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(photo as LCdr. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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Message From The Bridge

It is snowing like “all get out” and I can’t think of a thing to say: Well maybe that is not quite right but almost.

Shipmates Doc Halliday and Marty Martell are hard at work planning and arranging for the Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner that will take place on April 24th 2009 as well as organizing, entertainment for the rest of the year and 2010.

Our ADPNA Secretary Martin Field is down under (Australia) suffering from the 40 + degree C temperature and we are just watching the white stuff fall. Martin will appreciate the cooler weather on his return (possibly in the first part of March 2009). We wish him safe passage on his return trip.

Shipmates; we are planning to do the Candlelight Service before the Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner. There are other plans to do the Candlelight Service; which still have to be confirmed at the time of this writing. The tentative dates are May 1st for Pier 21 and May 2nd Officers Mess Dinner. These dates are subject to change.

The ADPNA now has a Memorial Service for those that would like to take advantage of this service. The association Padre, Larry Truelove and the Master at Arms, Ivan Foote along with the 1st Vice President, Steve Daubs will handle details for services. Shipmate that would like a copy of the program please let the executive know.

Just a little reminder for those like me that tend to put things on the back burner. **DUES are DUE!** Shipmates, maybe the cold has affected your memory or you just plain forgot, “It is now Dues time for 2009”. The dues are still \$15.00 per year, and have been for a good many years. Just send them along to our mail box shown on the envelope or on the front page of this letter.

“Man the boats”

Remember when the oars are in sync the long boat goes smoothly ahead. Lets all do what ever we can to keep the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association sailing forward. All hands can do something to help out. Give a shipmate a call and a few words to encourage. Let someone know you care.

Proud To Be a Sailor

“A hardy welcome to the new Shipmates”

Milton C Williams
ADPNA President



Membership in Cornwallis Military Museum

The museum is actively involved in seeking new members to ensure the very existence of this unique military museum located at the training base in Deep Brook, NS. It is located in the old Protestant Chapel (St. Georges') so it is not only preserving the building but the history of HMCS/CFB Cornwallis and Canada's armed forces.

The cost for membership is \$10.00 yearly and you receive a newsletter updating the operation and events of same.

We have no salaried employees it is strictly volunteers and we receive no government funding but rely on private and commercial donations.

An application form can be down-loaded from our webpage at

www.cornwallismuseum.ca you do not have to be ex-service to be a member and we operate on a non-discriminatory policy in that you can name your pet as a member if you so wish.

So, my friends, take a moment and join us to guarantee the future of this establishment.

Ronald E. Elliott CD. RCN (Ret'd)
Annapolis Royal, NS

Folding the Canadian National Flag

Although there is no official way the National Flag must be folded for presentation purposes, a suggested method is as follows. When folded in this uniquely Canadian way, a portion of the maple leaf shows. In Step 1 the Flag is "presented" by moving it from the horizontal to the vertical plane and is folded twice length-wise. The Flag is then rotated to the horizontal and the fly folded to the hoist twice. The critical point in the sequence occurs at Step 5 when the fly is folded under to the hoist so that the maple leaf remains visible. Two or more persons are required to perform this procedure with additional assistance needed when larger flags are involved. For flags larger than 1.5 x 3 meters (4.5 x 9 feet) the flag must be kept horizontal throughout. During funerals, where the coffin is Flag-draped, the Flag should be removed once the coffin is placed on the lowering device on the grave. Those folding the Flag should raise it horizontally to about waist height, step to the side of the grave and start the folding process. Once completed, the Flag may be presented to the next-of-kin.



Subject: **ADPNA Funeral Services**

Shipmate President, Members of the ADPNA Executive, Shipmates All.

As directed by the President as a result of a unanimous vote of the Membership at the June 2008 Regular Meeting, I researched current procedures used for conducting Funeral Services for departed Ex. Naval and Merchant Service Personnel. In so doing I contacted a number of RCNA Clubs and other Military Service Organizations and found that although their procedures varied considerably, overall content was similar.

After studying this acquired information at length I have developed a Service (ANNEX 'A') which incorporates the flexibility to be carried out on its own, or to be applied in part, in conjunction with a Legion or Church Service. This flexibility should be exercised through discussion with the Next of Kin of the Deceased Shipmate and not only provides for their deletion of portions of the Service, but also for their addition of selected Poems, Prayers, Psalms, Biblical Quotes, Etc. Regardless of the content or procedures applied, the entire Service should be carried out in a Professional, Reverent manner which reflects our Sincere Respect for the Deceased Shipmate, and Sympathy for His / Her Family and Loved Ones.

At this point I wish to advise you all that the conduct of a Funeral Service in the manner described above, or our participation in any service for a Departed Shipmate, will only reflect favorably on the ADPNA if our Initial reaction to receipt of word that a Shipmate has 'Crossed The Bar' is also Organized and Professional. Accordingly I strongly recommend that our current procedures in this regard be reviewed by the Executive, and that detailed written instructions be made available to all applicable members for their immediate action when and if required. I further recommend that all responsible members in this regard have a Named Backup, and that all names be provided to our Secretary for easy and quick reference.

With regard to the above I wish to offer the following suggestions for your consideration:

(A) That immediately upon any member receiving word that a Shipmate has "Crossed the Bar", the President, Vice Presidents, Chaplain and Master At Arms be informed;

(B) That the First Vice President contact the Immediate Next of Kin of the Deceased to offer Condolences on behalf of the President and all Members. He should also at this time attempt to determine (With Discretion) if ADPNA participation in the Funeral Service is desired. If so, he should attempt to arrange a visit by the Chaplain and The Master at Arms with whoever is arranging the Service.

NOTE: In the event that any one of our members should be a close Family Friend of the Deceased Member, that person could carry out the duties of the First Vice if agreed to by him;

(C) That all involved parties (First Vice or Designate, Chaplain, Master at Arms etc) keep the President fully informed of the current Situation at all times;

(D) That, when all Funeral Arrangements have been made, the President initiate a RECALL for attendance; with participation by as many members as possible.

NOTE: It is extremely important that all of the duties named above be carried out by the persons responsible, or their named designates without interference of any kind by other members; and

(E) That specific duties related to Funeral Services be carried out in Accordance with Annexes B, C and D.

ANNEX B. Duties of the Master at Arms

(a) Accompany the Chaplain, when and if required, in visiting The Next of Kin and determining what, if any, participation in the Funeral Service is required from the ADPNA.

(b) Acquire and maintain a suitable number of 'Black Mourning Bands' to be worn on the Right Upper Arm of all Members attending an ADPNA Funeral Service.

(c) Acquire and Maintain one or more White Ensigns and Merchant Service Ensigns of sufficient size to drape either a Coffin or Urn.

It is of note that there is minimal likelihood that these Ensigns will be used, especially if we are conducting a service in conjunction with the Legion. However we should be prepared for the event that we may be required to conduct a full service on our own, or in conjunction with Civilian Clergy.

- (d) Develop, and conduct as required, a proper procedure for folding the appropriate Ensign and presenting it to the Chaplain in accordance with the ADPNA Funeral Service. This procedure may require the participation of an assistant to be named by the MAA on an as required basis.
- (e) Acquire and maintain a sufficient numbers of pairs of white gloves to provide a pair to each Coffin / Urn Bearer.
- (f) Sound the 'Still' and 'Carry On' on the Bos'ns Pipe as required by ADPNA Funeral Procedures (Any able Member as detailed by the MAA may perform this function).
- (f) Conduct all ceremonial aspects of the Service ie. Falling In, Marching, Halting, Seating, etc. all ADPNA Members attending the Service, and perform such other duties related to his Office as may be required from time to time when procedural flexibility may be required.
- (g) Participate in Graveside Services as requested by the Next of Kin.

ANNEX C. Duties of the Chaplain

- (a) Visit with the Next of Km of the Deceased Shipmate as required, along with the MAA, to determine their wishes with regard to the Funeral Service.
- (b) Conduct all Chaplain aspects of the ADPNA Funeral Service, or portions thereof as requested by the Next of Kin.
- (c) Keep the President advised of all activities related to the Funeral Service and related matters.
- (c) Liaise as required with all other participating parties, organizations Etc. to ensure coordination of all Service procedures.
- (d) Perform such other duties related to his office as may be required from time to time when procedural flexibility may be required.
- (d) Participate in Graveside Services as requested by the Next of Kin.

ANNEX D: Duties of the President.

- (a) Maintain contact with all involved members ie. Chaplain, MAA, First Vice President, etc. to ensure that he is fully aware of the current situation at all times.
- (b) Initiate a Recall of all Members for attendance at the Funeral Service Immediately after details are received from the appropriate authority.
- (c) Maintain a list, along with the Secretary, of 'Backups' in the event of the absence / unavailability of one or more Key Members, ie Chaplain, MAA, First Vice President, Etc., and be prepared to replace them at. Short notice
- (c) Acquire support from the membership for the provision of all MAA requirements in accordance with ANNEX B.
- (d) Perform such other duties as may be required from time to time when procedural flexibility may be required.
- (e) Detail members as may be required to meet additional requirements dictated by the Next of Kin's wishes, or other unforeseen circumstances.

NOTE: I'm sure we all realize that flexibility is the Key word in the conduct of such a Funeral Service and that we must all be prepared to react to changing circumstances as they occur.
Notwithstanding this fact, I reiterate once again the obvious fact that we must at all times act in a totally professional manner during our preparation and participation, and maintain the utmost respect for the Deceased and His/ Her Family and Loved ones.

NOTE 2. This Service should be reviewed on an as required basis, no less than once annually by order of the President.

EVENT CALENDAR



2009

<p align="center"><u>January</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 15th @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>February</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 19th @ 1400</p> <p align="center">Note The General Meeting was cancelled due to a Snow Storm</p>	<p align="center"><u>March</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 19th @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>April</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 16th @ 1400</p> <p>Friday 24th Battle of the Atlantic Association Dinner Gangway open @ 1730</p>
<p align="center"><u>May</u></p> <p>Candle Light Service for the Officers Dinner Date to be confirmed</p> <p>Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Parade in Chester</p> <p>General Meeting on Thursday the <u>21st</u> @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>June</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 18th @ 1400</p> <p align="center">RCNA Reunion Edmonton Alberta 5th,6th,7th</p>	<p align="center"><u>July</u></p> <p align="center">No General Meeting</p>	<p align="center"><u>August</u></p> <p align="center">Summer Fun day Date to be set. ?</p> <p align="center">No General Meeting</p>
<p align="center"><u>September</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 17th @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>October</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 15th @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>November</u> <u>11th</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>Meeting on Thursday the 19th @ 1400</p>	<p align="center"><u>December</u></p> <p align="center">Friday 4th Christmas Dinner and Dance</p> <p align="center">No Meeting</p>

**Notification of Event changes & Unforeseen Events will be made by
Telephone Recall**

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