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“What I could see from outside the Navy looking in was that whenever the Navy’s ships and sailors were at sea, they were fulfilling their purpose, even if they were out on a training exercise.”

– Sub Lieutenant Nick Moses,
commissioning from the ranks (Army)



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Front Cover:

Intensity in TE MANA's Operations Rooms during a simulated warfare exercise. From front to rear, AEWS Hannaford, POEWS Barrett, LTCDR West (Principal Warfare Officer), CDR Peebles (Commanding Officer), ACSS Dodunski, AEWS Langsbury, POEWS Fletcher, and AEWS Tufuga.

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Yours Aye

Deputy Chief of the Navy



Tena koutou!

**Ngā mihi o te tau hou!
Happy Māori New Year.**

It has been a great experience to celebrate the Māori New Year, a truly unique holiday for all New Zealanders. I was in Devonport for the celebration and it was inspiring to see the local families turn out to walk up Takarunga (Mount Victoria) with their homemade lamps and come together as a community to see the lights along King Edward Parade. Thank you to our iwi hēramana who work within our community to enable these shared positive outcomes.

Last week, I was able to meet my counterpart from the Chilean Navy, RADM Raul Zamorano for the first time. We would usually meet every second year but have been unable to due to travel restrictions in both countries. It was an opportunity to hear from and share ideas from a partner Navy who, although we are geographically separated by nearly ten thousand kilometres, are joined together by Moana-nui-a-kiwa, the Pacific Ocean. We are both people from and of the Pacific and therefore have a deep interest in what is occurring in our rohe. One of our previous Sailor of the Year, POSCS Reilly, was able to join us for dinner to share his experiences of travelling to Chile in 2015 as part of his Sailors of the Year experience.

The benefits our Navy gains from these sailor-to-sailor interactions are immeasurable and it was good to hear about the experiences and learning that occurred.

As Aotearoa, New Zealand continues to open up and we are able to travel more, we will see an increase in the number of visitors coming to our shores and we will have more opportunities to engage with our friends and partners overseas. Every interaction is not only an experience that is memorable to us as individuals but it is also an opportunity for others to learn more about our Country, our Navy and our People which both broadens and deepens our ability to work together, on and off the water.

For those who have been and will be involved in visits, thank you for being great ambassadors. Our reputation as a Navy is enhanced through your representation.

Finally, a warm welcome to our newest sailors who graduated recently, and their whanau. It is always a pleasure to attend the graduation parade and it was made more special to have our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro as our Reviewing Officer.

He heramana ahau.

Commodore Melissa Ross
Deputy Chief of Navy





ALL-ACTION IN TE MANA

For many of HMNZS TE MANA's Ship's Company, the voyage home from Canada provided their first taste of life aboard a combat-capable frigate—and the drills that come with it.

TE MANA, having completed her three-year Frigate Systems Upgrade, departed Esquimalt on 30 May, heading down the west coast of the American continent. She called into San Francisco Harbour on 6 June for some navigational training, greeted by the habitual fog as they sailed under the famous Golden Gate Bridge. The crew enjoyed a more substantial logistics stop in San Diego before departing for Hawaii, arriving at Pearl Harbor on 21 June.

Crew carry out a Standard Operator Check (SOC) on the triple tube torpedo launcher, including testing of the Air Shot system. When loaded, torpedoes are launched using compressed air.

The list of evolutions en route, some conducted multiple times, included Anti-Air, Anti-Surface and Anti-Submarine Warfare training (AAW, ASW, ASuW); live firing; damage control and Ship's Medical Emergency Team training; Hands to Action stations and casualty drills.

It's not as intense as the pace of a frigate work-up, says Ship Information Officer Lieutenant Richard Horne, but it's a good step in the right direction.

"We're just at the beginning stages of rebuilding the combat capability on board, and for a lot of our Ship's Company this was their first taste of Defence Watches and Action Stations."

The drills tested TE MANA's new Combat Management System (CMS), also installed in HMNZS TE KAHA.

"One of the cool things is the new training mode built into the CMS. It allows the Ops Room to run warfare scenarios like a video game, where one console is set as the 'game conductor' with control over the scenario, such as moving enemy and friendly targets/vessels, and attacks on us and our simulated task group.

"The Ops room then defends the ship or the task group against these attacks just like they would in real life. The AAW, ASuW, ASW, and Naval Gunfire Support warfare training utilises this tool.

"Defence Watches and Action Stations demand a huge involvement from the crew, so fatigue management is important. Morale was high, and we still got to enjoy some treats like a Hands-to-bathe a day prior to arriving in Hawaii. We're all super excited to start the final leg home now!"

LPTI Deena-Ranginui Puketapu keeps the pace going during one of two PT sessions a day.

Man overboard exercise.

A fire team checks a compartment during a ship's fire exercise.





Clockwise from left:

Seaman Combat Specialists fire on a 'killer tomato' target using a .50 caliber machine gun.

LWT Ash Fitzwater locally loads a BL&P (Blind load and plug) shell into the 5" Gun from the 'Gun Container'. The BL&P shell is non-explosive, and is used primarily for training and target practice.

The .50 Calibre Mini-Typhoon weapon is fired using a remote operator.





ACTION VS ALTERNATIVE MESSING



Ship Information
Officer
Lieutenant
Richard Horne
explains the
difference.

Action Messing is getting the entire Ship's Company fed while the ship is at Action Stations. Ideally, 100 per cent of the crew need to be at their posts, so it's basically get in, eat as fast as you can, get back out and keep the ship ready to fight. Fleet Standard Time for action messing is 35 minutes to get everyone through "scran" (meal time).

Alternative messing is a situation where the galley has been taken out of action. It could be from a fire, missile hit or battle damage, and the chefs have to prepare meals using alternative means. Usually this involves having a barbecue in the hangar and eating on the flight deck.

Theoretically you could combine Action Messing and Alternative Messing but it'd be pretty tough!



HMNZS AOTEAROA: 22 WEEKS DEPLOYED

HMNZS AOTEAROA is taking part in the world's largest international maritime exercise for the first time, as part of a five-and-a-half month deployment to the Asia Pacific region.

After COVID-19 restrictions kept HMNZS MANAWANUI at sea only for the 2020 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) multinational exercise, RIMPAC 22 is back to a full-scale, combined live field training exercise at sea, in the air, and on land.

Twenty-six nations are taking part in RIMPAC 22, hosted by Commander US Pacific Fleet. The exercise will include 38 surface vessels, four submarines, more than 170 aircraft and approximately 25,000 personnel.

The exercise is being conducted primarily in the vicinity of Hawaii and Southern California from 29 June to 4 August.

The theme of RIMPAC 22 is Capable, Adaptive, Partners, and participating nations will exercise a range of capabilities ranging from disaster relief and maritime security operations to complex warfighting.

Maritime Component Commander Commodore Garin Golding said the NZDF's primary purpose was to conduct military operations in support of New Zealand's national security interests.

Participating in a multinational training activity of the scale of RIMPAC 22 provided the NZDF with an unparalleled opportunity to hone skills the NZDF could be called on to use, and would enhance interoperability with military partners, he said.

"This will be a real test of warfighting capabilities and exciting to be part of for all those involved. Each day will challenge our people as they exercise real-life scenarios in a multi-national environment."

In addition to HMNZS AOTEAROA, HMNZS MATATAUA's dive and hydrography teams will be based in San Diego where they will undertake activities including mine counter measures. In addition, NZ Army has sent a Joint Fires Team including Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, and Royal New Zealand Air Force, Army and Navy personnel are filling roles in both the Combined Air Operations and Warfighting Centres.

For the first time, New Zealand will fill the Carrier Strike Group Sea Combat Commander role, taken up by Captain Stephen Lenik. His staff will be embarked in USS MOBILE BAY for the duration.

CAPT Lenik said that as the Sea Combat Commander, he was looking forward to working with his team to test their skills in a challenging, multi-domain environment, integrating the combat capabilities of numerous warships, carrier and land-based aircraft to achieve sea control in support of the overall exercise mission, "and strengthen relationships with our regional partners while doing so.



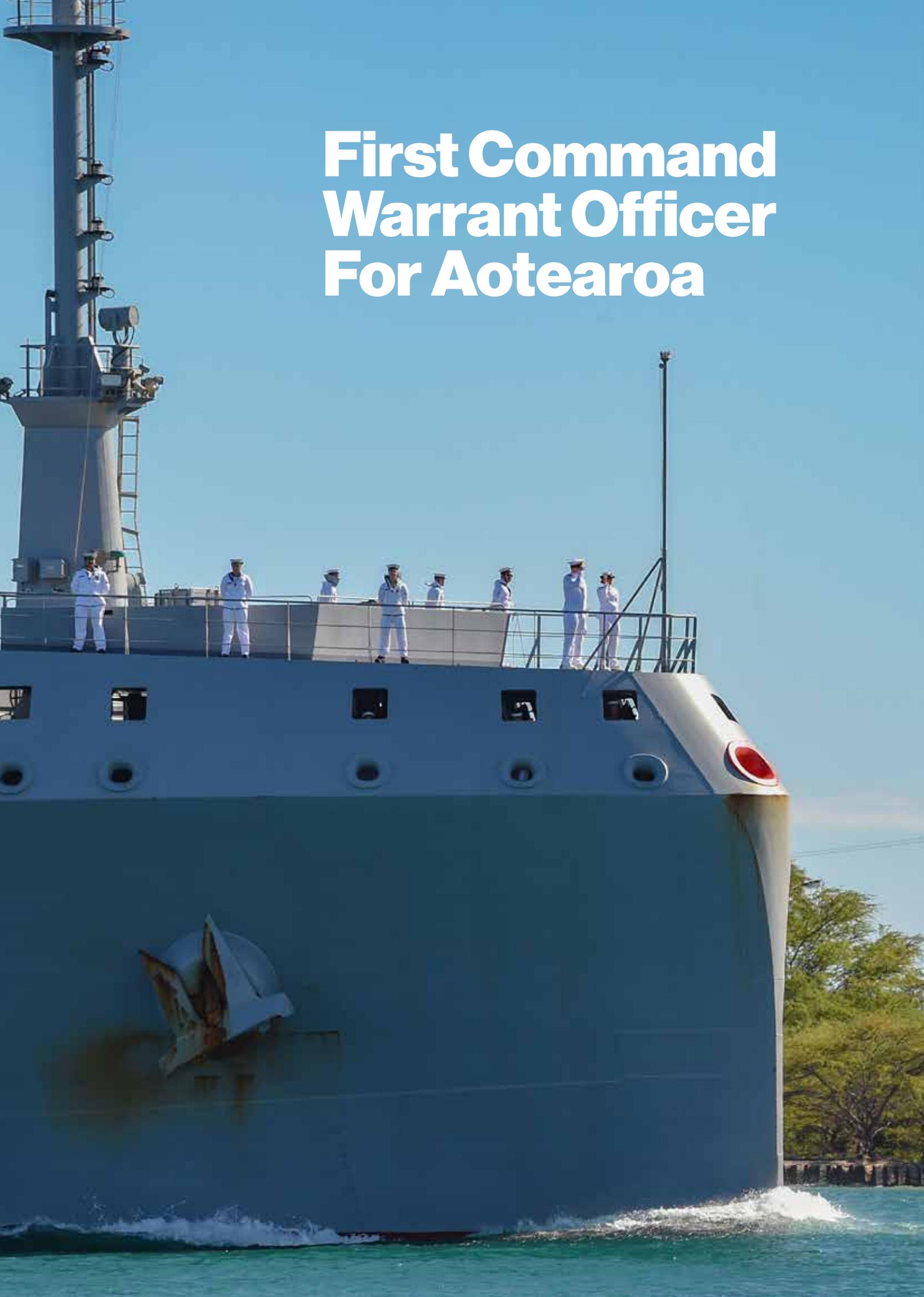
"The unique benefit of RIMPAC is that it provides access to first-rate training opportunities alongside partner nations. Exercising in this way makes us collectively more agile and able to respond quickly to security incidents in our region," he said. AOTEAROA will be one of only a few replenishment tankers involved.

"Operating in company, in a large task group of ships, will test everyone on board – from our Communications Warfare Specialists who will work around the clock providing real time tactical communications, to the Combat Systems Specialists with their ability to track, classify and build a situational awareness picture, our marine and electronics technicians who keep the ship running from the temperate waters of New Zealand to the tropical waters of Hawaii, and more."

He said it was the first deployment for many on board the ship, and after two years of COVID restrictions, they were looking forward to travelling. "The travel is one of the reasons so many young people join the Navy and they're looking forward to experiencing something new."

The ship's involvement in RIMPAC 22 will be part of an almost six-month deployment to the Indo-Pacific region. The ship will have a number of international engagements including attendance at the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force International Fleet Review in November, before returning to New Zealand in time for Christmas.

First Command Warrant Officer For Aotearoa



The inaugural appointment of a Command Warrant Officer (CWO) for HMNZS AOTEAROA reflects the ship's global abilities and mission skillset for the Royal New Zealand Navy.

It's a good match for the skillsets of Warrant Officer Hydrographic Survey Technician Karen Foster, who has served for 22 years in roles that have included deployments in HMNZ Ships RESOLUTION, ENDEAVOUR, CANTERBURY and OTAGO, plus postings to PHILOMEL, the Hydrographic Office, Detached Hydrographic Survey Unit, the Maritime Survey Team, the RNZN Hydrographic School, the Fleet Personnel and Training Organisation and Naval Staff within Defence House in Wellington.

She has served operationally in Afghanistan and Bahrain, most recently last year as New Zealand's Battle Watch Captain for Combined Task Force 150, when New Zealand led drug interdiction operations in the Indian Ocean.

She comes to AOTEAROA from a posting as Deputy Director Naval Strategy (Implementation), and says she is excited about the new role. She's on board for the nearly six-month Operation Crucible through South East Asia, including Exercise RIMPAC in Hawaii.

"The ship's command team have done a lot of work to create this new role," she says. "The Navy has been talking about its people as its assets and this new appointment is walking the talk. The Command Warrant Officer is focused on the people, that's the heart of it. I try to make people's lives better by listening to them, seeing what they need, and making sure the messages from them are getting through."

Her last significant sea posting was as a Chief Petty Officer in RESOLUTION in 2012, when she saw her decommission. "For Warrant Officers who aren't technical trades, it can be harder to get back on a ship. Marine Technicians, Electronic Technicians, no problem, but it's more challenging for Support and Operations trades."

She says a past posting in career management required skills not unlike that of a CWO. "It's about being honest with people, matching what the organisation needs with what a person needs, and having the conversation and working the adjustments needed to make things fit."

She's already been told she brings a whole new level of energy to AOTEAROA, which possibly also helps with getting from deck to deck and finding her way around. "This ship is big and there are a lot of stairs!" The high level of accommodation is something she's never encountered before, and she wonders how the Navy's junior rates will cope, going from a ship with generous accommodation and a junior rates' recreation space, to the spartan confines of an Anzac-class frigate.

"The junior members are pretty excited about this deployment," she says. "I've done a lot of things in my career, and I did a similar kind of deployment in ENDEAVOUR when I was a Leading Hand. But this is something new. I'm looking forward to the culture engagement with other Navies. You learn a lot from other people and you find we do a lot of things the same way. It's great seeing junior sailors getting the opportunity to experience it, and I feel very privileged to be in this position. I want those coming after me to see there's a position like this."

AOTEAROA's Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Richard McGinily, says AOTEAROA's predecessor ENDEAVOUR didn't have a CWO but there was simply no comparison between the two ships. "AOTEAROA conducts significant operations more in line with that of a warship than an Auxiliary ship, and we routinely deploy with over 90 personnel. We're very pleased and excited to have a CWO."



Warrant Officer
Hydrographic Survey Technician

Karen Foster



NZDF WOWS AT QUEEN'S JUBILEE

The New Zealand Defence Force contingent wowed the crowds lining The Mall as it participated in the massive celebration that was Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London.

The 40-strong marching party, under Commander Kerry Tutty, Contingent Commander, were among around 2,000 military personnel who marched the three kilometres from Admiralty Arch, along The Mall to Buckingham Palace on Sunday 5 June.

CDR Tutty said she had been looking forward to the atmosphere of such an incredible milestone, and earlier had said she was especially excited to show the contingent's diverse ceremonial demonstration.



As the march proceeded, a six-strong taua, or warrior party, with traditional weapons, broke away from the march, acting as kiore (runner scouts) on the left and right flanks of the main body.

Petty Officer Physical Training Instructor Te Teira Maxwell told Stuff media the crowd had been relatively quiet leading up to that point. "Then a big roar went up. It was an awesome experience."

CDR Tutty said it was a fantastic moment. "The cheers just went up," she told Stuff media. "It is an enormous honour to represent New Zealand at the Pageant and to celebrate Her Majesty's lifetime of public service alongside our Commonwealth colleagues."

The contingent had been training at the British Army's Pirbright Camp in Surrey, and earlier in the week they held a 4am rehearsal on The Mall. Chief Petty Officer Seaman Combat Specialist Shane Dixon said it provided a much-needed sense of occasion as the big day approached.

While in England, the contingent took part in the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral prior to the pageant and attended services at the Brockenhurst and Brookwood cemeteries, where New Zealand service people are buried.

New Zealand sent a contingent to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1987 (marking 60 years on the throne).



Chief Petty Officer Steward

Denise Kingi

Forty-five years ago, Denise Kingi was sitting in her pram in Invercargill while her grandmother shook the hand of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"We didn't believe Nana until we saw the photo years later in a royal magazine," Denise said.

"The Queen shook my Nana's hand during her whirlwind visit to Queens Park in 1977 and I was there in the pram with my parents."

Now, with a distinguished 31-year Royal New Zealand Navy career behind her, Chief Petty Officer Steward Kingi once again brushed shoulders with Her Majesty when she marched down London's The Mall as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

She had her naval uniform tailored to look her sharpest and learned the NZDF haka for the occasion. She says the highlights were the sheer size of the parade and Jubilee celebration and being fortunate enough to be an active part of the parade. "Having 600 horses in the parade is something I would never see or experience in a parade in New Zealand."



Leading Seaman Combat Specialist

Beaudine Gibbons-Hiko

Leading Seaman Combat Specialist Beaudine Gibbons-Hiko has nothing but admiration for Queen Elizabeth II and her more than 70 years of service for her country and the Commonwealth.

He jokes he volunteered for the role because "I have served the Queen for nine years and think it's about time I met her".

"I think it's quite amazing that she has served her country for so long and has seen more history than most."

During World War II, Queen Elizabeth joined the Auxillary Territorial Service on turning 18 and trained as a mechanic. LSCS Gibbons-Hiko respected that commitment to service.

"I think it's awesome, especially noting that the Services of her era were a lot rougher and probably weren't the most ideal place for wāhine, yet she still went for it and proved that she's just as tough as anyone else."



Lieutenant

Poutu Taua

Lieutenant Poutu 'Tau' Taua, second in command of the NZDF contingent, says he had never done a purely ceremonial operation before, in 40 years of service to Her Majesty and New Zealand.

"I feel very honoured to be selected for this occasion," he says. "The Royal New Zealand Navy obviously has a significant relationship with Her Majesty. Her name is on all our ships and we have the crown in our crest. We wouldn't be the Royal New Zealand Navy without her."

While the pageant is a ceremonial event, LT Taua still calls it a job that he wanted to do well so that the New Zealand Defence Force and New Zealand could pay tribute to her more than 70 years of public service, which includes service during World War II as a mechanic.

"I have the utmost respect for her. Her service with the British Army shows she was willing to step up and do her bit. Wouldn't be surprised if her head was stuck under the bonnet of a car after she'd been crowned."

Putting theory into practice as a Marine Engineering Officer



Sub Lieutenant
Nick Moses

Transferring from Army to Navy was a difficult choice as I loved my previous job as a Combat Engineer and all the variety it offered.

What finally drew me to the Navy apart from the career opportunities as a Marine Engineering Officer, and awesome office views, was the ability to actually do the job I had trained for.

During my 18 years in the Army I felt I had only really given about one year of practical work back to New Zealand, where the rest of the time was spent training myself or others for operations, preparing for a job that may or may not happen. What I could see from outside the Navy looking in was that whenever Navy's ships and sailors were at sea, they were fulfilling their purpose, even if they were out on a training exercise.

When researching *Navy Today* articles I read the story of HMNZS TAUPO responding to a MAYDAY call while on exercise, which led them to transit through 6m waves and 60kn wind overnight to the wreckage of the yacht ENCHANTER, NW of North Cape, and taking a lead role in the recovery operation. There is something appealing to me about this type of situation, which highlights to me that as soon as the ship slips lines you don't quite know where you'll end up or what adventures are to be had. I have also dedicated a lot of my personal time over the last several years studying Mechanical Engineering, and will now have the chance to put theory into practice on RNZN vessels.

The transition process was not all smooth sailing due to COVID, which caused my selection boards to be delayed, then moved online. The date of my online selection board happened to be while I was

managing a Managed Isolation Facility, and less than an hour before my Psychologist interview I was called to the Ops room as we had a positive test result with one of the guests and I needed to start the process of transfer. Luckily the staff on the selection board had been in that same situation, and were understanding that I needed to go do some mahi. Prior to the start of my new Navy contract, my family and I successively tested positive for COVID, which delayed my start date by around two weeks. I also missed my Army farewell, and my promotion ceremony was literally pulling my new rank slides out of a bag of gear from One-Stop (thank you to the person who pointed out to me in the galley that it is possible to put them on backwards). Once finally on our CFR conversion course, day two saw us students become close contacts and needing to work from home for another week.

Transferring inter-service gives me a legitimate excuse to take some time to get around and meet new people, and get to know the different platforms when filling out my Engineer's task books while learning my new General List Executive (Marine Engineer) role. Anyone that knows me will tell you that I'm hopelessly addicted to small boats, so I'm very keen to immerse myself in this community and get out on the water under sail, power, oars, paddles or tow. If there's any activities coming up, let me know and I'll try work my schedule to see if I can come aboard.

Experiencing the world while working for the Navy

I joined the RNZN in 2012 mostly due to the fact I wanted to do something more practical and trade-related in life.

I had no idea what to study at university so the desire to get a degree in something I might not like, with a \$40K student debt, was not an appealing thought. This ended up being the best choice I could have done and I have never looked back.

My career has been an amazing one so far, serving on both Anzac frigates, and Offshore Patrol Vessels and seeing a massive amount of the world. The experiences you get from joining a military organisation are second to none and you end up with people you can rely on for life, and really positive life experiences throughout your career. Can it be hard at times? Of course! What job isn't, but the RNZN instils a sense of resilience that you will use in all aspects of life.

The decision to change from a Petty Officer Weapons Technician to an officer has been a long time in the making for me. It has always been one of the goals I set for myself when I first joined the RNZN; however at this point in my career it seemed like the right time to make the move.

Over the past 10 years I have absolutely loved my career as a rating. The move to an officer was about a new challenge and new career path. One of the biggest advantages of moving over now was the introduction into service of the Commissioning from the Ranks

(CFR) Senior Rates Course. What this meant was that as a Senior Rate, our experience and leadership was recognised and the requirement to go back to a basic training course was removed. I thought this was a fantastic idea. It means as a Navy we can progress new officers that decide to make the change from a rating to a point where they are of positive use to the Service, without the experience and potential knowledge fade that comes from starting again in your career path.

As a sailor who has been in the RNZN for a number of years one of the really exciting things to see was the new leadership coming through in the young leaders of the Junior Officer Common Training (JOCT) course. As part of the CFR course we get to spend some time with the JOCT course and it is really positive to see the drive and level of leadership in the Junior Officers joining our Navy. It is reassuring that our future Navy is in good hands.

For those sailors who are reading this and are thinking about making the move over to an officer, or even about becoming an officer from the start of your military journey, it is a choice I can honestly support and recommend. With the current leadership we have and where the RNZN is going it is a really exciting time to be a future leader of our Navy moving forward.



Sub Lieutenant
Greg Allen



Congratulations to our 22/01 graduates





The latest sailors and officers of 2022 are those who have stepped outside their comfort zones and learnt the most about themselves, their strengths, their weaknesses and their levels of resilience.

On Saturday 25 June, 65 Basic Common Trainees (43 male and 22 female) and 33 Junior Officer Common Trainees (21 male and 12 female) marched in front of family and friends in their combined graduation at Devonport Naval Base.

For the BCTs, the usual 16-week programme was extended to 18 weeks due to an outbreak of COVID-19 in Week One, which required the JOCT's training to extend to 23 weeks to ensure the traditional joint graduation.

The youngest graduate is 18 and the oldest graduate, an officer, is 58.

The official party included Chief of Navy Rear Admiral David Proctor, Deputy Chief of Navy Commodore Melissa Ross, and Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro as the graduation's Reviewing Officer.







OUR PEOPLE

1. On slushy duty in HMNZS TE MANA are (from left) AMT(P) Kritsada Pornekapat, AEWS Lua Tufuga and ALSS Richard Mann.

2. Conclusion of a successful PT session on the flight deck of HMNZS TE MANA.

3. HMNZS WELLINGTON crewmembers AMT(L) Natalie Fowke (left) and LWT Kieran Abbot show off their new ranks slides after their promotion.

4. WOCSS Cory King, CWO aboard HMNZS TE MANA, will take up a brand-new position of CWO Assistant Chief of Navy (Personnel and Training).

5. CDR Mike Peebles, CO of HMNZS TE MANA, shakes hands with CDR David Y Haile, CO of Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS DANIEL INOUE at Pearl Harbor.

6. A pause in HMNZS TE MANA's warfare drills for AEWS Euan Sapwell.

7. At the Sea Safety Training Squadron, Sharnese Greenfield (right) is promoted to Leading Steward, while Mrs Myung Sook 'Grace' An (centre), Laundry Manager, receives a Commanding Officer's Commendation. Pictured with CPOSTD Jacque Hill (left).

8. AMT(P) Andre-Kane Tamihana in HMNZS TE MANA's engine spaces.

9. ACWS Bevan Marshall, Defence Recruiting, tries to convince Darth Vader that the path to the light side is via a career in the New Zealand Defence Force.

10. HMNZS TE KAHKA's Sam Carter, the first female Chief Petty Officer Seaman Combat Specialist in the Royal New Zealand Navy, promoted on 1 June. She is also the first Anzac frigate Chief Bosun's Mate that was not trained on the Leander-class frigates.



Chief Petty Officer Master At Arms

Lino Kurene

Bring the whole of yourself to the Defence Force

Chief Petty Officer Master At Arms Lino Kurene was 16 years old when she walked out of school after her last exam. She hadn't been confident about her success and she was proved right; she only managed to pass two School Certificate subjects. She picked up her CV and began knocking on doors in Palmerston North.

She did get a job with Telecom, but she had also applied to join the Navy.

"I really didn't intend to join. The mobile recruiting unit came to Palmerston North and I took time off from a class one day to go. I guess when you are 16 you are keen for anything, even a little fiapoto and when your life has always been about "aiga and lotu" this was like an adventure."

She scored well in her recruiting tests. When she got her call-up letter she boarded an overnight train from Palmerston North to Auckland and started with the first intake of Navy recruits for 1986.

Today CPOMAA Kurene is a Divisional Chief Petty Officer at the Recruit Training Squadron, responsible for delivering the training and development of new recruits into professional and disciplined sailors.

She credits her Samoan upbringing and foundations established at home, augmented with Navy training, for her achievements to date. She was notably the first Samoan female to become an Acting Warrant Officer in the Royal New Zealand Navy. But when she was 16, she didn't know New Zealand had a Navy.

She was born in New Zealand after her father Patea Viliamu Luafalealo Kurene (Luatuanu'u) and mother Lino Semisi Kurene (Moata'a) migrated to New Zealand in the mid-1950s.

"They were part of a small handful of Samoans who settled in Palmerston North and were founding members of the Samoan Methodist Church (Lotu Metotisi) in Palmerston North. Attending church regularly, my siblings and I continued to learn our Aganu'u and Gagana Samoa as part of Sunday School as well as being raised 'Fa'a Samoa' and we were surrounded by our people, our language, our culture growing up.

"My family life was one where 'toona'i' in our family home was a table laden with dishes prepared by our mum and her sisters and included favourites such as sapaui, talo fa'alifo, luau, povi masima among other things, and maybe panipopo and/or pineapple pies for dessert if one of our aunts was happy to bake."

She remembers the smell of fire piercing the dark morning sky as her father, uncles and brothers prepared to put down an 'umu' for visiting Faifeau or other special occasions. "There would be hoses running to wet the sacks and newspaper. As kids we were sent up the street to find willow to stuff the pig while the younger ones eagerly waited to see the pig being cleaned before it took its place among the heated stones. I remember one day that a pig got out of the sack and was off running up the street and together with our cousins we were sent to recover the pig. Annually the celebration of Children's White Sunday meant a day of new outfits; memory verses and the occasional tears but also memories of days gone by."

She was blessed to belong to a big family, as one of 11 children. "We had enough siblings and cousins to field a couple of sports teams and it meant we were never short of friends. We were also never short of advice (wanted or otherwise) from having our parents and so many Aunties and Uncles, but it also meant we were never short of love."

When her letter of acceptance came, she had no idea how to tell her parents – they didn't know she'd applied. "Fortunately for me my eldest sister was visiting from Wellington and asked mum to let me go. None of us even knew what this meant, this was a first for our family.

"The day I left I remember my mum cooked me some of her best dishes before delivering me to the train station. Only when I became a mother myself and my children wanted to move away did I truly know how big and hard it was for my mum to let me go."

"Leaving home to join the Navy didn't mean she stopped being Samoan. "It meant bringing the values I was raised with."

"In the initial couple of years it took a little bit to see how this fitted into the expectations of being a sailor, but I got there and I continue to use this knowledge and these experiences to interact with my superiors and subordinates."

Apart from two years posted to the Navy communications station HMNZS IRIRANGI near Waiouru, she has been based in Auckland. After the success of the Woman at Sea programme she decided to take up the challenge. "I was fortunate enough to travel overseas a number of times including to the Far East – Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Bangkok – and this included my greatest moment, coming alongside in Apia Port onboard HMNZS TE KAHA with my Auntie and cousin waiting on the jetty."

There were very few Pacific Islanders in the Navy when she joined that she knew, and it meant there was no-one she could identify with to speak Samoan to. "Having a language, a culture to identify with means we are rich, although not in the monetary or asset sense; it gives a sense of identity, a sense of belonging." She 'lost' her language and found returning home sometimes hard. "I didn't have ready access to keep my culture alive when I returned to Auckland." She would sometimes visit Otara Market to hear her culture again. "I would spend the whole day just getting my fix of island food and listening to conversations in Samoan or music that filled my cup and gave me that sense of home."

Her partner, Warrant Officer Weapon Technician Nicholas Rowe, is also in the Navy, which meant raising their children Tyana and Keneti was a balancing act for them. If courses or deployments overlapped, the children would stay with friends or spend time in Palmerston North or Wellington with family.

"Such is the beauty of being surrounded by the village that loves you, and helps to raise your children till you return home. After I left the Navy in 2012 I realised that as a family, my partner and I and our kids had 13 years where we had never spent a full 12-month period living under the same roof, and this only cemented the support and love we had that allowed us to have a career."

CPOMAA Kurene had a nine-year stint at the Ministry of Social Development as an Investigator. She rejoined the Navy last year into her role at the Recruit Training Squadron.

"No two days are the same in the training environment, from delivering modules, marking exams, reviewing course content or facilitating wraparound services for recruits in terms of their welfare needs. We are fortunate to have a diverse group of instructors from all trades and ethnicities who are passionate about their job."

It's that diversity of today she celebrates. "Being the first Samoan female to attain the rank of Warrant Officer in the RNZN was significant to me and to see years later the promotion of the first Tongan Warrant Officer in the RNZN and more recently first Tongan female promoted to Chief Petty Officer means that those coming through the ranks will continue to have positive role models."

She is looking forward to joining her partner in Fiji, where he is a Technical Adviser to the Republic of Fiji Military Forces. "I hope to use my experiences, service knowledge and the knowledge I gain from my Gender Focal course to help empower the females in the military in the Pacific Islands."

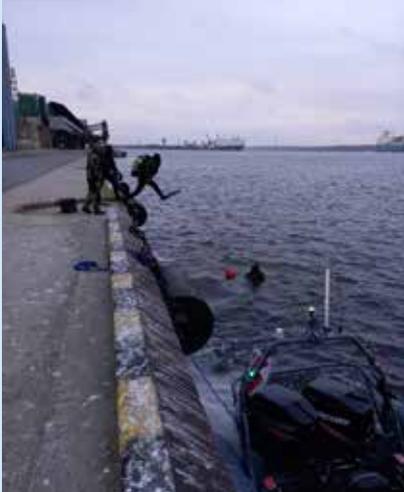
Home means family, surrounded by laughter, retelling of stories of old and happy times with parents, aunties and uncles reflecting on the more serious moments of growing up – coupled with moments of reflection remembering loved ones who have passed on. "Whatever the occasion, it is the constant flow of conversation in Samoan and English with the old familiar tunes in the background that keep me grounded. My sister and I recently observed our grown children reminiscing in the very same way except it was about us; each one taking turns to impersonate or mimic our 'sayings'; it was us – just 30 years younger. Today my siblings and I continue to serve our wider family and church community in the ways that our parents and older sister did.

"I consider myself to be blessed to have reconnected years ago and I continue to learn more regardless of how old I get. I hope to continue to support others regardless of their ethnicity to maintain their identity and empower them to do so."

Bring the whole of yourself to the New Zealand Defence Force, she says. "Don't shed your culture or your identity, it's what makes you you, it's what makes you unique."



***“E lele le toloa ae
ma’au i le auvai –
The toloa bird flies
far but will always
return to the water.
It means that life
may take someone
far from home but
they will always
return home.”***



Bombs in the Baltic

Maritime
Countermeasures
Dive Officer
Lieutenant Warwick
Creasy worked with
the Royal Navy to
tackle Unexploded
Ordnance (UXO) from
the World Wars off
the coast of Lithuania.

In his story to *Navy Today*, he describes how Operation Open Spirit gives a very real insight into the dangers Mine Clearance divers face.

The Baltic Sea was an area that saw a large amount of conflict during World Wars I and II. This has resulted in a large amount of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), with everything from sea mines, torpedoes and depth charges, to small calibre ammunition located throughout the maritime area. Operation Open Spirit is a multinational operation conducted annually in either Lithuania, Latvia or Estonia to conduct historical ordnance disposal operations in the Baltic Sea. This year's operation was led by Lithuania and was also combined with a concurrently-run Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise.

As part of my Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Training and Exchange I was fortunate to be posted to the Diving and Threat Exploitation Group (DTXG) Delta and Echo squadrons in the Royal Navy when this activity was taking place. These squadrons are responsible for Expeditionary Mine Counter Measures (MCM), Expeditionary Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD) and support to the Commando Force for Very Shallow Water (VSW) operations and Pre-Landing Force (PLF) activity. Delta squadron from DTXG attended the activity utilising various underwater search systems including Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) and Clearance Divers to identify UXO and other contacts of interest. I was very fortunate to attend and see first-hand how various NATO nations conducted their mine warfare clearance diving and EOD Operations.

The sub-surface search teams I observed operated near-shore, and any contacts that met the threshold to require further interrogation were given to the various NATO teams to investigate. Clearance divers from DTXG were utilised to investigate several mine-like contacts and other areas such as wharves and jetties that had previously been identified as potential areas for UXO. Several sea mines and a number of other UXO were identified and countermined by the various nations during this operation. The Royal Navy DTXG divers conducted numerous dives on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) targets of interest and showed a

high level of skill and efficiency when it came to searching for smaller ordnance and items within the complex harbour areas.

I was also able to observe the EOD exercise that the other teams participated in. This consisted of different maritime IED scenarios each day, often complex, and changing between land and maritime scenarios and battlespaces to test the Command and Control of the force.

Being able to observe mine clearance, diving and EOD operations, as well as the planning and briefing conducted by various nations was an opportunity of significant benefit to me. Additionally, getting the opportunity to see a range of IED scenarios in a Maritime setting and observe the command and control required helped give me a greater insight into this highly specialised and high risk warfare domain and appreciate better the threats and risk that our own RNZN Maritime Clearance Diving and EOD teams face.

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A Southland eye on all things military

Invercargill and Bluff, steeped in maritime heritage, might instinctively scream Navy, but the Regional Naval Officer (RNO) for Southland has to be prepared for anything involving the New Zealand Defence Force.

Reservist Lieutenant Commander Nigel Finnerty, the Chief Executive of Invercargill Airport, served in the Royal New Zealand Navy from 1981 to 2001, starting off as an apprentice marine fitter.

"I'm from Bluff, a thriving port and fishing town on the Southern Coast of the Mainland. I had been in been in the Te Ara O Kiwa Sea Scouts so had had been playing around in boats forever, so when the Navy Recruiters came to Southland Boys High looking for engineers, I went along, and the rest is history as they say. Three of us from Boys High joined the Navy in January 1981."

As a Sea Scout LTCDR Finnerty had been fortunate enough, in 1980, to travel on board guided missile frigate USS MARVIN SHIELDS (FF 1066) from Bluff to Auckland, which gave him his first taste of Navy life at sea.

In the Royal New Zealand Navy, he went up the ranks to Chief Petty Officer Marine Fitter, then, after nine years, had another completely different career commissioning from the ranks as a Marine Engineer Officer.

It was less than a year after he left the Navy that the then current RNO suggested he take over the role. It's been his since 2002.

"There was a time when Bluff could be really busy for Navy ship visits," he says. HMNZS CANTERBURY was due to come down this year for a Sub-Antarctic Islands mission but was retasked for Tonga relief work.

But there's still plenty to do. LTCDR Finnerty has been the Navy's representative for Waitangi Day at Te Rau Aroha marae in Bluff and was delighted when the Deputy Chief of Navy came down last year. He supports the Air Cadets of No. 12 (City of Invercargill) Squadron and the Army Cadets of the Invercargill Cadet Unit, particularly at their end of year parades. Some of the Southland-based Naval Reserves from HMNZS TOROA have joined in with the Army's Territorials in Invercargill on parade nights undertaking weapons drills and supporting the Army's training. LTCDR Finnerty recently passed his MSFT through the Territorials.

The Southern RNO's role is varied. When the Navy's not in town he gets to support the other parts of the NZDF through his role at the airport. "When we had the 2020 floods down in Southland, the airport was the only transport route in or out of Invercargill. We had an Air Force NH90 helicopter turn up, and I helped crew find accommodation. That's the sort of thing you look after. We also get P-3 Orions landing here, preparing to head into the Southern Ocean. The Seasprites come down reasonably often and it's great to be able to show them off. It's the perks of working at the Airport."

Sure, the ships are the 'headline' when they come into Bluff, he says. "In the South you have to be flexible and agile. No matter what colour uniform you wear, we'll give a warm welcome and maybe even a cheese roll."



LTCDR Nigel Finnerty with his children Sara and Cooper in front of HMNZS CANTERBURY in Bluff, March 2020.

Holding up the America's Cup during a tour in 2017.

Volunteer at large

For National Volunteer Week, *Navy Today* acknowledges those who step up for their community. We meet Lieutenant Jack Walters, HMNZS AOTEAROA.

Lieutenant Jack Walters has spent a lot of time at sea, both as a Seaman Combat Specialist and then again by commissioning from the ranks to a Warfare Officer. When he found himself posted ashore for a year and a half, he realised he had spare time on his hands and wanted to spend it gainfully.

He discovered the mentorship programme Big Brothers, Big Sisters in 2019 from the Nelson Regional Naval Officer, Commander Cathy Knight, during a port visit in HMNZS WELLINGTON as the Visit Liaison Officer. The programme sets up adult volunteers spending one-on-one time with a young person, aged between 6 and 12, usually once a week.

His mentee is 10-year-old Henry. Activities can be simple, such as kicking a ball around, or walks on the beach. But LT Walters has also organised some high-end fun; RHIB rides, Snow Planet, and visits to the Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade – where LT Walters is also a Volunteer Firefighter.

“It’s exciting and meaningful for him,” LT Walters says. “Henry enjoys and has benefited from the programme, there are stages when he wants to be in the Navy. It’s not without its challenges, but it’s worth it to help out in some way. It’s about hanging out with a big buddy, a safe person, and being a positive role model for them.”

LT Walters’ tendency to make himself useful came to the fore during the first COVID lockdowns in 2020, when suddenly everyone had time on their hands and very few places to go. He knew he had elderly neighbours, and it was a time when the elderly were considered vulnerable. He volunteered to collect groceries for them when he went shopping. That grew into becoming a volunteer delivery person for the Red Cross’ Meals on Wheels programme.

“It was something I remember my Mum doing when I was young. After obtaining my supervisor’s approval, I signed on with Meals on Wheels. They were grateful; I think a lot of their regular drivers were out of action due to COVID. It made me feel more useful during lockdown and was a welcome change from Zoom meetings.”

He enjoyed the work. “A lot of them, surprised by my relative youth and (large) size asked me what I did, and I told them I was in the Navy.” There was plenty of chitchat and offers of a cup of tea, which he had to decline. “They were glad the service was still going during lockdown.”

He’s been a Volunteer Firefighter for three years. “One of my best mates, Leading Seaman Combat Specialist Dylan Thomas, had been doing Volunteer firefighting since before he joined the Navy. I was really inspired by him and it sounded up my alley. He convinced me to check it out with him and I’ve been there since.” Navy personnel are trained to fight fires as part of their Damage Control training, and the Station Volunteers were impressed with the calibre of Navy training.

“I’ve been on call-outs, turning up to car crashes, doing CPR and critical assists. I’ve been to some large house fires. These are mostly sad events for the victims, but it is worth it to be able to help people and the community in their time of need.”



LT Walters hopes his story will show others in the RNZN that volunteering is conducive alongside their career in the Navy.

His advice: “Volunteering at different levels, be it with another organisation, just helping someone or doing a bit extra in the Navy such as being on a Ships Welfare Committee or an Anti-Harassment Advisor is usually just as rewarding for the volunteer as it is for the recipients. Everyone contributing a little bit helps keep society running smoothly and I would encourage anyone to give it a go.”

Strive for Success

When Leading Logistics Supply Specialist Boogie Kerekere graduated from Basic Common Training in 2012, her partner Steven surprised her by announcing he was in the Navy's next intake of sailors.

"Honestly, he doesn't tell me much," she laughs, but it's obvious that good communication is a big part of what has really worked well for two successful sailors, now with four-year-old twins.

LLSS Kerekere is the Supply Section Supervisor at HMNZS MATATAUA, while Leading Marine Technician (Propulsion) Steven Maynard is posted to HMNZS AOTEAROA.

Recently LLSS Kerekere, a nominee for Sailor of the Year, received a New Zealand Defence Commendation for her work in her previous posting, at the Naval Supply Depot.

The pair are from Gisborne and were partners before moving to Auckland. "I joined because I didn't really know what to do when I left school," says LLSS Kerekere. "I joined the Tairāwhiti

Services Academy during my last two years at Gisborne Girls' High School and that helped. Gisborne is a small town; you either leave or you don't. I just said, stuff it. I will try and get into this intake and just go for it."

LMT(P) Maynard was similar, she says. He didn't want to go to university. "He said, I just want to do something. He didn't tell me he was going for the Navy! But it's worked out well."

She's had some good trips with the Navy on different ships, and connected with a lot of people. "The Navy's been good for me. And I've grown into this more mature young parent and mother. You get a better perspective on life, and what it throws at you."

The Navy backed her when she found out she was going to have children. "I got posted ashore for a time, then I took a year off – all of 2018. I came back in 2019. When Steven posts off HMNZS AOTEAROA and does courses ashore, that is when I can post onto a ship."

Navy day care is a lot cheaper than civilian models and is a lot closer to work and home for her, she says. "And then when you have those days when you have to up and leave, the Navy knows what it's like. You don't have to worry about having enough leave."

Career-wise, being a parent hasn't knocked either of them back. "The time ashore has given me the opportunity to finish courses. I was a two-star Able Rate and I only had one course to do and I did it straightaway. When I came back from parental leave I got promoted to Leading Hand. That was my goal – it was pretty much, let's get back, it's Mahi time."



That's not to say it's easy. "My situation is pretty good, but when one of us is away on ship, the other is doing it by themselves. The majority of our whanau are based in Gisborne, with few whanau here in Auckland. But I've got a close and tight friends' group and it works with what we have in place." LLSS Kerekere has one more course to complete before pursuing a Petty Officer rank, which will involve a week away from home. "We've got it sorted. We don't put too much pressure on one another. We have as much family time as we can in weekends. We have just signed the boys up to play winter sports – Rugby league Northcote Tigers U6. Steven plays rugby for Northcote and I've just started playing netball again for the Navy Marae team Te Reo Heramana – The voice of the Sailors (TRH). Saturdays are pretty busy."

Her advice to youngsters is that it's up to them to explore what they can make of a career in the NZDF. "You may hear different stories, from different backgrounds, but everyone is different. Don't base your decision just on other people's opinions. Strive for it if it's what you want to reach for yourself."



Leading Logistics
Supply Specialist

Boogie Kerekere

*LMT(P) Steven Maynard
and LLSS Boogie Kerekere
with their children Kade
and Neeson.*



Thank you to Canada

Even the Royal New Zealand Navy's official artist had to 'work from home' when it came to preparing the Anzac frigates' farewell present to Canada.

At the request of Chief of Navy Rear Admiral David Proctor, artist Colin Wynn prepared an oil painting showing the two Anzac frigates, HMNZ Ships TE KAHA and TE MANA, passing each other near the famous Fisgard lighthouse at the entrance to Esquimalt Harbour.

The gift celebrates the success of the Frigate Systems Upgrade in Esquimalt, Canada, which substantially started with the departure of TE KAHA from New Zealand on 9 February 2018. TE KAHA returned to New Zealand on 20 December 2020 and TE MANA arrived home earlier this month.

Mr Wynn's metaphorical painting shows the original TE MANA waiting at the harbour mouth, supervised by a tug, while the modernised TE KAHA, her new superstructure emphasised in the sunlight, heads back to New Zealand, with sailors manning the rails.

He says the Chief of Navy commissioned the work before the pandemic. "I like to be there, to get a sense of scale. I was supposed to go to Canada, but had to work remotely in this case. I got onto Google Earth, but it doesn't show much detail. The Navy sent some photos. I've got two friends from the area, and one of them was a sailor, and they really helped me with photos and colour and an idea of the sea conditions."

He likes to capture a mood with his paintings. "I don't want to paint something that looks like a photograph. I want to get the colour of the water, and I noticed there's not a lot of sediment; the water is quite clear. I had a lot of foreground in this painting. There's the waves that hit the wall and bounce back, that creates a rough feeling."

There is a sense of some sun illuminating TE KAHA as she heads on her way, but it's not a perfect day. "Sometimes seascapes can look idyllic. But I find navy ships always look better with a bit of weather."

NAVY CADETS GROWING IN TIMARU

The newest Navy Cadet cohort in New Zealand is going from strength to strength, thanks to word of mouth, supportive parents and the efforts of their leader, Sub Lieutenant Simon Liddy.



When *Navy Today* first covered the emerging naval cadets in Timaru in 2017, SLT Liddy was an Acting Ensign and the cadets came under the sponsorship of No. 15 (City of Timaru) Squadron Air Training Corps.

The relationship has gone a step further with SLT Liddy recently taking command of No. 15 Squadron, after the incumbent requested a break from the role.

The number of cadets has risen from six in 2017 to a roll of 12, notably with seven recruits taking the oath in May. To become a Navy Cadet unit in their own right requires a roll of 20 cadets.

In the meantime SLT Liddy is welcoming the chance to gain command experience as his cadets increase to unit strength.

“We are widely known in the community and have a good core of parents who appreciate what Cadet Forces can offer,” he says. “The Cadet culture in South Canterbury is deeply rooted thanks to No. 15 Squadron ATC who have been around since 1941. They were instrumental in establishing the Timaru Army Cadet Unit some years ago and now they are at it again by supporting Navy Cadets. The mentoring of Navy NCO’s by Air has its pros and cons but it isn’t too difficult to ensure things are done Navy!”



The cadets started with no boats, but now have a 1962 RNZN-built cutter, thanks to the national body SCANZ (Sea Cadets Association of New Zealand), and a support/coaching RHIB thanks to the unit’s relationship with Navy Cadet Unit TS GODLEY in Christchurch. “This moral support and interactions we have had with GODLEY’s Officers and Cadets has been wonderful and they are as keen to see us established as we are.”

As well as the 20-cadet threshold, the unit needs officers and support staff. “We want to be around for many decades to come, and with the strong parent base we currently have and the commitment of the current Officers and Cadets we are well on the way to making that a reality by 2023.”



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1. Massey University and Retirement Commission retirement figures as of November, 2021. 2. April 1, 2022 figures from Stats, NZ. 3. Aging statistics from Stats, NZ.





NAVAL TRAINEES LEARN CORE VALUES IN NORTHLAND

Connecting with the community took on a two-phase approach for the Basic Branch Trainees in May.

BBT 22/01 spent a week in the Bay of Islands collecting beach rubbish with one of the Navy's long-time partners, Sea Cleaners, and learning about the Māori Land Wars and the Treaty of Waitangi with the New Zealand Defence College's New Zealand Wars Study Centre.

The chosen beach, near Paihia, involved two groups working towards each other, armed with multiple 'gash' bags that rapidly began filling with plastic, fishing lines and even fence posts.

The team had previously cleaned on their home ground of Ngataranga Bay, Devonport, but up north the trainees were in another world of mangroves, sand, mud stretches, fetid marshes and enormous volcanic boulders. Rubbish was clustered, making things easier, but it still took hours to clear the shoreline.

The next two days were spent on a Northern War Battlefield Tour, discussing and exploring Titiri o Waitangi and different Nga Puhi pa sites, under the direction of the Centre.

Travelling to Signal Hill (Maiki Hill), near Russell (Kororareka), the BBTs were told about Māori chieftain Hone Heke felling the flagstaff four times, the last marking the start of the Northern War. Ordinary Medical Assistant Micah Collins was struck by the remnants of fortifications built to protect pa around Northland. "It was eye-opening to see how Māori put together battle plans to fight against the early settlers," he said. "Firing weapons seems easy today, but when Māori were at war there was a long process of putting the gunpowder into the musket and pushing it down. They then had to stand up to fire,, exposing themselves to enemy fire."

The tour included a visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, and travelling to the site of Ruapekapeka Pa, where last year the Crown and iwi placed a memorial for British troops killed during the final engagement of the Northern War. "We were very lucky to listen to members of the local iwi speak about the treaty from the perspective of Te Ao Māori," said Ordinary Logistics Supply Specialist Stevie-Leigh Mafi and Ordinary Marine Technician Chloe Teariki Mana. "We saw how Māori upheld values similar to those of the Royal New Zealand Navy. They showed great courage – Tū Kaha and integrity – Tū Māia during the Wars, and the memorial site showed the high level of respect held for soldiers on the opposing side.

"As BBTs early on in our careers, the learnings from this expedition reminded us of our core values and highlighted the responsibility of our service to New Zealand and its people."



FLASHBACK

Before the invention of Polar Fleece in 1981, wool was the means of keeping warm. The white 'submariner' roll-neck jersey was a formal part of uniform issued to officers and ratings for cold weather use or working on an open bridge, such as these images from 1960 on board HMNZS MAKO, a Harbour Defence Motor Launch. Photographs from the Navy Museum show they also appear to be popular with Navy divers.

Opinion from the Navy Community Facebook Group is that the roll-neck was still in use at least into the 1980s, maybe even into the 1990s, notably on the 'small boats' such as the HDMLs and the Inshore Patrol Craft, and, unsurprisingly, an essential at HMNZS IRIRANGI, the Navy wireless station near Waiouru.

Today sailors are issued with mild weather and heavy weather jackets and a Polar Fleece jacket.





EOD ASSESSMENT WEEK

26–30 SEPTEMBER 2022

E Sqn (EOD), 1NZSAS Regt are requesting nominations for the upcoming EOD trade assessment. Successful candidates will be fit, motivated, highly disciplined and capable of decisive action in complex and dynamic environments. You will also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Hold the rank of Private (Band 4), LAC or Able Rank.
- Have a full class one vehicle license
- Hold a confidential vetting security clearance
- Have a minimum medical grade of A4, G2, Z1 (RFL minimum G2)
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If you are successful you will complete a 12-week basic EOD course and a two-week supporting Elements Special Operations Training programme.

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For further information, please contact SSM, E Sqn (EOD) via the ILP or NZSOF Intranet site.

For officers wanting to pursue a career in EOD please contact XO, E Sqn (EOD) for further information, via the above.

**Nominations close:
5 September 2022.**

EOD Assessment week runs from 26 to 30 September 2022.

NZDF SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2022/23

The NZDF Summer Reserve Force Internship Scheme (RIS) will provide selected NZDF Reservists with an internship at a NZDF base across New Zealand.

Eligibility Criteria

10 internships are available to current tertiary students who:

- are junior rank or junior officer Reservists from either the Navy, Army or Air Force,
- have completed more than two year's undergraduate studies or are undertaking post graduate studies,
- are available between 21 November 2022 to 24 February 2023 (individual start and finish dates are able to be negotiated to suit academic commitments), and,
- are not in paid full time civilian employment.

Remuneration

Interns will be paid in accordance with DFO 7.3.36 Reserves Full Time Duties noting:

- Interns are not to work in excess of five days / 40 hours per week but may attend additional duty activities at Unit expense,
- All public holidays are unpaid as Holiday Pay is a component of Reserve daily pay,
- Interns are offered rations and quarters at the nearest military base to their place of employment at public expense. Packed lunches may be sourced through the mess but not subject to reimbursement if unavailable.
- Interns are offered a travel pass from their military accommodation to their place of work, if not located on a camp or base, and,
- Travel expenses to and from either university or home locations will be met by NZDF at the beginning and end of the internship.

Selection Criteria

1. Security Clearance

Interns must have a NZDF (CV) security clearance prior to application.

2. Application Process

- Applications will be made available from 06 June 2022 by email request to Reserves@nzdf.mil.nz
- Applications are to be endorsed and sent to Reserves@nzdf.mil.nz by the applicant's Chain of Command (OC / CO). Unit Commanders can endorse applications via email or by signature on the application form.
- Applications are to include:
 - Completed application form (available by email request to Reserves@nzdf.mil.nz),
 - Covering letter, outlining why you would like to work at NZDF on a Reserve Internship,
 - CV – current, to include all academic, sporting and cultural achievements.
- Final day for applications: **15 August 2022.**

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01 Job title and description:
Deputy Chief of Staff
(HQ Navy)/Commanding Officer
HMNZS WAKEFIELD.

02 Date joined:
RN-Jan 1975
RNZN-Sept 2006.

03 First ship posted to:
HMS FALMOUTH as a
MEM(2) Marine Engineer
Mechanic.

04 Best deployment(s): Wow
tough question as most have
been awesome.

Standouts:

- 1982 HMS Penelope South
Atlantic Falklands War
- 1989 HMS Plover Hong Kong
Patrol
- 2021/22 Op Farad South
Sinai

05 Hometown:
Leeds, Yorkshire, England
Now live in One Tree Point,
Northland.

06 High school
Allerton Grange, Leeds.

07 Favourite book:
I enjoy autobiographies of
sports personalities and Tom
Clancy novels.

08



Favourite movie:
Was *Top Gun*
however just been
to see the new
Maverick movie
and that's pretty
cool.

09

Favourite album:
This is Stevie Nicks.

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Favourite song:
Blue Denim by
Stevie Nicks.

11

Favourite holiday destination:
Motor home adventure around the South Island.

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**Outside of work, what's something
you enjoy doing?**
DIY/Cycling/Paddling/Fishing.

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**What's something about you that not many
people know?**
I captained the Royal Navy Colts Rugby in the
Interservice Competition at Twickenham on two
occasions and not only did we lose both games
we didn't score one point against either team!

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A valuable life/Navy lesson for me is?
Put your hand up for anything and
everything you never know you might get
lucky - I did with a six-month deployment
to Sinai.

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**How would you describe the Navy in
10 words or less:**
An organisation that offers so many
opportunities - grab them.



HMNZS TE MANA's Ship's Company together for a photo during their passage from San Diego to Pearl Harbor.

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