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## COMBAT BOOTS EMBARK ON HONOURABLE JOURNEY



HMCS Ottawa's Command Team and members of the crew pose with a collection of combat boots representing the long journey service members took across Canada during the Second World War, mainly via the rail lines to Halifax, from where they sailed across the Atlantic to join our Allies in the fight for freedom in Europe. The Veteran Affairs Canada Journey Across Canada campaign is joining events as a lead up to the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy on June 6. Most recently the boots went to Fort Rodd Hill's Hometown Hero event where they were transported from the battery to the warship. Photo by SLt Michael Déry, MARPAC Public Affairs

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# Journey to Canada

**SLt M.X. Déry**  
MARPAAC PA Office

Twenty-two years ago, long before he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, and six years before immigrating to Canada, MS Angel Soto and his family were running for their lives in Colombia.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), had come to their small town to extort government workers and MS Soto's father was the municipal treasurer. When his father refused to help the FARC, he had to trade what he could and escape with his family.

"My parents had a nice house and we had to trade it for a motorcycle," said MS Soto. "My father and I left at 5 a.m. on that motorcycle."

His mother, younger brother and four-month-old sister hid in a merchandise truck as it left town and out of the guerillas' reach.

"We started from scratch with nothing but the clothes on our backs and that motorcycle."

In time, his family managed to rebuild their lives in Bogotá, Colombia's capital, and after five years had a small grocery business.

But in 2001, FARC guerillas showed up at the grocery store looking for MS Soto's father and while they didn't find him, his mother was shot during the altercation. She survived, but still deals with the sequela from that day.

"We kept moving every three months. We never stayed in one place long after that."

From city to city, job to job, the Soto family bounced around Colombia, as did approximately 25 per cent of the population, internal refugees displaced by the conflict.

Then, MS Soto's father heard there was a Mennonite church in Bogotá that was helping refugees

out of the country. The church gave them food and explained the process of coming to Canada, from applying for refugee status to how to deal with snow once they immigrated.

"We were originally destined for Trois-Rivières in Quebec, but they realized there wasn't a big Mennonite community there, so they changed everything at the last second to B.C.," explained MS Soto.

During the layover in Atlanta, his family was held up by security since they couldn't speak English, and they missed their connecting flight to Canada.

"It was tough, since we didn't have any money for food. I think that was the last time we went hungry."

Finally, arriving in Vancouver in 2003, the Mennonite sponsors gave their family a place to stay and food for a year so they could get established and learn English.

"It was quite the shock. My father spoke a little English back from when he was in elementary school, but nothing helpful. My siblings being younger picked it up pretty quick."

A few years later, they were Canadian citizens, but it wasn't easy forgetting the trauma of running for years.

"It took a while for sure to feel safe enough to go outside and enjoy life," said MS Soto. "Whenever there was a knock at the door, my father would open it just a crack, take a peek and ask 'Who is that?'"

After high school, MS Soto

worked a few jobs and started thinking about becoming an electrician.

"I had done a couple of electrician courses for construction and thought that is the way I want to go. When I saw the commercial: Join the Navy, travel the world, we need electricians, it made sense. It was a good way to give back a little bit to this country that basically saved our lives."

Nine years later, MS Soto is a submariner, a marine technician, a husband and a son to parents he visits regularly in Abbotsford. Despite the difficulty of being away from family, he speaks highly of the comradery of the Royal Canadian Navy.

"I don't know if it is because I didn't grow up being able to make friends because we were running most of the time, but making friends in the navy, from all over the world, it makes it better. It reflects what Canada is, seeing people from all over the world serving on one ship."

It has been quite the journey to get where he is today, and his navy friends have encouraged MS Soto to tell his story. He has begun writing a book about going from that 14-year-old escaping the FARC in Colombia, to the miracle of his father hearing about that Mennonite church sending people to Canada, to sailing under the waves in a submarine.

"I've gone back to my parents and spoken to them to make sure I get the details right," adding he is always impressed that they never gave up.



MS Angel Soto fled to Canada with his family to escape prosecution by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia.

Photo by SLt M.X. Déry

## DND LATIN COMMUNITY

Private Zarebski-Hegewisch is looking to connect with Latin people and create a Latin community in the Canadian Armed Forces.

"There are a lot of Latino groups in Vancouver, but not here in Victoria, with the exception of some salsa classes," said Pte Zarebski-Hegewisch, who was born and raised in Mexico before immigrating to Canada at the age of 16.

His goal is to create a Latin community of DND employees so they can connect over their shared heritage and, if needed, help develop their Spanish.

"Some of my friends are of Latin decent, but they don't speak a lot of Spanish. I hear a lot of them being concerned that their kids are not speaking more Spanish."

He has 20 names so far but is looking for more before organizing a meet and greet and a discussion on future events.

*"My parents had a nice house and we had to trade it for a motorcycle. My father and I left at 5 a.m. on that motorcycle."*

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**Lt(N) Pamela Hogan**  
Base Public Affairs Office

CFB Esquimalt is reaching out to the public to help eliminate the unauthorized recreational use of the Nanaimo Rifle Range property in order to safeguard the public.

To achieve this, information is being circulated that highlights the danger of encroaching on a live firing range area, with the goal of stopping the trespassing. The base is also enhancing infrastructure around the range boundaries.

A recent physical security survey of the range showed a significant amount of trespassing and the illegal installation of recreational infrastructure. Additionally,

there is evidence of vandalism and non-military use of firearms within the property.

"While we regret and acknowledge past historic use, albeit unauthorized, of the area inside the Nanaimo Rifle Range, recent incidents and ongoing safety concerns require us to take action," said Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd, Commander of CFB Esquimalt. "I have concern for the individuals and families that continue to trespass within this active, live-fire facility and urge everyone to respect the boundaries we have put in place. To date, we have had many positive interactions with the public who continue to be essential in helping to spread this message. We want to thank everyone for their coopera-

tion and understanding as we take the necessary action to ensure public safety." While CFB Esquimalt acknowledges and is sympathetic to those individuals who have expressed concern about the enforcement of these boundaries, trespassing in this controlled access area is both against the law and dangerous. Range use encompasses live-fire training during the day, night, and throughout the weekend, and the severity of potential trespasser injury may be intensified by the remoteness of the area.

Members of the public may not be aware that the range footprint includes more than the physical range infrastructure of the firing lines and back stops. The Department of

National Defence sets the danger area for each specific range based on factors such as ammunition type and direction of fire. This danger area maximizes safety by accounting for every mathematically possible bullet trajectory and corresponding landing location. CFB Esquimalt has reached out to local user groups to offer opportunities to safely remove and salvage their unauthorized infrastructure by closing the range from May 16 to 20 and have added June 1 as an additional opportunity due to public feedback.

The Base Commander asks that the public respect the security measures that are in place, and to understand they exist for their safety.

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# CFB Esquimalt proves it is a top employer

**Peter Mallett**  
Staff Writer

CFB Esquimalt has earned two awards for its outstanding support of post secondary co-operative education programs and students.

The first award – the 2018 Provincial Industry Partner of the Year award – was presented May 14 by the Association of Co-Operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning BC/Yukon (ACE-WIL).

A second honour, the 2018 Co-Operative Employer of the Year award, will be handed out June 17 by the Camosun College School of Business.

"The base employs about 80 students per term through the co-op program, which not only provides students with the hands-on experience they need to succeed after graduation, but also helps enrich our workplace by bringing new ideas and new energy to our organization," said Capt(N) Jason Boyd, Base Commander. "We are proud to play a role in supporting the future workforce within our community."

Heather McDonald, Employment Facilitator for Camosun College Business Programs, nominated the base for both awards. In 2018, 21 Camosun College students had job placements in Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, Base Logistics,



Local educators and employees from CFB Esquimalt were honoured recently with a Provincial Industry Partner of the Year Award (2018) by the Co-Operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning BC/Yukon. From the left: Heather Workman, President of ACE WIL; Heather McDonald, Co-op Employment Facilitator, Camosun College; Emjay Bailey, Corporate Services Officer and Team Lead for Project Outreach at CFB Esquimalt; and Base Chief of Staff Danielle Smith.

Photo credit Camosun College

Maritime Forces Pacific headquarters and Port Operations and Emergency Services Branch.

McDonald says the relationship between her program and the Department of National Defence is a valued one. The base goes beyond just hiring short term placements. They showcase job opportunities available after graduation and hold

mock interviews to help students improve that skill.

"They have taken a proactive approach with several civilian employees attending co-op education events," said McDonald. "The co-op students who have gone on to work at the base have had great experiences, supportive supervisors and expanded their skill sets."

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## WHAT SAY YOU



Far left: HMCS Malahat ship's company stands in remembrance alongside fellow CFB Esquimalt sailors during the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony.

Left: HMCS Malahat Commanding Officer Cdr Gregory Walker and Coxswain CPO2 Al van Akker lay the ship's company memorial at the Cenotaph in downtown Victoria.

Photos by  
LS Sydney Huyghe

# HMCS Malahat hosts thank-you breakfast

## Lt (N) Roland Young and A/SLt Donald Den HMCS Malahat

Victoria's Naval Reserve Unit *HMCS Malahat* hosted its third annual Champagne Breakfast May 3 to celebrate with friends and family the end of a successful training year and to thank them for their continued love and support.

The event was also a chance to dress

up, eat a fabulous breakfast and listen to live music. The relatively early hour of the morning did not dampen the enthusiasm of participants, which was buoyed by the superb weather that day.

Naval Reservists do not just work hard, which includes training, operational service and opportunities, they also enjoy the benefits of common service. Events such as the Champagne Breakfast highlights one way the ship's company come together with a distinctly naval flair.

The event was an opportunity for *Malahat's* newer members, who had been unable to attend the Traditional Mess Dinner held earlier in the year, to get to know their new shipmates.

The occasion was also filled with an underlying anticipation for the next day, Sunday, May 5, the memorial ceremony for the Battle of the Atlantic in which ship's company participated and marched alongside members from CFB Esquimalt in downtown Victoria.



Lt(N) Robin Whitney leads HMCS Malahat's First Platoon in the Battle of the Atlantic parade.

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# To our beloved Memorial Cross Families, our honoured Veterans and all Canadians

The best of intentions have led to unintended harm. When it comes to the opening last week of the Afghanistan Memorial Hall at the new National Defence Headquarters, we unintentionally went down that path. We owe the family and friends of our Fallen, all who served in Afghanistan, and Canadians an apology for not properly including you and not properly communicating with you. I am truly sorry for our insensitivity and the pain, anger and frustration that this decision caused you. I accept full responsibility for it all.

You also deserve an explanation, and a changed approach.

When the monument, once known as the Kandahar Airfield (KAF) Cenotaph, needed a permanent home, we considered several options, but ultimately decided to have it reside within the Headquarters lines on our new campus at Carling. Our concern was to keep the monument accessible, but also safe from the elements and vandalism, so we decided to protect it within our base in a space custom-designed to house it in a dignified and peaceful setting, where people could pay their respects. We wanted to

honour the Fallen – Canadian, U.S., military and civilian – by protecting this legacy of theirs carved in stone. In our Headquarters, it will serve as a daily reminder to us of the true, and ongoing, cost of war: much like it did on the airfield in Kandahar.

We also made this decision to install it within the secured zone of the Headquarters in light of plans to create a publicly accessible National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan in Ottawa. This new monument will recognize the commitment and sacrifice of Canadian men and women who served in Afghanistan, as well as the support provided to them by Canadians at home. Our colleagues at Veterans Affairs Canada are working with the Department of Canadian Heritage and the National Capital Commission on this important project and we look forward to standing with them, the families of the Fallen, and our Veterans, on the day of its unveiling and dedication.

Sadly, in trying to do the right thing by getting the Hall opened quickly so people, especially families of the Fallen, could arrange to visit, we alienated and angered these same people. Importantly,

we also utterly failed to communicate the intent to hold an inclusive event in the future, following the opening of the Hall, to properly dedicate the Memorial. To each and to all, we offer our deepest apologies, and ask for forgiveness. We will be seeking input from the families of the Fallen on how best to conduct the dedication.

More importantly, an apology is meaningless unless the wrong it seeks to address is mitigated, and this is how we will make things right:

The Afghanistan Memorial Hall will become accessible to all who come and wish to see it. All members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families can see it whenever they want by presenting their military identification card for access. While we must balance security and access, know that we have already established a system for personal escorted access to the memorial for the families of the Fallen. Indeed, several families have already reached out to us via the email address established for them: [AfghanistanMemorial@forces.gc.ca](mailto:AfghanistanMemorial@forces.gc.ca)

We are now coordinating their visits. Families and Veterans may also attend the Headquarters, and

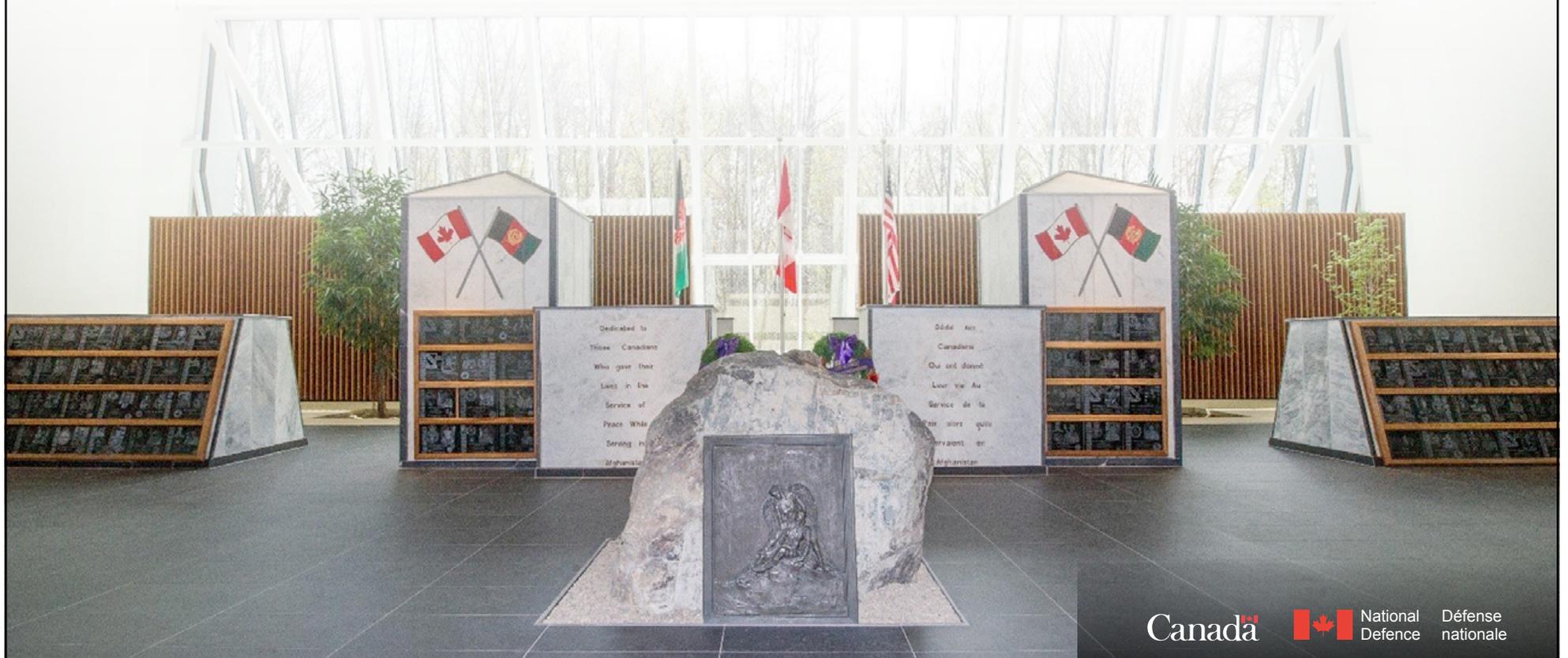
they will be immediately escorted for a visit. Details for timing will be forthcoming on a website to be launched shortly.

In the coming month, we will begin providing continuous scheduled visit-opportunities to all who wish to visit, and we encourage you to do so. This letter will be sent by email or courier to known addresses of the families of the Fallen. Any family members of our Fallen, military or civilian, who would like to confirm their contact information are invited to contact us at: [VisitorAfghanMemorial-visiteurmemorialAfghan@forces.gc.ca](mailto:VisitorAfghanMemorial-visiteurmemorialAfghan@forces.gc.ca)

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**General Jonathan Vance**  
Chief of the Defence Staff



MOVING ON SALE



A concept illustration of the new building.



Present day St. Peter and St. Paul parish hall.

# Anglican Church clears out parish hall

**Peter Mallett**  
Staff Writer

Parishioners at the historic St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church are making final preparations for this weekend's "moving on sale" of hall furnishings.

The historic 152-year-old church located at 1379 Esquimalt Road isn't moving, rather it is the parish hall contents that are being sold off.

The hall will be deconstructed to make way for a five story building to house the new church hall and ministry centre and a 24 unit seniors affordable rental housing complex.

Sharon Wickware, moving on sale organizer, says emptying out the parish hall before demolition is emotional for church parishioners.

"This change is not something that happened overnight and has been in the planning

process for the last 10 years; the process of saying goodbye remains very disconcerting for many of our members," said Wickware. "Nonetheless, many parishioners are also looking forward to the renewal and moving this project forward."

In 2018, St. Peter and St. Paul received zoning approval from the Township of Esquimalt to replace its parish hall and community centre with a new building. The construction

project is being overseen by The Anglican Diocese of British Columbia and B.C. Housing. Demolition work on the parish building is slated to begin soon and a ground-breaking event is planned for later this year.

The moving sale will commence at 9 a.m. on June 1. Items for sale include tables and chairs, office style dividers, a large movie projection screen, two deep freezers and two household kitchen stoves,

bulletin boards, dishes, pottery, numerous items from the church's arts and craft club, a wooden fireplace facade, Sunday School toys, and a Nintendo Wii.

Proceeds from the sale will be collected and put into a church building fund.

For more information on the church and their building plans visit the St. Peter's and St. Paul's Anglican Church website [www.stpeterandpaul.ca](http://www.stpeterandpaul.ca)



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# Museum exhibit rings the bell for Beacon Hill

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Deborah Cotton and Commodore (Retired) Doug Mclean cut the HMCS Beacon Hill exhibit ribbon. Photo by LS Gibson, MARPAC Imaging  
 Inset: A display case containing Deborah Cotton's christening cup and the ship's bell. Photo by Peter Mallett, Lookout

**Peter Mallett**  
 Staff Writer

**A** NEW EXHIBIT celebrating the legacy of HMCS Beacon Hill and its legendary commander Ted Simmons has launched at the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum.

The grand opening ceremony for Hero Warship: HMCS Beacon Hill and Her Daring Commander took place at the base museum on the morning of May 17. Its unveiling came one day after the 75th anniversary of the commissioning of the former River Class Frigate that became the namesake ship for the City of Victoria and served the Royal Canadian Navy until September 1967.

Simmons' 75-year-old daughter Deborah Cotton was joined by the ship's final navigation officer, Commodore (Retired) Doug McLean, for a ribbon cutting ceremony that officially opened the exhibit.

McLean, with Cotton at his side, cut the ribbon with an authentic Second World War naval sword loaned by museum volunteer Paul Seguna.

"I am absolutely overwhelmed by how beautiful the exhibit is and the magnificent job the museum staff have done," said Cotton. "I think if my father saw this, he would be very impressed."

McLean also feels a strong personal connection to the new exhibit and the ship itself.

"Ships are living things, and sailors say if you serve in a ship you own a plank of the ship. Well I certainly own one of Beacon Hill's planks; she is a great old ship."

McLean shared several anecdotes of being a young sailor in Beacon Hill. One was the frightful moment just prior to the ship's payoff ceremony in Esquimalt. The old ship was on a

final sail-past of Beacon Hill Park when it tattered so severely McLean and the rest of the crew thought it was going to tip.

Created by the museum's Exhibit Designer Clare Sharpe, Hero Warship features hard-backed descriptive banners that showcase the ship's history and the naval career of Simmons.

The exhibit occupies a 350-square-foot room and part of an adjoining corridor. Artifacts include the ship's name board and badge, the commander's commissioning pennant, and replicas of two of Simmons medals, the Distinguished Service Order and Distinguished Service Cross.

There is also a video of the National Film Board film "Corvette Port Arthur" inspired by the naval career Ted Simmons.

Simmons was an interior decorator by trade who joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Service shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. He later

went on to become a legendary war hero for thwarting a German U-Boat attack and the boarding of the sinking sub to acquire its code books.

Cotton was the first baby christened in HMCS Beacon Hill, with her confirmation coming one month following VE-Day, and her name was engraved on the ship's bell. Many years later, Cotton discovered that the whereabouts of the ship's first

bell are unknown, and that several of her father's war medals were sold by an auction house in England.

Two christening bells from the ship, one from the museum's collection and another on loan from the City of Victoria, form part of the new display, along with Cotton's christening cup.

For more information about HMCS Beacon Hill visit the museum's website: [www.naval-military-museum.org](http://www.naval-military-museum.org)

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed on statutory holidays).



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# TRANSFORMING CANADA'S NAVAL TRAINING SYSTEM

## Commander Bradley White Program Manager of Naval Training System Transformation

The Royal Canadian Navy is transforming almost every aspect of Canada's naval training system, and people should know about it.

It is no secret to anyone that the navy has embarked on one of the most ambitious, recapitalized programs ever undertaken starting with HMCS Harry Dewolf, but there is more than steel that makes a navy. In fact, as the adage goes, it is the sailors who make the navy

and not the ships.

In order to operate these new ships and maintain the high standard of sailors and officers that we already

have, we must do everything we can to enable good training. Sure, the new ships will come with new training packages in order to conduct initial cadre training (ICT – the kind of training already qualified sailors take to learn new systems), but we also aim to modernize all aspects of training, from Basic Military Training for naval reservists, to trades training, to combat training, and all the way to command and leadership training programs. If the goal is to ensure that our people can do their jobs to the best of their ability, in new ships, then the right question to ask is how?

### HOW?

Since 2013, the Naval Training System has been researching and planning this change. What's more, several modernization changes have already taken place in accordance with our initial plans. All of this is encompassed in the Naval Training

System Transformation Program led by the Commander of Naval Personnel and Training Group, Capt(N) Martin Drews.

Employing an approach that uses ever maturing spirals of activity, we first defined the problem (spiral one), then restructured the Naval Training System in order to accept modernized training methods and new training systems.

The bulk of the effort will take place during the final spiral where we will engage industry and other partners to execute a comprehensive plan that will deliver the navy modernized training technologies, methods, and practices. June 2019 is when we start rolling out the work and projects to affect most of the major changes.

### WHAT IS COMING?

Students and trainees can look forward to streamlined training courses, delivery when you need it, and more

realistic training. A move away from classroom lecture methods is needed and is already being implemented in many training programs.

The rollout of new Marine Technician training is a great example of the blended solutions we will adopt. This includes lectures when you need them, individual online and in-class (group) online portions, advanced trainers and training tools that feature greater detail and graphics that approach reality.

However, this transformation goes way beyond what we have seen before.

- We are going to introduce smaller training modules that sailors can access on mobile devices, so they can learn or refresh learning from any location, even at sea.
- We are going to continue to link more systems and trainers together so training can become as realistic as possible.

• We are going to adopt cloud technology, and ensure we use all available means to deliver training, including AR and VR.

We want to achieve our goal of ensuring training is no longer simply tied to a course – we want to make training accessible, ever present, and responsive to the learning needs of sailors.

Leaders can expect better management and progression of their sailors. Nothing is more frustrating than waiting for a course, only to have it postponed or cancelled. Through the introduction of modern personnel management, and facilities management tools we are going to make sure sailors get their training when they need it, in a way that is aligned to their career and rank progression.

The system, by design, will be linked and responsive to operational needs. We need sailors to get to sea, and we need them to main-

tain their high standards, and to improve upon those standards as well. The only way we can do this is to make the Naval Training System Transformation program successful. The program is not only looking at new methods and tools, but it is also ensuring that our changes are lock-step with other plans.

In terms of buildings and learning spaces, we are working alongside ADM (IE) to ensure our future requirements are melded with their real property plans. It is our modernized training requirements that will form the basis for training infrastructure builds on both coasts.

The Common Support Training Facility that will soon be opened in Halifax is the first of the new training buildings. Those same requirements will be fed into recapitalization plans for Naval Reserve Divisions, to ensure all investments improve their training capabilities. Crucially, Naval Training System

Transformation is working together with all new ship projects, including the Canadian Surface Combatant project, to ensure that the launch of those ships is dovetailed with the launch of new training technologies and infrastructure.

One of the key components of the modernization effort is the System of Training and Operational Readiness Modernization (STORM) project that is being managed by Director of Naval Requirements and is based on Naval Training System Transformation requirements. Taking needs that originate from Naval Training System Transformation, this unique project will deliver Technology Enabled Learning tools and simulators to the training system of the future.

In conjunction with Naval Training System Transformation, derived new training methods, new tools, new training management process, and new infrastructure, STORM will

deliver most of the new technology we will employ in the Naval Training System.

In summary, the future looks bright. Through the execution of a solid plan, in conjunction with new ship projects, and projects like

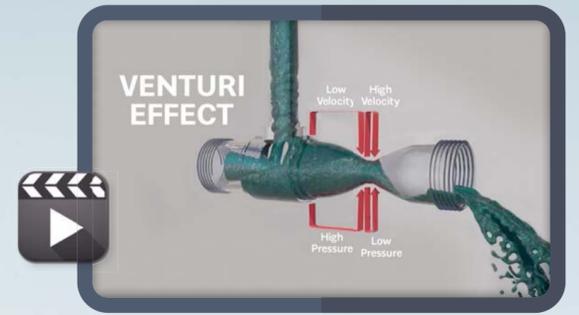
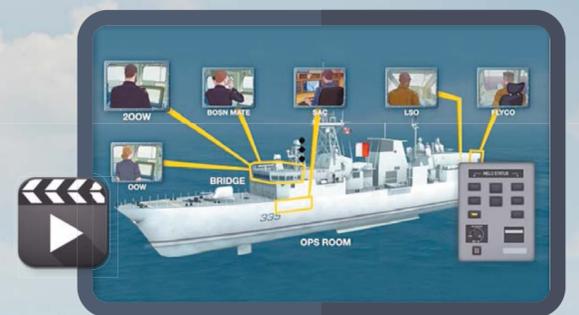
STORM, Naval Training System Transformation will deliver the training system of the future. Sailors can expect to see modernized components roll out over time as technology and investment enables this transformation. Ultimately, starting around the mid-2020s sailors can expect to see new buildings being constructed, and even newer Technology Enabled Learning being implemented.

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# Military joins Fort Rodd Hill to honour Hometown Heroes

As part of Parks Canada's Hometown Heroes initiative, a commemorative ceremony took place on Friday, May 17 at Fort Rodd Hill to pay tribute to two B.C. Hometown Heroes: Commander (Retired) Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, and Petty Officer (Retired) Alice Adams.

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Rear-Admiral Bob Auchterlonie and Chief Petty Officer First Class Tim Blonde salute during the National Anthem.



Retired WREN Alice Adams addresses the crowd.

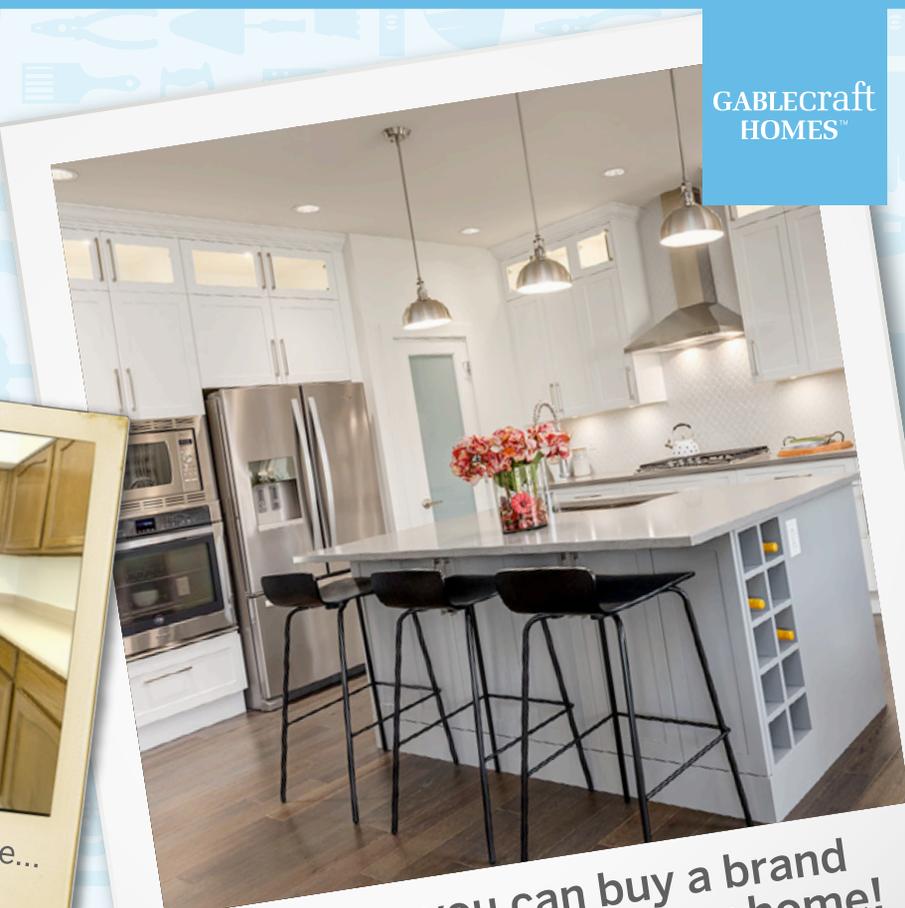
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# Boomer's Legacy Boomerang

## Cruising for camaraderie, and a good cause

The Boomer's Legacy British Columbia Bike Ride is back.

In a few weeks, on June 8 and 9, two groups of riders will set out to celebrate the life and legacy of Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom by cruising to Nanaimo, all for a good cause.

The Friends of Boomer's Legacy Vancouver Island organizing group have a few twists and turns up their sleeves when they take a group of registered cyclists from CFB Comox to the Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury in Nanaimo, and back again.

This year, mountain biking enthusiasts can join Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs Society for a ride from Port Alberni to the Armoury in Nanaimo, and then on to Comox.

Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs

Society was a direct recipient of the funds raised through Boomer's Legacy and they have been doing amazing work pairing veterans with service animals.

According to Ride Chair Jim Benninger, "This year's ride will be more accessible to riders of all levels. The Boomer's Legacy British Columbia bicycle ride has always been about cruising for a good cause, rather than a road race. We raise awareness, build camaraderie, and spread goodwill. No-one gets left behind, like Andrew Eykelenboom would have wanted. And, with the addition of the mountain bike leg of the ride, we now also cater to those looking for more of a physical challenge."

If riding is not your thing, you can support the cause by donating funds towards an individual or team registered to participate. Find out more, donate and/or register today, via boomerslegacybc.ca.



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### What is a court martial?

Court martials are formal military courts presided over by independent military judges. These tribunals are similar in nature to civilian criminal courts, with the exception that it is the court that travels wherever the CAF is deployed.

### What is a court reporter?

The court reporter provides administrative services at courts martial and produces a record of proceedings of every court martial. A court reporter is an official witness to a legal proceeding who can accurately relate what was said by all actors present during the proceedings. They are a neutral observer whose records become the official record of the proceedings.

### What is the court reporter's job?

Because the court reporter is the on-site procedural expert and source of professional knowledge, they are required to travel to the location of the trial prior to its commencement. During the trial, the court reporter captures the words spoken during the proceedings and is responsible to log, control and secure all exhibits filed with the court proceedings while acting as the judicial assistant to the military judge.

Upon conclusion of the trial, the court reporter prepares a transcript of the proceedings obtained from the recording, including the creation of a judicial decision which is posted on the website.

### What are the court reporter's skills?

Court reporters must be skilled at transcribing speech from recording. Becoming a court reporter requires a commitment of time and effort. The formal on-the-job training is delivered in Gatineau, Québec, at the Office of the Chief Military Judge. Training takes approximately six months to achieve certification.

Court reporter positions are filled

through a continuous voluntary occupation transfer process that is open to all occupations and members can apply any time during the year.

### Who can apply?

The entry standards include a valid bilingual language profile of "CCC" or higher; however, as the occupation is currently below the Preferred Manning Level, potential candidates who do not meet the language profile are eligible for consideration.

PO1/WO or PO2/Sgt with at least three years seniority in rank (PO2/Sgts will be promoted to PO1/WO upon completion of certification) who have a minimum medical category of 432335 and keyboarding skills of 40 wpm with comprehensive grammar and spelling skills in either official language are eligible to apply.

Court reporters are posted to the Office of the Chief Military Judge, which is located at the Asticou Centre in Gatineau, Québec.

Additional information is available by contacting the Deputy Court Martial Administrator, Michel Saindon at Michel.saindon@forces.gc.ca, or 819-994-7540.

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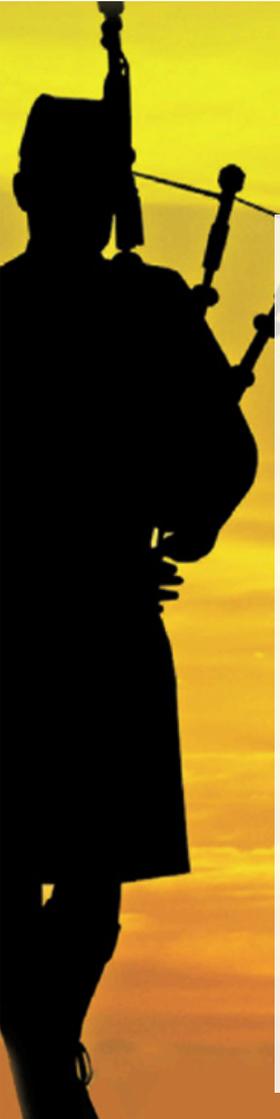
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# Okanagan Military Tattoo Returns to Vernon



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Today, the word Tattoo refers to a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands. Each Tattoo is influenced by the culture and traditions of the country they represent.

Fans of the massed spectacles of music might flock to the world's great Tattoos: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, the Basil Tattoo in Switzerland and the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax.

But the greatest Tattoo in Western Canada is the Okanagan Military Tattoo in Vernon.

The sixth annual Okanagan Military Tattoo - Vernon's largest annual indoor event will take place on Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 28 at 2 p.m. at Kal Tire Place.

The Tattoo will feature over 600 performers including massed pipes and drums, precision drills, highland dancers and more. Headliners this year include the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band from the United Kingdom and the Calgary Round-up Band. The Regimental Band of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles will play a major role in the "Tribute to the Veterans" segment of the two-hour Tattoo program as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Tickets to the Okanagan Military Tattoo are on sale now at the TicketSeller Box Office in Vernon 250-549-7469 or toll free 1-866-311-1011. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at [www.ticketseller.ca](http://www.ticketseller.ca).

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## Canadian soldier of the Second World War discovered in France identified

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The Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces have identified the partial skeletal remains of Sergeant John Albert Collis, a Canadian soldier of the Second World War, discovered near the village of Verrières, in the commune of Saint-Martin-de-Fontenay, France.

Sergeant Collis enlisted in September 1939, in Brampton, Ontario, with the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment). He died on July 25, 1944, during Operation Spring, as a member of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Canadian Active Service Force), near the village of Verrières.

Veterans Affairs Canada has notified members of the family and is providing them with ongoing support as final arrangements are made. Sergeant



Collis' personnel file indicated he was first interred in a temporary grave on July 26, 1944. He was later moved to the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery.

His remains will be reunited with his grave by his regiment, in the presence of family and Government of Canada

representatives, at the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery in France, on June 7 at 10 a.m. (Central European Time). This will take place during a ceremony organized by the Government of Canada to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

The Department of National Defence Casualty Identification Program identifies unknown Canadian service members when their remains are discovered, so that they may be buried with a name, by their unit and in the presence of their family. The program fosters a sense of continuity and identity within the Canadian Armed Forces and provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect upon the experiences of those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

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## HMCS Malahat Awards

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PO2 Erik Lindholm received a Bravo Zulu Award for taking time to speaking about Remembrance Day to the students and staff of Margaret Jenkins Elementary School.



LS Manuel Dussault-Gomez received a Bravo Zulu Award for his innovative and enthusiastic contributions to the human-powered submarine club, made up of members from the University of Victoria, Camosun College, and the RCN.



CPO2 Kevin Woods received a Bravo Zulu Award for his supreme dedication to the mentorship and development of HMCS Malahat personnel, and tireless commitment to the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve.



LS Marie-Anne Dussault Gomez received a Bravo Zulu Award for her unwavering enthusiasm, energetic support, and committed organization of HMCS Malahat's Sports Nights.



## Base Information Services Presentations



MS Shaun Charpentier is presented his Base Information Services Bravo Zulu certificate by Cdr Nicholas Manley, Base Information services Officer.



MS Denis Poddoubtchenko is presented his Base Information Services Bravo Zulu certificate by Cdr Nicholas Manley, Base Information services Officer.



Lt(N) Madularu receives the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation from LCdr Danny O'Regan.



## Promotion

Lt(N) Daniel Song (left middle) is promoted to his current rank by Cdr Amit Bagga (left), accompanied by his fiancée Wendy Kim, and Cdr Steven Gillespie.



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