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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Association really outdid itself last year - a great Reunion, a video starring some pretty scandalous types, an anecdotal history of the UNTD, a fine mess dinner in November, a treasury, if not overflowing, at least a lot stronger than before. And what, you may ask, will your directors do for an encore?

There are a number of projects in the works for your delectation. By the time you read this, a number of our members will have attended the Toronto Garrison Officers Ball. Looking into my crystal ball, I foresee that those attending had one hell of a good party and quite forgot the tedious footsteps of time. Aside from that, we had the pleasure of supporting HMCS YORK, this year's host to all those soldiers and airmen.

We have decided to skip the Spring Weepers this year. In its place, Gil Hutton and Andy Shaw of the Ottawa Association are putting together a Mess Dinner to be held in the Spring at member Ron Pacquin's brand new HMCS CATARAQUI in Kingston. It will be a great chance to see old Ottawa friends and our Kingston members. It will also be a chance for those Queen's types who entered the Service through CATARAQUI to have a reunion.

A number of other plans are in the works. How about an evening dinner and cruise on beautiful Toronto Harbour this summer? And a mess dinner this November - of course.

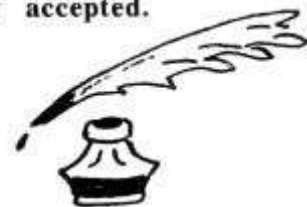
Your President had little to do with the Naval Reserve of HMCS YORK from the time that he retired (1960) until this last year. The professional ability and the spirit shown by the Reserves is both a revelation and a credit to the Navy. Your directors would like to have the members of the Association (never forgetting "camaraderie") know more of the Reserves. More than that, we would hope to support the Reserves at a time that the service is a favourite candidate for cost cutting. More on that later.

Another matter for consideration this year, will be your Association's relationship with the NOAC and for that matter, the future of the NOAC itself. Such questions will keep your directors from getting bored. However, a lot of our members are also members of NOAC. We would like to know what you think.

Finally, the Newsletter has a new Editor (thank God). Thanks to Bob Williamson for stepping into the breach. The Newsletter is probably the most important thing that we do to maintain our Association. Bob will be looking for news items, letters to the Editor, scandalous gossip and whatever. Help him entertain and enlighten you.

And have you any comments for the directors? Phone me at 416 927-8526, fax me at 416 927-1673 or write to me at 106A Pembroke Street, Toronto, M5A 2N8. Abuse gracefully accepted.

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GUELPH REUNION

The first UNTD in Canada started by Professor Jack Baker at the University of Guelph will hold a Reunion Weepers and Mess Dinner on Friday June 17, 1994 at Creelman Hall, University of Guelph.

As a member of the Canadian Navy League, Professor Baker, in conjunction with **HMCS Star**, began a pilot naval officer training programme in September 1942. As a result of this effort the UNTD became an official training programme on June 19, 1943 and Professor Baker was promoted to the rank of commander and appointed the first Staff Officer UNTD.

The reunion is being organized by Lt. Gordon Wright, RCNVR (Ret'd) and Lt. John Dugan UNTD (OVC) 1949-53 (Ret'd). Lt. Wright was one of the first UNTD training officers and is Jack Baker's son-in-law. His wife, Ruth and her sister "Twink" Maclean were honoured participants of the Baker family at the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Halifax.

Among the honoured guests in Guelph will be Vice Admiral Peter Cairns, Commander, Maritime Command and two of Guelph's UNTD (OAC/OVC) former commanding officers: John Carpenter 1947-58 and Dick Ellis 1958-64.

The cost for the dinner is \$30.00 and out of town guests can make hotel reservations at The College Inn (\$75.00), file #16550, phone # 1-800 563-9240. Dress has been promulgated as Blazer and Flannels or Business Suit, preferably with UNTD Tie or other Service Tie. There will be a group picture taken for nostalgic reasons and UNTD memorabilia such as ties, crests, lapel pins and the 50th Anniversary Edition of "UNTiDy Tales" will be on sale. Entertainment and a little military atmosphere will be provided by the band of **HMCS Star**.

For registration or further details contact Rosemary Clark, Att'n. Gordon Wright, Alumni House, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. N1G 2W1

SPRING REUNION

A Sequel to Halifax 93! Yes, Gil Hutton, that consummate organizer is at it again. Many ex-UNTD have expressed regrets that due to other summer commitments they were unable to attend the now memorable UNTD 50th Anniversary Reunion in Halifax. At that reunion, Andy Shaw of Ottawa, in a euphoric mood after "Up Spirits", said "Lets have a Mini-reunion next Spring in Kingston". The idea made a lot of sense. The setting is perfect - only two hours drive from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal, combined with the atmosphere of Royal Military College and an open house at the new building of **HMCS Catarqui**. It is located on a breathtaking site between the mouth of the Catarqui River and Kingston Harbour. The wardroom terrace provides a great view for the conviviality of the Meet and Greet activities as well as the Mess Dinner. The C.O., Cdr. Ron Paquin, an active member of the UNTD Association, will be our host and will be proud to personally conduct a tour of his stunning new stone frigate. (A special treat no doubt for Queen's University Alumni.)

The Reunion activities for the weekend of April 23-24 will recreate the successful formula of the Halifax Reunion. At the Meet and Greet, trays of light refreshments will be provided. The Mess Dinner in the Catarqui Wardroom will follow a "Dine the Ladies" format. Seating will be arranged in three wings: Toronto, Ottawa, and Kingston/Montreal. Dress for the occasion is "Any Naval Uniform" that you can get into and a black tie, or Blazer and Flannels with a UNTD Tie or any Service Tie. The guest speaker will be ex-UNTD and T.V. Journalist, Peter Trueman. After dinner there will be music and singing.

On Sunday, church parade in the Royal Military College Chapel is one you won't want to dodge. The same nostalgic ecumenical church service that left nary a dry eye in King's College at Halifax will be conducted by the same dynamic ex-UNTD duo, Rev. Bill Thomas and Father Tom McEntee. (Father Tom will also conduct a brief service afterward for Roman Catholics.)

After church parade, everyone will retire

to the Senior Staff Mess for the traditional "UP SPIRITS" and Brunch. Pusser's Rum will be issued in a tot measure of one quarter gill from the rum tub. It is an experience that is guaranteed to leave you with a warm feeling while you soak up the atmosphere of your surroundings. The Senior Staff Mess of Royal Military College has been described in our times of modern austerity as comparable to the "decadent luxury of an Eighteenth Century Aristocrat"; the type of thing that caused Hellyer to see green. You will have brunch overlooking the outer harbour and the islands in the St. Lawrence River.

A private tour of the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes will wrap up the afternoon activities. With a former coast guard ship alongside, the museum is located in a refurbished brick warehouse on the waterfront. It contains a special collection of paintings and drawings by World War II RCNVR Artist, Grant Macdonald.

Accommodation can be arranged at special rates at Holiday Inn (\$75.00) and Howard Johnson's (\$65.00). Both overlook the harbour and are close to HMCS Catarqui and Royal Military College. For the more budget conscious, the Donald Gordon Conference Centre at Queen's University has plain, single or double rooms with private bathrooms for \$36.00.

During registration on Saturday and brunch on Sunday, memorabilia will be on sale: UNTD Ties and Lapel Pins, Blazer and Wall Crests. A UNTD Video can be ordered for \$10.00. The 50th Anniversary Edition of the history of the UNTD, entitled, "**UNTiDy Tales**" will also be available probably for the last time. This limited edition of anecdotal stories by UNTD Cadets from 1943 to 1968 is a bargain at \$15.00. (see LETTERS)

The program has a lot to offer especially for those who were unable to get to Halifax last summer. Don't miss this opportunity to renew acquaintances and reminisce about the days when you thought you had the world by the tail. As Reunion Guest of Honour, Vice Admiral Allan (UNTD '50) says, "When was it better than when you were a UNTD".

UNTD NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is published twice a year by the UNTD Association of Upper Canada as a means of promoting activities of the association and encouraging UNTiDies to maintain their special status as Naval Persons.

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Contributions are invited, whether they be letters, anecdotes, UNTiDy jokes or information about members and former UNTD Cadets, ie. "Where Are They Now?" Have you ever considered writing your own Biography? This might be a good time to start. Send a one page copy to the Editor.

GARRISON OFFICERS' BALL

Whether it was dancing to the big band sound of HMCS YORK - STAR Concert Band, Highland dancing to the Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders or jumping to the beat of the Electric Brigade of the United States Naval Academy, there was music to satisfy all of the nine hundred guests at the Toronto Garrison Officer's Ball hosted by HMCS YORK this year. Wine flowed with a beautifully served roast beef dinner at the three tables of ten made up by the UNTD Association in support of the Navy. Following dinner, the cavernous ballroom of the Sheraton Centre echoed to: Heart of Oak, Men of Harlech, John Peel, Braganza, The Buffs, Blue Bonnet and ceremonial marches of many other units as guests filed past the head table in the Parade of Marches. Among the dignitaries at the head table were; Colonel, the Honourable Henry Jackman, Lt. Governor of Ontario and Rear Admiral L. Mason, CMM. CD, Deputy Commander of Maritime Command. Captain(N) Bob Baugniet (UNTD) was the master of ceremonies. The official programme concluded with a thrilling "Sunset Ceremony" performed by the pipes, drums and naval bands. Each guest went away with a small souvenir plaque inscribed with the Naval Toasts of the Day. The evening was, in naval terms, a "Great Thrash".

HUMOUR

Sometimes the best humour is found in what is left to the imagination.

The year 1993 produced a spate of movies and documentaries about the life of President J. F. Kennedy. One such movie shown on television a few months ago, was entitled, "Reckless Youth". Part of the story portrayed JFK's experience in the US Navy, including a posting to the United States Naval Base in Charleston, South Carolina. The problem was to find a location with a vintage 1943 naval facility. The solution was found in Hamilton, which has the only deep water Canadian Naval Reserve Base virtually unchanged from when it was built in 1943. Only minor cosmetic changes had to be made such as flying an American flag and covering the large HMCS Star waterfront signboard with a new sign identifying the facility as the **United States Naval Base - Charleston South Carolina**. Towards the end of the filming, an American ship, **USS Bolder**, made a courtesy call at the Hamilton base. It tickles the imagination as to what the captain said to his navigator upon their arrival when he saw the sign....

LETTERS

A short note to say how much I enjoyed "UNTiDy Tales". I found, to my surprise, that I knew very little about our UNTD origins so the book was both educational as well as a gratifying experience in nostalgia. I particularly enjoyed the episodes from Stadacona and Royal Roads. As I read, it all came back to me: the bull in Nixon Block, the caps that went astray before the Admiral's inspection, waking up at dawn in the flower beds after an evening ill spent in the gunroom. They were wonderful times and now those memories are captured in "UNTiDy Tales".

I am saddened to hear about the closing of Royal Roads. Perhaps some of us can get out there for the decommissioning. Jim Reed, a "Summer of '59 Cowboy", and I hope to be there.

John Heighton, Caledon East, Ont.