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It's Time to Recommission the UNTD Association with a New Name

At the November 2022 Annual General Meeting, UNTDA members voted unanimously to broaden Association membership to welcome both active and retired Naval Reservists of all ranks into full membership.

For 35 years the UNTDA has celebrated the 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. That limitation no longer applies and reservists are encouraged to explore the [website](#) (which will undergo many changes) to see the basis for the new organization.

The Naval Reserve Centennial provides a great occasion for the UNTDA to pivot to a new purpose and mission of celebrating, commemorating, and connecting as we recommission the Association while evolving and expanding by encouraging all Naval Reservists to join and contribute to the ongoing transformation into a National Naval Reserve Association!

A major element in the transformation of the organization is the search for a more inclusive name and we want you to be part of this by participating in the Name Quest!

The search for that new name is open to all current members and prospective new members:

Submit your suggestions to NameQuest@UNTD.org until March 1, 2023, when they will be compiled and reviewed to determine a short list or top contender to be presented to the membership at the AGM in Victoria in May.

Please spread the word to all your naval Reserve friends and encourage submissions. Consider the following criteria:

- The name and acronym in both English and French must avoid any association or implication of salacious or rude terms.
- Can't be too long.
- Should relate in some way to the Canadian Naval Reserve.
- Consider whether the names and acronyms “roll easily off the tongue”.
- Can't be confused with other widely known entities (e.g., Canadian Naval Reserve – **CNR**).
- The name is not a public “brand” and so does not have to specifically reference the Canadian Naval Reserve; it need only appeal to members. You might consider shipboard or naval specific terms if you think they would resonate with members.

The following are not suggestions or intended to limit thinking but are offered with a view to promoting the creative juices. Any and all suggested names and feedback will be gratefully received:

National Association of the Naval Reserve **NANR**

Association de la réserve navale **ARN**

Naval Reserve Association of Canada **NRAC**

Association de la réserve navale du Canada **ARNC**

Canadian Citizen Sailor Association **CCSA**

Association des matelots citoyens du Canada **AMCC**

Please ask your Naval Reserve friends and shipmates to participate, by writing directly to

NameQuest@UNTD.org

or referring them to the website UNTD.org



Il est temps de remettre en service l'association UNTD avec un nouveau nom

Lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 15 novembre 2022, les membres de l'Association UNTD ont voté à l'unanimité pour élargir l'adhésion à l'Association afin d'accueillir les réservistes navals actifs et retraités de tous grades en tant que membres à part entière.

Pendant 35 ans, l'Association UNTD a célébré le programme qui a recruté et formé plus de 8 000 étudiants universitaires de 1942 à 1968 pour devenir officiers dans la Réserve navale. Cette organisation forte et dynamique a beaucoup accompli au cours de ces 35 années, mais uniquement pour les officiers. Cette limitation ne s'applique plus et les réservistes sont encouragés à explorer le site [Web](#) (qui subira de nombreux changements) pour voir la base de la nouvelle organisation.

Le centenaire de la Réserve navale offre une excellente occasion pour l'Association UNTD de pivoter vers un nouvel objectif et une nouvelle mission de célébrer, commémorer et connecter à mesure que nous remettons en service l'Association tout en évoluant et en élargissant en encourageant tous les réservistes de la Marine à se joindre et à contribuer à la transformation en cours en un Association nationale de la Réserve navale!

Un élément majeur de la transformation de l'organisation est la recherche d'un nom plus inclusif et nous souhaitons que vous en fassiez partie en participant à la Name Quest !

La recherche de ce nouveau nom est ouverte à tous les membres actuels et nouveaux membres potentiels. Soumettez vos suggestions à NameQuest@UNTD.org jusqu'au 1er mars 2023, date à laquelle elles seront compilées et examinées pour déterminer une liste restreinte ou le meilleur candidat à présenter aux membres lors de l'AGA à Victoria en mai.

Veuillez passer le mot à tous vos amis de la Réserve navale et encourager les soumissions. Considérez les critères suivants :

- Le nom et l'acronyme en anglais et en français doivent éviter toute association ou implication de termes salaces ou grossiers.
- Ne peut pas être trop long.
- Doit se rapporter d'une certaine façon à la Réserve navale canadienne.
- Demandez-vous si les noms et acronymes « sortent facilement de la langue ».
- Ne peut être confondu avec d'autres entités largement connues (par exemple, Canadian Naval Reserve **CNR**)
- Le nom n'est pas une « marque » publique et n'a donc pas à faire spécifiquement référence à la Réserve navale canadienne; il n'a qu'à plaire aux membres. Vous pourriez envisager des termes spécifiques à bord ou à la marine si vous pensez qu'ils trouveraient un écho auprès des membres.

Les éléments suivants ne sont pas des suggestions ni destinés à limiter la réflexion, mais sont proposés

dans le but de promouvoir les jus créatifs. Tous les noms suggérés et les commentaires seront reçus avec gratitude :

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Canadian Citizen Sailor Association **CCSA**

Veillez demander à vos amis et camarades de bord de la Réserve navale de participer, en écrivant directement à NameQuest@UNTD.org

ou en les référant au site UNTD.org

UNTDA 2023

Conference Registration

**Welcome to the Naval Reserve
Centennial Year, and "up spirits"
towards our forthcoming Conference
and Celebration in Victoria, May 9-12,
2023!**

We look forward to seeing you in Victoria, renewing friendships and making new ones. Together we will take part in the transformation of our Association into a multi-generational Naval Reserve Association that will progressively welcome all ranks.

If you are committed to attending and plan to stay at the Hotel Grand Pacific but have not yet made a confirmed reservation at the Hotel, please do so now, and before Feb 5, to guarantee the discounted room rate of \$199.

Register for the Conference Now

- [Hotel Grand Pacific](#) - conference Hotel
- Special rate is only available for a limited period. When the hotel releases the reserved block there are fewer rooms available at the preferred rate of \$199 per night.
- [Book with the hotel NOW](#), and [register](#) for the conference separately.

If you're not ready to register, at least book your room at the hotel.

The Program in Victoria will include visits to Canada's modern warships, HMC Dockyard, the Venture training centre, Maintenance Facility Cape Breton and the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron. There will also be an extensive social program where you can meet former colleagues and discover how naval reserve training has evolved since those fondly remembered early days ! The program details can be seen at <https://untd.org/wp-content/uploads/Conference2023.pdf>

This reunion celebrates the beginnings of the UNTD during Wartime 80 years ago as well as the creation of naval reserve divisions across Canada in 1923. 100 years of volunteer 'citizen' service to Canada.

Again....You can register now for the Victoria event at <https://secure.erbium.com/ui/register/e-yTr4caCFEb>

Do register early, like many are doing, and discuss with your partner the alternative program events that are also offered that are less 'naval'.

We hope to see many former shipmates in Canada's wonderful west coast city next May. The Spring flowers will be out to welcome you!!

You can see a description of all of the UNTD Association centennial programs at <https://untd.org/accueil>

UNTD Association Donations

The UNTDA Keeps on Giving...

Squeezed into the board's recent discussions about transforming the Association was a report from Daniel Haché's Donations & Awards Committee and a recommendation to donate \$2,500 to the project to refurbish the [Naval Reserve Monument](#) in front of HMCS Carleton and \$1,500 to the [Canadian Naval Tribute](#) project at HMCS York.

Canadian Naval Tribute Project



Ross Connell, UNTDA Treasurer (left) presented the UNTDA cheque on October 15 to Sean Livingstone, co-founder of the project and current president of the Naval Association of Canada, Toronto branch, at the HMCS Oakville Memorial in Tannery Park, Oakville.

Ross Connell, trésorier de l'UNTDA (à gauche) a remis le chèque de l'UNTDA le 15 octobre à Sean Livingstone, cofondateur du projet et actuel président de l'Association navale du Canada, succursale de Toronto, au NCSM Oakville Memorial à Tannery Park, Oakville.

The [Canadian Naval Tribute Project \(CNTP\)](#) seeks to recognize a diverse, and largely uncelebrated, group of individuals for the historical contributions and impact they have made on the Royal Canadian Navy.

Le Canadian Naval Tribute Project (CNTP) vise à reconnaître un groupe diversifié et largement méconnu de personnes pour leurs contributions historiques et leur impact sur la Marine royale canadienne.



The monument will be in Toronto, possibly at or near HMCS York.

Le monument sera à Toronto, peut-être au NCSM York ou à proximité.

Sean is also the author of [Oakville's Flower: The History of the HMCS Oakville](#). Sean est également l'auteur de *Oakville's Flower: The History of the HMCS Oakville*

Project to Refurbish the Naval Reserve Monument



On Thursday October 20th, a donation of \$2500 was made to the National Naval Reserve Monument refurbishment Project. The donation was made by Daniel Haché, UNTDA Second Vice-President to Sheyla Dussault, Project Director in the presence of Commander Chris Knowlton, Commanding Officer of HMCS Carleton.

Le jeudi 20 octobre, un don de 2500\$ a été fait pour la réfection du Monument national de la Réserve navale. Le don a été fait par Daniel Haché, deuxième vice-président de l'Association à Sheyla Dussault Directrice de projet en la présence du capitaine de frégate Chris Knowlton, commandant du Carleton

The Monument, situated on the grounds of HMCS Carleton, was inaugurated by then Governor General Roland Michener in 1973 for the 50th anniversary of the Naval Reserve. After 50 years and having been subject to all kinds of weather, the monument is showing its age, and it is only fitting that the UNTDA

participate in the refurbishment of this monument in time for the celebration of the Naval Reserve Centennial.

Le Monument situé à NCSM Carleton, a été inauguré par le gouverneur général de l'époque Roland Michener, en 1973 pour célébrer le 50e anniversaire de la Réserve navale. Avec 50 ans d'âge et après avoir survécu nombre d'intempéries, il y allait de soit que l'Association participe au projet de réfection de ce monument à temps pour les célébrations du centenaire de la Réserve navale.

These are both very worthy projects, and we encourage our members to check them out and contribute:

[Canadian Naval Tribute Project](#)

[National Naval Reserve Monument](#)

RCN Historical Conference

RCN Historical Conference: academic papers welcome

The [11th RCN Historical Conference](#) will be held [May 12 to 14](#), at HMCS Venture, in Esquimalt and includes a call for academic papers.

The conference theme will be the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserves. The conference is expected to be the only academic gathering in Canada to examine the innumerable contributions of the Naval Reserve to the Navy and Canada, from the Provincial Marine to today.

Papers on any aspect of the Naval Reserve are welcome.

Conférence sur l'histoire de la Marine royale canadienne : articles universitaires recherchés

La [11e conférence sur l'histoire de la MRC](#) se tiendra [du 12 au 14 mai](#), au NCSM Venture, à Esquimalt; pour l'occasion, on lance une invitation à présenter des articles universitaires.

La conférence aura pour thème « le Centenaire des Réserves de la Marine royale du Canada ». Elle devrait constituer le seul rassemblement universitaire au Canada visant à examiner les innombrables contributions de la Réserve navale à la Marine et au Canada, de la Marine provinciale à celle d'aujourd'hui. Les participants sont invités à présenter des articles sur tous les aspects de la Réserve navale.

TIDBITS

Fraser McKee and Navy Lists

"A little help from my friend"

by **Bill Clearihue**

After the last issue of Gunroom Shots, Fraser McKee sent in one of his usual helpful replies, which had me thinking back...

Many years ago, I had exactly one Navy List, July 1945, received from Sam Huntington. At some meeting soon thereafter, probably NOAC, Fraser mentioned that he had a whole library of them, the original hard-copy books. He offered access and we quickly came to an arrangement where I would take two at a time, scan the relevant pages, return them for another 2 at our next meeting, and so on.

In the summer of 2015 such a meeting was arranged in Burlington, where Fraser was attending a military stamp collectors "bazaar", display, buy, sell, trade etc. They'd booked space at a community center for seniors, although most attendees weren't.

Fraser had such a collection himself and was looking for some specific items. It was all very interesting and I had some pleasant chats with attendees for the couple of hours that we were there.

When Fraser was ready to leave, we walked past the receptionist and had some polite conversation as to how nice the place was, how accommodating etc. She did ask how we were doing and I replied something along the lines of "not bad for a couple of old guys". She, maybe in her 30s, replied "you don't look all that old" (keeping in mind this was primarily a senior's facility). I asked her how old she thought we were; I asked that because Fraser had just turned 90 and then as now, he didn't look it.

She guessed 70-something (I had just turned 69). When I told her that Fraser was 90, she seriously thought I was putting her on. Even when Fraser confirmed it, she was smiling unconvincingly. We walked out to the parking lot, exchanged books and then Fraser jumped into his Mini with its NOAC license plate and drove

back to Toronto; I only had to go into neighbouring Oakville.

With those Lists I now had 100% access to every UNTD name and location from 1949 to 1960, whether they had completed the program or not, or appeared anywhere else or not; a huge boost to our UNTDA Nominal List at the time.

Three years later, Russ Cape had similar access through a friend at Venture and was able to copy some other post-1960 pages we didn't get at through Fraser's collection; again another boost. Later that year, the entire Navy List collection from the Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum, was scanned directly as OCR-capable .pdf files and made publicly available.

There's a long list of people who have helped the UNTDA in many ways over the years, members and non-members alike, but Fraser McKee has always been a standout in that regard.

Ed: Bill Clearihue is a UNTDA Director, the Association Archivist and Editor of the UNTDA Newsletter



Count Yourself In

In the run-up to the 2023 Conference and Celebration, the UNTDA is wanting to add to its contacts lists in order to keep everyone informed of planned events.

Please forward Gunroom Shots to your chums and encourage them to go to the home page at www.untd.org and give us their preferred email and current city. Another way is to email their coordinates to membership@untd.org.

2023 promises to be exciting for us - please encourage others to sign up and be part of the celebrations.

Vous Compter

Dans la perspective de la Conférence et Célébration de 2023, l'Association UNTD du Canada souhaite compléter ses listes de contacts afin de tenir tout le monde informé des événements prévus. Veuillez transmettre Gunroom Shots à vos amis et les encourager à se rendre sur la page d'accueil de www.untd.org et à nous donner leur adresse e-mail préférée et leur ville actuelle. Une autre façon est d'envoyer leurs coordonnées par courriel à membership@untd.org.

2023 promet d'être passionnant pour nous - veuillez encourager les autres à s'inscrire et à faire partie des célébrations.

UNTD Memories

Bob Bagniet and the 1964 Alpha Cruise

by Mike Street (Donnacona '63)

The 1964 UNTD Alpha Cruise, consisting of flagship HMCS Cap de La Madeleine, HMCS Buckingham, HMCS La Hullose, HMCS Lanark and HMCS Outremont, left Halifax on 9 May and arrived at the anchorage off Weymouth on 18 May. After about two weeks in the UK the squadron crossed the English Channel to France, arriving in Cherbourg on the afternoon of Friday, 29 May 1964 for 20th Anniversary of D-Day

activities. Personnel not required for Saturday watches rushed to catch evening trains to Paris. Personnel required for 8AM Saturday to 8AM Sunday watches who also wanted to visit Paris soon discovered that there was a problem – there were no trains from Cherbourg to Paris on Sundays.

HMCS Cap de La Madeleine was moored nearest to the Cherbourg dock, with HMCS Lanark tied up alongside. On Saturday morning I was on brow duty at the Quarterdeck of HMCS Cap de La Madeleine and Bob Baugniet, a fellow HMCS Donnacona cadet, was in the same position on HMCS Lanark. After discussing the Paris problem, Bob said “I have an idea” and disappeared into the Quarterdeck office. Some time later he reappeared and said, “I’ve hired a bus to Paris for tomorrow. The cost will be \$5.00 a head.”

With permission from all five OODs we visited the other ships, made an announcement about the bus trip over the loudspeaker system, and advised all personnel who would be available on Sunday of the details. We asked the Cadet on duty on each of the other ships to keep track of the names of cadets, sailors and officers interested in the bus trip. During the day Bob got the numbers from the other ships by telephone. As the total number rose, he disappeared into the Quarterdeck office again, appearing a bit later to announce, “I’ve hired a second bus.”

On Sunday morning the two buses duly arrived and, my memory says, were boarded by 95 RCN personnel. Halfway to Paris we made a pitstop at a roadside cafe. While waiting for the trip to resume two sailors came up to me and asked if I was one of the organizers. When I said yes, the sailors said that they wanted to thank us very much for doing this. I replied along the lines of “We needed to fill the buses, so everyone was welcome.”

One sailor replied, “No. You don’t understand. Most of us send all our pay home to our families. We would not normally have been able to afford a trip to Paris, but for \$5.00 each we are able to go there.” It was a moment I’ll never forget. As soon as I could I told Bob about the conversation. He was quite surprised and pleased to know that his efforts had resulted in this compliment.

Ed: In memory of Bob Baugniet (Donnacona '63)...a big presence and a big heart!

Crossing the Bar



Commodore Robert Bagniet, OMM, CD, RCN(ret)

1944-2023

The UNTD Association is sad to lose another of our members and former active Naval Reservist Commodore(Ret) Bob Bagniet who crossed the bar in Toronto, Ontario at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre on January 12, 2023 at the age of 78. He is survived by his two daughters, Jessica and Belinda.

Bob retired from Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation in October 2009 where he served as Director, Corporate Communications for eight years. Prior to that he was Vice President, Corporate Communications, for Rolls-Royce North America (1997-2001) and previously he had held executive positions with Berger & Associates, a major national public relations consulting firm.

In parallel with his civilian career, Bob served in the Royal Canadian Navy, rising to the rank of Commodore and ultimately commanding Canada's naval reserve forces. He relinquished his command when he moved to the USA in 1997. Among his various appointments were Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer, HMCS CARLETON, Ottawa; Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer, HMCS YORK, Toronto; Senior Staff Officer (Navy) to the Chief of Reserves.



Letters to the Editor

From: Bill Franks

Canadian Naval Aviators

As a past pilot in the UNTD Reserve I am interested in obtaining a copy of Canadian Naval Aviators. This was published in 1997 in limited numbers and thus is out of print. Possibly a UNTD member may have a copy. Another point to consider. In 1956 I joined 35 Naval cadets for flying training at Penhold Alberta. Five of us got our wings. One Dick Owen crashed flying an Avenger crashed a year later fatally. Each November 11th I think of this situation. I am concerned that no reef is placed at Cenotaphs to remember navel reserve pilots that lost their lives in the Commonwealth Flying Training Program

Thanks,

Bill

Ed: Bill can be contacted at bill.m.franks@gmail.com

From: Crow's Nest Officers' Club , St John's , NL

3D Virtual Tour

We are happy to announce the launch of our 3D tour of the Club. This is done with Matterport technology (often used in real estate) and allows us to attach text boxes or video clips to provide information on various items. The site is navigated in the same way as Google maps. The plum tags are Gary Green's videos while the teal tags are mine. Yellow tags are simple facts about the artifact.

<https://crowsnestnl.ca/tour/>

This is very much a work in progress so don't hesitate to suggest changes.

Thanks,

Margaret

Ed: Margaret can be contacted at crowsnoc@nf.aibn.com

"Do you hear there!"

The UNTDA continues its communications drive to reach and attract members, particularly those from the UNTD follow-on training schemes - ROUDP, NROC, UNTDv2 and RESO. Gunroom Shots and the Newsletter would love to run your stories and anecdotes as a reminder that the Naval Reserve legacy continues to live on through you, our younger members. Waiting to hear from you.....





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