



IRVING SHIPYARD SALUTES HMCS SACKVILLE

On 9 November, the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust was honoured by Irving Shipbuilding during a building naming ceremony in the Halifax Shipyard. The newly-named building, currently used to administer the Frigate Life Extension refits - in which seven East Coast frigates are being overhauled and their sensors and weapon systems updated or replaced by a multi-billion dollar mid-life refit - was named "HMCS SACKVILLE" by the company. This significant recognition links provides a visible historical link to the modern shipbuilding industry as HMCS SACKVILLE was built in Saint John, New Brunswick seventy years ago, at the yard which was later acquired by the JD Irving Company.

Participants in the naming ceremony included the Honourable Peter MacKay, the Minister of National Defence, Steve Durrell, President of Irving Shipbuilding, Rear-Admiral David Gardam, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic and Joint Task Force Atlantic, Vice-Admiral *ret'd* Hugh MacNeil, Chair of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (CNMT), Honourary Captain (Navy) Myra A. Freeman and Commander *ret'd* Wendall Brown,



Commanding Officer, HMCS SACKVILLE. Following the SACKVILLE ceremony, the first of nine Hero-Class Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels, currently under construction in the Irving Shipyard, was named the CCGS Private Robertson, VC after the First World War soldier Private James Peter Robertson, VC from Stellarton, NS. A later vessel in the class will be named after Canadian Army Captain Nichola Goddard, MSM, the first female Canadian combat soldier killed in combat, and the 16th Canadian soldier killed in Canadian operations in Afghanistan.

Pictured are past CNMT Chairs Charles Westropp, John Jay and VAdm Duncan Miller, along with the Engineering Officer, Don Lowther and HMCS SACKVILLE's Captain, Cdr Wendall Brown in the background while the Minister of National Defence and VAdm MacNeil cut the ribbon of the newly-named HMCS SACKVILLE Building in the Halifax Shipyard.

FROM THE CHAIR – CANADIAN NAVAL MEMORIAL TRUST

Vice-Admiral ret'd Hugh MacNeil

Sustainability. This word is much in vogue today. It forms a key role in the development of any business plan, whether for a new company, a government program or our beloved system of Health Care. The total issue of sustainability with respect to our own Trust and Canada's Naval Memorial requires serious attention and decision. The Trust's aim is to ensure that this Canadian icon will be preserved in perpetuity, but will also be recognized as a vital, positive and integral symbol of Canada's Navy, past present and future. Canada is a huge land. Not many Canadians get to see their Navy. There will always be a requirement in this vast country, for our people to be reminded that the Navy is part of the fabric of this nation, and that we will either have our own Navy in our waters or warships of someone else's. HMCS SACKVILLE can help play this enduring role in the consciousness of Canadians, young, middle aged, seniors, and the generations yet unborn. It must however be stated: the current operating model for Canada's Naval Memorial is not sustainable. But one learns early on in the Navy that in addition to recognizing a problem, it is wise to help in its solution.

The Sustainability problem has two main areas of concern: one, achieving the best solution for the survival of the ship; and two, the personnel requirements to lead, organize, run and manage all the planning and operations of the ship and the Trust. A great deal of work is underway in developing what the Trust believes will be the best solution to ensure the long term survival of the Naval Memorial, and in a way that will produce an iconic, practical, sustainable and much loved memorial and Naval Heritage Centre. This solution will also require the support of the Navy, various government departments, Canadian industry and many Canadians. Regarding personnel; with the exception of a few rather underpaid positions, much of the work of the Trust and ship's operations is carried out daily by willing and knowledgeable volunteers. It is also true that the Navy provides strong personnel support when currently possible. The personnel problem can be defined as one of 'burn out' and longevity in the job.

Preservation in perpetuity. No nation has as yet preserved a steel (or iron) warship in perpetuity. There hasn't yet been time. Various techniques have been tried, some clearly more successful than others. We do know from all the relevant studies that we must get "Sackville" covered over to preserve her from the airborne elements. We also believe that the excellent two year study conducted by Defence Research and Development Canada, in conjunction with Dockyard Lab in Halifax, points the best way of preserving the ship's hull. We have had extensive consultations with architects, engineering consulting and building firms and industry. We have been gradually accumulating the funds necessary to conduct a national architectural competition in accordance with the accepted protocols. The site and land for this project on the Halifax Waterfront has been provided by the NS Government and designated as the Canadian Naval Heritage Area by the Waterfront Development Corporation. We will be contracting with the required expertise of various firms to assist in the production of the key document known as the "Project Brief", which will spell out in detail all the requirements this project must meet. Expressions of Interest, followed by Requests for Proposals from architectural and engineering firms deemed appropriate for our needs will then be issued. This procedure will cost \$1-1.2M and will take 2-3 years to complete, leading to selecting the architect and builder. Briefings to various authorities on this project have produced an enthusiastic response. The successful completion of this project will guarantee the long term survival, and the professional and meaningful interpretation of the Naval Memorial and Canada's naval history since 1910. It will also answer the long term physical 'sustainability' worries for the Naval Memorial.

The RCN continues to be a great supporter of their Naval Memorial. Without such help, it is unlikely that "SACKVILLE" would have survived, nor be in the shape she now is. It is also very clear, that all the universally positive responses to this project ask the question; does the Navy support this project? This question has been germane for many years, ever since the first national study conducted by the Economic Planning Group of Canada, showed overwhelming support for the Naval Memorial, but again with the caveat that the Navy must be seen to be actively supportive. A frequently asked question is why is HMCS

SACKVILLE not “in-commission” as are HMS Victory and the USS Constitution? It is fair to conclude that with this project underway to ensure the long term survivability, sustainability, safety and professional interpretation of the Naval Memorial, the re-commissioning of HMCS SACKVILLE as the Naval Memorial would seem practical, feasible and symbolically very important to many Canadians. It is estimated that 1.5 million Canadians have family connections to the RCN. Obviously SACKVILLE would not again be going to war; but by being “in-commission” she would be seen to be part of the Naval family, and in the words of the military historian Donald Graves, be ... “a perpetual reminder of what was Canada’s greatest contribution to Allied victory during the Second World War – the Royal Canadian Navy’s participation in the Battle of the Atlantic.”

Personnel sustainability. There will always be many willing volunteers to carry out the never ending duties associated with the Naval Memorial. Fortunately this remains true. There are many organizations in Canada that would not survive without volunteers. The CNMT is one of these. It is also true that most organizations have a ‘core’ of permanent professionals. To ensure fiscal responsibility and thorough accounting standards the Trust hires a bookkeeper and treasurer and a CA to audit the books. Our Executive Director receives a small stipend. But, our Commanding Officer, the First Lieutenant, the Engineer Officer, Public Relations officer, Web site manager, Curator, Archivist, Chairs and members of the various working committees, our National Councilors and members of the Board of Directors, among a host of others, are all volunteers. The Trust has now seen at least two generations of volunteers who, among other activities; raised the money for the ship’s restoration, formed the Trust, helped save the ship from the breaker’s yard, supervised the restoration, dedicated thousands of sweat equity hours of personal labour, scoured the world for authentic pieces of 1944 equipment, maintained the ship since 1982 and ran the daily routine, interpreted the ship to the thousands of visitors who annually visit the ship while in her summer berth on the Halifax Waterfront. They also provided the naval ceremonial for the annual burials at sea for naval veterans and for other naval occasions.



In May 2011, Mayor Peter Kelly awarded special Halifax Regional Municipality pins to over 40 Canadian Naval Memorial Trustees (not all pictured) in recognition of their volunteer support of HMCS SACKVILLE.

The planning that should ensure the long term sustainability of the Naval Memorial could lead logically to the need for a small sustainable core of naval professionals, to assume some of the key positions required to run Canada’s and the Navy’s memorial. The basic positions could be: the Captain, First Lieutenant, Coxswain, Chief Bos’n’s Mate, Chief Engineering Room Artificer, Yeoman of Signals, and three Leading or Able Seaman. While qualified personnel could be assigned to these respective positions and responsibilities, they would also be able to undertake their other naval duties and training. Could this not be another viable role for some Naval Reservists? The Battle of the Atlantic was fought with some of the very small cadre of RCN personnel, but the overwhelming numbers, the thousands of young Canadians serving in the corvettes, frigates and few destroyers were members of the RCN Reserve, the RCNR and the RCN Volunteer Reserve, the RCNVR. With this history, would it not be feasible to develop HMCS SCOTIAN as the ‘centre of excellence’ for our naval history since

1910, knowledge of the Battle of the Atlantic, knowledge of all aspects of “Sackville” and her equipment, her remarkable war history, and the way of life of the RCNR and RCNVR sailors who fought in the great battle? If this was possible, the small professional cadre could train and supervise the volunteers and other naval personnel temporarily assigned to “SACKVILLE” during the summer months. HMCS SCOTIAN as the centre of excellence could help ensure the long term professional continuity for the running and interpretation of the Naval Memorial. Taken in sensible and measured steps, could not such a plan be feasible and of definite benefit to the Navy?

The summer of 2012 will bring the retirement of some current key personnel, including our Commanding Officer who will be in his ninth consecutive year as “SACKVILLE’s” captain. A new model to ensure professional personnel sustainability is needed.

CAPTAIN's CORNER

*Wendall Brown, Cdr ret'd
Commanding Officer*

After a busy and successful summer open to the public at Sackville Landing, HMCS SACKVILLE is again in her winter berth in HMC Dockyard. The favourable fall weather this year enabled the ship to remain at



Sackville Landing until 1300 21 October (the 2011 date of the annual KOOTENAY Memorial ceremonies) when approximately 100 survivors of the 1969 KOOTENAY explosion, and family and friends of Cdr Neil (Chesty) Norton, embarked with the ashes of Cdr Norton, who was Commanding Officer of the KOOTENAY at the time of the explosion. SACKVILLE departed Sackville Landing and proceeded to the harbour approaches and conducted a committal service for Cdr Norton, then returned to the Dockyard. HMCS SACKVILLE's Padre, Charlie Black officiated at the committal ceremony.

Summer 2011 was successful in terms of visitors with approximately 10,000 visitors touring the ship. This number is comparable to the 2010 Naval Centennial visitor level. SACKVILLE made a brief foray back to dockyard on 8 September, to take part in the ceremony when the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay, restored the designation “Royal” to the Canadian Navy. The focus for the ship during this winter period is required maintenance and progressing planning and work to implement the permanent preservation recommendations contained in the DRDC Atlantic HMCS SACKVILLE ship preservation study.

The task list is long and onerous with limited manpower resources. It includes preparation of work packages for a ship docking required to progress preservation in tanks and spaces below the waterline that require the ship out of the water; removal of all asbestos in the ship; preserve and tile the deck in the conference room (built in the compartment originally occupied by the no.1 boiler); remove the windless and bollards on the fo’c’sle; refurbish the deck underneath and replace the equipment; and, progress the upgrade of the electrical distribution system.

SACKVILLE and her veterans were involved in Remembrance Day services at all local memorials and in Sackville, N.B. and Barrie, Ont. Our Christmas Party will be on 14 December and don’t forget to come to our New Year’s Levee, 1130-1330 New Year’s Day.



Above: Committal ceremony

Below: Cdr Wendall Brown accepting the White Ensign from the Minister of National Defence during the RCN renaming ceremony.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug Thomas

After a busy summer, we've had an eventful fall – that's a good thing. The annual Defence and Security (DEFSEC Atlantic 2011) Exhibition in early September on the Halifax waterfront was a big success once again, with HMCS SACKVILLE prominently berthed alongside the Cunard Centre. In addition to SACKVILLE's presence, guided tours, and the use of some of her spaces as meeting rooms, we had a manned booth throughout the exhibition (provided by the organizers) and thus the opportunity to educate exhibitors and visitors regarding the aims and objectives of our Trust. The ship has now returned to her winter berth in the Dockyard.

Several Trustees and I recently met with Professor Jim Morrison, of Saint Mary's University in Halifax. The purpose was to discuss how we could conduct an Oral History Project. I know some of you may have been interviewed for the Memory Project, but there is a continuing need to preserve the experiences of naval veterans and serving members for the Memorial Project's Interpretive Centre. We are investigating what we already have, or can access, in the way of recorded history, but there may be an opportunity to send a few volunteers to do a short course to acquire the necessary skills. If anyone is interested, please contact me. We are also looking for volunteers to set up dinners, such as the annual Battle of the Atlantic Dinner. Again, please call or email me. The Memorial Action Committee has been very busy during the past several months, and I have been involved in the process of becoming better-educated about how we can best staff the funding, design, and construction of the components of our Memorial Project. We are also looking at renting office space in the vicinity of Sackville's summer and eventual permanent berth on the Halifax waterfront.

This year's CNMT Christmas Party in the ship (evening of 14 December) will include a birthday cake to recognize Sackville's 70th Birthday – she was commissioned 30 December 1941. Our web site and the next Action Stations will capture the event.

Finally, our web site (with a lot of work and enthusiasm from our web master, Richard Wood) is striving to be interesting and topical – please check it out.

Compliments of the Season and UP SPIRITS to all.

COMPTE RENDU DU DIRECTOR

Doug Thomas

Directeur Exécutif

Après un été mouvementé, nous avons connu un automne plutôt fertile. L'Exposition annuelle de défense et sécurité (DEFSEC ATLANTIQUE 2011) qui a eu lieu sur le front de mer d'Halifax au début de septembre a été un grand succès. Le NCSM SACKVILLE était accosté près du centre Cunard durant l'événement. En plus d'offrir de nombreuses visites guidées à bord, le navire a aussi servi aux délégués pour des rencontres. En outre, nous avons également un kiosque d'information qui nous a permis d'éduquer les exposants et les visiteurs sur le but du Trust. Le navire est maintenant amarré à l'arsenal pour l'hiver.

Un bon nombre de membres et moi-même avons récemment rencontré le professeur Jim Morrison de l'Université St. Mary's à Halifax. Le but de la rencontre était de discuter de la façon dont on pourrait élaborer un projet d'histoire orale. Je sais que plusieurs d'entre vous ont déjà eu une entrevue concernant ce projet, mais il existe un besoin continue de sauvegarder les expériences de vétérans de la marine et aussi celles des membres en service en vue de la mise sur pied du Centre d'interprétation du projet de commémoration. Nous examinons ce que nous avons en ce moment ou, ce qu'on peut recueillir en histoire écrite. Nous devons possiblement trouver des volontaires pour suivre un cours de courte durée qui leur permettra d'acquérir les connaissances nécessaires à ce projet. Les personnes intéressées n'ont qu'à communiquer avec moi. Nous recherchons aussi des volontaires pour organiser des dîners commémoratifs tels que celui de la bataille de l'Atlantique. Encore une fois, les intéressés sont priés de communiquer avec moi par téléphone ou par internet.

Le Comité d'initiative du projet de commémoration a été très occupé durant les derniers mois. J'ai moi-même participé pour en apprendre plus sur le projet, les façons d'aider le fonds monétaire, la conception et les

parties constituantes du projet de commémoration. On envisage aussi louer de l'espace à proximité du Sackville en été, qui sera éventuellement son emplacement permanent au port d'Halifax.

En conclusion, nous célébrerons Noël à bord durant la soirée du 14 décembre. Nous aurons, pour l'occasion, un gâteau afin de souligner le 70eme anniversaire du navire dont la mise en service a eu lieu le 30 décembre 1941. Vous trouverez tous les détails de la soirée sur notre site Web. Nous publierons aussi un compte rendu dans notre prochaine édition

Finalement, notre site Web que Richard Wood, notre webmestre, garde intéressante et à jour grâce à son travail acharné et à sa bonne humeur vaut la peine d'être visité: www.canadasnaval-memorial.ca

Mes meilleurs voeux à tous et à toutes. Je lève mon verre à votre santé.

CROSSED THE BAR



PO Danny Budge
LCdr Maxwell "Max" Corkum
CPO1 Al Casey
Capt(N) Mark Mayo
CPO George Borgal, Senior
LCdr Peter Cock

Mr. Edgar Goss
Mr. Ray Boutilier
Ken Medford
Captain James Munro
LCdr John F. "Jack" McGuire

MAX CORKUM REMEMBERED

Len Canfield



Max onboard HMCS SACKVILLE with Murray Knowles (L) and Bill Murray (R).

Lieutenant Commander Max Corkum's many contributions to the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust and HMCS SACKVILLE over the years were recalled by fellow Trustees following his passing at Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building, Halifax in late August. Max was among the 'robust' group of trustees who were involved in the restoration and preservation of SACKVILLE in the 1980s after 'The Last Corvette' was acquired by the Trust and the ship designated Canada's Naval Memorial in 1985. Max served as Commanding Officer 1986-1992. Sherry Richardson describes Max as a 'stalwart' who was always available to assist her when she served as CO in the 1990s. Others recall his readiness to pitch in and help members of the ship's crew with all manner of tasks. As a veteran of WW II he was often called to meet with media representatives and film/video producers to relate his experience serving in a corvette during the Battle of the Atlantic. Max was born in East LaHave, NS in 1920 and at an early age became interested in radio electronics. With the exception of wartime service, he spent his working career in broadcasting. In 1942 he joined the RCNVR and while serving as navigating officer in HMCS MOOSE JAW in the English Channel the corvette participated in the D-Day Normandy invasion. After the war Max joined CBC in Sackville, NB and later transferred to television in

Halifax where he held various engineering positions until his retirement. He was active in a number of organizations, including the NS Naval Officers Associations, the Royal United Services Institute/NS and the Royal Canadian Legion. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia and is survived by daughter Susan (Wally) Campbell and son Peter, all of Halifax.

ARCHIVING THE TRUST'S PHOTO COLLECTION

Bill Gard

In conjunction with John Hault, Chairman of Preservation Restoration & Interpretation, and archivist Jennifer Hevenor, a project has been initiated to digitally catalogue the CNMT's photo collection. As well as storing the collection on the Trust's external hard drive, the photos – at a later date, will be uploaded to the NS Museums virtual web site using their Collections program.

To assist in expanding the collection, I am looking for copies of Second World War photos of the RCN i.e. ship's company photos, onboard activities as well as photos taken on board HMCS SACKVILLE over the years. It is important that captions be included whenever possible. For the Trust to use them on our web site the photos will need to be transferred to the Trust with a Deed of Gift which we can assist in arranging. Many of our Trustees, family members and friends have valuable wartime photos in their private collections that would greatly enhance this important archival project. If you have photographs, I would love to hear from you either via email at recorder@canadasnavalmemorial.ca or by telephone at 902-865-6976.

Bill Morrison (from British Columbia) has already submitted photos of HMCS ROSTHERN, commissioned 17 June 1941, and her commissioning crew. Mr. Morrison's father, William Robert Morrison, a Provincial Court judge after the war, stood by the building of ROSTHERN in Port Arthur and is pictured in the middle of the first row. *Editor's note: Bill Gard's father Ray also served in ROSTHERN as a stoker.*



Commissioning Crew



HMCS ROSTHERN

PLAQUE PRESENTATION



On 16 Sept 2011, Bill Gard on behalf of HMCS SACKVILLE accepted four ship's badges from Ray Addington. The plaques were those of research vessels in which Mr. Addington's father sailed, including CNAV/CFAV SACKVILLE in her second career.

MESS DECK NEWS



Trustee and artisan Judy Connors pictured alongside her hand-made and almost life-size Santa that she donated to the SACKVILLE mess as a fundraiser to the CNMT. Our Executive Director Doug Thomas was the lucky winner of the Santa, drawn at SACKVILLE's Christmas party.



HMCS SACKVILLE was the venue of the annual St. Barbara's Day competition, 2 December 2011. Pictured is this year's winning team from HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC, who edged out the "Eulogy Team" from the CF Naval Engineering School.



Mike Meyers has been a volunteer onboard HMCS SACKVILLE for several years and is well known as a member of the hospitality team working tirelessly at onboard events in support of the Trust. Great job Mike!



Murray Knowles (right), represented HMCS SACKVILLE at the annual Veterans' Reception hosted by CFB Halifax at the Wardroom in late November. Camp Hill Veteran Ernie Finter is pictured on the left.



During a recent visit to HMCS SACKVILLE, Paul Smith (L) and Hodges Hamm (R) presented VAdm MacNeil with a cheque for \$1000 from proceeds from the sale of rings in recognition of the Canadian Navy Centennial. An equal amount was also presented to RCL #69 Lancaster Branch for the Branch Poppy Fund.

WARTIME FIRST LIEUTENANT CELEBRATES 91st BIRTHDAY



On the occasion of our wartime First Lieutenant, Bill Murray's 91st birthday, 22 October 2011, a flag hoist was raised with the message "BZ Bill." Congratulations and best wishes Bill from your fellow Trustees on your ten decades of service to Canada.



THE LAST WATCH OF HM CORVETTES

During recent commemorative events in London, England a model of HMCS SACKVILLE was presented to the Canadian High Commission for permanent display in the office of the Naval Advisor, Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London) (CDLS). Vice Admiral MacNeil forwarded greetings from the CNMT on behalf of SACKVILLE that were included in programs for the events which included the "Last Watch – HM Corvettes" reception at the High Commission and dinner at Navy Club. Proceeds from the events were given to maritime-related causes and the lead organizer, Mr. Chris Justice, NOAVI, directed that the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust be one of the recipients. Trustee Capt(N) Harry Harsch, the current Naval Advisor, CDLS forwarded a cheque for 200 GBP on behalf of Mr. Justice and wrote that he is "fortunate to receive a stunning model of SACKVILLE which will remain in the CDLS lines for years to come." Many thanks to Mr. Justice for his generous contribution to the Trust.

HSNA CONFERENCE

Sherry Richardson, past-Commanding Officer, HMCS SACKVILLE and Secretary, Director for Canada of the Historic Naval Ships Association (HSNA) reports that the 2011 HSNA conference in Honolulu in October was informative and productive (not to mention the weather and hospitality). "The seminars covered various aspects of preservation and operation of historic ships in different countries...and the networking was particularly useful;" LCdr ret'd Richardson remarked. Topics included: a review of equipment and technology for underwater maintenance and repair (welding and painting); scrounging for products and services; witness to history: distance learning programs; sharing oral histories with museum visitors; disaster recovery and business continuity; de-collecting your collection; and museum ship operations: the legal issues of having visitors and how to avoid lawsuits. The final day of the conference included tours of Pearl Harbour's historic sites, including the Second World War *Valour in the Pacific* National Monument, the Battleship Missouri BB-63 and the Pacific Aviation Museum. The mission of HSNA is to support the preservation of historic naval vessels and to honor those who serve in the defence of their country. HSNA includes 175 ships in the US, Canada, Europe, Australia and South America. *Pictured: Valour in the Pacific National Monument.*



NLCC MICMAC REVERTS TO WARTIME SHIP'S CREST

CI (NL) Phil Gray, NLCC Micmac

On November 3rd, 2011 NLCC (Navy League Cadet Corps) Micmac and the First Nations Community came together to celebrate a historical event that reconnected the Corps with the First Nations. HMCS Micmac has been the namesake of our Corps since its inception and we wanted to bring back the original ships crest to honor those that served and the people of the First Nations.

The Crest Changing Ceremony was an absolute pleasure for NLCC Micmac to host. We were honored with the presence of numerous dignitaries. Rear-Admiral Jennifer Bennett (Chief Reserves and Cadets), Elder Douglas Knockwood (Indian Brook, First Nations) and Dr. Don Julien were among those in attendance. We were also thrilled to have with us, CPO2 Dan Peppar (HMCS Windsor), Earle Corn (Division President), Commander Garrett Reddy, Commanding Officer of RCSU(A), Scott Briand (VP Navy League), Cdr (NL) Susan Murphy and NL Branch President Leon Lewis.

Our cadets were presented their new crests, with the original ships crest of a golden fern on it by Rear-Admiral Bennett followed by Elder Knockwood presenting the cadets with their rocker, aptly embroidered "Melkedae", meaning "Fearless" in Mi'kmaq.

This change has brought history full circle for our Corps. The day that HMCS Micmac sailed, seven chiefs from the First Nations appeared on the jetty to bless the ship as she set sail. With this crest change, we have reunited both the First Nations and the Royal Canadian Navy with our own Corps, Micmac (our namesake).



Participants at the Crest Changing Ceremony: L-R, Dr. Don Julien, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, PO2 Rhys Watson, PO2 Spence Lewis, Elder Doug Knockwood, Mi'kmaq First Nations, Rear-Admiral Jennifer Bennett, and PO2 Gregory Cole.

NATIONAL NOAC PRESENTATION TO CNMT



In his capacity of President of the Nova Scotia Naval Officers' Association, Doug Thomas, Executive Director, CNMT presented Vice Admiral ret'd Hugh MacNeil a cheque for \$1000 on behalf of the Endowment Fund of the National NOAC in early December. VAdm MacNeil graciously accepted the donation saying that "every bit helps towards the preservation of our good ship."

THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

Michael McFadden

October

- 1 Oct 1940 HMCS DRUMMONDVILLE is laid down
- 1 Oct 1940 HMCS SWIFT CURRENT is laid down
- 1 Oct 1940 HMCS NIPIGON is launched
- 1 Oct 1910 Captain E.H. Martin, appointed Captain-in-Charge, Halifax establishes Atlantic Command
- 14 Oct 1941 HMCS REGINA is launched
- 29 Oct 1942 Corvettes ROSTHERN and SUMMERSIDE pick up survivors of US tanker Pan New York

November

- 2 Nov 1971 Research hydrofoil HMCS BRAS D'OR is mothballed
- 3 Nov 1941 HMCS BUCTOUCHE picks up 43 survivors from torpedoed British merchant Empire Gemsbuck
- 5 Nov 1940 Armed Merchant JERVIS BAY is sunk while in a hopeless battle with German pocket battleship ADMIRAL SCHEER. The action allows other merchants to escape and greatly reduces the ensuing loss of ships (convoy of more than 60 ships). CO Captain Fegen wins Victoria Cross
- 12 Nov 1940 HMCS QUESNEL is launched
- 12 Nov 1941 HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC is launched
- 19 Nov 1940 HMCS COLLINGWOOD, first Flower Class corvette built in Canada is commissioned
- 26 Nov 1941 Corvettes HMCS EYEBRIGHT, SNOWBERRY and HALIFAX are commissioned

December

- 17 Dec 1940 HMCS MONCTON is laid down, HMCS ALGOMA is launched
- 17 Dec 1944 HMCS MONTREAL picks up survivors of U1209 off Lands End

UPCOMING SHIP's PROGRAM and TRUSTEE EVENTS

Jim Reddy, First Lieutenant

- Every Friday - Noon Lunch onboard. The last Lunch of 2011 will be Friday 16 December. The first Lunch of 2012 will be Friday 6 January.
- New Year's Levee onboard – 1130 to 1330
- Friday 20 Jan 1115 – Special screening of Scott MacMillan's video "Within Sight of Shore" on the loss of HMCS Esquimalt and his recent musical composition. Introduction by the composer who will join us for lunch.

WELCOME ABOARD

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HMCS SACKVILLE CELEBRATES 70 YEARS SINCE COMMISSIONING

Almost seventy years ago HMCS SACKVILLE was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy by Captain J.E. W. Oland, commander of the Port of Saint John, NB and husband of the ship's sponsor. While the actual date of the commissioning was 30 December 1941, Trustees gathered onboard our good ship on 14 December to celebrate this important anniversary and share a glass before Christmas.

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HMCS SACKVILLE's birthday cake baked by our own in-house pastry chef, Wendall Brown.



VAdm Hugh MacNeil, Cdr Wendall Brown and RAdm Dave Gardam do the honours.



Sherry Richardson, Guy Chauvin and Jim Reddy enjoying the Christmas spirit.



Judy Connors, Martha Dunbar, Anna Stockdale and Sylvia Nelis toasting SACKVILLE's birthday.

LAST WORD



After almost two years at the helm of *Action Stations*, Yves Perron has turned over the watch. The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust thanks Yves for his dedication as Editor and support for the Trust.