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As we get ready to return to our normal association activities in September, we are looking forward to a very ambitious and active year ahead. One matter that we will be dealing with will be our move to our new location of the office. As you are no doubt aware, "A" block will be demolished in the year 2016 and we will adjust to new spaces. To that end, it is intended that we lessen the amount of articles and property that we now possess. This will entail the auctioning off of some particle collectible items for which details will be forthcoming in the next issue of C and A.

We will be returning to our monthly visits at the Veterans Memorial Building on September 26 2015 at 1830 and on October 24 2015 at 1830. Once again, I ask for the support of the Association membership in participating in this project. It takes so little of one’s time and effort and it is appreciated a great deal by the veterans, most of whom were our shipmates and friends.

As you will note that most of our members on the S/V list have telephone numbers listed. Why not take a moment to give a call to reassure them that they are still in our thoughts? You may well be in that position one day and would certainly appreciate such a kind gesture.

You are reminded that we have a website - acpoa.net for your viewing.

Quote of the Month: "Always borrow money from a pessimist...they don’t expect to be paid back."
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Honourary Members 14
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 559

NO NEW OR RE-ENGAGED MEMBERS THIS PERIOD.

Membership dues are $25 per year

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LAST POST

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

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Dartmouth, NS

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Roxboro, QC

Bernie Brinen 92 CERA
Middle Sackville, NS

Bernie Haggerty 89 P1ER
Halifax, NS

Ken Orchard 88 C2ER
Halifax, NS

Cliff Shillington 87 P1WS
Quebec, QC

Bill Skeffington 82 P1ER
Dartmouth, NS

Richard McCormick 74 C2RP
Springhill, NS

Harold Moody 96 C2BN
Annapolis Royal, NS

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

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Open to Veterans & Members
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CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP

Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month
Inside the Royal Navy’s new 1 billion super sub: Deadly Hunter Killer submarine is capable of hearing a ship leaving port in New York while sitting underwater in the English channel.

One of the world’s most sophisticated and powerful nuclear submarines:
1. Carries dozens of cruise missiles capable of hitting targets 1,200 miles away.
2. Her sonar can detect vessels moving on the other side of the ocean.
3. Powerful nuclear reactor allows her to cruise non-stop for 25 years.
4. HMS Ambush is so hi-tech the giant submarine doesn’t even need a periscope.

She cost around 1 billion GBP to build, has sonar so sensitive it can hear other vessels 3,000 miles away and carries a giant payload of 38 deadly Tomahawk cruise missiles.

HMS Ambush, the Royal Navy’s newest nuclear attack submarine, is one of the most sophisticated and powerful vessels of her type ever built.

The giant Astute-class sub, which was recently launched, is so hi-tech she doesn’t even need a periscope.

Awesome: HMS Ambush, which was built by BAE Systems, is believed to be the world’s most powerful nuclear attack submarine. Her huge weapons payload includes super-accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and Spearfish torpedoes for fighting other vessels.

Success: The super hi-tech vessel has undergone rigorous testing ahead of today’s launch. Despite her size the sub’s 103 crew will be tightly packed, with some sleeping up to eight to a room in bunk beds.

Her crew, instead will be using a digital camera system to see above the surface when she is submerged.

Built by BAE Systems, she has enough nuclear fuel to carry on cruising for up to 25 years non-stop - giving her huge tactical flexibility.

Her nuclear reactor is so powerful her range is only really limited by the need for maintenance and resupply.

Astute-class submarines are the largest, most advanced and most powerful in the history of the Navy, boasting world-class design, weaponry and versatility.

HMS Ambush can travel over 500 miles in a day, allowing them to be deployed anywhere in the world within two weeks. The vessel is also one of the quietest sea-going vessels built, capable of sneaking along an enemy coastline to drop off special forces or tracking a boat for weeks.

Detailed: HMS Ambush was fitted out with her sophisticated technology at Devonshire dock hall in Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria. She contains some of the most hi-tech weapons and sonar systems ever created.

HMS Ambush: Her powerful nuclear reactor allows her to travel around the world without stopping. She can cruise for up to 500 miles in a day.

Foreign forces will find it almost impossible to sneak up undetected by her incredibly powerful sonar equipment that can hear halfway around the world.

Her Tomahawk missiles are capable of hitting targets up to 1,200 miles away - making her a vital weapon for Britain’s armed forces.

The sub’s commander, Peter Green, 47, said the vessel’s capabilities are ‘unparalleled.’

This sub is a huge step forward in underwater operations,’ he told the Daily Mirror.

Her listening ability is quite awesome. She has a sonar system with the processing power of 2,000 laptop computers.

Inside: The weapons room of the 1 billion pound sub. Many details of her weapons system remain top secret.

Feeding the crew: The submarine’s kitchen will be staffed by five chefs providing food 24-hours a day for her officers and crew.

Technology: Leading engineering technician Andrew Gee tests out the sub’s steering system in the control room.

‘It is possible this class of submarine is the most advanced in the world.’

Another Astute Class sub is currently undergoing sea trials and could be operational within a year.

Many details of HMS Ambush’s weapons systems cannot be revealed for security reasons.

Most of her 103-strong crew live in bunk-beds measuring two meters by one meter, with up to 18 submariners sharing one room.

After today’s launch HMS Ambush will begin sea trials before eventually beginning operations.
Days of Yore

September 19, 1940
HMCS Levis torpedoed - 18 lost

September 7, 1942
HMCS Raccoon torpedoed - no survivors

September 11, 1942
HMCS Charlottetown torpedoed - 9 lost

September 13, 1942
HMCS Ottawa torpedoed - 114 lost

September 20, 1943
HMCS St. Croix torpedoed - 149 lost

September 22, 1943
HMS Itchen torpedoed - 80 St. Croix crew lost

September 10, 1939
Canada declares war on Germany

October 13, 1942
SS Caribou torpedoed - 136 men, women and children lost

October 21, 1943
HMCS Chedabucto collision - 1 lost

October 25, 1944
HMCS Skeena grounded - 15 lost

October 23, 1949
HMCS Kootenay explosion and fire - 9 lost

October 1, 1947
Hockey News published in Montreal

October 4, 1927
Air Mail service started (awaiting card from BC)

October 4, 1957
Sputnik launched

Salty Dips  By J. Gaylord Kingston

During my 30 year naval career, I had the privilege and pleasure of having many, many friends. Unfortunately, as for most of them, I have not had the opportunity to meet or be on touch with them for some time. Some have Crossed The Bar, but their memories remain strong within me. To that end, I should like to put in print some of the adventures that we shared. Some of these dips I have heard of (certainly to be authentic as sailors do not tend to exaggerate) and I will list them here. They are not in any order of priority, but just as they came to mind as I write this article. Comments on these dips are certainly welcome. I do not intentionally mean to embarrass or insult anyone so I will apologize ahead of time if I should have need.

Billy Anderson: who informed a young seaman from Kingston, ON, in our ship that the reason that I had the surname Kingston was because children born out of wedlock in the women’s prison in Kingston were given the city’s name.

‘Curly’ MacGregor: who saw that the duty storesman of the rum issue had his thumb partially in the tot measure (ensuring that a part of the pot was for his collecting after the issue) took hold of the thumb of the storesman, pulled out his Green River knife and declared, “This part belongs in my tot mug.” The storesman was carried below after fainting dead away.

‘Curly’ Crockett and ‘Jake’ Secord: while visiting my ship at total time, declared that my name should be changed to either ‘Giggling Chris’ or Jake’s favourite ‘Laughing Jesus.’

‘Spider’ MacKinnon: reporting the PO’s Mess in ‘Bonnie’ and when the Captain said the Mess was certainly a mess explained, “But, Sir, we ain’t got no stewards.”

Phil Lamontagne: our ‘Phil Silvers’ always hustling about with a book under his arm and offering his wisdom (usually absolutely hilarious) to all that he met including officers of all ranks.

‘Moose’ Book: while buffer aboard one of our smaller warships, was advised by the ‘Jimmy’ that the ship’s side had to be painted while they were in Bermuda, detailed his men off and retired to the cafeteria for coffee. When the X.O. informed him that he was to be in direct charge of his men, he had a table placed on the jetty with a beach umbrella and a jug of lemonade. He took charge from there.

The Survivor: as an OD in HMCS Cornwallis, I noticed a lad wearing a large Mae West life jacket during the day. (He was the only OD not required to ‘double’). He had jumped off the Princess Helene and swam ashore just prior to docking in Digby to win a standing bet. Commander Tom Pullen had him wear the device in the event that the lad might fall overboard from HMCS Cornwallis.
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.

September 2015
Harry Abbot 86 Ottawa, ON 18 15
John L. Baker 70 Bedford, NS 27 15
Albert Bishop 88 Dartmouth, NS 05 15
Robin Boyce 73 Aylmer, QC 08 15
Wilfred Brodyen 69 Eastern Passage, NS 01 15
Earl Bryan 81 Dartmouth, NS 16 15
Richard Burton 87 Port Rowan, ON 10 15
Charles Caterer 73 Enfield, NS 06 15
Thomas Chadwick 85 Indian Harbour, NS 19 15
Denis Couvertte 80 Dartmouth, NS 19 15
Donald Dark 82 Sarnia, ON 03 15
James Estey 85 Halifax, NS 20 15
Max Factor 72 Halifax, NS 12 15
Vaughan Fetham 76 South Brookfield, NS 12 15
Gerald Gillingham 84 Fall River, NS 09 15
Alan Goodwin 85 Dartmouth, NS 23 15
Paul Gordon 72 Brockville, ON 16 15
Fenwick Gray 74 Halifax, NS 25 15
Robert Hesson 85 Dartmouth, NS 03 15
Ernest (Rip) Irwin 82 Truro, NS 16 15
Richard Ives 82 Dartmouth, NS 27 15
Joseph Keizer 79 Truro, NS 04 15
Dennis Kelly 74 Ottawa, ON 23 15
J. Gaylord Kingston 81 Halifax, NS 30 15
Ernest Langille 75 Tatamagouche, NS 09 15
Charles MacDonald 85 Dartmouth, NS 30 15
Donald Marsh 84 Lower Sackville, NS 27 15
Thomas McIsaac 64 Greely, ON 26 15

October 2014
William Anderson 87 Dartmouth, NS 11 15
Donald Blackbeard 83 Mundsiville, NB 09 15
James Brannen 71 Cambridge Station, NS 10 15
Ken Brown 85 Riverview, NB 26 15
Ken Burley 76 Burlington, ON 01 15
Paul Cadeau 79 Dartmouth, NS 06 15
Robert Chalmers 85 Malagash, NS 17 15
George Chase 77 Debec, NB 14 15
Rolfie Clark 83 Kingston, ON 02 15

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Government

Once there was a Prime Minister who wanted to go fishing. He called the Canadian weather forecaster to enquire about the weather for the next few hours. The weatherman assured there was no chance of rain. So the P.M. went fishing with his wife. He soon met a farmer on his donkey who remarked: “Sir, you should return to the parliament because shortly I expect a huge amount of rain.”

The P.M. who was polite replied: “I hold the Canadian meteorologist in high regard. He is very educated and highly professional. Besides, I pay him high and he gave me a different forecast.” So he continued on his way. However, a short time later torrential rain fell from the sky. The P.M. and his wife were totally soaked and their entourage chuckled upon seeing them in such a shameful condition.

Furious, the P.M. returned to the parliament and fired the weatherman at once!

Then he summoned the farmer and offered him the prestigious and high paying role of royal forecaster. The farmer said, “Sir, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey’s ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain.”

So the P.M. hired the donkey. And thus began the practice of hiring asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential positions.
Golden Memories

July - August 2014
Belated (not our fault)
Charles Buck & Joan Cannon
Dartmouth, NS
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
August 13 2015

Corrections (with apologies)
Doug and Alice MacKay
Dartmouth, NS
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
August 29 2015

Robert and Loyola Chalmers
Malagash, NS
62 Years of Wedded Bliss
August 8 2015

Ron and Kathy Clark
Middle Sackville, NS
51 Years of Wedded Bliss
July 20 2015

September

James Ross
Howell, MI, US of A
98 Years Young
September 5 2015

George Squance
Peterborough, ON
95 Years Young
September 24 2015

Marion Bradley
Sarnia, ON
92 Years Young
September 6 2015

Alfred MacDonald
Stoney Creek, ON
93 Years Young
September 4 2015

Frank Gupta
Dartmouth, NS
92 Years Young
September 04 2015

William (Spike) Sullivan
Windsor, NS
92 Years Young
September 30 2015

Willard Goodwin
Kentville, NS
91 Years Young
September 25 2015

George Friis
Halifax, NS
91 Years Young
September 4 2015

Harry Porter
Florida City, FL, US of A
90 Years Young
September 7 2015

Jerry and Phyllis Bodnarchuk
Edmonton, AB
68 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 29 2015

George and Maureen Friis
Halifax, NS
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 4 2015

Jim and Millie Cummings
Halifax, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 19 2015

Andre and Marie Gingras
St. Bruno, QC
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 5 2015

Ken and Jean Chisholm
Halifax, NS
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 9 2015

Gordon and Norma Jenkins
Seabright, NS
51 Years of Wedded Bliss
September 4 2015

October

William Cox
Shelburne, NS
97 Years Young
October 6, 2014

Arthur Mulock
Mississauga, ON
94 Years Young
October 15, 2014

Dennis Shaw
Dartmouth NS
92 Years Young
October 9, 2014

Jack Hall
Dartmouth, NS
92 Years Young
October 14, 2014

Raymond Sheddowski
Anaheim, CA., USA
90 Years Young
October 1 2014

Frank Stafford
Nepean, ON
90 Years Young
October 15 2014

Catherine Geddes
Halifax, NS
88 Years Young
October 7, 2014

Tom and Flora Estabrooks
Dartmouth, NS
61 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 10, 2014

Vince and Betty Ann Carr
Dartmouth, NS
57 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 19, 2014

Sam & Lucy Morris
Dartmouth, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 11, 2014

Bill & Alice Edison
Richmond Hills, ON
53 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 7, 2014

Frank & Marion
Gowanus Lock
Middle Sackville, NS
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 3
"Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn’t drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, “It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.”

Babe Ruth

“I feel sorry for people who don’t drink. When they wake up in the morning, that’s as good as they’re going to feel all day.”

Lyndon B. Johnson

“When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.”

Paul Horning

“24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not.”

H. L. Mencken

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

Benjamin Franklin

Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C.!

W. C. Fields

One night at Cheers (TV Sitcom), Cliff Clavin said to his buddy, Norm Peterson:

“Well, ya see, Norm, it’s like this...

A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members! In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That’s why you always feel smarter after a few beers.