

HMCS Ojibwa Museum - Operation Walter Pigeon Eviction Project

Op Walter Pigeon Eviction was carried out 21 to 26 Sep 2020 by Shawn Preston, Peter Heppleston, Pierre Bouchard and Jerry Brown. George Roach and Dave Anderson were also there for 3 of the 6 days.

The task was to seal all the access points the pigeons were using to enter into the Fin and under the casing as well as scrap out the PS (Pigeon Shit), by the end of the first day, it was apparent that we had underestimated the task. We evaluated the task and decided to just seal all access points, which we almost completed. there were 7 free floods at the stern (Duck's Ass) that we were unable to get done, but there was a tarp installed under the casing at the After Escape Tower to prevent the pigeons from getting back under the casing.

The sealing of the access points would not have been possible if it had not been for a local inhabitant, who volunteered his time (@12 hrs) and a Double Bucket Truck. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Ron Bradfield of Port Burwell, we will presenting a SAOC plaque to him over Thanksgiving and we also gave him a donation of \$350, which he was reluctant to except.

The Top of the Fin was completely sealed by installing a pitched roof over the Radar, ECM, Snort Induction and Comm Mast wells. Screening was used around the Snort Exhaust Mast to seal it. A roof vent was used to seal the Attack Periscope Sleeve. The Lookout Positions and the Bridge were covered with removable hatches and secured with ratchet straps from underneath. The port hatch over the bridge has a skylight to allow light in.

Our main source of entertainment after work was having a beer and watching the pigeon trying to re-enter the boat after we had blocked the access points.

While we were there we also presented the Port Burwell Legion with a \$500 donation for the support during OP Ojibwa PaintEX 2020.

We have tentatively scheduling a return trip 9 to 15 May 2021 for the removal of the PS, we are all very confident that we can handle a ton of PS due to the BS we incurred in our careers, but a ton of PS is whole new story. So I will be looking for volunteers in April 2021 to become professional PS removers in May 2021.