

# HMCS QUEEN

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



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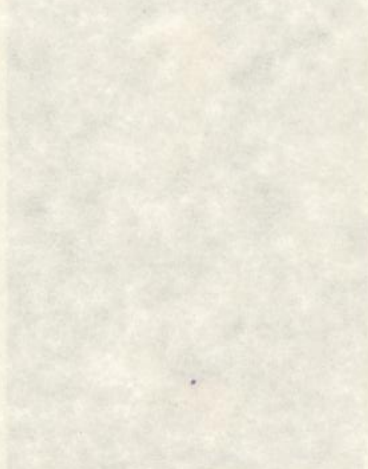
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING  
HMCS QUEEN'S 2022  
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LCdr Kaytor remains dedicated to the navy in Regina and seeks to promote the values of the RCN through HMCS QUEEN – it's very much in his blood, and as with many who have come before him, the navy is an institution he feels will always have a dedication to its success!



## OUR HISTORY

The Naval Reserve Division in Regina was established as the Regina Half Company, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1923. For the first several years, the Division trained in a series of rented or borrowed facilities, eventually moving to the Regina Armouries in the 1930s. During WWII, the facilities of the Wascana Winter Club were acquired "for the duration of hostilities." Following the naval practice of designating naval shore training establishments as ships, or *Stone Frigates*, the Regina Half Company was christened HMCS QUEEN, in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) in 1942. At that time, QUEEN inherited the battle honours of the several HM Ships QUEEN, which had previously served with the Royal Navy. Following the War, HMCS QUEEN trained in old CWAC Barracks near the Armouries, until the opening of the present facility in 1956. Due to budget cuts, HMCS QUEEN was one of several Naval Reserve Divisions closed in 1964. The unit re-commissioned in 1975 in the same and present building.

## LIEUTENANT COMMANDER AARON KAYTOR

### PROGRAM

1250 – Guests to be seated

1300 – Ceremony Starts

1320 – Arrival of Reviewing Officer and  
(Please stand for the Vice Regal Salute and General Salute)

1325 – Parade Commences

- Arrival of Commanding Officer
- Arrival of Reviewing Officer
- Arrival of Lieutenant Governor
- Reviewing Officer Inspection
- Prayers
- Outgoing CO's Address
- Change of Command Certificate Signing
- Reviewing Officer Address
- Incoming CO's Address
- March Past (Incoming CO)

1400 – Departure of Lieutenant Governor  
(Please stand for the Vice Regal Salute and General Salute)

1410 – Parade End; Reception in Wardroom.



LCdr Aaron Kaytor, was born and raised in Regina SK. His interest in the navy began in 1995 when he joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets where he completed a full tour that included time on international exchanges and work as a staff cadet. In 2003, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a CIC officer and soon after transferred to the Primary Reserve as a Naval Warfare Officer.

He studied full time at the University of Regina where he received his Bachelor of Arts degrees in International Studies and Political Science (2008). After completing undergraduate studies, LCdr Kaytor

began his full-time service by serving in several ships and shore establishments on both East and West coasts and throughout his career participated in several Operational Deployments, Fisheries Patrols, and other naval exercise taskings as required by the service. His experiences have allowed him to both live and work in several Canadian cities and provide him with a wide perspective of different cultures throughout Canada.

He eventually moved to Regina SK from St. John's Nfld in 2013 and has since married his wife, Megan, and has fathered their two girls, Caitlin (age 6) and Adalynn (age 4). His children keep him extremely busy, but he still manages to find time for them and family life.

As a believer in lifelong learning, LCdr Kaytor undertook the challenge of higher education and was awarded a Master of Business Administration – International (2014) after an intensive two-year program. In the years since, he has had a variety of experiences including starting a small business and working in a reserve Class B capacity at HMCS QUEEN. In early 2019, he returned to Class A service while accepting the challenge of adapting to a leadership role in the Saskatchewan Personal Lines Underwriting department for SGI Canada and earning a Chartered Insurance Professional Designation. In addition, he is continuing his professional military education at the Canadian Forces College entering the final year of the Joint Command Staff Programme.

## COMMANDER CLARK NORTHEY



Commander Clark Northey joined the Royal Canadian Navy on April 3rd, 2006 while pursuing post-secondary studies at the University of Saskatchewan. An Intelligence Officer by occupation, he has had opportunity to fill a variety of staff and operational roles both at home and abroad.

In 2011, Cdr Northey deployed to Manama, Bahrain as the Lead Counterterrorism Analyst for CTF 150 within COMUSNAVCENT. Shortly thereafter, he deployed again in 2012 to Northwood, United Kingdom as the Cell

Chief for the NATO Shipping Centre in direct support of counter-piracy efforts off the Horn of Africa.

He has also supported two domestic operations – in 2010 as J2 Staff for the Vancouver Olympics and again a Liaison Officer during the Joint Task Force (West) led wildfire operations in Northern Saskatchewan.

Following a two-year term as HMCS QUEEN's Executive Officer, he deployed with the Task Force South Sudan, serving as the Early Warning Team Lead for the standing United Nations Mission in the region. Cdr Northey then relocated to Toronto – a year-long term culminating in his completion of the Joint Command and Staff Programme at Canadian Forces College.

Cdr Northey holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

Cdr Northey assumed command of HMCS QUEEN in July 2019 and was promoted to his current rank on January 1st, 2020.

## HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE RUSS MIRASTY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN



Russ Mirasty was born and raised in La Ronge, Saskatchewan and is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. He joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in 1976, and served in various roles across the country, including as Director General of National Aboriginal Policing Services and as Commanding Officer of "F" Division (Saskatchewan).

Following his retirement from the RCMP in 2013, Mr. Mirasty continued to devote himself to the residents of Saskatchewan by helping lead the Student First

Engagement process. He served as a member of the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents, and as a board member on the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance. He was appointed to Saskatchewan's Advisory Group on Poverty Reduction, and served on the board of the McDowell Foundation, which supports research, inquiry, and sharing of information for the K to 12 education system.

His Honour leads a very active lifestyle and regularly participates in running and cross-country skiing marathon events. He and his wife, Donna Mirasty, have a home in La Ronge, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

## COMMODORE P.J. MONTGOMERY



Commodore Pat Montgomery enrolled as a Naval Warfare Officer with Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Malahat in 1986. Since then, he has served ashore and afloat in a range of part-time and full-time positions with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) while continuing his academic civilian studies and then career.

At Malahat, Commodore Montgomery served as the Deck Officer while completing his B.Sc. and M.Sc. at the University of Victoria. He obtained his Bridge Watchkeeper's Certificate in 1989

and spent several summers serving in Porte Class gate vessels, PBs and "YAG" (Yard Auxiliary, General) training vessels. In 1993 he transferred to HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton's Naval Reserve Division, while continuing his postgraduate studies at the University of Alberta. While at Nonsuch, he served as the Operations Officer, and continued to go to sea at every opportunity, including as Executive Officer (XO) for the unit's final Gate Vessel Weekend, which brought HMCS Porte Quebec alongside for the last time.

On completion of his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, Commodore Montgomery moved to Prince George as faculty at the University of Northern British Columbia. While there, he maintained his part-time career with the Naval Reserve, and trained with Nonsuch whenever possible. After gaining knowledge on the new Kingston class, he was awarded his Minor Warship Command qualification in 2004, serving several periods as XO of HMCS Nanaimo during the summer months.

In 2008, after a tour as XO of HMCS Kingston, Commodore Montgomery moved to Victoria and assumed command of HMCS Edmonton followed by a hull transfer to HMCS Saskatoon. During nearly four years in command, he was involved in the full range of coastal operations, including Operation Podium, the CAF contribution to the Centennial of the Navy and Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics security efforts, Exercise RIMPAC 2012, and a variety of port visits from Juneau, Alaska to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. On completion of his sea posting, he moved ashore as the Mine Warfare Officer for Coastal

Forces (Pacific), working towards growing our Navy's capability in this important warfare area.

In 2015, Commodore Montgomery transitioned back to part-time service while joining the faculty at Camosun College in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. He served as the Naval Reserve Western Region Captain from 2015 to 2018, followed by a posting as Special Assistant to the Director General, Naval Strategic Readiness. Commodore Montgomery was promoted to his current rank and appointed Commander Naval Reserve in July of 2021. He currently resides in Victoria with his wonderfully supportive wife and enjoys spending time with his two sons, sailing the Gulf Islands, and playing tuba in the Greater Victoria Community Band.