



## Royal Meeting for Reservist

Not many people get to meet royalty, but Area Engineer Bruno Champeval met Japan's Imperial Highness Princess Takamado in July, during a sea cadet exchange program.

"She's a woman of great knowledge and courtesy," says Bruno. "She said she'd been to Canada on many occasions and she congratulated us on the 2010 Olympics."



Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess Takamado meets Lieutenant Commander Bruno Champeval in August 2003 during a sea cadet exchange program.

Bruno is one of several DCC employees who serves in the reserve, specifically the sea cadets. He joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets at age 12, and for the past 19 years he has been an officer. Today, he is a lieutenant commander, and the commanding officer of a sea cadet corps located in Repentigny, Quebec.

When four younger cadets were chosen to visit Japan, Bruno was selected from among officers coast to coast who applied to be their escort officer. "I was responsible for the welfare of the cadets in Japan and for discipline, since

we were representing Canada abroad," he says.

Previously, he had been on exchange programs to Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego, California, but this was his first time on an exchange program overseas. In Japan, they toured cultural sites, did combined exercises with the Japan Naval Sea Youth and visited coast guard vessels.

"We also visited the peace memorial in Hiroshima," he adds. "It was an opportunity to reflect on the use of nuclear weapons and world peace,

which was very good for the cadets. There were other cadets from Great Britain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Korea, Zimbabwe and South Africa, which permitted an exchange of views on a number of issues."

Normally, being in the reserve means training once a week and additional weekend-long training. As a DCC employee, Bruno finds the experience helps him on the job. "I know discipline and I know the way military personnel think and act, since I wear the uniform myself."

## OAG Gives Stamp of Approval

Every five years, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) conducts a special examination of Crown corporations. For the third consecutive time, the OAG has found no significant deficiencies in management and governance practices at DCC.

The special investigation reviews the management and governance of Crown corporations, and examines areas of special interest or of high risk to the Corporation or to the Government of Canada. DCC's third straight "thumbs up" is relatively unusual, and as DCC President Ross Nicholls says, it is "a testament to all employees who embrace and respect our business practices."

Two other audits recently produced good news for DCC. The OAG raised no significant issues with the year-end financial audit. Finally, there was a recent internal audit, one that takes place every five years, that systematically reviewed all of DCC's systems and operations. In particular, it examined DCC's contracting practices. Mr. Nicholls calls this "an audit of particular significance since [contracting] is an area of core competence—our *raison d'être* since 1951."

The internal audit was conducted by an independent auditor, IBM Consulting Limited. The results yielded

no significant deficiencies, and did praise the culture and ethics of those involved in contracting activities.

In addition to these mandatory audits, the DCC management framework includes a series of smaller scale compliance reviews, generally undertaken by DCC staff. These reviews are completed in the areas of contracting, site management, safety and financial management, all to ensure quality service provision for DND and value for the Government of Canada.

## DCTF GALIANO Opening Ceremony



Aerial view of the damage control training facility GALIANO, CFB Esquimalt.



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Attending the opening ceremony on July 3, 2003, from left to right; unknown; Steve Karpyschin, DCC Western Regional Director; David Cross, President of ICS; Defence Minister John McCallum; Environment Minister David Anderson; Rear-Admiral Fraser, MARPAC; LCol Jacques Vaillancourt, DCPSPD.

**Barry Richardson**, P. Eng., is DCC's new Area Engineer in Edmonton, Alberta. Recently with Tracer Industries (a TYCO company), Barry previously was employed with UMA Engineering after spending most of his career with CN Rail. There, he held positions in engineering, operations, capital program management and regional management. Barry holds a B.Sc. in electrical engineering from the University of Calgary. Barry can be reached at (780) 495-2555.

**Lynda Lenfesty**, CET, PMP, has been appointed Area Manager in Edmonton (780-495-2555). Lynda joined DCC in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in 1988 after receiving her diploma in civil engineering technology from the Saskatchewan Technical Institute. Lynda has held positions of increasing responsibility with DCC, having served at the Dundurn, Toronto and Petawawa sites prior to being named Site Manager at CFB Kingston in 1999.

**Andrew Dye**, P. Eng., assumes the role of Area Engineer for British Columbia (250-363-5301). Andrew holds a B.Sc. (chemistry) from Mount Allison University and a B.Sc. (civil engineering) from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. Andrew started with DCC in Halifax in 1988. Since that time, Andrew has worked throughout the Maritimes and in the far north on the NAADM project. In 2001, he moved to Esquimalt to manage the Fleet Maintenance Facility construction program.

**Ross Welsman**, P. Eng., will take up the duties of Area Engineer for the Atlantic Region in September 2003. A former DCC employee from 1983 to 1988, Ross worked at site offices in Halifax, Summerside, P.E.I., Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and Cartwright, Labrador. He left to work for a construction contractor and engineering consultant before starting his own project management firm in 1994. Ross holds a B.Sc. (mathematics) and a B. Eng. (civil) from the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

As mentioned in the June 2003 issue of *DCC at Work*, **Randy McGee** arrives in Kingston (613-541-5010) in September 2003 to take on the role of Director, Ontario Region. The reallocation of duties between him and **Marc Lanteigne** (514-496-2729) as Ontario and Quebec Regional Directors will take place this fall.

**New Appointments**

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## Protecting RMC

Generally, an environmental assessment is concerned mostly with a project's environmental impact. But these assessments also explore the archaeological and heritage aspects of a proposal, and while these hardly matter to most projects, the picture changes when you are working on the Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston.

The site has three national historical designations and is within striking distance of two forts that played historic roles in the War of 1812. Plans to build a new dormitory for the college's students hit a snag when an assessment discovered the remains of a naval dockyard. Here, some of the ships that won that war for the British were built, preserving Canada's independence from the United States.

As project manager, DCC manages the environmental assessment process, either doing the work itself or contracting it out to other experts. Like all such assessments, the RMC assessment has four stages.

First, the assessment searches for any reason to believe that the site may be of archaeological importance. Given the college's role in the War of 1812, that much was certain.

The site was then overlaid with a grid, and every few metres the assessors dug a test pit. When they found objects, they moved to the next stage.

The assessors built larger pits to assess the scope of the site. If the project goes ahead, a full-scale archaeological dig will go forward first.

Such a dig would be one of several possible mitigation methods that would reduce the project's impact. Another

would involve moving the dorm somewhat. Because DND recognizes that the Royal Military College is a site of special historical significance to all Canadians, it is treading carefully, and it is now (as of July 2003) holding an open and transparent process of full consultations with the general public and with such key departments as Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

For more information on this project, contact Bryon MacConnell at (613) 541-5010.

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**Unearthing history—this artifact is a typical find at the RMC project site.**