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NOAC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2007

In the May 2007 newsletter we mentioned that a committee was formed to act as liaison between the NOAC, Toronto Branch and the Commanding Officers of the Greater Toronto Area Sea Cadet Corps and to co-ordinate the selection of a candidate for a \$1,000 Scholarship Award. Our committee recommended Chief Petty Officer First Class Leona Qualtrough of RCSCC "Harwood", Ajax Ontario, The award was presented to CPO1 Qualtrough by Mr. Richard Birchall on behalf of the NOAC Toronto Branch at an awards dinner held by RCSCC "Harwood" on 23 May 2007.



We are pleased to have been of assistance to the NOAC Toronto Branch in this endeavour. The search for the selection of candidates for the training year 2007 – 8 is now underway, and letters have been mailed to the Commanding Officers and Navy League Branch Presidents of the thirteen Corps in the area of Greater Toronto requesting their nominees.

SUMMITTED BY SAUL GLASS

MARK YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

A reminder that this year's "Get – Together" at Katz's Deli will be on Saturday, 13 October 2007 starting at 1300 (1PM). No advanced reservation is required nor is there a cover charge or cost involved. You pay only for what food or drink you order, so please mark this date in your diary and plan to attend, and bring any photos, memorabilia and stories you may have. We look forward to seeing you there. The address is 3300 Dufferin Street, across from Yorkdale Mall.



Warriors Day 2007



D Day Ceremony 07

TSCAA COLOUR PARTY

Our newly formed Colour Party led the Battle of the Atlantic parade in Toronto on 06 May 2007, paraded in the special D Day Ceremony at Toronto City Hall on 06 June 2007, participated in the Warriors Day Parade at the CNE, in Toronto on 18 August 2007.

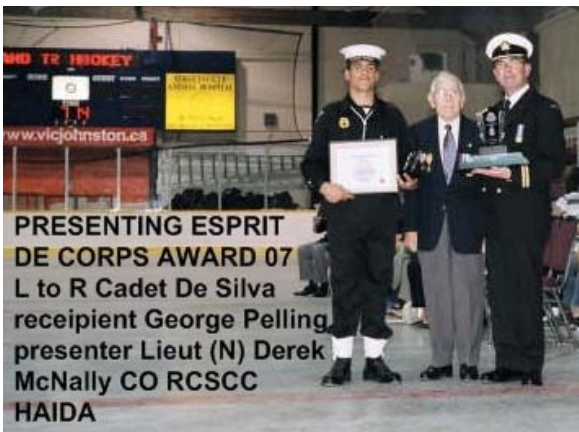
The Next Appearance of your Colour Party will be at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph in front of Old City Hall in Toronto on Sunday, 11 November, 2007 starting at 1030. We urge all to turn out and show your support for the Veterans and the Alumni Association. After the ceremony we report to the Naval Club of Toronto to take part in their in – house Remembrance Day Ceremonies at 1300. Refreshments will be served and strict dress code will be In effect.

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL ROGER

Warriors Day L to R Peter Dixon, Ken Johnstone, Dennis Hampson, Mike Roger, Hugh Peacock.

D Day Ceremony L to R Bill Harford, Peter Dixon, Dennis Hampson, Mike Roger, John Fielder.

RCSCC HAIDA 45th ANNUAL REVIEW



PRESENTING ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD 07
L to R Cadet De Silva
recipient George Pelling
presenter Lieut (N) Derek
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HAIDA

SUBMITTED BY SAUL GLASS

On Saturday, 19 May, 2007, RCSCC Haida in Streetsville held it's 45th Annual Review. Several of our Alumni members attended, and for the first time the Toronto Sea Cadet Alumni Association Esprit de Corps Award was presented to Haida. The trophy was presented to Haida's Commanding Officer, Lieut. (N) Derek McNally, by Saul Glass, a former Commanding Officer of the original Haida Sea Cadet Corps in Toronto. Saul then introduced George Pelling a former Commanding Officer of Streetsville's

Haida Corps who presented the 2007 Esprit de Corps Award, along with a "keeper ", to the winner, Leading Cadet Alex DaSilva.

A lot has changed in the Sea Cadet Movement. What we knew as an Annual Inspection is now known as an Annual Review, the uniform is different, as is the drill, but we all agreed that some things stay unchanged. These are, the pride the Cadets have in their "ship", Their uniform, and their high level of Esprit de Corps. We hope this trophy will help to recognize and sustain this.



H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

29 APRIL 2007

On April 29th, members of the Toronto Sea Cadet Alumni Association attended the memorial service in honour of the crew of H.M.C.S. Athabaskan (G 07). On the 26th of April 1944 she assisted in the destruction of the German torpedo boat T 29, in the channel off Ushant and three days later on the 29th April 1944, was herself sunk by a torpedo from T 24, an Elbing class destroyer, north of the Ile de Bas. Her Captain John Stubbs and 128 men were lost, one of those lost was Mike Roger's uncle, Stoker 1st class, Leo A. Roger. Another 83 were picked up by the German Navy and taken prisoner. 44 were rescued by H.M.C.S. Haida, Athabaskan's sister ship.



L to R Michael Roger, Saul Glass, Bev Covington, Bill Harford, Garry Thomson

Approximately 160 guests attended the ceremony hosted by H.M.C.S. Star, the Hamilton Reserve Naval Division and the Haida Association of Hamilton Ontario. The memorial service was presided over by Reverend Cannon William C. Thomas C.D. R.C.N.R. (Ret'd). William Connolly, a survivor and one of the eighty three taken prisoner reflected on that morning of the sinking of his ship. He recalled those last hours and minutes of his ship and his shipmates some of who perished beneath the cold grey waters of the Channel. Following the address, the ship's company and guests were requested to file out onto the boat flats along side the Athabaskan's sister ship H.M.C.S. Haida. Some attendees such as the current C.O. of Athabaskan III, Commander, Steve Jorgensen CD, took position on Haida's quarterdeck to toss dedicated wreaths overboard onto the waters in tribute to those brave sailors who served their country with all they had.

SUBMITTED BY BILL HARFORD

**NAVAL CLUB OF TORONTO**

As of 03 April 2007, your Alumni Association is officially affiliated with the Naval Club of Toronto. They have agreed to allow us to include the Naval Club crest and the wording " Affiliated with the Naval Club of Toronto " on our T.S.C.A.A. stationery. Your Alumni very much appreciates this honour and looks forward to a long and mutually rewarding relationship between our two organizations

BROTHERS OF THE SEA

At our recent Executive meeting we discussed the Annual Reviews that we had attended. Of particular interest to the writer was the 58th Annual Review at RCSCC Ontario in Downsview. The Reviewing Officer was a former German Naval Officer, Oberleutnant Werner Hirschmann, Chief Engineering Officer, U – 190. I had an interesting conversation with Werner and the one common theme that we both agreed upon that for those of us who have studied the history of the sea, no matter what country represented or what navy we sailed for, we were shipmates, brothers of the sea.



SUBMITTED BY NORMAN B. FRASER

HMTS Temeraire (1937 – 40) RCNVR (1940 – 45)



SPECIAL EVENT – MOVIE NIGHT

The Toronto Sea Cadet Alumni Association is proud to present a showing of the “Made in Canada”, Hollywood Production, Corvette K 225. The movie was filmed in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1943. Most of the action footage was shot aboard HMCS Kamloops with some footage shot aboard HMCS Kitchener. Randolph Scott plays LCDR. MacClain, the C.O. of HMCS Donnacona, a Flower Class corvette. The film was hailed as a realistic portrayal of Canada’s participation in the Battle of the Atlantic. The film will be shown on the 29th of November, 2007, our regular “Last Thursday Night” get together at the Naval Club. We usually arrive at 1900 and the film will begin at 2000 in the games room.

Seating is limited so book early.

This is a fund raiser for TSCAA and we suggest a donation at the door of \$5.00.

Come early and enjoy a cold one and have a good time helping out the alumni.

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VIMY – 90 YEARS LATER

SUBMITTED BY GORD KING

After spending 50 – plus years in the Sea Cadet movement, I thought I had seen and done it all. Then in the fall of 2006, I was asked to join RCSCC Daerwood, Selkirk Manitoba, on a trip to France in the spring of 2007.

After spending a sleepless night on the plane to France, we arrived in Paris hoping for a lazy day. Not so says the tour guide, whom I'm sure had a good night's sleep. We started out right away to visit all the touristy spots Paris has to offer and we saw them all in two days, we really needed six or seven. Days 3 to 7 were spent in rural France at a much more relaxed pace. This time was spent touring WW 1 and WW 11 battlefields and cemeteries. I'm sure everyone has seen pictures of the war cemeteries in Europe, but to coin a phrase, "seeing is believing". These cemeteries are so unbelievably well – kept, not a blade of grass out of place. It was extremely moving to see the size of some of them. One that we visited held 12,000 graves.

Day eight was spent in Belgium, in the town of Flanders where we visited the Flander Fields Museum. The cadets were given some free time in the town square to have lunch and do a little shopping. There must be twenty little chocolate shops around the square, all of which tried to give as much chocolate as the cadets could carry. How we made it back to our hotel without anyone sick. I'll never know.



Day 9, on to Vimy. As we approach in the grey/green fog of early morning, approximately eight kilometers away, across the fields, this white object rises atop a prominent hill. It is the "Vimy Monument". In this little corner of France, in a park-like setting, is the battlefield and Memorial to the Canadian soldiers who fought and died in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, 90 years to the day, earlier.

On arrival at the park, the cadets were to take part in a remembrance service in the cemetery within the park. In this cemetery there are 5000 graves. The tour group that organized our trip had several other Canadian Youth as well. During the service there was one Canadian youth standing at each of the 5000 headstones. At the conclusion of the service, each youth removed his or her poppy and placed it on the headstone and then slowly marched out of the cemetery. Not a dry eye in sight.

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Vimy - 90 YEARS LATER (continues)

After the service we were joined by the other cadets from Canada, Sea Cadets from Nova Scotia and Milton Ontario, Army Cadets from Milton Ontario and an Air Cadet Squadron from Saskatchewan. This total group of cadets, about 200 strong, was formed up in one platoon of six files with the Sea Cadets in front (of course) the Army Cadets next with the Air Cadets in the rear. The Officers present paraded in one platoon to the rear of the cadets as the emphasis was on youth. The group was then paraded around the Monument, out of sight of the crowd at first. As they came into public view, the Sea Cadets started to sing "Heart of Oak", No band required.



CPO2 Phillips of RCSCC Daerwood reads a tribute to the fallen heroes of Vimy

The cadets were very close to the centre front for the ceremony of re-dedication of this wonderful monument by HRH Queen Elizabeth II. The Prime Ministers of both Canada and France were also in attendance.

The Vimy Memorial has been seen by all in many, many pictures, but the enormity and beauty of it can only be experienced by being there.

Day 9 Back to Paris and the flight home. On arrival in Toronto, it was time to say goodbye to all my new friends from the Prairies and to Lieutenant (N) Earl Phillips, CO of RCSCC Daerwood, an old friend and former officer of RCSCC Haida in Streetsville (the capitol of Mississauga , editors opinion).

Editors Note..... I lived for thirty years in Streetsville and had a small part in forming RCSCC Haida, the name I was honoured to suggest, as it was where I started out in Toronto and who's name was unused since Haida and Ark Royal formed into Vanguard. Both Earl Phillips and his brother Ted were neighbours and both joined the Corps. Ted eventually became an officer and soon afterward died in an auto mishap. Earl was a cadet for many years and also was commissioned to carry on the family tradition. His uncle Bob was the XO of Acadia for many years and was my boss in the boathouse at Cornwallis. Garry Thomson. (ye olde editor)

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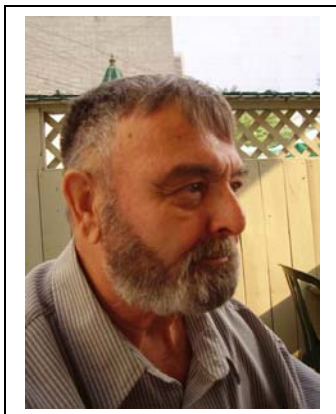
On Wednesday, 06 June, 2007 the TSCAA Colour Party paraded at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto representing the TSCAA and the Naval Club of Toronto at the commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary of D-Day. There were a large number of Colour Parties, Honour Guards, Pipe Bands and Mounted units from Police, Firefighter, EMS and Veterans Associations also mustered for this important event. The Master of Ceremonies was Kevin Frankish, Host of Breakfast Television on CITY-TV and the D-Day address was given by the Mayor of Toronto, David Miller. The keynote speaker was Andrew Irwin, HMCS

Algonquin, D-Day veteran. Our TSCAA Colour Party continues to be requested and included in a growing number of commemorations and veteran celebrations representing both our TSCAA membership and the membership and veterans of the Naval Club of Toronto.

SUBMITTED BY DENNIS HAMPSON (pictured above).

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2007 – ANNUAL REVIEWS SUMMARY

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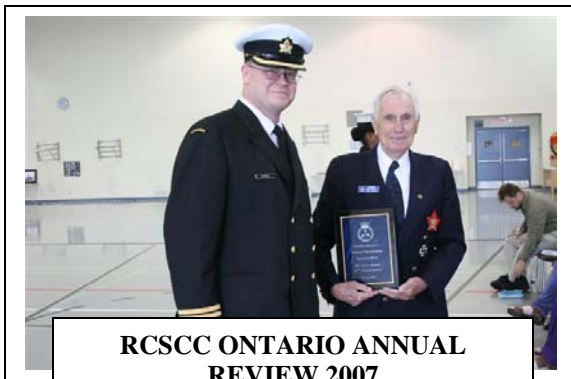
RCSCC SCARBOROUGH – 03 June – Enrollment up. 43 cadets on parade. 6 Alumni in attendance.

RCSCC OJIBWA – 06 June – 22 cadets on parade. Small but enthusiastic Corps. New Commanding Officer – LT(N) Angus Patten. 2 Alumni in attendance.

RCSCC ONTARIO – 10 June – 23 cadets on parade. Former U-Boat Officer was Reviewing Officer. 4 Alumni in attendance.

RCSCC ILLUSTRIOUS – 12 June – Enrollment up to 50 with 42 cadets on parade. Good drill team. New Commanding Officer – LT(N) Andrew Townley. 1 Alumnus in attendance.

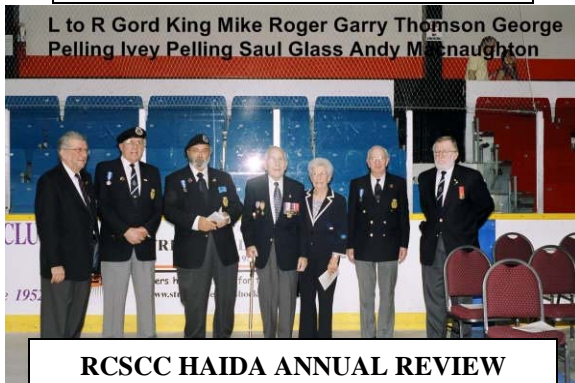
RCSCC VANGUARD – 16 June – 34 cadets on parade. NLCC ARK ROYAL also paraded. Esprit de Corps trophy awarded. New Commanding Officer – LT(N) Paul Simas. 14 Alumni and 1 spouse in attendance.



**RCSCC ONTARIO ANNUAL REVIEW 2007
CO LIEUTENANT (N) D. LITTLE
REVIEWING OFFICER
OBERLEUTNANT
WERNER HIRSCHMANN**



RCSCC VANGUARD ANNUAL REVIEW 2007



L to R Gord King Mike Roger Garry Thomson George Pelling Ivey Pelling Saul Glass Andy Macnaughton

RCSCC HAIDA ANNUAL REVIEW 2007



L to R BILL McDONALD, DENNIS HAMPSON, GARRY THOMSON, LIEUTENANT (N) WAYNE CLOSS, ANDY MACNAUGHTON, MICHAEL ROGER.

RCSCC SCARBOROUGH ANNUAL REVIEW 2007

REFLECTIONS OF A VANGUARD ALUMNUS

(Excerpts of a letter written by Geoffrey Fanaken, Coxswain, 1959)

Well, Jeanie and I truly enjoyed ourselves at the Annual Inspection of RCSCC Vanguard held at HMCS York on the afternoon of 16 June, 2007.

I must admit that I did get a 'lump in my throat' during the march past as it brought back strong memories of my teen years at both Vanguard and at York.

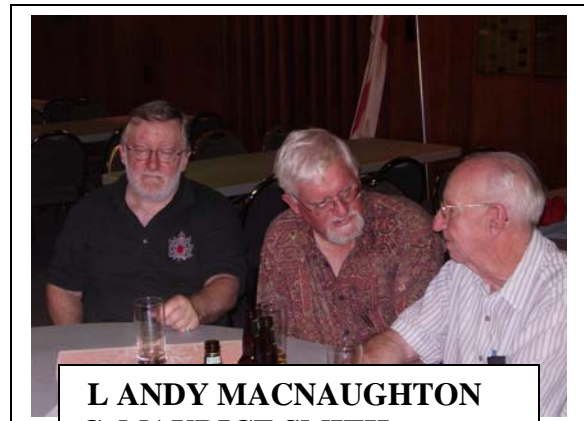
I found all the 'new hands' to be very receptive and kind. LT(N) Paul Simas went out of his way, digging into spaces behind some filing cabinets to get the plaque for 'Best Cadet' in the late 1950's/60's. Anyway he found the plaque for the June 1959 Annual Inspection when I was granted that distinction and award.

Later that year, I was granted an identical award at HMCS Acadia. Gary Gotter was with me at Acadia that year. What a summer! Don't believe a word he tells you about what we did.

SUBMITTED BY GEOFFREY FANAKEN



KEN JOHNSTONE



L ANDY MACNAUGHTON
C MAURICE SMITH
R SAUL GLASS

THURSDAY NIGHT GET-TOGETHER

On 26 July, 2007, our regular monthly get-together was held at the Naval Club of Toronto. Appearing for the first time were, Maurice Smith, Haida 50's & Vanguard 60's (Maurice was the subject of the front page article in the previous Newsletter) and Ken Johnstone, former cadet and officer, Vanguard 1960's. Also in town from his sailing odyssey in the Eastern Caribbean was Peter Jarrett, Vanguard 1960's. In all there were 13 Alumni present and a good time was had by all.

Attendance has been on the increase in the last few months so come on out and be a part of this growing trend.-

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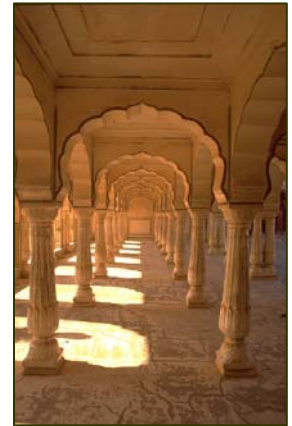
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