I should firstly wish to thank all the persons involved in the November Memorial services at the various locations that our Association took part in. The wreath layers and the general attendance was appreciated as we were represented at quite a few locations this year, Point Pleasant Park, Sullivan’s Pond, Sackville, Camphill, Lake Echo, Cole Harbour and Bass River. We have discovered a well kept secret that of the Korean War Memorial Park in Clayton Park. It has been added to our list for the future.

We occasionally mention the passing of a person who has lent their personality and reputation to the life that we older sailors lived a few years ago. Such as it was with the late “Momma” Camille and now we, sadly, note the passing of another of our beloved friends. Hattie Brown passed away in Toronto at the age of 91. She was the late wife of George West of Toronto.

Annual dues (25.00) are now being accepted in the office. Please remember that we have to make our budget at the first of the year and we require the funds to do so.

During this festive season, on behalf of the Executive and myself, may we wish for all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Quote of the Month: “Be nice to your children, they’ll choose your nursing home.”
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Keith Taylor 70 PINWT
Ottawa, ON 31 – 10 – 12
John Hunter 80 C1SG
Halifax, NS 19 – 11 – 12
Ed Bray 89 C2WU
Dartmouth, NS 11 - 12

Eleanor Sonia “Ellie” Dowstwaite (Wife of Jon)
Dartmouth NS 25 – 10 - 12

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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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members 641
Honorary Members 14
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 673

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Membership dues are $25 per year

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Naval Weapons Association (Ottawa Chapter)
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Chief’s & PO’s/ WO’s & Sgt’s Mess Dows Lake
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2623 Agricola St., Halifax, 454-4385
Open to Veterans & Members
Bar hours 1300 to 1900 or later
Lady of the Month
A Christmas Tragedy

The loss of HMCS Clayoquot
Edited by Gaylord Kingston

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 Kaptain Leutenant 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 Bangor 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 mast on to the forecastle.

The mortally wounded Clayoquot listed heavily to starboard in a cloud of smoke and escaping steam. Most of the crew was 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 down. 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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HMCS Clayoquot

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<th>Displacement</th>
<th>672 tons</th>
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<td>Speed:</td>
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<td>Dimensions:</td>
<td>180’ by 28.5’ by 10’ (mean)</td>
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<td>Complement:</td>
<td>6 officers, 77 other ranks</td>
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<td>steam reciprocating engines</td>
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<td>1 x 12–pdr gun, 1 single barrel 2–pdr Pom Pom, 2 depth charge throwers, 4 depth charge chutes, 40 depth charges carried.</td>
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Built in Prince Rupert as HMCS Esperenza
Commissioned in Prince Rupert on August 22, 1941 as HMCS Clayoquot.

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Sailors Days
HMCS Carleton
Ottawa, ON
December 7, 2012
1145 AM
All Welcome

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Christmas Dinner
Wednesday December 5, 2012
Centennial Legion
703 Main Street, Dartmouth

Menu
Garden Salad
Roll with butter
Prime Rib Beef
(Chicken Kiev available with advanced notice required)
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream
Tea / Coffee

$ 30.00 per plate
Cash Bar

Meet and Greet 18.30
Dinner 19.00
Dress - casual
Music - D / J Serge

Payment by cheque payable to ACPOA
Tickets
Buck Cannon - 469 7699
buck@ns.sympatico.ca
At the door with prior notice to Buck
The deadline for tickets is
November 30, 2012
Golden Memories

Robert and Connie MacDonald
Orleans, ON
50 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 17, 2012

Laurie Simpkin
Halifax, NS
92 Years Young
December 9, 2012

Dennis and Dorothy Carson
Five Islands, NS
52 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 16, 2012

William Conrad
Halifax, NS
96 Years Young
December 22, 2012

Richard Papi
Kingston, ON
90 Years Young
December 4, 2012

John and Esther Gregory
Dartmouth, NS
52 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 21, 2012

Percy Montford
St. John, NB
94 Years Young
December 22, 2012

Jerry and Ruth Sigrist
Bridgewater, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 28, 2012

John and Edie Rochon
Dartmouth, NS
43 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 6, 2012

John Schumaker
Dartmouth, NS
93 Years Young
December 3, 2012

Joe and Sharon Fillion
Truro, NS
54 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 21, 2012

Ed and Lorna D’Orsay
Halifax, NS
32 Years of Wedded Bliss
December 18, 2012

Naval Communicators Reunion

1. THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL NAVAL COMMunicators
   Christmas Reunion will be held Friday 09 Nov 12 at
   Fleet Club Atlantic, CFB Halifax from 1200-1600

   Local, commanding officers, CIS officers, CCIS
   Officers, retired SIG SEA/RAD SEA, NAV SIG/NRAD OP and
   all NAV COMMS are encouraged to attend

2. Dress: Casual civilian attire or dress of the day. A
   five dollar fee will be collected at the door for
   costs associated with the event and any remaining
   funds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society
   in honour of late naval communicators Harold Fancy

3. Fleet club kitchen services will be unavailable,
   however, snacks will be provided

4. Volunteers wishing to assist with this event are to
   contact the POC

5. POC: MS Korvela, 427-4864,
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Promotions

December 1954
Dawson, John W. .............LSQR
Desmeules, Roger J. .........LSQM
Korman, Steve ...............P1SH
Mitchell, Alden F. ...........LSCR
McKenna, Michael O ..........LSLM

Days of Yore

December 7, 1941
HMCS Windflower . collision . 23 lost

December 24, 1944
HMCS Clayoquot . torpedoed . 8 lost

December 8, 1778
Nelson ranked Master and Commander
(Nobby Hall reaches PO2)

December 6, 1917
Halifax explosion

December 1, 1948
HMCS Shearwater established
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.

December 2012
Paul Barr 79 Lower Sackville, NS 21-12
R. ‘Blackie’ Blackhurst 77 Rothsay, NB 12-12
Brian Brooks 64 Kingston, ON 03-12
Gerald Brusheff 86 Dartmouth, NS 09-12
Ron Cheaters 85 Milford Station, NS 23-12
Stanley Conner 83 Ottawa, ON 27-12
Donald Cox 73 Lower Sackville, NS 07-12
Rejean Daigle 69 Ste. Foy, QC 11-12
Roger Desmeules 84 Halifax, NS 03-12
Rejean Daigle 69 Ste. Foy, QC 11-12
Gilles Dore 62 Middle Sackville, NS 16-12
Hank Einaron 82 Dartmouth, NS 13-12
John Elwgren 75 Goulais River, ON 05 - 12
Vincent Evans 75 Eastern Passage, NS 17-12
Gary Faloon 73 Dartmouth, NS 09-12
Ken Greenlaw 74 Dartmouth, NS 26-12
James Hamilton 80 St. Johns, NL 06-12
John Hillier 81 Louisdale, NS 13-12
Griffith Jones 56 Battersea, ON 24-12
Maurice Legault 74 Lunenburg, NS 19-12
Edward Lingley 72 Dartmouth, NS 12-12
Gerald Mandy 82 Dartmouth, NS 31-12
Roy McAlpine 89 Dartmouth, NS 09 -12
Edward McArthur 63 Brandon, MB 10-12
Owen McKenna 81 Dartmouth, NS 09-12
Robert McLeod 75 Bear River, NS 05-12
David McMullen 56 London, ON 08-12
Sam Morris 78 Fall River, NS 29-12
Guy Oulette 87 Hubley, NS 21-12
Russell Payne 85 H. of St. Margarets Bay, NS 20-12
Dale Peterson 71 Dartmouth, NS 18-12
Edward Petrony 88 Victoria, BC 16-12
George Slade 73 Windsor, ON 18-12
Lester Smith 80 Bedford, NS 11-12
Ken Snider 76 Vanier, ON 11-12
Boyd Thomas 72 Dartmouth, NS 24 -12
David Tomsett 75 Dartmouth, NS 18-12
William Walsh 81 Clementsport, NS 29-12
Robert Young 51 Prescott, ON 03-12

These figures are taken from application forms when submitted. Discrepancies are to be forwarded to gaylordk@yahoo.com or the Association office 902 420-0370.

If you do not wish to have the date of your birth placed here, please contact me at gaylordk@yahoo.com or 902 446 8001.

Definitions To Consider

**ADULT** - A person who has stopped growing at both ends And is now growing in the middle.

**BEAUTY PARLOR** - A place where women curl up and dye.

**CHICKENS** - The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**COMMITTEE** - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**DUST** - Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**EGOTIST** - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

**HANDKERCHIEF** - Cold Storage.

**INFLATION** - Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

**MOSQUITO** - An insect that makes you like flies better.

**RAISIN** - A grape with a sunburn.

**SECRET** - Something you tell to one person at a time.

**SKELETON** - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

**TOOTHACHE** - The pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW** - One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

**YAWN** - An honest opinion openly expressed.

**WRINKLES** - Something other people have, Similar to my character lines.

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**Five Rules To Remember In Life:**

1. Money cannot buy happiness, but it’s more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard’s name.
3. Help someone when they are in trouble, and they will remember you when they’re in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it’s illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.
Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

'Well,' she said, 'I think I'll braid my hair today.' So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

'H-M-M,' she said, 'I think I'll part my hair down the middle today.' So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

'Well,' she said, 'today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail.' So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

'YAY!' she exclaimed. 'I don't have to fix my hair today!'

Attitude is everything.

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday