

Membership Committee Report - September 7 2021

Search for "No NRD" NAVRES Cadets

In this quarter, the search for data on the No NRD List of 1969 -2020 former cadets has slowed - the main reason being the lack of further senior contacts and the lack of responses from many that have been approached. Once we have NRD liaison contacts for each unit, the exercise could be restarted at the local level. Thanks to Hugues Letourneau for updates for Donnacona.

Bill Clearihue reports that of the 2411 in this cohort, 625 do not have given names and 330 don't have their start NRD listed (for historical purposes). Additionally, some years have very few cadets so we are missing a lot of names entirely.

A NRD focused search approach for the 1987-1990 years has produced good results. Thanks to Peter and Dan Smith and Marta Mulkins for their contributions. A broadcast message to all cadets from this period for whom we have contact information is worth considering.

Other Activities

The Executive committee have discussed creating a joint Communications-Membership team to find ways to use our Newsletter, Gunroom Shots, website and social media to increase awareness of the UNTDA and - especially - to develop an Engagement Strategy to tell our story and inform them of the 2023 centenary events. Further details will be made available.

Last quarter, we mentioned the idea of approaching former branch advisors and instructors, NRD CO's, former personnel and career managers, and staff of the two coastal Naval Reserve personnel Centres and Training Divisions. Initial contacts have been made with positive responses for LOG, P ADM and MARS and we anticipate being able to reach out to more potential contacts to expand the network following the summer holiday period.

There is a new Director of the Musée Navale in Quebec City and we are waiting for contact information to reach out and establish a connection to explore any potential sources of information. With many contacts within Naval Reserve Museums and DHH working remotely, we have yet to establish contact to further explore what might be accessible in archives.

In a recent meeting with the new COMDNAVRES and DCOMD, Jennifer Bennett and Daniel Haché discussed the membership drive and goal of gathering and/or accessing information that might be available through NAVRESHQ or the Musée Navale and we hope to be provided with further suggestions for sources of archived information or other points of contact to assist.

LAC Searches

In spite of COVID, Glenn Carroll has reviewed four archival boxes of 1945-1960s NRD returns. This has involved almost 50 hours of research in the last two years and close to 500 scans. BZ.