

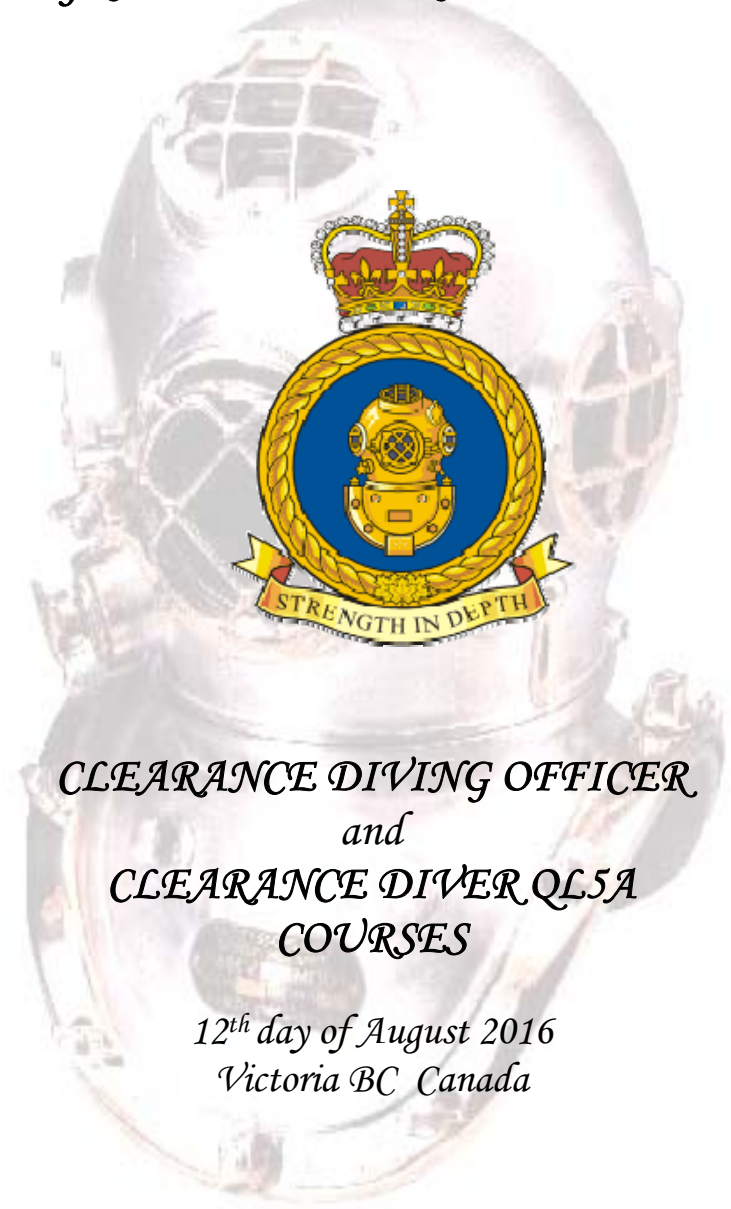


Strength in Depth



Reception at FDU(P) All Ranks Mess

*FLEET DIVING UNIT (PACIFIC)
GRADUATION CEREMONY 2016*



*CLEARANCE DIVING OFFICER
and
CLEARANCE DIVER QL5A
COURSES*

*12th day of August 2016
Victoria BC Canada*

Graduating Class of 2016

CLEARANCE DIVING OFFICER COURSE 0012

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

CLEARANCE DIVER QL5A COURSE 0010

LS Ethan M. DeKraker
LS David N. Divers
LS Evan S. Gilbert
LS Patrick M. MacAvoy
LS Bradley J. Northrup
LS Chad A. Wilson

CLEARANCE DIVER ALUMNI PRESENTERS

<i>LCDR (Retired) Tom Essery</i>	<i>1957-1994</i>
<i>LCDR (Retired) Allan McRae</i>	<i>1948-1975</i>
<i>LT(N) (Retired) Ed Pahl</i>	<i>1962-1991</i>
<i>LT(N) (Retired) Ray Smith</i>	<i>1955-1999</i>
<i>LCDR (Retired) Tim Flath</i>	<i>1986-2008</i>
<i>CPO1 (Retired) Milt Skaalrud</i>	<i>1962-1984</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Brian Clarke</i>	<i>1986-2013</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Joe Lodge</i>	<i>1957-1980</i>
<i>CPO2 (Retired) Charlie Savard</i>	<i>1985-2013</i>
<i>PO1 (Retired) Wade Smith</i>	<i>1991-2015</i>
<i>PO1 (Retired) Jordie Walsh</i>	<i>1976-2002</i>
<i>PO2 (Retired) Tony Falletta</i>	<i>1971-2002</i>
<i>LS (Retired) Bob Ganner</i>	<i>1963-1978</i>

School. He took part in two operations, OP SAIIPH and OP ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR and has represented Team Atlantic at CAF National Championships in both hockey and ball hockey on several occasions, where he was awarded to the all-star team as one of the top defenseman in the CF. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course in 2011 and has worked towards this day ever since. His beautiful wife Laura moved to Victoria to love and support him through the ups and downs of the past year. He would like to thank all his family and friends for all their support and his late uncle Brian for all his guidance in "military life". He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.

"Impossible is nothing..."

Leading Seaman Wilson

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



Leading Seaman MacAvoy

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



"Dare to be Great"

Leading Seaman Northrup

Bradley Northrup was born in Saint John NB and raised in Sussex NB by Bruce and Kimberly Northrup. They also graced him with a younger sister, Jessica. He joined the Navy in 2005 as a Naval Weapons Technician. He completed the electro-mechanical engineering tech program at the Marine Institute of Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. He was then posted to Halifax NS where he served onboard several ships and was an instructor at the Canadian Forces Naval Engineering



Sequence of Events

- 1045 Guests are Seated
- 1110 Parade Falls In
- 1115 Inspection of Ranks by Reviewing Officer
- 1130 Prayers - French - Padre Lt(N) Shiya Janzen, and
- English - Reverend Barry Lavine
- 1135 Promotions, Presentation of "Dolphins" and Awards

Overall Top Clearance Diving Officer Student Award

Lt(N) Charles "Charley" Doyle Memorial Award.

Overall Top Clearance Diver QL5A Student Award

Established by CPO2 (Retired) Joe Lodge to the top overall QL5A student.

Academic Achievement Award - Stephan Flynn Memorial Award

On 3 Nov 1988, during routine Clearance Diver training at FDU(A), Shearwater, NS, LS Stephan Flynn was conducting a DSSCCD Rebreather dive between Lawlor's Is and Wreck Cove, McNabs Island NS. Upon completing a dive for 23 minutes at 25 ft LS Flynn and his partner surfaced at 1114. His partner was hoisted into the boat and when the crew turned to assist Stephan he had slipped beneath the surface. An immediate search was conducted and Stephan was found on the bottom with vital signs absent at 1632, 4 November 1988. He never recovered. This trophy is honourably presented in his memory - "Lest We Forget".

Superior Athletic Award

Joseph Lucien Gilles Dechamplain Memorial Award.

On 10 Feb 1983, during initial Clearance Diver training at FDU(P), Cpl Gilles "Snowball" Dechamplain was diving an oxygen configured CDBA rebreather off Albert Head, conducting compass training. One hour into the dive, Cpl Dechamplain signalled distress to his buddy. The pair made an emergency ascent. Upon surfacing, Cpl Dechamplain's weights were slipped. While ditching his own set, the other diver submerged briefly. Upon surfacing, Snowball's partner saw the marker float disappear beneath the surface. Cpl Dechamplain's body was never recovered. This trophy is named in his memory - "Lest We Forget".

REVIEWING OFFICER

Captain (Navy) J. Clarke, CD
Commander Maritime Operations Group Four
Commander Canadian Submarine Force



Captain (Navy) James Clarke, a native of Sarnia Ontario, joined the Canadian Forces (CF) in 1987 under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Receiving his commission upon graduation from university, he completed initial training in Victoria, British Columbia and joined the fleet in Halifax in 1989.

Capt(N) Clarke qualified as a Bridge Watchkeeping Officer in HMCS ATHABASKAN during her deployment to the Persian Gulf for Operation FRUITION, Canada's naval contribution to the first Gulf War. Immediately on return to Halifax, he completed the Destroyer Navigating Officer course and was appointed as the Navigating Officer in HMC Ships MARGAREE and SASKATCHEWAN ~ It was during this appointment that he saw the light and volunteered for the Submarine Service. On completion of the Submarine Officers Training Course, he joined HMCS OKANAGAN, earning his "dolphins". On completion of this important milestone, he became OKANAGAN's Navigating Officer. Jan 1996, he was posted as the Submarine Warfare Training Officer at the CF Naval Operations School in Halifax, he completed the Submarine Weapons and Operations course ~ Graduating as Top Student in Jan 1997, he was appointed as the Operations Officer of HMCS OJIBWA. During this appointment, Cap(N) Clarke was selected to attend the University of New Brunswick,

Graduating in the summer of 1999, his thesis entitled "A Proposed Submarine Electronic Chart Display and Information System" was used during development of a submarine specific electronic navigation system used in several allied submarine fleets around the world today. After graduation, Capt(N) Clarke was appointed as the Operations Officer of HMCS WINDSOR and while under training in the United Kingdom was selected to attend the Operations Room Officer course ~ Awarded the Captain J. Eric W. Oland and Captain Richard H. Oland Memorial Award upon graduating and was subsequently appointed as Executive

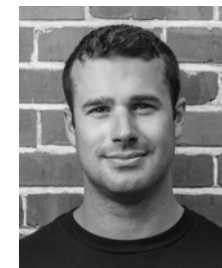
Leading Seaman Divers

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



Leading Seaman Gilbert

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



Lieutenant-Navy Sinclair

Matthew Sinclair was born Feb 24th, 1979 to Bruce and Pamela Sinclair in Kitchener Ontario. He has a sister, Sarah, and brother Iain. He completed high school in St. Albert AB, and in 2003 completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in History and Political Science from Mount Allison University in Sackville NB. Following that he completed a College Diploma in Carpentry from Algonquin College in Perth, Ontario in 2005. He commenced his naval career in 2006, completed MARS training 2008, sailed in HMCSs ATHABASKAN and ALGONQUIN earning his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in 2010, Ships Team Diver qualification in May 2010 and Naval Officer Professional Qualification in 2011. He was employed as a MARS course instructor at the Naval Officer Training Centre VENTURE until commencement of the CLDO course last year. He would like to give thanks and recognize the unwavering love and support of his lovely wife Danielle and sons James, Joseph and new baby Benjamin, throughout this challenging and most rewarding year. He is now posted to FDU(P) and will remain in Esquimalt, BC.



Leading Seaman DeKraker

Ethan Michael DeKraker was born on the 1st of March 1991, in St Thomas ON, to Peter and Sherry DeKraker. The eldest of three children, he has a brother Caleb and a sister Kiley. In 2008 he joined the naval reserve unit HMCS PREVOST, in London ON as a naval communicator. In 2010 he moved to Halifax NS and proceeded to sail aboard every MCDV in the East Coast Fleet. He completed his Ship's Team Diver course in the fall in 2012. He submitted his Voluntary Occupational Transfer for Clearance Diver and passed the Assessment Center in June of 2015. He extends many thanks to his family and friends for their support during the past year. He is now posted to FDU(A) in Halifax, NS.



Officer of HMCS VICTORIA. During this time, he saw the submarine undergo "Canadianization" and transfer from Canada's Atlantic Fleet to Maritime Forces Pacific. Fall 2003, he became the first Canadian and only second foreign student on the United States Navy's Submarine Perspective Commanding Officer's course. By Fall 2004, he became the first Canadian to attend the Norwegian Submarine Command Course. He was fortunate to enjoy an extended, split command tour that saw him command both HMCS VICTORIA and CORNER BROOK.

After completion of the Joint Command and Staff program, and appointed as the Commander of Submarine Division in Halifax while concurrently fulfilling the duties as Commander Submarine Sea Training. He enjoyed a tremendously busy appointment as the Commanding Officer of HMCS ST. JOHN'S, a tour that included two counter-narcotic missions in the Caribbean, a patrol in the Canadian Arctic as well as participation in exercises in Europe and on the US Eastern Seaboard.

After eighteen busy and exciting months aboard ST. JOHN'S, he completed second language training and was subsequently promoted and appointed to Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters as Assistant Chief of Staff Operations as well as the Director of the Canadian Submarine Force.

Captain (Navy) Clarke is a 2008 graduate of the Canadian Forces College and along with that diploma holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Western Ontario where he majored in mathematics and graduate degrees from the University of New Brunswick (engineering) and the Royal Military College of Canada (Defence Studies).

GRADUATES

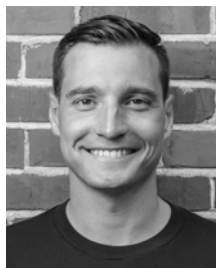
Lieutenant-Navy Humphries

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



Lieutenant-Navy Johnson

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



Lieutenant-Navy MacLeod

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



Lieutenant-Navy McNaughton

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

