There will be a General Meeting on February 8, 2009, at 1000 in the Mess. Visit our web-site at http://www.acpoa.ca

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From the President By J. Gaylord Kingston

As we advance into this New Year, it is nice to notice that we are farther ahead in our renewal of the dues than in previous years, but we are still in arrears with almost 200 members. This should serve as a gentle reminder, rather than a nasty letter from yours truly.

Our Association elections are to be held in April. If you wish to participate in the managing of the Association’s affairs, please allow your name to stand for nomination and election. The present Executive and Board of Directors have held their positions for some time now and, while some may choose to remain, there is a call for some new blood for these positions. It takes a very little effort on one’s part to become involved and the duties, such as they are, are minimal for time and effort.

The 2010 Reunion plans are moving forward and we are searching for a committee to complete the organization of the reunion. I have received two names thus far from willing participants. I remind you that

Left: Association Award, Right: Ron and Pat Robertson awarded the Achievement for 2008

See President page 6
Barbara Ramsey - 5533

5th Floor West
George Barber - 5222    L. Fevens - 5226
Gerard Sampson - 5121   Ed. Jordan - 5130
Bennett Barrett - 5126

6th Floor West
Jack Butters - 6128    Chuck Thompson - 6127

6th Floor East
Lesley Henderson - 6524    Stephen Derbyshire - 6420

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Eastern Passage NS    B3G 1M4
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Charlie Boutiller, Army/Navy, Room - 266
Bill Shorten, Room - 269

Fishermen's Memorial, Lunenburg NS  B0J 2C0
Edwin MacKinley    Philip Smeltzer
Leo Ouellette    George Robertson

Sutherland–Harris Memorial Hospital
Don Matalle

St. Mary’ on The Lake Nursing Home,
Kingston, ON
Bob MacKenzie - (613) 545 7781

At Home
Iris Johnson (902) 443 7683

A stoker approached the Chief ERA with a

drain cock in his hand to tell him that it had,
“come away in my hand Chief.”

Chief : “Where ?”

The stoker: “in the AC plant Chief .”

Chief: “well take it to the Outside Machinery

Chief. “

The stoker? “Okay, but what about the guy
down there with his finger in the hole?”

Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building
5955 Veteran's Memorial Lane,
Halifax, NS, B3H 2E1

3rd Floor West
Bill Saranic - 3225    Lionel Roberts - 3125
Gerald Rozee - 3233    John Kehoe - 3235
Arthur McDonald - 3127    G. Jamieson - 3223

4th Floor East
Norman Ford - 4523    Jessie Smith - 4420
Cornelius Sampson - 4433    Donald B Dixon - 4524
Lewis Hue - 4525    Frank Hefler - 4427

4th Floor West
Leonard Murray - 4125    Alfred Tremblay - 4122
Ernest Finter - 4128    Bernard Churchill - 4231

5th Floor East
Jill Gramlewicz - 5527    Charlie Hall - 5421
Eric Publicover - 5525    Mike Connors - 5522
Eva Wadup - 5425    Callis Avery - 5427
John Duncan - 5435    Charlie Reid - 5529
MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2008
Membership Chairman: Ray Harvie (902) 462 7633
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
Total Membership – 795

NEW MEMBERS
No new members

RE-ENGAGED MEMBER
No re-engaged members this month.

Membership dues are $25 per year

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2623 Agricola St., Halifax, 454-4385
Open to Veterans & Members
Bar hours 1300 to 1900 or later

CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP
Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month

LAST POST
THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

Lee Bushen 88
Upper Sackville 15 01 09

Allen MacLennan 80
Sydney, NS 17 01 09

Freeman Tanner 100
Lunenburg 20 01 09

Al Berube 77 C2ST
Perth, ON 26 01 09

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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Last Wednesday of every month
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Feature of the Month
Camp Hill Hospital / Memorial Building

For most of us Camp Hill is something that has always been there in one form or another. Few are aware of its long and rich history. Our thanks to Judy Burke for her valuable contribution to this article.

History:

1757 - Generals Amherst and Wolfe use Camp Hill site to prepare and encamp 1200 British troops for the invasion of Louisburg.

1775 - British troops train for fighting in the 13 colonies.

1833 - Cholera outbreak. Camp Hill used as treatment center.

1834 - Camp Hill Cemetery opened.

1916 - Order given for a hospital for soldiers wounded overseas.

1917 - Camp Hill Hospital opened October 1, 1917. Wooden structures were temporarily used for convalescing soldiers. They were expected to be torn down in 20 years.


1918 - DND turns hospital over to Soldiers Convalescent Civil Re-Establishment.

- During the war, the hospital is primarily a convalescent facility, but is expanded to handle medical and surgical cases.
- Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught visits Camp Hill.

1921 - Prince of Wales visits Camp Hill.

1923 - Rehabilitation and vocational training of veterans is transferred from Nova Scotia Technical College to Camp Hill Hospital.

- A veterans Craft Shop is opened at the hospital for hand made crafts made by the veterans.

1925 - A Pathology Department is established at Camp Hill.

- Domiciliary rights are granted to older patients.

1928 - Department of Pensions and National Health takes responsibility for managing Camp Hill.

- Dalhousie University uses Camp Hill as a teaching facility.

1937 - Walter Callow is admitted to Camp Hill. He establishes a cigarette fund for troops serving overseas and designs a special bus for those in wheelchairs. It is fitted with hydraulic lifts for wheelchairs, the first in the world.

1939 - Sick mariners first admitted to the hospital.

- King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit Camp Hill.

- Occupancy at the outbreak of WW II is 1,000.

1944 - Veterans Affairs takes control of Camp Hill.

1946 - Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery visits Camp Hill Hospital treats wounded from WWII.

1948 - new brick wing on Robie Street opens. allows space for 250 beds.
- Hollywood actress Joan Caulfield visits Camp Hill.
- Lt. Gov. McCurdy visits Camp Hill.
- Red Cross Lodge is opened.

1950 - Number of domiciliary cases (defined as veterans who could not maintain themselves in the community) reaches 130.

1951 - Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip visit Camp Hill.

1953 - Certified Nursing Assistant Program is established.

1954 - Nursing Orderly Program begins.

1958 - Princess Margaret visits Camp Hill.

1959 - HRH Queen Elizabeth visits Camp Hill.

1960 - Boxing Champion Jack Dempsey visits Camp Hill.

1963 - Camp Hill turned over to local communities by government.

1967 - Queen Mother visits Camp Hill during Centennial Year.

1073 - Nursing Assistant Program graduates last class.

1978 - Nova Scotia assumes ownership of hospital.
- Dame Vera Lynn visits Camp Hill.
- development and expansion to role of acute care facility and university teaching hospital.
- Philosophy: “Assisting the veterans so that they can do what they want for as long as possible.”

1979 - Queen Mother visits Camp Hill.

1981 - Abby Lane Hospital amalgamates with Camp Hill Hospital.

1983 Nursing Orderly Program graduates last class.

1987 HRH Prince Edward visits Camp Hill.

1988 - Halifax Infirmary amalgamates with Camp Hill Hospital to form Camp Hill Medical Centre.

1989 - Halifax Civic Hospital closes. Camp Hill assumes services.

1992 - Olympic Champion Mike Forgeron visits veterans.

1994 - Queen Elizabeth visits and commemorates the formation of QE II Health Sciences Centre.

1995 - Barbara Ann Scott, figure skating champion visits.

1996 - Renovation to make single rooms into doubles.

1999 - French Consul General Olivier Aribe presents Legion of Honour, France’s highest honour, to 99 year old Lawson Walsh.
- Veterans Memorial Lane established (formerly Jubilee Road).
- Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Gardens established.
- Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Cenotaph installed.

2001 - Camp Hill is under Capital District Health Authority.

2002 - VAC / CH creates a Director of Veterans Services position.

2004 - Last Maritime WW I veteran dies in Camp Hill.

Our Philosophy: We believe in holistic Veteran and family – centered care that is based on best practice.

Our Mission: A community valuing veterans by improving quality of life.

C – collaboration
A – accountability
R – Respect
E – Excellence.

Service and Friendship To Others
As decreed in the Association credo, our commitment to the care and comfort of our veterans is stalwart and ongoing. We have had the privilege to have been able to contribute to this cause without reservation.

- the placement of stain glass windows in the chapel,
- the purchase of a TV for the Smoking Lounge,
- co-sponsor of a new TV,
- co-sponsor of furniture for the dining area,
- co-sponsor of the Christmas and Easter gift program,
- co-sponsor of the Veterans Christmas Concert,
- monthly Saturday night entertainment with music and goodies,
- support for Veterans Memorial Gardens,
- support for Veterans Memorial Cenotaph,
- visits by our Sick and Visiting Committee,
- placing of the Sailor statue and HMCS Micmac bell in the lobby.

The Association’s support for the staff and residents of Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building will remain at the forefront of our responsibilities and shall certainly continue for the duration of our Association’s existence.

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Promotions
February 1957
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Hall, Charles PICK
Hechimovich, Joseph P2RW
Howard, John PICK
Irwin, Ernest H P2EF
White, Karl L P2HA
the more volunteers, singles and couples, that we have, the easier and smoother everything will get done. Please do not have the attitude that because the reunion is just over a year from now, that there is a lot of time to work with. The sooner that everything is arranged, the better chance we will have to solidify or improve upon our plans. I urge you to take part in this venture, which may well be our last large one, and therefore should be our very best one. There can be no “Let Jack do it”.

I thank you beforehand.

I am pleased to announce that H.G.H. ‘Hank’ Einarson has volunteered to take over the duties as our Association Service Officer. He replaces Ed O’Brien, who unfortunately has had to leave the position after serving the Association well. Hank comes with credentials as Service Officer of Somme Branch Legion.

He may be contacted at 435 6681. Email: einar56@ns.sympatico.ca

Chief Petty Officer 1st. Class James D. Carroll

We were extremely pleased to be informed that the Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt Seamanship Division Building has been renamed in honour of the late Chief Carroll. Jim was one of the most distinguished seamen and boatswains in the Canadian Forces. This is certainly a very worthy honour.

Quote of the Month: “a chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.”

Golden Memories

Eldon Johnston
Dartmouth, NS
75 Years Young
January 4, 2009

John Lipton
Dartmouth, NS
90 Years Young
January 5, 2009

Iris Johnson
Halifax, NS
88 Years Young
January 7, 2009

Bernie and Ruth Cassidy
Halifax, NS
54 Years of Wedded Bliss
January 10, 2009

Bernie Cassidy
Halifax, NS
80 Years Young
February 7, 2009

Days of Yore

February 10 1942 - HMCS Spikenard. torpedoed - 77 lost.
February 6 1943 - HMCS Louisburg aircraft bomb - 38 lost
February 22 1943 - HMCS Weyburn mined - 7 lost
February 14 1945 - MTBs 459, 461, 462, 465, 466 - fire. 28 lost
February 22 1945 - HMCS Trentonian torpedoed - 6 lost

February 1 1911 - 349 recruits entered navy - 111 deserted
February 17 1957 - HMCS Bonaventure commissioned
February 19 1959 - Avro Arrow cancelled
February 15 1965 - White Ensign lowered 1200
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Cornwallis Military Museum

By E. Elliott CD. RCN (Ret’d) Annapolis Royal, NS

The museum is actively involved in seeking new members to ensure the very existence of this unique military museum located at the training base in Deep Brook, NS. It is located in the old Protestant Chapel (St. Georges’) so it is not only preserving the building but the history of HMCS/CFB Cornwallis and Canada’s armed forces. The cost for membership is $10.00 yearly and you receive a newsletter updating the operation and events of same. We have no salaried employees it is strictly volunteers and we receive no government funding but rely on private and commercial donations. An application form can be down-loaded from our webpage at www.cornwallismuseum.ca you do not have to be ex-service to be a member and we operate on a non-discriminatory policy in that you can name your pet as a member if you so wish. So my friends, take a moment and join us to guarantee the future of this establishment.
January 4, 2009

Subject: Second reading, debate and vote of Bill C-201.

Dear Supporters and Friends,

We assume that we have all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that we are happy to see the festive season over for another year. We write to advise that during the month of February 2009 Bill C-201 will be re-introduced by Mr. Peter Stoffer, MP to the House of Commons for its second reading, debate and vote.

This vote will be crucial to the survival of Bill C-201. We, therefore, request that you write/phone The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, The Leaders of Oppositions and your Member of Parliament to seek their support for Bill C-201.

Military/RCMP Veterans letter writing support will be most important to our Pension benefit reduction issue and would assist Mr. Peter Stoffer, MP during the crucial debate and vote of Bill C-201. Shoulder to shoulder approach of Military/RCMP Veterans will be necessary to the success of this historical moment of Bill C-201.

Please distribute far and wide and circulate copies of your letters to Mr. Peter Stoffer, MP and the undersigned! Thank you for the perseverance and dedication you have given to this Veteran issue.

Sincerely,

John Labelle
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www.petitiononline.com/vets8
www.veteranvoice.info

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**Notice**

Kootenay 40 Plymouth Pilgrimage

All former 1969 KOTENAY crew members and family members and naval friends are invited to participate. To ensure you are included in the Plymouth Pilgrimage, please communicate with the committee members at:

www.Kootenay40@hotmail.com

Additional information about the KY40PP is available at

www.Kootenay40.ca

Kindly spread the word so that no one is left out.

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Why Some Men Have Dogs And Not Wives:

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don’t notice if you call them by another dog’s name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog’s parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
6. You never have to wait for a dog; they’re ready to go 24 hours a day.
7. Dogs find you amusing when you’re drunk.
8. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
9. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, “If I died, would you get another dog?”
10. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
11. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
12. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don’t get mad. They just think it’s interesting.
13. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck.

And last, but not least:

14. If a dog leaves, it won’t take half of your stuff.
As I Grow In Age

As I grow in age, I value women over 40 most of all. Here are just a few reasons why:

A woman over 40 will never wake you in the middle of the night and ask, 'What are you thinking?' She doesn't care what you think.

If a woman over 40 doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do, and it's usually more interesting.

Women over 40 are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it.

Older women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 40.

Once you get past a wrinkle or two, a woman over 40 is far sexier than her younger counterpart.

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off if you are a jerk, if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder where you stand with her.

Yes, we praise women over 40 for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coiffed, hot woman over 40, there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year old waitress.

Ladies, I apologize.

For all those men who say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free?'

Here's an update for you. Nowadays 80% of women are against marriage. Why? Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage!

Forgetter Be Forgotten?

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you that may seem funny  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say 'what am I here for?'  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!  
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,  
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And that isn't any joke.