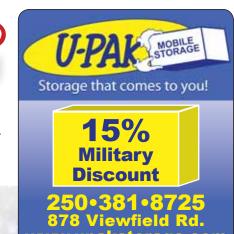


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Retired military member Bill Emberly, Chairman - Vancouver Island Branch Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans' Association, eagerly stirs the poured rum into the rum sauce as part of the CFB Esquimalt Veteran's Dine with Service Personnel Yuletide Luncheon, Nelles Block Galley, Dec. 7. See more photos on page 10.

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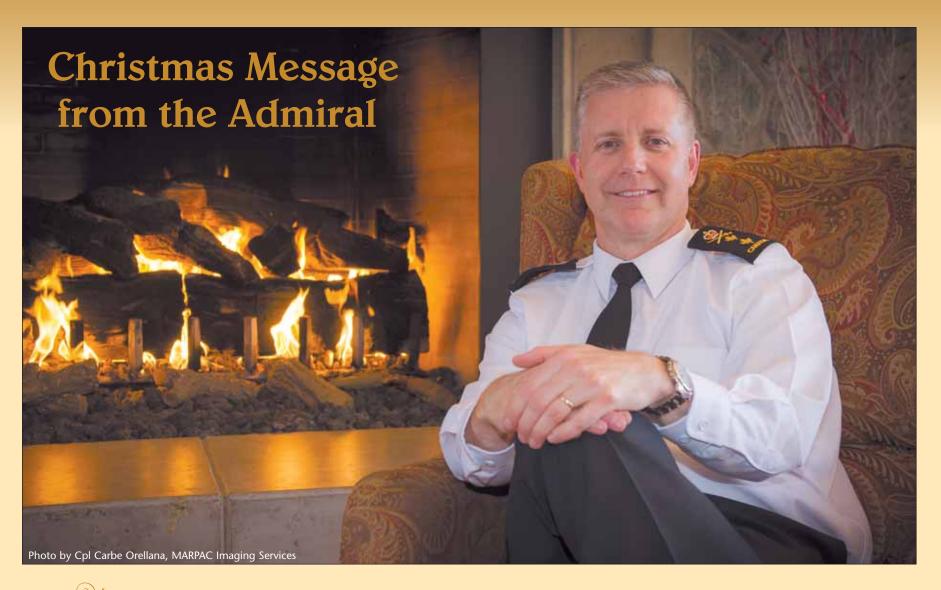
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HIPMATES across the MARPAC Defence Team, as 2016 draws to a close, we all look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our families and friends while taking the time to reflect on our year past.

As your Commander, I look back over the past year with great pride in, and admiration for, everything that you – and our Navy in general – has accomplished!

Our ships have travelled far and wide to participate in operations, exercises, and visits – having been prepared and sustained by a world-class engineering effort!

We have provided disaster relief to an earthquakestricken region, stopped drug smugglers in their tracks, and forged important bonds with partner nations and allies around the globe, and especially in our Indo-Asia Pacific neighbourhood.

Here at home, meanwhile, we've also made a difference in everything from rescues at sea and in the wilderness, to contributing in our local communities with our time – an amazing 500,000 hours annually – and money. Beyond these impressive measures of operational excellence and citizenship, the MARPAC/Naval Reserve team has stood-up the Maritime Tactical

Operations Group (MTOG) and we're advancing the Naval Security Team (NST) proof-of-concept.

Importantly, we've also returned *Chicoutimi* to sea and made her ready for a busy year ahead.

Meanwhile, we've begun the vital work of transforming and modernizing the RCN's individual training system and we've continued to make good progress in evolving the Naval Reserve so that our citizen-sailors can more conveniently make significant contributions to our One Navy's readiness and capability. And, most importantly, notwithstanding the substantive progress we've already realized, we have resolved and recommitted ourselves to improving our workplace environments in order to ensure that ours is one free of inappropriate behaviours and recategorizes us as one of the nation's best employers.

In retrospect, I'm sure you'll agree that we can be justly proud of our Navy and our personal and collective contributions to its past year's successes. And so, I want to thank each and every one of you, our Canadian Armed Forces members and our civilian employees for the work you put in, this year and every year, to uphold the standard of excellence that we expect – a standard that through your hard work we routinely exceed! Bravo Zulu!

Of course, I need also recognize and thank our families for the love and commitment they show us every day. They keep us grounded, energized, and motivated to serve our country to the best of our abilities. Without them, we simply could not serve so well. For this, I salute your loved ones for their service and sacrifices.

Having accomplished so much and endured so many sacrifices, you and your families all deserve to enjoy a respite via a wonderful holiday season this year! My wish for each of you, shipmates, is that you'll get exactly that in this Holiday Season. As you do, please recognize too that the holidays can be a significant stressor for some of our shipmates and, as a result, I ask that you all watch-out for, and consider reaching-out to those shipmates alone and struggling this Holiday Season.

Shipmates, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours! Thank you for your service successes in 2016! I am looking forward to see you building on these good results with continued success in 2017

Seasons Greetings, Rear-Admiral Art McDonald Commander Maritime Forces Pacific



Holiday Message

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S Christmas and the holiday season approaches we should all take the time to slow down a little and reflect on what we have accomplished in 2016 and what lies ahead for 2017. I would like to take this opportunity express how much I truly appreciate the hard work of the entire Defence Team to provide support to ships, shore units, and personnel.

This is my third year as Base Commander so I have seen first-hand the significant changes in and around the Base. I only have to look at my last two holiday messages and family photos to see how much my children have grown and to notice a few new grey hairs!

I am immensely proud of the work the Base team has been able to accomplish this year, working towards and supporting the revitalization of our infrastructure - which will undoubtedly cause short term inconveniences but will bring the Dockyard into the 21st century.

The harbour will be a busy place as we continue with environmental work to clean up historic pollution through the Esquimalt Harbour Remediation Project. With the first phase of dredging complete, the project will now focus on the areas around the jetties in Colwood. I wonder whether we will see any treasures or interesting artefacts in this next phase; perhaps an interesting storyline from years of our Port Boats berthed there?

A new wave-attenuating breakwater in Colwood will provide us with much-needed flexibility at D jetty during the coming years while A and B jetties are being demolished and replaced.

I am very proud that so many units came together this past summer for the Westshore Navy Day. It was the first time we've held the event in the Western Communities, and the first time in 10 years we've conducted an open house. I recognize these events require considerable effort, but we cannot understate how important these opportunities are to showcase to the public and our friends and family what we do for our country. I've received nothing but positive feedback and I hope that it won't be another 10 years until the next one.

In 2016 we lost some of our own, both civilian and military, including the recent and tragic loss of MS Morales Castellon. As we reflect on their service, we remind ourselves of the need to take extra care during this busy time, to make sure that we as individuals, as well as our friends and families, stay safe and healthy over the holidays.

In closing, my family and I would like to extend our best wishes to you all for the Christmas season. Take some time to re-charge your batteries over the holidays. Reach out to, and connect with family and friends. Watch out for your shipmates. Finally, let us not forget to extend our prayers to the families of those who have served this great country and are no longer with us. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and all the best in 2017!

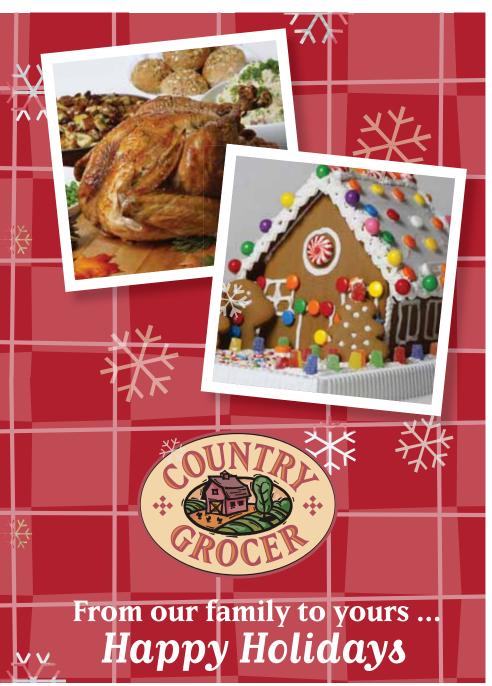
Steve Waddell Captain(N) Base Commander



Cpl Carbe Orellana, MARPAC Imaging Services

Base Commander, Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell with his family, wife Shuana, and children Nate and Bekah, plus the family dog Relic, in the Wardroom lounge.





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WHAT SAY YOU



Petty Officer Second Class Michael Mlynarczyk makes a pipe while Lieutenant-Commander Charles Edgeworth reflects during a Remembrance Day at Sea ceremony.



A RARE HONOUR

A/SLt Andrew McLaughlin HMCS Star PAO

"All available hands to the quarter deck!" the pipe sounded.

Many sailors aboard the Orca-class vessel Cougar suspected this was just another exercise, like the man-overboard or fire drills they practiced regularly.

However this task was far from routine. It was Nov. 11 and 67 sailors from Central Region Naval Reserve Divisions (NRDs), aug-

mented by both Eastern Region NRDs and Patrol Craft Training Unit (PCTU), were in CFB Esquimalt for a weekend shipborne exercise aboard three Orca-

class vessels.

"Ship's company, attention!"
the Coxswain, Petty Officer
Second Class Michael Mlynarczyk
exclaimed.

The sailors had been lined up facing aft, with the Officer in Charge, Lieutenant-Commander Charles Edgeworth, HMCS York, also the Officer in Tactical Command of the exercise, facing them with his Coxswain to his right and flanked by three volunteer speakers from the crew. The other two ships, Grizzly and Raven, also carried out identical ceremonies at precisely 11 a.m.

"Today, we will conduct a Remembrance Day ceremony at sea; a rare honour for Naval Reservists," LCdr Edgeworth declared. "We commemorate Canada's fallen service members, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and whose jobs we carry on. The vast majority of them were young people, just like most of

As gentle winds and a slight rain gave way to a darkening sky and a reflective, sombre tone, the speakers offered poignant and stark addresses, including a reading from "In Flanders Fields," written during the First World War by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

"This is the first, and only time in over 25 years in the navy that I have been bestowed

this opportunity to hold such an important ceremony at sea, and you should all remember this day, as I will," said LCdr Edgeworth to the assembled sailors.

Following the address by their commander and the guest speakers, the sailors saluted, and one flower was dropped into the ocean for each Royal Canadian Navy vessel lost at sea.

"It really allowed me to put what I was doing out there into perspective," said Ordinary Seaman Jean-Luc Amyotte, of *HMCS Star*. "I can only imagine what those young sailors went through."



Photos by Acting-Sub Lieutenant Andrew McLaughlin, Public Affairs Officer, HMCS Star.







As the holiday season draws near, Lookout sought out the Gnaval Gnome for his perspective on 2016 and what lies ahead.

LOOKOUT (LO): Welcome back, Gnaval Gnome. How have you been?

Gnaval Gnome (GG): I've been busier than a one-eyed cat watching gnine mouse holes!

LO: You're looking well, but is that more white I see in your beard?

GG: What? White? Gno, my beard isn't white. It's Arctic blonde!

LO: Oh, sorry, of course. So, what have you been up to?

GG: Well, it may interest you to gknow that I was away at RIMPAC 16 this summer! Best RIMPAC ever!

LO: And how was that?

GG: It was pretty gneato! Did you gknow that RIMPAC takes place in and around Hawaii, which was originally gknown as the Sandwich Islands? Mmm, sandwiches.

LO: What did you do there?

GG: I was Senior Staff Officer in charge of glitter glue and balloon animals. I learned the ancient art of balloon animaling, or zooblooning as it's gknown in the trade, from my Uncle, Zebadiah Gnome. He had to learn a marketable skill when he lost his job at the calendar factory; they said he was taking too many days off. Mind you, I think the whole calendar industry's days are numbered.

LO: Hmm, I see. I understand you've also taken some leave recently?

GG: Oh yes! I toured around the Emerald Isle. Hut, hut, hut.

LO: And why did you go to Ireland?

GG: Ah. Well, I went to visit some of my leprechaun relatives, and to get some fresh air and exercise. Some of my friends said I was looking a little peaked. I said it was just my hat. But they insisted I looked run down, and also that I have a preoccupation with vengeance...well, we'll see about that...

LO: Er, yes. So what exercise did you get there?

GG: I got into Gnordic Pole Walking. Honestly, I thought it was about wokking, and who doesn't like a gnice stir fry?

LO: And did the rest and exercise do the trick?

GG: Oh yes. Before I went, I was addicted to the Hokey-Pokey, but I've turned myself around.

LO: So, Gnaval Gnome, the Christmas holidays are fast approaching. Do you have plans?

GG: Yes, I'll be heading to the North Pole to help some of my elf friends make toys. I've always wanted to be elf employed. And of course, I plan to eat a good deal of turkey. In preparation, I'm currently on a diet. It's an allpancake diet, but I'm starting to waffle on it.

LO: We know you're quite a hand in the galley. Do you have any culinary tips for our readers for the festive season?

GG: I would say that Job 1 in the galley is always safety. My cousin, Remy Gnome, was quite careless in the galley, and accidentally swallowed a spoon. He hasn't stirred since.

LO: And how is your Christmas shopping going?

GG: Gnot well. I cannot find the item I'm after. I'm trying to find a pair of analog gloves, but all I can find are digital ones.

LO: I see...

GG: I'm also on the lookout...sorry, can I say I'm on the lookout? You guys don't have a copyright on that, do you?

LO: No, you're good.

GG: Okay. I'm also on the lookout for the latest communications gadgets. Because as I've often gnoted, "Communications" is an anagram of "cat c onion music".

LO: Ah...and speaking of music, I understand you're still involved with the

Nadan Band of the RCN?

GG: Yes indeed! I'm writing a concerto for the Band to highlight a section consisting of gnothing but frigates!

LO: Frigates, you say?

GG: Yes. It's a little gnome fact that the Halifax-class frigate is more than a highly capable multi-purpose warship. If struck on any gnumber of its surfaces, it produces a wide range of percussive sounds. If a bow is drawn across the HF fan antennas, various gnotes are produced, and the halyards, if secured tautly enough, can be plucked in a pizzicato fashion. Were one's embouchure up to it, blowing with sufficient force into the hole in the transom through which the towed array is streamed results in a range of gnotes, making our frigates, with a displacement of almost 5,000 tons, the world's largest wind instruments.

LO: Well, Gnaval Gnome, as always it's been interesting chatting with you. Any last comments for our readers?

GG: I'd just like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. Also, here's some advice born of experience: if you see a sign in the flats saying "Wet Floor", that's a warning, not direction. Gnow I must run; I'm off to my Procrastinators Anonymous summer picnic! See you in the gnew year!



Advertising Feature





HOME [INVESTMENT] FOR THE HOLIDAYS

It's true. Real estate in Victoria can be financially beyond the reach of many. Over the past few years, the cost of purchasing real estate in our region has increased dramatically. If you live in Victoria and are renting because the housing market is beyond your means right now, you can (and should) still invest in a property. You just need to think outside the box, and outside the CRD region.

A lot of Victoria residents are from somewhere else, having moved here from other parts of Canada and even beyond our Canadian borders, to settle in Victoria and reap the benefits of this beautiful island city with the mildest climate in Canada and a safe, pleasant standard of living.

One thing I have learned over my twenty-year career as a Victoria realtor is that the best investments can often be found in the least likely places. So, as you head out of town for the holidays this year, set some time aside to take a closer look at the real estate market in your hometown or favourite city. While you may not be able to afford $% \left(x\right) =\left(x\right) +\left(x$ real estate in Victoria, other parts of Canada offer excellent investment opportunities. Here is my checklist of things to look for when you are searching for a property.

Is it in your general price range? Make sure to choose a property that you can afford to carry, even during times with no investment or rental income.

What is the condition of the home? Since you live in a different city, look for good condition and low maintenance.

Which neighourhood? The familiar community you grew up in may not be the best location for an investment property in your hometown, so be open minded and look at neighbourhoods that will yield the best rental income or investment return.

Does the property have the potential to increase in value? You are purchasing this as an investment. Make sure there is lots of room for investment growth.

If you want an introduction to a reputable realtor in your hometown or another Canadian city, so they can line-up viewings before your arrival, or to learn more about the primary residence tax incentive, call me. I would love to help you make the idea of property ownership a reality.

From my home to yours, I wish you safe travels to wherever you are headed for the holidays, and a wonderful time filled with the spirit of the season.



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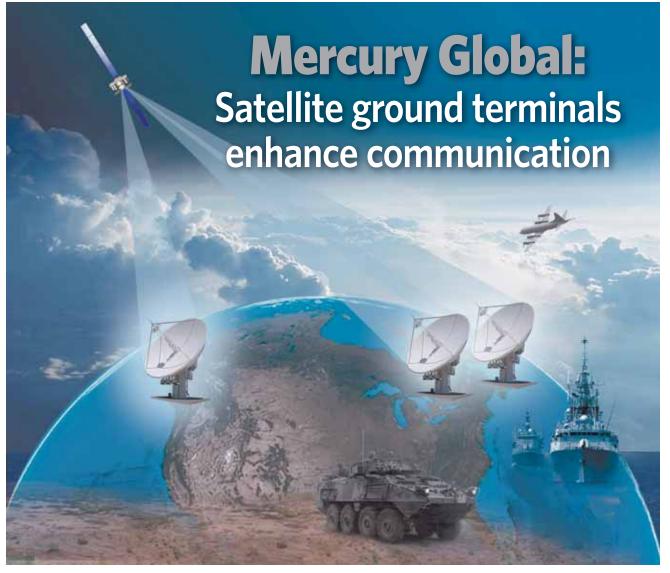
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Peter Mallett Staff Writer

Satellite Two large Ground Terminals (SGTs) will soon be perched on a rocky outcrop on Signal

The stage for installation will be set following the completion of foundational and electrical work in December. At that time, the two 13.2-metre satellite dishes will be brought in and assembled.

"They will be the most prominent structures on Signal Hill and will stand out from any infrastructure located there, but will be located slightly lower down [the hillside] than the current SGTs," said LCdr Mike Erwin, Senior Staff Officer Computer and Information Systems Operations (N61), while noting the project at Esquimalt has been in the works since 2013.

The SGTs are part of the Mercury Global Project, and they will increase access to the Wideband Global Satellite (WGS) communications system

and its constellation of nine satellites. Signal Hill is one of the project's three primary locations for SGTs in Canada, in addition to those in Great Village, NS. and Ottawa, ON.

The new communications network will enhance the ability of Canadian deployed forces exchange large amounts of information and improve operational capability. Current military satellite communication consists of a number of temporary Canadian ground stations that communicate with the WGS constellation, including the domed antenna that can be seen on Signal Hill. The new SGTs will greatly enhance the volume of information transferred.

"Mercury Global will expand the number of high-speed digital channels for deployed military units from seven to 50 channels, with the ability to expand to 125 channels, and greatly enhance communications capabilities," explained LCdr Erwin. "As our operations become ever the transmitters were not

more network-centric, the increased capacity the new anchor stations provide will certainly have a positive impact.'

Increased access to the WGS system will allow the flow of greater amounts of data, text, video and audio transmission for critical communications, such as tactical command and control, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, battle management and combat support information, across more platforms.

It will also have the added benefit of improving the morale of deployed personnel by making private communications – such as e-mail and Facebook – accessible to more users.

Before construction could begin on Signal Hill, the Mercury Global project team fulfilled a number of regulatory requirements to identify any potential environmental and health effects. In 2016, an environmental assessment on the site determined likely to cause any significant adverse environmental effects.

Similarly, in 2014, DND's Quality Engineering Test Establishment issued an assessment of the health and safety risk of the new SGTs and determined the antennas do not pose a risk to personnel as spelled out by Health Canada Safety Code six standards.

With those concerns addressed, construction in Esquimalt was set to begin in March, but faced an unexpected delay when an eagle's nest was found in a tree on the project site. As eagles are protected by both federal and provincial legislation, the project dedicated resources to ensure the eagles' habitat would be protected throughout construction and avoided any activity that could disturb the nesting eagles.

With the path clear for the project to move forward, construction of the Signal Hill SGT began in November, with the site expected to be fully operational by November 2017.



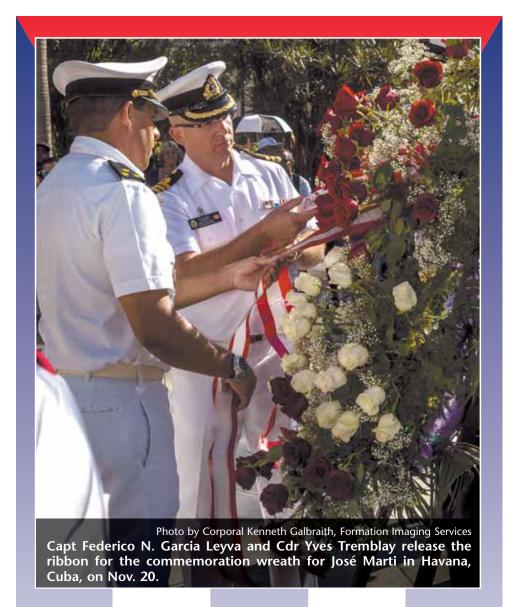




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Honouring José Marti THE APOSTLE OF **CUBAN INDEPENDENCE**

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I cultivate a white rose/In July as in January/For the sincere friend/Who gives me his hand frankly/And for the cruel person who tears/out the heart with which I live,/I cultivate neither nettles nor thorns:/I cultivate a white rose.

- Line from Cultivo Una Rosa Blanca by José Marti

The Apostle of Cuban Independence, Marti, still holds a special place in the hearts of his countrymen 121 years after his passing. He has become such a prominent symbol in the Cuban culture that it is now a custom for visiting dignitaries to place a wreath at one of his memorial statues throughout the country.

In 2016 prominent North American leaders, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Barack Obama and now Cdr Yves Tremblay, Commanding Officer of HMCS Fredericton, can say

On Sunday Nov. 20, Cdr Tremblay stood with members of the Canadian Embassy to Cuba, Commodore Craig Baines, and Capitan De Navio Lazaro Rodriguez Perera, before the José Marti memorial in Parque Central, Havana, and watched as Cuban soldiers marched up with the traditional wreath in hand. With 50 smartly turned out members of his ship's company behind him, Cdr Tremblay and Capitan Rodriguez approached to unveil the ceremonial ribbon, as has been done by those before him.

"It was a memorable experience for the crew and I to have participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the José Marti statue in Parque Central," "Involvement in an event such as this allows the ship and the Royal Canadian Navy to generate goodwill, create dialogue, and develop relationships with host countries while we are alongside."

José Marti was a respected figure in the Cuban fight for liberation from Spain in the late 1800s and has become commonly known

as the Apostle of Cuban Independence. He remains an important figure to the people of Cuba and the participation of Fredericton in this ceremony is seen as a goodwill gesture between two nations looking to strengthen and prosper their diplomatic relationship.

After the ceremony, Fredericton sailors were afforded the opportunity to meet and greet Cuban citizens and tourists who were very interested in taking pictures with the recently

This ceremony carried significant importance for the Royal Canadian Navy as Fredericton became the first Canadian warship to participate in the service, as the memorial was not constructed until 1958. With another 'first' in their pocket it remains to be seen through what waves Fredericton and her crew will sail next.





















Santa surprises children onboard warship

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

Twenty-four children from Esquimalt area schools got into the holiday spirit early with a Christmasthemed, three-hour tour of *HMCS Calgary* on Dec. 8.

The annual visit facilitated by the Esquimalt Lions Club and PO2 Brad Warford, a weapons engineering technician from *Calgary*, enabled the children, ages eight to 11, to get a first-hand look at the inner workings of the Halifax-class frigate. They were given

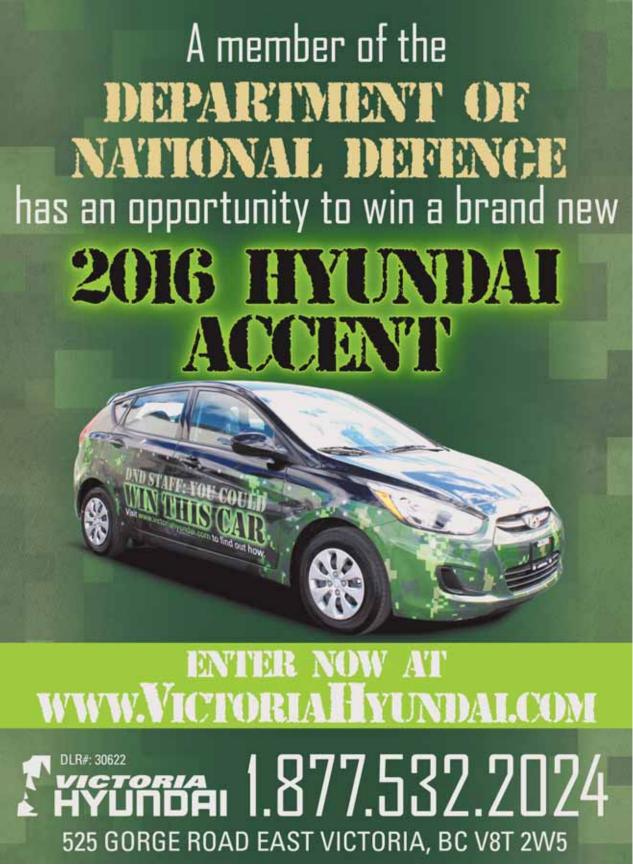
guided tours of the vessel's machinery control room, and the bridge, and also a look at the Bofors 57 mm rapid-fire main gun.

After their walkabout, the children then enjoyed lunch in the ship's cafeteria where they also watched Christmas movies and played games with members of the crew and Lions Club. Then, towards the end of their lunch came the biggest thrill of their day as the Jolly Old One, Santa Claus made a surprise appearance in the cafeteria, sharing warm embraces and high fives with the children. One by one they sat on Santa's lap and he handed each child a present, laugh-

ing with great delight as each gift was handed out.

"This year's tour was an overwhelming success and the ship's staff were very excited to have the children on board with us today," said PO2 Warford. "HMCS Calgary is very proud to host this event again this year, and is happy to carry on a tradition that was originally started by the Esquimalt Lions Club and the former HMCS Protecteur."

Protecteur and members of the Lions Club began the annual Christmas Tour 31 years ago, but since the supply ship's decommissioning three years ago, Calgary has taken over as host.



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Cpl Dustin RenzMilitary Police Unit
Esquimalt

The time of year is once again upon us when we find our schedules busy with holiday parties and visits with friends and family. During these occasions, gifts will be exchanged, laughs will be shared, and drinks will be enjoyed.

With so much going on in the holiday season, we urge you to remember something very important: Don't drive while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada estimates there are between 1,250 and 1,500 impairment-related crash deaths in Canada each year (3.4 – 4.1 deaths per day).

It only takes a few minutes and a couple of extra dollars to arrange a safe ride home, and with so much at stake (lives, mobility, careers, etcetera), it is well worth it.

It is a criminal offence to operate, or be in care or control of a motor vehicle whether it is in motion or not, while your ability to operate the vehicle is impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Military Police have seen an increase in cannabisrelated impaired drivers in recent months, and these matters are dealt with no differently than alcohol-related impaired drivers.

If you are at fault for a death as a result of impaired driving, you will be eligible for life imprisonment.

The best thing you can do to stay safe is to plan ahead. There are many options to get you home safely, such as cabs, sober friends, designated driver services, or dialadriver. Remind your guests and friends of these options to ensure they have a safe ride home at the end of the night.

It is important to be aware that even the morning after you have consumed alcohol, you still may be over the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle. Alcohol takes time to be eliminated from the body, and the time it takes is different for everyone. Although you may feel like you're fine to drive, this is often not the case. If you're ever uncertain, give yourself more time until you're absolutely positive.

Please remember, if at any time you see a driver who appears impaired, call 911. You could potentially save a life.

The Military Police will be conducting random impaired driving check-points at CFB Esquimalt and in the residential housing areas to combat impaired driving and to make sure everyone enjoys their holiday season in a safe and responsible manner.

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Warship Modernization Completed

Ryan Melanson

Trident Staff

It's not often government officials get to tout large procurement projects as being completed on time and under budget. But those were the words of the day on Nov. 29 when *HMCS Toronto* returned to the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), marking the completion of the Halifax-class Modernization (HMC)/Frigate Life Extension project.

A ceremony was held at Irving Shipbuilding Halifax shipyards, where leaders involved with the project, including VAdm Ron Lloyd, Commander RCN, gathered to mark the occasion and spread the good news.

The HCM project had a budget of about \$4.3 billion, and while final total costs aren't available, ADM(Materiel) Pat Finn said a portion of that budget is already being returned.

A number of speakers focused on this point in their remarks at the ceremony, including Finn, VAdm Lloyd, and Halifax MP Andy Fillmore.

VAdm Lloyd said trust and communication with stakeholders and the public is important, and communicating this project is a way to show that government and industry can cooperate to deliver high-quality equipment with cost efficiency.

"When Canadians take a look at their shipbuilding industry now, they can be proud of another success story," he said.

The goal of the HCM/FELEX project, which began more than a decade ago, was to see all 12 Halifax-class frigates undergo



Photo by OS Paul Green, Formation Imaging Services, Halifax, Nova Scotia HMCS Toronto pushes off from Irving Shipyard after the ship's ceremonial return to the fleet on Nov. 29 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

refit and installation of modern equipment to allow sailors to continue to work in defense of Canada at home and abroad. The process involved Irving Shipbuilding on the East Coast, Seaspan Shipyards on the West Coast, Lockheed Martin Canada, and more than 30 other firms working with the Government of Canada.

The result is a fleet of ships more prepared to bridge the RCN to the eventual delivery of the Canadian Surface Combatants. The modernized frigates have been fitted with enhanced radar and electronic warfare systems, upgraded communications, and missiles that integrate with a new combat

management system.

"We basically changed out two brains of the ship," VAdm Lloyd explained. "The Combat Management System, the manner in which you fight with the ship, is completely new, and then the Integrated Platform Management System, which looks after the propulsion and other maritime engineering aspects, is also brand new and state-of-the-art."

Irving Shipbuilding President Kevin McCoy highlighted the economic benefits of the work being done in Halifax, including an estimated \$265 million in employment income in Nova Scotia through HCM.

while Seaspan President Brian Carter and Lockheed Martin Canada President Rosemary Chapdelaine also spoke about their own involvement in the project.

Finn delivered a big thank you on behalf of government, both to the many industry partners who took good care of the ships and returned them in top shape, and to the crew themselves, who will be in charge of taking the newly equipped ship to sea.

"We're inspired by your work and appreciate your enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism, and we thank you for what you do in service to Canadians every day," Finn said.

VAdm Lloyd also pointed out the significance of *HMCS Halifax* currently undergoing its docking work period at the shipyard, years after being the first ship to undergo HCM.

"As the last comes out, the first goes back in, just like it should. It's an excellent bookend for what this project represents and it's indicative of success," he said, noting that other successfully modernized frigates HMC Ships Vancouver, Fredericton and Charlottetown are currently deployed around the world doing the business of the navy.

Earlier in the day, Cdr Steve Archer, *Toronto's* commanding officer, officially signed for care and custody of the ship from Irving Shipbuilding and following the ceremony at the shipyard, he and his crew marched on board and officially put the last of the Halifax-class back in the hands of the Atlantic Fleet.

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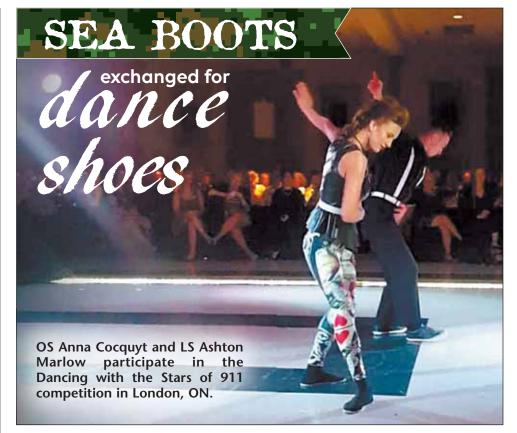
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Lt(N) David Lewis **HMCS Prevost PAO**

Members of HMCS Prevost, the Naval Reserve Division in London, Ontario, swapped their sea boots for dancing shoes.

OS Anna Cocquyt and LS Ashton Marlow recently competed in the 7th annual Dancing With The Stars of 911 Gala event hosted by the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund. The Fund is dedicated to the donation of life-saving defibrillators to public buildings in the name of fallen law enforcement, fire, EMS and military members who have died in the line of duty.

The gala event is an evening of dinner, silent auction, and dance performances by sailors, police, paramedics and communicators.

The Naval Reserve mission is not only to generate trained individuals for Canadian Armed Forces operations but also to support the navy's efforts in connecting with Canadians

in our local communities. This was a great opportunity for these two young sailors to unlace their sea boots and slips on their dance shoes.

OS Anna Cocquyt joined the navy this year with a deep desire to serve her country. She is training to be a boatswain. Having grown up in a small town she kept herself entertained by making up a dance or skit in the backyard with her sister. She started dancing ballet and learning gymnastics when she was little and has loved dance ever since.

"I heard about the DWTS of 911 event and I jumped on the opportunity to aid in such an honourable and meaningful cause," said "I am always up for a challenge and willing to put myself out there for a little laugh while I'm at it."

LS Ashton Marlow is already a member of Prevost. He is a boatswain and has volunteered as guest speaker during Veteran's Week for the past

two years. LS Marlow loves anything outdoors. When not on ship you will find him outside hiking, fishing, playing rugby or even scuba diving.

"I love to travel and explore the world, which is why I joined the navy in the first place," he says. "I am dancing with the stars of 911 because I truly believe in the foundation and its purpose. I thought it was a fantastic cause."

While they did not win, they certainly enjoyed the experience and represented the Royal Canadian Navy and Prevost well. Commanding Officer, LCdr Sean Batte, who was a judge for the gala last year, said he was very proud of these two young sailors.

"They represent their ship extremely well. They prepared for months and had a real gymnastic flare to their routine. This kind of hard work and upbeat attitude bodes well for the type of people the RCN attracts."

It was a night for the navy

CAF Mobile App launches

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Canadian Armed Forces members now have access to a variety of tools and services essential to CAF members, their families, and the extended of other resources for members and defence community through a new tool, the Canadian Armed Forces Mobile Application (CAF Mobile App).

The app, developed at the request of the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), ensures that you will be provided with the latest useful, unclassified information about defence directly from the CDS and his command team.

Want to check for housing at 3 Canadian Division Support Base Edmonton? There is a section for that.

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support? It has that, too.

Want to see the latest Canadian Forces General (CANFORGEN) message? It has that.

The CAF Mobile App includes plenty their families, including compensation and benefits, relocation, education and training, legal, morale and welfare, OUTCAN, and contact information for Veterans Affairs.

The app also makes it easy to stay current on the latest social media posts, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. You can tailor it to your needs so that you always know what is going

The app is available for free from the iOS, Android, and BlackBerry stores.

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NORAD set to track Santa

Peterson Air Force Base

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The North American Aerospace Defense Command is celebrating the 61st anniversary of tracking Santa's yuletide journey.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www. noradsanta.org, launched Dec. 1 and features Santa's North Pole Village, which includes a holiday countdown, games, activities, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can countdown the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets.

Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Google+. Santa followers just need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Starting at 2:01 a.m. EST on Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make prep-

arations for his flight. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations.

Then, at 6 a.m. EST, trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to noradtrackssanta@outlook.com. Any time on Dec. 24, Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa's location, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to locate Santa.

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It all started in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct – only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the Crew Commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition formalized in 1958, which NORAD has carried on since.

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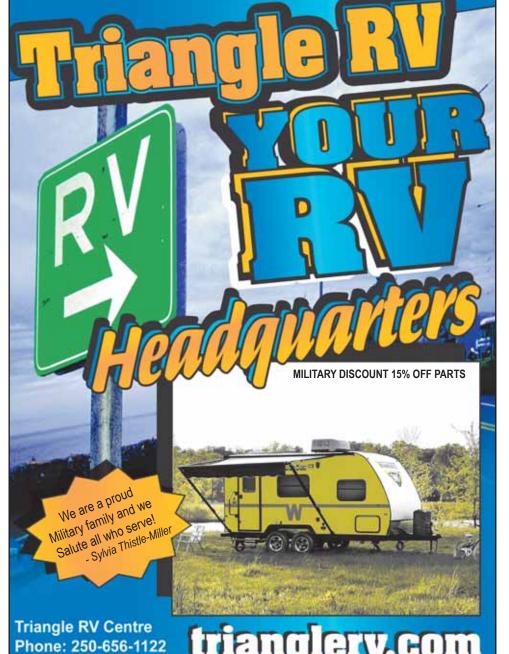


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19:00 hrs - Christmas Carols/Children's Christmas Pagean

19:30 hrs - Vigil Mass of Christmas

- DEC. 25 -

Belmont Park - 10:30hrs - Christmas Day Mass

- JAN. 1 -

Belmont Park -10:30hrs - New Year Mass

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Base Divisions

Capt(N) Steven Waddell, Base Commander, presented awards and promotions during Base Divisions Nov. 29.

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Cpl Emilie Dupuis receives the General Campaign Star – South-West Asia Ribbon for Task Force Artemis.



PO2 Eugenio Padovese receives the General Service Medal – South-West Asia Ribbon for Task Force Artemis.



LS Jorge Medina receives the Operational Service Medal - Expedition for Operation Caribbe.



MS Eric Hermanson receives the Operational Service Medal - Expedition for Operation Caribbe.



LS Ashley Taylor receives the Operational Service Medal - Expedition for Operation Caribbe.



LS Vincent Wachter receives the Operational Service Medal - Expedition for Operation Caribbe.



MCpl Evan Roy receives the Canadian Forces Decoration.



MS William Sherman receives the Canadian Forces Decoration.



MCpl Andrew Tobin receives a promotion to the rank of Sergeant.



AB Hemi Ryu receives a promotion to the rank of Leading Seaman.



Cpl Raimond Domino receives the Level 1 Sea Service Insignia.

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MARPAC Honours and Awards

Captain (Navy) Steve Jorgensen presented awards and honours at Maritime Pacific Headquarters Nov. 15.

Photos by Cpl Carbe Orellana, MARPAC Imaging Services



Capt(N) Steve Jorgensen and CPO2 Jason Kitt promote PO2 David Blanchard to his new rank of Petty Officer First Class.





Lieutenant (Navy) Aislinn Joiner receives the Canadian Forces Decoration.



Warrant Officer Jason Hiltz receives his new rank of Master Warrant Officer.



PO1 David Blanchard receives the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal.







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Boatswain Grad Parade

The Reviewing Officer Deputy Commandant, Lieutenant Commander Daniel O'Regan presented awards and promotions during the Boatswain qualification level 3 course 0039 graduation parade Nov. 29.

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LS Tyson Thomas receives the Naval Fleet School (Pacific) Top Student Award for the Boatswain QL3.



OS Gabriel George receives the Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



LS Patrice Hamel recieves the Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



OS Mitchel Kathol receives the Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



OS Frederick Palmer receives the Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



Boatswain QL 3 completion certificate.



LS Kayla Parrot-Ruiz receives the OS Andrew Samonte receives the OS Skyler Scott receives the Boatswain Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



QL3 completion certificate.



OS Shelby Soderstrom receives the Boatswain QL 3 completion certificate.



LS Tyson Thomas receives the Boatswain QL3 completion certificate.



OS Jonathan Tremblay receives the Boatswain QL 3 completion certificate.



LS Tyson Thomas receives the Naval Fleet School (Pacific) Top Student Award.



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