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CFB Esquimalt CELEBRATES Pride with Purpose

Archana Cini

Lookout Newspaper

Every June, Pride Month invites Canadians to reflect, celebrate, and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQI+ community. This year, CFB Esquimalt continues to support both local and Defence 2SLGBTQI+ communities through an assortment of learning events, visibility efforts, and community engagements.

2025's Pride Month calendar is packed with opportunities for the Defence Team to participate in, including the June 25 "Pride and Pints" social hosted by the Public Service Pride Network (PSPN), and June 27 Formation 5K Rainbow Run, organized by Esquimalt's Personnel Support Program (PSP). For those looking to create further impact and build inclusivity all year long, Positive Space Ambassador Training is also available throughout the month. Members are also invited to join the vibrant celebrations of Victoria Pride Week (July 1-6), with the city's annual Pride Parade scheduled for Sunday, July 6.

To Commander (Cdr) Adriano Lozer, Champion of the Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC) Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization (DTPAO), "Pride month presents an important opportunity to honour colleagues, engage with new individuals, and demonstrate support.

MARPAC DTPAO members brought this message to life, volunteering in uniform at the Sidney Pride Festival on June 14. Defence Team members can also expect to see both the intersex progress pride flag and Indigenous Survivor's flag, recognizing Indigenous History Month, at CFB Esquimalt

across Workpoint, Dockyard, and Naden.

Though Pride season is a time to celebrate the strength and joy of Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ communities, it is also a time to learn from the past and act for an equitable future.

June 12 saw Defence Team members gathered in CFB Esquimalt's Chief and Petty Officers' Mess for the Pride-Purge Coterie, a poignant symposium. The event, sponsored by the Rainbow Veterans of Canada and the LGBT Purge Fund, included a screening of The Fruit Machine, a documentary on the surveillance and interrogation of 2SLGBTQI+ individuals during Canada's military purge. Attendees also had the opportunity to engage with an esteemed panel of Purge survivors on both the film and 2SLGBTQI+ advocacy within the Canadian public service.

The coterie was hosted by the MARPAC Formation Gender Advisor (GENAD) and DTPAO, who expressed immense honour in coordinating the symposium. Sailor Second Class (S2) Chelsey Stickney, DTPAO Military Co-Chair, highlighted the value of hearing from a panel of Purge survivors.

"We were able to give voice to stories that, too often, are forgotten or silenced," said S2 Stickney. "I hope our attendees left with gratitude for those who came before and courageously paved the way toward a more inclusive future for all of us.'

As Pride season begins and reflections are made on both progress and work to be done, CFB Esquimalt remains focused on fostering an inclusive and resilient Defence Team.



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SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

Sailor 2nd Class Jackson Langley



Sailor of the Quarter Sailor 2nd Class Jackson Langley. Photo: Corporal Conor R.G. Munn, Canadian Armed Forces Imagery Technician

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Bravo Zulu to Sailor Second Class (S2) Jackson Langley of HMCS *Ottawa*, 2025's first Sailor of the Quarter.

Widely recognized for their strong work ethic, outstanding leadership potential, and commitment to the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), S2 Langley was formally honored on May 12 at Canadian Fleet Pacific Headquarters (CFP HQ), CFB Esquimalt.

Currently serving aboard the *Ottawa* as a Junior Weapons Engineering Technician, S2 Langley consistently performed above expectations throughout

the quarter. Some of their key achievements included completing mandatory training ahead of schedule, being selected for the Fire Control sub-occupation, and assuming the duties of Magazine Yeoman.

Beyond their technical acumen, S2 Langley is also recognized for their ability to connect with peers and superiors alike. S2 Langley demonstrated exceptional leadership skills aboard the *Ottawa*, providing valuable procedural guidance to apprentice technicians—even in high-pressure situations. Bravo Zulu to Sailor of the Quarter S2 Jackson Langley on this well-deserved honor!

Congratulations to all Jan-March 2025 nominees, whose commitment to excellence continues to make the RCN a more resilient fleet every day.







Candles of Remembrance

Light Veterans' Cemetery in Esquimalt

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A powerful event of reflection and respect, the 25th annual God's Acre Candlelight Tribute Ceremony recently honoured Canadian veterans and active Defence team members at Veterans' Cemetery, Esquimalt. Also commonly known as God's Acre, the cemetery is a National Historic Site and contains the graves of over 2,500 military personnel and their family members.

The ceremony itself was held on May 29 and attended by veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Force (CAF), Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), Scouts

Canada, 89 Pacific Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) and the public. The event included a poignant speech shared by Master of Ceremonies Mr. Cliff Lequesne and a ceremonial parade led by Lieutenant(Navy) Kenneth White. The presence of Scouts Canada and 89 Pacific RCACS also emphasized the importance of generational remembrance, with youth volunteers placing flags and candles upon the gravesites.

The ceremony succeeded in not only honouring Canada's past, but strengthening bonds between serving members, veterans, and future generations.





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Top: Lieutenant (N) Kenneth White leads fellow Royal Canadian Navy members on parade during the God's Acre Candlelight Tribute Ceremony. Photo: Corporal Conor R.G. Munn, Canadian Armed Forces Imagery Technician Member of the 89 Pactic Royal Canadian Air Cadets places a candle during the God's Acre Candlelight Tribute Ceremony at the Esquimalt Veterans' Cemetery. Photo: Sailor 3rd Class Owen Davis



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Sailor 1st Class Victor Petrusevici of HMCS Vancouver (second from left) receiving an engraved Yeti Mug in recognition of his outstanding result as top performer of the Signal Flags and Pennants recognition challenge. Photo: Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Joel Laurin, SONAR Training manager

APPS AHOY!

New Naval Training Drives Learning & Competition

Archana Cini

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Members of the Royal Canadian Navy can now a suite of of eight professional development apps. They are an optional supplement intended to support perishable training and sharpen key skills across the fleet.

Launched in January 2025 by developers within the Naval Training Group Headquarters (NTG HQ) Quality Control with collaboration from the Learning Support Centre (LSC), the apps mark a significant shift in how learning may be approached across the fleet.

Current offerings include: CAF Ranks; Collision Regulations; Night Lights Recognition; Damage Control; Ship Fire Systems; Ship Silhouette Recognition; Signal Flags and Pennants; and Signal Flags Canvas. The apps interactively reinforce key RCN knowledge areas through repetition, randomized scenarios, and recognizable visuals —all in a format easy for sailors to navigate.

According to Chief Petty Officer Second Class (CPO2) Michael Schultz, Naval Communicator & Steward Training Manager, the tools have been extremely well-received by sailors.

"The response has been incredibly positive so

far," he said. "Learners are often able to access and take advantage of app-based learning easier than traditional methods." Other notable benefits of the digital training include: improved accessibility; ability to learn on-the-go; and the opportunity to engage in some friendly competition.

To test app and sailor engagement, NTG HQ launched a recognition challenge in February centered on the Signal Flags and Pennants app. With over 150 entries submitted by RCN sailors across both Canadian coasts and Naval Reserve Divisions, the challenge greatly exceeded expectations. S1 Victor Petrusevici of HMCS *Vancouver* was the top performer, completing the challenge with a flawless score in only 56 seconds.

"Our sailors are motivated and competitive, and these apps have the innate ability to tap into that," noted CPO2 Schultz. While only eight apps currently exist within the digital training suite, plans are confirmed to develop more in the future. Though upcoming offerings are likely to focus on Sonar Operations training, RCN sailors are also encouraged to submit Learning Support Requests for other app ideas through https://ntglsc.pages.dev.

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HMCS Regina Observes Change of Command at Sea with Sailors and Families Aboard

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HMCS Regina

On May 23, HMCS Regina marked a leadership milestone with a Change of Command (CoC) ceremony held at sea.

Presided over by Commodore David Mazur, Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific (CANFLTPAC), the ceremony saw command pass from outgoing Commanding Officer (CO) Captain (Navy) Jeremy Samson to the incoming CO Commander (Cdr) Darren Sleen. Notably, the CoC also took place during a Family Day sail that united Regina's command and crew with their loved ones.

Promoted to his current rank during the ceremony,

Capt (Navy) Samson honoured the expertise and courage of the ship's company, expressing emotion over his departure. That sentiment resonated throughout members of the crew, many of whom described Capt (Navy) Samson as a sailor who understood the nuances of both commanding a warship and strong leadership.

Prior to his appointment aboard HMCS Regina, incoming CO Cdr Sleen served as CO of HMCS Venture, the Naval Officers Training Centre. Well reputed for his ability to foster community Cdr Sleen arrives aboard Regina with a strong track record of camaraderie-building and leadership.

Following the ceremony, both incoming and outgoing COs and their families gathered at the captain's cabin to symbolically pass the torch. In addition to recognizing the responsibilities that come with command, both leaders acknowledged and paid tribute to the ongoing sacrifices made by their loved ones.

As part of the Family Day sail that coincided with the CoC ceremony, sailors also got the opportunity to give loved ones a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse of naval life. The occasion saw crew members guiding loved ones through Regina, sharing both operational insight and stories of the extensive teamwork needed to maintain a mission ready vessel. The event not only strengthened

bonds between sailors and their families but highlighted the dedication and sacrifices that come with life at sea.

Both the day and ceremony concluded in classic naval tradition, with Capt(Navy) Samson transported ashore on a rigidhulled inflatable boat (RHIB) as the ship's company and their loved ones cheered proudly over a naval chapter well led.





"Both the day and ceremony concluded





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CFB Esquimalt NAVY RUN

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There's something powerful about moving with the community.

The 2025 CFB Esquimalt Navy Run officially hits pavement on June 21, and everyone is invited.

Family-oriented and known to be full of fun, the Navy Run is much more than a race—it's a long-awaited celebration of health, Defence team camaraderie, and community spirit. In addition to offering 10km, 5km, and virtual run options, and a kids' fun run, the 2025 Navy Run also includes:

- Live music performed by the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN)
- Free childminding services
- Exciting giveaways and vendor booths
- Cheer stations and DIY posters
- Refreshments
- Family-friendly photo booths

Whether you choose to run, walk, or cheer, the Navy Run is meant for you. The event is also open to all ages, abilities, fitness levels, and members of the public and Defence community.

Online registration for the 2025 event is now closed, however, late registration is still available in person during our Race Package pick up times, which are listed on the website - navyrunesquimalt. com or contact recreationcpac@forces.gc.ca. We can't wait to see

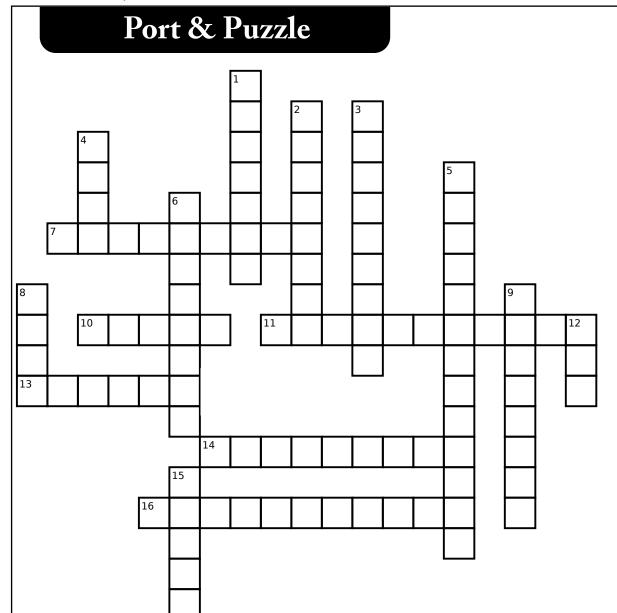
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Every month, we'll serve up a new word game (or two) inspired by the West Coast, military life, and more. Anchors aweigh—and let the puzzling begin!

Clues

Across:

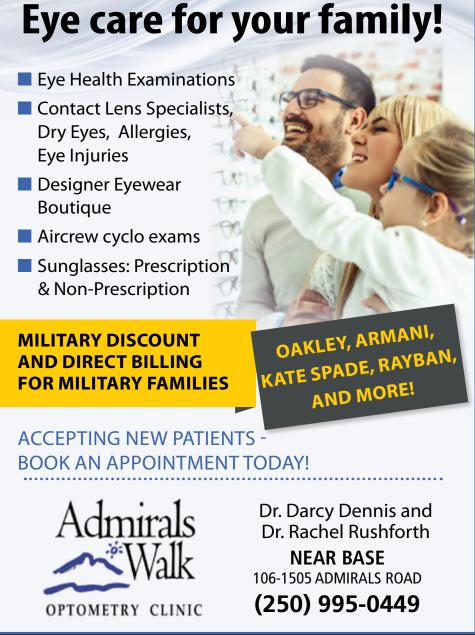
- Common naval phrase meaning well done
- 10. Totem pole material
- 11. First Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship
- Member of a ship's crew
- 14. Person responsible for ship's cargo
- 16. Term for retiring a ship

Down:

- Native tree of BC's coast
- Popular BC beverage (non-coffee)
- BC artist famous for nature paintings
- Animal often seen on base at CFB Esquimalt
- Military rank below Lieutenant(Navy)
- Historic navy cemetery in Esquimalt's common name
- Royal Canadian Navy ship prefix
- Senior NCO on board
- **Coastal weather condition**
- **Shore-based naval structure**

Answers on page 12





Over 140 Locals Ride through Rain in Annual Navy Bike Ride

Archana Cini

Lookout Newspaper

No sun? No problem. Rain couldn't slow the momentum as over 140 cyclists hit the trail for the 2025 CFB Esquimalt Navy Bike Ride (NBR) on May 21.

A blur of navy against grey sky, riders pedaled through either an 18-or 36-kilometre route that linked five local communities (Esquimalt, Victoria, Saanich, View Royal, and Songhees Nation) together via the Galloping Goose Trail and Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E&N) Rail Trail. The event began with a much-anticipated Kids' Rodeo that set the tone for an inspiring day on wheels.

Founded in 2016, the NBR primarily began as a means to unite Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) members, veterans, and civilians across the country in support of health, fitness, and community. As participation grew, so did the annual event's ability to generate meaningful impact.

The NBR functions as a national movement, with regional cycling events hosted across the country. 2025's ride represents more than cycling and community-building—it's about making a real difference. All funds raised by cyclists this year will support the Navalis Foundation, Support Our Troops, and Soldier On, organizations dedicated to the holistic well-being of Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) sailors and their families.

Behind the scenes, organizing the CFB Esquimalt in-person NBR event took months of commitment. Matt Carlson, CFB Esquimalt Projects Officer and local NBR Director, was struck by the dedication of the volunteers involved.

"My favourite part was working extensively with our CFB Esquimalt NBR Committee, which grew considerably this year," he said. "Our members contributed greatly to the overall success of the event." The growing team brought fresh ideas to life for 2025's ride, including rider supports like free coffee and snacks, a secure bike valet, and local vendor booths all contributing to the event's success.

"While the rain did pour down on all of us for the entire event, 87 per cent of our registrants were out riding. It spoke volumes," said Carlson. "I observed so many smiling faces."

Though 2025's Ottawa and Halifax NBR events are still on the horizon, Esquimalt's ride stood as proof that passion and purpose shines through—even in the rain.

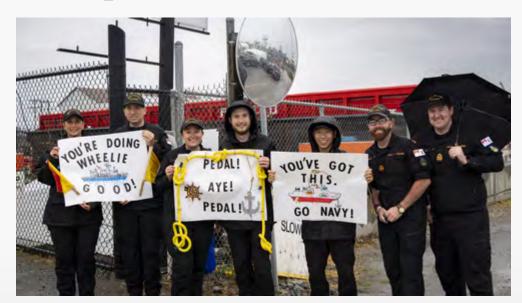


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2025 Canadian **Forces Housing Differential Rate Updates Now Live**

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Updated Canadian Forces Housing Differential (CFHD) rates for 2025 are now approved and will come into effect on July 1.

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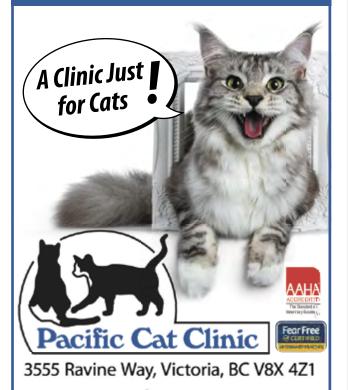


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24-001	Multitool1	24-068	Pants1	24-127	Earbud1
24-002	Lighter1	24-069	Hoodie1	24-127	Cellphone1
24-003		24-009		24-120	•
	Can, Aerosol1		Fleece Top1		E-Goggle1
24-005	Can, Aerosol1	24-071	Purse1	24-130	Duct Tape1
24-006	Plant Grinder1	24-072	Pants, Track1	24-131	Rachet Wrench1
24-007	Rolling Papers1	24-073	Jacket, Track1	24-132	Tablet1
24-008	Case, Plastic1	24-074	T-shirt, Cropped1	24-133	Knife1
24-009	Knife1	24-075	Ring, Gold1	24-134	Call Box1
24-011	Cable, Black1	24-076	Pants1	24-135	Beard/Hair Trimmer1
24-017	Plant Grinder1	24-077	Vapourizer1	24-136	Knife1
24-018	Radio, Portable1	24-078	Various Clothing1	24-137	Virtual Reality Headset1
24-019	Backpack1	24-079	Knife1	24-138	Headset1
24-021	Hammer1	24-080	Bicycle, Men's1	24-139	Drone1
24-022	Magnifying Glass1	24-081	Bicycle, Men's1	24-140	Purse1
24-023	Screwdriver1	24-082	Tools1	24-141	Controller1
24-024	Hatchet1	24-083	Connectors1	24-144	Lighters, Assorted1
24-025	Tape measure1	24-084	Rachet Strap1	24-145	Lockbox1
24-026	Pliers1	24-085	Gloves1	24-146	Knives1
24-027	Ashtray1	24-086	Tow Lights1	24-147	Breadknife1
24-028	Tape1	24-087	Para Cord1	24-148	Cleaver1
24-029	Metal Bar1	24-088	Tire Repair Kit1	24-149	Flashlight / Glove1
24-030	Chalkline1	24-089	Shrink Tubing1	24-150	Knife1
24-031	Tire Fix Kit1	24-090	Carrying Case1	24-151	Knife1
24-032	Knife1	24-091	Cables1	24-152	Gate Latch1
24-033	Knife1	24-092	Bike Lock1	24-153	Jeans1
24-034	Glove1	24-093	Bike Lock1	24-154	E-Lock1
24-035	Spatula1	24-094	Bike Lock1	24-155	Boots1
24-036	Knife1	24-095	Bike Lock1	24-156	Rifle Mount1
24-037	Box of Painter Supplies1	24-096	Bike Lock1	24-157	Camera1
24-038	Steering Wheel Airbag1	24-097	Bike Lock1	24-158	Veh Winch1
24-039	Sweater, Hooded1	24-098	Bike Lock1	24-159	Screwdriver Bits1
24-040	Shorts / Running Shoes1	24-099	Gym Bag1	24-160	Blueray Player1
24-040		24-100	Shoes1	24-161	Crowbar1
	Nails for Nailgun1	24-100	Headphones1		
24-042 24-043	Knife1	24-101		24-162	Wire Cutter1
	Knife, Plastic9		Flannel Top1	24-163	Bicycle Pump1
24-044	Gloves1	24-103	Power Bank1	24-164	Items, Assorted (scissors,
24-045	Pliers1	24-104	Receiver1	0/ 105	rope, headlamps, etc)1
24-046	Sharpie Marker1	24-105	E-Device Wire1	24-165	Duffle Bag1
24-047	Flashlight1	24-106	Purse1	24-166	Boat Hook1
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24-049	Designer Bag1	24-108	Ring, Men's1	24-168	Screwdriver1
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24-052	Flashlight/Utility Tool1	24-111	Wallet with Contents1	24-171	Knives4
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24-055	Charger/Speaker1	24-114	Keys1	24-175	E-Scooter1
24-056	Glasses, Kit1	24-115	Wallet1	24-176	Ballcap1
24-057	Emergency Kit1	24-116	Barbell Strap1	24-177	Helmet1
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		24-118	Stapler1	1	

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Yoga on the Lawn Returns for DND Employees

Consolidated by Archana Cini

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Looking for an easy midweek reset that supports your health and well-being? *Yoga on the Lawn* is officially back for its fourth season at CFB Esquimalt, offering all Dockyard-cleared Defence Team members with the opportunity to recharge under the sky.

Hosted by Personnel Support Programs (PSP) Fitness and the Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC) Health and Wellness Strategy, *Yoga on the Lawn* is available until the end of August. The class is free, requires no registration, and is held every Wednesday on the Admiral's Lawn from 1205 to 1250 hrs. With experienced and certified instruction and yoga mats available for use, all participants are required to bring is water, sun protection, and weather-appropriate clothing.

Yoga on the Lawn welcomes all levels of experience, with both flexible instruction and optional progressions available for those seeking more challenge. Each session is also dynamic, and blends a variety of postures from Hatha, Vinyasa, Flow, and Yin forms of yoga.

To Alli Jones, Health Promotion Specialist, Yoga on the Lawn also fosters meaningful connection among DND members.

"Old co-workers have reconnected, and many bring a friend," Jones said. "People often say it's the best part of their week. It is such a privilege to guide others in movement and breath."

Yoga on the Lawn sessions provides an opportunity for all to prioritize their health and wellness each Wednesday this summer.



Members of the local Defence community enjoying the sun and participating in Yoga on the Lawn on June 4 at Admiral's Lawn, CFB Esquimalt. Photo: Alli Jones



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