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## Quake preparedness

From the vantage of a Sea King Helicopter, Rear Admiral Gilles Couturier, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific/ Joint Task Force (Pacific), conducts an aerial survey of a simulated earthquake ravaged area in Bamfield, British Columbia, June 8 during Exercise Staunch Maple. Read the full story on page 2.

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# MILITARY TEST RESPONSE PLAN FOR MAJOR EARTHQUAKE

**Rachel Lallouz**  
Staff Writer

The very real threat of a major earthquake and tsunami looms in Vancouver Island's future, and being ready to respond once the shaking stops is essential.

Last week, the province and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) joined together to test every aspect of their emergency response plans.

For Joint Task Force Pacific (JTF(P)) that exercise was Staunch Maple, which verified the military's operational readiness to support the Province of British Columbia in the event of a disaster.

Should they be called upon to assist, the military has the ability to provide humanitarian assistance in conjunction with partner agencies such as Emergency Management British Columbia and Public Safety Canada. These needs may range from housing displaced people in barracks, or sending urban search and rescue teams to dig citizens out of rubble.

"When the province is hit with an earthquake event, it will very quickly need federal assistance for public safety from all regions in Canada, and in real life it will be a national event," says Lieutenant-Commander Steve Shute, Exercise Co-ordinator. "This exercise is significant because it puts the province in a good position to demonstrate to the general public that we are in a high risk area, and that we are serious about exercising a contingency plan."

The three-day exercise was part of the larger Exercise Coastal Response, the province's first full-scale earthquake and tsunami response exercise. It brought together stakeholders from all levels of government, as well as Emergency Management B.C. staff, First Nations, Crown corporations, critical infrastructure owners, and non-government organizations involved in provincial-level response to model how they would collaboratively work to

respond to the impacts of a catastrophic event along coastal British Columbia.

It tested the procedures set out in the B.C. Earthquake Immediate Response Plan and promoted interagency co-operation among internal and external agencies that support emergency response.

For the JTF(P), Staunch Maple held two components: a Command Post Exercise in which military units practised standing up their command and control centres; and the Field Training Exercise that began with a simulated 9.0 earthquake on the morning of June 7.

It was delivered via a warning broadcasted over the base Mass Notification System. Following the warning, Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPA) headquarters simulated an evacuation of D100. Post evacuation, Rear-Admiral Gilles Couturier addressed MARPA staff at the muster point a short distance away to provide orders for upcoming crisis planning cycles.

HMCS Whitehorse and a Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) team were sent to Bamfield and Ucluelet to serve as communication points in what could be potentially devastated areas during a real quake.

"To plan this exercise, we have had subject matter experts give us insight as to what may occur during the earthquake and tsunami, and relate to us lessons learned in past emergency situations," says LCdr Shute.

The high level of operational readiness practiced by the military and governmental organizations is necessary due to the impending major earthquake threat existing along the Cascadia sub front roughly 150 kilometres off of the B.C., Washington, and Oregon coasts. If the earthquake were to occur at a 9.0 Richter-scale level, tsunami waves would be generated immediately, reaching nearby coastal shores within 45 minutes of the fault rupturing.

"People need to be vigilant and prepared if this

occurs because of the sheer magnitude of the event," says LCdr Shute.

Exercise Staunch Maple was linked to Exercise Cascadia Rising and Ardent Sentry; the American simulated emergency responses to catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that occurs June 11 to 16 along the American West Coast.

*People need to be vigilant and prepared if this occurs because of the sheer magnitude of the event.*

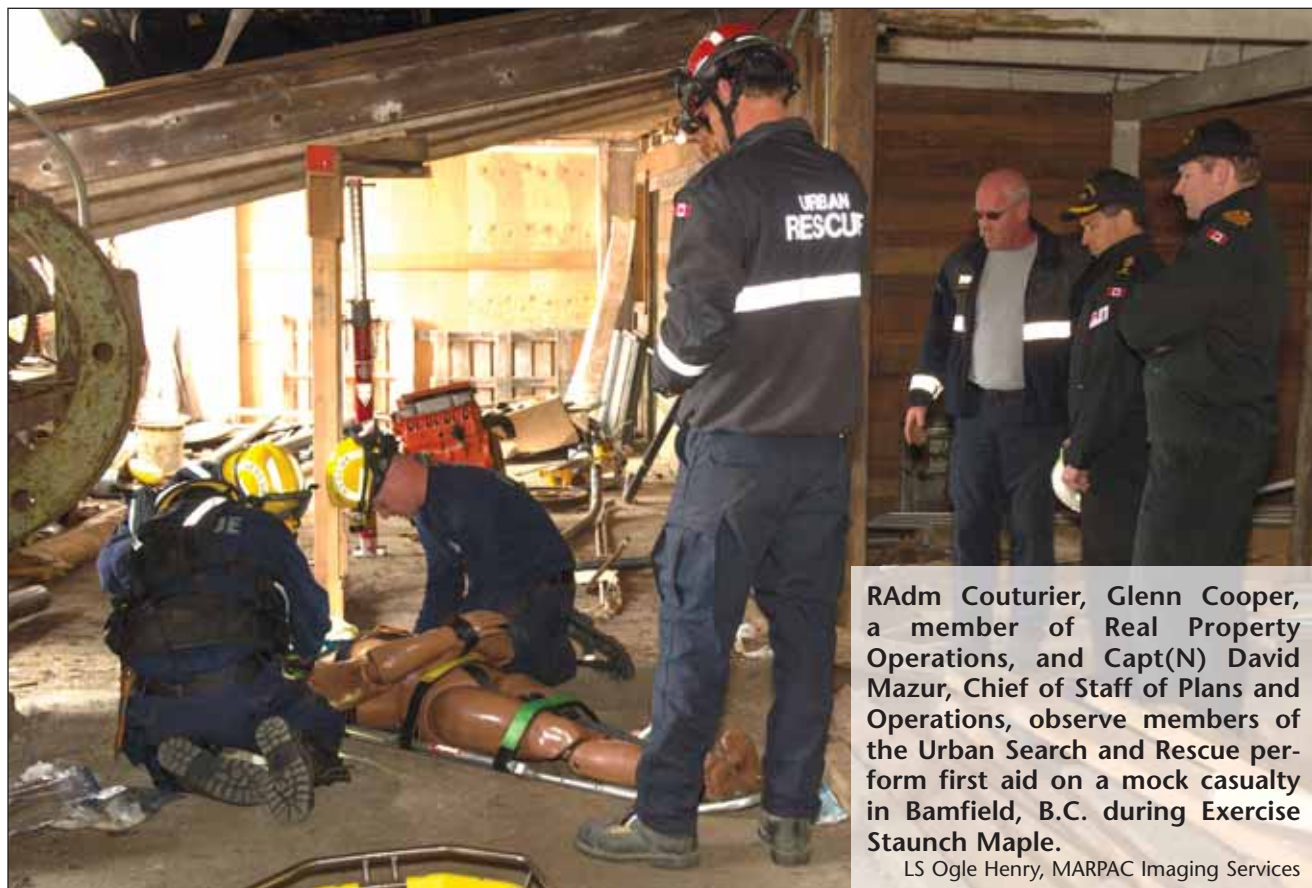
LCdr Steve Shute,  
Exercise Co-ordinator



Photos by Cpl Brent Kenny, MARPA Imaging Services

**CPO1 Michel Vincelette, Unit Chief Petty Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Head Quarters, reacts to the warning system alarm, and takes cover under his desk.**

**Below: RAdm Gilles Couturier addresses the crowd at the start of Exercise Staunch Maple.**



**RAdm Couturier, Glenn Cooper, a member of Real Property Operations, and Capt(N) David Mazur, Chief of Staff of Plans and Operations, observe members of the Urban Search and Rescue perform first aid on a mock casualty in Bamfield, B.C. during Exercise Staunch Maple.**

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RAdm Gilles Couturier, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force (Pacific), presented replica medals of Capt Frederick Peters to the Esquimalt Wardroom. Attending the presentation at the wardroom were: Commander Brigitte Boutin, President of the Wardroom; CPO1 Mike Feltham, Formation Chief Petty Officer; RAdm Couturier; Capt(N) Steve Waddell, Base Commander; and CPO1 Gino Spinelli, Base Chief.

## War hero's medals on display at Wardroom

**Rachel Lallouz**  
Staff Writer

One of the most impressive rack of medals from a long ago Canadian naval hero is on display at the Esquimalt Wardroom.

Thirteen medals, replicas of the originals, are encased in a shadow box along with a photo and biography of Captain Frederick Thornton Peters, who fought in two world wars before perishing

in a plane crash just days after his release in 1942.

Touted as Canada's most decorated naval hero, Peters was revered June 3 at a small gathering in the Wardroom.

Rear-Admiral Gilles Couturier presented the memento to Wardroom President, Commander Brigitte Boutin and Base Commander, Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell.

Among the collection of medals is the Victoria Cross,

the Distinguished Service Cross with Bar, the 1914 Star, the Victory Medal, the 1939-1945 Star, the Atlantic Star, the Africa Star, the Defense Medal, the War Medal, the Italian Messina Earthquake Medal, and the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross.

"Capt Peters is Canada's most decorated naval hero, and has the rare distinction of receiving multiple awards for valour in each of

the world wars," said RAdm Couturier in his address. "It is amazing that we have the honour of having these medals here."

The medals were given to RAdm Couturier during a Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner at HMCS Discovery in April, by Dr. John Blatherwick – an Honorary Colonel of 12 Vancouver Field Ambulance who served in the military for 39 years.



During the First World War, a young Peters was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order in January 1915, the first ever given to a Canadian citizen. He received the Order for his actions saving the lives of two sailors on board the destroyer HMS Meteor, when a shell from German cruiser Blucher hit the ship's engine room.

Later on during the war, in 1918, he received the Distinguished

## Captain Frederick Thornton Peters

Service Cross for his ingenuity in his attacks on enemy submarines.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, Peters commanded a flotilla of anti-sub trawlers that sank two enemy submarines, earning a bar to his Distinguished Service Cross in 1940.

By 1942 he was given charge of the Allied invasion of North Africa – an attack by mostly American forces using Coast Guard ships to secure Oran Harbour, located in the French colony of Algeria. The Allied invasion ended up suffering from 90 per cent casualties, and was surrounded by fire from all directions, yet Peters was able to direct his ship, HMS Walney, to its target berth. Despite his success at reaching land,

he and fellow survivors were taken as prisoners. Two days later they were freed by American troops.

On his journey back to England a few days later, the Sunderland flying boat transporting him back from Gibraltar crashed into Plymouth Sound after encountering strong headwinds and thick fog. Peters did not survive.

For his actions in North Africa, the captain was posthumously given both the Victoria Cross and the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross, one of the greatest honours the American military has bestowed on a foreigner.

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## WHAT SAY YOU

### People Talk

Ahead of their June 21 Township of Esquimalt Memorial Park Music festival performance, Lookout asked Naden Band members what their favourite piece of music was and why.



It's always changing, but right now its composer Edward Elgar's Nimrod from the Enigma Variations, which is commonly played at Remembrance Day ceremonies. It's a beautiful song, well written, full reflective, and to me the music has varying layers of colour that are instantly recognizable.

**Lt(N) Matthew Clarke,**  
Director of Music/  
Conductor



There are so many songs and composers that I truly love, but for me my favourite song is the one we are playing right now. If my mind thinks the song I'm playing it is the best song, it has to be my favourite so it is brought to life in the way I play it.

**PO2 David P. Gagnon,**  
Saxophone



We used to have a drummer in the band that also sang and he did a rendition of Ricky Martin's Living La Vida Loca so well the audience at one of our out-reaches at a high school went crazy when he performed it. It sticks out in my mind because he sang it so well, it had so much energy and the band's brass section was featured so heavily.

**PO2 Ken Gibson,**  
Saxophone



An hour-long ballet concert piece by Maurice Ravel called Daphnis and Chloe because this piece of music is very pictorial and visual, and just listening to the music you see images.

**PO1 Marie-Perle Broadley,**  
Flute



Toccata and Fugue by Johann Sebastian Bach is my favourite because it covers every aspect of music; the challenge of playing it and the effect on the audience is amazing.

**PO1 Mike Broadley,**  
Trumpet



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# Francophones prepare to celebrate Saint-Jean Baptiste Day

**Peter Mallett**  
Staff Writer

Petty Officer First Class (Ret'd) Jean Pierre Fournier is the man behind this year's Saint-Jean Baptiste Day Super Party in Victoria. The Quebec City native says the evening of music and entertainment at Victoria's Edelweiss Club on June 24 at 8 p.m. can best be described as a celebration of Francophone World Beat.

"This event is to celebrate the music of Francophones, not only from Canada but all around the world, and there will be something for everyone," says Fournier. "We are going to mix all of the genres of music and bring them together on one stage."

Fournier, 56, served 19 years in the Royal Canadian Navy before helping found Victoria's first French-language community radio station, 107.9 CILS FM in 1998. He has since moved on to concert promotion while also hosting his own radio show on his webpage Production Radio Franco Pacifique ([www.prpf.info](http://www.prpf.info)).

Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day is a national holiday in Quebec and observed by Francophones from coast to coast. Today's feast day of the Nativity of John The Baptiste

festivities have evolved into a celebration of French culture with large street parties, music festivals, barbeques and fireworks.

While Fournier will deejay and provide video entertainment for the Friday-night event at the German Canadian Cultural Centre, it will also feature a performance by acclaimed Togo-born Afro-Jazz fusion musician Joe Amouzou and his band the Safari League.

"I have never played a Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day event before," said Amouzou. "Because of my French origins – being a Francophone from Togo – I am really quite thrilled and excited to do this."

Amouzou, 61, is a vocalist who also plays guitar, piano and percussion. He has cut three albums and has been featured on CBC radio on multiple occasions. Another member of the band is Edmonton-born lead guitarist Dennis Green who has played with musical legends Ike Turner, and bassist Chuck Ranney and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

"I know that having Joe [Amouzou] and his band perform will be great news for the thousands of Francophones living in Victoria, and at the base, and for all music fans in general," said Fournier. "We are hoping the

performance by Joe will provide more general interest and attract the attention of patrons attending the Victoria Jazz Festival and Ska Reggae Festival, which will be going on at the same time as our event."

Fournier began his career in the navy in 1973, and retired in 1997. He spent much of his career as a boatswain aboard HMCS Skeena, HMCS St. Croix and HMCS Iroquois. During his travels across the globe with the Canadian Forces, Fournier immersed himself in the music of different cultures around the world. It is that experience which drives this concert.

Tickets for the event, which will feature a cash bar, are priced at \$20. They can be purchased at the door, but Fournier recommends buying advance tickets at downtown restaurant Petit Dakar located at 711 Douglas Street.

"Our overall goal is to highlight and bring forward the diversity of the Francophone community in British Columbia, and the experiences of the 300,000 people who are part of it," said Fournier. "A big segment of the Francophone community are military personnel and we want them to be a part of this celebration."



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# Naval reservists give special needs youth a pirate adventure

**PO2 Emily Agopsowicz**  
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"Yo ho! Avast me hearties!" shouted an eye-patched captain aboard a colourful flag-festooned sailboat flying the Jolly Roger. A loud boom echoed, and a cannon blast of candy shot forward onto the jetty outside HMCS Malahat, much to the delight of the crowd of young "pirates" ashore.

Malahat was once again transformed into a pirate's paradise in support of Variety – The Children's Charity's annual "fun raising" event, Boat for Hope on Saturday June 4.

This is the twelfth year Malahat has supported the

event which gave over 300 children who have special needs and their families the opportunity to sail on an adventure in Victoria's Inner Harbour. Children donned their best pirate rigs and boarded festive ships to set out on a quest to various "Treasure Stations" where a bounty of toys awaited.

Malahat, ideally situated in James Bay, provided a perfect starting point for the adventure.

"The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) plays an important role in supporting our communities. Boat for Hope is a great example of the significant contribution our Naval Reserve sailors make across the Greater Victoria

region," said Lieutenant-Commander Michael Lawless, Commanding Officer, Malahat.

The event kicked off at 10 a.m. where children and their families were greeted by Sonar, the RCN's mascot. On the parade deck, Malahat sailors facilitated games supplied by the Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre. Outside, a lineup of excited youth eagerly waited for their turn to take a ride on one of the festively decorated ships manned by skippers in the community who volunteered their time and vessels.

Master Corporal Robert Stoodley, a member of 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron, came with his wife and three children Carissa, Colten and Caydison. For Master Corporal Stoodley, the positive effect of Boat for Hope is close to home.

"My oldest daughter is autistic and about three years ago I was volunteering with the Victoria Society for Children with Autism and they said I should take my kids out on Boat for Hope. So I got my kids registered and volunteered, and have been coming back every year because it's amazing. They have big smiles on their faces, they love doing the boat tour around the Inner Harbour and dressing up as pirates," he said.

Petty Officer Second Class (Retired) Brian Stennes, a



Sailing vessel Surt, with skipper Ed Life and lots of happy kids.

Photos by PO Albert van Akker



Bryan and Brian - Master Seaman Bryan Rozon with Petty Officer Second Class Brian Stennes (Retired).

former Malahat member, was in attendance in full pirate regalia as part of the Vancouver Island Pirates.

The philanthropic pirates have been supporting Boat for Hope for five years.

Following their on-water adventure, children and

their families headed to the Coast Guard station across the street where the festivities continued with live music, face painting, balloon animals and a barbeque.

Variety – The Children's Charity steps in where

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Tracy Voorthuyzen, winner of the Senior Women's Gold Medal for the Canadian Armed Forces Running Nationals marathon in Ottawa, poses with her medals.

## Marathon runner beats Ottawa heat to earn gold

**Rachel Lallouz**  
Staff Writer

Leading Seaman Tracy Voorthuyzen took the Senior Women's Gold Medal this year at her first Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) National Marathon in Ottawa on May 29.

The road to gold was not an easy one. Mother Nature dished out a scorching day with temperatures hot enough to cook an egg.

LS Voorthuyzen says it took all her skill, training and determination not to stop and walk, while others peeled off the course to be attended for heat stroke.

"This was probably the most mentally challenging marathon I've done so far, out of all 15 marathons I've done," she says.

She completed the prestigious Boston Marathon in April and the Fort Langley Marathon just a mere two

weeks before flying to Ottawa.

Seven years ago, after some nudging from her son, she laced up her runners for her first long distance run - the Royal Victoria Marathon. Since then, she has worn through several pairs of runners.

"I usually run five or six days a week, with two of those runs being shorter - maybe six km and then I'll do a medium distance run between nine and 18 kilometres. The weekend is for my longer run, up to 36 kilometres," she says.

She says running clears her mind, and keeps her mentally fit.

"I just love the feeling. I sort out the world's issues when I'm on the road. It's my meditation."

Like all competitive runners, she had a goal in mind for the 42.2 km Ottawa run.

"My goal was to com-

plete it in four hours and 15 minutes," says LS Voorthuyzen. "But once the sun came out a couple hours into the run, things got nasty."

Every three kilometres she doused her head with water at the aid stations, and by the time she reached the 20 km mark, she battled the desire to take a short walk.

"Then I got to the part of the course where we had to run down Sussex Drive, the 39 kilometre mark. The sun came out and I could feel blisters forming on my feet. I knew at that point I just had to get it done."

Crowds of cheering supporters greeted her at the finish line at Ottawa City Hall.

"I felt such great relief that I was still standing, with only a few wobbles, because the finish line was a little scary. It was carnage,

people were keeling over left, right, and centre," she says.

Her end result: three hours and 49 seconds, shaving 12 minutes off of her Boston Marathon time.

With that marathon scratched off her list, she's now setting sights on completing all six major world marathons. The first two are done, the Boston and New York City Marathons. In October she will tackle the Chicago Marathon, and then the London Marathon, Tokyo Marathon, and Berlin Marathon.

If she successfully completes this list, LS Voorthuyzen will be the eighth woman in Canada to run, and complete, all six of the world's major marathons.

"I don't ever want to stop doing what I do," she says. "I see myself running forever."

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## Gun art adorns HMCS Ottawa, nod to the past

**SLt R. Bailey**  
Contributer

The Royal Canadian Navy in the Second World War was one of the largest fleets in the world. The hours were long, the environment unforgiving, and looming danger threatened at all times.

Yet in these inhospitable circumstances a tradition was born: a tradition of naval gun shield art. The pride in one's unit, the cohesiveness of the entire ship's team, and the overall creativity of the individuals were on display in the chosen gun art.

Each was unique; each had its own story. *HMCS Ottawa* is proud to continue this tradition on its new Bofors Mk III 57mm Gun Weapon System.

The art work was designed by Chief Petty Officer Second Class Chris Fraser while serving onboard *Ottawa*, and applied by Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton. It features a red griffin holding a 57mm high explosive round. Above the griffin is a banner commemorating the 20th anniversary of *HMCS Ottawa*, which is being celebrated this year.

CPO2 Fraser drew his inspiration for

the design from the three past HMC ships that bore the name *Ottawa*, particularly the G-class destroyer that served in the Second World War and had been named HMS Griffin prior to being transferred to Canada.

When asked what led him to spearhead this project, CPO2 Fraser says he felt something was missing as he watched the gun being lowered onto the fo'c'sle after *Ottawa's* midlife refit. It lacked the uniqueness that helps define the spirit of the ship and its crew, he added. Having painted gun art on *HMCS Whitehorse*

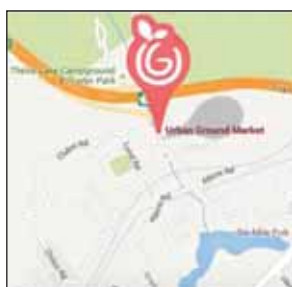
in the past, CPO2 Fraser once again felt it was time to rekindle this prized naval tradition.

The entire *HMCS Ottawa* team has shown a level of professionalism and pride in accomplishing the mission through a busy trial period. This gun art symbolizes that effort and displays to the Fleet that the *Ottawa* team is ready for the upcoming challenges.

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# Discovery of sunken merchant vessel forces Canadian history reboot

**Peter Mallett**  
Staff Writer

A group of marine scientists has confirmed Second World War merchant marine vessel Coast Trader was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Strait of Juan de Fuca inside Canadian waters. Officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in partnership with the Vancouver Maritime Museum and Ocean Exploration Trust (OET), conducted a 10-hour dive June 2 in the waters off the coast of Vancouver Island, and located the 324-foot supply ship that was under charter by the United States Army 40 nautical miles to the southwest of Vancouver Island.

"It certainly is a game-changer as far as Canadian history is concerned," said Vancouver Maritime Museum Executive Director Ken Burton. "Up until this point we had operated under the belief this was a vessel under contract by the U.S. military that we believed was sunk in American waters."

The ship remained lost for 71 years until its discovery during a 2013 survey by the Canadian Hydrographic Service. The dive team, organized by Titanic discoverer Robert Ballard, used a remote-

controlled robotic submarine dispatched from the deck of OET's Nautilus research vessel to descend 138 metres to the wreck on the sea floor. The Remotely Operated Vehicle was controlled from URI's Inner Space Center in Narragansett, RI, and captured images, measured water conditions, and conducted visual inspection of the sunken freighter and its contents.

Burton noted that not only does the positive identity of the Coast Trader "completely alter our understanding of World War Two history" it also gives us a better understanding of the threat posed to Canada's Pacific Coast by Japan at that time. Burton noted the dive also add credence to the theory that the Estevan Point lighthouse, a communications beacon for the Canadian Armed Forces at the time, was also likely shelled by the submarine a few days later.

"This finding brings an important part of [Second World War] right to our doorstep and proves the fears of a full-scale attack were very real and the submarines were right here operating on Canada's west coast," said Burton.

The sinking of Coast Trader occurred at the same time as the Battle of Midway and the occupation of the Aleutian Islands by Japan, and only six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He noted the well-documented sense of heightened panic and hysteria about the threat posed by Japan ensued on the Pacific Coast.

To dispel these fears, the United States military immediately denied the attack had occurred; their official line at the time: an "internal explosion" caused the sinking.



Credit for Historical Coast Trader photos, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries  
Credit for underwater images, Ocean Exploration Trust

NOAA's findings confirm the torpedo strike with video of the large hole in the ship's hull.

The torpedo slammed into the ship on June 7, 1942, shortly after the Coast Trader set off from Port Angeles, Wash., bound for San Francisco with a cargo of 1,250 tons of newsprint in its hold. The Japanese Navy's submarine I-26 was lying in wait at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The missile's impact ripped an enormous hole in the ship's hull and it quickly sunk beneath the waves while the crew of 56, some of whom were badly injured, scrambled into two rafts and a giant life boat.

"We believe that the Coast Trader had a crew of 36, but that there were additional military support persons on the vessel raising the total souls on the vessel at the time of the attack to 56," says Burton.

Although the life boat and rafts were separated by a fierce overnight storm, the sailors were eventually rescued by the Royal

Canadian Navy's HMCS Edmundston after their nearly 40-hour ordeal at sea. One of the sailors eventually died from exposure and medical complications caused by the attack, but the rest of the crew survived.

The findings of the dive team also eased fears of a potential environmental disaster lying in wait. That's because the Coast Trader was carrying an estimated 7,000 barrels of heavy Bunker C fuel.

It was previously believed that corrosion of the containers could pose an immediate threat to marine life and the coastal habitat of Washington and British Columbia, but the team's findings dispel those fears.

"Our visual inspection proved the site is fairly well intact, which is a very important distinction," Michael Brennan, Director of Marine Archaeology and Maritime History for Ocean Exploration Trust. "There is not much corrosion visible on the hull and the rest of the contents of the ship, and we would not expect leakage to begin in

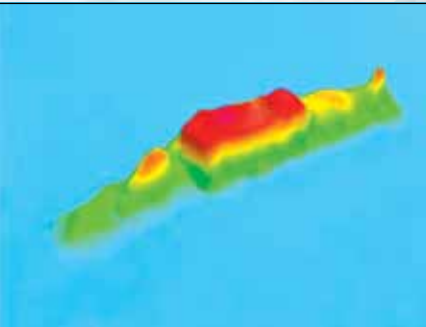
the near future."

Brennan who coordinates and oversees the Nautilus' archaeological activities refused to estimate when or how long it would take for the barrels to corrode and for leakage to begin. He noted other sunken ships such as the USS Arizona, which lies in the waters off Hawaii and has been leaking small amounts of fuel since its sinking during Pearl Harbor, poses a more immediate threat.

Brennan concluded that despite some early jitters before conducting the dive, the team was relieved when they got a positive identification on the vessel.

"There is always a slight nervousness when you find your target and approach a shipwreck," said Brennan. "Before you get an ROV on site there is always that concern that it's not what you think it is. Our finding is important both environmentally and historically."

Video and photographs of the dive and the Nautilus' latest project can be found at [www.nautiluslive.org/](http://www.nautiluslive.org/)



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Sonar image showing the outline of the Coast Trader wreck found by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

Approximate location of shipwreck





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Her Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) Calgary, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Brandon, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Whitehorse and Yellowknife will be actively engaged throughout the Pacific from June to September. The upgraded frigates and maritime coastal defence vessels will spend a combined 426 days away from home port over a 122 calendar-day period, sailing across tens of thousands of miles of ocean.

Two Halifax-class warships and two Kingston-class vessels will participate in Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC), the largest international maritime warfare exercise in the world. After RIMPAC, HMCS Vancouver will participate in Exercise Kakadu off the coast of Australia and conduct strategic port visits throughout Asia.

Kingston-class vessels will also conduct maritime security patrols, operating in waters along the coast of British Columbia.

The Halifax-class ships and Kingston-class vessel will also conduct port visits in domestic and foreign ports. Ships will visit ports in Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, to participate in Seattle Seafair and the Portland Rose Festival respectively.

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SLt Ryan Formosa received his commissioning scroll from LCdr Judith Harlock, Officer in Charge of Pacific Region (Joint Personnel Support Unit).



Lt(N) Kevin Japp received his Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp from LCdr Judith Harlock, Officer in Charge of Pacific Region (Joint Personnel Support Unit).



LS Justin Schembri received his Canadian Forces Decoration from LCdr Judith Harlock, Officer in Charge of Pacific Region (Joint Personnel Support Unit).

## CF Fleet School



NCdt Antoine LeBlanc is commissioned to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant by Lieutenant Colonel Vanessa Hanrahan and Major Victor Ethier.



MS Lloy receives the Sea Service Insignia - gun metal for 180 days of sea service from Cdr Ed Hooper, Commandant CF Fleet School.



LS Yates receives the Sea Service Insignia - gun metal for 180 days of sea service from Cdr Ed Hooper, Commandant CF Fleet School.



SLt Mitchell Newman was promoted to Lt(N) by LCdr Brian Merz Quality Assurance Manager.



CPO1 Rochford, the Fleet School Chief Petty Officer, receives his second clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for 32 years of service from Cdr Ed Hooper, Commandant CF Fleet School.



MS Taggart was promoted to his current rank by LCdr LaHay and CPO2 Balcombe of CF Fleet School.





# Presentations and Promotions

## Base Logistics



MCpl M.M. Nicole is promoted to her current rank by Cdr J. Watkins, Commanding Officer Base Logistics, and Sgt M. Lortie.



PO1 W.R. Elson is presented the second clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration from Cdr J. Watkins.



MCpl M.P. Houde-Thibault is promoted to her current rank by Cdr J. Watkins.



A/SLT Tian is promoted to his current rank by Cdr Barlow and Lt(N) Bouché.



LS Thomas was promoted from the rank of AB by CPO2 Winkler Base Foods Operations Chief, and Lt(N) Binder, A/BPsvcs O.

## HMCS Ottawa



SLt Bailey is awarded his NCS Eng AIRX (Phase VI) Qualification by Cdr S. Belair, Commanding Officer HMCS Ottawa.



MS Yancoff is promoted to his current rank by Cdr S. Belair, Commanding Officer HMCS Ottawa.

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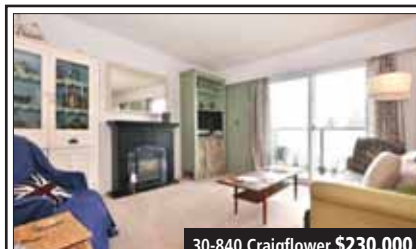
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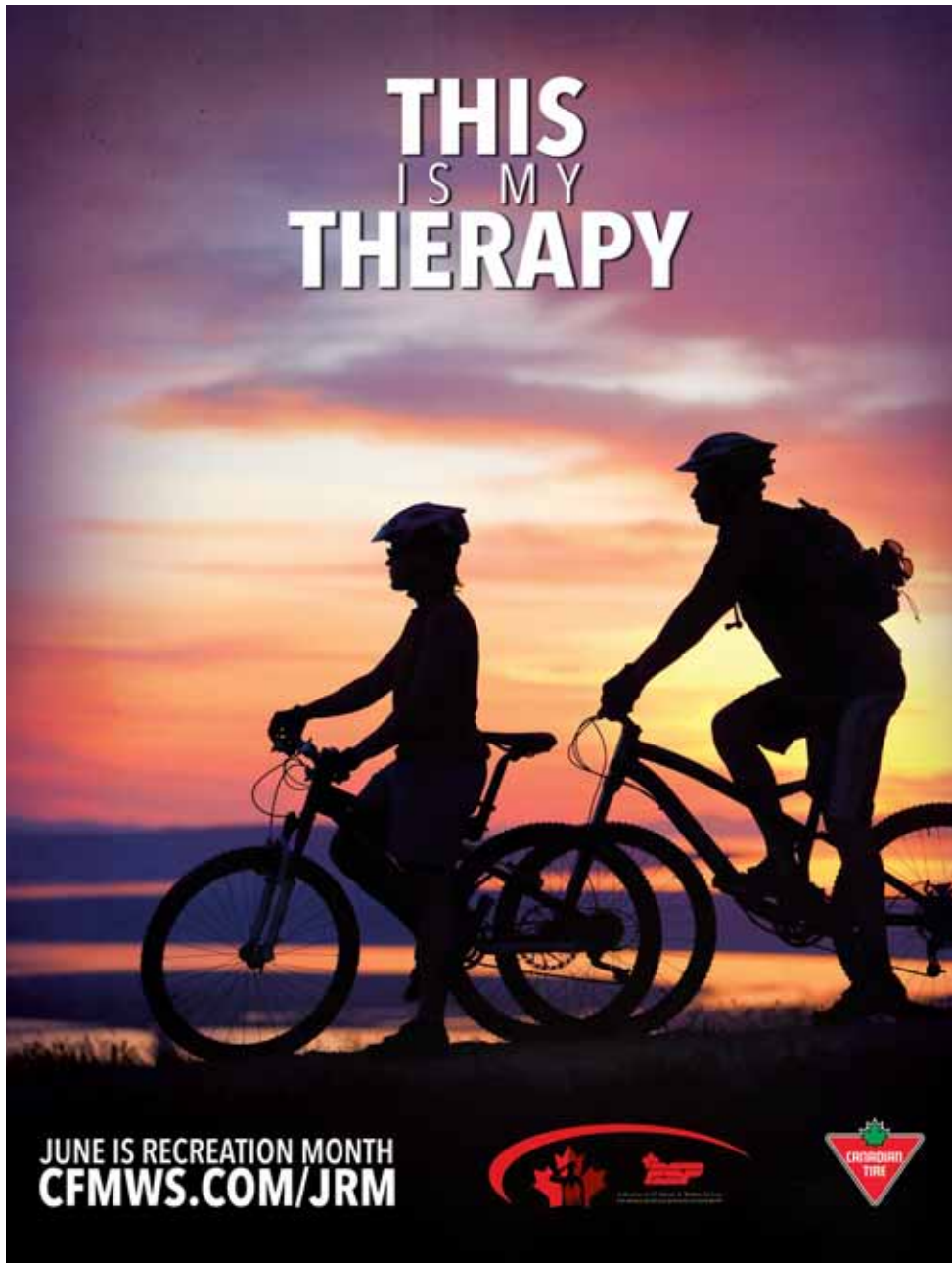
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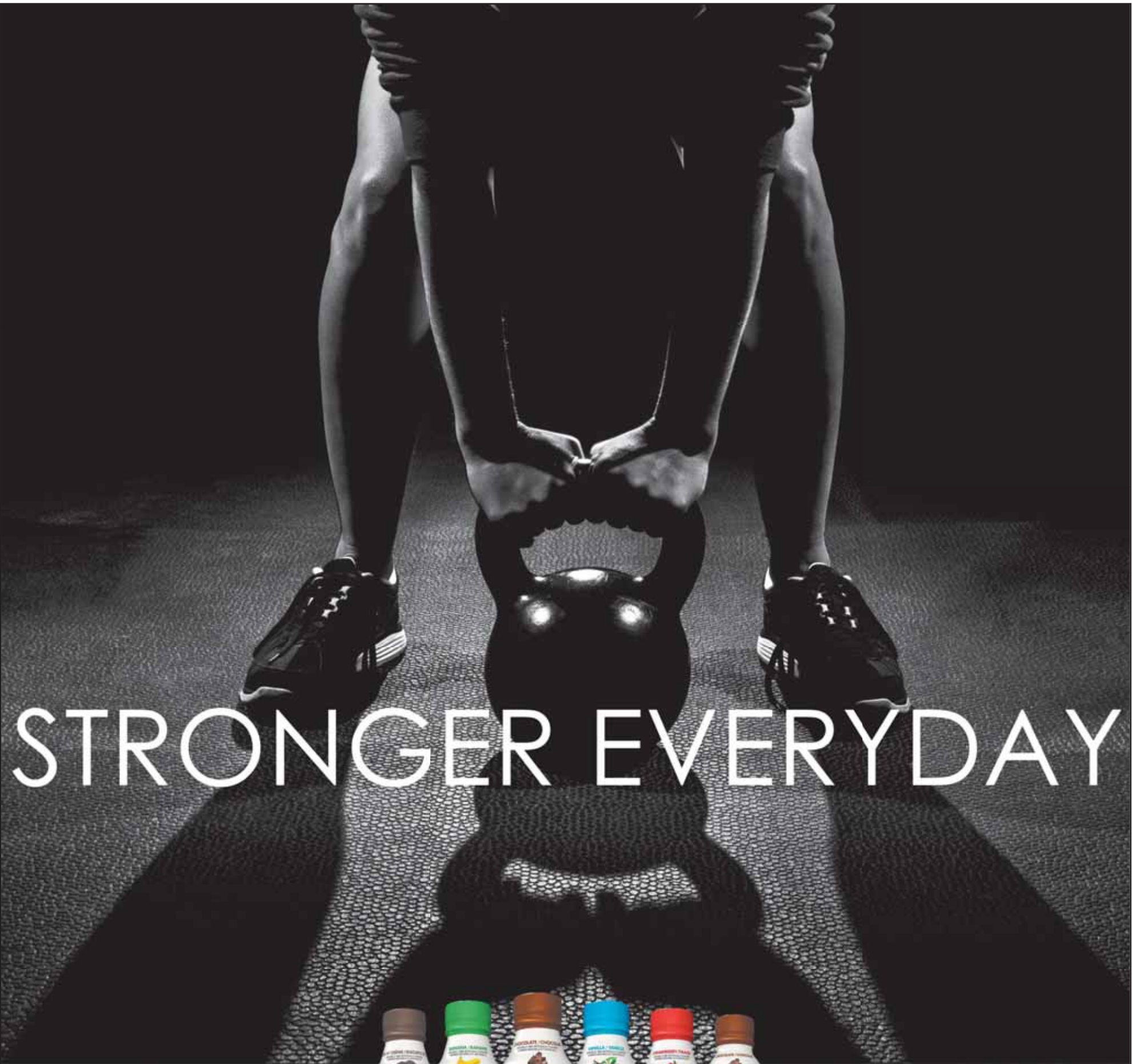
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