The next General Meeting will be held November 13, 2011 in the Mess. The Guest Speaker will be from the Last Post Fund. Visit our web-site at http://acpoa.net

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From the President By J. Gaylord Kingston

Our October meeting was well attended with some of our members there prior to leaving for the sunny South leaving the forthcoming winter of Canadian pleasure.

The Association’s share of the 50/50 was donated to the Margaurite Centre of which Guy Oulette is a Chairperson. A “one time only” collection was made by the attending members to this worthy cause. This is the only time that we will entertain such a collection, which was necessitated by administration shortcomings. Guy wishes to thank the members who contributed to a total of $180.25 for this women’s shelter.

The General Meeting for Sunday November 13 2011 will feature a representative from the Last Post Fund to expound on the article previously published (C and A. October 2011) and answer any questions concerning the Fund or of the RCNBF.

It is anticipated that we will be moving our office facilities in the New Year. While the details are not final as to our destination, we will be relocating.

We will be clearing out the present office space gradually in the coming days and we will be offering books and paraphernalia to our members for their personal use. We will probably have some articles at the next General Meeting on November 13 2011.

Quote of the Month: “Don’t worry about the world ending today… it’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

Photo: Jim Cummings on Flanders Field during his battlefield tour this year.
Sick & Visiting Committee Report
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Jack McMahon - 4427     Robert Bowers - 4433
Thomas Gilford - 4227   Paul Brunelle - 4525
Annie Cormier - 4423

4th Floor West
Ernest Finter - 4128     Ralph Russell - 4122

5th Floor East
Charlie Hall - 5421     Eric Publicover - 5525
John Duncan - 5435     Kenneth Walker - 5424
Mike Salkin - 5522     Margaret McCarthy - 5421
Hugh McMullin - 5431    Robert Slaunwhite - 5520

5th Floor West
Arthur Baldwin - 5220     John Lipton - 5130
Peter Waite - 5121     Bruce Parsons - 5133

6th Floor West
Frank Hansen - 6127     Henry Cooke - 6125
Gordon Tomlinson - 6124  Sydney McNevin - 6222
Reginald Pitts - 6120    Wilfred Watts - 6227

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Curtis McKinnon  Rm. 262   Myrtle Coffin Rm. 264

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Leo Ouellette       George Robertson
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Honorary Members 16
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 715

Membership dues are $25 per year

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Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton
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CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP
Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month

LAST POST
THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

Michael Nash 84 CPO
Sackville, NS 24-08-05

Alf Cockburn 91 PO
Toronto, ON 26-02-11

Danny Budge 74 P2WS
Halifax, NS 10-10-11

Gary Pratt 75 PO
Halifax, NS 14-10-11

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
Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries to remember the members of their armed forces who have died on duty since World War I. This day, or alternative dates, are also recognised as special days for war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the official end of World War I on that date in 1918, as the major hostilities of World War I were formally ended “at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice. (Note that “at the 11th hour” refers to the passing of the 11th hour, or 11:00 a.m.)

The day was specifically dedicated by King George V, on 7 November 1919, to the observance of members of the armed forces who were killed during World War I. This was possibly done upon the suggestion of Edward George Honey to Wellesley Tudor Pole, who established two ceremonial periods of remembrance based on events in 1917.

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem “In Flanders Fields.” These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I, their brilliant red colour an appropriate symbol for the blood spilt in the war.

Canada

In Canada, Remembrance Day is a public holiday in all provinces and territories except Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba. Veterans Affairs Canada, a federal entity, states that the date is for “remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace”; specifically, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Forces have participated.[6] The department runs a program called Canada Remembers with the mission of helping young and new Canadians, most of whom have never known war, “come to understand and appreciate what those who have served Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace stand for and what they have sacrificed for their country.”

The official national ceremonies are held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa, presided over by the Governor General of Canada, any members of the Royal Family (such as Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, in 2009), the prime minister, and other dignitaries, to the observance of the public. Typically, these events begin with the tolling of the Carillon in the Peace Tower, during which serving members of the Canadian Forces (CF) arrive at Confederation Square, followed by the Ottawa diplomatic
corps, ministers of the Crown, special
guests, the Royal Canadian Legion
(RCL), the viceregal party, and, if
present, the royal party. Before the
start of the ceremony, four armed
sentries and three sentinels (two flag
sentinels and one nursing sister) are
posted at the foot of the cenotaph.

The arrival of the Queen or
governor general is announced by a
trumpeter sounding the "Alert",
whereupon the monarch or viceroy is
met by the Dominion President of the
RCL and escorted to a dais to receive
the Royal or Viceregal Salute, after
which the national anthem, "O
Canada", is played. The moment of
remembrance begins with the bugling
of "Last Post" immediately before
11:00 a.m., at which time the gun
salute fires and the bells of the Peace
Tower toll the hour. Another gun
salute signals the end of the two
minutes of silence, and cues the
playing of a lament, the bugling of
"The Rouse" and the reading of the
Act of Remembrance. A flypast of
Royal Canadian Air Force craft then
occurs at the start of a 21 gun salute,
upon the completion of which a choir
sings "In Flanders Fields". The various
parties then lay their wreaths at the
base of the memorial; one wreath is
set by the Silver Cross Mother, a
recent recipient of the Memorial
Cross, on behalf of all mothers who
lost children in any of Canada’s armed
conflicts. The royal and/or viceregal
group return to the dais to receive the
playing of the Royal Anthem of

Canada, "God Save the Queen", prior
to the assembled Armed Forces
personnel and veterans performing a
march past in front of the royal
and/or viceregal persons, bringing
about the end of the official
ceremonies. A tradition of paying
more personal tribute to the sacrifice
of those who have served and lost
their lives in defence of the country
has emerged since erection of the
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the
War Memorial in 2000: after the
official ceremony the general public
place their poppies atop the tomb.

Similar ceremonies take place in
provincial capitals across the country,
officiated by the relevant lieutenant
governor, as well as in other cities,
towns, and even hotels or corporate
headquarters. Schools will usually
hold special assemblies for the first
half of the day, or on the school day
prior, with various presentations
concerning the remembrance of the
war dead. The largest indoor
ceremony in Canada is usually held in
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, with over
9,000 gathering in Credit Union
Centre in 2010; the ceremony
participants include old guard
(veterans), new guard (currently

serving members of the CF), and sea,
army, and air cadet units.

Promotions

November 1959

Mattice, Peter A. ..............LSRP
Newton, John D. ..........P1QR
Parker, Willard ...............P2ERT
Ranger, Lionel H ..........P2EF
Richardson, Donald.........P2CV
Taylor, Kenneth L ..........C2EM

Golden Memories

Edward MacDonald
Beaverbank, NS
95 Years Young
November 11 2011

Joseph Montgomery
Scarborough, ON
94 Years Young
November 24 2011

Bill and Alice Edison
Richmond Hill, ON
50 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 7 2011

Maurice and Barbara Ash
Porter’s Lake, NS
58 Years of Wedded Bliss
October 20 2011

Vaughn and Bonita Feltham
South Brookfield, NS
51 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 1 2011

William and Dorothy Wals
London, ON
62 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 12 2011

Jim and Glenda Johnson
Halifax, NS
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
November 16 2011

Days of Yore

November 25 1944
HMCS Shawinigan . torpedoed
. 91 lost

November 6, 1867
1st. parliament opens . members get
$ 6.00 per day

November 16, 1867
William Hall award the Victoria Cross

November 11, 1918
Armistice is signed at 11 AM to end
WW 1

November 28, 1954
48 RCN volunteers begin sub training
in the UK
ONE OF THE LEAST KNOWN stories of the Second World War is that of a unique group of West Coast fishermen who went to war in their fishing boats. These fishermen put on naval uniforms, had guns, minesweeping gear and depth charge mountings installed on their craft, hoisted the White Ensign, and put to sea as part of the wartime Royal Canadian Navy. Their job was to patrol Canada’s Pacific coast, with its hundreds of islands, inlets and channels, alert for any evidence of enemy activity. The coast of the B.C. mainland measures 1,579 miles and the islands add another 3,979 miles.

For the patrol job there was none better than the fishermen with their first-hand knowledge of the coast and its tricky waters. Their small craft were capable of penetrating the small bays and inlets along the B.C. coast. Members of the Fishermen’s Reserve performed numerous salvage tasks, aided other vessels in distress, and once landed a crew in a densely wooded area to capture a bandit. Necessary orders to organize the Fishermen’s Reserve were approved by the government in 1938, and in February, 1939, the training program was started. The keenness of B.C.’s fishermen was reflected in the fact that the first course, which lasted one month, resulted in more than 40 boats turning up with full crews.

When war was declared, the Reserve was immediately called up and the fishing boats reported for duty as they arrived in harbour from the fishing grounds. By the end of September, sixteen vessels had reported at Esquimalt or Prince Rupert, and immediate steps were taken to outfit the boats for their war duties. They were armed with depth charges and light anti-aircraft guns, and many were also equipped for inshore minesweeping. Up to the end of 1941 no administrative staff had been established for the Reserve, and the duties of Commanding Officer were carried out by the Commanding Officer of HMCS Givenchy, a naval establishment at Esquimalt. When Japan entered the war in December 1941, there was an immediate need for more patrols along the Pacific coast.

The need was partially met by commandeering 20 vessels formerly owned by Japanese fishermen. These were fitted out by the Navy and manned by the Fishermen’s Reserve. In September 1942, orders were issued to recruit 400 men as soon as possible for assault landing craft duties. William Head quarantine station, near Esquimalt, formerly used for training, was again taken over by the Reserve. By this time, most fishermen were already in the Reserve, or had enlisted in other armed forces, and many recruits came from logging camps. As the war entered its fourth year, the Reserve boasted 50 vessels with a complement of almost 1,000 officers and men.

The Fishermen’s Reserve had two ranks not found elsewhere in the service. These were the officer’s ranks of "skipper coxswain" and "coxswain", which corresponded to warrant rank in the regular navy and reserves, except that they were junior to the established warrant ranks. The two ranks were apparently introduced to meet the case of men who were perfectly competent to handle small ships in coastal waters but who lacked the academic or technical qualifications usually required of a naval officer. The ranks with their lower pay and limited opportunities of promotion, led to some dissatisfaction and, in the case of the "coxswain", to confusion.

The Fishermen’s Reserve coxswain wore officer’s uniform but his sleeves were devoid of gold lace. This sometimes meant coxswains were mistaken for chaplains - a misunderstanding that could be quickly dispelled by the salty language of the fisherman. By 1943, it became clear to all concerned that if the war continued it would become essential for the Fishermen’s Reserve personnel to undergo regular naval training to offset the increasing difficulties of operating a navy within a navy. A naval staff officer was appointed and a training syllabus drafted. The assault landing craft unit organized earlier had been separated from the Fishermen’s Reserve by 1943, and its training was now taken over by the RCN at HMCS Naden, at Esquimalt. There was a need for this unit overseas, however, and the Fishermen’s Reserve regulations permitted personnel to serve only on the West Coast.

The problem was solved by taking trained volunteers from the Fishermen’s Reserve into the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. By April 1943, HMCS Givenchy II was commissioned at Esquimalt to provide the Fishermen’s Reserve with a dock area, mess halls and classrooms. An instructional staff was selected and a training syllabus put into operation including field training, seamanship, signals, pilotage, AA gunnery and lectures by commanding officers of various ships.
As the threat to the coast diminished, steps were taken to disband the Fisherman’s Reserve. Personnel were given the choice of transferring to the RCNVR or returning to essential industry. Charter vessels were returned to their owners. By the early part of 1944, all but 180 men had been transferred to the RCNVR or were discharged, and in January, 1945, the last Fishermen’s Reserve rating was demobilized. With their seamanship, intimate knowledge of local waters, enthusiasm and readiness for duty, its officers and men won an extremely good name for the Fishermen’s Reserve. One officer was awarded the MBE for an outstanding job of rescue in heavy weather, and five other officers and three men received awards for similar deeds, or exceptional services of other kinds. Theirs was a unique, little-known organization whose members answered the call in a time of emergency and quietly gave outstanding service until the job was done.

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.

November 2011

George Friis 77 Halifax, NS 04-09-11
Donald Blackbeard 79 Mundleville, NB 09-10-11
William ’Spike’ Sullivan 88 Windsor, NS 30-09-11
Cec Bedard 74 Levis, QC 22-11
Gerald Bourgeois 77 Dartmouth, NS 03-11
William Bowen 71 Gibson, BC 20-11
Rene Brousseau 77 Bedford, NS 19-11
Douglas Giles 88 Orillia, ON 21-11
Eric Edgar 78 Waverley, NS 14-11
Larry Freeborn 74 New Glasgow, NS 17-11
James O’Hanley 69 Victoria, BC 14-11
Sam Graham 86 Dartmouth, NS 27-11
Ronald Chafe 77 Sarnia, ON 27-11
Charles Hamilton 66 Charlo, NB 10-11
Arnel Roy 73 Rogersville, NB 06-11
William Henbrey 76 Dartmouth, NS 20-11
James Saunders 81 Pugwash, NS 09-11
James Heslop 72 London, ON 21-11
Ralph Roberts 80 Petit de Gras, NS 01-11
Gordon Holstead 74 Dartmouth, NS 21-11
Peter Sinderley 78 Eastern Passage, NS 01-11
George Hue 70 Lower Sackville, NS 04-11
Harry Suto 79 Dartmouth, NS 10-11
John Hunter 79 Bridgewater, NS 05-11
Sid Wallace 88 Calgary, AB 01-11
Joseph Kostal 76 Cole Harbour, NS 06-11
Donald Williams 75 Halifax, NS 23-11
Nelson Larche 78 Burlington, ON 06-11
George Whittle 80 Mount Pearl, NF 21-11
Patrick McClure 79 Abbotsford, BC 12-11
Ron Robertson 83 Halifax, NS 19-11
Ronald McGregor 78 Halifax, NS 20-11
Sid Wallace 88 Calgary, AB 01-11
Robert Mercer 73 East Labelle, NS 29-11
James Morrice 70 Nepean, ON 29-11
Nelson Larche 78 Burlington, ON 06-11
James Johnson 76 Halifax, NS 03-11
Arnel Roy 73 Rogersville, NB 06-11
Larry Freeborn 74 New Glasgow, NS 17-11
James O’Hanley 69 Victoria, BC 14-11
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.

The Stadacona Band of Maritime Forces Atlantic, along with special guest performers, presents the 10th annual ‘Til We Meet Again Concert at the Bella Rose Arts Centre, 283 Thomas Radall Dr, Halifax, Tuesday Nov 8 at 7 p.m. All proceeds to Camp Hill Veteran’s Memorial Garden. Tickets, $20.00 ea, are available at the box office 457-3239 or on line at www.bellaroseartscentre.com

Royal Canadian Naval Association

General Meeting - Sunday November 27

At Ken And Barbs in Oromocto
277 Restigouche Rd
Meet And Greet at 1300 Pm
Meeting Commences at 1400
Up Spirits
Closing Meal $13.00 at 1500 Hrs.
Bring a Friend,
Lets Make this Meeting a Good One.
Christmas Dinner

Our new Entertainment Chairman, 'Buck' Cannon, is carrying on the tradition of excellent service as instituted by his predecessor, Vince Carr, with his first endeavour.

Menu for Christmas Dinner
Wednesday December 7 2011
Centennial Legion
Main Street, Dartmouth

- Juice—apple / tomato roll / butter
- Garden salad
- Prime rib roast beef
  (Chicken Kiev available in limited quantity for non beef eaters)
  (advance notice required)
- Mashed potatoes
- Peas / Carrots
- Apple crisp with whipped cream
- Tea/coffee
- $25.00 per plate
- Cash bar

Meet & Greet 18:30hrs
Dinner 19:00hrs
Dress - casual
D/J booked

Payment must be made to ‘Buck’ Cannon prior to Friday November 25, 2011. Persons who wish to sit in a group will notify Buck prior to November 24 2011.

Buck may be contacted at 469 7699.

Top 10 reasons why you are too old to Trick or Treat:

10. You keep knocking on your own front door.
9. You remove your false teeth to change your ap
8. You ask for soft high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, and you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say: 'Great Boris Karloff Mask,' and you're not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you yell, 'Trick or...' and you can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that doesn't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.
And the number one reason Seniors should not go Trick Or Treating...
1. You keep having to go home to pee.

No matter, have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN anyway