

Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph



Who's on the CSVC team?

There is a growing team behind our sailors' stories.

Read about them here (and come back often as we add to this page)

Ross Anderson, SLt - **Researcher**

A member of the Calgary team, was a Reservist in HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the 1980s. Besides doing CSVS research he is an active volunteer with the Calgary Field of Crosses. This year he helped install over 3600 crosses including those of 55 CSVS sailors from the Calgary area.

Warren Bush - **Researcher**

Warren is a member of Bob White's team

Émilie Caron, Ens2 / A/SLt Caron RCNR - **Vignette Editor and Translator**

Émilie is an active reservist at HMCS *Carleton* on the Public Affairs team. She has extensive academic credentials with degrees from Concordia (Fine Arts), the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, Lakehead University (Outdoor Recreation) and a Masters degree in Sustainable Development from Université du Québec à Chicoutimi. Appropriately, she is an avid outdoors person.

Derek Carroll, Cdr RCNR - **Researcher**

A member of the Calgary team, Derek is a former Commanding Officer of HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary and a former CO of HMCS Whitehorse. He is working with the Ken McPherson photographic archives housed in the Naval Museum of Alberta (University of Calgary). He is helping scan pictures of the over 400 Canadian warships that CSVC sailors served in.

Ross Connell, Lt.(N), CD, RCNR (Ret'd) - **Data Manager**

Ross joined the UNTD in 1960 at HMCS *Star*. He transferred to HMCS *Donnacona* and retired in 1975. He has researched the story of one sailor from his hometown of Oakville and keeps the administrative machinery running. He is the Treasurer of the UNTDA.

John Dalzell, Capt(N) RCNR (Ret'd) - **Researcher**

John joined the UNTD in 1962 and was Commanding Officer, HMCS Unicorn 1983 - 1988.

He is an accomplished naval historian and has completed a number of stories - very thoroughly.

Robert P. D'Aoust - **Researcher**

Author and historian, Bob D'Aoust wrote the seminal series, "Ultimate Sacrifice".

Ted Davie, OMM, CD, Capt (N) RCN (Ret'd) - **Researcher**

Now living in Kingston, Ted was born in Alberta. He started naval career at RMC and put in a full 38-years with the RCN, in both submarines and surface warships. He has now been retired for 27 years. He spends his time volunteering with CACOR, his church and RMC, and enjoys kayaking. Ted volunteered for CSVC because he believes our sailors deserve proper recognition.

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Jocelyn (Jody) Doll, SLt RCNR (Ret'd) - Editor

Jody was born in Edmonton and grew up in Vancouver. She joined the military in 1975 as a medical assistant and attained the rank of Leading Wren before deciding to become a Registered Nurse (RN). In 1979 she took a leave of absence from HMCS Discovery and started RN training at the University of Alberta Hospital School of Nursing. She rejoined HMCS Discovery in 1981 as a Sub-Lieutenant, remaining on staff as a Nursing Officer until 1986.

In 1990 Jody was seriously injured in an argument with a horse.

In 1998 she was appointed to the British Columbia Coroner Service becoming the first female Coroner in the logging town of Squamish. Jody active in the NOABC and a highly valued member of Bob White's team.

Charlie Elder - Researcher

Graham Elder - Researcher

Julie H. Ferguson - Researcher

Julie is an author and freelance writer/photographer. While serving as an administration officer in HMCS Discovery, the Naval Reserve unit in Vancouver, BC for fourteen years, she researched and wrote *Through a Canadian Periscope: The Story of the Canadian Submarine Service*. Dundurn published it in two editions, one in 1996 and the second in 2014 for the centenary of the RCN Submarine Force. She also published *Deeply Canadian: New Submarines for a New Millennium* in two editions when the Victoria class followed the Oberons into service. Dundurn published two more of her books on church history and the fur trade in 2006 and 2009.

Ferguson also exhibits and sells her images. Since 1971 she has had hundreds of articles and her images published in print and online, as well as six short books for writers and teachers.

Ferguson now lives in semi-retirement in the South Okanagan of BC (wine country) focusing on travel, photography, and golf while occasionally coaching writers towards publication.

Scott Ferris, SLt RCNR - Vignette editor and Researcher

Scott is an active reservist at HMCS *Queen Charlotte* where he is a Public Affairs Officer. He has served on active duty with HMCS Oriole on two successive summers.

Mike Gervais, LCdr RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, Mike was a Reservist in HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the 1980s and 90s. Mike is helping design and build a commemorative plaque to CVSC sailors from Calgary and Edmonton. The plaques will go up in the Naval Museum of Alberta in Calgary.

Simon Gonsalves - Researcher

Daniel Haché, LCdr RCNR (Ret'd) - French Quality Advisor

Second Vice-President UNTDA, Father, husband of 40 years, retired federal government executive. Born and raised in Montreal, living in Gatineau since 1985. Awarded the Canadian Decoration (2 clasps - 35 years of service) and holder of a Masters in Public Administration. Black belt 3rd dan in shotokan karate. My father is a veteran of WWII and this project is extremely worthwhile!

Geoff Hamilton - Researcher

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Arthur Hastings - Researcher

As a Primary Reservist, Arthur Hastings was trained in a command program to integrate reservists with the Regular Force and achieved a Regular Force Watchkeeping Certificate, Destroyer Navigating Officer certification and command of three Bay Class minor warships. Also, he commanded Reserve minor war vessels tasked with integrating women into Canadian naval ships. He would like to see the CSVC project enrich the commemoration of citizen sailors beyond a name on a memorial.

John Idiens, Lt (N) RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, John was an Reservist in HMCS Discovery in Vancouver in the 1960s. He now lives in Calgary much of the year, but on a tropical island in Malaysia in the winters.

Keith Johnston - Researcher

Kim Kubeck, CD, Capt (N) RCNR (Ret'd) - Project Manager

Hometown: Christieville, QC

Current Residence: Alexandria, ON

Military career: retired from Naval Reserve after 32 years of service

Civilian career: beekeeper, alpine ski coach, volunteer

Why the CSVC project? Kim served in four Naval Reserve Divisions over her career: Donnacona, Griffon, Carleton and York. "I found it frustrating that we could recite the names of the ships lost in the Battle of the Atlantic, but our NRDs (at least the ones I served in) did not have a good memory of the men who crewed those ships. In retirement, I did a little research for a Dutch project called Faces to Graves (<https://www.facestograves.nl/>) . The process and the format of the stories brought those men to life so that a new generation could learn about their sacrifice. The Faces to Graves team gave me permission to use their format for this project and the UNTDA enthusiastically agreed to support the project. Now, wonderful Canadians have volunteered to bring the RCNVR, RCNR and WRCNS war dead back to life so that they can be commemorated as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Naval Reserve in 2023."

Louise Leblanc-Mazur - Researcher and Translator

Louise Leblanc Mazur is a retired professional translator, teacher, and principal from Vankleek Hill, Ontario. now living in North Glengarry, Ontario. In retirement, Louise started doing family genealogy. Through this endeavour she has discovered that some family members served in the military during past conflicts and was interested in doing further research.

Joining the CSVC project as a researcher and translator allowed her to discover many sailors from her area who served and needed to be brought to the forefront so the new generation can know and remember them. It is important to "bring them home". To her this is a great way to get involved and recognize the sacrifice these young men made for our future.

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Roger Litwiller - Researcher

Roger is a historian, researcher and lecturer on Canada's naval and maritime heritage, giving talks from St. John's, NF to Esquimalt, BC.

Roger served in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve, working with cadets and his civilian career was a Paramedic for 37 years, where he was awarded the Exemplary Service Medal and Bar, Ontario Award for Paramedic Bravery and the Long Service Medal. Following his retirement from Paramedicine, the Canadian Coast Guard employed Roger under contract as their historian from 2019 to 2020.

As an author, Roger has several books published and has written for many journals, periodicals, newspapers and webpages. Roger's research has contributed to documentaries and several Canadian and International museums, providing information for exhibits and repatriating recovered historical artifacts. When Roger is on a lecture tour, he is often introduced as, "the storyteller, who can save your life."

Website: <http://www.rogerlitwiller.com//>

Sean Livingston, Lt (N) RCNR - Researcher

Sean is an active reservist, sea cadet instructor and High School teacher. He is the author of "Oakville's Flower", a history of the WW II corvette HMCS *Oakville*. Sean is President (2022) of the Toronto branch of the Naval Association of Canada

Lorraine Lokken - Researcher

Roderick H. McCloy, Slt. RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

Former UNTD at HMCS DISCOVERY, he first was a Sea Cadet from 1961-1965.

Born in Vancouver and currently living in West Vancouver, Rod is a retired commercial lawyer 1972-2021. He is a past President of NOABC (now NABC).

He is currently President of the Vancouver Naval Museum & Heritage Society located at HMCS DISCOVERY.

Greg McKenzie, CD, Cdr RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

CO Tecumseh 1987-90

Greg is a retired teacher/principal/director of education. He's a bit of an amateur history buff, especially local history. The teacher in him, seems to compel telling others of what he's learned. The CSVC project provides a wonderful opportunity to learn of the 55 sailors from the Calgary area who joined the Navy but sadly, never returned. We have a Calgary team of 9 so far, who are researchers or photo scanners, Memorial Plaque builders, or country road cenotaph searchers. It's been sad work but very satisfying to tell the compelling stories of those who until now, have been largely just names on a memorial. We will mount a Memorial Plaque at the Naval Museum of Alberta. It will feature both the Calgary, and Edmonton sailors. It will be complemented by the detailed stories prepared by our team.

John McLean - Researcher

David Mitchell. LS RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, David was a Reservist in HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the late 1960s and 70s. Besides doing CSVC research David is an active Birder and leads field trips in the Calgary region.

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Patrick Nichol, LS RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, Pat - was an Reservist in HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the 1980s. He was a newspaper reporter for 16 years and a bookseller for 24 years. His interest in the project arose from his "Watchkeeper" service at the Naval Museum of Alberta.

David Niddam-Dent - Researcher

David is the grand-nephew of sailor Lcdr Tony Coughlin

Gordon Patterson, Lt (N) RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, Gordon is a former Reservist in HMCS Donnacona in Montreal in the 1940s and 50s and HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the 1960s. He now lives in Calgary. As a man aged 90 plus, Gordon is a big cheerleader for the CSVS project and helps the Calgary research team understand what the Navy Reserve was like long ago.

Linda Peart - Researcher

Steven Perron, CD, LCdr RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

Moving from Montreal to Calgary in 1969, Steve did a naval summer student training program in 1971 and was encouraged to go into the ROUTP. He enjoyed the navy and qualified as a Watchkeeper, Diving Officer and in Naval Control of Shipping {NCS}. He was thrilled to serve on most of the gate boats and three destroyers. While in the reserves he finished three degrees to become a psychologist. He worked in this meaningful career for almost 38 years at Bow Valley College, winning the provincial Dean Stetson Award. Steve was proud to be selected to carry the Olympic Torch in Banff in 2010. Upon retirement he looked for an avenue with a rewarding purpose and found that as a researcher for CSVS.

Sherry Pringle - Researcher

Sherry, a native of Napanee, On, is a niece of Maurice Waitson, AB, HMCS Athabaskan, G07 MPD when Athabaskan was sunk by enemy fire 29, April, 1944.

She witnessed the 2003 dive to the ship's remains, prompting her to send a painting to France in memory of HMCS Athabaskan and proceeded to write "All the Ship's Men: HMCS Athabaskan's Untold Stories" and it's 2nd Edition. She is a recipient of the M.M.C.S. Beaver Medal.

Website: <https://sherrypringle.ca/>

Brian Rideout, Lt(N) RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

A member of the Calgary team, Brian is a former Reservist in HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in the 1960s and 70s. He lives in Drumheller and now drives country roads looking for rural centaphs that may help expand the stories of some of our prairie sailors who are part of the CSVS project.

Paul Seguna, LCdr RCN (Ret'd) - Researcher

Chris Varley - Researcher

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Craig Walkington - Proof Reader

Capt(N) (Ret'd) Craig Walkington, MSM, CD, was born in Hartlepool, United Kingdom. He currently resides in Labrador City, NL. Enrolled at HMCS BRUNSWICKER in 1977 as a Naval Reservist. Alongside, he studied at the University of New Brunswick – Bachelor of Arts (History Major) 1987 and Bachelor of Business Administration (Concentration in Marketing) 1989. He also studied at National Defence College 4 2012. Walkington commanded SCOTIAN from 2002 to 2005. Last major position was as the Maritime Forces Atlantic Canadian Naval Centennial Coordinator. He received various medals and commendations for his service.

He feels it is important that the citizen sailors of Canada who lost their lives should be memorialized in a more detailed manner than simply being a name on a plaque or memorial. The CSVC project serves to achieve that aim.

Karen Wallace - Researcher

King Wan, Cdr RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

Discovery 1972, CO 2001 - 2005. King is a member of Bob White's team

Gary Weir - Researcher

Garry operates a junk collection firm where rarely is anything preserved for posterity. On the other hand, having learned the genealogy trade before and during his stint in the navy he turned his considerable energies to preserving the names and stories of the ships of the Canadian Navy and their crews. His web site continues to be a valuable resource to many researchers despite the fact that his operation is not equipped with large servers and expensive software. CSVC has been able to reciprocate on occasion.

Website: <http://www.forposterityssake.ca/>

Robert W. White, LCdr RCNR (Ret'd) - Researcher

The indefatigable Bob's work has two tracks: he has assumed responsibility for 50 of our sailors' stories, as well as a project to rejuvenate HMCS Discovery's Honour Roll (add link) and the stories of its sailors too. Most of the sailors are included in both projects, but they have to be dealt with separately as the requirements are different. Recognizing the size of this job, Bob has managed to recruit several assistants.

Bob joined the UNTD in HMCS Discovery in the fall of 1960 and long after retirement from the Naval Reserve, has remained active with Discovery (1989) and the Naval Association of BC in a variety of capacities. For many years he has edited the NACBC's newsletter, the Dog Watch. Bob authored a terrific booklet on the 75th anniversary UNTD reunion in St. John's NL and the subsequent tour of the island.

Rudi Wycliffe - Researcher

McMaster University and HMCS Star ('67) (the last UNTD year). Pursued naval training throughout university and briefly thereafter, retiring from reserve service 1972 and married Kathryn (met during reserve duties at Star). Bachelor of Engineering (Civil); a career with the Province of Ontario, retiring 2000. Friendship with Greg McKenzie (Tecumseh, Calgary) since 1968 led to hearing about this project. Researching these young, young men has been a moving experience and an honour. Brief lives and brief service cut short by tragedy, making the ultimate sacrifice for their country and freedom. I have even had the chance of meeting a relative of one of these heroes. The amount of information varies from sailor to sailor but one gets to know these men through this research.

All the members of the team are volunteers; some are experts and some are amateurs but all are

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dedicated to bringing to life the stories of these heroes.