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## Ready, Aye Ready!

The UNTDA conference being held in Victoria from May 9-12 has an increased significance in this year of the Centennial of the Naval Reserve (NR100). The Association is excited to celebrate the centennial with a series of events and activities but is particularly proud to be the foundation for the creation of a nationwide, all ranks naval reserve association to include serving and former naval reservists as a legacy for the future. In this context, the UNTDA is recommissioning itself to continue to serve as a forum for our naval reservists as they enter their second century of service to our country with the same pride, esprit de corps and dedication exemplified by naval reservists during the past century of service.

Learn more about the conference and new naval reserve association at:  
<https://unttd.org/>



## Notice

UNTD Association of Canada

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 12, 2023, 14:30 EDT

**Agenda** can be accessed [here](#)

\*This meeting will be held in person only, at the Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St, Victoria, BC.

**Ed.** Through kind permission of Graham Scott we are pleased to publish his report to the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the UNTDA:

**Report of Graham W. S. Scott,  
President of the UNTDA/Naval Reserve Association of Canada  
On the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the UNTD and the 100th  
Anniversary of the Naval  
Reserve in Canada**

**Annual Meeting of the UNTDA, Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria, BC May 12, 2023**

Good afternoon and welcome to Victoria and the Annual General Meeting of the UNTDA.

This is both a unique and historical occasion!

We are celebrating at this gathering the 80th anniversary of the UNTD and the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Reserve in Canada.

In 2018 the UNTDA had a special reunion in St John's Newfoundland to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. The reunion was a great success and memories and stories concerning the UNTD experience were front and centre.

A more serious question that arose was what should be done with the future of the UNTD given that time was running out for those who participated. Should we shut the doors and box up the memorabilia or should we continue as something else?

The decision was made to see if we could build a future organization on the foundation of the UNTDA. Post UNTDs were beginning to join the Association and we accelerated the process by recruiting post UNTD reserve officers to the board.

The board asked director Marta Mulkins to look at a potential future which resulted in her report Future 2025. This report dovetailed with a number of initiatives including:

- ➤ Incorporating the UNTDA under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.
- ➤ Establishing By-Laws and a Board policy manual.
- ➤ Strengthening and expanding the board committee structure.
- ➤ Modernizing and enhancing the website to better reflect a bilingual Canada and the naval reserve of today.
- ➤ Enhancing our publications with the addition of Gun Room shots.
- ➤ Fully engaging with the Commander of Naval Reserves in celebrating the centennial of the Naval Reserve.

Marta's report raised the fundamental question of whether the association should be open to all reservists and accordingly, whether the name of the organization should be changed to better reflect its role and identity as an Association for naval reservists.

Following the examination of the feasibility of open membership by a second committee led by Marta Mulkins, a unanimous recommendation was made to the board to open the UNTDA to all reservists and this was subsequently confirmed by our first Annual General meeting in November 2022.

We began the change of name process at the beginning of the year with wide notification inviting name proposals. After careful consideration of a number of factors, the Board will recommend that we adopt the name

**Naval Reserve Association of Canada (NRAC)/ Association de la Réserve navale du Canada (ARNC)**

This is not simply a new name but provides a clearer identity of our role as broadly representing all Naval Reservists in Canada.

With your support at this meeting in Victoria, we will launch our new name, approve a new board, and recommission an Association that better reflects the naval reservists of today.

As we reflect on the many special events being held to help mark our 100th Anniversary we cannot help but notice how little has been done to make Canadians aware of the role of the citizen sailor in Canadian life. There is so much that needs to be done to properly record the many contributions reservists have made to our country in both war and peace.

We have taken the step of fully supporting the initiative of the Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph (CSVC) project driven by Kim Kubeck which not only brings to life the sacrifice of some 1700 reservists in WWII but serves as a reminder that citizen sailors were at the forefront of our WWII Navy.

The new Association will be challenged not only to build for the future but to address the past to make sure we do not let past accomplishments fade into the mist.

I believe an exciting future lies ahead as we partner with the leadership of the Naval Reserve to develop plans to ensure the effectiveness of the Association in serving our members. In addition to the camaraderie common to reservists, many of the basic functions of the UNTDA will be brought to bear on the recommissioned organization, such as support for reunions, conferences, awards, naval charities and monuments. Building a new association to serve all reservists should be both exhilarating and exciting!

To you our current members, and especially to those of you who will be present at the May 12 AGM, thank you for your support and commitment. The new board may have different ideas, but the dues have not changed in over 30 years and are not sufficient to fund effective advertising. It is therefore up to current members to get the word out, particularly through the Naval Reserve Divisions, that there is now a national home for all reservists.

This meeting may mark the end the UNTD Association, but the UNTD will not be forgotten! The UNTD was a remarkable naval intake model, created in the circumstances of the Second World War; it provided the opportunity for many young men to attend university while serving the country as citizen sailors. In the 1940s and 50s when long distance travel was not the norm it provided a wonderful opportunity for young Canadians to meet and bond with each other.

A tribute to the success of the UNTD program is most effectively underlined by the contribution of the graduates in service to the Navy and to Canada. Admirals and senior officers in the RCN, leadership in reserve training, Lieutenant Governors, Judges, Cabinet members, Mayors, politicians, Deputy Ministers, Scientists, university professors and many others with distinguished service in civilian life.

The purpose of the Incorporation states:

“To celebrate the naval and civilian contributions of participants in the Canadian Naval Reserve and to identify, preserve and promote the history and values of the UNTD program and its successors, with emphasis on citizenship, leadership, honesty, commitment, service and personal discipline.”

There is much for us to celebrate today as the recommissioning of the UNTDA honours both the past and the future potential to serve those who have served and continue to serve in Canada’s Naval Reserve.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the considerable support of many individuals who have done so much to prepare us for this day of our recommissioning.

The Rev. Canon Bill Thomas who for many years served as President of the UNTDA.

Roger Elmes, our past President and chair of the outstanding Committee that made the Centennial conference possible.

The retiring and former directors who have helped drive the recommissioning – Glenn Davidson, Hugues Letourneau, Kim Kubeck, Ken McCaw, who recently stepped down and directors who are not seeking re-election and of course the directors who have chosen to let their names stand to continue to serve on the board.

I want to acknowledge the superb cooperation we have received from Commodore Montgomery and his staff who have been so helpful.

I note in particular the cooperation we have received from Capt (N) Beth Vallis and LCdr David Arsenault as we approached the Centennial and recommissioning.

My best wishes for an enjoyable and fulfilling 2023 Conference & Celebration!

Yours aye

Graham W S Scott, President, UNTDA

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## Naval Reserve historical notes

The CFB Esquimalt Naval & Military museum has launched an online exhibit on the Brodeur family with photos and letters provided to the museum by VAdm (ret'd) Nigel Brodeur. The online exhibit - in French and English - can be viewed at: <https://navalandmilitarymuseum.org/>  
See more detail in the article below.

Here's an interesting link to a website that references the details of the origins of RCNVR divisions with information on commanding officers:

[https://www.nauticapedia.ca/Articles/Rybak5\\_Chronology.php](https://www.nauticapedia.ca/Articles/Rybak5_Chronology.php)

Link to Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/museenavaldequebec/photos/a.10152670956139523/10160711481794523/?type=3>

14 Mar 1923 Lt Frank Meade appointed C.O. of English Half Company in Montreal, the first RCNVR unit appointment; also A/Lt Alexandre Brodeur for the French Half Company, and on 15 Mar. Lt R.H. Yeates for the Hamilton Half Company. During 1923 & '24, 11 Units had C.O.'s appointed, although it took a while to establish the actual units in some cases. - Source: <https://www.navalassoc.ca/nac-news-edition-399/>

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## Brodeur Family Dynasty Display Launches Online

**submitted by Paul Seguna, LCdr (RCN ret'd)**

One Canadian family has the special distinction of having three successive generations hold positions of key significance to Canada's Navy. That family is the Brodeurs, whose members – Louis Philippe Brodeur; his son, Victor Gabriel Brodeur; and Victor Gabriel Brodeur's son, Nigel Brodeur – constitute a true Canadian naval dynasty.

To celebrate the achievements and contribution of the Brodeurs to the Royal Canadian Navy and to Canada as a nation, the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum has launched an online exhibit on its website. The exhibit is titled “The Brodeur Family – An RCN Dynasty”, and is available at the following links:

<https://navalandmilitarymuseum.org/museum/brodeur-family/>

<https://navalandmilitarymuseum.org/museum/la-famille-brodeur/>

The online display features a comprehensive gallery of personal photos from the Brodeurs' history - some never before seen outside family circles - as well as photos that document their professional and career firsts and achievements. The text was written for the museum by Dr. Richard Gimblett, the former Command Historian for the Royal Canadian Navy. In it, he

captures the pivotal roles played by all three members of the Brodeur family in the development of a navy made in, and for, Canada. With their consecutive achievements spanning most of the first century of the Royal Canadian Navy, together the three generations of the Brodeurs have been highly important and influential. Each generation has had a part to play in the RCN's inception, growth and direction:

- Louis Philippe Brodeur was Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier's first Minister of the Naval Service, brought the RCN into being, and laid the groundwork for Canada's organization of its own naval defence.

His son, Victor Gabriel Brodeur, was in the very first cadre of naval cadets to join the service in 1909, served at sea and ashore through the two World wars, and rose to become the first franco-canadien to make flag rank;

- Victor-Gabriel Brodeur's son Nigel served in the RCN throughout nearly the full duration of the Cold War, and was influential in setting up the Canadian Patrol Frigate project that remains the backbone of the present-day fleet.

"The Brodeur family is unique in the Canadian naval experience, in having three successive generations figuring at its very senior level," said Dr. Gimblett. "We are especially fortunate that Vice Admiral Nigel Brodeur had the foresight to save and make available the records essential to putting this exhibit together." He added that he is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the museum on a project that brings the Brodeur family into perspective, and to pay tribute to Nigel Brodeur, who has been an important mentor to him in his naval career and his subsequent career as an historian.

The exhibit, which is available in French and English, is a first for CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum. It was initiated by the Museum's Exhibit Designer and webmaster Clare Sharpe, in response to the pandemic and the inability of potential visitors to access the museum in person. The museum's website has long played an outreach role in bringing a wider online awareness of the history and heritage of the naval presence on Canada's West Coast, and of the military on Southern Vancouver Island, Sharpe explains. "But as was true for so many museums throughout the world, the pandemic brought into focus our need to make museum collections and records accessible in a way that was dynamic and informative, and based in a strong historical perspective."

The lively and engaging online exhibit was designed by Ardent West Creative principals Denis Eve and Olivia Hernandez, who also design and help maintain the museum website.

To learn more about the history of the RCN, visit the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum, open Mon-Sun from 10 a.m-3:30 p.m., or discover the museum website at [www.navalandmilitarymuseum.org](http://www.navalandmilitarymuseum.org)



## Ottawa area UNTDA breaks COVID spell

by Phil Anido

COVID be damned! After a lengthy hiatus, the Ottawa-area UNTD members gathered for a 'nooner' or more politely banyan, Tuesday 28 March, at the NDHQ Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess in downtown Ottawa.

"We haven't seen each other for such a long time," said organizer Glenn Carroll who served with Carleton '66. "It was wonderful that so many good old friends turned out to share treasured memories and raise a toast to fellow shipmates all across Canada. We represented ten UNTD units today which has to be a record."

The Ottawa UNTD Chapter challenges every member of the UNTDA/NRAC across Canada to share their portraits, news and memories whenever the 'up-spirits' so moves. Send them to [Gunroom.Shots@UNTD.org](mailto:Gunroom.Shots@UNTD.org)



L to R: Glenn Carroll, Carleton '66; Glenn Calder, Chippewa '60; Brian Tansey, Donnacona '62; Bob Temple, Star '60; Dr. Sami Mohanna, Montcalm '66; John Graham, Cataragui '52; Bruce Gallagher, Carleton '66; Stephen Gallagher, Carleton '62; Peter Hyde, McGill, HMCS Donnacona '58-'61; David Lee, Collège Brébeuf,



Donnacona '54-'56; Jim Wyndels, Chippawa '65'66; Peter Milsom, Prévost '62-'63, Scotian '63-65; Eric Cullen, Donnacona '59-'66; Kelly Hart, Unicorn '64-'68, Carleton '68-'79; (Philip Anido, COTC '66-'68, photographer/scribe)

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## RCN Historical Conference

### RCN Historical Conference: academic papers welcome

The [11th RCN Historical Conference](#) will be held [May 12 to 14](#), at HMCS Venture, in Esquimalt and includes a call for academic papers.

The conference theme will be the **Centennial of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserves**. The conference is expected to be the only academic gathering in Canada to examine the innumerable contributions of the Naval Reserve to the Navy and Canada, from the Provincial Marine to today.

Papers on any aspect of the Naval Reserve are welcome.

### Conférence sur l'histoire de la Marine royale canadienne : articles universitaires recherchés

La [11e conférence sur l'histoire de la MRC](#) se tiendra [du 12 au 14 mai](#), au NCSM Venture, à Esquimalt; pour l'occasion, on lance une invitation à présenter des articles universitaires.

La conférence aura pour thème « **le Centenaire des Réserves de la Marine royale du Canada** ». Elle devrait constituer le seul rassemblement universitaire au Canada visant à examiner les innombrables contributions de la Réserve navale à la Marine et au Canada, de la Marine provinciale à celle d'aujourd'hui. Les participants sont invités à présenter des articles sur tous les aspects de la Réserve navale.

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## TIDBITS

### UNTDA 2023 -Victoria Mess Dinner, 12 May- Mess Dress

All doubters should rejoice regardless of your personal dimensions. It is official. Attendees are welcome to wear Mess Dress and miniatures as one of the dress options for the dinner, without having to seek permission.

The requirement to seek permission was rescinded several years ago. The RCN Dress Committee has amplified the existing order which permits anyone who has served in the RCN to wear N2s at RCN events.

## UNTD Plaques for Sale

It is unlikely that the UNTD plaque will ever be produced again, so if you want one of these, place your order [online here](#), and if you are attending the Victoria Conference, it will be delivered to you there.

Ross Connell will also bring caps to Victoria to sell, but not many plaques, unless they are pre-sold.



## New Additions to UNTDA Facebook page and Website

Kudos to our colleagues who continue to enhance our premier communications vehicles:

Jennifer Bennett invites you to explore our UNTDA **Facebook** page as it is now very active with many shares and links to other Naval Reserve related websites and Facebook pages, plus lots of photos and media links.

With our Naval Reserve Divisions across the country now deep into their Centennial celebrations, Ross Connell is working his magic on the **Website** to bring you news and photos of those celebrations.

The website home page gives you four places to start:

- Conference and Celebration in Victoria
- Naval Reserve Centennial
- Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph
- UNTDA Recommissioning

On the Naval Reserve Centennial slide, you will no doubt have already visited the Event Listing for all the NRDs.

You can now find two new destinations:

- A listing of articles from various sources and newspapers about the NRD celebrations
- Photographs of the celebrations  
(Ross is expecting a batch from Hamilton (Star) shortly and would like to get the word out to the other NRDs to do the same. This first collection will be of Star's centennial ball, but pictures (labeled) of any of the centennial activities would be suitable).

Please contribute to the new additions by suggesting updates to the captions or submitting additional photos or articles to [Webmaster@UNTD.org](mailto:Webmaster@UNTD.org)

## Naval Reserve Centennial Year Celebrates Women Leaders

The Naval Reserve has been a leader within the Canadian Armed Forces in recognizing the extraordinary contributions female members and leaders have made and continue to make. In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Reserve, the Friends of the Canadian War Museum in their March Newsletter paid tribute to the women who have led the Naval Reserve in recent years. Featured are Rear-Admiral (ret'd) Jennifer Bennett, CMM, CD (STAR 1975) and Commodore Marta Mulkins, OMM, CD (DONNACONA 1985). You can read the Newsletter [here](#).

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## Letters to the Editor

**Ed.** We received several letters regarding the transition to a new name, some expressed sadness or disappointment at losing the sensibilities and focus of the UNTD era. Others have expressed optimism about the future of the expanded organization which is building on the foundations of the UNTDA. This letter from Richard Bennetts sums up the pride and nostalgia that so many of our older members feel about the UNTD program, which will continue to be one of the many training schemes to be represented and touted under the new Naval Reserve Association of Canada:

### UNTD Program

"..... the program that we experienced while at university was unique. It gave us an opportunity to meet other university students along with several summers at sea, visiting interesting ports, sharing experiences with other armed forces and preparing us through the disciplines. We learned to leave university with leadership skills that other Canadians had not experienced. It was a great program and served the nation well. I have been particularly interested in noting the career success stories that many of these university graduates have attained in their lifetime, a tribute to this program and a great benefit to the nation. Further, it was a program that prepared reserve officers to serve if and when Canada needed them. It was a tragedy that this program was discontinued in the Trudeau/Hellyer years.

This new Association may be considered right for the times but it will never replace the UNIVERSITY Naval Training Division and its proud traditions."

-Richard Bennetts  
DONNACONA 1955

### HMCS CHIPPAWA Historical Photos

Attention all current and former HMCS CHIPPAWA members!

The team at HMCS CHIPPAWA is in the process of documenting historical photos taken in association with the unit and its activities. If you would like your experiences and your memories in history permanently

archived and possibly used in conjunction with future official publications, please submit your photographs to us!

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

When sending us your photographs, it must include a date (or, at minimum, an approximate year) of when it was taken and a brief description, the background of the moment, and, if possible, the names of the members included in the picture.

Please send your photos to [chippawaphotos@gmail.com](mailto:chippawaphotos@gmail.com) for consideration.

With thanks,

HMCS CHIPPAWA

**Re: Mike Street's article on the 1964 Alpha Cruise(Issue#10)**

Thanks for publishing the Memories - I was on that cruise as a second year cadet on HMCS Lanark - a great improvement over my first year Alpha, on La Hullose, barfing over most of the North Atlantic in an eternal anti-submarine NATO exercise. Let me add my thanks for the buses. Without them it would have been the 1990's before I reached Paris. My one distinct memory of the bus trip was the sight of male travellers standing and urinating - facing away of course - on the roadside. We were not in Kansas anymore. Another discovery once in our hotel in Paris - the bidet - and what it wasn't for!

See you in Victoria for the 100th!

Marty Douglas,

HMCS MALAHAT, 1962.



## Count Yourself In!

All former and current Naval Reservists are welcome to join as members of the Association that will soon have a new name to be voted on at the May AGM in Victoria.

During the transition and recommissioning from the UNTDA to a national naval reserve association we want to add to our contacts lists in order to keep everyone informed of the membership expansion, planned events, opportunities to become a Board member and ways to stay connected with shipmates!

Please share this info and encourage others to go to the home page at [www.untd.org](http://www.untd.org) and give us their preferred email and current city. Another way is to email their coordinates to [membership@untd.org](mailto:membership@untd.org).

2023 promises to be exciting for us - please encourage others to sign up and be part of the celebrations and recommissioning!

## Vous Compter!

Tous les anciens et actuels réservistes de la Marine sont invités à devenir membres de l'Association qui aura bientôt un nouveau nom tel que voté lors de l'AGA de mai à Victoria.

Pendant la transition et la remise en service de l'UNTDA vers une association nationale de la Réserve navale, nous souhaitons ajouter à nos listes de contacts afin de tenir tout le monde informé de l'expansion des membres, des événements prévus, des opportunités de devenir membres du conseil d'administration et des moyens de rester en contact avec les compagnons de navire!

Veuillez partager cette information et encourager les autres à se rendre sur la page d'accueil sur [www.untd.org](http://www.untd.org) et à nous donner leur adresse e-mail préférée et leur ville actuelle. Une autre façon est d'envoyer leurs coordonnées par courriel à [membership@untd.org](mailto:membership@untd.org).

2023 promet d'être passionnant pour nous - veuillez encourager les autres à s'inscrire et à faire partie des célébrations et de la remise en service!

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## "Do you hear there!"

Gunroom Shots and the Newsletter are pleased to run your stories and anecdotes as a reminder that the Naval Reserve legacy continues to live on through you. Waiting to hear from you.....





**A big thank you to all the current members and prospective new members for your submissions in the search for a new name for our Association.**

Subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting in Victoria, May 12th, we will be recommissioned as the:

**Naval Reserve Association of Canada/Association de la Réserve navale du Canada**

Send your letters, anecdotes or suggestions to Barry Frewer, Editor at:  
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