From the President  
By J. Gaylord Kingston

At the September General Meeting, our first after the Summer break, we were pleased to have a very good turnout of members and guests. The minutes of the meetings are available in the office and a verification of the Association revenues and expenses are available by contacting our Treasurer, Cathy Belanger, by appointment.

Our representation at the monthly gathering at the Veterans Memorial Building was very good. I stress every month that it takes very little effort to drop by on the 4th, Saturday of each month to visit with our friends and veterans. There is no requirement for you to participate in the care of the veterans, solely your presence to show our appreciation and dedication to these persons of our own way of life. If you were in their position, I am sure that you would appreciate the fact that someone cares enough about you to pass a short time in your presence. We have some entertainment for them and we offer sandwiches and sweets as provided by our members. If you are unable, for some reason, unable to spend a little time with us, perhaps you can drop off a few goodies at the main desk of the building on the afternoon of the event. We commence the activities at 1830 and we usually wrap up at approximately 1930. Contact me for any information or questions that you may have about the event.

Quote of the Month: “Alcohol does not solve a problem, but then again neither does milk.”
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Thomas Gilford - 4227     Paul Brunelle - 4525
Annie Cormier - 4423

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

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

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Arthur Baldwin - 5220      John Lipton - 5130
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First the Executive Loop, then the Word Royal, now the old Man wants to bring back flagging.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
Charter, Ordinary,
Affiliate and Life Members 683
Honourary Members 16
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 716

Membership dues are $25 per year

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Naval Weapons Association (Ottawa Chapter)
Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton
Chief’s & PO’s/ WO’s & Sgt’s Mess Dows Lake
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CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP
Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month
"In our military, it is often tradition and a sense of place in history that sustains us, especially when life is under threat. To reinstate the long-established names of our armed services supports the Canadians serving in harm’s way around the world, is respectful of our veterans, and is good for our nation." Astronaut Chris Hadfield

With the suppression in 1968 of the RCN and RCAF a significant part of our military heritage was lost. Now, forty-three years later, the historic identities of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force have been restored to the Canadian Forces.

Our campaign to restore the “Royal Honours” began in 2007 by making optimal use of the tools available to us. There was an online petition, a website, a blog and the use of promotional and patriotic videos. We eventually gained access to thousands of comments and email addresses from signatories of the petition that were especially used to maximum effect during key moments of the campaign.

A reconnaissance of the matter revealed the certain minefields that lay before us: the emotional hot-button issue of ‘unification’, the symbolism of the prefix ‘Royal’, the invariable canard over ‘cost’ and ‘effort’, political and cultural biases, and even the monarchy itself. It was important for us to avoid these distractions and remain focused on the task before us: to convince the government of the virtue of restoring the Royal titles within the existing unified command of the Canadian Forces.

Not unexpectedly, we encountered some stiff resistance. When MP Laurie Hawn agreed to sponsor our petition in 2007, researchers in the Library of Parliament wrote that it would take mountains of paperwork, require royal proclamations and up to 67 statutory amendments to enact. While we were prepared to move Heaven and Earth, this torrent of misinformation was a setback that did somewhat delay our progress.

(Fortunately, in due course, we received the opinion of Dr. Christopher McCreery, an authority in the matter of ‘Titles and Honours’, who confirmed that the RCN and RCAF were never actually abolished, that they indeed still subsisted as merged entities within the CF, and that the Minister of National Defence could simply resume usage of the titles by virtue of the executive authority already available to him.)

We had thought that the then-upcoming Canadian Naval Centennial would be the catalyst to ‘Give the Navy its name back!’ as Senator Joe Day so passionately argued in the media, but Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden’s ‘don’t rock the boat’ message sent a negative chill throughout the navy that spilled over into the Naval Officers Association whose support we thought critical.

Although we were perplexed by the head of Maritime Command’s lack of enthusiasm for our project, he may have foreseen that the restoration of our military and naval heritage and the symbolism of monarchy were mutually reinforcing in a potentially powerful way, and that the navy may not be immune to possible divisions emanating from certain quarters of the country. The admiral had ‘bigger fish to fry’.

Things were moving rather slowly until, incredibly, in October 2010, a motion by Sen. Bill Rompkey to change the universally unloved ‘Maritime Command’ to (not the Royal) ‘Canadian Navy’ made it onto the floor of the Senate. When the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence chose to hold hearings on the matter, we knew that things had finally come to a head. It was then that we were called by the Prime Minister’s Office.

We learned that PM Harper was sympathetic to the restoration (initially this only concerned the Navy though it only made sense that the Air Force would be included as well), but that the government would remain neutral while the matter was being deliberated in the Senate. We were advised that although the petition was informative, it was imperative to demonstrate the support of most, if not all, veteran groups and ex-service associations, as a necessary precondition to government action. We were also encouraged to keep the MND and the PMO abreast of our progress.

The Senate hearings proceeded, albeit with an apparent bias in favour of ‘Canadian Navy’, even though most senators on the committee, led by Senators Day, Plett and Manning,
argued in support of the navy’s traditional designation. When we blitzed the Senate Committee with what the Chair, Sen. Pamela Wallin termed our ‘orchestrated email campaign’, it was to ensure that the senators were aware of the names of the thousands who had signed the petition; especially after one retired admiral testified that he had not met a single person who wanted a return to the RCN!

Over the next eight months, a collaborative relationship with the PMO developed which, while not a guarantee of success, gave us a growing confidence that culminated on December 14th, 2010, when the Senate unanimously passed a revised motion encouraging the government to adopt a title with the word ‘Navy’ in it. We sensed victory. The prospect of the “Royal Canadian Navy” would live to fight another day.

The imperative to win further support from stakeholder groups did, however, seem to present a rather daunting challenge. Although we undoubtedly had the overwhelming favour of veterans at the grassroots level, we were disappointed that the national executives of the Naval Officers Association, the Air Force Association and even the Royal Canadian Legion were all initially opposed, arguing that the government would not be able to defend either the effort or the cost.

Not confident that they were speaking on behalf of their membership, we communicated directly with individual branches and organizations across the country, with very positive results. This included literally dozens of associations, most especially the National Council of Veteran Associations, an umbrella organization representing 58 distinct veteran groups all led by Canada’s beloved ‘Mr. Veteran’, Cliff Chadderton. These results would make the government sufficiently comfortable, but the effort to

maximize stakeholder support would continue until the eve of the Minister’s historic announcement made from HMC Dockyard Halifax on August 16th, 2011.

We are enormously gratified that our campaign was successful, for our deserving veterans and those retired and serving members of the Forces who have long dreamed of this day. That a solid majority of Canadians, across all spectra, support the restoration is tremendously satisfying.

May the RCN and RCAF remain impregnable fortresses from this day forward, and may the pride of our military men and women be well served because of it.

Michael Smith is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and a former naval officer. Gregory Benton is a past Regimental Chaplain of the Royal Regiment of Canada

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**Days of Yore**

**October 19, 1940:**
HMCS Bras D’ Or . escort service - 30 lost

**October 22, 1940:**
HMCS Margaree . collision - 142 lost

**October 21, 1943:**
HMCS Chedabucto . collision - 1 lost

**October 25, 1944:**
HMCS Skeena . storm . 15 lost

**October 2, 1952:**
HMCS Iroquois hit by shell in Korea - 3 lost

**October 28, 1955:**
HMCS St. Laurent commissioned

**October 23, 1969:**
HMCS Kootenay explosion and fire - 9 lost

**October 20, 1867:**
Ottawa named capital of Canada

**October 23, 1958:**
Explosion in Springhill NS - 74 miners killed
Notice from NSNOA

Among my activities, I am President of the Nova Scotia Naval Officers' Association, a branch of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada (NOAC).

You may be aware that the NOAC is concerned about the decline in its membership - currently standing at about one half of what it was fifteen years ago, and its relevancy to today’s Navy. To that end, NOAC is examining whether it is possible to cooperate in some way with other like-minded organizations. In order to acquaint you with the thinking behind a reorganization of our organization, a letter that was sent to NOAC Branch Presidents earlier this summer, after our 2011 AGM. NSNOA Branch has decided to become part of a new, more-open Naval Association of Canada, as discussed in the letter. Other details are still being worked out. Whatever happens at the national level, it makes sense to me that some type of regional cooperation among organizations such as yours and mine should be established in this province and the Maritimes generally.

It may be that an NOAC representative from our National office will attend the RCNA AGM in Woodstock, in order to inform that meeting of our plans and to explore the possibilities for some type of broader relationship between those of us who have served in the Navy. A good example of cooperation, as you well know, is the CNMT and our combined efforts to preserve HMCS Sackville as our National Naval Memorial.

Doug

Douglas S. Thomas
President, NS Naval Officers’ Association
Executive Director, Canadian Naval Memorial Trust
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Maude and Claude

Maude and Claude, both 91, lived in The Villages, in Florida.

They met at the singles club meeting and discovered over time that they enjoyed each other’s company.

After several weeks of meeting for coffee, Claude asked Maude out for dinner and, much to his delight, she accepted.

They had a lovely evening.

They dined at the most romantic restaurant in town.

Despite his age, they ended up at his place for an after-dinner drink.

Things continued along a natural course and age being no inhibitor, Maude soon joined Claude for a most enjoyable roll in the hay.

As they were basking in the glow of the magic moments they'd shared, each was lost for a time in their own thoughts.....

Claude was thinking: “If I'd known she was a virgin, I’d have been gentler.”

Maude was thinking: “If I'd known he could still do it, I’d have taken off my tights.”

Promotions

October 1957

Barr, Paul J ................. P2EM
Chalmers, Robert B ........ P1TD
Faulkner, Ralph B ........... P1QR
Giroux, William R ........... P1QM
Ouellet, Guy .................. P1RP
Shanks, Raymond F .......... P1PT

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
A Sailor is sitting in the bar in departures area at a busy airport. A beautiful woman walks in and sits down at the table next to him. He decides because she's got a uniform on, she's probably an off-duty flight Attendant.

So he decides to have a go at picking her up by identifying the airline she flies for, thereby impressing her greatly.

He leans across to her and says the Delta Airlines motto, “We love to fly and it shows.”

The woman looks at him blankly. He sits back and thinks up another line.

He leans forward again and delivers the Air France motto. “Winning the hearts of the world.”

Again she just stares at him with a slightly puzzled look on her face.

Undeterred, he tries again, this time saying the Malaysian Airlines motto. “Going beyond expectations.”

The woman looks at him sternly and says “What the f----k do you want?”

“Ah!” he says, sitting back with a smile on his face. “Air Canada.”

Submitted by Scotty
Most who served in Canada’s Military Forces, including the Reserve Forces, the Merchant Navy, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are already aware of the many places across Canada where Generals now lie with Privates, those with Decorations lie beside those without battle acclaim and wealthy men and women lie with the penniless. These are the Fields of Honour and Columbaria that are operated by the Last Post Fund to provide a final resting place for our Veterans to be with their comrades. Many however, are not aware that these unique and beautiful resting places also allow the option to include an additional family member when you are making your final arrangements, and that Columbaria niches are able to be purchased by currently serving members of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP. The Last Post Fund, Nova Scotia Branch in addition to administering the The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program and their own Special Grave Marking program, also owns and operates the Veterans’ Columbarium which is located at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, located in Halifax just inside the Windsor Street entrance. It is here where the cremated remains of Veterans and a loved one are placed in a niche for final resting. The Columbarium offers the following advantages to those who may be contemplating the arrangements he or she may wish to make now for piece-of-mind purposes:

• Very competitively priced with the option to pay fully at purchase date or on a time basis.
• Central location easily accessible for family and friends to pay their respects.
• Niche includes opening and closing cost plus the engraving and perpetual care.
• Purchases will help provide funding for other Last Post Fund initiatives.

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