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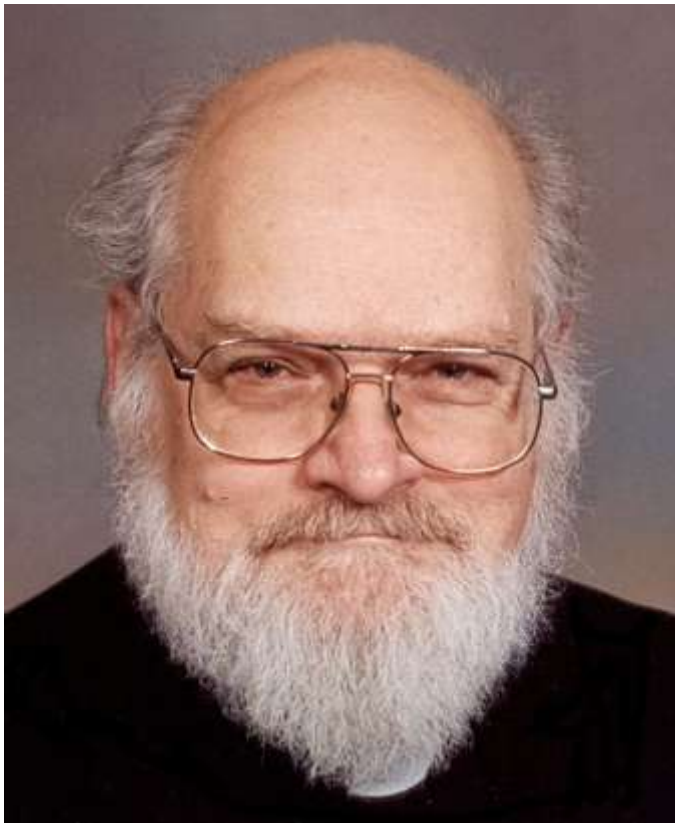


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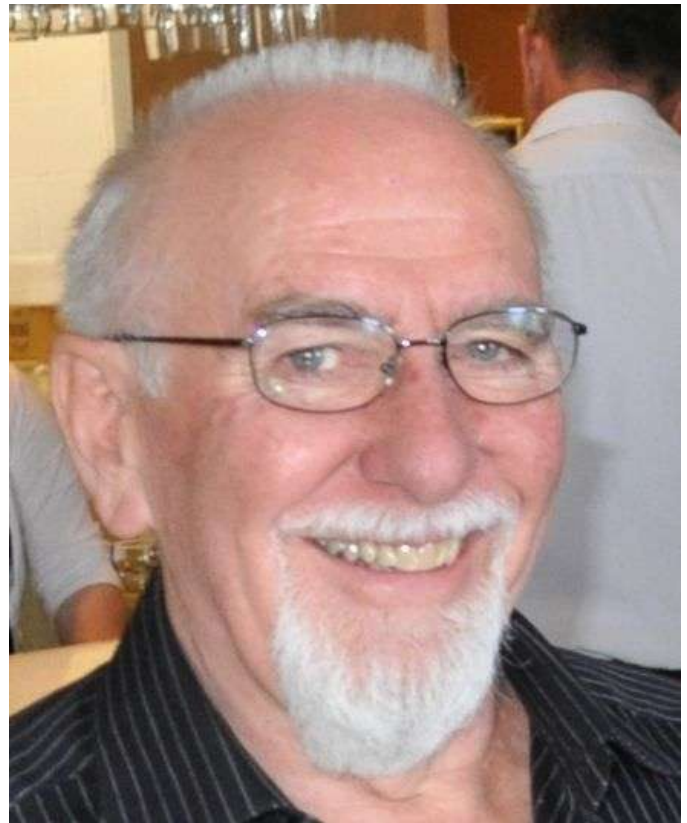
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UNT Association “Change of Command”



Bill Thomas



Roger Elmes

After 7 years at the helm of the UNTD Association of Canada, Bill Thomas performed his last official function as President, in Ottawa on Oct. 5, 2014.

Roger Elmes was elected by acclamation as President, at a Board of Directors meeting in Toronto on Dec. 11, 2014. More information inside on page 2.

During his 7 full years as President, Bill Thomas (PREVOST '59) has chaired 28 or more Board of Directors meetings and hosted or otherwise participated in dozens of UNTD events and reunions in numerous cities, on 2 continents and 3 countries. Those events have been well chronicled in past issues of this Newsletter. At the same time Bill has served as the Association Webmaster and Chaplain and will continue in those roles.

When asked to reflect on his 7 years at the helm and what was most gratifying for him, Bill unhesitatingly replied that it was the expansion of the Association from its local Southwestern Ontario roots to become a truly National organization with members, Directors and events from Coast-to-Coast; not unlike the UNTD Program itself. There are now over 500 UNTDs in active contact.

Before, during and after that time, Bill and Jette were involved in numerous other activities, most but not all, Navy-related. The NOAC/NAC, HAIDA, Burl-Oak Naval Vets, and the Legion are a few that come to mind. Bill continues to perform Chaplain/Padre duties for these and other organizations as well, and has been the Officiant for many a Memorial service for major events as well as for individuals who have crossed the bar.

A "man who wears many hats" is a turn of phrase applying to a busy person. Usually it is meant figuratively but in Bill Thomas' case it often applied literally, and on the same day if not at the same event. Bill has recently been named as a National Director of the Naval Association of Canada and last Fall Bill and Jette were awarded the NAC's Bronze Medallion and Certificate of Appreciation, respectively, for their work in taking over and expanding the Toronto Branch's Hamilton Area Group. (see picture below)



Bill & Jette – Oct. 3, 2014, Ottawa, ON photo: WAC

Preceding Bill Thomas as President, from 2006 – 2007, was Etobicoke resident Doug Hain. Doug had also served a much longer term as President a number of years earlier. Doug is now the Association's Secretary.

I'm sure we all hoist our virtual Bravo Zulus and heartily thank Bill Thomas for all that he's done for us, individually and collectively over the 7 years.

Roger Elmes (STAR '60), currently living in White Rock, BC joined the UNTD Association Board in 2011, to represent the Western Region, taking over from Brooke Campbell who had held that position for a number of years. Roger was and is very active in the UNTD and larger Naval Community in Vancouver/Victoria and has brought a number of dormant Cadets back into the fold.

In June, 2013 Roger organized and hosted a major UNTD Reunion, Weepers and Dinner at the NADEN Wardroom to coincide with an NAC AGM. It was a very high profile event and by every account, a huge success.

This is the first time in 25 years that the UNTD Association President has not been resident in Ontario. The prodigious use of email and in recent years the introduction of teleconferencing at UNTD meetings has rendered a physical presence unnecessary.

New Regional Directors:

At the UNTD Association General Meeting in Ottawa on Oct. 5, 2014, two important motions were passed unanimously.

The first was to formally expand the Membership criteria to include those from the post-1968 follow-on programs, collectively referred to as ROUTP. Although much less numerous, the ROUTPs carried on the UNTD legacy through Unification and on into the present day. There was never any overt exclusion of this group but as the Association evolved from its Toronto beginnings in 1987, a persistent perception was created that there was.

The second motion was to approach Hugues Létourneau (DONNACONA '72), from Quebec City, to join the Association and become the Regional Director for Quebec. He accepted and so we were able to stop holding our breath. Hugues has had a very lengthy, highly productive career in the NAVRES, interspersed with periods of Continuous Naval Duty in Halifax and elsewhere. He retired last Fall as a CAPT(N) having been amongst other things, CO DONNACONA 1992-95. Hugues is no stranger to the UNTD having worked closely with them for a good part of his career. His older brother Frank was a UNTD '58 and his father-in-law, Rollie Marshall was a UNTD '47. We can only profit from Hugues' insight and sensibilities into the post-'68 cadre, the current state of the NavRes and the francophone Quebec view of it all.

In mid-February, 2015 Roger Elmes proposed that the West Coast Region be subdivided into separate Vancouver and Victoria Regions. Both cities have increasingly large clusters of UNTDs, who are either native to or who have retired there. Russ Cape (CHIPPAWA '62), a long-time resident of Victoria, was approached and agreed to take on that task. Russ is well connected to the very vibrant Naval Community that centers itself around the West Coast Fleet.

So we all welcome Roger, Hugues and Russ and thank them for taking on their new roles. We will hear more from and about them as we go along.

Ed File in Selma, Alabama in 1965:

Ed File (YORK '49) has had numerous unique experiences both in the Navy and in the Church. He is one of very few to have served in the RCNR, RNR and USNR. Some of those experiences have appeared in UNTiDy Tales and in the pages of the Newsletter. In December, 2014 The Taiwanese Human Rights Association of Canada awarded Ed its Inaugural Albert J.F. Lin Human Rights Award, for his key role in Taiwan's peaceful democratization over the last 30 years.

Going back even further, Ed was actively involved in the historic Civil Rights Marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in March, 1965. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of that event, the UCObserver, the Newsletter of the United Church of Canada, printed an interview with Ed, conducted by Matthew Behrens. That interview is excerpted below [Editor];

Interview with Rev. Ed File:

The retired United Church minister, now living outside Belleville, Ont., talks about the historic Selma-Montgomery march for civil rights in 1965, in which he took part.

Q: In 1965, where were you when you responded to Dr. King's call for clergy to join the Selma-Montgomery march?

A: I'd been working as superintendent of a North Winnipeg United Church mission. We had an active community centre, the first halfway house for prisoners in Canada, and a large fresh air camp in Gimli. The social programming we ran reflected my call to the ministry, which was based on Jesus' teachings on love and justice.

Q: How familiar were you with the civil rights movement?

A: I had studied at Boston University under the same people who taught Dr. King during his PhD. I heard him speak there before he became really famous. I was also part of demonstrations against segregation.

Q: The year before Selma, three civil rights workers had been murdered in Mississippi. Did that news make you fearful when considering the call to go to Selma?

A: No, in fact, that spurred me on. Those three young people had been very much in my mind. [I remember having] a feeling of solidarity with them and [remember] what they had done and suffered as a consequence. It was important for more of us from the North to go down and join in what they were doing.

Q: How did you get to Selma?

A: A pastor friend from Winnipeg had gone south, and we'd kept in touch about his involvement in campaigns like desegregation of the beaches. His church was attacked, and he moved to Philadelphia. I called him and said, "I feel the call that I'm meant to go to Selma, and I believe you're feeling the call too, although you probably aren't feeling it as strongly as I am." We flew down and met up at the home of a white Montgomery family.

Q: What was the mood in Alabama?

A: There was certainly some tension. When we got there, we heard the news that James Reeb [a Unitarian minister who had gone south as well] had been killed. The first night, the phone rang, and someone made threats against the family for having white marchers staying in their house. The owner of the house calmly went to his closet, pulled out a gun and put it by his front door.

Ed File in Selma, Alabama in 1965: (cont'd)

Q: What was onlookers' response to the march?

A: Some pretty angry white folks were yelling lots of nasty things, especially to white people like me. As ministers, we wore our church collar, and the police would yell at us, "You're a phony!"

Q: Did you have a sense of history in the making?

A: At the time, it felt like part of the emerging social justice struggle that we were all a part of. This was one of many engagements that I felt called to be involved with.

Q: What stays with you most when you think of Selma?

A: Definitely, the spirituality and singing. One of my favourites is When the Saints Go Marching In. That song and movements for justice are such wonderful ethical examples of throwing nonviolence against violence. The saints were marching in Selma; in South Africa against apartheid; with Gandhi; with so many others. And the saints are marching still in Ferguson, in Washington, in New York — everywhere.

Q: What motivates you to stay involved in social justice efforts?

A: I try to see things in the framework of the teachings of Jesus and the ethical ideals of the world's great religions. Those ideals are permanent through the centuries, and people who are touched by those or view them as the focus of their lives see that it is an ongoing struggle for justice in what we used to call the civilized world. I see that steps that we had taken toward making societies more civil are being backed away from. It's horrendous what humans are doing to each other all over the world when we have the resources to be inclusive and to have equity for all.

Edgar F. File



1965



2014

Ed has been a Director of the UNTD Association for many years. He has attended numerous UNTD events over that same time including the 2011 Cruise to the UK and visit to the URNUs. He's currently living in Marysville, ON which is between Belleville and Kingston.

Personally, I'm not seeing a substantial difference in the two pictures above which were taken 49 years apart [Editor].

Gordon Smith - Royal Roads/UNTD

Recollections:

During its 25-year run, the UNTD Program was anything but monolithic. From its humble beginnings in 1942 at the height of the Battle of the Atlantic, to the flower-power era of the late-1960s, the program and its 8,000 members survived by adapting to the changing needs of the Navy. In 1950 the Program's summer training was well established at the RTE in Esquimalt where resources were available to train up to 1000 Cadets. At that time Royal Roads and RMC Naval Cadets were not paid or otherwise subsidized during the school year and so were integrated into the UNTD summer training program for Pay & Admin purposes by being attached to MALAHAT and issued U-numbers. This arrangement went on until 1954. A number of RCN luminaries from that period were thus summertime UNTDs. VADM Nigel Brodeur (U-9060) being one of them. Our own UNTD Association Treasurer and Membership Director, Dick Wilson, being another. Gordon Smith was also in that group and has provided some interesting details of his career and adventures, which are partially chronicled below [Editor];

SMITH, Gordon Frederick
[RR/UNTD/RCN - RR 3429, U-69275, O-68046]

In 1946, I joined the Royal Oak Sea Cadet Corps in Stratford, Ontario. In our summer training we went to Princess Alice camp on Georgian Bay and HMCS Cornwallis in Deep Brook NS.

By 1951, I rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Then I applied to go to Royal Roads Military College and Queen's University. I was accepted by both but I decided on Royal Roads because I was offered a Navy League scholarship. This would pay my accommodation, board, 4 trips to Victoria and home to Stratford. The scholarship was worth \$572.00. I joined Royal Roads in 1951 and then the Navy, through the ROTP program, in 1952. All expenses were paid plus I received about \$65 per month.

After 2 years in Royal Roads, I went to the Royal Naval Engineering College in Plymouth, England for the Basic Engineering course (2 years), Specialist course (1 year) and Post Graduate course in Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London, England (2 years). This training qualified me as a Professional Engineer in Quebec or Ontario.

I served in HMCS Ontario (cruiser), Beacon Hill, Antigonish, (frigates) for summer training, then Bonaventure (aircraft carrier) as a Watch-keeping Officer and Flight Deck Engineering Officer), NDHQ Ottawa, and Provider as her Engineering Officer. In 1968, I was sent to the Naval Central Drawing office in Montreal on the DDH 280 drawings program. I resigned from the Navy in 1969 mostly because of the unification uncertainty. I worked for United Aircraft Limited and German & Milne, Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. In 1972, G&M had a contract for my services as chief engineer in charge of setting to work and trials of HMCS Iroquois and Huron. In 1974, I formed my own company and acted as a consultant in Systems Engineering and Management, mainly in the field of marine engineering. I retired in 1995 and moved to Ottawa. My wife and I have travelled extensively. In 2007, we did an around the world cruise in MS Amsterdam.

I belong to the HMCS Bytown Wardroom, RMC Club (Old Brigade), Naval Officers Association of Canada, and the Navy League of Canada.

Gordon Smith - Royal Roads/UNTD - Recollections: (cont'd)

I enjoyed my Navy life which all began with my early Sea Cadet experience. I very much support the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education program.

BONAVENTURE EXPERIENCES:

I returned from the Marine Engineering Specialist course at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, Plymouth to join HMCS Bonaventure in Sept. 1958. I was on board to get my engineering watch-keeping ticket. By the end of 1959, after many hours of watch-keeping, John O'Neil, Archie Husband, and I went to the Mechanical Training Center in Stadacona to get our Certificate of Competency. We all failed. About 3 months later, we tried again and John and I passed. I was then put in charge of the flight deck as Flight Deck Engineering Officer (FDEO). The Bonnie had both the Banshee with jet engines and Trackers, turbo propellers, on board.

We sailed to the UK late 1959 with full load of 4 banshees and 6 trackers. We were in the Irish Sea about midnight, cold and dark, when the last aircraft was to be launched. The catapult "fire" button was pushed and a few seconds later, the large search lights on the bridge came on, which completely blinded us on deck. We looked forward and saw a large splash in front of the ship. The catapult had given the Banshee a "cold" shot and the aircraft did not obtain flying speed. The ship cut the Banshee between the wing and fuselage and knocked Wally Slone, the pilot, into the water. The plane guard, HMCS Haida, picked Wally up and he was returned to Bonnie the next morning wearing one of Haida's crew's windbreakers. We got a message from Haida saying that in the windbreaker there were the keys to the wardroom liquor cabinet. Pedro, the plane guard helicopter, was quickly flashed up and delivered the keys back to Haida so they could have their noon drink. After arriving in Portsmouth, we received the representatives from Brown Bros. Glasgow, the catapult manufacturer. The representatives did a thorough investigation as to why the catapult didn't function correctly. They found no reason for the "cold" shot. It was the first time "dead load" trials were carried out in Portsmouth harbour in the middle of the night. "Dead load" trials are where the catapult shoots a four wheeled vehicle of the same weight as a Banshee into the water. The dockyard crane brings back the vehicle to the flight deck and then it is shot off again until trials are completed.

A couple of days after leaving Portsmouth, we encountered a very bad storm. The waves were estimated to be about 80 feet high. A wave blew out a window in the bridge. We had 6 trackers chained on the aft of the flight deck. The waves would crash over the deck and completely submerge the aircraft. Luckily, the chains on the aircraft held and we didn't lose any trackers. However, the wave hammered the forward lift down because the keeps were not engaged and water flooded the hanger. I estimate there was about 3 feet of water in the hanger.

The only way to get rid of the water was opening the air lock doors and let the water out as the ship rolled from side to side. The sealing strip on the catapult track on the flight deck was completely gone and the sea water filled the catapult machinery space. The fibre glass insulation hung on the micro switches.

The catapult was completely unserviceable.

About a day out of Halifax, Roger Harris and 3 crewmen launched off the flight deck. The aircraft climbed normally then it started to climb straight up. It didn't make the complete turn and crashed into the sea. A large puddle of fuel caught fire and rescue drivers were not able to get near the area where the plane went down. We lost 4 crewmen.

In January 1960 the Bonnie went to Saint John dry-dock to repair the damages caused by the storm.

The second event that comes to mind is the attempt to launch Ted White, pilot of a banshee. Ted was my junior at Royal Roads. The banshee was loaded onto the catapult, the launch caulks were put down, plane brought to full power and then the engine flamed out. It was pulled back, next one loaded and launched. There was found to be 5 gallons of salt water in the aircraft fuel tanks. The problem was discovered, eliminated, and did not occur again.

William Creighton Heaney

[UNTD CHIPPAWA '47 U-32980]
(1923 – 2008) Age: 84

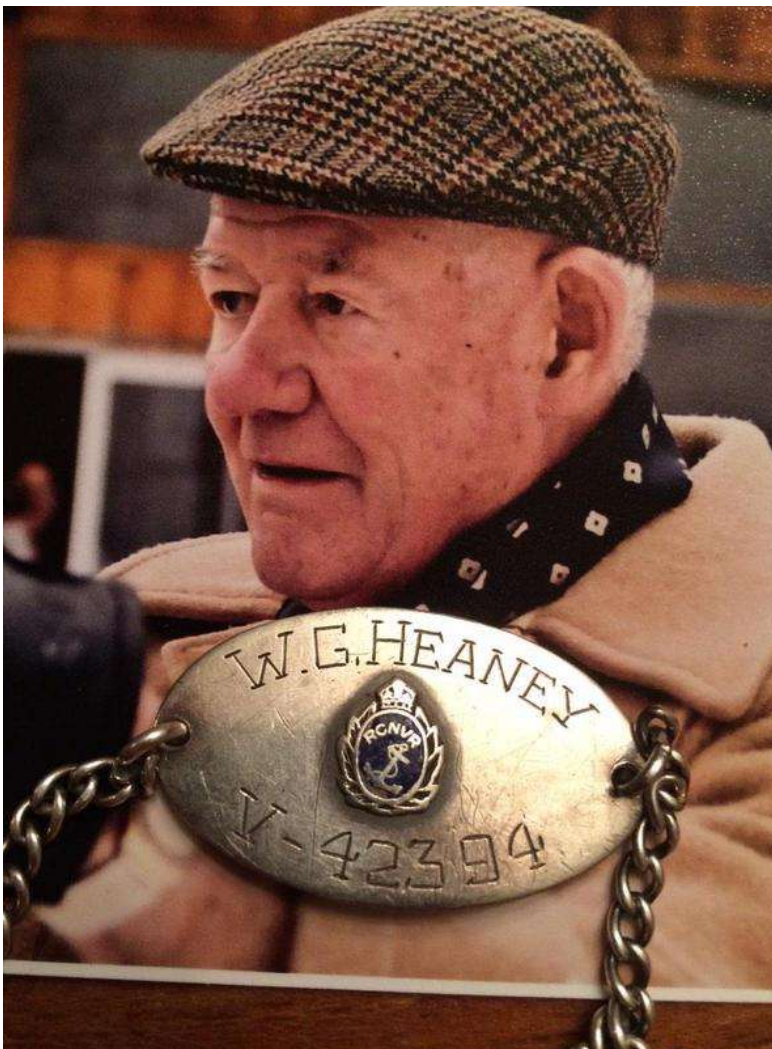


Photo by Liam Nixon

As the UNTD Nominal List has grown over the last few years we have greatly improved our ability to get at the biographical details of the older, pre-White Twist Cadets. The very youngest of those would be well into their 80s now. There were any number of UNTDs that were of University age in 1943, but instead went on active service for the duration of WWII. They then went to school on various veteran's grants starting in 1945/46, joining the UNTD at that time, sporting their WWII medalia on Parade.

Not surprisingly when we do come across references to that cadre it is often in the form of an Obituary, or a death notice with very little information. One such recent case concerned William Creighton Heaney. The picture opposite was posted by his grandson, Liam Nixon, who is a Global TV News Anchor in Lethbridge, AB. He tweeted the picture on November 11, 2014, remarking that he was proudly wearing his grandfather's RCNVR ID bracelet.

With that we contacted Liam, explained who we were and enquired as to any information he could provide about his grandfather. Shortly thereafter we received the message below from Liam's mother, William Heaney's daughter;

"Dear Mr. Clearihue,

I am happy to respond to your inquiry of my son, Liam Nixon, regarding my father, William Creighton Heaney, born August 30, 1923, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and died February 3, 2008, in Winfield, BC.

Unable to enlist until the age of 19, he worked at the CPR Transcona Shops, qualifying as a machinist, before enlisting in Winnipeg. He spent 1943-45 on convoy between Halifax and Blackpool, predominantly, as a leading stoker/diesel swamper and I believe he said he brought the Tribal Class Destroyer HMCS Haida home from Blackpool on her maiden voyage. I remember a Halifax newspaper article my grandmother kept, showing a picture of him in uniform, reporting him to be the youngest sailor, at age nineteen, on his ship.

As you mention, he was a Navy UNTD Engineering Cadet at CHIPPAWA in the late forties, while at the University of Manitoba, and he went to HMCS Naden base, Esquimalt, BC, every summer for training.

My father wasn't one for speaking of his wartime experience, but told me it was "the best, and the worst", time of his life. Not an uncommon sentiment, I think.

Sincerely, Kathryn Heaney"

It was then very easy to get at his Univ. of Manitoba and Navy records, where he did indeed have 3 1/2 years on Destroyers in the North Atlantic.

He graduated as a Mechanical Engineer in the Spring of 1950 and was promoted to SLT(E) RCN(R), seniority 1 May '50, O-31978, attached to CHIPPAWA.

As pleased as we are to have Creighton Heaney's story and those of the more than 560 other UNTDs who have crossed the bar, we are at the same time aware that there are at least an equal number whose stories have yet to be told.

Sept. 10, 2014 – Ottawa Old Oars “Nooner” at BYTOWN:

It was in 2005 that the Ottawa Old Oars were formed and held their first UNTD Rendez-Vous on Parliament Hill. The “Oars” are all former UNTDs who like many, found themselves working and retiring in the Nation’s Capital.

The six Old Oars are; Senat’Oar Bill Rompkey, Doct’Oar Grant Thompson, Geograph’Oar Jim Maxwell, Pete’Oar Milsom, Bobby’Oar Duncombe and Poet’Oar Bob Wootton.

The first six annual events were held on Parliament Hill, four in Centre Block and one each in East and West Block. The 2006 and 2010 events were formal Dine-Ins with spouses, held in the historic Railway Committee Room with reception in the Senate Foyer and aftermath in the Reading Room in Centre Block.

With Bill Rompkey’s retirement from the Senate, the venue and format was changed to Wednesday lunchtime meetings, “Nooners” at BYTOWN.

Bob Wootton Crossed the Bar in April, 2012 and Bob Duncombe has relocated to Fredericton and Arizona, but the remaining Oars have carried on.

The picture below was taken by Brian McCullough who is the Editor of the Maritime Engineering Journal, a DND publication.

Brian was interviewing attendees as part of an upcoming article on the UNTD and review of Bob Williamson’s UNTiDy Tales.



The Crowsnest Room – HMCS Bytown Officer’s Mess – Sept. 10, 2014 - Ottawa, ON

Photo by Brian McCullough (ROUTP '72)

Back Row: L to R:

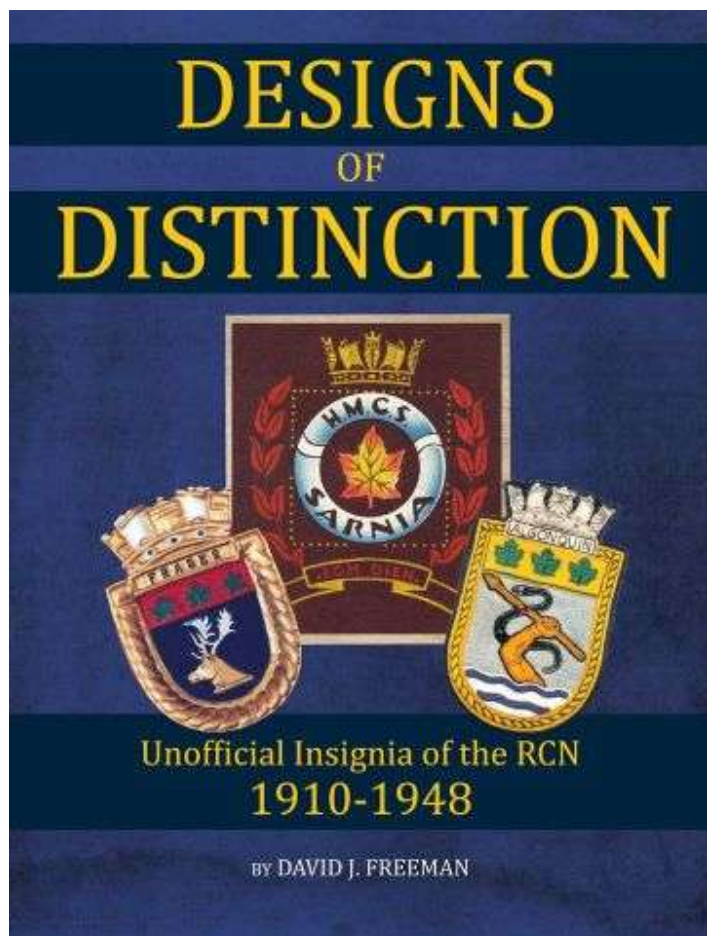
Jim Maxwell, Michael Mace, Glen Calder, Ivo Krupka, Barry Frewer, Peter Hyde, Grant Thompson, Tony Bernard, Alec Douglas, Bill Jennings, Wendell Sanford, Jerry O'Brien, Jim Lovett, Gus Fraser, Ed Arvisais, Glenn Carroll, Stephen Knowles, David Lee.

Front Row: L to R:

Shawn Gill, Peter Milsom, Jean-Marie Bordeleau, Peter Mclaine, Bill Rompkey, Kelly Hart, Alan Brookbank.

The 25 UNTDs pictured above, represent all three decades; '40s, '50s, '60s, from NRDs coast-to-coast. The picture itself is reminiscent of the 100s of UNTD Divisional photos taken during Winter and Summer Phases that appeared in University Yearbooks and White Twists.

Designs of Distinction:



LCdr Dave Freeman (U-1049) on the West Coast, has just finished his second book. You may recall his first book, *Canadian Warship Names*, which came out 15 years ago, known to many as "The Bible".

Designs of Distinction has eight chapters devoted to the origin and historical development of unofficial insignia used by HMC Ships, Establishments and Schools between 1910 and 1948. Official RCN badges were only issued starting in late 1948.

His 9th chapter contains several hundred images he has located since he started his research 14 years ago, the history behind each design, its production and the wearing of said insignia.

The book has a table of contents, three indexes and a full bibliography.

His book will be self-published in a limited edition in late March or early April, 2015

The book consists of 624 pages, 8.5 by 11 inches, in colour where applicable, with about 900 images. It is bound in a soft cover and will cost \$50.00 plus postage.

A Pre publishing order can be made to:

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Victoria, BC. V8X 3C, or djfreeman@shaw.ca

Jack Lemmon meets UNTD Joe Gallant:

The occasion was Expo '67 in Montreal, the date was July 2nd. RESTIGOUCHE 257 was one of a number of HMC Ships to stand duty in Montreal that summer. Joe Gallant was then a LCDR and XO RESTIGOUCHE.

Joe Gallant [UNTD SCOTIAN '49] had 3 UNTD summers; '50, '51, '52 and then transferred into the RCN. He had a number of sea and shore appointments in Canada, the US and UK, including fixed-wing pilot training, earning his wings in the US in the 1950s. He was promoted to LCDR in 1964

Jack Lemmon was in the USN while at Harvard U. in the WWII years. He was a member of the V-12 Navy College Training Program, which like the UNTD, was formed in 1943 as a wartime measure. He was Commissioned as an Ensign and served on an aircraft carrier, returning to Harvard after the war.



Former Naval Cadets Lemmon and Gallant on RESTIGOUCHE (DND photo)

Shortly after their 1967 meeting, Jack Lemmon went on to make *The Odd Couple* with Walter Matthau. The Canadian Forces Unified and Joe Gallant went on to SHEARWATER as a MAJ(P) with VU-32 Squadron, as Senior Instructor (Tracker), Operations Officer, XO in 1970 and CO in 1972.

RESTIGOUCHE 257 was payed off in 1994 and was sunk as an artificial reef off of Acapulco, Mexico in 2001. Also in 2001, Jack Lemmon died of cancer in Los Angeles.

Joe Gallant retired from the Navy in 1988 and by all accounts spends his time between Nova Scotia and warmer climes in more southerly latitudes.

Bob Baugniet returns to YORK:

In September, 2014 Bob Baugniet and his partner Joy Youngblood, ventured from their idyllic home base of Savannah, GA to the Great White North.

Ventured is the operative word here as Bob attended the 60th Anniversary VENTURE Reunion in Ottawa, Sept. 18-21. Bob was in their '63 Class and that same Fall joined the UNTD at DONNACONA. Bob was in uniform continuously from the late 50s, first as a Sea Cadet at RCSCC VICTORY in Montreal, until 1997, retiring as CMDRE and COMNAVRES, to move south to a "high-flying" career with Gulfstream.

Along the way Bob had been CO of CARLETON 1977-80 and CO YORK from 1981-85. On Sept. 20 Bob and Joy attended the Change of Command at HMCS YORK (from CDR Tim O'Leary to LCDR Rob Johnston). This was his first trip back to YORK in 17 years. During its 92 year history the Unit has had 32 COs. Bob was their 20th. A number of previous Command Teams were present, including Bob's, consisting of XO Lee Maguire and Cox'n John Anderson. Also present was the current Chief, Reserves and Cadets, RADM Jennifer Bennett.



Bob Baugniet and Joy Youngblood
on the Quarterdeck of HMCS YORK

There are two Naval Swords that can be seen in the display case on the left side of the picture above. One was donated to YORK by Bob when he turned over Command to Gary Oman in 1985. It is one of the RCN 75th Anniversary Swords, of which only 250 were produced. The other sword had belonged to the legendary VADM Rollo Mainguy, and was donated to YORK by his son VADM Dan Mainguy. The Mainguy Sword had been used in Bob's own Change of Command Ceremony.

Since Bob's civilian retirement in 2009, his frequency of trips North have increased. Bob has a brother and daughters in Ontario and numerous "Wingers" across the country and Joy has family in the Pacific Northwest. Bob has also attended recent UNTD and NAC events in Kingston in November, 2012 and Victoria in June, 2013.

UNTD attends 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor:

Bob Karpiak (CHIPPAWA '60 U-1229) had mentioned that he had been invited to attend this very important event and that it resulted in some lasting personal consequences. A brief Q&A followed, with the following result;

I was honoured to attend, by invitation, the 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. On December 7, 2011, the invitees were sheltered from the heat under a huge canopy where we mixed with veterans and survivors (many no longer mobile). At the mike, there were stories of reminiscence and heroism by many. The speeches and blessings were in both English and Hawaiian. There was a fly-past and a salute from a destroyer sailing past the harbour site.

The USS Missouri is a must visit for whoever travels to Honolulu with a naval background, as is the Arizona Memorial. I met my Hawaiian bride Sa'ili, in Honolulu (married Aug, 14, 2014). She was working the front desk at the hotel I stayed in during the Pearl visit. She's originally from American Samoa but lived in Honolulu to work on her PhD in Pacific Studies at the University of Hawaii. She moved to Canada two years ago and we decided to tie the knot. She loves living in Waterloo and enjoys the four seasons.

The invitation was fortuitous. A friend who lives in Honolulu knew I was coming to attend the ceremony. He was in contact with whoever is in charge of VIP seating and mentioned that I was a retired Canadian naval officer, so we sat together. I was wearing my blazer with the RCN officer's crown and was even saluted a number of times by men in uniform. Quite an honour for a civilian visitor!

We're going back next year.

UNTDy TALES OF NAVAL OFFICER CADETS

The Story of Canada's University Naval Training Divisions

By: CDR Robert J. Williamson CD RCNR (Retired)

The 2013 70th Anniversary edition of this 424 page classic is currently out-of-print. The digital version is still available on a CD for \$20.00. Price includes tax, mailing and packaging. To order your copy, send a cheque payable to the author at: 1 Clonmore Ave. Hamilton, ON. L9A 4R2 or contact the Newsletter Editor.

The Naval Association of Canada and the UNTD Association of Canada are holding a joint event in Calgary on June 25 – 28, 2015.

For details and Registration information, see Insert.

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