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UNTDA Inducts Two New Honorary Members at a Mess Dinner in Victoria, BC on April 28, 2016



VADM Robert George

UNTDA Pres. Roger Elmes

CAPT(N) Christopher Pratt

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also:

**UNTDA "Old Oars" Entertained Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner
at a BYTOWN Nooner on May 18, 2016**

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West Coast UNTDA Mess Dinner, 28 April 2016

Reporting and pictures by Dave Freeman and Frank Came

It was an evening to remember, a reunion of sorts and one full of reminiscences. 57 former Cadets and a few special guests gathered at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Oak Bay, a suburb of Victoria, for a Black-Tie Mess Dinner organized by UNTDA Vancouver Island Director, Russ Cape.



Former Cadets gather at the RVYC

A list of attendees and their affiliations appears at the end of this report. The purpose of the Mess Dinner was to induct two new Honorary Members into the UNTDA - VADM Robert George and CAPT(N) Christopher Pratt, in recognition of not only their illustrious Naval careers, but also for their close association with and support of the UNTD Program and its members.

Their nominations had been put forward by Brooke Campbell (for Bob George), and Bob Duncombe (for Chris Pratt). The UNTDA executive quickly and unanimously approved them and we were honoured that they accepted.

Festivities started at 1800 with a no host bar and Stew Churlish, the Dinner President, had us seated promptly at 1900. The Vices were David Winkler, Peter Chipman and Bob McIlwaine.

The Honourees were then marched in by an honour guard/slack party consisting of Roger Glassford and Paul Wagner, who carried Brooms at the Shoulder.

Brooke Campbell spoke on behalf of Bob George and Mike Muirhead did the same for Chris Pratt. Both were confirmed by the members present and became the newest Honorary UNTDs. Brooke and Mike's comments are added below this report.

Besides seeing many old faces that had all but disappeared in the mists of time, this dinner was also notable for several other reasons.

Present were one current and six retired officers of Flag Rank: current MARPAC Cmdr RADM Gilles Couturier, ADM John Anderson, VADM Nigel Brodeur, VADM Bob George, RADM Ken Summers and CMDRE Jan Drent. Another ex-UNTD, retired MGEN(Air) Scott Eichel, rounded out the "famous" group of seven.

West Coast UNTDA Mess Dinner, 28 April 2016 - cont'd

After their formal induction by UNTDA President Roger Elmes, the new Honourees were presented with a Commemorative Scroll, a UNTDA Lapel Pin and Ball Cap and an inscribed copy of UNTiDy Tales (see cover photo). Admirals Couturier and Brodeur were also presented with copies of UNTiDy Tales as were Peter Chance and Merritt Chisolm.

The youngest member present was the MARPAC Commander. The oldest was CDR Peter Chance, who joined the Ottawa Half Company of the RCNVR as a Midshipman in 1938 !

The senior UNTD present was Merritt Chisholm. The youngest was ROUTP Kevin Kirkwood.



Kevin Kirkwood delivers the Toast of the Day

Several members of NOABC - all ex Untidies - managed to cross the Salish Sea without major incident to join the Van Isle crowd. Their effort was much appreciated.

The Dinner President declared the room to be a naval wardroom and so the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty was made in the traditional manner, that is to say while seated. Most members then stayed seated for several of the other toasts before this fact began to sink in. Finally, with the toast to Absent Friends, every one remembered the protocol and rose to their feet.

This most successful evening ended with Peter Chipman and his guitar leading the diners in three songs: Every Nice Girl Likes a Sailor; the UNTD Song; and Heart of Oak.



Peter Chipman has been doing this since 1963

Address by Brooke Campbell in support of Bob George:

There are three main reasons why former ROTP Cadet Bob George should become an Honorary UNTD:

Bob was an active and enthusiastic contributor to UBC's UNTD winter training program. As you are aware, the ROTP cadets at UBC trained during their winter periods with the UNTDs in HMCS Discovery. Notwithstanding being a third year science student, Bob joined the ROTP as a first year cadet in January 1961 graduating in May 1962. At that time, Discovery had 120 naval officer cadets, including UNTDs, ROTPs and CTPs, under training and I was told, more officer cadets in total than at Royal Roads.

An annual UNTD Proficiency Trophy was established by former UNTD cadets serving at COND in HMCS Patriot in the late 1950s and the first award was given for the 1959/60 training year. During the time of Bob's winter training in Discovery, the UBC UNTD training program, under the command of Surgeon Captain Maurice Young - assisted by Don Thomson, one of the regular force UNTD staff officers who is here this evening, and Lach Morrison who also is here this evening, won this trophy in three of its first four years.

Secondly, Bob was one of three ROTP classmates from Discovery all of whom attained the rank of Admiral; in Bob's case a Vice Admiral becoming Chief of Maritime Command. The other two, John Anderson, also here this evening, becoming Chief of the Defense Staff, and Bruce Johnstone, a Rear Admiral who now lives near Ottawa but could not join us this evening. We from Discovery, are very proud of their achievements and their portraits are hung in the passage way between the quarter deck and drill deck in HMCS Discovery.

Thirdly and most importantly, Bob, his two classmates, John Anderson and Bruce Johnstone, as well as Rear Admiral Ken Summers who is also here this evening, Jamie Webb, Senior Protocol Officer Maritime Forces Pacific, and Jim Boutilier, Special Advisor to Maritime Pacific and an ex-UNTD from Scotian, have all assisted over the past 40 years the various UNTD committees in facilitating various mess dinners and accommodation in the Naden Wardroom, daysails, and military seminars. I ask Bob George, John Anderson and Ken Summers to stand so that we can show our appreciation to them for their support to the UNTDs.

The fact that we have a turnout of 60 attendees for this dinner hosted by an organization that was cancelled in 1968, almost 50 years ago by the former Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer, speaks well for the vibrancy and strength of the UNTD program.

Address by Mike Muirhead in support of Chris Pratt:

It is my distinct privilege tonight to look back on three ways that Capt Chris Pratt directly influenced my time in the UNTD and, more generally, the Naval Reserve.

Brooke Campbell, Bob Jenkins and I went to sea in HMCS New Waterford as UNTD cadets in 1961. We went to Bermuda, Trinidad, Antigua, and Puerto Rico.

The year before I had been on an unhappy ship off Greenland. I can assure you that New Waterford was a most happy ship. I believe we won the 'Cock of the Walk' and the cadet training program at sea was excellent. Brooke and I often look back on the evening we were invited to the Captain's Cabin to have dinner with Captain Pratt. During the course of the evening we were asked to expound upon current world events. I can't speak for Brooke, but I for one had little to offer.

Later on, I had the opportunity to cross-train with a USN sponsored diving program out of Panama City, FL, which culminated in living underwater in a habitat for 3 days with an astronaut as our team leader. Without CAPT Pratt's sponsorship, I probably would not have been selected for this program.

Again, in 1975 & 1977, I was able to participate in both Polar Dips, sanctioned by CAPT Pratt, to Erebus Bay and to the O'Reilly Islands to train Naval Reserve divers in cold water operations.

Some of you are probably not aware that CAPT Pratt served as a Midshipman on board the Royal Navy's battleship King George V; was in command of HMCS Crusader, HMCS Kootenay and of course HMCS New Waterford.

Gentlemen, at this time I would like to vouch for CAPT Chris Pratt as an Honorary member of the UNTD Association.



Pictured above is UNTDA Pres. Roger Elmes obviously amused as Dinner Pres. Stew Churlish gamely retains control of the Mess with Chris Pratt smiling knowingly.

We will all hoist our virtual BZ as RADM Couturier departs Esquimalt for Ottawa to take up his new position as Deputy Commander RCN. There he will find an equally large contingent of UNTDs who hang their hats at BYTOWN.

Alphabetical List of Attendees:

Attendee	Program	Unit	Yr
Anderson, John O	UNTD	CA	62
Anderson, John R	ROTP	DY	59
Bittner, Barry	UNTD	MT	61
Blackwood, Al	UNTD	MT	65
Blattman, Bert	ROTP	DA	66
Brayne, Robin	UNTD	CA	63
Brennan, Peter	UNTD	CA	58
Brodeur, Nigel	UNTD	MT(RR)	50
Came, Frank	UNTD	MT	60
Campbell, Brooke	UNTD	DY	59
Cape, Russ	UNTD	CA	62
Chance, Peter	RCNVR	OA	38
Chipman, Peter	UNTD	BR	63
Chisholm, Merritt	UNTD	NH	49
Churlish, Stew	UNTD	MT	65
Coady, Wendell	UNTD	DY	62
Couturier, Gilles	RCN	RG	83
Critoph, Dave	UNTD	DY	60
Day, Bob	UNTD	HR	52
Drent, Jan	UNTD	DY	54
Eichel, Scott	UNTD	UN	58
Elmes, Roger	UNTD	SR	60
Forsyth, Jack	UNTD	DY	61
Fournier, Larry	UNTD	DY	58
Freeman, Dave	UNTD	NH	61
Frost, Bill	UNTD	UN	58
George, Bob	ROTP	DY	59
Glassford, Roger	UNTD	DY	60
Greer, Derek	UNTD	CN	61
Irwin, Bob	UNTD	UN	58
Kirkwood, Kevin	ROUTP	DY	73
Ko, Russ	UNTD	MT	65
Laforme, George	ROTP	DY	60
Langford, George	UNTD	DY	59
Loney, Tom	UNTD	DY	54
MacDonald, Bill	UNTD	DY	59
MacRae, Duncan	UNTD	UN	57
Mains, Gord	UNTD	DY	60
McCreadie, Bill	UNTD	MT	62
McCreery, Bill	UNTD	CA	61
Mcllwaine, Bob	UNTD	DY	59
Morrison, Lach	UNTD	DY	57
Muirhead, Mike	UNTD	MT	59
O'Connor, Jim	UNTD	CA	61

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Attendee	Program	Unit	Yr
Patterson, Doug	UNTD	MT	60
Plumsteel, Doug	UNTD	DY	62
Pratt, Chris	RCNC	RCNC	43
Roberts, Richard	UNTD	MT	62
Sheppard, Rick	UNTD	DY	59
Sorsdahl, Neil	UNTD	UN	64
Summers, Ken	RR	RR	63
Thomson, Don	VENTURE	VE	54
Wagner, Paul	UNTD	DY	60
White, Bob	UNTD	DY	60
Whitlow, Simon	UNTD	MT	61
Winkler, Dave	UNTD	DY	62

As fine a group of mariners as has ever set foot in the RVYC



Peter Chipman, Gilles Couturier, Neil Sorsdahl, Al Blackwood, Roger Elmes



BZ to Russ Cape (above) for organizing another sterling UNTDA Event

Spring 2016 Old Oars "Nooner" - HMCS Bytown

Reporting and pictures by Peter Milsom

On 18 May, 2016, the Ottawa UNTD Old Oars (Senat'Oar Bill Rompkey, Doct'Oar Grant Thompson, Geograph'Oar Jim Maxwell and Pete'Oar Milsom - with Bobby'Oar Duncombe cheering from the NB sidelines, hosted the spring edition of their noon hour gathering of Untidy's in the Crow's Nest at HMCS Bytown.

Press ganged to assist Jim Maxwell at the gate for the first time was Carol Milsom who was, following Pusser traditions, promptly dubbed "Purse'Oar" by Bill Rompkey.

It was an excellent gathering with thirty-three attending and with more than ten sending regrets. Attendees were: Alan Brookbank, Andy Joyce, Barry Frewer, Bill Rompkey, Bob Nixon, Bruce Gallagher, Stephen Gallagher, Bruce Hayes, Bruce McKean, Robert Hamilton, Don Roy, Ed Arvaisais, Ed Brady, Gerald Wright, Grant Thompson, Gus Fraser, Herb Wallace, Ivo Krupka, Jean-Marie Bordeleau, Jim Lovett, Jim Maxwell, Joe Konst, John Graham, Kelly Hart, Michael Richard, Peter Hyde, Peter McLaine, Peter and Carol Milsom, Shawn Gill, Terry McEwan, Tony Bernard, Tony Campbell and Wendell Sanford.

The atmosphere of anticipation was due to the presence of the guest speaker, Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, Jody Thomas. Commissioner Thomas, daughter of the much respected Vice Admiral Chuck Thomas (ex-Commander of the Navy and Vice Chief of the Defence Staff) and herself a highly accomplished Naval Reserve Officer, is the first woman to be appointed Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard.

She joined the Coast Guard in 2010 as Deputy Commissioner, Operations after continued success in positions of leadership and management in technical and security operations. She has also been appointed as Special Advisor to the Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Operations) at the Privy Council Office.



Senat'Oar Bill Rompkey and Commissioner Jody Thomas

Commissioner Thomas was accompanied by Jeffrey Hutchinson, Deputy Commissioner, Shipbuilding and Strategy and by Christopher Henderson, Director General National Strategies.

Spring 2016 Old Oars "Nooner" - HMCS Bytown - Cont'd

She spoke comprehensively, knowledgeably and with passion about the emerging issues in the Arctic as recession of the ice cap and increased open passages are prompting great interest in cruise lines and resource companies to exploit what are still only marginally charted seas. Her accounts, and film, of recent Coast Guard operations in the Arctic and the challenges of responding to, and dealing effectively with, incidents in a high risk environment kept her audience tightly focused on her words.

She described in detail the collaborative plans and preparation between the Crystal Cruise Lines and the Canadian Coast Guard for the upcoming August to September transit between Alaska and New York of the MV Crystal Serenity cruiseship. The ship will be escorted by a private chartered icebreaker (MV Ernest Shackleton) throughout its cruise and the Coast Guard has exercised for major marine disaster scenarios with marine disaster contingency plans and has tested Crystal Cruise Lines Emergency Response Plan. The ship will call in three Canadian Ports - Holman, Cambridge Bay and Pond Inlet. The Northwest Passage transit will be the subject of a great deal of interest and poses a large number of potential challenges and risks for Canada's Arctic.

Commissioner Thomas also spoke about the state of the Coast Guard fleet and described the future ship replacement program required to enable Coast Guard to meet its operational obligations and mandate. Her presentation was lauded by the attendees as one of the most interesting presentations they have enjoyed at Old Oars noon events.



Doct'Oar Grant Thompson and Jean-Marie Bordeleau agree.



and so do Geograph'Oar Jim Maxwell and Bob Nixon.

As Peter Milsom mentioned, Jody Thomas is no stranger to the Navy, not only through her father's stellar career but she was in the Naval Reserve for the greater part of the 1980s. She started as a diesel mechanic at CARLETON and was commissioned there as an NCS Officer. Moving to Calgary to pursue a BCom, she transferred to TECUMSEH. She spent a number of years there and on the Coasts in the summers in training and navigation roles in addition to NCS duties. Her husband has also had significant NavRes and Reg Force time.



Canadian Coast Guard Commissioner Jody Thomas



Canadian Coast Guard Badge

The Canadian Coast Guard Badge dates from 1962. The white field represents the ice and blue the water, the domains of the CCG. The golden dolphins, known as a friend of mariners, represent their vessels.

The knotted rope is an important element to life at sea. The red maple leaf is the symbol of Canada. The Crown shows that CCG ships are in the service of the Queen in right of Canada.

The Motto: SALUTI PRIMUM AUXILIO SEMPER translates to "Safety first, service always"

On an average day, the Canadian Coast Guard ...

- Saves 15 lives;
- Assists 52 people in 27 search and rescue cases;
- Manages 1,233 vessel movements;
- Carries out 11 fisheries patrols;
- Supports 8 scientific surveys;
- Supports 3 hydrographic missions;
- Deals with 3 reported pollution events; and
- Surveys 3.5 kilometres of navigation channel bottom.

The Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers:

A UNTD receives an early one

The newest Medal to be issued by The Canadian Chancellery of Honours is the "Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers". It was promulgated in July, 2015 with the first of them only recently being awarded in the Spring of this year.

The Medal is an elevation in status from and replaces the "Governor General's Caring Canadian Award" which was first issued in 1995.

Any person who is a Canadian citizen and who has made significant, sustained and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada or abroad is eligible. Candidates must have demonstrated an exemplary commitment through their dedicated volunteerism. The Medal is awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples. Non-Canadians are also eligible if their contributions have brought benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada.

Awards are based on a rigorous selection process based solely on Nominations received.

The Medal for Volunteers consists of a silver circular medal that is 36 mm in diameter with a suspension ring. The obverse depicts a contemporary effigy of the Sovereign, circumscribed with the inscription in capital letters of the Canadian Royal Title and the word "CANADA", separated by two maple leaves.

The reverse indicates the ideas of caring and generosity, represented by two interlaced hearts. The sunburst pattern of the rim symbolizes the time that volunteers are giving and their actions. The ribbon uses the vice-regal colours of blue and gold. The five gold stripes evoke the fingers of a hand, present in the Caring Canadian Award emblem, while the deep red colour is associated with royalty.



The Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers

The design of the medal was created by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, based on a concept by Darcy DeMarsico of the Chancellery of Honours.

The medal is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint at its Ottawa facility.

Our own Bill Thomas, immediate-past UNTDA President and current Webmaster, received this Award in early May just past and awaits a date for a formal presentation. He was nominated by Bob Williamson who himself received the predecessor Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2000. All holders of that Award will also be upgraded to receive the new Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers. Bob's nomination was a strong one and for those who know of Bill Thomas' history, it would have been a no-brainer for the Governor-General's selection committee.

UNTD Proficiency Trophy - Update

This story first appeared in the UNTD Newsletter of September 2014, p7. At that time the history of the Trophy and its rediscovery was outlined. It was created in 1960 by LCDR Noel Langham, who served as COND UNTD Staff Officer from 1956 - 65. It was last awarded to Laval U and UBC jointly for the 1966/67 academic year and with the closing of the UNTD Program the following year, it simply disappeared. It was a fine-looking Trophy and its whereabouts had initially been queried by Bob Wootton a number of years ago. The diligence of Bob Duncombe and Bob McIlwaine soon located it in the summer of 2014, languishing in a somewhat sorry state, in a trophy case in what used to be the Gunroom in DISCOVERY.

A paper found in the bowl of the trophy reads:

"The UNTD Proficiency Trophy is presented annually to the University Naval Training Division receiving the highest assessment in the Annual Inspection. The trophy is a Sterling Silver Bowl in classic style made in London, England and was re-designed by UNTD graduate officers serving in HMCS PATRIOT. The cost was borne by the graduates of the UNTD."

PATRIOT was at that time the base for the Commanding Officer Naval Divisions - COND in Hamilton, ON.

Upon its rediscovery the UNTD Association of Canada launched a project to refurbish the trophy, take a series of good high definition photos of it, and select one for framed presentation to the president of each university and the CO of each NRD that won it. Each would also receive a presentation copy of UNTiDy Tales.

Considerable time then passed while a decision was made regarding who actually owned this historic item. However, thanks to the cooperation of HMCS DISCOVERY, Roger Elmes managed to obtain possession of it, and took it home for cleaning and repair. This included a visit to a silversmith where a missing scroll was replaced. More time passed, but we now have the most recent photo of the trophy set in appropriate context.

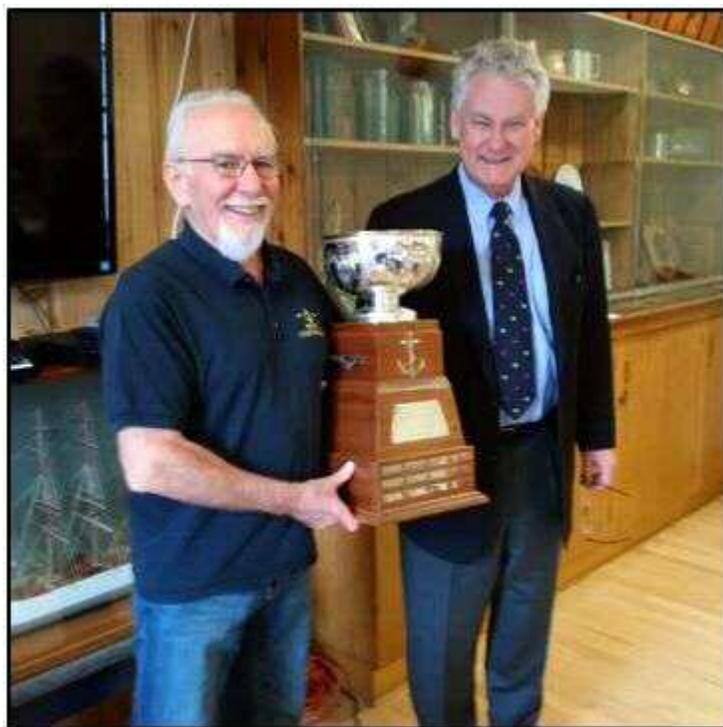


UNTD Proficiency Trophy - Presentation photo

UNTD Proficiency Trophy - Update - Cont'd

The two books in the photo (opposite) from Roger Elmes' personal library represent the university connection to the UNTD program. They are over a century old and chronicle the lives of Canadian leaders from that era. The title that shows on the topmost book is "Leaders of Men". The Naval Sword and Scabbard was presented to Peter Chipman [UNTD BRUNSWICKER 63] as the Best Cadet Captain - HMCS CORNWALLIS, in the summer of 1965 by RADM William Landymore, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast. The pre-Unification Naval Officer's Cap belongs to Bill McCreery [UNTD CHIPPAWA 61].

The trophy has now been passed to Rod McCloy [UNTD DISCOVERY 1965], the current President of the Vancouver Naval Museum and Historical Society, and it will be housed in their Museum in HMCS DISCOVERY. It will be available to be shown by other naval museums if they wish to display it on a loan basis.



Roger Elmes and Rod McCloy with the Trophy at DISCOVERY

There is ongoing discussion as to the potential for reviving the use of the Trophy as an award for current NavRes Officer Cadets during their summer training phase in Esquimalt.

The Trophy was presented in 8 successive academic years, from 1959/60 through to 1966/67, which was the year of the last formal intake of UNTDs. UBC won it 5 times, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Laval once each (the last year was a co-win with UBC and Laval).

It may be remembered that for the last 4 of those 8 years the UNTD program was in some turmoil. In 1963 it was announced that a number of NRDs and UNTD University Tenders were going to be closed. After some protests from various University Military Committees a compromise was reached to defer the closures until the beginning of the 1964 academic year, to allow students to reorganize their summer employment.

SCOTIAN had 3 of their remote UNTD Tenders closed: Acadia, Mount A and St F. X. QUEEN CHARLOTTE was closed completely, affecting Prince of Wales and St Dunstan's. DONNACONA had their Tenders at USherbrooke and Bishop's in Lennoxville closed. STAR had their OAC/OVC Tender closed in Guelph, the birthplace of the UNTD. PREVOST was closed completely, taking UWO out of the mix. QUEEN in Regina was closed completely. NONSUCH in Edmonton was closed but the UNTD Tender at UofA was kept open and transferred to TECUMSEH who had never had a UNTD unit. MALAHAT was on the list of closures but divine intervention from MARPAC kept them open. The 1964 intake was limited to 150 Cadets of whom 127 made it out to 1st year summer training.

UNTDs who had completed 1st year in those closed units were summarily dismissed. Those who had completed 2nd year were promoted to A/SLT and placed on the Retired List with no option to remain in the Naval Reserve unless they moved to a city with an open NRD, of which only 15 remained. Hundreds of Cadets were affected and their UNTD memories are not as robust, to say the least, as those who remained.

Upcoming Events:

ROUTP 1973 Reunion

Victoria, BC - August 18-21, 2016

UNTDA Up-Spirits/Brunch/General Meeting

BYTOWN Mess, Ottawa, ON - Saturday, October 22, 2016

UNTDA Circumnavigation of Lake Erie - By Bus

September, 2017

UNTDA 75th Anniv. Reunion in St John's, NL

September 9 - 12, 2018

Please see the separately attached Upcoming Events Flyer, which appears as the 9th page of this Newsletter, for the details of the 4 events shown above.

If you have any events that you think would be of interest to or should be brought to the attention of readers, we will be happy to post the information.

UNTDA Website Upgrade:

The Webmaster has for some time been looking to upgrade the Website as to look and feel and function and to bring it into the 21st century reality of Tablets, Smart-Phones and other online devices.

Numerous internal discussions have not yielded a solution that balances the objectives with cost and control.

If you have any expertise, contacts, leads or suggestions as to how we should proceed, please contact the Webmaster at wctpts@cogeco.ca

UNTDA Regalia available:

After a long absence, UNTDA Ties and bullion Blazer Badges are now available.

Ties: \$35 + \$5 shipping

Blazer Badges: \$25 + \$5 shipping

Lapel Pins: \$5 - includes shipping

Contact Bill Thomas at: wctpts@cogeco.ca

Ball Caps: \$15 + variable shipping

Contact Andy Shaw at andy56@telus.net

All of these items as well as copies of UNTiDy Tales, will be available on-site at the UNTDA event at BYTOWN in Ottawa on October 22, 2016 (minus shipping charges).

UNTDA Archives Update:

The UNTDA Master List database is continually receiving information from a wide variety of sources.

As of June, 2016 we are accumulating data on 7,888 individuals. Of those, 7,021 are UNTDs from the 1942-1968 period, 660 are ROUTP+ from 1969 to the present and 9 are Honorary UNTDs.

198 are closely associated with the Program such as Founders, Staff, Trainers etc.

From the UNTD/ROUTP group, 744 are known to have Crossed the Bar and 568 are on the UNTDA VIP List.

Lists are updated frequently and are available on the UNTDA website, on the Members Page:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTD/members2.html>

and on the In Memoriam page:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTD/IM.html>

The UNTDA Webmaster maintains a growing collection of Obituaries, also available on the In Memoriam page.

Our collection of 22 UNTD and ROUTP Yearbooks have been converted to .pdf files and can be viewed and downloaded from:

<http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTD/WT.html>

UNTiDy TALES OF NAVAL OFFICER CADETS

The Story of Canada's University Naval Training Divisions
By: CDR Robert J. Williamson CD RCNR (Retired)

The 2013 70th Anniversary edition of this 424-page classic is recently back in print. The digital version is also available on a CD. The price for either format is \$20 including tax. Shipping is free for the CD but not for the book.

To order a CD, send a cheque payable to Robert Williamson at: 1 Clonmore Ave. Hamilton, ON. L9A 4R2

For ease of shipping, stocks of the book format are maintained in Vancouver and Toronto.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

ROUTP 1973 Reunion

Victoria, BC - August 18-21, 2016

Michael Ervin advises that his ROUTH Class of 1973 will be holding their first ever Reunion at the above location and dates. Their Chairman, Bill Susak, has located a high proportion of their 45 original members. Michael has most recently provided us with the ROUTH '73 Yearbook, which is available on the UNTDA Website. Michael can be contacted at: ervin.mjb@gmail.com

UNTDA Up-Spirits/Brunch/General Meeting

BYTOWN Mess, Ottawa, ON - Saturday, October 22, 2016 - 1100 to 1330

This event is being held in conjunction with the Naval Association of Canada (NAC) 2016 AGM and Conference taking place between October 20 - 21, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Downtown Ottawa.

A link to all of that information including Agenda, Brunch Menu, Cost and Registration is at:

<http://navalassoc.ca/occasions/2016-agm-and-conference/>

You do not have to be a member of the NAC nor attending their event, to attend the UNTDA Up-Spirits/Brunch/General Meeting.

The tariff for the UNTDA portion only is \$40. Registration is however required and can be only done through the NAC link above, which requires payment by Credit Card only. If that is not feasible, payment can be made, for the UNTDA event only, at the door of BYTOWN providing you **make your intentions known before September 30, 2016**. To do this you can contact the Newsletter Editor at: wclearihue@cogeco.ca, 416-712-2129 (evenings only), 381 Rosegate Way, Oakville, ON L6H 6K3

Those who were at this same event in October 2014 will recall that it was a well attended excellent Brunch and Meeting and just a whole lot of Untidy fun.

UNTDA Circumnavigation of Lake Erie - By Bus

approx. September, 2017

Bill Thomas has but together an intriguing itinerary of at least 20 Military sites to visit (Sea, Land and Air), on both sides of the Border, which have historic and/or more current significance to both Canada and the USA. They reflect our intertwined histories as both friend and foe. We share the Lake and its drainage area today but in bygone times it was vigourously fought over and was totally controlled by either British or American Forces. How both countries live today was shaped directly by those events. The Tour will proceed in a generally counter-clockwise fashion starting in Hamilton, proceeding West along the North shore, crossing the border at Windsor/Detroit, then proceeding East along the South shore, crossing the border again at Queenston/Lewiston and ending up back in Hamilton.

Bill estimates the timeline and cost as 7 days, 6 nights, approximately \$3,000 (transportation and accomodation) per person dbl occupancy. The ideal number of participants from a logistics/cost standpoint comes in at about 30. Significantly more or less than that would probably move the costs up.

Because of lead-times for accomodation particularly, Bill would require serious expressions of interest by September of this year, 2016. For further details and questions please contact Bill at: wctpts@cogeco.ca

UNTDA 75th Anniv. Reunion in St John's, NL

September 9 (Sunday) - 12 (Wednesday), 2018

This event was originally announced in June, 2013 and planning has proceeded apace ever since. In the March 2016 Newsletter we asked that expressions of interest to attend be forwarded on to Bob Jenkins. Some have done that formally while a larger number have done so only informally. The planning to date has assumed 100 attendees. We are not looking for concrete commitments at this time but Bob would like to start tallying up numbers which in turn will determine which events and venues will be on or off the planning table. So a non-committal, but formal notice of intent is requested at this time.

Tentative arrangements have been made to hold 50 rooms at the downtown Delta Hotel. The world-famous Crow's Nest Officers Club has been selected to hold the meet-and-greet on the 9th and a Mess Dinner at CABOT and Reception at Government House are amongst highly probable events.

Bob Jenkins can be contacted at rjenkins@nl.rogers.com
