The General Meeting will be held Sunday, November 9, 2014 in the Mess. Guest Speaker CPO1 Les Brown, Base Chief, CFB Halifax. Visit our web-site at http://acpoa.net

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From the President

This message acknowledges the volunteers who faithfully attend the Veterans monthly gathering.
The Band: Jonathan Seaward, Don Decker, Bob Strong, Lillian Cusick (Singer), Irene Latter (Pianist)
Aides: Frank and Marion Gowanlock, Graham and Marg. McBride, Gilles and Barb Dore, Ron and Pat Robertson, Marge Tremblay, Pearl Seaward, Jackeulin Oulette, Albert Bishop, Guy Oulette, Bernie Cassidy, J. Gaylord Kingston
Our guest speaker for November 9th will be CPO1 Les Brown, Base Chief, CFB Halifax.
Congratulations to Jonathan Seaward upon receiving the ACPOA Achievement award for the year 2014.
Quote of the Month: If at first you do not succeed…why not???

Membership dues ($25.00) are due December 31, 2014

Left: Jonathan Seaward receives the 2014 Achievement award.
Right: Ken Maybury presents the President with a Mantle Clock for services rendered.

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### Sick & Visiting Committee Report

*Chair – Albert Bishop (902) 469-2829*

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Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members 584
Honourary Members 14
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 615
Membership dues are $25 per year

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For though from out our bourn 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
Lady of the Month
A Christmas Tragedy
The Loss of HMCS Clayoquot

Even in December 1944, there was no let-up in the Battle of the Atlantic. At that time, 4 U–boats were operating in Canadian coastal waters, including the recently commissioned Type IXC/40, U–806.

Conditions in the U–Boat service were becoming desperate. The CO of U–806 was Kapitänleutnant Klaus Hornsbostel, an experienced surface gunnery officer. He had no experienced nor submarine sea time prior to his appointment. His navigating yeoman, previously an army signalman, had never been to sea before. U–806 departed Kiel on her one and only operational patrol on October 14, 1944. Plagued by a series of annoying defects, she made landfall off Egg Island light on December 15. However, some time before this they had observed the glowing “loom” of wartime Halifax over the horizon.

On December 21 U–806 torpedoed the Liberty ship SS Samtucky near the Sambro lightship and returned to seaward to avoid the expected reaction. The Samtucky did not sink and was beached at McNab’s Cove the following day. Despite considerable evidence to the contrary, it was assessed that she had been damaged by a mine rather than a torpedo.

On December 22, the Fifth U–Boat Flotille messaged its congratulations on the birth of Hornsbostel’s son back in Germany.

The unpleasant assumption that the ship had possibly been mined made it necessary to activate ocean minesweepers to clear the approaches to Halifax harbour. This was complicated by the fact that the minesweepers were being deployed as escorts for local convoys rather than as minesweepers. On the same day that Samtucky was mined, HMCS Clayoquot, (A/Lt. Cdr. Craig Campbell) were recalled. The ship was hastily manned, about two–thirds of the crew being drawn from the manning pool. The minesweeper was ordered across the harbour to French Cable wharf to be outfitted with the necessary Oropesa minesweeping gear. In the meantime, U–806 carried out an unsuccessful attack on a merchant ship near Egg Island. She then moved back to the approaches of Halifax harbour.

Early on Christmas Eve, an escort group consisting of the frigate HMCS Kirkland Lake and the Bangors Clayoquot and Transcona, was ordered to carry out an initial search of the harbour approaches before the departure of convoy HJF–36, the 8,194–ton troop ship Lady Rodney bound for St. John’s, Newfoundland. On completion of their search, they were to form the escort for XB–139, a Boston-bound convoy that would follow Lady Rodney out of the harbour. At 0934 hrs., screened by the corvette Fennel and the Bangor Burlington, Lady Rodney passed through the boom gates and proceeded down the channel. About an hour later, while Clayoquot, Transcona and Kirkland Lake were approaching his position inshore of the Sambro lightship, U–806 sighted the closest ship of the Boston convoy. At almost the same time, the initial search having been completed, Kirkland Lake ordered her escort group to take previously assigned stations on the convoy.

Clayoquot who had the farthest distance to go to her new station reacted quickly to the signal and the startled U–806 thought that the sudden increase in speed and course indicated that he had been detected and was about to be attacked. He therefore fired a “Gnat” acoustic homing torpedo and went as deep as the shallow water allowed. Sixty–nine seconds later the torpedo struck Clayoquot in the stern with a shattering explosion which set off a secondary explosion, peeled back the whole quarterdeck into a vertical position against the hatch of the officers’ cabins and hurled the minesweeping winch over the masts on to the forecastle.

The mortally wounded Clayoquot listed heavily to starboard in a cloud of smoke and escaping steam. Most of the crew were forward for the daily rum issue, otherwise casualties would have been much heavier. Nine of the crew were killed; eight who failed to get away from the stricken ship and one was killed in the water by depth charges which exploded when the ship went

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**HMCS Clayoquot**

*Built in Prince Rupert as HMCS Esperenza*

*Commissioned in Prince Rupert on August 22, 1941 as HMCS Clayoquot.*

**Displacement:** 672 tons  
**Speed:** 16.5 knots  
**Dimensions:** 180’ by 28.5’ by 10’ (mean)  
**Complement:** 6 officers, 77 other ranks  
**Machinery:** steam reciprocating engines  
**Shafts:** 2  
**Armament:** 1 x 12–pdr gun, 1 single barrel 2–pdr Pom Pom, 2 depth charge throwers, 4 depth charge chutes, 40 depth charges carried.*
Two officers were trapped in the after cabin and, although they put their heads out of the scuttle, had to be left to their fate. Clayoquot sank in nine minutes about three miles from Sambro lightship. Her CO was the last man off the ship.

Transcona moved to pick up survivors but delayed the rescue to investigate a submarine contact reported by a merchant ship.

Fennel ordered the troopship Lady Rodney back to harbour and a major search developed for the U-boat. U-806 however was never detected in the shallow water and after firing a torpedo, which exploded in Transcona’s CAT gear, the U-boat passed under the convoy and bottomed in the swept channel.

Despite the disastrous turn of events, the crew of Clayoquot had retained some of their Christmas spirit. When the corvette approached to pick them up, they were encouraged to hear the survivors singing, O Come All Ye Faithful and Roll Along Wavy Navy.

The searching force, which quickly grew to 21 ships, initially under the command of Kirkland Lake hunted for U-806 without success. At 2000 hrs, U-806 began to move southward to safety. She began her successful transit to Germany on January 4, 1945 and survived the war to be scuttled in “Operation Deadlight.”

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**Annual Christmas Dinner**

Thursday November 27, 2014
Centennial Legion
703 Main St. Dartmouth
Dress – casual

Meet and Greet – 1800 – 1900
Sit Down Dinner – 1900
Music and Door Prizes
The cost is $25.00 per person

Prime Rib beef dinner
Baked chicken breast (on request)

Tickets available at the November GM or Buck Cannon 902-469-7699
or leave your name and number at office

Please state meal preference when ordering tickets
Tickets may be picked up and paid for at legion, night of event

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A man returns home a day early from a business trip. It’s after midnight. While en route home, he tells the cabbie he suspects his wife is having an affair and he wants to catch her in the act and asks the cabbie if he will be his witness. For $100 tip, in addition to the cab fare from the Toronto airport, the cabbie agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabbie tiptoe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife in bed with another man!

The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head.

The wife shouts, 'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I had inherited money.

HE paid for the Corvette I gave you!

HE paid for our new Mercedes Benz convertible!

HE paid for your Maple Leafs season tickets!

HE paid for your Argo season tickets!

HE paid for our cottage in the Muskoka’s!

HE paid for our speed boat!

HE paid for your country club membership and HE even pays for your monthly dues!!!

Shaking his head from side-to-side, the husband lowers the gun. He looks over at the cabbie and says, 'What would you do?'

The cabbie replies, “I'd cover his ass with that blanket before he catches a cold.... and give him back the Leafs tickets!”
Honour Roll of Age - Happy Birthday To All Concerned

Members 90 years and over that age and ladies will have an honourary place in the Golden Memories article.

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Gerald Bourgeois 80 Dartmouth, NS 03-14
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THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

His flesh grew cold, the pain engulfed his ever living being.  
Upon a battlefield he lay, this youth beyond a dream.

Oh God, he cried from an anguished soul, oh God, please keep me warm.  
My naked body stripped by shell, is bleeding, crushed and torn.

This muddy hole in which I lie, reeks of fruitless waste.  
Oh God, I beg, please take me soon, don’t pass me in your haste.

The chill is getting colder now, the stiffness has set in.  
Oh someone wrap me in a shroud, the light is growing dim.

I hear the sound of endless shells, the ground below me shakes.  
Oh what a hell, a gruesome hell; has all this been a waste?

The sky is growing darker now, or is it just my eyes?  
Don’t let me die without a friend, but just a dead man’s cries.

I hear the sound of tireless feet, I know they’re growing near.  
On let them know how cold I am, and let me see they care.

They’ve stopped; they’re looking down at me; they see me etched in rags.  
And now they gently cover me with proud and loyal flags.

Oh God, I’m so much warmer now, my troubled heart has ceased.  
Take me home and free my soul, I died to give them peace.  
Edna Lovett Bedgood
November
J Edward MacDonald
Beaver Bank, NS
98 Years Young
November 11, 2014
Joseph Montgomery
Scarborough, ON
97 Years Young
November 24, 2014
Sid Wallace
Calgary AB
91 Years Young
November 1, 2014
Doug Giles
Orillia, ON
91 Years Young
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William and Dorothy Wales
London, ON
65 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 12, 2014
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Dartmouth, NS
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Orin and Lucille Trapp
Middleton, NS
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Sam and Marion Graham
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November 27, 2014
Jim and Glenda Johnson
Halifax, NS
57 Years of Wedded Bliss
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Vaughan and Bonita Feltham
South Brookfield, NS
53 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 1, 2014
Robert and Connie
MacDonald
Orleans, ON
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November 17, 2014
Rolf and Fay Clark
Kingston NS
64 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 4, 2014
December
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December 22, 2014
Percy Montford
St. John, NB
96 Years Young
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Dartmouth, NS
95 Years Young
December 3, 2014
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Halifax, NS
93 Years Young
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Truro, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 21, 2014
Dennis and Dorothy Carson
Five Islands, NS
54 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 16, 2014
John and Esther Gregory
Dartmouth, NS
54 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 21, 2013
John and Edie Rochon
Dartmouth, NS
45 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 6, 2014
Ed and Lorna D’Orsay
Halifax, NS
34 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 18, 2014

Days of Yore

November 25 1944
HMCS Shawinigan torpedoed - 91 lost

November 6, 1867
First parliament opens - members get $6.00 per day

November 16, 1867
William Hall awarded the Victoria Cross

November 11, 1918
Armistice is signed at 11 AM to end WW 1

November 28, 1954
48 RCN volunteers begin sub training in the UK

December 7 1941
HMCS Windflower - collision - 3 lost
Top: Some of the VMH volunteers

Left: "Cummings won twice in a row?"