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Canadian Naval Memorial Trust/HMCS SACKVILLE Update

The past year has been an active and most rewarding period for Trustees of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust as we step up our activities to ensure the long-term preservation and operation of Canada's Naval Memorial for the benefit of all Canadians.

The most significant event in 2010 during the Canadian Naval Centennial was the visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to SACKVILLE and the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the Royal Visit. And on the Vice Regal front we were honoured this month by a visit by our Patron, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General.

Also in August Trustees and HMCS SACKVILLE were front and centre for the announcement in HMC Dockyard that the Government has restored the historic names to the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Navy. It was most fitting that Wendall Brown, CO of SACKVILLE and Jerry Sigrist, representing the Royal Canadian Naval Association were part of the official party and recognized by Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Vice Admiral Paul Maddison, Chief of Maritime Staff.

Through the hard work of Trustees and other supporters in and out of uniform the ship is in good shape and welcomes visitors at her summer berth next to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Throughout the year SACKVILLE supports various naval, school/youth, community and veterans groups and organizations.

The Board of Directors has approved and launched the Canadian Naval Memorial Project, a major undertaking that bodes well for the long-term preservation of the 70 year-old SACKVILLE. The first stage of the project is a National Design Competition that includes an iconic Naval Memorial Hall with an enclosed sea water berth for the ship and an adjacent Naval Heritage Centre. The project would be located in the designated Canadian Naval Memorial Area near the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

As Trustees we take seriously our responsibility to hold in trust HMCS SACKVILLE as one of Canada's most significant memorials. We very much appreciate and look forward to the continued support of the RCNA and other naval support organizations as we proceed to implement the Canadian Naval Memorial Project.

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