



22 May 2021

## CO REPORT

Hi Everyone,

It has been a while since I provided an update on the ship. As you know, SACKVILLE is back in the Submarine Shed. It was good to get started on Phase II of the hull plating. Of course, COVID threw us another curve ball as MARLANT went to COVID Level Black. This meant a complete shutdown of FMF work on the ship. The shed was closed for a week. On Monday, 17 May, things started up with tight restrictions on access and number of FMF personnel working the hull. The Chief of the Ship (COTS) produced a plan to cover two 8 hr shifts per day that would cover the period 17 – 26 May. With everything in place, plating work recommenced on the 17 May. Much to our delight, FMF personnel turned too and turned eight days work into three. Wow! See attached pics.

Next steps are for M&O to complete application of the marine coating. By Fri, 28 May 21, all hull work will be completed.

Other SACKVILLE news:

### Refit

- a. Un-Docking. We will undock on Wed, 2 Jun.
- b. Electrical (Shore Power). Electrical breaker work remains outstanding. COVID has prevented the ordering of the remaining breaker parts. Once everything is in place, FMF will liaise with the ship to complete this work.
- c. Trustee Mess Servery. Chief Shipwright is working the servery. There remains much to do but the servery is taking shape.

Deploy to Sackville Landing. Once in the water, the crew will set to work in preparations for our move to Sackville Landing. We have to step the mast and clean the ship. Externally the ship will look awesome but internally this will take some time. Our tentative plan is to move downtown the week of 21 Jun. This may be delayed a week. The ship's presence will be an essential part of the downtown core for Canada Day and summer activities. I do not anticipate we will be open to visitors until Jul (optimistic) or Aug. Public Health NS will dictate this. I am hopeful we can enjoy our first Friday Trustee lunch by Aug. The team will develop a plan for our move downtown with a media release, media embarked, Stad Band, and hopefully a dignitary or two. MTF on this plan.



Summer Hires. We are approved for three interpreters for the summer 2021. We have asked Canada Summer Jobs for additional billets if any become available. The summer interpreters will be in place for the 28 Jun. We will continue to seek the support of our Trustees as Trustee Guides. Rick Powell will continue to lead the charge on this front. We will start a recruiting campaign in Jun.

Committal of Ashes. We had hoped to conduct a committal of ashes during the week of 21 Jun. This is no longer possible. We will look at Aug as a potential time to conduct our first committal service. Again, COVID will dictated.

Mess Manager. I am delighted to advise that PO1 (ret'd) Chuck Goldberg has taken on the role as ship's mess manager. We are presently seeking training for Chuck as he assumes this vital role for SACKVILLE.

Key Chains. The CERA, Pat Devenish, continues to produce and sell key chains. He has reached 6K in sales for the ship. BZ Pat!

I leave you with USS The Sullivans. USS The Sullivans is a 78-year-old Fletcher-Class destroyer and major attraction at Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, Buffalo, NY. This winter, USS The Sullivans was in danger of sinking. Remember USS The Sullivans.

Continue to Serve!

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