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EXECUTIVE FOR 2013

- Verne Lunan - - - - -President
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- Frank Wells - - - - -2nd Vice President/Membership
- Al Cox - - - - - Secretary/Editor
- Richard Moss - - - - - Treasurer
- Steve Daubs- - - - - Master at Arms

Committee Appointments For 2013

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Honors/Awards</u>	<u>Bursary</u>
S/M L.Truelove	S/M Truelove	S/M Truelove
S/M M.Legault	S/M Legault	S/M Legault
S/M R. Halliday	S/M Halliday	S/M Halliday
S/M R.Bell	S/M Bell	S/M Bell
S/M G.Crouse	S/M Crouse	S/M Crouse
S/M G.Sigrist	S/M Sigrist	S/M Sigrist

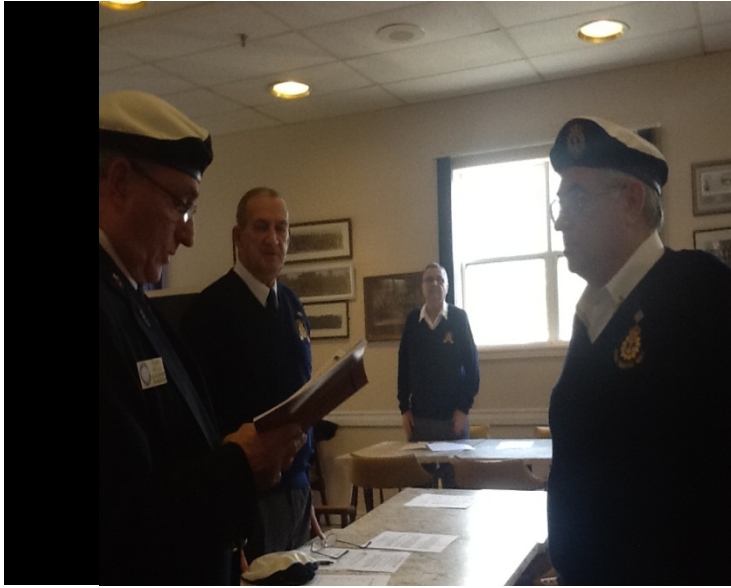
***Our collective vote of thanks to those of our shipmates both staying on and passing the torch for serving us on the executive in 2012 - - - Thanks and welcome also to new members who have volunteered their time to help out in the coming year !!**

*** Dates for upcoming general meetings are now being posted regularly in the Bridgewater Progress Bulletin !**

***Members will please keep the Secretary and/or the membership officer apprised of any changes in your personal contact information !**

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!!Ready Aye Ready !!!!



President Verne Lunan takes it on for another year !

MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE.....

Winter is finally upon us but if does not get any worse than this it will be a good winter. Hope all had a good Christmas and that the New Year will treat you well.

Shipmate Ron Jefferson's Entertainment Committee put on an excellent Christmas Dinner and Dance on Friday 30 November at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Bridgewater. Over 60 people attended and had a good time. We actually came out 4236.57 ahead. Well done Ron.

The January 2013 meeting saw the elections for the Executive and appointment of committees. The only change was that S/M Ron Lepage stepped down as M.A.A. and S/M Steve Daubs was elected the new M.A.A.

We are getting ready to kick off our Raffle Ticket sales for Our Cadet Bursaries. We need everyone to step up and stand a watch or two to make this a success. Check the newsletter for watch times and who to contact to stand a watch.

Our Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner will be on Friday 26 April 2013 at the Bridgewater Legion. We will need volunteers for the Candlelight Ceremony and hope you will step forward.

Our Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Parade with the Llewellyn Sea Cadets and Chester Legion Branch will be on Sunday 05 May 2013. We will be marching from the Chester Legion to the Admiral Piers' Monument for the service.

Our Patron, Janet Piers along with Shipmate Larry Truelove and myself have been awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal since our last newsletter.

We have 126 members listed on our books. Of this 56 are paid; 9 are Life Members: 7 are on the Infirm List; 1 is our Patron Janet Piers and the other is our Honourary President, Vice Admiral Paul Maddison. That leaves 53 unpaid and/or unaccounted for. If you have not paid your 2013 dues please forward them soon so you do not get dropped from the list. We will be organizing and running **a membership drive** this year to increase our ranks. Without new members we will not be able to keep the Association going. See if you can find a new member and help the Association grow.

I, personally, am looking forward to 2013 and hope to build on our 2012 RCNA Club of the Year Award. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Ready Aye Ready

L. R. Verne Lunan, President

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*** Dates to Remember !!**

Wal Mart Cadet raffle Ticket Sales. Feb. 2013 8th,14,15,21, 22

Mar. - 1st,14,15 and 22

Apr. - 4th, 5,19 and 25

Each of these dates will consist of 3 – 3 hour watches. A sign-up form for volunteers from the membership will available through the 1st Vice at any time!!

***Battle of Atlantic (70th anniversary) Mess Dinner- Friday April 26th,2013
Royal Canadian legion Branch #24,Bridgewater – Dress #1s/ medals.**

***Summer Banyan and Picnic – Sat.,August 24th,2013 at The Marc.**

***ADPNA Christmas Dinner and Dance – Friday, Dec.6th,2013**

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 24, Bridgewater N.S.



Above: - Our Patron Janet Piers



Left: -S/M Larry Truelove

Right: - S/M Verne Lunan

Receiving the QE11 Diamond Jubilee Medal



S/M Bill Gray receiving the Defence of Britain medal

OF NOTE

***We have received a thanks from the Legion for our contribution toward the printing of Volume 8 of the Veterans memorial Recognition Book and have now a copy .**

***The President has written a letter on our behalf to S/M Roger Purnell Congratulating him on a job well done at the Bridgewater Cenotaph and for his receipt of the Legions Meritorious Service Medal.**

***The 70th Anniversary of the Battle of The Atlantic is being celebrated in Liverpool England in May of this year. More information is available on this subject should you wish it. Apparently this will be the last one held there.**

***As of this date no one has stepped forward and offered to hold the 2013 RCNA Reunion.**

***A membership drive was previously mentioned and as contained in our constitution allowance has been made for the inclusion of a Public relations Position – Anyone willing to help out in this regard please let the executive know – This is seen as important at this stage.**

Crossed the Bar !

**Bill Gray 3 August, 2010 - (Scotty) Scott 3 October 2012 -
John Hunter 19 November 2012**

VETERANS (Author unknown) When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to another life of work, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

- 1. We know, for example, that after all of the camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.**
- 2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.**
- 3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.**

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

HUMOR (Author unknown)

I have a little GPS I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones My GPS is my wife
It gives me full instructions Especially how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says "You're doing thirty five"
It tells me when to stop and start And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever Safe to overtake
It tells me when a light is red And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively Just when to intervene
It lists the vehicles just in front And all those to the rear
And taking this into account It specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car It still gives its advice
It fills me up with counseling Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things And - keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages And my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that once in a while I could turn the damned thing off.

The Canadian Naval Heritage Centre Project

HMCS SACKVILLE



The Canadian Memorial Trust (CNMT)

has taken a major step to achieve its fundamental objective to ensure the preservation of HMCS Sackville. The Sackville has become an iconic symbol of both Canada's and the RCN's cultural heritage. The CNMT has launched their Canadian Naval Memorial Project. The project has three main elements:

- An enclosed dry dock berthing facility to house HMCS Sackville
- A Memorial to those who served
- A Naval Heritage Centre which will present the narrative of 100 plus years of naval service

HMCS Sackville is the last of Canada's 123 corvettes, one of many convoy escort vessels built in Canada and the United Kingdom during WW II. She is Canada's oldest fighting warship. She has been referred to as "the Soul of the Navy." Sackville has been our official Naval Memorial since 1985. It is very appropriate that the ship is in Halifax, Nova Scotia, as this "East Coast Port" was an important assembly point and destination for convoys during the Battle of the Atlantic. At her summer birth in front of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, she has been a major attraction to thousands of visitors.

The CNMT has retained the services of Catalyst Engineering Consultants to provide the project's management services. A project Brief is being prepared and is almost complete. They will soon be putting out a general call for Request For Proposals (RFP) for a design brief from Architects from across the country. They expect to have a Design Concept by October 2013.

A public launch event is planned to coincide with the RFP call. They are engaging in an awareness program by giving a presentation on "Battle of Atlantic Place" which is the working name for the Project.

A major step will be in acquiring the funds to build the Project. They will be seeking corporate; organizations and individual donors/sponsors to obtain the necessary financing to complete the Project.

I have the privilege and honour to represent the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association as an interested party in bringing this Project to fruition. I will keep you informed as to the Project's progression and how the ADPNA may assist it any way.

L.R. Verne Lunan, President
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***We must try to get get the application forms out to the Cadet Corps informing them of what is available in the form of bursaries for 2013. Maybe the executive could get together before the February meeting and decide what will be available from our club in the form of bursary monies. – I know what is available from the Scholarship fund itself. Hopefully we can hold a trustee meeting soon as well.**

The Master at Arms has requested any shipmate attending the Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner on April 26th please consider assisting with the Candle Light Ceremony. - - If this applies please contact S/M Daubs at:

902-624-8677 (HOME) or 902-527-3397 (cel)

To all members near and far – Have a safe winter and hope for an early spring !!