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(Photo as LCDR. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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## Message From The Bridge

Shipmates, to say our Association has been busy during the past few months would be an understatement. Our club has gone above and beyond. From its conception the 2010 committee has taken on task after task and achieved resounding results. The Cornwallis weekend was a great success for everyone who attended. The accommodations were great, the food was great, and the entertainment was great. A special thank you to the participants of the Candlelight Ceremony and in particular Shipmate Larry Truelove, who although in much pain with a back condition, conducted the ceremony with the dignity and respect it so deserves. The team of Doc, Jerry, and Gordon did a great job of organizing the weekend. If you missed the last entertainment for the weekend, The Stadacona Band, you missed a great performance.

Shipmate Verne Lunan's Committee did an excellent job of the "Memorabilia Display" at the mall and a big thank you to all who were involved. From gathering the artifacts, getting the models from Cornwallis, setting up the display, arranging the opening ceremony, standing the watches and dismantling at the end, everyone who could, pitched in. There were some interesting times during the unloading of the truck, late at night, trying to manoeuvre the forklift to get HMCS Sackville out of the truck. Finally someone suggested, "why not move the truck ahead?" Problem solved!!

Our Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at Chester went well and a special thanks to Lt.(N) Glen Stevens and the Llewellyn Sea Cadets and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 44 for their assistance with the parade and service. Our Patron in Chief was able to be on hand for the occasion. We are especially thankful for her continued good health and participation.

There is still a lot ahead for the Association during this Centennial of the Navy: Namesake presentations in Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, Sea Cadet presentation of trophies and scholarships, Silver Cross presentations by the Memorial Club in Yarmouth, Freedom of the town of Mahone Bay, participation on the "Sea Salts and Suds" in Mahone Bay, and as many parades as we can get ourselves into. And let's not forget to be on hand to pay our respects to any Naval or Merchant Naval Seaman who crosses the bar. Of course we always like to see as many Shipmates turn out for these events as possible. The "Sea Salts and Suds" will require a few but the Freedom of the Town will require as many Shipmates as possible, so please be there.

And as a very good friend of mine always said, "Let's all pull together"

Shipmate Frank Wells  
ADPNA President.

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For all you forgetful people (like me) please mark this very important date on your calendar:

***Our Annual ADPNA BBQ will take place on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Marc Centre, Dayspring from 1300 to 1900. Menu will be - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beverages, and sweets. Participants are welcome to bring own salads if they wish.***

***As usual, games will be held for anyone wishing to participate.***

***For more info please contact Marty or Betty at 543-2368. See you there.***

### **Anniversary Celebration Cornwallis April 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>.**

From all reports things seemed to go exceptionally well. I would like to thank all those who helped in many ways, it takes a lot of work and co-operation to put one of these events on. To mention a few:

- (1) co-ordinate and sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets;
- (2) preparing and printing menu cards, church service brochures, name place sitting cards etc. etc;
- (3) set-up, decorating committee and take down;
- (4) Plus all the other small jobs as required.

To have a good event all of these jobs must be handled and done efficiently. Everything turned out great so everything must have been handled great.

Once again thank you all. We missed having Admiral Maddison at our event but he sure arranged for one wonderful replacement. Bravo-Zulu Admiral and thanks. All the best in your next posting.

As I am stepping down from the Entertainment Committee this will be my last signal. I hope you all give Shipmate Martel the same co-operation that you have given me and I wish him the best of luck.

Good Luck and Smooth Sailing,

Doc

### **Walmart Raffle Ticket Winners.**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Mr. A. Samsford, 169 Hollingsworth Drive, Bridgewater, NS

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Irene Latter, Halifax

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Watson Strong, Dartmouth

### **Jackets and Shirts**

Shipmates - We ordered Association jackets (one winter fleece) and (one three seasons). These have crossed flags, white ensign & Canada on the left sleeve, the 100<sup>th</sup> Naval Centennial crest on the left breast, the ADPNA crest on the right breast and your choice of name on the right sleeve. The flags are sewn on, and the crests and name are embroidered directly on.

Several people did not know about these and some just did not order. but now that we have them, and they are getting worn and shown, we are getting quite a few requests for them. So we are going to put together another order. We will give you until July 31, 2010 to have your money and order in.

When ordering send cheque or money order made out to ADPNA or give cash to:

Dave Heming, 315 Sarty Road, Camperdown, NS, B4V 6V2

With your order we require the following information:

Fleece or three season.

Size, S, M, L, XL, XXL or XXL.

Name you want on your right sleeve.

Due to the fact that these will have to be shipped this time from Ontario, we will have to add \$6.00 for shipping for each jacket.

We must have a minimum of 12 jackets ordered. If we do not have orders for a minimum of 12, we will have to abort the order & return your funds.

Price: Fleece \$69.00 + \$6.00 = \$75.00

Three Season \$89.00 + \$6.00 = \$95.00

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We will be doing the same thing with the Association shirts. The routine will be the same as for the jackets. Send money order or cheque to Dave Heming as per jackets or give Dave the cash.

When ordering the following is required:

Payment \$38.00 + \$2.00 S & H = \$40.00 per shirt.

Size – neck 15, 15 ½ etc. etc.

Name on right chest you want i.e. David Heming

It is hoped to have jackets by early October and shirts possibly before. You may also order jackets for wives and/or girlfriends.

Thank You

Doc.

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**A note from the Master-at-Arms**

Thanks for all the Shipmates who helped at Cornwallis with the Candlelight Service. Great job.

Also we are restoring the HMCS Sackville replica for the parades this summer. Shipmates this being my first year as M.A.A. my job is made much easier with the support I get from other Shipmates. We have seen a big improvement in the Veterans at the wing laughing and really enjoying our bingos. Thanks to all Shipmates who help. We are holding a barbeque on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1300 to 1630 for them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic this summer and at the parades. Your support at the parades is greatly appreciated.

Stephen Daubs Master-At-Arms ADPNA

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**Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association Scholarship Awards for 2010**

Shipmates of the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association wish to extend sincere Congratulations to the recipients of our 2010 Scholarship Awards.

1. The Admiral Desmond Piers Memorial Scholarship Trust Award in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to: Morgan Nancy Stevens, from Glen Haven, NS and a member of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Llewellyn, Chester NS. Morgan will be attending NCSS Truro to study Human Services and Youth Counsellor - Congratulations Morgan and good luck in your future endeavours.

2. The Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to: Ryan Fleming, from Blockhouse, NS and a member of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Niobe, Bridgewater, NS. Ryan will be attending Ravensberg College, Halifax to study Law Enforcement Foundations. - Congratulations Ryan and good luck in your future endeavours.

***Remember - These Cadets Are Our Future.***

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### **Record of Service Card**

Do you have a “Record of Service” card? A DND wallet-size “NDI 75” Record of Service Card is available to former members of the CF who have completed 10 or more years of service.

Although DND explains that the card is NOT an ID card, former members may find it useful for military discounts at some retailers etc.

To obtain a card (a process which takes about six months): you can download the application form from our website at: [www.afpaac.ca/Links.htm](http://www.afpaac.ca/Links.htm) and forward it along with two passport-type photos to the address below. Alternatively, you can contact PO2 Mary Pierce at 613-995-4436 or by email (preferred) at [Mary.Pierce@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Mary.Pierce@forces.gc.ca)

A form will be provided which must be returned with two recent passport-size photos. You may also send a written request to: DMCA 4-2-2-4-3-2, NDHQ, MGen George R. Pearkes Bldg, 101 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2

( with thanks from the AFP/AAC issue 6/2010)

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ADPNA 2010 Committee News.

A lot has happened since the last log and there is still a lot more to come.

We all had a great time at the ADPNA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in Cornwallis in late April. Met some old friends and made some new ones. Our committee helped by decorating the halls. The town of Digby received their Namesake Presentation for HMCS Digby during the Road Show concert. A big Bravo Zulu to Doc Halliday and Jerry Sigrist on organizing the event.

We returned from Cornwallis to have the Official Opening of our Naval Memorabilia Display in the Bridgewater Mall. Captain(N) Craig Walkington (CNC) officially opened the display by cutting a piece of line with a pusser dirk. Lunenburg Municipality Deputy Mayor, Martin Bell and Bridgewater Mayor, Carroll Publicover brought greetings from their respective governments. The display was open to the public from 26 April to 02 May with approximately 1000 people viewing it. A special thanks to Shipmate Ron Jefferson who worked so hard on arranging the memorabilia while the rest of us were in Cornwallis. Also to Shipmate Ed Toombs for assistance in helping us get the four ship models here from Cornwallis and to Shipmate Roger Purnell on getting the three of them returned. Thank you to all who helped in loading and unloading models; lending memorabilia and standing watches during the display.

A nondenominational Church Parade was held on 16 May, 2010 at the Bridgewater United Church. United Church Minister, Rev. Norton officiated the service with the ADPNA Assistant Padre, Dick Logan standing in for Shipmate Larry Truelove who was not able to participate due to his illness. The Service was attended by 27 Shipmates. The parade was led by a colour party under command of Master-at-Arms Shipmate Steve Daubs. Captain Newton, CFB Halifax Base Commander and ADPNA President Frank Wells read scripture. A reception followed the service. The parade was arranged by Shipmate Ron Jefferson. Well done Ron

Several Shipmates attended the Namesake presentation for HMCS Lunenburg on Wednesday, 26 May at the Lunenburg Legion.

Work is going well on repairing the HMCS Sackville model which will be used on our float for upcoming parades. It is being stored in Shipmate Ron Lepage’s barn. More work parties are planned and any one interested in helping out should contact Shipmate Steve Daubs.

## 5.

The technical end of the School Presentation project is pretty well complete and we are waiting for dates from several schools to present it. We have had interest from the Sea Cadets and some area organizations to view the presentation.

We are still looking into being at the South Shore Ex this summer.  
Shipmate Verne Lunan 2010 Committee Chairman.

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### **New Books**

The Naval Service of Canada 1910 – 2010 The Centennial Story – Features both black and white and colour illustrations and will appeal to a broad cross-section of readers, including those who love all things naval, navy veterans and their families, historians, and librarians. There are 11 chapters each completed by a different historian and one on Naval Art of the Second World War produced by one of our members, Pat Jessup. This book can be purchased through online sources (CNC) and is available for purchase through bookstores across Canada.

Halifax and the Royal Canadian Navy by John Boileau. John, a retired Army Colonel, knows more about the Navy than most naval folks! Readers will appreciate this book for a number of reasons including the family relationship between the Navy and Halifax. John has listed literally hundreds of naval heroes in the book, the deeds they did, the actions they took and the pains they suffered which made them heroes. The names, rank, hometowns etc. are included indicating a huge amount of research. An excellent read.

My wife said “Watcha doin’ today?”

I said “Nothing”

She said “You did that yesterday”

I said “I wasn’t finished.”

### **Via Rail Press Release**

Between July 1 and August 14, 2010 active or retired Canadian Forces personnel and veterans will be entitled to free Economy class rail travel on selected trains across the entire VIA network. In addition CF personnel and Veterans will be eligible for a 25% discount off the best available fares for both Business and Sleeper class. Each active or retired CF member may also bring up to five immediate family members with them at a 25% discount off the best available fare in any class of service. The CF Family appreciation fare can also be combined with VIA’s children’s summer travel discount.

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### **Membership & Dues**

Our membership continues to remain around the 140 mark; we lose some and gain some. We are able to maintain this due to some aggressive recruiting so if you know of anyone who is eligible to come alongside with us please feel free to bring them along to a meeting. We provide some good comradeship amongst our Shipmates and all have something in common. A little salt water in our veins. Our dues have not changed since we set them in 1985 and remain at \$15.00 per year. We are also affiliated with the Royal Canadian Naval Association (National) which consists of 30 naval clubs across Canada.

*Notable Quotes*

“Sailors, with their built in sense of order, service and discipline, should really be running the world”. – Nicholas Monsarrat. The New Yorker, 2 May 1966

“War makes thieves and peace hangs them”. - George Herbert, Outlandish Proverbs 1640

“War doesn’t determine who’s right, just who’s left”. - U/K

“GOD can’t be everywhere, that’s why he created Chiefs” - U/K

“A sailor knows he’s getting old when he used to be able to go on a four-day run and recuperate in one day and now he goes on a one-day run and it takes four days to recuperate”. U/K

**Bravo Zulu** The term “Bravo Zulu” originates from the Allied Signals Book. Signals are sent as letters and/or numbers, which have meanings by themselves sometimes or in certain combinations. A single table in ATP1 is called “governing groups”, that is, the entire signal that follows the governing group is to be performed according to the “governor”. The letter “B” indicates this table, and the second letter (A through Z) gives more specific information. For example, “BA” might mean “You have permission to.....(do whatever the rest of the flashing light, flag holist or radio transmission says) “BZ” happens to be the last item in the governing groups table. It means “well done”. I guess the only guys who understand this are Sigs, radiomen, or radiomen specialists eh Ed?

**Three Sheets to the Wind.**

Sailors understand that a “sheet” in the Navy isn’t a sheet at all, it’s a rope, and a very specific rope at that. It’s attached to the end of a sail & used to change its position or make it secure. If one of these sheets has come loose, the sail flaps wildly in the wind and causes the boat to behave abnormally. If another sheet were to come loose, the skipper would begin to lose control of his vessel, and if a third sheet should come undone, the boat would twist crazily and swing in circles. Thus “Three sheets to the wind” describes a jolly jack who was pretty far gone after a long session with the bottle!

Keep in touch with your Executive on such things as change of address or phone number, please contact the sick & visiting member if you know of anyone under the weather.

Enjoy the summer and don’t forget the BBQ in August.