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Sculptor Illarion Gallant speaks during the unveiling and dedication of the Hospital Hill Memorial Sculpture he designed called "Lost Airmen of the Empire" at the Victoria International Airport June 1.

Image by MCpl Chris Ward, MARPAC Imaging Services

Memorial sculpture unveiled

Captain Peter Ryan
12 Wing PAO

Several hundred people attended a dedication June 1 on the north side of the Victoria International Airport, overlooking 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron, for those posted to the Royal Canadian Air Force Station Patricia Bay, and who died during the Second World War.

The memorial consists of

25, 12-foot high, Corten steel, Cooper's Hawk feathers with the names and ages of each fallen member cut into the feathers.

The memorial is located on Hospital Hill, named for the base hospital at the time.

Over 5,000 personnel trained as pilots, navigators, armourers and mechanics as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. This was the third largest training centre of its kind in Canada at the time.

A total of 179 people perished while posted to, or working at, RCAF Station Patricia Bay, or were aboard aircraft from that base.

The occasion was marked by a Trooping of Colours by 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron, remarks from dignitaries, and a flypast featuring a variety of RCAF aircraft.

"It was an honour for 443 Squadron to be part of this event and to participate in the

planning sessions leading up to the memorial dedication to the Lost Airmen of the Empire," said LCol Shawn Williamson, 443 MH Squadron commanding officer. "This memorial overlooks 443 Squadron at Victoria International Airport and serves as a reminder of past sacrifices, and the important role our RCAF members in the maritime helicopter community carried out in the defence of Canada aboard Royal Canadian ships deployed on missions around

the world. We are proud members of this community and it is our duty to serve."

The monument was selected by Victoria Airport Authority and a group of citizens, including members from 443MH Squadron, who formed a working group that had the common goal of increasing awareness of military history at the airport. The memorial sculpture was designed by Illarion Gallant and is accessible to the general public.

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Urban rescue program expands to include ships' crews

Will Chaster
MARPA Office

Urban search and rescue has now expanded to include Royal Canadian Navy sailors through the launch of a new training program.

The HMC Ship Disaster Response Course trains sailors on light urban rescue to enable them to assist in a disaster, such as the

2016 New Zealand earthquake.

The first to trial the program was 110 crewmembers from *HMCS Calgary*, which is currently in refit. They spent three days at Work Point's search and rescue training area from May 23 to 26.

Under the guidance of 12 trainers from the CFB Esquimalt Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team, sailors worked through multiple

stations that simulated a disaster zone. This involved working together in teams in order to shore up structures and extract casualties from under debris.

"This course is designed around the equipment that all ships embark while on deployment," says Petty Officer First Class Chance Sheffield, Operations Chief of CFB Esquimalt's USAR

team. "Medium and heavy USAR teams require specialized gear and training, so we're drilling the crew in non-structural 'light' USAR techniques based on the equipment they will have at their disposal."

Ships carry rappelling gear, medical equipment such as spine boards, and basic tools, but lack the specialized kit of dedicated heavy and medium USAR teams. These include heavy duty saws for cutting through thick concrete blocks and advanced lifting equipment such as air bag systems for raising heavy pieces of debris.

"The first part of the training focused on recognizing damage to structures and advanced first aid techniques, while further training concentrated on working together as a team in disaster situations. This had a special eye towards interoperability with other nations in the event of an incident in a foreign country," says PO1 Sheffield.

This course is a modified version of CFB Esquimalt's USAR disaster response plan.

"Regular base LUSAR course involves about 30 people, so we altered this one to accommodate the large size of *Calgary's* crew.

This course is designed around the equipment that all ships embark while on deployment.

Petty Officer First Class
Chance Sheffield, Operations Chief,
CFB Esquimalt USAR team

We also added some components to give the training more realism such as 'victims' suffering from shock and other things you would expect to find in a disaster zone," said Chief Petty Officer Second Class Mike Lesperance, Logistics Chief of the USAR Team.

PO1 Sheffield's ultimate goal is to have the crew of each ship take part in a LUSAR training session while their ship is in refit. As more crews participate in this exercise and as members are posted to different units, this LUSAR training will disseminate throughout the navy.

"There are only a few USAR teams in Canada and our team at CFB Esquimalt is the centre of excellence for the navy in this regard. The more people we have trained here in Esquimalt, the better," he says.



HMCS Calgary crewmembers practice evacuating a casualty under the supervision of a CFB Esquimalt USAR team instructor.

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Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs, meets with Military Family Resource Centre social worker Kaitlyn Ross during his visit to the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre May 30. Minister Hehr stopped by the Westshore facility to discuss the Federal Government's 2017 budget that will improve the delivery of services, supports and programs offered by Veterans Affairs Canada.

Minister highlights funding for veteran program

Peter Mallett
 Staff Writer

Last week, the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre played host to a Member of Parliament.

Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs, held a briefing at the centre to highlight the new role Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC) across the country will play in assisting medically-releasing veterans and their families.

"The Military Family Resource Centres are the cornerstone of Canada's military communities and it is the group of people in this room today that make the magic happen," said Hehr. "By opening up Military Family Resource Centres across the country to veterans and their families we are emphasizing they always were, and still are a part of the military family."

The 2017 budget spells out additional resources for those who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, in particular, a Veteran Family Program for medically-releasing veterans. It was

piloted at eight MFRCs, including Esquimalt, and will now be available at all 32 Centres.

"We have participated in the pilot program for the past year-and-a-half," said Kaitlyn Ross, a social worker who coordinates the MFRC Esquimalt's Veteran Family Program. "As an organization, we will continue to provide transition support services for military families that need assistance."

Hehr, who also serves as Canada's Associate Minister of National Defence, made note of the re-opening of nine regional Veteran Affairs Offices and the hiring of 400 support staff. He also outlined the government's new financial commitment to veterans, families, and

caregivers with the rollout of multiple new programs and supports that include:

- The introduction of the Family Caregiver Relief Benefit that offers in-home caregivers a \$1,000 per month, tax-free benefit to those caring for veterans in their homes.
- A \$133.9 million commitment over six years towards the creation of an education and training benefit that will provide financial support enabling veterans to attend college, university or receive technical training; a redesign of the Career Transition Services program.
- \$13.9 million over four years to establish a Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund.

- \$4 million over four years to establish a Veteran Emergency Fund for urgent and veteran-specific situations.
- Plans to establish a new Centre of Excellence in Veterans' Care specializing in mental health, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other related issues.

Later in the day Minister Hehr visited Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead in Saanich to announce a new partnership agreement with the Broadmead Care Society and Vancouver Island Health Authority. Previously the 115 long-term-care beds at the senior's residential care facility were only available to Second World War and Korean War Veterans. Now long-term-care beds will be extended to Canadian Armed Forces Veterans and Allied Veterans.

Broadmead Care Society Board Chair Paul Morgan said the announcement was "a new opportunity to develop and enhance care and services for a broader range of veterans."

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WHAT SAY YOU

People Talk

With the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins and Nashville Predators currently battling for this year's Stanley Cup, Lookout asked:

What is your favourite all-time Stanley Cup team, and why?



When the Oilers and Islanders battled for the Stanley Cup in the early 1980s, I would always cheer for the Isles because I had an autographed puck signed by Butch Goring and a pennant with all the Islanders signatures on it.

**PO2 Darren Gordon,
Naden Band**



The Montréal Canadiens of the 1970s that won four Stanley Cups in a row from 1976 to 1979. They were clearly the best team in that era, but the players were playing for peanuts back then and had no real protective head gear like helmets. They really laid everything on the line for the win.

**LS Leo Bosse,
Patrol Craft Training Unit**



The Los Angeles Kings back during the days of Gretzky. They made it to the Stanley Cup finals against the Montréal Canadiens in 1993. I watched the entire play-offs and Cup with my dad, and even though they didn't win they were easily my favourite team.

**A/SLt Daniel Kupchak,
Joint Task Force Pacific**



I am a die-hard Canucks fan and I'm still waiting for their first cup win. My favourite Canucks team was their 1994 team that faced the Rangers in the Stanley Cup. They should have won it but the series deciders came down to a disallowed goal for the Canucks and a controversial goal for the Rangers.

**Dave Burdyny,
Commissionaire**

WHAT SAY WE

You are key to a safer community - Block Parent Program

LS Andrea Noye
Community Relations
MPU Esquimalt

Military Police Unit Esquimalt is looking for residents in the three Residential Housing Unit (RHU) areas - Belmont Park/Royal Roads, Work Point, and Rocky Point - to join the Block Parent Program.

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Update: Operation Honour and the Royal Canadian Navy

The following excerpt, from the Canadian Armed Forces Third Progress Report on Addressing Inappropriate Sexual Behaviour released April 28, 2017, features the Commander Royal Canadian Navy Assessment on initiatives undertaken to date. All are encouraged to read the report in its entirety.

Commander's Assessments – RCN, CA, RCAF and MPC

While Canadian Armed Forces-level initiatives are pivotal in providing the over-arching institutional conditions needed to trigger organizational culture change, the process of permanently modifying behaviours and attitudes must transpire within the commands, formations and units where the

majority of military members work and interact.

Royal Canadian Navy

Operation Honour is now progressing through Phase Three, where the main effort has shifted from developing awareness and understanding the problem, to implementing a comprehensive training, education and prevention approach.

The RCN is fully engaged in the development of numerous initiatives in support of Operation Honour:

- The Leadership, Respect and Honour (LR&H) program has been instituted across all NCM Rank Qualifications (RQs) and Officer Courses. CFB Halifax

held the pilot Respect in CAF course developed by CSRT-SM;

- Combat Readiness Requirement (CRR) 2-124 Complex Medical/Command Issues Tabletop has been developed and will be completed semi-annually, as well as CRR 2W37 HISB Management Scenario which has been implemented as part of Ship Readiness Training;
- During any RCN PD session, the Operation Honour brief is presented and numerous fire-side chats have also included the brief. FRAGO 003 as well as the StatsCan Report on Sexual Misconduct have been distributed to Command Teams and all members are provided access and support to complete Operation Honour surveys;
- HISB Sailor cards are being distributed as part of both MARLANT and MARPAC's In Routine Process and have been added to all HMC Ships' kit list. During all In-Routines, personnel are required to read and initial Joining Instructions, particularly para 12 on sexual misconduct/Operation Honour while Routine Orders contain quarterly submissions related to Operation Honour;
- RCN Code of Conduct posters are prominently displayed in all RCN workplaces and reflect current contacts; and

Read the full Progress Report at www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services/third-progress-report.page

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- The RCN Guide to the Divisional System has been revised to include a new chapter dedicated to conduct, emphasizing the core military values. It is aimed at inculcating a culture of respect.
- Critiques submitted on completion of formal coursing have been favourable while Commanding Officers have reported positive feedback on the recently introduced CRR and practical scenario training. Unfortunately, specific data is not available with respect to the effectiveness and metrics.

Despite these initiatives, one member was temporarily removed from appointment – the results of the investigation are pending; two members were issued an NOI to release and an AR initiated, while a fourth member was released 5F.

Of the 60 reported cases, 36 have been closed; 24 are still active. Unfortunately the data pro-

duced does not indicate a trend in the occurrences of HISB as the numbers fluctuate from month to month – two reported cases in Aug while Dec's report indicated seven new cases. This could be as a result in increased reporting but from the raw data calculated, a determination cannot be obtained. What is important to note is that incidents are being reported, even those that occurred in, some cases, several years ago.

The RCN is taking a proactive approach from coast to coast to ensure a workplace free of harmful and inappropriate sexual behaviour. Any incidences will continue to be reported monthly through the HISB Reporting Matrix while education will continue as a preventative approach: All members of the RCN will know "what right looks like".

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CPO1 Daniel Mercier, Fleet Chief Canadian Fleet Atlantic, lifts PO2 William Duff as part of the Give A Lift campaign. Replacing the Ice Bucket Challenge, this is the new fundraiser for ALS awareness.

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Give a LIFT for ALS

Virginia Beaton
Trident

Receiving a diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) can change a life in a minute.

So can a decision to participate in the Give A Lift for ALS campaign. This fundraiser, a follow-on to the wildly successful Ice Bucket Challenge two years ago, is a grassroots campaign to raise awareness of ALS. All money raised goes to fund research into the disease through the Adaptive Canuck ALS Foundation, a charitable foundation managed by Canadian ALS patients and their families. Tax receipts are provided.

The Give A Lift challenge is asking for people to accept this challenge, especially between now and Father's Day, June 17. The idea is to lift someone up, in as creative a way as possible, take a photo, and share it on social media. Nominate three friends to do the same, using #ALSlift and including alslift.org in the post.

CPO1 Daniel Mercier recently took up this challenge. He chose to lift PO2 William Duff who was recently diagnosed with ALS. His wife is also military and the couple has two young children.

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From left, Scott Jamieson of Irving Shipbuilding; RAdm John Newton; Irving Shipbuilding President Kevin McCoy; Olivia Strowbridge; Cdr Michele Tessier; and CPO1 Pierre Auger following the keel-laying ceremony held at the Halifax Shipyard on May 29.

Keel-laying marks next step for AOPS project

Ryan Melanson,
Trident

The second of the planned Harry DeWolf class Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS) recently passed an important date in a ship's life, with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Irving Shipbuilding holding a keel-laying ceremony for the future HMCS Margaret Brooke. The small gathering took place at Irving's Halifax Shipyard Assembly Hall on May 29.

The ceremony involves placing a coin on the keel of the ship, which will remain in place throughout its years in service, and is meant to bring good luck to all those who sail in it. The coin placed on the future Margaret Brooke may bring extra good luck, thanks to the four-leaf clover depicted on it.

The ship is named after LCdr Margaret Brooke, an RCN Nursing Sister decorated for gallantry during the Second World War, who was

known to carry two four-leaf clovers in a silver locket for good luck following her survival of the sinking of the ferry SS Caribou off the coast of Newfoundland in 1942.

LCdr Brooke was named a Member (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire for her bravery and attempts to help others during that deadly wreck.

She died in early 2016 in Victoria, and it was recently announced that her niece, Margaret Elizabeth Brooke, will be the sponsor of the ship that bears her aunt's name.

RAdm John Newton, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic, who attended the ceremony along with Formation Chief, CPO1 Pierre Auger, said the navy couldn't have chosen a more fitting individual to honour.

Adding to the significance of the event, the group was joined by Cdr Michele Tessier, who has been appointed the first

Commanding Officer of HMCS Margaret Brooke, and the first female Commanding Officer of a Harry DeWolf class ship.

On hand to perform the duties of the shipbuilder during the ceremony was Olivia Strowbridge, a certified ship spray painter and the first woman in a trade supervisory role at Halifax Shipyard.

Strowbridge placed the coin on the keel of the ship, completing the naval tradition.

Kevin McCoy, President of Irving Shipbuilding, said the ceremony marks another milestone for Halifax Shipyard, with the new class of ships now in serial production. Thanks to lessons learned from the first vessel, he said construction on Margaret Brooke is well ahead of where Harry DeWolf was at the same stage, with the keel module, plus pipes, valves and pumps, about 80 percent complete.

"There's been significant

learning for us here at the shipyard, and I think it shows we're heading in the right direction," McCoy said.

The RCN is anticipating the delivery of Harry DeWolf in 2018, with Margaret Brooke to follow soon after; the final ships of the class are expected to be in service by 2021 and 2022.

RAdm Newton highlighted the importance of the new capability that will come with the AOPS project, allowing a warship to serve Canada in the Arctic in a way other vessels haven't been able to, and allowing the RCN to be a stronger partner to the Canadian Coast Guard and to Indigenous communities in the North.

"At the same time, I have no doubt this ship will sail around the world, in the most dangerous oceans," he said. "Whether it's dealing with drugs, refugee patrols, or working on NATO's Northern plank or in the deep Pacific, we have real, new capability coming."

The traditional keel-laying for the future HMCS Margaret Brooke was held at Irving's Halifax Shipyard in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where a coin was placed on the ship's keel by Olivia Strowbridge, the first woman in a trade supervisory role in the shipyard and its first female certified ship spray painter. In shipbuilding tradition, the coin will remain within the ship's structure for its entire life and will invite good luck to the vessel and crew throughout its service.



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First Navy Bike Ride around CFB Esquimalt

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Cool wet conditions didn't deter military and civilian personnel who took to their two wheel rides for the inaugural Navy Bike Ride in Esquimalt on June 2. More than 300 cyclists took part in the 10-kilometre non-competitive, family-friendly ride organized by Personnel Support Programs (PSP). Riders set off from the Naden Drill Shed and wound their way through two loops of the course that stretched through both Dockyard and Naden. Most riders took between 30 to 45 minutes to complete the course. Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, took part in the race. VAdm Lloyd is an avid cyclist who makes the 50 kilometre round-trip commute from his home in Orleans, ON, to his office in Ottawa. He gave the cyclists a pre-ride pep talk in the Naden Drill Shed, joking about his cycling gear and that "sailors and spandex normally don't mix." "I can't be more pleased how the navy has embraced this event," he said after completing the ride. "There was energy and excitement in this event and everyone seemed to have completed the course with smiles on their faces." On May 20, he was one of approximately 700 cyclists who participated in a similar ride in the National Capital Region. Matt Carlson, CFB Esquimalt Navy Bike Ride organizer and PSP fitness coordinator, said this year's inaugural bike ride was an overwhelming success. "Despite the less than ideal weather conditions we had an excellent response," said Carlson. "One can clearly see our employees and military personnel embrace the concept of a healthy lifestyle with regular physical activity and fun such as this ride." Carlson noted that several steep inclines on the course, wet conditions, and morning traffic caused some safety concerns. He said PSP will look to make alterations to the race course for next year's event. Special thanks to Babcock Canada and BMO who come on board as event sponsors.



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Cock of the Walk ball hockey results

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Naval Fleet School (Pacific) captured victory in round one of the Cock of the Walk multi-sport competition with a 3-1 victory over *HMCS Calgary* in the ball hockey championship game.

The intramural-style competition got underway

May 15 with Most Valuable Player LS Joshua Parker leading NFS(P) to victory in the May 19 finale on the concrete playing surface at Wurtele Arena.

MS Ryan McCulloch captured top player honours for runner-up *Calgary*.

A total of six teams registered for the opening event in the revamped competition involving both

base and fleet units.

The remaining events in the competition are: Slo Pitch, June 19 to 23; Soccer, Aug 28 to Sept 1; Badminton and Squash, Oct. 2 to 6; National Sports Day, Oct. 20; Basketball, Jan. 15 to 18, 2018 and Hockey, Feb. 5 to 9, 2018.

All participants must have valid FORCE Test certification to compete in

the events. Participation is open to both Regular Force members and currently-on-contract Reservists, while a member of a foreign force who is attached to, or on an exchange with the Regular Force, is also eligible to participate. Interested participants are encouraged to contact their unit's sports representative for more information.



Photo by, Patrick Potvin, Kuala Lumpur Cobras

Members of Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur Cobras and *HMCS Winnipeg* gather for a group photo on the ice surface of the Sunway Pyramid Mall following an exhibition hockey game May 1. The Cobras defeated a combined team of RCN sailors and Cobras 7-6.

HMCS Winnipeg participation from afar

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

The crew of *HMCS Winnipeg* took part in an exhibition game against one of Malaysia's top hockey teams, the Kuala Lumpur Cobras, as part of the re-instated Cock of the Walk athletic program.

The Cobras, who compete in the Malaysia Ice Hockey League Division 1, defeated players from the Royal Canadian Navy's Halifax-class frigate 7-6, with the goodwill contest played on an ice rink built inside the popular Sunway Pyramid Mall.

"The temperature outside was a sweltering 35 degrees Celsius and inside the arena it was still about 25C so we went through our water and Gatorade pretty fast," said PO2

Pierre-Luc Poirier-Potvin. "It ended up being a very close, tight-checking game with lots of shots and scoring chances due to the small ice surface and the four-on-four play."

Winnipeg was one of three ships from the base who weren't able to participate in the Cock of the Walk ball hockey tournament because of deployments and other commitments. They used the game in Malaysia to earn valuable participation points in the multi-sport intramural competition that involves both base and fleet units.

After the game, players on both teams shook hands, exchanged jerseys, and socialized.

"It was a great pleasure to meet with them after the game and tell them a little bit about ourselves," said PO2 Poirier-Potvin.

HMCS Regina and *HMCS Ottawa* were also unable to compete in the Cock of the Walk ball hockey competition, but fulfilled their participation components.

Regina's Wardroom/Chief and POs team defeated the ship's Junior Ranks 8-5 in a game on April 28 at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre. Meanwhile, *HMCS Ottawa* completed their participation component by using athletic equipment and facilities onboard their ship.

Winnipeg and *Ottawa* are currently in the midst of Poseidon Cutlass 17, a six-month, Indo-Pacific deployment that includes participation in a multi-national task group, interoperability exercises, warfare training, and ambassadorial visits to China, South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, India and Sri Lanka.

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Divers head to Guam

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Ten Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) divers are heading to the South Pacific Island of Guam for an international diving exercise at the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) Diving Exercise 2017 (DIVEX 17).

Six Clearance Divers from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) (FDU(P)), two West Coast-based Naval Reserve Port Inspection Divers, one Clearance Diver from Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) (FDU(A)), and one Clearance Diver currently posted to Canadian Forces' Materiel Management are attending the 12-day exercise at U.S. Naval Base Guam June 5 to 16.

WPNS DIVEX17 is an annual diving exercise taking place in the Pacific region. This year's theme is humanitarian assistance and disaster relief diving.

Lt(N) Sebastian Harper, Mine Countermeasures Officer at FDU(P), is leading the Canadian contingent. He says RCN dive teams traditionally deploy for exercises such as these by commercial means, but this year they will deploy by military aircraft from Comox aboard a C-17 cargo plane, which has presented a unique training

opportunity for FDU(P)'s logistics and planning teams.

"For us the exercise begins way before June 5 because we need to plan for this event very quickly, determine what type of gear we are taking, and how and when we want it to be shipped," he says.

Their deployment via military aircraft fits perfectly with the focus of the exercise, that of responding to a natural disaster such as the typhoon scenario for this exercise.

Joining the Canadian military divers will be divers from the United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, Chile, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. Their job will be to clear the harbour and its commercial shipping lanes of sunken objects such as large shipping containers, small boats, aircraft and other storm debris.

The Western Pacific Naval Symposium was founded in 1988. The purpose of the symposium is to discuss maritime issues of mutual interest, exchange information, practice and demonstrate capabilities.

In 2010, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) was granted full membership into the Western Pacific Naval Symposium.

MARPAC HQ conducts Bystander Intervention and Ethics briefing

Will Chaster
MARPAC PA Office

Inappropriate workplace behaviour was at the heart of two special briefings held at the Chiefs' and Petty Officers' Mess May 24 and 31.

Aptly dubbed the Bystander Intervention Training and Ethics Brief, the session focused on harmful and inappropriate sexual behavior - everything from inappropriate jokes to sexual assault - and everyone's responsibility in thwarting that behaviour.

Lieutenant-Commander Nicolas Bruzzone, Formation Executive Services Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters (MARPAC HQ), with support from Commander Wes Golden, Commanding Officer of MARPAC HQ, addressed the more than 150 people in attendance about the effects of inappropriate workplace behavior

on individuals and the entire Canadian Armed Forces.

The discussion then broadened into an open dialogue on why people choose to ignore inappropriate incidents when they occur, and how individuals can get involved when they see or hear something offensive.

Following the Bystander Training was an ethics brief conducted by Andrew Au, Unit Ethics Coordinator for MARPAC HQ.

This training was conducted in support of Operation Honour, the Canadian Armed Forces mission to eliminate harmful and inappropriate sexual behavior within its ranks.

Operation Honour was first mandated in August 2015 following allegations of a "sexualized culture" in the CAF by an External Review Authority in March of that year. This operation addresses harmful and

inappropriate sexual behavior by providing increased levels of support and care for victims, while ensuring perpetrators are brought to justice.

Bystander Intervention Training is a component to Operation Honour. It raises awareness about harmful and inappropriate sexual behavior among CAF and DND members. This allows personnel to take a more proactive role in addressing this issue. It does so by providing them the tools and information they need to take personal steps towards recognizing harmful and inappropriate sexual behavior and eliminating it in their workplaces.

There are resources available for those who wish to report an inappropriate incident beyond talking to a supervisor or co-worker. Military personnel can call the Sexual Misconduct Response Centre at 1-844-750-1648; the Family Assistance Line at 1-800-268-7708; the Employee Assistance Program at 3-5780; (for MARPAC HQ personnel), the Good Working Relations at 3-5501; the local Base Health Services Clinic at 3-4411; and the duty Chaplain at 3-2640, which are all open to military and civilian members.

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POESB Change of Command moves offshore

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

With Fisgard Lighthouse as backdrop and a brilliant blue sky overhead, Port Operations and Emergency Services Branch (POESB) held its Change of Command ceremony aboard CFAV Glendale.

Base Commander Capt(N) Steve Waddell presided over the on-the-water ceremony held May 29 on the rear-deck of the 95-foot Glen-class tug signing the official Change of Command certificates between outgoing POESB Commanding Officer, Cdr Andy Muir and the incoming Cdr Greg Walker.

Cdr Muir, 53, has spent 32 years in the Royal Canadian Navy. With this Change of Command he will retire to become the Superintendent

of both Hydrographic Services Offices in Halifax and Esquimalt. He says the new job offer was too good not to accept.

"I have had a lifelong love of charts and maps, coupled with my navigation experience and my educational background. It was the perfect change of career opportunity for me," said Cdr Muir.

Cdr Walker, 56, has 22 years as a naval officer, and was previously the Executive Officer for reserve unit *HMCS Malahat*. He assumes command of a unit that provides coordinated operational and emergency services to the fleet and base, and oversees the management of Esquimalt and Nanoose Harbours for the Department as the Queen's Harbour Master.

POESB consists of three sections: Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessels (CFAV), the CFB

Esquimalt Fire Service, and a small headquarter staff.

This is his first command position, but, like Cdr Muir, he also noted the job opportunity

was "too good to turn down." He said he will now focus on providing operational support and guidance to the civilian employees in his unit.

The idea to hold the ceremony aboard Glendale, instead of the more traditional shore location, was hatched by the QHM operation staff.



Base Commander Capt(N) Steve Waddell, center, signs the change of command certificates that officialises passing command of Port Operations and Emergency Services from outgoing Cdr Andrew Muir to incoming Cdr Greg Walker.

A view of the Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessel (CFAV) Glendale before embarking on a Port Operations and Emergency Services Branch Change of Command Ceremony, May 29.

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Event highlights include an X-Wing tournament, an Infinity tournament, Pokémon card game, and the Lord of the Rings Strategy Battle Game.

"We have access to the board game library for LANTasy, which is dozens of different board and table-

top games that people can take out and play on their own," said Joshua Oulton, event organizer. "Plus there is going to be a lot of cool prizes to be won."

Prizes include two initiate light sabers from UltraSabers, a painted Warmachine and Hordes' minion army, an X-Wing starter set, and board games such as Bring Out Yer Dead and XCOM: The Board Game.

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IN THE COURTS



Court martial results former CAF member

DND

Ex-Petty Officer Second Class (Ex-PO2) James Wilks was sentenced to nine months in civilian prison by Chief Military Judge Colonel Mario Dutil at a general court martial in London, ON. The sentence will be served concurrently with Wilks' previous 30-month sentence.

The sentence is related to charges for which Ex-PO2 Wilks had previously been found guilty at a general court martial on Feb. 3, 2017, in Gatineau, Que. The charges relate to breach of trust by a public officer and sexual assault, which occurred while Ex-PO2 Wilks was a Canadian Armed Forces recruit medical examiner in London.

Court martial results AB Bradley Betts

Able Seaman Bradley Betts was found guilty at a general court martial in Victoria, B.C. Military Judge Lieutenant Colonel Louis-Vincent d'Auteuil found AB Betts guilty on two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

Both charges related to inappropriate sexual comments made by AB Betts between Nov. 3-5, 2015, at or near Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt.

Of the two charges that were preferred by the Director of Military

Prosecutions on April 27, 2017, AB Betts was found guilty of charges 1 and 2: Section 129 of the National Defence Act, conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

AB Betts was sentenced to a fine of \$200.

Charges laid against military officer

DND

On May 30, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service charged a senior Canadian Armed Forces officer with one count of sexual assault under the Criminal Code.

The charge relates to a reported assault against a civilian in Kingston while the accused was a student at the Royal Military College of Canada in the fall of 1999.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephan Popowych, a Canadian Army staff officer working with the Directorate of Capability Integration at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, faces one count of sexual assault under section 271 of the Criminal

Code, punishable under section 130 of the National Defence Act.

The matter is now proceeding in accordance with the military justice system for possible court martial at a date and location still to be determined.

"Regardless of when an assault is reported to have taken place, the Canadian Forces Military Police actively pursue all allegations," said Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Bolduc, Commanding Officer, Canadian Forces National Investigation Service. "This charge reflects the effectiveness of our team to investigate reports of sexual assault, support victims, and bring to prosecution those persons responsible for criminal sexual offences."

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Boatswain QL3 Graduation Ceremony

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Photos by Cpl Andre Maillet, MARPAC Imaging Services



OS Michael Clark receives his Junior Boatswain Mate Course QL3 Certificate of Military Achievement.



OS Jarrod Rampone receives his Junior Boatswain Mate Course QL3 Certificate of Military Achievement.



AB Robie Scott receives his Junior Boatswain Mate Course QL3 Certificate of Military Achievement.



OS Kyle Rose receives his Junior Boatswain Mate Course QL3 Certificate of Military Achievement.



OS Kyle Rose receives the Junior Boatswain Mate Course QL3 Top Student Award.

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Naval Reserve Change of Appointment and Awards



Commander of the Naval Reserve, Commodore Marta Mulkins oversees the Change of Appointment between outgoing Naval Reserve Chief, CPO1 David Arseneault and incoming Naval Reserve Chief, CPO1 Mike Giguère.



Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vice-Admiral Ron Llyod presents CPO1 David Arseneault with a CRCN Commendation for his contribution as Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer.



Commander of the Naval Reserve, Commodore Marta Mulkins presents the Commodore's Cup to the Command Team of HMCS Provost.

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HMCS Winnipeg

Members of HMCS Winnipeg collaborated with Boomer's Legacy to provide a donation of \$5,000 to the Courage, Compassion, and Commitment (CCC) Foundation in Colombo, Sri Lanka. CCC Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 2003 by Jetha Devapura, a Sri Lankan born Australian. After recognizing a desperate need among a community of children battling cancer in Sri Lanka, Devapura, along with a team of CCC volunteers, both in Sri Lanka and Australia, raised funds to build the CCC house. The CCC house can be compared to Canada's Ronald MacDonald house. It is the largest transition home in Sri Lanka with 194 beds that serves as a home away from home for outpatients and their caregivers. The donation will be used for much-needed renovations to further improve the lives of children and adults fighting cancer. Thirteen members of the ship's company also spent time with the children and their caregivers.



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Members of the Victoria - Esquimalt Military Re-Enactors Association added a touch of realism to the historic interpretive event in the park.

Fort Macaulay hosts historic interpretive event

Jack Bates
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The historic coastal defence fortress Fort Macaulay in Esquimalt was the site of the Annual Historic Interpretation Event held May 27.

Built in 1895 by the Royal Engineers, the fortress remains largely intact as it was in 1902 with some modifications completed in 1923 and again for the

Second World War.

In 1985 the structures were made safe and the site developed with trails through the efforts of the Township of Esquimalt and the Esquimalt Anglers Association.

In attendance for the Interpretation Event were members of the Victoria - Esquimalt Military Re-Enactors Association with their encampment, costumes and displays. This

added a level of realism for the public as they strolled through Macaulay Park.

Adding to the informative affair were members of the Esquimalt Archives, 5th (BC) Field Regiment Archives, CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum, Ashton Armoury, and the Organization for Preservation of Canadian Military Heritage.

A "Lone Piper" from the Canadian Scottish

Regiment added a musical touch. The Esquimalt Lions provided a barbecue.

Above Buxton Green as people walked about were two refurbished First World War German field "trophy guns", one captured at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917, and the other at the Battle of Cambrai in 1918 by the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, a cavalry unit that formed up in Victoria in 1914. These

guns are regularly on display at Memorial Park in Esquimalt.

The Historic Interpretation was held in conjunction with the Township of Esquimalt's Canada 150 celebrations and included the unveiling of concept art for permanent interpretive signage illustrating the fortress structures to be placed in the park later this year. Scheduled interpretive tours of the site are also

planned for later in the year by the Organization for Preservation of Canadian Military Heritage.

The historic fortress area, including the Point of Macaulay, is leased from the DND for recreation and historic interest purposes. Fort Macaulay is on the Township of Esquimalt's Community Heritage Registry, including an official Statement of Significance.

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Shawn Flood and his daughter Amelia place a candle.

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