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A VERY SPECIAL GUEST

His Royal Highness Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, inspects the honour guard at the British Columbia Legislature Building on the first day of his tour of Western Canada on Sept. 24, 2016. - Photo by MCpl Chris Ward, MARPAC Imaging Services

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NEWSLETTER CHANGE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Welcome all to the next evolution of Lead and Line.

I am pleased to introduce Carmel Ecker, who is taking on the role of editor. She can be reached by email at leadandlineeditor@gmail.com and looks forward to your suggestions and comments. Our new edition will be coming out every two months starting with this edition.

In addition to Carmel, Director at Large David Collins will be heading up an editorial group that will help guide Lead and Line's direction and content. Please contact David at collinsdb@hotmail.com if you would like to be involved or provide input at that level. We look forward to continuing the excellence established by Felicity.

In addition to the newsletter, I will be sharing issues and events of a more immediate nature through direct e-newsletters to members. You will have received a few by now.

National Conference

On Oct. 20-21, I, along with Directors David Cooper and Rod Hughes, attended the National Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Ottawa. NAC Ottawa did an excellent job in organizing this. The Conference was sold out with a broad based attendance that included NAC members, national sponsors and industry providers, and serving personnel ranging from Royal Military College cadets to serving Admirals. Proceedings will be up on the [national website](#) soon. Looking around the room, one could not help but reflect on the key role NAC was playing in bringing all these interests together in support of our navy.

At the AGM on Saturday, which was well attended directly and by proxy, Jim Caruthers spoke to the three supporting pillars of NAC:

1. An alumni group that provides opportunities for so-



Bill Conconi

cial interaction between members, primarily offered at the Branch level

2. Developing a professional home for serving members

3. Our duty to educate Canadians on our need for a capable and effective navy

The two receptions offered as part of the two-day program were well attended, which demonstrated the first pillar in action.

The presence of many serving officers and cadets gave solid evidence of the

second pillar. This was reinforced by their level of engagement shown in the quality of questions and answers in the Q & A sessions, as well as the quality of the presentations.

The reporting of presentations to the Defence Committees of the Senate and the House of Commons gave solid evidence of the third pillar. This is indeed encouraging as we mature as an organization.

It was definitely a worthwhile experience to attend and we look forward to the 2017 conference, which will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland.

For more information on the presentations, read Rod Hughes article about the event on page 5.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it at our annual Christmas luncheon on December 12 at the Fireside Grill.

Yours Aye,
Bill Conconi
NAC VI President

Join us for the annual
Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 12
11:30 am
Fireside Grill
4509 West Saanich Rd
Spouses welcome
\$30/plate



A RETURN TO COMMUNITY

When I first joined Canada's naval community as a civilian employee in 2001, I had no idea it would become an integral part of my life.

As a reporter for the *Lookout Newspaper* that year, I was quickly immersed in, and learned to appreciate, the naval life.

The learning curve was steep since I had grown up in the B.C. interior, had never been on a military base and knew very little about our Armed Forces. There was a plethora of new terminology, acronyms, ranks, ships, shore units and many other things to learn.

There were also many wonderful opportunities: a ride in a Sea King, three days in HMCS Protecteur for a Task Group Exercise, a tour of an American aircraft carrier and a day sail on one of their mine sweepers, and more. I've also gotten to see firsthand the resilience and dedication of military members and their families. Their stories will stay with me for the rest of my life.

When I left the *Lookout* in June to start my own business, I felt a



sense of loss at not officially being a part of that community any more.

So it's with great joy that I have signed on to be the editor of the *Lead and Line* and resume my connection to the naval community.

Working with an editorial team of NAC members, I hope to build on what Felicity has done during her tenure as editor and bring you a publication that is informative and of value to all members.

Email me at leadandlineeditor@gmail.com if you have comments, questions or submissions for future issues.

Carmel Ecker

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service is being held for
FELICITY MARGOT HANINGTON
who passed away Oct. 29
after a long battle with cancer.

The service is being held on Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m.
at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street, Victoria.

The family invites those who wish
to honour Felicity to attend.

Read about Felicity's life on page 16.

REMEMBRANCE WEEK EVENTS

A special day of Remembrance

Talented performers from the Canadian College for Performing Arts at St. Matthias Church will give a moving Remembrance Day presentation in song and prose as part of the regular Sunday morning service.

Nov. 6 from 10am - 11:30am

St. Matthias Anglican Church, 600 Richmond Ave, Victoria

Remembrance Concert

The Sidney Concert Band presents "Salute to Our Veterans" with guests the Saanich Peninsula Pipe Band. Enjoy a variety of music and song dedicated to veterans and currently serving military members.

Featuring Saanich Peninsula Pipe Band and Kittyhawk Air Cadets colour party. Conducted by Rob Bannister.

Nov. 6 at 2:30 pm

Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney

Admission: \$15

Wartime Stories Walking Tour

This 90-minute walking tour focuses on personal stories of local men and women during the First and Second World Wars. Learn about the evolving role of the Royal Canadian Navy and hear stories of patriotism, joy and grief of the people who gave Victoria its identity.

Nov. 6 at 10:30am

Meet at the Downtown Visitor Centre, 812 Wharf Street, Victoria

Lest We Forget

Join the Victoria Symphony for a special concert of remembrance. Experience this moving tribute to the sacrifice of Canadian soldiers, military personnel and those affected by war and violence around the globe. The acoustics of the Bay Street Armoury create a unique surrounding for this emotional concert filled with orchestral and choral music, poetry and stunning visuals.

Tickets are \$20. Online ticket sales are available until one hour prior to the performance start time. Tickets may also be available from the box office.

Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm

Bay Street Armoury, 713 Bay Street, Victoria

LOCAL NAC MEMBER HONoured WITH PRESTIGIOUS VIMY AWARD

Dr. James Boutilier has been named the recipient of the 2016 [Vimy Award](#) for his long-standing contribution to Canada's maritime security.

Dr. Boutilier joins a prestigious group of recipients that includes former Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Rick Hillier, former Member of Parliament Joe Clark and former Governor General of Canada Adrienne Clarkson.

The Vimy Award was created in 1991 by the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) Institute and is presented to a prominent Canadian "who has made outstanding contributions towards the security and defence of Canada and the preservation of our democratic values."

Dr. Boutilier says he had no idea he was even nominated until he'd already been selected.

"I was surprised and flattered and humbled to be contacted by the selection committee," he says. "It came as a complete surprise to me. It's an amazing honour."

Dr. Boutilier began his career at Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1960. He went on to earn his Masters in the same field from McMaster University and then his PhD from the University of London.

He began his naval career before his academic path, serving in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve from 1956 to 1964 as a navigating officer. He carried

that expertise to the Royal Navy Reserve from 1964 to 1969.

When Dr. Boutilier left the Royal Navy, he taught at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, until 1971 before becoming a staff member at Royal Roads.

He joined MARPAC Headquarters as the Special Advisor, International Engagement, in 1996.

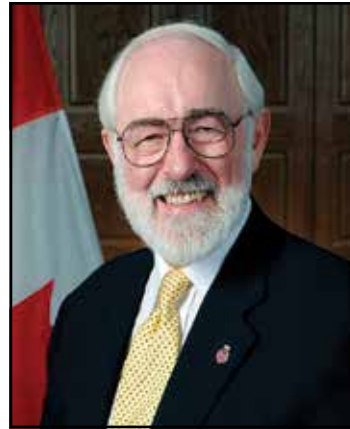
Over his career Dr. Boutilier has developed a reputation as an expert in international security with extensive knowledge of the history and current affairs in the Asia-Pacific region.

Explaining Dr. Boutilier's selection, David McDonough, Research Manager & Senior Editor with the CDA Institute, pointed to his extensive policy experience as a special advisor at MARPAC, his in-depth expertise of maritime defence issues and geo-strategic developments in the Asia-Pacific region, his academic career at Royal Roads and other institutions, and his participation in the broader security and defence community.

"It is difficult to overestimate the degree of respect and esteem by which Dr. Boutilier is viewed amongst those who study maritime and naval matters as well as Asia-Pacific security and defence issues," said McDonough.

Dr. Boutilier considers himself fortunate to have enjoyed such a fulfilling career.

"I've been very lucky to have



Above: Dr. James Boutilier
Below: The Vimy Award



worked for the Department of National Defence for as long as I have and I've had the good fortune of being able to influence, I think to some degree, policy and the outlook towards Asia in particular."

That role has taken him all over the world as he has advised senior officers in deployed ships while in port. He recently

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Vimy Award pays tribute to the bravery and sacrifices of Canadian soldiers during the Battle of Vimy Ridge. It was commissioned in 1991 from the artist André Gauthier, a former Colonel who became a sculptor.

"The statue features a Canadian officer at Vimy Ridge in a moment of victory... The young officer, with a slight smile on his face, raises his helmet in celebration of the victory but, considering the enemy's likely counter-attack, keeps his pistol cocked and at the ready. Gauthier positioned the officer by a trench with one foot on a duck board and another atop sandbags. His momentary elation is not to be confused with taking pleasure in war....The original statue is cast in epoxy with a bronze-like patina, and is on permanent display in the Canadian War Museum. The presentation statues are eight inches in height and are also molded in epoxy."
-From the book "History of the Vimy Award"

travelled to Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City to support official port visits by HMCS Vancouver, which is currently deployed on WESTPLOY 16.

Though serving as an advisor to naval command locally and nationally has been a major role for Dr. Boutilier, he's done

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CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON THE FUTURE NAVY

The 5th annual NAC Conference was held Oct. 20 at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa under the renewed mandate for the NAC, and it was a roaring success.

The theme was “Recapitalizing the Fleets of the Government of Canada”, a dry subject, but it is the future of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG). NAC needs to support it.

There was a good turnout of RCN leadership, including RAdm Art MacDonald Commander Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force (Pacific). Attendance totalled 250 with members of defence industry, bright keen naval cadets from Royal Military College, the NAC Executive (who were in town for the NAC AGM), and members from primarily the Ottawa Branch of the NAC.

There were three main topics for the day-long event:

1. The Basis for Investment. What is the Basis for investing in the recapitalization of government fleets? Canadian Policy and Defence, Security and Industrial Objectives.

Speakers: Dr. Elinor Sloan, of Carleton University; Dr. Darrell Bricker, CEO, IP-SOS Research; and Jeffrey Hutchinson, Deputy Commissioner, Strategy & Shipbuilding, CCG.

The take home for me was not new: in

these tumultuous times, Canada needs a modern, capable and flexible navy and coast guard. A major stumbling block is the ongoing massive shift in our national demographic resulting in fewer young people available for recruitment as both sailors and shipbuilders.

It is startlingly clear that the RCN and CCG need to get the word out in plain language to Canadians as to why they need the capabilities and expertise that the RCN and CCG provide to Canada.

2. Canada’s Shipbuilding Strategy. What was achieved previously? Recognizing success to date. What should be the measure of a successful strategy?

Speakers: Dr. Michael Hennessy, RMC, and Tom Ring, former ADM, Acquisitions, Department of Public Works and Government Services.

An old lesson needs to be recalled: repeating one’s mistakes is likely if one doesn’t remember one’s past. This remains true with shipbuilding. We need to embrace flexible and innovative approaches to the various and diverse ships that need to be built.

3. What Next for Canada? What are the future projects, infrastructure changes, industrial objectives, contracting mechanism, and future investments?

How will we sustain Canadian capabili-

ties and expertise?

Speakers: Dr. David Perry, Canadian Global Affairs Institute; Dr. Michael Byers, UBC; VAdm (Ret’d, USN) Kevin McCoy, Irving Shipbuilding Inc.; Capt(N) (RCN) Jason Boyd, Director, New Capability Introduction.

The takeaway from this presentation was that block shipbuilding is clearly more effective than unique builds. Additionally, a ship’s lifecycle costs need to be thoughtfully considered before building ships to minimize expense and optimize effectiveness.

At the end of the day, Cmdre (Ret’d RCN) Dr. Eric Lerhe, of Dalhousie University humorously summarized and wrapped up the Conference Review and Conclusions. In contrast, I have outrageously simplified the volumes of information and the lessons of these skilled presenters. I encourage you to view the presentations when they are available on the NAC website and to draw your own conclusions.

I thank the select Defence Industry sponsors that financially supported the conference. Without their backing the conference would not have been possible. The NAC Ottawa Branch ably arranged a first-rate conference...BZ.

Rod Hughes
NAC VI Vice President

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plenty more over the years.

He’s spoken at numerous conferences around the world and is the driving force behind the biennial Maritime Security Challenges Conference at CFB Esquimalt, which just wrapped up its seventh year, welcoming 170 key players from around the world.

He provides briefings for ships’ crews and writes articles for deploying members and their families so they understand the context of their deployment.

He is also actively involved in community outreach for the navy, taking time to present to community groups on Vancouver Island who want to learn more about the navy’s policies

and direction.

As any savvy leader would do, Dr. Boutilier is also mentoring members of his staff so they can continue his work when he’s ready to retire,

“I think it’s something that’s extremely important,” he says. “You’ve got to pay close attention to developing a newer and younger generation of experts in the field, so this is something

I very much enjoy.”

In spite of his future planning, Dr. Boutilier says his retirement won’t likely happen for a while. With a career that keeps him on his toes and a crack team of analysts behind him, he has no plans to retire anytime soon.

Dr. Boutilier will accept his award in Ottawa at a Nov. 4 gala at the Canadian War Museum.

NEW NAVAL SECURITY TEAM WILL ENHANCE FORCE PROTECTION

By Darlene Blakeley,
Navy News

In an effort to enhance the safety and security of its ships and personnel while on deployment, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) is developing a new capability called the Naval Security Team (NST), designed to support specific missions.

The NST will be composed primarily of naval reservists and will include a full-time command team to ensure personnel, training and equipment are available for deployment.

“The NST starts with a command and support cell, and then has other teams attached like Lego blocks as the mission dictates,” explains Cdr Jeffrey White, Officer-in-Charge of the NST concept. “These attached layers will include a security or ‘force protection’ section, a tactical boat section, a mobile repair team and intelligence support.”

The team’s task will include port force protection and host nation liaison, along with support and intelligence requirements in foreign ports.

After selection, the team of approximately 30 to 50 personnel will be trained to meet specific mission requirements. For most force protection missions, this will include use of force, rules of engagement training, more advanced weapons training,

small boat tactics, communications, deployed logistics and liaison skills.

Cdr White says the force protection burden placed on a ship’s company when deployed can be challenging to maintain over time and reduces the availability of personnel to support other tasks, such as maintenance.

“NST seeks to support and help address this deficiency by providing an extra layer of force protection,” he says. “This capability requires short-term commitments that fit well into the lifestyle of part-time reservists, allowing our Naval Reserve to fulfill

another role in the defence of Canada.”

During the recent Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise, a small group of naval reservists was embedded with a U.S. Navy (USN) team similar to the NST, called Coastal Riverine Squadron 1, to learn about its operations. These squadrons, part of the USN Expeditionary Combat Command, provide layered defence for ships at home and in foreign waters.

“This was a unique experience,” says Cdr White. “RCN sailors were afforded the opportunity to better understand how USN reservists assist

their Regular Force colleagues through annual training events and pre-deployment readiness checks. RIMPAC 2016 was an outstanding chance for our sailors to dig in and identify specific best practices and lessons learned from our USN counterparts to assist in the development of the NST.”

The inaugural NST will be deployed in the Spring/Summer of 2017 to support ships as part of Westploy, an operation aimed at building strong ties between the RCN and the navies of Asia-Pacific countries, while also promoting peace and security in the Pacific region.



Members of the Naval Security Team. - Photo by Cpl André Maillet, MARPAC Imaging Services

CHANGES TO VETS INCOME SUPPORT

On Oct. 1, changes to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) income support benefits came into effect.

This change will affect all veterans as well as ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who may be medically released in the future.

As announced in Budget 2016, funding for income support benefits for veterans in VAC's Earnings Loss Benefit (ELB) program will be raised from 75 to 90 per cent of a veteran's pre-release salary. Additionally, the benefit will be indexed so it keeps pace with inflation. While VAC's ELB income support benefits will increase, it is important to note that CAF Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits will not. It will remain at 75 per cent of a veteran's pre-release salary and existing benefits will not be affected. Therefore, in order to be considered

for the additional benefit, people must apply to VAC.

Note that the Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP) administers the CAF LTD policy on behalf of the Chief of the Defence Staff and Manulife is the insurer. As the employer sponsored group disability plan, CAF LTD is first payer for benefits and remains among the best LTD plans offered in the country.

Veterans or those medically released from the CAF in the future are encouraged to apply to VAC to participate in their rehabilitation program, a precondition for ELB eligibility. A veteran can receive an application by calling VAC at 1-866-522-2122 (toll-free) Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, local time, by visiting the VAC ELB webpage and downloading the application form, by logging

into My VAC Account or by visiting the local VAC area office.

All CAF members are strongly encouraged to learn more about range of care, compensation, and financial benefits available to them so that they can make informed decisions about what benefits plan or program will best support them and their family's needs upon being released.

DND, CAF and VAC are committed to simplifying and consolidating the system of care, compensation, and financial benefits that are available to veterans and their families. CAF and VAC continue to work together and with veterans to address gaps in service as outlined in the public, written direction the Minister of Veterans Affairs and the Minister of National Defence have received from the Prime Minister.

EMPLOYMENT

VETERAN FRIENDLY JOBS AVAILABLE ON KIJJI CANADA

Classifieds site [Kijiji Canada](http://KijijiCanada) has an option that helps connect former military members with potential civilian employers with its "Jobs for Veterans" initiative.

Interested job posters can mark their ads with a yellow ribbon and the words "Veteran Friendly".

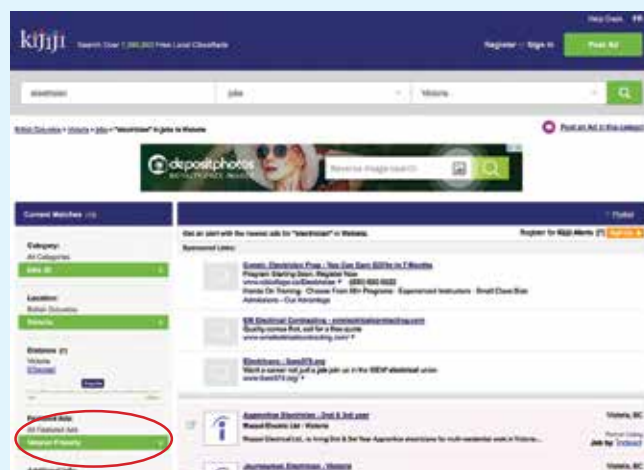
These ads are also available to civilians so veterans are encouraged to self-identify in their applications. Some employers may require proof of service with a copy of your Member Personal Record Resume (MPRR) or a photo ID.

If you would like help developing a resume, a Résumé Writing Guide is available on the Department of National Defence website, www.forces.gc.ca/en/business-reservist-support/tools-resume-writing-guide.page.

How can I find a "Veteran Friendly" job on Kijiji?

1. On Kijiji.ca, select the "My Location" drop-down list in the top right corner of the page. Select the geographical area where you are searching for a job.

2. Scroll down to the "Jobs" category and select the type of employment you are searching for.
3. In the "Current Matches" box on the left side of the page, click the words "Veteran Friendly" under the "Featured Ads" heading.



2016-17 SILVER CROSS MOTHER ANNOUNCED

Royal Canadian Legion

Colleen Fitzpatrick has been selected as the National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother for 2016-17.

Fitzpatrick lost her middle son, Cpl Darren Fitzpatrick, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device while on patrol in the Zahari district, near Kandahar City on March 6, 2010.

As the National Silver Cross Mother, Fitzpatrick will place a wreath at the National War Memorial on Nov. 11 on behalf of all Canadian mothers who have lost a son



or a daughter in the military either in action or in the course of his/her normal duty. Throughout the year, she will also be called upon to perform other duties honouring the Fallen from all conflicts.

The Silver Cross was instituted on Dec. 1, 1919 and was issued as a memento of personal loss and sacrifices on behalf of all widows and mothers who lost a child while on active duty in the service of their nation or whose death was consequently attributed to such duty.

Every year, Legion Provincial Commands and individuals forward nominations for the selection of a National Silver Cross Mother. These nominations are reviewed by a selection committee at Dominion Command and one mother is chosen for the year from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 of the following year.

SHIPS AT SEA

HMCS VANCOUVER DEPLOYED TO ASIA-PACIFIC FOR WESTPLOY

HMCS Vancouver has been busy over the past few months as it moves through the Asia-Pacific region taking part in exercises and making goodwill port visits.

The ship's journey began with Rim of the Pacific Exercise in Hawaii followed by Exercise Kakadu in Australia.

Earlier this month, Vancouver made its first goodwill port visit in Singapore as part of Westploy 16, a mission aimed at building strong ties between the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and the navies of Asia-Pacific countries while also promoting peace and security in the region.

In addition to the ship's command team meeting with strategic partners in the region, several crew members spent time at a school for mentally challenged children, playing games and singing songs with them.

In their next port visit, Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, crew members visited a shelter for homeless children where

they painted some of the buildings before playing a friendly game of soccer with the children.

Vancouver's Commanding Officer, Cdr Clive Butler, and Coxswain, CPO1 Tim Blonde, visited SOS Children's Villages in the city and presented a cheque for \$5,000 on behalf of the Boomer's Legacy Fund.

Cmdre Jeff Zwick, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, joined the ship in Ho Chi Minh City and lead an academic roundtable and meeting with senior leaders of Vietnam's military.

HMCS Vancouver is now headed back to Australia and New Zealand before heading to Fiji, Hawaii and finally home in December.

Vancouver's deployment underlines the strategic importance of the Asia-Pacific region, of increasing international interest in the area, and of the unique opportunities to demonstrate interoperability with partner navies.



HMCS Vancouver during Rim of the Pacific Exercise earlier this year. - Photo by MCpl Jennifer Kusche, Canadian Forces Combat Camera



HMCS Edmonton departs San Diego, California, with HMCS Brandon while en route to Operation Carribe. - Photo by MARPAC Imaging Services

MINOR WARSHIPS HEAD SOUTH FOR OP CARIBBE

Earlier this month, HMC Ships Brandon, Edmonton and Kingston left their home ports to participate in Operation Carribe, Canada's contribution the multinational campaign against illicit trafficking by transnational criminal organizations in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean.

This deployment is aimed at building upon the success of HMC Ships Moncton, Summerside, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Vancouver, which so far in 2016 have seized and disrupted a total of approximately 2,930 kg of cocaine and 1,520 kg of marijuana while working with the United States Coast Guard and embedded Law Enforcement Detachments.

The Canadian Armed Forces have conducted Operation Carribe since November 2006 and remain committed to working with Western Hemisphere and European partners to address security challenges in the region and to disrupt illicit trafficking operations.



A sailor on HMCS Edmonton provides security as the ship departs San Diego, California. - Photo by MARPAC Imaging Services



HMCS Montreal (right) waits in station as HMCS Fredericton (left) refuels. - Photo by MCpl Jennifer Kusche, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

RCN LEADS MARITIME READINESS DRILLS

HMC Ships Fredericton, St John's, Athabaskan, Montreal, and Spanish Replenishment Ship (ESPS) Patino are currently deployed on Exercise Spartan Warrior in the Atlantic Ocean.

Joining them are a US Navy destroyer, replenishment vessel, submarines and aircraft. The Royal Canadian Air Force is also playing a part including a CH-148 Cyclone helicopter in its first RCN exercise. The aircraft's operational capabilities will be tested and evaluated throughout the three-week event.

In all, the event will engage and provide training to approximately 1,500 military members from the three countries.

Exercise Spartan Warrior 2016 began Oct. 24 and will continue until Nov. 16 off the east coast of Nova Scotia and along the eastern seaboard of North America, going as far south as the Bahamas.

The Canadian-led training event provides experience in modern naval operations, allowing a higher level of overall readiness to deploy on missions at sea around the world. Working with partner navies also allows for collaboration that often becomes critical to the success of any international mission.



A Spanish sailor ensures the safety of people on the flight deck as a Sea King helicopter lands onboard EPSN Patino, a Spanish replenishment ship. - Photo by MCpl Jennifer Kusche, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

RCN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON BEHALF OF CANADA AND CANADIANS

Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, made the following statement for Navy Day on Oct. 25, 2016:

Today is Navy Day in the Nation's Capital and I would like to begin by thanking our friends and partners of the Navy League of Canada, and to acknowledge their leadership, hard work and dedication to the men and women in uniform who have chosen to serve their country at sea.

Navy Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the important contributions of our fleet and the dedicated "One Navy" team – civilian, regular and reserve personnel – who all have the vitally important job of enabling its success. Equally, if not more importantly, Navy Day allows us to recognize the tremendous support and sacrifice of our families, without whom we would not enjoy the success that we do. There are literally thousands of families with

loved ones deployed on this very day.

Today, HMCS Charlottetown is deployed supporting NATO deterrence against a Russian carrier task group, HMCS Vancouver is in the heart of the Indo-Asia-Pacific enhancing our relationships and partnerships, and reinforcing our commitment to a rules-based international order in the maritime commons. HMCS Kingston, Brandon and Edmonton are deployed in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific as members of the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South, working with partner nations to keep illicit drugs off the streets of North America and Europe. HMCS Athabaskan, St. John's, Fredericton and Montreal are at sea working with our Spanish and American allies ensuring that we remain seamlessly interoperable as an alliance, while HMCS Shawinigan, Summerside and Saskatoon are also at



sea, honing the skills of their ship's companies. HMCS Ville de Québec is at sea conducting post-modernization trials as part of the Halifax Class Modernization Program, which remains on budget and on time, and finally, the Royal Canadian Navy has a diving team in Korea working with partner navies in a multinational mine clearance exercise.

I could not be more proud of our men and women who commit themselves to ensuring that the RCN is "Parati Vero Parati", or Ready Aye

Ready to deploy across the full spectrum of missions assigned by the Government of Canada – from humanitarian assistance through to coalition operations – and able to make a meaningful contribution on, below and above the sea.

The 21st century has been referred to by many scholars as a maritime century, as the world witnesses an ever-contested, congested and competitive maritime environment. All of us who serve in the RCN are dedicated to ensure that Canada has a Navy they can be proud of, a Navy that will continue to fulfill its role as the nation's first responders to global conflict and crises, but more importantly, a Navy that will ensure the security and defence of the vast maritime estates with which our nation has been blessed, from Coast to Coast to Coast!"

***Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd,
Commander,
Royal Canadian Navy***

COURT MARTIAL SYSTEM UNDER REVIEW

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is conducting consultations with Canadians as part of the Court Martial Comprehensive Review, to help shape the future military justice system.

From Oct. 11 to Nov. 7, Canadians are invited to join the discussions with the Court Martial Comprehensive Review Team, to help strengthen the court martial system.

Topics covered will include:

- Tribunals and Courts
- Prosecution Services

- Defence Counsel Services
- Offences under Military Law
- Punishments, Sanctions, and Sentencing Laws
- Laws of Evidence
- Rights, Grounds and Mechanisms of Appeal

The purpose of the review is to conduct a legal and policy analysis of the CAF's court martial system. The Review Team is engaging with Canadian and international experts, CAF members, and the Canadian public, to help ensure the CAF's court

martial system is effective, efficient and legitimate.

Ways to participate:

- Fill out the online comment form: www.forces.gc.ca/en/about-reports-pubs-military-law-court-martial-comprehensive-review/index.page
- Send an email: JAG-Consultations@forces.gc.ca
- Mail comments: Office of the Judge Advocate General – Court Martial Comprehensive Review Team, 101 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2

HOW THE CRIMEAN WAR LED TO A ROYAL NAVY HOSPITAL AT DUNTZE HEAD

By Dave Freeman

Most readers will know of the hospital built at Duntze Head in Esquimalt by the Royal Navy (RN) in 1855. The original purpose was to house sick and wounded seamen from the Crimean war. Research has revealed some interesting background to this story.

The Royal Navy has been associated with the west coast of North America since the 16th century when Sir Francis Drake sailed in this region.

The survey of Esquimalt Harbour by HMS Pandora circa 1842 proved the harbour was deep enough to ensure a snug and safe port for British naval ships. Six years later, HMS Constance arrived as the first warship to take up station here.

On the other side of the world, the Crimean War began in the fall of 1854 and continued until the spring of 1856. The combatants were Russia against an allied force from Britain, France, the Kingdom of Sardinia and the Ottoman Empire. This war was fought mainly in, on and around the Crimean Peninsula in the Black Sea. This theatre of war is mainly recalled for Florence Nightingale, the Charge of the Light Brigade, the Thin Red Line of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the incompetence of generals on both



Royal Naval Hospital (Men's Quarters) Esquimalt. Photo courtesy of BC Archives; P916.

sides. There was, however, a Pacific element to this war.

By 1854, Russia had done little to settle Siberia or the Pacific Ocean territories such as Alaska. To the Russians, their Pacific Ocean territories held small economic value and were sparsely settled. Knowledge about this area was minimal. For example, from a maritime point of view, there were few coastal charts and those that did exist lacked accuracy. On the Russian mainland, there were only two towns of any significance: Petropavlovsk and Okhotsk.¹ In Alaska, Sitka was the major Russian settlement and it was just a small fishing port.²

What concerned the British and French navies was a Russian naval presence in the

north Pacific, the Okhotsk flotilla. With the commencement of hostilities, the two allies worried that this force might interfere with British and French vessels such as traders and whalers operating throughout the Pacific.

The Okhotsk flotilla consisted of three vessels: the frigate Pallada of 60 guns, the frigate Aurora of 44 guns and the Dvina, an armed transport ship. Each winter, this flotilla made its home port in San Francisco.

It was not difficult for the allies to form a squadron. The British had ships on the China Station and the French maintained warships in their island possessions in the Pacific.

In July 1854, an allied force arrived at Honolulu. Rear Ad-

miral David Price, RN, commanded the frigates President of 50 guns, Trincomalee of 44 guns, Amphitrite of 40 guns and Pique of 36 guns, and a paddle steamer, Virago.³

Auguste Despointes was the French Rear Admiral. His squadron had the frigates La Forte and L'Euridyce, the corvette L'Artemise and the brig L'Obigado.

The Russians, learning of this menace to their flotilla and unknown to the allies, hid their three warships up various Siberian rivers.

The allied vessels sailed to Sitka, Alaska, but found no Russian vessels worthy of note. The force then sailed for Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula arriving on Aug. 29 1854. There, Adm

Price, who was in overall command, scouted the harbour defences and ordered an attack for the following day.

Petropavlovsk had defences. They were not overly strong, but were well sited and the Russians were determined defenders.

Once the allied ships commenced firing on Aug. 30, 1854, Adm Price retired to his cabin in HMS President. His side arm went off – the exact cause was never determined – and he died. This caused the allied force to withdraw temporarily.

The next day the allies attacked again but this time, afraid of harming the vessels, Adm Despointes kept them at a range too far away to inflict any serious damage to the defences. Overnight, the Russians repaired the damage.

A few days later, a third attack commenced in concert with marines. Naval shore parties landed to force the flanks. This attack was not well planned nor executed, resulting in just over 200 al-

lied casualties, equally split between the two navies. The Russian casualties numbered about 100, mostly wounded, but they had held out against a superior force.

After this lack of victory, the allied fleet departed Petraplovsk and sailed for their 1854 winter stations, the British to Esquimalt and the French to San Francisco.

In Esquimalt that year, the RN requested the Governor, James Douglas, to construct three wooden hospital buildings on Duntze Head. These were built the following year, 1855, and with that, the RN began its permanent residence ashore in Esquimalt. Valparaiso, Chile, was the only other port on the entire coast of the Americas that would harbour British naval ships, and that port lay some 5,600 nautical miles (10,400 kms) south, too far away to transport sick and wounded from the shores of Russia or even from Alaska.

Also in that year, allied naval forces made a second attempt to capture Petropavlovsk but on arrival, found



Royal Naval Hospital Medical Officer's Quarters Esquimalt, 1868. Photo courtesy of BC Archives; P917.

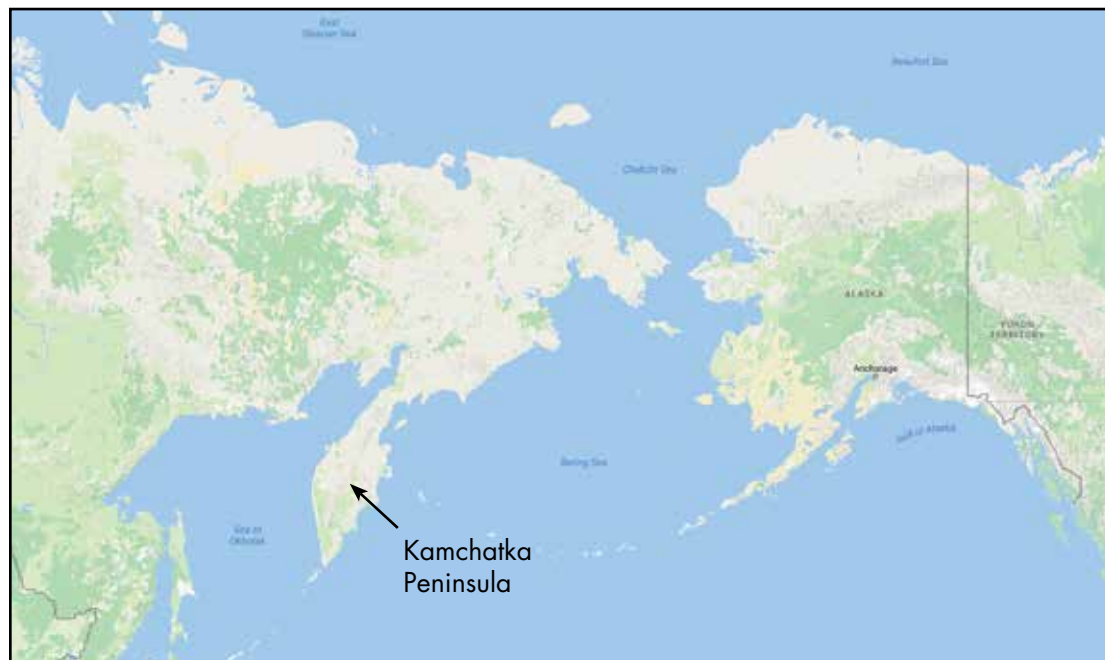
the town deserted. The allied force then destroyed the fortifications and sailed for Sitka. There, no Russian vessels were sighted and the port was not harmed.

Other than a lot of patrolling throughout the Pacific and a few sightings of, but no engagements with, Russian vessels, the year 1855 ended. Once again the two squadrons retired to their winter harbours.

In March 1856, the Crimean

War ended, but the hospital buildings in Esquimalt remained. In following years, other buildings were constructed ashore.

The presence of the Royal Navy in Esquimalt continued until 1917 when the crews of HM Ships *Algerine* and *Shearwater* were required back in Britain. The ships were paid off and turned over to the RCN and after almost 60 years, the British presence in Esquimalt came to an end.



End notes

1. Vladivostok was only established in 1860.
2. The USA was to purchase the territory in 1867.
3. Other authors list different ships as being in Price's squadron.

Note: Information on the ships, their movements and their commanders were taken from the following reference:

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PETITION TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

A House of Commons E-Petition has been created to encourage the Government of Canada to include military families in its next defence policy, recognizing the important role military families play within the defence community.

The petition reads:

Whereas:

- Canadian military families have clearly shown their significant contribution through the past twenty-five years of military operations. They make a direct contribution to operational efficiency and for this reason must be recognized in the evolving policies of defence as an integral and vital part of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and must be supported by all levels of government through the Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC),
- governed by and for families;
- In the past twenty-five years, that military and veterans' families have been on duty 24/7 for months, if not for years, considering the significant sacrifices made by military families both personally and professionally and that military families have made the supreme sacrifice and that thousands live with a member who is psychologically injured;
- Considering the twenty-five years of direct experience of the MFRCs with military families in an intensive operational context, the expertise acquired in matters of essential services for military families and that they have been created by and for military families;
- The MFRCs have 25 years of direct experience with military families in

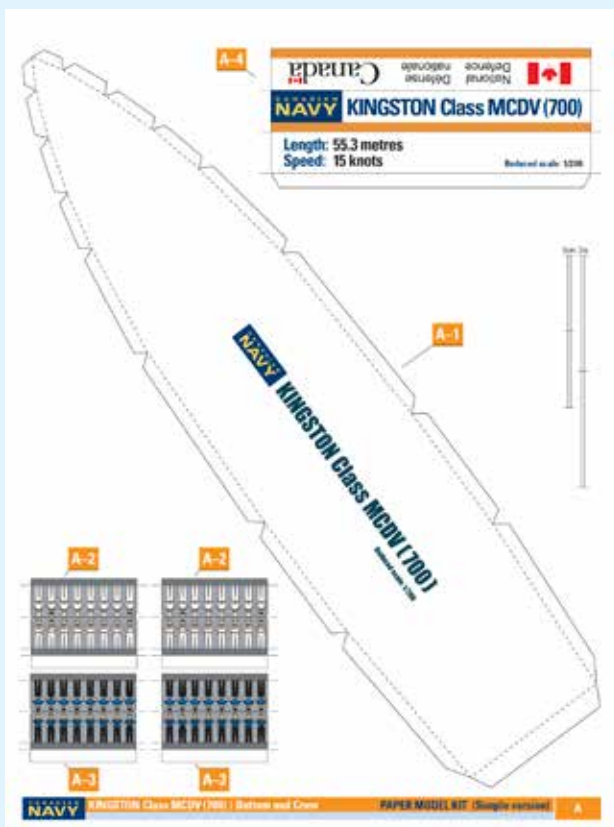
intense operational circumstances, the expertise acquired in matters of essential services for military families and that they have been created by and for military families.

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada, call upon the Minister of National Defence to include military families in the next Defence policy as an integral and essential part of the mission of the CAF and officially recognize the MFRCs as being the official service providers for military families and to attribute to them as clients, with the resources required, veterans and their families.

The petition is open for signature until Jan. 20, 2017 at 4:19 p.m. (EDT)

To sign, visit the House of Commons E-Petitions website: <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-565>

A BIT OF FUN



Royal Canadian Navy Paper Ship Models

The Canadian Navy is offering two challenging paper model warships that can be downloaded and printed at home using ordinary colour printers. These kinds of traditional paper models are a fun and challenging hobby.

The warship currently available is the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel.

The model is offered in two versions: one is simplified with fewer parts and the other is an advanced version with more detail and more 3D parts. The finished models are approximately 30cm (12") long and 15cm (6") high.

The suitable minimum age is 9 years due to the accurate cutting and folding requirements, and the need to use a sharp hobby knife to cut the fine

corners and details.

Although these models may appear simple to build, the typical completion time for the simplified model is 2-3 hours.

The model kit pages should be printed on heavyweight (28-32 lb.) paper. Light cardstock may be used, but cutting and folding might be more difficult.

Be sure to download the instruction sheets, as well as the model kit document.

The optimal format for printing and download will be the Adobe Reader (PDF) version, but a ZIP archive of high-resolution GIF pages is also available for those without Adobe Reader.

PDFs are available at www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/navy-life/youth-paper-models.page

FURTHER LEAVE PROTECTION FOR RESERVISTS

The Government of British Columbia has expanded job-protected leave for Canadian military reserve forces to cover leave for military training.

The leave expansion was announced on Oct. 27 by Premier Christy Clark at CFB Comox. Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, and Minister Responsible for Labour made the announcement at HMCS Discovery, the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve base on Deadman's Island in Stanley Park, Vancouver.

"We are fortunate to have brave men and women step up and serve in Canada's Reserve forces," said Clark. "The selfless work they do on behalf of our citizens should be commended, and today's announcement allows us to recognize and appreciate the significant service they provide."

This change will allow reservists unpaid leave from their civilian jobs for up to 20 days per year for training activities. They must provide at least four weeks notice to the employer. This matches the general notice requirement that already applies to reservists going on leave for active duty.

Unpaid leave for reservists is already provided if reservists are:

- deployed outside of Canada
- engaged in pre- or post- deployment activities either inside or outside Canada
- deployed to a domestic operation dealing with an emergency

The change to expand leave for military training activities for reservists is effective immediately.

Reservists typically serve one or more evenings a week and/or during weekends at locations close to home. Most reservists also attend some full time occupational training during the summer.

According to the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, there are approximately 2,900 active reservists in B.C.; however, not all are employees as a significant portion of reservists are full-time students.

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FELICITY MARGOT HANINGTON

➤ July 16, 1956 – October 29, 2016 ➤

Wife, mother, sister, aunt, godmother and devoted friend Felicity Margot Hanington slipped away Oct. 29 after long years of spirited refusal to let cancer take her down.

She was the youngest child of Rear Admiral Daniel Lionel Hanington and Margot Rita Wallace. Felicity lived in Halifax, Virginia Beach, Ottawa, Victoria and Texada Island.

At the of age 60, metastatic breast cancer ended her life. Grateful for the time she was given (longer than expected), she harboured no regrets about dying but for the pain it might cause her family.

Felicity is survived by her profoundly loved and respected husband Lawrence Carl Dawe, her talented daughter Charlotte Emily, her thinker



and mimic of a son Mathew Lionel, her band of adored and adoring siblings Gillian, Mark and Brian, and a host of charming and devoted in-laws and cousins.

With her immediate family as her steadfast central focus, Felicity was known for kindness, practicality and devotion to the welfare of those

around her. Much revered for her trademark combination of grace and grit, she tackled the obstacles life threw at her with sensible disregard.

Long and productive careers in finance and publishing were among her great pleasures. With a love of the Navy inspired by a father she called “the most darling man in the Canadian Navy” she served for many years as the editor of the “Trident”, Maritime Command’s naval newspaper, chief speech writer for Minister of National Defence Perrin Beatty and, until last month, as editor of “Lead & Line”.

Only days before she passed away, Felicity declared that she had received so much love and kindness from her friends that she couldn’t believe she had

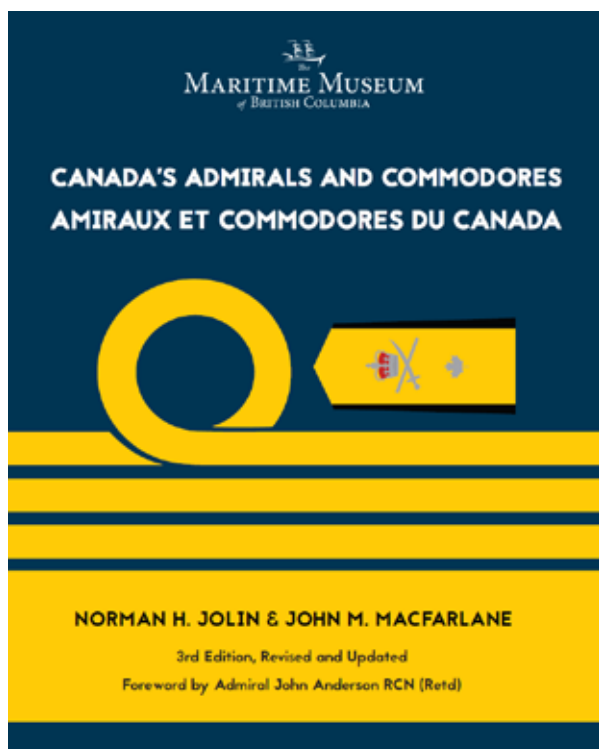
been “this lucky in life”. Endlessly grateful for the support she received from others, she gave back to her community for three happy years through The Mustard Seed Food Bank, and lately with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She had intended to make community service the focus of her retirement years.

Not always a fan of the Old Testament, Felicity loved and lived by Micah 6:8: “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” She worked hard to do all three.

Felicity, who dictated most of this obituary five weeks ago, insisted on one final line...

“Thanks to all for the truly fabulous journey.”

A fund has been set up to help Felicity's family with the costs associated with her treatment and palliative care. Consider donating at the GoFundMe website: www.gofundme.com/felicityhanington?ssid=781585235&pos=5



You are invited to the **BOOK LAUNCH EVENT:** **“CANADA’S ADMIRALS AND COMMODORES”**

1 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016
Maritime Museum of BC, 634 Humboldt St, Victoria

This book chronicles the careers of close to 300 flag and general officers who have served at some point in our navy since May 1910. It is not about what these people were like but rather what they did.

This listing is an update and revision of the edition first published by the Maritime Museum of British Columbia in 1994, and remains true to the original intent – to bring together, in one concise publication, the biographical information on officers whose careers culminated in promotion to the rank of Commodore or Admiral or military equivalent while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Signed books will be available for purchase