

## Here's How It's Coming Together ...

On November 15, 2022, at its Annual General Meeting, the UNTD Association of Canada voted unanimously to expand the membership and amend the Bylaws to welcome both active and retired Naval Reservists of all ranks into full membership. With one stroke of the pen, a new Association was born.

### Birth of a New Association

For 35 years, the UNTDA has celebrated the University Naval Training Division scheme that recruited and trained over 8,000 university students from 1942 – 1968 to become officers in the Naval Reserve. This strong, vibrant organization has accomplished a great deal over those 35 years, but only for officers. The Naval Reserve has evolved significantly since 1968 and the Naval Reserve Centennial provides a great occasion for the UNTDA to pivot to a new purpose and mission of celebrating, commemorating, and connecting. We will continue to evolve as we recommission the Association while encouraging all Naval Reservists to join up and contribute to the emergence of a National Naval Reserve Association! Read about the official recommissioning of the Naval Reserve Divisions on September 23, 2023, [here](#).

### Recommissioning the UNTDA

A major element in the evolution of the organization is the search for a more inclusive and welcoming name for the Association and both new and current members have contributed to the quest for the new name, **Naval Reserve Association of Canada**. The name was officially approved at the AGM in Victoria on May 12, 2023, where a diverse and inclusive new slate of Directors was also approved.

### Name Change

If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to join. Click on the "Membership" arrow below to get started. One of the more unique aspects of NRAC is that **membership dues are optional**. You can join as an Active or Passive member. If you are already a member, please share the information about the recommissioning and birth of the new Association to others and point them towards the current website to enrol and learn more. Please note that the website and membership forms are evolving during the transformation period so please ignore restrictive references to officer cadets and officers as we continue our "refit".

### Membership

Participate in the transformation - UNTDA to NRAC and help transform the Association to be relevant and inclusive to all reservists!

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