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Canadian Naval Reserve Centennial 2023



What will the UNTDA be doing to celebrate this event ?
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Other important news as well ...

Canadian Naval Reserve Centennial 2023

The UNTDA has and will be doing a number of things to mark this significant occasion. A Naval Reserve Centennial Committee has been struck under the Chair of Roger Elmes, with Bill Thomas, David Craig and Stephen Rybak providing their insight and expertise. Roger Elmes is a past President of the UNTDA, as is Bill Thomas and both have organized a number of national events during their tenures. David Craig is a former CO MALAHAT 1992-95 and ComNavRes, 2011-15. Stephen Rybak worked on the NavRes 50th Anniversary back in 1973, under then Director Naval Reserve, CAPT(N) Chris Pratt, who is an Honorary UNTDA Member.

The signature task of this committee has been to organize the: UNTD Association Conference & Celebration, May 9–12, 2023, in Victoria, BC

This will be a very robust event with a finely tuned mix of Naval facility and civic tours, prominent speakers, cruises and social events.

The complete Program and Registration details are available on the Website or through the link below:

[Program and Registration](#)

Other major responsibilities of this Committee are to liaise with the national Naval Reserve Centennial planning committee, representatives in various NRDs and to publicize their events on our Website as they become known to us. Currently these events are as linked below:

[NavRes Centennial events](#)

Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph Project

This project was conceived by UNTDA Director Kim Kubeck as a contribution to the Canadian Naval Reserve Centennial. Kim originally enrolled in GRIFFON and has commanded both YORK (2002-04) and DONNACONA (2008-11). Her idea was to create vignettes of the 1,769 Naval Reservists who perished in WWII, group them by the cities they enrolled in and present them to those current NRDs as a focus for commemoration. That simple concept soon expanded to include grouping by other attributes such as age, hometown, key dates, rank, ships. A call for volunteers to focus on sailors from specific cities was dutifully answered and work commenced very quickly.

A description of the project, the ongoing results and how to become engaged, can be found at this link:

[CSVC Project](#)

There are a number of very poignant individual sailor profiles that can be viewed and downloaded along with a variety of related anecdotes.



UNTDA Incorporation.

The UNTDA was federally incorporated as a Not-for-profit, dated October 21, 2021. This was a long time coming and was undertaken by UNTDA Director Bob Blakely. Bob was CO NONSUCH 1993-97 and ComNavRes 2004-07.

The purpose of the Corporation is:

"To celebrate the naval and civilian contributions of participants in Canadian Naval Reserve Officer Training Programs, and to identify, preserve, and promote the history and values of the UNTD program and its successors, with emphasis on leadership, honesty, commitment, service, and personal discipline."

The Bylaws were issued soon thereafter and are available on the Website and linked below:

[UNTDA Bylaws](#)

That the Incorporation date happens to fall on Trafalgar day, may be coincidental.

Pat Montgomery as ComNavRes

Patrick J Montgomery was promoted to Commodore and appointed as ComNavRes on July 9, 2021.

Pat enrolled at MALAHAT with his first summer being in 1987 under the UNTDv2 program. His military and academic careers moved in lockstep in true Citizen Sailor fashion. He earned his BSc and MSc at UVic in 1991 and 1993 and his PhD in Applied Mathematics at U Alberta in 1999.

He commanded the MCDVs EDMONTON and SASKATOON between 2008 and 2012. He was awarded the OMM in 2014 and was, amongst other appointments, the NavRes Western Regional Coordinator in 2015. Interspersed were academic appointments to UNBC and Camosun College where he was Chair of the Mathematics and Statistics Department.

Along the way he learned to play the Tuba and did so with the Greater Victoria Concert Band.

His Change of Command was held at CARLETON, where he relieved Michael Hopper who had been appointed ComNavRes on July 20, 2018.



CMDRE Patrick J Montgomery - ComNavRes

UNTDA Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE of the Annual General Meeting of the UNTD Association of Canada to be held VIRTUALLY (Zoom Video Conference) Tuesday the 15th of November 2022 commencing at 19:00 EDT for the following purposes:

- Approving the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the members held Wednesday, 12th of September, 2018 at 1400 at CFS St. John's, NL
- President's Report
- Approve the Articles of Incorporation.
- Approve the By laws
- Election of officers
- Appoint Financial Signing Authorities
- Other business

By order of the Secretary - Dated 18 August 2022

Zoom details will be available on the website closer to the date.

UNTDA Directors and Committees Update

A list of the current slate of UNTDA Directors, their functions and their contact information is available on the Website at the following link:

[Directors](#)

A list of the Committees, their Members and Mandates, are also available on the Website at the following link:

[Committees](#)

UNTDA Facebook Group

On June 6, 2021, Daniel Haché created a UNTDA Facebook group. "A Group to promote connections between members of Naval Reserve Officer training programs of all time periods and entry schemes."

There are currently 218 members. Feel free to join, read and contribute at:

[UNTDA Facebook Group](#)

Gunroom Shots

Gunroom Shots was initiated in November, 2020, with Barry Frewer as Editor.

"A periodic publication of the UNTD Association of Canada designed to provide news and short stories in a lighthearted fashion." There have been to date, 8 issues and they can be downloaded at:

[Gunroom Shots](#)

If you wish to contribute or comment, Barry can be reached at:

Gunroom.Shots@UNTD.org

Treasurer's Report

UNTDA Association of Canada

Ross Connell - Treasurer

Interim Financial Report January 1 - August 31, 2022

Income

Membership	4,252.50
Regalia Sales	90.00
Bank Interest	0.30
Miscellaneous (Donation)	30.00
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	4,372.80

Expenses

Bank Service Charges	76.50
Board Meetings	-
Gifts, Presentations	-
Events, Subsidies	-
Postage	51.98
Website	2,323.72
Miscellaneous (CSVC)	360.00
	=====
	2,812.20

Assets

Cash in Current Account	3,108.75
Cash in Oaken Account	13,013.20
#14 Oaken 12 mo GIC 1.50% (matures 4Oct2022)	5,276.12
#15 Oaken 12 mo GIC 2.15% (matures 16Mar2023)	6,395.33
#16 Oaken 12 mo GIC 3.10% (matures 24Apr2023)	5,127.27
Regalia	2,748.38
Refundable Deposits re conference	5,595.00
Conference reg. fees	(6,149.46)
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	35,114.59

Conference Deposits

Hotel Grand Pacific deposit	1,000.00
Orca Boat Cruise deposit	4,095.00
Catering	
Malahat Reception deposit	500.00

As was noted at an AGM a number of years ago:
"not too shabby for a non-profit".

On April 7, 2022, UNTDA President Graham Scott, wrote a letter to PM Trudeau to solicit his support for the NavRes Centennial. Copies were also sent to the Minister of National Defence Anita Anand, Chief of the Defence Staff Wayne Eyre, Commander RCN Craig Baines and ComNavRes Pat Montgomery. On June 22 a reply was received from Minister Anand. The text of both letters is added below. Formal addresses and salutations omitted for brevity:

Graham Scott to PM Trudeau:

In 2023, Canada's Naval Reserve will be 100 years old and as the President of the University Naval Training Division Association (UNTDA), a national association of members who served or are serving in Canada's Naval Reserve, I am writing to request your support and that of your government to help make this Centennial a significant opportunity for Canadians to celebrate and recognize the unique contribution the Naval Reserve has made to Canada.

Its humble beginning a century ago was based on a vision for a "citizen navy" to ensure there would be continued popular support from Canadians for Canada's Navy.

Doubtless you are aware of the important contributions made by our citizen sailors in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve (RNCVR), the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (RCNR), the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) or the Naval Reserve Formation of the RCN who have made and continue to make an extraordinary commitment to Canada in choosing to serve their country while at the same time pursuing civilian careers or an education. Naval Reservists not only have a proud history of enhancing the operational effectiveness of the RCN and the Canadian Armed Forces, but they are also by their nature community oriented and committed to Canada.

The University Naval Training Division (UNTD) has a place in the history of the RCN and the Naval Reserve as a highly successful program for recruiting and training of Naval Reserve Officers from 1943 – 1968. Over 7,000 university students learned leadership and citizenship and supplied the regular Navy with many recruits. The bond established by those who benefitted from this life-altering experience, led to the formation of the UNTD Association 30 years ago. While the name, UNTDA continues to honour the founding program and continued link to Naval Reserve officer training past, present and future, the membership has evolved to include all Naval Reserve officers and the Association's Nominal List currently contains over 10,000 entries of those who trained in Naval Reserve officer training programs.

Naval Reserve service requires a unique and special dedication and commitment of working in the service of Canada, while also meeting the demands of civilian careers and studies in our communities across Canada. Tradition and innovation have always been central themes of reserve service and despite the daunting challenges, service has always brought special personal rewards that include camaraderie, fellowship, and naval identity as well as a unique opportunity to defend and represent Canada and Canadians at home and abroad. Not only do Naval Reserve Divisions connect Canadians to their Navy in 24 communities from coast to coast, but Naval Reservists also reflect the cultural diversity of Canada with notable achievements and firsts for women, visible minorities and LGBTQ members who have opened doors and created opportunities.

The Naval Reserve Centennial is an important opportunity to commemorate and celebrate the significant role the Naval Reserve has played since 1923 while reminding Canadians of the essential link to our navy and our nation. When the first half-companies were stood up on each coast and in land-locked cities across Canada to promote the role of the navy and encourage recruiting, few would have conceived of the vital role that Naval Reservists would play in war and peacetime, and the lasting impact well beyond simply promoting the navy. Today's Naval Reserve is fully integrated into the RCN and contributes to this partnership by providing unique and complimentary skills at sea and ashore, at home and around the world.

Canada's Navy could not have achieved the success it did in WW II without the significant participation of Reservists. At its peak strength, the Navy grew from 3500 men to 96,000 of which 78,000 or 84 percent were volunteers and experienced Reservists. They commanded ships and made up the bulk of the personnel at sea and 1769 naval reservists lost their lives in that war. The Royal Canadian Navy's only Victoria Cross was awarded posthumously to RCNVR pilot Robert Hampton Gray.

That same spirit of dedication and commitment to voluntary service continued through other conflicts in the Korean and Gulf Wars and Afghanistan, peacekeeping missions, international and domestic operations, and disaster response and assistance in Canada and around the world. Naval Reservists often bring unique or complementary civilian skills and expertise that have enhanced the operational effectiveness of the CAF serving in full and part-time capacities, answering the call for responses to domestic floods, forest fires, the Olympics, the COVID pandemic and representing Canada and Canadians at home in our communities and around the world through deployments, exchanges, and exercises.

The Naval Reserve continued the tradition of sea going service through manning and operating the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels starting in the 1990s, bringing new operational capacity to the RCN well beyond the initial plan and range of the ships while engaging in a wide range of missions including sovereignty patrols in the North, Fisheries patrols, support to Search and Rescue, and interdiction of the drug trade to disrupt international criminal activity in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific which has been immensely successful over the last decade or so. They have participated in international task group mine warfare exercises in Europe and more recently in military diplomacy and capacity building off West Africa. Naval Reservists are serving in all classes of ships within the RCN and are now serving in key roles including command of the Arctic Offshore Patrol Vessels.

As plans to commemorate the Centennial are being developed by the Naval Reserve, as one of its partner organizations, the UNTDA is fully engaged in celebrating the 100th Anniversary with a Conference in Victoria in May 2023 and most importantly, with our signature project to commemorate the Centennial - the development of the Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph (CSVC) project. Of the 1769 Canadian Naval Reservists who died in WW II, very little is known about them at the Naval Reserve Divisions where they joined. This project has the goal of researching and developing the personal stories of these sailors to be part of an online collection, and to "repatriate" them to the Naval Reserve Divisions where they were recruited so they will be reconnected to and better known in their home communities.

Naval Reserve Divisions are starting to make plans to celebrate the Centennial in their communities, but an endorsement by you

as Prime Minister with the support of the Government would result in greater national engagement by Canadians across the country to celebrate and recognize the value of the Naval Reserve in our past, present, and future while acknowledging their commitment to Canada through a century of service.

I sincerely trust that the Government of Canada will support this important milestone in the history of the RCN and our military.

Minister Anand reply to Graham Scott:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 2022, regarding the Centennial of the formation of the Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve - an important milestone.

As you may know, the authorization for a force of not more than 1,000 volunteer officers and sailors was approved by Governor General Lord Byng via Privy Council Order 139 on January 31, 1923. Since then, the Naval Reserve, as it is now known, has grown to a force of over 4,100 sailors, making up approximately one quarter of the Royal Canadian Navy's (RCN) strength.

The Naval Reserve Commander, who will plan and execute this commemoration, has appointed a Project Director to ensure that the objectives of the Centennial project are achieved. Under the direction of this project director, a Project Management Office has been established to execute all project management activities relating to the celebration of the Naval Reserve Centennial and to provide overall guidance and coordination of activities of Naval Reserve divisions across the country. Each of the Naval Reserve's four regions have appointed an officer specifically responsible for the Centennial activities within their region.

In addition, each of the 24 Naval Reserve divisions across Canada has formed a Centennial Committee to ensure that local events are planned and executed so that Canadians across the country can participate in the celebrations in their own communities.

It is the intent of the RCN to ensure that naval veterans, such as yourself and the members of your organization are included in these celebrations. It is the history of noteworthy accomplishments, in peacetime and in war, made by all who have served with the Naval Reserve and its predecessors that makes this commemoration so important. Every member of the RCN Volunteer Reserve, the RCN Reserve, and the Naval Reserve has made a significant contribution to Canada and its collective defence over the last 100 years - contributions that continue to this day.

I note with interest the description of your Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph project. This is a wonderful initiative that will help memorialize the sacrifices of those 1,769 "Citizen Sailors" who gave their lives for Canada and, by extension, all of the 78,000 members of the RCN Volunteer Reserve who served in hostilities during the Second World War. Efforts on this endeavour are a wonderful legacy for the University Naval Training Division Association to leave for future generations and reflect the contributions of your organization's membership to Canadian naval history and heritage. I am happy to hear that many past and present members of the Naval Reserve are already working to help achieve the praiseworthy objective of capturing this data to

be shared by all.

Please be assured that the Department of National Defence is proud to recognize the Centennial of the Naval Reserve and is committed to ensuring that this milestone is appropriately commemorated throughout 2023, recognizing service both past and present.

For further information about the Naval Reserve Centennial, I invite you to contact the Project Director, Captain(Navy) Beth Vallis, by email at Beth.Vallis@forces.gc.ca.

Please accept my very best wishes. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to Canada.

UNTDA Website

The Website continues to evolve in both form and content. Please do visit from time to time. Besides interesting archival material, it is the place to find news of current interest and upcoming events. Comments are always welcomed.

<https://untd.org/>

UNTDA Membership - Count Yourself In

With the upcoming NavRes Centennial events there has been a concerted effort to identify missing members and update contact information for known members.

You can check your own information and if necessary correct it, by going to:

<https://untd.org/membership/>

By the same means, you can also check whether a known member has been logged in. If not and you are in touch with them, they can log in directly using the "Count Yourself In" button on the Website home page.

<https://untd.org/count-yourself-in-form/>

A Member is anyone who is a former UNTD Cadet, a former or current post-Unification NavRes Cadet, or anyone who has been closely associated with those Programs or Members, or has an interest in the Association. Membership is free. Active Members are those who submit a voluntary donation of \$25 per annum.

Membership criteria have evolved over many years, largely on an ad hoc basis. The Membership Structure Review Committee, under Marta Mulkins, was created to bring some order to that process, to better align it with the evolving nature of the modern naval reserve. This review process will involve broad consultations, to develop viable options for consideration by the UNTDA Board.

UNTDA Nominal and In Memoriam List

This interactive List is maintained on the Website at:

<https://untd.org/interactive-nominal-list/>

It can be searched, filtered, sorted, saved and printed on a variety of parameters.

Additional biographical information is also linked to a growing number of entries.

There are currently 10,342 members listed, with 2,170 known to have crossed the bar.

There are 46 known to have left us so far in 2022 and they are listed below in alphabetical order by surname:

ANGLIN, Robert Forth
BARR, David Fordyce
BROCK, Donald Morley
BROWN, Donald Corey
CASSADY, George Perrin
CHAMBERS, Martin Geoffrey Crompton
CRITOPH, David Stanton
DAY, Robert Charles
DE SAINT VICTOR, Jean-Marie
EMERY, John Edward
FITCH Francis H
GOODFELLOW, Walter Roberts Evans
GOSBEE, John Lloyd
GRAHAM, William Carvel
GRAY, Bruce Franklin
GREEN, Phillip Albert
HINZ, Jurgen Michael
HUNTINGTON, Samuel Robert
JACKSON, David Phillip
JACKSON, Francis Lindbergh
JOYCE, Donald Ralph
JUDD, Robert Andrew
JULIAN, Richard Jefferson
KING, David Cornwall
LAKE, Barry Frank
LEAROYD, Douglas Rainsford Jr
MacGREGOR-GREER, Derek
MacKENZIE, Elmer Archibald
MacKINNON, Archibald Roderick
MALLOY, John Joseph
McCAFFREY, James Maurice
McLEAN, James Alexander
MOREIRA, David Rennie
MORRES, Michael Fraser
MORRIS, Robert James
MURRAY, Ian Waldie
PANDZICH, Martin John
PETERS, H Montague
SEYMOUR, George Wesley
SPERGEL, Gordon Dean
STEELE, Harold Raymond
STOLEE, Erling Brynjulf
TISDALL, Charles Patrick
WHITE, John Fraser
WHITMAN, Donald David MacKenzie
WHITMORE, Bruce Cecil

GaleForceWins Interviews Jennifer Bennett

GaleForceWins is a very popular series of podcasts on a variety of topics, in a variety of formats, with much Canadian Navy content. Conceived and executed by Allan Dale and Gerry Carew, both of whom joined the NavRes at CABOT and were also in the same 1st-year summer division in 1985 during the inaugural year of the UNTDv2 program.

The production values are high and the content prodigious. Best place to start is at their home page at:

<https://galeforcewins.com/home/>

Fair warning, once you start in, the experience may be addictive.

Last May they interviewed our own Jennifer Bennett. The 55 min. youtube version of that interview is linked below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrLPH4-2yKU>

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

With the recent passing of the Queen, and Prince Philip not long before her, there was surely much reflection from members who encountered them over the years, officially or otherwise. Dating back to 1951, many such encounters have been documented in various of our publications.

A while back, Stephen Knowles (UNTD SCOTIAN 1962) sent in a series of pictures of his father, Murray Knowles, meeting them both in Halifax during the 2010 RCN Centennial, which was the last time the couple were both in Canada together. Stephen was also in a veterans receiving line and also met the Queen. Stephen is the only UNTDA member known to have been born on D-Day: in Saint John, NB. At that time, Murray was XO in LOUISBURG on Channel duty and was not advised of his son's birth until 17 days later. Murray crossed the bar in 2014.



Murray Knowles, QEII, Prince Philip, Halifax 2010

RIP to all 3 of these WWII Vets.