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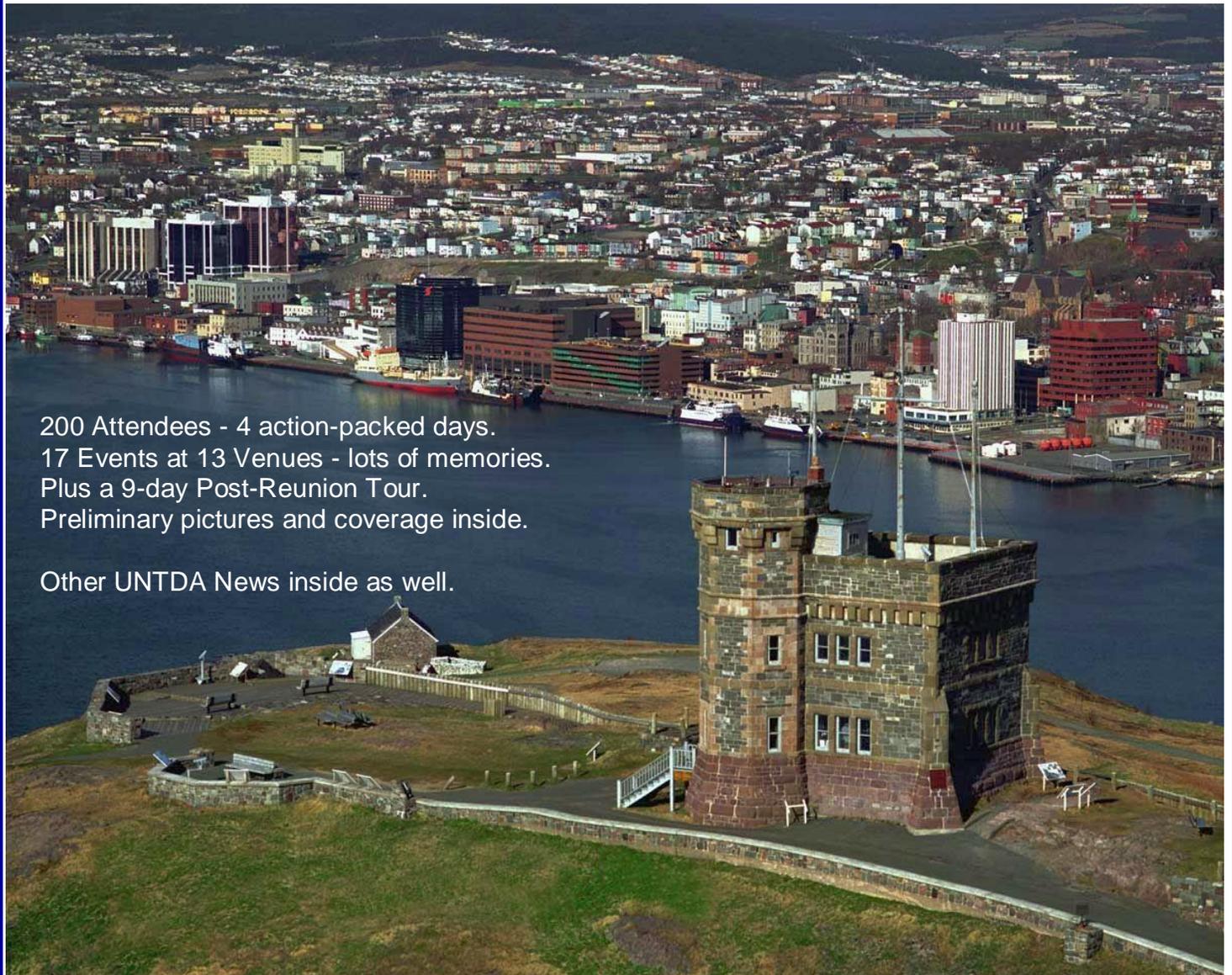
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UNTDA - 75th Anniversary Reunion September 9 - 12, 2018 in St John's, NL

200 Attendees - 4 action-packed days.
17 Events at 13 Venues - lots of memories.
Plus a 9-day Post-Reunion Tour.
Preliminary pictures and coverage inside.

Other UNTDA News inside as well.



UNTDA - 75th Anniversary Reunion

September 9 - 12, 2018 in St John's, NL

Originally announced in June 2013 in Victoria, BC by the late Art May (CABOT 1955), this highly anticipated national event was brought to fruition by an incredibly stalwart Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of 12 local UNTDs under the leadership of Bob Jenkins (CABOT 1960).

Registration was formally opened in early April 2018 with an anticipated cut-off date of July 15th. By that time the anticipated attendance of 130 had been exceeded and by early August, Registration was formally closed with 200 attendees. With that the LOC had to quickly reorganize a number of now over-capacity events and keep attendees apprised.

Come September 9th, 117 Cadets along with their partners had arrived from across the country, the USA and Europe and events proceeded flawlessly as summarised below:

September 9th (Sunday)

Registration, regalia sales, memorabilia display at Delta Hotel. Meet and Greet at the Crow's Nest with Plaque presentation.

September 10th (Monday)

Bus Tour of St John's and vicinity.
Luncheon at Memorial's Signal Hill Campus with Plaque presentation.
Marine Institute Bridge Simulator.
The Rooms - Art Gallery, Museum and Archives.
Government House Reception with Plaque presentation.
Reunion Dinner at Delta Hotel with Upsilon Singers.

September 11th (Tuesday)

Conception Bay Bus Tour.
Bay Bulls Boat Tour.
Mess Dinner at HMCS CABOT with Plaque presentation.

September 12th (Wednesday)

Signal Hill Interpretation Centre.
Johnson Geo Centre.
Reception and Lunch at CFS St. John's.
UNTDA General Meeting at CFS St. John's.
RNR Museum at CFS St. John's.
Final visit to the Crow's Nest.

September 13th to 21st

9 Day Comprehensive Eastern Newfoundland Tour.
37 Attendees.
The success of this event and the overall large turnout from the West Coast is directly attributable to Brooke Campbell, who sadly Crossed the Bar on September 2nd. However his attendance in spirit at all events was duly acknowledged by everyone.

The Local Organizing Committee for the UNTDA - 75th Anniversary Reunion, to whom resounding rounds of applause have and continue to be directed, are:

Bob Jenkins - Chairman, Bob Andrews, Peter Clarke, Tony Dearnness, David Gilbert, Bob Lucas, Wayne Ludlow, Ernie Reid, Carl Robbins, Graham Skanes, Lorne Wheeler, Ed Williams,
with assistance from Pat Jenkins and Ellen Reid.

UNTDA - 75th Anniversary Reunion - cont'd

UNTDA Plaque Presentations:



Roger Elmes presents Plaque to LCDR (Ret'd) Margaret Morris past President of the Crow's Nest and former CO CABOT.



UNTDA Plaque now in situ near the famous Crow's Nest Bar.

This is an appropriate placement for the Plaque, in company with CABOT. The plaque that was previously in that spot was that of HMCS LABRADOR, a storied vessel with its own UNTD connections.



Memorial President and Vice-Chancellor Dr Gary Kachanoski receives Plaque from Dr Ed Williams [CABOT 1960].

More to say about this in the right-hand column →



Howard Foote and Her Honour the Honourable Judy Foote, Lt-Gov of NL, receives Plaque from Roger Elmes during her UNTDA Reception at Government House.



CDR Shannon Lewis-Simpson, CO CABOT, who graciously hosted our Mess Dinner onboard, receives Plaque from Roger Elmes. Looking on, on the left is Guest Speaker Gwynne Dyer [CABOT 1959] and on the right, Marie-Claire Rucquoy and H-UNTDA CAPT(N) Chris Pratt.

A Blast from the Past.

During our Sept 10th Luncheon at the Signal Hill Campus of Memorial University, a large screen was displaying a collection of archival pictures of UNTDs from Memorial and CABOT. As Newfoundlanders are wont to say, it was in 1949 that Canada joined Newfoundland to form our present Dominion. In that same year Memorial became a University, HMCS CABOT was Commissioned and saw the first intake of CABOT/MUN UNTDs.

During Gary Kachanoski's remarks about the past, present and future of MUN, it was poignantly noted that as the 12th President and Vice-Chancellor of MUN, he was hosting the very first outside group to use the new Signal Hill facilities. That the event was taking place at all was the direct result of the 8th President, Art May [CABOT 1955] having initiated this Reunion 5 years earlier.

In 2017 the NAC held their AGM and Conference in St John's and as Branch President, it was Ed Williams who organized that event. It was 25 years ago that the then NOAC held their first AGM in St John's and we happen to have a picture (below) of that 1993 organizing committee.



Front: NOAC National President Cliff Chaulk, guest speaker Dr. Philip Landenberg, curator emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., Dr. Art May. Back: Ernie Reid, Mac Drover, Walt Swyer, Angus Taylor, Tom Conway, Dr. Bill Gushue, Dr. Ed Williams.

Other than the guest speaker, all of the above were CABOT UNTDs; Cliff Chaulk, Mac Drover and Walt Swyer from the original 1949 intake. Art May was at that time also into his 3rd year as MUN President. On deck for this year's event, as they were 25 years ago, was Ernie Reid, Walt Swyer and Ed Williams.

There are a lot of Reunion pictures and comments that will appear in the future, but in the meantime Bob White has given permission to download the 95 MB pdf version of his superb 102-page book on the Reunion. It is available to view/download at the bottom of the Website page linked below:

<http://untd.org/articles/>

HAIDA Commissioning - May 26, 2018

This was a very unique, high-profile event and widely reported on in the various navy and military media, as HAIDA was Recommissioned as the Ceremonial Flagship of the RCN. The ship has a long connection to the UNTD and the NavRes, both in it's 20 year active service life and it's 55 year after-life as a Museum Ship, first in Toronto and for the last 15 years in Hamilton.

The superb drone-picture below is easily worth the proverbial 1,000 words.



Its not hard to imagine the days when Hamilton was at the center of the Naval Reserve universe, with the RCN Basin hosting a variety of training vessels, the footprint of the original STAR building and in the upper right, the COND building, opened in 1954 by RADM Walter Hose.

The entire Naval Board was present as were political leaders, Indigenous Chiefs, Ship's Companies of both STAR and YORK, Parks Canada officials and many others associated with HAIDA, including Jim DeWolf, the son of the legendary Harry DeWolf, the most famous of the HAIDA COs and Peter Ward from the original Haida Inc. Peter is on our Nominal List as CATARAQUI (RMC) 1949 and appears in the 1950 White Twist.



Jim DeWolf costumed WREN Peter Ward

There were at least 9 UNTD/ROUTPs present, including 3 STAR COs. In a compelling twist of tradition, the current CO of STAR is now deemed to be the Ceremonial CO of HAIDA.

Changes to www.untd.org

Our Website has changed significantly over this year, both in form and content. Designed and maintained by Ken Bower of Model Vision Studios in Mississauga, ON, using Wordpress, and hosted by CanHost in Kelowna, BC, it has allowed us to upload and maintain content that we were previously unable to do. Some of the most significant changes are:

Interactive Nominal/In Memoriam/VIP/Contact Lists:

Previously these were issued quarterly as very large static lists with limited information and no ability to filter, sort, or reveal underlying information. We have now placed all of this information into an online database which allows the user to create and save customized spreadsheet-like views of our over 9,000 names of NavRes Cadets, Founders, Staff, Honoraries, Associates and VIPs. This data is updated every few days. The pages might appear somewhat intimidating at first blush but if you take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with how they work and read the "How to use" files, you will be rewarded with an unprecedented look at the very unique characters that make up the UNTDA.

The pages in question are:

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

<http://untd.org/membership/untda-vip-list/>

Detailed Contact information on over 1,000 people is available to UNTDA Directors for the purpose of conducting Association business only. The days of detailed Membership Rosters are unfortunately long behind us, however Regional Directors stand ready to put Cadets in touch with each other by methods dictated to us by various privacy regulations.

Online Membership updates:

A word on Membership. Our Treasurer, Ross Connell, and the Membership Committee have defined a Member as anyone who is or may in the future, appear on our Nominal List. An Active Member is one who pays dues. A Silent Member is one who does not. The only substantive difference between the 2 groups is that only Active Members may vote at General Meetings or other similar occasions. This was not always the case. Not too long ago only dues-payers were considered Members and they were the only ones receiving Newsletters and other communiques. The reason for that was simple, it used to cost significant money to do that. Now it doesn't. We do have costs in other areas though and:

"Your [Active] Membership makes possible our presence on the web, our newsletter, support for reunion planning committees, and ongoing research and publication of the history of the UNTD ROUTP NROC RESO Programs and the accomplishments of its graduates."

Initiation or Renewal of Active Membership can be done online by clicking on the "Membership Form" link on the page below:

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

Online Regalia sales:

6 items are now available for online ordering (shipping extra).

UNTDA Plaque: \$100

Lapel Pin: \$5

Tie: \$35

Blazer Badge: \$25

Ball Cap: \$15

UNTDy Tales by Bob Williamson: \$10 - \$20

Go to:

<http://untd.org/untda-regalia/>

A Message from George Mayo - re: DVA

This was rec'd some time ago but it is still very relevant.

"What really prompts me to contact you now has to do with my recent involvement with Veterans' Affairs. It was several years ago that I recall reading a piece in the Newsletter with respect to former UNTD members / Officers having received compensation for inquiries resulting from their term of service. I kept that piece of information on the back burner for some time but this past January I decided to 'have a go at compensation'. I had served on CND on the west coast in Saskatchewan, Asst. Training Officer in Cornwallis for the new OS. My last appointment was when I was posted to Bonnie in Lauzon P.Q., where she was just finishing up a refit. My appointment was as Diving Officer and Asst. NBCD Officer-- also got nailed with Key's Officer (tossed to a young Sub.Lt). My Diving Courses and Recalls' meant I had a record of Hearing Test plus a bag full of other test.... THEY KEEP ALL OF THEM ! We had been called out by the RCMP to look for some drowned bodies. Not particularly deep water but for some reason, when I set foot on 'dry land' out of the Zodiac everything went topsy turvy. I got over it but it resulted in my having to submit a Copy of the 'accident' to the C.O, --- why I would bother to keep a copy of that I'm not sure but it played a part in the results of two weeks ago when I received the results of my year long application from VA. I was awarded a SUBSTANTIAL Disability Award for my hearing loss in my left ear. In addition VA provided up to \$500.00 for financial advise on what / how to attend to the Award, PLUS a VA Canada Health ID Card, which of course gives me access to expenses related to this injury. I felt that given the Newsletter had provided me with the information that led to this Disability Award I ought to now let you folks know about my wonderful 'turn of events'. A great way to start this New Year."

George Mayo's UNTD Kisby Ring

Although George was not at the Reunion, it was a pleasant surprise to see that one of our most interesting UNTD Artifacts, George Mayo's UNTD CORNWALLIS Kisby Ring was present and center stage at the Delta Hotel Memorabilia Display.



Mention of this Ring has been made in the past and how it made its way to CABOT remains a mystery. Coincidentally the Ring was not seen at CORNWALLIS after George's 2 summers there in 1963/64. This evokes the period of 8 successive summers (1960 - 67) that UNTDs were trained at CORNWALLIS.

UNTD Proficiency Trophy in Quebec City

Since its discovery at DISCOVERY in 2014 and its reincarnation as a presentation photo in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Saskatoon, it was one year ago that Quebec Regional Director Hugues Létourneau, presented it to MONTCALM in Quebec City.



Hugues reports:

"On Saturday, November 18, 2017 I presented the framed photo of the UNTD proficiency trophy to LCdr Guy Boulet, Commanding Officer of Montcalm, in the presence of his officers.

I gave them a short presentation on the UNTD program, and pointed out to them that as winners of this trophy, it was very much part of their heritage. The presentation was well-received."

CABOT Mess Dinner - September 11, 2018

There are two aspects of this formal event that are noteworthy. The first is that it took place on September 11th and on the same day of the week as the world-changing events of 17 years earlier. CDR Shannon Lewis-Simpson paid poignant tribute to those events and particularly how they affected all of NL and CABOT in particular.



The second aspect is the size of the dinner itself, just shy of 200 Messmates. Perhaps the largest that any of us have ever attended ? The picture above, taken by Dave Tildesley, gives a birds-eye view of the physical setup.

Barry Troy - Never say Never

TROY, William Thomas Barry (Barry)
UNTD SCOTIAN (St FX) 1946 U-75477 (1928 -1958) Age: 29

"Barry" Troy was a F2H-3 Banshee Pilot, flying with RCN Fighter Air Squadron VF-871 off of BONAVENTURE.

He was killed on active service in a flying accident, in Banshee 126428, on February 25, 1958, specifically;

"Entered dense fog bank at 200 ft above ocean. No further communication. Crash area about two miles off the Jacksonville Florida Beach."

His body was never recovered and only a small amount of aircraft debris was found at the time.

Barry Troy was born on December 6, 1928, in Chatham, NB. His father was a Judge, a younger brother became the Catholic Bishop of Saint John, NB. His mother lived to be 100. Barry was her maiden name. He attended St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS in the Fall of 1946 and entered the UNTD at that time (seniority Jan 11 '47).

A/SLT RCN, Sen. 1 Oct '50, O-74184.

In Jul '52 he was attached to MAGNIFICENT. LT RCN, Sen. 1 Mar '54. In Jul '55 he was attached to NIAGARA for USN pilot Training. In Jan '57 he was attached to SHEARWATER and on Feb 16 '58 was attached to BONAVENTURE.



Barry Troy

"Last month [Sept 2017], on the heels of Hurricane Irma, park ranger Zack Johnson came across a pile of debris washed ashore on Florida's Hanna Park.

The findings include parachute rigging, some metal pieces and a parachute harness with the words "Lt. (P) Troy" inscribed on it.

We happened to find this ball of stuff on the high water line. I know I drove past it at least five times. Other rangers say they drove past it, too.

I knew I had found something special when I found the lieutenant's stencil on the back of the float coat."

Barry Troy - Never say Never - cont'd



Artifacts recovered in 2017

These artifacts were returned to Barry's brother, Dick Troy, who said it felt surreal to lay his hands on belongings that were closest to his brother at the end of his life — his life-jacket, oxygen bottle and parachute.

Barry was described by fellow officers as unwaveringly loyal, brave and well-liked by all those who knew him, Dr. Richard Mayne, senior historian for the Royal Canadian Air Force, told the ceremony attendees.

In April, 2018 the items were loaned to and will be on display at the Shearwater Aviation Museum. Curator Christine Hines said "It's my sincere hope that other families who have lost loved ones in the service of their country, those who have no known grave, might be able to come to the museum to have a bit of closure, to be the place where they come to remember their loved ones."



A flight of Banshees over BONAVENTURE circa 1958

The RCN obtained 39 used Banshees from the USN, taking delivery from 1955 to 1958. Between 1955 and 1962, 12 RCN Banshee Pilots were killed in flying accidents. Between 1949 and 1961, at least 80 USN Banshee Pilots were killed.

It is worth reflecting on the UNTDs who entered the Fleet Air Arm. At least 69 UNTDs earned Wings in the branch, 54 as Pilots, 15 as Observers.

6 of the Pilots were killed on active service. At least 8 went on to Command both Regular and/or Reserve Naval Air Squadrons.

The UNTD and the Sea King

2018 sees the retirement from service of the venerable CH-124 Sea King helicopter after 55 years of RCN/CAF operations onboard BONAVENTURE, multiple Destroyer classes, AORs and the current Halifax Class Frigates.



CH-124 Sea King

It might astonish some, if not most, to know that the very first Sea King to arrive in Canada, at Shearwater, was flown by Glenn Cook [UNTD CATARAQUI 1953].



Glenn Cook



423 Squadron Badge

The Politics of Procurement: Military Acquisition in Canada and the Sea King Helicopter. Jul 1, 2010 - Ch 3 p6 states:

"The Procurement of the Sea King: Slow but Solid"

After the 1963 decision was made to procure the Sea King, the RCN made a request through the Canadian Embassy in Washington to have a USN model flown to Shearwater for demonstrations. Glenn Cook was asked by his Commanding Officer on the United States Ship (USS) Intrepid aircraft carrier if he would make a flight to Shearwater to complete the request. He had been serving in the United States since Spring 1962 and had gained some experience in the USN with its Sea Kings. That March [1963] Cook arrived in Shearwater with the Sea King, and Canadian Helicopter pilots were given a glimpse of the aircraft that would form the basis for ASW in the air."

Glenn had 3 UNTD summers and then entered the RCN Fleet Air Arm as a Short Service Pilot, ultimately receiving a permanent Commission. He was CO of 423 SQN from 1979 - 1981 and when he retired as a LCOL in 1983 he had over 4,600 hours in a variety of rotary and fixed wing types.

Glenn Cook Crossed the Bar on October 26, 2018 in Ottawa, at the age of 83.

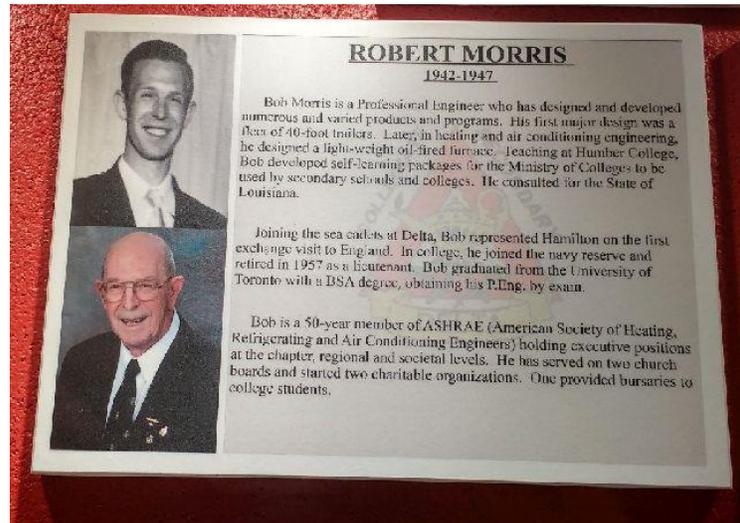
Bob Morris - Wall of Excellence

UNTD Director Emeritus Bob Morris [STAR (OAC) 1947] was recently honoured by the high school he attended in Hamilton, ON during the WWII years. On October 26, 2018 Delta Collegiate inducted Bob onto their Wall of Excellence. He was nominated on the strength of his lengthy and accomplished career as a Professional Engineer, not the least of which was his significant contribution to the early development of a helicopter haul-down device on BUCKINGHAM in 1956. That successful experiment led to the evolution of the RCN Beartrap system in use today and emulated by navies around the world.



BUCKINGHAM Haul-down trials circa 1956

It was a day long event with a presentation and a speech to a student assembly in the afternoon, followed by an early evening dinner for alumni. To the students, Bob spoke of the importance of motivation and to the alumni he spoke of his experiences as a teenager and Sea Cadet in wartime Hamilton. Those who know Bob will appreciate that both talks were at the same time amusing and thought-provoking.



Wall of Excellence plaque at Delta Collegiate

Bob Williamson as a previous recipient was also present as was Eileen Williamson, Bill and Jette Thomas, Bill Clearihue and of course Bob's family, his daughters, son-in-law and granddaughter.

UNTDA Mess Dinner - RCMI - March 28, 2018

This event was billed as a Legacy fund-raiser for CNMT SACKVILLE. It was conceived, planned and executed by UNTDA Treasurer Ross Connell with assistance from other Toronto area Members, notably Graham Scott and Doug Hain. The draw was former Senator and H-CAPT(N) Hugh Segal as Guest Speaker and later VADM (Ret'd) Dean McFadden, representing SACKVILLE, joined him in closing remarks. Both speakers spoke candidly, and often amusingly, about major events experienced from their extensive, high level vantage points in politics and defence. They were equally engaging in the pre- and post-Dinner chit-chat in the RCMI's famous Long Bar.



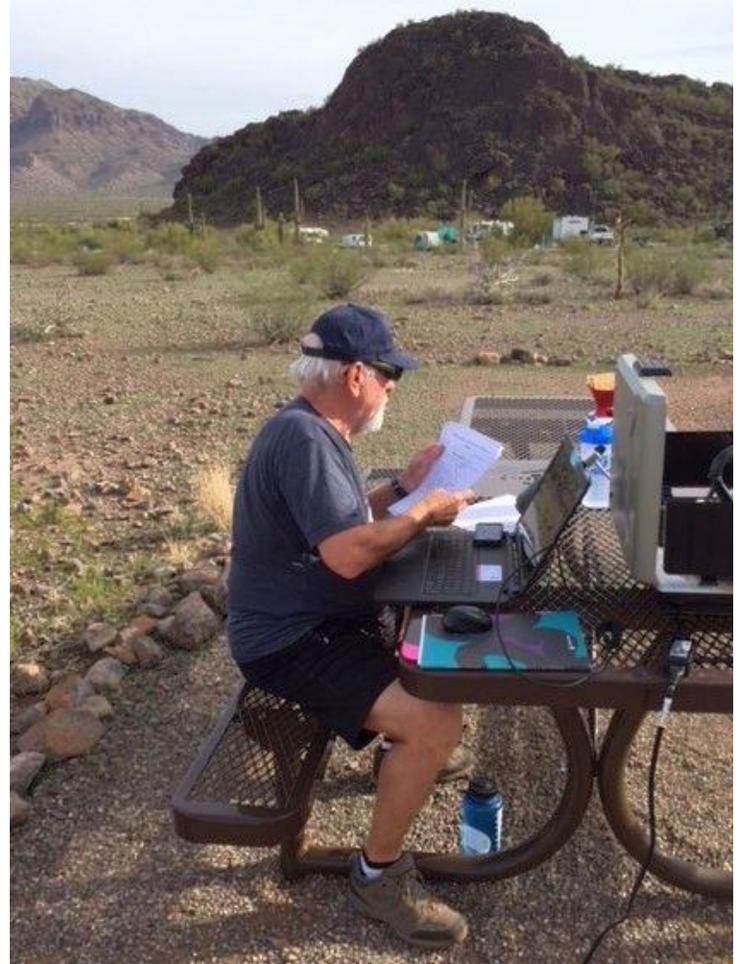
Hon. Hugh Segal - VADM (Ret'd) Dean McFadden - RCMI

\$3,000 was raised for SACKVILLE and was personally presented a few weeks later to CNMT SACKVILLE Chairman Wendall Brown (left) [UNTD QUEEN CHARLOTTE 1958] in Halifax, by UNTDA Vice President Graham Scott (right).



UNTDA Board Meeting - March 2018

From its roots 30 years ago as the UNTD Association of Upper Canada, Members and Directors have largely been drawn from the GTA. In recent times, particularly in the last 5 years, there has been a shift away from that population center of gravity. With the establishment of Regional Directors and Teleconferencing, the majority of both Members and Directors are now not in the GTA. This was dramatically highlighted by the unanimous selection in 2014, of Roger Elmes from Vancouver, as the UNTDA President. To further highlight this decentralization, the meeting of March 13 this year, was chaired not in Toronto, not even in Vancouver, but in the Sonoran Desert in Arizona.



In the picture above we see Roger hard at work conducting the meeting. For those setting up the Teleconferencing in downtown Toronto it was just a few degrees above freezing. For Roger the temperature was in the 75°F range. This also marks the first time that a UNTDA meeting was chaired from outside the country.

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