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International, high seas rescue recognized

'People made it right'

Sara White,
Managing editor

Passing on thanks and congratulations, everyone associated with the Atlantic Destiny acknowledged a "debt of gratitude" to responders who saved 31 crewmembers from the sinking fishing vessel March 3, 2021.

"Twenty-four hours after the first call, we received word the last four crewmembers had been rescued and were heading to shore," said Cara Pike, director of communications and marketing at Ocean's Choice, the owner of the Atlantic Destiny. "We were now able to notify families they were on the way home. Thank you – we are forever grateful. This was a heroic and collaborative effort."

Pike was in attendance October 4 at the DEFSEC Atlantic Conference in Halifax, as Leonardo Helicopters presented its 2021 Cormorant Trophy for the most daring Canadian helicopter rescue of the year. For the first time, the trophy was presented to joint responders from the Royal Canadian Air



October 4, in Halifax, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Captain Jeremy Appolloni, left, pilot and aircraft captain of Rescue 904; and search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Fernando Bianco, Sergeant Brad Nisbet and Master Corporal Matthew Sebo accepted their squadron's share of the first-ever international co-presentation of the Leonardo Cormorant Trophy. 413 Squadron, with United States Coast Guard support from Air Station Cape Cod, successfully rescue 31 crew members from the sinking Atlantic Destiny March 3, 2021.

Corporal N. Marchon

Force's 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, based at 14 Wing Greenwood; and the United States Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod.

"Fire. Weather. Distress. Taking on water. Two hundred miles off Cape Cod and 150 miles off Yarmouth," detailed a video story presented by

Dominic Howe, head of international campaigns for Leonardo in Canada. "Helicopter malfunctions, crew left behind on the ship because the rescue still had to happen: 'We can get one more.'

"This was teamwork at its finest – something went wrong at every step, and we rectified it."

"And we're here in the comfort and safety now of a convention centre to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of search and rescue teams as they venture out to save lives," Howe said. "Selecting one mission every year for this award is an arduous task, but this was an international effort that saw

31 sailors saved."

Four 413 Squadron crewmembers accepted the award on behalf of all 10 aboard the responding two Cormorant helicopters, with representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard joining via Zoom. Captain Jeremy Appolloni, pilot and aircraft captain of 413's Rescue 904,

described the "vast coordination effort" between four helicopter crews, military and civilian ground support, and the Atlantic Destiny crew itself.

"It was a mission where we could try and help - but it was also a mission where we could

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Festival of trees Ticket auction

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2022 Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20

Wayne Kelly, PSAC-Atlantic, 2SLGBTQIA+ Director for members

Transgender Day of Remembrance November 20 started as a vigil in 1999 to commemorate the death of Rita Hester, a transgender woman killed in 1998. Hester was a highly vocal and visible

member of the trans community in Boston. Violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people, particularly Black, Brown Latino transgender people remains at an all-time epidemic proportion. With 375 reported murders worldwide in 2021, it was the deadliest year for trans and gender diverse people. So far in the

United States, there have been at least 57 deaths linked to this hate epidemic. Since we began to keep statistics on this subject, we see it is the members of the transgender community who are most often victims of violent death. We say "at least" because the toll is undoubtedly much higher: many victims are deadnamed or misgendered, or their death

is not even reported.

While this day is a day of mourning and remembrance, it is also a day to reflect on contributions of the transgender community and the power of survival.

Candlelight vigils are the most common way to honour and to recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance. This year, we can finally get

together and show strength in numbers by attending events staged throughout our local areas, and throughout the nation.

As your PSAC Atlantic director for 2SLGBTQIA+ members, I ask you check your availabilities for Transgender Day of Remembrance vigils and events in your area. Stay safe, stay strong and stay proud. →

Water outages November 16, 17

In support of a number of water system repairs at 14 Wing Greenwood, there are several upcoming requirements for water outages:

November 16, between noon and 3 p.m., the water will be off on parts of Swordfish Drive, including Building 33 and hydrant #230. One lane of Swordfish Drive may be closed to traffic.

November 16, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., the water will be off for all residences on Rose Street, in the Residential Housing Units, including hydrants #346 and 348.

November 17, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., the water will be off near the 14 Wing ball diamond, affecting Building 88 (VPI) and, potentially Maple Street, as work gets underway.

Water may appear cloudy/ brown after restoration. If so, flush the lines using the largest faucet (bath tub or laundry faucet) until clear. →

Journée du souvenir trans 2022 – le 20 novembre

Wayne Kelley, Le directeur des membres 2SLGBTQIA+ de l'AFPC-Atlantique

La Journée du souvenir trans le 20 novembre est née d'une veillée organisée en 1999, à la mémoire de Rita Hester, femme transgenre tuée l'année précédente. Hester était très active et bien connue au sein de la communauté trans de Boston.

La violence envers les personnes trans et de genre non conforme, surtout les trans noires, brunes et latino-américaines, atteint des proportions épidémiques. L'année dernière, 375 personnes trans et de divers genres ont été tuées dans le monde, le plus lourd bilan annuel jamais enregistré. Jusqu'à présent, aux États-Unis, on compte au moins 57 décès liés à cette épidémie de haine. Depuis qu'on a

commencé à tenir des statistiques à ce sujet, on constate que ce sont les membres de cette communauté qui sont le plus souvent victimes d'une mort violente. Je dis « au moins », parce que le bilan est sans doute beaucoup plus élevé : nombre de victimes sont

morinomées ou mégenrées, ou leur décès n'est même pas signalé.

En cette journée de deuil et de commémoration, il importe également de réfléchir aux contributions apportées à la communauté transgenre et à sa capacité de survie face à l'adversité.

Une veillée à la chandelle est la façon la plus courante de souligner la Journée du souvenir

trans. Cette année, nous pouvons enfin nous recueillir en personne et témoigner de la force du nombre en assistant aux activités organisées un peu partout au pays.

En tant que directeur des membres 2SLGBTQIA+ de l'AFPC-Atlantique, je vous invite à consulter les horaires des veillées et des activités de la Journée du souvenir trans dans votre région. Prudence, force et fierté! →



14 Wing to host vigil, flag lowering November 20, International Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 20, is International Transgender Day of Remembrance, a date on which we stop and remember those killed during the past year due to transphobia and intolerance. We welcome you, 14 Wing Greenwood and community friends, to join the Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization and show your support in a vigil and flag lowering ceremony at 5 p.m. at the front gate to honour the transgender men and women and gender non-conforming people killed for being themselves.

International, high seas rescue ...

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be helped," Appolloni said. "The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax and the Canadian Coast Guard were our eyes and ears. IMP Aerospace had the skills and maintainers to see our helicopters out the door. The rescue centre in Boston handled our American counterparts. The Hercules aircraft was essential in dropping a pump to the Atlantic Destiny, as hoisting 31 people from the vessel was extremely time consuming.

"So many things went wrong that night but, when we broke, parts and people were there. When we ran out of fuel, people drove it across the province to us. When we were full, another helicopter was there to continue the rescue. When our charts couldn't calculate the high winds and waves, we referred to our experience and 'gut feelings.' We improvised, we adapted and we overcame.

"At every step of the rescue, when something went wrong – it was people who made it right." Appolloni expressed high regard for 413 Squadron search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Fernando Bianco and Sergeant Brad Nisbet, left aboard the Atlantic Destiny during hoist work when their helicopter malfunctioned and had to return to Yarmouth.

"They were the only two people who voluntarily got on a burning and sinking vessel that night and, after ensuring and personally getting off every one of those 31 people safely, they

were the last two people to jump – and I mean jump – to safety. The best thing our helicopter did that night was deliver those two SAR-Techs to the scene."

U.S. Coast Guard Commander Brian Kudrle, speaking from Cape Cod, described the honour of receiving the award, but "any member of the six aircraft who responded will tell you they were simply doing their job.

"No one came to work that day looking for a disaster, but we did come to work with a desire to help those who may need it. The true honour for us


is being able to get all 31 mariners off that boat and home safely. I'm extremely proud of each crew's actions that night."

The Cormorant Trophy started in 2002 by Leonardo Helicopters to annually recognize the most demanding helicopter rescue. The criteria include the mission occurred within Canada's search and rescue area of responsibility, conducted by a Canadian civilian, government or military helicopter crew; and it involving a rescue or attempted rescue where lives were saved or the potential for saving lives was high. →


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Corporal D. Ouellet, 14 Wing Imaging

Lending an eye to Op LENTUS work

14 Wing Greenwood imagery technician Corporal Dominic Ouellet was just one member of the recent Canadian Armed Forces' all-skills response in Nova Scotia, in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona September 24.

Storm damage to power, communications, homes and businesses, roads and trails and other infrastructure across the province, and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, warranted provincial authori-

ties' request for military assistance: known as Operation LENTUS, the CAF's response to natural disasters in Canada. Through the Nova Scotia Op LENTUS period, September 25 to October 13, members from Joint Task Force

(Atlantic), the 5th Canadian Division and 36 Canadian Brigade Group Direct Response Company worked alongside provincial emergency management and health services, corporate power and communications restoration crews,

emergency service partners, provincial public works, federal infrastructure and properties agencies, and non-profit organizations. At the peak of response in Nova Scotia, there were approximately 748 CAF personnel on the ground.

Ouellet was out and about October 7 in the Pictou area, capturing images of morning planning briefs, on-site work, local damage—and an opportunity for members of 4 Engineer Support Regiment to meet Pictou Academy students. →



Game to remember

Veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces were guests of honour at the November 5 Valley Wildcats game against the South Shore Lumberjacks. Royal Canadian Legion Ortona Branch 69 president Peter Rigby dropped the puck, with 14 Wing Greenwood's 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger and Master Warrant Officer Ed Delorme, and 5th Canadian Division Support Base Detachment Aldershot Major David Garvin. The 14 Wing Pipes & Drums' Kris Seely sang O Canada and the group was piped to centre ice by Anne Scott; the band then played from the upper concourse during the first intermission. 14 Air Reserve Master Corporal Cheryl Morris was also on hand with a recruitment display, including lots of aircraft posters for the kids (and chocolate!). Thanks for the game, Wildcats!

S. White

Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre offers a range of fun options every week for youth aged six to 12 (five if they have completed one full year in a school program). To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or

drop in to the Church Street offices weekdays. Monday, November 7, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Kids Club - Dodgeball Show-down. Free; pre-registration required by noon the day of the program. Wednesday, November 9,

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Pre-teen art program: a six-week program designed for learning art skills. Begins November 2, but accepting late registration. Cost: \$90+HST non-PSP Plan family membership; \$60+HST PSP Plan family membership. →



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Zombie crew

The zombie volunteer crew at CIS Flight's 4 Hangar was set to welcome/ attempt to annihilate visitors October 29 who dared to take on their battle challenge. Armed with Nerf guns, guests, with a food bank donation, were dared to make their way through the deconstructed hangar's workspaces and keep their four "lives" belts out of the grasping zombies' reach. The team behind the event worked hard to create a creepy – and fun! Experience.

Submitted

Halloween at home

Halloween decorating through 14 Wing Greenwood's Residential Housing Units' neighbourhood was spook-tacular this season! The Community Council toured the RHUs October 27, looking for creativity, spookiness, theme and decorations. Thanks to all who participated!



Submitted

Judges Lieutenant-Colonel Scanlon-Simms, Chief Warrant Officer Porteous and Master Corporal Moreau selected

the best-decorated winners:
Ward 1: Tyler Leslie and Jen Winter
Ward 2: Meghan Salem

Ward 3: Debra and Sgt Kent Billingham
Ward 4: Capt Mary Cameron-Kelly

Ward 5: Shawn and Angie McIn
Ward 6: Patrick Langille
If you have questions about

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