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The Albert Kynman grave site as marked appropriately by Chief Petty Officer Robbie Robertson on behalf of the Association

From the President By J. Gaylord Kingston

Our next General Meeting will be held aboard HMCS Sackville in the Dockyard. Names must be given to the office (420-0370) or the President (446-8001) prior to Tuesday July 7 2011 in order to gain entry to the Dockyard. This will be our last meeting for the Summer when we will meet again on Sunday September 11 2011.

We are going ahead with the initial planning for a Reunion in Burlington, Ontario in 2013. It would be held in the Fall, probably toward the middle of September, when off rates for travel and accommodations may be available. We are in contact with the Naval Association in Burlington who would certainly be of a great benefit in our planning.

The second venture that we are looking at is a trip to Londonderry, Ireland for the anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. They plan to dedicate a memorial, in the form of our own Sailor, at that time and they have invited us to take part in the ceremony. Pat Jessup is the organizer for the proposed sojourn and we will keep all in touch as to developments as they arise.

On Saturday May 28th., the youth of Maple Grove - Yarmouth High School will do their patriotic display in the Robie Street parking lot of the Veterans Memorial Building 2 - 4 PM. This is a fabulous display as put on by these dedicated young people to salute our veterans. It is very entertaining and an event that should be seen by all our members in the area. The group will

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entertain the veterans at our monthly gathering that evening. On Sunday at 1.00, the group will put a display on at the Grand Parade in downtown Halifax. This will be a tribute to Law Enforcement with an emphasis on members of the group who have entered the field and those who are serving for us at this time.

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Sick & Visiting Committee Report  
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Halifax, NS, B3H 2E1

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Ernest Baker - 4526
  
Thomas Gilford - 4227  
Donald B Dixon - 4524
  
Annie Cormier - 4423  
Robert Bowers - 4433
  
Paul Brunelle - 4525

**4th Floor West**  
Bernard Churchill - 4231  
Ralph Russell - 4122
  
Ernest Finter - 4128

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Eric Publicover - 5525
  
John Duncan - 5435  
Percy James - 5523
  
Mike Salkin - 5522  
Margaret McCarthy - 5421

**5th Floor West**  
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Gerard Sampson - 5121
  
John Lipton - 5130  
Arthur Baldwin - 5220

**6th Floor West**  
Frank Hansen - 6127  
Hector Farmer - 6121
  
Gordon Tomlinson - 6124  
Sydney McNevin - 6222
  
Reginald Pitts - 6120  
James Movery - 6130

**6th Floor East**  
Ernie Thompson - 6427  
Orville Murray - 6528
  
Thomas Tonks - 6525

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
Total Membership – 711

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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

Funeral service for Hugh MacDevitt will be held Saturday June 25 2011 at St. David’s Presbyterian Church in Halifax. As a loyal and valued member of long standing in our Association, a good turnout for this occasion would be appreciated. Times to be announced when they become available.

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

Last Post
THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

Brian Flowers 81 P1RP
Hubbards, NS 24 05 11

Helen ‘Mickie’ Degen, wife of Bill
Dartmouth, NS 24 05 11

Lenore Trevor 89
Sackville, NB 28-04-11

Betty Smith 91
Dartmouth, NS 06-05-11

Bruce Webb 76 CIER
Dartmouth, NS 06-05-11

Robert Morrison 83 C1FC
Dartmouth, NS 11-05-11

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RCN BENEFICIAL FUND
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On D-Day, June 6, 1944, “Operation Overlord”, the long-awaited invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe, began with Allied armies from the U.S., Britain and Canada landing on the coast of Normandy. On D-Day, the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division landed on Juno Beach. The Canadian assault troops stormed ashore in the face of fierce opposition from German strongholds and mined beach obstacles. The soldiers raced across the wide-open beaches swept with machine gun fire, and stormed the gun positions. In fierce hand-to-hand fighting, they fought their way into the towns of Bernières, Courseulles and St. Aubin and then advanced inland, securing a critical bridgehead for the allied invasion. The victory was a turning point in World War II and led to the liberation of Europe and the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Fourteen thousand young Canadians stormed Juno Beach on D-Day. Their courage, determination and self-sacrifice were the immediate reasons for the success in those critical hours. The fighting they endured was fierce and frightening. The price they paid was high - the battles for the beachhead cost 340 Canadian lives and another 574 wounded. John Keegan, eminent British historian who wrote Six Armies in Normandy, stated the following concerning the Canadian 3rd Division on D-Day: “At the end of the day, its forward elements stood deeper into France than those of any other division. The opposition the Canadians faced was stronger than that of any other beach save Omaha. That was an accomplishment in which the whole nation could take considerable pride.”

This site is a tribute to the men and women who served in the Canadian Army during D-Day and World War II. To these people, we owe the freedom that we take for granted. Let us never forget their sacrifice. God bless them all.

**Canadian Regiments:**
- Queens Own Rifles: North Shore
- Chaudiere: Regina Rifles
- Winnipeg Rifles: Canadian Scottish
- Fort Gary Horse: First Hussars
- 7th. RECCE: Camerons
- 9th. Brigade: 3rd. Division

**UNITS:**
- Royal Canadian Engineers
- Royal Canadian Artillery
- Canadian Field Ambulance

**RCN**
A massive armada of 5,300 Allied vessels put to sea on D-Day. Canada’s contribution to the Operation Neptune, the naval part of Overlord, was 109 ships and 10,000 men - 4 percent of the total naval strength. The navy transported the assault troops and then ensured the continued flow of more troops, ammunition, equipment and supplies.

Far in front of the armada were the minesweepers. There were sixteen Canadian minesweepers including the Canso, Caraquet, Thunder, Vegreville and Wasaga that performed the crucial task of clearing a safe route across the English Channel. The destroyers Algonquin and Sioux bombarded the enemy defences and provided fire support for the ground attacks. The landing ships Prince Henry and Prince David carried fourteen assault landing craft to Juno Beach. Twenty-six landing craft infantry (LCI) transported second wave troops. Canadian motor torpedo boats patrolled the Seine estuary. Many other corvettes and frigates escorted landing craft and patrolled the convoy routes. RCN flotillas of landing craft transported infantry and tanks to shore and provided additional fire support for them.

**Destroyers (V Class)**
- HMCS Algonquin
- HMCS Sioux

**Tribal Class Destroyers**
- HMCS Haida
- HMCS Huron
- HMCS Iroquois
- HMCS Athabaskan

**Destroyers**
- HMCS Assiniboine
- HMCS Chaudiere
- HMCS Gatineau
- HMCS Kootenay
- HMCS Ottawa
- HMCS Qu’Appelle
- HMCS Saskatchewan
- HMCS Skeena
- HMCS St Laurent
- HMCS Restigouche

**Minesweepers**
- HMCS Caraquet
- HMCS Canso
- HMCS Bayfield
- HMCS Blairmore
- HMCS Cowichan
- HMCS Fort William
- HMCS Georgian
- HMCS Guysborough
- HMCS Kenora
- HMCS Malpeque
- HMCS Milltown
- HMCS Minas
- HMCS Mulgrave
- HMCS Thunder
- HMCS Vegreville
- HMCS Wasaga

**Frigates**
- HMCS Cape Breton
- HMCS Grou
Every Royal Canadian Air Force squadron based in the United Kingdom was involved in supporting Operation Neptune / Overlord. The RCAF was involved for several months in bombing key enemy targets in the invasion area: roads, bridges, railways, airfields, and command and communications centres. Before H-Hour on D-Day, RCAF Lancasters of No. 6 Bomber Group dropped thousands of tons of bombs on German coastal defences. There were many Canadian pilots in the RAF, but all RCAF fighter squadrons were assigned to 83 Group which worked closely with the Anglo-Canadian invasion forces. A day-fighter wing consisted of three squadrons of 18 aircraft, 39 officers and 743 other ranks. RCAF squadrons in 83 Group were assigned to the 126, 127, 143 and 144 Canadian fighter wings. The 143 wing flew the Typhoon IB fighter-bomber while the other three flew the Spitfire IXB. The Typhoons could carry two 500 lb or 1,000 lb bombs to provide direct support to the ground forces. Canadian fighter pilots fought the Luftwaffe and helped achieve Allied air superiority over the bridgehead. Fighter squadrons escorted invading troops and attacked German ground positions. Later, as ground forces forged ahead, air superiority was easily maintained over an area that now reached some 100 km behind enemy lines. Allied ground forces could then move freely while German troops, whether they used roads or railways, or moved across fields could not do so without being targeted by RAF and RCAF fighters. Canadian and British squadrons demonstrated the meaning of air superiority to the soldiers fighting through the Atlantic Wall. When more than a dozen Ju 88s tried to break through to bomb the beaches, pilots of 401 Ram Squadron destroyed six and forced the remainder to flee. No. 438 Squadron was assigned the task of dive bombing two concrete block houses overlooking the beach on which the 50th British Division was to land tanks. This operation had to be performed just as the tanks landing craft lowered their ramps. The first Allied planes to operate from French soil since 1940, RCAF squadrons No. 441, 442, and 443 continued to ravage enemy columns and support offensives throughout the Normandy campaign, helping to tilt the tactical balance in the Allies’ favour.

Royal Canadian Air Force Squadrons
2nd Tactical Airforce - 83 Group
- 126 Wing - 401, 411, 412 Squadrons
- 127 Wing - 403, 416, 421 Squadrons
- 144 Wing - 441, 442, 443 Squadrons
- 143 Wing - 438, 439, 440 Squadrons
- 39(R) Wing - 414, 430 Squadrons
2nd Tactical Airforce - 85 Group
- 409, 410 Squadrons
Fighter Command - 10 Group
- 406 Squadron
Fighter Command - 11 Group
- 402, 418 Squadrons
Bomber Command - 6 (RCAF) Group
- 408, 419, 420, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 431, 432, 433, 434 Squadrons
Bomber Command - 8 (P.F.F.) Group
- 405 Squadron
Coastal Command
- 423, 415, 404, 407 Squadrons
Golden Memories

Alex Chalmers
Halifax, NS
93 Years Young
June 9 2011

Betty Hodgens
Nanaimo, BC
82 Years Young
June 28 2011

James Earle
Halifax, NS
92 Years Young
June 2 2011

Dolores Micallef
Dartmouth, NS
75 Years Young
June 21 2011

Frank Holk
Dundas, ON
92 Years Young
June 18 2011

Roger and Jean Boutilin
Lower Sackville, NS
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 12 2011

Ken Gauthier
Moncton, NB
91 Years Young
June 17 2011

Jack and Vanella Lawrence
Oakville, ON
59 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 21 2011

John Neale
Dundas, ON
91 Years Young
June 25 2011

Murray and Patricia Labey
Dartmouth, NS
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 9 2011

Earl Giles
Antigonish, NS
90 Years Young
June 2 2011

John and Dolores Micallef
Dartmouth, NS
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 18 2011

Joseph Parker
Lower Sackville, NS
90 Years Young
June 12 2011

Fred and Joan Rostek
Lower Sackville, NS
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 25 2011

Marion Schimp
Truro, NS
87 Years Young
June 19 2011

Dennis and Marlene May
Halifax, NS
50 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 24 2011

Promotions

June 1954

Bishop, Colin W ......... LSLM
Costello, Frederick J ......... LSQM
Crooker, Kenneth J ......... LSRG
Irwin, Ernest (Rip) ......... LSLM

Levak, William A ......... LSPW
Porter, David R ......... LSLM
Sabourin, Laurier E ......... LSLM
Shanks, Raymond F ......... LSRP
Tilley, John B ......... LSAA

Days of Yore

June 25, 1940
HMCS Fraser. Collision. 47 lost

June 6, 1944
110 Canadian ships and vessels take part in D Day

June 13, 1956
HMCS Quebec paid off

June 22, 1992
HMCS Halifax commissions ion Halifax

Interesting Facts

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by ‘Bayer’.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can’t belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.
The Pastor's Ass

A Pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the Race Again, and it won again. The local paper read: **PA STO R 'S A SS O U T FRO N T.**

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor Not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read: **BISH O P SC R A TC H ES PA STO R 'S A SS.**

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Nun to Get rid Of the donkey. The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby Convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: **N U N  H A S BEST A SS IN  TOW N.**

The Bishop fainted!

He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so She Sold it to a farmer for $10. The next day the papers read: **N U N  S E L L S A SS FO R  $ 10.**

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Nun to buy back The Donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read: **N U N  A N N O U N C E S H E R  A SS IS W ILD  A N D  F R E E.**

The Bishop was buried the next day.

**The moral of the story is ...**

Being concerned about public opinion can Bring you much grief and misery It can Even shorten your life...

...So be yourself and enjoy life to the fullest. Stop worrying about everyone else’s ass And You’ll be a lot happier and live longer!
You Know You Are Living In 2011 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven’t played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don’t have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn’t even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
9. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
10. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. : )
11. You’re reading this and nodding and laughing.
12. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
13. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn’t a #9 on this list.