We are well into the New Year and we have yet to hear from just over 100 of our members on their membership dues. It is a fact that the membership dues that we receive just cover the cost of Crown and Anchor, which includes the formatting, the printing and the distribution of said newsletter. If we do not have the dues on hand, we must dip into our operating fund, which causes shortcomings in other projects that we may wish to endeavour. It is such a small amount that it is easily overlooked and put off until a later time. But, we need your response as soon as possible each calendar year.

As previously stated, the Reunion 2010 plans are well under way. If any member should have a suggestion that may well be utilized in the planning, please do not hesitate to put it forward. This is a reunion for all members. To that end, we ask that you look into the future for your plans, so that, when we call for names and dates, we will be well informed as to your intentions.

Our Association Afgan Lady, Pat Robertson, is asking for some aid in her production of the Afgans that are distributed to our veterans at Veterans Memorial Building. Donations of yarn would be greatly appreciated, as this lady turns out at least four a month for the cause. Material may be left at our office on Barrington Street (Queen’s Printer) or picked up by Robbie, 477-3944. The past response was excellent and we anticipate another.

The letter from Dr. James Lunney is received in the coincidence that the Executive is considering the viability of a memorial to the sailors who lost their lives in the tragic fire of our MTBs in Ostend, Belgium in 1945. A feature of the boats will appear in the April issue of C and A.
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2007

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
Charter, Ord., Affiliate and Life Members – 814
Honorary Members – 17
Miscellaneous Members – 19
Total Membership – 849
(including 105 members on the internet list)

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LAST POST
THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

Tom Graham 79 P1ST
St. John, NB 20.01.08

Lillian Deedo (wife of Britt)
Durban, South Africa 26.12 06

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

RCN BENEVOLENT FUND
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Open to Veterans & Members
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Feature of the Month
Our Lost Ladies

**HMCS SPIKENARD**

Type: Corvette  
Class: FLOWER Class 1939-1940  
Displacement: 950 tonnes  
Length: 205.1 ft.  
Width: 33.1 ft.  
Draught: 11.5 ft.  
Top Speed: 16  
# Officers: 6  
# Crew: 79  
Weapons: 1-4" Gun, 1-2 pdr, 2-20mm, Hedgehog  
Pendant (Hull Number): K143  
Builder: Morton Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Quebec City, Que.  
Laid Down: 4-Oct-40  
Launched: 27-May-41  
Commissioned: 2-Oct-41  
Paid Off: 6-Feb-43  
Remarks: Attacked and sunk by Italian aircraft east of Oran, while escorting a convoy from Gibraltar to Bone, Algeria. 57 of her ship’s company were lost.  
24-Feb-40  
Launched: 10-Aug-40  
Commissioned: 15-May-41  
Paid Off: 10-Feb-42  
Remarks: Torpedoed and sunk by U136, south of Iceland, while escorting convoy SC.67. There were only eight survivors.

**HMCS LOUISBURG (1st)**

Type: Corvette  
Class: FLOWER Class 1939-1940  
Displacement: 950 tonnes  
Length: 205.1 ft.  
Width: 33.1 ft.  
Draught: 11.5 ft.  
Top Speed: 16  
# Officers: 6  
# Crew: 79  
Weapons: 1-4" Gun, 1-2 pdr, 2-20mm, Hedgehog  
Pendant (Hull Number): K143  
Builder: Morton Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Quebec City, Que.  
Laid Down: 4-Oct-40  
Launched: 27-May-41  
Commissioned: 2-Oct-41  
Paid Off: 6-Feb-43  
Remarks: Attacked and sunk by Italian aircraft east of Oran, while escorting a convoy from Gibraltar to Bone, Algeria. 42 of her ship’s company were lost.
HMCS WEYBURN
Type: Corvette
Class: FLOWER Class 1939-1940
Displacement: 950 tonnes
Length: 205.1 ft.
Width: 33.1 ft.
Draught: 11.5 ft.
Top Speed: 16
# Officers: 6
# Crew: 79
Weapons: 1-4" Gun, 1-2 pdr, 2-20mm, Hedgehog
Pendant (Hull Number): K173
Builder: Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.
Laid Down: 21-Dec-40
Launched: 26-Jul-41
Commissioned: 26-Nov-41
Paid Off: 22-Feb-43
Remarks: Lost to a mine off Gibralter 22 Feb 43. 9 of her ship's company were lost.

HMCS TRENTONIAN
Type: Corvette
Class: Revised FLOWER (1942-43 Program)
Displacement: 970 tonnes
Length: 208.3 ft.
Width: 33.1 ft.
Draught: 11 ft.
Top Speed: 16
# Officers: 6
# Crew: 79
Weapons: 1-4" Gun, 1-2 pdr, 2-20mm, Hedgehog
Pendant (Hull Number): K368
Builder: Kingston Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., Kingston, Ont
Laid Down: 19-Feb-43
Launched: 1-Sep-43
Commissioned: 1-Dec-43
Paid Off: 22-Feb-45
Remarks: Torpedoed and sunk by U1004 near Falmouth, England, 22 Feb 45. Six of her ship's company were lost.

Days of Yore

February 10, 1942
HMCS Spikenard . torpedoed . 57 lost

February 6, 1943
HMCS Louisburg . torpedoed . 38 lost

February 22, 1943
HMCS Weyburn . mined . 7 lost

February 22, 1945
HMCS Trentonian . torpedoed . 6 lost

February 14, 1945
M.T.B.s 459, 461, 462, 465, 466
Lost in fire . Ostend, Belgium . 28 lost

February 22, 1893
Stanley Cup 1st. awarded . Montrel AAA (Amateur)

February 26, 1949
HMCS Athabaskan crew mutinies

February 17, 1957
HMCS Bonaventure commissions . Belfast, Ireland

February 19, 1959
Avro Arrow (CF 105) cancelled

February 15, 1965
White Ensign lowered . noon hour

February 1, 1968
Unification creates Canadian Forces . R.C.N becomes Maritime Command.
“Our Veterans Deserve Better!”

MP Lunney Blasts Veterans Affairs Minister for Inaction

Ottawa — Dr. James Lunney, MP for Nanaimo-Alberni, sent a letter today to Veterans Affairs Minister Rey Pagtakhan, criticizing him for his blatant inaction towards the Royal Canadian Naval Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) veterans and their efforts to attend a memorial dedication in Belgium. “These sailors served our country courageously, many lost their lives, and the Minister couldn’t even be bothered to respond to the veterans or our office,” said Lunney.

On February 14th, 1945, a tragic fire and explosion in Ostend Harbour, Belgium took the lives of twenty-six Canadian and thirty-seven British sailors. The Belgian government has graciously offered to maintain a memorial in perpetuity to honour those lost, and Qualicum Beach’s Sherwood Marshall, the last surviving Commanding Officer of a MTB in World War II, had written to Minister Pagtakhan requesting assistance for the few survivors to attend the dedication. “The 29th MTB flotilla cruised the English Channel in search of enemy combat and shipping troops every night for eight months. They engaged in more enemy combats than any other unit in the Canadian Navy,” said Lunney. “We think that these veterans deserve to be recognized for their contribution, but apparently the Minister does not feel the same way.”

In his letter to Minister Pagtakhan, Lunney stated that four months had gone by since Mr. Marshall and his office first wrote to them, and neither had received any formal response despite promises from the Minister’s office that one was forthcoming. “Every time we contacted the Minister’s office, they assured us that an answer was on the way. Now the dedication is days away, and we still have not heard anything,” said Lunney. “For the Minister to treat our veterans this way is unacceptable. I said it in the letter and I’ll say it again, our veterans deserve better!”

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Were you drugged?

This says it all............

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question. "Why didn’t we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, "I had a drug problem when I was young, I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.
I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.
I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the priest, or if I didn’t put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.
I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity.
I was drug out to pull weeds in mom’s garden and flowerbeds and cocklebur’s out of dad’s fields.
I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard."
Eight Bells and Green Ones
Ron Elliott (The Buffer)

A delightful little book (64 pages) of HMCS Cornwallis memories with dips of persons that we have known in our early years in the training base.

A collection of yarns to share over a bubbly with a matelot.

“The book is especially meaningful to veterans of the old training base with its many photos and anecdotes, such as the skylarking that went on after lights out in barracks and then being forced to duck-walk with your weapon around the drill shed and the other creative forms of punishment that were carried out. Some of these tales are sure to bring smiles and fond (or not so fond) memories to those of us who experienced them. The stories are also full of informative lore from an historical perspective about post-war HMCS Cornwallis and RCN training.”

(S/Lt. Al Blondin)

The price of $15.00 postage paid from my home at 737 St. George St, PO Box 553, Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0, or tel.(902) 532-7996 or ronandnitaelliott@ns.sympatico.ca

I saw a billboard sign that said:
NEED HELP, CALL JESUS
1-800-005-3787
Out of curiosity, I did.
A Mexican showed up with a lawnmower.

(Buster Brown)
Golden Memories

George ‘Shorty’ Hamill
Mitchell, Ontario
84 years young
December 12 2007

Bernie and Ruth Cassidy
Halifax, Nova Scotia
53 years of Wedded Bliss
January 10 2008

Janet Gaudet
Halifax, Nova Scotia
50 years young
January 23 2008

Ralph Faulkner
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
82 years young
January 24 2008

Pearl Martin
Glendale, California, US of A
87 years young
February 1 2008

Bill Degen
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
80 years young
February 4 2008

THE ADMIRAL AND THE CHIEF

A Chief is working late at NDHQ one evening. As he leaving his office at 2000 hrs, he sees the Admiral standing by the classified shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand.

“Do you know how to work this thing,” the Admiral asks. “My secretary’s gone home and I don’t know how to run it.”

“Yes sir.” says the Chief, who turns on the machine, take the paper from the Admiral, and feed it in.

“Thanks,” says the Admiral, “I just need one copy…” OOOPS!