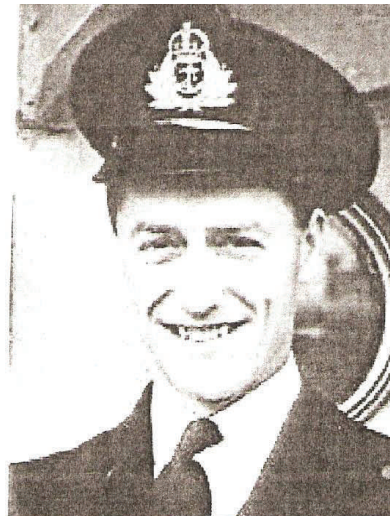


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Rear Admiral Desmond W. Piers, DSC, CM, CD, DscMil, Klj, RCN (Ret'd)
(Photo as LCDR. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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Message from the Bridge

With 2010 and the Canadian Naval Centennial now behind us, we start a new year that should not be as busy as the last. I would like to thank our members for the opportunity to serve you as President of our Association. I will endeavor to fulfill my obligations to the office to the best of my abilities. If you have any questions; concerns or suggestions concerning the Association, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. My contact information is listed at the end of the message.

As I assume my watch, a Bravo Zulu to those who worked so hard to make the Naval Centennial year such a success. Also, special thanks to those who have stood for office or assumed Chairmanship of the different committees. I urge our members to become involved in an area of interest to you; whether it is the Bingo at the Vets Wing; the Annual BBQ; Raffle Ticket Sales; Entertainment Events; etc. Remember, it is your Association and we need your assistance to make it work. Many of the long time members *"have paid their dues"* and it is time for the rest of us to step forward and take up the slack. Lets all pull together to keep the ADPNA on a straight course.

The Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner will be on Saturday, 16 April, 2011 at the Bridgewater Legion starting at 1730. You can get all the information from the article in this news letter. Please plan on attending.

We will be parading on the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday in Chester with the 351 Llewellyn Sea Cadet Corp and the Chester Legion. We will be laying a wreath at the Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial. Hopefully our Patron-in-Chief, Janet Piers, will be well enough to join us for the service. Janet, you are in our prayers and we wish you well.

Once again we will be involved with the Maple Grove and Yarmouth High Memorial Club's Memorial to the Afghanistan Personnel and the Silver Cross presentation to Fathers of the Fallen. Unfortunately, the Silver Cross presentation event conflicts with our Battle of the Atlantic Dinner on Saturday 16 April. If there are any Shipmates that are not going to be attending the Dinner but would like to represent the ADPNA at the Silver Cross Ceremony please contact our Secretary, S/M Frank Wells.

I will be attending the RCNA Reunion in Kitchener-Waterloo in late May and will have a report for you in the next newsletter.

I wish you calm seas, a following wind and smooth sailing for 2011.

Ready Aye Ready

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The Admiral Desmond Piers Annual Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner 2011

Date: Saturday, April 16th, 2011

Place: Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 24, Churchill St. Bridgewater, NS

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Time: Cocktails - 1730
Candlelight Ceremony - 1830
Hands to Dinner - 1900

Dress: Men - No. 1's with medals or equivalent
Ladies - Appropriate attire "Corsages will be available"

Cost: \$20.00 per person Guests are welcome

Tickets available from: Ron Jefferson - 902-527-1555
Frank Wells - 902-627-2748
Vern Lunan - 902-543-5826

To order tickets by mail: Send order to -
Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association
Mess Dinner
450 Lahave St. Unit 17, Suite 121
Bridgewater, NS B4V 4A3

You are reminded that we have been given a cut-off date for meal tickets by the Legion. This is 10 days before the event so our cut-off date for tickets will be April 6th. Please get your orders in before then.

Please provide names of persons tickets are for, (required for seating place names)

Our very special Candlelight Dinner to honour lost ships will take place at 1830 as conducted by Shipmate Larry Truelove.

Accommodations: A block of rooms are reserved at the Bridgewater Motor Inn, High Street, Bridgewater. Phone 902-543-8171 to reserve a room. Use code ADPNA or Navy Our price \$61.95 + tax per room.

The dining room and galley have a new staff with a new menu, prices are very reasonable. The Inn will have a lunch buffet on Saturday and Sunday.

Meet & Greet As per past gatherings we will be having a meet and greet in the hospitality room in the hotel commencing at 1400 on the day of the Mess Dinner. There will be finger food as well as wine for the Ladies, beer for the Gents. The hard stuff is a BYOB thingy. We will provide the ice and mix. The meet & greet will continue in the hospitality room on completion of the Mess Dinner.

Raffle Tickets: As in past years raffle tickets are being sold on Wal-Mart gift certificates. This is in support of our Sea Cadet programs, I am at your service to collect the stubs and money for the draw.

Several dates have been booked at Wal-Mart to sell raffle tickets. I will be responsible for co-coordinating this effort. February is behind us and special thanks to those who have assisted to date, We still have March and some of April

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that must be programmed in. We require volunteers and would appreciate members support on this project.

As additional information is learned pertaining to any of the above, it will be brought forward at the next regular meeting March 27, 2011

Shipmate Ron Jefferson, Entertainment Chair, ADPNA.

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There are still a number of Members who have outstanding dues for this year 2011. With the cost of everything escalating it takes money to run an Association such as this and your dues are part of it. Also the per capita fees that go to the RCNA National are part of your dues. We wish to remain affiliated with the Royal Canadian Naval Association so this must be paid for every member be they Life, Honourary, Disabled or whatever.

It is to be noted that our dues have not changed since the club began in 1985. They are still \$15.00 per annum and are to be paid by December 31st. A 90 day period of grace is normally allowed and if not paid by then a letter will be sent as a reminder. This adds to our expenses and should not be necessary. If in doubt please check with Frank Wells 902-627-2748 or email seaguns@ns.sympatico.ca Frank is our new Membership Chair & Secretary.

Sea Cadet Scholarships/Bursaries.

This year the ADPNA intends to grant three bursaries to deserving Sea Cadets who intend to further their education at University, Community College, or an Institution of higher learning. These will be raised to \$750.00 each and hopefully we can keep these ongoing annually as we have had some success in our fund raising projects. Please remember that we now are able to write tax receipts for donations to the "*Admiral Desmond Piers Scholarship Trust*".

We support Sea Cadets from the seven Corps in South West Nova, which include, Chester, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Shelburne, Barrington Yarmouth and Cornwallis.

This is a very good cause so please support it by purchasing our raffle tickets or helping your income tax by donations. The more we receive the more we can extend our help to Cadets.

Please send your Scholarship donations to the club address Attn: Bursary Chairman and a tax receipt will be issued.

Remember: These Cadets are our future.

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Meetings

Some confusion has arisen over the changing to Sunday afternoon meetings. It was decided to hold meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month but unfortunately it turns out that the April and May meetings conflicted with Easter and Victoria weekend.

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At the last meeting a decision was made to change these and the April and May meetings will now be held Thursday April 28th at 1400, and Thursday May 19th at 1400.

The next three meetings - March - Sunday 27th March - 1400
 April - Thursday 28th April - 1400
 May - Thursday 19th May - 1400

Please place these dates and times on your calendar.

The ADPNA now has an Honours & Awards Committee which consists of the appointed Board of Directors. At a recent meeting this committee and the President set up a criteria for elevating a member to Life Membership. This criteria is as follows:

- (a) at least 10 years of membership in good standing in ADPNA;
- (b) nominee must have done some exceptional-outstanding work on behalf of the ADPNA and preferably served on the Executive and/or committees of the club.
- (c) nominations to be submitted to Board of Directors and received by 01 January annually for life membership. Only one member per year may be elevated except for extremely exceptional circumstances when more than one may be recommended to the Committee.
- (d) The Board will then make recommendations to the Executive and a vote taken by the General Membership.

Other awards, certificates of merit and appreciation may be recommended in writing to the Board for specific well done or outstanding deeds. These may be awarded on a more casual basis after being approved by the Board and President and signed by the President.

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This will be my last “Newsletter” as Editor, therefore the Club is now looking for someone to take on this very important job. As we have a number of members who are unable to attend regular meetings the Newsletter is an important part of the organization to keep them informed. If you have an interest in doing a little writing and putting together a newsletter three or four times a year please let the President know who you are and the job will be yours.

I am still keeping my hand in as Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as being the National Executive Secretary for the RCNA, this along with the multitude of e-mails I receive daily keeps this old Mariner pretty busy.

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Have a Good Navy Day.