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A LETTER TO OUR VETERANS

I went to a funeral last week for a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander. He had been a Gunnery Instructor – got commissioned from the ranks and we served together in TARANAKI – he the Gunnery Officer – me a Midshipman under training.

My experiences on that day caused me to ask, then think about, two questions; which I think are especially relevant to our Veterans.

I visited him in hospital a couple of days before he died. The last time I had seen him was about 20 years ago. Apart from a very short telephone conversation last year we had had no contact in all that time.

As was to be expected the funeral was a sad affair – but many good things were said about the dead man. This process – a critical part of the grieving process, prompts the question, ‘Why do we often honour people only in their death and not in their life?’ – and that is the first question.

However, the funeral did have a significant Navy component – and it turned out to be a sort of Gunners’ reunion. I met my first RNZN Gunnery Instructor – from 1969 - men I had served with at sea as I moved through the rank structure. Men, with whom my life had become entwined through shared ships, shared shipmates – and shared experiences.

Men with whom I had shared physical and emotional experiences – and many of them were retired senior ratings – a few, retired officers.

As we relived our time together – and spoke about what had happened in the years since we had moved on our separate and different paths – I asked some of them ‘Why do we only meet at funerals?’ – and this is the second question.

In this year, designated the year of the Veteran, these are questions deserving special consideration.

They are also relevant to the Navy’s Core Value ‘Comradeship’ and whether it really does apply to everyone who serves in the Navy – yesterday’s Sailors, as well as today’s and tomorrow’s.

My belief is that the concept of ‘comradeship’ provides a bridge across the generations. It provides a means of making the stories and ‘salty dits’ of individual Sailors our stories. It enables us to weave them into the fabric that is the history of Our Navy. It enables us to honour our shipmates while they are still able to bask in our admiration and respect.

So, to give practical effect to the Value - and to give my answer to the questions – we should meet regularly. We should get together as men and women who have the shared experience of having served in the RNZN. And this is the important point for us to all consider – the common thread that joins us in the context I am writing about, the thing that makes us ‘unique’, is not service upon the sea, it is not service in a Navy, it is service in the RNZN – Te Taua Moana o Aotearoa.

And because I think this is important, I have been supporting the efforts being made to bring the RNZN Association and the ex-Royal Naval Men’s Association together – and I have been talking to our Second World War Sailors about meeting just once a year.

My suggestion to them has been that we meet once a year at the place we have all served at. That is the place that is the Home of the Navy – Te Kainga o Te Taua Moana – at the Naval Base.

There is an old saying ‘United we stand – divided we fall’ that can be changed to be made relevant to this letter:

‘United we tell the story of the Navy – divided we tell only our own story’.

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CPOMT(L) ‘Ivan’ Marusich (Greymouth)

CPO ‘Ivan’ Marusich was the senior electrician for the previous deployment; working with an Army corporal, he was responsible for all electrical maintenance and repairs within Kiwi Base and at the forward operating base. Electricians are critical to the functioning of the base, so only one of the pair could leave Kiwi Base at any one time. None-the-less, CPO Marusich managed to accompany several patrols to the outlying forward operating bases in Bamian province to assess the maintenance state and requirements for winterisation. Some tasks were quite challenging, because of distance and the acquisition of spares.

“Although this is a joint mission, 80% of personnel are Army, so practices and procedures tend to follow the Army way, but this isn’t to say the Navy don’t get their ways across. After all, Kiwi Base is just a Stone Frigate! Working with the Army had its moments - one particular incident caused concern for the Navy contingent when Army stated there was ‘No Duff’ and we thought that no desserts would be served - until we realised it was their way of saying ‘Safeguard’!

“The most memorable event during my time here was when there were two of us on sangar (guard duty) one night and several bursts of automatic fire erupted from across the airstrip to our immediate front. The tracers flying in our direction, up the side of the sangar and down the airfield certainly got our attention. It definitely did not take long to ‘armour up’ and action the GPMG. After standing the base to, the Quick Reaction Force determined it to be a ‘green on green’ (friendly non-coalition forces) contact, involving the Afghan National Police and an Afghan Army vehicle checkpoint. The incident occurred during the Afghan Election period when Kiwi Base was at its highest state of alert and certainly will stand out in many people’s memories from the tour.”

Other highlights of CPO Marusich’s tour include several designations as a patrol member including Patrol IC, 2IC and vehicle commander, “Conducting live CVA (counter vehicle ambush) drills is a massive buzz, it’s already a fairly intense physical evolution in this environment to complete, and it doesn’t help when the altitude is working against you”.

Afghanistan’s landscape and its people have left a lasting impression, “The people are hard workers and definitely want peace and the infrastructure rebuilt. Obviously there are a minority who are against this process and are trying their best to disrupt it.

“I’m definitely glad I was able to be part of this deployment. I’ve enjoyed my time in Afghanistan and the operations we’ve conducted. There are some amazing historical sites here, from the Mongol invasion, to recent ones with the remnants of the Soviet and Taliban regimes. I’m glad to get home to the comforts of NZ, but it wouldn’t worry me if the tour had been longer”.

CPOHST Stuart McQueen (Invercargill)

CPO McQueen’s role in the NZPRT was running the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) cell, which is part of the S2 (Intelligence) Section. A land-based operation is certainly different from hydrographic surveying but the transition did not pose any real problems for him. The GIS Cell supplies maps to the Kiwi patrols, Non-Government Aid agencies, Afghan National Police and Afghan Army. The job is constantly busy, as information needs to be continually updated. One of CPO McQueen’s major projects has been to create an EOD (explosive ordnance device) database to keep track of all explosive ammunition and other devices that had been located and/or destroyed. “Overall the equipment available here is good which has made my job a lot easier and I’ve had the opportunity to get out into Bamian [province] a fair bit”.

Highlights for CPO McQueen included being there at the time of the Afghan elections. This was an extremely busy period as the demand for maps was at a peak. He also accompanied the S2 (intelligence officer) to conduct interviews with the local Afghan Police Chief and gather intelligence. The need

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to update geographical information has also led him to go to some of the outlying parts of Bamian province to conduct reconnaissance on roads and bridges, which has given him an opportunity to see much of the country. On several occasions CPO McQueen was also a driver for visiting VIPs, which was another highlight.

“It’s been a good tour overall…it’s the first time I’ve worked with the Army and I’ve had to learn to give and take to conform to their way of doing things. I’m pleased to be home but it was OK over there”.

ACO Lucian Mercier (Wellington)

ACO Mercier worked in the command post of Kiwi Base, at the hub of activities in Bamian, for most of his time in Afghanistan. He also had the chance to serve outside of Kiwi Base when he accompanied a patrol as their signaller to the Panjaw region of western Bamian province, during the period of the Afghan national elections.

Working with the Army in a joint mission hasn’t posed any real difficulties, as his skills as a communications operator are readily transferable and the services’ systems are fairly compatible. The only major difference has been in using the Army’s radio equipment, but pre-deployment training was thorough and prepared him well prior to beginning his job in Afghanistan.

A major highlight for ACO Mercier was the opportunity to take part in an International Day festival at the Bagram Air Force Base, as part of the New Zealand contingent’s Kapa Haka party. He has also taken part in weapons training and communications training with the Afghan National Police in Panjaw, where he taught them how to use Motorola radios through the use of an interpreter.

“Being in Afghanistan has opened my mind up about different places. Afghanistan has a lot of potential if the peace can continue, and scenery-wise it’s really awesome. It’s been a good experience deploying here.”

CPOWTR Andrew Erridge (Tapanui)

CPO Erridge was the S1 (personnel administrator) for the Kiwi contingent, administering 122 personnel in Bamian and Bagram, and he was also the Chief Fire Officer for Kiwi Base. Learning some of the differences in the way the Navy and Army administer personnel reports and pay was one of the biggest challenges, but otherwise working in a joint environment hasn’t posed any major problems. “Surprisingly the workload on this deployment has probably been less than that on a ship, as the contingent has a separate S9 (Financial Officer), which has taken some of the workload away from me”.

The S1 is part of the group that meets every incoming aircraft landing at Bamian airfield, organises the huge pile of mail that accumulates before each flight and he also acted as the contingent’s electoral officer for the New Zealand elections in September.

Some of the highlights of being deployed in Afghanistan have included fighting a fire in the local Bamian bazaar, assisting the Explosive Ordnance Detachment in conducting several controlled explosions, conducting small arms shoots on the local range and assisting in making some major improvements to the fire fighting systems in Kiwi Base. He has also taken part in a patrol to Romero in the north of Bamian province and assisted in cleaning up a serious diesel spill from a tanker that rolled over into a local river.

“It’s good to have been part of the 6th deployment…Afghanistan is a beautiful and scenic country and it’s hard to understand how it’s had such a bad history. Most Afghans though, just want to get on with their lives and lead a peaceful existence”.

LCH Andrew Boyd (Napier)

LCH Boyd is the 2IC of the kitchen at Kiwi Base in Bamian, which has routines not much different from those of a ship’s galley. He has encountered no real difficulties in fitting into a joint service environment and feels he has “slotted in very
well with the Army guys and got on with the job without any worries”. The kitchen also employs some local Afghan workers, which has allowed him to learn about their culture first hand and whom he describes as a ‘great help’.

He has remained within Kiwi Base for most of the tour but got the opportunity to see some of other New Zealanders when he drove the Senior National Officer on a patrol to Romero. He also got to go to Band-e-Amir lakes, which is one of the most scenic areas of Bamian and well worth the visit.

The hardest part about being in Afghanistan was missing his wife and baby. Seeing Afghanistan though, has been a unique experience and he has particularly enjoyed being in a country that relatively few other New Zealanders will probably ever get to see. Other highlights include seeing how the American military operates at Bagram and “working with some really good people”.

ACH Bradley (‘Harry’) Harris (Oamaru)

ACH Harris was also a member of the kitchen team at Kiwi Base. “Working with the Army has been good and I’ve found the Army from the start was very supportive to the personnel from the other Services and making them feel part of the team.

Pre-deployment training was excellent and we came together as a contingent very early on”.

As well as working in Kiwi Base, ACH Harris has been part of a patrol into the Yakawlang (southern) region of the province and has visited Band-e-Amir lakes. He has also visited Bagram, which he describes as a highlight, “being a very different scene from Bamian”.

ACH Harris has also served on the welfare committee for their deployment and assisted in organising several social events. He obtained some soccer jerseys for a local Afghan soccer team through his father, who works as DB’s National Logistics Manager. Establishing a relationship by playing soccer was one of the ways the contingent built rapport with the local population and it has sponsored several local clubs with clothing and sports equipment.

“The trip’s been an enjoyable one and it’s not a place I’ll forget in a hurry”.

[WO Grootjans was also on this deployment but as a Patrol 2IC he was absent from Kiwi Base for much of the time and unable to be interviewed by S/Sgt Rowe before his return to NZ.]

**THE NAVY’S PART IN NZDF PEACEKEEPING**

When 2006 began, 221 NZDF personnel, including 21 naval personnel, were deployed overseas on duty in 21 countries. MGEN Lou Gardiner COMJFNZ said that while it is always hard to be away from friends and family at Christmas-time, the 221 personnel overseas as 2006 began can be proud of their contribution to peace and security operations around the world.

“I’m deeply appreciative of the contribution our personnel are making to New Zealand’s international reputation, deployed to all corners of the globe. I’m also appreciative of the support our deployed personnel receive from their families and friends. Their continued backing plays a significant role in the success the Defence Force attains while we’re serving overseas”.

**CURRENT DEPLOYMENTS**

94 personnel form the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) and provide security and reconstruction in the in the province of Bamian. There are an additional 14 personnel within Afghanistan providing support to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, and training to the Afghan National Army.

The deployed naval personnel are:

- **AFGHANISTAN:**
  - 4 personnel within Afghanistan providing support to the NZPRT, the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, and training to the Afghan National Army.

**THE NAVY TEAM CURRENTLY IN AFGHANISTAN**

- CPO Lusis (F)
- LT P McKenzie (E)
- CPOWT Matheson (D)
- WODR Cairns (C)
- CPO Matheson (E)
- CPO Luis (F)
- LCA Miller (G)
- ACO OBrien (H)
- CDR A M Patterson
- ABCH Van De Vliet
- ACH Te Pairi
- ACH Harris
- ABCH Bradley
- ABCH Van De Vliet
- AMT2 Gibbs
- ACO Roderick

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**MIDDLE EAST:** LCH Coffey

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**KOREA:** UNMAC A/LTCDR K Gill

**SUDAN:** UNMIS LTCDR R J Mills RNZNVR

The NZDF has commitments to a number of other UN missions around the world, including:

- **IRAQ:** One officer with the United Nations Liaison Advisor.
- **SOLOMON ISLANDS:** One officer is serving as a Regional Assistance Mission in the Solomon Islands (RAMSI), based in Honiara. An infantry platoon has just deployed to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) as a Liaison Advisor.
- **KOSOVO:** One officer with the United Nations staff in Pristina.

**BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA:** Three officers and another 8 personnel in Prijedor as part of the European Union Force in Banja Luka.

**EGYPT:** 26 personnel are serving with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Egypt.

**OTHER MISSIONS**

**ANTARCTICA:** 20 NZDF personnel were deployed to the continent for air transport, logistics and personnel support during the summer months. The Naval Air Squadron, based at McMurdo, supported the mission.

- CPOCH Anderson
- AMT2 Gibbs
- ACO Roderick

**LMT Wattana ASEA Turner**

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  - UNTSO.
  - LTCDR G Hill

- **MIDDLE EAST:**
  - LCH Coffey

- **TIMOR LESTE:**
  - Four officers are deployed to Dili providing support to the United Nations as well as providing training assistance to the Timor Leste Defence Force.
  - LTCDR W B Burton

- **KOREA:**
  - UNMAC
  - A/LTCDR K Gill

- **SUDAN:**
  - UNMIS
  - LTCDR R J Mills RNZNVR

The NZDF is also based at Scott Base and McMurdo providing support during the summer months. The Naval personnel were:

- CPOCH Anderson
- LMT Wattam
- AMT2 Gibbs
- ASEA Turner (VR)
- ACO Roderick

**THE NAVY’S PART IN NZDF PEACEKEEPING**

The Chief Petty Officers of NZPRT 6 stand on the summit of the aptly named “PT Hill” after ascending it in full battle gear. (left to right): CPO Stuart McQueen, CPO Andrew Erridge and CPO Doug ‘Ivan’ Marusich. The extra 35 kgs certainly slowed them to a crawl.
The Chief of Defence Force, AM Bruce Ferguson OBE, AFC was the Reviewing Officer, with the Chief of Navy, RA David Ledson ONZM, as the host. For CDF this was his final parade with the Navy before he retires in April this year. During Divisions, at which nearly 700 officers and ratings were on parade, CN awarded two fleet trophies:

- the CHATHAM Rose Bowl for the most efficient Fleet unit overall to TE KAHA
- the CDR W L J Smith Trophy for Support Force Excellence to MANAWANUI

The Maritime Component Commander, CDRE J R Steer ONZM, RNZN and the Deputy Chief of Navy, CDRE D V Anson ADC, RNZN, changed Commands in a Change of Command Ceremony. As part of that ceremony, DCN was presented with his symbol of command, which is an historic dress sword previously worn by CAPT A Boyle RN, a New Zealander who served in the RN and spent most of WWI at sea in HMS NEW ZEALAND. The new MCC was presented with his symbol of command, a Boarding Sword.

WOSA Roberts, the new Warrant Officer of the Navy, was presented with his Badge of Office and the outgoing WON, WOWT P A Rennie, MNZM, was given a Commendation by the Chief of Navy, before making his farewell remarks to the Navy.

The Maori Cultural Advisor to the Chief of Navy, CPOCSS M Pirikahu, was also presented to the parade and given his badge of office. Divisions concluded with a march past by the five companies on parade, before they conducted a very smart Advance in Review Order and General Salute to CDF.
1 CDF talks to AMT Stephen Hunter.
2 CPOCSS Mark Pirikahu is interviewed for T.V.
3 WO Paul Rennie (l) hands over to WO Neil Roberts (r).

4 CDRE Steer (l) and CDRE Anson (r).
5 The CDR WLJ Smith Trophy is presented to the CO of MANAWANUI.
6 The CHATHAM Rose Bowl is presented to the CO of TE KAHA.
I have to say I was somewhat less proud of the equipment that the NZDF had in the late ’80s and the ’90s, and that I think it was a product of difficult economic times. The equipment that they were given was aging and NZ was unable to keep up with the demands of a modern defence force, while the Defence Force was working in some very difficult and challenging environments.

That is the situation we faced when becoming government; what we could do to ensure we did have a well-equipped as well as a well-trained Defence Force. There just wasn’t money to do everything. That’s why the decision to focus our resources was an important decision to make.

I had a discussion with Paul Wolfowitz, in Washington, before he had become [US] Assistant Secretary of Defence, and I went through this argument with him – and he was in full agreement. He said, you have limited resources, you focus those resources and focus them in a way that you can develop capacities that you can carry out really well.

I think we do that – I went to look at Exercise Silver Warrior and it was great to see our people out in the field, with the light armoured vehicles and the light operational vehicles, that are as good as the equipment anywhere else around the world. And that was also part of the positive feedback I got when I welcomed the SAS [contingent] home [late last year] because I was interested in how the Pinzgauers had gone for them. When I was over there last they had the Humvees, but actually they were full of praise for how the Pinzgauers had operated in the field.

I’m looking forward to the Navy having a very much larger fleet of ships with seven new vessels being commissioned in the next two years, the changes that we’re making in upgrading our Air Force – the new helicopters, NH90s, will be a huge boost when we get them (although I admit to a certain nostalgia for the Iroquois, for the times that I’ve spent flying in them in different parts of the world!).

Equipment is an ongoing challenge, but we do have the long-term development plan, and we can see where we are going in
that area. And when we’ve got there, there will be a new plan in place that sets out what we have to do, because things don’t stand still; we have to keep adapting and making sure that we are equipped in the way that we should be.

Good equipment is one of the factors that can build up morale and encourage recruitment of people into the Services, because if you put someone into a job and they’re dealing with antiquated and inadequate equipment, then they can never be fully happy about what they’re doing. Reasonable wages and working conditions are another factor, and I’m quite pleased that in our term in government we have been able to lift wages each year for our Service personnel, and that is critically important if we are to retain and recruit people in a very tight labour market. With [only] 3.4% unemployment, people are in high demand, especially in the trade skills areas.

Recruitment and retention has certainly been the challenge of recent times. You’ve got [to continue] recruiting and maintaining at the level you want to and also for the quality that you need, because demands on the quality of the NZDF keep going up.

Every country in the world is finding that. They’ve looked at numbers and they’ve said, well, numbers aren’t enough. They are looking at improving their technological and professional capacities.

**The Hon Mark Burton, MP looks back**

At the end of six years as your Minister I leave the position with a very real sense of regret and an enduring respect for the men and women I have come to know who are the modern NZDF. I am very proud to have been the Defence Minister who oversaw the systematic effort to rebuild our Defence Force into an effective modern force. This culminated in last year’s $4.6 billion funding boost.

By the end of the ten-year funding package, the government will have increased NZDF baseline funding by 51 per cent, and carried out numerous critical capital acquisitions. At the “business end” this has meant the provision of up-to-date equipment across all three services, infrastructure modernisation, five pay rises over five years and increases in the numbers of personnel. It has been a very positive six years and I am sure that the momentum will continue.

I end my time as Minister without any doubt that it is the men and women of our defence forces who are its greatest asset. Around the world, our personnel are making a real impact on the lives of people and communities they engage with – working in demanding and often dangerous environments. The achievements of those in our defence forces are a source of pride for every New Zealander.

I count it a privilege to have served as your Minister for six years, and I wish you all the very best for an exciting future as the introduction of Project Protector vessels brings new challenges and opportunities to everyone in our Navy.

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I think there will be an ongoing focus on the need to improve the conflict resolution and peace-making and - keeping capacities within the international community.

Our focus will continue to be on the Pacific because that is our area of first responsibility. The Pacific presents a big challenge - whether it’s ethnic conflict or land ownership, whether its poverty – there are a lot of things that could go wrong in the Pacific. We are in a position to make a difference working closely with the Australian Defence Force, and across the board because it’s not just going to be defence forces [we need to] work in conjunction with Police, with NZAID, Corrections and Customs, so that you’ve got a ‘NZ Inc’ approach to helping a country achieve stability and security.

But we will look towards engaging increasingly in Asia, because what happens in the Asia-Pacific region is always going to be relevant to us, and has been for some time. Recently I was up in the DMZ [in Korea] with 17 Veterans, all in their 70s and 80s, and it was a chance to reflect then on the job that they’d done [in the Korean War].

We need to build our ability to be interoperable - in particular with the Australians. We don’t have to be the shadow of Australia, we don’t have to agree with Australia on everything, but in the larger picture we have shared strategic interests and our cooperation in the Pacific is important. The Solomon Islands has been a model for us, where we have made the decision collectively with the small countries in the Pacific and we have worked in partnership with the Aussies to a plan that was ac-
ceptible to the government and the people in that country, and work in cooperation with others so that it is a regional effort.

The Five Power Defence Arrangements are very important; it’s a fortunate feature of history that gives us a chance to engage more closely with our neighbours to the north of New Zealand. And I hope that also gives us an entrée to work more closely with some of the other countries of ASEAN, because we’re now part of the East Asia Summit, which gives us a new dimension in our relationship with both South-East Asia and North Asia. There is more I think that we’d want to do in terms of confidence-building in our relationships with others in the Asia-Pacific region. When I was in Korea [late last year] it was good to see just how much they appreciated the exercises we did with our P-3s in surveillance work. [We are] playing a slightly bigger role in terms of the UN Command now, with three officers there [in addition to] our Defence Attaché. So the FPDA is important in its own right, but important for the ripple effect and confidence-building in the region.

But always [the NZDF needs] a readiness to be deployed much wider than that, and obviously Afghanistan is critical to the campaign against terrorism. I will be taking a paper to Cabinet [this year] to consider whether we maintain a presence in Afghanistan and, if so, what form and in what numbers. We are committed to the provincial reconstruction programme in Afghanistan until September 2006; I personally feel that the Defence Force has done an excellent job there. I’ve been in Bamian once, and I’ve been with our SAS twice in Afghanistan and it’s a hugely difficult environment, and there are some huge problems to overcome, there is no easy or quick solution. But the presence we have had there has contributed towards the potential for a positive outcome.

THE DEFENCE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

The DSI will enable an increase in the size of the NZDF over the next five years, by 1200 additional people. The big challenge we have will be about recruiting in an ongoing, tight labour market, and ensuring that the training produces the quality of people that we need.

The final thing I want to say about that is that with the extra money we’ve put in with the DSI, it’s 4.6 billion over 10 years, it is a substantial fund, and I’m glad that I don’t have to go into each and every budget round and fight for it on a year by year basis. We have the ability to plan into the future that I don’t think Defence had, really, for quite some time. But we must ensure that we manage those resources in the most cost-effective and efficient way. That was the obligation we took on when we got the DSI. And that’s going to put new demands on the NZDF and I think Bruce Ferguson has begun very well to start to tackle those new demands. Operationally, the Defence Force has been superb and I will tell you [that] without hesitation.

What we have to do now is create that same level of excellence in the way we manage our resources. Across the world, defence forces generally don’t have the reputation of managing financial resources as well as other sections of the community, and I think we’re already ahead of other defence forces around the world, but we have to continue to strive to get excellence in the management, in particular the financial management and administrative responsibilities. So that is going to be a task the Ministry of Defence, the NZDF and I will have a heavy responsibility to carry out.
CHANGES OF COMMAND IN THE FLEET

By LTCDR Barbara Cassin, Naval PR Manager

Three separate ceremonies were held on 19 January at the Devonport Naval Base to mark the official change of Commanding Officers for HMNZ Ships TE KAHA, ENDEAVOUR and MANAWANUI.

The Change of Command Ceremony is deliberately formal and impressive - designed to strengthen respect for authority, which is vital to any military organisation. The Chief of Navy, RA David Ledson, reviewed each of the ceremonies.

For the Diving Support Ship MANAWANUI, LTCDR John Crighton (from Takapuna) relinquished command to LTCDR Mark Longstaff (from Devonport).

During the ceremony for ENDEAVOUR, CDR David Hedgley (of Devonport) relinquished command to CDR James Routledge (from Wellington).
INTERVIEW
WITH MALAYSIA’S CHIEF OF NAVY

During November the Chief of Navy of Malaysia, Admiral Datuk Ilyas Bin Hj Din visited New Zealand for discussions with our CN and a visit to the naval base at Devonport. While in Wellington he gave an interview with NT.

Admiral Datuk Ilyas told Navy Today that “there are a lot of similarities in the way in which the RNZN and the Malaysian Navy work” and that his visit was to see in what areas we could “share some learning.”

“When I spoke with RA Ledson I found there are a lot of challenges that he faces [which] are quite similar. So I have come here with a heavy focus on learning what the New Zealand Navy is trying to do. We have long ties between New Zealand and Malaysia, even from the old days before independence. So what I’m looking at, is how we can enhance our relationship between our navies.”

The Malaysian Navy’s quality programme

Since 1992, ADM Datuk Ilyas has been a proponent of a formal quality programme within the RMN; he is particularly interested in the RNZN Nx programme.

“In essence the quality journey in our two Services is quite similar, we are both focussed about delivering a good result, a quality product. I define that as ‘delighting the customer’. And that opens up an opportunity, I believe, where we could share some of our own experiences, like performance measurement, for example.

“Obviously the environment that we work in is much different. But what we are doing is [adopting] modern management tools, in order to make our Navy more versatile and to continue to provide the kind of services that are relevant to the changing environment today.

“But, probably because we (that is the military in general) are so dogmatic in the way that we look at things, our thinking is so structured that we do not adapt so fast. Maybe it’s the [military] kind of culture; I’m not sure in New Zealand, but certainly in our military culture changes really have got to come from the top. If the little things don’t change nothing will change. Our structure changes, but it can be quite frustrating at times… you’re talking about people, they are all set in their ways - all in their comfort zone.

“The naval cliché, I used to hear often: ‘If it doesn’t break down, don’t fix it.’ I say it doesn’t mean that you cannot do things better. And that’s how I first actually became very interested in these quality efforts. The other [factor] if you look at government expenditure; there are always competing needs. Finance is always scarce. Now, you’ve really got to stretch your dollar. How can we do this? By having better processes in place.

“Processes which I introduced included the Sigma programme for refitting our ships. In New Zealand there is something similar; you are always very concerned about things like output and what will be the eventual outcome.

“People can come round and tell that they are very efficient. Efficiency is one thing, but how effective are you? So these are the kind of things that I’m doing. It’s not only being efficient but you must be effective. I will give you an example. You know the military is very, very efficient in putting processes together. You must satisfy your customers. Whatever you do, that man must be happy. It’s not about your process, but about him being happy - you must continue to delight that customer. So this I think why I get very involved in this quality thing. I’ve been in 34 years and now I am given the position of clout, I want to make a difference!

“I believe if we can get all the processes together then all my people must be able to deliver ‘Readiness of the Fleet’.”

The new OPV project.

Malaysia is building six new OPVs, designed by Blohm+Voss of Germany. ADM Datuk Ilyas explained that the Malaysian government tied this programme to a contract with the local ship-builder Penang Ship Building Corporation, who are the prime contractor but closely aligned to Blohm + Voss and German industry’s Naval Group.

“The first two were actually built in Germany in Hamburg, but the ships were brought out and all the fitting out is being done in Malaysia. Subsequently
the other four are being built entirely in Malaysia. Now this scheme is part of our policy to achieve technological transfer. We faced a slight hiccup because the prime contractor ran into some financial mishaps. So there have been changes within the company and the delivery of the first two has been delayed. They were supposed to have been delivered to us at the end of 2004. We are looking at [accepting] the first ship in early 2006 [and] I remain very optimistic that we will get to see our first two at work around the first quarter in 2006.

MALAYSIA'S NEW OPVs

Displacement 1650 tonnes
full load
Length 91 m (299ft)
Beam 12m (39’)
Draught 3m (9.8’)
Armament:
1x176mm
1 x 30mm
2 x 12.7mm HMG
Main machinery:
2 x Caterpillar diesels, 10.9MW (14,600hp)
2 shafts CP propellers 22 knots
Range: 6,000nm @ 12 knots
Hangar and flight deck for 1 medium helicopter
Complement: 68

“Our frigates are full-fledged combatants and were delivered as complete ships. But in some aspects they are fitted ‘for but not with’. To give you an example, we can bring in things like missile systems. But [as a nation] we want to go into ship-building in a big way. So with the new OPVs we’ve bought a ship [that allows us] to learn from the German work force about their construction. We have some basic systems. However we hope to go further into it by adding on things… there is an opportunity for expansion so we hope that we can learn from it. Ship-building leads to a lot of related activity in-country - electronics and engineering industries.” ADM Datuk Ilyas explained that that was why the government has structured the OPV contract in that way”.

The Chief of Navy went on to explain that Malaysia’s sea areas extend over a large area: “So we need to keep our defences, our security and safety over a bigger area, therefore we need to have a more ‘blue-water’ capability - ocean-going ships. In the old days we were talking about 12 miles territorial sea, that is, within shouting [distance]. But now we are talking about a vast area, so you are talking about the suitability of ships – at sea for generally 21 days. And only a ship of the size and nature [of the OPV] could do the job for us”.

He explained that Malaysia now draws an increasing proportion of its wealth from the sea. “We are now an oil-exporting country. It may not be large but now we are beginning to be one of the bigger producers of natural gas. Our fishing industry with the extension of our EEZ has access to a bigger area. So there are a lot of other sources of [economic] activity. We need to protect our interests out there [at sea].”

Looking to the future

“Our last Prime Minister [Mahathir Bin Mohamad] had a vision that he wants Malaysia to be a different nation by the year 2020. So it’s important that we have programmes like the OPV for example, because it is a catalyst to move you into that industry. We are doing this in the maritime environment; we also have the aerospace industry and we also have land industry.

“I will give you [an example] that is not within the realm of Navy. Why in a country like Malaysia do we have a philharmonic orchestra? We have one and we have a big commitment to cultural achievement. It’s activities like that, all put together, that will propel us into 2020 as a developed nation. And we Navy are very, very excited and very proud of the fact we are part of this.”

“Hopefully in the year 2009 we will have our two submarines come home. We are building two submarines. (French-built SCORPENE-class. A French submarine based at Brest is already on loan to the RMN for training - Ed.) The project is going to cost us a lot of money to build and also to maintain, but I am very excited because we are going to get [not only the new submarines] but also the supporting team that comes with them. That again will push us towards developed-nation standards. We have about 156 of our people in France training to become submariners. The fundamental thing is that they must have a very good foundation of education, things like mechanics and physics. The cutting edge is always people.

“You can buy a set of ships or missiles very quickly, but the question is how do you move all our people from that old mentality to the modern armed force mentality? So that’s why I invested a lot of our energy and time to education. We are reaping the benefit now. Before you can train your people in skills you must have a very good foundation of education.

“So this really what I’m going to look at in Auckland - to look at how the RNZN is preparing your people for handling all that knowledge and all those skills. So those are the kind of challenges ahead. I think an opportunity is wide open in front of us. I certainly continue to be optimistic that [in Malaysia] we can develop quality Navy people. I’m going to retire about 2007, but I think if I can put something in place as a foundation I think I will have done my job.”

THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY

Malaysia’s extensive coastline totals 2,500 nm in length and faces onto four different seas: The Straits of Malacca and the Andaman Sea to the west; the South China Sea between peninsula Malaysia and East Malaysia and the Sulu Sea and the Celebes Sea north and east of East Malaysia. The South China Sea is one of the world’s major waterways for commerce and is a rich source of seafood, while also covering important oil fields. Six neighbouring nations also have a direct interest in the South China Sea. Thus Malaysia’s Navy comprising some 17,000 personnel, is undergoing a period of expansion and modernisation, with an increased focus on Off-shore Patrol.

THE RMN ORDER OF BATTLE (excluding minor auxiliaries)

Frigates: 2
Corvettes: 6 plus 6 building
Off shore patrol Vessels: 2 plus 6 building
Submarines: 2 building
Logistic support vessels 2
LST: 1
Fast Attack Craft: 14
Patrol Craft: 18
Minehunters: 4
*Source: Jane’s Fighting Ships 2005/6
I was lucky enough to be selected to undergo a six week leadership course during November and December at the US Navy’s Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) located in Newport Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island. Rhode Island is one of the smaller states in the USA, located on the east coast, approximately 1 ½ hrs drive south from Boston. Newport was for many years the home of the America’s Cup races.

Senior Master Sergeant Dave Egermier USAF met me at Providence Airport; Dave was to be my facilitator whilst on course. He drove me to Newport Naval Station, about 45 minutes from Providence. It was about 2200, 01 November when I arrived - after spending two Mondays in transit (ground hog days!). It was good to get to my room and get some sleep!

I had arrived at Newport one week before the commencement of the course, in order to complete required various administration requirements prior to course commencement and, to recover from jet lag. This time allowed me an opportunity to meet the Director of the Academy, Command Master Chief Steve Juskiewicz, and the Deputy Director CMDCM Tom Cramer (Command Master Chief is equivalent to our WO rank) and the Academy staff.

Class 121 was made up of one Coast Guard, two Air Force, two Army, 56 Navy - and myself, the only foreign student amongst 61 United States military personnel. Although a bit apprehensive before the course started, there was no need to be, as all in Class 121, and the SEA staff, went out of their way to make me feel welcome and assist me. I could not have wished for a better group of people to be on course with.

The course itself prepares senior enlisted leaders to better fulfil their expanded leadership and management responsibilities. The curriculum included studies in leadership and management, current United States programs, communication skills, national security affairs, and a comprehensive physical readiness program.

The class was broken down into five groups during classroom instruction. I was in Blue Group. Course assessments included 5 oral presentations, 4 written assignments, 2 exams and 2 Physical Fitness assessments. The class came together during stage lectures featuring subject matter experts from the Naval War College, Naval Justice School, Naval Personnel Commands and area colleges and universities. The guest speakers were always of a high standard. While it was a challenging 6 weeks on course the highlight for me was the diversity of personnel in class 121. They came from many different branches within their services and brought some amazing experiences and stories to the course.

There were also 3 class functions and one class tour. First, was a “welcome aboard” reception in the first...
week, which was aimed at getting staff and students acquainted with each other. Second, a class Dining-In was held during the third week and a Graduation Banquet Ceremony was held on the last evening of the course. These functions took place at the Hyatt Hotel, Rhode Island. During the Dining-In and Graduation ceremonies I was part of the colour guard, carrying the New Zealand flag. The class also visited the historic frigate USS CONSTITUTION, berthed alongside in Boston. That was an enjoyable tour to a ship associated with a lot of naval heritage.

My experience on course was a once in a life-time opportunity for me, which I really enjoyed. The temperature in Rhode Island is pretty cool during November and December, it was a novelty going to PT in the snow! The course was certainly of value and will assist me in achieving future goals in the RNZN. The SEA was a very professionally-run organisation with great staff. The 61 other classmates were an awesome group of people, whom I will always remember for their professionalism and the commitment they brought to the course and their Services. It was a great experience which, hopefully, other RNZN senior ratings will get the opportunity to attend in the future.

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Admiral W J Fallon USN, Commander US Pacific Command (COMPACOM), visited the naval base on 20 January. Admiral Fallon and his accompanying staff were greeted with a guard and powhiri at PHILOMEL, before going aboard TE KAHA to meet some of the ship’s company.

1 ADM Fallon meets WO Dean Bloor. 2 The Admiral with LTCDR Stewart and CDRE Anson. 3 A hongi with POCSS Karauria Ruru. 4 Meeting CPOET Vaughan Lloyd. 5 A US Marine with WOWT Paul Rennie.

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Late last year a number of naval personnel took the opportunity to visit the TENIX Shipbuilding facility in Whangarei. Tenix Shipbuilding NZ Ltd was established in the early ‘90s as part of the ANZAC Ship Project, a purpose-built site for the production of ship modules that were subsequently barged to Australia for final consolidation and fit out, to produce the ANZAC fleet that we see operated by the RNZN and RAN.

Tenix Shipbuilding NZ Ltd is now geared up to produce the Project Protector IPVs and to build Bridge and Hangar modules for the Offshore Patrol Vessels.

The OPV modules will be barged to Williamstown (across the river from Melbourne) to be installed on the ships in build there. However all four Inshore Patrol Vessels (IPV’s) will be built, fitted out and launched in Whangarei.

In the production hall at the time of writing there were three of the six modules that will make up IPV1. CPOMT Matt Newbold and two colleagues from the Marine Engineering School viewed the engine room module with special interest; CPOPTI Claude Weihi from the Naval Personnel Resource Centre brought several young ratings who may find themselves as future crew members in these vessels.

There is a strict protocol for visits, which are strictly controlled to ensure that there is no disruption to the build schedule. Personnel from the Navy should contact me at steven.bradley@tenix.com to receive information regarding site access.
By CAPT Warren Cummins RNZN

The Navy’s manpower planners have identified the individuals to crew the ships as our new Protector Ships commission. Prospective COs were announced in mid-December (see page 12). The Protector ships will be manned at the commencement of their respective training start dates, which are:

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The Navy will receive the first training from the contractor (Tenix) and will deliver the subsequent training. The training dates for IPV3 & 4 may vary dependent on the time for the integration of the training into current Navy career courses.

The Navy is actively engaged in increasing its numbers of uniformed personnel to the level necessary to meet all its commitments after the Project Protector ships’ delivery. The process of growth commenced this fiscal year and is going to take approximately 5 years. This timeframe is dependent upon the Navy achieving the target number of recruits and minimizing our attrition levels, which currently sit at 13-14%.

We forecast that the Navy will not to have the optimum numbers of uniformed personnel at the time of the delivery of the Protector ships. The key areas of shortage will be in the ‘middle management’ levels among both officers and senior ratings.

The impact will be felt by the Shore support and infrastructure functions. Mechanisms for coping with this situation are being investigated; these include, prioritising of our processes, rationalising some activities, and investigating some outsourcing options.
By LTCR Stephen Gibson RNZN, Project Protector Integrated Logistics Support Manager

Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) is a critical functional discipline that impacts on the design of the Protector Vessels, and provides a structure to the In-Service environment that will allow the Royal New Zealand Navy to operate and support the vessels from Day One.

I joined the Project in December 2003 at the time when the Project Team were in the process of evaluating the responses to the Request for Proposals from industry. In February 2004 the Project Team completed the evaluation of the proposals from six ship-builders and decided that Tenix’s offer was the best proposal received. Contract negotiations with Tenix then took place in Melbourne and the Contract was signed in July 2004.

One of the key drivers in the Contract is that the overall cost of the project is not to exceed NZ$500m, so the vessels have been “designed to cost” to stay within this constraint. It is also important that during the design phase we do not lose sight of the government’s intent for the capability to serve a range of agencies - this had its genesis in the Maritime Forces Review (Jan 02) and before that, the Maritime Patrol Review (Feb 01).

ILS is integral to the capability from the inception of the project to eventual disposal of the ships. It spans every phase and is not a one-off exercise that occurs at some point in the project. Each phase of the project and the relevance that ILS has to it can be seen in the table:

As ILSM, I have a range of responsibilities. My main focus to date has been monitoring the large number of Deliverables that Tenix must provide under the Contract. The Deliverables are not only the physical ships that they are building, but also include:

- 19 Engineering Deliverables,
- 40 Logistics Deliverables, and
- 12 Project Management Deliverables.

Deliverables include such things as Technical Manuals, Training Packages, and Specific Technical Data Analyses. The Technical Data Analyses will eventually result in very important and specific outputs which include Spare Parts recommendations and Maintenance Plans.

Each area of the project is linked to another and ILS plays a pivotal role in pulling together a wide range of issues in order to provide the best capability. One of the most critical roles that I can play in the project is stakeholder management, which includes maintaining a good working relationship with the Contractor and, as all of us in the Project Team are required to do, dealing fairly and co-operatively with Tenix. The positive relationship that has been developed will pay dividends in the long term.

For example we have managed, and continue to facilitate, a good relationship between the Tenix Training developers and CFPT’s organisation in Auckland. Tenix have been contracted to provide “first of system” training for the RNZN. That means if there is a common system across the entire Protector Fleet, Tenix will provide, either from themselves, or through third parties, the initial system training. The RNZN will then be required to carry on the continuation of that training for second and subsequent courses. This will be a demanding requirement for Navy. We have held two face-to-face meetings since February this year and there is now a well established channel of communication between Navy, the Project and Tenix on training issues. This approach will ensure a better product for
RNZN and provide Tenix with the ability to provide the most relevant training.

Maintaining a good working level relationship between Tenix and the Crown (MoD Project Team and the NZDF) means if there are any misunderstandings they are more easily resolved. This approach is a key strength of the small Project Team in Melbourne.

There are clear linkages between the Design, the Build and the In-Service Phases of the lifecycle of the Protector capability. For example; when Tenix decides to install a certain type of equipment during the design and build phase, they also have to gather critical data on this equipment from the manufacturer or supplier to ensure that proper sparing analyses and maintenance plans can be developed. Tenix must ensure that they are able to collect this data from third parties, analyse it and provide timely results from this analysis, this is to ensure that the RNZN can support the ships once we start operating them.

It is therefore imperative, that each of us on the Project maintain a close working relationship with each other. I have daily and more often than not hourly contact with the project’s Engineering Manager, CDR Giles Rinckes, the Capability Introduction into Service Manager, CDR Dave Gibbs and the Verification and Acceptance Manager LT John Deere. Recently LTCDR Jeremy Miller joined the team in Melbourne. As well as these team members, I also need to communicate well with the Project Director’s Representatives: LTCDR Tim Cosgrove in The Netherlands for the MRV build, and WOMTP Steve Bradley in Whangarei for the IPVs. I also have direct access to the Project Manager Gordon Hall and, when required, to the Project Director, Gary Collier in the MoD in Wellington.

We are a very small team, when you consider the enormity of the project and the fact that the RNZN will soon be taking delivery of seven new vessels in three different classes. We work together on a day-to-day basis to discuss issues that will affect the entire project, not just issues that affect our individual areas. As a result of this approach we all have a good understanding of each others’ areas of responsibility and we share our knowledge and views. This is our Key Strength with which we aim to achieve a better outcome for the collective good of the project.

### ILS Relationship with the phases of the project

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<td>Evaluation</td>
<td>MoD, with NZDF SME, consider each proposal from Industry and recommend to Govt.</td>
<td>Operational, Engineering and ILS factors are assessed to ensure compliance with requirements and to determine if there are any weaknesses in the Contractors’ offer</td>
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<td>Negotiation</td>
<td>MoD, with NZDF SME, negotiate the final contract which leads to Contract Signature</td>
<td>ILS Deliverables are discussed in detail with the potential Contractor in order for a full understanding to be gained.</td>
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<td>Project Team, engage with Contractor to design to the standard agreed</td>
<td>Design implications can impact on ILS Deliverables, particularly training and documentation.</td>
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<td>Build</td>
<td>Contractor builds with Project Team ensuring that build is in accordance with the contract and agreed standards/design</td>
<td>Changes to design during build impact on ILS Deliverables and need to be monitored closely.</td>
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<td>Verification and Acceptance</td>
<td>The product as provided meets all the agreed standards and is able to be accepted by the MoD for use by the RNZN</td>
<td>Have the ILS Deliverables been developed and delivered in accordance with the Contract; will the RNZN be able to use the Deliverables In-Service?</td>
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<td>Introduction into Service</td>
<td>The Capability provided is introduced into service to the point where the NZDF can operate the Operational environment</td>
<td>Using ILS Deliverables SOP’s can be developed, Training is put to the test, re-work is undertaken if necessary. In Service Support is undertaken using the ILS Deliverables as the baseline.</td>
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Grant Boore with his son Carter and his wife Astrid, as he accepted a framed memento of his naval career. Grant is now a business Development Manager for Communications Design and Management Pty, in Canberra.

WOET Owen Gee accepts the badge of office, as WAKEFIELD Command W.O. from WOWT Norman Leaming.

CPOMUS Brent Hayward at work during the Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Graeme Clentworth has been appointed as to the new position of HQ NZDF Head of Planning. Mr Clentworth says, “Not only do I have a real interest in planning as means of aligning expectations and effort, but I do believe an effective defence force plays a significant role in any modern, well-functioning society and shows that as a nation we stand for something”. When looking at Defence Mr Clentworth said he saw an organisation going through change and under pressure from monitoring agencies “The challenge is to ensure all stakeholders’ expectations are met and to maintain the success of core activities. I also wanted to do things that were of high interest to me and where I thought I could make a contribution and add value,” he said.

“Defence will be a challenging new experience but it’s amazing what you learn from people with different backgrounds and experiences,” he said. “I’m looking forward to it.” A qualified accountant Mr Clentworth has a breadth of experience in the public and private sectors in New Zealand and overseas.
4000 Hours!

Congratulations to LTCDR Jason Haggitt who achieved 4000 flying hours in November 2005. The No. 6 SQN Pilot Training Officer celebrated this impressive achievement on Wednesday 16 November and was met by his colleagues as he landed at Whenuapai after a routine sortie.

LTCDR Haggitt joined the RNZAF in 1988, as a pilot and spent most of his career flying with No. 3 SQN. During this time he completed an exchange with the Royal Navy at No. 845 Squadron, and a deployment to East Timor.

In 2002 he completed a Service change to the RNZN and continued to fly for No. 3 SQN’s Naval Support Flight, which has since reformed as No. 6 SQN.

LTCDR Haggitt gained the 4000 hours on a wide range of aircraft including the Air Tourer, Air Trainer, Strikemaster, Sioux, Iroquois and Sea King Mk 4. He currently flies the SH-2G (NZ) Super Seasprite, on which he has accumulated 800 hours to date.

Local Industry links with the New Zealand Defence Force recognised

Four businessmen were recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their significant assistance to Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand. Form left: Rod Chisolm Sea Trans, Andrew Wright Barwil Agencies, Mike Swords NZ Refining, CDRE Steer, LTCDR Barbara Cassin, and Bruce Hilliard from Russell and Somers Shipping Ltd. Their assistance was noted by CDRE Jack Steer, who said: “Recognising the recipients highlights the important role of shipping to our economy. By forging strong and effective relationships between the Defence Force and the Industry these men and their firms have achieved a mutual understanding and respect for each others’ needs, this has assisted in maintaining our economic and security wellbeing”.

Santa, assisted by POHCM Ati Wynyard, as he flew with No. 6 Squadron to the childrens Christmas party.

ACH Tuleshah Shailer had a taste of life under sail when she worked as the Chef in SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND last year.
Principal Chaplain Pauline Law ONZM, RNZN donated as a farewell gift to the Naval Chapel, a carved totara cross, seen here being blessed in a simple ceremony by the incoming PC(N) Chaplain Wayne Toleafoa. The cross has the Naval Chaplains’ Crest at the centre and flowing from the centre are the seas to the four corners of the world, with koru curls representing the waves. This represents the Chaplains’ ministry with the Navy - the cross at the centre and their ministry extending to all sailors wherever they are - at home or around the world. Navy Today wishes Chaplain Law ‘fair winds and following seas’ as she begins a new phase of her career.

(L) A firing party consisting of the Seaman Combat Specialist Course during their display for the public in support of St Barbara’s Day, celebrated on North Head during Sunday 4 December.

(R) ABSCS Tanuvasa shows Devonport local Jake Collings a .50 Cal heavy machine gun, during the Navy’s display for the public in celebration of St Barbara’s Day; St Barbara is the patron saint of the gunners.

The RNZN’s PTI’s performed a special haka to honour WOPTI Grant Simpkin when he received his Sporting Excellence Award.

The daughter of Malaysia’s Chief of Navy was introduced to Maori culture by OCSS Holder, OSTD Halsey, OCH Kanara and OET Allen-Smith. The four were all members of the BCT 05/3 course.

Friends and family waiting at Calliope Wharf while TE KAHA and ENDEAVOUR berth on 10 December.

LCH Rebecca Fortune with her margarine sculptures carved for the OTS graduation luncheon in December.
The TS AMOKURA Sea Cadet building in Evans Bay was damaged by fire just before Christmas. The building and contents are about two-thirds destroyed. The Fire Brigade managed to save the southern end, so the unit’s boats and some of the more important trophies and memorabilia are okay. However, AMOKURA’s clothing store, galley, messes, Ship’s Office and CO’s Cabin were a total loss, including much of the training equipment and records. The building was also part of the former flying boat terminal, used when TEAL Solents operated a trans-Tasman service from Wellington.

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AMT Claude Tua received a 42 inch LG Plasma TV that he won in the AFCC Christmas 2005 Winning Value Draw. Seen handing over the prize is Rob Gledhill, the Manager of the AFCC Hotshots store at PHIOMEL. The draw was an NZDF wide competition and the Chief Executive of AFCC said “Congratulations to Claude and thanks to all of hundreds of entrants who made qualifying purchases to enter the draw.”

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RA David Ledson (l) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CEO of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) Brendan Boyle (r).

LTCDF Mark Longstaff proudly showed his extended family over MANAWANUI after taking command on 19 January.
This summer the Naval Patrol Force has been active, with WAKAKURA deployed on patrol over the Christmas and New Year holiday period and the whole IPC flotilla underway for training very early in the new year. Our junior officers report on recent Inshore Patrol Craft activities...

**The Inter-ship Touch Tournament**

The day WAKAKURA played the big guys and (almost) won – we beat RESOLUTION; MOA was next to feel our winning touch, followed by PHILOMEL Black. We were as surprised as everybody else! For the Final we faced PHILOMEL Blue – them in smart, specially made, matching uniforms, us in mixed PT rig, trucker caps (and in one case a fluffy pink beanie with a pompom on the top)! The crowd was on our side, but we had to take second place. But, an IPC being the highest placed Fleet unit is a good achievement for a crew of just 18!

**Operation Khyber (1)**

In November, WAKAKURA with HINAU and MOA undertook Op KHYBER, a joint Navy/Customs operation. The Navy gains exposure to local boaties, while any visiting yachts see that the RNZN is protecting after our coastal waters and resources.

**The Minor War Vessel Command Course.**

Four Lieutenants were taken through their paces for future IPC and IPV command. This meant countless exercises and late nights - our consolation was watching them try berthing for the first time!

**Sea training**

MOA departed DNB on 30 November with WAKAKURA and we conducted OOWMANS and other internal drills whilst making way to the Mercury Islands. On transit a Seasprite conducted a surface search for us, before a winching serial. The week included familiarisation for new trainees in small boat life, and a succession of OOWMANS, RASAPS and Tows. On the return passage through Tamaki Strait an over-zealous helmsman reported a buoy up ahead. An equally over-zealous Officer of the Watch took evasive action and quickly sent a signal for MOA to do likewise... just as it became obvious we were altering to avoid a seagull on the water!

**Mighty MOA**

Late last year MOA upsized our guide ship to TE MANA - much easier to keep station directly astern! During the exit she lost a life ring prompting a quick recovery by MOA...and the acquisition of a nice final touch to the ‘IPC Pirates’ float for tabloid sports! After a short set of OOWMANS with the frigate, MOA then set off for Great Barrier Island for a week of assessments for us and our OOWs,
and to conduct an EXPED. Sea kayaking, a tramp to the Kaitoke Hot Springs, and a ship’s company BBQ. The fishing and diving was good for fresh seafood, too!

The ‘Champion of the Navy’
Our last week before Christmas saw the ‘Champion of the Navy’ competition: the 4 IPCs teamed up for the float and split for the sports. MOA/KAHU gained a respectable 5th out of the 30-odd teams, which just goes to show “it’s not the size of your boat...”

Operation Khyber (2)
WAKAKURA was tasked with Op KHYBER again, over the Christmas/New Year period. We embarked two Customs Officers and visited areas likely to attract vessels coming from overseas. (It’s similar to the procedures at the airport, although searching a boat takes a little longer and you can fit more duty free smokes and alcohol into a yacht!) Our Customs officers would peer through their binoculars for any vessel with a mast large enough to suggest it was ocean-going. Once a potential vessel was spotted we would go in for a closer look. This can be difficult when the top speed is only 12 knots!

At Whangamumu Harbour our Chef, with the help of the crew, cooked up a huge barbecue – mussels, chicken skewers, sausages, steaks and the token salads, plus dessert: gateau, cheesecake and fruit salad. WAKAKURA may have been working while others were doing the social round, but we made sure we still got into the Christmas Spirit.

Operation Khyber (3)
Phase Two of OP KHYBER, again with two Customs Officers began on 2 January. The difference from Phase One was the sheer numbers of vessels encountered. Every boat from every Auckland Marina seemed to want to close WAKAKURA for a look! Comments were made that holidaymakers had seen us and were not sure if we were Navy, Fisheries or Customs. (In fact we are all of the above!) The only excitement was encountering sea state 4 with the associated winds, which prevented us going out to the Cavalli Islands. In the Bay of Islands we used our sea boat to search the Kerikeri Inlet - and WAKAKURA had a short stop at Russell.

Joct 05/2 Oow
Preparations, 2006
Re-ammunitioning and restocking the IPCs was completed, then MOA, KAHU and WAKAKURA sailed with members of Joct 05/2 preparing for their Grade 3 Officer of the Watch Course. Their enthusiasm was awesome and refreshing – those marginally less fresh Grade 3 Officers of the Watch on board definitely made the most of the situation... The week included HIAB Crane training, steering gear failures, swimmer of the watch duties, boat drills, helm duties, RASAPS, light line transfers, TOWEXS and engine rounds - and the start of what will be a long and consuming relationship with the Collision Avoidance Regulations.

They all had a practice at driving the Seaboat - and just like reversing a trailer, some found it difficult to realise that pushing the ‘handle’ (tiller) left did not actually make the Zodiac turn left. It made for a few nail-biting and somewhat amusing approaches alongside! Many commented on how useful the hands-on experience was and they all had an enjoyable time but, of course, as one of them noted, a good crew makes for a good trip.

The weather was absolutely perfect and the ships were able to get all around the Hauraki Gulf including down to the Mercury Islands. Each night the IPC’s rafted alongside each other, in every anchorage the Task Group attracted many people as they came to take a look at their Navy. We anchored variously in Smokehouse Bay, GBI, and at Mercury Island. The third night, at Kawau Island, we went ashore amongst the holidaying families for games of touch and soccer. Hopefully we were a good promotion for the fun the Navy can have after a hard
day’s work. The last night the ships had a BBQ at Motuhie Island after an inter-ship sports tournament playing touch, beach volley ball and bucket ball.

**The 25th National Sea Scout Regatta**

Every three years the Sea Scouts gather and compete to find the best unit in sailing and rowing. LTCDR Simpkins and WOPTI Simpkins had been out to the camp at Home Bay, Motutapu Island, and reaffirmed the Navy’s links with the Sea Scouts; they arranged for WAKAKURA to visit. Five groups, each of 25 Sea Scouts, were embarked and given a quick trip to show off our ship and Navy. The crew completed a number of seamanship evolutions each time to the high standard required before a group from WAKAKURA went ashore for dinner later that evening. After dinner of mince, potatoes, cabbage - and pancakes afterwards - cooked for over 500 people, we sailed, returning DNB that night.

**An RNZAF P-3 Orion landed in Antarctica following a trial flight to determine if the aircraft and crew can safely operate from the icy continent. It was the first time an RNZAF P-3 Orion has landed on an ice runway.**
THE END OF 2005

By MID S Turner RNZN

After our maintenance period last year, TE MANA conducted her Harbour Training Week and Sea Safety and Readiness Check. In both we passed the Maritime Operations Evaluation Team’s (MOET) examination and we were declared ‘safe for sea’.

Harbour Training Week involved all departments getting reference books and logs up to date and secured for sea, and the inevitable cleaning. For duty watch the evenings were spent deep cleaning after our DSRA and in the early morning hours DC exercises were run by both the ship’s NBCDs and Sea Safety Training Squadron staff. During that week the Chief of Navy, RA Ledson, presented a commendation to the Asia Deployment Maori Culture Group from their efforts earlier in 2005. He took the opportunity to discuss other issues affecting the Navy today and over the next 15 years.

SSARC began with trials of both ME department’s machinery and WE equipment. For seamen, time was spent in various evolutions including anchoring and Man Overboard practices, which brought the opportunity for Assistant Officer of the Watches to practice bringing a frigate alongside ‘Oscar’.

ME Department trials tested all sorts of gear. High speed trials were done to prove the refitted shafts, load tests, gearbox trials, Diesel Engine trials and the ‘Crash stop’ bringing the ship from near full speed to stop in almost her own length. Our ability to secure for sea was tested with induced roll tests, which proved our repaired stabilisers were indeed working - and nothing large was seen flying across the deck.

The WE Department tested their equipment in preparation for the live firings later. Everything went reasonably well and so in the second week of trials the ship sailed through Colville Channel to the NZ Exercise Areas where we conducted firings of all gun systems – with good results in all systems. The 5” Firing was done against both surface and air targets, including a firing of the gun depressed out to starboard, the bridge team reporting the fall of shot in yards rather than the usual miles! The Phalanx Close in Weapons System (CIWS) was also tested; the short bursts just seconds long releasing hundreds of rounds. The Chaff was fired creating the large ‘paint’ on radar that will hopefully save the ship against an incoming missile.

The second week of SSARC offered an opportunity for the Army to come on-board to “Show and Tell” some options for force protection. The .50 cal sniper rifle (D. lower right) was an interesting asset against ‘the killer tomato’(A. top left), however it was the 84 mm shoulder-launched rocket (C. lower left) that made the most impressive display. Amongst the Army visitors “box of tricks” was a ‘soft mount’ for the ships’ .50 cal guns, which were trialed by the Leading Seaman Combat Specialists.

For TE MANA’s flight crew the first week began with the Kawhia Exped (the last group to go). For the second week the flight crew embarked for Flight operations. The flight assessment by MOET went well and after MOET left it was a chance for everyone to relax a little.

The final week of 2005 saw the ship with No. 6 Sqn embarked for two days flying operations (B. top right) and validation of warfare tactics. The flying tempo was high, but we did find time for the traditional Christmas Lunch (where the Ship’s Company is served by the Wardroom) and made preps for embarking the Maori Queen.

We were proud to host our patron the Maori Queen, Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu ONZM, OBE. It was a chance to take her to sea for the day to show off our capabilities. Dame Te Ata, who commissioned TE MANA in 1999, has a special affinity with the ship and we’re delighted to say that she enjoyed her day immensely.

THE START OF 2006

By SLT Kane Sutherland

TE MANA was berthed alongside Devonport Naval Base over the four week period from December 2005 to 16 January 2006. While the majority of the crew were on leave, those on duty not only provided the response team for any emergencies, but also played an
integral role in ensuring that TE MANA remained in good working order for our upcoming deployments, by ensuring that numerous maintenance tasks were completed over the period.

The duty watch took time out on Christmas Day to ensure the traditional game of backyard cricket was not forgotten; albeit taking place on the flight deck of TE MANA with not a blade of grass in sight. New Year's was quiet, but at least the duty watch had one of the best vantage points for the fireworks display from the Sky Tower.

TE MANA was fitted with a new piece of equipment that will undoubtedly improve the ability of the bridge team to manoeuvre the ship more effectively and efficiently - the Electronic Chart Precise Integrated Navigation System (ECPINS), which is a type of Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS). Already installed in HMNZ Ships ENDEAVOUR, RESOLUTION, and KAHU, ECPINS will eventually replace the need to use paper charts, as it is itself an electronic version of a paper chart but with ‘live’ features. This includes the display of the ships position on the chart which is updated every second! Now that beats three minute fixing!

With many of the ships sensors feeding into ECPINS the bridge team will have real time information of the ships position and movements at their fingertips. A control and display screen has been fitted on the bridge and also in the Operations Room.

TE MANA spent the end of January and the start of February in the NZ Exercise Areas, before anchoring in the Bay of Islands for the Waitangi Day celebrations. We have now sailed across the ditch to take part in TASMANEX operating out of Sydney. This is just the beginning of our six month deployment. The ship will participate in three operational exercises with TE KAHA and the RAN off the East Coast of Australia during February. These exercises involve two RNZAF P-3K aircraft, up to 11 Australian ships, one submarine and aircraft of the RAAF.
HOME FROM THE WEST

By SLT Samdra Dron RNZN

The ‘Big E’ arrived back home on Saturday 10 December at Devonport, Auckland, for a well-deserved maintenance period. We returned to NZ in company with HMNZS TE KAHA. All on board were looking forward to the Christmas break and some time with their families after eight months away from home this year.

We have started 2006 undergoing our survey, followed by a 7 week DSRA (maintenance period) and it will be April before we begin our sea acceptance trials.

But looking back at the end of last year, during November ENDEAVOUR took part in the annual two-week Anti Submarine Warfare Exercises (ASWEX) held off Western Australia. ASWEX 05 involved TE KAHA, the Royal Australian Navy’s submarines HMAS DECHAINEUX and RANKIN as the ‘bad guys’, along with the Aussie frigates DARWIN, ADELAIDE, WARRAMUNGA and STUART.

In the taskforce, ENDEAVOUR was the High Value Unit (HVU) and our primary responsibility was to support all other vessels by keeping them fuelled. In turn, their mission was to protect us from the submarines and their torpedoes. Throughout the week several green grenades were sighted, signifying we would be in the same state as the former frigate WELLINGTON! So the submariners showed there was plenty to work on in our training.

ASWEX week proved to be incredibly beneficial for all involved. The hard yards were put in by all of our company to ensure all ships were fuelled at a moment’s notice, and were back to fighting the war in as short a time as possible. This required several late nights and early morning replenishments, and our team company worked hard to make it all happen.

There were however occasions for our team to relax on the odd day ashore. A highlight had been our visit to Melbourne, coinciding with the Melbourne Cup race at Flemington. Suits, summer dresses, big hats, and good entertainment in the sun made for a fantastic day that was enjoyed by the large proportion of ship’s company who attended. Some even managed to win a few dollars.

Almost a week after leaving Melbourne the ship arrived in HMAS STIRLING late in the afternoon of 8 November to embark more cargo fuel. Taking on 2000 tonnes of dieso took until 0200 the next morning and two hours later the ship sailed in order to meet her first customer, HMAS TOOWOOMBA, at 0800. Thereafter it was back to the ASWEX and the submarine hunt.

ENDEAVOUR’s second port of call in Australia was Fremantle. The fine weather allowed the CO the opportunity to express his thanks for the hard work LSTD Karin Stirling and ASTD Cloe Anderson had done during our busy, high profile visits to New Plymouth and Nelson. The CO took them, together with ACO Rachael Sheeran, on a gourmet picnic at the beach. It was a well-spent afternoon that all four thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next visit was Bunbury. The fine weather allowed the CO the opportunity to express his thanks for the hard work LSTD Karin Stirling and ASTD Cloe Anderson had done during our busy, high profile visits to New Plymouth and Nelson. The CO took them, together with ACO Rachael Sheeran, on a gourmet picnic at the beach. It was a well-spent afternoon that all four thoroughly enjoyed.

The ship also participated in the Bunbury Port Open Day (see letter at left), and proved to be a popular draw card for approximately 2000 local citizens who enjoyed the chance to look over a Naval Tanker. A special tour was also given for members of the local RSL, allowing the ship to return the hospitality they had been shown when they invited our ship’s company for a meal and drinks one evening.

We ended the operational year in the Principal Warfare Officer (PWO) sea week with TE KAHA and the same Australian ships we operated with during ASWEX. It was a full-on week with CASEX (Co-ordinated Anti Submarine Exercises) and ADEX (Air Defence Exercises) for the trainee warfare officers onboard the frigates, and another busy period for our team in making sure all ships were fuelled and ready to go.

As the end of 2005 drew near, ENDEAVOUR’s last port of call before we returned from across the Tasman, was Hobart, Tasmania [always a good run ashore! Ed]. Now we are alongside DNB and in the hands of our maintainers.
‘Welcome home Dad’. CPOCSS Whata is greeted by his family.

HMFNZS ENDEAVOUR AND TE KAHAReturn Home 10 December 2005
TE MANA hosted the Maori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, on Wednesday 14 December 2005. Dame Te Atairangikaahu, her husband, accompanying guests, the media and MCC were welcomed onto TE MANA by our Kapahaka Group. After a few words from our CO, TE MANA sailed in company with HMNZS HINAU for the Inner Hauraki Gulf.

Sitting in the XO’s chair on the bridge, Dame Te Atairangikaahu was able to relax with a good vantage point to observe the skills of TE MANA’s company. After conducting some navigation in close proximity to land, the guests were shown the ship’s manoeuvring capabilities with a man overboard exercise, which included boat drills and the recovery of our man ‘Oscar’ being conducted by one of our RHIBs.

6 Squadron also flew the ship’s Seasprite helicopter to meet the ship and wowed the guests with a spectacular display which included high speed passes, hovering, and other acrobatic manoeuvres.

Dame Te Atairangikaahu is the Lady Patron of our ship and was at the launching of TE MANA in Melbourne in 1997 and the guest of honour at the frigate’s commissioning in Tauranga in 1999. Her recent visit to TE MANA has reminded the ships crew of the privilege we have of carrying such a meaningful and strong name, a name that we can be proud of and which those who were present at the commissioning of TE MANA will recall her defining.
### Naval Combat Force

**HMNZS TE MANA (CDR W Trumper RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 03: NZ Exercise Areas
- 03 – 06: Waitangi
- 06 – 10: Passage
- 10 – 13: Sydney
- 13 – 24: Naval Exercise
- 24 – 27: Sydney
- 27 – 28: Work up Consort

**March**

- 01 – 12: Auckland – DSRA
- 13 – 17: HATS
- 17 – 20: Auckland
- 20 – 24: HATS
- 24 – 27: Auckland
- 27 – 31: HATS

**Hydrographic Survey Force**

**HMNZS RESOLUTION (CDR D L Mundy MNZM, RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 07: East Coast North Island
- 07 – 09: Passage – EEZ patrol
- 09 – 13: Napier
- 13 – 16: East Coast North Island
- 16 – 20: Napier
- 20 – 28: East Coast North Island

**March**

- 01 – 03: East Coast North Island
- 03 – 06: Gisborne
- 06 – 16: East Coast North Island
- 16 – 20: Tauranga
- 20 – 29: East Coast North Island
- 29 – 30: Passage – EEZ patrol
- 30 – 31: Auckland

### Diving and MCM Force

**HMNZS MANAWANUI (LTCDR N M Longstaff RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 05: Noise Range
- 05 – 13: Auckland
- 13 – 28: Auckland – IMAV

**March**

- 01 – 07: IMAV
- 07 – 11: HATS
- 11 – 13: Auckland
- 13 – 15: SATS
- 15 – 20: Auckland
- 20 – 24: DTA
- 24 – 31: Auckland – PAL

### Naval Support Force

**HMNZS ENDEAVOUR (CDR I J Routledge RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 28: Auckland – DSRA

### Operational Diving Team

**HMNZS KAHU (LT J L P Clarkson RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 13: Auckland
- 13 – 16: East Coast North Island
- 16 – 20: Napier
- 20 – 23: Sea training
- 23 – 27: Auckland
- 27 – 28: VIPER trial

**March**

- 01 – 10: VIPER trial
- 10 – 13: Auckland
- 13 – 17: G3 OOW
- 17 – 20: Auckland
- 20 – 24: G3 OOW
- 24 – 27: Auckland
- 27 – 31: G3 OOW

**HMNZS HINAU (LT C Hey RNZN)**

**February**

- 01 – 06: Auckland
- 06 – 08: Passage
- 08 – 13: Napier
- 13 – 14: Passage
- 14 – 17: East Coast North Island
- 18 – 20: Nelson
- 20 – 23: Passage
- 23 – 27: Auckland
- 27 – 28: Sea training

**March**

- 01 – 13: Auckland
- 13 – 17: G3 OOW
- 17 – 20: Auckland
- 20 – 24: G3 OOW
- 24 – 27: Auckland
- 27 – 31: G3 OOW
WHAT OUR SHIPS ARE DOING

Waitangi Celebrations 2006: The RNZN was invited by the people of Tai Tokerau to attend Waitangi Day Celebrations at the Treaty Grounds in the Bay of Islands over the period 5 – 6 February 2005. This year Her Excellency the Honourable Dame Sylvia Cartwright PCNZM, DBE Governor-General of New Zealand, and the Chief of Navy attended; TE MANA was at Waitangi and CDR Wilson Trumper, RNZN accompanied CN on a number of events. The RNZN Band and Maori Cultural Groups from the Naval Support Command and TE MANA performed during the afternoon cultural performance.

Hawkes Bay Earthquake Anniversary: Hawke’s Bay commemorated the 75th anniversary of the disastrous 1931 earthquake with a Remembrance Service on 3 February. The MCC, CDRE D V Anson, was in Napier for the 75th Earthquake Commemorations.

A commemorative issue of 20 stamps was released, featuring many of the services and aid agencies that rendered assistance; three of the stamps feature the Navy’s involvement. The stamps were delivered to the Devonport Naval Base on 7 February by a number of vintage cars, before they were transferred to MOA and HINAU and taken to sea for another transfer to RESOLUTION (at sea on LINZ tasking). On 9 February RESOLUTION delivered the stamps to Napier.

Art Deco 2006: The Chief of Navy, along with RESOLUTION, KAHU and WAKAKURA, the RNZN Band and Naval Recruiters were in Napier for the Art Deco Weekend 16 – 21 February, which celebrates the reconstruction of Napier and Hastings.

TE KAHA was the Guard Ship for Auckland Anniversary Day before proceeding to Sydney, berthing 10 Feb. She is taking part in Exercise Ocean Protector and Tasmanex.

MANAWANUI sailed with the ODT embarked to conduct noise range maintenance before returning to Auckland for an Intermediate Maintenance Availability period.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW RANK:

A/ACAPT W L Mackey RNZN
CDR JM Gleeson RNZN
CDR M G Lawes RNZN
CDR A G Saunders RNZN
CDR M C Williams RNZN
LTCDR K J Bleakley RNZN
A/LTCDR D A Coleman RNZN
A/LTCDR S G Goble RNZN
A/LTCDR R K Groube RNZN
LT F D Anderson RNZN
LT I Bradley RNZN
LT W J Dohnt RNZN
LT T M Gore RNZN
LT B A Heslop RNZN
LT N McDonald RNZN
LT M Perren RNZN
LT D Pritchett RNZN
A/LT D M Collinson RNZN
SLT A P Bergman RNZN
SLT G C Bicknell RNZN
SLT G F Hahn RNZN
SLT M V Lee RNZN
SLT T M Longhurst RNZN
SLT A L Richards RNZN
SLT K W Sutherland RNZN
SLT R S Takhar RNZN
SLT D C Topp RNZN
SLT F L Toulim RNZN
SLT C M Williams RNZN
SLT M J Windross RNZN
SLT G N Winter RNZN
A/SLT P J Baker RNZN
ENS E S Dymond RNZN
ENS D A Gibbs RNZN
ENS K A Hamilton RNZN
ENS K E Hill RNZN
ENS D H Roderick RNZN
ENS D Stringer RNZN
ENS N J Turnbull RNZN
ENS S Turner RNZN
ENS K D Wakeham RNZN
ENS D P Wierenga RNZN
WOCA D T Morrison
WODR H Cairns
CPOCA C D Miles
CPOMT(P) J C Morgan
ACPOMT(P) R P Campbell
ACPOSCS N T Huff
POCA J M Stevenson
POET M P Blake
POET D J Cooper
POET N E Eton
POET S A Knight
POHCM N T Tamihana
POMEDIC S R Baker-Clemas
POMT(L) M G Thornley
POMUS E R Lawrence
POSA J C Hewett
POWT A P Schertenleib
POWT S J Tamaki
A/POCCS G J Fisher
LCH R M Main
LCSS D A Olson
LET L D Mason
LEMDIC K M Munro
LMT(L) N A Eathorne
LMT(L) H R Hewett
LMT(L) D W Nicholson
LMT(P) R J Baigent
LMT(P) T J Mckenzie
LMT(P) R T Ormsby
LRO S C Blanchet
LSCS D A Pakinga
LSCS B Reardon
LSTD S A Teal
LWTR L P Van Der Vliet
ACH L K Gormly
ACH C M Patrick
ACO P W Harvey
ACO A F Nelisi
ACO A S Roberts
ACO C A Sayssel
ACO J M Landers
AMA J L Saunders
AMT2 M R Hawaikirangi
AMT2 B D Jamieson
AMT2 R J Smyth
AMT2 I L Theobald
ASA G B Cross

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AMA J L Saunders
AMT2 M R Hawaikirangi
AMT2 B D Jamieson
AMT2 R J Smyth
AMT2 I L Theobald
ASA G B Cross

FAREWELL, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE:

LTCDR R G McLaughlin RNZN
ENS M D Pilgrim
CPOMM M R Taniwha
POET R M Jensen
LCO L M Hodgson
LET D R Kumar
LEMDIC H R Smith
LMEL J W Thompson
LMT(P) C M McFarlane
ACO J L Raumati
ACO R W Vatu
AET1 D R Baker
AEWS H M Heke
AMA G J Barber
AMT2(L) S E Wells
ASCR J R Berry
ASTD S M Miller
AWT1 J W Swney
ODR S A Schubert

WELCOME ABOARD BCT 05/3

OT(WE) P M Allen-Smith
Halcombe
OCO K J Aspin
Kaitaia

OCO E Ateli
Taupo
OSCS M F Aull
Auckland
OSHS J M Baldwin
Waipawa
OMA S M Beckett
Auckland
OSTD H L Cameron
Eketahuna
OCO Q L Campbell
Kawerau
OMA N Carewes
Invercargill
OMT Q J Chesley
Opotiki
OMT D J Chubb
Wellington
OT(WE) J A Colclough
Auckland
OCO D M Davies
Rotorua
OMT J P Dawson
Gisborne
OT(WE) A T Dobson
Auckland
OT(WE) A R Drysdale
Auckland
OMT J P Gell
Kerikeri
OCH M C Green
Whangarei
OSTD K E Halsey
Auckland
OCSS K L Holder
Putaruru
OCO B Holloway
Matapiti
OSTD R E Jamieson
Tapanui
OCSS M J Jane
Inglewood
OCH J M Kanara
New Plymouth
OWTR T M Kearney
Auckland
OSCS M S Keil
Invercargill
OCH T M Kernohan
Tolaga Bay
OMA S R Lean
Auckland
OSA J C Leef
Whangarei
OCO K C Leef
Auckland
OCH J R Lorch
Auckland
OSCS R T Marsh
Wanganui
OMT J Y Martyn
Whakatane
OCSS A T Matthews
Kaitaia
OMT J P McDowell
Invercargill
OMA D M McMaster
P. North
OMT D C McMillan
Wanganui
OHSO P L Melrose
Upper Hutt
OSTD J Miratana
Hastings
OWTR K M Mitchell
New Plymouth
OWTR L H Moffat
Gore
OT(WE) B B Morrison
Rotorua
OCH C K Te Morrison
Hastings
OCH C Nia Nia
Christchurch
OMT A C Niven
New Plymouth
OCSS P J O Callaghan
Rotorua
OCSS H C Paenga
Hastings
OT(WE) J J Park
Rotorua
OT(WE) M D Poyntz
Whangarei
OSCS W H Ratana
Kaitaia
OSA Venessa T Reti
Kawakawa
OCO S J Riki
Tolaga Bay
OMT K Q Scott
Cook Islands
OMT K W Sinniss
Christchurch
OHSO S A Solomon
Whangarei
OMA H Sparrow
Foxton
OT(WE) Y Tailiotu
Rotorua
OSCS W J Taurima
Napier
OSCS T A Te Whata
Opononi
OHSO D Tear
Auckland
OCO S Tinai
Auckland
OHSO K P Turley
Auckland
OCO C J Vazey
Opotiki
OCH C M White
Te Aroha
OSCS S R Winkerei
Bulls
Combined Passing-Out Parade December 2005

Basic Common Training 05/3 Prize List

OSCS Stevie Ray Winikerei (from Bulls) won the Spencer Tewsley Cup and Tankard as the best all-round trainee, the TAMAKI Naval and Ex-Naval Club Sports Trophy (for the highest level of individual sports skills) and he was also awarded the Guard Commander’s Tankard.

OSCS Reo Marsh (from Wanganui) was awarded the TAMAKI Ex-Navalmen’s Cup and Tankard as the male recruit with the best kit.

The George Gair Cup is awarded to the best BCT cross country runners, male and female:
- Male: OSCS Matthew Jane from Inglewood
- Female: OSA Vanessa Reti from Kawakawa

The Hooke Cup, presented to the Division attaining the highest aggregate score during Range week - ACHILLES Division

The Trafalgar Cup contested by the New Entry Divisions in various sporting codes - ACHILLES Division:

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Combined Passing-Out Parade December 2005

Basic Common Training 05/3 Prize List

OSCS Stevie Ray Winikerei (from Bulls) won the Spencer Tewsley Cup and Tankard as the best all-round trainee, the TAMAKI Naval and Ex-Naval Club Sports Trophy (for the highest level of individual sports skills) and he was also awarded the Guard Commander’s Tankard.

OSCS Reo Marsh (from Wanganui) was awarded the TAMAKI Ex-Navalmen’s Cup and Tankard as the male recruit with the best kit.

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The latest exhibition at the National Maritime Museum - ‘Snapshots in New Zealand’s Maritime History’ - is a series of specially chosen vignettes encompassing the extensive range of New Zealand maritime stories. The Royal New Zealand Navy Museum and the New Zealand National Maritime Museum have jointly curated this exhibition about New Zealanders and their close relationship with the sea.

Not the least among the stories is the tale of the Piupiu and HMS NEW ZEALAND.

In 1909, at a time when New Zealand had no national navy, but as a Dominion of the British Empire contributed funds to the Royal Navy, the government of New Zealand decided to pay for a new British battlecruiser; in recognition of the gift, the new ship was named HMS NEW ZEALAND.

As part of a world cruise in 1913 she called in at ports all round the country and was greeted with huge public interest. A greenstone tiki and this piupiu were given to the ship by a Maori chief - he insisted that they should always be worn by the Captain when the ship was fighting, and CAPT Halsey RN honoured this requirement during the first battle in August 1914.

HMS NEW ZEALAND was one of the few British ships that fought in all three major naval actions in the North Sea in WWI. Whenever the ship went into action, her Captain wore the piupiu - the ship’s company soon came to have great faith in the luck that these objects brought the ship.
As our nation celebrates Waitangi Day on 6 February, it is timely to remember the ships and seamen who opened up New Zealand to the contemporary world, and prevented these islands being colonized by other nations.

It is hard to imagine life on board a 19th century sailing warship, but in the Navy Museum there is a superb model of HMS LEANDER (4th Rate, 58 guns). The model was built in 1938 by a Royal Marine, Aurthur Geoffery, who was serving in the cruiser HMS LEANDER with the NZ Division at the time. The model was given to A G Sargent, who sold it to the NZ Government for display at the Centennial Exhibition in 1940.

The LEANDER of the model was built at Blackwell in 1813, displaced 1572 tons and was 174ft (53m) long. She had an armament of 26 x 42pdr and 32 x 24 pdr guns, with a complement of 500 officers and ratings.

Cliff Hayward, the Deputy Director of the Navy Museum was responsible for the Navy’s installations in the ‘Snapshots’ exhibition. The Navy’s other exhibits in ‘Snapshots’ include the story of HMS VERONICA and her involvement in Napier during the Hawke’s Bay Earthquake of 1931, and the tale of HMNZS GAMBIA.

The exhibition will run until 31 October.
The Chief of Navy has revamped the organisation of voluntary honorary officers who play an important role in supporting the Navy and providing a ‘Navy interface’ with communities around New Zealand. He said that a smaller, more tightly-focused organisation was more appropriate as the Navy addresses the implications of seven new ships joining the fleet during 2007. The Navy would be better able, too, to support a smaller group of officers.

In recruiting Honorary Naval Officers, RA Ledson looked for community members with local body, government, media, corporate and/or educational experience but not necessarily Naval service.

He has appointed new Honorary Naval Officers in 10 ports, principally to support the increased naval presence around the New Zealand coast.

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He has also appointed Honorary Naval Officers for representational duties in the two North Island centres where there are NZDF Bases, (Waiouru and Palmerston North). As well, he has appointed two HNOs as professional advisers to the Chief of Navy. The thirteen HNOs, with the Resident Naval Officers from Dunedin and Christchurch, will meet regularly and work in smaller teams to enable the Navy to better engage with New Zealand communities.

RA Ledson thanks the 42 retiring Naval Relations Officers for their many years of support and commitment to the Navy. He acknowledged that their role had not been sharply defined and guidance from the Chief of Navy was not always available. He had found the large and widely dispersed group of volunteers difficult to co-ordinate and employ effectively. But he did appreciate their loyalty and commitment.
Some months ago, Westport hosted a Small Ships reunion for sailors (and their ladies) who had endured the inshore patrols in the SDMLs and Survey MLs. No doubt they had much advice for the designers of our new patrol vessels, but they also enjoyed many a salty dit about the hardships of the ‘Black Boats.’
Over 290 families, with a total of 644 children, attended! These numbers made this by far the largest, most popular and cost-effective event in the NCO calendar.

A great day for the Naval Community to catch up with friends and colleagues in a relaxed and informal environment, especially for those returning the day before from long deployments. Some comment received from families after the event were that the party was “the best thing on the Navy calendar all year!” and “the single biggest get together of Navy families...” One child told her mother “we are so lucky having a Dad in the Navy - other kids don’t get this for a Christmas Party”.

01 Santa and the children.
02 In a cunning plan, this device was used to give seamanship training to future recruits!
03 Sanat arrived courtesy of No. 6 Sqn, while his reindeer had a rest!
04 The Band’s Christmas Quintet.
NZ school children, dependants of servicemen and women posted to Singapore in the 70s and 80s held a reunion in Wellington late last year. Students from 1971-1989 gathered for the weekend event, in which the Singapore High Commissioner was the guest of honour.

NCO sponsored the annual spring “Naval Housing Gardening Competition in November last year. Thank you to those who entered their gardens for judging by Mrs Nic Holmes (the Captain’s wife) LTCDR David Washer and technical expert Ian Stewart from Proscape.

The prize for the “best overall garden” was awarded to LT Marita Green, who also won the “best vegetable garden” category. The judges were impressed with the variety, the companion planting and the use made of composting procedures. The “best flower garden” was awarded to Janet McMillan, for her collection of colourful flowers, shrubs and potted plants by the front veranda.

So, those of you in Navy housing, now is the time to start planning and designing your gardens for this years competition!
SPORTSPERSON
OF THE YEAR AWARDS
2005

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Awarded to LT Kerry Cameron
Touch Club & Netball Club
The nominees were POSA David Shortland – Touch Club, LET Tamara Morgan – Hockey Club, LPTI Josh White – PHIOMEL and LCSS(U) John Bennetts – Softball Club.

LT Cameron also accepted the TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD on behalf of the RNZN Open Women’s Touch Team.
The other nominees were Navy Squash Club Men’s No 1 Team, RNZN InterService Open Women’s Touch Squad, RNZN Basketball Men’s Club Team & RNZN Softball Club Social Women

COACH OF THE YEAR
Awarded to POET Saul Smith – Basketball
POET Saul Smith was awarded Coach of the Year for his coaching of the RNZN BasketBall Club. The other nominee was Mrs Puta Gray – Netball Club

Paul also accepted the award of CLUB OF THE YEAR, on behalf of the RNZN Basketball Club. The other nominees were the RNZN Netball Club and the RNZN Softball Club.

SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARD
WOPTI Grant Simpkins
Since joining the Navy in 1987, Grant has played at Inter-Service level and been selected for Combined NZDF teams in: Rugby Union, Rugby League, Volleyball, Touch and Cricket. He also was selected for Navy in Inter-Service Softball. In recent years he has been a coach and manager for RNZN rugby; in addition he has been a North Harbour stalwart, playing in the 1997 NPC and coaching the premier side and the U19 team. As well he has been instrumental in organising recent sporting tours for Navy teams. He has demonstrated a lifelong commitment of excellence to sport and the Navy.
At the end of last year the Navy’s annual sports awards were announced during a glittering dinner at the Ngatarina Sports Club.

SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

LT Angela Gormley was awarded Sports Administrator of the year for her work with the Netball Club. The other nominee was CPOCSS(A) Dean Fielding – Navy Rugby Club.

LT Gormley also won the MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD, for her work as team manager with the Netball Club and Touch Club. The other nominee was WO Bernard Reihana – Rugby Club.

CIVILIAN SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Awarded to Mr Tai Hiku - Softball Club

The other nominee was Mr Tahu Thompson – Rugby Club.

YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

ASA Jaimee Lee Colvin was awarded the Young Sportsperson of the year.

The other nominees were: MID Sally Dymond – Netball Club, AWT1 Jason Bossom – Rugby Club, ACSS Tayma Houtham – Basketball Club/Netball Club, ACO Emma Songivalu – Touch Club, ACH Eru Shelford – Basketball Club & AWTR Miria Paul – Netball Club.

CIVILIAN SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Civilian Sports Administrator of the year awarded to Ms Cathy Heron.

The other nominee was Mrs Hilary Colebourne – Rugby Club.

NAVY COLOUR

A Navy Colour was awarded to CPODR Brendon Johnson for his contributions to Touch.

ROYAL MARINE CUP

The Royal Marine Cup is awarded to the RNZN Shore Unit of the Year; the winner was PHILOMEL Blue Team, who won more Inter-Ship competitions than any other ship.

THE ACHILLES CUP

The Achilles Cup is for the RNZN Ship Team of the Year - awarded to HMNZS TE KAHA Cricket Team for winning the Inter-Ship Competition.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our Guest speaker, Mark Harvey, joined the Navy as a Gunner in 1982 but he changed over to PTI in 1989 and stayed in the trade until 1999 when he was selected for promotion to be a Lieutenant Administrator Officer, working in OTS, NES, and the Command School. Mark represented the Navy and Combined Services in a number of sports, and he co-coached the North Shore Rugby Team to a Championship win. Mark moved to become a professional Fitness Trainer, and he has been the Fitness trainer for North Harbour Rugby, for Fiji, Italy, NZ Under 19 (World Champs), NZ Under 21 (World Champs) and is currently the Blues Super 14 Franchise Trainer.
Fun tabloid games and heaps of entertainment on 15 December at Ngataringa. The entertainment included ‘Sing like a Superstar’, Jackie Clarke our celebrity guest, comedians Michelle A’ Court and Jeremy Elwood and an evening disco to finish the day off. Special thanks to: the Navy Band, team captains, games officials, BBQ cooks, caterers, NPRC personnel, PHILOMEL Welfare Fund, Ships’ welfare funds, Galleys, NATC, Messes & Wardroom, and the Ngataringa Sports Complex.

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THE NAVY COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
- how to contact us

The Navy Community Organisation maintains a group e-mail list (with appropriate confidentiality) for the express purpose of rapid notification of matters that may be of particular interest to ex-RNZN members.

- If you would like to have your e-mail address added to this advisory service, or know of any ex-RNZN member who would like to take up this service, please e-mail your contact details to: nib@nzdf.mil.nz Your e-mail address will not be divulged to any third party.

- You can also call the Navy Help Line, 0800 Navy Help (0800 6289 4357). The phone is manned 0800 – 1600, but outside these hours, including weekends/public holidays, an answering machine will take your message (which is cleared on the next working day.

- It will of course also be your responsibility to advise any change of e-mail address, or of any desire to remove your address.

REGULATING BRANCH REUNION 2006

To be held at Ngataringa Bay Sports Complex (Queens Birthday Weekend) 2-4 June, 2006.
For registration /enquires please contact:
Tom Tupe
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Mount Maunganui
07-5749033
email: t.m.tupe@xtra.co.nz

RNZN WRITERS’ REUNION

Queens Birthday Weekend, 2-5 June 2006
Caboolture, Queensland, Australia
A reunion for RNZN Writers, both current and past, in June 2006

Contact:
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PO Box 1737
Caboolture 4510 QLD, Australia
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TE REO HERAMANA NETBALL CLUB REUNION

EASTER WEEKEND 2006 Devonport

Join us for a fun weekend of netball, exhibition games, fashion parades and family activities while we celebrate more than 25 years of club history. All past and present members welcome.
Please register your interest by e-mail:
angela.gormley@nzdf.mil.nz
or phone
(09) 445 5102.

POSSIBLE PERTH REUNION

The Keepa family, with Jamie Hoha and others, are organising an ex-RNZN reunion in Perth for Easter 2007. We are trying to make contact with any ex-sailors living in Australia who may wish to attend.

keepak@optusnet.com.au

EX-LEANDER’S REUNION

Christchurch, March 11-12 2006
Details from:
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Burwood
CHRISTCHURCH
phone 03 3830164
email: kmd100@xtra.co.nz
HMNZS ENDEAVOUR leads two frigates out of Auckland Harbour before sailing to Nelson and the Trafalgar Bi-centenary celebrations in October last year.