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# HMCS St. John's gives RMC cadets a taste of the future

By SLt Emily Anglin, HMCS St. John's

Working on a Saturday is de rigeur for HMC Ships, but it's not often that a weekend workday involves hosting a day sail with the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Commander MARLANT, and more than 150 Royal Military College cadets onboard.

On April 2, HMCS St. John's set sail not only to showcase the abilities of a post-refit frigate, but to give those RMC cadets a taste of their future in the Royal Canadian Navy. Under the supervision of a dozen junior officers, the hopeful Maritime Surface and Sub-surface (MARS), Marine and Combat System Engineers, and Logist-

ics Officers spent the day touring the ship while it sailed from Halifax to MARLANT operating areas.

The day was a busy one for both crew and cadets: first came a daytime man overboard exercise, followed by high speed manoeuvres—a favourite moment for future MARS officer Cadet MacKenzie Labrecque: "The ship was rocking from side to side and the waves were splashing over the flight deck. It was quite the thrill!"

Cadets were then given hands-on damage control training during a full-ship evolution including a simulated collision, fires, floods and casualties. Logistics cadets closed up in sickbay to learn about casualty clearing, while all other trades

dispersed to the four section bases and were engaged in hose handling, door and hatch procedures, firefighting, and pipe repairs for flood control.

Submariners and Clearance Divers were also welcomed aboard, and alongside members of the Naval Boarding Party and Ship's Team Divers they set up displays in the hangar to inform cadets of career options beyond their first posting to a warship.

The sail wrapped up with Commander RCN and former Commanding Officer of St. John's, VAdm Mark Norman, holding a town hall with the cadets and commending the crew for their hard work and enthusiasm in giving the cadets a taste of their future in the



RAdm John Newton and VAdm Mark Norman talked to Royal Military College cadets during a day sail in HMCS St. John's on April 2.

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## A glimpse of military life for Aboriginal candidates

By MCpl David McCord, 12 Wing Imaging

Candidates of the Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program (CFAEP 2016) from as far west

as Keremeos, British Columbia and as far north as Kudra, Inuvik, visited Nova Scotia for a threeweek introduction to the CAF to get a better understanding of military life. At the Damage

Control School at CFB Halifax the candidates worked waist-deep in cold water plugging holes in the navy flood simulator. Some candidates got the opportunity to experience what it feels like to

their time at Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic). The group also spent time in the field at Canadian Forces Detachment Aldershot where they fired the C7 Rifle and got a taste of army life out in the field, eating hot meals served from hay boxes. The candidates lived first-hand the challenges and stress of early morning inspections, daily physical training and military drill. "My body has

line of the Forces," stated Kenneth Boulette. The CFAEP is designed to give aboriginal participants a personal experience of life in the CAF while emphasising Aboriginal cultural awareness, military leadership, teamwork and self-discipline. The program gives candidates like Kenneth the opportunity to make an informed choice before deciding on a career in the military. Kenneth sees the program as an opportunity for direction and plans to join the infantry after completing the CFAEP.



Candidates in the Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program (CFAEP) experience a ride in a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat in the mouth of Halifax Harbour on May 12, 2016. CPL J.W.S. HOUCKCpl J.W.S. Houck



Donovan Luke, from Creston, British Columbia, gives a thumbs-up while touring the Shearwater Aviation Museum at 12 Wing Shearwater with the CFAEP, May 9, 2016

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## MARLANT honours workers on National Day of Mourning

**By Ryan Melanson,** Trident Staff

The lawn outside Province House was lined with 27 Nova Scotia flags on the morning of April 28, one for each Nova Scotian who was killed on the job over the previous year. The National Day of Mourning has been recognized on this date for 25 years, with people across the province and country gathering to remember their friends, loved ones and colleagues who died due to workplace accident or illness.

MARLANT and the CAF were represented at the ceremony by CFB Halifax Base Commander Capt(N) Chris Sutherland, Base Chief Petty Officer CPO1 Lee Brown, and Formation Safety and Environment Officer Carol Lee Giffin. Capt(N) Sutherland and CPO1 Brown joined many others in laying wreaths outside Province House.

"We're here to recognize the importance of workplace safety, but also to honour those fellow Nova Scotians who have lost their lives in the workplace," Capt(N) Sutherland said.

"For MARLANT, for the base, for FMF Cape Scott, we all work tirelessly to support our workers and to provide a safe working environment for all of our people."

Flags were flown at half mast for the day, and Capt(N) Sutherland said all units were asked to take a moment to reflect on the importance of workplace safety



CFB Halifax Base Commander Capt(N) Chris Sutherland addresses the crowd before laying a wreath, along with Base Chief Petty Officer CPO1 Lee Brown, during the National Day of Mourning Ceremony outside Province House on April 28.

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and honour those who have died on the job.

The crowd gathered outside Province House was moved by the words of Vicki Dickson, whose husband Kevin was killed in 2011 in a workplace accident. While loading a steel plate onto a truck at a construction site near Timberlea, the plate broke away from its restraints and caused a pole to collapse, striking him in the head.

She shared memories of her husband, and also spoke of the work she's done since his death with Threads for Life, an organization that supports families after workplace fatalities or lifealtering injuries. She also touched on workplace safety issues, and the importance of employers taking responsibility and being held accountable through legislation for the well-

being of their workers.

"One life taken is one too many," she said.

The crowd also heard from
Nova Scotia Federation of Labour President Danny Cavanagh,
along with representatives from
each of the major provincial
political parties.

Kelly Regan, Nova Scotia's Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, thanked the workers, volunteers, safety organizations, employers and other groups who are in their communities and workplaces raising awareness of safety issues.

"Advancing any cause takes the efforts of many, and I can assure you there are many out there doing just that. I join them in renewing our commitment to those who go to work everyday, to work together to make sure we all come home safely," she said.

# No. 2 Construction Battalion focus of exhibit at Halifax Central Library

**By Virginia Beaton,** Trident Staff

An exhibit highlighting the history of No. 2 Construction Battalion, aka The Black Battalion, was on display from May 13 – 15 at the Halifax Central Library.

It was the first time that the exhibit, owned and curated by Capt (ret'd) George Borden, had been on display for the public. The archival material comes from Capt (ret'd) Borden's own private collection.

No. 2 Construction Battalion was officially formed in July 1916 with its headquarters then in Pictou, NS. At that time, widespread prejudice against Black citizens was so pervasive that those men who tried to volunteer for military service were refused, despite their willingness to serve and the constant need for personnel to fight in the First World War

The items on display ranged from a copy of the battalion personnel list, to photos of the Battalion's training camp. The list of personnel began with the Commanding Officer, LCol Daniel Sutherland, and included each recruit's name, rank, home address, country of origin, and

next of kin. The Battalion eventually grew to more than 600 members including men not only from Nova Scotia, but from across Canada and also from the United States, the British West Indies, and British Guiana.

Capt (ret'd) Borden's photo exhibit includes copies of photos of the soldiers including the Battalion's band, and photos of items such as cap badges and medals.

After arriving in Europe in 1917, No. 2 Construction Battalion was attached to the Canadian Forestry Corps. The soldiers performed jobs such as clearing brush, building dwellings, roads and bridges, operating vehicles, and detecting mines.

In addition to the archival material related to No. 2 Construction Battalion's history, the exhibit contains material related to currently serving Black members of the CAF, as well as several poems written by Capt (ret'd) Borden.

The exhibit will be touring Nova Scotia during May and June, leading up to a major display during the centenary commemorations of No. 2 Construction Battalion to be held in Pictou on July 9, 2016.

## Fleet Mail Office celebrates CF Postal Service's 105th birthday

By Cpl Nyja James, CFPU Det Atlantic

The CF Postal Corps was officially established from General Order 70 on May 3, 1911. Initially, there were only a handful of offices CF wide; a base post office commanded by Maj George Ross in Toronto, with detachments in London,

Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg and Calgary.

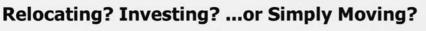
Fast forward to present day and the CF Postal Service has expanded to almost every province with coastal detachments in Halifax and Victoria and HQ in Trenton, ON. Postal Clerks have been involved in many international crises as early as the First World War, to as recently as Afghanistan, and presently Kuwait. The Fleet Mail Office (FMO) continues to facilitate variety of mail services to CFB Halifax base units and HMC ships including receiving, sorting and distributing mail. Both documents and parcels can be tracked through Canada Post for efficiency of service.

While ships or members in general are deployed, the FMO dispatches care packages from loved ones, friends and family. The MFRC plays a critical role in making the aforementioned service easily accessible. Family and friends of deployed members are able to drop care packages at either MFRC (Halifax

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## **CANFLTATL** welcomes new Fleet Chief Petty Officer

By Ryan Melanson, Trident Staff

When CPO1 Malcolm Conlon arrived in Halifax 2014 to be appointed as Chief Petty Officer of Canada's Atlantic Fleet, after spending the majority of his career on the West Coast, his surroundings were quite new to

The same could be said for Cmdre Craig Baines, Commander CANFLTATL, who came to the East Coast near the same time, hoping to rely on his new Fleet Chief to get an understanding of the culture.

"Instead, we got to go through that learning process together," Cmdre Baines said, explaining that this common ground helped kickstart a working relationship that thrived over the next two

He made the remarks during the Fleet Chief Change of Appointment ceremony held in HMCS Halifax on May 16, which saw CPO1 Conlon step aside for incoming Chief CPO1 Daniel Mercier.

Cmdre Baines commended CPO1 Conlon for his leadership style. He noted the Chief was always able to use his personality and great communication skills

to connect with sailors and relay messages that weren't always popular or easy to get across, as well as to listen to the viewpoints of the fleet's rank and file and brings their concerns to MAR-LANT"s senior officers.

"He was someone I could use as a harpoon missile. If I ever needed something to be done and I needed it done right, the first person I'd give that job to was Chief Conlon," Cmdre Baines

While previous appointment ceremonies took place took place inside the Chiefs' and POs' messes of various ships, the crew of Halifax dressed up the ship's hangar for this occasion to add some pomp and allow more people to say goodbye to CPO1 Conlon and welcome CPO1 Mer-

"And It really means a lot for the incoming chief and for myself to see all your faces here as he gets ready to take over a very important job," CPO1 Conlon said to the large crowd who gathered, including RAdm John Newton, Commander MAR-LANT and JTFA, Formation Chief CPO1 Pierre Auger, and CFB Halifax Base Chief CPO1 Lee Brown.

The outgoing chief recalled

the excitement of being in the role during a time of change, with new technology in the way of modernized frigates, as well as policy changes that impact the culture of the fleet. He said working to minimize any drawbacks or discomforts for sailors through that process was one of the most rewarding aspects of the job.

He gave much of the credit for his success to the quality personnel he worked with during the posting to the East Coast, but also to his family, who stayed in British Columbia during the two years. The support from his wife and daughter, and the knowledge they were safe at home, was crucial, he said, and he'll be happy to be reunited with them as he heads back West to take up a new role with JPSU.

Family was also key for CPO1 Mercier as he introduced himself in his new role, with his wife Wanda and sons Jake and Hunter accompanying him to the ceremony. He said his passion for the RCN couldn't be possible without them.

He also commented on the significant of receiving his appointment on board HMCS Halifax, as a former Coxn of the ship.

"It's a ship, command team and crew that will always hold a

From left, outgoing Fleet Chief CPO1 Malcolm Conlon, Cmdre Craig Baines, Commander CANFLTATL, and incoming Fleet Chief CPO1 Daniel Mercier at the Change of Appointment ceremony on board HMCS Halifax on May 16.

special place in my heart," said CPO1 Mercier, who most recently served as Coxn of Sea Training Atlantic.

He spoke of teamwork as a theme he wants to focus on as Fleet Chief, promoting the idea that the fleet's unit's work in support of each other. He cited HMCS Charlottetown, currently very busy with pre-deployment tasks, as a current example of one unit that will benefit from the support of the whole fleet.

CPO1 Mercier said he was excited to continue working with the top-notch sailors and command teams that make up CAN-FLTATL, and said he'll quickly make an effort to get to know those who aren't already familiar with him. One way he'll do that is through physical fitness; the incoming Chief made clear his support of the MARLANT Health and Wellness strategy, and said expect to see him dropping in on unit PT sessions and formation runs through the Dockyard.

"I look forward to visiting you, working with you and sailing with you. I will lead by example and I hope to help make our Navy even stronger," he said.

## Historian brings out large crowd for BOA presentation

By Ryan Melanson, Trident Staff

As the anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic approached, a capacity crowd packed into the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on April 20 to hear from one of Canada's most influential military historians

Dr. Marc Milner, Director of the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society at the University of New Brunswick, visited the museum for a free public talk titled Canada's Atlantic War. It touched on a number of topics over two hours, including the different ebbs and flows of the campaign, attacks on shipping in Canadian waters, Halifax as a key naval port, the rise of Canada's shipyards, and the RCN's role in naval intelligence and shipping

Milner is the author of a number of books on Canada's military history, including Canada's Navy: The First Century, New Brunswick and the Navy: Four Hundred Years, Battle of the Atlantic and

And while most might think of naval combat and large convoy battles when considering the war in the Atlantic, Milner focused on a less sexy subject for his presentation, even somewhat downplaying the strategic importance of the battles themselves, despite the bravery and heroics of those involved.

"Historians tend to focus on the convoy battles, while forgetting that most convoys crossed the North Atlantic without incident," he said, describing convoys as a last line of defence for merchant mariners and their much-needed cargo. Outside of rare occasions when convoys actually sought out U-Boats for battle, or a brief period in 1943 when they were used as bait, the primary means of defending ships during the Second World War was to successfully avoid the enemy all together.

That's where the RCN found its greatest success, with some of that work being done by personnel in Halifax, Milner says, working with the Directorate of Naval Intelligence and Plans in Ottawa.

"I do believe it's true that one of our most critical contributions is actually through naval control of shipping and naval intelligence. We do a really outstanding job at it. It's a quiet story that doesn't get a lot of attention."

For a largely civilian crowd, Milner described a complex system involving recording ship movements on huge rolodexes, tracking enemy and allied movements, issuing routing instructions, and the gathering and dissemination of massive amount of intelligence.

For the most part, it worked, he said, contributing to Allied victory by maintaining a crucial supply line between North America and Great Britain through the North Atlantic, despite some 4,600 Canadians who lost their lives.

Kim Reinhardt, General Manager at the museum, said she was thrilled to be able to host Milner on such an appropriate occasion, and was also happy to see such a large turnout, with extra chairs even being

brought out to accommodate. Milner thanked the crowd for turning out, and said he was also pleased to see Canada's role in the Atlantic getting the interest it deserves.

"It's important. It was the one battle of the whole of the Second World War that was uniquely influenced by Canada, and we made decisive contributions at every stage."





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#### 2016 Maritime Acoustic Symposium

Date: June 7-10

Location: Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre

Trinity will host the biennial Maritime Acoustic Symposium at the CFMWC. This symposium will be a comprehensive forum for discussion and liaison between agencies and people involved in Undersea Surveillance and Warfare (USW). It will include domestic and international representatives from organizations that conduct operations, training, research, and scientific support. Industry and academia have also been invited to participate and will bring with them valuable information on cutting edge technology and scientific advancement. This year's theme is "Restocking the ASW Toolbox" and many presentations, forums, and sidebar discussions will focus on sharing common goals and aiding the community in advancing knowledge on platforms, weapons and tactics used throughout the USW domain. Personnel of any rank with a relevant interest in USW or acoustics are encouraged to participate. Inquiries and expressions of interest may be forwarded to the event OPI, PO1 Randy

#### **Lunch and Learn: Supporting** Someone with Cancer

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Date: Friday, June 10 Time: Noon - 1 p.m. Location: Learning and Career

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common experiences for people dealing with cancer diagnosis and treatment, as well as the loved ones providing support. Charlene Robson, an RN with 22 years of oncology experience, will give suggestions on how to support those directly or indirectly dealing with the disease, and will also provide a brief summary of services offered through the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The session will take place in classroom #1 at Windsor Park Bldg #106. Please register by phone at 722-4304.

#### No. 2 Construction Battalion 100th Anniversary Commemoration

Time: 10:30 a.m. Date: Saturday, July 9, 2016

Location: Pictou, NS Join us as we pay tribute to No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canada's first and only Black Battalion in the First World War. This event will take place on Saturday, July 9, starting at 10:30 am with a honour parade and formal ceremony at 11 a.m. Please visit the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia website for more details.

#### Gaelic Awareness Month: The Gaels and Cultural Appropriation

Time: 7 p.m. Date: Monday, May 30 Location: Central Library Paul O'Regan Hall

As part of events wrapping up Gaelic Awareness Month, which took place through May, this program will explore Gaelic cultural stereotypes and their

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impact on Gaelic culture. This includes things like kilts, Highland Games, and Hollywood depictions of Gaelic characters. Lewis MacKinnon, the executive director of the Gaelic Affairs Division of Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, will lead the event which is presented in partnership with the Gaelic Language Society of Halifax.

#### The Oak Island Treasure Hunt Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, May 31 Location: Central Library Children's Room

Join Danny Hennigar of the Chester Municipal Heritage Society for this chronological, pragmatic and sometimes humorous journey through more than 200 years of struggle on Oak Island. The story has exploded in popularity thanks to the History Channel program The Curse of Oak Island, and this is your chance to explore the local mystery and lore in a kid-friendly presentation.

#### Halifax Bike Week Information Session

Time: 2 p.m. Date: Saturday, June 4 Location: Central Library Room

As a primer for Halifax Bike Week, from June 3-12, the Halifax Cycling Coalition hosts an

event to highlight the reasons that many people are choosing bicycling as a convenient and fun way to get around. They'll also touch on the move to provide dedicated bicycle routes and lanes through the city, providing an overview of what's happening in our community compared to others around the country. All Bike Week events are also presented in partnership with the HRM. For more information and a list of all Bike Week events sponsored by the municipality, visit halifax.ca/ bikeweek.

#### **Doors Open Halifax**

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Date: June 4-5

Doors Open Halifax is a community festival that encourages residents and visitors to spend a weekend visiting buildings of architectural, cultural and historical significance in our city. Many of these buildings are typically closed to the general public, so it's an opportunity to learn more about Halifax's various neighbourhoods free of charge. With 30 venues participating, there's plenty opportunity to experience something new while learning about our history. Expect guided tours, special exhibits, displays and performances in particular venues. For a full list, detailed map and more information, visit doorsopenhalifax.com.

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# Blues rocker Matt Minglewood looking forward to Family Days concert

By Ryan Melanson, Trident Staff

Cape Breton blues rocker Matt Minglewood and his band return this year to the PSP Entertainment Tent at HMC Dockyard to rock the house at the annual Family Days concert. Minglewood last took to the Family Days stage in 2008, and said this year, sharing the stage with acoustic rockers Signal Hill as the event celebrates its 20th anniversary, is sure to be another great time.

"You couldn't ask for a better crowd than the military folks. You know it's going to be a lot of fun."

He's also a big supporter of the CAF. He lost relatives in both World Wars, his brother is a longtime reservist, and he said he's watched many of his good friends enjoy long military careers.

It makes things a bit more special when he performs for members of the defence community, and it's something he's done anytime the opportunity



Matt Minglewood and his band will bring their unique blend of blues, country and rock to the Family Days concert on June 17. Veteran East Coast acoustic rock group Signal Hill will also take the stage.

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arises. Highlights of his storied career include performances for CAF personnel in Afghanistan in 2004 and 2009, as well as playing for the crew of HMCS *Charlottetown* in Abu Dhabi along with country star George Canyon in 2008. His music has also taken

him to Egypt and Israel to play in support of multinational UN troops.

And when he and the band arrive for Family Days on June 17th, they'll be armed with some brand new tunes to play for the crowd. The Minglewood Band is

currently getting ready to hit the studio to record their first full length album in more than a decade.

"For a while people have been asking, and I would always say that I'm going to do one sometime in the future, but this summer we're going in and actually getting it done. All the songs are ready to go and we're looking forward to getting something new out there," he said.

But that doesn't mean those familiar with Minglewood's five-decade career won't hear the songs they know and love when the band takes the Dockyard stage. They'll play a set that includes a selection of new tracks, as well as favourites like East Coast Blues, Me and the Boys, and the Maritime staple Can't You See.

"It's a lot of fun to mix things up, so we'll give people a bit of everything. I've got a new band too, with some new blood and a great bunch of people on stage."

It's a chance to see the longtime bluesman play in a highenergy setting. While he often performs laid-back solo shows armed with just his acoustic guitar, the Minglewood Band gigs are flat-out rock and roll, he said.

The other headliner for the Family Days concert is also sure to bring the energy. Well into their third decade of rocking East Coast crowds, Signal Hill will bring their brand of acoustic rock to the PSP Tent. Originally from Newfoundland, but now calling Halifax home, the group is known for covering classic hits across different genres and leading their audiences in singalongs.

Doors open for the Family Days Concert at 7:30 p.m. on June 17, with the first act taking the stage at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each when purchased through PSP facilities or \$11.50 when purchased online through ticketpro.ca. The show is open to military personnel and civilians 19 years and older, with picture ID and tickets required upon entrance. For more information, call 902-721-8335.

## HMCS Sackville's new sister

By Natasha Leduc,

Our Navy is rich in history and we have the ships to prove it, specifically HMCS *Sackville*, commissioned in 1941. But we are not the only ones who wish to work on the preservation of our ships. The Polish Canadian Society of Nova Scotia and the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Halifax came together with the Royal Canadian Navy on May 18 at CFB Halifax to share their stories about the ORP Blyskawica, who is now known as HMCS *Sackville*'s Polish sister ship.

ORP Blyskawica, one of the most popular Polish ships, was commissioned in 1937 and has received high military honours. The ship shares similar stories to

Sackville. Both have served in the Second World War. Altogether, both ships have successfully escorted more than 110 convoys and are now being preserved as museum ships.

The Honorary Consul of Poland, Jan Skora, Cdr Jerzy Lubkowski and LCdr Walter Jarosz from the Polish Navy, and George Borgal from Canada's Naval Memorial Trust came together to speak about *Sackville*'s new Polish sister ship and discuss different ways and alternatives to keep our ships in their original states. "These ships share similar stories, as well as the collaboration of our Navies in the Second World War," said Borgal. "We want to ensure that in the future we have friends in Poland and that we help each other out in the preservation of our ships."

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## Navy League of Ontario to celebrate centenary in 2018

By Ann Keeley-Meloche, Chair, Centennial Committee

The Navy League of Canada - Ontario Division is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in April 2018.

The kick-off was at the Annual General Meeting and will culminate with the Birthday/Centennial Party April 2018 (AGM Weekend).

We are attempting to locate individuals who have been or are part of the Navy League of Canada - Ontario Division family from as far back as possible. If you are a former Wrenette/Officer, present/past Sea Cadet/Officer, Navy League Cadet/Officer, Branch member or present and former Division member, we would like to hear from you.

The Committee is collecting photos, newspaper clippings of interest (anniversary milestones of corps/branches/members and other significant events) from the past 100 years. Scan your photos, newspaper clippings and email them to the address below. Please add any information about the items if known. If mailing originals, they will be scanned and returned to you if you include a return address.

If you or anyone you know was a cadet, officer, or volunteer, past or present, please contact us by email or write to us at Navy League of Canada - Ontario Division, 1200 Markham Road, #302, Scarborough, Ontario M1H 3C3.

For general inquiries please email: Committee@NLOntCentennial.ca

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So let's get talking, pass the word to anyone you know that is or was a member of the Navy League family, register yourself and let's see how many corps/branch members (current/retired) we can have represented at the 100th Anniversary Party.

Challenge: Ontario Division was formed in 1917. Can we find photos, clippings, people (relatives) who represent every year of our existence?

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Join us Wednesday, June 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Halifax Site MFRC for a tasty barbeque, from 4-5pm, followed by the annual general meeting, from 5-6:30pm. Enjoy the sounds of the New Horizons Jazz Band during the barbeque and get to know your MFRC, military community and share your experiences. Hear about the cool things we've done this past year and elect next year's Board of Directors. There is no cost and all military members and their families are welcome. Child care is available. Call 902-427-7788 to register for child care by Friday, June 10.

## BBQ de la communauté du CRFM d'Halifax et régions et assemblée annuelle

Joignez-vous à nous pour un savourex BBQ mercredi 15 juin prochain de 16h30 à 18h30 au CRFM d'Halifax. Le BBQ sera servi de 16 h à 17 h et il sera suivi par l'Assemblée générale annuelle de 17 h à 18 h 30. De plus, durant le BBQ, vous pourrez apprécier la musique du New Horizons Jazz Band. Apprenez à connaître votre CRFM ainsi que la communauté militaire et partagez votre expérience! Prenez connaissance des choses intéressantes que nous avons faites au cours de l'année dernière et votez pour le prochain conseil d'administration. Tous les membres des Forces armées canadiennes et leur famille sont invités et c'est gratuit! Le service de garde vous est offert. Téléphonez au 902-427-7788 avant le vendredi 10 juin pour vous inscrire au service de garde.

### Colour Me Green, All Year Long

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164, present H&R MFRC staff with a cheque for \$1,000, from funds

The H&R MFRC proudly participated in the Colour Me Green day in Shearwater, during Mental Health Week earlier in May. The event focused on the color green as it represents healthy on the mental health continuum. Here at the H&R MFRC, our Prevention, Support and Intervention (PSI) team focuses on helping CAF families get to green by providing confidential, no-cost, short-term counselling, crisis support, assessment and referral, education and prevention programming. We focus on assisting

raised through the Poppy Fund.

CAF families by providing support, guidance and tools to help manage lifestyle stressors. We can assist CAF families with issues such as: work-related separations, parenting challenges, relationship issues, separation and divorce, grief and loss, and family violence. The PSI team is entrusted with emergency apartments and modest financial resources to assist CAF families in their time of need. For more information on the PSI team please call 902-427-7788 and ask for the Intake Social Worker.



Le CRFM d'H et R est fier d'avoir participé, au début mai à Shearwater, à la journée Colorez-moi en vert organisée dans le cadre la Semaine de la sensibilisation à la santé mentale. Cette journée mettait l'emphase sur la couleur verte puisqu'elle représente en santé sur le continuum de la santé mentale.

Ici, au CRFM d'Halifax et région, notre équipe de prévention, de soutien et d'intervention (PSI), travaille à aider les familles des FAC à atteindre le vert en leur offrant des services confidentiels, gratuits, du counselling à court terme, des services en cas de crise, de l'évaluation et de l'orientation ainsi que des programmes d'éducation et de prévention. Nous aidons les familles des FAC en leur offrant du soutien, des ressources et des outils afin de mieux contrôler les facteurs de stress reliés au style de vie. Nous pouvons accompagner les familles des FAC à passer aux travers des épreuves telles que : les séparations reliées au travail, les

défis parentaux, les problèmes relationnels, les séparations et les divorces, la perte et le deuil ainsi que la violence conjugale.
L'équipe de travailleurs sociaux est chargée de gérer des appartements d'urgence et dispose de moyens financiers modestes pour aider les familles des FAC dans les moments difficiles.
Pour communiquer avec un membre de l'équipe de PSI, veuillez composer 902-427-7788 et demander pour le travailleur social de service.

## Support in the comfort of your Home

Strongest Families Institute is a not-for-profit organization providing evidence-based services to children and families seeking help for mental health and other issues impacting health and wellbeing, including unique challenges military families face. The organization provides timely care to families by teaching skills through our unique distance coaching approach – supporting families over the phone and Internet in the comfort and privacy of their own home. Strongest Families provides familv-centered care that is customized to their needs. For more information on how Strongest Families Institute can

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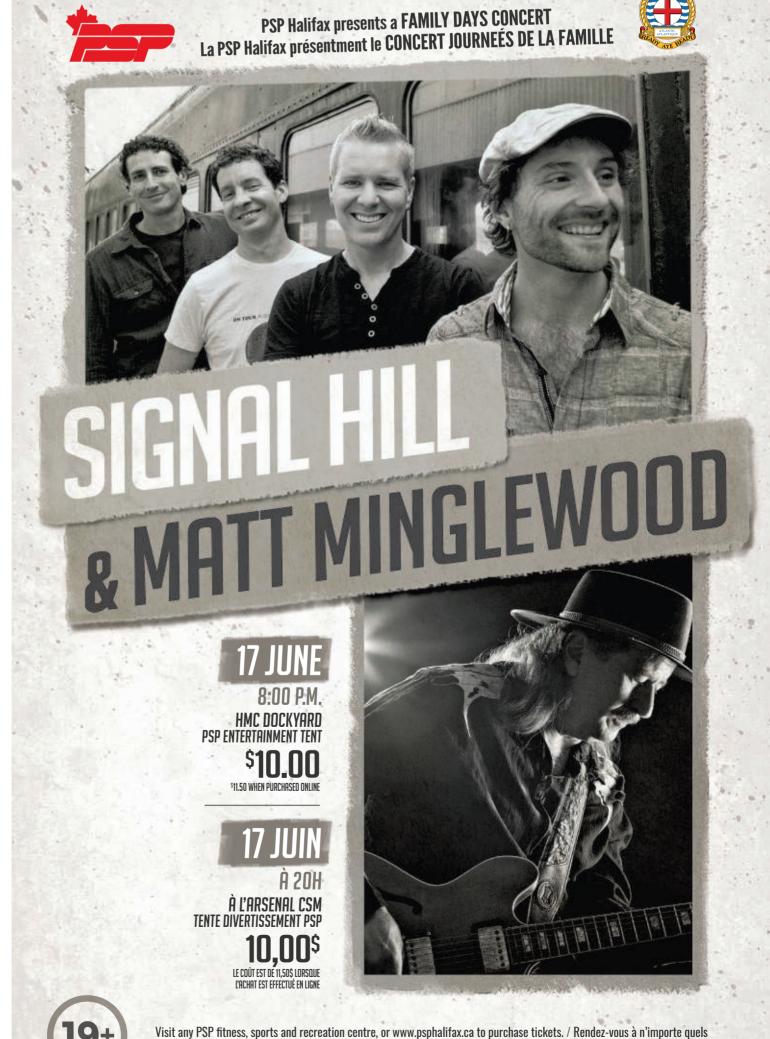
Strongest Families Institute est une organisation à but non luc ratif qui fournit des services aux enfants et aux familles sollicitant de l'aide sur des questions relatives à la santé mentale, ainsi que sur d'autres problèmes qui ont une incidence sur la santé et le bien-être. Nous fournissons des soins pertinents aux familles en leur enseignant des compétences grâce à notre approche d'accompagnement à distance unique qui permet de soutenir les familles, soit par téléphone ou par Internet dans le confort et l'intimité de leur maison. Strongest Families Institute fournit des soins axés sur la famille qui sont adaptés aux besoins.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez composer 902-427-7788.

# Vacation Lottery Extravaganza Winner for May / Gagnant de la loterie Extravaganza Vacances au soleil pour le mois de mai

Congratulations to PO1 Tina Pace, HMCS *Ville de Québec*, grand prize winner of the H&R MFRC's Vacation Lottery Extravaganza for May.

Félicitations à PO1 Tina Pace, NCSM *Ville de Québec*, grand gagnant du tirage de mai de la loterie Extravaganza Vacances au soleil du CRFM H et R. If your address has changed or you would like to start/stop receiving the Trident newspaper, please email info@halifaxmfrc.ca. Si votre adresse a changé ou si vous désirez recevoir le journal Trident, veuillez écrire à info@halifaxmfrc.ca.



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A member of the Colour Party drapes 406 Squadron's Colours over a Piling of The Drums ceremony during a parade in Archdale Hangar (building SHHGR 342) marking the 75th anniversary of 406 Sqn on May 14, 2016 at 12 Wing Shearwater, NS.

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# 406 Squadron celebrates its 75th anniversary

By WO Dave Rowe, 406 Sqn

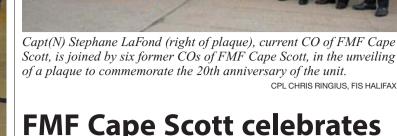
406 Squadron was formed at Aklington, UK, May 10,1941, as Canada's first Night Fighter Squadron. The Squadron in late 1944 was changed to the role of Intruder, and was the most successful Intruder Squadron of Fighter Command. Now, 75 years later, 406, Lynx Squadron prepared to celebrate its history and heritage with two days full of events. Commanding Officer LCol Pete Saunders, from the first stages of planning, wanted the focus to be on the people, past and present, and their families, who have all shaped the legacy of 406.

Festivities began with a meetand-greet the evening of May 13, hosted by the Shearwater Aviation Museum. The location was perfect, and aircraft from the Second World War to present, were a fitting backdrop for a great get-together. The atmosphere was relaxed, food was great and plentiful, and entertainment abounded, from the Stadacona Band, to Terry Kelly, and the Dusty Miller Trio. Everyone came in smiling, and all went out the same way, with many kind words of thanks at the end. The focal point of the weekend was the many events on Saturday, May 14, commencing with the Squadron Colours being uncased at the Shearwater Aviation Museum, where they were stored for seven years, and solemnly marched past the Maritime Helicopter Training Centre for the parade and later to their new permanent home at Archdale Hanger. The parade was also an opportunity for the Lynx to welcome their new Honorary Colonel, former VAdm Duncan "Dusty" Miller, and to publicly pay tribute to its fallen squadron mates, with piling of the drums and draping of the colours.

The unique nature of the parade, excellent narration by none other than LCol Saunders' wife, Maj Val Saunders, highlighted this special event. "The true character of the unit derives, of course, from the people who come and go and leave their mark upon the unit," said Col Peter Allan, Commanding Officer 12 Wing Shearwater, addressing the parade. Throughout the events of May 13 and 14, it was evident that those words had been taken to heart by the organizers.

Each year 406 Squadron trains several hundred air crew and technicians to ensure that 12 Wing has the personnel ready to serve as Wings for the Fleet aboard Royal Canadian Navy ships both on the east and west coasts. The Maritime Helicopter community plays a vital role in the Royal Canadian Air Force's overall air power on missions at home and around the world.

As 12 Wing transitions from Sea Kings to operationally ready



## FMF Cape Scott celebrates 20th anniversary

**By Virginia Beaton,** Trident Staff

Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 4, 2016.

Six former Commanding Officers of the unit joined Cape Scott's current CO, Capt(N) Stephane Lafond, together with the unit's military and civilian personnel for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the event.

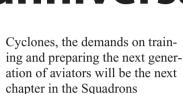
The former COs present for the event included Andy Smith, Rick Payne, Gerry Humby, Cmdre Michael Wood, Richard Gravel, and Gilles Hainse. Before the plaque was unveiled, the six former COs joined Capt(N) Lafond for a briefing in his conference room.

Following the plaque unveiling, Gerry Humby, the CO of the unit when it was stood up, noted that while there were challenges along the way, Cape Scott has continued to prove the value of what it brings to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Richard Gravel concurred with

Humby in his assessment of the unit. Now retired from the RCN, Gravel had not yet seen the Capt Bernard Leitch Johnson facility, the submarine and vessel maintenance facility that opened in 2014, but a tour was scheduled for that afternoon. "I'm really looking forward to seeing it," said Gravel.

A barbecue and a cake-cutting ceremony held at the Capt Bernard Leitch Johnson facility followed the plaque unveiling.



evolving history.

"You have the responsibility and the opportunity to create history and to be remembered for the foundational roll you will play in the development of the stated LCol Paul Saunders, Commanding Officer of 406 Sqn. An official ceremony will be held in the near future naming 406 Squadron's new home at 12 Wing Shearwater as the men and women carry on the proud tradition of a Squadron that dates back to the Second World War.

Maritime Helicopter story,"



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# 3rd annual Colour Me Green event spotlights mental health awareness

By Padre Lt(N) Michael MacIntyre,
BAdm

Everyone is familiar with how stoplights work: green means go; yellow, caution; and red, stop. But what would happen if people stopped noticing the change in those signals – what if people were unable to recognize those indications that they need to stop, or slow down? Of course, there would be a high number of accidents, of injuries, and thousands of people affected. Mental health may be understood along a similar continuum, stretching from green, to yellow, orange, and eventually red. Ignoring these indicators can have similar dramatic consequences. Yet, each and every day, members of the CAF slip out of their green place on their readiness level, and drop into yellow, or even red - and sometimes without even noticing. With a focus on recovering that level of readiness, fostering resiliency, and supporting the member, this year's Colour Me Green event was a resounding

Holistic health – mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual was the focus of the 2016 event held at 12 Wing Shearwater on May 5. Hosted by the MAR-LANT Social and Mental Wellbeing Working Group, the event featured guest speakers, heartfelt personal testimonies, entertainment from the Stadacona Band, and showcased more than twenty supporting agencies from both inside and outside the CAF, all aimed at providing support, eliminating stigma, and fostering community throughout CFB Halifax in order to promote and encourage a positive approach to maintaining a healthy person.

First conceptualized in 2013 by former CAF members, Colour



The 3rd Annual "Colour Me Green" Mental Health Awareness Week social and wellbeing working group held on May 5th, 2016 at the Sea King Club Junior Ranks Mess, 12 Wing Shearwater, NS.

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Me Green has grown into a basewide event focussed less on education or lecturing, and more towards positive personal growth and wellness. Representative groups supporting the MAR-LANT Health and Wellness Strategy spotlighted nutritional wellness, addiction-free living, active living, injury prevention, and social and mental wellbeing. CFB Halifax chaplains provided resources on spiritual health and role of the unit Padre. The MFRC provided a great deal of information for both members and their families, and other resources from the Road to Mental Readiness (R2MR) Program,

SISIP Financial, and even Paws Fur Thought provided information about their services and, in the latter case, some attention from Rocsie, a well-mannered therapy dog.

Without a doubt, maintaining overall positive health and wellness is quickly being recognized as one of the most insidious and pervasive challenges in the CAF. It affects our deployability, employability, and our physical resiliency; and even more critically, it affects the way we interact with our families, friends, and colleagues. The aim of Colour Me Green is both to raise awareness and lower stigma experience

by those struggling in their lives, and to remind everyone that they are not alone – that they are part of a larger family that looks after and cares for each other.

With testimonials from members representing a wide variety of military ranks and civilian positions, attendees were invited to look into someone else's life, and hear about how it is both difficult and necessary to access resources as needed, so that signs and symptoms of stress and self-destructive behaviours may be recognized and addressed. Guest speakers from several command groups illustrated the constantly adapting understand-

ing of how chains of command may better support their members who need it. Most of all, perhaps it is the dawning understanding that we are dependent on each other for our collective health, that was an overarching umbrella for the event. No one person is infallible or untouchable; but together, we may lift up each other and find strength in our shared experiences and resolve to be Green.

Keep watching for new information and initiatives from your MARLANT Health and Wellness groups, as new programs are developed, and previous successes are revisited.



## **Mexican Navy Tall Ship visits Halifax**

ARM Cuauhtémoc, a sail training vessel of the Mexican Navy, sails into Halifax Harbour on May 12, 2016. She is the last of four sister ships built in 1982, built similar to the 1930 designs of other well-known Tall Ships. Cuauhtémoc is a sailing ambassador for her home country and a frequent visitor to world ports, having sailed over 700,000 km in her 34 years of service.

John Clevett, Fis Halifax

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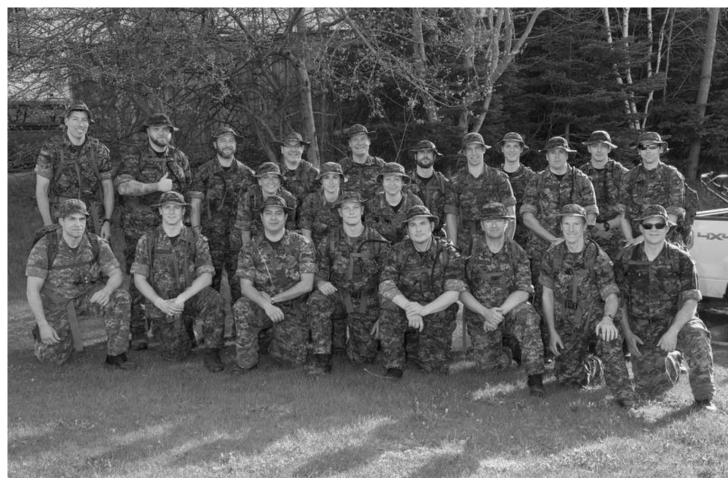
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## **MARLANT** team trains for the 100th Nijmegen Marches

By CPO2 Frank Patry, **CFNES Training Support Div** Cell Chief and Team Leader, Nijmegen 2016 Team MARLANT

The road to Nijmegen started back in February when a group of strangers responded to a call for volunteers for this prestigious, world class event. This unique challenge involves marching a total distance of 160 kilometres over four consecutive days. This march, referred to by the Dutch as Vierdaagse, dates back to 1909 when Dutch troops marched great distances as a means of increasing their physical fitness and stamina. This rigorous training has since evolved into the largest marching event in the world with over 40,000 civilians and 5,000 military marchers participating annually.

When MARLANT received the honour of being selected as one of the teams that will comprise this year's Canadian contingent; a beehive of activities started taking shape as every aspect was looked after such as advertising, administration, parking and budget to name a few but the most important by a long shot: training. Training for the Nijmegen Marches is carefully designed to condition the mind and increase physical stamina, requiring trainees to attend numerous marches of varying lengths. In order to do so, a marching schedule was devised along with nutrition, physiotherapy and general foot care lectures. These were added to help educate every applicant to mitigate any problems they might encounter along



CAF members from CFB Halifax are training in hopes of being selected for the MARLANT team for the 2016 Nijmegen March.. Front row: Lt Dean Clark, Cpl Cameron Appleby, MCpl Paul Loma, LS Arthur Colling, CPO2 Frank Patry, PO2 John Casey, PO2 Andrew Fletcher, PO2 Robert Peters. Centre: PO2 Shawna Hodge, Pte Emilie Paquet-Proulx, MS Jessica Harper. Rear: MCpl Shawn Beaton, LS Andre White, PO2 Jamie Fitzgerald, SLt Jamie Conrod, CPO2 Jim Pitt, LS Stewart Riggs, LS Dylan Tullis, Lt(N) Ryan Woodford, PO2 Ken Day, AB Christopher Andrews, and Cpl Travis Weir.

the way. Training is not easy by any means as participants often care for growing blisters and discover new aches and pains each week. But as training progresses, so is their resolve to persevere with the hope of being picked as one of the eight available spots on the team.

MARLANT team initially started with 41 applicants back in March and as of the first week of

May is now down to 22. These men and women are the most hardened and determined of the bunch and after six weeks of training, are well on their way to tackle the hardest and decisive part: the successful completion of the 2x40 km back-to-back march. Only when they have achieved this milestone will they find out if they made the team.

To become a MARLANT team

member, everything counts. Doing all the required marches is only one criterion, every applicant is also assessed against their peers on how much they help one another, the way they interact during marches, their level of enthusiasm as well as how they sing! Believe it or not but singing is a huge asset for any team to have when marching in Nijmegen as it breaks monotony, it passes

the time and revitalizes team spirit when needed the most. The more songs a team has in its back pocket, the better off they are. With MS Jessica Harper as my trusted 2I/C, we are looking forward to the challenge ahead next month and also very excited in deciding who will be part of this year's team. It will not be an easy decision I can tell you that

CPL J.W.S. HOUCK, FIS HALIFAX

## **Retired Master Bombadier ready** to tackle Nijmegen marches for milestone 20th time

By Ryan Melanson, Trident Staff

When MBdr(Ret'd) Jeremy Blackburn's boots hit the ground this July at the International Four Days Marches Nijmegen, it will be his 20th time participating in the gruelling test of endurance.

The largest marching and walking event in the world sees up to 40,000 people march for 40km per day for four days straight through the Netherlands, with thousands of spectators gathering to watch at various points, and as many as a million watching on TV. Blackburn marched in Nijmegen as a CAF member on 15 occasions, and has attended as a civilian since his retirement after 33 years of service.

And while the 160km of marching is a daunting task on its own, Blackburn has always brought his pipes along, putting in the extra effort of playing music to boost the morale of fellow marchers. There are stories of him piping nonstop for the entirety of the march in his earlier years.

"It's not true, but it was pretty close," he said.

He's also piped in official capacities at the Groesbeek War Cemetery as part of the march, as well as at the ceremony at Vimy Ridge in France annually attended by the CAF Nijmegen contingent.

He said the breath control required to march and pipe for long

periods is something he's accustomed to, as long as the bag is airtight, and that he's always found it rewarding that he's able to help lift the spirits of other marchers.

"It can really help get people's minds off the pain in their feet."

He proudly displays his large collection of medals handed out for completing the event, known as the Cross of the Four Days Marches, and eagerly awaits receiving his 20th. He also holds medals and badges from several other events, including the 100km Death March in Bornem, Belgi-

It was an adjustment to return to Nijmegen as a civilian after his retirement, and Blackburn said marching out of uniform didn't feel quite right. But he's learned to embrace the civilian side of the event, enjoying the opportunity to take things a bit lighter and appreciate the experience, though he

still marches in his issued boots. "There's a little more flexibility as a civilian. If it rains, you're allowed to get your umbrella out,"

Participating independently has also opened the door to fundraising for various causes through the march. Last year in Nijmegen, he raised money for an organization helping Tibetan refugees, and has raised funds in support of causes at various other marches and runs

To mark his 20th year, he still



MBdr(Ret'd) Jeremy Blackburn will be marching and piping at the International Four Days Marches in Nijmegen this July, aiming for his 20th time completing the event.

MEGHAN FASH/PSP HALIFAX

plans to pick a fundraising focus, but will also be commemorating his father's Second World War regiment, the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, through the four days.

"Many of my father's friends are buried at Groesbeek; my plan is to march playing the regimental tunes of my father's military past,"

"It's my intent to also be with MARLANT at the Canadian ceremony at Vimy Ridge, and to

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## Fitness and sports updates

By Trident Staff

There will be a Bike Rodeo on June 11, presented by PSP Community Recreation and the Halifax Military Police. The Military Police will be reviewing bike safety, helmet safety and the rules of the road. Bring your bike and complete our bike course to test your skills! The event will also feature a bounce castle and face painting! Bring the family for a morning of fun, and door prizes. The location is the Shearwater Fitness, Sports and Recreation Centre Parking Lot from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration not required bring a friend. For more information contact Heather Arbour at heather.arbour@forces.gc.ca

The Navy Tridents Triathlon and Duathlon takes place on June 5, 2016 at the Shearwater Fitness, Sports and Recreation

Centre. We will be hosting three races which will be a Sprint Triathlon, a Try-a-Tri Triathlon, and a Duathlon. It is a great way to get started in the sport of Triathlon for first timers, and an excellent way to see how you stack up against the competition after a long winter for more seasoned racers. For more information or to register, please visit https:// raceroster.com/events/2016/8156/ tridents-triathlon-and-duathlon

A Health and Wellness Spin-

a-thon at STADPLEX from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 is presented by PSP and QHM on behalf of CCFL and in support of the MARLANT Health and Wellness Strategy, Bike Week and June is Recreation month. The event is open to all military units in Stadacona, HMC Dockyard and Shearwater. Team size is a maximum of 14, may be mixed from different units. For more info and to register, contact Briana.plante@forces.gc.ca

The Halifax Mariners Female Softball Team is seeking new players this summer. All skill levels welcome. No experience required. Practices will take place at the Shearwater Field Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 4:30 p.m. Don't be deterred by the practice times; it is fully understood that people are busy in their jobs, and cannot always get away. If you have an interest in playing or have any questions with regard to the team, please contact one of the following: Cindy Hawkins at Cindy.Hawkins@forces.gc.ca; Kayla Lamb at Kayla.Lamb@forces.gc.ca; or Shaunda Lillington at Shaunda.Lillington@forces.gc.ca.

If you are interested in playing pickup soccer on Porteous Field in Stadacona from 11:30

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## Meet your PSP Fitness and Sports staff: Rocky Thorne

By Ryan Melanson, Trident Staff

Those who use the STADPLEX gym facilities likely know Rocky Thorne for his friendly greetings each evening at the front desk, but may not know that his involvement in the CAF and military sports dates back nearly 50 years.

It began as an Ordinary Seaman serving as a cook in HMCS Bonaventure in the late 60s. Thorne was known for being quite a good golfer, and word of his skills eventually reached VAdm Chuck Thomas, a national champion golfer

"Two days later, as an Ordinary Seaman, I flew to Holland with him to play golf. It was a pretty interesting career after that," Thorne said.

While the cooking trade took him to bases across the country and saw him temporarily switch

to both the RCAF and Army uniforms, it was sports that became the dominant theme of his long career.

Whether it was hockey, boxing, fastpitch, golf or other sports, he played hard at every base he was posted to, participating and winning in too many regional and national championships to count. His love for sport brought some unusual scenarios as well; anyone onboard Bonaventure will likely remember the time Thorne welcomed civilian Clifford Johnson from Eastern Passage onto the aircraft carrier for a boxing match.

"I got pummelled, in front of my whole ship's company. That was my last boxing match," he said while laughing.

"I say my whole military career was honestly a sports scholarship, and it was just fantastic."

Thorne's love of sports also

made the move to PSP a natural fit for him. While his age meant it was time to retire from the CAF as a PO1, he had no desire to leave the military environment behind.

"The military was my life and it really still is. I simply love and adore the military structure. And I promote it here at the front desk," he said.

He's also volunteered his time to support CAF sports, specifically women's hockey. He began coaching the Mariners Hockey Team in 2006, building a program that took five straight regional championships, winning two national titles as well. He was already a high-level hockey referee at the time, but coaching was a new avenue.

"That really opened up a door for me and became a passion of mine. I started recruiting players all over the base," he said. The experience also

PSP Halifax employee Rocky Thorne joined the CAF in 1967 and still loves to be part of the military community.

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led to the opening of Rocky's Hockey School at the Shearwater rink, which still hosts up to 40 members of all trades and ranks on Saturday nights. Current Base Commander Capt(N) Chris Sutherland is a regular

participant, he said.

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As he reflects on five decades of working for or supporting the Forces, he admits it wasn't easy. While his service brought him around the globe, with experiences like deploying to the Middle East during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, stressful situations led to problems down the road. Like many, he suffered with PTSD and anxiety issues for years before identifying the problem and beginning treatment.

"I've been seeing a psychologist for the last two years, and it really has helped. I'm a much better person now. People need to get help for this," he said.

He and his wife of 44 years are considering their next steps and a full retirement, but Rocky can still be found weeknights at STADPLEX for the time being, always ready to chat and encourage the next generation of CAF athletes.

## Fitness update

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a.m. to 12:30 p.m., please contact Kevin Jack at Kevin.Jack@forces.gc.ca. Each morning that the field conditions and the weather allow for soccer, Kevin will ask who is available to play via email. If we have eight or more people able to play an email will be sent no later than 10:30 a.m. informing you that soccer is on.

We are looking for players / goalies for our Base Ball Hockey Team. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 3 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Shearwater Arena. The league: Molson Ball Hockey League, one evening per week (times vary). Regionals are June 20-24, 2016 in Shearwater. Nationals are a lot earlier this year, July 23-28 in Borden. For more information, please contact Jonathan Berg, Fitness and Sports Coordinator, CFB Halifax at Jonathan.berg@forces.gc.ca or telephone 902-721-8418.

The Formation Halifax Women's Soccer team is looking for players this season. Practice times and dates are TBD once the season starts up. Regionals will be held here in Halifax August 8-12, 2016. All interested participants are asked to contact PO2 Darcy Webb at Darcy.Webb@forces.gc.ca in order to register. Golf playdowns will occur at Hartlen Point Golf Club from June 6-8.

Members need to be available for all three days of competition. Any interested members must

also have written approval from their CoC to attend Regionals that will occur the following week, June 12-16 in 14W Green-

The CFB Halifax women's slo-pitch team is looking for a coach/assistant coach. The time commitment is a game and a practice or two each week. Please forward your coaching resume to



Margaret Craig at Margaret.craig@forces.gc.ca

**COTW Ball Hockey** will take place June 6-10 in Shearwater Arena. Deadline to submit a team is NLT 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 31.

The noon recreational bowling league is at the base gym bowling alley every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



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lay a wreath for my father's fellow soldiers killed in the Netherlands."

Though he'll be 65 years old for his 20th attempt, Blackburn said he won't stop there. He's become part of the long-distance marching culture, and said most who get hooked on the Nijmegen event have a goal in mind. For Blackburn, that goal is to receive the medal marking 25 marches completed before he considers hanging up his boots.

For CAF personnel looking to build their own collection of Nijmegen medals or anyone training for the first time, Blackburn said perseverance is key. Even for MARLANT members who may not be picked as a member of the team on the first attempt, he said to not get discouraged and seek out other marches in preparation for the next year.

And if you're lucky enough to make it to the Four Days Marches, his advice is to train hard, stay focused and take Advil.

"That's the only way to survive," he said.

## Promoting Health and Wellness at the Unit Level



By Melanie Bower, **Health Promotion Specialist** 

With smiles on their faces and the sun in their eyes, members from the Shearwater Base Orderly Room (BOR) head out for an early morning run. A Unit Health Promotion Rep for the past six years, MCpl Stephanie Ricard has been a passionate role model and advocate for the benefits of investing in your health and wellness at both the individual and unit level. I had the pleasure of sitting down to speak with her and the added benefit of taste testing the homemade smoothies. I left, inspired and grateful for her enthusiasm and a great recipe for Clean Date Squares that I made the next day. Yummy!

Q. Where do you work and what is your position?

A. I am a Resource Management Support (RMS) Clerk at the BOR in Shearwater. I am second in command (2IC) of TCVC

(Training Compliance Verification Cell) and currently acting

Q. What inspired you to host unit runs and smoothie making?

A. Sharing this passion with other people is very important as sometimes people want to make changes, but don't know where to start. Getting people involved in something simple like a morning run is a great way to begin.

Q. As a result of interest in these runs, are you planning to offer more?

A. This was the second time we hosted a run and post-run smoothie and it's been much appreciated. As a result of this high interest, I've decided to lead a Learn to Run Program, in partnership with PSP Health Promotion Services and Fitness and Sports. It begins May 16 in Shearwater and is a true learn to run. I'm looking forward to introducing or reintroducing people to running in a safe and supportive

Q. What other things does your Unit do to promote an environment of health and wellness?

A. We participate in the annual CAF Health and Wellness Chal-



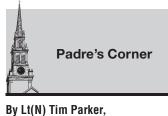
lenge and organize healthy potlucks. I like to bring in healthy snacks that I bake myself and share the recipes. A few people have purchased a Fit Bit and have a challenge between them. It's all about sharing and

getting people involved. We also got rid of the canteen. Q. What advice would you

give other Unit Health Promotion Reps who are thinking about hosting health and wellness activities at their Units/Ships/Squad-

A. Get started today. Talk to the people in your unit and see what they need. You only need to make the difference in one person's life to initiate the change. A small change can go a long way.

## Achieving spiritual resilience



BAdm Chaplain

The Royal Canadian Chaplain Service recently published a small and very interesting flipbook entitled Achieving Spiritual Resilience (ASR) for the use of all CAF members. All of us know that resiliency has become a key component of evolving CAF personnel doctrine. The Afghanistan experience has reminded us of the great human cost of ill and injured personnel; and the high number of repatriations on Naval deployments has likewise made us reconsider what it means to be fit and ready for active duty. The Chaplaincy has contributed its doctrine of spiritual resiliency to this effort. Much of it is boiled down to bite-sized information in the ASR flipbooks, which are available from the chaplains at S90 or D166. (Get yours before they're

Wisdom abounds in the ASR flipbook. Its premise is that intentionally developing our spirituality and spiritual resilience will help to make us healthy and whole and will contribute to our overall resiliency when we face serious personal and military challenges. We should strive to be whole and healthy people in the first place rather than always be trying to heal. To be whole and healthy is what ASR calls Total Well-Being, a balance of four dimensions in human experience: spiritual, physical, social, and emotional.

I'll go out on a limb and say that of the four, the dimension

that is most overlooked is the spiritual. Though spirituality may be a slippery concept, ASR defines it as "the driving force to total well-being. It refers to your value system (ethics, moral compass), your search for meaning and purpose in life and experiences, and connectedness with others." Furthermore, spirituality "is the part of us that connects us to our state of mind, being and place, and gives us a sense of belonging and purpose." ASR then defines spiritual resilience as "the ability to recover the emotional, psychological and physical strength required to adjust to adversity or a traumatic change... the fortitude to bounce back from difficult experiences." It is like the principle of adaptand-overcome, applied to our own human struggles.

Do we see the implication? We

must have an intentional, developed spirituality of our own in order to achieve overall resiliency. In order to achieve Total Well-Being, the spiritual, physical, social, and emotional dimensions of human experience must be developed and be in balance. ASR suggests many practical ways to "exercise each dimension of your being and maintain a balance between them." When this balance is achieved, a service member will have developed spiritual resilience and will "stay focused and weather all types of stress, from financial or domestic concerns to the strain of active duty." We cannot avoid great and serious challenges in our personal lives and in our military service but we must still be able to fight the ship, regardless of the combat situation or personal circumstance.

The ASR flipbook is a primer on health and human wholeness. It proposes that spirituality is an indispensable part. In posing various questions of meaning, value, transcendence, and connection, the flipbook asks a fundamental question: "What makes us different from machines, insects or plants?" It proposes the following answer: "We are conscious of our own existence and have the ability to seek spiritual awareness and growth. We have the ability to develop a spiritual skill set." The distinguishing feature of humanity, therefore, is our spiritual capacity. I heartily recommend the ASR flipbook to anyone who wants to be intentional about healthy development as a complete human person as well as a strong military instrument for the Canadian Armed Forces.

## **SOT National Summer Camp program for dependants of**

**By CFMWS** 

Through the Support Our Troops Program, which is supported by donations from individual Canadians, proceeds from third party events and contributions from external charitable foundations, thousands of military children have been able to enjoy a weeklong camp experience.

This year (2016) represents the third year of the Support Our Troops National Summer Camp Program whereby eligible de-

pendants of military families will be able to receive funding for a week-long residential or day camp experience at an accredited camp of their choice. The following are eligible for the Program: a. dependants of deceased CAF members;

b. dependants of ill/injured members of the CAF, being supported through the JPSU/IPSCs;

c. dependants of CAF members who are currently deployed, on a prolonged course/training program, or serving away from their families; and special needs chil-

12. RuthÕs mother-in-law

14. Performer \_\_ Lo Green

dren of CAF members.

Further to the eligibility criteria above, there may be unique or exceptional circumstances that would warrant a local military family benefitting from a summer camp experience. Base/Wing Commanders may nominate such families through an email forwarded to camps@cfmws.com for consideration.

As a minimum, a nomination should include details of the family along with the rationale for their inclusion within this program. CFMWS commits to

providing a prompt reply to such nominations.

Families with eligible dependents may be reimbursed up to \$700 for a week-long accredited residential camp, or up to \$400 for a week-long accredited day camp. In addition, CAF families with children of special needs may be reimbursed up to \$1,100 at an accredited residential or day camp facility for up to one week.

Online registration for the 2016 Program began on April 1 at www.supportourtroops. ca. All applications will be reviewed to

confirm eligibility and camp accreditation. A grant approval notice will be issued to the applicant within 72 hours of successful submission. Applications without a CFOne number cannot be processed. Applicants (legal guardian and child(ren)) are required to state their CFOne card number on their registration form. To apply for a CFOne card please visit www.cflfc. ca. Grants will be provided to applicants upon receipt of a final camp invoice and proof that the child has attended camp.

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43. Semites

vegetables

45. Entertains

53. Spanish city

54. Search

41. Candy is inside this

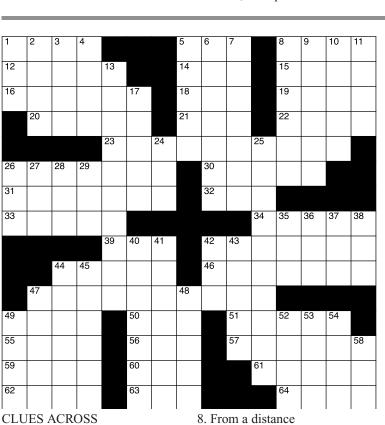
42. Verizon bought them

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49. Unresolved root or sum of

52. Invests in little enterprises

48. Town in Apulia, Italy



1. Businessmen

5. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

15. Drug for Parkinson's disease,

16. Composure

18. Broadcasts cartoons (abbr.)

19. Used for baking or drying

20. About alga

21. Food grain

22. Not messy

23. Super Bowl-winning Bronco 26. Egg-shaped wind instrument

30. Get rid of

31. Being enthusiastic 32. A birdÕs beak

33. Pores in a leaf

34. Time of life

39. Yuppie status symbol

42. Parasitic fever

44. Gallantry 46. Put this in soup

47. Small dog

49. Malay people 50. Third-party access

51. North winds 55. Peruvian mountain

56. Annual percentage rate 57. Mourning garments

60. Guided 61. Nests of pheasants

59. Network of nerves

62. DJ Rick

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2. \_\_ Nui, Easter Island

3. Cotton pod 4. Air pollution

5. The real \_\_\_, the genuine article

6. Taken to 7. Holds artificial teeth

8. Greek mythical figure 9. Small depressions in the retina

10. Vertical position

11. Shout at length

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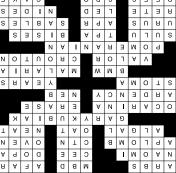
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