

UNTDA 2023 – UNTD Trophy – Proposal to Repurpose – Best Junior Officer Under Training

Message to Vancouver Naval Museum and Heritage Society via Rod McCloy, Chair - 4 Nov 2022

As part of the Naval Reserves Centennial the UNTD Association has worked on a number of legacy projects, including the Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph (CSVC) in which a number of your board members have been involved.

We have also contributed to the Shipbuilding Monument Project in which a number of your board members are involved.

A third project is to create a UNTD annual legacy award for the Best Naval Reserve Junior Officer Under Training. The process of each NRD nominating s candidate will be similar to the process in selecting the Annual NR Best Sailor Award and, like it, will be administered by COMNAVRES.

The training of junior officers for the NR has changed substantially since the days of the UNTD. Today, the rank of A/SLt can typically be attained within a year of joining and promotion to SLt can take 3-4 years from joining. Thus, the attainment of the rank of full SLt equates more or less to the training regimen and time requirements for successful completion of the UNTD program.

The UNTD Association would like to give new life to the UNTD Proficiency Award by repurposing it as the trophy to be awarded annually to the Naval Reserve's Best Junior Officer Under Training. The Association would cover any new costs associated with cleaning and refurbishing the trophy. Thereafter, COMNAVRES would become the custodian of the trophy and assume responsibility for all associated costs.

Concurrent with the annual award, the UNTD program would be explained as well as the origins of the cup itself.* The trophy would retain its existing plaques denoting the annual winners in the UNTD era. If those plaques have deteriorated, they would be refurbished with the same information. From the west coast perspective, the prowess of the UBC/Discovery UNTD will be well known in NRDs across Canada through this repurposing of the trophy.

If you need more information, or would like me to meet with your board, either virtually or in person, please let me know. Ideally the first award ceremony for the repurposed trophy would take place within the NR Centennial Year, 2023.

Yours aye,

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* The explanation of the trophy's history would be based on the description on the pictures of the trophy, officer's cap and sword and academic histories of Canadian leaders. These photos have been or are being presented to each of the universities and NRDs whose UNTDs won the trophy: This photo was also presented to the Vancouver Naval Museum and Heritage Society and additional display copies can be made available.

This UNTD Proficiency Trophy was awarded annually from 1959/60 to 1966/67. It was won by the University of British Columbia and HMCS Discovery in 1959/60; 1961/62; 1962/63; 1964/65; and by the University of Alberta and HMCS Nonsuch in 1960/61; by the University of Manitoba and HMCS Chippawa in 1963/64; by the University of Saskatchewan and HMCS Nonsuch in 1965/66; and jointly by l'Université Laval and HMCS Montcalm, and UBC and HMCS Discovery in 1966/67.

The University Naval Training Divisions (UNTD) of Canada were created in 1943 as a wartime measure to link the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Canada's universities. It transitioned into peacetime and remained in operation for 25 years and trained over 8,000 young men for careers in the RCN and the RCNR. This linkage was a first for the Canadian Navy and produced the first group of officers who were also university graduates. Over 10% made their career in the RCN, rising to higher positions of leadership. Many of the others served in the RCNR and rose to the upper echelons in Canadian universities and colleges, jurisprudence, the civil service, politics, business, industry and banking. More information is available on the reverse side and at www.untd.org