



DIPPERS DIGEST



NAVYDIVER.CA

VOLUME # 96 / 16

15 OCTOBER 2016

CONGRATULATIONS 2016 CD/CLDO GRADS!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CD/CLDO Grad 2016
- Meet The Grads!
- Newsworthy

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Glenn Adams
 André Desrochers
 Leo Goneau
 Terry Havlik
 Michael Walsh
First President:
 Stanley F. Watts

CNA

Founded
HALIFAX,
N.S.
 1981
President:
Wally Green



CLEARANCE DIVING OFFICER COURSE 0012

Lt(N) Daniel M. Humphries
Lt(N) Zachary P. Johnson
Lt(N) Andrew F. MacLeod
Lt(N) Geoffrey J. McNaughton
Lt(N) Matthew C. Sinclair

CLEARANCE DIVER QL5A COURSE 0010

LS Ethan M. DeKraker
LS David N. Divers
LS Evan S. Gilbert
LS Patrick M. MacAvoy



Disclaimer: All articles and stories submitted or included by members in this and future editions are published in good faith as being mere recollections of those submitting the articles. The CNDA does not check or warrant the details of all stories and recollections submitted. As with many tales from days gone by, stories are often recalled differently by people having differing perspectives. Please bear this in mind.

Please Meet Our Newest Grads!

Lieutenant-Navy Humphries

Dan Humphries was born in Cork, Ireland on the 26th April 1985 to Martin and Phil. He has one brother David and a sister Judy. In June 2015 he was married to his wife, Deirdre. Dan attended high school in Cork, Ireland, and went on to join the Irish navy in 2003 at the tender age of 18. He underwent basic officer training in Haulbowline before being commissioned and attending the National Maritime College of Ireland where he studied Nautical Science (fancy name for ship driving). Since completing his professional training in 2009 he has served aboard different Irish units as Gunnery Officer, Navigation Officer, Training Officer, and Executive Officer. He became a Naval Diver in 2012 and was selected to be the Irish CLDO exchange candidate in 2015. He is returning to Cork, Ireland on completion of this course.



Lieutenant-Navy Johnson

Zachary Pedlar Johnson was born on June 17th, 1989, to Reid and Janice Johnson. He is the oldest child and has two younger brothers, Hollis and Shiloh. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in the spring of 2007 as a cadet at the Royal Military College of Canada, and spent the next four years completing his degree in Mechanical Engineering. It was during the summer after his third year at RMC that he completed his initial Ship's Team Diver course in 2010. After graduating RMC and completing his MARS training in Victoria he was posted to HMCS FREDERICTON, in Halifax, NS. In 2013 he was married to his beautiful wife Jessica. In 2015 he sailed for eight months on OP REASSURANCE and it was during this deployment that he was flown briefly to Victoria to complete the Clearance Diver Assessment Center. He is now posted to FDU(A)



Lieutenant-Navy MacLeod

Andrew "Frank" was born June 4th, 1979 in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia to Steve and Judy MacLeod. He has two younger brothers, Adam and Aaron. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Geology. Frank joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2010. After his initial training he was posted to HMCS TORONTO where he completed his Ship's Team Diver course in 2011. Frank deployed with HMCS TORONTO on OP ARTEMIS in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. He successfully challenged the Clearance Diver Assessment Center in 2015. He would like to thank his wonderful fiancée Bronwyn and his two children Isabella and Jayden for their love and support throughout his past year, as well as his entire family and friends. To his new brothers he would like to extend his congratulations for the past year of experiences, dedication and professionalism. He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Lieutenant-Navy McNaughton

Geoffrey McNaughton was born in Calgary, Alberta on June 20th, 1988 to Allan and Susan. He has one brother, Jeremy. Before joining the military, he exchanged punches in the Maritime Junior Hockey League. He attended the University of New Brunswick under the Regular Officer Training Plan and majored in Political Science and Military History. Upon completion of his degree and subsequent trade training he served with HMCS PRESERVER and sailed for OP CARRIBE. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course in July of 2013. He is now posted to FDU (P) and will remain in Esquimalt, BC.



Lieutenant-Navy Sinclair

Matthew Sinclair was born Feb 24th, 1979 to Bruce and Pamela Sinclair in Kitchener Ontario. He has a sister, Sarah, and brother Iain. He completed high school in St. Albert AB, and in 2003 completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in History and Political Science from Mount Allison

University in Sackville NB. Following that he completed a College Diploma in Carpentry from Algonquin College in Perth, Ontario in 2005. He commenced his naval career in 2006, completed MARS training 2008, sailed in HMCSs ATHABASKAN and ALGONQUIN earning his Bridge

Watchkeeping Certificate in 2010, Ships Team Diver qualification in May 2010 and Naval Officer Professional Qualification in 2011. He was employed as a MARS course instructor at the Naval Officer Training Centre

VENTURE until commencement of the CLDO course last year. He would like to give thanks and recognize the unwavering love and support of his lovely wife Daniëlle and sons James, Joseph and new baby Benjamin, throughout this challenging and most rewarding year. He is now posted to FDU(P) and will remain in Esquimalt, BC.



Leading Seaman DeKraker

Ethan Michael DeKraker was born on the 1st of March 1991, in St Thomas ON, to Peter and Sherry

DeKraker. The eldest of three children, he has a brother Caleb and a sister Kiley. In 2008 he joined the naval reserve unit HMCS PRESVOST, in London ON as a naval communicator. In 2010 he moved to Halifax NS and proceeded to sail aboard every MCDV in the East Coast Fleet. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course in the fall in 2012. He submitted his Voluntary Occupational Transfer for Clearance Diver and passed the Assessment Center in June of 2015. He extends many thanks to his family and friends for their support during the past year. He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Leading Seaman Divers

LS Dave Divers was born in Dryden, Ontario on January 31st, 1988 to Joe and Kailey Divers. He has one older brother, Andrew Divers. Before joining the military he worked mostly in the carpentry industry as a carpenter's apprentice, roofer, painter, home renovation/restoration and log cabin carpentry. He attended Fanshawe College and received a certificate in Construction Carpentry Techniques. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces on the 10th of November 2010 as a Marine Engineering Mechanic. Upon completion of basic training he served with HMCS PRESERVER and completed two tours of OP CARIBBE as well as a Joint Warrior exercise. He became a Ship's Team Diver in June of 2012 and completed the Clearance Diver Assessment Center on June 4th, 2015. He is now posted to FDU(P) and will remain in Esquimalt, BC.



Leading Seaman Gilbert

Evan Gilbert was born in Ottawa, Ontario on the 21st of September 1987 to Steven and Cynthia Gilbert. He is the middle child with an older brother Chad and a younger sister Shanlon. Evan joined the military in October 2009 as a Port Inspection Diver in the Naval Reserves while completing his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He graduated from Memorial University in the winter of 2010. He completed his Ship's Team Dive course in spring of 2011 and his Port Inspection Diver QL2 course in the fall of 2012. Evan then completed PLQ in early 2013 before taking a class C contract to FDU(A) Underwater Engineering Department in the Spring of 2013. He was promoted to Master Seaman in the spring of 2015. Evan completed the Clearance Diver Assessment Center in June 2015 and transferred to the Regular Force in August before beginning the Clearance Diver course. He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Leading Seaman Northrup

Bradley Northrup was born in Saint John NB and raised in Sussex NB by Bruce and Kimberly Northrup. They also graced him with a younger sister, Jessica. He joined the Navy in 2005 as a Naval Weapons Technician. He completed the electro-mechanical engineering tech program at the Marine Institute of Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. He was then posted to Halifax NS where he served onboard several ships and was an instructor at the Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School. He took part in two operations, OP SAIPH and OP ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR and has represented Team Atlantic at CAF National Championships in both hockey and ball hockey on several occasions, where he was awarded to the all-star team as one of the top defenseman in the CF. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course in 2011 and has worked towards this day ever since. His beautiful wife Laura moved to Victoria to love and support him through the ups and downs of the past year. He would like to thank all his family and friends for all their support and his late uncle Brian for all his guidance in "military life". He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Meet Our Newest Grads!

Leading Seaman Wilson

Chad Wilson was born in Ottawa, Ontario on June 30th, 1991 to Darrell Wilson and Kimberly Brayman. He has three sisters, Kailey, Chelsea, and Charlene. After graduating High School at age 16 he decided to continue a long standing family tradition and join the Navy. Upon completion of initial electrical trades training he served with HMCS HALIFAX, HMCS TORONTO and HMCS ST. JOHN'S. During his time at sea he deployed to Haiti during the 2010 earthquake for humanitarian assistance on OP HESTIA. Other operations and tasking include OP CARIBBE, SNMG1, and OP ARTEMIS in the Persian Gulf. He became a Ship's Team Diver in December of 2010 and completed the Clearance Diver Assessment Center in June of 2015. Chad wouldn't be here without the support of his family and friends, and is grateful for the support they provided through this journey. Standing next to the Men and Officers of CD0010 is one of the proudest achievements of his life, Strength in Depth! He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Leading Seaman MacAvoy

Patrick was born in Fredericton, NB on June 13th, 1988 to Greg and Maureen MacAvoy. He has two older sisters Melissa and Sarah. His family moved to St. Stephen, NB in 1992, where Patrick would spend the rest of his childhood. He enjoyed playing hockey on his high school varsity team, as well as every other sports team he could be a part of. After graduating high school Patrick attended the New Brunswick Community College and graduated with a Diploma of International Business. Patrick joined the Canadian Armed Forces in February of 2010. After completing his basic training, he was sent to Victoria, BC where he completed his NCIOF QL3. Patrick then served on HMCS REGINA and HMCS WINNIPEG. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course on December 5th, 2011, and was hooked on diving so he decided to challenge the Clearance Diver Assessment Center. He completed his first prelim in September of 2012. He was selected but was deemed medically unfit due to a PFO (patent foreman ovale). In 2015 he was afforded the opportunity to challenge the gruelling Assessment Center for a second time as the rules regarding the PFO had changed. So began the long and rewarding journey to becoming a Clearance Diver. Patrick would like to take this opportunity to thank his family and friends for all the support over the past year. He is now posted to FDU(P) and will remain in Esquimalt, BC.



ALUMNI DOLPHIN PRESENTERS

<i>LCDR (Retired) Tom Essery</i>	<i>1957-1994</i>
<i>LCDR (Retired) Allan McRae</i>	<i>1948-1975</i>
<i>LT(N) (Retired) Ed Pahl</i>	<i>1962-1991</i>
<i>LT(N) (Retired) Ray Smith</i>	<i>1955-1999</i>
<i>LCDR (Retired) Tim Flath</i>	<i>1986-2008</i>
<i>CPO1 (Retired) Milt Skaalrud</i>	<i>1962-1984</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Brian Clarke</i>	<i>1986-2013</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Joe Lodge</i>	<i>1957-1980</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Charlie Savard</i>	<i>1985-2013</i>
<i>PO1 (Retired) Wade Smith</i>	<i>1991-2015</i>
<i>PO1 (Retired) Jordie Walsh</i>	<i>1976-2002</i>
<i>PO2 (Retired) Tony Falletta</i>	<i>1971-2002</i>

Peter Mallett Staff Writer

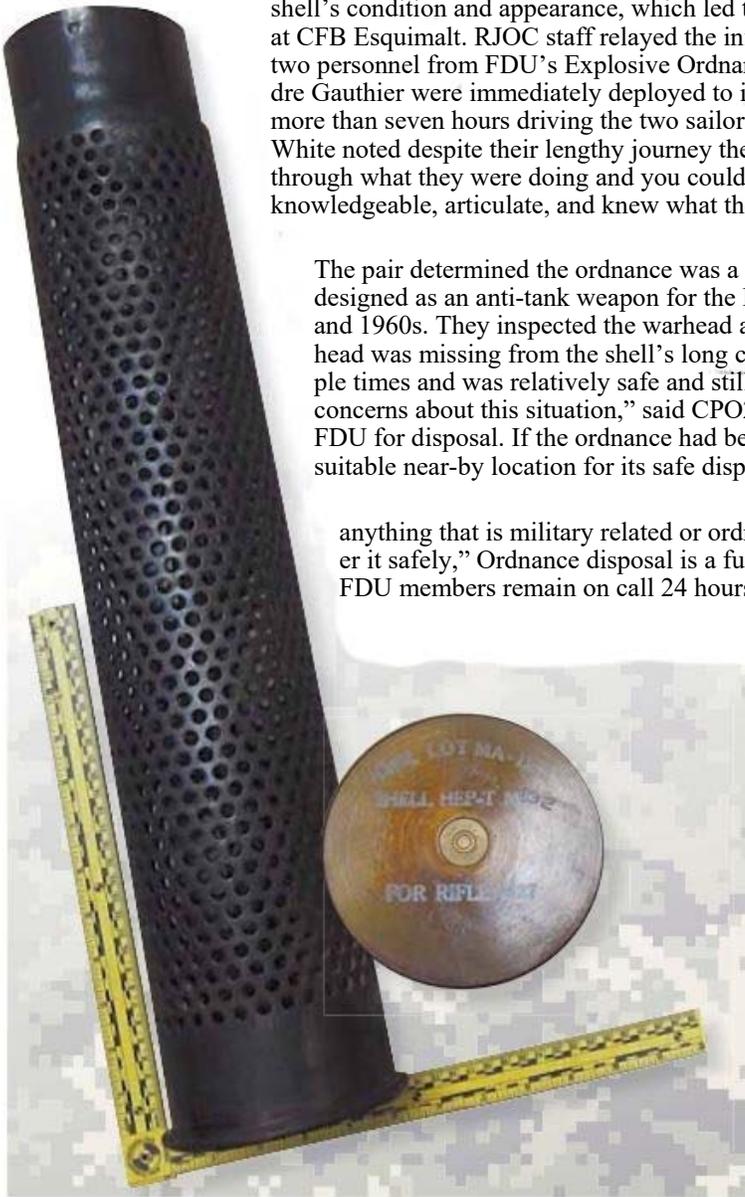
A well-intentioned Merritt, B.C. resident thought he was doing the right thing when he walked into his local RCMP detachment on July 21 to return an artillery shell he had found. The man told front desk staff at the police station that he had discovered a 106 mm round of artillery while cleaning his parent’s house and was surrendering the item. The front desk staff were alarmed at the appearance of a very unfamiliar military weapon, said Merritt’s RCMP Detachment Staff Sergeant Sheila White. “Let’s just say we don’t deal with situations like this very often and we didn’t know whether the shell was live or not,” said Sgt White. Ordnance specialists investigate Cold War era military artifact “From our identification of the ordnance and the fact that the primer of the shell was still intact, we were operating on the premise that it was live.” The item was placed in a secure area and Sgt White called the RCMP’s Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) in Vancouver. Vancouver EDU examined the photographs that were sent to them, and observed the

shell’s condition and appearance, which led them to contact the Regional Joint Operations Centre (RJOC) at CFB Esquimalt. RJOC staff relayed the information to Fleet Diving Unit (FDU) Pacific who dispatched two personnel from FDU’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EOD). CPO2 Rene St-Pierre and PO1 Andre Gauthier were immediately deployed to identify and safely recover the Unexploded Ordnance. After more than seven hours driving the two sailors arrived in Merritt early on the morning of July 22, and Sgt White noted despite their lengthy journey the sailors wasted no time getting to work. “They talked us through what they were doing and you could tell immediately they were the utmost professionals - knowledgeable, articulate, and knew what they were doing,” said Sgt White.

The pair determined the ordnance was a 106 mm HEP T round, a ColdWar era ordnance originally designed as an anti-tank weapon for the Korean War and widely used by NATO forces in the 1950s and 1960s. They inspected the warhead and determined it posed no explosive threat because the warhead was missing from the shell’s long cylindrical casing. “We knew the shell had been handled multiple times and was relatively safe and still in the box it was packaged in, so that quickly eased our initial concerns about this situation,” said CPO2 St-Pierre. The item was recovered and transported back to FDU for disposal. If the ordnance had been determined unsafe for transit, they would have found a suitable near-by location for its safe disposal. “Even if the object is proven to not pose a threat it is

anything that is military related or ordnance of any type we would rather not take chances and recover it safely,” Ordnance disposal is a full-time job for CPO2 St-Pierre, and he says at least five other FDU members remain on call 24 hours a day ready to respond. Over the course of a year they

respond to approximately 120 calls within their area of responsibility, which includes all DND and Government of Canada property in the Province of British Columbia; they will also respond when tasked to aid any organization or individual requiring their assistance. Sgt White and the RCMP remind members of the public to never bring a weapon or ordnance to a police station. Instead, contact the local police detachment by phone and request an officer attend your location to recover unwanted firearms or munitions.



Canadian Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialists in the Solomon Islands

Article / September 27, 2016 / Project number: fs-cjoc

By: Cpl M. Doran and Capt A. Rosendahl, Australian Defence Forces

Canadian clearance divers are sharing skills and knowledge with New Zealand sailors while they are attached to Her Majesty's New Zealand Ship (HMNZS) *Manawanui* during Operation RENDER SAFE in the Solomon Islands. The ongoing operation aims to reduce the hazards of explosive remnants of war and enhance safety across the Southwest Pacific.

Canadian Dive Team Lead, Petty Officer 2nd (PO2) Class David Cheeseman of Fleet Diving Unit - Atlantic, said his team has conducted explosive ordnance disposal with Australian and New Zealand military forces and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force. "We've been very successful in discovering unexploded ordnance below the waterline while on HMNZS *Manawanui* and disposing of it," he said. "Last week we found six 100-pound air-dropped bombs and another 50 unexploded projectiles. Some were just lying on the sea bed, which meant we could move them to a safer area to blow them, but a few were embedded so we blew them in location." PO2 Cheeseman said Operation RENDER SAFE was important because it gave the local communities a safer environment to live in. "It's fantastic to get out and do our job as clearance divers and know we are making the areas around the Solomon Islands safer for the population," he said. "Especially for the younger children who may not know what these remnants of war are and may injure or kill themselves."

There have been 12 islanders killed by explosive remnants of war in the past decade either by finding ordnance accidentally or by trying to make fish bombs. The Royal Solomon Island Police Force deal with around 10,000 explosive remnants of war every year. Constable Lawrence Waneinad from the Royal Solomon Island Police Force also joined the crew on HMNZS *Manawanui* for Operation RENDER SAFE. PO2 Cheeseman said one of Constable Waneinad's main roles was to speak to the local villagers to find out where the unexploded ordnance was and to assist in ordnance identification. "The villagers are usually excited to see us come ashore, but when we try to speak Pidgin they then open up and are only too happy to point us in the right direction," he said.

Military personnel from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the Solomon Islands and the United Kingdom are participating in Operation RENDER SAFE. The Canadian Armed Forces has deployed approximately 18 personnel to the Solomon Islands, including combat engineers from the Canadian Army, clearance divers from the Royal Canadian Navy and aviation technicians from the Royal Canadian Air Force. In the first week of the current operation, 1389 items of unexploded ordnance or 3.7 tonnes were recovered for disposal by the multinational teams. This year the operation is taking place from September 7 to October 7, 2016, on Guadalcanal, the Florida and Russell Islands.

The Solomon Islands was the scene of heavy fighting during the World War II at sea, on land, and from the air. The islands were also used as a support and ammunition base. As a result, explosives remain as a danger to this day.



Solomon Islands. September 20, 2016 – Royal Canadian Navy sailor Leading Seaman Josh Adams, of Fleet Diving Unit – Pacific, prepares to dispose of unexploded projectiles found underwater on September 20, 2016, near White Beach in the Solomon Islands during Operation RENDER SAFE. (Photo by Australian Defence Forces)



Solomon Islands. September 24, 2016 – Royal Canadian Navy sailor Leading Seaman Phillip Henry, of Fleet Diving Unit – Pacific, recovers an unexploded projectile found underwater on September 24, 2016, near Yandina in the Solomon Islands during Operation RENDER SAFE. (Photo by Australian Defence Forces)



Solomon Islands. September 25, 2016 – Royal Canadian Navy sailor Leading Seaman Josh Adams, of Fleet Diving Unit – Pacific, prepares to dispose of unexploded projectiles found underwater on September 25, 2016, near Aeaun Island in the Solomon Islands during Operation RENDER SAFE. (Photo by Australian Defence Forces)



Solomon Islands. September 24, 2016 – Royal New Zealand Navy sailor Chief Petty Officer Diver Rangei Ehu, of HMNZS Manawanui, and Royal Canadian Navy sailor Leading Seaman Phillip Henry, of Fleet Dive Unit – Pacific, examine an unexploded projectile found underwater on September 24, 2016, near Yandina in the Solomon Islands during Operation RENDER SAFE. (Photo by Australian Defence Forces)



Left: Solomon Islands. September 24, 2016 – A team of Royal New Zealand Navy and Royal Canadian Navy divers use a 75mm unexploded projectile to mark the location of a 100lb unexploded air-dropped bomb near Aeaun Island in the Solomon Islands on 24 September, 2016, during Operation RENDER SAFE. (Photo by Australian Defence Forces)

September 19, 2016

LOOKOUT



A sailor jumps from the quarterdeck of Vancouver to conduct a dive in support of routine maintenance on Aug. 3.

HMCS VANCOUVER ARRIVES IN THE Land of Plenty



HMCS Vancouver arrived in Darwin, Australia, last week to take part in Exercise Kakadu 2016, Australia's largest international maritime exercise.

The ship began its transit to Australia last month following participation in RIMPAC off the coast of Hawaii. While en route they stopped for a port visit in Guam before completing the transit alongside Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Ship Fuyuzuki, participating in joint training along the way.

Kakadu aims to strengthen mutual understanding and interoperability and will see Vancouver showcase advanced surface gunnery capabilities designed to better protect sailors and warships operating in littoral waters.

There are 19 nations taking part in the exercise from Sept. 12-24: Australia, Canada, Fiji, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, United States of America and Vietnam.

Upon completion of Kakadu, Vancouver will embark on WestPloy 2016. This deployment will further allow the ship to engage in a variety of training opportunities with foreign navies while also visiting several countries in the Asia-Pacific region before returning to Esquimalt at the end of the year.

July 11, 2016

LOOKOUT



Photo by Sgt Yannick Bédard, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

A Caribbean diver conducts a hull inspection as part of a counter-mine training scenario during Exercise Tradewinds 16 in Montego Bay, Jamaica on June 20.

DIPPERS DIGEST

August 8, 2016

LOOKOUT

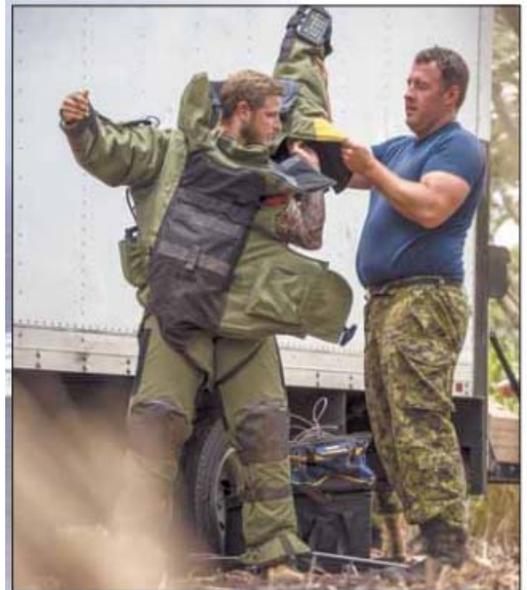


Photo by MCpl Mathieu Gaudreault, CF Combat Camera
A Canadian Armed Forces Explosive Ordnance Disposal member gets dressed in a bomb suit for a vehicle borne improvised explosive device scenario during RIMPAC 16 at K bay, "Boondocker" range, Wahiawa, Hawaii, USA, July 29.

Divers teach partner

Capt Christopher Daniel
CF Combat Camera

More than ten clearance divers from the Royal Canadian Navy's Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) and Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) were operating out of Discovery Bay, Jamaica, for Exercise Tradewinds 2016 from May to June.

The diving component of the exercise started with the Canadian divers teaching the Ship's Team Diver Course to Caribbean trainees. After that, the trainees applied their new skills by conducting diving in support of fleet operations.

"The training events that we've done have been ship's diver-related scenarios, which include hull searches, jetty sweeps, bottom searches and minor salvage projects," said Lieutenant(Navy) J.R. Gallant, Executive Officer of Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) and officer-in-charge of the Canadian dive contingent at Exercise Tradewinds 2016.

These training scenarios help to enhance the diving skills of partner nations and increase their overall level of interoperability within the region through instruction in areas such as basic dive theory, diving physics and underwater navigation, and search and recovery techniques.

"Everything we've taught our partner nation divers they could be called upon to do to protect the Caribbean region," said Lt(N) Gallant.

Leading Seaman Paul Paquette is a Canadian clearance diver from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) working as an assistant instructor during the exer-

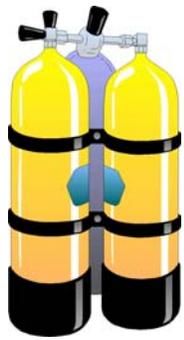
cise. "My job is to ensure all candidates learn diving to high standards so they can go out on their own and be safe and proficient in the water," he said.

According to Lance Corporal Ameal Douglas, a diver from the Jamaican Defence Force, the exercise has been "a wonderful experience."

"We've learned a lot



Photo by Sgt Yannick Bédard, Canadian Forces Combat Camera
A Canadian Armed Forces



nations in Caribbean

from our Canadian counterparts as well as with our partner nations here in the Caribbean," he said. "I do hope that next year we could do this again and even more."

Exercise Tradewinds is a multinational maritime interdiction, ground security and interagency exercise led by the U.S. Southern Command.

Participating nations in this year's exercise included Canada, United States, France, the United Kingdom, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.



Photo by Captain Christopher Daniel, Canadian Forces Combat Camera
A diver jumps from a jetty in to the ocean for training.

Navy divers survey historic wreck



Photos courtesy LS Joe Falletta
LS Joe Falletta's dive partner, LS Raphael Marcouiller, swims between a forward gun turret and a section of the superstructure of USS Arizona.

Rachel Lallouz
Staff Writer

Three Clearance Divers had a rare opportunity to dive an American historical site.

Leading Seaman Joe Falletta, LS Raphael Marcouiller and LS Benoit Leonard from Fleet Diving Unit Pacific, and Master Corporal Nathan Rommens, Combat Diver from CFB Galetown, were among the first non-Americans to complete a diving survey of USS Arizona, a ship bombed and sunk in Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in 1941.

"The ship is a war memorial, and isn't open to the public because it is an actual gravesite with 900 American sailors still trapped inside of it," says LS Falletta.

He and a group of 10 divers from Australia, South Korea, New Zealand, and the Netherlands were selected to attend the dive, led by an

American National Parks representative diver.

They are now among the less than 100 people who have ever seen the ship from beneath the surface.

Before donning their Compressed Air Breathing Apparatuses, the group was taken to the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, a large white shrine situated in the middle of the harbor, to pay their respects and more fully understand the story of USS Arizona, located in the water almost directly beneath the memorial.

The group dove about eight metres into the green waters, working with about 10 to 15 feet of visibility to view the ship, which stands upright on the ocean floor.

"I felt shock and awe that I was even down there, because this dive had been scheduled and cancelled at the last minute at previous RIMPACs due to the sheer magni-

tude of the dive," says LS Falletta. "So to be honest, up until I had my tanks on, there was still a part of me that thought it might get cancelled."

As the group swam closer to the ship's prow, LS Falletta says coral and other sea life was visible growing on the ship's side, visible in the sunlight filtering down from the ocean's surface above them.

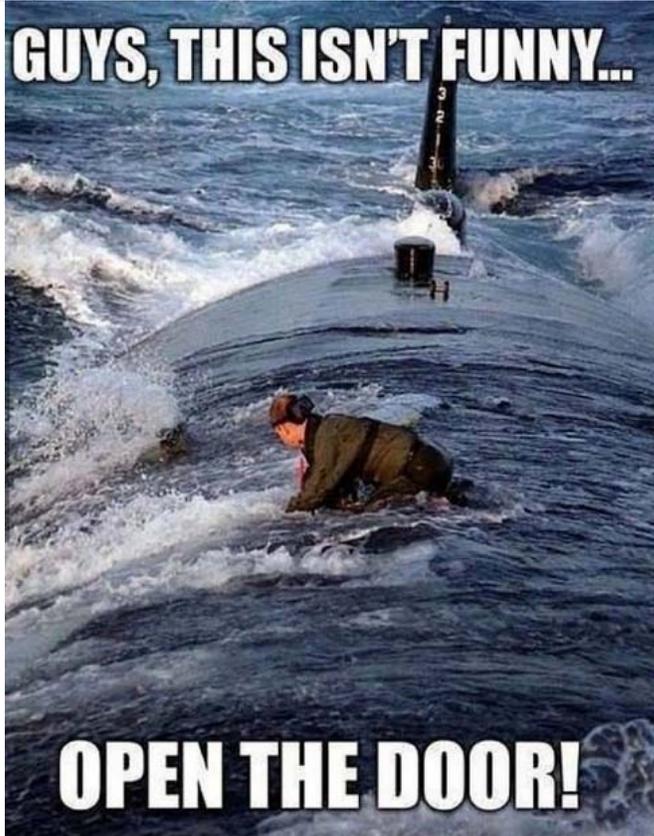
"We weren't allowed to actually touch vessel," he says.

However, the group had clear views of a large gun, and where the bomb hit on that fateful day.

"It was an honour to view the ship, and to have the privilege of diving on a piece of history," says LS Falletta. "Being part of the first group of international divers to ever see it reveals the interoperability of the Canadian military to work with other countries, and shows how the Americans can trust their partner nations to dive at such a sacred site."



A diver selected to survey USS Arizona swims slowly alongside the decaying ship.



THE CHIEF

The Navy Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him. "Get over here! What's your name sailor?"

"John," the new seaman replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in boot camp these days, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority.

I refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Chief'. Do I make myself clear?"

"Aye, Aye Chief!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The seaman sighed. "Darling. My name is John Darling, Chief."

"Okay, John, here's what I want you to do"

Editor's 10 Foot Stop

Hello again all! I truly hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I really had to stretch out this issue which you can see is filled with some cool tidbits of news with plenty still left over for the next issue. I apologize for being a month adrift publishing but unfortunately September stacked up against me this year just as it did last year. As a result I have now learned and made the conscious decision to change my fall publishing schedule from 15 September to 15 October from here on end just so it will appear I can make my deadlines ;-)

Anyway, I am happy to report that the CD/CLDO Grad went off splendidly and without a hitch. I was also quite honoured to step in last minute (due to a last minute no-show) to present one of the new CLDOs with his well-deserved Dolphins amongst some very classy alumni of the Trade. I was very much tempted to pound the pin into my designated Grad's chest as I fumbled-farted with the little stoppers on the back for quite a while in front of a rather large crowd. I was actually surprised I didn't get heckled Heh Heh Heh. Seriously though, it looks like we have another exemplary crop of new divers to lead the charge into the future! Bravo Zulu goes out to the Training Team as well. As a first for me, I decided that the best way for all of you to get to know these newcomers by proxy was to publish their bios from the graduation program I received from Catherine Waters at FDU(P). She continues to keep me apprised of activities over there that may be of interest to the CNDA—Thanks Cat! Please drop me a line and give me some feedback as to whether you would like to see this carry on for future years as these issues also become a bit of an archive for the trade and who doesn't like to see their name in print? Maybe it will entice some of the younger generation to join the Association as many still seem to think it is an old-guard institution. I will have a chat with the unit on to see if I could squeeze five minutes of time in with the next course to advertise our existence and report back. See you next issue! TMF

