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Crew members from HMCS WINNIPEG currently on POSEIDON CUTLASS, form the number 150 on the flight deck, for Canada's 150th Celebrations on May 11, 2017.

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MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT UPDATE

Fellow members,

As I write this, it feels like summer has finally arrived. It seems to have taken awhile.

We have had a busy spring with a number of new initiatives. The most recent was an excellent presentation by David Collins to the MARS Trainees at Fleet School (Venture). All who attended appreciated David's stories and examples of the diplomatic life of a naval officer. The current group of trainees graduates July 7 and we look forward to meeting with the new intake in the fall.

This fall, the National Conference and AGM is being held in St. John's, Newfoundland. Rod Hughes and I will attend. Rod will again be standing for a National Director position (three years). I still have two years left in my term. As we did when we attended the National AGM in Ottawa

last year, we will be taking proxies back with us. To this end, we will be gathering your proxies starting in August and working into September. Once the list of Director candidates is finalized and the agenda for the meeting established, I will send an email to you all with the details.

A national initiative is the building of our member base as many branches, including our own, are struggling to maintain membership numbers as our demographics shift. I will send out more info on possible initiatives as we hear of them. Also, if you have any ideas as to how to build our numbers, please send them to Bill Macdonald who is heading our membership program here.

At our AGM on June 22, I believe we established a record for a tightly run meeting, which allowed us to quickly move to lunch and



Bill Conconi

then to listen to Cadet CPO1 Erin Lawless, who, along with her mother, member Cindy Lawless, made a presentation about their trip to Vimy in April for the 100th anniversary. You will recall we were able to help Erin out with her travel costs.

Director David Cooper is leading on the organization of a Mess Dinner to celebrate Canada's 150th along with Niobe Day October 28 at the Yacht Club. More information will follow when David returns from his camper travels in eastern

Canada.

This fall, as well, we will be conducting a members survey regarding our luncheons and speaker program. Our goal is to make sure our plans stay relevant to the needs and wishes of the members. This will also include the possibility of special member events (tours, visits etc.).

Our luncheon scheduled for September 28 will feature Rear Admiral Art Macdonald, who will speak about the overall state of the navy.

I trust you will have an enjoyable summer wherever your travels or activities take you. Ellie and I will be heading north on our boat, along with Director Steve White and Arden on theirs, to explore the waters at the north end of the island. We will no doubt come back refreshed and ready to work into next year.

*Yours Aye,
Bill*

VIA RAIL OFFERS DISCOUNT TRAVEL FOR MILITARY, VETERANS



VIA Rail is once again honouring the contributions of the defence community by offering an exclusive discount for the summer season as part of Canada's 150th anniversary.

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Cadet CPO1 Erin Lawless talks to NAC-VI members.

AGM AND VIMY STORIES

An incredibly organized exexecutive ensured this year's AGM was a quick one with all business executed in about a half hour.

Continuing on are President Bill Conconi, Vice President Rod Hughes, Treasurer Peter Bey, Secretary Mike Brossard, Membership Director Bill Macdonald, and Directors at Large David Cooper and Steve White.

Directors David Collins and Gerry Pash retired from their appointments making room for Diana Dewar and Patrick Hunt to step up as Directors at Large.

It was announced that Treasurer Peter Bey may be stepping down next year and the executive is looking for a replacement.

As the association currently

runs at a deficit of \$2,500 per year, monthly lunches have been increased by \$5 per person and dues have been increased to:

- Regular Member \$75
- Serving Member \$60
- Associate Special \$20
- Member and Spouse \$120

These dues will come into effect in January 2018.

The brevity of the meeting left plenty of time for a presentation by Cadet CPO1 Erin Lawless, whose trip to Vimy for the 100th anniversary was supported by the NAC-VI.

In addition to sharing a slide presentation and the history she learned, Cadet CPO1 Lawless made cards of her photos and gifted them to everyone at the meeting.

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David Collins speaks to young officers at Naval Pacific Training School.

NAVAL OFFICERS AND DIPLOMACY

WHAT IS DIPLOMACY FOR A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER?

By A/SLt J  r  mie Fraser

The most recent gathering of NAC members and Naval Pacific Training School Venture students offered something new officers don't often discuss in their MARS training.

Instead of learning the rules of the road or specific light characteristics regarding fixed aids to navigation, they heard a lecture about international relations from NAC member and former diplomat David Collins.

It's easy to forget that behind every element of technical knowledge learned at Naval Pacific Training School, there is a bigger picture at play.

Generally, this notion is not dealt with in depth. For someone who just graduated Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, to serve Canada is correlated with deployments abroad and following orders. However, there is a lot more behind it than using fire arms and polishing shoes.

Collins' lecture provided his audience of young officers with a refreshing and realistic impression of an aspect of naval business that we have not yet encountered.

He came to us with an impressive CV: a career diplomat in political-military affairs who rose to be an ambassador

in four countries including Romania and Pakistan. Prior to this, he had 16 years of naval service, retiring as a lieutenant-commander.

His presentation on Defence and Naval Diplomacy created a bridge between our "hard" MARS training and how the navy supports Canada's diplomatic interests.

HMC Ships are not just platforms for constabulary operations, but can project Canada's interests and values in other ways. Using real life examples, he demonstrated how every Canadian sailor who steps ashore in a foreign port is, in fact, an ambassador for Canada. How we

look, how we interact with local populations and how we comport ourselves can leave lasting impressions. It is an important narrative to keep in mind as we prepare for fruitful careers deploying to foreign waters.

This presentation would not have been possible without the gracious participation of the Naval Association of Canada. The goal of this organization is to educate Canadians about the too often misunderstood role of the Royal Canadian Navy. I specifically want to thank David Collins and Bill Conconi, without whom none of this would have been possible.

QU'EST-CE QUE LA DIPLOMATIE POUR UN JEUNE OFFICIER DE LA MARINE?

Par Ens2 Jérémie Fraser

Pour un jeune officier habitué de se faire donner des leçons sur des points spécifiques des règles de la route maritime ou des caractéristiques lumineuses spécifiques à telle ou telle aide à la navigation, se faire parler de relations internationales détient quelque chose d'intrigant lorsque cela est censé être lié à au travail. Il est aisé d'oublier que derrière chaque élément de nature technique enseigné à la Naval Training School Pacific, il y a un toujours en arrière plan le service du Canada. Généralement, cette notion n'est pas abordée en profondeur. Pour quelqu'un qui sort de l'école des recrues à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, servir le Canada demeure une notion relativement vague, liée à des concepts tels que l'éthos, le déploiement à l'étranger, etc.

La visite de M. Collins à Naval Fleet School Pacific a permis d'offrir aux jeunes officiers de Venture une perspective rafraîchissante et réaliste de la véritable nature de leur travail. M. David Collins est doté d'un curriculum impressionnant. Il a été ambassadeur du Canada en Roumanie et Haut commissaire au Pakistan, en Malaisie et au Kenya, et en plus d'avoir servi dans la Marine royale canadienne pendant de nombreuses années jusqu'au grade de capitaine de corvette, il est doté d'un bagage académique impressionnant. Son allocution sur la Diplomatie militaire et son application dans le domaine naval a permis de créer un pont entre la formation d'officier de plate forme sous-marine et de surface (MARS Officer) et l'utilisation de la Marine royale Canadienne pour servir les intérêts diplomatiques du Canada. Les navires canadiens ne servent donc pas seulement à des opérations constabulaires : ils servent aussi à promouvoir les valeurs canadiennes dans de nombreux rôles diplomatiques. Cela signifie que chaque militaire canadien à l'étranger joue un rôle d'ambassadeur, lequel ne saurait être négligé en aucun cas.

Cette présentation n'aurait pas été possible sans la gracieuse participation de la Naval Association of Canada. L'objectif de cette organisation est d'éduquer les Canadiens et les Canadiennes sur le rôle trop souvent mal compris de la Marine royale canadienne. Je tiens spécifiquement à remercier M. David Collins et M. Bill Conconi, sans lesquels cet événement n'aurait pas été possible.

LEGION RECEIVES 2017 GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE AWARD

On Saturday, May 13, Dominion President David Flannigan accepted, on behalf of The Royal Canadian Legion and its more than 275,000 Legionnaires, Valour Canada's 2017 General Sir Arthur Currie Award.

The award was presented during a gala event in Calgary, with TV personality Rex Murphy as the featured speaker.

Since 1926 the Legion has worked to assist and support Canada's Veterans, to honour and remember all who serve, and to strengthen communities. From service to the country to service to the community, Legion members impact the lives of their fellow citizens and make a difference for Veterans and their families.

General Sir Arthur Currie, an ardent supporter of veterans, noted in a 1933 speech that the soldiers who returned from the war never asked for preferential treatment, but on one right all were united – "the right of the wounded and the broken – the right of the dependents of the dead – for adequate provision and care." 84 years later, The Royal Canadian Legion remains steadfast in advocating for those rights.



Valour Canada's intention is to educate Canadian Citizens so they:

- Appreciate the role of our military heritage in protecting Canadian interests, values and beliefs.
- Understand the role our military history has had in shaping our country and the world.
- Are inspired to be engaged and well-informed participatory citizens of Canada.

Past recipients

2015 - Master Corporal (Retired) Jody Mitic & Sergeant Alannah Gilmore

2014 - Daryl "Doc" Seaman

2009 - Stanley A. Milner

2008 - Captain (N)(Ret'd) William H. Wilson

2007 - Jack Lawrence Granatstein

2006 - Fred P. Mannix

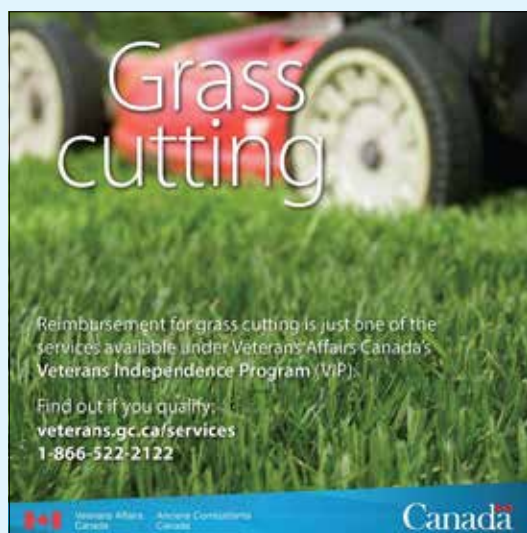
VAC'S VETERANS INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

The Veterans Independence Program (VIP) helps you remain independent and self-sufficient in your home and your community. Depending on your circumstances and health needs you may qualify for financial assistance to obtain services such as grounds maintenance, housekeeping, personal care, access to nutrition, health and support services provided by a health professional.

VIP complements existing federal, provincial and municipal programs to help meet your needs.

You may qualify for VIP, if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You have qualified for a disability benefit
- You have qualified for the War Veterans Allowance
- You are in receipt of Prisoner of War Compensation
- You are a Veteran who is eligible for, but is unable to access, a Contract Bed (also known as a Priority Access Bed)
- You have been the primary caregiver for an eligible veteran or civilian
- You are a low-income or disabled survivor of an eligible veteran or civilian



VETERANS CORNER

BETTER ACCESS TO LONG TERM CARE AT BROADMEAD

By Rod Hughes

This piece is a précis of the Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) May 30 press release covering the announcement by Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence Minister, about a new partnership agreement with Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead and Island Health.

The minister announced the expansion of access to long-term care beds at the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead. Previously, these long-term care beds were only available to Second World War and Korean War veterans. Under the new agreement, all CAF veterans and allied veterans will now have priority admission for up to 10 long-term care beds.

"I am pleased to announce this partnership to expand long term care access to veterans," said Minister Hehr. "Veterans Affairs Canada is proud of the exceptional care and support the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead has offered our Veterans."

The Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead is a 225 bed residential care facility funded by Island Health, which includes 115 beds for veterans, and 110 community beds.

In 1972, the Veterans Hospital in Victoria (later known as the Royal Jubilee Hospital) was transferred to the province of B.C. and veterans were given priority access to long-term care in the Memorial Pavilion (within the hospital).

In 1993, with capital funding from the federal and provincial governments and the Tillicum



Rod Hughes

and Veterans Care Society, the Lodge at Broadmead was built as a replacement for the Memorial Pavilion.

On June 1, 1995, the Lodge opened its doors and welcomed 225 Second World War veterans, Korean War veterans, and non-military seniors to their new home.

In 2016/17 Veterans Affairs Canada provided annual funding of approximately \$889,000 to Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead to enhance the level of programs and services for veterans in long-term care, including the creative arts program, increased support for the dementia care program, and spiritual care.

The Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead is the sixth facility where VAC has established agreements to expand veterans' access to long-term care beds. VAC has enjoyed a long history with Broadmead Care Society and Island Health and is pleased this agreement further develops this partnership. This is indeed welcome news!

BLASTING BEGINS FOR NEW DOCKYARD JETTY

Construction crews working on the A/B Jetty Recapitalization Project in CFB Esquimalt's dockyard began 10 weeks of controlled blasting operations on June 21.

Blasting is part of the excavation of 11,000m³ of bedrock to allow for proper elevation of the extension of the utility corridor, and new electrical substation, Jetty Interface Building, and filter press building to process oily waste water.

Erin Rice, Team Leader Construction Services for Defence Construction Canada, says blasting will be limited to a controlled site and provide no danger to neighbourhood residents. She said pre-blast signals of 12 short whistles followed by an all-clear five-second whistle will likely be the only audible noise for residents.

"The blasting activities are limited to very low velocities due to the surrounding heritage structures," said Rice.

Communications packages explaining further details about the blasting are being sent to affected stakeholders in close proximity to the site. A timetable of the blasts will also be made available.

Work on the demolition of B Jetty, an initial phase of the \$781 million, eight-year A/B Jetty recapitalization project began on April 26 when workers from Ruskin Construction Ltd. took apart the 70-year-old jetty with a 150-tonne, 120-foot long crane.

The new jetty and facilities will allow support for the Royal Canadian Navy's Pacific Fleet of the future and delivery on Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy over the next 30 years.

With files from Lookout Newspaper

ORCA HITS HMCS CHICOUTIMI

On June 15, at around 8 a.m., a low-speed allision occurred between an Orca-class Patrol Craft Training vessel and HMCS Chicoutimi.

The submarine was alongside when the allision occurred.

The Orca was underway and conducting a low-speed docking maneuver. During the allision, the Orca made contact with the submerged wooden guard on Chicoutimi's stabilizer fin.

Divers from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) conducted initial inspections on both vessels, and minor damage to the prop of the Orca-class vessel was noted. There was also some superficial damage to the submarine's wooden guard.

There were no Canadian Armed Forces or Department of National Defence employees injured during the incident. The matter will be further investigated and the appropriate actions taken once all the facts are known.



Commodore Steve Waddell (left), Rear-Admiral Art McDonald (centre) and Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd (right).

NEW LEADER AT CFB ESQUIMALT

Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd (right) took over command of CFB Esquimalt from recently promoted Commodore Steve Waddell (left) during a Change of Command Ceremony at Museum Square, June 22. Rear-Admiral Art McDonald oversaw the ceremony.

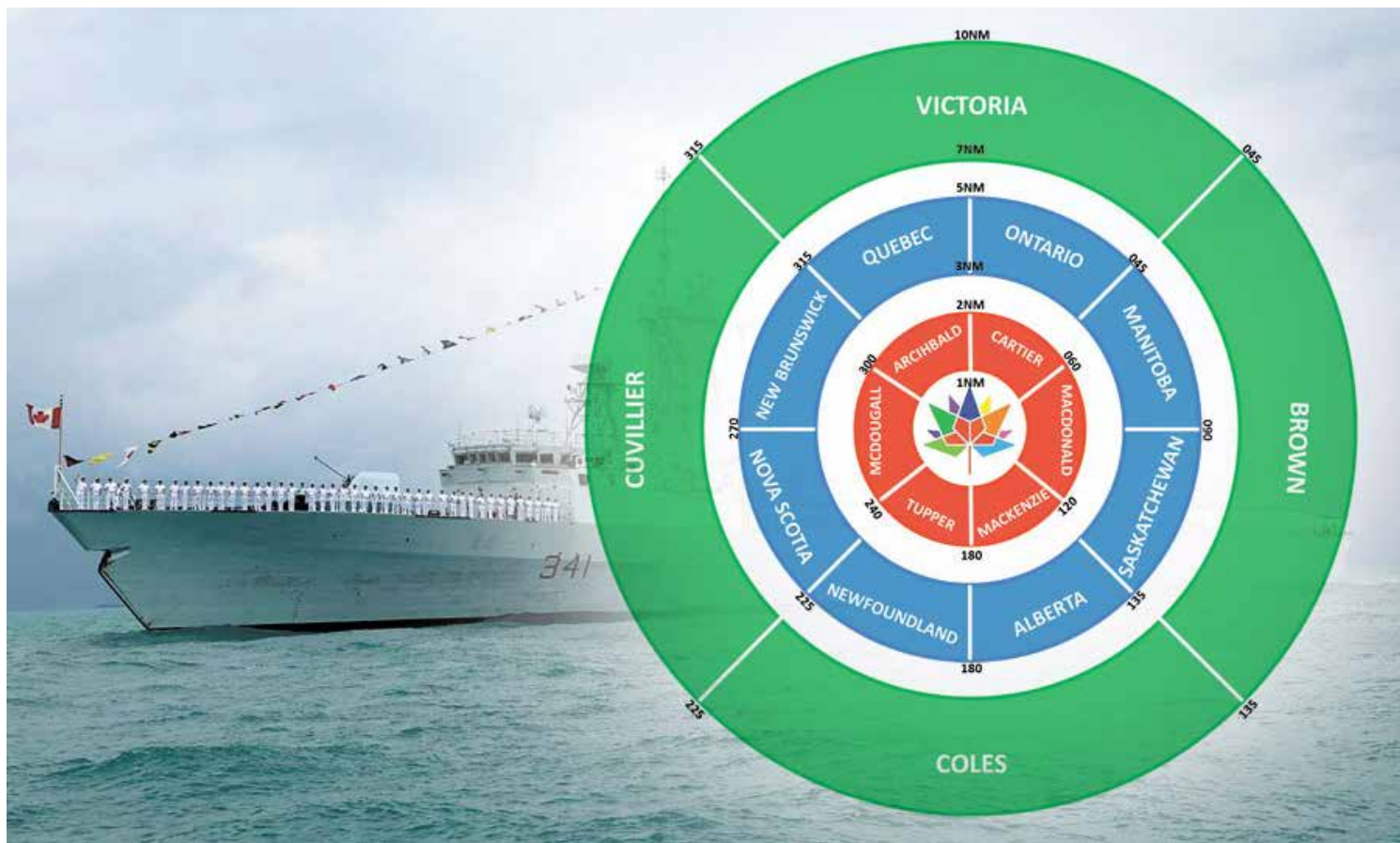
Capt(N) Jason Boyd's career as a MARS Officer led him from ships—as a bridge watchkeeper in HMCS Iroquois; as an Anti-Air Warfare Controller and Combat Officer in HMCS Algonquin; as Executive Officer of HMCS Ottawa; and Commanding Officer of HMCS Regina—to shore as a Shipborne Air Controller (SAC) and SAC Training Officer; through two tours at the Canadian Forces Naval Operations School in Halifax; as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Officer Training Centre in Victoria; Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy; and Director of New Capability Introduction.

Capt(N) Boyd credits Cmdre Waddell with handing him a base in great shape.

"It's left me in a very fortunate position where I can come in and I don't need to make any hard helm orders. It's going to be a challenge to try and fill his shoes, but I take tremendous comfort knowing the base is already in great shape."

Capt(N) Boyd says he intends to focus on getting to know the local defence team and continuing to build bridges between local government, First Nations partners, and the community-at-large.

Cmdre Waddell now heads to Ottawa to assume the portfolio of Director General Naval Strategic Readiness where he will be one of two commodores on the Naval Staff supporting the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy.



A UNIQUE CELEBRATION FOR CANADA 150

By Lt(N) Daemen Wolch,
HMCS Ottawa

How does a Canadian warship commemorate Canada 150 while deployed half way around the world?

For *HMCS Ottawa*, the answer was with a specially created “Canada 150” screen being used by the ship during Poseidon Cutlass 17, while conducting exercises with other navies in the region – part of Canada’s strategic involvement in the South China Sea.

Screens are tools used by navies to assist with the assignment of positioning when working with other ships at sea. Different segments of the surrounding area are each assigned a name for the sake of brevity.

Often a theme is chosen for the names that reflects the mission at hand. In this case, *Ottawa* chose to spread some Canadiana to foreign warships.

The Canada 150 screen celebrates the sesquicentennial with an ode to the mothers and fathers of Confederation, as well as a nod to the Canadian provinces. The inner sectors are named after Fathers of Confederation: Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George Archibald, Sir George-Étienne Cartier, Sir Charles Tupper, Alexander MacKenzie, and William McDougall.

The middle sectors each bear the name of a Canadian province.

Finally, the outer sectors are named after Mothers of

Confederation: Queen Victoria, Anne Brown, Mercy Coles, and Luce Cuvillier.

The screen was first used by *HMCS Ottawa*, *HMCS Winnipeg* and HMAS Ballarat, an Australian warship. The three ships conducted exercises over the course of three days using the Canadian designed screen. The screen was also successfully used with the French ship *Prairial* during a full day of activities. The Canada 150 screen will be used with other regional partners as *Ottawa* continues its mission of global engagement on Poseidon Cutlass 17.

The Canada 150 screen was next used during Pacific Guardian 17, an exercise conducted with ships from the New Zealand, Japanese, and American

navies late last. This exercise preluded *Ottawa’s* and *Winnipeg’s* arrival in South Korea – Incheon, and Busan, respectively – where the ships had the honour of kicking off the country’s 150th Canada Day celebrations.

Lt(N) Curtis Dollis, Navigating Officer onboard *Ottawa*, has become very familiar with the screen over the past four months.

“Ships routinely use screens in operations, but using bits of Canadian history while doing so allows us to promote Government of Canada strategic communications goals while also adding a bit of Canadian flavour to our exercises with our partners in the region,” he says.

WEST COAST FLEET STATUS UPDATE

Navy exercises with Republic of Korea

Busy on deployment for Poseidon Cutlass 2017, *HMC Ships Winnipeg* and *Ottawa* came alongside the island of Jeju, South Korea in late June.

Following a series of planning meetings, the ships began the next stage of their deployment, a bilateral exercise with the Republic of Korea.

The objective of the exercise was to promote good relations between allied countries, as well as to provide Force Generation training for the operator trades.

The bilateral exercise demonstrated both the efficiency and interoperability between the navies of the allied countries. The three-day program was tightly scheduled to include many forms of military operations. These included, but were not limited to, serials exercising various methods of communication, formation maneuvering, boarding exercises, gunnery, and operational scenarios.

"An operation of this scale showcases our allied navy's potential to overcome both communication and technological barriers to successfully communicate and utilize Multi-LINK to ensure warfare effectiveness and combat efficiency," said OS Braeden Hart-Young, a Naval Combat Information Operator.

The ROKN also provided the opportunity for sailors from *Ottawa* to participate in a cross personnel assignment for a couple days. PO2 Shawn Hanson, Naval Communicator, spent three days aboard ROKS Kang Gam Chan and noted their high level of discipline.

"It was an interesting experience to witness, but I'm glad I'm employed by Canada," he said.

On completion of the exercise, *Ottawa* proceeded to Incheon, South Korea, where the ship celebrated Canada Day.

Following their port visit, *Ottawa* and *Winnipeg* moved on to a series of exercises with Japan's Navy.



Clearance divers head to the Caribbean

Two divers from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) recently took part in international military diving exercises off the waters of Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

Divers deployed in late May for the 2017 edition of Exercise Tradewinds. They rendezvoused with 10 personnel from Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) (FDU(A)), exercising in Barbados from June 6 to 11, and then on the island of Trinidad and Tobago from June 12 to 17.

Canadian divers and instructors shared skills related to search and rescue, counter terrorism and ways to disrupt drug smugglers with military divers from the Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago defence forces.

They were joined by personnel from the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Southern Command.

Military divers from the host countries trained in sunken vessel assessment, evidence and human remains recovery, search patterns, jetty and hull searches, and identifying foreign objects such as mines and explosives.

Exercise Tradewinds has been held yearly since the creation of the Canadian-U.S. Caribbean Defence Cooperation framework in June 2013, and an engagement strategy in July 2012.

Divers head to Guam

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

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

This year's theme for the annual diving exercise was humanitarian assistance and disaster relief diving.

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

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

The RCN was granted full membership into the Western Pacific Naval Symposium in 2010.

EXPLOSIVE HISTORY



Above: Demolition explosives are detonated at L'Anse-Amour, Labrador, on May 23 during Operation RALEIGH. The detonations were set to remove unexploded ammunition from the shipwreck of HMS RALEIGH, which sank in 1922.

Right: Clearance Diver, LS Dylan Parker from Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) places C4 explosives on unexploded ammunition and fuses.



Photos by Master Seaman Peter Reed, Formation Imaging Services Halifax

HMCS LABRADOR'S POLAR FLAG TO FLY AGAIN

By CPO2 Richard Bungay

When HMCS Labrador undertook her maiden deployment in 1954, she was the first warship to travel the North-west Passage and circumnavigate North America.

Throughout her operational history with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) the ship was unique, as the crew had created an unofficial ship's flag.

The Polar Bear, a universal symbol of the Arctic and unofficial ship's mascot, was hoisted while at anchor and entering and leaving harbor, signifying an end of a voyage.

The crew called it the Polar Flag and it was a source of pride and cohesion.

Fast forward 64 years. Being an enthusiastic student of RCN history and a

proponent of RCN Arctic deployments, I wanted to link the past with the future of the RCN in the Arctic.

I wanted to recreate the flag, so I proposed the idea to the Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic, who is also interested in the Arctic and its history.

The flag has now been recreated and is displayed outside the Admiral's office as a cornerstone of the Arctic display recently erected.

When HMCS Harry DeWolf is commissioned, it will fly this flag as the ship's company of Labrador once did.

To be successful in the Arctic, we must look to the past as well as the future, and I believe the reconstituted Polar Flag will serve as a tangible link between our shipmates of the past and a source of pride of Harry DeWolf's crews of the future.



Photo by Mona Ghiz, MARLANT PA

In front of the MARLANT Arctic display, Cdr Corey Gleason, Commanding Officer of HMCS Harry DeWolf; RAdm John Newton, Commander MARLANT; CPO2 Rick Bungay, Sea Training Atlantic; and CPO1 Gerry Doucet, Coxswain HMCS Harry DeWolf, display the Polar Flag.

INTERACTIVE ONLINE MAP TRACKS CANADA'S MILITARY HISTORY FOR CANADA 150

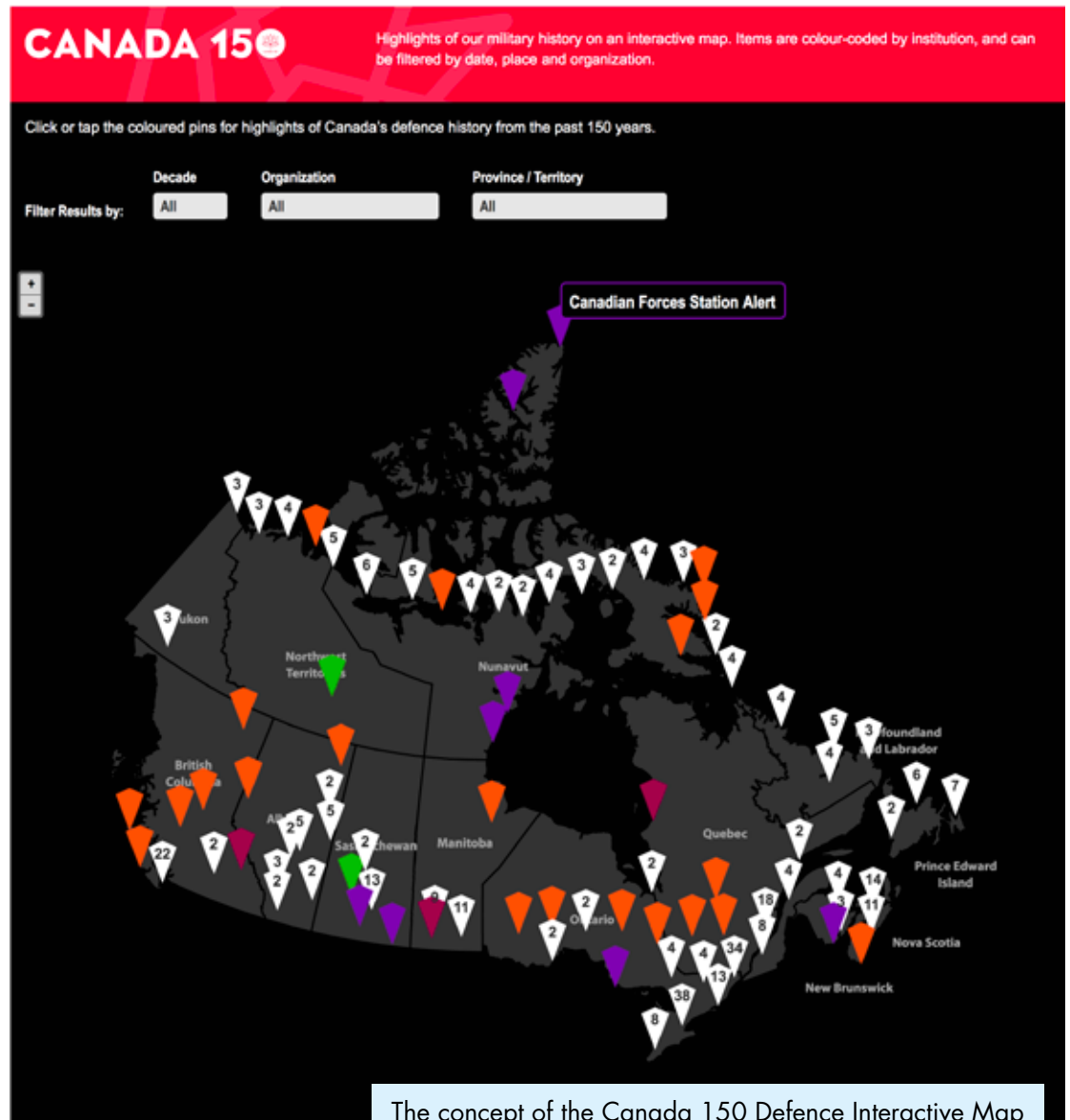
In honour of the Canada 150 celebrations, the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces have launched a commemorative Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map.

Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map: Mapping our Past and Present is a new online map that illustrates the impact the Canadian Armed Forces have had in communities around the country. Spanning 15 decades of Canada's military history, this map details events from the past as well as present-day accomplishments that pop up in the exact geographic location where they actually happened.

Curious about the Snowbirds in Moose Jaw or the Cadets in Whitehorse? Filter your search by decade, organization, province, or territory to find out.

"The new Defence Interactive Map is a fascinating military history project. During this year of Canada 150 celebrations, discover the stories it tells about our communities and our place in the world, and be inspired!" says Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Check out the Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map at <https://caf-fac.ca/defence-150-map/> and participate in the conversation online. The map will also be featured on touch-screen kiosks during



Canada 150 exhibits across the country throughout spring and summer 2017.

Learn more about Canada's proud military history by searching #DefenceMap on Twitter.

To submit a military history fact about your community, send it to DND.WebPosting-PublicationWeb.MDN@forces.gc.ca.

The concept of the Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map centres on the map of Canada with specific points highlighting key National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces milestones and achievements. Users can search by province, military organization, and decade to learn interesting historical and contemporary facts, from 1867 to the present.

The Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map contains facts about the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army, and Royal Canadian Air Force, and includes cadets, reserves, rangers and Defence employees across all regions of the country.

The Canada 150 Defence Interactive Map is a living, collaborative Canadian history project.



(Left to right) Kevin McCoy, President of Irving Shipbuilding, Olivia Strowbridge, AOPS Production Work Lead at Irving Shipbuilding, and Cdr Michele Tessier, Commanding Officer (designate) of HMCS Margaret Brooke.

Photo Credit: Mona Ghiz, MARLANT PA



KEEL-LAYING CEREMONY FOR HMCS MARGARET BROOKE MARKS A SHIPBUILDING MILESTONE

The traditional keel-laying ceremony for the second of the Royal Canadian Navy's six future Harry DeWolf Class Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessels, HMCS Margaret Brooke, took place at Halifax Shipyard on May 29.

The ceremony was marked by the placing of a coin onto the keel of the ship by Olivia Strowbridge, the first woman in a trade supervisory role at Halifax Shipyard, and its first female certified ship spray painter. In shipbuilding tradition, this coin will remain embedded within the ship's structure for its entire life, and will invite good luck for all who sail in it.

The coin placed on this

ship depicts a four-leaf clover; a symbol with special significance to LCdr Brooke, who carried two four-leaf clovers in a silver locket as a good luck charm following her survival of the sinking of the ferry SS Caribou in 1942. Once the coin was placed, Strowbridge declared that the keel was "well and truly laid".

This ceremony was also attended by Rear-Admiral John Newton, Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic; Kevin McCoy, President of Irving Shipbuilding; and Commander Michele Tessier, the future Commanding Officer of HMCS Margaret Brooke, among others.

Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander of the RCN, says the presence of Cdr Tessier held special significance.

"I could not be more proud to have the ship's future Commanding Officer there to participate and represent our generation as we look to follow in the wake of our naval heroes.

"This keel-laying is another exciting step forward on the road towards Canada's future fleet," continued VAdm Lloyd. "This innovative and highly effective class of ship will add to our ability to provide flexible options to Government, to further ensure the defence

and security of Canadians."

In traditional ship construction, the keel typically extends the entire length of the vessel, running along the bottom of the ship and serving as its "backbone". Today, many ships, including the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessels, are instead constructed in modules or blocks, fabricated separately then brought together to form the superstructure of the ship. However, the keel-laying tradition has endured.

HMCS Margaret Brooke is expected to be officially launched in a Naming/Launching ceremony in 2019.

CANADA UNVEILS NEW DEFENCE POLICY

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan recently released "Strong, Secure, Engaged", a long-term defence policy that commits to a range of new investments for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), its members, and their families.

This policy outlines the Government of Canada's Defence priorities. According to the document, new investment will ensure critical core capabilities and equipment that are underfunded, and unfunded, can now proceed on a sound footing.

The government says the policy will also support growth in emerging domains such as space and cyber, and critical areas such as intelligence and Special Operations Forces.

Through Canada's Defence Policy, the Department of National Defence (DND) and the CAF will:

- Invest \$198.2 million over the course of the policy to implement a new Total Health and Wellness Strategy that will expand wellness beyond the traditional healthcare model to include promotion, prevention, treatment, and support, and provide a greater range of health and wellness services and programs.
- Invest an additional \$6 million per year to modernize family support programs, such as Military Family Resource Centres, to provide better support to families when members are deploying or during periods of absence.
- Increase the proportion of women in the military by one percentage point annually, to achieve 25 percent representation by 2026, to our operational advantage;
- Transform the transition process to better support CAF members and their families by establishing a 1,200-person CAF Transition Group. The creation of this new group means all of our women and men will be taken care of as they transition back into the CAF following illness or injury, or out of the CAF and into civilian life at the conclusion of military service.
- Implement teams at Military Family



Defence Minister, Harjit S. Sajjan visits the HMCS Scotian for an announcement on June 12, 2017 at Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

Photo by Leading Seaman Dan Bard, Formation Imaging Services

Resource Centres to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

- Increase the size of the Regular Force by 3,500 (to 71,500) and the Reserve Force by 1,500 (to 30,000) members. The Reserves will also become more integrated into the total force, providing agile and effective full-time capability through part-time service.
- Replace the CF-18 fleet with 88 advanced fighter aircraft, through an open and transparent competition, to improve CAF air control and air attack capability;
- Provide the funding required for the full complement of 15 Canadian Surface Combatants;
- Improve land capabilities including ground based air defence, combat support vehicles, heavy logistics vehicles, and training simulators;
- Create a new CAF Cyber Operator occupation to attract Canada's best and brightest talent to cyber functions.
- Invest in a range of remotely piloted systems, including an armed aerial system capable of conducting surveillance and precision strikes.
- Launch a new program, Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS), which will see \$1.6 billion invested over the next 20 years to modernize the way

National Defence generates solutions through new cooperative partnerships with the private sector, universities and academics.

- Establish up to 120 new military intelligence positions, some of which will be filled by Reservists, and add up to 180 new civilian intelligence positions.
- Grow the civilian workforce by 1,150 employees to enable and support military operations.
- Meet the federal target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent from the 2005 levels by 2030, excluding military fleets.
- Strengthen relationships with the defence community, including academia and the private sector. Today, more than ever, innovation, technology, and problem solving are critical to meeting evolving defence and security needs.
- Improve the procurement process within National Defence to reduce departmental approval times by 50 percent, allow over 80 percent of defence procurement contracts to be managed by National Defence, and increase transparency.

For a link to the MND speech about the new policy or to read the full policy, visit: <http://dgpaapp.forces.gc.ca/en/canada-defence-policy/index.asp>



Captain and friends in 1910 aboard HMCS Canada.

A PROMINENT CANADIAN FAMILY DONATION BRODEURS GIFT THREE BOXES OF PHOTOS AND LETTERS

By Debbie Towell, Museum Curator

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A short while ago, CFB Esquimalt's Naval and Military Museum received an important donation from Vice-Admiral (retired) Nigel Brodeur. The Brodeur family played such an important role in the development of Canada and the Royal Canadian Navy, that the three boxes of archival material are a true gift in every sense of the word.

Contained in the donation are copies of papers and correspondence from Louis-Phillipe Brodeur, a former Member of Parliament who served from 1891 through 1911.

In 1896, Louis-Phillipe was elected Deputy Speaker of the House and then became Speaker of the House in 1900. He served in the Speaker capacity until

1904 when he entered Prime Minister Laurier's cabinet as Minister of Inland Revenue.

By 1906 he was serving as Minister of Marine and Fisheries until 1911 when he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Later in his career he would be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

It goes without saying that Louis-Phillipe Brodeur played a significant role in Canadian politics and history.

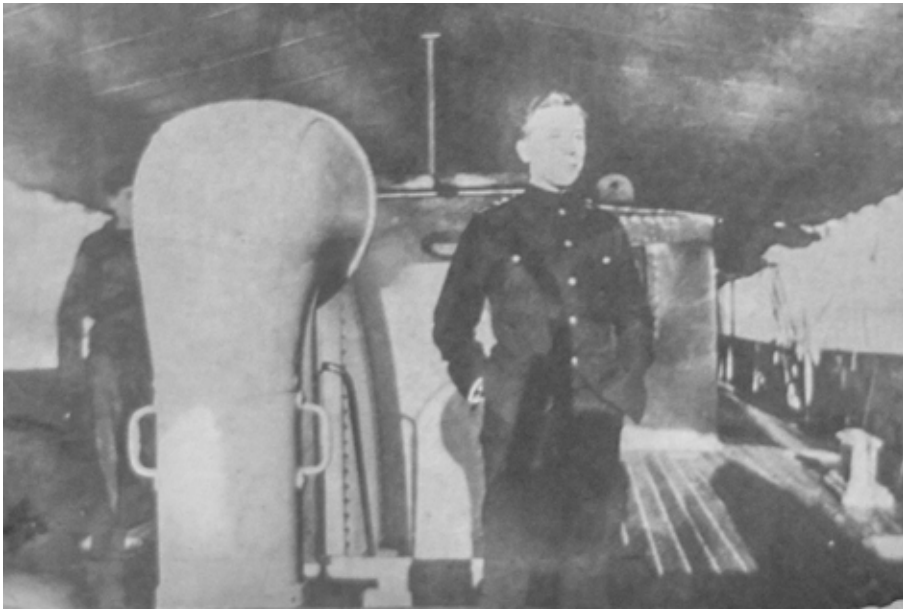
There are also copies of papers and correspondence of Rear-Admiral Victor Gabriel Brodeur. Victor began his naval career in 1909 when he joined the Canadian government ship Canada in anticipation of the formation of the Canadian Navy. For the next 37 years, he served the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy on land and at sea.

He would later command HMCS

Skeena and HMCS Champlain and was Officer Commanding Pacific Coast from 1938 to 1940 and again from 1943 until his retirement from active service in 1946.

Also contained in this collection is a laser copy of a photo album with some amazing images. Complete with captions, it showcases the careers and lives of the Brodeurs. The museum has digitized the images from the album. Included with this article are a few examples of what you can expect to see in the collection.

The Brodeur papers fill three bankers boxes and are a true treasure trove of Canadian history. The donation is a copy only – the original collection resides at the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa – but it is an important addition to the museum's archives and one which will be in constant use by staff and researchers alike.



Above: Cadet Victor Brodeur aboard HMCS Canada in 1909.



Left: French Canadians Beard, Rousseau, and Victor Brodeur.

Below: Boat deck of HMCS Niobe in the winter of 1911.



Above: Victor Brodeur aboard HMS Dreadnought.

Below: Beard, Rousseau and Victor Brodeur aboard HMCS Niobe.



BIRTH OF ESQUIMALT AS BRITISH EMPIRE'S NAVAL ANCHOR TOPIC IN NEW BOOK

By Rachel Lallouz, Lookout Newspaper

For Victoria native Barry Gough, author and Professor Emeritus of History at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., his newly written book, "Britannia's Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914", represents the culmination of a lifetime spent researching the naval history of Esquimalt, B.C.

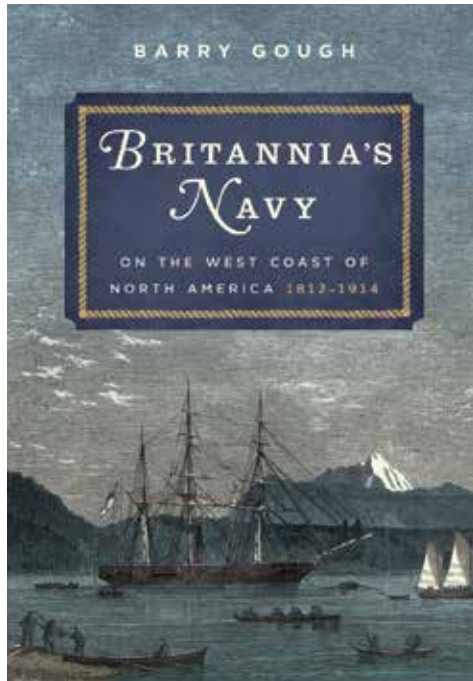
Gough's book spans several turns in the history of CFB Esquimalt, from the burgeoning infrastructure of the base to the development of changing naval technology.

"I think the material is engaging," he says. "It speaks to me about a time we have lost, and I regard history as a bit of a salvage operation to try to recover the past. I see my role as an historian as the interlocutor between the past and the present."

The book details the requirements needed to build a naval base in Esquimalt by British Imperial forces, while showing the political will needed to bring it into existence.

Gough fleshes out three-dimensional characters of historical figures in the book who sought to make Esquimalt the British watchtower of the North Pacific.

"I included the characteristics and personalities of the admirals and captains,



and crafted the nature of who these people were and why they saw, in our part of the world, so much importance here," he says. "These British naval officers had a global reach – Britannia ruled the waves."

But writing a book of history with such detail and precision, spanning a large time frame, required him to spend at least a decade researching and another three years revising the manuscript.

Gough says his initial work on the book began during his PhD and was completed

under the mentorship of famous naval historian Gerald Graham in London, England.

"I had to develop a topic that was suitable for the requirements of a PhD, and so I sought out the help of an archivist in B.C. who suggested the only topic that hadn't been properly studied in Canadian history was the rise of Esquimalt as a naval base."

What followed was years of demanding, but pleasurable, research completed in London at the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, The National Archives, The British Library, the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, and the Royal Geographical Society. This research, says Gough, paved the way for the prequel to his new book, published in 1971 as "The Royal Navy and the Northwest Coast".

"The history of Esquimalt documented in my books shows how this place stands in the world; we aren't just confined to our municipality here," he says. "Our history is of global importance."

Time, he says, has allowed him to complete a vast agenda of histories. Gough is already at work on a book to be published next year, which will focus on the political tug-of-war during the First World War between Sir Winston Churchill and British Admiral Jack Fisher.



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