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HMCS Esquimalt remembered

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Stephanie Biggs, a member of the Sunshine Coast Naval Association, lays a wreath with a Royal Canadian Navy sailor at the annual memorial service for HMCS Esquimalt at the Township of Esquimalt municipal grounds, April 16. Esquimalt was sunk April 15, 1945, by a German U Boat off the coast of Halifax. The German torpedo struck Esquimalt's starboard side engine room. The explosion knocked out the on-board power preventing the ability to send a distress signal. As it listed heavily to starboard, the lifeboat was pushed underwater, but the crew managed to get four Carley floats clear of the sinking ship. In less than five minutes Esquimalt was gone. Many of the crew suffered from exposure as they drifted in the frigid waters in only light clothing for six hours. Thirty-nine men died from either the attack or hyperthermia. The remaining crew were eventually rescued by HMCS Sarnia. Esquimalt was the last Canadian warship to suffer that fate in the Second World War. See more photos on page 6.



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Army Reserve marks 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge battle



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The Canadian Scottish Regiment marched in downtown Victoria during the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge parade on April 9.

Vimy 100 Gun Salute

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The 105mm Howitzer is fired by members of the 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment during a 100-gun salute at Fort Rodd Hill April 8.



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Right: Cadets from the The Canadian Scottish Regiment parade in downtown Victoria.



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Right: Acting Mayor of Victoria, Chris Coleman reads the Freedom of the City Act to the Commanding Officer of The Canadian Scottish Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Sawyer during the parade.



Naval trades amalgamated into one

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

The creation of a new navy occupation has led to a fresh training program that will launch at Naval Fleet School (Pacific) in May.

Approximately 1,500 Regular Force marine engineers, electrical technicians, and hull technicians, as well as Naval Reservist Marine Engineering Systems Operators from across the country have been united under one trade – Marine Technician.

The first phase of training is a pilot course focussing on new recruits.

"The Naval Personnel and Training Group will look at the training process, the course content, and feedback from the students and instructors, and then see if they can tweak the training to best suit the needs of the students," says LCdr Mark Bartek, Naval Technical Officer Occupational Manager with the Ottawa-based Director Naval Personnel and Training.

"The entire rollout will not be a static process, but instead fluid, and is designed to continuously improve

the process of training delivery as we go forward."

The first wave of junior ranks training will take up to eight months. Training will then move through the ranks and finish with its most senior, experienced tradespeople.

Marine Technicians will continue to retain a sub-occupation of mechanical or electrical designation.

LCdr Bartek says the new trade was created in an effort to address critical shortages of specialized personnel on board warships and submarines. It will increase the number of qualified personnel needed to support operations at sea. This is amplified as the Royal Canadian Navy starts the largest fleet recapitalization of its modern history that includes three new classes of ships.

"The biggest driver is the future fleet. New ships will have technology that crosses traditional occupational boundaries," says Chief Petty Officer Second Class Shaun Perry, a member of the Occupation Analysis team that developed the new occupation. "Future leaner crews will demand more broadly-skilled marine systems engineering sailors

capable of operating and maintaining the plant in battle scenarios, extreme climate, and isolation."

LCdr Bartek acknowledges the transformation is an ambitious project that has created a high level of unease from personnel directly impacted by the change.

"There is some concern about the amount of change that is coming. The tradespeople are proud of the trades they perform and there has been some resistance to the change. But there are also many people beginning to see that change was inevitable."

An information document created by the Director Naval Personnel and Training notes the Naval Reserves will see a notable change with a reduction of 655 to 385 marine systems operators.

Information documents spelling out many of the new training requirements will be distributed through coastal advisors. It is also available on the following National Defence web page: <http://nshq-qgemm.mil.ca/dgnsr-dgepsm/dnavp-dperm/mar-tech-imp-eng.asp>

Ships sponsor named - Sophie Grégoire Trudeau

DND

The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) has announced that Sophie Grégoire Trudeau has agreed to become the sponsor of HMCS Harry DeWolf, the lead ship in the RCN's upcoming class of Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships.

The appointment of a ship's sponsor is a long and storied naval tradition. The function of a sponsor is to be part of the naming of a ship, typically breaking a bottle of champagne across the ship's bow during its naming or launching ceremony. Sponsors are often prominent women who have served their communities in a variety of capacities. Many sponsors continue their relationship with their ship for many years and remain key stakeholders and supportive members of the RCN family.

Grégoire Trudeau is a volunteer, speaker, and long-time champion for causes such as gender empowerment, mental health, self-

esteem, and equality issues relating to women and children.

"I am honoured to serve as the sponsor of HMCS Harry DeWolf. Vice-Admiral Harry DeWolf was a true Canadian hero who is remembered for his legacy of service, courage, and determination," said Grégoire Trudeau. "I am confident this ship, and all those who serve on it, will continue to build on that legacy—one that all Canadians can be very proud of. I have great respect for the men and women who serve in the Royal Canadian Navy, and I'm very eager to meet the sailors and their families."

Construction of HMCS Harry DeWolf is now underway by Irving Shipbuilding Inc. in Halifax. The ship is expected to be launched in a naming ceremony that will involve Grégoire Trudeau in 2018.

All of the RCN's commissioned ships have sponsors and many prominent women have served or are currently serving as sponsors, including Aline

Chrétien, the sponsor of HMCS Shawinigan; and Mila Mulroney, the sponsor of HMCS Halifax, lead ship of the Halifax Class Canadian Patrol Frigates.

About the AOPS

The Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships will be large, ice-capable ships, more than 100 metres long, and designed to conduct a variety of missions in Canada's waters, including in the Arctic.

The vessels will be capable of conducting armed sea-borne surveillance, providing government situational awareness of activities and events in these regions.

They will also be able to cooperate with partners in the Canadian Armed Forces and other government departments to assert and enforce Canadian sovereignty, when and where necessary.

Who was DeWolf?

Vice-Admiral Harry DeWolf was a decorated naval commander in the

Second World War. He took part in numerous Atlantic convoy escort duties, in the rescue and evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk after the fall of France in 1940, and was known as a fearless and bold tactician throughout the war.

During his 14 months in command of HMCS Haida, VAdm DeWolf led in the sinking of many enemy ships, earning him a Distinguished Service Order for gallantry, and a Distinguished Service Cross for courage and skill in action against German destroyers.

In 1956, upon promotion to the rank of Vice-Admiral, he was appointed Chief of the Naval Staff, a position he served in until his retirement in 1960.

The names of five of six Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessels have been announced to-date, each one named after Canadian naval heroes: HMCS Harry DeWolf, HMCS Margaret Brooke, HMCS Max Bernays, HMCS William Hall, and HMCS Frédéric Rolette.



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WHAT SAY YOU

People Talk

Lookout asked those attending the Afghanistan Memorial advanced viewing:
What does the Afghanistan memorial mean to you?



Although I served in Bosnia, it means a great deal to me personally because I lost friends in Afghanistan. It is extremely important to me that service folk who served their country are remembered. This is the only monument in Canada that will have all the names of Canadian and military personnel who were killed in Afghanistan.

Colonel (Ret'd) Paul Crober
of the GVAMS



The observance of service in care of freedom and the betterment of humanity. Traditional monuments normally have an armed soldier or military theme, but this design and its imagery truly represent the humanitarian nature of the mission and efforts by Canadian soldiers to help the people of Afghanistan.

Mike Heppell,
GVAMS Committee



I think this memorial means something different to everyone, but the true meaning to me is that it commemorates the sacrifices of every fallen man and woman who made the ultimate sacrifice. Professionally for me this monument represents a great deal of work, time and planning by everyone involved in this project.

Robert Poncelet,
President Stewart
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For me since I worked on developing the site at Pioneer Square, the site where the memorial will be placed later this year, it represents the merging or union of two different concepts and usages for the square – both a place to play and a place to remember.

Graham Sykes,
Province of British Columbia,
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WHAT SAY WE



April is Military Child Month

April is the Month of the Military Child. This presents us with the opportunity to consider the unique circumstances faced by the children of our Canadian women and men in uniform, and the children of veterans.

Military families make sacrifices to keep Canada safe. They have to contend with separation from loved ones, and continual change. The adults in the family may be frequently absent, on deployments, training, or exercises. This can be difficult for the children in the home.

The Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) have worked hard over the years to put in place resources to support our military families. At the same time, greater understanding from the broader community, such as from family doctors and educators, is helping children to cope with the experiences of military life.

There are over 32 Military Family Resource Centres (MFRCs) located at bases and wings in Canada, along with service points in the U.S. and Europe, providing Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) families with programs and services, information, and referrals to local services and agencies. The MFRCs offer special programs for children, such as deployment workshops and emergency child-care in times of crisis.

It was announced in Budget 2017 that the Veteran Family Program would give medically released veterans and their families access to the programs and services at MFRCs.

Since 1947, the CAF's Children's Education Management program has been reducing the impact of relocation on schooling for military families both at home and overseas. If a child's parent tragically dies as a result of their military service, VAC provides eligible



students with educational assistance in the form of monthly support for up to four years, or 36 academic months of educational study. Since 2008, over 2,000 children of CAF personnel have participated in the Support Our Troops National Summer Camps.

This month, join us in paying

tribute to the children of military families for their character and courage. They too are heroes, just like the adults in their lives.

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Sneak peek at Afghanistan memorial

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

The goal to create a physical memorial commemorating the 40,000 Canadians who served in Afghanistan has come to life.

Members of the Afghanistan Memorial Society, military veterans, community leaders and press gathered at the Bay Street Armoury April 19 for an advance viewing of the newly created monument.

The rectangular, grey-colored memorial is made of durable Light Barre Granite that was acquired from a quarry in Stanstead, Que. It was created by Victoria-based Stewart Monumental Works Ltd. and measures 11 feet long, three feet in depth and stands six feet high at its tallest point.

The names of the 163 Canadians killed during our country's decade-long military campaign are inscribed on the monument. Also commemorated are the families of the fallen and those who returned home with mental or physical wounds.

The dominant image of the memorial is a Canadian soldier embossed in black silhouette holding the hand of a young Afghan child.

Afghanistan Memorial project chair, Brigadier General (Ret'd) Larry Gollner emphasized the importance of the black silhouette design as he lifted up the canopy to reveal the

monument to the crowd of onlookers. The image was from a battle-field photograph taken by Reuters photographer Finbarr O'Reilly, and Gollner says the symbolism is really central to both the message of the memorial and the mandate of the memorial committee.

"This memorial and the imagery really speaks for itself," he says. "A huge part of our mission in Afghanistan was about assisting the children of that country."

Gollner added that while combat missions are often the predominant theme in the media, the humanitarian aspect is really the fundamental component of those missions. In Afghanistan that has included the building of hospitals, schools, wells and other infrastructure by Canadian military and civilian workers.

"It all boils down to education, and having a nation whose children are educated is the biggest threat to the survival of any terrorist organization operating there," he concludes.

Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, the memorial society's patron, will officiate at the dedication ceremony on Sept. 30 at the Court House Park at the corner of Quadra and Courtney Streets.

For more information please visit the Afghanistan Memorial website: www.vicafghanistanmemorial.ca



Brigadier General (Ret'd) Larry Gollner, chair of the Afghanistan Memorial Society, after unveiling a new monument commemorating the service of 40,000 civilians and military who served in Afghanistan.

Inset: A close up of the inscription honouring those who returned with mental or physical wounds following their deployment to the Middle East.



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HMCS Esquimalt remembered

HMCS Esquimalt, a Bangor-class minesweeper, was sunk by German U-boat U-190 22 days before the end of hostilities with Germany resulting in the loss of 39 lives. A memorial service was held for the warship and those lost in the attack at the Township of Esquimalt municipal grounds April 16.



CPO2 Chris Calhoun salutes during the playing of the Last Post.

Above: Deputy Mayor of the Township of Esquimalt, Councilor Beth Burton-Krahn, and Township of Esquimalt Fire Chief, Chris Jancowski lay a wreath.

Inset: Canadian Armed Forces Padre, Lieutenant (Navy) David Godkin offers prayers.

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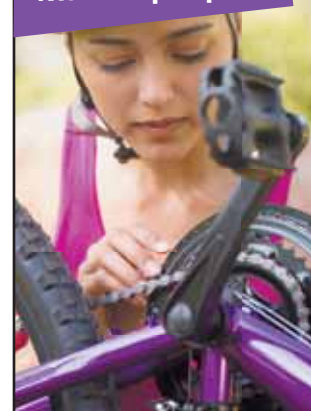
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Haitian children receive Boomer's Legacy aid

DND

An orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, received aid from the Boomer's Legacy Fund thanks to the efforts of a Haitian-born Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) member deployed on Operation Hamlet.

Major David Roberge, a Plans and Evaluation Staff Officer within the United Nations headquarters in Port-au-Prince, spearheaded the initiative that will award the Foyer de l'Action pour l'Avenir \$9,775 worth of household items, school materials, potable water and children's clothing.

A relationship between deployed CAF members and the orphanage was established years ago. Members regularly visit the orphanage to provide support and to spend time with the 10 children, aged six to 15. The orphanage does not receive government funding and relies on private donations to meet their operating costs.

Since its establishment in 2006, Boomer's Legacy has provided funds so that CAF members, serving on deployments around the

world, could help those most affected by war and poverty – with an emphasis on healthcare and education programs for women and children.

"The opportunity to deploy to Haiti and to get involved with the orphanage showed me how lucky I was," says Major Roberge. "I was born in this area and the kids growing up in orphanages, which could have been me. Not everyone was lucky like I was, so I wanted to help."

Under the grant, the Foyer de l'Action pour l'Avenir will receive a refrigerator, an oven, a generator, a year's supply of potable water, 12 bed mattresses, children's clothing and shoes, and school materials—including uniforms and books for each child.

Boomer's Legacy is named after Corporal Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom, a CAF medic, who was killed in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber on August 11, 2006. His death was the catalyst for creating this foundation to help CAF members make positive differences in the lives of others in areas where the Canadian military



Photo courtesy Major David Roberge
Major David Roberge (right) visits the children at Foyer de l'Action pour l'Avenir orphanage.

has operated. The fund is managed by the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services.

Operation Hamlet is the Canadian Armed Forces' participation in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, which is commonly known by its French name, Mission des Nations Unies pour la sta-

bilisation en Haïti.

The Canadian Task Force deployed on Operation Hamlet comprises five staff officers serving in senior appointments at Minustah's military headquarters. The Task Force Commander serves as Chief of Staff and is currently the Minustah Acting Deputy Task Force Commander.

Change of location for Esquimalt Farmers Market

Farmers Market runs weekly Thursdays starting in May until mid September.

Due to the construction of the Town Square, the Market will be in Memorial Park, shutting down Park Terrace Rd (behind the park) from 3:30-8:30 p.m.

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Book examines Halifax Explosion through journalist accounts

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Victoria author Michael Dupuis' fascination with the Halifax Explosion has led to a 194-page book, *Bearing Witness: Journalists, Record Keepers and the 1917 Halifax Explosion*.

The retired history teacher's latest literary work recounts one of the most infamous and defining moments in Canada's history through stories of journalists covering the event.

"It's been 100 years since the explosion and no one

has really recognized the work of the journalists and how their words tell the entire story of what really happened in Halifax," says Dupuis. "They were a major catalyst for the remarkable relief effort by Canadians and Americans that ensued."

For two years Dupuis dug deep into the national archives, library microfilm, and interviews from that fateful morning of Dec. 6, 1917, to recapture the tireless efforts of more than 20 journalists from Canada and the United States whose

job it was to tell the world about the grisly scene.

Many newspaper reports spell out in great detail the devastating 2.9-kiloton blast that occurred when Norwegian vessel SS Imo struck the munitions-laden French freighter SS Mont-Blanc in Halifax Harbour, causing a fire to break out that soon after ignited her cargo. The shockwave from the explosion resulted in a firestorm and tsunami that flattened four square miles and killed 2,000, injured

more than 9,000, and left 12,000 homeless.

Dupuis notes in the opening passage that survivors first claimed "to see a blinding flash of light and giant fireball, then heard a horrendous, ear-slitting roar and crash."

The book is dedicated to *Halifax Daily Echo* reporter John 'Jack' Ronayne who was the only journalist to die in the explosion.

"As soon as he heard Mont-Blanc was burning at Pier 6, Ronayne rushed to the scene," said Dupuis. "When the munitions-laden ship suddenly and unexpectedly exploded he was very close to ground zero. Ronayne was severely injured and burned in the concussion wave and died a short time after, in the line of duty."

Many reporters noted how a series of detonations from exploding barrels of benzol on Mont-Blanc resulted in countless Haligonians rushing to their windows to investigate the disturbance, and then how many were killed by flying glass from the second explosion.

Bearing Witness highlights some of the more well-known accounts of the disaster including a tribute by Alfred Coffin of the *Truro Daily News* to "heroic" Telegraph Operator Vince Coleman who "stuck at his key" at Richmond Station giving the news of the burning ammunition ship and how he "nobly remained at his post too long."

The book also explores other not so well-known aspects of the Halifax Explosion, including the fierce blizzard that hit the day after the explosion. *Dartmouth Patriot* editor Joseph Sheldon's described how the snowstorm created a "pathetic scene" as it swept over the wrecked buildings and the dead beneath.

Journalists also recounted in great detail the military angle as Halifax was the final departure and returning point for Canadian soldiers fighting in the First World War.

George Yates, Private Secretary to Prime Minister Robert Borden, said a returning soldier described post-blast Halifax as closely resembling "a town in Flanders [France]" while other accounts compared the scene in Halifax akin to some of Europe's most deadly battlefields such as Ypres, and even the recent Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Yates also noted in another bulletin how many soldiers had hurried to the scene and how scores of military bodies were found close to Pier 6 "stripped of their clothing and sometimes even their flesh" in an unexpected "rendezvous with death."

In a Dec. 20, 1917, *Ottawa Citizen* reporter Thomas T.P. Gorman covered a mass funeral for 20 sailors and soldiers attended by hundreds as a "pathetic picture of heroism and grief."

There were also the survivor stories with a military theme. Chief among them was Grattan O'Leary of the *Ottawa Journal* who wrote in great detail about the rescue effort led by Lieutenant-Colonel McKelvey Bell, assistant director of medical services for the Canadian Armed Forces, and helping to create "order out of chaos."

O'Leary also reported on the lives of 35 students at the city's Naval College who were severely injured by flying glass but miraculously survived the blast. Meanwhile B.J. Donovan told a *Toronto Star* reporter that Naval Lieutenant Harold Parks, who was located only 100 yards from Mont-Blanc, but remarkably escaped death after being lifted off his feet and blown several yards before being driven through a thick

wooden partition.

"Almost every journalist and record keeper described and commented on the actions and achievements of the military personnel," says Dupuis. "In fact the military was the only organization to deal effectively with the rescue, relief, security, and many other community needs."

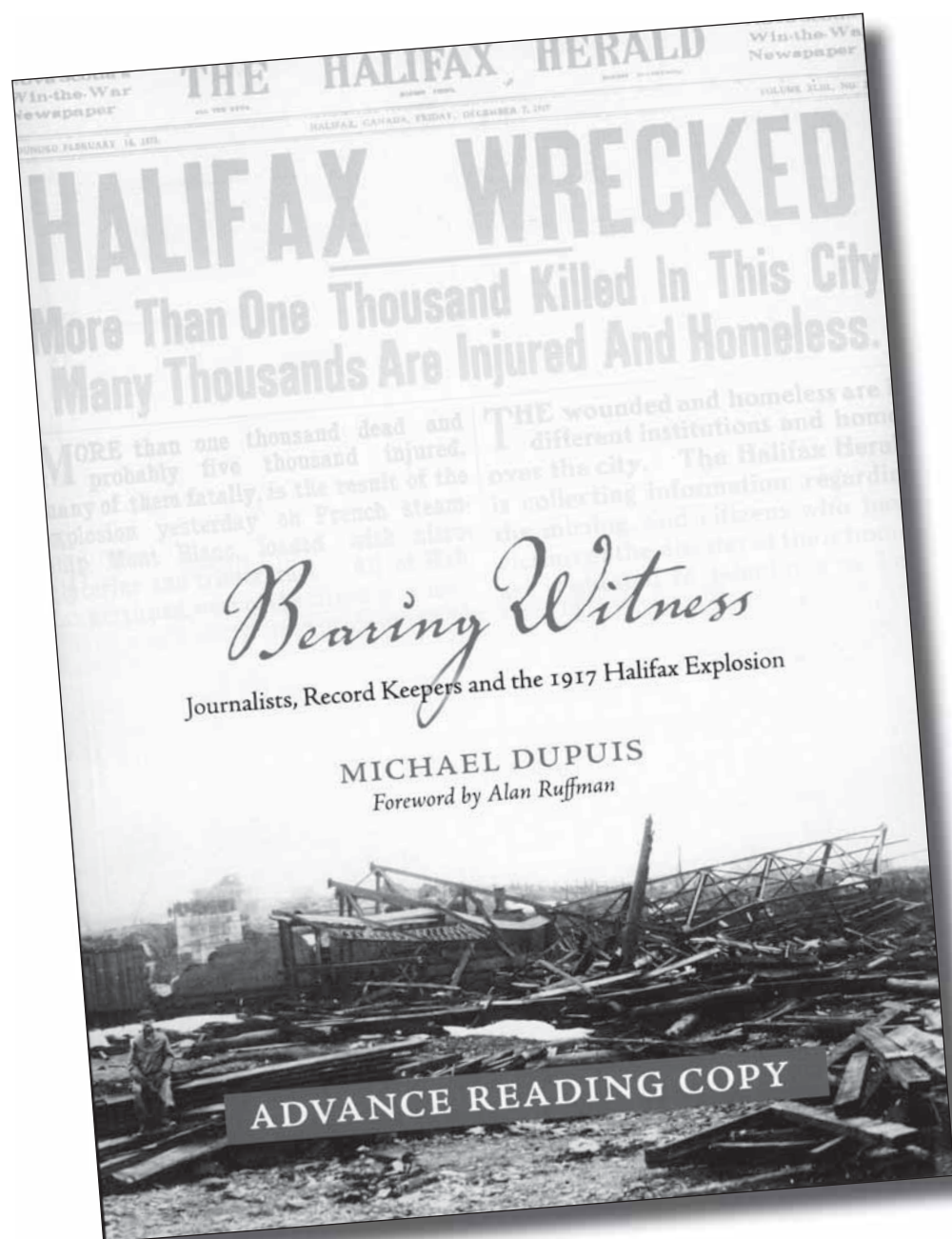
Dupuis will give two presentations at the Oak Bay Public Library, May 3, 2 to 2:30 p.m., and at the main branch on Broughton Street, May 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. He will also attend an official book launch on June 3, 3 p.m., at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.

The book can be ordered through Fernwood Publishing and obtained in Victoria at Munro's and Bolen Books and at the University of Victoria bookstore. In Halifax it can be purchased at Bookmark, King's Co-op and Chapters at Bayers Lake Power Centre.

He has also written extensively on the work of journalists including the Winnipeg general strike, On-to-Ottawa Trek, the Regina Riot, and the Titanic.

It's been 100 years since the explosion and no one has really recognized the work of the journalists and how their words tell the entire story of what really happened in Halifax.

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Hours of operation
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Oak Bay-Gordon Head for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Oak Bay-Gordon Head			
Candidate’s Name:		Financial Agent:	Official Agent:
Bryce Casavant BC NDP		James Dopp 1850 Allenby St, Victoria, BC, V8R 3B7 (250) 598-1524	
Alex Dutton BC Liberal Party		Bernard Beck 2016 Romney Rd, Victoria, BC, V8S 4J7 (250) 686-4870	
Xaanja Ganja Free 4BC		Erik Deutscher 603-548 Dallas Rd, Victoria, BC, V8V 1B3 (250) 415-9168	
Andrew John Weaver BC Green Party		Paul Elworthy 2742 Cavendish Ave, Victoria, BC, V8R 2G8 (250) 361-7840	
Jin Dong Yang-Riley The Vancouver Island Party		Jin Yang-Riley 811 Leslie Dr, Victoria, BC, V8X 2Y3 (250) 381-0419	Robin Richardson 143-7 Chief Robert Sam Lane, Victoria, BC, V9A 7N3
General Voting Places:			Advance Voting Places:
Arbutus Middle School 2306 Edgelow St, Saanich, BC		Gordon Head Middle School 1671 Kenmore Rd, Saanich, BC	Cadboro Bay United Church 2625 Arbutus Rd, Saanich, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6
Cadboro Bay United Church 2625 Arbutus Rd, Saanich, BC		Hillcrest Elem School 4421 Greentree Terr, Saanich, BC	
Church of St. Aidan’s 3703 St Aidans St, Saanich, BC		Margaret Jenkins Elem School 1824 Fairfield Rd, Victoria, BC	Emmanuel Baptist Church 2121 Cedar Hill Cross Rd, Oak Bay, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6
Glenlyon Norfolk School 1701 Beach Dr, Oak Bay, BC		Monterey Middle School 851 Monterey Ave, Oak Bay, BC	
		Oak Bay Sec School 2151 Cranmore Rd, Oak Bay, BC	Glenlyon Norfolk School 1701 Beach Dr, Oak Bay, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6
		St. Phillips Church 2928 Eastdowne Rd, Oak Bay, BC	
		Torquay Elem School 4413 Torquay Dr, Saanich, BC	Maria Montessori Academy 1841 Fairburn Dr, Saanich, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30
		Uplands Elem School 3461 Henderson Rd, Oak Bay, BC	



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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Saanich South for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Saanich South				
Candidate's Name:		Financial Agent:		Official Agent:
David Calder BC Liberal Party		Mark Mawhinney 410-737 Yates St, Victoria, BC, V8W 1L6 (250) 952-7755		
Andrew Paul McLean Libertarian		Andrew McLean 1578 Brodick Cres, Saanich, BC, V8N 1N4 (778) 533-2862		
Mark Neufeld BC Green Party		Allen Gunderson 4541 W Saanich Rd, Victoria, BC, V8Z 0B7 (250) 882-3950		
Richard Percival Pattee The Vancouver Island Party		Richard Pattee 4549 Rithetwood Pl, Saanich, BC, V8X 4J9 (250) 588-3503	Robin Richardson 4549 Rithetwood Pl, Saanich, BC, V8X 4J9	
Lana Popham BC NDP		Forrest Nelson 180 Homer Rd, Victoria, BC, V8Z 1V6 (250) 658-2856	Samuel Godfrey 101-4442 West Saanich Rd, Saanich, BC, V8Z 3E9	
General Voting Places:		Advance Voting Places:		District Electoral Offices:
Church of the Nazarene 4277 Quadra St, Saanich, BC Cordova Bay Elem School 5238 Cordova Bay Rd, Saanich, BC Lake Hill Elem School 1031 Lucas Ave, Saanich, BC Lochside Elem School 1145 Royal Oak Dr, Saanich, BC		McKenzie Elem School 4005 Raymond St N, Saanich, BC Northridge Elem School 4190 Carey Rd, Saanich, BC Prospect Lake Elem School 321 Prospect Lake Rd, Saanich, BC Royal Oak Middle School 751 Travino Lane, Saanich, BC		Glanford Middle School 4140 Glanford Ave, Saanich, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6 370-4243 Glanford Ave Victoria, BC (250) 952-5824
Strawberry Vale Elem School 4109 Rosedale Ave, Saanich, BC Willis Point Comm Centre 6933 Willis Point Rd, Central Saanich, BC				

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Saanich North and the Islands for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Saanich North and the Islands				
Candidate's Name:		Financial Agent:		Official Agent:
Gary Holman BC NDP		Janis Gauthier 2161 Fulford-Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1Z7 (250) 653-4421		
Adam Olsen BC Green Party		Marcus Redivo 1520 Lands End Rd, North Saanich, BC, V8L 5L5 (250) 984-2835		
Stephen P. Roberts BC Liberal Party		John Vowles 200-2377 Bevan Ave, Sidney, BC, V8L 4M9 (250) 655-6615		
Jordan Templeman Independent		Linden Templeman 2292 Amelia Ave, Sidney, BC, V8L 2H8 (250) 514-1141		
General Voting Places:		Advance Voting Places:		District Electoral Offices:
ArtSpring Art Centre 100 Jackson Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC Bayside Middle School 1101 Newton Pl, Central Saanich, BC Brentwood Bay Elem School 7085 Wallace Dr, Central Saanich, BC Capital City Yacht Club 10630 Blue Heron Rd, North Saanich, BC Community Gospel Chapel 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC Deep Cove Elem School 10975 West Saanich Rd, North Saanich, BC Fernwood Elem School 150 Fernwood Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC Friendship Comm Church 7820 Central Saanich Rd, Central Saanich, BC		Fulford Elem School 203 South Ridge Dr, Salt Spring Island, BC Galiano Lions Hall 992 Burrill Rd, Galiano Island, BC Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall 1319 Mills Rd, North Saanich, BC Keating Elem School 6843 Central Saanich Rd, Central Saanich, BC Margaret Vaughn Birch Hall 9691 Fourth St, Sidney, BC Mayne Island Agricultural Society Hall 430 Fernhill Rd, Mayne Island, BC North Saanich Middle School 10400 McDonald Park Rd, North Saanich, BC Panorama Rec Centre 1885 Forest Park Dr, North Saanich, BC		Peace Lutheran Church 2295 Weiler Ave, Sidney, BC Pender Island School 5714 Canal Rd, North Pender Island, BC SHOAL Centre 10030 Resthaven Dr, Sidney, BC Saanich Fairgrounds - Cedar Room 1528 Stellys Cross Rd, Central Saanich, BC Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church 9296 East Saanich Rd, North Saanich, BC Saturna Island Rec Centre 104 Harris Rd, Saturna Island, BC St. Elizabeth's Church 10030 Third St, Sidney, BC Tsawout Comm Centre 7728 Tetayut Rd, Central Saanich, BC
				Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Ave, Sidney, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6 Pender Island School 5714 Canal Rd, North Pender Island, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 SHOAL Centre 10030 Resthaven Dr, Sidney, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Saanich Fairgrounds - Poplar Room 1528 Stellys Cross Rd, Central Saanich, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Thu, May 3-4 Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church 9296 East Saanich Rd, North Saanich, BC Fri-Sat May 5-6 Salt Spring Elem School 122 Rainbow Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6

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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Victoria-Swan Lake for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Victoria-Swan Lake		
Candidate's Name:	Financial Agent:	Official Agent:
David Costigane The Vancouver Island Party	David Costigane 3760 Doncaster Dr, Victoria, BC, V8P 3W9 (778) 350-3539	
Rob Fleming BC NDP	Bill Hawkins 802 Lawndale Ave, Victoria, BC, V8S 4C7 (250) 595-5785	Bill Hawkins 802 Lawndale Ave, Victoria, BC, V8S 4C7
Christopher Alan Maxwell BC Green Party	Andrew Fleck 130 Homer Rd, Victoria, BC, V8Z 1V6 (250) 479-7012	
Stacey Piercey BC Liberal Party	Dorothy Janecek 27-897 Admirals Rd, Victoria, BC, V9A 2P1 (250) 888-5947	
General Voting Places:	Advance Voting Places:	District Electoral Offices:
Braefoot Elem School 1440 Harrop Rd, Saanich, BC Burnside Gorge Comm Centre 471 Cecelia Rd, Victoria, BC Cedar Hill Rec Centre 3220 Cedar Hill Rd, Saanich, BC Church of Latter-Day Saints 2990 Quadra St, Victoria, BC Craigflower Elem School 2766 Admirals Rd, Saanich, BC	Braefoot Elem School 1440 Harrop Rd, Saanich, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Sat May 6 Cedar Hill Rec Centre 3220 Cedar Hill Rd, Saanich, BC Sun Apr 30 Fri May 5 Church of Latter-Day Saints 2990 Quadra St, Victoria, BC Sat Apr 29 Wed-Sat, May 3-6	Kiwanis Village 1419 Mallek Cres, Victoria, BC Wed-Thu, May 3-4 Lutheran Church of the Cross 3787 Cedar Hill Rd, Saanich, BC Wed-Fri, May 3-5 Tillicum Elem School 3155 Albina St, Saanich, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Sat May 6
Oaklands Elem School 2827 Belmont Ave, Victoria, BC Reynolds Sec School 3963 Borden St, Saanich, BC S.J. Willis Education Centre 923 Topaz Ave, Victoria, BC Tillicum Elem School 3155 Albina St, Saanich, BC		205-3531 Uptown Blvd Victoria, BC (250) 952-7821

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Victoria-Beacon Hill for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Victoria-Beacon Hill		
Candidate's Name:	Financial Agent:	Official Agent:
Karen Bill BC Liberal Party	Dorothy Janecek 27-897 Admirals Rd, Victoria, BC, V9A 2P1 (250) 888-5947	
Kalen Harris BC Green Party	Leigh Large 611 Foul Bay Rd, Victoria, BC, V8S 4H2 (250) 508-0062	
Carole James BC NDP	Catherine Flikweert 959 Bank St, Victoria, BC, V8S 4B1 (250) 744-9371	
Art Lowe Libertarian	Art Lowe 2860 Heath Dr, Victoria, BC, V9A 2J5 (250) 384-4505	
Jordan Reichert Independent	Jordan Reichert 5-1334 Pandora Ave, Victoria, BC, V8V 3R5 (250) 216-0562	
David Shebib Independent	David Shebib 5090 West Saanich Rd, Victoria, BC, V9E 2E7 (250) 818-1992	
General Voting Places:	Advance Voting Places:	District Electoral Offices:
Central Middle School 1280 Fort St, Victoria, BC Christ Church Cathedral School 912 Vancouver St, Victoria, BC DaVinci Centre 195 Bay St, Victoria, BC George Jay Elem School 1118 Princess Ave, Victoria, BC	Cook Street Village Activity Centre 1-380 Cook St, Victoria, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Fri-Sat May 5-6 George Jay Elem School 1118 Princess Ave, Victoria, BC Sat Apr 29 Sat May 6 Grace Lutheran Church 1273 Fort St, Victoria, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6	James Bay New Horizons Centre 234 Menzies St, Victoria, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Thu, May 3-4 Victoria West Comm Hall 521 Craigflower Rd, Victoria, BC Wed-Fri, May 3-5
Grace Lutheran Church 1273 Fort St, Victoria, BC James Bay Comm School 140 Oswego St, Victoria, BC James Bay New Horizons Centre 234 Menzies St, Victoria, BC Sir James Douglas Elem School 401 Moss St, Victoria, BC		240-174 Wilson St Victoria, BC (250) 952-7819



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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Esquimalt-Metchosin for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Esquimalt-Metchosin			
Candidate's Name:	Financial Agent:	Official Agent:	
Mitzi Jayne Dean BC NDP	Dan Barrett 1555 Pembroke St, Victoria, BC, V8R 1W1 (250) 360-2648		
Barb Desjardins BC Liberal Party	Carl Ratsoy 2334 Evelyn Heights, Victoria, BC, V9B 6C7 (250) 391-0698		
Andy MacKinnon BC Green Party	Angus MacIsaac 2227 Sooke Rd, Victoria, BC, V9B 1W8 (250) 478-1131		
Delmar Martay Independent	Delmar Martay 110 Gibraltar Bay Dr, Esquimalt, BC, V9B 6M2 (250) 588-0055		
Josh Steffler Libertarian	Josh Steffler 102-1360 Esquimalt Rd, Victoria, BC, V9A 3R2 (250) 588-5674		
Tyson Riel Strandlund Communist Party of BC	Tyson Strandlund 1005 Wurtele Pl, Victoria, BC, V9A 4S2 (250) 883-7321		
General Voting Places:		Advance Voting Places:	District Electoral Offices:
Colwood Pentecostal Church 2250 Sooke Rd, Colwood, BC Esquimalt Sr Comm School 847 Colville Rd, Esquimalt, BC Esquimalt United Church 500 Admirals Rd, Esquimalt, BC Metchosin Comm Hall 4401 William Head Rd, Metchosin, BC Sangster Elem School 3325 Metchosin Rd, Colwood, BC Songhees Wellness Centre 1100 Admirals Rd, Esquimalt, BC		St. Mary of the Incarnation Church 4125 Metchosin Rd, Metchosin, BC Strawberry Vale Comm Hall 11 High St, View Royal, BC View Royal Elem School 218 Helmcken Rd, View Royal, BC West Shore Parks & Rec 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood, BC Wishart Elem School 3310 Wishart Rd, Colwood, BC Colwood Pentecostal Church 2250 Sooke Rd, Colwood, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6 Esquimalt United Church 500 Admirals Rd, Esquimalt, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6 Metchosin Comm Hall 4401 William Head Rd, Metchosin, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6	
		Songhees Wellness Centre 1100 Admirals Rd, Esquimalt, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6 View Royal Town Hall 45 View Royal Ave, View Royal, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6 West Shore Parks & Rec 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6	
		3-1905 Sooke Rd Victoria, BC (250) 952-4408	

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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Langford-Juan de Fuca for the 41st Provincial General Election.

Langford-Juan de Fuca			
Candidate's Name:	Financial Agent:	Official Agent:	
Scott Burton Libertarian	Scott Burton 3259 Walfred Pl, Langford, BC, V9C 4M4 (250) 858-3348		
John Horgan BC NDP	Kathy Palmer 3696 Wild Berry Bend, Victoria, BC, V9C 4M7 (250) 479-4239		
Willie Nelson The Vancouver Island Party	Willie Nelson 961 Marchant Rd, Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1E5 (778) 587-9553	Robin Richardson 143-7 Chief Robert Sam Lane, Victoria, BC, V9A 7N3	
Cathy Noel BC Liberal Party	Bill Stafford 1192 Muirfield Pl, Victoria, BC, V9B 6T2 (250) 479-7217		
Brendan Ralfs BC Green Party	Philip Pierce 3850 Saul St, Victoria, BC, V8X 1S3 (250) 896-3308		
General Voting Places:		Advance Voting Places:	District Electoral Offices:
CRD Building Otter Point 3-7450 Butler Rd, Sooke, BC	Lakewood Elem School 2363 Setchfield Ave, Langford, BC	Shirley Comm Hall 2795 Sheringham Point Rd, Sooke, BC	Belmont High School 3041 Langford Lake Rd, Langford, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30
Crystal View Elem School 2662 Silverstone Way, Langford, BC	Luxton Comm Hall 1040 Marwood Ave, Langford, BC	Sooke Comm Hall 2037 Shields Rd, Sooke, BC	Four Point Sheraton 829 McCallum Rd, Langford, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6
East Sooke Comm Hall 1397 Copper Mine Rd, Sooke, BC	Millstream Elem School 626 Hoylake Ave, Langford, BC	The Forge Church 2612 Sooke Rd, Langford, BC	Gordon United Church 935 Goldstream Ave, Langford, BC Wed-Sat, May 3-6
Four Point Sheraton 829 McCallum Rd, Langford, BC	Port Renfrew Comm Centre 6637 Deering Rd, Port Renfrew, BC	Willway Elem School 2939 Mt Wells Dr, Langford, BC	
Gordon United Church 935 Goldstream Ave, Langford, BC	Royal Canadian Legion 91 761 Station Ave, Langford, BC		
Highlands Comm Hall 729 Finlayson Arm Rd, Highlands, BC	SEAPARC Leisure Centre 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke, BC		SEAPARC Leisure Centre 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6
			Sooke Comm Hall 2037 Shields Rd, Sooke, BC Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wed-Sat, May 3-6

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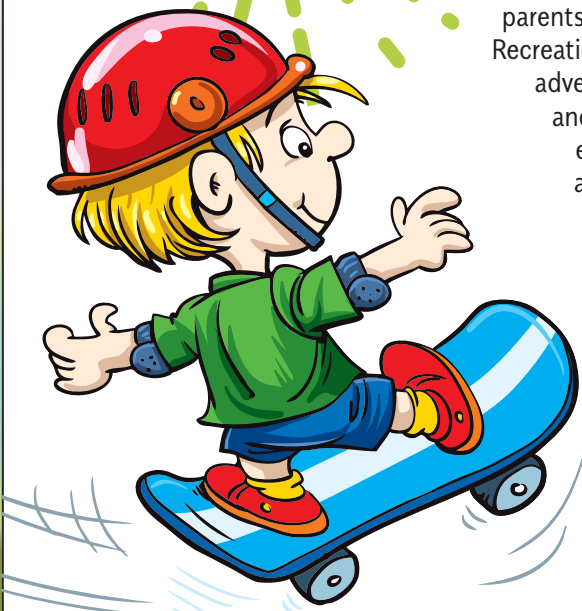


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Court martial results

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On April 18 2017, Lieutenant (Navy) James Clark was sentenced to a reprimand and fine of \$2,000 after he pleaded guilty at a standing court martial in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Feb. 22 to four charges related to harassment and making inappropriate comments.

Chief Military Judge Colonel Mario Dutil rendered his decision at the Asticou Centre in Gatineau, Quebec.

The court martial began on Feb. 20 and originally dealt with five charges. Lt(N) Clark was found guilty of four charges for conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. The remaining charge for

assault was withdrawn by the military prosecutor.

Out of the four charges for which Lt(N) Clark was found guilty, three related to harassment of two military members and one civilian employee. The other charge was for making inappropriate comments to a subordinate member.

All charges occurred at or near Sydney, Nova Scotia, between the dates of July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2015.

In addition to a military judge's sentence, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members can be subject to an administrative review, which can result in actions that range from remedial measures up to release from the CAF.

On May 3, #Let's talk more

According to Canada's Mental Health Commission, on any given week more than 500,000 Canadians are unable to go to work due to mental health concerns.

Less than 25 percent will speak about this in the workplace.

It is important to create a work environment that supports the overall mental well-being of our employees. Maritime Forces Pacific (MARFAC) is working towards this.

May 1 to 5 is Mental Health Awareness Week, and is an opportunity to talk about "living in the green", and supporting healthy minds.

On May 3 join the defence community at the Chiefs' and Petty Officers' Mess, 9 to 11 a.m., in a conversation about the tools available in the workplace. The overarching goal is to talk more, all year long, and make every day a day where it is okay to talk about mental health.

Stigma is the leading reason why two-thirds of people struggling with a mental health do not seek help.

There are important reasons to start talking about mental health early and often, especially before a person becomes ill.

#Let's talk more

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 1-5

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Sailor creates detailed Vimy Ridge battle scene

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

A sailor's miniature depiction of the Vimy Ridge battle site garnered plenty of onlookers at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa over the April 8 weekend.

CPO1 Shawn Taylor, from Naval Personnel Training Group headquarters, was on hand to discuss his three-dimensional, historically

accurate model with visitors during the 100th anniversary weekend commemorating the battle.

"Our table was surrounded by a large crowd of museum patrons the entire weekend," he says.

The level of interest and interaction was so high he and his colleague Robert Dunlop were not able to battle using the 2,500 painted miniature soldiers

meticulously placed on the 10 x 6 foot battlefield they had created, which replicated the 10 kilometre by 6 kilometre area where the battle took place.

"It caught us by surprise. The plan was for Robert and I and the two other volunteers at the display to conduct the battle throughout the day, but we spent all of our time answering people's questions," says CPO1

Taylor. "It also surprised me that so many of the approximately 2,000 people who attended had a personal or family connection to the war."

CPO1 Taylor, 54, describes himself as hailing from an "all-military" family with his mother, father and four brothers all serving the Canadian Armed Forces during their lifetime. He also has a connection to the First World War. His grandfather William Holmes, a Lance Corporal with the 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry (today the Calgary Highlanders), was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery at the Battle of the Amiens.

"Hearing stories about my grandfather, who died after the war and I never had a

chance to meet, triggered in me an intense desire to want to know more and more about the First World War," says CPO1 Taylor. "When I was a child I collected toy soldiers, saw the Battle of the Bulge board game, and then read Charles Grant's book on miniature war gaming, and was hooked for life."

His collection of miniatures hovers around 70,000, and covers everything from Lord of the Rings figures to modern infantry. Only a third of that number have actually been painted and mounted.

Dunlop and CPO1 Taylor began working on their Vimy model over two years ago. One of the biggest tasks was creating an underlay out of foam core board that was molded using topographical maps of the battle site. On top of that, the pair created trenches and roads out of latex, and accurately depicted locations of landmarks, military vehicles and soldiers.

"It looks like the real thing," he says. "When you add the trenches in to the battlefield it gives it a new dynamic and everything appears to pop off the ground."

The biggest challenge was properly depicting the German artillery placement. He says many of the original German Vimy Ridge records were destroyed

when the Allies bombed Dresden and Berlin during the Second World War. The two men poured over hundreds of unofficial documents such as letters sent home from German soldiers. They even consulted Jack Sheldon an expert on Prussian and Bavarian fighters that helped them isolate the location of 62 of the 69 German batteries.

In October 2016, they sent a photo and email to museum staff pitching their display. A month later they got the response they were hoping for in the form of an invitation to appear at a Gala for the museum's First World War Gallery on April 5, and the Vimy Ridge event on April 8 and 9.

"It was pure excitement for both myself and Robert when we heard back," says CPO1 Taylor.

The best part of his trip to the nation's capital was being able to help others learn about the battle.

"It was a great opportunity to educate. One of the big advantages about three-dimensional displays is it gives people context so they can actually see how the Canadian soldiers were deployed with other British, Australian and Indian soldiers on the battlefield, and the commanding position of the enemy, and the notable height and slope of Hill 145."



Photo by CPO1 Shawn Taylor
The replica model of the Vimy Ridge battle site.



Photo by Peter Mallett, Lookout
CPO1 Shawn Taylor touches up a miniature Blackwatch Highlander soldier used in his replica model of the Vimy Ridge battlefield. CPO1 Taylor and his colleague Robert Dunlop were invited to display their work at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa over the April 8 weekend.

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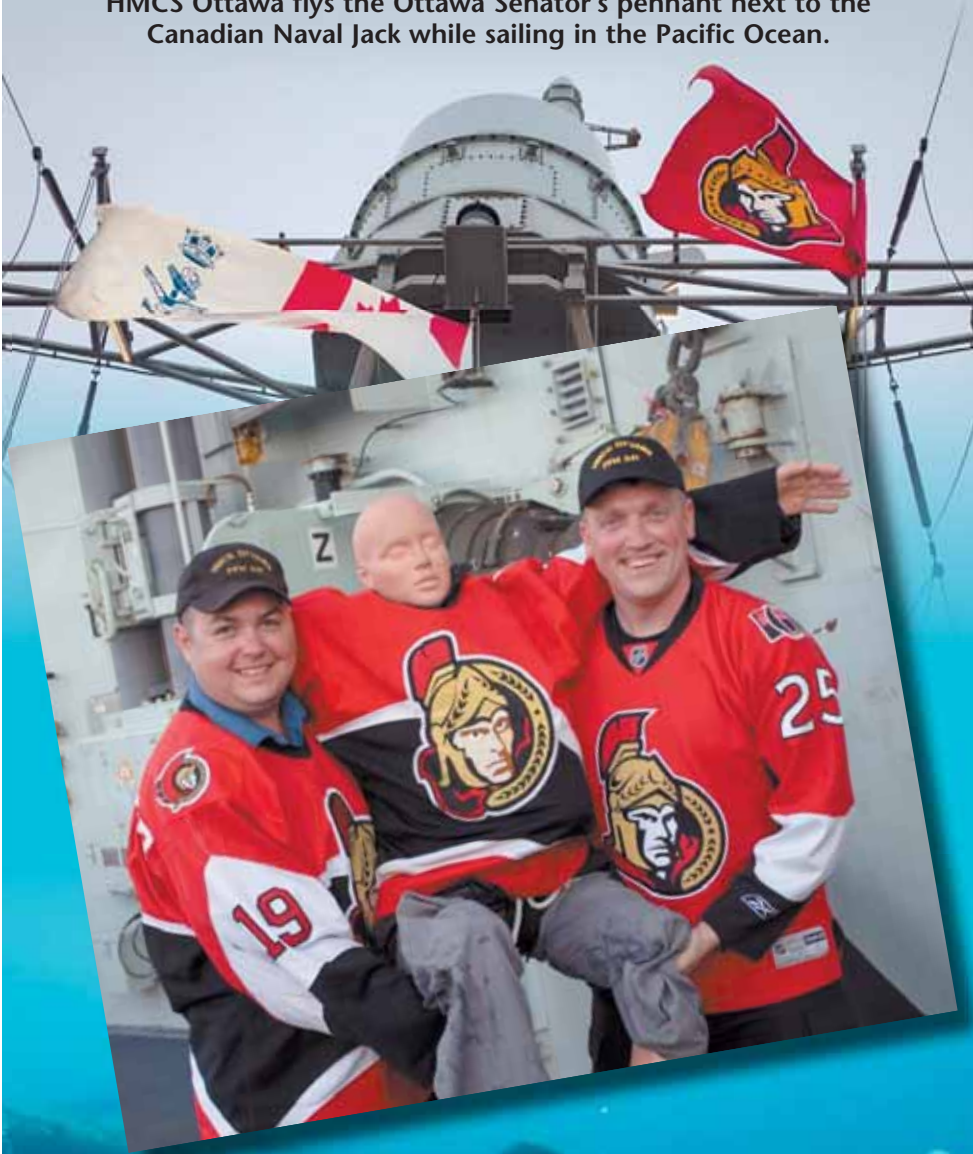
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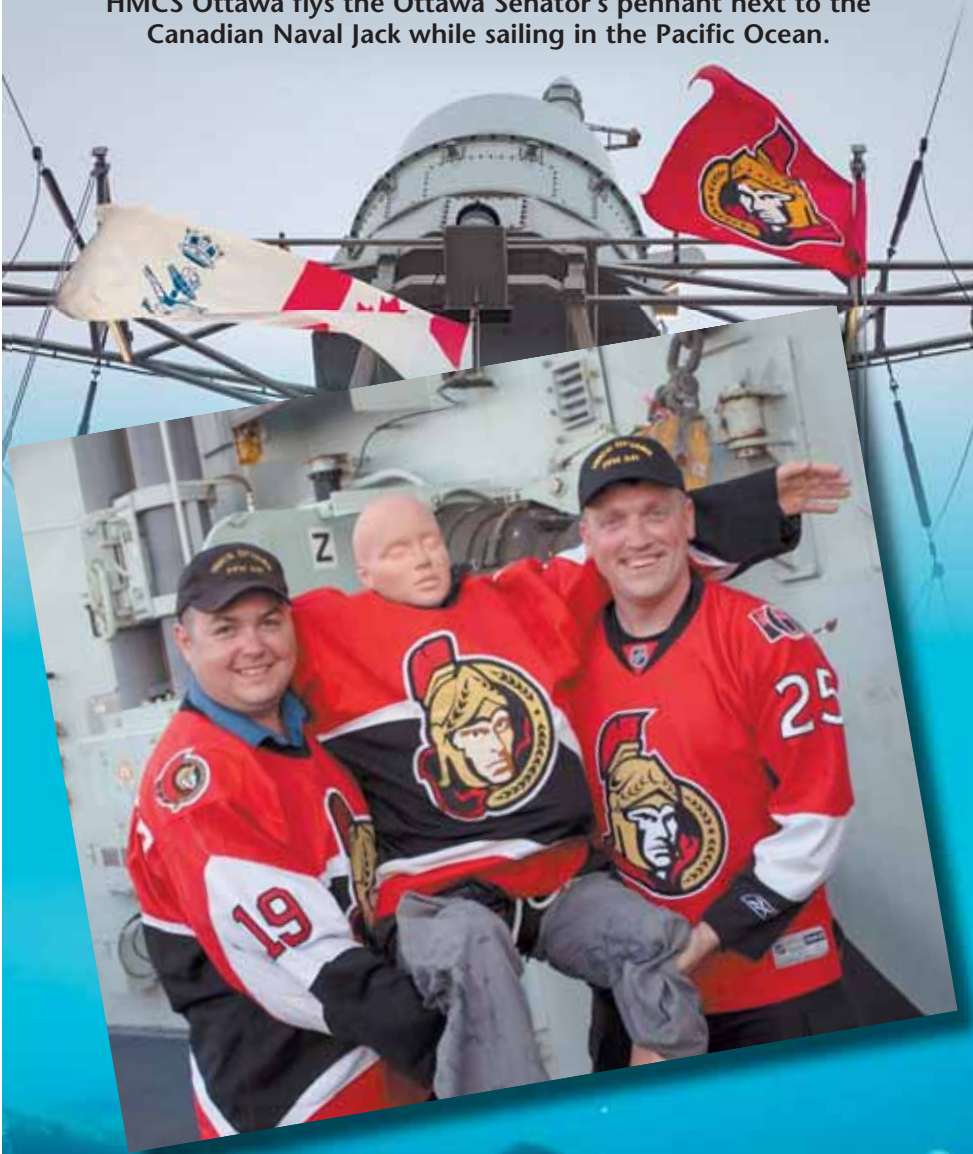
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HMCS Malahat ends training year with family and friends

Lt(N) Paul Pendergast
HMCS Malahat PAO

HMCS Malahat celebrated the end of another successful training year on Saturday, April 8, by hosting family and friends at Victoria's Naval Reserve Division as a way of thanking them for their support.

Members of Malahat know full well they could not fulfill their commitment to serve in the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) without their families, who are the real strength behind the uniform.

With Lt(N) Kay van Akker on her first sailing opportunity as a newly qualified Orca Class Officer In Charge, Malahat guests were divided into two groups – one sailing in the morning and one in the afternoon.

It was an action-packed two hours in Patrol

Craft Training Grizzly with man-overboard drills, seamanship demonstrations, and individual trades and skills refresher training for some Malahat members.

There were opportunities for family members to try controlling the vessel by taking the helm, and RHIB rides for the kids.

As this training year concludes, some Malahat members will continue with their Monday to Friday civilian jobs, while others will take summer contracts to sail in RCN ships based out of Halifax or Esquimalt. Still others will be engaged in summer training to further their qualifications or be employed as instructors in the naval training system.

When the members return in September, Malahat will be ready, as planning is already well underway for another busy training year.



Photo by Lt(N) Anne Gardam
Left: A/SLt Amber Frame conducts a man-overboard exercise with instruction from Cdr Michael Lawless, Commanding Officer of HMCS Malahat.

Photo by PO1 Al van Akker
Right: LS Manuel Dussault Gomez has the helm of PCT Grizzly for the departure.



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Retired chief helps vulnerable youth

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

For the past 22 years a retired sailor and his wife have been opening their home to support vulnerable youth, and are encouraging others in the defence community to follow their lead.

"We believe every child deserves a second chance," says CPO2 (Retired) Neil Laur. "They are all different, come from different communities, different family settings and have different cultures, but we welcome all of them with open arms as if they were our own."

Before his retirement in 1998, Neil Laur enjoyed a 40-year career with the Royal Canadian Navy as an electrician working at CFB Halifax and later CFB Esquimalt.

Towards the end of his career, he and his wife Maggie decided to become a Care Family for the Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria.

Since then they have provided over 85 youth between the ages of 13 and 19 with safe refuge, a comfortable bedroom, warm meals, and a stable family environment.

"We don't mind being called 'Grandma' and Grandpa'," says Maggie.

She says fresh-baked cookies, greetings from their dog Daisy, and a loving environment all serve as excellent ice breakers for newly arriving guests at their home on a quiet street in suburban View Royal.

The Laur family are currently enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club's Full Time Attendance Program, which focusses on assisting male youths on probation, who normally come from communities outside the Greater Victoria area.

Temporary family members are required to help with the

household chores such as washing dishes, folding clothes, and cleaning their rooms.

Household rules also include no swearing "unless it happens when we are playing cards," says Neil. He encourages face-to-face social activities such as cards.

Debi O'Boyle, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Victoria Manager of Quality Assurance, says the Laurs are not only their longest serving family, but also among their best.

"They do the most important things very well and provide top-notch care and always ensure their house is warm and inviting," says O'Boyle. "They are wonderful care givers and their longevity with us is remarkable."

The Laurs have made many long-lasting friendships over the years. Maggie says one of her happiest moments is getting a Mother's Day or Christmas card from a former guest, or hearing an update on their life.

There is also financial compensation for families participating in the Full Time Attendance Program. Care Families can earn up to \$2,800 per month when a youth is being hosted, funded by the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family.

Before acceptance into the program, applicants participate in a homestudy, and get a thorough background check and criminal-record sweep by the RCMP. Care Family members must be in the house when a youth is in their home.

The program is designed to keep youth active and out of trouble by being in a supportive home, attending a school



CPO2 (Ret'd) Neil Laur, his wife Maggie, and their dog Daisy take a break from their daily activities to enjoy some chocolate chip cookies on their back porch.

program, and after-school and weekend programs run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Victoria.

O'Boyle says military members are a perfect fit for the Full Time Attendance Program because they understand the value of hard work, discipline and structure in life.

More information on programs offered by The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria can be found on their website: www.bgcvic.org.

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MARPAC HQ Awards and Promotions

Captain (Navy) Steve Jorgensen, Chief of Staff for MARPAC Plans and Operations, presented awards and promotions at MARPAC HQ on April 11.
Photos by Cpl Blaine Sewell, MARPAC Imaging Services



LS Andrew Bruce is promoted to his current rank by Capt(N) Jorgensen (left) and MWO Jason Hiltz (right).



Captain Sebastien Lemire is awarded the General Service Medal (Operation Impact) by Capt(N) Jorgensen.



Captain Stephan Prigione is awarded the Southwest Asia Medal with Afghanistan Bar by Capt(N) Jorgensen.



MCpl Justin Pike is awarded the Canadian Forces' Decoration First Clasp by Capt(N) Jorgensen.



HMCS Ottawa

Cdr Sylvain Belair presented promotions and certificates.



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