We have commenced our Summer break and we trust that everyone will have a pleasant and fruitful vacation time. It has been quite a chore moving our office space from Barrington Street to the new location at the North end of 'A' block in Stadacona. We have placed a photo of the front of the building to show its location. It is the old Mermaid Arms (wet canteen). Our office hours remain the same for the time being.

On that note, I would request that you give every consideration in standing the duty watch in the office. At the present time, we have only 16 members to do the watch. This is down a great deal when we had over 20 to do so. It is a very simple duty to attend to as the office is only open from 0900 – 1130, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Parking is readily available and Tim's is only a short distance away from the front door.

As I have said at the General Meeting, I will be going to Burlington in July to meet with the people that we will be dealing with in September 2013. Everything looks great at this time after having spoken with the Burlington RNA and having had communication with the manager of most appropriate hotel for our purposes. I will give a full report in the Fall issue of C and A as I hope to have an approximate cost for the various events at that time.

New ACPOA blazer crests are now available in the office at a cost of $20.00.

In the ‘Thank You’ to Linda Bennett for the donation of the national flag, the name of her sister, Mona Saulnier, Zone 14 Commander, RCL, should have been included. Once again, thank you both for your consideration.

Quote of the Month: “Humour oils the wheels of life and keeps it running smoothly.”
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Hugh McMullin - 5431  Mike Salkin - 5522
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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

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Miscellaneous Members 18
Total Membership 677

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Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton
Chief’s & PO’s/ WO’s & Sgt’s Mess Dows Lake
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Feature of the Month
Dunkirk
One sailor’s story of June 1940
Remembered again by Jack Hall

Although we received this article too late for the June issue, we feel that it is worth printing at this time.

Looking across the English Channel from the deck of the ship I was serving in, HMS Calcutta, great columns of smoke could be seen about 25 miles away, rising from what was assumed to be the results of German bombings of French ports to which the British and French armies had retreated.

It didn’t do much for our bruised morale after sailing down the North Sea, from the debacle of Norway and it wasn’t long before we got underway and urgently headed for Dunkirk.

( Editor’s Note: “Who is this talking? – readers might ask” )

It’s a Seaman Boy 1st class who’ll be 18 in October and who at this juncture and so many years later must frequently ask indulgence for any sins of omission caused by a memory that has faded and at times plays tricks in what I remember of those 70 years ago.

We passed numerous small craft, yachts, motor boats, etc. going in both directions, until at last we reached Dunkirk, which was ablaze with burning vessels. Unable to enter we turned to lay off the beaches at LaPanne where for miles up and down the shore and approaches had larger scatterings of army personnel and materials, some of it burning lots of these pre-mentioned little vessels moving into the shallows and then of backing westward carrying soldiers. I must state that I had the dubious pleasure of observing these momentous incidents from my action station as lookout on the signal bridge, just aft of the main bridge from which our able Captain held sway and gave the necessary orders – while I in my minor capacity, took orders. Like most and gave the necessary orders – while I in from which our able Captain held sway signal bridge, just aft of the main bridge

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“That’s it. No more” yelled our coxswain. The boat’s engine screamed as we tried to get away to join the whaler, already loaded and waiting for our tow. We didn’t move. The weight of the twenty or thirty bodies stranded us at the bow. It wouldn’t move as the passengers shunted afterwards to rock the boat and move our keel.

Of course we couldn’t know that just a few days ahead we would be involved in a tragic collision with the HMCS Fraser.

On our short dash to Sheemess to unload our cargo, we had further excitement with two German bombers who roared up our Port quarter. Why they didn’t fly over the ship to drop their bombs, I don’t know – maybe our gunfire deterred them, but with luck overdue – we got away with it. It was the only close air attack made on us, surprising, as we’d been the largest vessel in the area. Maybe the R.A.F. was the cause of the lack of German attention.

At Sheemess, the harbor and dockyard was alive with ships, trucks, soldiers, ambulances, police and MPs.

The ship backed away to anchor outside the security areas. I went below to get dry, find something to eat and like the rest of the crew, rest. This was not to be for long as the ship’s bosuns mates ran, shouting “Hands to clean ship”. It needed it of course. Between decks, stank of wet khakis, had bloodied mess tables and mud from one end to the other. The soldiers had filled the strainers in our tea kettles but never emptied them of tea leaves – (a little vignette!) …but there was some reward. A number of water bottles had been left behind by our erstwhile passengers. Many contained army issue rum which was disposed of without bothering our Petty Officer about it.

Looking back I think the brief part of the evacuation that our ship performed, was successful, but morale on board was not at the highest. What with Norway, Dunkirk behind us we’d had our share of misfortune.

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(C and A Ed.’s note: Jack Hall returned to the Normandy shore 4 years later aboard HMS Warspite for the Normandy invasion)
Clawback Of Veterans Benefits Ends July 1
 Talks On Back Payment Continue

By Murray Brewster, Canadian Press June 15, 2012

The federal government will stop the clawback on pensions of disabled veterans starting on July 1, but it’s still negotiating retroactive payments to those covered by a Federal Court ruling.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced an end to the clawbacks in a statement on Friday, two weeks after the Harper government decided not to appeal a court ruling that sided with veterans.

A class-action lawsuit was filed in March 2007 on behalf of Dennis Manuge and 4,500 other disabled veterans whose long-term disability benefits are reduced by the amount of the monthly Veterans Affairs disability pension they receive.

MacKay called Manuge to tell him about the end to the deductions.

But the minister said in his statement that federal lawyers are still working to obtain a “mutually acceptable settlement” for repayment of benefits that have been clawed back, in some cases for decades.

It is unclear how much that will cost or how far back the payments will go.

Manuge, at one point, estimated as much as $320 million was at stake.

But senior defence sources say the figure could run as high as $600 million, depending upon the negotiations.

““The care of our ill and injured personnel is my No. 1 priority and I am pleased that we have taken swift action on this file,” he said in the statement.

Among the matters under discussion is whether the benefit will be taxed.

Under the old system of pensions, veterans received some of their money tax-free, but since the introduction of the New Veterans Charter by the Conservative government in 2006, that has changed in some categories.

The Federal Court ruled the clawback was unfair under the Pension Act and violated the reasonable expectations of disabled vets.

Over the years, the issue has been a lightning rod, drawing condemnation from both the military ombudsman and a Senate committee, which described it as “profoundly unfair.”

The policy that initiated the clawback dates to the late 1960s and was introduced by the chief of the defence staff at the time.

Manuge’s lawyers argued that it was illegal, because the country’s top military commander did not have the authority to make such a decision.

At the time MacKay announced an end to the practice, Veterans Affairs announced that it, too, would halt a clawback that had been applied to three of its disability awards.

Did you ever WONDER?

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage.

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can’t women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don’t you ever see the headline ‘Psychic Wins Lottery’?

Why is ‘abbreviated’ such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do ‘practice’?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn’t there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don’t they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don’t sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
Royal Navy crew trial first new-look uniform in 20 years

Dark blue combat outfit has rank badges at the front rather than on the shoulder, Velcro-fastening collars and zip-up boots

Weapons engineer Richard Lewis, Lieutenant Thomas Gell and Lieutenant Nadia Robertson wearing the new navy uniform on HMS Daring. Photograph: MoD/PA

Baseball caps and zip-up boots with fake laces will be standard-issue kit in the Royal Navy after the first change in uniform in 20 years.

The dark blue "modernised" combat outfit, which has rank badges at the front rather than on the shoulders, is being tested by the crew of HMS Daring on counter-piracy operations in the Arabian Gulf.

Known as the No 4 dress, the new uniform replaces the Royal Navy’s traditional blue outfit and is meant to be more versatile and adaptable to weather conditions.

Designed with practicality in mind, the kit has boots with zips instead of laces and collars that fasten with Velcro rather than buttons.

HMS Daring’s commander, Captain Guy Robinson, will also sport a baseball cap. If the uniforms and caps prove popular they could be introduced across the fleet.

Similar trials of the new uniform, which is manufactured by a British company as part of a £250,000 contract, are due to take place on the type 23 frigate HMS Westminster and the Trafalgar-class submarine HMS Talent.

Lieutenant Commander Ben Hughes, HMS Daring’s logistics officer, said: "So far the reaction on board the ship has been very positive. It is a comfortable, practical uniform that looks much more modern than the old style.

"The boots are very comfortable as well, especially for people who are stood on their feet all day, and with the zip it makes it easier to just pull them on and off.

"HMS Daring is a new ship on her first deployment and we are excited about being the first to try out the new clothing, too."
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.

July 2012:
Loyal Gallichon 72 Dartmouth, NS 08-12
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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.

Days of Yore

July 1 1944
MTB 460 : mined . 10 lost

July 7 1944
MTB 463 : mined . 5 wounded

July 27 1953
Korean War ends. ( M.A.S.H. disbanded )

July 20 1969
Neil Armstrong walks on the moon

‘OLD’ IS WHEN...

...Your sweetie says, 'Let’s go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

...Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you’re barefoot.

...Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

...You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

...You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

...'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take a laxative today.

...'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

...An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

...You're not sure if these are facts or jokes.

Promotions

July 1954
Aucoin, George G . . . . . . . . . . . . P2CK
Blackbeard, Donald G . . . . . . . . LSPW
Gaudet, Edgar . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LSRP
Guinchard, Rendall H . . . . . . . . LSTD
Hawkins, Gordon G . . . . . . . . P2CK
Ivanko, Anthony . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LSEF
McKee, George . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LSQR
Miller, Gordon F . . . . . . . . . . . . . . P2VS
Suto, Harry S . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LSTD
Tobin, Bruce T . . . . . . . . . . . . . . P1AW
Top Left – Bert Noyes receives the 2011 ACPOA Achievement Award

Top Right – Our Treasurer, Cathy Belanger, receives an ACPOA collector’s coin in appreciation

Bottom Left – The President receives a gift of 5 National flags from Joe Bishara of the Maple Grove / Yarmouth High Memorial Club