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

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Message from the Bridge

Another summer has passed us by and a fair amount of water has slipped beneath the keel since my last report.

First off I would like to give a Big Bravo Zulu to S/M's Doc Halliday and Jerry Sigrist along with their Reunion Committee for the great job they did in organizing and hosting the 57th RCNA Reunion at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in Cornwallis NS on May 18, 19 and 20 2012. The "Return to the Royal Reunion" was a kind of "Home Coming Weekend" for so many of us who had our first taste of Naval Life at Cornwallis. S/M Larry Truelove did his usual great job of MCing the weekend and conducting the Sunday Church Service. Captain (N) William "Bill" Quinn the CO of the Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre was our Feature Speaker as well our Guest for the weekend. Several of our Shipmates received the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal:

S/M's Doc Halliday; Jerry Sigrist; Frank Wells; Frank Hammond; and Ron Jefferson.

The windup concert by the Stadacona Band was a great success.

S/M Maurice Legault, who was not at the Reunion, received his Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal at the June ADPNA Meeting. At that meeting S/M Legault was presented with a Life Membership to the ADPNA. Congratulations Moe.

We did not get in any Parades this year as S/M Daub's trailer was in refit and he was very busy with his job. Thanks Steve for trying to get it ready. There are Parades to look forward to next year.

The Veteran's Wing Bingos are going well and we treated the Veterans to a BBQ in August.

Our own Banyan (BBQ) was held on 18 August and was well attended and everyone had a good time. A Bravo Zulu to S/M Ron Jefferson and his group for an excellent day. Special thanks to S/M's Steve Daubs and Ivan Foote for organizing the games.

S/M Truelove has stepped down as the ADPNA Padre. We are in the process of finding someone to replace him. They will have some very big shoes to fill. Thank you Larry for your years of faithful service to your Shipmates and the ADPNA. You will be missed in filling that roll.

Our September meeting is behind us and as I write this the October one is close at hand. Hope to see you there.

One last thing, the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association was chosen as the RCNA's "Club of the Year". A Bravo Zulu to all our shipmates for making it possible.

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

Ready Aye Ready

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Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance

**Friday November 30th, 2012 --- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 24, Churchill Street
Bridgewater N.S.**

**Time - 17:30 Cocktail Hour
19:00 Hands to Dinner
O/C Dance
Band Kinfolk
Dress Casual**

Members and Guests, \$25.00 per person Tickets will be available during the October and November Meetings of ADPNA, as well, they may be picked up at S/M Ron's at 116 Dublin Ave., in Bridgewater, Ron's telephone Number is 902-527-1555

For our out of Town Guests; The Bridgewater Motor Inn, 35 High Street, Bridgewater, Phone 543-8171 has Rooms set aside at a Special rate of \$69.95 + tax per night. A Hospitality room will be available in the afternoon and after the Dance, please BYOD.

The cut-off date for meals is November 21st, so it will be important that an early response be given. Enjoyment was had at the last Christmas Dinner and Dance and once again it is anticipated to have a Fun Evening.

SOMETHING TO PONDER – YUP – the year 1955

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?

When I first started driving, who

would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

I never thought I'd see the day

all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

There is no sense going on short

trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.



OUR NEW ADDITION TO THE MEMORIAL PARK IN BRIDGEWATER

Membership dues;

Shipmates, it will soon be that time of the year again to renew your membership for 2013. I am accepting dues for 2013 now. Dues can be mailed to me @ Frank Wells P.O. Box 194 Western Shore, NS B0J 3M0 or to the ADPNA address in Bridgewater @ 450 LaHave St. Unit 17, Suite 121, Bridgewater, NS B4V 4A3. Dues are still only \$15.00 so please anti up as soon as you can

Mal de Mer Corner

S/M Harold Moody took a bad fall at his home recently – He has spent many pain filled days in recovery but is apparently now faring fairly well all things considered - He is in the Transition Unit of Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Middleton. His son is working with the DVA to get him a place in a permanent place to stay.

IN MEMORIUM

We have lost another Veteran and Shipmate in James Scott who Crossed the Bar early this month in Bridgewater. The Church Service for our friend was held at 11:00 am on Monday 08 October 2012.at: St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

115 Pleasant Street Bridgewater, NS

There was no funeral service only a Mass said. Several ADPNA members attended.

NOTE

A change of command ceremony for the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Llewellyn was held at Branch 44 of the Royal Canadian Legion on 4 October 2012 and attended by several of our members !

For my friends who are not on Facebook, on Tuesday September 25th, at a presentation ceremony hosted by Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia, at The Pines Resort in Digby, I ,Gerry Curry,was among those honoured to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. We recipients are just a few of 60,000 deserving Canadians from all walks of life being recognized for contributions to Canada or to a particular province, territory or community, or for an outstanding achievement abroad that has brought great credit to our country, in honour of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign. Accompanying me was my wife Nancy, without whom I could never have achieved this recognition. I am humbled and honoured by this distinction and grateful to those who nominated me



Shipmates Sigrist and Halliday recently attended the Area General Meeting of the RCNA in Sarnia Ontario.



IN CONCLUSION

So many more recent Naval retirees are living throughout the country and more to the point – here in our communities - - Let's see if we can't interest some of them to keep the torch burning by joining our Association and providing the new foundation of our volunteers. In the meantime - - Smooth sailing to all !!