



The NESOP NEWSLETTER is published by and for the NESOPs of the Canadian Navy. It's purpose; to keep members current with items that reflect the NESOP community, by supplementing information provided by formal sources and acting as a forum for sharing unit-level items of interest. This newsletter is only as strong as the members it supports, as it is they who provide the content...

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... Editor

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

Yes, this edition is miles astern of station. Needless to say, much has happened since you all sent me your submissions and some of what you read here may be old news. Then again, if you're on the opposite coast or if you've been away, some of this will be new. Either way, it's finally out and here for your reading.

With respect to the heading on this cover page, I would like to have something new and it should be reflective of what we as NESOP's do. Therefore, if you have any pictures of NESOP's doing what we do best (work related of course!) please send them my way. CPO1 Terry Prowse has offered to design a new heading and it should be ready for the next edition if we can some pictures soon.

Our Occupation is spreading its wings when it comes to being employed in non-traditional NESOP type postings. Hopefully the

submissions from these new units will create some interest in postings that you would otherwise not consider.

On another note, it's been a very busy year to date with respect to promotions and I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to all who have obtained their new rank this year.

Now sit back and read all about what your fellow NESOP's have been up to. Once you're done with your copy and have caught up on all the news be sure to pass it around.

Famous last words – the next edition will be out prior to Christmas! I'll be looking for your submissions NLT end October.

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 CPO2 Randy Boudreau

(Past) NCIOP/NESOP/SONAR OP Career Manager – LS & Below

Well hello again from the NCR. Hope you all had a great winter and that you enjoyed the summer holidays.

CPO1 Mike McCallum and I really enjoyed the visits earlier this year and believe me when I say it was an eye opening experience. I was able to experience the Esquimalt winter, if that's what it's called, and also Whidbey Island where it was colder with more rain.

I know that this is the PER season and you are all very busy getting your PERs and Hero sheets written for the upcoming Merit Boards. Merit Boards will be held here in Ottawa during the September to December timeframe. We are now getting ready for the SLR (selection list reduction) in preparation for the Merit Boards. This list is provided to the Career Managers by DMCARM and we must ensure that all our personnel are on the list.

As you are aware, the APS (annual posting season) has started. We have tried to ensure that everyone

got the posting that they requested; however, as you know with releases and promotions, we still have to do what's best for the Navy.

With respect to promotions, I know that you all paid very close attention when we gave the promotion forecast for this year. CPO1 McCallum clearly stated that a forecast is just that and we have far surpassed the forecast for this year.

Postings and promotions change or seem to happen on a continuous basis so it very important to see the Career Manager when they do their visits. We need to know your wishes because things can change fast - you just might get that out in left field request you requested during the interview. Also, ensure you speak with your Costal MOC Advisors. We speak with them on a daily basis and they are kept in the loop with respect to new positions that sometimes materialize out of thin air. They are an important source of information that you should utilize.

CPO1 McCallum and I would like to congratulate the NESOPs that have successfully challenged the MEGA phase and, of course, I would like to extend personal congratulations to the QL5's

and QL4's on completion of their courses. We now have 14 students currently undergoing training at Blackrock in Esquimalt and will be looking forward to bringing them into the fold as NESOPs sometime in Oct/Nov 06.

As you probably have heard by now, I will be leaving the "shop" in July of this year for greener pastures and I would like to thank the Advisors for their assistance over the past year. I could not have done this job without them. Also, a special thank you to Mike McCallum, my IR wife, for the help he has provided and the compromises made to ensure that the NESOPs, East and West, were taken care of in a very demanding and difficult job.

CPO2 Dan Myers will be taking over the duties of Career Manager and I'm sure he will get the same support that I did here in my time as your CM.

With Many Thanks
Randy



Occupation Manager Notes

by CPO1 Joe Guerin

NESOP/NCIOP Occupation Manager

The Naval Electronic Sensor Operator (NES OP) occupation completed its annual Advisory Group meeting in Halifax on 18 May 2006. Recommendations from the AG will continue to be implemented on an ongoing basis. The AG minutes will be released in June and will be widely distributed via the Formation Advisors. The minutes will also be posted on the D MAR PERS Web site. The occupation is now considered “green” with respect to the number of members on Trained Effective Strength (TES), as compared against the number of positions assigned to the NES OPs (PML).

Occupational Advisory Group - The 2007 annual Occupational Advisory Group (AG) will take place in the spring of 2007. The location will be determined at a later time. The focus of the AG will be to review current initiatives, and make recommendations for mid-range employment of the occupation. Agenda items will be solicited in March.

STIR “Trainee” Billets – 24 C-P STIR Op training positions have been requested to be made accountable in the Naval Establishment Requirements that was submitted in the Fall of 2005. An ongoing issue, the HALIFAX Class ships only possess one “accountable” position per watch to man two Firecontrol systems. Although a training bunk is available to complement the establishment, it is identified as “non-accountable” and, therefore, does not have a dedicated member assigned to the occupation to man it. In order for a unit to have this position filled by the Career Manager, another position (accountable) must remain vacant elsewhere. The NES OP Advisory Group will continue to monitor this.

Establishment

Positions (PML) vs People (TES) – NES OP 00115

(1 April 2006)

Note: The information below is accurate against Peoplesoft data alone, and may not reflect rank amendments not yet input to HRMS.

	CPO1	CPO2	PO1	PO2	MS	LS	AB/O S	TOT AL
PML	4	12	22	38	37	29	67	209
TES	4	13	20	36	36	47	42	198
+/-	0	1	-2	-2	-1	+18	-25	-11

	CPO1	CPO2	PO1	PO2	MS	LS	AB/O S	TOT AL
PML	3	13	16	26	25	24	41	148
TES	3	14	17	26	25	43	34	162
+/-	0	+1	+1	0	0	+19	-7	+14

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Terms Of Service

TOS take-up rates will continue to be reviewed each year, and adjusted as required to ensure the health of the occupation. Terms of service take up rates for members whose TOS expires in 2009/10.

	IPS	CE
CPO1	100%	N/A
CPO2	100%	N/A
PO1	100%	N/A
PO2	100%	N/A
MS	100%	N/A
LS	100%	N/A



NEWC Ottawa

Well the APS period has hit the NCR, and the revolving doors at NEWC have not slowed down. PO2 Dave Keeping has left his corner "office" in exchange for a desk at CFNOS as he begins his 6B AWW Directors Course and without a doubt loving every minute of it. Also Cpl John Rodgers has left us, and the NES OP trade, exchanging his NCD's for a Flight Suit as an AES OP. John (do they use rank in the Air Force?) will be starting his Basic Aircrew Course (BAC) mid May. Look for him sun tanning on a flight deck near you. We've also welcomed a few new faces around the NEWC facility. LS Hugh Ledger arrived from the left coast (where he will surely be missed) to the NEWC family circle. LS Ledger will be the NEWC resident Sea Search Intercept Analyst, assisting Mr. Fred Gushue. LS Dylan McKinnon arrived from the East Coast (along with wife Jennifer who has been posted to CFEWC). Dylan and Jennifer are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their second child in June. PO2 Wade Bond has also joined us, replacing PO2 Keeping as platform/emitter analyst; of course he will have to plunge into the frigid depths of the famous Math (Beautiful Mind) 183 package.

Congratulations go out to PO1 Gary Murphy, PO2 Sean Kenny, MS Scott Mackay, MS Brad Harrington, MS David Gray and LS Trevor Winter on the successful completion of the EA 2810 (You might remember it as the EA 279).

LS J. Rodgers

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(Back row L to R: MS Dave Gray, LS Hugh Ledger, PO1 Gary Murphy, PO2 Sean Kenny, CPL Manon Patoine, CPO2 Wayne Tansley. Front row L to R: LS Trevor Winter, MS Scott MacKay, PO2 Wade Bond, missing from photo LS Dillon McKinnon)

NEWC has recently completed its first Adventure Training of 2006, which consisted of riding in the wilderness on horseback (Broke back Mountain 2). LT (N) Brent Lepp, CPO2 Wayne Tansley, LS Trevor Winter, LS Hugh Ledger, Cpl John Rodgers, Cpl Manon Patoine, Mr. Fred Gushue and Mr. Rob Gallant braved the elements in the first NEWC Broke-Back Mountain adventure (what happens in the mountains, stays in the mountains). There was 1 casualty (LS Ledger), 2 fall victims (LS Ledger, MR. Gallant AKA horse man) and 8 really tired and sore bodies but all have an experience to remember.

All NEWC personnel would like to congratulate Mr. Fred Gushue on his certification for LISS training. Fred has become the first and only person to qualify in both Land and Sea Search Emitter collection. Guess he'll be busy for the foreseeable future passing on his wealth on Knowledge.



(Mr Derrick Moore and Mr Fred Gushue)



CFEWC

Hello from the National Capital Region. It was a busy winter for many of the NESOPS here at CFEWC. PO1 G.G. (PO2's belong in the Junior Ranks Mess) Tremblay has been sent down to Fort Meade, Maryland for 3 months to hone his Tech Elint skills, while leaving PO2 Jamie (I'm off to Amsterdam again) Collins to run the QA section. Jamie is getting ready to head back to the coast this summer - DO NOT ask him about Amsterdam. Switching over to the Non Parametrics Section, PO1 AI (Lone Wolf) Baillergeon has been staying out of trouble and has been killing large animals whenever he can. MS Bob (I'm going to make a fortune on my house) Hawkins finally received his security clearance and has moved out of the bullpen up to the third floor. Moving along to the Parametrics Section, congratulations are in order to one of the newest EWS's in the fleet...MS Coco (I'm a sponge) Deschenes. Coco had so much fun in the mega he has expressed his wish to go back for fleet manning ANYTIME...careful what you wish for Coco. That brings us to MS Brian (GPS) MacMillan who has been hammering out emitters like a wildman and procrastinating on his university essay's as much as possible. He's going back to the west coast this summer. MS Dwayne (Code Red) Albert has been keeping busy and did a great job organizing the 2nd annual CFEWC mess dinner. In the EWOS section, PO2 Justin (This is the year of the Colt) Raymond is still trying to figure out the Comm Research world but likes their cool toys. He's posted back to the coast this summer as well. Finally, CPO1 Ken (Get out of my office) Fisher is still going strong and has successfully established himself as a training coordinator's ultimate nightmare. Kidding aside, there are a lot of great training opportunities here at CFEWC, i.e. Operational SIGINT Analysis, Condensed OPME's, Basic EW, Advanced Operational EW, SIGE 2810(basic TECHELINT), SIGE 3810 (intermediate TECH ELINT). For the 6 LS NESOPS coming to CFEWC welcome and make your self at home.

PO2 Justin Raymond

CFEWC COXN'S CORNER

Here we are again, another newsletter. It is amazing how time flies and things change. CFEWC has seen 6 new LS database analyst billets open up in Ops which are being filled this summer, 3 east and 3 west. Keep in mind a level 3 security clearance is required for these positions. Since our last entry we have also had MS Deschenes successfully complete his 6A and be promoted to PO2. LS Sulyma has completed in record time his math package, OSA training in Kingston and the SIGE 2810 course-Fundamentals of TECHELINT, not to mention being promoted to MS.

Here in the NCR and CFEWC, the NESOPS have again led the way by creating an NCM targeted OPME program of which PO2 NESOP Raymond is the coordinator. To date we have run 3 Condensed OPME Serials during working hours intended for NCMs and attended by officers to fill the remaining seats. The success rate is 100% with 50% achieving Honours. The creation of these courses was made possible through the support of the commander of CFIOG, Col Turnbull, the CO of CFEWC, Cdr Brown and Capt Enders of RMC and her staff.

The OPME program although mandatory for officers is voluntary for NCMs. The successful completion of these courses can add significantly to your file at the merit boards. Specifically, they show initiative, professional development, leadership, the ability to learn and time management. Successful completion of certain OPME's will give you a waiver towards modules of the distance learning for Advanced Leadership courses such as the ILQ, ALQ and CLQ.

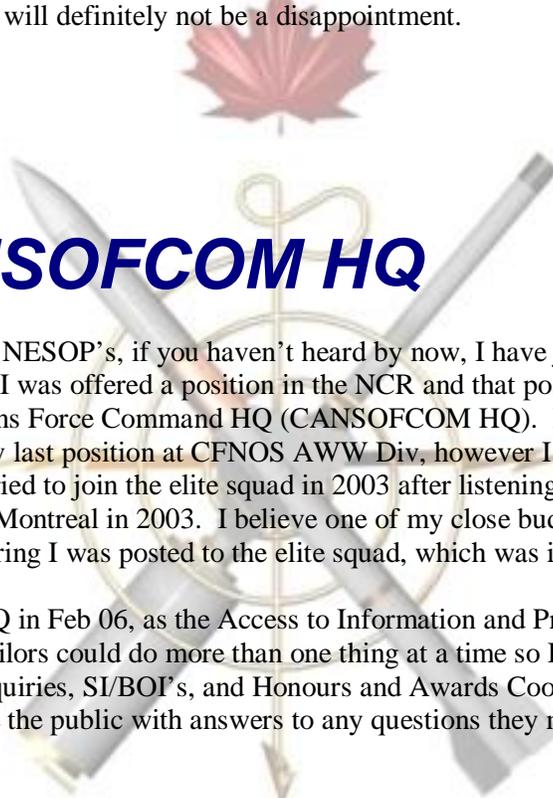
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PO Raymond has archived the entire process used for this venture and we are more than willing to share the knowledge, all that is needed is some young, enterprising PO/MS to take up the challenge. Normal classes are 30 students with hours of 0800 – 1600, but these are flexible, dependant on the arrangements made with the instructor. It can be organized for a ships company with extra seats going to other units or for a trade with extra seating opened to the entire area. Let us know if you think you are up to the challenge.

Other opportunities that exist in the NCR are taskings received from the Privy Council Office (PCO) by which selected persons get to travel with the Prime Minister as he represents Canada worldwide. There are also special events tasking such as officially attending the 2005 Major league Baseball All-star game and various Ottawa Senator games.

We at CFEWC are looking for energetic, motivated people who, like in the example above, are willing to try and create something or initiate something a little different than the mainstream. If this sounds like you and want a change of scenery; try the NCR. The social climate, outdoors activities, cultural aspects, educational opportunities and sporting events will definitely not be a disappointment.

CPO1 Ken Fisher
CFEWC UCPO



CANSOFCOM HQ



Good day fellow NESOP's, if you haven't heard by now, I have just become a fellow snake eater. In Jan 06, I was offered a position in the NCR and that position was at Canadian Special Operations Force Command HQ (CANSOFCOM HQ). I miss the camaraderie with the guys from my last position at CFNOS AWW Div, however I really like my new billet in NDHQ, since I tried to join the elite squad in 2003 after listening to the JTF-2 recruiters onboard HMCS Montreal in 2003. I believe one of my close buddies passed on a photo of myself, after hearing I was posted to the elite squad, which was in the last newsletter.

I was posted to CANSOFCOM HQ in Feb 06, as the Access to Information and Privacy Act coordinator, however the Army realized that sailors could do more than one thing at a time so I was also awarded the additional duties of Ministerial Inquiries, SI/BOI's, and Honours and Awards Coord for the command. The main thrust of the job is to provide the public with answers to any questions they may have with regards to the command.

CANSOFCOM is composed of:

1. CANSOFCOM HQ is a joint HQ comprised of Navy, Army and Air Force personnel dedicated to Commanding and Controlling all of the Special Operations Forces of the CF;
2. Joint Task Force Two (JTF 2) is a Special Operations Forces unit that is responsible for federal counter-terrorist operations. The mission of JTF 2 is to provide a force capable of rendering armed assistance in the resolution of an incident that is affecting, or has the potential to affect, the national interest. The primary focus is counter-terrorism (CT), however, the unit can expect to be employed on other high value strategic tasks;

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3. 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron. The placing of 427 SOA Sqn under operational command of CANSOFCOM will enable it to better execute special operations by providing dedicated tactical airlift of troops and equipment, casualty evacuation and logistical support, while still remaining connected to the Air Force. This is a new step for the Squadron that builds on previous experience and success;
4. Joint Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence Company (JNBCD). The JNBCD Company is able to conduct a wider range of operations including both the support of federal departments and supporting international operations for management of NBC emergencies. It maintains an initial response component on a very high readiness posture as part of the National Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response; and
5. The Canadian Special Operations Regiment will be a highly trained, high mobility special operations force that is capable of independent operations, as well as supporting both special and conventional operations forces. At full strength of approximately 750 personnel, the battalion sized unit will be composed of three direct action companies and a special-forces company that will complement other capabilities in CANSOFCOM, including JTF 2. Personnel in the unit will possess a host of skills that enable them to operate in a variety of terrains and environments. Drawn from all parts of the CF, the unit will provide the Commander CANSOFCOM with a broad range of SOF capabilities to operate in Canada and abroad. Highly flexible and adaptable, unit members will be able to work in small groups for extended periods of time without requiring significant support.

I now wear CADPAT and a Tan beret. On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, I am participating in ruck marches getting ready for the 13 KM Battle Fitness test with 55 Lbs on your back which is what the army calls it's Express test. I tried to explain to my new boss that in the Navy, we only have to march a maximum of 450 – 600 feet, depending on the class of ship. Until the next NESOP news letter "Have a great Navy day".

CPO2 Gooch Dorrington
Chief Snake Eater

CEFCOM

Hello all fellow NESOPs from the purple Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEFCOM). Our mansion is located on Star Top road for those of you who are familiar with the NCR. The branch is comprised of 14 people with various backgrounds including four NCMs. Our role as a unit is to manage international Canadian missions and our job consists of maintaining the flow of information within the Command Centre. It's not too much different from an Ops room... except for those plasma TVs we have to watch the news (it was nice during the Olympics!). Being the only Nesop in the Branch, I don't have too much to say about incoming and departing personnel. I learned good words like: intuitive, robust, SA (situation awareness), and some weird ones like wash-room, down-stairs, Battle Rhythm (weekly schedule), fan-out (recall) etc. Surprisingly, there are quite a few sailors here so I can keep in touch with the sane people until I get back to the fleet.

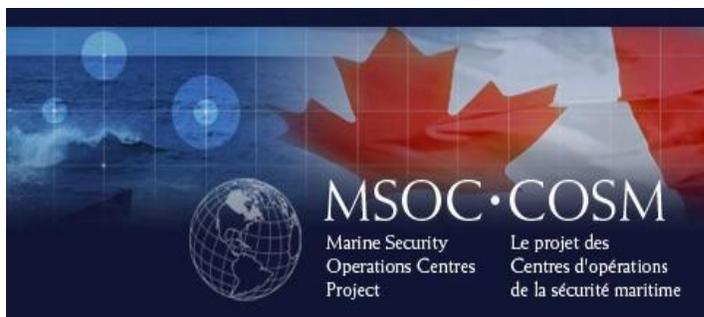
MS Michèle Dumaresq

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J3 Operations Branch
April 2006





After being in the Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC), Project Management Office (PMO) for almost a year now, I am still reminded everyday on what new challenges we all face in this, “modern Navy”. The way we do NESOP Navy business is changing... before our very eyes! Never have so many NESOPs, been employed out of their homeport area before, nor have we been faced with such new ways of doing our work or the type of work assigned, and a good example is here in the PMO for MSOC. If you’ve heard that working in Ottawa, in the National Capitol Region is different than working in Halifax or Esquimalt or in any ship, it’s certainly true! Nowhere else do you face the challenges and the opportunity as you do here. I must admit working so far out of my comfort area is one of the biggest challenges I’ve ever faced. But the satisfaction of doing or accomplishing assigned “out of field” tasks is rewarding.

As NESOPs, we have no formal background or training in Project Management. As far as I know, the only military occupation that does, is Communications Electronics Engineer (CELE), an Air/Army Officer occupation. So not only do you have to get your arms around working in a predominately “civilian” environment, but you must also learn and understand the myriad of technical terms, jargon, plans and cycles of Project Management; all this, while working in a team towards your projects “meaning in life”.

What is Project Management? A loaded question; it’s a field where one can make a career doing only just that! But to greatly simplify the meaning, when any project is thought of, or stood-up to address a requirement, a team of people are brought together to manage that project. Their sole purpose in life at the beginning is to draft multitudinous amounts of documents for the government project review process, approval, re-review, and re-approval, all to ultimately obtain funding. Funding is critical; this permits hiring of more staff for project execution, a means of obtaining what’s needed to address the requirement(s), and finally, delivery of the product. Depending on the project size and impact, the project team could be one or more people in numbers. And depending on the flavour of the day, a project could go on for years without any headway, trudging along waiting for money or political backing before taking their next step, which might include being cancelled all together! DND lead, the MSOC project initially had a staff of five or six people. Our project, recently given political approval and partial funding, has commenced its “definition” phase of work, and has a staff of over 20 and growing, out of which only eight are wearing a DND uniform.

The MSOC project if you haven’t heard is in response to the National Security Policy, which dictated the development of two new facilities, one in Halifax and the other in Esquimalt. Not only will these new facilities harbour the capability of the current Joint Ops Centres, they will also bring with them two full operating capability MSOCs. Their mandate will be to fuse Government Partnership intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information, and data and products to generate situational awareness in the maritime realm. The MSOC will each house and employ; Canadian Border Services Agency, Canadian Coast Guard, Canada Fisheries, DND, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Transport Canada representatives.

Today, my job entails acting on behalf of the Navy as an Operations Liaison Officer (OLO). In basic terms, while working along side Other Government Department OLOs, I am the project DND point of contact for document development and review, project lead in the development of operational scenarios and trials and

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technical testing, and providing operational or technical direction as necessary to accomplish the project's objectives.

If you feel that you would relish such a challenge, to work with diverse other Government Of Canada agencies, the MSOCs are a place to keep an eye out for. Or maybe just as far as anticipating and accepting a move "out-of-area", possibly to your nation's capitol sometime in your career! As they say, "the sky is the limit!"

CPO2 Dan Myers

(Editor Note: CPO2 Dan Myers moved over to the Career Shop in July)



DMTE

I am currently on an Imposed Restriction (IR) posting to the Chief of the Maritime Staff's Directorate of Maritime Training and Education (DMTE) in Ottawa. (No, one does not make money while on an IR posting). I have been in the seat since August 2005; leaving the Task Group (Pacific) Chief NESOP chair in the very capable hands of CPO2 Lonnie Thompson.

The learning curve has indeed been steep for me since arriving here in the nation's capital, commonly referred to as the NCR or National Capital Region. However, I enjoy the job immensely and it's a nice change (rest) from being operationally at sea for the last 7 years. That being said, being away on IR from my family has its own challenges.

What is our role here at DMTE? In short our mandate / mission is to direct and coordinate on behalf of CMS the generation of sufficiently, properly qualified personnel to conduct naval operations, etc. Basically there are 2 of us here that work the Naval Ops Training (NCM) "side of the house". CPO2 Mike Vigneault (NAVCOMM) and I are the Managing Authorities (MA) responsible to CMS for 45+ Naval Ops Core training Qualification Standards and Plans (QSPs) and various other QSPs. We work closely with the Schools (Borden/CFSE/CFNOS/FDUs/CFFSQ), Director Maritime Personnel (D Mar Pers), Director Maritime Policy Operations and Readiness (DMPOR), and the Career Managers at D Military Careers (D Mil C) and of course NAV RES HQ.

We all know what QSPs are ;-) I deal not only with the NESOPs and your core training from QL3 up thru to QL6B but as well the QL3-QL6 training for SONAR OPs, Clearance Divers, Stewards, Bosns and NCIOPs. Also I do Ships Team Divers, Primary Leadership Qualification training, Ships COXN course and the list goes on... Also, as we do send sailors on operations that are separate from ship deployments, occasionally I get to run around with the Army down in Kingston to observe how they train CF members for Peace Support Operation around the world.

I would just like to touch lightly on one potential issue that has been brought up by some in our community. There has been some discussion concerning NESOPs at the QL3 level and whether they require some exposure to Fire Control and Weapon Systems before posting to a ship. I have had meetings with the west coast NESOPs and received plethora of email and had telephone conversations with the east coast. While the QL3 QSP is up for review during this fiscal year, it is fairly simple staffing the paperwork to request a change

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to a QSP. I caution however, it is not so simple to change a Job Based Occupational Specification (JBOS), though the process is essentially the same and the 2 documents go hand in hand.

I won't bore you with too much detail, however I would like to try and enlighten the masses so please bear with me. The JBOS for the NESOP Occupation describes the common occupational requirements and contains the normal career development information in terms of employment opportunities and training requirements. As well as the job performance requirements (i.e. tasks and knowledge) that must be performed by NES Ops from the QL3 thru the QL6B level. Your Unit CBT Chief/Training Coord should have a copy of the NESOP Occupational Specifications. If they don't, get on them!!

Essentially according to the current JBOS the QL3 Level NESOP (Junior ES OP) falls into 3 of 4 JBOS Duty Areas: A, B and C. These 3 are: Communications, Operations and Electronic Warfare. A Duty Area is a major activity in the work performed by members of an occupation. Duty Area D (Fire Control) is a requirement after QL3 after some at sea experience according to the current JBOS.

At this juncture it is best left to the Advisory Group Meeting in May for the Coastal Advisors/Fleet Reps to bring up if they wish to. Having stated that, it will still be up to the Fleets/Formations (read Commodores / Admirals) to formally staff the issue up thru to NDHQ (initially to DMTE my shop) if there is indeed a "Deficiency". I will re-iterate that point during the OAG Meeting.

The QL3 "issue" can be emotional for some. Being a Qualified Director (ex) I know all about inbound missiles, real or verbal coming my way; especially since taking this seat.... and if I ruffle your feathers please don't take it personally. I have to think CF, NAVY and Fleet(s) while most of you may only need to think more inside the box because of your current locale and rightly so! I know when you are deployed on a ship somewhere whether on exercise or an Operation or at one of the schools there are times you curse the Staff Weenies ashore and inland; trust me I have cursed them often when I was at sea **J**. I do understand and am always willing to listen! I don't profess to have all the answers but I will work hard for you to get an answer (though I have learned that in Ottawa, time seems to sloooooooooowwwwwww down when it comes to "pushing paper").

V/r and pining to get back home

D.W. Hart
CPO1
Operations Training

I take heart in the fact that the last time the Leafs won a Stanley Cup, most leafs fans were in diapers. The next time the Leafs win a cup those same fans will once again; be in diapers!! 

(Editor Note: CPO1 Dave Hart has in fact returned home)





DMPOR Ottawa

Out with the Old in with the New!!!

Greetings to all from the offices of DMPOR in Ottawa. I have recently replaced CPO2 Provencher who has returned back out West to reunite with his family and enjoy the Coast. Just prior to his departure Michel put the finishing touches on CFCD 114 (H) and it has since been released. If any one needs access to it they can find it on the NEWC MCOIN web site. For those who may wonder what DMPOR's role in the Navy is and mine as it's newest member, it is simply put to provide the policy that CMS sets so that both Coasts can carry on with operations. In a nutshell I am pushing the paper and red tape that is generated from the coasts and schools that impact Maritime policy such as SOCD's, Weapon restrictions, new equipment requirements and anything else someone may decide to drop on my desk. I make no decisions on these papers, I solicit input from all the respective SME's from the Coasts and whatever lodger unit it may involve, then review and consolidate a report that I send up my chain of command for action if required. What has been released since my arrival is the aforementioned CFCD 114 (H), the yearly consolidated weapon restriction message, NCPM 709 (40 mm drill book) and we have added a new CRR addition to CFCD 102 for Sea Searcher that can be found on the CMS website <http://navy.dwan.dnd.ca/english/intro.asp> that will be included in the next revision of that document. What presently is in the works are amendments to MARCORD 46-1 and 46-2, which have both undergone significant changes. It's a challenging time to be in any directorate in Ottawa with HMCCS, FELEX and the transition of the Navy there is more than enough to keep everyone multi tasking. This is why it is essential for senior NESOP's to identify their concerns through their respective formations and forward them with appropriate documentation. Hope to see everyone at Fleet week in the New Year Cheers.

CPO2 Gary Reid
DMPOR 3-3-3

CFLRS

Greetings from the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) located in Saint-Jean, Qc. In this issue of the newsletter I want to give you a little history of CFLRS. The School was formed on 1 April 1968 and named "L'École des recrues des Forces canadiennes" (ERFC) to train francophone candidates for the newly amalgamated Canadian Forces. At the same time, a detachment at Camp Farnham was created for field training. Originally the Recruit Course was seven weeks in duration and the school establishment comprised six Officers and 45 Non-Commissioned Officers. Major General Dextraze, who would later become the Chief of the Defence Staff, presided at the school's first End of course Ceremony parade.

On 27 April 1979 the school was relocated to the General J. V.-Allard complex occupying facilities specifically designed for the Recruit School. By then, the staff had grown to eight Officers and 103 Non-Commissioned Officers. The students were organized into three companies - one with three male and two female platoons. From 1983 to 1987, hundreds of people completed Basic Recruit Training under the YTEP Program (Youth Training Employment Program). In 1987, female candidates were completely integrated into all platoons.

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As a result of the ongoing reductions in the size of the Canadian Forces, the Recruit School reduced its personnel. During the early 1990s the staff totalled five Officers, 43 Non-Commissioned Officers and four Civilians, while the students were organized into one company of four platoons.

After the closure of Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis, Nova Scotia and the transfer of its Anglophone recruit training responsibility to Saint Jean, CFRS became a fully bilingual unit. The staff was composed of nine Officers, 127 Non-Commissioned Officers and four Civilians. As well as being responsible for all Basic Recruit Training for the Regular Component of the Canadian Forces, CFRS also conducted a General Military Training Course to prepare its own instructors for their duties at the School.

On 20 September 1996, CFRS became the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFRLS). CFLRS is now responsible for conducting the basic training for all personnel entering the Canadian Forces (both officers and non commissioned members). The staff is composed of 300 Members and 30 civilian personnel. Since 1968, more than 70,000 members have begun their Canadian Forces career at St Jean.

[Sylvain Rousseau](#)

J.S. Rousseau

PO2

NESOP





West Coast Advisor Report

by CPO2 Jim Percival
MARPAC Occupation Advisor

First off I want to congratulate CPO1 Paul White on his retirement. It was a great event and well attended by all. It was great to see all the guys especially the retired NESOPs that made the trip in to see Paul off. It's no wonder that NESOPs are known to have the best retirement socials. Take it easy for a while Paul you've earned it and besides, Alice still has a job.

That being said, with my very recent (17 Apr 06) posting to Black Rock and Paul's retirement I gained a new secondary duty, that being MARPAC NESOP Occupation Advisor. As soon as the message went out my phone started ringing and my OUTLOOK in-box started filling up. Secondary duty my @\$#!

I have now been in the job for all of 3 weeks. That means I am still figuring out what I'm doing. That's OK though as Paul hasn't left town and I have his phone number. Since I am such a rookie I'll keep my points short. Remember, when it comes to your career progression you're your own best friend. If you are interested in a posting or position no matter where it is, find out what it entails, and if there are prerequisites like courses or security clearances ensure you let your divisional chain know your ambitions. Divisional requests that come with a built in solution are far more likely to get actioned.

Finally, my door is open, I've hung my shingle and the coffee is on. Black Rock is our school so all NESOPs are welcome any time.

CANADIAN FLEET PACIFIC



Cheers from the West Coast.

Again, at F3 Operations, we have been busy since the last newsletter. Exercise Trident Fury is upon us and will prove to be one of the largest exercises undertaken by the Fleet off our Coast. The exercise will involve a large portion of our Fleet, joined by units from many other countries. The overall plan will involve the firing of Missiles, main armament and a large assortment of airborne weapons. This will prove to be a very exciting exercise, with firings against Vindicator and Barracuda targets for surf/air weapons and a comprehensive scenario designed to provide a significant amount of training for all involved.

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RIMPAC 06 will soon be fast approaching us and is shaping up to be an exciting exercise. With the vast number of participants and the comprehensive scenarios designed, this should prove to be very challenging, while providing beneficial training for all countries involved.

In closing; I would like to wish MS Gillard the Best and extend my thanks to him as he is off to teach QL-3 students at Black Rock. MS Gillard was with CANFLTPAC as the GCCS Operator/CNESOP Assistant for several years. His dedication to the Fleet and this office was exceptional throughout his time with us. As for his replacement, I would like to welcome MS Timmons to the CANFLTPAC team.

The exceptional support we here at FLEET have received from the ship's NESOP's and personnel at all levels throughout the organization, has been exceptional. The door is always open if you have a concern or would just like to discuss an issue.

V/r;

Lonnie Thompson
CPO2
CANFLTPAC F3 Operations
Task Group Chief NESOP



SEA TRAINING PACIFIC - "Train As We Fight"
by CPO2 Bob Clevett (CNESOP)

Hello from Sea Training Pacific! It is hard to believe it is already time for another entry for the NESOP Newsletter. I guess it is true - "time flies when you're having fun." It has been a busy start to the year for us here. We started off with an Air WUPS on VANCOUVER in January and DWUPS for ALGONQUIN in February. We are just putting the final touches on preps for REGINA's WUPS in June and OTTAWA's DWUPS in July. In March, we were in Ottawa for the Annual Sea Training Symposium. The Symposium is where both Sea Training Staffs, as well as Submarine Sea Training, get together to discuss and amend such things as SSOs, the Sea Training Guide, CFCD 102, and MARCORDs. This year was exceptionally successful. I am happy to report that CPO2 Brent Gillan and myself do in fact see eye to eye despite the very noticeable vertical difference between our statures. Having the Symposium in Ottawa this year also gave us great access to key players in DMTE and DMPOR. One thing is for sure, the Navy is changing faster than most of us realize.

On a slightly sad note, CPO1 Paul Helston will be moving on to ATHENA as the Unit CPO after we complete REGINA's WUPS. CPO1 Helston served close to three years as our Cox'n, but have no fear fellow NESOPS, yet another NESOP will be taking his spot at ST(P) - CPO1 Mark Moger. That's about all the news I have for now. One last thing I would like to add: communicate with your fellow NESOPs on other ships. Communication is the key if we want to keep advancing our trade. Share experiences, problems and solutions. To that end, everyone take care and remember where there is smoke, there is usually a Sea Trainer.

CPO2 Bob Clevett



News from "The Rock" AWWTC CAYUGA

Well, it's that time again. MS George Gray here, I have been given the extreme pleasure of writing this year's newsletter for Black Rock. The most important news is that I have my first shore posting and it is here at beautiful Black Rock. I will be here for a short time as I am slated for the next 6A's starting in June. Congrat's to the latest newly qualified EWS's, (Doc, hope you kept good notes).

As usual, there are many changes here at Black Rock. PO2 Billy Blore (he would not let me use the nickname for that movie that has the same initials) is leaving the fold and going elsewhere. MS Kyle Timmons and MS Will Farrell have also left after doing an outstanding job producing highly qualified junior NESOP's. MS **GILLARD!!!** (Now what am I in trouble for?), PO2 Olejnik (the polish connection) and CPO2 Percival have also been posted here. This is the Chiefs 3rd posting to Black Rock; guess he missed the Wednesday BBQ's. Glad to have you back Chief. PO1 Weaver is still here doing a fantastic job...hockey pools have never been more organized. PO2 Dave Vanderlee (Tuttle wannabe), PO2 Ken Simoneau (your wife called... again), MS Carlos Esquivel (FES, Foreign Exchange Staff) and MS Bruno Savoie (yes, you did have open up again this morning) will also be remaining, their expertise will be welcome to help guide us new guys along the path of good instructors.

Course 0010 graduated Tuesday May 2nd and two out of four are heading down to their respective units in Halifax. The other two are awaiting NETP training and will be ready for the Atlantic Fleet in July. Only four members comprised this course and they were: OS Spalding (Top Student), OS Quigley, OS Turpin and OS Ouzilleau. Good Luck to them!

Course 0013 commenced the 21 Mar 06 with 6 students (OS Andrist, OS Marier, OS Mosher, OS Silver, OS Thompson and OS Zinck), the instructors for this class are MS Savoie and PO2 Blore. The course is now 6 weeks in session and doing very well academically.

The last course in house is 0012 consisting of 8 students including OS Bradbury, OS Parker, AB Gillis, OS Pyza, AB Froese, OS Greenway and OS Cote. They are all doing very well and are looking forward to doing some training in Halifax during the month of June. Good luck to them all.



(from left to right)

MS Esquivel, MS Gillard, PO2 Olejnik, CPO2 Percival, PO1 Weaver,
PO2 Vanderlee, PO2 Simoneau, MS Savoie, MS Gray



CFFSE WTD

Posting season hit and the division underwent some significant changes in the past month. PO1 Jay Hassen moved on to HMCS REGINA and replacing him was none other then PO1 Steve Smyth. While we wish PO1 Hassen fair winds we welcome the change of perspective PO1 Smyth will bring. PO2 Shawn Falconer will be leaving us shortly for HMCS OTTAWA and his relief will be PO2 Billy Blore from Black Rock. PO2 Falconer also welcomes a new addition to his family, a beautiful baby boy! Could be another NESOP in the making? MS Paul Frigon moved on to OSC(P) Athena and to be replaced by MS Tracy Schulz from HMCS ALGONQUIN. CPO2 Labelle and PO1 Ian Kelly are left behind to ensure the rest of us have some sort of clue when we are out there doing Weapon's Certs, MRI's, OTT's and who knows what else they throw at us? NCOT, which is a part of WTD, consists of PO1 Rick Manuel and PO2 Joe Lamky. PO1 Manuel, who is coming over to the dark side, is going to take the AWWD course. I think he secretly wants to be a SWC on a 280!

The Section will be working at a break neck speed for the next few months as our schedule becomes jam-packed. We have an AWWD course and ALGONQUIN's MRI I both in May, HMCS SASKATOON Weapon's Certs, HMCS ALGONQUIN's MRI II, and HMCS IROQUOIS OTT II all in Jun. ALG's MRI II is enroute to none other then sunny Hawaii but have no fear WTD will persevere through the hardship and get the task done! Those of us left behind will be taking care of HMCS IROQUIOS OTT II in sunny Victoria. The many challenges faced by the Div will lead into a nice quiet summer and for most will allow for a nice break.

All of us at WTD extend of best wishes to all those being posted, retiring, and deployed or just staying put. We hope to see more of you as we continue to provide weapons certification and other training to the various aspects of the fleet.

...MS Tracy Schulz





OSCP ATHENA

Greetings from the JTF(P), J2 OIS SSE NESOP's!

I know the above is quite the mouth full, but we don't want you to confuse us with the JOC side NESOP's. To be employed in the SIGINT Support Element (SSE) you have to take an 8-week Operational SIGINT Analyst (OSA) course in CFSCE Kingston. This course consists of advanced radar analysis and training on specialized software used in the SSE. NESOPS presently posted in the SSE are MS Jeff Rempel (SNR NESOP), LS Phil Burton, LS Marie Corry, LS Lisa Lefort and LS Troy Stickley. MS Jay Smith has recently departed JTF(P) and the NESOP trade for Kingston as he has remustered to INT OP. We wish him the best of luck with his new career. We would also like to wish our departing Coxn, CPO1 Paul White, the best of luck in his retirement!

Within the SSE, we work in conjunction with the Comm Researchers (291'ers) to support the JOC and other government departments. As the SSE is a 24/7 support element we work a 5 watch rotation and match the rotation schedule of the JOC. Each watch here is made up of 1 NESOP and 1 Comm Researcher. This allows us to have expertise in multiple fields on watch at all times. We make use of systems such as Galelite (TRS), Stoneghost, MCOIN and many others. The tasks we do are not NESOP trade related per say, however it does involve a lot of INTEL gathering, which the NESOP trade does incorporate. We assist the MOC by watching over VOI's and HIV's in the AOR and enroute. We assist in updating vessel positions in GCCS. We assist ships at sea with their INTEL requests. We assist the RCMP and other government agencies with multiple tasks such as MPAT and PAL flights.

By combining the two trades, we have managed to build a strong relationship ashore as we have on ship. The NESOPS ability to gather INTEL combined with the Comm Researchers ability to find ships worldwide makes for a solid combination and greatly assists the MOC.

Anyone curious about what we do can feel free to call and ask for a tour. We can show you what we do here and how we can assist you when you're at sea.

We wish you all the best for RIMPAC and the year at hand.

The NESOPS of JTF(P) J2 OIS SSE.

Always
&
Forever





HMCS ALGONQUIN

Good day all.

The mighty Algonquin has been and will be very busy this year. After completing DWUPS in February, followed by OTT2, we are getting ready for Trident Fury. We will be taxiing the Staff around and play war games with some of our navy friends. After that, we get into gear for an exciting missile shoot off Hawaii in July during the RIMPAC exercise.

We went through a big turnover on Algonquin in the last little while and here is the breakdown of it. MS Shulz left us to go work with WTD and MS Farrell took her place. MS Barrett will be leaving us for the capital city right after RIMPAC where he will meet LS Mack who is posted there in June. LS Thorne, Sweeney and Burton got landed to Athena and LS Day came to us from the latter. PO2 Churchill accepted is remuster to AESOP and so did LS Cote to MSEOP. Both of them will be sailing with us for RIMPAC for one last run ashore. LS Patterson came back to us after an extended parental leave and LS Tremblay, LS McMillan, LS Dandrade, LS Borys and AB Lemay are going to be here till the rain stops to fall on Victoria! PO1 Gracey will be here at least until those missiles are out of the canisters and PO2 Penner has no plan in moving anywhere for now.

We will be having a change of command very soon and hope that things will work as smoothly as with the current brass.

That's all from Algonquin, hope all is well with our fellow NESOPs.

LS Cote

HMCS CALGARY



Hello from Calgary.

Has it been 3 years since we've assumed RDS status? (It sure seems like that, as "A" Jetty is our permanent berth.) Of course with us going in the ditch soon, some of us are getting posted. Since our last letter we've managed to snag two new MS, Mike Mahoney and Rich Pearce (anything to give PO2 Steeve (Skippy) Long , a headache). We still have LS Scotty (Why you gotta be mean to me) Crouse and LS Derek (word up PO)

Dawson. It seems like as soon as we mold someone, they get sent out into the world. We are about to lose LS Martin Derry to the NCR and received LS Richard Aubin as compensation. Halifax is molding our finest this year as OS John Adamowski and Brandon Starcevic are there as we speak, with LS Mike (Bags) Braga about to be set loose there with AB Allan Moffett and AB Christian Mackay waiting on the sidelines to enjoy the best Oland's has to offer. We said goodbye to AB Catherine Munger as she recently shut down zero and zero, and is on to motherhood. Good luck!! PO1 Gord Dolbec (Mr Quad), spent a while in La Belle province, enjoying the mega (ILQ), and is looking forward to the shore office on his return.

We've been super busy last year, with only the Winnipeg logging more sea time than us. Look for us in the latest recruiting video. As for me, I'm off to Ottawa, with my replacement, PO2 Colin Evans waving to me as we pass on the TCH somewhere on the Prairies.

Giddy Up !!
PO2 Mike O'Keefe

HMCS OTTAWA



It's been quite awhile since the last submission from the Ottawa, but rest assured we have been busy. This sleek greyhound of death is once again at sea, as we prepare for our overseas adventure in September. In keeping with the Naval tradition of training people and then posting them, we too are going through a huge turnover in our department. PO2 Macfarlane has taken over the job as SWC, and should be made later in the year, as PO1 Green heads ashore. In anticipation of all the smoke breaks he won't be able to take now, our new SWC has a Costco size box of nicotine patches right next to his console. We currently have no PO2s, but are looking forward to getting PO2 Walker and Falconer some day in the future.

This month we said goodbye to MS Dyck who will be going to FAP and we welcomed aboard MS Bevil from Athena. MS Lavigne is still here but will soon be off to fun in the sun in Halifax for his 6A's. So we all believe, except for Eric of course, that MS Dyck is gonna get TD right back to the good 'ole Ottawa. Just arrived from the tanker is LS Mack, looking forward to becoming a NESOP again. LS Winn is looking forward to battling his seasickness in the Northern Arabian Gulf. LS Sulyma finally got his wish and is heading to Ottawa, City of. Where we are sure all his dreams will come true. . . Except of course for the long blonde locks of hair and supermodel girlfriend. LS Gerbrandt is still here, and not going anywhere anytime soon. AB Wiebe and Fortier are off to Halifax as well this summer for their QL5A's and will luckily be joining us back just before we deploy. AB Bowman and AB Hamilton are still alive and kicking and helping out with all the vital taskings. Such as: Shredding, Photocopying, and so forth. OS Spence should be returning from his QL4 course soon, and in appreciation for all his efforts in Halifax, straight to molly he goes. New to the department are OS Hallmark and OS Taschuk who are learning all about the NESOP lifestyle, not that there is anything wrong with that. But that sums up almost everything that is going on in Ottawa, at least the stuff we will admit of course. Congrats to the Ottawa's Nesop's for winning the EW Intercept award.

HMCS REGINA



Since the last NESOP newsletter, REGINA has gone through a DWP, being upgraded with miscellaneous equipment and issued with a spanking new CIWS block 1B. In September MS Rempel and AB Stewart accompanied other members of the ship's company on the namesake city visit to where else, Regina, Saskatchewan. They conducted visits to hospitals, schools and the opening ceremony for the CFL Labour Day Classic. While there, MS Rempel performed his duties as Gunner, REGINA's mascot, cousin to Gainer, the mascot for the Rough Rider's of the CFL.

October saw some of REGINA's junior NESOPs attached to other units for TGEX 5-05 getting invaluable experience with fleet operations and port visits to San Francisco, San Diego and Ensenada, Mexico. The new year has seen REGINA ramping up for high readiness with SRIs, Weapon's Certs and sea trials completed and OTT I, WUPS and RIMPAC/WESTPLOY in the near future.

As far as personnel are concerned, there have been quite a few changes around here. Our beloved Combat Chief, CPO2 Percival, has moved on to run Black Rock. In his place we welcomed back CPO2 Brydon after 20 months of working as the ACA with the BC Sea Cadets. We're sure that CPO2 Percival will be happily twisting new and impressionable minds for years to come. Our fearless leader PO1 Smyth has swapped places with PO1 Hassen at WTD, AKA the TRUMP trainer.

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We are sure he will continue to make the 280 fleet as fearsome as ever. PO2 Robins has finally received his dream posting and headed off to Ontario to recruit the navy's future (Oh my). He was replaced by PO2 Featherstone, who delights in trying to recruit NESOPS for NEWC and CFEWC. MS Rempel has returned once again to OSC(P) ATHENA, we're sure he's likely to return as a PO1.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming a few new faces to the family over the past year. PO2 Miller has come over from VANCOUVER to lend a hand for a few months. He's sacrificing a shore posting for us, so we rewarded him with a stint as RPO. PO2 Pippy has joined us from Black Rock, his knowledge base is definitely going to help out our new guys, while LS Andrist, who came from OSC(P) ATHENA and has slid seamlessly right into the FCS role. His outlook on everything is disgustingly optimistic, but we're still trying to beat that out of him. OS Buch, OS Gendron, and OS Ho have joined us from Black Rock and are doing an excellent job jumping into the fray every chance they get.

We've had our share of promotions as well. Besides MS Comboye becoming a made man, LS Wilcox, and LS Stewart got their second hooks, and AB Paquette finally got his first one.

MS Comboye is presently on an OSA course in Kingston, due back in May. The NESOPS recently earned some impressive bragging rights for REGINA when LS Stewart, AB Amos, and AB Paquette each brought home the Top Student trophy in the first three QL-4 courses ever offered.

So as you can tell, it has been pretty hectic around here, and everyone is looking forward to a little R&R on the beach at the North Shore in Hawaii. Wish you where here!

Cheers, till next time.
LS Stewart



From L. to R. (Back row) LS Stewart, LS Wilcox, AB Amos. (Middle row) CPO2 Brydon CBT CPO, PO2 Miller, PO1 Hassen Snr NESOP, OS Buch, AB Paquette, OS Ho. (Front row) SLt Perron A/Div O, LS Andrist, OS Gendron, MS Duhamel, PO2 Featherstone, Lt(N) Hand AWWO. (Missing) PO2 Pippy, MS Comboye

HMCS VANCOUVER



2006 has been quite eventful so far for the Sensor Section onboard the Good Ship Vancouver. January was a welcomed R&R period for us as we were busy along with the rest of the fleet conducting TGEX 5-05 through to the end of November. At the end of January VAN successfully conducted AIR WUPS, rolling from there right into a month long trip down to friendly Pearl Harbor for a dual axis simultaneous Harpoon shoot versus the USS O'Brian. It turned out to be a relatively successful event for VAN, however it did not go entirely to plan for our recently ILQ qualified SWC PO1 Corey Treverton as a minor screw-up at the ammo depot required our PO1 to share the money shot with his counterpart. Long story short, VAN ended up conducting two separate engagements with one Harpoon each. We hit with both, but due to an ADD afflicted cameraman on the spotting helicopter, VAN was unable to return home with video evidence of our ASUW prowess. Special thanks goes out to AB Hamilton and LS Gerbrandt of the HMCS Ottawa for volunteering to augment our watches throughout the exercise. OS Andrew Vernon's TQ-4 course was unfortunately cut short before he could complete the CIWS portion, we anticipate having him fully qualified and congratulated no later than mid-July.

March found us being assessed by Triple "T" Staff. VAN achieved Certification for all her weapon systems (with the notable exception of CIWS Block 1B), without difficulty. The remainder of the month of March was spent relaxing with PERs, and trying to fit in PDL while burning off the remainder of our annual leave. OS Mike Stevens departed Esquimalt for the sunny shores of Halifax this month to begin his Fire Control training, while AB Eric Lashinski remained behind onboard ship...again...coveting the qualification from afar...still. As usual April brought the active posing season to the fleet. Vancouver lost VAN EWS PO2 Morgan Miller to Fleet Augmentation Pacific, MS Al Howlett and LS Zach Stopa caught shore postings to Athena, Black Rock scooped up MS George Gray, and LS Rex Heslop received his posting message to CFEWC, leaving LS Dominique Gougeon as our newly crowned senior Killick. In exchange, we picked up PO2 Mark Champ recently back from "The Gulf" with HMCS Ottawa, MS Natalie Scalabrini and MS Mark Simper from Athena. Two shiny new NESOPs direct from their TQ-3 course have also crossed our brow, OS Adam Carnegie and OS Katherine Walker bringing with them a valuable Sea Search skill set currently lacking on our section.

Over the last few weeks the Port side of VAN's Ops Room received major remodelling, we are now fitted with a CIWS Block 1B and Sea Search ES suite for the first time. Our next challenge will be learning how to safely and effectively operate our new toys prior to RIMPAC 06. Newly promoted LS Jessie Hanna and AB Paul Awalt are now hard at work at CFNOS working on their spec-pay qualifications. Last but not least, congratulations to LS Amy Verge a long time NESOP who is leaving the trade to pursue her dream of scrubbing out the 57mm rather than dirtying it up. Amy is completely an OT to Weapons Tech this summer. That's all from the Vancouver we hope this letter finds our fellow Ravens healthy, wealthy and well.

Lloyd Boutillier
PO2 NESOP

HMCS WINNIPEG



Greetings,

AB Callaghan here, with an update on the Winnipeg NESOP section. We have been busy as always starting with another MARSECPAT then moved directly into Weapons Certs and MRI's. We successfully passed both pretty quickly, considering we had only one stir! If there are any good techs out there ask to be posted here please, we are desperate! We are presently prepping for our Trident Fury missile-ex, where Winnipeg will prove the West Coast firing range and make history as the first ship to fire a missile off the West Coast.

Lots of personnel movements to talk about. PO1 Jaquemot is in limbo and waiting for someone who needs a poor director posted in, just kidding as always PO. PO2 Olejnik is leaving to mold our future brethren at Black rock, best of luck to him. He will be replaced by PO2 James who missed the boat so much, he just had to come back. PO2 Lange is leaving us for the greener grass of PLQ Instruction, to be replaced by PO2 Raymond who also brings with him MS Macmillan from CFEWC, meaning we will actually have to learn our jobs or be exposed for the underachievers we really are. LS Lalonde has finally received his VOT and going to become a Weapon Tech (land) congrats Cpl. LS Sheppard is off to Halifax to take the 5's course. AB Callaghan, Fannon, Denman and Johnson successfully completed the FCO course. AB Nelson is counting the days till his contract expires while he washes dishes.

For the future there is much to come with the Portland Rose Festival, a few TGEX's with tentative stops in San Fransisco and sunny Mexico. Just a small reminder, we are still in possession of the EW Award mounted nicely in Ops. We are contemplating having it welded to Sea Search because we obviously rock the EW world. Hope every one is well, and be vigilant and safe. Winnipeg out!!!





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)
Fleet Support O
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ORAC (E) Report

By CPO2 Chris Lee

Once again, CPO2 Smallwood has had to remind me that it is time for a submission to the NESOP Newsletter, and once again I wait until the last possible moment. Truth be told, I was hoping for something extremely interesting to happen, or barring that, some great flash of insight that would change the world – but alas – no such luck. So, on a more pedantic note, it's been business as usual here in the Rat's Maze, or Cubicle Hell if you will. Lockheed Martin has put the final touches on CCS Ver 8.2, which was stressed tested by the ORTT, trialed on HMCS FREDERICTON and NCSM VILLE DE QUÉBEC and is now available for pick-up. Should receiving units require a brief, let ORAC (E) know. That being said, with the change comes the Version Description Document on CD, which includes a 'interactive' portion where the QAB matrix is present and you can click your way through the document with every subsequent array available and ultimately ending up on a page which describes in detail, exactly what is supposed to happen.

We have now moved on to Versions 9.2 (which is virtually identical to 8.2 but is for the ESSM equipped ships) and 8.3. That being said, I repeat my statement from the last Newsletter, if you, or anyone else who

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uses the CCS encounter problems, or unlike me, has a flash of brilliance as to how to improve it, email me. In concert with LMC, the CSST and other interested parties, ORAC (E) will weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the change and who knows, we may just name a change after you! Okay, no immortal fame, but we will look at any suggestions.

That about sums it up for this edition. I will now adopt the pensive, thoughtful look in the hopes of finding the meaning of life, or at least try to fool my bosses as to my worth to the Canadian Navy.

CFNOS Halifax Standards



Ah the smell of Spring is in the air and that means the end of yet another Spring Mega. It was a very successful Mega for the SWC's and EWS's with a 100% success rate for both courses. We would like to welcome PO's Lowthers, McNamara and Sullivan to the East Coast SWC's and PO Barker to the West Coast SWC's. Meanwhile MS's Phee, Long and Metcalfe have joined the East Coast EWS's while MS's Deschenes and Halliday have joined our brethren on the West Coast.

Now for a little tidbit on the role of Standards. One of our major tasks is to maintain the QSP's (Qualification and Standard Plan for those who have forgot what QSP stands for) for all NESOP Courses QL 4 and above. This is an ongoing task, with CFNOS able to approve changes to Chapters 3 and 4 while DMTE is the approving authority for Chapters 1 and 2. Any change recommendations is done in conjunction with the AWW Section and TTT. There have been changes to the FCO, and Sr ESOP course as well as changes to the EWS assessment form (as the students from the Spring Mega can attest to) and SWC Weapon Certification assessment. Changes to the various QSP's will ensure that they are up to date and that trainees are being taught relevant information that will help them do their jobs when they return to the fleet.

QSP Compliance Monitoring is also major task that is always ongoing. QSP Compliance is when Standards monitors what is being taught to ensure that all the teaching points in the QSP are covered and the instructor adheres to the QSP and doesn't go off and teaches something totally different. At the end of each monitoring session instructors are queried for any changes to the QSP ie timings, adding/removing points etc. Individual sections are responsible for monitoring the Instructor's teaching techniques and style. The goal for QSP Monitoring for each course is 20% and pilot course such as the FCS course starting in the fall is 100%. To this end Standards has developed a Data Base to record QSP monitoring to ensure that the 20% goal is achieved for each course.

Well enough of the business stuff, now for a little rumor mill. Speculation has that CPO2 Morgan will be departing Standards for parts unknown. It is a well kept secret(????) but the boys on the ST JOHN may want to be on their toes. That leaves Standards with an empty cubicle with an excellent view of the parking lot where one can watch vehicles being ticketed and towed on a daily basis. Feeling lonely, not to worry there is big plant there to keep you company. Resumes can be dropped of to either PO1 Kennedy or PO2 Vaudreuil.

Well that's all from Stanadards for now!!!!

CFNOS Halifax TTT

The warm weather is upon us, the flowers are blooming, the black flies are biting and yet another MEGA phase is finished. Congratulations to all students with a successful "P" where it counts, especially our own MS Norman (better known as Tony) Phee on his 6A's with a finish within 1/100th of a point from the Top Student Award, and PO1 Jake Lowthers on his 6B's with a Top Student finish great job fellas (the boss needs his notes back). The annual shuffle began with now CPO2 Howie Martell (see promotion picture elsewhere in this edition) (CONGRATS!!) off to TRINITY leaving big shoes to be filled by PO1 Bob Burton from HMCS FREDERICTON (if he ever gets here). LS Gaudin will soon be exiting the trade, currently he sits (he is working) awaiting Occupational Transfer. The once permanent now not so permanent MS John Ryan will soon be swallowing the anchor but not before he finishes his Vocational Training commencing in September (hope they have mid morning nap time). Myself (MS Jason Trepanier) and MS Phee will be heading back to sea this summer leaving PO2 Larry Peek to spice up a new team. From all of us at TTT we wish everyone a wonderful *relaxing* and *safe* summer leave.



Commandant of CFNOS congratulates newly promoted CPO2 Martell



CFMWC

by PO1 Gerry Doutre

2006 continues to be a very busy year here at the Operational Test & Evaluation Group (OTEG), Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Center (CFMWC). Not long ago (Feb), I was sipping Mai Tai's on the beaches of Hawaii. Actually I was in Hawaii on business at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, on the island of Kauai. OTEG was conducting a Harpoon Optest with HMCS VANCOUVER as the firing unit. The test was to determine the operational effectiveness of the Halifax Class Ship against surface combatants in a littoral environment. The test was highly successful, consisting of harpoon missiles, bombs and gunnery from various American and Canadian units. EX-USS O'BRIEN (Spruance Class) did not stand a chance and met her watery grave.

Still to come this year are Optests on all missile systems, CIWS 1B, Remote Controlled Heavy Machine Gun (RCHMG) and 3P Ammo, just to name a few. The RCHMG (picture next page) eval is proving to be an exciting venture. HMCS MONCTON has been designated as the trials platform for this eval. Soon her 40mm will be removed and replaced with an Oto Melara 12.7mm Naval Turret. This system has been selected for this particular buy and try concept. Complete with stabilization and an EO sight, this weapon also has its own remote console allowing for all firings to be done from inside the safety of the ship.

Again, I encourage all NESOPs to take advantage of the Final Reports we send out from every Optest we conduct here at CFMWC. They are sent to all units on CD and can also be viewed on our MCOIN III website. The Final Reports are full of valuable information and lessons learned. If your unit is participating in a missile, I recommend all NESOPs onboard read the Operational Test and Evaluation Master Plan (OTEMP) sent out by my unit. It has every detail wrt the plan for the missile or Optest. Also, I recommend taking a look at past final reports so your unit does not make the same mistakes. See you on the range and Happy Shooting!

PO1 Gerry Doutre
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Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre



OTO MELARA 12.7mm Naval Turret

CANADIAN FLEET ATLANTIC



Hello again from the CCFL Staff office. As I'm sure you've read about, we had an exciting event in recent months on the east coast. MONTREAL and VILLE DE QUEBEC participated in a "combat readiness" missile shoot in the MARLANT Opareas in March. (To keep PO1 Gerry Doutré happy, this was not the "first missile shoot in the MARLOAs" as was written in numerous newspaper articles). ATH launched against a Robot X back in 1990 during her OP FRICTION preps). As part of CRO 1/06, these two ships were able to engage Vindicator remote controlled targets with RIM 7M warshot missiles. We used a low slow flyer threat as the target speed is

only about 150 knots. Each ship was able to launch 2 Sea Sparrows, one for each watch. PO2 Mike Culligan and PO1 Ron Carr, along with their counterpart AWWO's, Lt(N) Alex Barlow and Lt(N) Frank Levesque, all get to put a notch in their belt after some skin on skins (OS Glibbery has movies). Overall, the serial was a success and we look forward to conducting more of these "combat readiness" shoots in the next couple of years.

Congratulations to our newest SWC's and EWS's who just completed the MEGA phase. I look forward to seeing you in the fleet in your new jobs in the next couple of months. The Alongside Fleet Training programme that replaced IPT continues to evolve. Scheduling serials is still problematic because of conflicting ship's commitments, but we are trying to get as much in as possible. We've been able to get some FC briefs in from CFNOS on lessons learned from Wpns Cert and STIR spotting training for FCOs and FCSs. As posting season approaches, we'll be seeing some new faces on the waterfront. Our next deployment, EX CARIBBEAN LION in June, will have fresh blood (meat) in MONTREAL and FREDERICTON along with many from TOR and VDQ (we're not a manning pool!!). Looking forward to that down-south sun!! That's about it from the Staff Office for now.

CPO2 Stephen Haughn
TGCNESOP



VINDICATOR and Launcher on MONTREAL flight deck.



HMCS ATHABASKAN

Hello from the hallowed world of the 282. We're out here doing our part for Queen and country on our European NATO. Though there is so much I could write, I'll keep the stories for a day mustered around the ol' watering hole. This old girl is still chugging around the world for the flag and doing a damn fine job of it too (bias much). There is quite a lot to report since last Atha B put in a submission (mainly because I'm an idiot and screwed up sending the last one, but I digress).

As it always's in this business we have ourselves another AWWO. As with that LT (N) Clarkson has come to the zoo, did somebody tell him the SWC seat is where he can sit? Old Two dogs PO1 "Slick Rick" Ten Eyck is still lobbing the big ones for our navy (I swear I was talking about missiles PO!). Doesn't he realize that his bunkmate Christ is out of the mob now too, just kidding. We have PO2 Johnny "Bronx" McCarthy who, when not doing time in "The Yard" (the gym), he is the EWS for the Starboard watch...Live with crazies become crazy yourself. A new addition to the old lady is new PO2 Sean Waite, when the "tattooed one" is not regaling us with stories of pressure points and knife making, he can be found showing us various crippling moves in order to disable our enemies.... ah, the love (How do you think he demonstrates...on the air, NOT. LoL).

We are currently down a Master Seaman as MS Clyde "The Slide" Long is off on course and passed it with little trouble we hear. I can imagine it won't be long before I'll be calling him by another rank very soon in the future. But fear not, we still have MS Andrew "Rounded Adonis" Maule, when not FC Sup for the Stbd watch he can be found perfecting his jetty meets head diving technique for the next Booze Bag Olympics. That brings us to me, the other fitted equipment on this fine vessel, LS Leigh "The fight night rum Drinker" Gouthro, when not trying to woo the local ladies with fine drunken Canadian poetry, I can be found filling the boots of a Master Seaman, as FC Sup of the port watch. Now lets start our usual role call, we have the deadly duo LS Dave "When I drink too much I get sleepy" Seymour and LS Jason "My rum glass is bigger than yours" Sparkes, both can be found trying to get a cab, one hailing said cab and the other high-speed "chuck-decorating a public display"...ah the stories. Next up we have LS TJ "Buddha Belly" Clarke, he can be found exercising his kendo expertise on the flight deck and you can also find him Bar-stool dancing in the local bars around Europe, can someone tell him to put his underwear back on? LS Dave "Mad man Reefer" Simpson, can show us all that add a little "liquid party" and out comes "Simp the Animal, someone get a leash on that guy! Ls Brad "13 mess is my locker" Brusdeilins showing the European nation the "Washing Machine" is a whole new dance experience, words cannot define such a dance move.

LS Eric "I have more footwear than most women" Richard proves that the more jovial wets you have a "Donated" Bar sombrero does actually go with a collarless shirt. LS Chris "Redneck Rampage" Williams wrote the book on terms like "I did what last night? And "thank god that officer drove me back to the ship. Just kidding. OS David "Road Warrior" Mitchell has joined this cracked bunch and seems to be none the worse for wear for it, mainly because he's a scene out of a biker movie in his off time, I think it was called "Born to be Mild". Not to leave out the "Borrowed bodies (like that term never appeared in this ships news letter before) AB Shawn "Red light district Romeo" Watton proves that no matter what and where, his "Ensemble De Sexy" will always include a ball cap. OS Andrew "Thug Life" Fletcher demonstrated that three tattoos in one day, CAN eat in to the party money. Os Jason "I hope she had her shots" Horaski proved that though they are body shots they still can hurt the head the next day.

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As for some of our bodies that could not join us for medical reasons, we wish them the best and hope for a speedy recovery. I would like to say that though we joke and we jest this trip has truly been a meaningful one. We are over here doing the job we are paid to do and we do it well. All of us have had the opportunity to see many places that before were only seen in movies and books. This trip has brought us a little closer to what it is to be in the military. As a crew we experienced places like Vimy Ridge and Beaumont-Hamil and paid respects over the site to "The Unlucky Lady" the first Athabaskan. To stand in place that gave birth to a Canadian ideal, that defined us as a nation was a little more than over-whelming. I as with the rest know that sometimes it's not glamorous, but other times it truly can change who you are. We all will never forget the fun and sites we've seen. Yes it would seem that we play hard but we put in the work that warrants such joviality. In the end good times were had and we're all coming home as one. From the old lady in the sea, I wish you fair winds and following seas-cheers!

LS IL. "RAGE" Gouthro
Mayor of Athabaskan



SNMG NESOP CHIEF

(On the ATHABASKAN)

After standing up the CSNMG1 (desig) staff in Aug 05, we finally took Command on 26 January 2006 when German Rear Admiral Wolfgang Kalaehne formally handed over command as Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG1) to Canadian Commodore Denis Rouleau during the Change of Command Ceremony in Kiel.

The old SNFL is gone and now SNMG1 is one of four standing maritime Task Forces, along with SNMG2, and Standing NATO Mine Counter Measures Groups One and Two. It is a multinational seagoing Force, giving NATO the ability to respond quickly and with flexibility to promote NATO's interests anywhere in the world.

In times of crisis the four SNMGs could be incorporated into the NATO Reaction Force (NRF), which is a rapidly deployable, fully integrated, self-sustained, combined land, sea, and air force able to respond to a wide variety of operational commitments and missions anywhere in the world for up to 30 days.

Potential missions of the Group now include: non-combatant evacuations; consequence management; counter terrorism; crisis response; embargo operations; and initial entry assistance to other Forces. These missions are not the traditional Cold War missions of yesteryear and represent the changing mission capabilities required of a modern warship. The Group also represents a capable force package, which can be used at sea to deter any potential threat to NATO nations in the maritime environment.

One of the mission's that SNMG1 routinely conducts is Operation Active Endeavour (OAE). The operation's mission is to conduct naval operations in the Mediterranean to actively demonstrate NATO's resolve and solidarity. OAE is one of the measures resulting from NATO's decision to implement Article 5 of the Washington Treaty, expanding the options available in the campaign against terrorism.

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OAE's mission currently include actions aimed at preventing or countering terrorism coming from or conducted at sea and all illegality possibly connected with terrorism, such as human trafficking and smuggling of arms and radioactive substances. OAE has eventually become more intelligence-based by sharing intelligence and information gathered at sea with allies.

We have participated in numerous small exercises with various nations including the Danish run MULTEX where gunnery was the word of the day. This exercise area provides ships an opportunity to practice self-defence in a multi-threat environment by presenting them with a multitude of surface and air targets simultaneously, while at the same time simulating battle damage scenarios. Run with two ships in a SAG, the MULTEX range provided the additional challenge of forcing ships into manoeuvring with consorts in order to engage their targets.

The next challenge was Exercise Brilliant Mariner 2006, a major NATO exercise to provide combat readiness and certification training for the maritime forces of the NRF which took place in the German Bight, The North Sea, Skagerrak , Kattegat and adjacent Danish, German, Netherland, Norwegian and Swedish Territorial Waters from 24 March – 6 April 2006. This was the final preparation phase before the three essential components of the NRF, the Maritime, Land, and Air Components came together for the first time in Spring 2006 for the NRF Live Exercise Steadfast Jaguar in Cape Verde Islands off the West Coast of Africa.

Military Personnel from 17 nations - Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the USA participated in the exercise as an integrated NATO force comprising more than 80 ships, submarines and aircraft. Units from NATO partner nations - Sweden, Finland and Ukraine also took part in the exercise. The Force exercised non-combatant evacuations and MIO embargo operations, missions likely to face NRF if activated. It was very challenging getting all these players on the same page, to say the least.

Steadfast Jaguar will be something more than the final step to obtain the readiness certification of a specific NRF: it will be a test of the concept of the NRF itself, the proof of NATO's ability to project a joint force at a strategic distance from mainland Europe and sustain it in a severe environment. Steadfast Jaguar 06 will be held in the Cape Verdean archipelago from 1 June to 12 July. All the NRF-7 forces deployed in the area will be under the operational command of a Deployable Joint Task Force Headquarters, which will be at sea, on board the command ship USS Mount Whitney. The Land Component Headquarters will be drawn from the EUROCORPS (France), the Maritime one from SPMARFOR (Spain) and the air one from the NATO command structure, namely, the Air Component Command at Ramstein (Germany).

As you can see, the old SNFL is gone and the new SNMG1 is alive and well. Gone are the days of sailing from port to port with non-stop Moosemilk parties. Having said that we still manage to get lots of good port visits with some time for recreation. Having completed a visit to Antwerp Belgium for example, I got to visit, Vimy Ridge, Beaumont Hamel, and the Battlefield at Waterloo. Yes Joey, I actually took in some culture during a port visit. I will have to ask one of ATHABASKAN's crew what Amsterdam was like.....



HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN



Greetings to everyone from "The Wall". In the last newsletter we explained how we went from the busiest ship on the east coast to going into refit. Well, we have since come out of refit and have "assumed the position" as it were along side good old NG jetty. There is a lot of work going on right now to get the ship ready for sea in August, but hey you all know how that goes. There is a little excitement here in the OPS Room as the "Extreme Reno" continues for the Sea Search and the CIWS Block 1B installation. Now if we could just get to sea to utilize this new kit, all would be good. As previously stated in the newsletter we

are still having a lot of movements in the old bullpen so please bear with me while I try to update the line up for you. To quote a once great Master Seaman "In the out box" Sorry Rod just kidding about the "Great", I mean the "once" part of my last sentence. HA HA! In the out box we have former Master Seaman Karen Archer who has just recently been promoted, demoted or appointed, not sure which to call it yet, to Naval Officer Cadet Archer who will be leaving us for HMCS MONTREAL to get started on some "intense" MARS officer training. PO2 Hiller will be leaving us to move on to bigger and better things at CFNOS. We have also lost AB Ben Desorsiers who has left us for the reserve INT OP trade. They will be sorely missed. Best of luck to you all in your new positions. Arriving from elsewhere we have MS Lisa Shaffer coming from Trinity, OS Quigley coming off his JNR ES OP course and PO2 Colin "Sully" Macleod coming from FAA, freshly qualified as AWWD. Congrats Sully.

In other NESOP news we have been busy refreshing our knowledge preparing for the up and coming Weapon Certs. Also congrats on the completion of PLQ to MS Rod Carew. PO2 Andy Collier has been tucked away doing and going over PDR'S and PER'S, it is that time of year after all. PO1 George Hamilton is still continuing his ever-lasting battle to insure we have the most up-to-date camera gear and the ever-precious fire wire. LS Karen Duncan and myself have been busy trying to learn the ropes of our next positions, and remain clam during all the craziness of manning shortages. AB Mike "Beat it" Jackson is sailing with HMCS ST. JOHN'S right now, AB Ernie MacDonald is headed "up the hill" on his SNR ES Op course and last but not least, OS Menard is currently at CFNOS on her FC Operators course.

Cheers to all fellow NESOPs, and whoever else may read this excellent document, from HMCS Charlottetown's NESOP Team.

LS Jeff Lacey
"I fell in the harbour PO!"



MS Archer starts at the bottom again!



PO1 Hamilton bids farewell to Ocdt Archer

....see more CHARLOTTETOWN pictures next page



PO1 Hamilton bids farewell to AB Desrosiers



PO1 Hamilton bids farewell to PO2 Hillier



HMCS FREDERICTON "Stalker of the seas"

GRRRR!!! from the Stalker of the Seas once again. HMCS FREDERICTON continues to bounce around our home away from home, the Grand Banks of NL on yet another FISHPAT. Thank God for Game Cube and NHL 2006, we will be coming home with a duty free and sore thumbs. OK, MS Theriault you're the best at hockey and the Frenchest man we know. As for our illustrious gang of NESOPs we have been keeping busy. MS Oulton is back from his 8 week PLQ vacation (now more pussier than ever). OS

Penton and recently promoted AB Flanagan successfully completed their FC Operator course and are back into the routine of sailing again, good job guys you did great. AB MacDonald and AB Binder are slated to go on their QL-5A course in mid May and have been busy preparing for it, well AB Binder has been, AB MacDonald kept busy by peeling 97 bags of potatoes as night scullery. PO1 Burton is leaving FISHPAT FREDDY and heading off to mold minds at TTT, I'm sure your students will fear you as much as we did. PO2 Randell is also heading to CFNOS instructing and developing young minds, God have mercy on their souls. LS McKinnon, who due to medical issues never actually sailed with us is now posted to Ottawa to further his career, while AB Hardy just ended his and was voluntarily released 30 Apr 06. Best of luck to all.

With all the recent departures FREDDY has welcomed some new faces. PO2 Murray has just been drafted from HMCS Halifax to provide us with his vast knowledge of the trade. He's already known as the "Walking Janes" or as we like to refer to him the "EOB Nazi". When we return home OS Gould whom LS Compagnon has already christened as "Timmy" even if that's not his real name will join us. He is pretty lucky his first trip in June for TGEX will have him sailing to San Juan, Puerto Rico. AB Flanagan will be more than happy to relinquish his position as *2 mess Water Boy* and *Laundry bag guy* to "Timmy". Newly promoted PO1 Duane McNamara will be replacing PO1 Burton as Snr NESOP. After TGEX we will have a well-deserved rest alongside in Halifax for leave period and then we're hard at it again. From FISHPAT FREDDY we all say farewell for now.

Written By:
AB MacDonald
OS Penton

HMCS HALIFAX



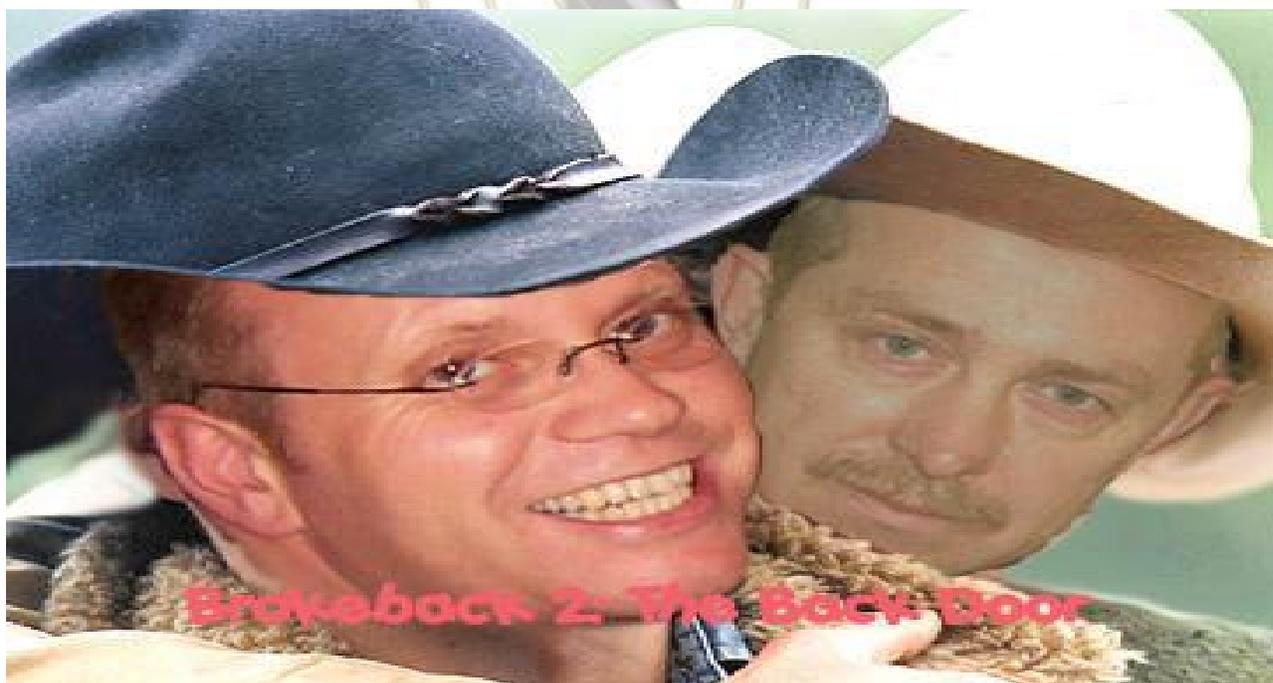
Hello to all members of the finest trade in the CF. We Nesops onboard on HMCS HALIFAX would like to let you know what has taken place over the last few months. Since our return from Nato '05 we have enjoyed a relaxed schedule. Most of us have had the opportunity to spend ample time with our families over the Xmas/ New Year leave period. Our unit was a barren place until the end of January. We

successfully completed weapons certification in February, which has given us the ability to legally destroy argets for another year. Our section has slightly changed since the new-year. MS Mike Murray has been sent off to HMCS FREDERICTON along with an extra chevron on each shoulder to fill the PO2 EWS position. LS Sam Fletcher is currently at home on Parental leave welcoming his second baby girl into the world. He now spends most of his time in the garage. MS Eric McElroy and MS Holley Blakney were happy to receive their leaf and join our unit, which was lacking master seamen.

OS Dave Worton was given the opportunity to attend the first QL4 course of 2006 in which he achieved the top student. AB Justin Dickson is currently spending his days at CFNOS also striving to achieve top student on his QL4 course.

We are currently in Norfolk Virginia to represent the city of Halifax during the Azalea Festival. We will then be blessed with another opportunity to attend fleet week in Fort Lauderdale Florida where MS McElroy is looking forward to procuring lots of duty free liquor. All in all 2006 has gotten off to a good start for HMCS HALIFAX and our future is looking bright. We are looking forward to reading the next edition of Nesop News and hopefully an opportunity to get together with other Nesops in the fleet sometime this summer. We wish the HMCS ATHABASKAN fair winds and following seas for the rest of her NATO deployment.

LS Joe Dickie
NESOP
HMCS HALIFAX



Brian and Dwayne

HMCS IROQUOIS

PORT WATCH

PO2 Metcalf
MS Pelletier
LS Oliver
AB Lacroix
AB Haynes
OS Nelson

PO1 James



STBD WATCH

PO2 Saunders
MS Boone
LS Stoyles
AB Tremblay
AB Theriault
OS Parsons

Good day to all from the 280 ladies of the east coast. Over the past year IROQUOIS has seen many changes, as with all parts of life ... some changes were good, some errr ... not so good, “welcome aboard PO1 Ed James”, just kidding he’s actually the best PO1 we’ve had this year, and only one also (concentrate on the positive points ED). Having just finished an extensive multi-million dollar refit, (though I don’t see any differences myself) IROQUOIS has slowly made her way back to operational status ... we still lack a beer machine, and a CPF style lounge has yet to be implemented. “Maybe I should draft an EC before I complain anymore”. But the old girl is still holding together and I’m sure will make it through NATO this fall ... if Sea Training Atlantic doesn’t tear us from stem to stern during WUPS first. I guess by the time everyone reads this, we may have completed WUPS, successfully I hope. Were scheduled for 2 May – 5 June as of right now, so have a wet for us over the long-weekend as we’ll probably be in the middle of a Battle Problem. I’m hoping we’ll all be face down on a golf course in Georgia or Virginia somewhere having a wet of our own. But if not tip a glass to us, or laugh if you want ... for now ... your turn will come soon enough I’m sure ... well for those of you who actually sail that is ... you know who you are. By the way I want to wish Big John Ryan (CFNOS TTT for the past 10,000 yrs) all the best as he prepares for upcoming his retirement ... all the best John and congrats on the bowling tournament and good luck with the Moirs chocolate factory application, new billet ashore for the rest of us J.

Enough about the ship and our schedule let me bring to your attention the section in question ... where do I begin ... ahh yes PO1 James. Ed James arrived on board last summer. Fresh from his course and newly promoted he was ready to finally take over the driver seat after many years being strapped in the passenger side ... a co-pilot at best for years, he was finally ready to assume command of his very own section and steer the straight and narrow path. Something he often neglected in his own past. One could argue that this would be the perfect foundation for a top notch PO1. Someone who’s been in trouble over and over and over and ... you get the point. But somewhere between opening the driver door and actually sitting in the driver seat, Ed met Dana McLellan our CBT Chief. Though he puts on a good face every morning at the daily muster, I’ve yet to see him actually driving the car. I have however seen him strapped in the baby seat in the back of the van going wherever she wants him to go. Did you say “Jump” Chief? That gentleman is how you take control of a section.

Whose next ... yes of course, PO2 Saunders. Pat Saunders arrived back in Halifax last summer also. He was so full of ... of ... shi...energy and wonderfully useful Ottawa knowledge, all of which he learned from Dave Gray, and because of this knowledge and *AB Paul Haynes* (I’ll get to that later) he was an instant hit within the section and ship. (Coxn’s favorite PO2 for a while) Like a good sailor he came to the ship ready to pick back up right where he left off. A veteran of the 280 lifestyle he foolishly expected everything to be just as he left it three years earlier. But that was not to be. Pat was forced to jump right in and assume the role of section head as Ed James was just finishing up his course and wasn’t due onboard for a month or two. To try and make the comparison as accurate as possible; having a PO2 fill the shoes of a PO1 is like ... well remember the Bible story of David and Goliath ... it’s pretty much the same, except that in this version David

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(PO2 Saunders) gets crushed like a wee little bug by Goliath (CBT Chief), over and over and over and well you get the point again. But he will make a great PO1 someday ... Just like Ed ...J

Next there are the two Masters. Pierre Pelletier (A.K.A. Red). Because of his red hair, and myself (Adam Boone). Red joined the ship about a year ago and has been making friends ever since ... well not really, but everyone knows who he is that's for sure. A pro-active guy whose language barrier can often make it seem like he's cross all the time. Then again it might not be the language thing after all. It is at this time I would like to send a message to everyone and anyone who has that single female friend and doesn't know who to set her up with. Well search no more, just send her name along with a description ... and if possible silhouette for recce purposes to "PelletierLSPG@HMCSIroquois@Halifax". I guarantee no letter will go unread ... lets all help out a fellow NESOP during his time of drought (2 years is the rumor). As for myself, well I'm adjusting to the 280-life quiet well and preparing for the up coming NATO. Other than that things are pretty quiet for me... What? ... I'm not about to slag myself ... maybe next issue.

That leaves the backbone of the section left to talk about. Ahh yes, the true workers in every section, the LS & below. We have a wide mixture of sailors. Our two Leading seaman, LS Edgar Stoyles, yep though he goes by Leroy he's actually an Edgar (A.K.A Pins) with 19 yrs served, and LS Dan Oliver (he drove a cab in Halifax for 10 yrs before joining the NAVY ... and yes he's got some good stories), whose been a LS for about 19 days now, both are stepping up to the plate and molding the junior minds of the section. Never fear ladies and gents Edgar helped train me ... and I turned out OK ... err, well maybe I'll hand the training over to LS Dan Oliver as I look back at how I turned out, oh and congrats to Dan Oliver on his recent engagement. I hope it's a free bar and Pelletier wants to know if your new fiancé has any sisters? Gross weight not an issue he said. The rest of our section consists of French AB's, two OS and Paul Haynes. Who first? ... (THE FRENCH CONECTION). Lacroix, Tremblay & Theriault. AB Francis Lacroix (A.K.A. Wind Talker), whose uncle was in Oaka crisis. (The guy who spit on the soldier is his uncle ... *cool eh!*) Is our sections "Pretty Boy". A man of the evening and a frequency visitor to the PALACE, he provides us with all the Monday morning entertainment we need. "Never a dull weekend in the life of Frank Lacroix." Oh how RED wishes Frank would let him hang out with him just once. *Ezio at least take RED guy out for a coffee ... come on, it's just a coffee ... didn't you say he was a nice guy or something like that, he won't stop talking about you.* Moving on, next in our trio of Franco phones is 24 yr old AB Steven Tremblay. A man who has life all figured out in my opinion. Let me see if I can get the story and timeline straight. While on leave in the his motherland of Quebec, fresh off his QL-3 course, he met a girl over his 2 week break, fell in love, left her for 6 months while he completed a NATO on the Montreal, moved her to Halifax as soon as he got back in town (she only speaks French), got her pregnant without an engagement ring and now they are living happily ever after in their Windsor Park PMQ. Oh and happy 8 month dating anniversary to Mr.Tremblay (wow all that in such a short time, impressive I must say ... can you help poor RED out?). Then there's the last in the trio French connection. AB J.R. Theriault. A man of few words, probably cause this is his last trip before his release. He is leaving us to peruse a career in welding back in Bathurst, NB. We wish him all the best and will see you back in as a NESOP in ohh my guess is less than 2 years.

Our two OS are OS Steven Parsons and OS Arthur Nelson ... yep we have an Edgar and an Arthur in our section ... Our SODA is Parsons, excellent worker and a proud NFLD'er, he has everything going for him, if he could just straighten out his home phone number from his cell number recalls would be a lot easier. Especially seems the cell is turned off most of the time. Actually I'm kind of worried that I might be working for him someday soon, so I'm taking it easy on the little guy in this issue. As for OS Arthur Nelson. Well he showed up from Black Rock one week, met Saunders and Pelletier, then broke his hand the next week when he found out he was going to be stuck with one or the other on a watch with him during WUPS ... Who calls there kid Arthur these days anyway ... LOL, that's not a real name anymore is it? hehe. We'd like to bid farewell to PO2 Chris Schleichauf ... Ed says thanks for nothing ... and welcome newly promoted Sam Metcalfe (Looks just like Slater from "Saved By The Bell"). Sam's blending in well on the native ship

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"IROQUOIS". Said he feels like there's a spiritual connection there. I told him to relax on the peace pipe and everything will be a lot clearer when the smoke clears. Welcome aboard Sam. So I guess that's about everyone. Oh wait I almost forgot about AB Paul Haynes. What can I say, a product of Boylston, NS. He has given me all the administrative training a relatively new Master Seaman could ever need in a lifetime. Thanks Paul. You're getting a new alarm clock from me for Christmas. I figure the \$20 I'll spend will save me about 600 man-hours of work in administrative labor alone. Well worth it in my opinion.

Last I'd like to thank LS Lacey, AB Tremblay J, and LS Berube who were TD in for our WUPS. Just for the record each of your unites were glad to loan you guys to us and never really gave us a date when they wanted either of you back. I'll admit I didn't understand why they acted that way at first. But after seeing you guys in action this past week ... well lets just were returning to sender as soon as we get back in Halifax. Seriously thanks guys for nothing ... I mean everything. JJJJJ

Till next issue Cheers from all the NESOP's on the IROQUOIS.

Adam Boone
ADAM BOONE
MS Nes Op
HMCS IROQUOIS



HMCS MONTREAL



Hello to all crows on both coasts. We apologize for missing the last issue. It has been a successful 9 months for the NESOPS on board HMCS MONTREAL. With the completion of Work Ups, Weapon certification, Missile certification, TGEX, 02/05, CRO 1/06 and successful launching of 2 VLSS with skin-to-skin hits in local op areas for the first time ever. Our section has seen a big turnover of personnel. PO2 Pat Brunet leaving for CFNOS, PO2 Dwayne

MacNamara to his 6B that he just completed and is heading to Freddy as the Senior NESOP. The section also lost LS.... Oops... A/MS Hollie "I don't have to do that" Blakney, as he was promoted and posted to HMCS Halifax. A special thanks goes out to PO2 Mike "I'm going golfing" Culligan who is the only qualified PO2 SWC to successfully launch a VLSS in local op areas. As well thanks for filling the void these past 9 months as our section head. Congrats go out to OS Chris "Giblets" Glibbery and OS Rob "The Walrus" Mudge on their recent promotions to AB. Thanks also goes out to CPO2 Steve "The Stone Polisher / AKA Chief PEPSI" Haughn for filling the empty spot on the crow's curling team during the combat dept. bonspiel, in which we came second. Welcomes go out to MS Frank Raymond, PO2 Ray "Because I said so" Cushing (Congrats on the newest family member – a baby girl), and recently promoted PO1 Jake Lowthers the departments new section head who successfully completed his director's course, PO2 Stu MacElwain from CFNOS, and OS Nathan Kuffner and OS Matt McMurray from their JNR ES OP course. This summer we will also see the departure of LS James "The Turtle" Hirtle from the "Christmas tree capital of the world, Bridgewater NS", who will be heading inland to the Greater Capital Region, Ottawa. There are still a few old sea dogs left like MS Rick "roger out" Penney, LS Matt "Airbrakes" Matchim, and LS Gary "Prehistoric Crow" Toohey who can't wait to teach the new lads about the Geneva convention and Warsaw pact. So to all, good sea's and fair weather.



HMCS PRESERVER

There are some concerns about a 36-year-old ship. Concerns about the state of her engines and other machinery are ample. Concerns about her weapons and the ability to defend her properly are also evident. Rest assured, however, the crew are ready for the challenge.

I arrived on HMCS PRESERVER in September 05. Time to complete my ship familiarization package and prepare for trials and the Weapons Systems Certification. Then SRIs, the new format by the way. For those who don't comprehend, it is a kind of mini WUPS. Then, all the wonders and joys that WUPS itself entails. This isn't an unknown schedule; in fact most of us have gone through the compressed ramp up routine. But, with the recent announcement that new replenishment ships are on the way, this could be the old girl's last time.

I consider this to be a good time to be here despite the fact our department is undergoing a major upheaval. LS Shannon Christie, a centerpiece for the boarding party, is off to a new adventure at TRINITY. LS Shawn King is also headed off to TRINITY for a well deserved posting ashore. LS Scott Stroh has left, not only the ship, but the trade as well. Scott applied for and received a VOT to INTOP effective 11 Jul 06. BT Scott, remember, BT. That's three out of four guys gone in one short period. The only guy left to welcome LS Roger Whyte this July will be LS Mike McKee.

So, it looks as though we'll have a largely new crew to enjoy the tropical ports in our future. That's what I mean by a good time. The major preparations are mostly out of the way. We are truly out of refit and ready to resume the role of "HEART OF THE FLEET". Okay, there are some hurdles to overcome, but what's life without challenge? The point is, the foreign ports will mostly be sunny and full of rum. We've already spent some time in Port Everglades (FT Lauderdale) for Fleet Week. I think I remember some rum being available.

To sum up, the hard stuff is over, tropical ports, new ships on the way, a good crew, and rum. Any takers? Oh, those concerns I mentioned earlier; they're really the engineers' problems aren't they! The CIWS (plural) do what they're supposed to do, the SRBOC has power and we have plenty of rockets. Sorry you SHIELD guys. And, with us NESOPs on board we know she's well defended.

Check your oil with that?

PO1 Paul Steen
SNR NESOP
HMCS PRESERVER

HMCS ST. JOHN'S



Hello again and greetings from HMCS ST. JOHN'S. It hasn't been an exciting year but we have had a few changes to update our fellow tradesmen about. First, we finally have a new PO1. PO1 "Morty" Morton has joined the crew who will, if nothing else will be our big redheaded bodyguard for when we hit those foreign port watering holes!!! Next, PO2 Kelloway has been spinning since he got here and especially since he heard through the rumor mill that PO2 Jamie Collins is supposed to come here to give him a hand and to give him a little break from the micro...I mean management of the branch. MS Watson

has been biding his time here...he's been awaiting the Bermuda port visit and he is the definition of a true sailor as his first question was "How much to get faced there now?" MS Ezio is having a blast so far, eagerly anticipating the cold beer and sunny beaches in Bermuda. LS Reynolds is thinking about retiring early to become a motivational speaker.

LS Goguen...is he still onboard? Haven't seen Gogie since Sept of last year. It's a wonder because I know that he couldn't be enjoying life away from the ship. He'll be back from vacation next month!! AB Courchesne quietly sneaks on watch and he is currently mastering the art of giving a Recce Brief. AB Burke is in scullery right now and as soon as we tie a clock to his back should be able to make it to briefs on time and life will be just grand. OS Houghton is on his QL4's developing into a fine Fire Control Operator. OS Caldwell is our new recruit and seems to fitting in quite nicely into the section. As for myself, I am *still* here, hopefully for a little while anyway. I wouldn't want to miss the WUPS in the fall!!! Also, I would like to send out a thank you to AB Jackson who volunteered for the trip and has helped out immensely. Our sincerest gratitude, "Jacko".

Cheers,
LS "Bagsy" Baker

Additional submission from the new STJ SWC – PO1 Morton

Well, I have just completed my first trip onboard my new Ship. I "jumped Ship" in early April from TORONTO to ST. JOHN'S as I had been onboard for 3 exactly years and it was time for a change. I will miss some of my co-workers onboard TOR (you know who you are), but now it is time to talk about my new Section. First off, I only have one PO2, in the form of Dick Kelloway. He ran the Section for nearly a year and although he assures me he is NOT having a hard time "handing over the reigns", I know he is. I have two MS...Watson and Ezio. One has been around, picked up some bad habits and has developed a "tude"...the other is Watson. Seriously though. Though neither compare to TOR's MS Jon "Gunny" Garnett with respect to motivational techniques...everything is getting done.

I have 3 LS, Baker (who now knows that women do NOT have adams apples...long and unsuitable story), Reynolds (who is likely reading my Journal as I write this) and Gougen (who is on Parental leave right now eating copious amounts of Frankenberry Cereal. (His favourite!)).

I have 3 AB, Courchesne (pronounced Coor-Shane...who I tried to dub "Courchesne Tiger hidden Dragon" but he thought it was lame), Burke (who likes it a little too much as a Scullery hand, and loves talking fondly of his roommate in Esquimalt) and Houghton (who I have yet to meet but is on his QL-4). Lastly, there is the LONE OD. OS Caldwell, who got posted onboard the day I did. He tells me that he hasn't had sufficient time to develop an opinion on the Navy or the NESOP trade. Since he is so quiet and new...I haven't had a chance to develop an opinion on HIM!

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This is actually my return to STJ. I have sailed here as a LS, MS, PO2 and now as the PO1. I am not even from NFLD, but have been there more often than I have been to my home province of NB in the last ten years. Bottom line...I am happy here so far. Here's to an enjoyable tenure onboard.



NESOP Section of HMCS ST. JOHN'S

Back row, left to right: MS Waston, AB Courchesne , PO1 Morton, PO2 Kelloway, LS Reynolds, LS Baker, AB Jackson
Front row, left to right: LT(N) Carlos, AB Burke, OS Caldwell , MS Ezio
Missing from the photo are LS Goguen and OS Houghton

HMCS TORONTO



Greetings all. Hello from the HMCS TORONTO! We are still in the shore office and expect to be until May. At least that is what Routine Orders are telling us. Only a few things have changed here since XMAS and that would be the posting of PO1 Darrel Morton. Morty is off to the ST. JOHN'S to be the SNR NESOP/ SWC and we wish him the best of luck there. He took his posting very hard yet managed to complete the fastest out routine ever documented by the TORONTO. There is no word on when or who will replace "Morty" as the TORONTO will remain in Low Readiness when she comes out of re-fit. The only other events going on in the shore office other than the non-stop Refresher Training is the occasional NESOP sailing on another unit. PO2 Carmicheal and AB Sampson deployed on the VILLE DE QUEBEC for CRO/06 and came back wearing stylish berets and donning heavy accents.

MS Garnett also deployed on CRO/06 on the MONTREAL and had a great time on the ship and in his beloved Boston where it is reported he had a "few" drinks and hung around his favorite spot on Earth.....Fenway Park. The ATHABASKAN are still watching over three of our NESOPS. AB Watton, OS Horaski, and OS Fletcher continue to do well on the 280 and also continue not to be missed here at all.

HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC



Greetings from HMCS Ville de Quebec.

We have had a busy winter and spring this year, which included successfully completing a missile shoot as a normal readiness ship off the coast of Halifax. MS and above, with other Ville De Quebec crew members assisted a local Scout group in preparing their camp site and rebuilding a bridge as other members assisted in the MEGA phase. We bid fairwell and congratulations to some of our former crewmates who were promoted and posted: MS Dumaresq-Ouellet who has gone to CEFCON Ottawa and MS McElroy who has gone to HMCS Halifax. Also we say goodbye to OS Labelle who is pursuing a new career in locomotive engineering playing with his Choo Choo train. Good luck to all of you in your endeavors. Fortunately we also welcome some new member to our unit: LS Berube, LS Luce, OS Robertson, OS Beaulieu and OS Ouzilleau-Corriveau. Bustling about we are happily winding down a busy couple of years and getting things in order to go into refit this June. Of course with any refit comes temporary postings, so we'll take a moment to say bon voyage to AB Tremblay and LS Berube as they join the HMCS Iroquois for WUPS and possible NATO deployment this summer. So we'll wish everyone "bon vent, bonne mer".

LS Hoehn, YES



"...System, Break Engagement..."

NESOP Retirements

It has come time for Chief Petty Officer First Class Paul White to swallow the anchor and open all keys for the last time on the 1st of May 2006. Paul joined the Navy on the 1st of March 1974 as a Fire Controlman and, like many of us old timers, became the first NESOPs back in 1985. Paul was posted to nine ships and spent stints ashore in Fleet School, MARPAC Cadets, PMCC Reg CPO, NDHQ/DMPPD and finally as the Unit Chief of Athena.

Paul is best remembered for being a sailor's sailor as he was one to always volunteer to go to sea, as he knew a sailor's place was at sea. A prime example was in the mid 70s when he volunteered to leave refit and join HMCS Saskatchewan. He enjoyed it so much he remained with the ship for 4 months after his Attach Posting orders had expired. I think today we'd call him a stowaway or crazy...not sure which. Paul has always been passionate about the Navy, its sailors and his occupation. To attest to this he has been the West Coast MOC Advisor for the last 6 years. There is of course a lighter side to Paul, should you ever cross paths with him do not hesitate to ask him about drinking the foam off the hot tub or begging the duty clerk for his tickets to escort a prisoner to Edmonton. Paul you will be missed, and the Navy is a better place because of you. Best wishes to you, Alice and the kids. Fair winds and following seas.

CPO1 Paul Helston
Coxswain Sea Training Pacific



Speaking of retired NESOPs, CPO2 Ret'd Kenny MacFarlane would like all to know that he has white pants size 36 / 27 and a white high collar jacket size 42 available.

CFNOS HALIFAX FAMILY FUN DAY 2006



CPO1 DOUCETTE SAYS TO CPO2 SMALLWOOD "YOU COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN"



CONFIDENT, CPO1 DOUCETTE ASSUMES THE POSITION NEXT TO HIS LOOK-ALIKE COUSIN



CPO1 DOUCETTE SMILES AS CPO2 SMALLWOOD GETS READY TO THROW



CPO2 SMALLWOOD HITS THE BULLS-EYE!! CPO1 DOUCETTE GOES FOR A SWIM



CPO1 DOUCETTE SAYS CPO2 SMALLWOOD USED A BALL THIS BIG!

NESOP "Skill at hand" COMPETITION

On 13 Jun 06 the first semi-annual NESOP competition was held with three units participating: HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN, HMCS ST. JOHN'S and HMCS IROQUOIS. The events held were designed to test the "skill at hand" of the junior members of our occupation and foster esprit de corps. Leading Seaman and below were challenged in EW and FC trivia, Fire Control Drills, and a "Codeword challenge". The competition itself was also unique in its conduct as a "rouges gallery" of Master Seamen conceived, planned and executed the event.

As is usually the case with a NESOP event, the day was not without it's humor. During fire control Jeopardy, one member of HMCS ST. JOHN'S team responded very confidently when asked, "Who is the patron saint of Gunnery, Mining, and explosives?" The Able Seaman in question responded "Saint Isobel!" and much to his shock was incorrect. In FC Jeopardy the categories included a "280 Stuff" category, which focused exclusively on IROQUOIS Class fire control. HMCS IROQUOIS began choosing questions from this category with an already healthy lead, which they subsequently blew on questions regarding their own platform.

Also in true NESOP tradition the questions asked by units during the codeword challenge began with occupation related terms and once units began scoring points against each other the "dirty pool" began. Terms such as dustbin, cockroach, and bay rum, abounded during this round. The self proclaimed "Scion of codewords" a very senior Leading Seaman from HMCS IROQUOIS was a little shocked at the underhanded use of obscure codewords by some of the junior members of the occupation who managed to out-wit HMCS IROQUOIS'S "ace" and take the event.

The day concluded with platform briefings. All units were informed by email of the platform they were to brief at 0800 the morning of the competition. AB Lacroix of HMCS IROQUOIS stole the show in this event. While he was the most junior of the personnel presenting, and the only platform briefer not to be SNR ES OP Qualified, He presented an exceptionally well-prepared brief, answering even the obscure questions thrown at him by "the peanut gallery"

HMCS IROQUOIS' solid performance in the final event and throughout the day resulted in HMCS IROQUOIS being the First NESOP Quarterly Competition winner. This of course marks the first occasion that this competition has been held. For the East Coast NESOPS interested in challenging for the as yet unnamed cup, the next NESOP competition is tentatively planned for the first week of December to allow more units to attend.

I would also like to extend thanks to my partners in crime who coordinated the first event: MS Adam Boone of HMCS IROQUOIS and MS Evan Entwistle of CFNOS TTT, and of course MS Steve Watson of HMCS ST. JOHN'S who was a "game day" draftee as a judge for the platform briefs.

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So, there you have it. Submissions from 38 different units where NESOPs are working, making the Navy a better place to be. Once again I offer my sincere apologies for being so late getting this edition out. I am very honoured to be the one who puts this newsletter together and I will ensure this is one apology I won't have to make again.

As this edition is finally released we just over one month away from our annual NESOP Mess Dinner. To date the interest shown in this year's dinner has been much lower than in previous years. As one of the occupations that other's look up to, we should strive to continue setting the standard, whether it is at work or play. I encourage you all to consider attending this year's dinner and call CPO2 Randy Boudreau at 721-8443 to make your reservation. Our dinners are always a great event and it's an excellent opportunity to see your fellow NESOPs that you haven't seen in a while. Besides, do you want to be the one that has to admit you missed the incidents that may happen!

In closing let me once again thank all of you who take the time to submit. Some units have put a lot of effort into their submissions and this demonstrates the pride we put into everything we do.

Keep up the great work!

I'll ~~be trying to get~~ be releasing the next edition before we head off on Christmas holidays, so please send in your submissions NLT the end of October.

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

CPO2 Joey Smallwood
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