

Legacy Projects supported by the Naval Reserve Association of Canada



The UNTD Association supported a number of Naval projects and endeavours over many years, and while its successor organization, the Naval Reserve Association of Canada, can take no credit, it joins in its whole-hearted support and intends to continue the practice.

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Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph

As its signature contribution to the celebration of the centennial of the Canadian Naval Reserve in 2023, NRAC has sponsored this project to write the stories of the 1,769 reservists who died in World War II. While their stories exist in fractured form, they are rarely seen in the Naval Reserve Divisions where they joined up. The CSVC project will bring them home to the NRDs across the country. NRAC is pleased to host [The CSVC web pages here](#), where there is a wealth of information about our reserve heroes and many completed stories.



Refurbishment of the Naval Reserve Monument



On Thursday October 20th, 2022, a donation of \$2500 was made to the National Naval Reserve Monument refurbishment Project. The donation was made by Daniel Haché, UNTDA Second Vice-President to Sheyla Dussault, Project Director in the presence of Commander Chris Knowlton, Commanding Officer of HMCS Carleton.

The Monument, situated in front of HMCS Carleton, [was inaugurated by then Governor General Roland](#)

[Michener](#) in 1973 for the 50th anniversary of the Naval Reserve. After 50 years and having been subject to all kinds of Ottawa weather, the monument was



showing its age, and a Steering Committee was established to raise funds and manage its restoration in time for the celebration of the Naval Reserve Centennial.

The refurbished monument was unveiled and rededicated by Governor General Mary Simon at a formal ceremony on October 14, 2023. ([Program available here](#)). She inspected a guard of reservists from across the country and spoke to the gathering in front of HMCS Carleton. The photograph above shows the Governor General and VAdm Angus Topshee admiring the monument. See more pictures [here](#).

HMCS Sackville



HMCS Sackville is Canada's oldest warship. This Naval Memorial and National Historic Site was a combat veteran of the Second World War. She is the last of Canada's 123 corvettes, one of many convoy escort vessels built in Canada and the United Kingdom during the war. She played a pivotal role in winning the Battle of the Atlantic and

holds a special place in Canadian naval history and heritage.



Sackville has been restored to her war time configuration and is home to exhibits and artefacts dedicated to the legacy of those who served at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic. Visit the web site [here](#).

In March 2018, the UNTDA held a mess dinner at the RCMI in Toronto and raised \$3,000 for a donation to HMCS Sackville.

Left: VAdm McFadden presents rum decanter to HCapt Hugh Segal, guest speaker.

Right: Cdr. Wendell Brown, CO, Sackville, receives cheque from Graham Scott, UNTDA VP.



The Crow's Nest Officers' Club Scholarship

The venerable Crow's Nest Officers' Club is a National Historic Site in St. John's Newfoundland recognized by all Canadians who understand the decisive role of the Battle of the Atlantic in WW II.



In January 2017, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of its founding, the club established a scholarship tenable at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, the terms of which reflect the significance of academics, leadership, and commitment to community. Each year the

winner of the scholarship is invited to the Crow's Nest Officers' Club to meet members and chat about their programme of study and future choices.

In 2018, prudent management of the UNTDA reunion in St. John's produced a surplus over expenses which allowed the Association to make a contribution of \$4,000 to the scholarship fund. This enabled the fund to achieve endowment status.

Homecoming Statue

One of Victoria's most moving statues is the Homecoming Statue located on the Inner Harbour Causeway in downtown Victoria BC. Unveiled in 2010, the sculpture commemorates the centennial of the Canadian Navy. Crafted by Nathan Scott, it depicts a young girl running to the outstretched arms of her father, who was returning home from deployment. Beyond them is the ideal setting of the Inner Harbour, where



Pacific Fleet, depicting the crests of each of the ships. The plaque next to the sculpture is well worth the read. On a nearby bench, a bronze veteran naval captain, representing John Mason, looks on at the heartwarming scene.

The Homecoming" by sculptor Nathan Scott captures that magical and special moment when a sailor returns home to family and community. Each memorial brick celebrates our gratitude for the tens of thousands of Canadians who answered both the call of their country and of the sea through the first century of Canada's Naval Service. For more information, please email Tourism Victoria's Visitor Centre at info@tourismvictoria.com, or phone 250-953-2033 or toll-free 800-663-3883.

The UNTDA contributed \$1,500 to the project and the UNTD badge appears second on the second row.



the masts of sailboats and tall ships rise up beyond the bronze figures. The base of the sculpture pays homage to the ships in the Canadian Navy's



Shipbuilding Monument

Over the years, UNTDs and ROUTPs have had a deep involvement with the [Vancouver Maritime Museum](#) and Larry Fournier, Bob McIlwaine, Rod McCloy and King Wan (Discovery '58, '59, '65 and '72} are a few examples. Bob heads up the [Shipbuilding Monument project](#), which is co-sponsored by the Vancouver Naval Museum & Heritage Society and the [Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia](#). The UNTD Association of Canada was pleased to contribute \$3,000 in April, 2020.



Since the earliest European contact, shipbuilding has been a part of British Columbia's economic and social history, with the busiest and most record-setting activity occurring during the Second World War.

Some 250 Victory ships and 50 naval vessels were built in BC shipyards from 1939 to 1945, with more than 14,000 workers employed at the Burrard Dry Dock alone. With neighbouring North Van Ship Repairs, the waterfront became the centre of shipbuilding in BC.

With women hired to fill the gap while men went to war, Burrard was the first in Canada to employ them in shipbuilding. They were not just relegated to office and menial custodial jobs, but excelled in the precision detail work of the electrical, sheet metal and machine shops. The women also pulled their weight alongside the men in the pipe, plate and blacksmith shops as shipwrights and reamer's helpers, welders, burners and bolters.

After the war, destroyer escorts, ferries, icebreakers, tugs, barges, fishing and other vessels were constructed, adding value to BC's growing economy, and continues today.

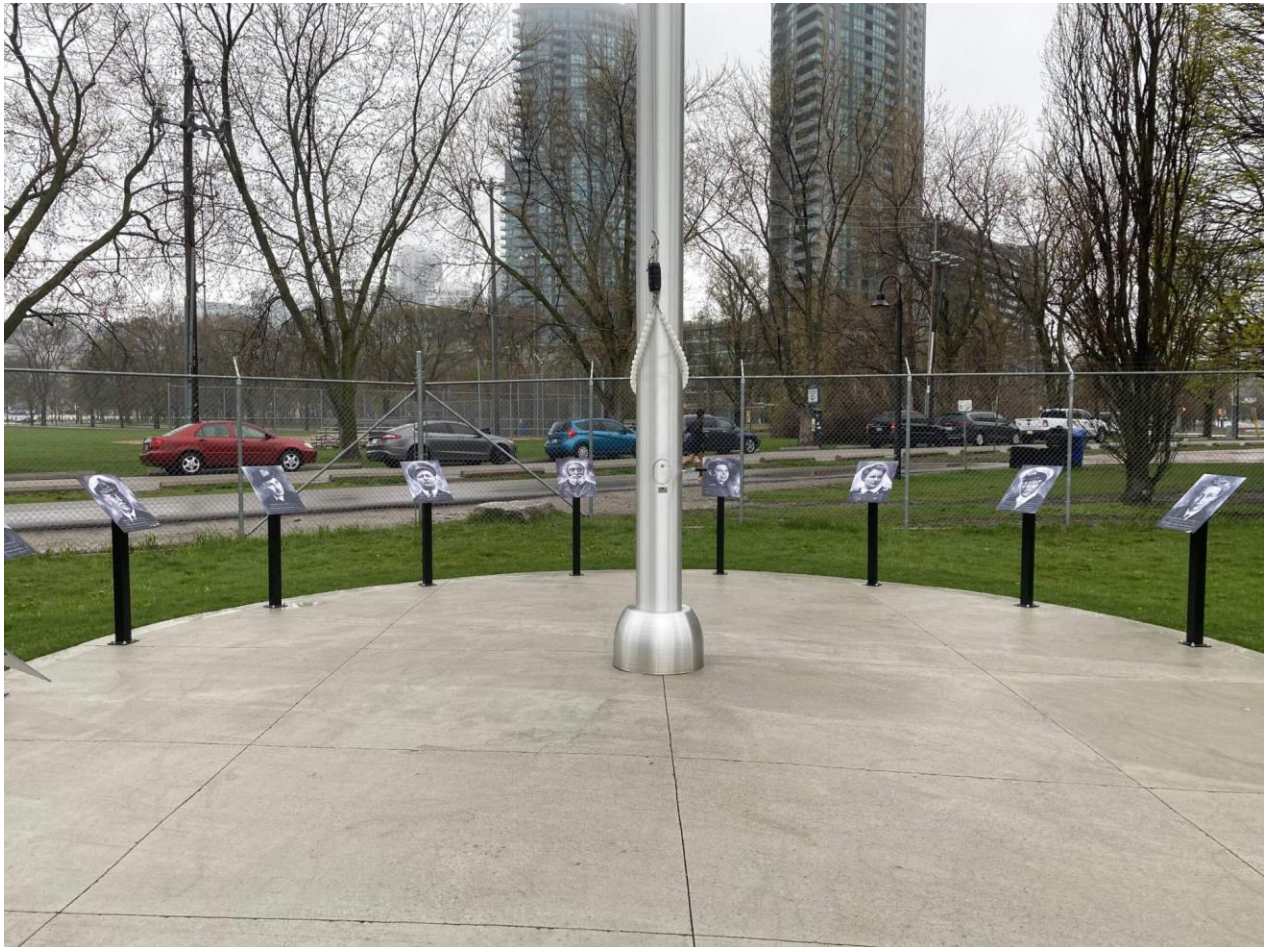
There has been little recognition for the thousands of BC workers who made such a huge contribution to the war. The Shipbuilding Monument, saluting this great effort, will consist of three bronze statues, symbolic of British Columbia's robust shipbuilding activity during the Second World War. The statues will depict a male shipyard worker using a torch to bend pipes, a female worker taking a break and a naval petty officer unrolling a drawing. Designed to engage people, the sculptures will be at ground level on the waterfront walkway, site of the original shipyards. Their positioning will allow visitors to take photographs of the monument and themselves with the life-size statues.

The sculptor of The Shipbuilding Monument is Norm Williams. He created the Roger Neilson and Pat Quinn statues at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, and the Vancouver Fire Fighter Burn Unit

Statue, and the monument to BC's fishing industry workers outside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Richmond, BC.

(To be updated when the monument is dedicated)

Canadian Naval Tribute Project



The Canadian Naval Tribute Project (CNTP) seeks to recognize a diverse, and largely uncelebrated, group of individuals for the historical contributions and impact they have made on the Royal Canadian Navy. Whether by acts of valour, exemplifying service before self, or breaking gender and racial boundaries, their tenacity and resolve embodied the very spirit of the present-day Royal Canadian Navy. They are part of a proud and important tradition, a legacy of service and a promise to keep our country strong and free.

The monument is in front of HMCS York in Toronto, Canada's largest city and consists of a large circular base, surrounded by twelve panels showcasing the portraits of each sailor. They face a flagstaff, situated at the center of the monument, sporting the Canadian Naval Ensign. A ship's

bell will be fixed to the staff for ceremonies. A path leads visitors to the monument, and two larger panels, both in English and French, will be placed at its entrance. These will explain the monument and encourage people to visit a website where they can read the biographies of the twelve individuals.

Many individuals have made laudable contributions to the Royal Canadian Navy's history; these twelve sailors are an inclusive and diverse example of service. Regardless of the threat of war, or the restrictions imposed by a less tolerant and inclusive society, they all responded with a resolute: Ready Aye Ready.

Honourees

Chief Petty Officer Max Leopold Bernays

Lieutenant-Commander Margaret Brooke

Lieutenant Robert Hampton Gray

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class George Edward Jamieson

Lieutenant-Commander William King Lowd Lore

Lieutenant-Commander John Stubbs

Commander Roland Bourke

Vice Admiral Henry George "Harry" DeWolf

Quartermaster William Nelson Edward Hall

Captain Clarence Aubrey King

Commander Isabel MacNeill

Rear-Admiral Walter Hose

Design & Location

Each of the twelve panels features original colour artwork that not only captures the likeness of each honouree but evokes a sense of legacy – these were people who not only helped make the RCN what it is today but played a significant role in our country's history.

The [unveiling ceremony](#) was attended by the Minister of National Defense and the Commander of the RCN.

For more information, click [here](#).

This photograph shows Ross Connell, UNTDA Treasurer, presenting the UNTDA's cheque for \$1,500 in support of the project, to Sean Livingstone, President, Toronto Branch NAC (2022) who, along with Mark Phillips (Past President) conceived of the CNTP. The picture was taken on October 15, 2022, in front of the memorial to HMCS Oakville in Tannery Park, Oakville. Sean is the author of [Oakville's Flower: The History of the HMCS Oakville](#).



UNTD/NRAC Conference May 2023, Victoria BC

The success of this conference was largely due to the support and contributions of a number of naval units and personnel, and the Association was pleased to make donations to HMCS Malahat ship's fund, the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron mess and to the Gunroom of HMCS Venture.

443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron (MHS)

Paul de Champlain (Tecumseh '70), presented a donation of \$500 to the Mess of the west coast operational CH-148 Cyclone squadron from the Naval Reserve Association.



Present were Sergeant Dan Doucet, the Mess President on the left, and Captain Cody Hansen, who was the guide during the tour, and who was promoted to Major at the ceremony held coincident with this presentation.

HMCS Malahat Ship's Fund

Cmdre (Ret'd) David Craig presented a cheque for \$1,500 to the Commanding Officer of HMCS Malahat, LCdr Anne C. Gardam, for the Ship's Fund in thanks for the warm welcome enjoyed by conference attendees.





HMCS Venture Gunroom

David Winkler presented a cheque for \$1,000 to LCdr Riley Monsour on behalf of the Association in appreciation for the assistance of the junior officers attached in various ways to Venture who conducted tours of Venture, Dockyard, the Ships, Damage Control and Diving Schools.

UNTD Trophy

The University Naval Training Divisions (UNTD) of Canada were created in 1943 as a mandatory 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. ([See history here](#)). 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.

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

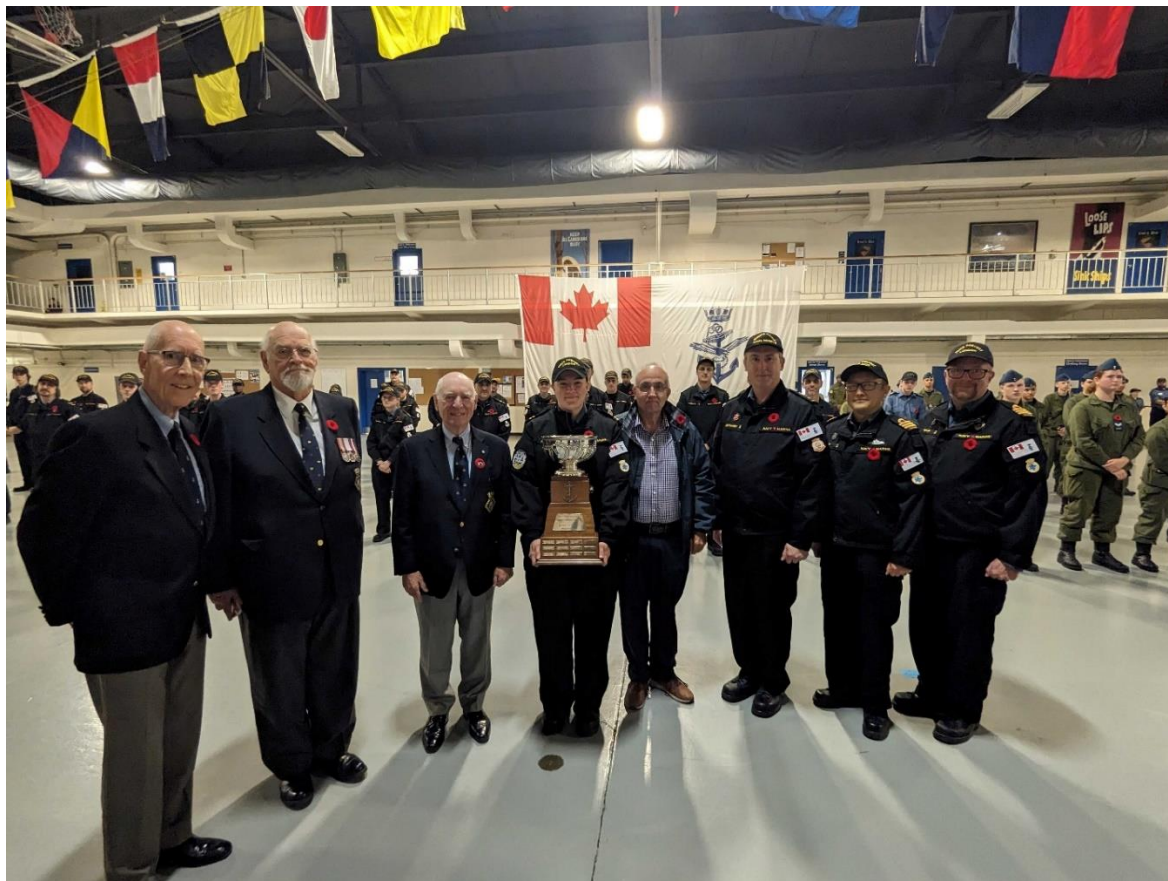
The trophy disappeared but resurfaced in 2014 in the former UNTD Gunroom at HMCS Discovery. At the instigation of Daniel Haché and supervised by Roger Elmes, the trophy was refurbished by the Naval Reserve Association of Canada. As part of the Association's celebration of the Naval Reserve Centennial of 2023, the three-tiered trophy was repurposed as an individual award to the Best Naval Reserve Junior Officer Under Training. The original plaques were retained to commemorate the UNTD, and a new plaque was added. The new plaque on the new "front" reads:

THE UNTD TROPHY

*Awarded annually to a Naval Reserve Junior Officer
in recognition of their exceptional achievements*

*Décerné chaque année à un officier subalterne de la Réserve navale
en reconnaissance de ses réalisations exceptionnelles*

The first recipient of the trophy was SLt Mara Pritchard, HMCS Prevost, 2023, promoted to Lt(N) just prior to receiving the trophy. Read her story in [Connexions here](#).



Presentation of the UNTD Trophy, November, 2023. Left to Right - Wynne Downing (UNTD Prevost '61); Bill Thomas, Past President, UNTDA (UNTD Prevost '59); Graham Scott, President, NRAC (UNTD Prevost '60); LT (N) Mara Pritchard; Tim Pritchard, Father; Cmdre Pat Montgomery, ComNavRes; Cdr Paul Hong, CO Prevost; Cdr Mike Butler, XO Prevost.