From the President

J. Gaylord Kingston

Even though we will start our summer break for July and August, the Executive and the Board of Directors will continue to work on the plans for the final reunion in August 2018. We intend that this event will be of significance to show all the efforts that our Association has accomplished over our 30 years of being what we are.

When we cease our operations as an association next year, we will be asking for volunteers to carry on with our veterans’ program for the last Saturday of each month. These veterans deserve our full support at every opportunity we have to give.

It is my wish that you enjoy a happy, fun-filled summer with family and loved ones. I would remind you that we are still available for any announcements of anniversaries, crossing of the bar or events of interest.

I would again ask that if you have anyone in mind that would be of interest as a guest speaker, please contact me so I can make the necessary arrangements.

Our next general meeting will be Sunday, September 10.
Sick & Visiting Committee Report

Chair: Jim Cummings
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Please advise the Sick & Visiting Committee if you are going to be infirmed in any way. If anyone has information on a member or sailor who may be sick or infirm, please contact Jim. We are here to offer care and compassion when needed.

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Larry Truelove (902)354-2901
Shelburne
Fred Molyneaux (902)875-4271
Truro
Joe Fillon (902)662-2459
Annapolis Royal/Valley
Doug Moore (902)638-8700
Windsor & Area
Don Slatter (902)798-3853
Middleton
George Thomson (902)847-3308
St. John’s, NF
Ron Coles (709) 834-4751
Charlottetown, PEI
Harli Boggs (902) 368-2248
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Frank Cholette (450) 699-6770
Montreal
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Brockville & Area
Rev. Paul Gordon (613) 865-8378
Omemee, ON
George ‘Josh’ Warner (705) 799-2863

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3rd Floor West
James McCullough (3223)
James Saunders (3227)
Muzz Leahey (3725)

4th Floor East
John Moore (4427)
James Sweet (4420)
Harold McNutt (4422)
Gerald Hurdis (4421)
Garfield Bowser (4433)
Albert Wesson (4523)
Fred McGar (4528)
Anna Haywood (4530)
Naaman Bush (4424)

4th Floor West
Roy Marriot (4226)
Robert Eisenhauer (4235)
Maurice Kenasevitch (4129)
Colon Bishop (4227)
Paul Hickey (4235)
Wilfred Gregg (4120)
Glyn Hilchey (4131)

5th Floor East
Sheldon Bell (5528)

5th Floor West
James Dempsey (5133)
Mel McLeod (5223)
Gerald Leslie (5127)
Robert Wilson (5128)
Peter Waite (5123)
Ralph Davis (5125)
Jerry Sigrist (5231)
Albert Clemens (5229)

6th Floor East
John Dawson (6427)
William Bruce (6420)
Ralph Manuge (6424)
Edgar LeBlanc (6423)
Samuel Jennings (6523)
Russel Huby (6520)
Harry Suto (6531)

6th Floor West
Henry Cooke (6125)
Stafford Yearwood (6133)
Harry Dye (6124)
John McCabe (6226)
Con White (6223)

Cathy Geddes
We have lost another of our founding members. Cathy Geddes was an initial member of our Association who contributed in a large way to the success of our organization. Her winning personality and charm were evident to all who had the good fortune to meet with her. Rest well, sweet lady.
Association Notices

Upcoming General Meetings

Mark Sunday, September 10 on your calendar for the next Association meeting. It will begin at 10 a.m. in the Oberon Room at the Mess.

Camphill Veterans Social

There will be no socials in July and August. We resume our get-togethers on Saturday, September 23 at 2 p.m. We look forward to your contributions of desserts/treats for veterans at the hospital.

Membership Report

Membership Chair: Ray Harvie (902) 462-7633
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To receive the Crown & Anchor by email, please send a note to the Chair.

Last Post

The following shipmates recently crossed the bar...

Harvey Butterworth, 96 PO1
Nanaimo, BC
April 20, 2009

Flora Estabrooks, 81, Wife of Tom
Dartmouth, NS
March 1, 2017

Fred Haggerty, 89 C2ER
Ottawa, ON
May 23, 2017

Harold Mosher, 85 P2SG
Chester, NS
May 16, 2017

Laurie Simpkin, 96 C2ST
Halifax, NS
June 4, 2017

Catharine Geddes, 90 PO Wren
Halifax, NS
June 6, 2017

For tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Widow and former sailor want Point Pleasant Park memorial anchor repaired

'The problem is nobody wants to own the monument. It's sad.'

By Paul Palmetier, CBC News

The names of dozens of Canadian navy and air force members who died during peacetime are etched into plaques beside the giant anchor in Halifax's Point Pleasant Park.

Among them are nine colleagues of Allan "Dinger" Bell that lost their lives in October 1969 when an engine room explosion rocked HMCS Kootenay, a fire that also burned half of Bell's body and nearly killed him.

But the Bonaventure Anchor Memorial, which marks their sacrifice and that of other military members, is in desperate need of repairs and no one is taking responsibility for it, according to Bell and Suzanne Ross, the widow of one of the Kootenay sailors who died.

They worry erosion around the monument will cause it to fall onto the beach rocks below it. The pair also say it is badly weathered, and needs paint and general cosmetic work.

"The problem is nobody wants to own the monument," Bell said. "Over the years the ownership has been nothing but a battle. It's sad."

'Nobody wants to touch it'

When the monument was dedicated back in 1973, it was understood the navy would maintain it.

Bell has found documents - including a National Defence memo from August 1979 that states: "It is understood that maintenance was to be carried out by ship's companies on a rotating basis."

"I've had meetings with the navy, Royal Canadian Legion, the city of Halifax, Department of Veterans Affairs, Shearwater Museum," said Bell, "Nobody wants to touch it."

Bell said at one point he found groups that were willing to donate money to repair the monument. But they didn't make the donations because they couldn't find out who owned the anchor.

Military setting up committee

The military said there is no confusion over who should maintain the monument.

"Responsibility for the monument is shared amongst various stakeholders such as the municipality and veterans associations," said Louise Matheson, communications advisor for Maritime Forces Atlantic.

"CFB Halifax works with its partners to help co-ordinate cosmetic upkeep of the..."
monument. This includes minor repairs to tiles, bronze plaques and paint.”

Matheson said the military is currently setting up a committee that will work with concerned citizens like Bell to make sure the monument is kept up.

'Disgusting'

The Kootenay fire, which killed nine and injured 53, is regarded as the worst peacetime disaster in the history of the Canadian navy.

"My husband was buried at sea and we don't have a grave to go to," said Ross, whose husband was Thomas Crabbe, a 29-year-old father of two young children when he died in the Kootenay explosion.

Thomas Crabbe died in the HMCS Kootenay explosion. She wants to see the navy step up and take full responsibility for maintaining the Bonaventure Anchor Memorial.

"Disgusting is how I describe it," she said. "There is no need for it to be like that and it's almost like they're saying, 'If we ignore it then it will go away'."

Ross and Bell are both concerned the monument could fall onto the rocks on the beach. It is situated on a narrow stretch of grass supported by rocks along the edge of the ocean and many storms have eroded the ground around it.

It's not clear if the military will pay to reinforce the monument because that kind of work would likely be considered a major repair.

Photo credits: Paul Palmeter

Paul Palmeter is an award-winning video journalist born and raised in the Annapolis Valley. He has covered news and sports stories across the province for 25 years.

Proud to be a Canadian

Once in a while someone does a nice job of describing a Canadian; this time it was an Australian dentist. You probably missed it in the local news, but there was a report that someone in Pakistan had advertised in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed a Canadian - any Canadian. The Australian dentist wrote the following editorial to help define what a Canadian is, so they would know one when they found one.

A Canadian can be English, French, Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. A Canadian can be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan. A Canadian may also be a Cree, Métis, Mohawk, Blackfoot, Sioux, or one of the many other tribes known as native Canadians. A Canadian's religious beliefs range from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or none. In fact, there are more Muslims in Canada than in Afghanistan. The key difference is that in Canada they are free to worship as each of them chooses. Whether they have a religion or no religion, each Canadian ultimately answers only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

A Canadian lives in one of the most prosperous lands in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which recognizes the right of each person to the pursuit of happiness. A Canadian is generous and Canadians have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. Canadians welcome the best of everything, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services and the best minds. But they also welcome the oppressed, the outcast and the rejected. These are the people who built Canada.

You can try to kill a Canadian if you must, as other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world have tried, but in doing so you could just be killing a relative or a neighbour. This is because Canadians are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, can be a Canadian.
Suicide Bombers

Muslim suicide bombers in Britain are set to begin a three-week strike in a dispute over the number of virgins they are entitled to in the afterlife. Emergency talks with Al Qaeda have so far failed to produce an agreement.

The unrest began when Al Qaeda announced that the number of virgins a suicide bomber would receive after his death would be cut by 25% from 72 to 54. A spokesman said increases in recent years in the number of suicide bombings have resulted in a shortage of virgins in the afterlife.

The suicide bombers' union, the British Organization of Occupational Martyrs (B.O.O.M.), responded with a statement saying the move was unacceptable to its members and called for a strike vote. General Secretary Abdullah Aloud Bang told the press, "Our members are literally working themselves to death in the cause of Jihad. We don't ask for much in return but to be treated like this is like a kick in the teeth".

Speaking from his shed in Tipton in the West Midlands, Al Qaeda chief executive Aisheet Mapants explained. "I sympathize with our workers' concerns but Al Qaeda is simply not in a position to meet their demands. They are simply not accepting the realities of modern-day Jihad in a competitive marketplace."

"Thanks to Western depravity, there is now a chronic shortage of virgins in the afterlife. It's a straight choice between reducing expenditures or laying people off. I don't like cutting benefits but I'd hate to have to tell 3,000 of my staff that they won't be able to blow themselves up."

Spokespersons for the union in the Northeast of England, Ireland, Wales and the entire Australian continent stated that the change would not hurt their membership as there are so few virgins in their areas anyway.

According to some industry sources, the recent drop in the number of suicide bombings has been attributed to Rosie O'Donnell. Many Muslim Jihadists now know what a virgin looks like and have reconsidered their benefit packages.
~ Golden Memories ~

**July 2017**

James Matthews  
Cobble Hill, BC  
100 Years Young  
On July 31

Clifford Ashton  
Eastern Passage, NS  
93 Years Young  
On July 31

Pearl Flanagan  
Perth, ON  
86 Years Young  
On July 1

Gordon & Jean Miller  
Halifax, NS  
65 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 19

Cecil & Dorothy Brown  
Ottawa, ON  
62 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 2

**August 2017**

Watson & Rose Strong  
Dartmouth, NS  
60 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 19

Dick & Diana Boon  
Halifax, NS  
58 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 11

Ron & Cathy Clark  
Middle Sackville, NS  
53 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 20

Len & Pat Power  
Annapolis Royal, NS  
51 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On July 16

Francis Warner  
Tantallon, NS  
99 Years Young  
On August 8

Bernard McInnis  
Halifax, NS  
97 Years Young  
On August 26

Mary Coady  
Ottawa, ON  
96 Years Young  
On August 26

Phillip Ross  
St. Stephen, NB  
94 Years Young  
On August 9

Edgar & Yolande Gaudet  
Halifax, NS  
65 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 2

Robert & Loyola Chalmers  
Malagash, NS  
64 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 8

William & Vivian Pitul  
Musquodoboit, NS  
64 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 15

John & Florence Labelle  
Lower Sackville, NS  
58 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 7

Fred & Margie Molyneaux  
Shelburne, NS  
55 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 18

George & Marlene Chase  
Debec, NB  
54 Years of Wedded Bliss  
On August 24

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Our apologies to:  
Ed Leppard, 90 years young on May 7  
George & Lois Stark, 59th wedding anniversary on June 14

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Sean is the vicar of a Protestant parish in western Newfoundland, and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic church across the road. One day they are seen together erecting a sign which says:

“THE END IS NEAR. TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.”

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, “Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don’t need your lectures.”

From around the next curve, they hear screeching tires and a big splash. Shaking his head, Father Patrick says "Dat’s da terd one dis mornin’.”

"Ya," Sean agrees, then adds, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say "BRIDGE CLOSED"?

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Word of the Month  
(Thanks to Bob Clampit)

When my earthly hitch is over, and the good Lord picks the best, I’ll walk right up to Him and say, “Sir, I have but one request.”
Let me sail the seas of Heaven in a coat of Navy blue. Like I did so long ago on earth, way back in fifty-two."
Bill Bishop is pictured here on his new power scooter (on temporary loan from the Association), along with Jim Cummings.

First in its class!

Wreaths laid at the May ceremony commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic in Halifax.