

Why I am interested in joining the NRAC/ARNC Board:

I was fortunate to enjoy a 37 year career in the Naval Reserve. During that time, I lived almost the entirety of the progression of the Naval Reserve from a cold war Stage 4 mobilization force with little operational relevance to one that was integral to the attainment of the RCN assigned missions. As a member of the NRAC/ARNC board there are 2 areas I would like to focus on. The first is to honour the members who kept the operational flame alive during the 1970's and 1980's and laid the framework for a modern operationally capable Naval Reserve. The second is to, when appropriate and in an effective manner, provide targeted advocacy for the Naval Reserve and Naval Reservists to CRCN.

Cmdre Gagliardi enrolled in Naval Reserve at HMCS Donnacona 03/07/1978. After completing the summer NRSSTP program he was appointed as an OS Diesel Mechanic. He was then appointed as an Officer Cadet (With seniority dated 01/12/1978).

In 1979 he transferred to HMCS Malahat to complete the University of Victoria Marine Biology program, graduating with a B.Sc. in 1983. While serving in HMCS Malahat he was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant (With seniority dated 22/08/1981), and then was appointed as a Lieutenant (N) (With seniority dated 01/09/1984). He was appointed as a Lieutenant-Commander (With seniority dated 01/01/1988).

He served in HMCS Porte Quebec (In command) 1989. He served in HMCS Anticosti (In command) 1990. He served in HMCS Thunder (In command) 1991. He served in HMCS Porte Dauphine (In command) 1994. He served in HMCS Moresby (In command) 1994. He served in HMCS Nanaimo (In command) 1998.

He was appointed as a Commander (With seniority dated 01/01/1995). He served in Maritime Operations Group Four as Commander Coastal Forces Division 1997-1978 He served in HMCS Malahat in command 2000-2004.

He was appointed as a Captain (N) (seniority 19/07/2004) and was appointed Naval Reserve Western Region Coordinator 2004. He was appointed as a Commodore (With seniority dated 04/09/2006). He served in Ottawa as Deputy Commander Canada Command 2006-2009.

He served in CFB Esquimalt for French Language training 2010, then was placed on the Maritime Command Primary Reserve List until he retired on 01/10/2015.

His civilian career was as a commercial pilot, primarily in fixed wing aerial forest fire suppression, but also included flight instruction, scheduled cargo and on demand passenger charters. He completed his flying career with Transport Canada as a Civil Aviation Inspector, retiring in 2022.

Hobbies include aerobatic and formation flying, running, and scuba diving. He is an accomplished underwater photographer, with a photo gallery that includes images of underwater life from the South Pacific, Hawaii, the Canadian Pacific Northwest, the Caribbean, and Antarctica.