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COMMANDER
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Canadian Naval Tribute Project ® “A Legacy of Service”

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Overview/Update (December 2022):

The Canadian Naval Tribute Project (CNTP) seeks to recognize a diverse, and largely uncelebrated, group of individuals for their historical contributions and impact they have made on the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). Whether by acts of valour, exemplifying service before self, or breaking gender and racial boundaries, their tenacity and resolve embodied the very spirit of the present-day RCN. They are part of a proud and important tradition, a legacy of service and a promise to keep our country strong and free. The CNTP will be located at the world’s most multi-cultural and diverse city – Toronto – specifically on the grounds of the Naval Reserve Base: HMCS *York*. This monument focuses on the qualities of excellence, equality, diversity, and inclusion.

So far, the concrete walkway and pad has been constructed and the 80 ft. flagpole was installed mid December 2022 (Phase I). All the artwork is also completed (Phase II). The commemorative panels will be installed in the early spring of 2023 (Phase III). **So far \$140,000.00 has been fundraised and an additional \$40,000.00 is left to fundraise, for completion of this project.**

Design:

This modern-day monument will encompass a large circular concrete base, surrounded by fourteen interpretive panels showcasing original painted portraits of each featured officers and sailors. The mounted panels will face a flagstaff, upon which a large Canadian Naval Ensign will fly.

A mobility accessible concrete pathway will lead visitors to the monument, and two larger panels informational, both in English and French, will be placed at its entrance. These larger panels will explain the monument, list key donors by category (see Project Funding), and encourage people to visit the CNTP’s website which, in addition to providing biographical information, will encourage Canadian Youth to develop an appreciation of the contributions each honouree has made on Canadian and naval history. While many individuals have made laudable contributions to the RCN, these fourteen officers and sailors are being noted as an inclusive and diverse example of service.

Regardless of the threat of war, or the restrictions imposed by a less tolerant and inclusive society, they all responded with a resolute: ‘*Ready Aye Ready*’.

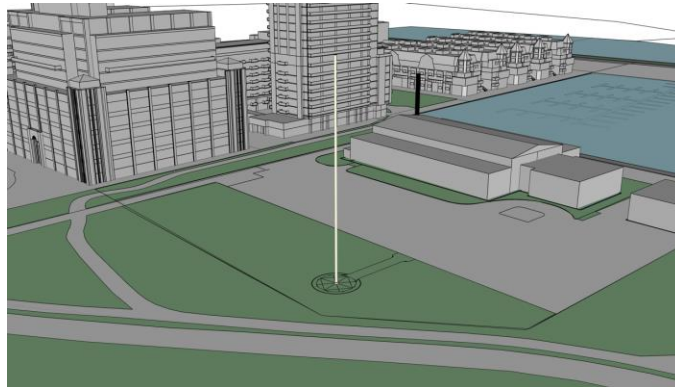
Canadian Naval Tribute Project Honourees:

In alphabetical order...

1. **Chief Petty Officer Max Leopold Bernays CGM, LSGCM, CD, RCNR ***
“Alone and surrounded by fire, executed all helm orders in fight against U-boat”
2. **Commander Roland Bourke VC, DSO, RCNVR**
“Led his Motor Launch through enemy fire to rescue sailors”
3. **Lieutenant-Commander Margaret Brooke MBE, NS ***
“Braving frigid waters, displayed courage in attempt to save the life of another nursing sister”
4. **Vice Admiral Henry George “Harry” DeWolf CBE, DSO, DSC, CD, RCN ***
“Hard-Over Harry: Legendary Ship Captain and Canada’s Nelson”
5. **Lieutenant Robert Hampton Gray VC, DSC, RCNVR ***
“Displayed valour, fighting spirit, and the most inspiring leadership in attack on destroyer”
6. **Quartermaster William Nelson Edward Hall VC, RN ***
“First Nova Scotian to be awarded the Victoria Cross for gallant conduct at a 24-pounder gun”
7. **Rear Admiral Walter Hose, CBE, RN, RCNVR**
“Saviour of the Royal Canadian Navy and Father of the Canadian Naval Reserve”
8. **Chief Petty Officer 1st Class George Edward “Ted” Jamieson CD, RCN**
“Toronto-born member of the Six Nations Upper Cayuga Band Served in both the Second World War and Korean War”
9. **Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond Cecil Lawrence MMM, CD**
“First Black Canadian enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy”
10. **Lieutenant-Commander William King Lowd “Lo” Lore, RCN**
“First Chinese Canadian RCN officer and first officer of Chinese descent to serve in any of the Royal Navies of the British Commonwealth”
11. **Commander Isabel Macneill OC, OBE, WRCNS**
“First woman to command a ship (Stone Frigate) in the British Commonwealth”
12. **First Lieutenant Frédéric Rolette, RN ***
“French Canadian Sailor, who when the captain of his ship was mortally wounded, assumed command with great skill and gallantry”
13. **Captain Adelaide Helen Grant Sinclair OC, OBE, WRCNS**
“Provided Exceptional Leadership in organizing the Women’s Royal Canadian Naval Service, during the Second World War”
14. **Lieutenant-Commander John Stubbs DSO, DSC, RCN**
“Naval prodigy and master tactician who exemplified devotion to duty”

* *Brand New Royal Canadian Navy Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships have recently been named after these six legendary Naval Officers and Sailors.*

Location:



Based on consultations with the previous and current Commanding Officer of HMCS *York*, the proposed location of the monument is at Toronto's Naval Reserve Unit. Aside from making it accessible to HMCS *York* for ceremonies, having the monument located on their grounds will protect it from vandalism: as the area is fenced off and, although visible to the public through the chain-linked fence, it will only be accessible during specific ceremonies and open-door recruitment drives. This will also allow HMCS *York* naval staff to raise and lower the large Canadian Naval Ensign throughout the week, and during weekend training, as key feature of the monument.

Additionally, the monument's location is intended to help promote the RCN's presence in the city – when flown, the large flag will help make HMCS *York* visible to those passing by on Lakeshore Boulevard. Photo taken below as 80ft. flagpole was installed.



Each of the fourteen panels will feature original paintings by local Toronto based Artist Matthew Therrien, that will not only capture the likeness of each honouree but evoke a sense of legacy – these were people who not only helped make the RCN what it is today but played a significant role in our country’s history. Below are samples of the original paintings, from Left to Right: **Quartermaster William Nelson Edward Hall VC, Lieutenant-Commander Margaret Brooke MBE, and Rear Admiral Walter Hose CBE.**



Each image will be presented on a large interpretive panel (see images below). The portraits will be accompanied by the honouree’s name, post-nominals, and a one-line summary of their contribution in both English and French. Specific details on each recipient will be available on the monument’s webpage.



***Note:** Although the overall construction of the panels will look like these, the design will be different and only showcase the portrait of the honouree, their name, and one line summarizing their contribution. We are currently working with the same supplier.

Project Funding:

All funding for the monument will be raised through grants, organizations, and personal donations. Individuals donating over \$50 will receive a charitable tax receipt from the Naval Association of Canada.

Donation	Incentive
<i>Platinum</i> (\$20,000 or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name inscribed on CNTP panel as a 'Platinum Level Donor' - VIP Invitation and reserved, front-row seating at the unveiling ceremony - Invitation to post celebratory event - Reserved on-site parking - CNTP Commemorative Challenge Coin - Charitable Tax Receipt
<i>Gold</i> (\$15,000 - \$19,999)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name inscribed on CNTP monument panel as a 'Gold Level Donor' - Invitation and reserved, preferential seating at the unveiling ceremony - Invitation to post celebratory event - Reserved on-site parking - CNTP Commemorative Challenge Coin - Charitable Tax Receipt
<i>Silver</i> (\$10,000 - \$14,999)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name inscribed on CNTP monument panel as a 'Silver Level Donor' - Invitation to ceremony and seating - Reserved on-site parking - Invitation to post celebratory event - CNTP Commemorative Challenge Coin - Charitable Tax Receipt
<i>Bronze</i> (\$5,000 - \$9,999)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name inscribed on CNTP monument panel as a 'Bronze Level Donor' - Invitation to unveiling ceremony - Invitation to post celebratory event - CNTP Commemorative Challenge Coin - Charitable Tax Receipt
<i>Gun Metal</i> (\$1,000 - \$4,999)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donor name inscribed on CNTP monument panel as a 'Gun Metal Donor' - CNTP Commemorative Challenge Coin - Charitable Tax Receipt
<i>As well donations under \$1,000 but \$50 and over will qualify for a Charitable Tax Receipt</i>	

Project Completion:

This project will jointly celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Naval Association of Canada's Toronto Branch and the Canadian Naval Reserve's 100th Anniversary in 2023. The monument will be officially unveiled at HMCS *York*, at a ceremony to be held on **Saturday April 29, 2023**, that will include many dignitaries, both military and civilian. The event will be covered by local media/RCN PAOs.

About the Project Co-Founders:

The Canadian Naval Tribute Project is co-founded by Mark B. Phillips and Sean E. Livingston, who together are spearheading this project.

Lieutenant (N) Mark B. Phillips CD, MA, PLog is a professional logistician and works for the University of Toronto Libraries, as their High-Density Storage Facility Manager. He has served over 21 years as a Reserve Member of the Canadian Armed Forces. In 2008, he deployed as a civilian in the role as Chief General Supply Unit for the United Nations Mission in Sudan. In 2014 he escorted a 90-year-old Second World War RCNVR veteran to France for the weeklong 70th Anniversary of D-Day, as part of the official Veterans Affairs contingent. His contributions to this project have been spoken of in the Senate of Canada, by the Honourable Senator Victor Oh. Mark is currently the Past-President/Membership Chairperson of the Naval Association of Canada Toronto Branch and just completed his fourth/final year as a member of the Naval Association of Canada's National Board of Directors. He is also Vice-Chairperson of the St. John Ambulance Toronto Board of Directors.

Lieutenant (N) Sean E. Livingston MStJ, CD, MSED is an author, naval historian, and teacher. He has served over 25 years as a Reserve Member of the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition to his book *Oakville's Flower: The History of HMCS OAKVILLE* (Dundurn 2014) he was responsible for the creation of a monument at Tannery Park, Oakville in 2016, which celebrates the Town's link to its namesake warship. On November 5, 2022, Sean unveiled a second monument at Queen Elizabeth Park Community & Cultural Centre in Oakville which permanently showcases artifacts from the ship (including the recently re-located original ships bell). The exhibit was opened by the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Anita Anand PC, MP. His historical contributions have been noted in both the House of Commons and the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Sean is in the final stages of publishing his second book (RCN history), advised and edited Ted Baris' book *Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory* (2022) and is a contributor to the Canadian *Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph*. He is currently serving as President of the Naval Association of Canada Toronto Branch.

How to Donate:

Organizations can donate by submitting a cheque to the Canadian Naval Tribute Project and mail the cheque to: Canadian Naval Tribute Project, 1286 Kane Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L5H 2M3.

For individuals donating and to receive a personal tax receipt, please make a cheque out to the: Naval Association of Canada (Toronto), with CNTP listed in the notes and mail the cheque to the same address as above.

Or organizations and individuals can send a donation through E-transfer to: nactoprogram@gmail.com Please list your details in the notes of the e-transfer. A tax receipt will be mailed out to individuals that donate via e-transfer.

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