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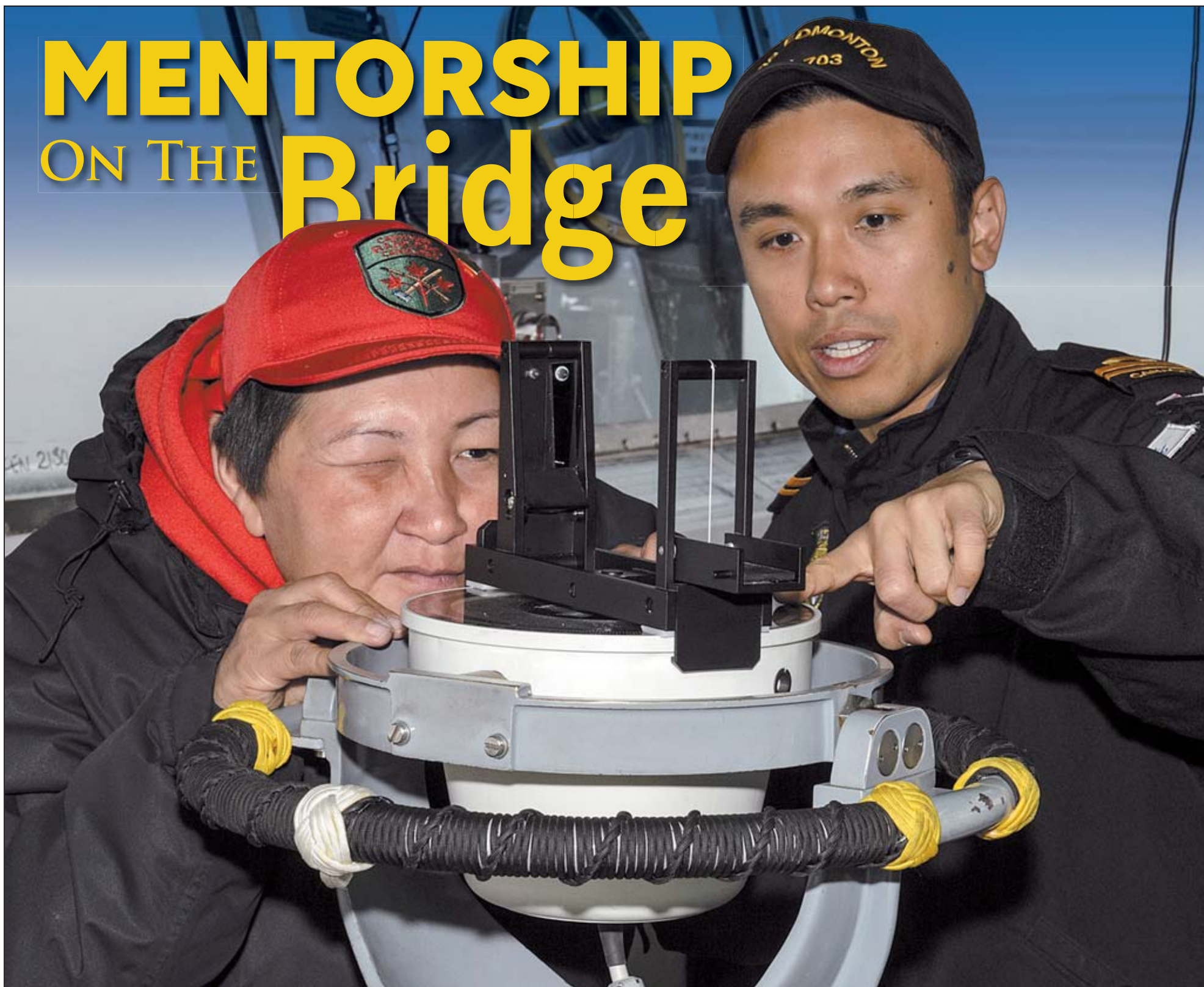


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Sub-Lieutenant Andrew Chong, a Maritime Surface and Subsurface Officer in HMCS Edmonton, shows Canadian Ranger Donna Ruben from Palatuk North West Territories how to take a bearing during a familiarization tour as part of Operation Limpid on Sept. 6. Operation Limpid is a routine domestic surveillance and presence operation in Canada's maritime and land domains conducted by the Canadian Joint Operations Command through Component Commanders and in consultations with Regional Joint Task Forces.

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quake, but what we really want is for people to reflect on their earthquake preparedness,” says Lieutenant (Navy) Jim Smith, Deputy Base Operations Officer.

With the risk of a large earthquake striking southwestern British Columbia, it is important people ensure they are properly equipped to deal with the effects of a large-scale earthquake and its after-math.

“This is about public awareness and preparation. We want people to start thinking about next steps in terms of what they can do to be ready,” says Michael Lee, Manager of Consumer

and Stakeholder Relations with the IBC.

The ShakeZone Tour has been touring for three years across the country. This year the Tour has visited 28 communities from Quebec to Vancouver.

For more information about the ShakeZone Tour visit www.ibc.ca/bc/disaster/earthquake/shakezone

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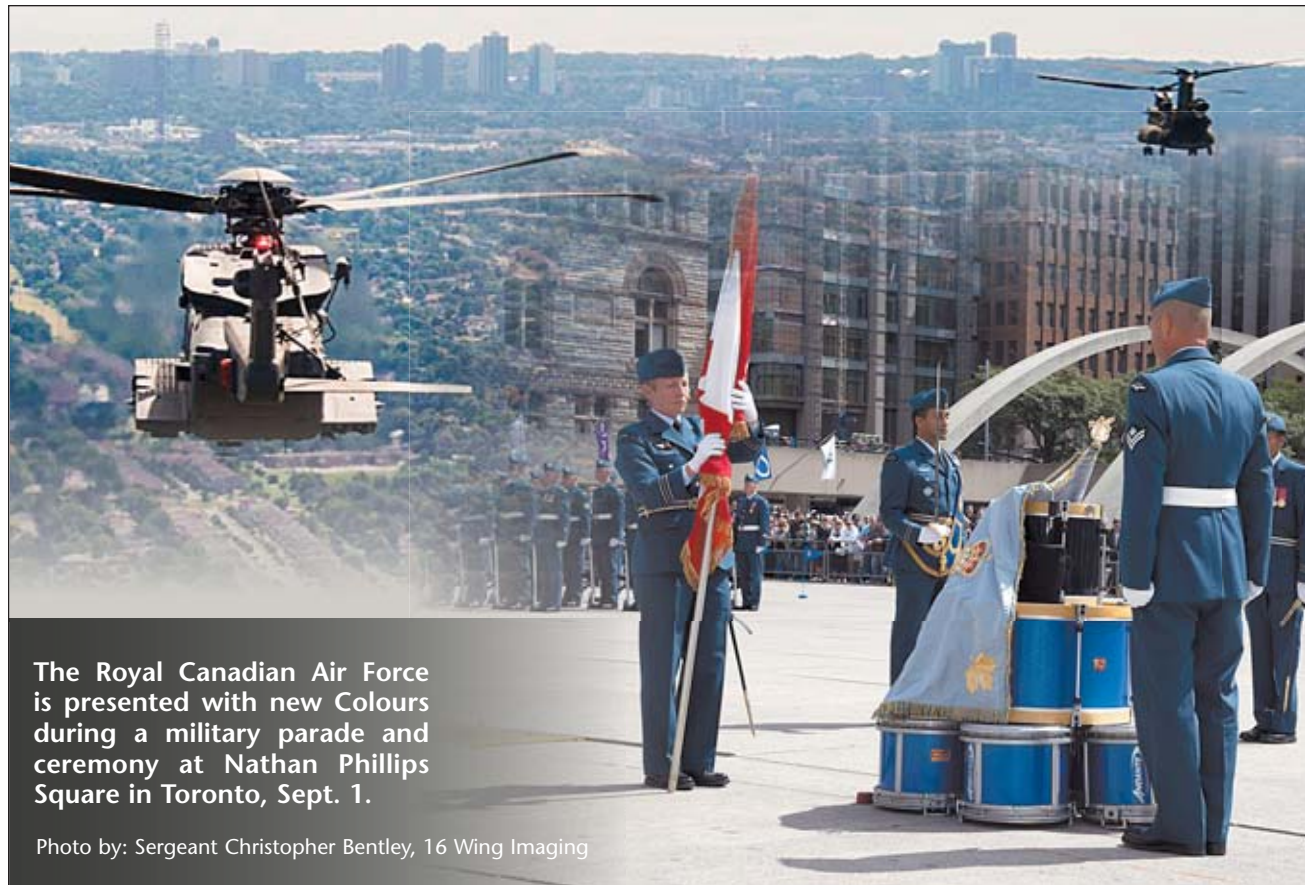
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The Royal Canadian Air Force is presented with new Colours during a military parade and ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, Sept. 1.

Photo by: Sergeant Christopher Bentley, 16 Wing Imaging

Air Force receives new Colours

RCAF Public Affairs

Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada David Johnston presented the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) with new Colours during a military parade and ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, on Sept. 1.

Colours are consecrated ceremonial flags carried by designated Canadian Armed Forces combatant formations and units. The RCAF carries two Colours: the Queen's Colour, a maple leaf flag with the Sovereign's cypher in the centre, which symbolizes loyalty to the Crown, and the Command Colour, a blue flag with the RCAF's badge at the centre, symbolizing the RCAF's pride, cohesion, and valour.

The RCAF Colours replace the Air Command Colours that were presented 35 years ago in 1982.

"Our Colours are precious, and embody the pride, dedication, duty, and honour of all RCAF personnel, past and present," said Lieutenant-General Michael Hood, Commander of the RCAF. "As we accept these new Colours, all members of the RCAF, regardless of rank, occupation, or experience, symbolically rededicate themselves to upholding these qualities. I am delighted that we are celebrating this historical event with the citizens of Toronto, a city rich in RCAF history and present-day connections."

Before presenting the new Colours, Governor General

Johnston reviewed the parade.

Coinciding with the parade, the RCAF, with civilian partners from Vintage Wings of Canada and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, conducted a "parade of aircraft" in the sky above Nathan Phillips Square. The flypast included vintage aircraft from the Second World War and aircraft from current RCAF fleets. The Canadian Forces Snowbirds and the CF-18 Demonstration Hornet, which are in Toronto for the Canadian International Air Show Sept. 2-4, participated.

The RCAF was the first of the Commonwealth air forces to be granted, as a service, the privilege of carrying the King's Colour, which

it received in 1950 together with the RCAF Colour. Both were presented in the name of King George VI on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, on the King's birthday, June 5, 1950, by the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander of Tunis.

These were replaced by the Air Command Colours in 1982. The 1982 Command Colour carried the badge of Air Command.

The new Command Colour reflects the new RCAF badge that was created following the restoration of the RCAF's historic name in 2011, and includes the RCAF's motto Sic itur ad astra: "Such is the pathway to the stars." The new Queen's Colour carries the Royal Canadian Air Force's restored name.



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Master Warrant Officer Kimberlee Jones is the Eagle Staff Bearer at the RCAF Colours ceremony that was held at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto on Sept. 1.

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WHAT SAY YOU

Sailor's thoughts on Operation Distinction and Dieppe anniversary

LS Jeremy Burton
Contributor

In early May I was presented with an opportunity to be a part of Operation Distinction where I would go to Dieppe, France, and take part in the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

I immediately said yes, and in the coming months leading up to the event I brushed up on my history so I could better appreciate what Canadians had gone through on that fateful day. Nothing could prepare me for the feelings I went through actually being there.

From the first day we arrived, the appreciation we received from the local population was overwhelming. Canadian flags were all over the city, hanging from balconies just like Canada Day back home.

We had the opportunity to go on a battle-

field tour and walk the same beaches, and see the same views our soldiers would have encountered 75 years ago. I tried to put myself in their boots and imagine what was going through their heads. It was very emotional.

On Friday Aug. 18, we had the opportunity to take part in ceremonies held in different areas of Dieppe. We enjoyed a lunch with the veterans and the rest of the Government of Canada delegation. While at the lunch, I had a conversation with HCol David Hart who was one of four veterans of the Dieppe raid able to make the trip. I also had the privilege of attending the mariner ceremony held at the naval monument on the Dieppe waterfront.

The response we received was incredible, whether it was people taking pictures of us, wanting to take pictures with us, or just

coming up and thanking us for being there. It gave me an overwhelming sense of pride, not only to be a Canadian, but a Canadian in the Armed Forces.

The next two days we took part in two parades each day. The parades took place in Puy, Pourville, Dieppe, and the Canadian War Cemetery.

The main parade took place on the afternoon of Aug. 19 at Canada Square in Dieppe. This parade was about three hours long and involved marching approximately three kilometres. The streets were filled with spectators holding Canadian flags and applauding as we marched down to the square. It was only after the parade had ended, and I got the chance to see the pictures, that I saw the magnitude of this event. It was truly an honour to put on my uniform and pay tribute to the men who fought that day.



Photo by: Cpl Manuela Berger, 4 Wing Imaging

The military contingent marches down the Esplanade past thousands of spectators following the Signature Ceremony as part of the commemorative ceremonies of the 75th Anniversary in Dieppe, France, Aug. 19.

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I am sorry to advise that I lost my only brother Thomas suddenly Aug. 3.

He was in his late 50s and was enjoying retirement after 21-plus years of service in the Canadian Navy. He lived a simple bachelor's life in Victoria, British Columbia, after his last posting at the naval base in Esquimalt, B.C.

Thomas was a Master Seaman; his occupation was Naval Electronic Technician, a trade that he loved from the beginning. In fact, he had

a real knack at fixing all kinds of communications tech.

He sailed the world many times over and had a few major accomplishments on these long trips that were up to six-plus months. This included numerous NATO events and supporting the Vietnam "boat people" migration.

Thomas was based at both the West and East coasts of Canada plus "onshore" in Aldergrove, B.C. Some of the vessels that he sailed on included *HMC Ships Provider,*

Yukon, Nanaimo, Halifax, Annapolis, Restigouche and a few others.

He served his country with pride and honour.

Thomas was loved by all his extended family in British Columbia, Quebec, and Germany. We miss him very much.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at the Languara Golf Course in Vancouver on Sunday, Sept. 24.

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Afghanistan monument unveiled next week

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

A monument honouring Canadians military members and civilians who served in Afghanistan will be unveiled at a ceremony in downtown Victoria Sept. 30. The public is encouraged to attend.

Official proceedings for the dedication ceremony of the B.C. Afghanistan Memorial will commence at 2 p.m. at Victoria's Courthouse Park, located at Quadra and Courtney Streets.

The bells of Christ Cathedral Church will ring at 12:15 p.m. followed by a performance from the 5th Field Artillery Band and the choir of the Cathedral School. The military parade will arrive at 1:45 p.m., led by the Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) Regiment.

Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be joined by the Greater Victoria Afghanistan Memorial Project Society (GVAMPS) Directors,

the Premier and local and national government and military officials for the unveiling and dedication.

The 8,600 kilogram, granite memorial measures 3.5 metres by 2 metres and recognizes the 163 Canadians killed during the conflict and the 40,000 who served in Afghanistan.

Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Joseph Gollner, who served 37 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, and twice visited Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry [PPCLI] battlegroups in Afghanistan as Colonel of the Regiment, in 2008 and 2010, played a key role in bringing the monument to reality as President of GVAMPS.

He says the ceremony will pay special tribute to the Memorial Cross families. They are the loved ones of 16 British Columbia-based Memorial Cross recipients who paid the ultimate price for their service in Afghanistan.

"The theme of the unveiling is honouring families of both those who have returned and those who have fallen," says Gollner.

"I want the dedication ceremony to be short, simple, and dignified. Naturally protocol will be followed to respect Her Honour and our other guests; after that point it will be a family event."

As part of his Colonel of the Regiment responsibilities, Gollner wrote 96 letters of condolences to family members who had lost a loved one in Afghanistan, making the dedication a very personal event.

Representatives from the Canadian Armed Forces will include Rear-Admiral Art McDonald, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, and Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu, Commander 3rd Canadian Division. Four Guards of Honour will be on site representing the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, Canadian Army, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The memorial will be moved into place by a flatbed crane truck at the northeast corner of Courthouse Park Sept. 26, four days ahead of the unveiling.



A view of the new monument commemorating the service of 40,000 civilians and military who served in Afghanistan. The memorial was created by the Greater Victoria Afghanistan Memorial Project Society and will be unveiled Sept. 30.

"Doing so will allow us to make preparations for the ceremony on the 30th and complete the official gifting by the Society to the Province of British Columbia of the memorial," says Gollner.

That moment will be the culmination of nearly five years of community-based efforts initiated by

City of Victoria Councillor Christopher Coleman, a process that secured significant funding and support-in-kind from public and private sources.

"My colleagues and I have worked hard to see this through and there haven't been many restful days," says Gollner.

The registered B.C.

society with its 10-member Board of Directors secured over \$60,000 in funding from six main benefactors, who have chosen to remain anonymous, and numerous other donations. The money raised made the project eligible for a \$50,000 Veteran's Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program grant.

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Rear-Admiral Baines takes Halifax command

Ryan Melanson
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Sing-a-longs, props, a few tears and lots of laughter were all part of the Sept. 1 Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) and Joint Task Forces Atlantic Change of Command Ceremony that saw Rear-Admiral Craig Baines take over from Rear-Admiral John Newton, the man who served as his boss for many years.

VAdm Ron Lloyd, Commander Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), serving and retired colleagues, family, friends, and members of the wider Halifax community were present to hear RAdm Newton highlight his time in command.

"I wanted us to learn and undertake international relationships we've never tried before, to step outside the comfort zone of key enabling allies and push a statement through new partners. If it was hard, or impossible, I wanted to try," he said.

He had many thanks for people, units, and organizations who supported him and the Formation since 2013. Wielding an oversized wrench for effect, he gave a shout out to civilian engineers and other staff at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott, and instructed the Stadacona Band to play a rendition of Taking Care of Business in honour of the workforce. The



RAdm Craig Baines, LGen Steve Bowes, VAdm Ron Lloyd, and RAdm John Newton sign the MARLANT Change of Command certificates during the ceremony Sept. 1.

Photo by Mona Ghiz, MARLANT PA

band later led a sing-a-long of Heave Away at the Admiral's request, and also had a surprise performance of the newly-composed RAdm Newton March.

He was never shy about his love for the Arctic, and mentioned advancing navy operations in Canada's North as one of the proudest achievements through his command, one that connected with his personal passions for the Northern land and the communities of largely Indigenous Canadians who populate them.

"One of the best ways we can show substantive progress

on inclusivity and diversity is by ensuring sailors, soldiers, and airmen and airwomen are sent forth regularly to the coastal and aboriginal communities across the breadth of the north," he said. "Contact between service personnel and Aboriginal communities is essential in demonstrating that the Canadian Armed Forces serves all Canadians."

MARLANT also made large strides in connecting with local Indigenous communities and potential Indigenous recruits in the last four years, and HCol Donald Julien, a CAF veteran

and member of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, was on hand to recognize RAdm Newton for that work. He presented a framed ceremonial Eagle Feather, an acknowledgement of 'love, appreciation, and respect,' for the Admiral's work supporting Canadian Armed Forces Aboriginal programs, for visiting local community events and powwows, and for generally strengthening MARLANT's relationship with Indigenous people in Nova Scotia.

"There is no higher honour than to receive an Eagle Feather from a Mi'kmaq elder and

member of the Mi'kmaq grand council," HCol Julien said.

RAdm Newton also received kind words from his successor, as RAdm Baines thanked him for the vision, energy and creativity he brought to the job. Because the two worked so closely together during what the incoming Commander described as a three-year job shadow (RAdm Baine was Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic), the formation can expect much of the same strong leadership it's used to, he said.

"You won't see a lot of differences. One of the best things about working with RAdm Newton over the last three years is that he and I are completely in sync and aligned as to the direction the East Coast fleet should be moving in and how we conduct our operations."

RAdm Baines said he was excited above all else to be stepping into the role, with HMCS Harry DeWolf and other new ships on the way, and after working with base staff and sailing with the fleet extensively as CCFL, he said he has nothing but confidence in the formation he's now been tasked to lead.

"When I arrived here for the first time in 1989 as a Sub-Lieutenant, I could never have imagined I'd be standing here in this position," he said. "I'm humbled and it's an absolute honour."



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Extra grant money puts wind in disable sailing sails

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

A grant from the Victoria Foundation has allowed the Disabled Sailing Association of Victoria (DSAV) to extend its summer programming into the fall.

DSAV programming is offered at the Canadian Forces Sailing Association in Esquimalt through funding from Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV). It is one of 14 disabled sailing associations across Canada that provides opportunities for individuals with disability.

Amie Renaud, Coordinator of Services, says the Victoria Foundation funding will help pay the instructor

wages. Employment costs account for a large portion of the DSAV operating budget that pays qualified instructors for teaching approximately 190 sailors enrolled in the program.

"Our participants and instructors said they loved the program but wanted more opportunities to sail," said Renaud. "We are very excited to be offering this extended season because it's something that our sailors will greatly benefit from."

Renaud said the extended season will be far less ambitious than its summer season, which wrapped up at the end of August and provided 340 sails to the disabled.

Weather permitting, the DSAV will continue

providing sails until late October, with the fall season providing a reduced schedule of 33 sails limited to weekends and perhaps one evening session on a yet-to-be determined weekday.

The DSAV has traditionally relied on volunteers from CFB Esquimalt to help run its programs and Renaud encourages anyone interested in lending a hand, whether as an instructor or in a support role, to get in touch with her. Military personnel can use their "Special Leave for Community Affairs" time allowance to help out.

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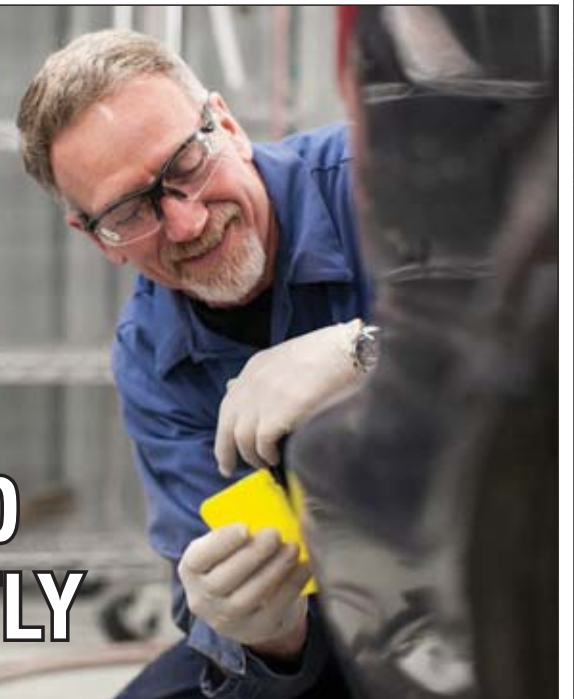
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Clearance divers in Sweden for EOD training exercise

Peter Mallett
Staff Writer

Nine Clearance Divers from the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) have travelled to Sweden to participate in an 11-nation training exercise focused on Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

The navy's bomb disposal specialists are taking part in North Coast (NOCO), an operational-readiness training exercise in Ronneby, Sweden, Sept. 9 to 22.

Five members of the RCN's team are from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific), one member is from the Experimental Diving and Undersea Group in Toronto, and two are from the Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic).

Petty Officer First Class Scott Ensor, Maritime Ordnance Disposal Chief from FDU(P), is second in command of the RCN contingent and says NOCO will provide Clearance Divers an opportunity to train in a maritime setting. The day-to-day work of Clearance Divers is not only diving, but also safely disposing of ordnance above the water.

"NOCO will bring our operators up to a higher level of training in a marine environment. Often times clearance divers find ourselves on land doing our bomb-disposal work, so it

is refreshing for all of us to get back to a more bread-and-butter style task of the RCN in a traditional maritime environment."

Before leaving for Sweden, PO1 Ensor said more specific details of their training would be provided once they arrived and are tasked by the Swedish Royal Navy's command team, but added possible scenarios could involve sweeping a pier, jetty or vessel for Improvised Explosive Devices and neutralizing them.

RCN Clearance Divers are designated first responders to any military ordnance found in Canada such as grenades and artillery shells. FDU(P) Ordnance Disposal team responds to approximately 150 such calls each year, assessing and defusing items in support of local emergency services.

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Stadacona Band member pens new Coast Guard march



Ryan Melanson
Trident

A new march that will be played nationwide at Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) graduation ceremonies, mess dinners, and other formal occasions was written and composed by a member of the Stadacona Band, and recorded in Halifax at the band's Windsor Park studio.

PO2 Matt Reiner, a saxophonist with five years' experience with the band, created the original piece of music, titled *The Ol' White Stripe*, referring to the forward-tilted white stripe visible on the hull of each Coast Guard ship.

CCG Director General Greg Lick reached out to the Stadacona Band earlier this year with the goal of creating an official march for the organization, and felt the Canadian Armed Force's Navy band on the East Coast was the most appropriate group to help bring his idea to life.

"Of course, that's not something that's in our regular job description; we're hired to play music, not to compose it. So we were asked for volunteers to write a march and a few of us took a shot at it," says PO2 Reiner.

The band made rough recordings of a

few options and sent them to Ottawa, where PO2 Reiner's march was eventually chosen.

He attended the Canada 150 Maritime Ball in Gatineau this past June, a joint RCN/CCG event, where he was able to present the framed sheet music to CCG Commissioner Jeffrey Hutchinson, meet others involved in the project, and hear the march played over the loudspeakers to a full room of navy and Coast Guard representatives for the first time.

"It was a wonderful, unique opportunity for me to get to do something like this. We were all happy to help make it happen," says PO2 Reiner.

While the band can be credited with the official recording of the new march, performing at Coast Guard events isn't a common task for navy musicians. For now, it will likely be up to others to perform the march when it's required, but that doesn't mean the Stadacona Band won't have the chance to play for the CCG and perform PO2 Reiner's piece.

"There's a developing association between the navy and the Coast Guard that keeps getting stronger, so it's very possible it could come up in the future," he says.

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Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Jeffrey Hutchinson, left, and PO2 Matt Reiner of the Stadacona Band, show off the framed sheet music for *The Ol' White Stripe*, the new official Coast Guard March.

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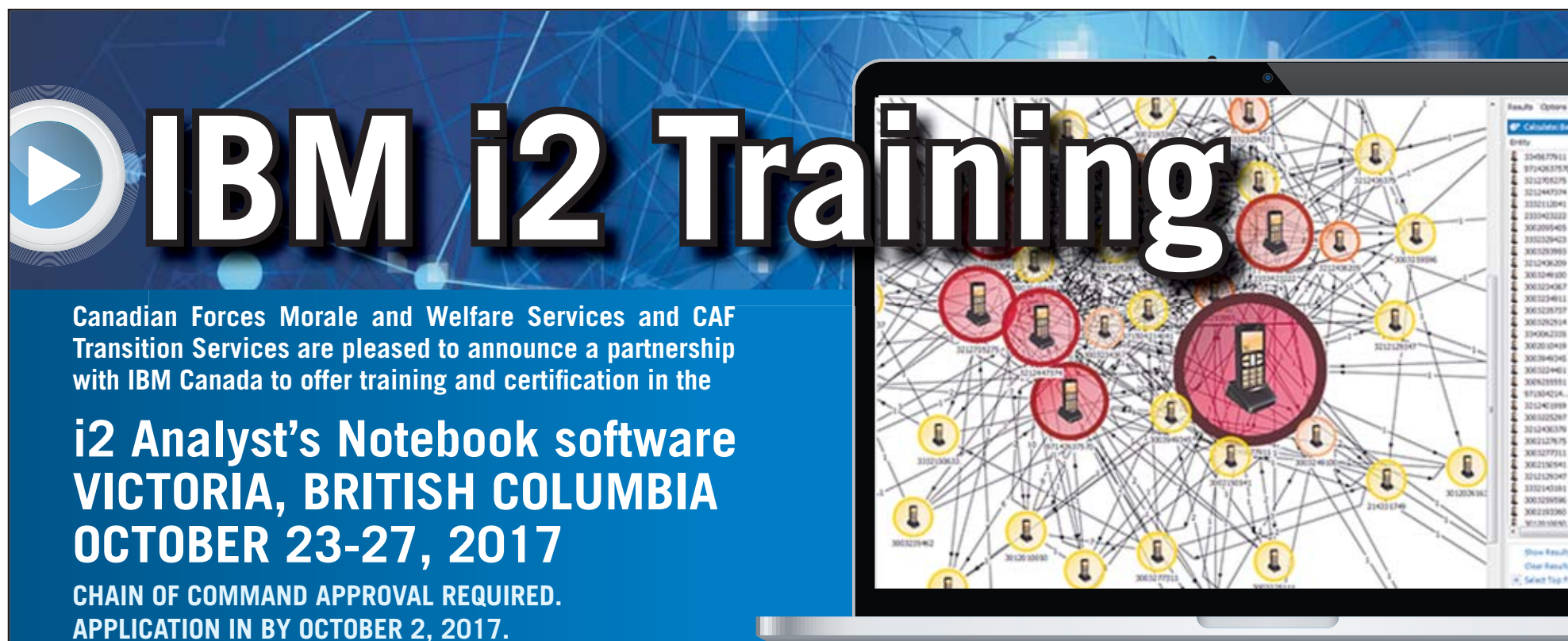
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Tianna Audy (centre) is promoted to Sub-Lieutenant by Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Audy (left) and the Commanding Officer of Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, Commander Wes Golden (right), at MARPAC Headquarters Aug. 25.



Capt(N) Drews (left) and Commander (Retired) Rod Hughes (right) present A/SLt Nicole Hennerbichler with Le trophée du Commodore Michaud for Top Overall MARS IV Student.



Capt(N) Drews (left) and Ken Watson (right) present A/SLt Claurence Diaz with the Captain Jackson Memorial Award.



Capt(N) Drews (left) and Dr. Saskia Wald (right) present A/SLt Devin Creighton with the David W. Groos Memorial Shield for being the Top MARS IV Student at Sea.



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Capt(N) Drews presents A/SLt Anders Mech with The Welland Shield for being the MARS III student who demonstrates the highest standard of leadership and officer-like qualities.



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HMCS Charlottetown joins allied ships in Baltic Sea

Lt(N) Meghan Jacques
Operation Reassurance

Since *HMCS Charlottetown* joined Standing NATO Maritime Group One (SNMG1) in mid-August, the crew has been keeping busy.

They have been honing their skills in task group training exercises. These include naval communications exercises, warfare drills, and practice maneuvering for replenishments-at-sea. After two weeks, the training intensified with the introduction of multi-ship gunnery and submarine tracking exercises in the Baltic Sea.

Charlottetown joined His Majesty's Norwegian Ship *Otto Sverdrup*, Federal German Ship *Rhön*, and Navio da República (NRP) Portuguesa Francisco de Almeida, and conducted live gunnery firing in concert with

Finnish Naval Ship *Hanko*.

During this exercise, *Charlottetown* launched a high speed inflatable towed target used for the basic firing serial, which ships can track and shoot for training. *Charlottetown* fired 32 rounds with its 57mm main armament before Finnish ship *Hanko* ultimately succeeded in destroying the simulated target.

The gunnery serial was an opportunity for interoperability training and internal team training, building on the earlier integration exercises of the task group.

A couple days later, SNMG1 conducted a simulated submarine tracking exercise. The focus was on underwater warfare to follow-up the surface warfare training from the beginning of the week. The serial included launching *Vadar*, the Super

Lynx combat helicopter on NRP Francisco de Almeida, which landed on *Charlottetown* to lift the exercise targets and deposit them in the water so that the training serial could start.

Using sensors, each ship tracked the mechanical target and trained their operators in effective communication. Participating crews focused on maintaining clear and coordinated tracking of the exercise target, and adjusting each ship's position to maintain the tactical picture and "defend" the other ships in the task group.

This increased exercise tempo is helping the task group prepare for exercise Northern Coast, which will promote interoperability and cooperation between participating NATO and Partnership for Peace countries.

2017 Pacific Command Chiefs of Defense Conference concludes

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Chief of the Defence Staff General Jonathan H. Vance, and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Commander of U.S. Pacific Command, concluded the United States Pacific Command Chiefs of Defense (PACOM CHoD) Conference in Victoria last Thursday.

The annual Conference, this year co-hosted by Canada and the United States from Sept. 4-6, provided a forum for senior Asia-Pacific military leaders to strengthen military-to-military relationships, discuss common defence issues and foster regional cooperation. The promotion of multilateral defence relations is an important component of the Canadian Armed Forces' overall engagement in the Asia-Pacific region.

"I was honoured to co-host this year's Pacific Command Chiefs of Defense Conference with Admiral Harry Harris, Commander U.S. Pacific Command," said General Jonathan H. Vance, Chief of the Defence Staff. "This was the first time the event was held in Canada, and I want to sincerely thank the organizers for their hard work in making it a success. This was an excellent opportunity to discuss a wide range of defence and security issues with our Asia-Pacific partners, which only serves to enhance security and confidence in the region."

Topics of discussion included trends in the Indo-Asia Pacific, countering and preventing violent extremism, and peace support operations.

"We share many challenges in the Indo-Asia Pacific but through bilateral and multilateral engagements like these and cooperation with other nations in the region, I am confident that when we face these challenges together, we will prevail together," said Admiral Harry B. Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

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