



# The Admiral's Log

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*Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association*

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**Patron-in-Chief Mrs. Janet Piers**



Rear-Admiral Desmond W. Piers DSC, CM, CD, DscMil, Klj, RCN (Ret'd)  
(photo as LCdr. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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### Message from the Bridge.....

Another summer has come and gone and a lot of water has passed under our keel since the last Log with circulated.

The most telling of all is the return of the name "Royal Canadian Navy". A Bravo Zulu to all who worked hard and long for this. Our own S/M Jerry Sigrist attended the renaming ceremony in Halifax and spoke on behalf of the RCNA and its member clubs. Recently

S/M Sigrist and S/M Richard "Doc" Halliday were honoured today for their commitment and dedication to Veterans. Eve Adams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs, presented them with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation during a ceremony in Halifax.

The ADPNA will be hosting the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual RCNA Reunion at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, Cornwallis, NS on May 18, 19 and 20, 2012. It is the "Return to the Royal Reunion." It is being organized by S/M's Doc Halliday, Jerry Sigrist and their committee. Applications are available on our website as well as in this newsletter. Hope to see you in Cornwallis in May 2012.

Our Battle of the Atlantic Dinner was well attended. Our Guest Speaker, Rear-Admiral David Gardam gave an excellent speech. Once again our MC – S/M Larry Truelove kept things in order, from the Candlelight Ceremony to the Dinner activities.

We had a good turnout for the Battle of The Atlantic Sunday Parade in Chester, NS. Weather conditions forced us to hold the service inside at the Legion hall. The service was conducted by S/M Padre Larry Truelove. After the service, the Shipmates from the ADPNA, proceeded to the Admiral Desmond Pier's Memorial for a wreath laying ceremony. In spite of the rain showers we were joined by our Patron in Chief, Janet Piers for the ceremony.

The ADPNA put our model of the HMCS Sackville as float in four parades this year and took three First Place Awards. The model was also put on display at the Mahone Bay Pirates Festival.

S/M Ron Jefferson and his team put on a fun and games "Banyan" at the MARC in Dayspring in August. The food was excellent. S/M Ivan Foote was the big winner at cribbage and some outside games. A Bravo Zulu to S/M Jefferson and his group.

Just a reminder, that we can always use your help in our ongoing activities. You do not have to give a lot of time, every little bit helps.

Ready Aye Ready ----- Verne Lunan, President

## Parliamentary Secretary Eve Adams

### Honours Exceptional Citizens from Nova Scotia

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Halifax — Twelve citizens from Nova Scotia were honoured today for their commitment and dedication to Veterans. Eve Adams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs, presented these individuals with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation during a ceremony in Halifax.

"These twelve individuals are making a real and lasting difference with their service and dedication to our nation's truest heroes," said Minister Blaney. "On behalf of all Canadians, I am proud to be able to acknowledge their extraordinary efforts in helping to provide the care and recognition our Veterans and their families deserve. Today we recognize their hard work and honour them."

The Parliamentary Secretary presented the Commendation to the following individuals:

Robert Barrett, Dartmouth

Thomas Cane, Dartmouth

Russell Farrell, Halifax

Harry Ferguson, New Glasgow

John Gaetan, Scotchtown

[Richard Halliday, East Clifford](#)

Barry Keeler, Halifax

Cordell Levy, Kingston

Theodorus Martens, St. Peter's

Donald McLeod, Bedford

Tremaine Sampson, Florence

[Gerald Sigrist, Bridgewater](#)

"It is an honour to be here today to pay tribute to these exceptional individuals who have contributed so much in service to our Veterans," said Ms. Adams. "Our Government is proud to recognize these Veterans," said Ms. Adams. "Our Government is proud to recognize these Canadians who volunteer their time and efforts to give back to our Veterans."

The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation includes a bar, which can be worn below official decorations on a Veteran's blazer, as well as a lapel pin for civilian wear and a certificate. – Cont'd--

The Commendation is presented to individuals who have contributed to the care and well-being of Veterans and to the remembrance of their contributions, sacrifices and achievements. It is intended primarily for Veterans, but in some circumstances may also be awarded to non-Veterans. Nominations may be submitted at any time and are reviewed annually by an advisory committee.

We're sure they would relate closely with the following ditty !!

*A Sailor*

*Long ago I was a sailor,  
I sailed the Ocean Blue,  
I knew the Bars in Bermuda . . . .  
The coastline of England too.*

*I knew well the sting of salt spray,  
The taste of Newfie wine,  
The beauty of the Caribbean . . . .  
Yes, all these things were mine.*

*But now I wear a different hat,  
The Port and Starboards gone,  
My sailing days are over,  
For this I am forlorn But somewhere deep inside of me . . . .  
The sailor lives there still,  
He longs to go to sea again,  
But knows he never will.*

*My Love, my life, is here at home,  
And I will leave her never.  
Though mind and body stay ashore . . . .  
My heart's at sea forever.*

*The original Poem was written by Wayne D. Neighbors USNR (Retired) and was originally worded to fit the West Coast. Word changes were made to the above version to fit the East Coast by Ron Jefferson, RCN (Retired)*

*Enclosed with this fall 2011 newsletter all shipmates will find tickets for our December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 Christmas raffle. – Let's make the effort to promote this event as well as taking advantage of attending the Christmas dinner on that date.*

*Tickets may be obtained by calling 1-902-527-1555 and for pick-up, 116 Dublin Ave., Bridgewater , it is important to remind Members and Guests that the cut off date will be November 23rd , 2011. Tickets will also be available at the ADPNA regular meetings during October 20th and November 17th.*

*Attached as well is an application form for the 2012 reunion to be held in Cornwallis (everyone remember where that is ??) – Promises to be a whale of a time ! – Get your paper in early for the best shot at accommodations !!!*

## **And on a lighter note !!**

### **Navy Retirement**

The west coast Navy based in Esquimalt B.C. found they had too many officers and decided to offer an early retirement bonus. They promised any officer who volunteered for retirement a bonus of \$1,000 for every inch measured in a straight line between any two parts of his body.

The officer got to choose what those two points would be. The first officer who accepted, asked that he be measured from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. He was measured at six feet and walked out with a bonus of \$72,000.

The second officer who accepted was a little smarter and asked to be measured from the tip of his outstretched hands to his toes. He walked out with \$96,000.

The third one was a grisly old Chief who, when asked where he would like to be measured replied, "from the tip of my weenie to my testicles."

It was suggested by the pension man that he might want to reconsider, explaining about the nice big checks the previous two officers had received But the old Chief insisted and they decided to go along with him, providing the measurement was taken by a medical officer.

The medical officer arrived and instructed the Chief to "drop 'em," which he did. The medical officer placed the tape measure on the tip of the Chief's weenie and began to work back.

Oh Man!" he suddenly exclaimed, "Where are your testicles?"

The old Chief calmly replied... "RCNH Stadacona."

*Return To "Royal" Reunion  
57th Annual RCNA Reunion*

*Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, Cornwallis Nova Scotia*

**May 18, 19, & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Hosted by: Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association

For further information contact Doc Halliday, Reunion Chairman 902-685-2342

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## **Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Companion's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(first & last as you would like them on name tag)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Street & Number – Apt nr.)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Prov/P.C.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name & Phone #)

*Signature of Registrant:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: With Accommodation**

**Double (Two Persons all inclusive) \$440.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single (One person all inclusive) \$310.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**With No Accommodation**

**Per Person (includes all meals) \$150.00 each** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Check-In is PM Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, check out is PM Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Registrants requiring extra night(s) accommodations on Thursday and/or Sunday may book same with their registrations. These rooms must be paid for with your registration in order to reserve them.**

**Thursday - \$80.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday - \$80.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Over)**

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All inclusive registrations include Friday and Saturday accommodations, Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, lunch & banquet. Sunday breakfast & lunch.

Registrations not requiring accommodations include the same with no rooms.

All taxes are included.

Registrants booking with accommodation may split payments in two. The first cheque for \$220.00 double or \$155.00 single is required with registration (this will reserve your room).

The final payment is required by 01 April 2012.

Make all cheques or money orders payable to Reunion 2012.

We apologize but we are not set up for the use of credit cards or debit.

Your cancelled cheque is your receipt unless a receipt is requested.

Please send completed Registration Form with your cheque or money order to the Registration Chairman at the above address. The cut-off date is May 1st, 2012

\*\* Please list Ships and Bases on which you served on a separate sheet of paper. Before and after photos of yourself would be greatly appreciated to help produce "Ships' Logs".

If anybody plans on coming to Saint John NB & taking the ferry to Digby, the toll-free ferry number is 1-866-249-7245. It is noted that the 2012 ferry schedule does not come out until early 2012.

Refunds will be entertained for emergency purposes until 1 May 2012.

**Total or Split Amounts Remitted:**

Registration (with Accommodation) Double \_\_ \$440.00/\$220.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (with Accommodation) Single \_\_ \$310.00/\$155.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (no Accommodation) Per Person \_\_ \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Room Bookings (day required) Thursday \_\_ \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_ \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remitted \_\_\_\_\_

NB: Rooms will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis as registrations are received. No rooms will be reserved without payment (split or full).

Remember Shipmates, this is an all-inclusive reunion which includes:

Accommodations (if desired)

All meals

Entertainment

Dancing etc. etc.

All taxes included

*So Come out and enjoy a great weekend*