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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- RCN Designation is restored
- Canadian Navy Divers with the Rich and Famous

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FROM: NDHQ VCDS OTTAWA
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SUBJ: RESTORING THE HISTORIC NAMES OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY,

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SUBJECT: RESTORING THE HISTORIC NAMES OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, THE CANADIAN ARMY AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

1. THE CDS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS RESTORING THE HISTORIC NAMES OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY (RCN), THE CANADIAN ARMY (CA), AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE (RCAF)
2. THE INITIATIVE TO RESTORE THE HISTORIC NAMES OF CANADA'S THREE FORMER SERVICES IS AIMED AT RESTORING AN IMPORTANT AND RECOGNIZABLE PART OF CANADA'S MILITARY HERITAGE. THESE WERE THE SERVICES THAT FOUGHT AND EMERGED VICTORIOUS FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND KOREA AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEFENCE OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE COLD WAR. THESE WERE ALSO THE SERVICES THAT PAVED THE WAY IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING MISSIONS
3. THE CHANGE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY RENAMING THE THREE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMANDS. MARITIME COMMAND WILL BE NAMED THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY. LAND FORCE COMMAND WILL BE NAMED THE CANADIAN ARMY AND AIR COMMAND WILL BE NAMED THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE. IN THIS WAY WE WILL REGAIN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COLLECTIVE HERITAGE WITHIN A UNIFIED EFFECTIVE CANADIAN FORCES COMMAND STRUCTURE
4. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE PROMULGATED BY YOUR RESPECTIVE CHAINS OF COMMAND AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE
5. FOR GREATER CERTAINTY, ALL CURRENT RESPECTIVE COMMAND ORDERS, RULES, DIRECTIVES, INSTRUCTIONS OR SIMILAR INSTRUMENTS REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL AMENDED TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE OF THE COMMAND



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National Updates by Chuck Rolfe

UNDERWATER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

The Ottawa Citizen of 27th August 2011 States Canada's Military wants the Federal Government to take part in rebuilding the Underwater Surveillance System, much like those we established in Shelburne NS and in Argentia NL during the Cold War years. It would mean establishing sensor arrays also to cover the Arctic, as the Prime Minister promised in 2005/06, to detect the movement of foreign submarines. It was noted that we do not currently have arctic sensors in place, although the Defence Research and Development Canada is conducting experiments on sensors up there. The United States is the leader in the Global Underwater Surveillance System involving specialized vessels and other sensors scattered around the various oceans. Canada's participation in the global network, called the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System, is down to a 36 person detachment in Washington State. Senior Officers of the Royal Canadian Navy (great name that!) have already had discussions with their counterparts in the Royal Navy and the US Navy about the need to co-operate more on underwater surveillance.

PERTH MILITARY MUSEUM

The President of the Ottawa Chapter, Wally Green and Chuck Rolfe travelled to Perth ON to check out some diving gear that the Curator, Terry O'Hearn wanted identified in their Military Museum, located on the top floor of the Legion. It was positively identified as a CDBA set utilized by the RCN in the 1960's to 1980's. Also, in a diving exhibit, was a double hose regulator and a Divers knife donated by a Lt. Chuck then donated a single and a double hose regulator, and anti-magnetic knife, a wetsuit and some other gear to make the diving display a bit more eye-catching. This Museum has quite a large amount of RCN memorabilia on display, and is worthy of anyone going into Perth to drop in during the afternoon hours.

SURPLUS HMCS OJIBWAY SUBMARINE

Ottawa member, Donald Courcy has been keeping us aware of 3 decommissioned submarines (ex RN HMS OLYMPUS, ex RCN HMCS OKANAGAN & ex RCN HMCS OJIBWA) being towed by Tugs and Floating Drydock from Halifax to ports on Lake Erie for disposal. The first two are going for scrap in Port Maitland, while the OJIBWA is sold for \$1.00 to the Elgin Military Museum (St. Thomas ON), and will be established on a cradle in Port Burwell ON, on the shores of Lake Erie. Chuck Rolfe was in contact with the Elgin Military Museum Curator/CEO, Ian Raven to offer our aid in any way we can. Chuck contacted his Member of Parliament, Gordon O'Connor (the ex Minister of National Defence), and another local MP, Scott Reid, both of whom promised to get things moving quicker, as DND and Crown Assets were moving too slow in officially turning the OJIBWA over to the Museum. The Curator is most interested in having an RCN diving exhibit included in their St. Thomas Museum, or perhaps at the OJIBWA site. Chuck will be meeting Ian Raven in November to discuss this situation, and possibly donate his last set of 72" doubles to them.

Subject: Elgin Military Museum, Submarine & Naval Diving
16 August 2011

To: Ian Raven, Executive Director/Curator Elgin Military Museum:

After talking to the Constituency Manager for Gordon O'Connor MP (Carleton-Mississippi Mills), he discussed the issue of supporting Project Ojibwa for your Museum with Gordon, who then talked with Elgin-Middlesex-London Conservative MP, Joe Preston who is the lead political person in your area with this Project. Gordon stated that it appears that Joe has it well in hand, and that he would then support Joe's endeavours fully. No word yet from my other Member of Parliament, Scott Reid MP for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, however I suspect we will get the same response from him. It is good that all 3 MP's are Conservatives, as it would be fairly simple in supporting Project Ojibwa between them.

I note that the first submarine, HMS OLYMPUS is already in Hamilton, Ontario awaiting the scrap yard, the second submarine, HMCS OKANAGAN is being towed to Hamilton (reaching Montreal tonight) and that the one allocated for the Museum, HMCS OJIBWA will be towed after the Tug & Floating Drydock returns to Halifax for it.

I checked the bowels of my basement and note that I still have a double set of steel diving cylinders and a miniature diving helmet, which I could eventually get down to you in St. Thomas. I go down to see my relatives(who live in St. Thomas/London/Shedden area)in late October, or early November and could bring them down then, or talk to you about a Naval Diving display at that time. Additionally, Norm Herd, CNDA National President residing in Ayr, Ontario may contact you about going over to St. Thomas to discuss this with you. I am certain that we could obtain enough Naval Diver artifacts in a reasonable time period from our members to allow you to prepare a good exhibit.

Best regards, Chuck Rolfe, CNDA National Sec/Treas.

To: Tim Flath, CNDA Webmaster:

With regards to your emails on CNDA support for deceased members We inform you that, after discussions with CNDA Chapter Directors Andre Desrochers, Wally Green, President Norm Herd and Sec/Treas Chuck Rolfe, the following Temporary Policy towards financial support for deceased CNDA Members will be in effect immediately, until it is brought forth for discussion and approval at the next Board of Directors meeting in Halifax NS at the September 2012 Reunion.

When a CNDA Member passes away, and assistance may be required or requested of the Association, it may be supported by the Chapter(s) involved and/or CNDA National, within reason.

When considering what reasonable response might be by CNDA, consideration should be given to the following, specially as it relates to a Reception:

1. The family's wishes
2. How the Chapter's may contribute
3. Who and where the people organizing the event are
4. The time the deceased was a CNDA Member

While there are no hard and fast rules as to financial contributions by the Association, it is suggested funds in the amount between \$100.00 and \$300.00 may be appropriate, giving consideration to Items 1 to 4 above, i.e. the family may look after all requirements, etc.

For information concerning what the Canadian Armed Forces requirements are for official Burial at Sea of former members, go to our Website navydiver.ca and click on "In Memorium", scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Funerals, Burials and Grave Registrations, up will come CFAO 24-5 which provides all data necessary to apply for Burial at Sea by the deceased member's family.

Chuck Rolfe, CNDA National Sec/Treas.

Photos of Interest



Milt Skaalrud's Home when the designation RCN was Re-Instituted



YMT 8 & 11

Back Row / Unknown - Dave Pilot - Unknown - Kieth Jamieson - Unknown - Paul Passero - Unknown - Unknown - Unknown - Pat Connelly - Jack Lewis - Unknown.

Front Row / Butch Bouchard - Jim Balmforth - Bob Coren - (The Bear) Gingras- Vern Melenson - Bill Mallot - Roger Giroux

Photo kindly provided by jack Lewis

Divers Side by Side with the Rich and Famous



Bruce Irwin with Gene Simmons Family Jewels Family



The Great One with the UXO Crew in Hawaii

Domestic Exercises: Navy divers, a league of their own, leagues under the sea

It's 7:00h in early March at a dive site approximately 100 km off the coast of Newfoundland. A team of Navy divers prepare for the first dive of the day into the icy waters of the North Atlantic. The team's mission is to locate a sunken ship on the ocean floor and retrieve a large stash of cocaine hidden in its cargo area. It is suspected that the ship's crew were attempting to smuggle this stash into Canada, but had to abandon the ship when it struck an iceberg, took on water, and sank quickly. The diving crew begin their dive. They are hoping to find the ship's hull intact, as this would help speed-up the retrieval operation. But there's a surprise waiting for them. As the doomed ship sank, it was hit by a second iceberg below the ocean surface. The second collision tore the hull wide open, leaving a wake of twisted metal across a large area of the ocean floor. Awaiting the divers at roughly 50 metres below the surface is a graveyard of twisted metal, the tattered ship's hull emerging out of the dark waters like giant steel claws barbed with razor-like shrapnel. The team moves-in on the wreck, taking great care to navigate around the carnage that surrounds them. At this depth and in these frigid waters, one mistake—one miscalculated move—could have lethal consequences for any member of the diving team. Bumping into the hull could cause sections of the ship to collapse, or a diver's rebreather apparatus could be severed easily on the wickerwork of metal fragments, spilled cargo and wreckage that surrounds them. The operation proceeds slowly.

Three days and six dives later, the team has found the hidden contraband cargo and has delivered it to the surface. Federal Crown prosecutors can move ahead with their case against the smugglers. Mission accomplished. For the crew, it's all just another day on the job as Navy divers.

This story—one that took place just a few years ago—is the kind of adventure and risk that Navy divers face every day in their line of work. It's a demanding job and one where skills are not measured in diving or swimming ability alone. According to Lieutenant-Commander Robert Gwalchmai (Officer Commanding, Experimental Diving Unit), the Canadian Navy takes pride in the fact that its divers are professionals with many skills. They come from all trades—from ship mechanics to cooks, from weaponeers to radio operators. And when a service-person first becomes a diver, this becomes his or her second full-time job on top of the duties performed aboard a ship.

There are three kinds of divers in the Canadian Navy. The first are clearance divers. “These are the Navy’s elite professionals,” explains LCdr Gwalchmai, “and for good reason, since they must carry out the riskiest assignments, often under difficult circumstances.” These divers are trained to perform all kinds of underwater tasks, including repairs to ships and conducting salvage operations (such as the example in the opening section of this article). But one of their most important duties to which a diver must attend is mine countermeasures (MCM)—which is polite talk for “bomb disposal.” Says LCdr Gwalchmai: “a clearance diver has to possess extraordinary physical and mental agility to handle this kind of work. Neutralizing a mine can be tasking enough, but add about 100 metres of water over your head, and it adds a whole new dimension of risk to the challenge.”

Clearance divers are assisted in their work by the two other types of Navy divers: ship’s-team, and naval reserve divers. Ship’s-team divers are found on every warship. They are trained in SCUBA and assist the clearance divers by checking waters around a vessel for previously unspotted ordinance. Since this group is the proving-ground from which clearance divers are selected, ship’s-team divers sometimes provide direct assistance to clearance divers in a mission.

Similarly, naval reserve divers participate in ordinance recognition and complementary clearance, performing underwater inspections of port and harbour facilities, search and rescue operations, and identification of surface and underwater ordinance.

While clearance divers are described as the elite group, a look at the cumulative total of divers (clearance, ship’s-team and reserve combined) in the Canadian Navy suggests that all divers belong to a special group. There are a total of 450 divers currently in service in the Navy, of which 150 are clearance divers, 200 are ship’s-team, and 100 are reservists.

Training to become a diver is as rigorous as the job of being a diver. This is especially true of the program for clearance divers. Starting with a two-week preliminary course, out of a classroom of 30 candidates, only about a dozen will be selected. What follows after candidate selection is an eight to ten-month course with in-depth training on the use and skills of SCUBA and rebreather apparatus, working with special underwater repair and construction tools. Divers learn precise skills about handling ordinance and defusing underwater mines. They also learn general seamanship skills, as well as diving physics and physiology. Hence the training requires that divers have a firm grasp of both the theoretical as well as the physical dynamics of working and swimming in deep water.

“Because we have so few people in the Navy,” explains LCdr Gwalchmai, “it’s important that every member’s skills be used to the fullest.” That’s why all clearance divers are trained not only in bomb disposal, but in ship repair as well. “It takes a long time to dry-dock a ship,” says the Lieutenant Commander. “Fixing a propeller underwater versus dry dock is a difference between days and weeks. In fact, I’ve seen a team of divers replace two propellers on a destroyer in about a weekend.”

Like all parts of the Canadian Forces, the Navy and its divers always stand ready to provide aid to civilian tragedies. One example was the Swissair 111 crash off the coast of Nova Scotia on September 2, 1998. To provide assistance and salvage support, the Navy provided 140 clearance divers—almost its entire staff—as well as the HMCS PROTECTEUR, RHIBS and Zodiacs and various forms of support ashore.

Risk and adventure go hand-in-hand for Navy divers. Whether their mission is in Canada’s coastal waters or at far away locations in the waters of the Persian Gulf or the Indian Ocean, these professionals can be counted on to deliver nothing short of excellence every time.

That’s just the way things are done in Canada’s Navy.

Shared Missives



From: Mark Oliver: Training Chief at FDU(P)

Guy's there's a lot of great CD grad class shots and I would very much appreciate some names to go with the photo's for the FDU(P) Training Office hall that has the most up to date photo's of all classes going back through the years. We haven't got many of these older ones. I was very impressed how the SAR school in Comox had photos of all their SAR grad classes even going back to when they were called Para Rescue, complete with all names. I know we could do the same so please have a look through Tim's photos online and if you could tag some with names that would really help. I've never seen some of these old photo's before. Excellent Tim, as usual!!

Thanks, Mark.

PS Looking at the old photo's of ourselves doesn't help the ego much, except Black Jack K and Rotten Ron, they haven't changed!



From: Bob Smith
 To: Mark Simonsen
 Subject: UWWP

MARK

This UWWP trade was the old underwater weapons trade. it was not a pre curser to any of the diving trades. The trade had nothing to do with diving whatsoever. The trade had to do with anti submarine weapons. re (SQUID BOMBS) and before that the (HEDGE HOG). The squid bombs were fired from a mortar well located just below the quarter deck. The hatch covers were removed and the three mortar tubes were loaded and them fired at a sonar target. This was my trade before becoming a CLEARANCE DIVER.

Hope this helps MARK.

BOB SMITH
 FORMER LS CD. 3

 Thanks Bob;

It is always very interesting to see how things were organized in the past and how they have evolved or changed into what we have at the present. A few years ago General Hillier wanted an Amphibious capability and was seriously looking at " a Big Honkin Ship" to land his troops. SCF (Standing Contingency Force) was stood up and this started us cutting away 8 CDs into an experimental beach clearance team with the Maritime Amphibious Unit (MAU) as part of the SCF. The Army would not supply us or commit to tasking a security team with us as Force Protection so the Admiral said "Fine! I will make my own SEAL Team!" As well as investigating covert Beach Recce, Survey and Clearance, the unit sent 4 Clearance Divers to start a Parachute Program as an insertion method far ahead of the task group for recce purposes. In 6 weeks, 3 weeks in Arnprior just outside Ottawa and 3 weeks in Daytona Beach Florida, the men had completed over 100 Free fall jumps each from 10,000 feet and One hour each in a wind tunnel. One of the Army Pathfinders embedded with the MAU was amazed/impressed and he stated that it took him over 12 years with the Pathfinders before he got 100 jumps.

We had started diving a new chest mounted rebreather (S24) good for O2 Swims along with a Very Shallow Water (VSW) Capability to 24 metres with 60/40 mix. The MAU was then planning small weapons training/crew fired weapons training along with patrolling, escape and evasion, when funding was cut, in the second year, due to our involvement in Afghanistan being a bigger priority and all resources were needed for that.

The young guys especially were really looking forward to this exciting new part of our trade when everything came to a screeching halt. We are still keeping up some of the Basic Recce Skills by putting guys on a 6 week course in Gagetown with 2 RCR. This could all start up again in the future if the CF wants this capability so you never know what the future holds for the trade yet!

Cheers
 Mark Simonsen
 CPO1 (now Lieutenant(N))
 Then FDUA Coxswain



CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM

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UNCLAS CANFORGEN 111/11 CMP 054/11

SUBJ: LAUNCH OF THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM

BILINGUAL MESSAGE/ MESSAGE BILINGUE

1. ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, THE HONOURABLE PETER MACKAY, AND THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF, GEN NATYNCZYK, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE CANADIAN FORCES (CF) APPRECIATION PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE 23 JUNE 2011. THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE THE CF COMMUNITY WITH ACCESS TO A WIDE ARRAY OF INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL DISCOUNTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, WITH EMPHASIS ON LEISURE TRAVEL, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS FAMILY HOLIDAY PACKAGES, AND MANY OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES OF INTEREST

2. CF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH ACCESS TO THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

CURRENTLY SERVING REGULAR FORCE AND RESERVE FORCE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FORMER CF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF DND, OF THE NON-PUBLIC FUNDS, AND OF THE CF, AND FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING WITH THE CF

3. THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM CAN BE ACCESSED PRIMARILY ONLINE AT

WWW.CFAPPRECIATION.CA. INITIALLY, THIS WEBSITE WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

A. THE CF R AND R CLUB PROVIDES ACCESS TO TIMESHARE VACATION RENTALS AT HIGHLY DISCOUNTED PRICES. THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB, A PRODUCT OF WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE, SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS AT 3,500 RESORTS, APARTMENTS, CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMES IN MORE THAN 80 COUNTRIES WILL BE OFFERED TO THE CF COMMUNITY AT COMPETITIVE PRICES. FROM SANDY BEACHES TO SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS, THE CF R AND R CLUB PROVIDES UNIQUE, WELL-DESERVED AND WELL-PRICED VACATION ACCOMODATIONS AND

B. CF DISCOUNTS, WHICH ARE EXPLAINED BELOW

4. THE DISCOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE TO CF COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGH THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM BUILD ON THE SUCCESSES OF THE CANEX DISCOUNT PROGRAM (CDP) AS WELL AS ON LOCAL DISCOUNT PROGRAMS OPERATED BY MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRES AND LOCAL COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS. ALL DISCOUNTS THAT WERE FORMERLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CDP HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE BROADENED AND ENHANCED SELECTION OF DISCOUNTS OFFERED BY THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM

5. DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING EIGHT CATEGORIES:

A. ACCOMMODATIONS

B. ATTRACTIONS

C. ENTERTAINMENT

D. DINING

E. HOME LIFESTYLE

F. SHOPS AND SERVICES

G. TRANSPORTATION AND

H. TRAVEL

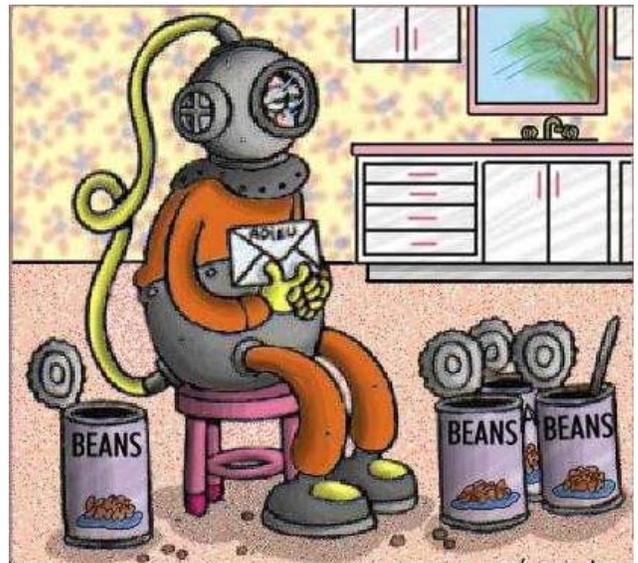
6. IN PREPARATION FOR THE LAUNCH, THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM HAS FOCUSED ON OFFERING DISCOUNTS FOR ATTRACTIONS ACROSS CANADA AND IN THE USA. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT USERS CHECK THE SITE OFTEN, AS DISCOUNTS, CONTESTS AND SPECIAL OFFERS WILL BE ADDED FREQUENTLY. THE WEBSITE ALSO PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FEEDBACK IN ORDER THAT THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM MAY EVOLVE TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE CF COMMUNITY

7. ADMINISTERED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PERSONNEL AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, MR. D.E. MARTIN, THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM AIMS TO ENHANCE THE MORALE AND WELFARE OF CF COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY PROVIDING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REST, RECREATION, AND STRENGTHENING OF FAMILY BONDS

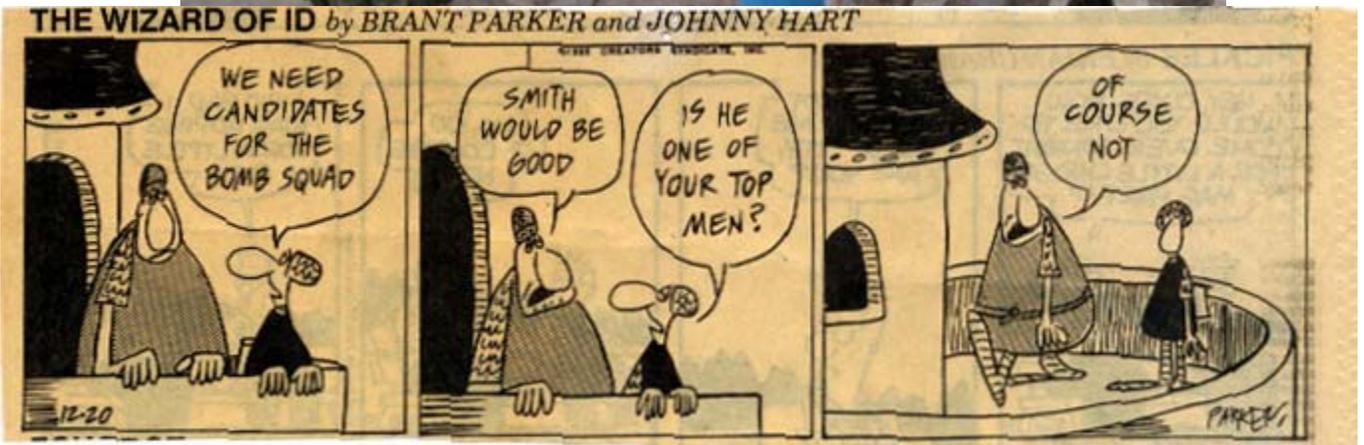
8. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CFAPPRECIATION.CA OR CONTACT COLIN BAYNE AT BAYNE.COLIN (AND SIGN)CFPSA.COM

9. SIGNED BY RADM A. SMITH, CMP

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The mission of the Canadian Naval Divers Association (CNDA) is to keep Naval Divers, both Serving and Retired, informed and aware of what is happening within CNDA and other matters pertaining to Service Diving in Canada. It is also intended to keep everyone in touch with others of the diving community who may have been friends and diving team members from those tremendous days of service in our past.

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Editor's 10 Foot Stop

This issue marks the sixth Dippers Digest that I've been editor for and I have to say it has been an honour and a privilege to put it together although at times it has, admittedly, been a rush job. This month has been no exception given that my day job with the UXO Program keeps me very busy indeed. I seem to blink twice and before I know it I seem to be staring down yet another deadline. September is particular rough since it is normally our busy field season. This year has been no exception with a shipwreck project on the west coast of Vancouver Island staring me down on a daily basis. I will save the outcome of that one for a future article as it's a very relevant one to the association.

Since the last digest was published we saw the graduation of yet another Clearance Diver course on the west coast and I must say they are a great group of guys this year. I had the honour and privilege of finally donning a Mark V helmet and taking the plunge with them (hence the new editor's photo to the right). It is one of those things that I can say I have finally checked off a big item on my bucket list and it was with great thanks to CPO2 Rob DeProy, his father and the CD class that made my year.

Lastly I have to make mention of a more solemn event that took place at FDU(P) this summer. On 27 July the family of Pat Connelly made a last journey to sea with Pat's remains where his ashes were spread in a small, yet personal setting aboard one of the unit Jet Boats. Milt Skaalrud had the great honour of being allowed out for the family only event at sea with a crew. Walter Dubeau showed his skill as he piped Pat's ashes their final resting place. The unit then put on a very heart warming reception afterwards which was very well represented by local CNDA members. Strength in Depth Pat!

