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CO REPORT  
YEAR END - 2020

Hi Everyone,

As we complete 2020, I wanted to send a brief end of year report. I trust the monthly reports have kept you up to speed on SACKVILLE and what is happening. It is a good way to keep in touch and generate queries on what the crew is doing onboard.

The year started with enthusiasm and excitement for 2020 but COVID quickly put us on our heels. The winter and spring months proved difficult as we could not hold our weekly Friday Trustee's lunch and the ship was pretty much shut down for any other events. We did commit to ensure SACKVILLE was at her downtown berth for the summer months. This was very important for the ship. It was a signal to the community of our presence and the important role SACKVILLE played in Canadian history.

Lest We Forget our veterans and continue to thank those serving.

The summer activities were very much curtailed. We did secure six interpreters from the Canada Summer Jobs programme. This was a great experience for the new crew and the individuals selected were an awesome fit for the ship. Although the ship was not open to visitors, the work of our interpreters allowed our Chief of the Ship (COTS) to prove the concept of operations we had envisioned for the summer programme. Rick Powell took on the leadership of our Trustee Guides and their assistance again proved invaluable during the summer months. We have some great plans as we look to post refit and returning to our downtown berth.

SACKVILLE conducted three Committal of Ashes ceremonies this summer. We were privileged to be able to complete this important role.

SACKVILLE refit has progressed well. I have attached the latest figures on cladding. As of 18 Dec, FMF Cladding work included:

- Total hull area to be cladded - 6,176 sq ft,
- Completed – 1,552 sq ft, and
- Remaining 4,624 sq ft.

Still, lots of work ahead!

On the 23 Dec, FMF and the Shed will shut down to enjoy the Christmas and New Years break. All hands will be back on deck on the 4 Jan 21. On the 23 Dec, the crew will complete a final set of rounds and the shed will be closed.



Communications. Our social media continues to be very active. Of note, our Instagram account, led by Will Traves, is having effect in reaching a younger generation. Sandy McClearn and Doug Struthers, ship's photographers, are doing a great job in capturing the ship in pictures. The link for Sandy's pictures has been posted to our website. This will be a great history of the ship. As well, the International modeling community is showing great interest in our pictures as a reference to their own work.

On behalf of our crew HMCS SACKVILLE, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Continue to Serve!



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