

UNTDA 2023 Naval Reserve Centennial - Committee Report to the Board for 8 September 2020

1. Two documents are attached to this report:
 - a. UNTDA and the 2023 Naval Reserve Centennial: Executive Summary (previously circulated and discussed)
 - b. UNTDA 2023 – Rough Second Draft Programme of National Event Vancouver or Victoria

2. **Current membership**

Bill Thomas – Past-President UNTDA
Dave Craig – former COMNAVRES
Stephen Rybak who worked on the 50th Anniversary of the NR
Roger Elmes – Immediate Past-President UNTDA
Bios of each can be found at <https://unttd.org/interactive-nominal-list/>

3. The committee exchanged emails over the spring and held meetings on:
 - a. Telecon 13 August
 - b. Zoom 31 August

4. Roger had a Telecon meeting with Cdr. Beth Vallis (NAVRES lead) 25 July

5. Roger joined President Graham Scott on 14 August Telecon with COMNAVRES Cmdre. Mike Hopper and D/COMNAVRES Capt. Etienne Landry. This was an introductory meeting explaining the UNTDA and its history and our plans and objectives as outlined in attached Executive Summary. We received positive feedback, interest and support. Much more staff work will need to be done through Cdr. Vallis.

6. All plans, especially those looking forward 3 years, are living documents. We do welcome feedback. COMNAVRES plans a launch of the Centennial in November 2022 – some 27 months from now. This time will fly by – for example, while it seems like last week, it is 3 months since we last met as a board. The UNTDA 2023 Committee has ZOOM meetings scheduled for the first Monday of each month (0900 PDT/PST; 1200 EDT/EST).

7. **Liaison Person(s) to each NRD**

Concept is to have one UNTD and one post-UNTD liaison person to each NRD to keep us informed of local NRD planning and to organize local events for UNTD and ROUTH+ either separately or within context of a broader NRD event. Examples are not limited to but include weepers and dinners.

- a. Roger will contact Greg Mackenzie re *Tecumseh*; John Dalzell re *Unicorn*; Bob McIlwaine and King Wan re *Discovery*; and Ken McCaw re *Queen*.
- b. Dave Craig will contact *Malahat*.
- c. Bill Thomas will continue his already successful efforts in Ontario and also work on the Atlantic provinces.

8. RCNVR Lapel Pin

Using the example circulated by Stephen Rybak –with “100” incorporated – could become a fundraiser toward an endowment to support our proposed officer cadet awards



Bill Thomas and Stephen following up on quotes for 3-dimensional (die-cast) and flat versions.

9. Naval Reserve History

The committee will determine which NRDs have unit histories and potentially explore how they might be expanded with personal stories perhaps through oral history methods. Local universities and colleges could be involved. One example of a large long term Canadian example of a military oral history collection can be seen at the [University of Victoria](https://www.uvic.ca/military-heritage/).

The committee is interested in exploring the need for expanding the documentation of the history of women in the Naval Reserves. Ultimately it could involve an MA thesis or PhD dissertation. It is noted that 1973 was first ROUPT intake to include women.

The committee will continue to explore the potential for an *ROUPT+ Tales* with the ROUPT group.

10. Weak Linkage of UNTDA, ROUPT+ and NAC with NRDs

- a. Planning for 2023 could be used to strengthen these links.
- b. Historically these links have cycled with the interest and enthusiasm of successive CO's.
- c. Will need direction from COMNAVRES to open and maintain these links.

Respectfully submitted,

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