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Royal Canadian Navy Public Affairs

Changes to naming protocol for RCN ships, units following Her Majesty's passing

Following the Queen's passing on Sept. 8, 2022, and the ascension to the throne of King Charles III, all commissioned Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) vessels are now known as His Majesty's Canadian Ships and Submarines. This also applies to Naval Reserve Divisions across the country.

Units and establishments that use the "HMC" prefix must also update their names. So, the dockyards in Esquimalt, B.C., and Halifax, N.S., are now known as His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard. The Queen's Harbour Master is now known as King's Harbour Master.

It should be noted these changes only apply

in English. Due to differences in grammar in French, there is no change.

In correspondence or information for publication, personnel should immediately start using the name change.

As of sunset on the day of the Queen's funeral, Sept. 19, all official photographs of the Queen were to be taken down. The official portrait's location is

to remain empty until the King's is made available.

Official acts, orders, regulations and instructions, such as Queen's Regulations and Orders, shall not be changed until these are changed officially by the appropriate authority.

Changements dans le protocole de dénomination des navires et unités de la MRC à la suite du décès de Sa Majesté

À la suite du décès de la reine et de l'ascension du Roi Charles III, la dénomination des navires et unités en service de la MRC en anglais a immédiatement changé de « Her Majesty's Canadian Ship » à « His Majesty's Canadian Ship ».

En français, comme le mot « majesté » est un nom féminin il n'y aura aucun changement avec le terme « Navire canadien de Sa Majesté » (NCSM). Il en est de même pour « l'arsenal canadien de Sa Majesté » (His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard) et « le capitaine de port de Sa Majesté » (King's Harbour Master).

Dans la correspondance ou les renseignements qui seront publiés, le personnel devrait immédiatement commencer à effectuer le changement de noms.

Depuis le coucher du soleil le jour des funérailles de la reine, le 19 septembre dernier, toutes les photographies officielles de la reine doivent être retirées. L'emplacement du portrait officiel doit demeurer vide jusqu'à ce que le portrait du roi soit rendu disponible, ce qui pourrait prendre un certain temps.

Les documents officiels comme les lois, ordonnances, règlements et instructions, tels que les Ordonnances et règlements royaux, ne doivent être modifiés jusqu'à leur changement officiel par les autorités compétentes.

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Dr. Frederick Voon **Evidence Based Wellness**



Please join the MARPAC Health and Wellness Strategy as they celebrate Healthy Workplace Month by hosting Dr. Frederick Voon on Thursday, October 6 from 1000-1130 hours on Teams.

Dr. Frederick Voon is a Canadian Emergency physician who works in Victoria, B.C, with interests in patient education, information technology, mindfulness in medicine, business, and evidence-based happiness. Currently Dr. Frederick Voon is an executive of the Victoria Emergency Physicians Association, and co-President of the South Island Medical Staff Association. Dr. Frederick Voon works closely with the Divisions of Family Practice: Transitions in Care with projects including Familiar Faces, which provides digital care plans for the most frequent users of local Emergency Departments.

A Clinical Assistant Professor and Mentor with the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Frederick Voon enjoys teaching, personal growth, as well as professional development. He has presented at conferences and volunteered with community organizations such as the International Health Literacy Association (IHLA), Our Place Society serving inner-city and vulnerable populations, YMCA Camp Thunderbird for youth, and the Victoria Minor Hockey Association.

After graduating medical school in 2001, he completed residency training in Family Practice and Emergency Medicine. He has worked in clinic and hospital settings,

both urban and rural, in British Columbia, Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and New Zealand. Dr. Voon shares lived experience from both sides of the stretcher: supporting a loved one through mental health crises, and seeing a large number of people struggling with mental health at work every shift.



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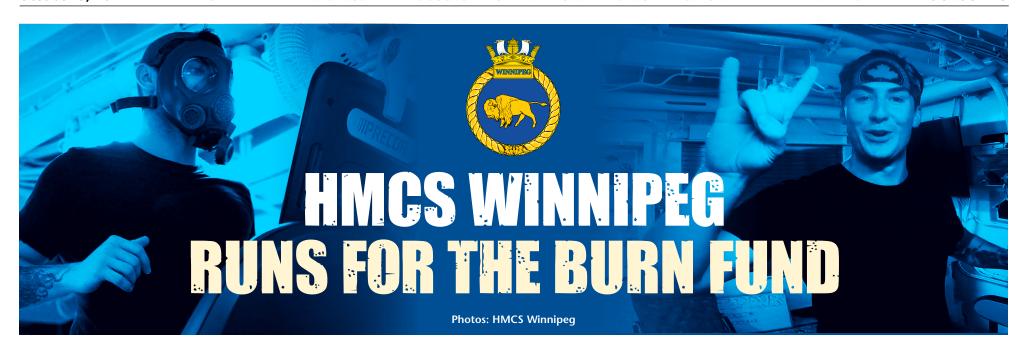
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Kateryna Bandura Lookout Editor

MCS Winnipeg raised over \$2,900 for the Manitoba Fire Fighters' Burn Fund on deployment to the Indo-Pacific.

"It goes to show all things are possible with the right perspective, adaptability, and perseverance," said Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Derek Wilkinson, organizer of the run.

HMCS Winnipeg's crew adopted the Firefighters Burn Fund as their 'home' charity to support soon after the ship was commissioned in June 1995, and they have maintained that commitment over the years.

Four crew members supported the charity this year by hosting a run during *Winnipeg's* 2022 Indo-Pacific deployment.

"This was an opportunity to challenge myself while helping people on long and difficult journeys, the people that the Burn Fund supports," PO2 Wilkinson said.

The Firefighters Burn Fund was created in March 1978. Manitoba's Fire Service personnel volunteer their time and effort in raising funds to support exceptional burn care, treatment, rehabilitation, and research.

Four members of 'The Herd' running club aboard Winnipeg hosted this year's run: PO2 Wilkinson, Sailor First Class Hubert Desbiens, Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Cael Halvorsen, and SLt Loic Richard. PO2 Wilkinson said he was glad to see the ship get behind the cause while it was in theatre of operations.

While *Winnipeg* was at sea, the runners completed segments on treadmills, in 80-metre loops around the flight deck, and 70-metre loops around the upper decks, all spanning over 48 hours. The runners worked at logging higher than usual mileage during training at slower paces to get their legs used to the extra volume.

"We ate a lot of granola bars and drank a lot of coffee," said PO2 Wilkinson.

SLt Richard said his participation in the run was motivated by the desire to raise money for those who need it and to challenge himself physically and mentally.

"I can confidently say this activity was everything I hoped for," he said. "I am proud of what *Winnipeg* contributed to the Burn Fund, and I'm grateful for the opportunity I was given to push my physical and mental barriers. Let's Go *Winnipeg*!"

The runners had been getting fit for months ahead of time. The members agreed the most challenging part was the midnight monotony of running on a treadmill in the dark after only about 90 minutes of sleep.

SI Desbiens said his love for running made the challenge much easier.

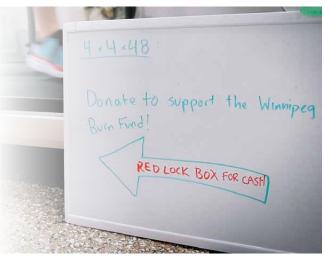
"Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must, just never give up," he said.

The event created a lot of buzz among the crew and was an excellent moraleraising opportunity as the ship's company often came by the treadmills to cheer the runners on and lend their support.

Although only four members did the running,

everyone was invited to sponsor them. In a show of incredible generosity, one member stunned the runners with a staggering \$1,000 donation.

"I am extremely proud of our four runners and the sailors who supported them," said Commander Annick Fortin, Commanding Officer of HMCS Winnipeg. "This event speaks to our motto 'One with the strength of many'. Our runners gave their time, dedication and energy, and our sailors gave them their support by cheering them on and sponsoring their effort."



Signs were put around the ship to encourage the crew to support the four runners.

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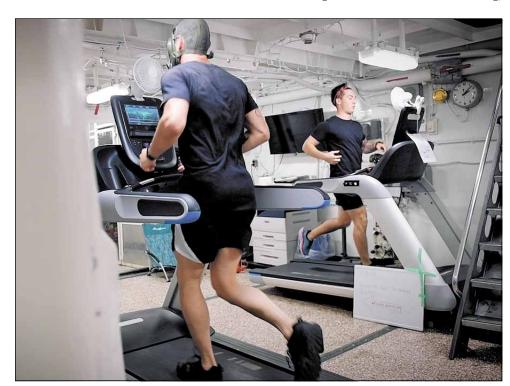
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"The Herd" Running Club team members onboard HMCS Winnipeg run to raise money for Manitoba's Fire Fighter's Burn Fund while on deployment to the Indo-Pacific.



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SUPERSTITIONS



"Traditionally, only ship's cooks were allowed to whistle because if you could hear them whistling, you knew they weren't consuming the rations."

~ Mark Nelson, Chief Petty Officer Second Class (Retired)

Long before there was a Navy, mariners were prone to believe in superstitions deemed to bring either good luck or misfortune. Superstitions still exist today, and whether they carry any veracity is simply a matter of opinion.

For example, sailors tend to avoid clinking glasses in a toast as there is a superstition that when a glass rings, it tolls the death of a sailor. Thus, any ringing glass is immediately stopped. Similarly, sailors avoid toasting with water, as superstition states this will cause the person toasted

To whistle up a wind was an ancient naval superstition that said whistling would cause the wind to increase. Thus, whistling is normally frowned upon in a warship, as it is thought it may bring about stormy weather. Traditionally, only ship's cooks were allowed to whistle because if you could hear them whistling, you knew they weren't consuming the rations. In the case of a sailing ship beset by doldrums, sticking a knife in the mast in the direction of the preferred wind was thought to bring the desired breeze.

Somewhat of superstition and marked by an adage, 'Red sky in morning - sailor's warning. Red sky at night - sailor's delight' meant a red sky in the morning portended bad weather, and a red sky in the evening meant good weather was to come. Real meteorological reasons give truth to this adage, in that a red sunrise might mean a high-pressure system associated with good weather had passed to the east. A red sky at night might indicate a high-pressure front and stable air coming in from the west.

Superstitions abound in the building and launching of vessels. For good luck, a new ship has a coin placed under its keel as it is laid down. In addition, a coin is placed under the mast of a ship when the mast is erected in a mast stepping ceremony. This is done to bless the ship and give it good luck. When a ship is christened, a bottle of champagne is traditionally broken over the bow. Superstition portends bad luck for any ship where the bottle does not break on the first strike.

Sailing on Friday was often feared to bring bad luck to a ship's voyage. However, in the modern age, ships do not overtly avoid sailing on a Friday, especially since ships have done it and disaster did not ensue. Still, there is an oft-told tale of the fate of HMS Friday, a version of which was even featured in Reader's Digest magazine. The tale goes something like this: "Years ago, the Royal Navy attempted to dispel the superstition that beginning a voyage on a Friday would bring bad luck. They decided to commission a ship named HMS Friday to prove this belief as false. Her keel was laid on a Friday, she was launched on a Friday, and she set sail on her maiden voyage on Friday the 13th, under the command of Captain James Friday. She was never seen or heard from again."

This legend is a classic urban myth, as there has never been a Royal Navy ship of that name. Still, the tale is frequently retold in many variations. Thus, the superstition lives on!

You will find over 4,000 examples of Jackspeak in my book Jackspeak of the Royal Canadian Navy (2nd ed.).

The author of Jackspeak of the Royal Canadian Navy and Whiskey 601, Mark Nelson developed a love of the Navy's language and lifestyle over his 26-year career in the service. After retiring as a Chief Petty Officer Second Class, he now works as a library systems specialist at Red River College Polytechnic in Winnipeg, Man.

Follow Mark on Twitter @4marknelson











Robert Roos, **HMCS Vancouver FSR Coordinator**

Have you ever run, squatted, or done pushups on a floor that shifts beneath your feet?

I hadn't until two months ago when I joined HMCS Vancouver on deployment.

I am the ship's Fitness, Sports, and Recreation (FSR) Coordinator. My iob involves leading group fitness classes, writing individual training programs, and hosting recreation events for the members on board. I previously deployed with the Canadian Armed Forces to Latvia in 2021, where I worked in an FSR department with three other colleagues, but here on Vancouver, I am a department of one.

Shipboard fitness presents challenges that can be divided into two broad categories: technical challenges of the job and social challenges of living and working on a ship.

a technical From perspective, simple exercises on land take on a new level of difficulty when the ground under you moves unpredictably.

As the ship pitches and rolls, participant safety is a top priority. Exercises and body positions need to be adjusted, and equipment and exercise selection needs to be considered. Compare

holding two 30-pound dumbbells or one exercise band in an overhead press when the ship suddenly rolls to one side - there is less risk of injury with the band. Space is at a premium on board, which also extends to fitness equipment.

Equipment needs to be basic but effective, easily taken out for set-up, and quickly stowed. This is especially true as most group fitness classes take place on the flight deck, where, if called to flying stations, the air detachment may need the deck cleared ASAP, or some kettlebells may end up in Davy Jones' Locker.

The most difficult challenge I have with running fitness programming on the ship is the changing nature of members' shifts and watches.

Members' schedules are constantly changing, and accommodating a fixed fitness schedule is not easy. Seeing members who regularly attend class disappear due to a shift in their work schedule is hard to swallow. I can see their fitness improving and confidence growing, and then one day, they aren't there anymore. Building relationships is integral to being an effective FSR Coordinator, and the constantly shifting, 24-hour nature of ship life makes

than on land.

A solution we discovered is to post daily workouts in the ship's gym, where those who can't attend classes in person can still participate in daily fitness programming.

As a fitness professional, it is a situation I never expected to find myself in, but I'm glad I accepted the opportunity.

Another option is to post fitness challenges that the whole ship can achieve together. For example, on Vancouver, we are racing the ship home (collaboratively running, biking, walking, rowing, or using the elliptical to move enough kilometres to beat the ship home) and lifting the ship (collaboratively while exercising to lift the 5 million-kilogram weight of the ship).

Working through these challenges daily with the Royal Canadian Navy members has been extremely rewarding. As a fitness professional, it is a situation I never expected to find myself in, but I'm glad it much more difficult I accepted the opportunity.



Sailors onbord Vancouver's flight deck participate in Roos' fitness class.

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The 8th Annual Base Commander's Golf Tournament teed off in full swing last Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, at the Olympic View Golf Club, hosted by Captain (Navy) Jeff Hutchinson, Base Commander at CFB Esquimalt. The sold-out event featured a performance from the Naden Band, 18 holes of golf, and a shower of rain to keep the play interesting. Following an incredible morning round of golf, participants gathered for lunch and prize giveaways, courtesy of event sponsors. The Top Individual Player was presented to Matt Campbell, and the Team Scramble was presented to Roy Elson, Mohammed Gudal, Steve Melnick, and Steve Wist. Congratulations to all players!



Trevor Mcshane, Reg Smith, Spencer Walker and Parker Zakus.



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Captain (Navy) Jeff Hutchinson, Base Commander, awards the Team Scramble Award to Roy Elson, Mohammed Gudal,



Captain (Navy) Jeff Hutchinson, Base Commander, awards the Top Individual Player Award to Matt Campbell.



Kodi Gibson, Dale Johnston and Gordon Szczepski.



David Barker, Jeff Hutchinson, George White and Garnet Hutchinson.



James Coyle, Brent Flegel, Dustin Giroux and Rich Mcauley.



Andrew Firth with the prize of a \$1,500 WestJet flight alongside Kodi Gibson, Deputy Manager, Personnel Support Programs, thanking them for their participation.



Steve Melnick and Steve Wist.

excited to receive prizes.



Chantal Tourangeau presents tournament participants Base Commander, Captain (Navy) Jeff Hutchinson addresses tournament participants Michael Fulmore, Brandon Betts, Brad Cameron, and Tyler Van Milligen get ready to approach their next hole at the Base Commander's Golf Tournament.



Derek Cheetham dives into pond and finds more than his own ball.



credit at the Base Commander's Golf Tournament.





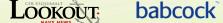
















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IRISH SAILORS JOIN HMCS SACKVILLE for special commemoration ceremony

Lieutenant (Naval Service) Paul Kavanaugh, Executive Officer of LÉ James Joyce; retired commander Garrett Reddy, Commanding Officer of HMCS Sackville with the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (CNMT); Lieutenant-Commander Donnachadh Cahalane, Commanding Officer of LÉ James Joyce; retired captain (Navy) Bill Woodburn, chair of CNMT; and John Boylan, Deputy Head of Mission with the Irish Embassy in Ottawa. Photo: Joanie Veitch, Trident



Joanie Veitch

Trident Staff

Irish Naval wo Service offshore patrol vessel members joined the crew onboard His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Sackville for a Committal of Ashes Ceremony.

"There were so many tieins for us as we took part in this event," said Lieutenant-Commander (LCdr) Donnachadh Cahalane, the captain of LÉ James Joyce.

HMCS Sackville held its traditional Committal of Ashes Ceremony at sea on Sept. 22, off Point Pleasant Park. Following the ceremony, a memorial service was held to commemorate the sinking of SS Atlantic in 1873 off the Nova Scotia coast. Of the 550 people who perished, more than half were Irish.

"Ireland is no stranger to maritime disasters, but the sinking of SS Atlantic caused a tremendous loss of life and a great deal of Irish casualties, so the commemoration of this tragedy while we're visiting Halifax was very fitting,' LCdr Cahalane said.

LCdr Cahalane and Lieutenant (Naval Service) Paul Kavanaugh, Executive Officer of LÉ James Joyce, took part in wreath-laving at sea in memory of the lives lost on SS Atlantic. They were joined by John Boylan, Deputy Head of Mission with the Irish Embassy in Ottawa.

SS Atlantic, part of the White Star Line, had been travelling from Liverpool to New York with 975 people on board when it sank off Lower Prospect, N.S., in the early hours of Apr. 1, 1873. Until the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 (also a White Star Line vessel), the sinking of SS Atlantic held the unfortunate honour of being the largest maritime disaster of its day.

LCdr Cahalane said he felt a connection to SS Atlantic since LÉ James Joyce had followed a similar sail path to the ill-fated

LÉ James Joyce left Ireland in early September for a month-long tour of parts of North America's Atlantic coast. Before it arrived in Halifax on Sept. 21, the ship had visited Boston, Mass., and Portland, Maine.

Retired commander Gary Reddy, Sackville's Commanding Officer with the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust, said that while the opportunity to host the Irish contingent and to commemorate the SS Atlantic tragedy was special for HMCS Sackville. the main event was the Committal of Ashes Ceremony.

"For our crew, this is our traditional service and it is held in the highest regard," Reddy said. The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust is a non-profit that operates the ship.

Held twice a year aboard HMCS Sackville, most of the people who ask to have their ashes brought to the sea are former sailors or those with a connection to the Royal Canadian Navy or the Canadian Armed Forces, he said.

Following the ceremony and service for SS Atlantic, Sackville returned to its summer berth at Sackville Landing on the Halifax waterfront. LÉ James Joyce was docked at Tall Ships Quay on Lower Water Street and had been scheduled to host more public tours and events through the weekend before its scheduled departure on Sunday, Sept.

As the weather forecast grew grim, LÉ James Joyce was forced to cancel remaining public tour events and take shelter while Hurricane Fiona tore through the region.





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Once training has been completed, applicants will have achieved their volunteer status and will begin meeting with employees in their role as Peer Advisor.

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Peter Mallett Staff Writer

The Esquimalt Tritons capped off their return to the baseball diamond with a third-place finish at the Canadian Armed Forces National Men's Slo-Pitch Championship in Edmonton, Sept. 19 to 23.

3 Wing Bagotville defeated Esquimalt 15-5 in the tournament semi-final on Sept. 22, knocking the Tritons out of medal contention. Since the only medals handed out were to the winner and runner up, third place teams did not receive medals.

"A third-place finish was not the

Tritons find solace in Slo-Pitch return

CFB Esquimalt's slo-pitch team captain Chief Petty Officer Second Class (CPO2) Michael (Rob) Tibbetts was selected as the CANWEST Men's Slo-Pitch Team MVP and the Men's Slo-Pitch Tournament MVP.

Photo: CPO2 Tibbetts

result our team had worked towards but determined effort has provided a solid building block for the team for future years," said Chief Petty Officer Second Class (CPO2) Rob Tibbetts, the team's captain and sec-

ond baseman, and Coxswain of HMCS Corner Brook.

This year's tournament saw the return of the CAF Slo-Pitch Nationals for the first time since 2018, said CPO2 Tibbetts. The 2019 National Championship was cancelled due to budget cuts, while the 2020 and 2021 tournaments were cut due to health and safety regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bagotville defeated CFB Halifax in the Gold Medal game.

CPO2 Tibbetts and his teammates had hopes of a gold medal ahead of the National Championships. They had earned

their spot in Edmonton after winning five of six games at the Canada West Regional qualifying tournament in Wainwright, Alta. from Aug. 21 to 26.

Their berth in the Nationals came after their 12-6 win over CFB Winnipeg in the qualifying tournament's Gold Medal Game. The Tritons opened robin play in Edmonton with a 21-12 win over CFB Kingston, with Warrant Officer Bartlett earning the game's Most Valuable Player (MVP) honours. They then suffered two consecutive losses, falling 20-12 to Bagotville and 19-13 to CFB Halifax to close out round-robin play.

The blue and gold rebounded and advanced to the tournament semi-final versus Bagotville after a 16-7 victory over Kingston in their opening playoff game.

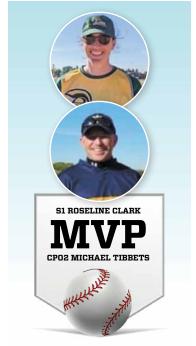
CPO2 Tibbetts was selected as the CANWEST Men's Slo-Pitch Team Most Valuable Player (MVP) and the Men's Slo-Pitch Tournament MVP. He said he and his teammates were excited to be back in action.

"Our sport promotes many of the best qualities of our personnel: dedication, comradeship, competition, and mentorship," CPO2 Tibbetts said. "I was extremely proud of this team and how we came together, leaving it all on the field every inning of every game."

Women's Slo-Pitch Team

The Esquimalt Tritons Women's Slo-Pitch Team also returned to action this year but did not qualify for the Women's CAF Nationals in Edmonton. Esquimalt was defeated 30-19 in the Canada West Regional Championship game to CFB Edmonton.

However, one of Esquimalt's top players, third base standout Sailor First Class (S1) Roseline Clark, did get a chance to shine. CFB Edmonton added S1 Clark to their roster as a guest player in their successful quest for a national title. S1 Clark won game MVP honours with Edmonton in their 29-20 win over Halifax in the tournament semi-final.



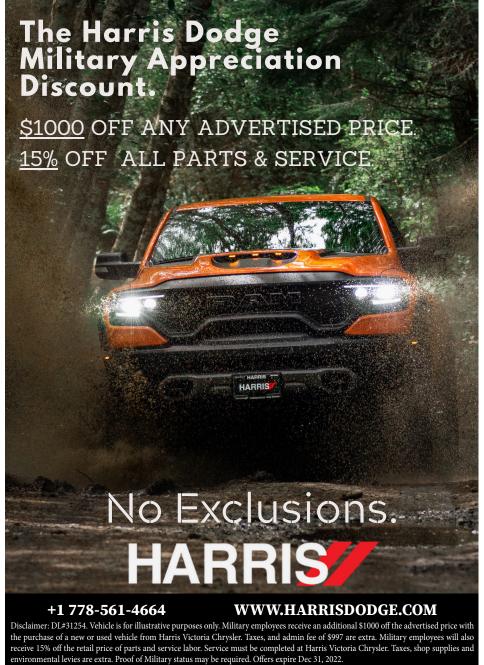
"It feels really great to be a national champion and I still can't believe what an incredible experience I had last week," said S1 Clark, a Naval Communicator currently posted to Naval Fleet School Pacific (NFS(P)).

To top it off, her mother surprised S1 Clark by driving to Edmonton from her home in Winnipeg and became part of her team's cheering section for the tournament.

"She became the 'Team Mom' and could celebrate all our achievements with us," S1 Clark said.

Edmonton defeated Petawawa 18-3 and captured the gold medal.





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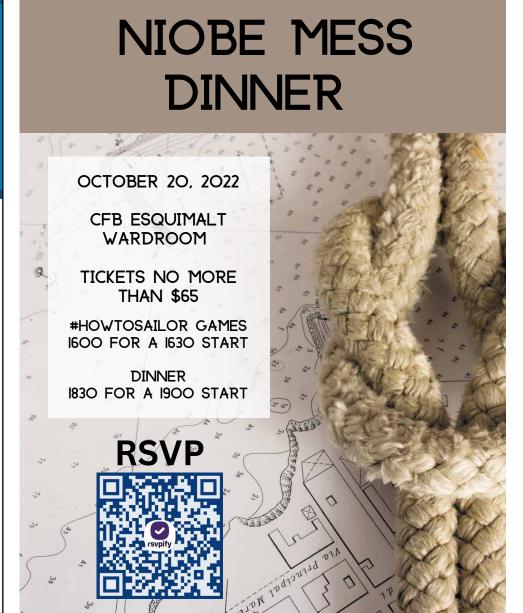
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