

ADMIRAL DESMOND PIERS NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The Admiral's Log

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EXECUTIVE FOR 2014

***Verne Lunan - -President * Ivan Foote- 1st Vice President
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***Election of Officers for 2015 at our January General Meeting**

Message from the Bridge.....

Summer has passed us by and there is frost on the pumpkin most mornings now. It is time to tune up the snow blower and/or get out the snow shovel as Winter will soon be upon us. I hope all had a good Summer and enjoyed themselves.

A lot has happened since our last Admiral's Log. Much of it will be covered in other parts of the Log.

Three of are Shipmates and the wife of a former Shipmate 'Crostr the Bar" and will be missed.

Our Banyan at the "Daub's Estate" went well and we have been invited back again for next year's fete. A big Bravo Zulu to Steve and Yvonne for hosting us and thanks to all who worked hard to make it such a success.

We attended three local area parades and used the Sackville model in two of them. Won Best Non-commercial Entry in Western Shore. Thanks to S/M Ron 'Sticky" Lepage for the use of his truck and Bolivar Transport and S/M Daubs for the use of the trailers.

Shipmates attended the Halifax Merchant Navy Veteran's Assn. Service; the Memorial Dedication for Cpl Paul Davis at Bridgewater High School; Bingos at the Veteran's Wing of Lunenburg Hospital; and did a little work on the Ship Models.

We formally inducted Rear-Admiral John Newton as our Honouray ADPNA President on 3 September in Halifax after the Merchant Navy Veteran's Service. The 'Ceremony' took place on the jetty alongside the Sackville.

I continue to work on the Fund Raising Working Group for the Battle of the Atlantic Place Project. It is a major undertaking and we will soon be asking for people who are interested to become involved in helping us make the Project a reality. If you would like more information, please go to our website: www.battleoftheatlanticplace.ca. or contact me at your convenience.

I wish you calm seas, a following wind and smooth sailing. -Ready Aye Ready

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Sea Cadet Scholarship

***We presented Cadet Chelsea Collicutt with a \$1000 scholarship this year.**

Birthdays Coming up

*October-- 23rd --S/M Sam Sampson -- 29th S/M Donald Joudrey
*November --30th - S/M Ron Jefferson

*December - -21st - - **S/M Guy Ouellet** - 30th - S/M Padre Alvin Westgate
*January - - 1st - **S/M Gerry Sigrist** - - - 23rd - S/M Wayne Hunt
*February - -21st - **S/M Richard (Doc) Halliday (Sr.)**

Crossed the Bar

*In May - - **S/M Richard Logan** - New Germany
*In June - - **S/M Earnest (Ernie) Pridham** in Lunenburg
*In August-- **S/M Ralph (Scotty) Kelly** in Liverpool.
*In September - - **Elsie Gray - Wife of deceased S/M Bill Gray** - in Yarmouth.

Infirm

-Shipmate Legault is still having troubles getting around - Hopefully he'll be back attending meetings soon !
-Shipmate Truelove in Liverpool slowed down and having trouble travelling.
-Shipmate Kingston in the city recovering from a car accident
-Shipmate Hammond in hospital recently and now resting at home.
Shipmate Gerry Sigrist still having medical attention given to his vision.
We hope you fellas get back on board at full capacity soon !

Banyan

Our Annual Banyan this year was held at S/M Daubs' residence in Northfield - Thanks to he and his wife Yvonne for hosting the 46 members who attended. We understand the invitation to hold this function there again next year has been extended - so thanks again.

Models

All 3 of our models are being upgraded and temporarily stored at Shipmate Lepage's Shipwright Shop in Upper LaHave. - More work is required and there is a dire need of additional volunteers to help out!

Vets to Europe

Our own Shipmate Frank Hammond attended the ceremonies at Juno Beach on D-Day. It was arranged by the Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the RCL



Popeye says: A drunken man's words are a sober man's thoughts !!

Parades

*On July 1st we attended the celebrations in New Germany with our float on S/M Daubs' trailer hauled by S/M Lepage's truck with 8 or 10 members attending.
* Arrangements were made for the loan of a flatbed from Bolivar transport for the Bridgewater "Big Ex" parade and the Western Shore parade. - Apparently we won an award for "Best non-commercial float" at the latter but have been unable to collect on it so far ??

Merchant Navy Veterans

*A number of us attended the Merchant Navy Veterans Association ceremonies on September 3rd in Halifax - BZ to S/M McBride who was very active along with S/M Kingston in his capacity as President of the ACPOS. The Admiral and several Navy members (In real Navy garb) , with smartly turned out cadets and members of the Sackville Naval Memorial Trust attended as well - S/M Donald Joudrey, a veteran merchantman along with the Admiral laid the wreath in memory of those lost.



Out New Honorary President

Some of us accompanied Admiral Newton to the Sackville berth and officially inducted him as our Honorary President and presented him with a name tag, hat and lapel pin. Following this, photos were taken with club members and Joe Bishara's Maple Grove Students who had also attended the Merchant Navy ceremonies.

Ceremony - in Bridgewater

*On the 25 September 2014 a Memorial Dedication Ceremony took place at Bridgewater Junior Senior High School at 11am to honour Cpl Paul Davis who lost his life while serving in Afghanistan in 2006. We provided a Color party along with the Legion and others.

Remembrance Day Services

This Year the ADPNA will be placing wreath's at Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Chester. At Chester we will be placing wreaths at both Cenotaph and The Admiral's Monument. Shipmates are needed for placing Wreaths at Lunenburg and Chester. Please contact S/M Lunan at 902 – 543-5826 or email at: vernelunan@yahoo.ca if you can help with Lunenburg or Chester. For Bridgewater be at the Legion at 1000hrs. Parade will muster at 1015hrs. Transportation is available for Shipmates who cannot join the Parade. - - Dress #1's and Medals

Other dates of note

01 Nov. 2014 – The Mersey Band will perform a concert aimed at Veterans starting at 1400 hrs. at the Astor Theatre in Liverpool. Vets in Uniform free – Others \$10 per person.

02 Nov - Sunday, at 7:00 PM at Lunenburg's Central United Church, the Bridgewater Fire Department Band presents its fall program, A Great Little Army, in honour of those local men—and women—who answered the call to serve King and Empire 100 years ago and in doing so helped to build our nation.

06 Nov. 2014 - Shipmates to attend Maple Grove Memorial Club Service. Carpooling from Bridgewater Legion leaving at 0900hrs

07 Nov. 2014 - Shipmates to attend Bridgewater High School at 1030hrs. Dress #1's and Medals

09 Nov. 2014 - Middlewood United Church will hold their Remembrance Service on this Sunday at 1100hrs. Shipmates welcome and should be at the Church by 1030hrs. Middlewood United Church can be found right off Highway 103 just past (west of) Exit 16. Dress #1's and Medals

Christmas Dinner and Dance

We have booked the Hall for our Xmas Dance on Friday December 12th, 2014 at the Bridgewater Legion 78 Churchill Street and struck a committee from the Executive to organize this as we have had little luck in having a volunteer to head up our Entertainment

slot.. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available from S/M Ivan Foote at 902- 530-2246 or email: ivanfoote@fastmail.fm and also at our 20 November General meeting . A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Shipmates in the ADPNA.

*A group of RNA members from Londonderry who routinely honour the Battle of The Atlantic in their country plan on coming to Nova Scotia in 2015 to visit and in particular to observe our Candlelight ceremony ! - -As they don't plan to be here until the week after our planned ceremony let's hope we can accommodate them – even at a later date !

Battle of The Atlantic Mess Dinner – 2014



DUES

Please attempt to pay your \$15 dues for 2015 on time as it shouldn't be necessary for our Membership officer to have to chase members for them. – As of now we have 130 members on the books with about 30 in arrears.

Hopefully the receipt of this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits.

S/M Al Cox - - Secretary / Editor

S/M L.R. Verne Lunan - - President