



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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To All

Believe it or not – here's the latest edition, on time and on target! Once again the majority of units employing NESOPs have taken the time to make a submission and there's a plenty to read for all. Another believe it or not – another year has come and gone! Many activities have marked this year including Canada supplying the Flag Ship for SNMG, more missile shoots in our Opareas, NGS trials (can you say "shot ,out"?), another successful NESOP Annual PD Day and Mess Dinner, continued expansion of our brethren throughout various non-traditional NESOP type units, promotions far exceeding our wildest expectations and on-and-on it goes. Suffice to say that we have once again proven our worth to the establishment as we continue to shine in all that we do. As we can all imagine, 2007 will no doubt continue to challenge us with new and

exciting ventures. Now that we have CPO2 Steve Gracy working the Naval Combat Operator issue at MOSART I'm sure there will be further working groups and questions over the next year on that front. In addition, there is work under way to increase our establishment at CFEWC, so anticipate additional requirements for bodies in Ottawa! Whatever 2007 may bring, I hope that you all take the time to relax over the holidays and spend some with your loved ones. For those who have to Stand Guard over the holidays, our prayers are with you. May you all return home soon safe and sound. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. See you all early in the New Year.

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

Hello again from the hallowed halls of your nation's capitol. CPO1 Mike McCallum and I have been busy since this past July getting ready for and conducting Merit Boards, and making preparations for the fall and winter visits. Truthfully during this time, I personally have been trying to keep my head above water, discovering the effort necessary to being a Career Manager is great, and without stretching the truth, a job with a learning curve like a SM2 moon shot!

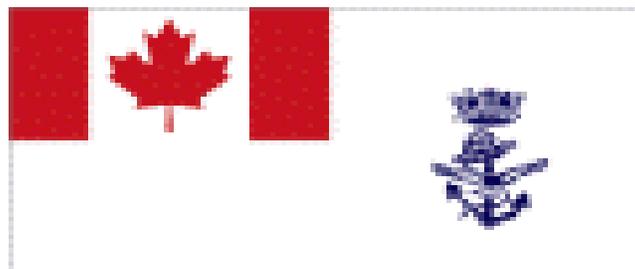
During these past four short months, the things that I have learned, read and relearned have forced me to notice that almost every article submitted by the Career Managers to this newsletter carries the same message. Those of us lucky enough to be challenged with this job discover, quite quickly in fact, that what we preach in articles such as this should be one of the most

important things that you should pay attention to. We cannot over stress the importance of YOU taking control of YOUR personal information. CPO1 McCallum and I are your Career Managers, but you are responsible for ensuring your MPRR information is correct. The reason? Your MPRR reflects what is fed into People Soft and we Career Managers look through People Soft for your career information, daily! So make sure the information put forward and contained is accurate in every way. In addition, the Merit Boards taught me, or I should say re-taught me, how critical your language profile is, whether English or French. To succeed in today's military work force you must have an up to date second language profile. This is just as important for the NESOP's whose first official language is French. The board members did see some Franco's without an English profile, which lead to eight points lost from their total merit score. So go and get a second language profile and once you have one,

keep it up to date by having it re-tested at no more than every four years.

CPO1 McCallum and I are looking forward to our upcoming visits and interviews. I truly wish to see and meet every one of you that I'm responsible for, so take the effort to come and say hello. And I hope that we are able to provide you some good news this season. In closing, I can honestly say that this is again one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever had, and its only getting started! A job almost impossible with out the efforts of the coastal MOC advisors; so many thanks guys from CPO1 McCallum and me. Well that's all from "The Shop" and, until next time Happy Holidays!

CPO2 Dan Myers
Career Manager LS & Below
NESOP / NCIOP / SONAR OP





Occupation Manager Notes

by CPO1 Chuck Horner

NESOP/NCIOP Occupation Manager

I am your new Occupation Manager. Before I tell you about me, I would like to thank Lt(N) Joe Guerin for all the work he did while filling this position. I would also like to say I hope that he enjoys his new job and now that he is not on IR, that he has more quality time with his family. As for me, I was a West Coast NCI OP for the past 26 years. I am newly promoted to CPO1 in July 2006, thanks to Joe's departure to the Officer Core. My last job had me working out of country for the last three years in Colorado Springs in a Bi-National Planning Group. It is nice to get back to Canada and at the same time be fortunate enough to have a job that puts me right back into trade issues that face both the NES OP's and NCI OP's. I am happily married for over 21 years to my wife Joanne; we have two children, Allie who is 16 and Adam who is 13. They are now trying to get settled in our new home here in Ottawa.

The Naval Electronic Sensor Operator (NES OP) Occupation Advisory Group (AG) minutes from the meeting held in Halifax on the 18 May 2006 were distributed through your Advisors. As I have been having problems getting them posted to my web site, I recommend that all of you have a read of what was presented at the meeting. As you will note, there were very few action items raised at the end of the meeting. The focus of the AG will be to review current initiatives and make recommendations for mid-range employment of the occupation. I highly encourage you to contact your Coastal Advisors and pass on any recommendations, ideas, or concerns that you might have with regards to how you would like to see the trade progress into the future. Everyone has ideas and if we can engage all NESOP's to contribute in this process we will end up with even a better trade than what we have now. The 2007 annual Occupational AG will take place in the spring of 2007. The location and dates will be determined at a later date. Agenda items will be solicited in or about March 2007.

I reviewed the last issue and noticed the opening comments mentioned by CPO2 Joey Smallwood. The NESOP trade is spreading its wings. See below for what positions are currently assigned to the NES OP trade. I agree and believe that list will only grow in the future.

NESOP Fair Share Distribution

Actual NES OP PML = 356 Effective 6 Nov 06

Rank	Total PML	EAST	% of PML	Hfx Area	% of PML	Inland	% of PML		West	% of PML	Esq Area	% of PML	Inland	% of PML
CPO1	7	4	57.14%					CPO1	3	42.86%		42.86%		
CPO2	23	11	47.83%	8	72.73%	3	27.27%	CPO2	12	52.17%	10	83.33%	2	16.67%
PO1	39	23	58.97%	20	86.96%	3	13.04%	PO1	16	41.03%	14	87.50%	2	12.50%
PO2	64	37	57.81%	31	83.78%	6	16.22%	PO2	27	42.19%	21	77.78%	6	22.22%
MS	62	36	58.06%	31	86.11%	5	13.89%	MS	26	41.94%	22	84.62%	4	15.38%
LS	53	29	54.72%	24	82.76%	5	17.24%	LS	24	45.28%	21	87.50%	3	12.50%
OS-AB	108	67	62.04%	67	100.00%	0	0.00%	OS-AB	41	37.96%	40	97.56%	1	2.44%
NET	356	207	58.15%						149	41.85%				

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Position	Title	Location	Rank	Assigned	Remarks	Position	Title	Location	Rank	Assigned
21405	Det CPO/Admin	Ottawa	CPO2	E		63493	DMPOR 3-3-3	Ottawa	CPO2	W
62631	PROJ MCM	Ottawa	CPO2	E		268185	Detachment M	Ottawa	CPO2	W
63491	DMRS 4-2-2	Ottawa	CPO2	E		17215	EW Quality Ass	Ottawa	PO1	W
17234	EW Production	Ottawa	PO1	E		224242	PL COMD	St Jean, QC	PO1	W
77067	Snr ESM Analy	Ottawa	PO1	E		511	RCTG NCM	Kingston	PO2	W
38486	PLWO	St. Jean, QC	PO1	E		17216	EW Production	Ottawa	PO2	W
14523	RCTG NCM	Toronto	PO2	E		47901	MWC Tech	USA	PO2	W
17221	EW Production	Ottawa	PO2	E		77069	Platform Analy	Ottawa	PO2	W
77068	Emitter Analys	Ottawa	PO2	E		282498	INSTR	Borden	PO2	W
221086	INSTR	St Jean, QC	PO2	E		21493	Imagery Analysis	Ottawa	PO2	W
268208	NES OP - Shift	Ottawa	PO2	E		17225	EW Production	Ottawa	MS	W
82334	Imagery Analysis	Ottawa	PO2	E		17231	EW Production	Ottawa	MS	W
6616	INSTR	St Jean, QC	MS	E		20976	Analyst	Ottawa	MS	W
17230	EOB QA Analyst	Ottawa	MS	E		308520	Instr	St. Jean, QC	MS	W
17236	EW Production	Ottawa	MS	E		47855	Analyst	Ottawa	LS	W
21021	ANALYST	Ottawa	MS	E		174295	EOB Analyst	Ottawa	LS	W
296894	J3 OPS 3-2-3	Ottawa	MS	E		174623	EOB Analyst	Ottawa	LS	W
77071	ANALYST	Ottawa	LS	E		174624	EOB Analyst	Ottawa	C-P	W
77072	ANALYST	Ottawa	LS	E						
174199	EOB Analyst	Ottawa	LS	E						

Also mentioned in the last newsletter was that you are looking for a new heading to better display your trade. I am also looking for a better picture for my web page as well. Right now I only have one picture and I do not think it does either of the two trades any justice. So if you have any good pictures to show what the NES OP trade is all about I am in the market.

The concern I have at the moment for the NES OP trade is the attraction efforts under the Direct Entry (DE) Campaign. It has thus far attracted far fewer applicants than will be necessary to meet the SIP targets by 31 Mar 07. As NES OP's you can help out in this area as you are in the best position to promote what the trade has to offer. Rest assured the seniors in the Navy are aware of the problem and working hard to rectify it before the end of the year.

In closing, I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

CPO1 Chuck Horner



NEWC Ottawa

After a hot and sunny summer, the fall has reared its dreary head. The sun has not shone on the NCR for the past month. At NEWC we have had little change since last report. LS Hugh Ledger and his wife had a little boy 1st of Oct '06, Ls Ledger opted to take MATA/PATA leave returning June '07. PO2 Dave Keeping upon successfully completing his 6B's has been promoted and posted to HMCS Toronto. Cpl John Rodgers has returned. He is being employed at NEWC till his re-muster goes through or until some unit wants him.



PO2 Wade Bond and LS Dylan McKinnon have completed the Math package, the SIGE 2810 course for signal analysis and the MEWLGS Course. They are both gainfully employed now at NEWC. LS McKinnon is working closely with Mr. Fred Gushue with sea search collects and the 2nd line analysis.



Congratulations going out to MS Scott Mackay on his promotion to Petty Officer second Class (no posting as of yet).

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A contingent from NEWC (CPO2 Tansley, PO1 Murphy, LS Winter, LS McKinnon and Mr. Rob (spud) Gallant) made the 14.5 (13) hours drive to Halifax for the NESOP PD and mess diner. The whole trip was rather blurry but they tell me I had a good trip...God Bless Halifax.

The other members of the NEWC cell CPO2 Wayne Tansley, PO1 Gary (Still single) Murphy, PO2 Sean (half days) Kenny, PO2 Wade (I don't need to change my license plates do I?) Bond, MS Dave (I don't need no stinking 6A course) Gray, MS Scott (my head hurts) Mackay, LS Trevor (still a LS and loving it...) S Dylan (UFC wannabe) McKinnon, Ls Hugh (half a years vacation) Ledger, Cpl John (spinning my tires) Rodgers.



Congratulations going out Derrick Moore for 25 years Federal Service.

From the NESOP's and retired brethren at NEWC we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Till the next edition, Fair Winds and Following Seas

LS Winter T.G.





CFEWC

Located at the Communication Research Canada (C.R.C.) Shirley's Bay Campus on Carling Avenue, west of Ottawa, the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre (CFEWC) was established in 1996. Its primary aim was to rectify problems identified during the Gulf War, namely: the inability of the Canadian Forces to support electronic warfare (EW) equipment.

Our mission is *"to provide comprehensive strategic and operational level EW support to the Canadian Forces' military Operations"*.

The mission is accomplished by:

- Maintaining the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Database (CFEWDB);
- Conduct of technical ELINT evaluation and analysis;
- Providing EW operational support;
- Creating Electronic Orders of Battle (EOB) and disposition of emitters (DOE);
- Responding to EW-related requests for information (RFI);
- Providing inputs/updates to international EW databases;
- Distributing International non-communication databases within the CF; and
- Conduct of Operational Tests and Evaluations (OT&E).

The unit is comprised of four departments: Administration, Threat Analysis, Computer Support / Software Development, and Operations. CFEWC conducts its business in a joint manner and delivers its support to the operational environment through the Naval EW Centre (NEWC), the Land Integrated Support Station (LISS), and the Air element CF Air Warfare Centre (CFAWC) / EW Operational Support Section (EWOS), which are housed and administrated on site. CFEWC is a multi-MOC, multi-element environment consisting of officers, NCMs and civilian employees.

NESOPs are involved in many aspects of Operations at the unit. They are employed as Unit CPO, in the Threat Analysis department as operators, and in the Ops Department as Quality Assurance Supervisor, Non-Parametric Analysts Supervisor, Non-Parametric Analysts, Parametric Analysts, ELINT Analysts in the Joint ELINT Analysis Cell (JEAC), and RNEDB Administrator.

The Operations Department has nearly 60 percent of all the personnel at CFEWC, and is where most NESOPs are employed. The OPS Department is comprised of Officers in the following branches: Signals, Intelligence, MARS and Aerospace Controller, as well as NCMs in the following trades: INTOPs (00099), NESOPs (00115), Comm Research (00120) and AESOPs (00019) and civilians employees. The civilian employees and NCMs work side-by-side as analysts along with the other unit departments to accomplish our mission.

The Quality Assurance (QA) cell's primary responsibility lies in maintaining the overall integrity and high quality of data populated into the CFEWDB. The QA Analysts implement and enforce the stringent procedures used by the analysts. The QA Supervisor ensures the procedures are followed by the QA Analysts in order to have data integrity in the CFEWDB. The QA Supervisor assists the Database Manager (DBM) on all matters of Operations.

The Non-Parametric Production Supervisor is directly responsible to the Production Officer. He manages all the

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ELNOTs populated in the CFEWDB. He coordinates and supervises the work of the Non-Parametric Analysts, including the assignment of countries/platforms and any requests for information (RFIs) assigned by management. He must also liaise closely with the QA cell on database matters

The Parametric analyst's primary task is to research, analyze, and derive EW data for the purpose of populating radar emitter reports into the CFEWDB. Parametric Analysts also provide support to other sections, raise software trouble reports, recommend improvements to the analytical process, and provide regular production status briefs to the unit. The Parametric Analyst's job is very challenging. He/she must be able to quickly adapt to the changes and improvements required to the database in order to satisfy multiple customers' needs within the ever-evolving fields of EW and CF EW systems.

The Joint ELINT Analysis Cell (JEAC) employs two NESOPs, whose main tasks are the analysis and reporting of foreign non-friendly ELINT classic parameters and SEI (Specific Emitter Identification) parameters collected by CF units. The ELINT analyst produces detailed reports that are given to the international ELINT community to update their databases and may be used by the parametric analysts as a source document. The JEAC liaises with National and International ELINT/SEI communities, including the Integrated Support Stations (ISSs) of all 3 elements. JEAC also liaises internally with the QA cell.

The RNEDB Administrator is responsible to liaise with all NATO countries on matters of the RNEDB, such as changes to the database. He/She is required to attend NEBD Advisory Group (NEDBAG) conferences as the representative for Canada. The RNEDB Administrator is directly responsible to the DBM.

Threat Analysis (TA) is the other department employing NESOPs. The TA's mission is to deliver EW support to CF Military Operations by conducting Operational Test and Evaluations (OT&E), that support battlefield requirements. OT&E involve the characterization of threat platforms or vulnerability analysis of friendly platforms. TA is divided into three sections: Electro – Optical / Infrared (EO/IR), Radar, and Engineering Support cell.

Finally, the Unit CPO is the senior NCM and Training Officer at CFEWC. He is responsible to the Commanding Officer for all training, coordination, discipline, performance and morale, like a Cox'n aboard ships.

Following a training period, CFEWC NESOPs have been and may continue to be deployed overseas, providing EW support to CF operations (EWOS), in-theatre. NESOPs posted to CFEWC will attend the following courses:

CFEWC Indoctrination	Math Package for SIGE 2810 (3 weeks, self-paced)
SIGE 2810 (3 weeks, Computer Based)	Writing Technical Information Effectively (2 days)
Data Sources Interpretation (10 days)	Basic Air EW course

The following is a list of other possible courses:

SIGE 3810 (Fort Meade, Maryland, USA)	SIGE 4810 (on occasion) (Denver, Col, USA)
** SIGE 3810/4810 (given to personnel in some positions, mainly parametric analysts)	
Advance Operational EW (Winnipeg)	

CFEWC offers the possibility to complete a number of courses available through the CF, for example:

OSA, GaleLITE, TRS	Peace Support Operations (when deploying)
Various Computer Courses	Leadership / Management Courses
Safety / Group Dynamics Courses	OPME
PLQ	Language Training

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Here are the positions where NESOPs are employed at CFEWC, and who they are:

Unit CPO & Training Officer	CPO1 Ken Fisher
QA Supervisor	PO1 Gilbert Tremblay
RNEDB Administrator	PO2 Claude Philippe
Non-Parametric Production Supervisor	PO1 Alain Baillargeon
Non-Parametric Analyst	MS Bob Hawkins
Parametric Analysts	MS Dwayne Albert LS Martin Derry LS Lucas Mack LS Mélanie Martin Quevillon LS Jennifer McKinnon
JEAC ELINT Analysts	PO2 Enrico Deschenes MS Randall Sulyma
Threat Analysis Department (Equipment Operators)	LS Rex Heslop LS James Hirtle



FROM THE NESOPs AT CFEWC
WE WISH YOU ALL AND YOUR LOVED ONES
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



CEFCOM HQ

Hello again from the NCR. A few things have changed since the last newsletter that I believe to be for the best. For those who know them, PO2 Ian Maclagan was posted back to the coast on HMCS Fredericton and we welcome PO2 Troy Fizzard who is the IT/IM coordinator within the J3 Ops branch. For myself, I have successfully completed my PLQ at CFFS Québec with the naval reserves. Also, many thanks go to PO2 Peter Marshall, who was "Cefcomized" during my absence and made it possible for me to go on course. On the other hand, he refused to wear CADPAT and says he likes his salt and peppers better because HE has style! As I have become more familiar with our unit's role in the CF, I will gladly share my discoveries with you.

1. Similar to the integrated chain of command put in place under Canada Command (Canada COM), the CF's operational command headquarters responsible for domestic operations, CEFCOM brings together under one operational command the maritime, land and air force assets to conduct humanitarian, peace support or combat operations wherever they are required internationally.
2. The deployable organizations under our command include or will include once they are operational:
 - a. Standing Contingency Task Force (SCTF) - that will be established to respond rapidly to emerging crises. This high-readiness task force will be made up of existing, designated maritime, land, air and special operations elements organized under a single integrated combat command structure. It will be ready to deploy within 10 days' notice and will provide an initial CF presence to work with security partners to stabilize the situation or facilitate the deployment of larger, follow-on forces should circumstances warrant. The SCTF will also provide a land- or sea-based command element capable of leading a multinational contingent for a period of up to six months;
 - b. Mission-Specific Task Forces (MSTFs) - will be deployed as required. These task forces, which will be drawn from forces maintained at different states of readiness and structured for longer deployments, will carry out combat and peace support operations. They will be made up of maritime, land, air and special operations elements, and could be deployed as follow-on forces to the Special Operations Group (SOG), the SCTF or as stand-alone contributions to other operations. The MSTF will also be capable of lead-nation status in multinational peace support operations for limited periods; and
 - c. Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) - an enhanced DART, or its component parts, will continue to provide humanitarian support and disaster relief to overseas missions, as directed.

That's about all for the sports' news for now. Best holiday wishes to all.

MS Michèle Dumaresq
Crew 6 OWN

DMPOR Ottawa



News from the house of red tape and mirrors.

Greetings to you all from DMPOR. We have just finished reviewing past, present and future ammunition requirements. During that period I bared a striking resemblance to Dustin Hoffman in Rain Man as I was in a state of numbness from reviewing and creating endless excel spreadsheets to explain all Naval Ammunition requirements. I could be seen walking around mumbling numbers repetitively under my breath. Of course those who knew me from the past, can picture this as it would be similar to talking to me the night after a good run ashore in a foreign port. The next events that are on the horizon in Nov for our shop is a get together with selected SME's to review various MARCORDS and make some required changes and the Maritime Ammunition Working Group, were we will discuss formation requirements for 06/07 and although not as intense as our last bout of spread sheets it may result in my impersonation of Rain Man again. I wish to remind everyone that the CRR for Sea Search intercepts is posted at the following address; [http://navy.dwan.dnd.ca/english/dgmpr/dmpor/Pubs/CFCD%20102%20\(I\)/8B10%20ELINTCollection%20and%20analysis.doc](http://navy.dwan.dnd.ca/english/dgmpr/dmpor/Pubs/CFCD%20102%20(I)/8B10%20ELINTCollection%20and%20analysis.doc).

After we finish with the aforementioned meetings and continue to clean up all of the publications that reside within our Directorate we will be busy preparing our notes for Fleet Week, scheduled for the West Coast early in Jan. Hope this finds all of you and yours in good health. Cheers

CPO2 Gary Reid
DMPOR 3-3-3

DMRS Ottawa



Well lightning has finally struck. In case you did not notice it was very, very cold in September when I was promoted to CPO2, 01 Sep 06. Along with the promotion came a posting to Ottawa. So here I sit at my desk in the Louis St. Laurent Building without a MS to help me write this article.

I am currently in the DMRS 4-4-2 billet. Our job here is two fold. One is to ensure that the fleet has the proper equipment and it is capable of meeting and beating any threat they may currently face. Our other task is to ensure that the fleet of the future is outfitted with the proper equipment.

To fulfill our mission we must research the needs of the Navy and ask for the funding to buy or update weapons, RADARs or other AWW equipment. You must help us with this research by filling out the proper paperwork. To tell us when equipment is not working properly you must create an UCR or when your ship is unable to accomplish one of its missions an SOCD is required. In addition, you must attend the SEG meetings and ensure that your ship's requirements are entered into the MODLs. Without the proper paperwork you leave us in Ottawa relatively unarmed when we seek funds from the numerous levels of command we must appeal to.

My responsibilities at DMRS 4/5 include maintaining the budget, Project Director of Naval Surface Targets, Project Director for Sea Search I and II, Project Director for CIWS 1B and travel coordinator. In addition, as the only NESOP at DMRS I am here to give the other Project Directors and Life Cycle Material Managers, LCMMs, a professional opinion and assistance with their projects.

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Some of the projects we are working on include new surface targets; ones you can even shoot at, and land CIWS. Of course I am still getting my head rapped around the budget.

If you have any concerns with AWW equipment, feel free to send me an email.

CPO2 Wendell Kitchen

P.S. The westerns really suck up here and there is no real pepperoni. Thank god for diet coke.



CF Joint imagery Centre (CFJIC)

Happy Holidays from the CF Joint imagery Centre

We missed the last edition, but things have been pretty hectic in our little world. Since last report PO2 Colin Evans has moved on to bigger and better (??) things, namely HMCS Calgary, and has been replaced by PO2 Mike O'Keefe. He wasn't given much time to settle in though. He was promptly loaded on his Imagery Analyst Course a few days after his arrival and should be complete by around mid-Dec. Sure will be nice to have a co-worker back in the cubicle again.

Once we are back up to a two-man team we hope to provide more support to the coasts. For those of you out there who don't know what we do; we are two NESOp's, posted into a primarily army unit, who are responsible for satellite imagery analysis for the Chief of Maritime Staff. We are primarily driven by taskings from Athena and Trinity, but any unit/staff can access our services through the RFI process. If you have any questions about what we can provide, please feel free to contact us.

Mike and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone on both coasts a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to serving you in the new year.

PO2 Dan Denief



Joint Information Intelligent Fusion Capability (JIIFC)

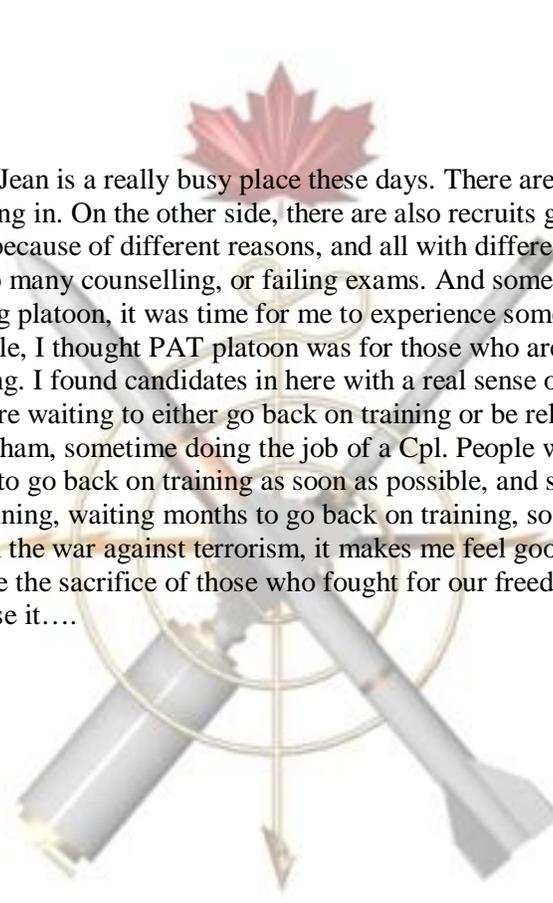
First I would like to say Merry Christmas (For the Christians), happy holidays (for the atheists), Hanukah (for the Jews), Kwanzaa (for the African Nation Observation) and Ramadan (for the Muslims). Well JIIFC, what is there to say about my new employment? JIIFC is a window providing commanders with SA, as well, to inform members of the CF on what is happening around the world. Ever wonder what events, operations and incidents our Canadian service men and women are involved in? Well you can find out through this window called Command View and it is located anywhere you can access a TITAN system. There is information provided by separate commands including Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM), Canadian Special Operation Force Command (CANSOFCOM), Canada Command (CANCOM), Strategic Command, just to name a few. So don't be shy let your fingers do the travelling and open your up your horizons and come visit Command View.

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Now for a little about Ottawa (the big untruth). Well there is one truth about Ottawa, housing can be expensive but you can find a bargain if you're willing to dig deep and "hustle your muscle" in the seven days granted by IRP. Other than that the cost of living is very cheap, gas is fairly reasonable and transportation is readily available. There are numerous attractions including the new War Museum, Rideau Canal, Scotiabank Center (formally Corel Center) and an abundance of Ski resorts within a short distance. As for the golf fanatics, Highlands golf club offers up two 18-hole courses (Shout out to Evan "four putt" Entwistle on that note). You're 2 hrs out from Montreal, 5 hrs from Toronto and 2 hrs from the US border. So if you get the calling don't get down, instead look at the opportunities Ottawa can provide for you. Anyhow that concludes my literary piece, keep you stick on the ice and have a safe festive season.

PO2 Pete Marshall

CFLRS



Hello from CFLRS St-Jean. ST-Jean is a really busy place these days. There are about 1200 recruits in house as we speak, and it just keeps coming in. On the other side, there are also recruits going out! There are over 200 candidates on PAT platoon; all because of different reasons, and all with different needs. Some are here for injury; some are recourse for too many counselling, or failing exams. And some are here waiting to be released. After 2 years of being on training platoon, it was time for me to experience something else. I got here on PAT 8 months ago. And like most people, I thought PAT platoon was for those who are not made for the military, and would never make it. I was wrong. I found candidates in here with a real sense of duty, loyalty, integrity, and a lot of courage. And while they are waiting to either go back on training or be released from the CF, they are task everywhere on base, and in Farnham, sometime doing the job of a Cpl. People who got injured while on training, are doing what it takes to go back on training as soon as possible, and start a career. When I see people of all ages getting injured on training, waiting months to go back on training, so they could go in Afghanistan as soon as possible to contribute on the war against terrorism, it makes me feel good to be Canadian. There are still a lot of Canadians who recognise the sacrifice of those who fought for our freedom, and are willing to go out there to make sure we never loose it....

MS Delorme



From the MOSART Project

by CPO2 Steve Gracey

SME for Combat Operators trades (NCIOP/NESOP/SONAR OP)

Good day to you from the MOSART Project. It appears that the project is still alive and preparing to "Shape your future." I have moved into a seat that has been vacant for the last couple of years and inherited some files that required to be dusted off. While the dusting off continues, the focus on making the combat operator trades up to date and prepared for the future is re-commenced. There are currently 1235 positions that exist on my files to be look at and linked to jobs. Approximately 83 different jobs have been identified at this time, with a handful more to yet be defined and documented. This would then allow for job comparison between other occupations and elements, as required. There will be initiatives being introduced to enhance the Combat operator world, which currently being spit shone. This would mean that you QL-5A NESOPs should start your cross training for Track Sup within 2 months. Not really (walk back the jackstay), but that did get your attention. Any potential changes will be discussed at length with work groups and general forums. When information is available for release it will be passed on ASAP. If ASAP is not quick enough and you have burning questions, do indeed fire me off an email. Esquimalt - snow days 1, Ottawa - snow days 0, the count looks good so far.



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CANADIAN FLEET PACIFIC



Cheers from the West Coast.

On 18 November, 2006, the NESOPs from CANFLTPAC, HMCS Algonquin, HMCS Regina, HMCS Winnipeg, and HMCS Vancouver all joined together for some wets at the Kansas City Barbeque.

The event, geared towards networking and getting to know some of the newer members of the Fleet was a success. Although Regina was a little late, turnout was overall well. This event was reminiscent of the old days of the trade, when NESOPs got together, shared some laughs and stories, and also provided input into each other's difficulties. Hopefully, future events such as these will be an even greater success.





News From CFFS ESQUIMALT



Well I have left Sea Training Pacific as their Coxswain and while I'd rather be at sea it is good to be back in my old haunt...Fleet School as Combat Division CPO. In fact, CPO1 Mark Moger and I switched positions...lucky bugger. It has been nearly a 14-year hiatus from CFFSE for me and things have changed while other Fleet School isms have not. As in my last posting I do not get involved very much in the NESOP side of life, given the nature of the position, but I do enjoy getting engaged from time to time with the issues. My primary role in Fleet School is Discipline and Administration or should I say discipline, more discipline than administration but hey it's all good. The truth is 95% of the students are great but 5% do take up a good junk of our time. My greatest concern in Fleet School is our intake across the board remains very low and needs to pick up. This is where programs such as Op Connection are so

important for us all to support. They include public speaking at schools to Navy Days held at Ogden Point during the October long weekend. The school, like Fleet, was very engaged in these activities so if it sometimes seems like your cup runneth over keep in mind this should be treated as a top priority. We need to train our relief's today not five years from now.

I recently attended the 4 Wing Sgt Seminar this past October in Cold Lake Alberta to speak about leadership from the Navy's perspective. This included a panel discussion with representation from the Navy, Army and Air Force on leadership. This was followed by another week assisting my fellow C1s facilitate the MARPAC Naval Environment Leadership Training (NELT). These were both great seminars though I think the Navy has it right with its syndicate and interact approach. It was interesting to note that while the jargon between environments can be unique most of the concerns or comments are the same. One of the most common leadership themes in these seminars is true leaders lead from out front. They are visible leaders which means they communicate with them face to face and in their spaces. They lead by example and are prepared to share common risks with their subordinates. For any CPO2s or PO2s who have ever considered taking the NELT I strongly recommend you do, as it is great Professional Development. This last one had three PO2 NESOPs on it and they represented themselves and the trade well. Next week I speak to a PLQ course at a mess dinner, again about leadership. So what does this all mean you ask? Well it means I don't want to stay in my office too much but more importantly it means we need to communicate as an organization and with our communities. I would encourage you to take every opportunity to take on a leadership role where and whenever you can.

Have a great Navy day as well as a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

CPO1 Paul Helston

News from "The Rock"

AWWTC CAYUGA



Well Hello again everyone from the "Rock". It's been pretty busy around here for the last few months and since the last Newsletter. Some staffing changes have occurred here seeing MS Savoie leave us for the Ottawa, so he's now in the Gulf doing some good NESOPERY stuff. MS Comboye from the Regina has arrived and is a welcome addition to our staff as he is quickly getting down to business instructing Session 0015. PO2 Simoneau is still here, but not, as he is now in Halifax becoming a SWC, good luck Kenny. PO2 Vanderlee is here, but not, as he is currently at home playing mister mom with his newly born daughter, Charley, congrats Dave. He will return in early December. PO2 Olejnik is still here doing his thing, obviously a very busy NESOP, as he is the only PO2 here now. (as he likes to let everyone know). Myself, well I am still here too ensuring you get well trained JNR-ES-OP's. Noticed I said well trained and not well behaved..... I am sure you know what I mean by that! MS Gillard, yes still here, and not quite a Fire Fighter yet, but soon he hopes he will leave our fine trade for another fine trade when his re-muster comes in. MS Esquivel will be starting his QL-6A in early December and then he's off to become the Fleets best EWS (that's what he tells us!). One more, MS Gray, well he's gone too. He's now with the Regina, replacing MS Comboye. Good luck George! Lastly, is our leader and mentor, CPO2 Jimmy P. still very busy with running this place (at least we let him think that) and his duties as Assistant MOC Advisor and social secretary (what's the plan for the "Punch up" Chief?).

Anyway, onward and downward to our classes, most of the ships have some of our newly trained NESOPs now.

Course 0012, consisting of AB Gillis, AB Froese, OS Bradbury, OS Parker, OS Cote, OS Greenway and OS Pyza, graduated on 31 Aug.

Course 0013, consisting of OS Andrist, OS Marier, OS Mosher, OS Silver, OS Thompson and OS Zinck, graduated on 28 Sep. Welcome to the Fleet, Gentleman.

In house, we now have Session 0014 and 0015. They will be heading your way in the New Year.

So, that's about it from here. We think it's about to slow right down here as recent events and announcements have indicated. Classes may become fewer and smaller; therefore our output of NESOPs may decline. However, they will still receive the best possible training we can give them.

Also, try to remember that Blackrock is always available for your training needs. We haven't quite received our SEASEARCH fit yet, but it's coming they tell us (so is Christmas, eh?).

Always remember the coffee is on so drop in anytime. So long for now.

Don "Teflon" Weaver
PO1
Section Supervisor
AWWTC

Junior ES OP Session 0012



Junior ES OP Session 0013



BLACKROCK STAFF



MS Gillard, MS Esquivel, CPO2 Percival, PO1 Frerichs (Standards), PO1 Weaver, PO2 Olejnik, MS Comboye.

(Not present on this picture: PO2 Simoneau (QL6B), PO2 Vanderlee (Parental Leave))

And From CFFSE Warfare Training Division

It has been a typically busy year at WTD with Weapon Certs, OTT's, MRI's and acceptance trials for a new software release in NCOT. New staff has enjoyed none stop National and International travel getting all the training they require for their new positions. If that was not enough traveling for MS Schulz, she will be heading off to Halifax to challenge the QL-6A early next year.... good Luck. Speaking of new staff they include PO1 Steve Smyth who replaced PO1 Jay Hassen who went to HMCS Regina, PO1 Gord Dolbec replaced PO1 Ian Kelly who was posted HMCS Algonquin, PO2 Bill Blore replaced PO2 Sean Falconer who is now on HMCS OTTAWA and PO2 Miller joined us from HMCS Regina. Only CPO2 Denis Labelle, PO1 Rick Manuel and PO2 Joe Lamky remain after the changing of the guard. We wish the members who have moved on all the best in their new positions. On Behalf of the staff at WTD; Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a happy New Year to all and yours.

PO2 Miller

OSCP ATHENA



Just a quick and dirty from Operations Support Center Pacific Esquimalt (ATHENA):

ATHENA's (not our official name) mission is to provide the formation, subordinate units, Other Government Departments (OGDs), and our Allies with operational support in the form of enhanced situational awareness via Recognized Maritime Picture (RMP), Threat/Risk Assessments (TRAs), specialized Meteorological /Oceanographic/SIGINT products and Command Control advice.

We currently have 125+ personnel of which 15 are NESOPs. We are structured as much like a ship as possible with a Commanding Officer, a UCPO and Heads of Departments. ATHENA provides continuous support to current operations in a 24/7-watch rotation, with other operational support, administration and technical functions carried out by day-workers.

Congratulations to A/MS Stickley and A/MS King for their promotions.



A/MS Stickley receiving his "Leaf" from CDR Chartrand (L), CO of ATHENA



A/MS King receiving his "Leaf" from LCdr Gyorkos, "XO" of ATHENA.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from ATHENAs NESOPs. May your holidays be safe.



CPO1 David Hart
ATHENA UCPO and West Coast NESOP Advisor

HMCS ALGONQUIN



Well then my fellow NESOPs, it has fallen to me, LS O'Donnell, to regale you with exciting tales from the mighty Flagship of the Pacific Fleet. So, where was I? Oh right, exciting tales. Well, it all started when we sailed for RIMPAC 2006. I mean really, who isn't excited about going to Hawaii? Again. But this time was different, this time we were going to fire at more than just an unmanned aerial target. This time we were going to fire the SM-2 (much bigger than a Sea Sparrow) in SASS mode (can the Sea Sparrow do that? Maybe, but we still have a bigger gun).

So enough of making fun of the Frigate's shortcomings, let's talk about all the CPF weenies that joined our ship prior to the trip. Actually, Frigateers from Athena invaded us. In other words, we had a lot of TRS and GCCS experts that knew nothing about 280 systems (no, that's not 'C' system, it's LIROD). First came none other than LS Day (I'm not allowed to use his nickname), followed by myself (back from a year long vacation ashore) and ending with LS Weatherell. Did I mention OS Demarce? He's important too. Oh wait! How could I forget PO2 Mahoney, who left in the middle of RIMPAC to party at the Stampede in Calgary?

After passing MRIs with our new team, we headed straight into Pearl. Normally, talking about what we did in a foreign port would be boring as it usually consists of lots of booze and the same stories, but what about the ones that have nothing to do with alcohol? What if you were innocently hiking and you suddenly forgot how to walk? And so, to make a long story short, MS Farrell never actually made it to the missile shoot, suffering from one shattered wrist and the other one sprained.

But why don't we get back to what everyone really wants to hear about? On July 12 2006, USS Bella Wood was destroyed after succumbing to a direct hit from Algonquin's mighty SM-2 missile. Okay, I'm lying, but it was pretty cool to watch it impact on the STIR cameras. Lots of smoke and stuff. The next day we carried on with our normal air engagement, which went off very well even if we didn't destroy the two BQMs (we weren't supposed to anyway). And so, what else can the Navy do to celebrate success but roast a couple of pigs on the Flight Deck and give out free beer. It was at this point that the NESOPs were amazed to discover the musical talent of our very own EWS, PO2 Mahoney.

With the excitement of the missile shoot being over, we turned our attention to NULKA. No wait, that came first. Sorry, but from the LS Ops room perspective, it wasn't very exciting. With the loud roar from PO2 Penner, 'NULKA Away!' nothing was heard. Not even a whoosh (of course that may have something to with hearing loss from being in close proximity to PO2 Penner's rather loud voice). But I'm told that if you were standing outside, it was a sight to behold as the rocket hovered within visual distance from the ship.

Despite all my fun making, it was an exciting time for the NESOPs onboard. It was the first SASS shot for many of us and the first firing of NULKA on the west coast since the system was fitted in 2001 -2002. After this, the only tidbit of information worthy of mentioning would be the promotion of PO1 Gracey to CPO2. Oh, and PO1 Kelly would like to thank you for the administrative nightmare you left him and he's still trying to sort out the kinks (OS Belanger, who's that?). After being SWC here for many, many, many years it seemed to some of us, he finally moved on to bigger and better things in Ottawa. And so, with the trip ending back in Esquimalt, the NESOP department continued to undergo the challenge of losing personnel and acquiring fresh meat, I mean fresh brains to corrupt to the 280 style of thinking.

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LS Tremblay, first of all, still on his QL5A in Halifax seems to have had an argument with his back. Not clear on the details but needless to say, he won't be rejoining us any time soon. MS Barrett, along with LS McMillian was posted off the ship and is greatly mourned. I mean missed, by some.

As for their replacements, PO1 Kelly took up the reins as SWC and with unanimous agreement, his addition to our section was well over-due. Coming from WTD he gave us a perspective that allowed us to hone our skills as NESOPs. Then came MS King (also from Athena) to take up the position of FCS along with LS Corry (back from Athena, just like me) as his counter-part. Well, that should do it for additions. Wait, I've done it again. OS Pyza, joined us from Fleet School, you're important too.

With all this new change, we went into a SWP with the normal routine of painting, cleaning, painting and some more cleaning. This routine was disturbed finally by the arrival of the Chinese Liberation Navy. For some this was a time to shine with our skills at drill or professionalism. Not one person escaped the honour of providing a welcoming reception to a Navy that rarely visits our shores. PO2 Mahoney led the Honour Guard with MS King as his 2 I/C and I must say that they were very impressive all dressed up with swords and stuff. As for the rest of us, there were many jobs to keep us busy. Tour guides, shadows (making sure none lost their way during the tours), and of course escorts to various locations on the island.

Then with Thanksgiving just around the corner, HMCS Algonquin, HMCS Winnipeg and HMCS Brandon, slipped their lines and made way for Ogden Point to show the citizens of Victoria what their Navy was all about. It's my understanding (as I was absent) that LS Dandrade had a once in a lifetime opportunity of beating on young OS Demarce in a boarding party demonstration to the public. No news on when OS Demarce will recover as there was more than one demonstration during the course of the weekend. No really, he's fine.

With complete success in our own city, HMCS Algonquin slipped their lines once more on October 10 and headed through the inside passage en route to Prince Rupert and Kitimatt. Surrounded by gorgeous scenery, we conducted RAS after RAS, after RAS, after RAS until arriving at our destination to take on civilians for a couple of day sails. It was at this time that myself, LS Day and LS Weatherell volunteered our time to lead some of the tours going through the ship.

Okay, you thought it was hard to answer WTD questions? Have you ever been bombarded with kids? They ask the hardest questions! Despite that though, I managed to recruit a ten-year-old girl, so yeah me! Not to mention that during all of this we were diligently preparing for Weapon Certification.

Last but not least, TGEX3 – 06. In consort with HMCS Winnipeg (they follow us everywhere), HMCS Regina, and HMCS Vancouver, we once again sailed the vast bluish, black Pacific Ocean towards the unknown. Alright, really we were just going to San Francisco and San Diego but Mexico at least will be new for most of us.

Busy, busy, on the way to San Francisco, we successfully passed our Weapon's Certifications and then headed in to port to pat ourselves on the back. Some went to Alcatraz while others just contented themselves with watching the ever-amusing seals (like we don't have enough in Victoria). After relaxing a little, we put our game faces back on and sailed for TGEX. Embarking the Commodore and his Staff the NESOPs along with the spectacular information provided by the CDSE section onboard, shined with our skills in briefing and providing Command with real-world Intelligence for which we received a BZ. Kudos to us.

Then in conjunction with ramping up for assisted Wups (Sea Training assisting us with Workups) we donned warbags while HMCS Regina and HMCS Winnipeg conducted ORO courses and HMCS Vancouver conducted their own Workups.

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On November 11, a date I need not remind anyone why it's important, all non-essential personnel mustered on the flight deck to honour not only those that died in WWII and Korea but also those that continue to fight in Afghanistan today. LS Day made us proud by playing the Last Post on his bugle before and after the one minute of silence, while MS King and PO2 Penner photographed some truly heart-warming pictures of the event.

But finally, the exercise came to an end and all four ships pulled into San Diego Harbour, parking at Broadway for the first time since September 11 2001. I must say I like that parking spot much better.

With very little time off (for some of us more than others, thank you PO Kelly), we still managed to relax and enjoy the calm before the storm. With Sea Training moving in (looking more tired than us, after two sets of Workups already) we did what we had to do in order to prepare for the long week ahead of us. Chocolate covered espresso beans, red bull, and other miscellaneous, legal items to keep us awake.

So now here we are, two days into assisted Wups, stbd watch already looking like zombies while port watch has more sleep than we know what to do with. Besides this, we're still in a good frame of mind, but that might also have to do with what's awaiting us in the near future. The sandy beaches, blue water, hot climate, all-inclusive resorts of Manzanillo, Mexico, in just a few days time is calling us closer.

Oh and congrats to LS Lemay on his loading message for his QL5A course in January. Hopefully you'll have more luck than LS Tremblay (in reference to his current back issues). And not to forget LS Borys who has proved a valuable asset to the NESOP team and is continuing to study towards his own QL5A course in the future. How can I forget the most recent addition to our team? Cpl Shipley joined HMCS Algonquin as the TRS operator for TGEX. Although a valued addition, he tends to spend most of his time complaining about the lack of an AIS feed making it difficult to do his job. We have faith in him though.

From all the NESOPs on HMCS Algonquin we wish you calm seas and fair winds.

LS O'Donnell





HMCS OTTAWA

Hello to all. September 10th 2006 finally arrived and saw us bidding farewell to our friends and family on the jetty as we departed on Operation Altair.

A set of mission Wups, proceeded by Dwups and full workups, and of course, ship initiated exercises stood us in good stead for the mission to follow. We must be ready by now! Our first stop, in Pearl Harbour, was after Mwups. Out to Barking Sands Missile Range where we tested the Ops room team with a new training scenario. BQMs, unannounced pop-ups, random flight profiles and a salvo of sparrows went off successfully. Good job PO1 Keith Macfarlane! Speaking of PO1 Macfarlane, congratulations on the promo and taking over as SWC! Keith finds himself a little busier as a result of his promo, and has put himself on the nicotine patch. Most of his time on watch is spent alongside the ORO being told to quiet us down.

We have welcomed some new members to our team. MS Bruno Savoie is a great new addition to the section. Fresh from Blackrock and eager to be back at sea, Bruno helps us junior bodies with our skill sets and keeps us all entertained with stories of his past naval exploits at home and abroad. We have also welcomed PO2 Trevor Walker and Leading Seaman Clint Mack to the fold. These two additions are blending in well and have done a great job in filling critical shortages in the section. Special mention to Clint, an excellent fitness role model and good luck to you on your clearance diver prelims!

Also relatively new, is MS Bruce Bevil. Of note, Bruce organized Operation Cueball, which was a head-shaving auction that raised several thousand dollars towards Cancer research. LS Gerbrandt, always enjoying the glory of Nesopery, narrowly escaped a caning in Singapore...enough 'bout that! Gerb is busily seeking new challenges from the forces while awaiting his 5b's. Newly promoted, Leading Seamen Charles Wiebe and Steve Fortier finished up their 5A's and joined us from Halifax with only 48 hours of pre-deployment leave! Good job on the course and getting ready on such short notice. Anyone see Steve's tropical whites?

LS Jason Winn, currently our contribution to the scullery, is in his glory as a day worker. Nighttime off, lots of snacks and computer games till he is cross-eyed! AB Mike Spence, ever the social butterfly, is currently off wandering about the ship renewing his acquaintances. OS Adam Taschuck and Matt Hallmark keep us all amused with their tomfoolery and antics.

Special thanks to the Vancouver for lending us P02 Mark Champ for the deployment. Back to back Gulf trips for the Champ! Mark has a talent for protecting us junior ranks from B.S. that will be sorely missed upon his departure. The one knock against him is that he is several points ahead of me in our sections version of "The Game"!

We have enjoyed port visits to Singapore and Goa, India so far. In Singapore we found Excellent bargains on electronics, Four Floors of something or other, and frog porridge! I guarantee to all those seeking near death experiences that a cab ride in Goa is highly recommended. Watch out for the cow!! Lookout! Elephant on the road! And never, ever, touch the monkeys! A day was spent in Djibouti Africa taking on provisions. A lasting impression was made on us, lots of camels, lots of flies!

As we settle in to our patrol of the Horn of Africa, we anticipate all the opportunities that a gulf trip affords us. I personally am enjoying the experience and am learning new skills everyday. Some days I manage to go a whole watch with out swearing and cursing at the computer at all!! (#@^Y%* Windows!!)

Till the next time,
AB Gregory Hamilton.

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HMCS OTTAWA NESOP Section

HMCS PROTECTEUR



Happy Holidays from the two NESOPs here - PO1 Todd Green and CPO2 Bret Tisdale. The ship is now back in the water and the crew is busy getting ready to go to sea again. This is my first tour on a tanker; I have only sailed on IRE's and CPF's. (IRE's are what us old people call steamers, for you younger NESOPs) I have replaced PO1 Rick Hickman who swallowed the anchor on 15 August 2006. Congratulations Rick! He is now replacing windows and doors in Chilliwack. Apparently he really enjoys this and his employers like his work. Go figure!

CPO2 Tisdale would like to invite any QL-4 or higher qualified LS NESOP for a cruise on the tanker for an extended tour this year. There are large comfortable messes and meals are served 3 to 6 times a day. Bookings can be made through CPO2 Myers and please tell Chief Myers that Chief Tisdale sent you, he'll be happy to hear that.

PO1 Todd Green



HMCS REGINA

REGINA's NESOPs kicked off an extremely busy year with OTT 1 which carried over into WUPS, including a port visit to San Francisco. After a good ten-day port visit in Pearl Harbor, including Canada Day and Independence Day celebrations, we started RIMPAC.

RIMPAC was a great training opportunity for the entire team as we were working with 5 other countries' navies and constantly being exposed to their emitters and tactics. Everyone from the SWC down got put through their paces again but after WUPS we were old hands at this and the team managed to keep it fun and the training valuable.

With another brief stop in Pearl Harbor we started WESTPLOY. This was the part of the sail most of us had been looking forward to. As a primarily Foreign Affairs focused evolution, the entire crew was kept busy with functions and receptions, particularly MS Dyck as Gunner the Gopher, our ship's mascot. We still managed to have fun, however, and really took advantage of the opportunity to see China, South Korea, and Japan. We learned some valuable lessons along the way, such as its not a good idea to step on a spike belt in South Korea, as demonstrated by AB Buch.

All in all it's been a busy, but successful, 6 months with none of the team ending up in Chinese prison, always a bonus. As always, there have been a number of changes to the team. Congratulations to MS Comboye and MS Andrist on their successful completion of PLQ and subsequent postings to Black Rock and CALGARY respectively, and to LS Stewart for topping his QL5A course. Best of luck to MS Duhamel on his posting to ATHENA. Welcome to MS 'Doc' Halliday and MS George Gray. The team would also like to thank those who were attach posted in, such as PO2 Miller, PO2 Long, OS Walker, and OS Cote, as we wouldn't have been able to pull it all off without you. Finally, best of luck to our 4 NESOPs currently at CFNOS on QL training. We look forward to your return in December. We're now on our sail home from TGEX '06 and looking forward to a good Christmas vacation, after OTT 2, and a SWP before getting back into it later in the New Year.



HMCS VANCOUVER

2006 has been quite eventful so far for the Sensor Section onboard VANCOUVER. April was a welcomed R&R period for us, and a Short Work Period for the MSE/CSE sections. We also rotated through numerous NESOPs during the active posting season. PO2 Morgan Miller was posted out to begin a new tour as a member of the west coast's NCOT training staff. Morgan was however required to help sail the REGINA to the Far East as a part of WESTPLOY before he was able to cool his heels behind a desk ashore. In exchange for PO2 Miller, VAN received PO2 Mark Champ fresh from his 2005 Gulf Deployment with WINNIPEG; Mark wasted no time once on VAN to volunteer for the 2006 Gulf Deployment with OTTAWA. PO2 Champ has been enjoying the good life in South West Asia since August and we do not expect him back with us until the end of March 07. We hope it's everything you thought it would be Mark! MS Al Howlett also left Vancouver in April to enjoy a little time ashore at his new posting at ATHENA, In exchange for Al VAN received MS Nathalie Scalabrini from ATHENA.

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Also from ATHENA, newly promoted MS Mark Simper joined our section, which meant that we had to say goodbye to MS George Gray. George was off to Black Rock to "give back" to the NESOP community by way of providing instruction and mentoring to the newest arrivals in our MOC. Also posted out were LS Rex Heslop to CFEWC, and LS Zach Stopa to ATHENA. The loss of our two most senior leading seamen meant room at the bottom for new shiny faced ordinary seamen. OS Adam Carnegie and OS Katherine Walker also joined VAN fresh from their QL-3 course.

May saw VANCOUVER back at sea supporting an ORO/IMD course during Exercise Trident Fury off of the west coast of Vancouver Island, followed by a week and a half of refresher training and Pre-Deployment Leave for most of the section while myself, MS Scalabrini, MS Simper, LS Dominique and AB Andrew Vernon went to CFNOS for two weeks in order to attend the CIWS Block 1B Operator Conversion course. All NESOPs attending the course managed to pass it, this pass also finally qualified AB Vernon as a QL-4 Fire Controlman, congratulations Andrew!

Mid way through June VAN departed Esquimalt once again for sea to take part in RIMPAC 06. PO1 Corey Treverton *wowed* the CFMWC staff with the ease in which he engaged a stream raid of BQMs with only one STIR. There were many a nay-sayer with regard to this experimental tactic, including him but our good PO1 proved them all wrong once again setting the standard for Canadian AWW among the directors of both coasts.

VANCOUVER returned to Esquimalt in August for a well-deserved summer leave period. It was during August that PO2 Champ left us for the Gulf, sadly we also had to say congratulations and goodbye to Eric Lashinski who was promoted to Leading Seaman and returned to his parent unit and sent to Black Rock by way of FA(P) to work on his math pack. A/MS Simper got his kit together and proceeded on his PLQ for two months while the rest of us enjoyed some time off.

In September we were at sea again conducting a MARSECPAT and a quick port visit in North Vancouver before returning home to more refresher training in an attempt to prepare ourselves for DWUPs later in the year. Also in September LS Jessy Hanna and AB Paul Awalt successfully completed their QL-5A course. Jessy joined VAN at the end of September, while we are still waiting for Paul's ankle to heal up before he returns to work. In October VAN conducted another two week MARSECPAT, at the completion of which we welcomed back MS Mark Simper from his PLQ, his mind full of Junior Leadership strategies. We were blessed with a third Ordinary Seaman at the end of October. OS Jesse Greenway presented himself onboard just in time to go to sea for his first trip, TGEX/DWUPS. It was quite the learning experience for the OS, but one in which he seemed to enjoy when not asleep on his feet.

VANCOUVER is now in our favorite foreign port (Esquimalt) for the holidays, so we would like to take this opportunity extend our best holiday wishes to those able to spend time with their loved ones this Christmas, and to those currently in the Gulf of Oman, we will raise our glasses to you during the Puchout this year at Black Rock. As well we would like to wish the best and speedy healing for OS Ken Churchill who is currently residing up at the Rock.

PO2 Lloyd Boutillier
EWS
VANCOUVER



HMCS WINNIPEG

Merry belated Christmas Happy belated New Year, and whatever other holidays were missed since the last newsletter submission. Welcome to a year in review from, HMCS Winnipeg. Let us first thank the port of Esquimalt B.C, for being so gracious to us every time we have had a chance to visit this past year, it almost feels like home!!!

Well where to begin, the Trident Fury missile exercise was an eventual success, despite several inoperable vindicator targets that would bail right after launch. Our junior guys gained invaluable experience and some wild explosions seized the day. We successfully proved the West Coast firing area for sea sparrow, and now hope you all have the benefit of the range. Congrats to PO1 Jaquemot for a successful engagement! Ahhhhh the Portland Rose Festival, good times had by all, for those who have not been, what a liberal city, I know it was my first glimpse of a 1000 person naked bike ride. May and June had us on Bjorn Jaeger, with stops in Washington and Nanaimo, while our underwater counterparts did whatever it is they do. July was as quiet as it has ever been here as we entered a SWP. August brought on another "Fish Pat" and slid into summer leave. Well as they say "no rest for the wicked"! September was spent on a FNO course, with visits to Seattle and New West, home for a few days then on to a Torpedo Ex, flowing into a Marsecpat to chip away at the rest of October. All of Nov until present day has had us sailing with ALG, REG, and VAN to trade off on Dwups and assisting others on Dwups. Although it wasn't all bad, with stops in San Francisco, and San Diego, where some stayed and others tried to be the "big winners" in Vegas. We are presently transiting down to Manzanillo, Mexico for many cervesas and relaxation!!

Several shifts in the Winnipeg roster resulted in a complete facelift of the senior portion of our section. Newly promoted PO1 Barker took over the reigns as SWC, congratulations goes out to him and his newly donned crown. PO2 Raymond and PO2 James lead the way as EWS for Port and Stbd respectively. PO2 Raymond is rolling high while integrating himself back into the fleet, but dreams of a posting to Vegas and an "initial" kit issue of a velvet tracksuit. PO2 Stu James is still around and teaching us all how the kit is really supposed to work, while sharing stories of the day his first ship was grounded when that @\$%\$#@ Moses parted the red sea. MS Macmillan took the frightful job as the only official master of this degenerate bunch as MS Kenny broke his ankle and is on a medical cat. We wish him all the best and a speedy recovery. LS "Goods" Berezuk became the longest serving member on Winnipeg recently, he and LS Pollard hope for a PLQ ASAP and a shore posting. LS Sheppard has returned from Halifax 5A qualified in the top portion of his class. Our new "killick" LS Callaghan is trying to understand how PER's work and is loaded on the Jan 07 5A course, along with AB Denman and AB Fannon who is also on a med cat. AB Johnson is..... well I don't really know because he never speaks. OS Esteban has returned from his leave in the Philippines and our "LBG" couldn't be happier learning the ropes. Last but not least we have a fresh mind straight from Black Rock OS Silver, eager and ready to be confused.

Coming up in program is some much-deserved Christmas/New Years leave, moving into a Sea Commanders course (SCC) for the last week in January and the month of February in Hawaii. We will head up another Marsecpat in March, maybe a day sail or two before Winnipeg hits the ditch mid march for the big refit (CIWS 1B, SRD-504, new CWI etc.)

This is LS Callaghan once again on behalf of the 276 community onboard Winnipeg wishing you all safe voyages and happy hunting!!!!!!

"#338 in your Janes, and #1 in your hearts"

News From MARLANT



East Coast Advisor Report

by CPO1 Randy Smart
MARLANT Occupation Advisor

The summer has passed with few significant issues. There have been two meetings with the MOC advisory group with respect to the MOSART Project and the study of implementation of the NAVAL COMBAT OPERATOR. It should be noted that this is an imitative based on improvements in technology and the future of new Naval ships. **Yes** they are coming and **Yes** they are going to have better automated ability, no you won't receive a pink slip because your job is eliminated. The PSP generation is getting increasingly better every year so we must give into the idea of smarter equipment and sailors. This will not be an over-night change and most who talk about it now will be retired when it's fully realized.

The summer saw the graduating of many tradesmen at various QL levels, congratulations to all. To those I talked to at the NES OP mess dinner, thanks for coming out and taking the time to express your positive words on the mess dinner and the increase in attendance this year. The New Year will not doubt bring new attitudes and ideas, and I expect a climate of change for the CF, be positive, the money is great, the postings are better. Be nice to the Career Managers during interviews, he's not Santa Claus and his bag of toys is limited by the number of elves (CPO1s) that are advising him!!

Thanks
RJ Smart
CPO1
MOC ADVISOR

MARLANTHQ - N34 Operations Readiness

By: CPO2 Garry Bond N34-51 SOEW



Greetings from N34-51. I figured it was high time to let everyone know who I am and what N34 can do for the fleet. I took over this job in July from CPO2 Reid and since then most of my time has been used in arranging target services with the barracuda and creating a DA to turn the Barracuda over to MOG 5. Now that this task is close to completion its time to get down to EW requirements. MARLANT SOEW job is to staff paperwork and be your voice for complaints and recommendations. We all know by now if it is not written down on paper, all that hard work falls on deaf ears. For N34-51 to play an active role in EW matters feed back from the fleet is a necessity.

In October the coasts and DMPOR discussed a new draft of CF ELECTRONIC WARFARE EW POLICY and if all recommendations are approved and the new policy comes in effect, training and equipment will be a big issue. That's where this cell can help; through staffed SOCDs and recommendations from the fleet maybe we will get the ear of DMPOR and get some action on EW matters. (A quick reminder to any ship that may be in the process of drafting and submitting an SOCD they need to be sent through CCFL who will review them prior to submitting them to N34 where they will be forwarded to DMPOR.)

So to end this of, I will say " looking forward to being your voice for EW issues in the fleet and send all your requirements and recommendations to me by email or phone.



CANADIAN FLEET ATLANTIC

As I type this submission we're sitting off the coast of North Carolina assisting with the landing of Canadian troops on the beach as part of the Standing Contingency Force. ATHABASKAN is doing a wonderful job of hosting the staff. Thanks especially to LS Richard, my CB :) (Sorry AB Gibblets, you should get yourself posted over here!) Seriously though, I would like to publicly thank the NESOP section in MONTREAL for all the support during their year as flagship. By the time you read this article, HALIFAX and FREDERICTON will have conducted another Sea Sparrow warshot missile (weather depending). We've been devoting lots of time to preparations for the missile and for the follow on shoots in Feb for ATH and STJ. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to seeing the career manager in December but don't forget to have fun with the Force Protection exercise that is happening early in the month. I'll be visiting the west coast for Fleet Week during the very early days of January. This time I'll remember to bring a raincoat! Not too much else to report on for now. Have a safe and merry Christmas season.

CPO2 Haughn



SEA TRAINING

SEA TRAINING ATLANTIC - "Train As We Fight"

By CPO2 Brent Gillan

Hello from Sea Training. I'll start by saying the NESOPS in the fleet have impressed me over the past year with their motivation, determination and dedication.

As most of you know, the old way of doing business has changed. The Fleet is now going through a three-tier program, Harbour Readiness Training (HRT), Restricted Readiness Workups (RRWUPS) and Workups (WUPS) and if that wasn't enough, we still have Directed Workups (DWUPS) and Workups Assist (WUPS(A)).

HRT is a new process designed to take the ship from refit to a harbor readiness standard. Sea Training provides the ships team with assistance in running harbor routines from duty watches to force protection. In addition, ST(A) conducts "Round Robin" DC training. This training is designed to bring ships team up to date with current DC procedures. We also train key individuals so as to provide continuous training to ensure sailors don't lose the perishable skills that go hand and hand with DC.

RRWUPS replaced what was known as Ships Readiness Inspection. RRWUPS is a two-week program of lectures, inspections and sea evolutions designed to allow the ship to go to sea safely, conduct sea trials and bring the ship and her crew to a state of readiness capable of deploying to low threat areas. A RRWUPS ship can be expected to respond to OGD taskings, RDS, and SAR while conducting trials prior to full WorkUps program.

Finally we see you for the third time, WUPS. WUPS is a 5-week program designed to get the ship to the highest readiness level possible keeping in mind equipment, personnel and training limitations. The report on completion of WUPS is no longer a pass or fail, it is a measure of what you and your shipmates have accomplished. Simply put, it's a stop light report. Green, indicates you were successful, Yellow indicates an area of concern, whether it be personnel, equipment or training and Red, indicates a failure to meet the objectives in a particular category. The final report also states the overall level of readiness achieved.

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The three-tiered program is designed to provide the sailor with a continuous training throughout the cycle of the ship. Success during WUPS can be attributed partly to what the sailor brings forward from both the HRT and RRWUPS programs.

I strongly advise teams preparing for WUPS to visit the ship that recently completed WUPS. They have the baseline of what is required. My philosophy is simple; we build upon the SOPS, lectures and briefings currently in use in the fleet and share our newly acquired knowledge with those that went before us. We are a relatively small MOC yet we have difficulties in sharing information. Work as a team both within you unit and MOC.

It's been a busy year; ST(A) conducted 2 HRT , 3 RRWUPS, 3 WUPS, and 1 WUPS (A). I've enjoyed the time I've spent with each ship and look forward to visiting those ships yet to be tested.

Brent Gillan
CPO2
CNESOP



CF Maritime Warfare Centre

by PO1 Gerry Doutre

As 2006 comes close to ending, the CFMWC / OTEG AWB cell has had a very busy year thus far. We've been on the road/sea conducting Optests during missile shoots including VANCOUVER's Harpoonex, RIMPAC 2006 Missilex, and OTTAWA's "Black Scenario" Missilex, not to mention the 7M missile firings on both coasts for CRR requirements. We conducted a very successful trial in the spring onboard HMCS MONCTON with the Medium Boat Pintle mount for the .50 cal machine gun (basically an improved mount for our current .50 cal). OTEG has also been busy with the RCHMG trial onboard HMCS SUMMERSIDE this fall. After installation of the OTO MELARA Naval Turret, we conducted WSC for SUMMERSIDE and commenced the trial with favourable results. Having an EO/IR Stabilized Heavy Machine Gun definitely has its advantages. We still have one more aspect of this trial to complete, which hopefully will see the turret used against a remote FIAC kill target. Not only are we conducting these Optests, we also pumped out reports this year on missilex, Naval Gun Fire Support, Medium Boat Pintle, just to mention a few. Have a look at our MCOIN III site and DWAN site under the OTEG section for these reports. Most units would have received these reports by CD as well. Looking ahead at the new year, our expectations are to be just as busy with missilex, CIWS 1B Optest, 3P Ammo Optest, and many more. The impending sinking of HURON in the spring could turn out to be a valuable data collection and tacdev adventure.

As I write this article from sea onboard HMCS ALGONQUIN during TGEX 3/06, enjoying the hospitality of PO1 Ian Kelly and his gang in San Francisco (Thanks again ALG NESOPs). I must say I am very disappointed that I have missed the annual NESOP Mess Dinner in Halifax. Hope everyone had an excellent time, looking forward to seeing you all there next year. Speaking of TGEX 3/06, the reason I am onboard here is because I am the CFMWC rep for our ongoing NGS Optest. ALG, VAN, WIN and REG will be conducting NGS on San Clemente Island adding to our knowledge of this old but now new tactic. OTEG has developed a draft Tacnote concerning NGS outlining our new procedures. So keep an eye out for results from this optest. It is going to affect us all.

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I encourage all NESOPs to take advantage of the Final Reports we send out from every Optest. 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 or any optest, 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 Dautre
Operational Test and Evaluation Group
Above Water Battlespace Snr NESOP
Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre

PS. Life is rough when you have to sit at a 49ers home game in the Sun !!!



TRINITY

by CPO2 Howie Martell

Hello fellow NESOPS CPO2 Martell here. Since arriving in Trinity early June 06 the first thing I realized was how big the organization actually was. It comprises of 8 sections consisting of approx 200 personnel. Of these 200 personnel we have 11 NESOPS. I am employed as Fleet Support CP02 where my role is to provide one point of contact for outside agencies, including the fleet, to access support or information. I also facilitate the link between outside units and Trinity's departments and coordinate the various Trinity departments in order to streamline the delivery process of information and support to outside agencies, which can include meetings, briefs, tours and information packs.

P01 Comeau is the Naval AAW Tactic supervisor and he provides one stop shopping for all your AAW information regarding missiles, platforms and countries OOB's. Most of his work is displayed on the AAW mcoin web page. Since Trinity has taken over the responsibilities of missile updates from the CFMWC this has been an exhausting job that continues to change daily.

The personnel working for JIOC include MS Chris Fralic, LS Stephen Hunt and our support staff are MS Dave Masters who is our Information Management manager (IMO) and LS Fabian Pittman, who is the Assistant RMP manager. The CSSE have in their employment as Elint Analysts, LS Charlie Leblanc, LS Shawn King, LS Shannon Christie and LS Irvin Gouthro who is currently employed in the JIOC awaiting his CSSE course in Jan 07. They work on GCCS, MCCIS (NATO) and Canmarnet and the CSSE giving the Navy elint support for tracking. They aid other government agencies (OGD) in picture compilation and the recognized maritime picture (RMP). The agencies they support are DFO, Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada and police agencies, which in turn are through the Maritime Surveillance Operations Centers (MSOC).

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year



News from CFNOS Halifax

Above Water Warfare Department

Well, Well, Well it is that time again, NESOP newsletter time. Hello all from the school S-15 CFNOS/CT/AWW (where we mould minds or make minds moldy). We have been very busy the last couple of months, a QL6A course has come and gone with great success. PO2 Dave MacNevin was top student. Congrats to Dave. Currently we have QL4 (FCO), QL5B (FCS), QL5A (SNR ES OP), QL6B (AWWD) all in house and a new QL6A course starting in Dec 06.

Over the last couple of months we have made some trades. We picked up PO2 John MacCarthy for a pair of dirty socks (haven't seen much of ol' Johnny Boy, he is either at hockey or on the Mids teaching CIWS). PO2 Mike Hillier was here for a while but Weapon Certs needed a PO2 so we sent them a reasonable reproduction. CPO2 Dorrington (GOOCH) has been sent to parts unknown and was replaced CPO2 (GROUCHO MARX) Boudreau. PO2 Thivierge has been placed on waivers (we're looking to trade him for an old jock strap). I know, I know, we are getting the better deal. MS Steph Theriault has been sent to us from HMCS FREDERICTON in the deal where FREDERICTON got nothing (get over it he was posted). PO2 Dave MacNevin has gone to HMCS TORONTO. Newly minted PO2 (Any Ship Going WUPS) Watson is at FAA for employment. PO1 (in South America we used to eat lizards) Farouse has been replaced by PO1 Tye. I don't believe it either, PO1 Farouse has finally gone back to sea. We got PO1 (these chocolate bars suck) Carr. CPO2 (Roni sales have dropped 40%) Kitchen is off to Ottawa. Oh yes, we have acquired PO2 (the fifth line) Kelloway from HMCS St JOHNS.

Thanks to CPO2 Randy Boudreau, PO2 Luc Thivierge and MS Rick LeBlanc for organizing the most recent mess dinner; there was a very good turn out (63 pers). An even bigger thanks to all of you who attended because without you guys it would have only been the three of us and not much fun with only those two around. We were graced with the presence of CPO1 (Ret) Bob Ayotte who came all the way from Germany and CPO1 (Ret) Dave Hastings from Ontario. The first time he's been back to the coast since retirement, and yes he still is driving that big Ford boat he had at OHGR. Well that is all I can think of (yeah I know Ray (Cushing) you can't believe I had that much in my head). We here in the AWW section wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Cmdt CFNOS Halifax presents PO1 Tye with a field bandage for injuries suffered during battle with Mrs.Tye.

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Cmdt CFNOS Halifax presents LS Matchim with the Craig Lawrenson Trophy as Top Student of the FC Supervisor course.



Tactics & Team Training and Weapon Certification Staff

Well it's that time of year again. Santa and his helpers are getting ready to visit all the good little NESOPS everywhere. Here at TTT it's been pretty busy with the fall MEGA is behind us with the running of Blue Dragon a lot of lessons learned and now preparing to right the wrongs for the spring MEGA. We have also had some changing of the guard that included PO1 Martell who jumped up the ladder to get his Chief's and moved to a comfy position in Trinity. His replacement is Bob "I won't share my silver spiced rum with you" Burton taking the reins.

Next in line is the newly posted in Larry "I want my 6B" Peek, good luck with that boss. We are still hanging on to MS "All I do is sleep" Ryan until February then he'll join the ranks of civilian status, all the best John I'll miss your snoring. Then we go to MS MICKEY Maule who is glad to be ashore and leaving HMCS ATHABASKAN in his wake. Who could forget the posting in of MS, "I've got nine months left" Penney, Rick plans to retire next September and move to the back woods of Newfoundland to raise sheep, don't forget your Velcro gloves buddy!!

The next candidate is LS Guy Gaudin who has is awaiting news of a new profession, all the best Guy. The guys that left us behind for higher purposes are MS Trapper Trepanier who was posted to HMCS ATHABASKAN and now will be joining us for the spring MEGA but on the other side of the fence as a student on his QL6A, good luck Trap!! You still owe me five bucks, a bet is a bet. The final person was MS Tony Phee who was promoted to PO2 and sent to HMCS ATHABASKAN. Thought you were getting away hey Trap? Congrats Norm hopefully we'll see you soon!!

Well that's it from here, I would like to welcome all the new people and say good-bye to the old. We at TTT wish you the very best for the holiday season and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Dan Curlew
MS
CFNOS/TTT

SEASONS GREETING FROM TTT/WEAPON CERT STAFF

A lot has happened up here at TTT/Weapons Certification since our last entry. Aside from traveling across the country (and a stint in Hawaii) conducting enough certifications and MRI's to make your head spin, we also just finished certifying the first QL-5B students. Well done to them all. What's more hectic than our schedule up here is the pace at which the PO2 billet has changed hands in the course of a few months. We lost PO2 "Pistol" Pete Marshall to Ottawa, and we hope all is well with him. Before the paint dried, PO2 Danny "Little Fella" Lalonde replaced him. His stay with us was a "short" one before he headed down the hill to HMCS ST.JOHN'S and to greener pastures. The school DCPO is really sad about losing his Christmas Elf. Danny, we only had a "wee" little time working together but it was fun nonetheless, best of luck to you. Danny's departure left the door open for our next in line with PO2 Mike "The Kool-Aid Man" Hillier. OOH YEAH!! He's only been up here for a month but he's changing the works of 'er. Welcome to the team Mike, good luck with sticking around. The only one constant is PO1 Greg Murray who continues to be the "glue" that holds everything together.

The future here is looking very busy as we continue to run MRI and WPN CERT scenarios to prepare the fleet for upcoming MISSLEX's and Deployments. Our greatest asset MS Evan "Broke-back Bathurst" Entwistle will be packing his belongings and taking base taxi across the parade square to do his QL6A course. We are REALLY looking forward to seeing you again during your EWS certification. It should be interesting. Wish you, all the best to you in the future.

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The beards are mandatory at Weapon Cert staff as we continue to keep the Naval Tradition alive. Our bags are packed and our passports renewed as we stand at the ready to travel. HAWAII HERE WE COME. Grass skirts have already been purchased.

P.S Dear Santa: For Christmas I would like a two year shore posting, a firm upcoming schedule for the new year and to win the payday raffle. Please remember the other little boys and girls in the Military who do not get specialist pay.

Thank you Santa
Your Little Friend Michael Hillier

Standards Division

STDS POSITION AVAILABLE

Wanted Good CPO2 NESOP to fill Standards Chief Position. Job comes with great benefits: small cockroach size cubicle with a window view (so you can watch the cars being towed), your own parking spot (so when someone parks in it you can have the pleasure of having them towed) & many, many more. Applicant must be well groomed, conversant with SSO's, be able to deal with critiques on a daily basis & above all else a LEAFS fan. Applicants can drop resume off to Bldg S-17 3rd floor Cubicle 51. Remember - applicants must be a LEAFS fan!

Now that we have got the job posting out of the way, Greetings from CFNOS Standards. We have just completed the Fall Mega Phase and we're happy to welcome 1 new SWC, PO Dave Keeping and 3 new EWS's - PO Dave MacNevin, PO Rick Pearce and MS Guy Contant to the Fleet. The Fall Mega was run with only 1 syndicate and after further review, it was considered a success and with a little tweaking further Mega's will be run on the 1 Syndicate system as well. Currently, we are running the pilot course for the FCS and while there have been a bump or 2 in the road, it has been very successful. You can expect to see some changes to the QSP ensuring it meets the needs of the fleet. In addition, the QSP's for the AWWD's, FCO'S & SNR ESOP have been updated to reflect the continuing changes that are required to keep NESOP training up to date. That's about it from CFNOS Standards, Eric(PO Vaudreuil) and I would like to take this time to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Happy New Year!

PO1 Terry Kennedy
CFNOS Standards

HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN



Greetings to everyone from good old 339, cob webs brushed off and a fresh coat of paint and back to sea. I know that all you NESOPs in the fleet are familiar with the term "MAX FLEX" or the ever popular "What version of the flex are we on?" well that is what the last couple of months has been like for us here. It all started when we broke the mold that we had formed on NG Jetty at the end of Aug when we hit the sea for a lovely (no pun intended) set of RRWUPS followed in Sept by trials, both in basin and in and out of the harbor. You all know and love the trials that are associated with a ship becoming sea worthy. We then proceeded to enjoy a short work period for the month of Oct. Now just to fill everyone in we have a relatively new crew and in Nov we were supposed to "break the cherry" of the new ships company with a name sake port visit to Charlottetown, PEI. We were going to parade for Remembrance Day, take part in some functions with the Vets among other things, and generally let the ships company get a chance to get to know one another. Well that didn't happen due to an engineering problem that I might add was corrected quickly, nope instead we did more trials. Currently as I write this newsletter we are at sea (Nov 27- Dec 8) doing none other than da da da! Trials. At least with this sail we will have the chance to trial our CIWS Block 1B which I am looking forward to having a crack at as well as proving our other weapons systems.

Well now that you have all been brought up to speed on what we have been doing for the last couple of months it's the time that I know you have all been waiting for.....That's right it's the HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN bullpen. There have been a lot of movements in the old bullpen this year. To start off in the out box we have the late but great PO1 George Hamilton who has left us for bigger not necessarily better things with fire wire in hand as he journeys to his new home on the tanker. Best of luck George. Also in the out box we have PO1 Colin "Sully" Macleod who has departed us for the Trump Class. I'm sure with all his "aged" 280 knowledge he will be a fine asset to the Command and Crew of the HMCS ATHABASKAN. Happy trails PO. Finally last but not least MS "Holly wood" Rod Carew has left us for his 6A course. Once he has completed this task I'm sure he will be looking for another recruiting video audition. Good luck Rod, reach for the stars buddy Hollywood has no limits. Well that's it for the out box. As the saying goes out with the old and in with the new so in the in box we have PO1 "ready aye ready" Culligan fresh off the 6B course and ready to tackle some OTT 1 That will be coming early in Dec. Welcome aboard PO. Also in the in box we have PO2 "Gunny" Garnett who has graced our presence from HMCS TORONTO bringin all his wisdom and knowledge of the ever-famous "Navy two step". He will make a great addition to the CHARLOTTETOWN line up. Welcome aboard. Only one further last minute addition to the team is OS Quigley who joins us from the Fleet school out west. He has not been here long but already fits right in with the rest of our crazy bunch here. Joe as a once great LS once said to me you are the CAPO of the branch use this power wisely.

Now that you have been brought up to speed on the changes to the line up its time to let you guys know what is going on with the rest of us here on the CHARLOTTETOWN. First we have LS Duncan and newly promoted LS Hickey at CFNOS Operations School. Karen just finished up her 5B's and passed with ease. Congrats Karen! LS Hickey is currently involved in the FCO course, good luck buddy and always remember keep that brass on the back of your ball cap shined. HA! HA! Sorry Rod. Oh I almost forgot PO2 Andy Collier is still kicking around here, I tend to forget him sometimes cause I rarely see him out of his rack. HA! Just kidding PO. OTT 1 is coming I know you have a shake in. (Good luck on your 6B). MS Lisa Schaefer is still here putting out the branch tuffles with her motherly instinct keeping us in line. Thanks MA! We have LS Ernest MacDonald who had recently finished his 5A's and is back ready to take on anything. Good to have you back buddy my workload was getting to large. Next we have newly promoted AB Lisa Menard who had completed her FCO course with flying colors and is back in the branch. She is now taking the rains at the CANEWS for the up coming OTT 1. At this point I would like to send out a special thanks to AB Froese and OS Bradbury who have been TD to us from FAA to lend us a hand during all the trials we have been doing. Oh by the way

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Bradbury when you sail more than one sail with CHARLOTTETOWN you are here for life, so you can stop crying and let go of the "Queens" Blanket. OOPS I almost AB "Sick Chit" Mike Jackson has been attached to CFNOS due to his shoulder injury. Hope you get well soon Mike. Last but certainly not least there's me LS Lacey. Yes I know some of you are thinking "Wow he is still over there" Yes it is true, However Clyde I am now the Don of the branch as I sit and wait patiently for my PLQ course, and yes MR. Baker the competition is on HA HA!

Well that is all the news from HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN. I hope all you NESOPS in the Fleet have a good read and a good chuckle at this. Happy sailing Cheers!

P.S. CPO1 Doucette I'm sorry. You know what for. If it helps I am married now.

LS Jeff Lacey



HMCS FREDERICTON "Stalker of the seas"

Just another update from Fishpat Freddy. We're all starting to become somewhat confused, it's been three weeks since our last Fishpat, and there isn't another scheduled until mid Feb of 2007. Maybe someone up top had us confused with another ship. During November we did weapons certs and MRI's in preparation for our Missilex at the end of the month. This has us shooting four Rim-7's.

As you can guess, it was a busy period for us. Couple things have changed since the last letter, but not too much. Ms Theriault got posted out, sent up to the school and is now using his English language skills to the best of his ability. OS Dingle graciously accepted the scullery reins for November. Meanwhile OS Gould and AB Flanagan helped the Freddy get their a** kicked in the MEGA hockey tourney. Hopefully COTF will be a better showing. LS MacDonald, recently promoted is set to go on parental after graduation from his QL5 course, AB Binder will be getting his shortly upon his return to the ship giving us another killick. Meanwhile, AB Penton and AB Flanagan get ready for their QL5 course respectively in the New Year sometime.

LS Compagnon is still busy as the acting MS on STBD watch. He was certified FCS, and undertook that responsibility for the missilex. MS Fletcher didn't have much luck hunting again this year, other than having to take his truck in for some minor repairs. PO2 Long is busy weeping about the current success of the Montreal Canadians. While PO2 Murray and PO1 McNamara remind him everyday how well the Leafs are doing. Other than that everyone is really looking forward to the holidays and having some time off. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Freddy!

AB Flanagan



HMCS HALIFAX

Hello fellow gunners and EW gods. It has been quite some time since our last update. I believe the last time we discussed the best trade in the CF, our unit was on NATO '05. Since then our great nation took over command of the entire fleet, deploying HMCS ATHABASKAN followed by HMCS IROQUOIS. I am sure they had as much fun as we did. I know there were changes made in the "sail past rules" with regards to slingshots and yogurt since our return last December.

There have been a few changes within our section since the last newsletter. PO1 Pat Tye received a much deserved posting to CFNOS, relieving the senior instructor, PO1 Andy Farouse, who came here for a second tour as the SWC onboard. LS Cam Fletcher enjoyed his one-month shore posting at FDU prior to his wonderful promotion to MS, which landed him on the HMCS FRDERICTON. MS Eric McElroy and MS Hollie Blakney joined our unit just in time for SCC, Norfolk Azalea Festival (where Halifax became her sister city), and one heck of a Fleet Week in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. Last but not least, OS Simon Parker most recently joined our fine ship from CFSSE Black Rock where he achieved Top Student on his QL3 Jr. ESOP course.

Aside from the afore mentioned new personnel we have participated in a somewhat eventful year of sailing, Weapon Cert, MRI's, Mega Support, Run N.S. and JTFX including an upcoming Missile Shoot. We regret our absence from the always enjoyable NESOP Mess Dinner but look forward to future gatherings and maybe a MS and below vs. PO2 (old timers / washed up) and above hockey challenge. We heard that CPO2 Boudreau will be coaching because he has lost his edge along with a few teeth.

Until we meet again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LS Joe Dickie
NESOP
HMCS HALIFAX



As requested by the NESOPs on the Halifax, here's the picture of a past Halifax Cox'n you were looking for.

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

IROQUOIS has been on NATO, now called SNMG1, since mid August, and we're not due back home till mid December. We left on the 16th to finish off what ATHABASKAN started but didn't ... errr ... couldn't finish. Don't worry boys we smoothed everything over with the fleet. They're back to thinking Canadians are great. We've participated in FOST, DANEX, TRIAL SPARTAN HAMMER, PEAN and SURGE OPS, all great exercises, well most of them anyway. By the way ATHABASKAN we are getting a medal for SURGE OPS; you can come over and admire it whenever you want.

We were also able to rescue from ATHABASKAN, the SNMG TGNESOP, CPO2 Steve Murphy. Although not directly a part of the NESOP's onboard he has been very involved in the section. Everything from a fleet wide dinner for the EW's down to the smallest beer calls in the EWER for the guys. He's been apart of it all, bringing lots of stories and sharing memories and "mishaps" from days gone by.

"See that Greek flag over there" said the chief to me one sunny day as we walked down the coble stone path. "Yes" I said.

"Let me tell you a little story about it". I'll leave it at that.

So how's the trip been overall? Well, as I'm writing this, I see that we are 80% completed the trip, thanks to the excel deployment tracker someone was kind enough to produce embed with "adult images" in the background that took command weeks to find **J**.

The ports have treated us well and for the most part the section has remained strong and intact. We said good-bye to OS Nelson at the beginning of the trip. Don't worry everyone in his family is OK. Then what was his story you might ask? He said he got jumped by some locals ... but lacks even a single fighting scratch to sustain such a claim. C'mon Bacon (*another nickname for greasy Nelson*) ... let the readers in on the real scoop for the next edition will ya.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank VDDQ, MONTREAL and ATHABASKAN for loaning out their Pers to us. LS Luce, OS Robertson, OS Beaulieu (VDDQ). AB Mudge (MONTREAL) and PO2 Campbell (ATHABASKAN). You guys are all outstanding sailors and we are very thankful for the assistance.

In my last article I forgot to mention AB Olsen, who at the time was on his QL-4 course. I formally apologize to Mr. Olsen for that oversight on my part. Well done on passing your course.

In the sprit of trying to keep this short this time around I'll sum up by saying PO1 Ed "Make Gun Ready" James is doing well. He has fired his first subordinate from the Ops room and sent him packing all the way back to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Now there is a set of you know what for you.

We also have a relatively new AWWO, LT (N) Scott Nelson. Oh where to start ... with all the charm and couth of a lower decker, and the desire for the spotlight of an officer, he's actually not that bad. That's not to

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say he is getting away clean in the article. But I won't risk wounding the pride of Truro, the aid to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, or "Myra" as she's known to him, the recipient of the Order of St John ... which there is speculation he wrote his own nomination for & the leader of every freaking thing he ever touched or been a part of in his vast 27 years on earth. I just want to say that it's wonderful to be in your presents oh great one, your humble servants.

PO2 Pat "Mr. Intensity" Saunders is still the same as always. The walking book of CF knowledge will be heading on his QL6B course in May 07, no doubt to top the course. LS Oliver & AB Haynes said they've got seven to ten bottles stashed away in their locker for your course party. Oh wait come to think of it I believe the Coxn has them now. Isn't that right boys?

PO2 Sam Metcalfe has blended in extremely well with his surroundings. So good in fact I can't remember the last time I've actually seen him ... he's still onboard isn't he? But as he proclaims, no warship is complete without a SAM (*Surface-to-Air-Missile*) on board. I say it's time to upgrade to a more reliable version.

As for MS Pierre Pelletier and myself, MS Adam "I can give you 101 reasons why the job can't get done" Boone we're once again pushing for outstanding PERs. If only I could master the leadership side of my job I just might have a chance. Well if promotion is not in my direct future then I'll take that posting to OTTAWA or ST. JEAN that no MS wants. (*MOC adviser take note ... Ottawa ... Boone ... St. Jean ... Boone*)

As for LS Stoyles, LS Lacroix, OS Spaulding and OS Parsons; well Stoyles is looking forward to a comfy shore posting soon, cause god forbid Leroy Stoyles not get his fair share of something, we would never hear the end of it. After being advanced promoted, LS Lacroix has found his new grove as the training LS. Well done on the promotion. OS Spaulding's shady past is not quite as shady anymore ... tid bits of information are trickling in and he's slowly becoming known as "the man that knows how to get things". As for Parsons he is almost ready to speak his second word since arriving onboard. Missing from our trip is AB Steve Tremblay who is home changing diapers for the first time. Congratulations to you and the Misses on your new addition.

With that said I'd like to move on to our extended family, the CDSE guys & gals who joined us for this trip. MS Jim Hancock, MCpl Larry Robinson, LS Troy Doyle, who is the exact replicate of Lou Ferrigno. LS Cindy Draper who is the best foreign port info package organizer on earth. Cpl Neil Nizio who missed the birth of his second child so that he could spend time here with us. Congratulations and hope the little one gets your wife's looks and not yours. Last but not least, Cpl D.J. McEachern.

So that's it for this edition, I know I am long winded but what can I say. So from somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea, all us IROQUOIS NESOP's want to wish everyone a Happy Holliday's

MS Adam Boone
MS Nes Op
HMCS IROQUOIS

SNMG NESOP CHIEF *(On the IROQUOIS)*

Well since the last Newsletter I have shifted cap tallies and am now in IROQUOIS to finish our time in SNMG1. I have never run a marathon, I have not gone 15 rounds with a heavyweight champ, and a tiger in a circus has not mauled me, however I know how all those people feel. Yes the days of going from port to port doing very little are gone in NATO, however once alongside there is still fun to be had. I have been on a journey of sorts with DJ Ed and his faithful companion Pat. Ever since arriving in IROQUOIS, it has been an adventure to say the least. I have worried that eating Shwarmas for supper may not be healthy for me but neither is drinking Absinthe; combine the two and you can figure out the rest.

Aside from the social aspects of this portion of the journey, we have been at sea quite a bit and have accomplished a tremendous amount. It is very apparent to me that the Canadian sailors, especially NESOPs, have so much more skill, depth and knowledge than any of the sailors from the other Nations. IROQUOIS has time and time again lead the way. They have fixed various bits of equipment on other ships, they have always stepped up when a change in the plan developed and created a training opportunity so no time at sea is wasted.

Early in Round 2 we participated in DANEX 06 where we once again got a chance to fire on the Multex range, a range where ships proceed along a navtrack and are challenged with various scenarios such as drones and surface targets while conducting DC and FA exercises; quite challenging. I was fortunate to be on board a Flyvisken class corvette back in February while on the range, most impressive to see.

Switching from typical warfare scenarios to NEO, the Force was given the mission of evacuating 100 civilians. We set up a wide range of facilities ashore to care for and process a large group of evacuees including: providing food, medical facilities, security arrangements, a helicopter landing zone, a beachhead for stores and personnel transfers, administrative facilities for identifying and tracking evacuees, and a Shore Headquarters. The exercise ended with all evacuees being transferred to the three ships for a meal and a short ride simulating transfer to a safe area.

We then headed off to conduct MSO while transiting south from Gothenburg, Sweden to Rota, Spain. We passed through the English Channel into the Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) areas to the south of the UK. Several days of operations commenced with a nav exercise through the Solent and once in the FOST areas, we conducted a series of exercises including the "Weekly War" multi-threat serial.

Next we crossed the Bay of Biscay in poor weather (fun!) to work with the Portuguese Navy. During the latter part of this training period, IROQUOIS hosted COM CEFCOM. Some of you may have seen the picture of him at the CIWS Blk 1B panel for a firing. I was obviously not aware this was happening or perhaps I may have shown the General how NESOPs sit at the weapon system, haha!

Back into the Med and Surge ops. They are designed to increase the presence of allied warships operating in the Med in order to provide both a visible and credible deterrent against activities that threaten the security of nations participating in Operation Active Endeavour (OAE). OAE is in turn aimed at safeguarding the Mediterranean against terrorist activity and illegal activities that could be associated with terrorism including: human trafficking, and smuggling of arms and radioactive materials. The mission began in the Eastern Mediterranean, after the attacks of 9/11, and soon expanded to include patrols in the Straits of Gibraltar in > the Western Mediterranean then the entire Mediterranean.

The five ships of SNMG1 taking part in this activity were: HMCS IROQUOIS, FGS EMDEN, HNLMS VAN GALEN, SPS MARQUES DE LA ENSENADA, and USS BOONE. During this period the Commander of SNMG1, was given responsibility for all surface units in the Mediterranean conducting Operation Active

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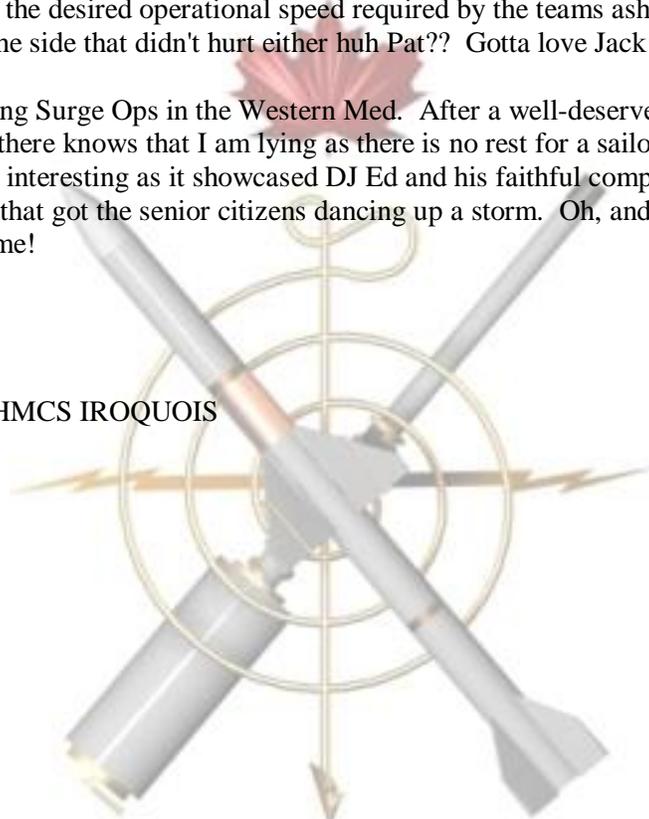
Endeavour. This meant that he had ships under his Command from one end of the Med to the other. We ended up keeping this duty through all our port visits from then on and will keep it until we depart in Dec.

The highlight of the trip operationally was Trial Spartan Hammer, a major exercise held in Greece in November this year. TSH 06 was designed to test NATO's capability to share real-time intelligence to support operations, including counter terrorism in what is considered the biggest terrorism fighting exercise NATO has done to date. It tested for the first time a joint intelligence system combining land, maritime, airborne, space, and special operations forces assets. The exercise focused on signals intelligence and electronic warfare capabilities for expeditionary forces and counter terrorism missions. It will have specific implications for the NATO Response Force by developing methods for sharing time-critical information to build a common picture of the battle space.

The exercise exploited Network-Enabled Capabilities and used Link-16 and Link-11 to share intelligence and electronic warfare information instantaneously across 13 countries equipment. And again, IROQUOIS lead the way from a Maritime perspective. PO2 Pat Saunders time in Ottawa was well spent as his ability to manage and process info at the desired operational speed required by the teams ashore was outstanding. We also did a little humint on the side that didn't hurt either huh Pat?? Gotta love Jack!

We are now again conducting Surge Ops in the Western Med. After a well-deserved rest in Palma Mallorca (and anyone who has been there knows that I am lying as there is no rest for a sailor in Palma!) we are in our last stint at sea. Palma was interesting as it showcased DJ Ed and his faithful companion Pat at their finest. Ed sang us many lovely songs that got the senior citizens dancing up a storm. Oh, and never again will I look at a plate of French fries the same!

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HMCS MONTREAL

MS Jensen here from the HMCS Montreal. So since the last Newsletter a lot has been going on in the trade. There are a few new Masters walking around the fleet (Including myself). Congrats to all NESOP's that received their promotion since the last newsletter. I showed up to the Montreal upon their return from the great white North, and from what I understand the trip went all right. We sailed with the St. John's for a little WUPS support and of course had a little fun doing that (Who am I trying to kid!). It is now November and we are well into our de-storing, to get ready for a little R and R in the shore office.....oh wait, what do you know a phone call from a ship already looking for warm bodies! Hey Charlottetown looking forward to WUPS in the spring!

We have OS Noble and AB Glibbery on their QL4's course and LS Matchim on his FCS course. We have AB Mudge doing us proud on the HMCS IROQUOIS for their NATO. This leaves OS Kuffner and OS McMurray left to pick up the strain. I would just like to say that these two OS's got a set, because they both just resigned for 22 more years of service (Crazy). They didn't even bat an eye doing it. LS Toohey is still grumpy but is looking forward to what the new year will bring him and where he will end up. MS Raymond is preparing to start his 6A's in Dec. and is looking forward to the challenges it will bring. We are lucky to have 3 great PO's: PO1 (Shouldn't have left my garbage lying around) Lowthers, PO2 (I am jaded because I didn't get my deer) MacElwain, and last but not least PO2 (The slum lord) Cushing. All in all this ship doing well and the section is going about with their work as NESOP's do.

The NESOP section here on the Montreal would like to wish best of luck to all NESOP's going on course and to those that will be getting promoted in the new year! Cheers.

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For Sale

Early in the New Year CPO2 Brent Gillan will be canvassing all NESOPs to see how much interest there would be in purchasing a NESOP ring. This ring would be high quality gold with our NESOP crest in the middle and 1985 / 276 on the sides. Other trades have already purchased rings and they look sharp. This may be a one-time issue, so keep your ears and eyes open for more news. This will be one opportunity you won't want to miss!



HMCS PRESERVER

This is where the editor has to apologize to the NESOPs on the HMCS PRESERVER as they did make a submission, but as I finish up this edition I seem to have misplaced it. So, LS Howie, even though you went through all that effort to send the submission to me twice, it still never made it in these pages. Must be my "sometimers" kicking in again! I will say that the Preserver is looking for a few good LS NESOPs to fill a few holes they have (no, not the holes in the boilers!). Other than that their submission indicated they are having fun playing gas Station. Sorry again Preserver!



HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC

Greetings from HMCS Ville de Quebec!

Some of us had a relaxing summer and fall this year at the shore office. We say goodbye to some of our former Ville de Quebecers: Our rookie EWS MS "I'm going home" Contant is posted to CFNOS Halifax the 03 Jan 2007 molding young minds, that's scary (congrats for your course....now get back to school!).

PO1 "Yeah but" Carr who has gone to CFNOS trying to teach old dogs new trick, that's scarier than Contant going ashore. No word on PO1 replacement yet (PO1 Comeau wink,wink). AB Tremblay is releasing 22 Dec 06 for a career back in Quebec. Fortunately we also welcome new members to our unit: MS Harrington, who is going to be posted on the 12th Jan 07. With the refit coming to an end, it is time to recall every body. We expect LS Luce, OS Robertson and OS Beaulieu to have enjoyed them selves on Iroquois for the NATO (hopefully they will return to us not damaged). Sorry they could not enjoy more time in the shore office. PO2 "I am the boss now" Douville, PO2 "Spin Top" Remillard, MS Mimeault, LS Hoehn and OS Ouzilleau-Corriveau are expecting to remain for at least another year.

Anybody wishing to join our mighty, sleek, stealthy shark of death are more than welcome as we do need a few good (wo)men.

Merry X-mas and Happy New Year to all!

MS "I need a stress pill" Mimeault



Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic

I wish to extend my sincere thank you to PO1 Morton on making my first day at Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) a memorable one. My first day of work was on 31 Oct 06. The costume party I was promised did not even exist. Lets just say that I was the only one in costume and now the Cox'n just loves me. Thanks again PO, you are now off of my Christmas list. Being the lone NESOP at FDU (A) has its advantages, even though they did not believe me when I told them that I need afternoons off to pray to St. Barbara, and I was surprised to learn that I am not allowed to write my own PER.

The annual Christmas Daddies run is happening on 3 Dec 06 and yes I volunteered.....
 As a driver....anyone who knows me might be surprised that I am not running but I will leave the glory to the clearance divers, as it is their unit. Other than that, right now I am just trying to blend in to my new digs and enjoy what time I do have.

Remember Gunnery is Funnery, but Diving is Living.

LS Goguen
 NESOP
 Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic)



French Language Training

PARLEZ-VOUS?

Ahoy there from now, a couple of French speaking NESOPs who have been frequenting the Language Training Center over in Shearwater for the past few months. In case you're not sure as to whom I'm referring, it's CPO1 Terry Prowse and MS Chris Oulton. Yes, we've been here since August and Terry has already learned how to say "get on with it" in both official languages, as you can probably tell, since I'm the one writing this letter. The course is great and we've been learning lots of French related to our jobs in the military. We have been really busy trying to explain what we do. You thought explaining ESM or FC to civilians was difficult before. You should try it in French where everything has to be explained backwards to make any sense. The course is progressing quickly and instead of obtaining a level "B" in June like Terry, I will have achieved a level "B" by Christmas. I guess my New Brunswick roots are coming out after all. Therefore, I'm sad to say I will be leaving Terry to his studies. I'm looking forward to heading back over to the Halifax side and if we don't talk to you, have a Merry Christmas and we'll see you in the New Year!

And a Quick Hello From CFNES Halifax

Hello from the CFNES CSE Reg office in Halifax. No, I didn't get that remuster. I am working as RPO for the CSE side of the house until Feb 09. It's a good job, very busy, running PAT platoon of 50 – 140 at any given time. That may be calling drill at the drill shed (no learning curve there), any and all admin, requests etc, and of course duty watches for over 300 students + staff. I have been known to say my job is "just a phone call away from chaos". Some days that is an understatement. The house is quite different (it is never done), and the bike was running well when I put it away a few weeks ago.

LS Verge has joined the ranks of the CSE- NWT and is doing well on course.

From both of us, to you and your family, "Have a wonderful holiday"

LS Peck, JC
CFNES CSE Reg Office
Halifax



News From a Retiree (Go LEAFS Go)

As you all know I retired from the military in August of 2002 with nearly 21 years of service. I moved to Ottawa in 2002 with my beautiful wife Marie so she could further her career. I started with the Commissionaires and went to CSE for nearly 2 years then to NRCAN for approx 6 months. I went to GDCanada as the Supervisor for the Guards and after 5 ½ months they hired me on as an employee as the Company COMSEC Custodian, and Crisis Management Coordinator. I have been actively involved in security since I retired and solely endeavors to continue. I have also dedicated myself to a quarterly newsletter for the Bells Corners Legion Branch 593 and NCR CSIS Inc. To view the latest newsletter click here [go here](#). He will be starting a National Newsletter for CSIS Inc in February of 2007. I am currently a member of Bells Corners Legion Br 593, CSIS, ASIS and FASO.

Well my fellow NESOPS I see the young ones are moving up the food chain. Nice to see. It is not the Job I miss but you guys and gals. Here at GD I have seen CPO2 Dave Paddock Lcdr Scott Shortidge about 3 weeks ago in for a meeting. But I am still waiting for the Ottawa boys to get a hold of me for a wet one.

Anyways Stay Safe and God Speed.

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

NESOP Retirements

The following was the last email that CPO2 Satch Henriksson sent prior to shutting down his system and proceeding on retirement leave:

Well today is my final soup in the RCN. It seems like only 14,136 days ago that I enjoyed my first one. For those that cannot make my bash on the 23 Nov it has been a pleasure. Enjoy your careers, time goes by all too quickly once you get past the age of 25. For all you jacks in Ottawa, yesterday was a great day of golf down here in the Maritimes, short sleeve shirts and some were even in shorts at Ken Wo in the valley. Have a GREAT NAVAL DAY. God Bless, this net is now silent.

Satch



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So, there you have it. Submissions from 43 different units/sub-units/people where NESOPs are working, making the Navy a better place to be. That's five more than the last edition and we still haven't got one hundred per-cent participation yet. That being said, this is my longest edition yet, totalling fifty pages in length. Kudos to those units who take the time to type up interesting and informative submissions. We continue to set the standard for other occupations when it comes to quality and quantity.

One of the things that make the Newsletter more interesting is the pictures that you send in. I encourage you all to send along any you may have of us NESOPs at work or play. Just ensure that they are not of the type that will get anyone in trouble!

As I finish this edition there are only 13 days to Christmas, so let me take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a most joyous Christmas Holidays and all the best in the New Year. I hope you all play safe during your time off and that we all make it backing the New Year.

While you are enjoying your much deserved time off take a moment to think of those who have gone before us over the last year and those who will be performing their duties over the

holidays.

I will be looking at putting out the next edition in the spring, so be watching for the submission requests sometime in March. Due to my posting next summer, edition 21 will be my last as editor. Therefore, if there are any aspiring editors out there contact me and we'll discuss your possible future in publishing.

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

CPO2 Joey Smallwood
Editor-in-Chief

