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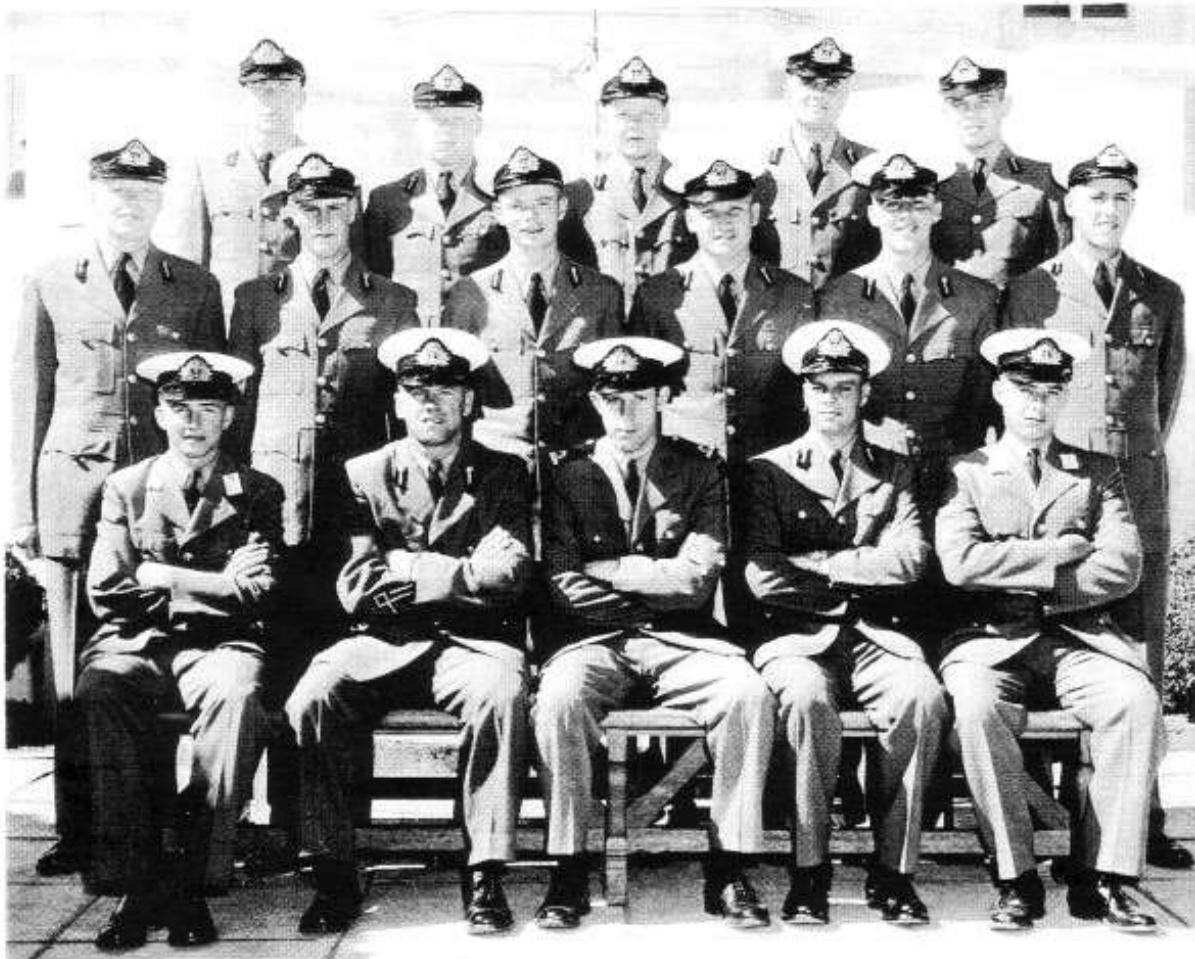
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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, UNTD ROYAL ROADS, 1959

Front Row - Bill Vallee (ROTP), Cadet Captain Stone (Cabot), Term Lieutenant, Don Strangway (York), Bill Shead (ROTP), Second Row - Don Armitage (York), **William Graham** (York), Gerald Berry, Herman Muenzer, Rod Ives (Scotian), Jim McGary (Prevost), Back Row - Brian McEntee (Donnacona), Gord Nicolls (York), Charlie Gunn (York), Unknown, Tom Bastedo (York). Cover Story on page 2.

DND Photo courtesy Charlie Gunn, Bridgewater NS.

COVER STORY

In the last issue of the UNTD Newsletter, September 2004, a story entitled “**Reaching the Top**”, gave a brief background on The Honourable Bill Graham, Minister of National Defense. It was hoped that one of our members might be able to provide more information and possibly a photo showing the MND as a UNTD cadet. We hit the jackpot when Charlie Gunn of Bridgewater NS sent a picture of his second year UNTD Division taken on the steps leading up from the castle at Royal Roads in 1959. It is a DND photo #51437 and Charlie thinks it might be Micmac Division but he could be confusing the division with his class at Stadacona in 1958.

Bill Graham, Charlie Gunn and Tom Bastedo, known as the Three Muskateers, started Trinity College (U. of T.) together in 1957 and joined the UNTD at HMCS York. Their first summer of naval training was at Stadacona in 1958. On the West Coast in 1959, they made a few trips in Oriole. Upon graduation, Bill Graham served for a brief time as a Reserve Officer in HMCS York.

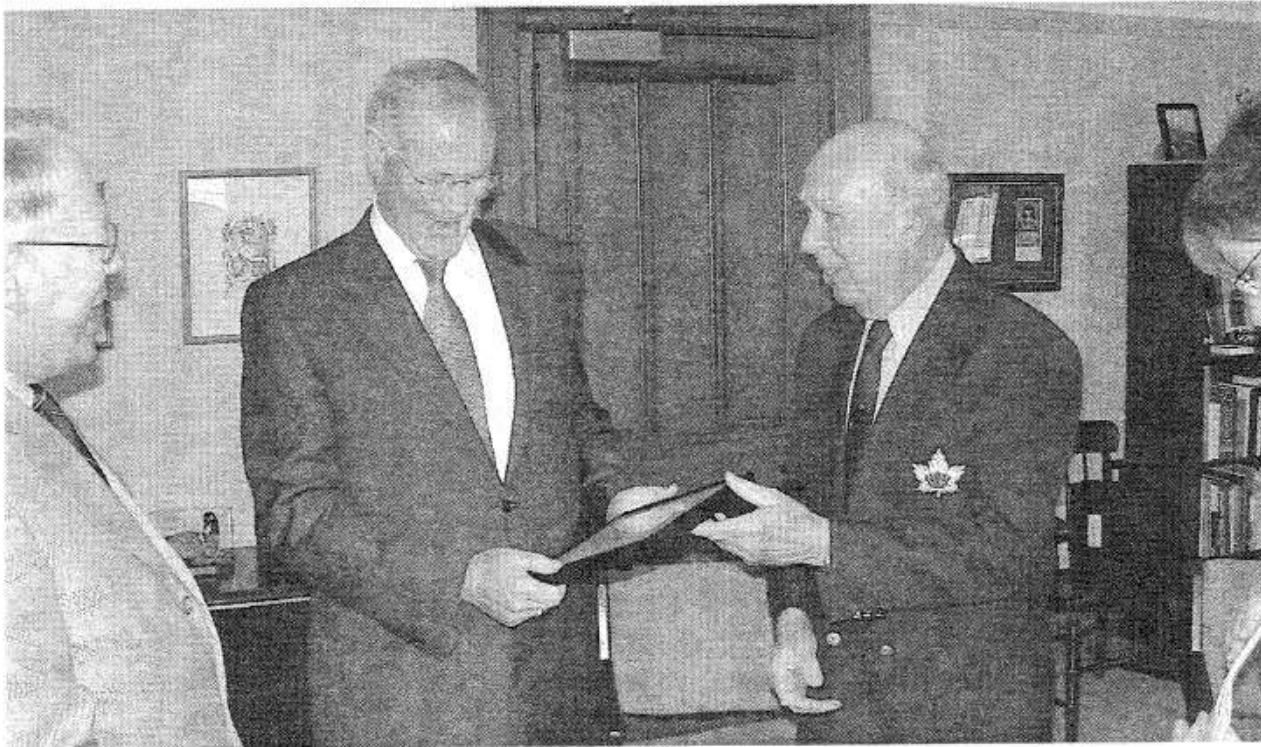
The Minister of National Defense recently accepted Honorary Membership in the Naval Officers Association of Canada on the invitation of the National President, Mike Cooper (also a former UNTD). A certificate of Honorary

Membership was presented to the Minister in his office on December 14, 2004, by Bruce Hayes, National Director, Ottawa Branch.

This is the first time that a serving Minister of National Defense has been a member of the NOAC. Also, the Minister is the first Naval Officer to serve as Minister of National Defense. (Thanks to a great naval training program called the UNTD).

There are two other cadets of note in this photo. Rod Ives (Scotian) centre row, 5th from left, became the Vicar General of the Canadian Forces. He was from Prince Edward Island and attended King’s College in Halifax. Bill Shead, front row, right end, became Staff Officer Cadets at York. He was the only RCN officer to serve aboard Britannia during the Royal Visit in 1967. He retired as a Commander to try his hand at federal politics. Charlie believes that Bill may have been the first commissioned aboriginal in the history of the RCN.

In the photograph below, The Honourable Bill Graham on the left (UNTD HMCS York) receives his Honorary Naval Officers’ Association of Canada Membership from National Director, Bruce Hayes on the right. Executive Director, NOAC, Robert Nixon looks on.
Photo courtesy Bruce Hayes



HALIFAX REUNION

Lunenburg Tour

By Gil Hutton

The activities of the Halifax UNTD Reunion in July 2004, were covered in the last newsletter. In this issue, Gil Hutton will wrap up his report on the post reunion side-trip to Lunenburg.

On Monday July 5, thirty-odd diehards went down the south shore by school bus. Peggy's Cove was the first stop for sightseeing and post card cancellations at the Lighthouse Post Office. In Lunenburg the group went directly to the historic Boscawen Inn (1855) where everyone enjoyed drinks and an excellent seafood buffet. Tables were set with linen, silver and china in a wonderful dining room, essentially unchanged for 150 years.

Our guests for lunch were CAPT (N) Dick Steele and His Honour, James Kinley, former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. Dick is an honorary member of the UNTD Association. As Reserve Training Commander in HMCS Stadacona in 1949-50, he contributed a great deal to the introduction of the UNTD Cadet program. Jim, who was accompanied by his wife Grace, was a UNTD 1949. They had come back a day early from a long scheduled trip to England to be part of the reunion.

Dick Steele spoke of the important contribution to Canada of thousands of intelligent young men from every corner of the country and every walk of life, who had experienced navy life through the UNTD. With an example of former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Jim Kinley (UNTD '49) sitting right beside him and of course our new Minister of National Defense William Graham (UNTD '57) as well as Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic, Rear Admiral Glenn Davidson (UNTD '70), who could argue with that theme. Needless to say, Dick has been thrilled with his association with UNTDs for the last 55 years.

Jim Kinley spoke about one of his favorite subjects, UNTD summer training at sea 1943-45 in armed yachts, corvettes and minesweepers on patrol and chasing submarines. He noted that his naval engineering experience helped inspire his engineering career in the family's Marine Hardware and Engineering business. It was that career which led to his good fortune and the position of Lieutenant Governorship. Grace

Kinley also spoke up, inviting everyone to their home for the next reunion.

With the hearty success of the Halifax UNTD Reunion, it is hoped that many UNTDs will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the NOAC Reunion Conference in Hamilton, Ontario on June 9 - 12, 2005. All UNTDs are welcome. It should be another grand experience.

UNTD ANNUAL MESS DINNER

By Bob Morris

The Annual Mess Dinner was held at the Staff College on Saturday November 20, 2004. The hi-jinx started as soon as everyone sat down. Vice President of the mess dinner, Alex Wright, informed the President that he had not been issued with a gavel. Left to his own devices, he soon produced a gavel at which time the President discovered that his gavel was missing. After a suitable presentation ceremony the symbol of authority was restored to the President so that he could carry out the remainder of the mess dinner with some decorum.

Capt. (N) Paul Maddison, most recently the CO of HMCS Iroquois, the Command Ship of the Canadian Task Group in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation "Appollo", was the guest speaker. He spoke about his experiences and gave an overview of the Canadian Navy from his middle management position.

He told many anecdotes but the one that stuck with me was his assignment to the Governor General's staff. He was tasked with the arrangements for the state visit of the Chairman of the Peoples Republic of China. When two Chinese from the Embassy requested an inspection of the hotel facilities, they were shown the State Bedroom and informed that the Queen had slept in the bed. Clearly unimpressed, they climbed on the bed and began to jump up and down. They informed Lt. Maddison that the bed was too soft. Not until a ¾ inch thick sheet of plywood was placed under the mattress did it pass inspection.

An excellent roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all and the dinner drew to a humorous conclusion with brief recitations of a naval experience by each member of the dinner. Informal discussions took place in the bar area with Capt. Maddison and our host Gerry Laporte of the Staff College. Wow! What a night!

ALL UNTD'S ARE EXPRESSLY INVITED TO THE
2005 NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
REUNION, SEMINAR AND AGM - IN HAMILTON, ONTARIO
JUNE 9 - 12, 2005

At the Reunion Dinner of the UNTD National Reunion in Halifax in July 2004, the National President of NOAC, Mike Cooper, himself a graduate of the UNTD program, invited all UNTDs to the NOAC Reunion, Seminar and AGM in 2005.

The Directors of the UNTD Association heartily endorse and recommend UNTD participation in this historic event.

- UNTD participants will have distinctive name badges to identify them;
- There will be a UNTD information and co-ordination table at the registration and hospitality room throughout the program;
- There will be identified UNTD tables at the Seminar luncheon and at the Conference dinner;
- There will be a separate UNTD reception before the Conference dinner, overlapping the main NOAC reception;
- There will be a VIP reception preceding the Hamilton International Tattoo and UNTDs will be recognized at the Tattoo.

The NOAC National Reunion, Conference and AGM will be held, for the first time in Hamilton, Ontario, June 9 - 12, 2005. While including all the traditional events, the organizers are stressing the reunion theme and have stated the purpose of the meetings as follows:

- .1 To provide an opportunity for members of UNTD, NOAC and their guests to refresh long standing friendships and make new ones;
- .2 To discover the attractions of Hamilton's culture, architecture and history.

PROGRAM

The parts of the program that will be of special interest to UNTD attendee are as follows.

MEET AND GREET - Activities will commence on Thursday, June 9 with a MEET AND GREET at the **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**. This unique establishment features over 40 vintage aircraft of significance to the aviation history of Canada, including the only flying Lancaster Bomber in North America. Delegates will enjoy drinks and a light buffet surrounded by historic aircraft. They may wander freely inspecting the aircraft and guides will be available for commentary.

SEMINARS - On Friday, June 10, SEMINARS will be held in LIUNA Station. The 1928 CN Railway station has been restored into a stunning conference and catering facility. The Conference seminars will be held in the Continental Express Room with the seminar luncheon in the vast entrance hall. **The seminars will focus on the maritime, marine and water activity in the area, including; the War of 1812, transportation, recreation and scientific research.** Papers have been offered by the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, the Port Authority, the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, the Canadian Coast Guard and historians of local and national renown.

WATERFRONT NIGHT - Friday evening will be an informal WATERFRONT NIGHT with events at the **new Canadian Marine Discovery Centre**. This unique facility features interactive displays and activity centres that demonstrating the past, present and future of Canada's marine environment, including the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic and Great Lakes. The site includes **HMCS HAIDA** National Historic Memorial at Pier 9 on the Hamilton waterfront. **HMCS STAR**, adjacent to **HAIDA**, will offer a buffet supper.

BUS TOUR OF HAMILTON - Following the NOAC AGM and luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Ramada Plaza Hotel on the morning of Saturday, June 11, delegates will be afforded the opportunity of a BUS TOUR OF HAMILTON. This escorted tour features sites of particular interest such as the **Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology**, the unique **Dieppe Memorial and Sailors Memorial** (Navy and Merchant Marine), the **War of 1812 sites** on Burlington Heights, Confederation Park on Lake Ontario and the Battlefield of Stoney Creek.

CONFERENCE DINNER - Saturday night, the traditional CONFERENCE DINNER and presentation of national awards will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Ramada Plaza Hotel. The dinner will be followed by entertainment featuring the **Jenny Wren Chorus** and the **Kaleidoscope Singers** of Hamilton presenting an **anthology of World War II music**. Ample time will be left for a visit with old friends without trying to compete with a dance band.

UP SPIRITS AND BRUNCH - On Sunday, UP SPIRITS AND BRUNCH will take place in the NOAC Hospitality Suite, which will also serve as the Conference Headquarters. While this will complete the core activities, delegates and friends have the option of attending the Hamilton International Tattoo on Sunday afternoon.

HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL TATTOO has received national and international acclaim. UNTD and NOAC attendees will be received in a VIP private reception before being led by an official piper into the Copps Coliseum. The tattoo features outstanding bands, military units and performing groups from all over Canada and the United States as well as other countries.

PARTNER'S PROGRAM - will provide a tour of Dundurn Castle, the stately home of one of Canada's first Prime Ministers of the 1841 Union and a visit to the beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens in early summer bloom (includes lunch). A second tour will visit all the famous landmarks in the Hamilton area that are of particular interest to Canadian women.

CONFERENCE HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

The Conference Headquarters and Hospitality Centre will be the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Hamilton. Please see the enclosed insert for further details and Registration Form. Don't be disappointed. Register before April 1, 2005.

For more information call Gil Hutton at (905) 523-9151

THE SUMMER OF '46

The Saga Continues

By Al Pearlstein

The September 2001 issue of the UNTD Newsletter carried the Cover Story, "Warrior Days" by Derek Bate. It generated a related story by Mike Thompson of the 1946 "Laymore and Clifton" Panama cruise covered in the March 2002 Newsletter. The editor called for pictures of this unique trip and Al Pearlstein has complied, providing his own anecdotes.

After the usual preliminary UNTD training at HMCS Stadacona in the summer of 1946, Bill Reisberry, Moe Charendoff and I were sent to sea aboard HMCS New Liskeard. Our routine was to dump excess stocks of ammunition from WW II overboard at night about 90 miles east of Halifax. This was also my first experience with being seasick. While on lookout duty on the upper deck and not wanting to leave my post without permission, I unsuccessfully attempted to direct the contents of my stomach overboard. The wind and waves caused some of it to return to the deck. The duty S/Lt. told me that next time it would be better to leave my station.



Left to right, Bill Reisberry, Moe Charendoff and Al Pearlstein aboard HMCS New Liskeard, the summer of 1946. Photo courtesy Al Pearlstein

Next we joined a dozen other UNTDs who were to form the crew of the recently commissioned HMCS Laymore. She was a U.S. built coastal supply vessel being transferred to the West Coast. Since there was no fee for Canadian naval vessels passing through the Panama Canal, she was commissioned to save the \$5,000.00 passage

fee. The merchant seamen officers were also temporarily commissioned in the RCN.

HMCS Laymore was flat-bottomed and considerably larger than the sea going tug, HMCS Clifton, which accompanied us. In order to ballast Laymore, four 50-ton blocks of concrete were secured in her large main hold. The crew's quarters were in the foc'sle and being American built, we had bunks not hammocks. Within four hours of leaving Halifax, most of us were seasick. This lasted for the four days that it took to get to our first destination, Charleston, South Carolina.

Going through the choppy Caribbean, the flat-bottomed Laymore tossed and turned. While on the wheel, we had to wear sneakers to stop from slipping in the fifteen-degree rolls.



HMCS Laymore rolling through the Caribbean on her way to the Panama Canal.

Photo by Pearlstein

After the Panama Canal, our next stop was Manzanillo, Mexico where it was 114 degrees in the shade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The sea going tug, HMCS Clifton in Manzanillo Harbour, as see from the deck of HMCS Laymore.
Photo by Al Pearlstein

The next port of call was Long Beach, California. Finally after a month of adventures on the high seas and exciting foreign port visits, we arrived in Vancouver. While we were stationed in Esquimalt for another three weeks we were required for an Admiral's funeral party and had to practice the slow march.

When I returned to the University of Toronto in September 1946, I changed courses from Arts to Commerce and Finance. Consequently, after spending my first UNTD summer as an Ordinary Seaman, I became a Probationary Writer in the Supply Department. For my second summer in 1947, I traveled across Canada by train to Victoria. After several weeks aboard **HMCS Uganda**, I spent ten weeks at Supply School at **HMCS Naden**. During this time I was a member of the track team and participated in a three-day competition in Nanaimo.

In 1948 I went to the East Coast and had a nice training cruise to Bermuda aboard **HMCS Nootka**. Then I joined **HMS Sheffield** for my second trip through the Panama Canal in three years. (*Editor's Note. That's another story I would like to get on record for the Newsletter.*)

I was commissioned in 1949 and spent two weeks naval training at **HMCS Stadacona** and again in May 1950 before starting my civilian career as a sales trainee. I joined the NOAC and participated in their activities at **HMCS York**. I transferred to the inactive list in 1954 due to my marriage and pressure of work. I am still active in the defined benefit pension field.

Dear Editor,

I found this 1986 letter from Admiral Andy Collier, DSC, RCN Ret'd. He was the Reserve Training Commander on the West Coast in 1956. I thought it might be of interest to the members of the UNTD Association.

Phil Neroutsos, Victoria, BC.

26 August 1986

I am very honoured and extremely pleased to become an honorary member of the UNTD White Twist Club.

I do remember very well my time as R.T.C. at Naden. Two events stand out in my mind. The first was the unpleasant task of having to tell the cadets that the navy had cut back on the maximum training allowed by four weeks, seriously affecting the earnings of many of the cadets. The second was the wonderful organization put behind the Midshipmen's Ball held in the Naden Gym for some 1,000 young officers and their ladies for our 50th Anniversary. It was an amalgam of UNTD, RCN and USN (USS Benington) cadets. The response as outstanding.

I must also state that I do not believe there has been a better program for university students than the UNTDs. I was enthusiastic then and as I advanced through my career, I never ceased to be amazed at how many senior and influential people, in all walks of life, had a UNTD background and were of great assistance to the navy. I look forward to meeting many more ex-UNTDs and I shall wear my UNTD pin with pride.

Sincerely,

Andy Collier

CEO British Columbia Ferry Corporation

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GET ABOARD FOR HAMILTON 2005

Mark your calendar for the NOAC 2005 National Reunion, Seminar and Annual General Meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, June 9 to 12, 2005.

The Hamilton Area group of the Toronto Branch have gone all out to make sure that there is something for everyone. From the Meet and Greet, through the seminar, the AGM, and the closing banquet, to 'Up Spirits,' and the world famous Hamilton International Tattoo, the program is packed with interesting and entertaining events.

Some activities will centre around HMCS HAIDA National Historic Site, the new Canada Marine Discovery Centre, and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Others are at the **Ramada Plaza Hotel** and beautiful LIUNA Station, the former Hamilton Union Station, which has been magnificently renovated and restored by the Laborers' International Union of North America. It is one of Hamilton's most sought after venues for weddings, banquets, and conferences.

Partners will enjoy touring the Royal Botanical Gardens, and visiting famous landmarks, particularly those of significance to Canadian women.

The organizers want you to remember this reunion as a very special event, one that will impress you with the history, and culture of this vibrant, thriving inland port city. Hamilton has a longstanding connection to the Canadian Navy, especially the Naval Reserve, and the city's importance in Canadian naval history dates back to before the War of 1812.

All of the members of Toronto Branch look forward to seeing you in historic Hamilton.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Air

Hamilton Airport is served by two of Canada's best budget airlines, **Westjet** (westjet.com or 1-800-538-5696) connects with 32 cities in Canada and the USA, while **Canjet** (canjet.com or 1-800-809-7777) connects with 15 cities, from Winnipeg east, in Canada and the USA.

Air Canada, major American airlines, and some of the Discount Airlines operate scheduled flights into **Pearson International Airport (Toronto)**. Limosine service is available to Hamilton.

By Train

VIA Rail operates into Toronto. **GO Busses** run from Union Station to downtown Hamilton hourly.

By car

Hamilton is easily accessible from the Queen Elizabeth Way and provincial highways 6, 401, and 403.

ACCOMMODATION



The "reunion hotel" will be the **Ramada Plaza Hotel**, located in the heart of downtown. Shuttle Service is available to and from Hamilton Airport if you contact the hotel in advance.

The Ramada features a brand new enclosed swimming pool, with wading pool and Jacuzzi, state-of-the-art fitness center with warm-up room, sauna, individual climate control in rooms, movies, internet access, and a magnificent Ballroom for our AGM and Dinner.

There is a restaurant in the hotel serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and if you have not had enough laughs at the meetings you can visit "Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club."

Visit their website at www.ramadahamilton.com to view their amenities.

For reservations contact the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. Hamilton ON L8N 1B2, 905-528-3451, or 1-800-2RAMADA (272-6232), email info@ramadahamilton.com Rates are \$109.00 (standard) and \$129.00 (deluxe). Quote "NOAC."



We have also booked accommodation at **Mohawk Residence & Conference Centre** 245 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton, ON, L9C 7V7. Suite configurations consist of two private bedrooms, bathroom & a kitchenette. All guest suites feature air conditioning, cable television, and free local calls. Other available services & amenities include a complimentary continental breakfast, housekeeping, and hospitality lounges, all included at one Special Rate of \$69.95 per suite. Please book your suite by April 1st, 2005. *Note: Mohawk is approximately two miles from the Ramada so you must provide your own transportation.*

When reserving your suite within the Naval Officers Association block, call toll free 1-877-225-8664 or direct at 905 385-3200 Check their web site at www.residence-conferencecentre.com/hamilton/

NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM HAMILTON, ON. JUNE 9 - 12, 2005

REGISTRATION

BASIC PROGRAM

Date	Event	Per Person	Self	Partner	Total
June 9	Board of Directors' Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Evening Meet & Greet	\$ 45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
June 10	Seminar (includes lunch)	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Partners' Tour and Lunch	\$ 45.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Informal Fun Night	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
June 11	AGM (Lunch and Coffee)	\$ 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Partners' Tour	\$ 15.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Reception and Dinner	\$ 70.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
June 12	Board of Directors' Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Up Spirits & Lunch	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total for Individual Events			\$270	\$250	

OPTIONAL ADDITIONS

June 11	Members' Tour	\$ 15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
June 12	Hamilton International Tattoo	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total for Optional additions					
Total Charges					

Notes

1. Attendees from the local area, and others who do not wish to attend the entire "core program," may select individual events.
2. **Before 1 April, 2005** the "package price" is \$235 for all the basic program events, and the "partner's package price" is \$215. (excludes Seminar and AGM). The "package price" does not include optional additions.
4. **After 1 April** the full registration, or individual event fee (plus optional events as desired) must be paid.
5. Tours may be limited by bus size, and will be filled, first come first served, by date of registration.

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First Name.....Last Name.....Partner's Name.....

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Province/State.....Postal Code/ZIP.....

Phone (Res).....(Bus).....Date.....email.....

Please check one: National Executive.....National Director.....Alternate.....Attending Member.....Other.....

Delegates Registration Fee \$270.00 Partner \$250.00

Early Bird Registration (before 1 April 2005) \$235.00 Partner \$215.00

Individual Events and/or Optional Program Fees \$..... Partner \$.....

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.....

Enclosed please find my cheque for \$.....payable to NOAC Hamilton Reunion 2005