

Operation NUNALIVUT 2014

Joint Task Force (North) (JTFN) will conduct Operation NUNALIVUT 14 from 03 April to 3 May, 2014 in the High Arctic, based out of RESOLUTE BAY, NUNAVUT. The overall aim is to further enhance the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) knowledge and capacity to operate in austere locations and challenging environments, while allowing the CAF to demonstrate their ability to effectively respond to safety and security issues in the North.

Op NUNALIVUT 14 will be conducted with patrols on the land, on the sea ice, under the water, and in the air. It will consist of approximately 250 CF personnel, and will feature participation by United States Forces. To facilitate the conduct of the Operation, JTFN will establish a Task Force Headquarters in RESOLUTE BAY consisting of approximately 40 members, plus 20 support personnel.

During the Operation, a Canadian Army dismounted infantry company supported by members of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG) for a total of approximately 90 personnel will circumnavigate BATHURST Island conducting Arctic survival activities and establish a camp on SHERARD OSBORN Island. From there patrols will be conducted to VANIER Island and to ELLEF RINGNES Island.

A Combined Dive Team consisting of 45 personnel and led by the Royal Canadian Navy's Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) will conduct training and proof of concept trials of various types of dive equipment in the vicinity of GASCOYNE INLET. Specifically, the Dive Team will conduct ice diving operations in support of Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC), as well as a remotely operated vehicle survey and inspection dives of HMS BREADALBANE, the world's most northern known shipwreck. In addition, the Dive Team will evaluate its cold weather diving ensembles and ice diving tactics, techniques and procedures.

CC138 Twin Otter and LC-130 Hercules aircraft along with a contracted medium lift helicopter based in RESOLUTE BAY will provide transportation, resupply and medical evacuation services if required. A CP140 Aurora maritime patrol aircraft will also conduct long range aerial surveillance patrols in the region.

