

# NRAC Website Report to the Board of Directors

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Changes to the website are constant, but rarely jump out, and you really have to go exploring to see what's been happening. Occasionally a member points out a discrepancy or suggests new material, but we really have to rely on the Directors to make frequent visits and offer suggestions.

## Transition from UNTDA to NRAC

Almost all the fixable references and links have been corrected, but every now and then an obscure reference pops up. UNTD-focused material is gradually being moved to the archives section, but since a large number of our members hail from the "officer cadet" period, this process will not be rushed, and nothing will be deleted.

When we have our new badge, it will naturally be prominent on the site, and that may be the time for a more significant overhaul. At that time, the **Recommissioning** story will be de-emphasized, and its rotating banner removed.

If any directors have material to contribute to the [record of the May conference in Victoria](#), it should be submitted soon, as that segment will also be shuffled off to an archival folder in the new year. Perhaps you can identify some of the anonymous attendees in the photos!

## Centennial

Considerable time has been devoted to gathering and captioning [photographs](#) from across the country. Some NRDs have active Facebook pages and post liberally, providing a source for photo harvesting, but identifying people is challenging without the help of local representatives. Some NRDs have yet to be heard from at all despite direct appeals from NRAC as well as NavRes. Perhaps directors can disturb the dust by contacting friends in those NRDs.

A CTV video has been added to the Centennial page. Albeit front-ended with ads, it's great to see sailors explaining the meaning of 100 years instead of officers and academics.

## CSV

Stories continue to be published, and the new Citizen Sailor Guardian program has been added.

## Benefits

A significant contribution to our expanded membership should be explanations of the welfare benefits available to reservists. The current **Benefits** page on the website is useful but limited. We recently heard of a 75-year-old receiving important home support, hearing aid subsidy, and other benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada after serving 1 year in COTC in his youth. If our members don't know what they qualify for, NRAC is in a position to help.

I propose that we invite a representative of VAC to address the board at the meeting following this October meeting to review the current situation preparatory to developing an expanded **Benefits** section on the website. It would also be helpful if someone were to step forward to become the Association's point person on this file.

## Conclusion

Between newsletters and meetings, the website is NRAC's authoritative source of information, including lists of directors, board committees, the By-laws, and much more, and we continue to benefit from the inexpensive technical assistance of Model Vision Studios and its principal, Ken Bower.

Respectfully submitted

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