

# UNTDA 75th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

9-12 September 2018

St. John's, NL



## Program

Come join us in St. John's, the City of Legends, to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the original UNTD program and the 50th anniversary of the successor ROUTP+ programs.

Your Local Organizing Committee has developed an exciting, comprehensive program of events that will include a healthy dose of nostalgia, naval related activities, socializing and time for a yarn or two with old friends and colleagues.

Some housekeeping notes to make your visit simpler:

*Unless otherwise noted all transportation to and from events will be provided. There will be two pick-up and drop-off sites. For those staying at the Delta (primary conference hotel, 1-888-793-3582, reference UNTD access code PJD ), JAG, or the Murray Premises Hotel, the pic-up will be at the Delta. For those staying at the Sheraton, Quality, ALT, Luxus, B&Bs (Queen's Rd, Gower St) the pick-up will be the Sheraton.*

*Some times are tentative and subject to change. Updates will be promulgated and provided in your registration kits.*

The following outlines the Reunion Program:

### **SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER**

16:00-20:00

“Meet and Greet” at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club. You will receive your registration kit at the Registration Desk in the Club.

The Crow's Nest Officers' Club is a National Historic Site. The Club houses a WWII German submarine periscope and a plethora of crests and memorabilia donated over the decades by RCN ships as well as foreign navies and merchant mariners.

There will be a cash bar along with a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres (grog bits).

Because space is limited at the Crow's Nest, the Meet and Greet and Registration are spread over a four hour period in the hope that delegates will arrive and leave

sporadically throughout the period. Please note that accessing the Club requires climbing several outside as well as inside steps. This may be challenging for persons with mobility issues. We will deliver the registration kit if you are unable to visit the Club.

You will need to provide your own transportation to and from the Club.

There is a variety of good quality, reasonably priced restaurants in close proximity to the Club, Delta (and other hotels) for those wishing to dine following the Meet and Greet.

### **MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER**

- 09:00-11:45      Luxury Coach Tour of Historic St. John's
- 11:45-12:15      Visit Cabot Tower for the firing of the Noon Day Gun and Tower Rum Tasting Ceremony
- 12:30             Luncheon at the Battery, Memorial University
- 14:00             Depart the Battery for ...Options

***PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THE TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE***

#### **OPTION A**

Visit the Centre for Marine Simulation at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University, who have agreed for this occasion, to make available their simulation of a WWII North Atlantic Convoy from the bridge of a corvette of the St. John's based Escort Group. Relive your UNTD/ROUTP+ days at sea. Access is limited to 4 groups of 20.

This event may be challenging to persons with mobility issues because it requires participants to climb metal steps to access the simulator.

#### **OPTION B**

A Tour of the Provincial Art Gallery, Museum and Archives facilities known as The Rooms, overlooking downtown St. John's and the harbour. Exhibits include the history of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and its involvement in WWI.

#### **EVENING**

- 17:15             Depart hotels for reception at Government House
- 17:30-18:30      Reception hosted by the Lieutenant Governor
- 18:30-19:15      Depart for 20 km trip to the town of Paradise
- 19:15-21:00      Gala Dinner at the historic Woodstock Colonial Restaurant
- 21:00             Return transport to Hotels

**Dress of the day:** AM-casual; PM-business attire/blazer

## **TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER**

### ***PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE***

09:00 Departure time for Option B

10:00 Departure time for Option A

#### **OPTION A**

The Town of Bay Bulls about 40 minutes south of St. John's to join a two hour boat tour offered by O'Brien's followed by lunch at O'Brien's Restaurant.

**NOTE:** *Please dress appropriately for weather conditions which can range from warm to rainy to squally. The tour is weather dependent.*

This is a seasonal tour specializing in whale and puffin watching. The likelihood of seeing whales this time of the year is slight, but you will view seabirds in and around the sanctuary islands. The scenery is spectacular.

#### **OPTION B**

The towns of Brigus, Cupids, Carbonear and Port de Grave are located on the shores of scenic Conception Bay. Brigus is the home of the well known Arctic explorer Captain Bob Bartlett. Cupids is the site of John Guy's settlement of Cuper's Cove in 1610, the oldest continually settled official British colony in Canada. Port de Grave is one of the most well known fishing communities on the east coast with a snug harbour and numerous fishing boats of many colours. The tour will include lunch at the Stone Jug restaurant in the town of Carbonear.

**NOTE:** Coaches will arrive back at the hotels by 1700.

#### **EVENING**

18:30 Depart Hotels for HMCS Cabot

19:00-21:30 Reception (cash bar) and Mess Dinner with Partners, while enjoying a panoramic view of St. John's Harbour

21:30 Return transport to Hotels

**Dress of the Day:** AM-casual; PM-black tie/business attire/mess dress

## **WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER:**

- 09:00 Depart hotels for a visit to Signal Hill Visitor Interpretation Centre and its exhibits that show the economic and military significance of St. John's and its harbour
- Included is a visit to the Johnson Geo Centre showing the nature and significant geology of the Province along with an exhibit on the sinking of the Titanic
- 12:00 Depart for lunch
- 12:15-14:00 Reception (cash bar) and luncheon at CFS St. John's located in the Surgeon LCdr Anthony Paddon Building, named after the Labrador physician, Lieutenant Governor and WWII naval officer. (The building is located at Pleasantville, the site of the initial training camp for the 1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regiment before they sailed for England in October 1914 to be further trained and integrated into the British Army. The lobby of the building houses the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Museum. During the early years of WWII the United States Air Force built the massive Fort Pepperell on the same site. During the Cold War Fort Pepperell was the headquarters for USAF's Northeast Air Command. The building overlooks Quidi Vidi Lake, home of the Royal St. John's Regatta which will celebrate in August 2018 the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first regatta).
- 14:00 General Meeting of the UNTD Association for the purpose of discussing our future.

**Note:** Those wishing not to attend the meeting may leave by bus to return to the hotels. Also, the RNR Museum will be open during the visit to CFS.

### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION ENDS**

## **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON:**

1. The Crow's Nest will be open for those who might wish to relax, meet and socialize with colleagues.
2. St. John's Naval History: An optional escorted walking tour from the Battery to the National War Memorial and the Crow's Nest including the naval history of St. John's and interesting sites of military interest with Gary Green, member of NLNAC and the Crow's Nest. Interested members are requested to sign up at registration.

**Dress of the Day:** Casual

**INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

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