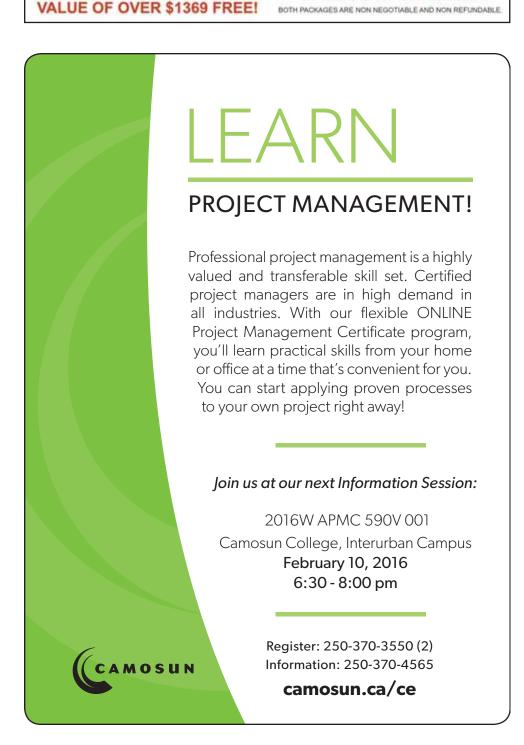
change adds a whole level of complexity to the lives of members and their families. By helping ease the member's transition, we can help both them and their family feel assisted throughout the journey."

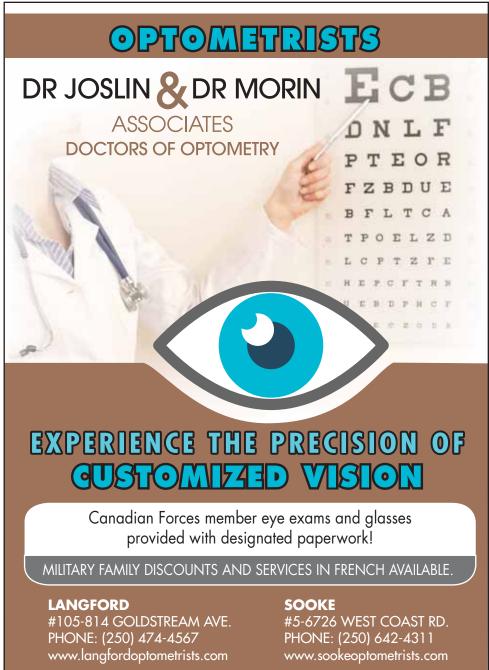
A newly released member can make use of the program for a maximum of two years. Anyone who has released since Nov. 30, 2014, onwards is eligible.

The four-year project is currently being implemented at CAF bases in Esquimalt, Edmonton, Shilo, North Bay, Trenton, Valcartier, and Halifax.

VAC and the CAF were aware that some veterans and their families were experiencing challenges during the release process," explains Cahoon. "As a result, VAC created a plan in conjunction with the Canadian Armed Forces to establish seven pilot sites at various bases to provide extra resources for medically releasing members and their families.'

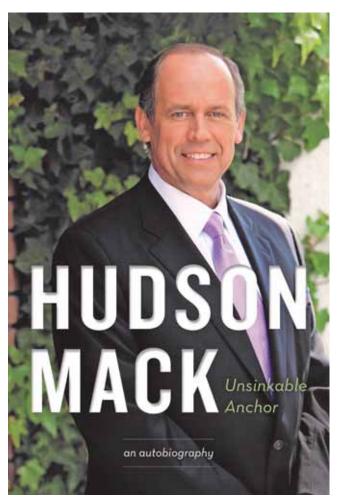
For more information on the program contact the Esquimalt MFRC at 250-363-2640.





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# **Hudson Mack releases autobiography**



**Peter Mallett**Staff Writer

Hudson Mack, best known as the face of TV news on Vancouver Island, has released his autobiography *Unsinkable Anchor*.

The new book fills the void for those missing the news anchor on the nightly news cast.

Released Oct. 3, 2015, by Harbour Publishing, *Unsinkable Anchor* traces the steps of the award-winning journalist from his early life in Calgary to his 34-year career in broadcasting, which saw stops in Kamloops, and Prince George before a 19-year run in Victoria with CHEK and A-Channel News (CTV).

Mack offers a nostalgic insider's view of small-town Canadian broadcasting from the 1960s and 70s to present day. He is able to keep the reader's attention by not focusing too much on the journalism and his personal

life, but instead recounts the more hilarious, embarrassing and monumental moments of his career.

One moment being Prince Philips's "awkward" interaction with Mack's wife Patty during Queen Elizabeth's visit to Victoria in 2002, part of the monarch's Golden Jubilee Tour of Canada.

Mack writes how meeting the Queen and emceeing a luncheon for Her Majesty and Prince Philip at the Fairmont Empress Hotel was one of the "biggest thrills" of his life. However, he still chuckles at what followed during a ceremony at the B.C. legislature, an incident he dubs the "Philip gaffe"

There were other interesting encounters with heads of state and world leaders including meeting former United States President George W. Bush at the White House in 2005, and emceeing a home-town

event with former president Bill Clinton in attendance the following year.

Mack also confesses to some hard lessons learned such as his on-air slip-up on CHEK in 1985. He proclaimed during a newscast that the best thing about his former hometown of Prince George was Highway 97 south.

The comments did not sit well with Prince George councillor Monica Becott.

While many quirky anecdotes made the final edit, Mack bemoans the cutting of some interesting passages about his Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel years.

In 2007, he assumed his ambassadorial role with 741 Communications Squadron until 2011. He was initially "floored" when he got word he had been selected for the position.

"The invitation for the position came out of the blue," Mack said. "I felt a bit like a fish out of water initially."

His father, Clarence Mack, had a lengthy career as a radio broadcaster, but had also worked at a Royal Canadian Air Force repair depot in Calgary during the Second World War and was a life-long member the Calgary Flying Club.

"Even though my dad was active in the service that was before I was born, I never had any military experience in life and this was all new to me," he explains.

His first engagement with the unit was very intimidating.

ing.
"Things like learning how to salute properly was basic, but was something I had to know for the job, and initially didn't. In the end, the people in the unit alleviated these concerns very quickly. They were so welcoming, helpful and understanding."

His first-ever experience with firearms also came along with his appointment and he will never forget the encouragement and support of many in the unit.

"I had no weapons background but there I was out on the rifle range firing away with the soldiers," he said.

Mack chalks it up to beginners luck, but says he ended up being "quite the marksman." He still has his Figure 11 Target from the Heals Rifle Range in Saanich, and his CAF badge as honorary marksman displayed in his home office.

He was so enamoured with his CAF involvement that he would wear his Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel uniform on the air for Remembrance Day broadcasts, and sport a red tie during his Friday broadcasts in honour of CAF members serving in Afghanistan.

He also won't forget the importance of the Royal Canadian Navy to the people of Victoria.

"The navy is such a critical part of the community of Victoria. It's part of the fabric of so many people's history and experiences here in town," he said.

A few years after his fouryear honorary role with the military was over, so was his on-air career.

Mack opens and closes *Unsinkable Anchor* with passages about his corporate downsizing experience at the hands of CTV executives in February 2014.

He says writing the book and being an instructor in the Professional Communication Program at Royal Roads University has filled his days and kept him busy. Writing *Unsinkable Anchor* has been a "therapeutic" process for him, helping him come to terms with his abrupt departure from the television studio.

"I hope people can take away from my book that even though I've taken some knocks, the real message in my writing is that you can carry on, keep looking up and the glass isn't half-empty. Its full and no matter what setbacks you may encounter the sun is coming every day."





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# BEAVER IS BACK IN THE WATE

#### **SLt Michael Donder**

**HMCS Ottawa** 

Last month, *HMCS Ottawa* achieved another significant milestone by breaking free of Esquimalt harbour, and setting sail after 25 months alongside undergoing its Halifaxclass Modernization / Frigate Life Extension upgrade.

The ship has gone through an extensive refit program placing it amongst the most capable modern warships in the world.

The ship came out of dry dock May 15, 2015, and in the months that followed, the crew worked tirelessly towards getting it back to sea.

From the onset, and having only cleared Scroggs Rocks, the team was put to the test.

In the ship's first week back at sea, the crew enlisted the help of Sea Training Pacific to facilitate the Restricted Readiness Inspections (RRIs), and certify the ship and crew safe at sea.

Sea Training staff tested and strengthened the crew's teamwork, fighting spirit and resolve.

As OS Halliwell, Hull Technician, put it, "We do all the training alongside, going to Damage Control School, but the best learning experience is to do it at sea on a ship."

The ship's company pulled through five long days of multiple and daily emergencies, and damage control exercises testing the various organizations, and learning to work as a team in the process. The crew also learned the value of building trust, which is a vital part of being an effective fighting force.

Following RRIs, Ottawa and crew took the Sea Acceptance Trials (SATs) head on, where all the ship's mechanical and combat systems are put through their paces to ensure their functionality and operation within the desired parameters. The purpose of these trials is to make sure that all of Ottawa's sensors and systems are optimized for peak performance, much the way an Olympic athlete fine tunes his or her skills and techniques for the fateful day when they will need to be put to the ultimate test.

The biggest part of that fine tuning process is the acclimatization of sailors from an alongside routine to an at-sea routine. OS Murphy, a Marine Engineering Mechanic, recalled how being alongside always had a sense of unpredictability, but being at sea means he does not have to worry about unexpected taskings, and he can fall into a comfortable routine.

Ottawa and crew visited the Emerald City on Jan. 22 – their first port visit after refit. The crew were given their first opportunity for rest and relaxation after two weeks at sea.

OS Wickman, a Naval Communicator onboard, summarized the sentiment of most on the ship's crew by saying, "RRIs really cemented my knowledge of emergency procedures at sea and I enjoyed the sundaes on Sunday, but there's nothing like coming along-side in Seattle as a welcomed break."

For some members of the ship's company this was their first opportunity to go to sea and their first foreign port visit. Nineteen people in total gained their sea legs onboard Ottawa, and this was recognized in the hands-

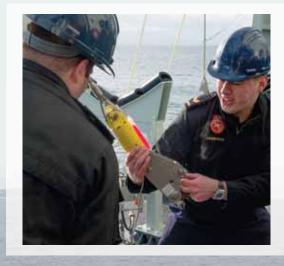
fall-in ceremony on the flight deck alongside in Seattle, where certificates were presented to acknowledge their first experience at sea. Among those members was OS Gallant, also a Hull Technician, who took the opportunity to get the most of out of Seattle. Having been on duty on Friday, he wasted no time going down early Saturday morning to the Pike Place market to see the world famous fish tossing, enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from the world's first Starbucks, and finishing his day with a trip to the EMP museum.

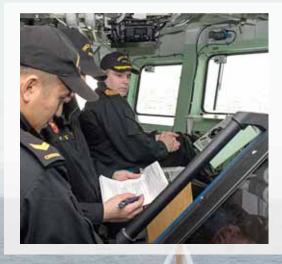
All in all, the port visit was a very rewarding experience for the ship's company who have worked extremely hard, ensuring successful preparations and transition to the great business of going to sea, and no longer being tied alongside and constrained within the limits of Esquimalt Harbour.

When asked to provide a comment, Ottawa's Captain, Commander Belair said, "I'm extremely proud of my team's accomplishments, professionalism, dedication and hard work."

He added, "Transitioning from alongside to proceeding to sea is no small task; it's an enormous undertaking, and this team rose to the challenge." He also acknowledged, "All those organizations ashore that have, and continue to support *Ottawa* – we couldn't have done it alone. Thank you for your continued support and assistance."

Ottawa and crew will continue the SATs program until their return alongside in early April when they come back for a short work period, but hopefully not before another opportunity to visit another foreign port.









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# Mission Possible podcast debuts online

**Rachel Lallouz** Staff Writer

Four weeks ago, a close friend of Acting Sub-Lieutenant Melinda Song, 27, encouraged the podcast-lover to go on air.

Fast forward to now, that idea has turned into a real-

A/SLt Song has developed a logo and podcast website, and has recorded 15 podcasts to be uploaded on her website, iTunes, and other Android podcast apps, such as Pocket Casts, Podcast Republic, and PodOmatic for her "Mission: Possible. Podcast of Young People, By Young People, For Young People."

Podcasts are short, episodic recordings of interviews, talk shows, and other forms of digital media that can be downloaded for free on the Internet. Users can subscribe to hundreds or even thousands of podcasts depending on their personal interests, and can upload them to devices such as the laptop or cellphone.

A/SLt Melinda Song, creator of "Mission:

Possible" podcast.

The benefit of podcasts, says A/SLt Song, is that a user can listen to them while doing most daily activities, spicing up chores, a long drive, or a workout.

Each of A/SLt Song's biweekly podcasts feature an interview with a different inspirational guest speaker. The overall goal. says A/SLt Song, is to bring together stories and conversations about what life is like for curious millennials in a world full of possibility and change.

"When I stepped into the real world after university, there was a phase where I was lost and confused and not sure what I wanted to do," she says. "I realized it wasn't an issue that only I had, but that it is a prevalent problem many people face."

After using her Facebook connections to find podcast guests, A/SLt Song has interviewed inspiring and adventurous young people such as local musician Jesse Roper, Miss British Columbia Globe 2015 Atong Deng, and a globe-

Mission: Possible. A Podcast of Young People, By Young People, For Young People.

ASL Melinda Song Podcast founder

trotting backpacker Matt McLean.

"Once I record an episode and put it up, just knowing that anyone can download it from anywhere in the world gives me goosebumps," she says. "Potentially one sentence I say could plant a seed in someone and change a life."

Her 30-minute interviews target those between 18 and 35 years of age, and accordingly have covered a wide range of topics, from weight loss to surviving bankruptcy to chasing one's dreams.

"We as young people want to hear other young people who can relate to

A/SLt Melinda Song's logo for "Mission: Possible".

Centre: Her business card for the project.

and speak our language," says A/SLt Song.

Despite the time and energy required to produce her podcasts, she receives no financial compensation for her work. Using her spare time to bring more value to the lives of others, she says, is what makes the iob worth it for her.

As for the future of "Mission: Possible", A/ SLt Song says she is looking forward to seeing the podcast and website grow organically, and has already received a nomination for Vancouver Island's Top 20 Under 40 Business & Community Achievement Awards 2016.

"I plan on continuing to follow my instincts and welcome the opportunities that present themselves to me," she says. "It's only been four weeks, but I'm amazed at where this has gone."

To listen to A/SLt Song's podcasts, or to recommend a guest speaker, visit www. mxpossible.com, https:// www.facebook.com/ mxpossible, or contact 250-886-9918.





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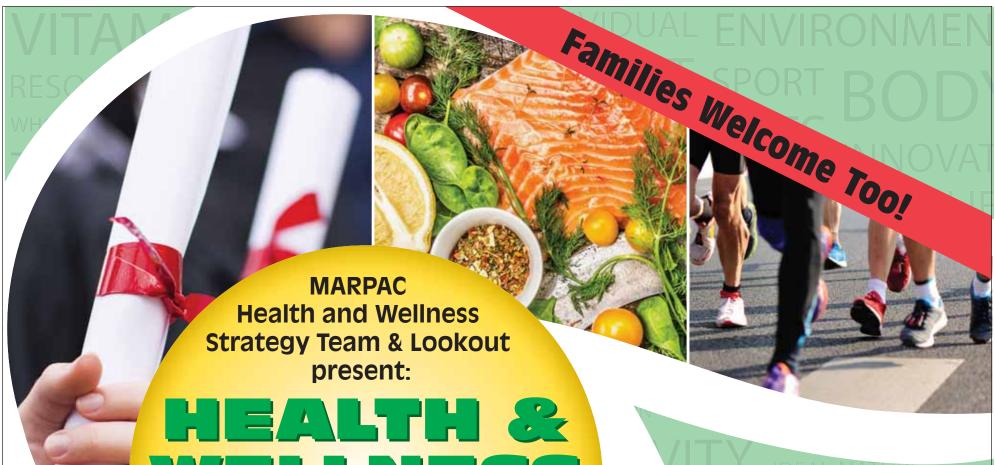
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# DFIT.ca for Families: new portal now open to families

**Rachel Lallouz** Staff Writer

members Family Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel and veterans can now make use of DFIT.ca For Families.

It is a newly opened portal on the DFIT website that provides access to fitness and health programming previously only available to serving members.

"Supporting the culture of fitness in the CAF has meant providing military members with the tools and resources they need to be fit and fight," says Daryl Allard, Director of Fitness, Sport, and Health Promotion at CF Morale and Welfare Services in Ottawa. "But if we really want to impact the culture of fitness, we have to support family members of those serving."

The DFIT website was launched October 2012 in an effort to broaden the reach of fitness programming to military members, as part of the Canadian Armed Forces health and physical fitness strategy.

"The DFIT website generated quite a bit of momentum initially," says Allard, who adds that within the first six months of the launch about 10.000 people had registered with the site, eventually increasing to 28,000 registered users. "But momentum has slowed down, so we wanted to move beyond Regular Force members and cater to the community that is one million strong, including family members and veterans."

Allard and his team partnered with the programming company Kinduct



level of physical activity, and

height and weight to gener-

"Again, you have that

same flexibility as with the

fitness programming fea-

ture," says Allard. "If the

program includes something

you are allergic to or don't

like, you can easily switch to

Another useful feature

on the site is the on-the-

road guide to healthy eat-

ing options. The guide

provides nutrition informa-

ate meal plans.

an alternative."

Technologies to re-develop the original DFIT site, making it more mobile-friendly, quicker to load, and easier to manoeuver, meaning users can access the site to follow workouts on their phone while at the gym.

New upgrades include a specialized fitness program generator that allows a member preparing for deployment to enter his or her health and fitness information into a system to produce an individualized fitness program.

"You can enter the number of weeks you have until deployment, how many weeks you'd like to work out, whether or not you have access to fitness equipment, and your level of fitness," says Allard.

From there a fitness program is generated that is tailored to a member's specific job, depending on whether he or she is in the army, navy, air force, or are involved in domestic operations. Users can then log and rate their workouts.

Also available is the meal planner, which allows a user to input their weight maintenance, loss, or gain goals,

tion on foods available at Subway, Tim Hortons, or McDonald's.

Using their CFOne card number, military family members, veterans and their families can access the DFIT.ca module for free through a special grant until January 2017. CFMWS is in the process of finding funds to continue the free service.

Access to DFIT.ca is also available to all other categories of CFOne members, such as NPF employees, DND public servants, RCMP officers, pensioners, and their families, on a paid subscription basis.

Military members need only the last four numbers of their service number and their last name.

'We are pretty excited about the changes and the fact that we are able to reach a larger segment of our audience means we can have a greater impact on people's health and fitness," says Allard.

#### **NEW!**

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# Nomination deadlines for **Sports Achievement Awards**

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- Male Athlete
- Female Athlete
- Military Coach
- Official
- Team (Individual Sports) Teams eligible are individual sport teams that compete together in a team event
- Team (Collective Sports) Teams eligible in this category include ball hockey, basketball, hockey, slopitch, soccer and volleyball.

Deadline for 2015 Command Achievement Awards nominations for the RCN command is Friday, March 11. Therefore, the PSP deadline to receive and review nominations prior to being forwarded to RCN Command is Friday, forms for nomination for these awards can be found at this link https://www. cfmws.com/en/AboutUs/ PSP/CFSports/Awards/ Pages/Nomination-Process. aspx and blank form Annex C attached.

2016 CAF Hall of Fame, CAF Honour Roll and Dedication to CAF Sports Award

For 2016 CAF Hall of Fame, CAF Honour Roll and Dedication to CAF Sports Award nominations, the deadline is Thursday May 5. Therefore, the PSP deadline to receive and review the nominations prior to being forwarded to CAF Sports Coordinator is Thursday March 31.

\*\*Note, the member must have completed his/her sporting career to be able to be considered for the CAF Hall of Fame and CAF Honour Roll.

Dedication to CAF Sports Award is a new category that recognizes individuals

above and beyond to provide time, effort and support to the promotion and development of CAF Sports. Nominees may include persons who have served or are serving in the CAF, persons who have been employed or are currently employed as NPF Staff, civilians or corporate sponsors.

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For further information and/or assistance completing the nomination form please contact the Formation Sports Coordinator, Heather Bishop at local 3-4068 or Formation Sports Cell Staff Brittany Schnieder at local 3-4069.



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#### Nijmegen information brief

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#### Marchers must meet the following

- Nominated by the unit Commanding Officer as deserving of this unique opportunity to represent Canada internationally.
- Current FORCE Test.
- Be available for a rigorous team training programme commencing in spring 2016, and be prepared to complete approximately 1000 kilometres of workup marching. Training is normally in the early morning.
- Be available, without hindrance, to train and participate in Nijmegen during July
- Be able to smile through blisters and demonstrate esprit de corps.

Contact the Team Lead, Lt(N) Knai, for any questions via email or at 250-363-4411!





Staff Writer

Military members looking for a special physical challenge should consider the annual 100th International Four Days Marches Nijmegen in the Netherlands this July.

To be selected for the opportunity to represent Canada and the military, a military member must first express interest to their chain of command, who will then provide them either a yes or no recommendation to train and attend the march.

From there, the military member should attend an information session on Feb. 3 at the CF Fleet School.

Interested participants must then pass their names forward to Lt(N) Marianne Knai, Team Leader for Nijmegen, no later than Feb. 22 to be considered for the final training selection.

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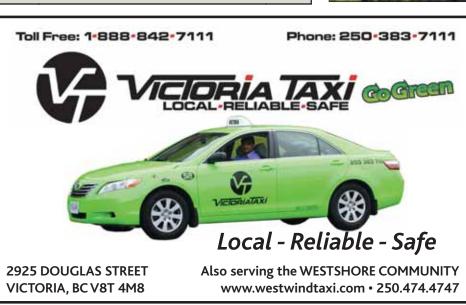
"I'm not sure I can put into words the honour that goes into being picked for Nijmegen, and the feeling of getting to represent our colours so proudly," says Lt (N) Knai. "Ît's the highlight of one's military career."

Marchers train from late February to the end of March, making use of Victoria's multitude of trails, such as the Galloping Goose, to march four times a week for upwards of two hours a day. One of the days is reserved for longer, weighted marching. Training totals 1,000 kilometres of marching - all in preparation to join marchers from over 30 militaries across the world in an act of international bonding, peace, and freedom.

After being fully trained and flown to the Netherlands, military members from bases across Canada will march through the crowded streets of Nijmegen and through its wooded surroundings for four consecutive days, from July 19 to 22. Participants will march roughly 40 km per day in total along-side over 5,000 other servicemen and women.

"We usually wake up around two or three in the morning to get marching for four or five," says Lt (N) Knai, who explains that daylight hours must be maximized to accommodate the approximately 10 hours of marching completed each day.

"We are specifically looking for those with strong physical fitness, and as equally important, a positive attitude," says Lt (N) Knai. "At the end of the day we want people who are motivated and happy to be there, and who are team players. My expectation is that yet again MARPAC will put forward the best team in the nation."





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Sgt Noah Eckenswiller was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by Commander Darren Rich, Commanding Officer - Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges in Nanoose Bay.



SLt A Smart is awarded his Sea Service Insignia from LCol Legassie, Naval Personnel Training **Group Chief of Staff.** 



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Maj C Normore is promoted by LCol Legassie, Naval Personnel Training Group Chief of Staff, and husband Jesse Harris.



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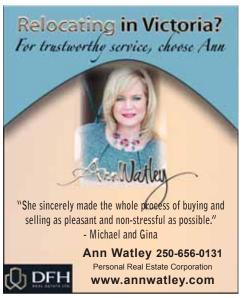
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Search and Rescue Technicians

#### **Sports and Fitness**

Navy Run PSP DFIT.CA

TC 10K

Victoria Goddess Run

New Balance

**UVIC** Vikes

#### **Real Estate**

Re/Max Stan Burns

Roy and Roy Real Estate group of Macdonald

Realty Ltd

Ovation

Melissa Kurtz – Sotherbys International

Realty (NEW!)

#### **Local Businesses**

CANEX

Columbia Fire and Safety

COSTCO

Hatley Memorial Gardens

Hazmasters

Hertel Meats (NEW!)

K9 Training and Supplies (NEW!)

Keycorp Development and Marketing

Mullin Demeo Law Corporation

Regatta Badges (NEW!)

Stanley Black and Decker

Sharkz Coins

Tupperware – Healthy Lunch Solutions

Worx Environmental Products

Wurth Canada

Westshore U Lock Mini Storage

#### Outside

Triangle RV NEW! BMW Victoria NEW!

#### **Sponsors:**

Hotel Grand Pacific
Counting Cottage

Sunshine Coast Health Centre

Plus Free Coffee from Serious Coffee!