

Here's How It's Coming Together ...

On November 15, 2022, at its Annual General Meeting, the UNTD Association of Canada voted unanimously to expand the membership and amend the Bylaws to welcome both active and retired Naval Reservists of all ranks into full membership. With one stroke of the pen, a new Association was born.

Birth of a New Association

For 35 years, the UNTDA has celebrated the University Naval Training Division scheme that recruited and trained over 8,000 university students from 1942 – 1968 to become officers in the Naval Reserve. This strong, vibrant organization has accomplished a great deal over those 35 years, but only for officers. The Naval Reserve has evolved significantly since 1968 and the Naval Reserve Centennial provides a great occasion for the UNTDA to pivot to a new purpose and mission of celebrating, commemorating, and connecting. We will continue to evolve as we recommission the Association while encouraging all Naval Reservists to join up and contribute to the emergence of a National Naval Reserve Association! Read about the official recommissioning of the Naval Reserve Divisions on September 23, 2023, [here](#).

Recommissioning the UNTDA

A major element in the evolution of the organization is the search for a more inclusive and welcoming name for the Association and we want both new and current members to be part of this! Get in on the ground floor of this re-birth by participating in the Name Quest. **Click on the arrow** to get going. Please spread the word to your shipmates and friends and encourage them to make submissions. We have to close the Name Quest on March 1, 2023, in order to compile and review the submissions and prepare a short list or top contender for approval at the AGM in Victoria in May.

Name Quest

If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to join. Click on the "Membership" arrow below to get started. One of the more unique aspects of this Association is that **membership dues are optional**. You can join as an Active or Passive member. If you are already a member, please share the information about the recommissioning and birth of the new Association to others and point them towards the current website to enrol and learn more. Please note that the website and membership forms are evolving during the transformation period so please ignore restrictive references to officer cadets and officers as we continue our "refit".

Membership

Another element of this transformation is the search for broader and more inclusive representation from all ranks and generations of former and current Naval Reservists. We will be calling for new nominations for the Board and are aiming for improved representation on Committees and the Board. A director will be happy to call you to discuss the opportunities.

Participate in the recommissioning of the UNTDA and help transform the Association to be relevant and inclusive to all reservists!

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