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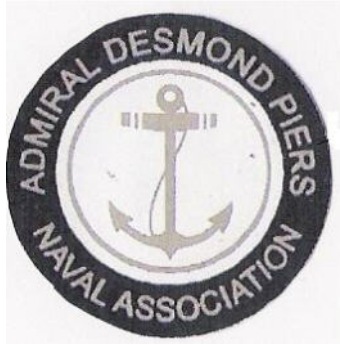
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**Message From The Bridge.**

Shipmates: Winter is waning and spring is around the corner. With spring comes the RCNA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion which our Association is hosting in Digby, as we did back in 2000. We still require a few volunteers to perform duties necessary to ensure a successful reunion weekend. Anyone wishing to help please get in touch with Shipmate Richard "DOC" Halliday.

I wish to thank all Shipmates who have volunteered (bullied or not) to help in our many projects over the past year; it is your contribution that has made the Association the success it is.

Our annual Christmas Dinner was a success with many Shipmates enjoying an evening of comradeship and dance. Our Patron, Janet Piers, was our guest and stayed until the first dance was completed. She stated that she had a great dinner and a marvellous time.

The unveiling of the monument to Admiral Piers will be held in Chester on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007. All members are encouraged to attend this event. I am sure that the Chair of this project, Shipmate Halliday, will have more information on this important day further on in this Newsletter.

The date and place of our summer BBQ has been set for Saturday, 11th August, 2007 at the MARC Centre in Dayspring (same place as last year). Please mark it on your calendar and join us for fun, games and food. Come for the day, or come for the afternoon, or come in the morning, leave, and then come back for the BBQ at supper time. The day is yours, so enjoy it anyway you like.

Shipmate Martin Field, President.

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**Entertainment Chairman**

**Summer BBQ - Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Place: MARC Centre, Dayspring.  
Time: This is an all day affair, come and go as you like, from 0900 until 1900.  
0900 to 1130 - Breakfast/Brunch available.  
1530 to 1700 - BBQ, hotdogs, hamburgers, corn etc.  
1400 to 1430 - Mid afternoon muffins and tea.  
Ladies are requested to provide desserts only.  
Dress: Casual - As you like  
Price: No cost to members and guests.  
A 50/50 draw will be held during the fun and games.  
Games: Between meals there will be many games of chance, i.e. cribbage, euchre, quoits, washers, etc.  
Prizes: Prizes for games and the usual 50/50  
Questions: Call one of the Executive.

**NB: This gala day is open to all members and guests, Bring the family and have some fun.**

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The winner of the case of Christmas wine was Shipmate Donald "Suds" Sutherland. Suds has moved to Dartmouth but remains a member of our club. The wine was delivered and he has made a further donation to the club. Thanks Don.

**Notes From The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual RCNA Reunion Chairman**

**Reunion Raffle:** Enclosed you will find two books of tickets for our Reunion Raffle. If you do not want them yourself, please try and sell them to your friends or neighbours and return cash and stubs or unused tickets to our Secretary at our Association Address. Thanks "Doc"

**Reunion - "Sailor's Homecoming" Reunion - The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual RCNA Reunion Digby NS 18-20 May, 2007**

Things are starting to move at a much faster pace for the Reunion. By the time you get this Newsletter only TWO (2) Months to go. If anybody does want to work or help with the Reunion, we are still recruiting even though we are in the final stages. If so, please contact me, Doc at 902-685-2342 or any of the Committee Chairmen.

We do hope, however, that all members not helping on Committees will be able to attend the Reunion, participate in all the festivities and visit with your former Shipmates. The entertainment alone is worth much more than the price of admission. Our program is on our website [www.adpna.com](http://www.adpna.com)

C.U. there, Shipmate Doc.

**Dedication of Monument in Memory of Admiral Desmond Piers.**

As most Shipmates are aware, we are having a Monument to our namesake, Admiral Desmond Piers. This is now underway and the unveiling will take place at Chester, NS 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007 at 1200, next to the Piers' residence overlooking the harbour.

We are all proud to be members of the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association and hope you show it by being there, or participating in, the unveiling ceremonies.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2007 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chester Legion. They hope to parade approximately 10 Legions on that date. Our colour party and a platoon of Naval Members will be part of the parade. After the parade there will be a reception at Chester Legion. A subsequent BBQ will follow later in the afternoon. Please don't be left out. Persons attending ceremonies should be at the parade by 1130. Persons participating in the parade should be at Chester Middle School by 1115. Hands fall in 1130 and march off at 1140. It is hoped that the Chief of Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral will be our Reviewing Officer. We do hope to see most of our out-of-town members attend this function. Guests are most welcome. Dress is Association dress with medals or No. 1's with medals.

It is still not too late to donate toward the monument. If anyone wishes to donate please make the cheque payable to the Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial Fund and forward it our Association address.

Thank You, Doc.

**Dits & Bits from the Editor**

**Last Post**

We mourn the loss of two Shipmates since the last Newsletter:

Shipmate Bill Ward, Chester NS; and  
Shipmate Alex Thorpe, Martins River NS.

We Will Remember Them

**Membership:** Membership stands at 136.

A hearty welcome is extended to these new Shipmates who joined since the last edition:

Shipmate Stuart Mitchell, Punta Gorda, Florida;

Shipmate Mike Hone, Bridgewater NS;

Shipmate Rick Richardson, London ON;

Shipmate Richard Logan, New Germany NS;

Shipmate Roseann Jessome, Dartmouth NS; and

Shipmate Clyde Smith, Middlewood NS.

Welcome aboard Shipmates.

As you can see, our recruiters work very hard to keep our membership staple. We lose a few due to non payments of dues and Crossing the Bar, but we manage to hold our own. KUTGW.

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**Dues:** Dues are a very important part of keeping the club alive. There are a few outstanding for 2007. Please check the envelope this newsletter came in and, if the expiry date is Dec 31, 2006, I expect to see your cheque for \$15.00 shortly. If you are anything like me, you may be forgetful at times (Senior Moments). You can also check your membership card.

**Address:** Our new address is on the envelope, but is repeated here for your information. Please address all Association correspondence to this address:  
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**Kit Shop:** Shipmate David Heming, our very congenial Supply Officer, keeps a good inventory of souvenir regalia items of interest. Check it out at [www.adpna.com](http://www.adpna.com) (kit shop) or call Dave 902-543-7054.

**Projects:** The ADPNA has a number of worthwhile projects underway which are keeping a few Shipmates very busy:

1. 53<sup>rd</sup> RCNA Reunion 18-20 May;
2. Monument to the Memory of Admiral Piers;
3. Scholarship and Bursary for Sea Cadets;
4. Candlelight Ceremonies, now being put on in some schools;
5. Donations to deserving Charities; and
6. Entertainment.

As you know, a lot of work is being done by very few volunteers. We always appreciate more volunteers and/or suggestions for our projects. These are discussed at our monthly meetings, so make an effort to attend and find out what the ADPNA is all about.

#### **Scholarship & Bursary**

As was described in our last Newsletter, the ADPNA has initiated a Bursary to go to a deserving Sea Cadet serving in a Corps from Chester to Yarmouth to Cornwallis. This will help a Cadet pursue goals at a recognized University, College or Community College. Mrs. Janet Piers is also establishing a living memorial to her late husband. She is donating a substantial sum to sustain this memorial at no cost to us. Both scholarships, Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association Bursary and Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial Scholarship Trust will be administered by the ADPNA and both will be no less than \$500.00 per annum.

Forms have now been sent out to the Corps for the 2007 awards.

***Remember - These Cadets are our future.***

**Late For Work:** He just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was five, maybe 10 minutes late. He was very conscientious, very sharp and very productive. This was a second career for the gentleman so the Boss was in a quandary about what to do about it. Finally, he decided to tell him and called him into the office for a chat. "Arnold, I have to tell you, I like your work ethics, but your being late often is quite bothersome." "Yes, I know Boss, and I'm working on it." "Well good, that's what I like to hear. It's sort of odd though, your coming in late. I know that you are retired from the Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?" They said, "***Good Morning, CHIEF.***"

**Website:** [www.adpna.com](http://www.adpna.com) Let's hope that those of you online have checked out our website. The latest events, newsletters, obituaries, application forms, changes, some good links, lots of information and some good pictures are all available here. Also check out [www.hqrcna.com](http://www.hqrcna.com) the RCNA National website. All the reunion info is there including the program. When he isn't sunning on a beach in Spain, our webmaster Robert "Zulu" Currie works hard to keep these two sites up to date, so make it worthwhile and use them regularly.

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Shipmate Gordon Brown is in hospital in Halifax - Just informed Gord will go home Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Shipmate John Reid is recovering in hospital from a serious operation and should be home soon.

Shipmate Bernie Churchill is now in Camp Hill hospital in Halifax - Veterans Wing

*Reunion* If anyone is experiencing problems, or requires any info on the reunion such as accommodation etc., give me a call at 902-624-9556 or email at [adpna.sigrist@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:adpna.sigrist@ns.sympatico.ca) I have lots of answers and don't mind helping, that's what I'm here for.

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Having just moved into his new office, a just-made new commander was sitting at his desk when an A/B knocked on the door. Conscious of his renewed and important role, the commander quickly picked up the phone, told the Able Seaman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, Admiral, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime sir, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young A/B, he asked, "What do you want Able Seaman?"  
"Nothing important sir. I'm from Comms section...Just here to hook up your phone."

#### **Edited version of an article by Brian Medel (Yarmouth Bureau Chronicle Herald)**

**Yarmouth:** - Operation Wounded Soldiers is underway and students who belong to the Maple Grove Memorial Club are preparing to send care packages that will likely weigh more than four kilograms apiece. The club is also sending thousands of laminated guardian angel posters to troops in Afghanistan. Maple Grove Education Centre is a junior high school near Yarmouth. The school's Memorial Club plans events for Veterans and serving members of Canada's Armed Forces. A branch of the club also operates at Yarmouth's senior high school. Master Cpl. Jeff Rainey, wounded near Kandahar, is now back in Canada and he said "the Maple Grove Memorial Club is an absolutely unique club. About 3,000 guardian angels have been made up and laminated so they will last and are sending one to everybody. The guys hang them in their bed space or possibly stick one up on the inside of their vehicle....."

Teacher Joe Bishara, the Memorial Club leader, said "M/Cpl Rainey will distribute the care packages throughout his unit, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa in Ontario....."

*Some things to remember* - If you hear of anyone sick at home or in hospital, please call one of the Sick and Visiting Committee or any Executive Member. Sometimes this information falls through the cracks.

If you move or have a change of address or phone number, I would appreciate knowing. Some newsletters and even a couple membership cards have been returned as address unknown. I do my best to keep the address list up to date but need your help.

*Please address all correspondence to our address listed above and on the envelope.*

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