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... Editor

NESOP Occupation Marches Forward With New MOS ID - Should The Newsletter?

As most should have heard by now, all occupations in the CF have been assigned new MOS ID codes. Our occupation, formally known as NESOP 276, is now officially NESOP 00115. Unlike way back in the days of MORPS (find the oldest NESOP you can for explanation of what MORPS was) when two trades became one and were assigned a new Military Occupation Code (MOC) number for identification purposes, this change is driven by other factors that have nothing to do with a change in our occupation. Still, like the days of MORPS, it will take a while for all of us to stop using "276" and think of ourselves as 00115er's. 00115 just does not have the same ring to it. For those who have been around long enough, it's been twenty years we've been saying "276". For other occupations this is just a matter of adjustment. For the occupation that sets the standard it's a much bigger issue. I'm referring to our Newsletter. Entitled the "NESOP Newsletter" and existing for seven plus years, it's been read religiously by hundreds of 276 NESOPs. Note

the "276" is front and center on the title page. Are we now to change the title page to read "00115"? Does it make any difference to you – a NESOP? Is there a historical precedent here? Should this publication become the "NESOP 00115 Newsletter" based on administrative issues or should we hold true to our origin? Is it more important to continue recognizing our roots or better to move with the tide? I have to dig deep in my "I love ME" chest to find things labelled with "FC 071" and it took a while to develop the "276 to the end" attitude. Do I have to now put away all my "276" items and change yet once again? Like I asked earlier – does it really make any difference? Prior to the next issue I would like you all to tell me if it makes a difference to you, the NESOP 276ers, via email "Letters to the Editor". I will include as many submissions as possible in the next edition.

It's not the size of the book that matters, but rather what's between the pages.

CPO2 Joey Smallwood

Le BULLETIN OP (DEN) est publié par les OP DEN de la Marine canadienne et à leur intention. Son but : aider les militaires à connaître l'actualité en ce qui concerne le milieu des OP DEN, en complétant l'information qui provient des sources officielles, et offrir une tribune où les unités peuvent mettre en commun les sujets dignes d'intérêt. Ce bulletin ne vaut qu'en fonction des militaires qu'il appuie, car ce sont eux qui en fournissent le contenu ...

Les vues exprimées dans le présent bulletin ne correspondent pas nécessairement à l'opinion ou à la politique officielles.

... Le directeur

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News From THE NCR



From the Career Shop

by CPO1 Wood / CPO1 McCallum

Outgoing / Incoming NCIOP/NESOP/SONAR OP Career Manager – MS & Above

Hello from the Career shop in Ottawa. I am now in my second year as Career Manager for a lot of you, and for those that I am not, you are in the very capable hands of CPO2 Smallwood, who looks after the Leading Seaman and below. Overall, 2004 was a good year for promotions, and for postings. Most were posted where they wanted to go, and for those that didn't get their wish, keep trying, we do listen.

Another year for the Selection Boards has passed, and once again the process proved to be very successful. The board membership consisted of Cdr John Gardam from Venture in Esquimalt, CPO1 Dennis McMillan (NCIOP) from CFES ESQUIMALT, CPO1 Luc Tremblay (SONAR OP) from CMS and last, but definitely not least, CPO1 Terry Prowse (NESOP) from CMS. As was briefed during our visits to the coasts in December and January, all boards contained no greater than twenty files which afforded the members maximum time to review each file. There were a few observations that were made during the boards, and one of the main points was that for those who have language profiles, many personnel did not have them updated. This means that you lost up to eight points when it came to scoring for promotion. Another point is that all personnel should frequently check to ensure that their MPRR (Peoplesoft) is up to date and correct. It is to your benefit to ensure accuracy, as the slightest bit of information that is incorrect could result in recognition you deserve being overlooked during the Selection Board deliberations. I would like to take the opportunity to

congratulate those that completed occupation and / or leadership courses in 2004. In addition congratulations to those who were promoted over the last year.

As some of you may have heard I will be departing the Career Shop this APS. CPO1 Mike McCullum from ADAC Pacific will be taking over from me later this spring. I would like to thank all who I have dealt with over the last two years for working with us to achieve the goals of Career Management. I know that you will work as well with my relief and I wish him well over the next few years.

And from the incoming CPO1:

Hello from the Career shop in Ottawa. CPO2 Boudreau and I are still getting settled in to our new jobs. We each received comprehensive turnovers from both CPO1 Wood and CPO2 Smallwood. I would like to thank both Big Wood and Little Wood for their outstanding work over the past couple of years; CPO2 Boudreau and I will attempt to maintain the same quality of work and dedication that they have provided. Best of luck to the both of you in your new postings.

It has been a very good year for promotions and of course postings to where most wanted to go, and for those that didn't get their wish, keep trying, we do listen, although it may not appear that way, rest assured we do.

We are currently getting ready for the upcoming selection boards now that the PER season is behind us. The board members have the final say in where personnel fall out on the selection list. The career managers do not get an opinion in the final outcome of the boards. We just have to pleasure of meeting all of you and providing you with the news,

good or bad. We hope no one will be overly disappointed. The way the boards are run is a very fair and unbiased process. This year the board members will be CPO1 Price (SONAR OP) from CMS staff, CPO1 Doucette (NESOP) from CFNOS and CPO1 Pelletier (NCIOP) from Quebec City. We are still awaiting word on who will be the board chairman this year. There were a few observations that were made during the boards and one of the main points for those that have language profiles was that many personnel did not have them updated. This in the end will cost you valuable points when it came to scoring for promotion. Another point that can be vital is that all personnel are to ensure that their MPRR (Peoplesoft) is up to date and correct. It is to your benefit to ensure accuracy, as the slightest bit of information that is incorrect could result in recognition you deserve being overlooked. **Take the time to ensure your information is updated and correct.**

In closing I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate those that have been promoted, completed occupation and leadership courses over the past year. I would also encourage all personnel to make an appointment and see either CPO2 Boudreau or I during our annual visits. Keep one thing in mind, the philosophy is, if you do not take the time to see us for an interview, then we will interpret that to mean you are very happy to be posted anytime, anywhere that we so choose. It is your career, and you are your best Career Manager, so help us manage it for you.

CPO1 M. McCallum



Occupation Manager Notes

by CPO1 Terry Prowse

NESOP/NCIOP Occupation Manager

My last article in issue 16 dealt primarily with the new TOS. Yes, there was a lot of info given the complexity of the merging policies. In this issue, I'll provide an update regarding IPS take-up rates, and other issues, prior to removing my butt from this particular seat and heading east.

TOS Take-Up Rates

A contentious issue.

For a few years now, we have had various IPS take-up rates (rank-dependant). The methodology used to determine the percentage of members that would be offered further TOS was primarily focused on the health of the Occupation at various points in time.

Although it had excellent intentions, that methodology was not necessarily meeting the objective of keeping an occupation healthy, particularly given our slightly higher than average attrition rate. In many instances, we were creating points when people would be forced to leave, even though they were functioning fully in the occupation, at their **current** rank (which is what TOS is based on > NOT potential higher ranks).

I could easily fill three pages here with the pros and cons of changing our take-up rates, that will even allow LS the opportunity to be offered and accept IPS. Trust that for the occupation, when all is considered, this is a positive move.

The upcoming TOS boards (fall05), have been provided with the following IPS take-up rates ... drumroll ... 100% LS and above.

Further, a letter has been forwarded to DMCARM (NDHQ TOS Authority) requesting that the same take-up rate be backdated to reflect previous boards, to which current members on CE's were looked at. In short...if you are on a CE, and are NOT career restricted to current TOS, you will be offered IPS.

The biggest concern seems to be the effect on promotions. After meticulously reviewing previous years' data, I can attest that this will have a minimal impact on progression within the occupation. The vast majority of promotions occur as a result of unscheduled attrition. That will continue regardless.

The benefit will be retaining qualified members, who may not have been offered further TOS for no reason other than the year they were looked at against a certain percentage rate.

Security Clearances

I though this would have been behind us by now.

In checking the NESOP database 2 minutes ago, fully 56 of 351 qualified NESOPs do not possess a level 3 (TS) security clearance. In some cases, this may be due to HRMS input errors. Recent experience in checking some of these supports the less optimistic reason; that being that the members simply don't possess Top Secret.

If you're in the process of updating/upgrading, check the status. Simply put, if you don't possess the requisite security clearance, your employment is restricted. I'll be passing a list of members not possessing a Lvl 3 to the coastal Occ Advisors today for verification.

So Where's The Occupation Headed?

There are multiple, and I do mean multiple, initiatives taking place right now that will reshape the Navy of tomorrow. I fully expect that we'll be transforming, in one way or another, with it. Whether we tackle the changes with our usual zeal, or not, is totally up to us. One thing however is certain. If we sit on the sidelines, we won't have the necessary input to place us where we belong. It's not the senior folk that will ultimately be affected; it's the OS-CPO1's 5-20 years from

now. It is however up to all of us now to take an active approach and ensure the occupation is well situated. If you get the opportunity, even if at an Advisory Group meeting to listen/comment on the issues, do so. We'll all benefit in the end.

Time To Depart

After six full and very eventful years in NDHQ, it's time for this particular 276'er (<< see, I didn't say 00115'er) to head back east. I know we all say it at one time or another, but if you get the chance to be a Career Manager or Occupation Manager in this fine city, jump at it! I've done both jobs while here, and can think of no other positions that can be so frustrating, yet so absolutely satisfying when the yardsticks move forward.

With that, I'll introduce CPO1 Joe Guerin, a west-coast NCIOP, who will be taking these reigns in early September '05. I've known Chief Guerin for a few years now and can attest that he is certainly up to the task of managing the occupation and moving it forward. Besides, I'm sure he'll be getting a few unsolicited phone calls from a certain CPO1 along the way J (hmmm...wonder who that will be Joe?) Ensure you give him the support he requires to do well on your behalf.

Everyone take care. I'm sure I'll see the west coasters again, and those in Halifax at the Mess Dinner. For those on CHARLOTTETOWN, see you in August.

...CPO1 Terry Prowse



NEWC Ottawa

Greetings fellow NESOP's from the Ottawa Valley. Summer has arrived and with it the annual gathering of mosquitoes, soul-sucking humidity, and life threatening smog. Of course summer in the National Capital Region also brings Renegades Football, Triple A baseball with the Ottawa Lynx (Baltimore Orioles), excellent beaches on both sides of the river, Canada Day celebrations, Diana Krall, Harry Connick Jr., ZZ Top, Kid Rock, Live 8, Green Day, Pearl Jam, and also an obscure act some may have heard of - The Rolling Stones. That's just to mention a few of the attractions to greet sea worn sailors in Ottawa this summer. Who knows, perhaps we'll even have some Senators hockey this fall for the new personnel posted in.

Speaking of personnel, we have a large portion of the unit rotating back to the fleet this year including some of our "fitted equipment". LS (soon to be MS) Steeve Mimeault is sadly leaving us after a short 6 years and 5 months to set sail (?) on the Ville de Quebec.

Joining him on the VDQ is MS (soon to be PO2) Jeff Douville who is chomping at the bit to blow something long and hard and hear a loud shriek. (as in a missile whistle – what did you think I meant?) Jeff will be taking an EWS billet and might even get to see a foreign port somewhere again. That's our East Coast contribution back to the Fleet, now we'll switch to the West Coast. Leaving us for CFFS(E) is CPO2 Gerry White, and departing for HMCS Calgary is PO2 Steeve Long. You can now trade in your snow shovels for raincoats.

Posted in from Sea Training Atlantic, CPO2 Wayne Tansley will be replacing CPO2 Gerry White. PO2 Sean Kenny leaves behind HMCS Calgary to trade billets with PO2 Steeve Long. MS Brad Harrington joins us from HMCS Charlottetown, while MS Scott MacKay comes to us from HMCS Iroquois, and finally LS Trevor Winter is arriving from HMCS Ville de Quebec.

LS Dave Gray would like to pass on that he is devastated that NEWC is losing the majority of francophone members, thus leaving the unit with a surplus of "Têtes carrés".

Until the next issue, fair winds and following seas.

LS J. Rodgers



MS DOUVILLE NOW PO2



PO2 DOUVILLE RECEIVES HIS CD



LS MIMEAULT NOW MS MIMEAULT



CFEWC

How time flies. I have been here long enough to make 2 entries into our newsletter. I will tell you this has been a most enjoyable posting to date. The NCR is a great place to be. There are so many opportunities, not only for the present and the time posted here, but for those of you out there that are looking for an opportunity to double dip. Many of the NESOPs who arrive here retire and take civilian jobs in the same seat while drawing their pension.

The jobs here are varied as indicated in the following entries by various NESOPs employed in a variety of sections within the CFEWC Operations department. It is definitely a nice place for the shore posted, as they are immune to the ship hopping to backfill for their brethren on medical cats, course and leave. That is not to say that you are not deployable while here, but any deployment will come after you have trained on the equipment here and completed some OJTs.

The unit is purple and supports a variety of missions and incremental taskings.

The one thing that continues to amaze me is that after 6 years of the NESOP trade security clearance requirement being Level 3, we still have people who have refused to follow the direction. Personnel posted to CFEWC without Lvl 3 are unemployable. They do some of their OJT and then sit and wait. You must be Level 3 to advance to SA. I implore all the supervisors out there once again; check the security clearance of each and every NESOP and ensure that the paperwork is submitted and acknowledged by NDHQ as being received.

I look forward to the October NESOP Mess dinner in Halifax.

Fisher K. A.
CPO1
CFEWC Unit CPO

Hello from Building 91 in the Defence Research Campus, located in Shirley's Bay- just east of Kanata, ON. We fall under the umbrella of ADM IM, and subsequently CFIOG. All CF 3 elements work under one roof. It will serve you well to know exactly what to expect at this unit and all of the implications that your employment will have on your career. Within the unit, the NESOPs are well diversified and have been embedded into a variety of sections at CFEWC. And it should come at no surprise that we fall under the "Operations" Dept. Currently we are in 4 different sections at this unit. Here is some insight into each:

EWOS

The scope of the EW Operational Support cell can be broken down into 2 areas - Theatre support and Unit support. Theatre support entails the provision of SIGINT and OPELINT data to the Tactical Airlift Unit EW Detachment (TAU EW Det) deployed in Camp Mirage. In addition to the data, we also train and deploy personnel to TAU EW Det. On the Unit support level we provide OPELINT data to the various sections (predominantly Non Parametrics) for the population of the CFEWB, and we publish historical OPELINT reports on our TITAN/MCOIN website. We also tackle RFI's that come our way. It is an integrated cell that employs NESOPS, COMM RESEARCH and AESOPS. Upon being posted to CFEWC/EWOS, you will be challenging the following courses: MATH 1030, SIGE 2810(EA 279), Operational Signal Intelligence (OSA) and BEW. I highly recommend that your clearance be TSSA upon arrival at CFEWC or else you will be relegated to the "waiting room".

PO2 Raymond
EWOS Deputy Supervisor

OP ATHENA

CFEWC provides one analyst to the TAU EW Det on each rotation of OP ATHENA. On several occasions NESOPs employed at CFEWC have had the opportunity to deploy to Camp Mirage (CM), "somewhere" in the Southwest Asia Theatre of Operations, to fill this role.

I, MS Brian MacMillan, will be employed as an OpELINT Support Analyst, briefing CC-130 aircrews prior to every flight. I will be working alongside MCpl Wilson Billard, a Comm Research (291) from CF SIGINT Operations Centre (CFSOC) Leitrim.

While most of the pre-deployment training and DAG process is the same as NESOPs normally endure before deploying as a crewmember of an HMC Ship, there are some added features when deploying to a land-based position. There is a Peace Support Operations (PSO) course taught in Kingston at the Peace Support Training Centre (PSTC) and several Wing Readiness Training Flights across the country. I attended a week long PSO course at 14 Wing, Greenwood, N.S. The course includes lectures and briefings about Powers of Attorney, financial benefits, preventative medicine, foreign weapons, mine awareness and many other topics. Lots of good information, if you can survive five days of PowerPoint.

Another prerequisite for this particular deployment billet is the Operational SIGINT Analyst (OSA) course taught by the Comm Research instructors of CF School of Communications and Electronics (CFSCE) in Kingston, Ontario. Nine weeks on an army base. Need I say more? We learned enough about Unix to make us dangerous and enough about GALE-Lite to do the job. An excellent course, albeit with many issues which require resolving.

On the job training in the EW Operational Support (EWOS) cell at CFEWC will be capped off with a week at CFSOC Leitrim learning about TRS and P3S, then it's a couple weeks of leave and I'm on an Airbus to the desert.

MS Brian MacMillan
CFEWC

Parametrics Cell

I've been tasked with writing a few lines on my new posting here at CFEWC. I hope that the spell check function works. I was also given the direction of keeping this blurb factual. I will. I took this job because it came with a promotion and no duty watches. After 3 trips through the Suez and more fishpats than I can count, I figured I needed a break. 3 years in Ottawa. That should do it. And well who knows when another shore posting would come along. And then there's that little fact that I have a wife that's a Traffic Tech and having the opportunity of being both posted to Ottawa was too good to pass up. I didn't have to be on IR or anything like that. So if you're my career mangler, and you are reading this, thanks. We really appreciate it.

Since I arrived here at CFEWC it's been really different. I work in a small section with Air force AESOP'S and civilians, which almost all are former military members. We work from 0700 to 1500 Monday to Friday. We don't have sliders although I did score Make and Mends last month before a parade. I think I confused them so much with that term they just let me go. Some understand NAVY lingo but most don't. I asked who my D.O. was to fill out my leave pass and got a weird look from my Air Force supervisor. They also don't have Div Notes. And have no idea what a Focsls, FCS, MSOD, CANEWS are. They don't have a COXN here; they have a UCPO or Unit Chief Petty Officer. I still call him COXN though.

I got here 3 months ago and since my arrival I've done a math package and am writing my final test for the EA-279 (Fundamentals of TEHELINT) course tomorrow. Next week I go on my PLQ at CFB Borden. With the Air Force. That'll be different I'm sure. After that I start OJT here at CFEWC. What my real job is going to be is to populate the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Data Base. It's still in its infancy. It's a new thing. We are making a database. I will sit at a computer and fill in the blanks. And hopefully sometime soon in the future someone will use this information. The trick is, and the challenge now, is to get the right information to the right people, at the right time, using the best delivery method available to accomplish all this. I can't say that the work seems very fun. But then again, "boat crews and lowers" at 0500 is not very fun either. But I do feel I'm part of something that's going to be very significant to the Forces. The potential for this database is endless. I'm glad I'll play a small part in it. I wish I could be more specific but really that's all I know about it right now.

Living in Ottawa is really cool. There's so much to do. Skiing around here is fantastic. So far we've skated on the Rideau Canal, and had suppers in the Byward Market, visited the national museums, took a tour of the Parliament buildings and the Supreme Court, and I played hockey at Rideau Hall. Honest. The Governor General has a skating rink in her back yard and we can just go and play pick-up hockey. It's even got lights for night games. Next weekend I'll be going to the new War Museum.

Oh! one more thing. Here at CFEWC, there's parking for everyone. All for now.

MS Dwayne Albert
Parametric Analyst
CFEWC

Non Parametrics Cell

The purpose of this article is to give you a general overview of the Non-Parametric (NP Cell) and their duties within CFEWC. The NP Cell consists of the NP Production Supervisor (PO1/WO), two NP Analyst Supervisor (PO2/SGT) and eight Analysts (4 civilians and 4 MCpl/Cpl). The following Trades may fill those positions: NESOP, AESOP and COMM/RESCH.

The NP Cell's primary responsibility is to populate the CFEWDB (Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Database) with the Orders of Battle for all countries. This includes the identification, specifications and locations for all military, paramilitary and military employed equipment that can pose a potential threat to our Naval, Airborne and Land assets.

It is Non-Parametric's job to provide the information in the CFEWDB as to Who, Where and Why emitters are being used. Our duties include the collection, correlation, analysis and reporting of all information relating to Electronic Warfare other than the parametric data of radar and non-communication emitters.

In addition to populating and maintaining the CFEWDB, the NP Cell provided support to clients in form of RFIs (Request For Information). This may be as simple as confirmation of an aircraft variant in a given country, or as involved as identifying all Anti-Ship threats in a given area.

Alain Baillargeon
PO1 NESOP
CFEWC NP Prod Supr.

Quality Assurance Cell

The CFEWC Quality Assurance (QA) section is divided into three cells: Parametric QA, Non-Parametric QA and Joint ELINT Analysis (JEA) QA. Each of these cells is related to a section of Operations within CFEWC and consists of an Sgt/PO2 supervisor, at least one civilian worker, all who are supervised by a PO1/WO.

As a QA Analyst, a NESOP will be expected to verify parametric, non-parametric or ELINT information that will be entered into the CFEWDB, or into Canadian ELINT Technical (CELT) reports that will be released to the Communications Security Establishment (CSE). The purpose of this effort is to ensure that the reports are accurate and that they meet the criteria set out in the CFEWDB SOPs. Additionally, the QA Analysts will advise the supervisors of the Para and Non-Para sections, the QA supervisor and the Database Manager with regards to any problems, changes or future improvements to their procedures or the CFEWDB.

While there is not an official billet for a NESOP in the QA Cell per se, any NESOP employed at CFEWC has the chance to be engaged as a QA analyst, after a stint in one of the other related cells within CFEWC. Employment in the QA cell may mean the requirement for additional courses above those required for parametric and non-parametric analysis. Additional courses may include: SIGE 3810 Intermediate TechELINT, SIGE 4810 Advanced TechELINT for Para QA analysts and MIDB and SPARTAN for the NP QA analysts as well as many advanced Microsoft courses such as Excel, Access, Word and Powerpoint, at the discretion of the QA Supr and the Ops Training Officer. Additionally, the QA analyst may be required to attend seminars or conferences in Canada, USA or UK, which relate to EW production, or any of the other Databases used by CFEWC.

PO2 Featherstone
QA



From left to right: PO2 Featherstone, PO1 Baillergeon, MS Beaudoin, CPO1 Fisher, PO2 Saunders, MS MacMillan, PO2 Collins



A great big hello from JIIFC, it's with great honour that this is our first submission to the NESOP newsletter. JIIFC has a grand population of 2 NESOP's (if Chief Neish counts), a lot of 291 and various other trades that don't count. In whole about 30 personnel are currently employed, with future growth over the next few years to bring it to a total strength of 85 by summer 2007.

For those of you wondering what the heck JIIFC is, and what we do, here's the scoop. JIIFC is a current project that is funded by the DCDS. From a Generals remark, "we will be a deployable unit", (sort of like DART) in a van with all the latest and greatest equipment. We will be the test bed of all the new software and hardware that's out in the world relating to FUSION. By the way, JIIFC stands for "Joint Information & Intelligence (that's me)

Fusion Capability". We will provide decision-makers with the timely and relevant fused information needed to Command and Control CF operations whenever, and wherever they take place around the world.

JIIFC has participated on various exercises such as Virtual Warrior, NATO Crisis Management (CMX), Coalition Warrior and have supported NDCC when asked. During Virtual Warrior, JIIFC created a web site that allowed all HQ's to participate in the exercise and for the first time all HQ's were able to chat back and forth in real time.

An Upcoming exercise "COURAGEOUS BAT 2005" will be held in Kingston Ontario with the Army EW's and various NATO Countries. This should be interesting where I have never observed the land element and their capabilities. I hope Chief Neish is ready to do some damage control with the RSM in Kingston.

What Chief Neish does on a daily routine is hard to tell. I've heard that he hangs out with the LCdr and they are fast becoming "good friends", but I've never met him in person, only talked to him by phone (talk about grumpy). He has told me that he is a NESOP, and for me to write this article. So if anyone has a picture of him please send one to me via e-mail.

Life up here is pretty good though; CFS Leitrim is South of the airport and has plenty of parking available. The traffic is minimal, unless you live in the city. All the Universities you can imagine. The gym is top notch with all sorts of sporting activities provided. It's pretty rough when you do no duty watches, watch keeping and are home every night. So to all the PO2's and CPO2's out there that think they are safe in Halifax or Esquimalt, you might want to check out JIIFC as your next shore posting. JIIFC would like to pass on our condolences to the family and friends of PO1 Gregg Nash. His family and friends will miss him and our hearts at JIIFC go out to them at this time of mourning.

Submitted by PO2 Daniel Lalonde

Edited by CPO2 Robert Neish (from my home)

Two guys are being chased by a bear when one stops to put on his sneakers.

The other guy yells, "You idiot, you can't outrun a bear."

The first guy gasps, "I don't have to outrun a bear – I just have to outrun you."



West Coast Advisor Report

by CPO1 Paul White
MARPAC Occupation Advisor

Greetings from "West Coast." As the MARPAC NESOP MOC Advisor and the Unit CPO of ATHENA the past year has been both challenging and rewarding. A lot of things have changed within OSCP Athena since the standing of (MSOC) Marine Security Operational Centre, which will impact the NESOP and NCIOP communities. We just completed all our staffing requirements for the MSOC, there will be an increase in our establishment from 90 to approx 140 pers over the next couple of years. All the HRO's, TOR's and the proposed organization chart are posted on our web site. We are looking at approx 35 military and 22 civilian (OGD) positions. It has been almost a year now since we stood up 5 NESOP positions in the SSE as TRS operators; this additional manpower has enhanced the operational capability to support the Fleet. BZ to MS Smith and his team.

Special thanks go to CPO1 Terry Prowse for the excellent support that he has given us over the last couple of years as our NESOP MOC Manager. Terry has been awarded a position as COXN onboard the HMCS CHARLETTOWN. Also, to CPO1 Dave Hart for all the

excellent support he provided as NESOP co-advisor. Dave is off to the Nation's Capital to DMTE. All the best to you both!

There has been a lot of movement this year on the West Coast I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following PERS on their promotions:

CPO1 Hart, CPO2 Labelle, CPO2 Thompson, PO1 Treverton, PO2 Vanderlee, PO2 Boutiller, MS Barrett, MS Frigon, MS Dyck, MS Farrell, MS Esquivel, MS Savoie and MS Lavigne

Congratulations to MS Smith, LS Cory, LS Lefort and A/MS Frigon on their successful completion the Operational Signal Analysis Course in Kingston Ontario, this is an extremely demanding course.

Up coming events:

20th anniversary NESOP Mess Dinner (Halifax) Oct 05
West coast OPI: CPO2 Tompkins

National NESOP MOC council meeting
Fall 05 Dates TBP

West Coast Xmas party 16 Dec 05

Jan 06 CM interviews Dates TBP

Opportunities:

There will be a few in land positions coming available in CMS, CFEWC and NEWC for all "RANKS" in APS 06. It's time to start warming the bell at home. Interested personnel are to submit their names thru the Divisional system and ensure you discuss this during your CM interview in Jan 06.

To the ships company of HMCS Winnipeg currently deployed on OP ALTAIR, I wish you all the best, fair winds and following seas and have a safe trip.

Coxswain (pronounced Coxun) – a term which gets its origin from the term Cockswain. It is the helmsman of a ship's boat and the senior member of its crew who has permanent charge of it. Originally all boats carried on board a ship were known as cockboats, or 'cocks', which gives the origin of the term. Also refers to the Senior Petty officer on board naval ships such as Destroyers and Submarines. As these craft were originally known in Navies as boats, rather than ships (Torpedo Boat, Submarine Boat, etc.), the term was applied to the Senior Petty officer on board in the same way as it would be to the senior rating of a ship's boat.



CANFLTPAC / F3 Operations

by CPO2 Dave Hart
CANFLTPAC CNESOP

Again, at F3 Operations, we have been busy since the last newsletter. A couple of TGEXs have come and gone. HMCS WINNIPEG is currently deployed in the "Gulf" Area with OPERATION ALTAIR. We also all survived another Fleet Week.

During the Last TGEX, (EX TRIDENT FURY) we deployed the new High Speed Inflatable Towed Target (HSITT). The target was towed behind the Barracuda and used for TACDEV for small boat attacks. New Jersey ANG F-16s successfully engaged the targets with HE-LGBs. FFGs and DD can also tow the target. Currently DMRSS and DMPOR are investigating whether the target is also suitable for gunnery training ie: RCS

A hearty welcome back to MS Gillard, he will be re-joining us after 6 months Parental Leave. I can hear him sighing with relief all the way from Duncan; no more diapers to change and he gets his Sea Pay back to boot ;-)

... and a big welcome newly promoted CPO2 Lonnie Thompson. He will have taken over the Task Group CNESOP position by the time this newsletter goes to print. I know everyone out there will provide him the second to none support I have received during my lengthy tenure here at F3. Myself, I am off to Directorate Maritime Training and Equipment (DMTE) in Ottawa. I will be taking a break from operations for a while, but will keep my fingers in WRT to your training requirements ;-)

In closing; I would like to thank everyone! This has been a successful 2 and ½ years at F3 only due to the exceptional support we here at FLEET have received from the ship's NESOPs and personnel at all levels, personnel from ATHENA, STP, CANFLTLANT, MARPAC, NEWC, CFAD Rocky Point, DMPOR, DMRSS and as well as those to numerous to mention.



V/r and *Leaving the Fleet*;
David Hart
CPO2
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CANFLTPAC F3 Operations
Task Group Chief NESOP





SEA TRAINING

SEA TRAINING PACIFIC - "Train As We Fight"

by CPO2 Bob Clevett (CNESOP)

Having just recently assumed the duties of CNESOP at Sea Training Pacific, I find one of my first privileges (assignments from the cox'n?) is to make an entry in the NESOP Newsletter. I have been at ST(P) since 25 April, taking over from CPO2 Steve Orwick. I would like to say I have replaced Steve, but we all know it is impossible to "replace" him. Steve has moved on to MARPAC N34 as N34-51 SO AWW. CPO1 Paul Helston is still our cox'n, and apparently has managed to convince the Gods in Ottawa to let him stay for another year.

As usual, it has been busy at ST(P) since the last newsletter. We have conducted a WUPS Assist for REGINA, WUPS and DWUPS for VANCOUVER, Mission WUPS for WINNIPEG, DWUPS for PROTECTEUR, and SRI 1,2, and 3 for OTTAWA. In April we also had our annual Sea Training symposium in Quebec City. The symposium allows both Sea Training Staffs to meet face to face to exchange ideas and philosophies on training, discuss various issues and to make any required changes to SSOs or the Sea Training Guide. For the

remainder of the year we have DWUPS for CALGARY, PSU WUPS, and WUPS for OTTAWA. Well, due to my relatively short tenure (2 months), that's about all I have to contribute this time. Until next time, all of you take care!

CPO2 Bob Clevett



News from "The Rock"

AWWTC CAYUGA

Good day from Black Rock, after a huge turnaround of staff we have changed more than half, PO2 Keith Churchill (Algonquin), PO2 Shawn Pippy (Regina) and MS Mike Mahoney (Calgary)(#1 on QL-6A) are gone. But we have gained PO2 Bill Blore from the Algonquin, newly promoted and fresh off his 6A course PO2 David Vanderlee from the Winnipeg. MS Will Farrell who just finished his PLQ with MS Carlos Esquivel who just got posted here and has already been rented out to F3 for

a 2 week joy ride on the Algonquin, good times. Last but not least myself MS Bruno Savoie, who came from a short posting at Athena and am now getting ready for my PLQ. MS Kyle Timmons will be here for another busy year of Halifax trainer phases, and PO2 Simoneau is almost a permanent fixture at the school after his promotion and relocation in the other office. PO1 Lonnie Thompson is section supervisor and CPO2 Ryan Tompkins is at the helm.

We have two courses in house 0006(9 students) and 0007(7 students), and also have 3 courses commencing this summer and fall, 1 French. The next courses are filling up with new recruits very quickly and should be out in the fleet during this fiscal year.

That is all from the Rock,

MS Savoie

Confidence: what you start off with before you completely understand the situation.

Class 0006 JNR ES OP AWWTC

Feeling confident and just a little bit cocky, we enter the home stretch, starting with our trip to Halifax, thanks to our many instructors, and the camaraderie of our classmates. We must thank PO2 Simoneau for his tireless effort guiding us through the first half of the course. Our success is largely due to him (where as his few grey hairs are largely due to us). We gained the assistance of MS Savoie and MS Farrell part way through the course, and we thank them also (MS Savoie sea stories were worth the price of admission alone). We can only hope that the change over to the leadership of PO2 Blore and MS Timmons will be as rewarding as it was with the aforementioned instructors. We would also like to mention how much we enjoyed PO2 Langford's "inspirational visits" it is the team spirit of this class, however which has determined the level of our success. Weather, determining wind direction around OS Spence, OS Starcevic stories(they may leave you confused but always entertained), hand size, Chief Mitchell's Wednesdays BBQ's, Family Guys references, or our resident handicapped warriors, this class has never failed to entertain or rally together, a job well done. We are looking forward to joining the fleet and can proudly say our QL3's course (in the words of Bill Murray from "Ghost Busters") "we came, we saw, we kicked ass!"

Class names and ship postings: OS Adamowski (HMCS Calgary) OS Godda (FAA) OS Houghton (HMCS St-John's) OS Menard (HMCS Charlottetown) OS Mitchell (HMCS Montreal) OS Robinson (pending surgery) OS Spence (HMCS Ottawa) OS Starcevic (FAP) OS Stevens (FAP)



JNR ESOP Session 0006

Show A Leg – the traditional call of the Boatswain's Mates in a British warship when the hands were called to turn out in the morning. It arose from the old days when seamen, who were signed on for the duration of a ship's commissioning, were always refused shore leave when in harbour for fear that they would desert. Instead of shore leave, women, ostensibly wives, were allowed to live on board while the ship remained in harbour, and of course joined the men in their hammocks at night. When hands were called in the morning, the women were allowed to lie in, and the Boatswain's Mates, when they saw a hammock still occupied, would check the sex of the occupant by requiring him / her to show a leg over the edge of the hammock. If it was hairy, it was probably male, if hairless, probably female. The call remained in use for many years after the scandal of women living on board was finally abolished in the British Navy around 1840. My, how we've moved forward!!

[JNR ESOP Session 0007](#)

So we've finally begun after several months of interesting; and in some cases, not so interesting PAT work. We've all been looking forward to course start, and we're glad it's finally here. We began on Monday, April 11th, reporting to Black Rock for 0730 in our freshly polished parade boots, ready to make a good impression for our first day of class. Upon our arrival, we were greeted by our new instructors, MS Farrell and PO2 Pippy. We began our course with a series of presentations put on by the PSP staff, Commandant, SISIP and the school's Chief, CPO2 Tompkins. Most of the information covered concerned policies, and general information with respect to our course and the expectations they have of us. The actual course itself started the following day, where we began learning the material that will become our bread and butter for the rest of our careers. Although a little dry at times, our Master Seaman along with PO2 Pippy, do what they can to break up some of the monotony note-taking is notorious for and of course throwing in the occasional comment or joke to bring us back to reality. The members on our course have so far, shown to be a really good bunch. OS Buch for a great comic relief when the day starts to slow down. He seems to have a one-liner ready to go for every occasion, and it usually receives a deserving laugh from the students and instructors alike. OS Fletcher is from Dartmouth NS. He intends on going back home to the east, when course ends in October. He keeps us in check when things get too fun (just kidding Fletch). OS Hallmark is born and raised here in Esquimalt. Surprisingly enough, he hadn't seen enough of the Navy in the past twenty some odd years. So here he is to add another 25 years of Navy to his life. OS Hickey is following in his father's footsteps; he wants to be a Chief of the east. OS Butler is on track right now with the highest grades of the course. OS Parsons doesn't say a lot, but when he does, it's usually a well-timed one-liner, or a less than flattering comment for PO to swallow. I'll wrap this up by saying we're glad we're finally here, and we all look forward to eventually joining our respective units in several months. The life of the student isn't always endeared by all, and at times it can be trying, as everyone knows. Best of luck to all of course 0007, and may the Chew Qua's remain potent!



JNR ESOP Session 0007

The aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of the pigpen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden anniversary. "Let's have a party, Homer," she suggested. "Let's kill the pig."

The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Elmira," he finally answered, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago."



CFFSE WTD

It's been another busy spring for the NESOPS at WTD. In the last couple of months we have conducted OTT and a Delta course for ALG, weapon certification on the PRO and I'm sure the ATH'B team is sick off seeing us with two weapon certs, MRI I and II and an OTT. All this, as well as a reorganization of the division with NCOT and MULTOTS becoming part of Warfare Training. Some of us took part in CIWS

Block 1B training in Halifax in preparation for Iroquois weapon certs in the fall. We are looking forward to getting a chance to play with Fire Control Bypass.

The division bids a fond farewell to CPO2 Clevett who leaves us to put on a red hat; and we welcome CPO2 Denis Labelle who comes to us from HMCS Ottawa. PO1 Rick Manuel

joins NCOT staff as we finally fill the SWC billet over there. PO2 Joe Lamky, who joined us from HMCS CALGARY, replaced me as NCOT EWS, I moved over to Weapon Cert Staff. NCOT is also seeing PO2 John Penner leave for the HMCS ALGONQUIN after successfully finishing his QL-6B and PO2 Wade Bond leaving the coast, heading to the HMCS St. JOHN'S.

PO2 Shawn Falconer



HMCS ALGONQUIN

Happy New Year!! OK, So it's a little late, but we mean the sentiment all the same. Greetings from the West Coast Flagship, and all us "Happy little mushrooms".

After a rather enjoyable Holiday Season, the wheels out here on the fun and sun coast began to spin again (if you can't tell this is being written by a new arrival from Halifax; welcome to the Navy!). A lengthy SWP in January led into numerous trials throughout February, and finally onto TGEX in March. This last event led to a nice port visit to the long missed San Francisco area.

A great time was had by all, especially a certain Master Seaman and his Boy toy AB. AHHH, the city of Brotherly Love. Was it good for you COCO!? Having enjoyed some much needed R & R, it was time to once again set sail. This sounded a lot easier than it really was. A few of our Navcomms decided it might be interesting to see what the tensile strength of a halyard is by wrapping it up in the LW's IFF antenna. OOPS!! To make things even better, the ship felt it necessary to leave the Bay area a souvenir - our VDS. OOPS squared!!!! Oh well, enough about that, back to the section that really makes a difference here.

As we all know, with the passage of time, people come and go. We have had a HUGE turnover here in the section. We bid a fond farewell to most our Killicks. LS Stickle and LS O'Donnell have both found greener pastures at Athena. MS Deschenes somehow managed to con the good people at IRP into giving him a new home in Ottawa with a stint at CFEWC. I guess the spies are getting called back to the border for some reason... LS, er,um, I mean, congratulations to MS Esquivel. He is off to where it all begins (Black Rock), with PO2 Billy Blore. While PO2 Trevor Walker is at PLQ school. Last sail, eh Carlos? CANFLTPAC didn't seem to think so. God love TD!

Inbound we welcome with open arms (and a snicker, 280!), PO2s Keith Churchill and John Penner, MS Darrell Barrett, LS Borys, LS Tremblay, LS Patterson and last but definitely not least our prodigy (and quite a rookie) OS Lemay. Biggest congratulations to Troy, Dominic, Jeremy and Thom on their newest little additions. I'm so glad my little guy sleeps all night long. HA HA!

That's all from the best ship in the fleet. To our A.B.s, Bill McMillan, Shea Thorne and Luke Mack currently on their 5s... "Give 'em Hell Boys!". No Luke, not literally. Finally, MS Tracy Schulz is off to PLQ...last chance. Good luck Trace! That's all for now. Breaking news, congrats on the promotion ~~Able seaman~~, Leading Seaman.

LS Phil Burton

HMCS CALGARY



Since the last NES OP newsletter, a lot has happened on HMCS CALGARY. PO1 Gord Dolbec is still our fearless leader and enjoys leading the best NESOP department in the fleet with an iron fist. PO2 Mike O'Keefe has just returned from his QL-6B to a brand new section. PO2 Sean Kenny has spent the last eight months on CALGARY and will be posted to CFEWC this summer, we wish him the best in his new position and he'll be sorely missed. MS Mark Tucker has a career change coming up, he'll be off to Alberta with his girlfriend and yellow Maverick this spring, we wish him the best in all of his future endeavors. His

replacement is MS Mike Mahoney from Blackrock, who recently successfully past his QL-6A, finishing as the Top Student. MS Lloyd Boutillier has just arrived OSCP Athena and seems to be a great fit to the section. LS Tim King is still here and working on being the next Admiral. LS Richard Aubin on loan from FAP, recently remustered to NES OP and finished his QL-3's. Congratulations to AB Scott Crouse and AB Derek Dawson for successfully completing the new pilot QL-5A's in Halifax. Good luck to AB Allen Moffett and AB Michael Braga, who are preparing for their QL-4's in Halifax and taking pepperoni orders from the section. OS Chris Mackay is the lone Ordinary Seaman and can't wait for a new OS to take charge of. This spring and summer brings a busy schedule but the section looks forward to the challenge. We would also like to extend a get well soon to LS Martin Derry who is recovering after knee surgery. We hope to see him at sea very soon. We are looking forward to CALGARY's 10th anniversary and Cowboy up festivities at Ogden point from 13 – 15 May 05. In the words of Big and Rich "Save a Horse Ride a Cowboy!"

Scott Crouse
AB NESOP
HMCS Calgary

HMCS OTTAWA



We have come along way as a section since the last newsletter. We are finally heading back to sea, and filling up our department. Recently promoted CPO1 Labelle has left us once again, and is off to WTD, and PO1 Green is back from setting standards and is ready to set new standards. MS Lavigne and MS Dyck have recently joined our department, and joining us from Black Rock are AB Bowman and OS Hamilton. AB Matt and AB Winn after finishing their QL5 course recently became LS. AB Gerbrandt just returned from his QL5A course, and just recently reclassified AB Wiebe and AB Fortier are living it up in Halifax on their FCO course. Things are

getting back together on Ottawa, we have some new gear, both the CIWS Blk 1B and SRD-504 and are looking forward to testing them out at sea.

AB Gerbrandt
NESOP
HMCS
OTTAWA

Accommodation – an older term for a cabin when fitted for the use of passengers. It is also the word used when referring to steps in a ship, and thus a flight of steps leading from deck to deck in a ship for convenience of access and egress is properly known as an accommodation ladder. Today it is considered the ladder used for formal occasions that allows personnel to board our ships at sea from a small boat.

As all words and terms can evolve or have many meanings, this one is no different. It also refers to the process the CF has in place to allow someone destined for a medical release to continue working in the CF for a period normally covering three years. They are employed in a position (normally ashore) where they can continue providing a service to the CF and are considered to be on accommodation.



HMCS PROTECTEUR

Greetings and salutations from HMCS PROTECTEUR. Not many changes to the NESOP section on good old' HMCS Protecteur (aka: Battle Tanker). PO1 Frerichs, LS Mack, and LS Ledger are still holding down the fort. Since Christmas we had an opportunity to conduct TGEX and a port visit to San Francisco. We keep ourselves busy prepping for TGEX 3-05 / ORO Phase, then TGEX 4-05, and one more TGEX 5-05 (got to get that San Diego trip in before Christmas), then into refit for a year long overhaul. We'll be losing Chief Moger soon, to where, no one knows. Our beloved training chief CPO2 Patterson has been put out to pasture as he retired after 34 years of service. LS Payne had 3 days notice to ship off to the Winnipeg for the Gulf. LS Frigon arrived in Oct and shortly after left for Kingston for the OSA course and then off to OSCP Athena. So that's pretty much it for life aboard the tanker.



CPO2 Dale Patterson Swallows the Anchor

A guy walks into a bar with his pet monkey. He orders a drink and while he's drinking it the monkey jumps around all over the place. The monkey grabs some olives off the bar and eats them, then grabs some sliced limes and eats them, then jumps up on the pool table, grabs the cue ball, sticks it in his mouth, and swallows it whole.

The bartender screams at the guy, "Did you see what your monkey just did?"

The guy says, "No, what?"

"He just ate the cue ball off my table, whole!" says the bartender.

"Yeah, that doesn't surprise me," replied the patron. "He eats everything in sight, the little bastard. I'll pay for the cue ball and stuff." He finishes his drink, pays his bill, and leaves.

Two weeks later he's in the bar again, and he has his monkey with him. He orders a drink and the monkey starts running around the bar again. While the man is drinking his drink, the monkey finds a maraschino cherry on the bar. He grabs it, sticks it up his butt, pulls it out, and eats it.

The bartender is disgusted. "Did you see what your monkey did now?" he asks.

"Now what?" responds the patron.

"Well, he stuck a maraschino cherry up his butt, then pulled it out and ate it!" says the bartender.

"Yeah, that doesn't surprise me," replied the patron. "He still eats everything in sight, but ever since he ate that damn cue ball he measures everything first!"



HMCS REGINA

A Hello from the smiling faces of Regina's NESOP section. Regina will be ramping down this summer going into a much-anticipated docking period. We will be moving the office and 5 tons of paper for PER writing, up the hill come June and the section will be hitting the links a few extra times this summer. As for personnel, we have seen a huge turnover with a lot of people coming and going. First off, a big congratulation to PO1 Treverton just promoted recently and is now the SNRNESOP in HMCS Vancouver.

PO1 Smyth is busy spending his back pay on his truck. He is taking a hiatus at CFFS PLQ Section, molding the minds of our future leaders and will be off to Quebec for his ILQ at the end of the summer. PO2 Pippy and PO2 Featherstone will be posted in this summer from Blackrock and CFEWC, respectively. Myself, PO2 Robins, will be enjoying a break from the ship by being TD'ed to DC Div First Aid cell. Upon the completion of that, I will be making my way to CFRC Kingston to recruit the NESOPs of tomorrow. I will not be returning to Vancouver Island anytime soon, so I will take this opportunity to say farewell and all the best to the many west coast NESOPs that I have sailed with, and made lasting friendships with, over the last 18 years. Congratulations to MS Dyck, who was just promoted and now hangs his hat in HMCS Ottawa and farewell to LS Simper who will be going ashore and working at OSCP Athena. MS Duhamel, MS Rempel, LS Comboye, OS Vollant, OS Paquette and Regina's latest edition, OS Jones, will be staying and maintaining the status quo. Meanwhile, OS Amos is currently at FDU (P) completing his Ship's Diver course and then venturing to CFNOS this May, in company with AB Wilcox, for their QL4 course. And last but not least, OS Stewart, currently in Halifax, will be returning from his QL4 course at the end May. In closing, we wish all a great summer and try not to spend all your back pay in one bar, unless the beer is cheap and the woman even cheaper.

PO2 Robins – HMCS Regina

Quarter-Bill (Watch and Station Bill as we know it today) – a nominal list of officers and men in a warship which gives the action station of every person on board when the ship goes into battle. It was the origin of the naval order to 'beat to quarters', the drummers beating a particular rhythm on their drums to indicate that action was imminent and that men must go to their battle stations. In the British navy, the rhythm used was that of "Heart of Oak". Today, when drums are no longer used on board ship to beat to quarters, the usual order is 'Action Stations', when every person closes up to his station as indicated in the ship's "Watch & Station Bill".



HMCS VANCOUVER

Greetings to all from the good ship VANCOUVER. Well it has been a while since our last submission and quite a lot has happened around here. PO2 Mark the Stark seems to be going through SWC's like a knife through butter. First we lost PO1 Teflon Don Weaver to his social life, seems that going to sea was putting a cramp on his dating style, and then we lost PO1 Rick Manual, fresh from his 6B course, (by the way Rick thanks for the 2 minutes you were our leader) but we lucked out because he kept it in the family and we got his brother in law PO1 Corey Treverton. So a big VANCOUVER welcome goes out to you (we will see how long this one lasts). Speaking of movements, we said farewell to LS's Payne and Barrett, and wish them the best at their next units. Joining our ranks have been OS's Ken Churchill, Adam Kehoe, and Andrew Vernon, as well as LS Amy Verge, who is not really here but with Winnipeg (and for the Winny don't bring her back broken!) Our schedule has been fairly full of late, having just completed a workups period and a SOVPAT shortly after. However with that being said our second home of Vancouver (the City) has seen us host some Mega cocktail parties. We congratulate AB's Zack Stopa and Dominique Gougeon on the successful completion of the new Senior ESOP course with very high 90's averages, and OS's Churchill and Kehoe in completing their NETP in record time (3 weeks). PO2's Morgan Miller and Stark have been busy slugging it out in the PER trenches while our MS's George Gray and Al Howlett had a nice free week in Halifax where they successfully completed the WPN CERT program for FCS (hope your headaches get better soon guys). PO2 Stark will hopefully be leaving for Borden shortly and we hear that he has been watching an awful lot of Full Metal Jacket lately (Just the Parris Island Part). Well that's about all for now folks. Remember to keep your stick on the ice, power tools clean and of course "Ever on Guard".

Drafted by PO2 Mark (the chatterbox) Stark



HMCS WINNIPEG

Hello to all back in Canada. Here we are “in the middle of the ocean” making our way west. Everyone here is happy to have finished with MWUPS and the Missilex. We admit that STP has helped us become better fighting machines for this mission, however, we cannot deny we are also happy to be able to get into the groove of regular work and sleeping patterns. Port watch especially.

It was a quiet morning; you could have heard the birds chirping in the distance if you were on the upper deck. Below decks however, HMCS WINNIPEG was alive with excitement, anticipation and missile preps. Today, the 19th of April, was THE day. The scene is set for Action Stations. LT(N) Goodyear-SWC; OS Fannon-CIO; PO2 Lange-EWS; OS Nelson-EW; MS Kenny-FCS; LS Berezuk and LS Verge-FCO's. PO1 Jaquemot-Wannabe SWC; PO2 Olejnik-Shield Sup; MS Champ-Mag Sup; LS Lalonde, OS Callaghan and OS Johnson- Shield Loaders. The sun has been up for a few hours now when the General Alarm is heard. ACTION STATIONS. Everyone moves to their positions, video cameras are set and ready to go. The bridge is a hub of activity, down in Ops, everyone is in their seats ready to go. You could hear a pin drop if you weren't wearing a headset. Those who were wearing headsets listened to the information being passed intently. It was forgotten that this was an exercise for training. Real missiles were being launched. With successful tracking runs, multiple chaff rockets launched, 2 missiles launched and war cries heard throughout the Ops Room and the bridge, it was determined that our missile was a success. Both drones assessed as “kill” and the adrenaline was pumping through everyone's veins. Now was the time to head into Pearl Harbour for celebrations and much desired relaxation.

LS Payne joined us in Hawaii. We welcome him aboard. Now we are headed into the sunset to find more beaches and to complete a successful mission. So until next time, WINNIPEG NESOP's OUT.



The Easterner has always dreamed of owning his own cattle ranch, and finally made enough money to buy himself the spread of his dreams in Wyoming.

“So what did you name the ranch?” asked his best friend when he flew out to visit.

“We had a hell of a time,” admitted the new cowboy. “Couldn't agree on anything. We finally settled on the Double R Lazy Triple Horseshoe Bar-7 Lucky Diamond ranch.”

“Wow!” His friend was impressed. “So where are all the cows?”

“None of them survived the branding.”

News From MARLANT



East Coast Advisor Report

by CPO1 Randy Smart

MARLANT Occupation Advisor

Its time for a submission to the bulletin, so as I sit here gazing out my window at the grey hulls, I am pondering what has passed during the winter. As probably talked about at local watering holes by many, there have been numerous postings with some promotion (congrats to all) in the last few months. NES Ops have been posted to various units, to points west of Halifax and East of Esquimalt, as far as I can tell no one (except maybe a few chiefs) had to go kicking and screaming. I would like to thank CPO1 Wood and CPO2 Smallwood for their excellent career management skills and communications abilities when it came to looking after the NES OP community. I only hope that your reliefs are as artful and orally skilled (CPO1 Wood you had a flair for getting you decisions across!!!!) at presenting you verdicts to the masses. As we roll into the summer season (hidden under fog and rain in Halifax), take the time to enjoy the respites of Halifax and Esquimalt, for the fall weather is not far behind and with that is the ever-popular Career Manager visits (fair weather for some/foul for others). I would like to believe that we all will be making career orientated and sailor-like requests of the CMs when they visit. These guys spend a lot of time in the rigging and must set the sails for the whole NES OP crew. Enjoy you summer, I'll see ye on the waterfront.

CPO1 Smart R.J.
MOC Advisor (East)
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This guy went to the zoo one day. While he was standing in front of the gorilla's enclosure, a gust of wind blew some grit into his eye. As he pulled his eyelid down to dislodge the particle, the gorilla went crazy, bent open the bars, and beat the guy senseless. When the guy came to, the zookeeper was anxiously bending over him, and as soon as he was able to talk he explained what had happened. The zookeeper nodded sagely and explained that in gorilla language, pulling your eyelid down meant "F You".

The explanation didn't make the gorilla's victim feel any better, and he vowed revenge. The next day he bought two large knives, two party hats, two party horns, and a large sausage. Putting the sausage in his pants, he hurried to the zoo and over to the gorilla's cage, into which he tossed a hat, a knife and a party hat. Knowing that the big apes were natural mimics, he put on a party hat. The gorilla looked at him, looked at the hat, and put it on. Next the man picked up a party horn and blew on it. The gorilla picked up his horn and did the same. Then the man picked up his knife, whipped the sausage out of his pants, and sliced it neatly in two.

The gorilla looked at the knife in the cage, looked at his own crotch, and solemnly pulled down his eyelid.



CFNOS Halifax AWW

Spring is in the air and so is the posting season. I am not to sure if I'm on the east or west coast because it has not stopped raining since it stopped snowing in March. There have been many changes since the last CFNOS newsletter. We have already said goodbye to some old faces. PO2 (Small Arms Locker) McGurk has retired and has started his own landscaping business. All the best Darrin, I think Civie Street will be a smooth transition for you. PO2 Duane Cole is currently afloat on the HMCS Halifax employing his EWS Skills. He has turned in his hair gel and brush to the reg office at CFNOS for a whistle.

With the New Posting Season upon us we are in the mist of planning going away parties for, PO1 Farouse, PO1 Hamilton, PO2 MacElwain, PO2 Tremblay and myself newly promoted PO2 MacDonald.

PO1 Andy Farouse remains as the Chris Brothers (pepperoni) Representative and the CEO of the AWW section benevolent fund, as well as his many instructional duties.

PO1 George Hamilton will be changing seats with PO1 Kitchen onboard HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN. George just remember that going to sea is just like riding a bike you will have your sea legs back in no time. I don't think the flight deck is big enough for you to ride your 4 wheeler or Sled around. This could be an extreme sport, Sea State 10 Ski doing.

PO2 Stu Macelwain as far as we knew Stu's been rumoured to be posted every week since he got promoted. No Matter where you go keep your carving tools sharpened. Remember the shipwright workshop is for Hull Tech's and even though we get the same pay as they do I

don't think they will let a NESOP in there.

PO2 Tony Tremblay is heading to the home of Leafs the grand city of Toronto. Tony will be the CF's newest recruiter. I hope that Sam and Jeff are a little more giving as the dept stores man. I know you have the art of lying because every time I asked for a pen you said you were out. Don't be afraid to send the ARMY and the AIRFORCE a few gifts from the NAVY.

PO2 JJ MacDonald is off to the Halifax to hook up with PO2 Cole. I guess you'll just have to get use to watching the Moose Heads on TV instead of live. I know it wont be the same sitting in the C&PO's but it will have to do. Apply for your CFPAS loan now so you can have it for your NATO.

We would like to send out a CFNOS Welcome to our not so newest edition, PO2 "Chico" (no F#\$^*%@ LT) Arseneau. Chico is back for a third and maybe final time at the School. Remember Chico to log out of your account when you are not using it. It should be known that the EOB cell has imposed a height restriction on all P2's posted in

PO2 Mike (6B EWS) Culligan is now "BF", congratulations on passing your 6B course hopeful your head has shrunk back to its normal size. You can now dig your golf clubs back out. Don't forget to pass over you enlarged beret to PO2 Eddie "Sausage / top student" James now on his 6B's. Remember ED you are a student and not staff you can eat your lunch in the flats or classroom.

CPO2 Brian Holm-Laursen will be relived as DCPO by CPO2 (Gooch)

Dorrington. A little hint Chief if you are looking for Cully, make sure you check the woods at the local golf course.

PO2 Claude "Snacks" Philippe, PO2 John "CFNOS Sasquatch" MacLeod, MS Jeff "IT" Howie, MS Sam "Sharp Shooter" Metcalfe and MS Scott "Naval Ball" Wells will be left to hold down the fort. They will be willing and able to pass on all their knowledge to the new staff coming on board.

Currently we have two new courses in house the SNR ESOP's and the FCO's. We have all ready had one SNR ESOP course and one FCO course graduate. They were both pilot courses. It wasn't all a bed of roses, however some of the bugs have been worked out and things can only get better with time. Congratulations to all of those who graduated and are currently employing their skills in the fleet. There is also a brand new FCS course that will be taught in CFNOS. This course will not be run until next year as the first SNR ESOP students will likely be the first to go on this course.

Well that's it from the old CFNOS, looking forward to seeing all you guys in the future. From all the staff at CFNOS Everyone have a Safe and enjoyable summer. This will be my last submission as the East Coast News letter representative. I am posted to the HMCS Halifax so I will be handing the Reins over to MS Scott wells.

PO2 JJ MacDonald
MS Scott Wells



Newly Promoted AB Fortier



Newly Promoted AB Wiebe



OS Stewart receives Top Student Award for NESOP QL4



MS Mahoney receives Top Student Award for NESOP QL6A



CFNOS TTT

by PO1 Steve Murphy & LS Boone

Greetings from TTT ASUW section. Another Mega down and we were quite successful with the AWWDs. Congratulations to all those who were successful in passing this milestone career course.

There will be a "Changing of the Guard" this APS. The entire ASUW section is posted out with PO1 Thommy Smiff posted in as PO ASUW, no firm plans as of yet for replacement of TAC ASUW and TAC ASUW2. I will leave here in August for a position on the CSNMG1 staff and will have to endure back to back 6 month NATO's.....Lord, please make me strong.....

LCdr Cassidy will be leaving for Marland HQ, SSO Plans after almost 6 years here as TAC AAW2 and then as TAC ASUW. Lt(N) Climenhaga will be promoted and off to Colorado. Although many a SWC student may not have too many "pleasant" memories of their "quality" time spent with LCdr Cassidy, and Lt(N) Climenhaga, rest assured that they both always put the student's/ship's teams first. LCdr Cassidy may best be remembered for "papayas and coconuts" (and his bark is worse than his bite) and Lt(N) Climenhaga may be best remembered for all his hard work as TAC Air.....we'll leave it at that.

That is all from the ASUW cell. Hope we all have a good, safe summer leave and hope to many of you at the NESOP mess dinner in October.

PO1 Steve Murphy

Good-Day to all from the CFNOS Tactics and Team Trainer, "the core of all your training needs". Another mega phase has ended with overwhelming success, right on schedule with the start of this year's golf season. Congrats go out to PO Culligan, PO Penner, MS Waite, MS Vanderlee and MS Mahoney. The past couple of weeks have seen many changes to the section. Master Seaman (Red Beard) Andrew Bennett has switched spots with Master Seaman (I can't sing) Tony Phee (or as the PO calls him, Norman).

We've undergone a bit of a restructuring at TTT. We now work for a PO1 NESOP rather than TASOP/NACOP/SONAR OP...one of the aforementioned trades. (It's Tuesday today so I think they want to be called SONAR OP's on Tuesdays, but they might be NACOP's by the time you read this, you just never know with those Ocean Op's, or whatever they're called.) So it's "the wrath of Haughn" (PO1 Steve Haughn) we now face on a day-to-day basis. But his wrath is only short lived, broken up by the pudgy yet smiling face of his own sidekick, PO2

Jake Lowthers. The yin to Steve's yang.

Some old faces that have been here way too long and are in need of repair and/or replacement are MS John Ryan, MS Jason Trepanier and LS Guy Gaudin who I've been sent to replace. Though I do see why being ashore is so very appealing and would make a sailor want to stay away from the dockyard. Lunchtime hockey, Fleet Club parking, (without requiring seventeen thousand years served to be put on the waiting list so they can never call you.) Home every night and the pay office is actually open during the posted hours. "*Quick shift changes guys, there's lots more to come ashore yet.*" PO1 Steve Murphy will be leaving us over the summer to take on the Chief NESOP job with SNMG. PO1 Steve Haughn and PO2 Jake Lowthers are hanging around for another year.

So what's in store for the future of our little Shire and all its Hobbits? Well, there's a nasty rumour we will be moving from our basement enclave to the geriatric ward commonly known as the third deck. It always smells like bad coffee breath and Tiger Balm up there, and no one wants to move into that. Besides, all they really want is someone to push their wheelchairs around for them. I'll keep you posted in part two of this year's newsletter as to where we end up.

(LS Adam Boone) "Chaff"

Bite – an anchor is said to "Bite" when the flukes bed themselves into the seabed and hold firm without dragging. Not to be confused with the "Mike Tyson" boxing method!!



CFNOS NESOP STDS

by PO2 Dicky Kelloway

Good day to you all.

Here's a little something from your friendly NESOP Standard personnel. Since Feb 05 there's been a few personnel changes, actually everybody got posted. CPO2 Henriksson is now on the ST-John's, PO1 Murray (Gary) is now in NEWC, and PO2 Kelloway followed CPO2 Henriksson to the ST-John's. PO1 Brown at validation decided to retire after almost 29 yrs of service. The Standards section is now comprised of CPO2 Morgan, PO1 Kennedy, PO2 Vaudreuil and PO1 Martel is moving into validation in the summer. What's new, we just concluded the pilot courses for FCOP, SR ESOP and EWS. Changes are underway. The new NESOP EAST COAST NESOP PERSONNEL CONTACT LIST will be on the street at the end of June 05.

PO2 ERIC VAUDREUIL
721-6586



CFMWC

by PO1 Gerry Doutré

Hello fellow NESOPs across the country. Very much enjoying my new position here at the Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Center (CFMWC), Operational Test and Evaluation Group (OTEG). A little background on what we do here at Above Water Battlespace (AWB). The AWB section is responsible for planning, conducting, analyzing and reporting of OT&E of naval Anti-Air & Surface, Electronic Warfare systems and platforms. AWB is staffed by both military and civilian specialists, and works in close cooperation with the Tactics section of the CFMWC, as well as with other military and civilian organizations. OT&E at AWB is normally associated with the introduction or modification of a specific AAW, ASUW & EW system and focuses on assessing the operational effectiveness and suitability of that equipment for maritime service. OPTESTs are comprehensive evaluations of system's capability against current or emerging threats in AAW and ASUW.

2005 is turning out to be a very busy year for AWB. Spring of '05 sees us conducting operational tests with WIN's Missilex and ATH, STJ and HAL's Missilex during CFO1/05. AWB continues to be involved with a wide range of projects including: Harpoon, SM-2, NSSM, ESSM, 76mm, 57mm including 3P Ammo, CIWS 1B, Sirius, Nulka, Sea Search, SRD-504, Canews, Ramses, 40mm Bofors, Remote Controlled Heavy Machine Gun (RCHMG), Chaff / IR Trials at Nestra and FIAC Optests.

If anyone were to ask, I would tell them this is the best shore position for a PO1 NESOP in the Navy. AWB allows you to stay current in the trade and also be at the leading edge of new technology coming into the Navy. Your input here at the CFMWC can shape our future and what direction we need to go. A reminder to all that the CFMWC is not the sole source of the "good ideas club" and that if you want something tested, send something my way.

*** MESS DINNER (Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the "NESOP")

Attention all NESOPs!!! Mark your calendars, the NESOPs from down east are holding an all ranks **NESOP MESS DINNER**, Thursday 27 October 2005, at the C&POs' Mess in Halifax. All NESOPs from across Canada are invited both serving and retired. Contact myself: PO1 Gerry Doutré for more info.

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CPO2 Tom (Gooch) Dorrington, CD, SSM, PEACE, FRY

CPO2 Dorrington was born and raised in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. He joined the Navy in Jun 1981 as an Electronic Warfare Operator. As an EW/NESOP Op, he served onboard HMCS Annapolis (1982-86), HMCS Fraser (1986-1989), HMCS Halifax (1989-1992) with a brief stop over onboard HMCS Nipigon (1990 for 4 months to complete WUPs preps and WUPs). After ten years at sea, he was posted to MARCOM (1992- 1995) as an instructor at Paramax in beautiful Montreal, PQ. After a few good runs ashore in Montreal, he was posted back to sea aboard HMCS Fredericton (1995-1998), then he took a jaunt some 3600 miles west to serve onboard HMCS Calgary (1998-1999), then off to HMCS Vancouver 1999-2000. Upon his return to the East coast, he was posted to MARLANTHQ Halifax N34 (2000-2001) as SOEW. In 2001 he moved across the harbour to take a French course at CFB Shearwater 2001-2002 where he recieved a BBA and those letters don't stand for "Big Bulge Alpha". After completing the year long french course, he moved back to N34 (SOEW) (2002-2003). In 2003 he was posted to CANFLTANT (2003 -2005) as the Task Group Chief NESOP, where he served onboard HMCS Montreal and HMCS Athabaskan. CPO2 Dorrington's next posting this APS will take him to CFNOS to relieve CPO2 Holm-Larsen as AWW DCPO.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the NESOPs on the waterfront and ashore for your very active participation in all AWW tasking over the last 2 years. Your participation in all areas of AWW made my job easy because of your support. I hope you provide CPO2 Haughn the same level of support, dedication and commitment you provided me. It has been my pleasure in working with a fine bunch of men and women. I salute you all.

Please keep in touch drop, and drop in and visit me whenever you are in the building (S-15)

Very sincerely

CPO2 Gooch Dorrington
TGCNESOP soon to be AWW DCPO



HMCS ATHABASKAN



Hello from the mighty Athabaskan, the ship of a thousand sails. We've been pretty busy aboard "Ole B" since the last while, and it shows no signs of stopping (but wait summer leave, YIPPEE!). As always I will endeavor to bring you into the NESOP Department aboard our fine ship. Athabaskan has just completed three successful firings of her SM2 missiles and all went very well, proving that the old girl still has some life in her yet. As it is always the SWCs who are first to get "Noticed", we have our new SWC LT(N) Brent Lemon, when not firing the "big shots", we often ask why he has no back scars as most new SWCS are packaged for the fleet with the signature "kung-fu" grip and special edition broomstick.

Now to our illustrious leader Petty Officer First Class Richard "Two Dogs" Ten Eyck when not questioning the parentage of the ORS, can always be found asking how his team is doing (Imodium is working fine PO). Next caught in the spotlight are our fine PO2s. We have joining our team PO2 John "Piping Party" McCarthy who is very, VERY used to life aboard 280's... welcome back to the asylum Johnny! Taking up the reigns of the Port watch is PO2 Colin "Sully" MacLeod, always a valued member of our leadership team, showing us how to spin up since 2004. Next our fine Master Seaman Clyde "Is my posting in?" Long, and MS Andy "I think I got Clyde's posting!" Maule, who can always be good for some department entertainment. LS Jody "Never Gathers Dust" Ezio can be found dragging the rest of us along whether we wish to come along or not. LS Dave "Hard time" Seymour recently returned from an excursion to the Bahamas, where he realized the red bull/vodka and potted plants don't mix.

Now LS "No Porn Stache" Sparkes has hit the dazzling heights of "killick" with the rest of us (snicker, poor bugger). Sadly the newest Leading Seaman of our branch is off on his QL4 course (you read correctly), LS Brad "B-RAD" Brusdeilins is off broadening his NESOP knowledge on one of many career courses he will face, and we wish him all the best. Now to me, LS Leigh "RAGE" Gouthro Mayor of Athabaskan, I have been firing the big gun as operator and Supervisor. I make it a daily routine to mock the wardroom, but in jest only (those who know me...) and generally enjoying port visits like Halifax (when are we going there again?). To the Able Seaman (now that the OD factor is gone) AB T.J "HAMBONE" Clarke is fresh off his QL5 course, and with that has come over to the Starboard watch and is fitting in with the crazies nicely (the corruption is now complete, hooohaahaa!) AB Dave "REEFER" Simpson also off the aforementioned QL5, has gone to the Port watch (Land of the munchies), where he is showing them the green sky of his world (kidding Dave).

AB Eric "I miss the Pop-gun" Richard is acclimating himself to the way of the 280, except when the 76 fires, I guess the sound of a real gun firing scares lil gun shooters. AB Phil "The Pill" Berresford has returned to us from his QL4 course anxious to impress all with his newfound knowledge. AB Willy "Smoke and a coffee" Williams is blending into this motley crew very well and learning all he can between nod offs on "The Ole Snooze". Last but not least, we have AB (that's right, he's promoted) Terry "Taliban" Gillis who gladly takes on any task in which he can get old on everything.....check the old fellow's diaper, I think he had apples again! Well that's all from our side of the house, keeping it steady and our nose pointed home, that's all from the floating legend. Remember the water wasn't perfect until they placed a 280 in it.

LS "RAGE" Gouthro
Mayor of Athabaskan

LS Gouthro (Mayor of ATHABASKAN)



HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN

Hello from the Charlottetown Shore Office. We maybe in refit, but we are busy bee's here. There are ships that need manning. And I guess we are the tree to pick from. PO1 Kitchen is still with us with his Diet Cokes in both hands, guzzling them down left, right and center. The scenery for our Diet Coke crazed PO1 is going to change in late August, as he will be joining the school at Stad. In exchange, we will be receiving PO1 George Hamilton from the school as HMCS Charlottetown's new SWC. (Note for the NESOP Instructors at Stad. Make sure that you have an ample supply of Diet Coke for PO1 Kitchen. If not. He may be a wee bit cranky if none are found!!!)

Well, PO2 Hillier and PO2 Collier are busy, from Manning Support for the Mega for the QL6B's. PO2 Collier is TD to the HMCS Fredericton for half the summer. Seems like the PO2's are just as busy as the Junior NESOPs.

Well, we are loosing our two Master Seaman's. MS MacNevin is posted to the school at Stad. Good luck Dave. We are sure you will be a great instructor. MS Harrington is being posted to NDHQ in Ottawa. Him and his wife just had there first baby boy, named Ethan. Congrats Brad from all of us here at the HMCS Charlottetown shore office. And we wish you the best in your new position in Ottawa.

Well, we are loosing one of our Leading Seaman's as well. It seems to be a theme right now for us Charlottetown NESOPs. LS Frank Raymond is posted to the HMCS Montreal, and is going there as Master Seaman Raymond. Congrats Frank. It has been a long time coming. We wish you all the best with your new posting and promotion. LS Lacey just got back from Europe. He was over there for the Battle of the Atlantic celebrations. I am sure he had a great time. AB Duncan is currently on her QL5A's. So far so good. I am sure she will be our new LS soon enough. Well, Myself, AB MacDonald. I just got my AB's. Finished the first QL4 Fire Control Operator course. Now I am settling in shore office life. And getting ready for the International Tattoo. OS Jackson is here now and then between TD's to different ships. We have two new OS's. OS Desrosiers is fresh of his QL3's, eager to learn. OS Wilson, also of his QL3's, is here. But is being posted to the freshly refitted HMCS Iroquois.

AB E. MacDonald
HMCS Charlottetown
All Challenges Squarely Met



HMCS FREDERICTON "Stalker of the seas"

Ahoy there! Here are a few words from the "STALKER OF THE SEAS". We have been busy since our last talk and there have been a number of additions to our team. New additions to the NESOP team include OS Flanagan, OS Penton, and OS Hardy fresh off their QL-3 course. They have been involved in SRI's and OTT 1 in preparation for WUPS. We had 2 recent promotions before WUPS kicked off. OS MacDonald and OS Hardy were promoted to Able Seaman. During WUPS everyone worked well together making it a success.

The junior operators learned many new aspects of the trade and adapted quickly to the sea environment. On a serious note a special thanks goes out to PO2 Andy Collier who graciously volunteered to join us for WUPS 05. PO1 Burton tried drafting PO2 Mike Hillier but ended up with Andy instead, once again thanks for the support!

While transiting south we had the privilege of conducting ASW operations with HMCS WINDSOR. After a long period of not working with our own submarines it was a great experience to once again see and work with one of our own. We enjoyed calm seas and a very hot Port visit to Norfolk, VA. While alongside soaking up some rays, little did we know we had a hero among us. OS Binder performed the hymelic maneuver on a member of the ships company in the main cafeteria, so we felt the need to promote him to Able Seaman for his heroic efforts. Well that's about it for now so until next time keep your stick on the ice.



HMCS MONTREAL

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer and by the time this NESOP Newsletter is published, HMCS MONTREAL will have completed her deployment with Standing Naval Maritime Group One or SNMG1, but because of the voluntold syndrome (thanks AthaB), we, as us the ship, have decided to stay over on this side of the pond, the European side, for another month to attend several Naval reviews, particularly Kiel Days in Kiel and Trafalgar 200 days in Portsmouth. Really looking forward to them.

The trip, thus far, has been very interesting, to say the least, and the ports have been plentiful. Its still NATO...moosemilk every Sunday, a different nationality ship hosting a party every weekend, the acquisition of anything belonging to other SNMG1 units, clandestine night time excursions to paint slogans or change the numbers of consorts hulls...you know...the norm. One thing that was missing has been the force breakfasts. We, as in the Dutch, Germans and us Canucks complained but to no avail. Maybe the next group of ships will have better luck. Oh yeah...I almost forgot to mention that we actually worked. We experienced the Mediterranean life for 30 days while participating in Operation Active Endeavour, 20 of them as Flagship. The powers to be also scheduled and made us participate in one 10 day exercise that took place up in the scenic Norwegian Fjords. The extents that they'll go to make us earn our pay...have they no shame.

We have sailed with no PO1 and we miss the big Al Hirtle. We wish him well at the school and he doesn't have to worry about a thing, PO2s' Pat Brunet and Duane McNamara are handling the section. Fine bang up job they are doing. Pat likes to make up threat tables and Duane likes to "laminare". Pat likes to tape tables to Duane and Duane likes to laminate them to Pat. The joys of working with these two. (This paragraph was wrote by an anonymous NESOP)

MS Chris (I WANNA TARGET) Fralic's main claim to fame so far this trip, happened during an AA Firex when he brought us to within 0.1 metre of a MDI fitted aerial target off Norway in under 2 runs (He really knows how to make that STIR sing). Going to miss him though, as he is off to Trinity in fall. May the force be with him. If we have to hear slick Richard (ROGER OUT) Penney say, "that's not the way it was the last time I was here" one more time, we'll scream...Hey Rick that was 12 years ago, it's probably all rebuilt by now!

We would also like to thank IROQUOIS for the loan of OS Steve Tremblay, who, because of a slight manning issue, joined us way back in February during a brief visit in Copenhagen.(but maybe we can keep him? CPF life is so much fun). Now if we can just get him to put away his shoes in the mess (all 3 pairs). LS's James Hirtle, Matt Matchim and newly made Jennifer McKinnon, are presently attending their QL5A course.

As for the rest of the guys, LS Rod Carew will be leaving us this fall and hoisting his boxers aboard HMCS Charlottetown. Good luck Rod, you earned it and it has been my pleasure to sail with you. OS Chris Glibbery and Robert Mudge joined us in the fall of 04, and considering the seasoned bunch of NESOPs aboard they have to put up with, they have managed to fit in very well. They shouldn't be traumatised for their entire life, only part of it. The amount of knowledgeable people available to make them sit o the gear is tremendous...people such as Gary Toohey, Rick Penney and Chris Fralic. If they don't walk away from this trip with a good grasp of EW knowledge, something is very wrong.

Next to be mentioned is LS Gary Toohey; you can say anything you want to about his age (just don't call him old) but his EW knowledge is, and always will be, very beneficial to the department lucky enough to be stuck with him. Ha ha. All kidding aside, he has probably forgot more EW info than a lot of us currently retain. Then there is LS Hollie Blakney, the man from New Brunswick currently in...well he's here and doing mighty fine, if I must say so. He has been FCS for the better part of the trip and is always looking forward to seeing those retirement notices come out. Last but not least is LS Julie Peck. She didn't make the trip and her presence was dearly missed. She would have had a fit if she had seen some of the shoddy, half baked projects the NESOPs did to better their living conditions in 1 mess. It's a miracle that the casualty clearers haven't been piped there yet. Welcome aboard OS David Mitchell.

The attached picture is the entire HMCS MONTREAL NESOP section as we were during the Mediterranean phase of the trip, with the exception of LS Hollie Blakney, who at the time when the mugshot was snapped was reported to have been protecting the brow. No, we never gave him a weapon. He was QM.

Excellent NATO Lesson / Tradition

Hey all you young guys out there, reading this, you will probably never know the joy experienced when, stumbling back from ashore early and getting lost, then all at once you look up and you see those shining red lights beckoning you to your rack, that's when you thank god for aircraft warning lights. From one old guy to all you young guys... This is just one fond memory, which the senior chief's should have passed on. Right editor, and chief !!!!!

On behalf of Matt Matchim and the rest of the NESOPs aboard HMCS MONTREAL, I want to say thank-you to all the people who contributed to the previous issue of the NESOP Newsletter. The tribute to Craig Lawrenson was simply magnificent.

PO2 Pat Brunet





HMCS PRESERVER

Greetings to all NESOPS, from the "Heart Of The Fleet". Finally we have the ship back, and we can operate out of our real ops room, instead of the huge refrigerator cardboard box that was built to resemble one in the shore office. LS Christie took that home so he can play NESOP in his closet on the weekends.

All new faces have graced this department as of late, including PO1 (*GiGi*) Tremblay, who came fresh from the PLQ school; LS Scott (*6 cats, what the heck is wrong with you*) Stroh, just recently posted from HMCS Halifax; LS Shannon (*I almost have as many cats as Stroh*) Christie, who joined us from HMCS Montreal; LS Mike (*Jungle Deck Rack Monkey*) McKee, fresh from Trinity, and LS Shawn (*Maple Leafs first unbeaten season*) King, joining the team from HMCS Charlottetown.

So there you have it, a diverse, solid NESOP department, that when combined, almost has as many felines as the stray cat population of China.

We are looking forward to living up to our motto "Heart Of The Fleet", as well as seeing you all out there on the big blue.

We might not have Fire Control Radars, but man can we launch those SRBOC's, and fire that CIWS (*In the trainer, as we have yet to get our gear back*). Oh yeah, do any of you NESOP's have extra Echo Sounder paper?

LS Stroh
HMCS Preserver



HMCS TORONTO

Greetings all. Hello from the TORONTO! Quite a bit has changed over the last several months since we submitted our last entry. PO2 Morton has left us to stand in line for the new STAR WARS movie as well as his QL-6B course. Best of luck on the course "Morty"!!!!

Coming back from their QL-5 courses are OS Watton and OS Richards. OS Andy Richards, a proud new Daddy a baby girl, also received his AB on 18 of May and plans on ruling with an iron fist. Congrats Andy!!!!

We finally got rid of A/MS Evan Entwistle and LS Boone. The party onboard TORONTO lasted a week and a day. Enjoy your postings guys and remember Twist that you are even closer to "Reflections" now for Happy Hour.

LS "Haystack" Jensen, who panicked like mad and had the "cajones" to e-mail the SNR NESOP PLQ instructor to say he was going to top the d*&n PLQ course is currently buried in work at Windsor park. The COXN was devastated that he was losing "Haystack" for his PLQ as he always brought a lot of duff to work. "Haystack" is being posted in July to Trinity to keep passing the duff ashore.

We have a brand new OS onboard. OS Horaski came from his QL-3 and was promptly sent to the deck force and has not been seen in the OPS room in a month. He wanted to pass on his personal thanks to the recruiting office in Toronto and plans on expressing his thoughts when we all arrive in Hog Town in July.

TORONTO has been busy the last few months with fisheries and prepping the ship for the Great Lakes trip. We are going to Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Cleveland, and Chicago where MS "Gunny" Garnett will watch his beloved Boston Red Sox beat the s&*t out of the White Sox.

TORONTO NESOPS



HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC

Hello fellow NESOPs

We, the Ville de Quebec, are pleased to advise all that we do (or at least did) sail and enjoyed the pleasing scenery of the exotic Eastern United States seaboard. VDQ was honored to be the last Canadian unit as SNFL, now known as NATO Response Force, even though it was a strenuous deployment, having returned home only three times throughout the deployment. After our arduous trip we took a well-deserved Christmas break. During the late winter and early Spring we found ourselves heavily involved with the ASW world, this was exhausting for our SWC (PO1 Carr) performing the RSO duties during torpedo ex's (YEAH BUT, PO2 "Grandpa" Rigby was here to relieve him every 15 minutes for a smoke). He will soon have Remmy syndrome from lifting his coffee mug (barrel).

Newly promoted PO2 Douville will arrive early July from Ottawa to replace our want-to-be Frenchman PO2 Rigby who is going to CFNOS. Turn over will take place at Timmy's during "LA PAUSE". For sale, 1 French / English Dictionary, like new, seldom used. PO2 gimp wing Remillard is working hard (hardly working or at least thinking about it) at NCOT, Happy physio, Mike.

We're awaiting newly promoted MS Mimeault who will be arriving late Aug from Ottawa relieving MS Waite who is rumored to be going to CFNOS after successfully completing his 6A's (yes Sean, they are retiring your stock number on VDQ) but we still believe you would be better employed at CFEWC, just because. MS "I'd really like a 6A course" Contant will be remaining for at least one more year. Someone has to have the title of old man within the Division. Tag, your it Guy. LS (Red) Pelletier has left for wetter pastures on the IRQ. He seems to be set up according to the messages we have seen, best of luck, Red. AB Richard returned after successfully completing his QL5 course and joined us in Jan for 4 wonderful days of Weapon cert training before completing a full out routine in 3 hours. He is now a proud member of the ATH war tribe. Sightings of LS Winter have been sparse in these parts as he was landed during NATO to take care of Marie and their upcoming. Now he is basking in the glory of paternity leave with his daughter, Clara. Congratulations and we hope to see you back soon (we are extremely short).

LS Hoehn, YES Leading Seaman, is presently on his QL4 and scheduled to finish in July. Hurry back as we need FCO's. LS McElroy the New Brunswick redneck remains and enjoys his boarding party duties. Been heard in the flat saying, "needs more guns." No you can't have a French course you adapted well to FLU. LS "I need a dolly to get on watch" Dumaresq remains on board taking over Waite's stock number. Congrats on your FCS qualification, now if only we had QL4 qualified personnel for her to use it. OS "I'm the next Patrick Roy" Tremblay and OS "want to be Photo Tech" Tremblay-Poirier are holding up well working between cafeteria, Ops and all points in between PO Rigby can think of. Since the last Christmas newsletter we did receive 2 new personnel. OS "Chia Pet" Dupont and OS (greeny) Labelle. Both are doing well and (almost) `adapting to VDQ way of life.

That all for now, hello to our fellow Crows and give praises St-Barbara.

Did you ever wonder how many of those dead animals you have seen on the side of the highway were suicidal?

Closing Thoughts ...

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CPO2 Smallwood

(See above)

You're now up-to-date with respect to the goings on of your fellow NESOP's (be they "276ers" or "00115ers"!!) Once again we're almost at 100% participation in what is really "YOUR" Newsletter. The efforts you make to get those entries in, regardless of size, ensure we continue to have the Newsletter that sets the standard for the Fleet.

I'll take a moment now to thank CPO1 Terry Prowse on behalf of you all, for the excellent work he did on our behalf as our Occupational Manager over the last few years. As expected from "Bobber", the yardsticks have been moved forward!

I mentioned in my acceptance editorial that I'm interested to hear from anybody with ideas as to ways to continue improving on the excellent product you have now. As of publication I've yet to receive any input, so I'll keep plugging along relying on my ancestral editorial roots (read grade eleven Newfoundland and Labrador).

In closing let me once again thank all of you who take the time to submit. Keep up the great work.

I'll be looking at getting the next issue out shortly after our mess dinner in October, so get those pencils / fingers / tongues sharpened and get ready to tell all.

Keep your paperback (NESOP Newsletter) in the door and you elbow smash ready at all times.

CPO2 Joey Smallwood
Editor-in-Chief

