

UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA

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NEWSLETTER

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DEAR MEMBER:

UNTD REUNION WEEPERS, APRIL 22, 1988

Almost all of the recipients of this Newsletter will have attended the gratifyingly and (to us) astonishingly successful 'GIANT UNTD REUNION WEEPERS' in HMCS "York" on Friday, April 22, 1988. We planned for 100, hoped for 130 and 160 attended. At 2230 when we had to close the bar there were still some 30 ex-UNTD's enthusiastically reminiscing. Our President, Richard Baker, welcomed everyone and gave a little background to the formation of the "UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA". Don Bethune outlined the history of the formation of the UNTD in 1942/43. (Yes, it was originally -- fortunately for a very short time -- called the Canadian University Naval Training Service). Recognition, greeting and reminiscing were non-stop from 1700 to 2230. A common occurrence went like this: when two long time business associates recognized each other with amazement, "Why you old bastard -- I never knew you were in the UNTD." Years represented were all the way from 1944 to 1988, with the majority between 1951 and 1969. (There were no UNTD's between 1969 and 1985.) The youngest member present was 20, the oldest 73. (Lots of veterans who attended university after WWII joined the UNTD.)

MEMBERSHIP

At the weepers there was a membership registration table and nearly 100 joined the Association then and there. (We couldn't get the rest far enough away from the bar and the food.) Since then, an additional 35 to 40 have joined. These 130-odd enterprising souls will be our Charter Members and their membership cards will so designate. The list of members to date is enclosed. There was some confusion between the \$10 per person cost of the Weepers and the \$10 membership fee. The admission to the Weepers had to cover not only the ordinary food, bartender, etc., but also the initial mailing to nearly 1,000 ex-UNTD's. The current mailing will go to our 130 plus members and an additional 700 prospective members. After that, mailings will go to members only. We'll continue to look for new members of course, but through personal contact, publicity, and other methods. Cost prohibits us from continuing to mail to hundreds of ex-UNTD's who don't answer.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Your membership card is enclosed. It's yours for life. We will send out membership dues renewal forms each year, but the cards will be sent once only. That's why it has opulent features such as embossed lettering, and your very own personal membership number. Please note the GREAT TRUTH inscribed on the back -- just as a reminder.

NAME

Since there already was a UNTD Association of Ottawa, we had to think of a name which would include as much of Ontario as possible. (Alan Fotheringham says Ottawa isn't really part of Canada anyway.) We thought the historical connotations were interesting and amusing. There was an Upper Canada (Provincial) Marine during the War of 1812. We claim descent, even if tenuous and indirect.

UNTD ANTHEM

Members from the mid-Sixties have provided us with the unofficial "UNTD Anthem". It has been slightly censored in case you leave the newsletter lying around the house, but any further changes would have spoiled the original flavour and intent. So, remembering the spirit of youthful summers, here it is.

"The First thing we'll ask for
We'll ask for some Beer
May it be crystal
And may it be clear.
If you have one Beer
Then may you have ten;
You can have a frigging million
Said the Piper of Men.

REFRAIN:

Merry, Oh Merry, Oh Merry are we
We are the boys of the UNTD,
Sing High, Sing Low, Wherever you go
On good Scottish whiskey you'll never feel low.

The Second thing we'll ask for
We'll ask for some Ass
May it be sexy
And may it have class.
If you have one Piece
Then may you have ten;
You can have a frigging million
Said the Piper of Men.

The Last thing we'll drink to
We'll drink to the Queen
May She have children
And may She have steen.
If She has one child
Then may She have ten;
She can have a frigging million
Said the Piper of Men."

EVENTS

Our primary objective was stated as emphasizing "the organization of activities that help maintain camaraderie among ex-UNTD members". The membership registration form asked "How many events a year should we have?" The majority answered either two or three, with a preference for Weepers and Mess Dinners. There is, however, a strong opinion that UNTD reunions should be very special and a lot of fun -- and that accordingly we should have only one or two a year, perhaps after an initial higher frequency. For one thing, if an ex-UNTD wants an active naval-oriented social program and a voice in support of a strong Navy for Canada, the Naval Officers' Association of Canada provides exactly that. The UNTD Association will have to concentrate on a different need. We will explore this further and will, of course, be guided in part by the response to future events and to your further suggestions. A separate notice for the next reunion event is enclosed.

EXECUTIVE

In the absence of any other mechanism and for obvious practical reasons, the original organizing committee will serve as the executive of the UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA until a formal method is in place for renewal. Your present executive, then, is as follows:

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