

**UNTD ASSOCIATION  
OF  
UPPER CANADA**

**29 Park Road, Toronto, Ontario. M4W 2N2**

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**NEWSLETTER**

July, 1989

**DEAR MEMBER:** Enclosed you will find:

- o An invitation to the UNTD Association Mess Dinner and Reunion Day, Saturday, November 18, 1989.
- o A Membership renewal reminder and renewal form for those who haven't renewed their membership.

**UNTD ASSOCIATION MESS DINNER,  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1989**

You will have already read the enclosed invitation but we want to make sure that the information is indelibly impressed on your eager, enthusiastic, but possibly aging brain - so we'll repeat and enlarge upon it.

**UNTD REUNION MESS DINNER  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1989. 1800 FOR 1900.  
CANADIAN FORCES STAFF COLLEGE, TORONTO, ONTARIO**

First of all, no one can say they didn't have sufficient notice. Four months should be enough that you can reserve the day now and protect it against family, friends or business pressures.

**\$60 per person - \$55 if we receive your cheque before 1 OCTOBER, 1989.  
Serving UNTD's - \$50.**

Make cheques payable to the UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA and send them in NOW. We have provided a return form and envelope.

First of all you'll save \$5.00 (for extra drinks at the Mess Dinner). Second, you'll be sure of getting in.

**DRESS - ANY NAVAL UNIFORM  
BLACK TIE  
BLAZER AND FLANNELS (BUT ONLY WITH UNTD TIE)**

A word of explanation may be in order. The Naval uniform can be any uniform that you were legally entitled to wear, still have, is reasonably complete and you can get into (if it's as tight as mine, get it let out - standing up throughout a Mess Dinner is awkward). Note that this includes your Square Rig ("Sailor Suit") if you were a pre-1949 UNTD; your Cadet Uniform - winter or summer; any Naval Officer's uniform - blue, khaki, or white; or of course any Mess Kit. Black Tie of course can be any tuxedo, ancient or modern. As far as the third option is concerned, we now have a supply of UNTD ties. The cost is \$18 each. If you want one or need one for the Mess Dinner send a separate cheque and print "UNTD TIE" or "REGALIA" in the upper right hand corner. It will be sent to you along with your notice of acceptance for the Mess Dinner. Absent-minded members or those who can't read too well will be able to buy a UNTD tie at HMCS "York" that afternoon (see REUNION AFTERNOON below).

**NUMBERS -           MAXIMUM 180  
                          WE HAVE 270 MEMBERS  
                          THERE ARE OVER 500 OTHER EX-UNTD'S IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO**



If you combine the above three pieces of information, there is only one sensible conclusion - **SEND IN YOUR CHEQUE A.S.A.P.** Acceptances will be processed in the order received - first come, first served. Invitations are initially begin sent to present members only. In order to attend the Mess Dinner, you must be a paid up member of the UNTD Association of Upper Canada. Reminders and another Membership Renewal Form are enclosed for those who have forgotten to renew or lost the renewal form. After a reasonable time for members to react, invitations will be sent to the other 500+ ex-UNTD's in Southern Ontario along with a Membership Application form. Obviously, preference will be given to existing members - but for a limited time.

A notice of acceptance will be sent to you and you will be pre-registered for the REUNION DAY and the Mess Dinner. UNTD ties ordered with the RETURN FORMS will be sent at the same time. Acceptances will be mailed before September 15 or within two weeks of the receipt of your RETURN if this is after September 15. If you have not received your letter of acceptance within the specified time, phone Mark Llewellyn at (416) 920-8030 between 0900 and 1700, Monday to Friday.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Mess Dinner rules will be sent out with your notice of acceptance or in the Fall Newsletter. We have a witty and effective Mess President to preside over the Mess Dinner. (Well, he, Ontario Place and Sheila Willson think so anyway). No less than six carefully chosen Vice Presidents will keep things moving. We have invited Capt. Herbie Little, RCN (Ret'd.), the Godfather of the UNTD in its post-1949 form, to be our special guest. The guest speaker will be LCDR Bill McCulloch, RCN (Ret'd.), Senior Alderman of the City of Hamilton and Chairman of the "Hamilton" and "Scourge" committee. Bill will speak and show slides concerning the efforts to suitably preserve USS "Hamilton" and USS "Scourge", two American warships which sank during a violent squall off Port Dalhousie during the war of 1812. They lie extremely well preserved in the deep, cold waters of Lake Ontario. Some surprising developments may come to light during Bill's address.

The HMCS "York" Band "Combo" will entertain us during dinner. They have an astonishing repertoire from pops to traditional Naval tunes to classical excerpts.

The Reception before the Mess Dinner at the Staff College from 1800 to 1900 will offer a cash bar. The cost of the Mess Dinner will include all wines and port. Coffee will be available in a separate area after the Mess Dinner and a cash bar will offer a selection of liqueurs.

## REUNION AFTERNOON

Many of you, we hope, will be coming from outside Toronto for the Mess Dinner. Some members residing in Kingston, London, Windsor, Kitchener, etc., have justifiably complained of the difficulty of getting to a Friday evening function. Others have, again probably justifiably, complained about too many "WEEPERS". Well, the Mess Dinner is on Saturday and it isn't a "Weepers", so we expect to see mass contingents from Windsor, London, Kingston, North Bay and points in between. Many, if not most, of the "outside Toronto area" members will want to stay over in Toronto on Saturday night. If there is sufficient interest, we will try to get a reduced rate at a suitable hotel.

For out-of-towners and locals there will be a REUNION AFTERNOON in HMCS "York" on the day of the Mess Dinner, Saturday, November 18, 1989. Registration will commence at 1330. The bar and beer tables will open at 1400. There will be "decade tables", name tags, some pictures and memorabilia. If you have some pictures or memorabilia of your UNTD days, send them to us or bring them to the REUNION AFTERNOON. We could publish some of the pictures in subsequent Newsletters. The band of HMCS "York" and possibly the combined bands of HMCS "York" and HMCS "Star" will present a band concert on the drill deck during the afternoon, followed by a sunset ceremony. The BEE's from the Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene will perform Nineteenth Century Naval drills and demonstrate other aspects of the early Nineteenth Century Navy, dressed in the uniforms of the period.

Both the Wardroom and Drill Deck of HMCS "York" will be open to us from 1330 to 1730 on the afternoon of Saturday, November 18, 1989. We hope that all those attending the Mess Dinner will avail themselves of this opportunity to relive old UNTD memories and see a bit of the Naval Reserve of today.



Members who can't attend the Mess Dinner either because they are otherwise engaged or because the list is full by the time they apply are urged to attend the REUNION AFTERNOON if they wish. But, please let us know.

## TRANSPORTATION

We are attempting to organize buses to run from HMCS "Star" in Hamilton to HMCS "York", stopping in Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga, commencing in the early afternoon and continuing until late afternoon. That way, members from Windsor, London, Hamilton and area, Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga can leave their cars at HMCS "Star" or at home. Then shuttle buses will run from HMCS "York" to the CF Staff College in time for the Mess Dinner and back to "York" afterwards. Buses will return to HMCS "Star" from HMCS "York" after the Mess Dinner. Toronto area members and those from the north and east can leave their cars at "York". HMCS "York" is easy of access and has ample parking. Remember the RIDE program. The cops ain't fooling these days and you do want to enjoy the Mess Dinner and the Reunion Afternoon.

Further details concerning the buses will be promulgated along with your notification of acceptance or in the Fall NEWSLETTER or both. If you want to use the buses, please let us know in a note accompanying your RETURN form so that we can plan for capacity, frequency, stops, etc.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you can see we are working hard to make the UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA an organization which will serve your needs and interests and enhance and strengthen the Naval Community in Canada, or at least in our part of it. Only about half of the members have renewed their memberships. Renewal notices went out in late March and early April. Renewals were due May 1. (For an explanation, see NEWSLETTER April, 1989). To continue to serve you, to plan other major events such as the Mess Dinner, to expand the scope of our activities and to recruit new members we want your participation, we need your support and we need your money. A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed for those who have not already renewed.

## NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (NOAC)

A further word about the Naval Officers Association of Canada (NOAC). Many of you may have felt a rekindled interest in things naval, whether by the revival of friendships and memories through the UNTD association or as a reaction to the recent budget's torpedoing of many of the most important provisions of the 1987 Defence White Paper, particularly the nuclear fuelled submarine programme and the cancellation of the order for necessary additional CP140 Long Range Patrol Aircraft for the Maritime Air Group. This turn of events, which we consider to be tragically short-sighted, has served to emphasize how fragile the constituency of our Navy is across Canada. If you have such a revived interest, you might well consider lending your support to NOAC by joining the Toronto, London, Windsor or Ottawa Branch. (The Toronto branch has an active group meeting regularly in Hamilton to help service the Burlington/Hamilton/Niagara area.)

As a former UNTD you qualify for membership as a full or associate member, depending on whether you received your commission. Rank is of no concern. the challenge for NOAC at this time is to attract more members. At the moment, it has over 2,600 members across Canada, but with a large number of ex-W.W.II officers in its ranks, NOAC numbers are expected to decline dramatically in the next five years. If this happens, a strong voice supporting the Navy will be considerably weakened. You can prevent this by joining NOAC.

Quite apart from its active social programme, NOAC exists to support the Maritime concerns of Canada through activities, education and projects. It has taken a leading role in

- \* providing vital input into government defence planning;
- \* sponsoring an open relationship between national maritime interest groups;
- \* promoting the Naval Reserve;
- \* supporting the Navy League's Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadets;
- \* inaugurating an active, nation-wide naval speaker's programme;



- \* proposing a strong military presence in our Arctic;
- \* establishing a National Naval Memorial, HMCS "Sackville" ("the last Corvette");
- \* publishing the internationally renowned newsletter "STAR SHELL".

Many ex-UNTD's are already members of NOAC. (Eight of the fifteen members of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Branch of NOAC are ex-UNTD, including four members of the Executive of the UNTD Association). We invite those of you who are not to join. Your membership will give NOAC more clout and enable you to make a contribution to the present and future of our Navy. It will also enable NOAC to tap the considerable influence and support of the UNTD community across the country with a view to championing the requirement for a modern navy.

If you would like a membership application form or more information, phone or write Mark Llewellyn, Richard Baker, Reg Kowalchuk or Gil Hutton (see EXECUTIVE listing at the end of this Newsletter). Alternatively, especially those ex-UNTD's living outside the Toronto/Hamilton area might prefer to write to:

General Manager, NOAC,  
2 Roundwood Court,  
Scarborough, Ontario  
M1W 1Z2

Please specify whether you would like to join the Toronto, London, Windsor or Ottawa Branch.

## JOINT UNTD ASSOCIATION/HMCS YORK OFFICERS WEEPERS

The Joint UNTD/YORK Weepers on Friday, April 28, 1989 in the wardroom of the HMCS "York" was attended by 56 members of the UNTD Association and some dozen "York" officers and their wives. Although the attendance was small by our standards, it was good by almost anyone else's. Members were treated to a sumptuous baked salmon buffet served by Georgie Williams of the Naval Club. Georgie and her helpers performed above and beyond the call of duty (and must have lost about 25 pounds each) when the Wardroom galley stove proved U/S and they had to use the main galley stove on the main deck. It was a lovely day to look out over the Western Gap and Lake Ontario, drink in hand, and yarn with old friends again. An added feature of interest was the attendance as the guests of HMCS "York" of six United States Coast Guard officers from a visiting USCG cutter moored at Harbourfront. In addressing the gathering the Commanding Officer of the USCG vessel wondered whether we had forgiven them for burning Fort York and sinking several of our ships in 1812-14, but then reflected that we had, after all, burned Washington the following year. All was forgiven on both sides.

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

There are two family relationships of note in our Membership Roster. Dave and Derek Bate (UNTD'48) are twin brothers. Both had distinguished careers in the RCN(R) in HMCS "York". David retired as a LCDR(L) as Senior Technical Officer. Derek retired as a Commander as Commanding Officer of the UNTD, following Harry Ross! Derek was the first ex-UNTD to command the UNTD in HMCS "York".

Gordon Wright, UNTD 1946, and Alex Wright, UNTD 1968, are father and son. Alex is a founding member of the UNTD Association and an organizer of the UNTD Reunion in 1987 which indirectly helped lead to the founding of the UNTD Association of Upper Canada. While Gordon's sterling example failed to save young Alex from an early life of womanizing and alcohol and generally causing trouble for his UNTD mentors, at least his example succeeded in directing Alex towards the UNTD and subsequently service in the RCN(R). Alex is a valued member of your Board of Directors.

In the last NEWSLETTER we promised a biographical sketch of the naval careers of Don Bethune, Bob McRae and Harry Ross, who, as UNTD Officers, trained and set an example for many of us. We have these, but space considerations dictate that we can do them better justice in the next NEWSLETTER in September. The story of Harry's induction into the RCNVR is quite remarkable - and funny. Bob's experiences at Dieppe and in prisoner-of-war camp strike a more sombre note, but they have a happy ending - he survived and is still with us, enjoying retirement to the full, as is Harry. You won't learn this from me, but they are a



vigorous 75 and 77 respectively.

In the NEWSLETTER of April, 1989, in the "In Memoriam" section, the details of Andy Wedd's participation at Dieppe had some errors. The story had been told to your Editor on many occasions, but always late at night at the end of a Mess Dinner and never in a state of complete sobriety. In any case, Andy commanded an "R" Boat, or Personnel Landing Craft at Dieppe. It had a crew of three besides Andy - an Ordinary Seaman, a Coxswain and a Stoker. Andy landed the troops on the beach, withdrew to wait for them and then, after the boat was damaged and he was seriously wounded, went back in to pick them up. In the interests of historical accuracy we thought you would like the record set straight. (These details came from Bob McRae, who of course was there.) Our main purpose was to pay tribute to a gallant gentleman and a good friend.

## UNTD ANECDOTES

Many of you have some interesting (and printable) stories from your UNTD days. We've heard lots of them at UNTD reunions. Some of you were at the Coronation Naval Review, others helped make the film "The Great Imposter", others went to strange and exotic ports during UNTD summers.

So far, the Editor of this NEWSLETTER (Gil Hutton) has written most of the contents. Let's hear from you with suggestions for what you would like to see in the NEWSLETTER and some anecdotes or stories about your UNTD days. To start the process, here is the memory of a golden day in the summer of 1948 from Jim Houston, chairman of the UNTD Mess Dinner Committee and now our Program Chairman.

"Forbidden though it was to keep a diary, according to KR and AI (that's King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions for those former cadets who may have forgotten) I nevertheless recorded a few impressions from UNTD summers in Naden and Stradacona, and it is from its yellowed and fly-blown pages I can now reminisce.

One such event involved a B.C. car rental in May, 1948, quite a unique way of cadets getting around back in the '40's, and a first experience for some who had always had access to the family car at home.

We had heard of the scenic wonders of the Malahal, so decided on a warm May Sunday to try for a convertible, the better to appreciate the said wonders, and in our square rig uniforms (UNTD rig prior to the White Twist era) to perhaps interest any nubile young maiden en route. The group was Ron Stuart, Bob Nixon (that's the Treasurer of Ontario today), Stan Schatz and the diarist.

The car, a 1947 Buick (with what southeast Asians later called the "Dollar Grin", from its toothy front bumper/grill), was perfect for the purpose and the one-day rental, including mileage, came to \$10.00. Even so, underpaid as we were, we checked to see if the odometer would run backwards with the car in reverse. It didn't, so we returned to Esquimalt frontwards."

(Editor's Note: It didn't work for Ferris Bueller either. We wonder if Bob Nixon is trying something similar with the economy of Ontario? Today, Jim is Director of Long Range Planning for CRITIKON, a division of Johnson & Johnson. Stan Schatz is a neurosurgeon. Ron Stuart owns his own company and has been a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Branch of NOAC. Jim included some photographs which we'll try to reproduce in the next NEWSLETTER.)

**NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM THE REST OF YOU.**



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Please contact any of the above if you have any suggestions or are willing to help.



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**PRIMARY PURPOSE:** To organize activities that help maintain camaraderie among ex-UNTD members in Southern Ontario.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Ex-UNTD, present UNTD cadets, officers and ex-officers of the UNTD.

**ALSO ELIGIBLE** Ex-members of similar programs in operation between 1968-1985, ie Naval Reserve Officer University Training Program (ROUTP), Reserve Officer Training Plan, Naval Reserve Officer Cadet Program (NROC). We encourage you to join.

**FEE:** Ordinary membership \$15.00, May 1, 1989 to April 30, 1990.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Please enter name, address, etc. below AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN FUTURE REVISIONS OF THE ROSTER. Please enter both business address and home address, but indicate which one you prefer to appear in the Roster.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**  
**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Business:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Years active as a cadet/trainee (whatever) in UNTD, NROC, ROUTP, etc.** 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Division:** HMCS \_\_\_\_\_ **University:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as a UNTD cadet/trainee)

**Other service:** 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHEQUE FOR \$15.00 PAYABLE TO UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA AND MAIL TO UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA, 29 Park Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 2N2.**

**ANY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I am willing to assist the Association by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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