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## Bob Williamson retires as UNTD Newsletter Editor



Bob's 21 years as Newsletter Editor is one of many milestones in his 57 year commitment to the UNTD, HMCS STAR, the Naval Reserve, the NOAC/NAC, the Commissionaires, the History and Heritage of the City of Hamilton and the surrounding area.

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## Cover Story

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR RETIRES:

After 21 years of editing the UNTD Association Newsletter, Bob Williamson (UNTD McMaster 1957-1962) has retired with 42 editions to his credit.

Our retiring editor can trace his involvement to the embryo days of our UNTD association. In 1983 Bob, as XO of HMCS Star, remembers receiving a MARGEN from Vice-Admiral J.C. Wood, MARCOM, encouraging everyone connected with the navy to promote the RCNs 75th Anniversary in 1985. Under the theme of "Pride and Commitment" one of many proposals for commemorating our past was to organize reunions. Bob, in association with UNTD classmate Fred Lee, President of the Toronto branch of NOAC, organized a 200 seat UNTD reunion at HMCS Star where the first UNTD was formed in 1943. Inspired by this overwhelming success, an intrepid group in Toronto formed the UNTD Association of Upper Canada. As the group made preparations for the 1993 50th Anniversary of the UNTD in Halifax, Bob commenced writing the anecdotal history of the UNTD. It proved to be a popular contribution to the celebration.

And that is where my association with Bob began. Gil Hutton, spotting my credentials as a cleric amongst those planning to attend the reunion, asked me to organize the Sunday worship at Kings College. Recognizing a good thing in Bob Williamson's efforts, Gil Hutton recruited him to take over the position of UNTD Newsletter editor, and invited me to join with he and Bob on the Board of the Upper Canada Association. Bob expanded the information format of the newsletter to a collection of UNTiDy Tales, an extension of his book, which had unleashed a flood of fascinating cadet experiences, while I undertook to develop a website to expand, and make available, access to the growing history of the UNTDs. Bob rightly believes that the Newsletter has helped to make the UNTD Association a well connected ex-military organization. Our Association has an extraordinary record of national reunions and shares a unique camaraderie.

Having worked for the past few years with Bill Clearihue, who has demonstrated his passion for gathering and preserving any and all information relating to the UNTDs. Bob and I have great confidence that Bill will continue to maintain the high standard of the newsletter. He represents the 1960s UNTD intake and is well connected not only with the cadets of his era, but increasingly with those who preceded them. He has built an outstanding UNTD archive and has excellent writing and research skills.

Please join with me in communicating a Bravo Zulu to Bob Williamson for his outstanding and faithful service, and in wishing him a long, active, and relaxing retirement.



William Thomas,  
President  
UNTD Association of Canada

## Cover Story Picture Legend:

**Top Left:** Bob as a 3rd-year Cadet with Tony Curtis on JONQUIERE in 1960, during the filming of The Great Impostor. Bob has documented his own and the Cadet experiences of others, highlighting the many unique and often improbable events that shaped their perceptions into adulthood and Senior Citizenry.

**Top Right:** Bob assuming Command of HMCS STAR in 1985. His predecessor was Doug Woodliffe and his successor was Doug Mark, both UNTDs. It was in this era that UNTD alumni permeated the Command structure of the Naval Reserve.

**Middle Left:** Bob in a formal photo as a CDR (Ret'd). After his term at STAR, Bob really went into high gear, publishing the History of STAR in 1991, Spindrift, the forerunner of UNTiDy Tales, in 1993, and assuming the Newsletter Editorship in that same year.

**Middle Right:** Bob with Ontario Lt-Gov Hilary Weston in Feb. 2001, receiving the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. By then Bob had logged in 15 years as a Board of Education Speaker, had produced a series of slide-show presentations given on 400 separate occasions to a variety of heritage groups in Ontario and New York State. Not to mention other books and articles produced to raise funds for various Heritage sites including the STAR Naval Museum.

**Bottom Left:** Bob in his alter-ego as CMDRE James Lucas Yeo, RN, hero of the War of 1812 on Lake Ontario. With him is Mrs Yeo, otherwise known as Eileen Williamson. Bob and Eileen have been the face of the Naval aspects of the War of 1812 long before the current Bicentennial. In the last few years they have appeared at a number of high-profile, well reported on events. Eileen created those costumes and has been an essential part of virtually everything that Bob has done, from his days at STAR where she ran the Women's Auxilliary right on up to the present day. An Air Force Reservist herself, she is the mother of their three children, two sons having served as STAR Reservists, including Paul who is currently a CPO2.

**Bottom Right:** Bob on May 25, 2012 at St. Augustine School giving his 1,000th illustrated Heritage presentation to a Grade 8 class, on behalf of the Hamilton Historical Board. Bob is the longest serving member of that Board and former chair of its Plaquing Sub-Committee. He has research credit for 16 of the city's heritage site commemorative plaques, demonstrating a singular skill in précis writing.

*I will have to ask you to imagine in your mind's eye any number of pictures not included, showing Bob's various awards and highlights from his years at the NAC/NOAC, the Commissionaires and other good works. Bob is a mentor and a friend and will remain as a Director of the UNTD Association.*  
[Bill C – Editor]

## 5 New Honorary UNTDs:

by Roger Elmes

The UNTD Association created five new Honorary Members in 2013. Each contributed in a significant way to the organization of UNTD activities over the last 25 years and to the successes of the Canadian Navy.

The first to be inducted into the UNTiDy peerage, in a ceremony in Steveston BC on 4 November was RADM Bruce Johnston (DISCOVERY - ROTP 58). Following his induction he chatted about everything from the first Gulf War to the present state of NSPS and the ongoing efforts to procure new ships. He commented that he loved "the presents including book, cap and pin plus my certificate ... all very much appreciated" and that it made him "realize what a special bond the UNTDs enjoy!" At his induction lunch were;

John Osborne (DISCOVERY 59), Bill McCreery (CHIPPAWA 61), Bob McIlwaine (DISCOVERY 59), Brian Cook (UNICORN 66), David Critoph (DISCOVERY 60 and then ROTP), John Horton (ex RN), Larry Fournier (DISCOVERY 58), Brooke Campbell (DISCOVERY 59), Roger Elmes STAR 60), George Langford (DISCOVERY 59), and his partner Janet Rattray, and Bruce Docherty (ex RCN and Canadian Coast Guard).

Both Bob McIlwaine and Brian Cook have served as COs of DISCOVERY.

The second set of inductions took place at the Naval Officers' Association of Victoria annual Christmas lunch on 9 December.

ADM John Anderson (DISCOVERY - ROTP 59) was recognized for opening doors to facilitate various UNTD activities over the years, in particular the west coast UNTD celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the RCN in 2010, and for serving as the keynote speaker at the UNTD Mess Dinner during that celebration.

RADM Ken Summers (Royal Roads 63), was honoured for his assistance in arranging events in 2013 for the 70th UNTD Anniversary Celebrations that were key to its success. He was instrumental in facilitating UNTD day sails on the Orca Class vessels in 2010 and 2013.

Mr. Jamie Webb as Senior Protocol Officer is responsible for organizing all activities involving the public and the navy on the west coast. Jamie coordinates all of our UNTD activities in Esquimalt for the Admiral and is the person we contact if we have any questions or need any guidance. He has helped us with all of our activities over the past 10 or more years including day sails, tours of dockyard and other facilities, as well as accommodation and meals in the NADEN Wardroom.

The 5th inductee, VADM Bob George (DISCOVERY - ROTP 61) is still to be initiated into the UNTiDy peerage, although (like Admirals Johnston and Anderson) he certainly had a thorough introduction during winter training with the UNTD during his time at UBC. He is being recognized for his assistance in opening doors for various UNTD activities over the years, in particular during his time as COMMARPAC in the late 80s and more recently in 2010 and 2013.

Photos of all of our Honorary Members. See [www.nauticapedia.ca](http://www.nauticapedia.ca) for links to their biographies.

2013



[ADM John Anderson \(Ret'd\)](#)



[VADM Robert \(Bob\) George \(Ret'd\)](#)



[RADM Bruce Johnston \(Ret'd\)](#)



[RADM Ken Summers \(Ret'd\)](#)



[LT\(CIL\) Jamie Webb](#)

2008



[RADM Jennifer Bennett](#)

1994



[VADM Peter Cairns \(Ret'd\)](#)

*We have recently been in touch with VADM Peter Cairns who remembers his Induction 20 years ago by saying;  
"The UNTD program was one of the finest Officer programs the Navy ever had. It served the Navy very well and produced fine citizens for Canada. My diploma hangs proudly with other cherished awards."  
[Bill C – Editor]*

## UNTD STAR 1960 – 54<sup>th</sup> year Reunion:

by Roger, Ross and others

How do you keep a UNTD class of 10 different characters from one reserve division connected from coast-to-coast over 54 years? All it takes is dedication and persistence on the part of one person and the willingness of the rest.

The persistent dedicated one is Ross Connell; the rest of the cast are Darrell Beninger (Oakville ON, bio-chemical entrepreneur); Tom Brown (Halifax, Captain RCN); Roger Elmes (White Rock BC - academic dean); Bob Godden (Windsor ON - theatre and theatre company owner); Doug (Zorch) Hain (Etobicoke ON - secondary Geography teacher); Ian Munro (Kingston ON - Professor of Education at Queen's); Ernie Nyitrai (Toronto - ED Catholic School Boards of Ontario); Bob Temple (Ottawa - civil service); Phil Westbrook (Alliston, ON - teacher).

The recruiting efforts of the then current STAR UNTD cadets snared the 10 in the fall of 1960 and after all the usual triumphs and tribulations well documented elsewhere, all 10 worthies received the Queen's Commission - no drop-outs.

The first major event was Darrell's wedding in 1964. Nine of the ten attended, made noise, drank, told lies and jokes and generally enlivened the event. Roger was in a west coast frigate and thus the only man out.

UNTD STAR 1960 - 54th year Reunion: (cont'd)

In 1967, several members gathered at the long-gone Playboy Club in Montreal.

Over the years Ross kept track of everyone, at first with snail mail and later email kept everyone in contact. Those around southern Ontario were able to attend periodic pool parties at either Doug's or Darrell's. One memorable event about 1980 was Doug's pool party where he unpacked his kit bag, musty, moldy pink khakis and all the rest, originally packed up in 1963 at the end of 3rd year summer training on the west coast. It was an odiferous experience. (Odiferous made up of the word odor, meaning smell and the Latin ferre meaning "to carry." - Thank you Doug for the unforgettable memory.)

As with many UNTDs, the 75th Anniversary of the RCN in 1985, brought us together again. But Roger on the west coast, apart from his witnessing the opening of the kit bag, remained largely connected only through news updates.

In 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the RCN and the 50th Anniversary of our first meeting in the halls of a much smaller McMaster University, a Halifax reunion was organized that 9 of us were able to attend - weepers aboard SACKVILLE, with VADM(Ret'd) Dusty Miller welcoming the group on board, and a long supper and subsequent libations at a nearby restaurant. (see picture below)



SACKVILLE 2010 – L to R - Munro, Temple, Beninger, Brown, Westbrook, Hain, Elmes; kneeling – Connell, Nyitrai; absent - Godden

Which brings us to 2014 - the 50th anniversary of the Class of '64 at McMaster University in Hamilton, and Darrell and Lee-Ann's 50th wedding anniversary in Oakville afforded an excuse for another reunion.

A Friday afternoon Weepers at STAR was organized on June 6th, the 70th anniversary of D-Day, also attended by other UNTDs from the same era, members of the UNTD

Board, and Dave Luton from the "last of the UNTDs". Supper followed for our group in a relaxed, inexpensive restaurant. While some wives and sweethearts joined us for supper, they simply added to our recapturing the spirit of our late suppers from 1960-1963 on Thursday evenings at the Chicken Roost restaurant after our Gunroom closed on drill nights.

The next day saw most of us attending a series of events at McMaster for the Class of '64. On the Sunday Ross hosted a pool party - fortunately Doug did NOT bring his kit bag. A Baskin-Robbins ice cream cake appeared which bore a striking resemblance to the front cover of the 1961 White Twist.



Cake



Twist

The following Saturday saw many of us at Darrell and Lee-Ann's fete for their 50th.

We have all marked our calendars for St. John's Newfoundland in 2018. Hope to see you all there.

### UNTD Archives:

The UNTD Nominal List and In Memoriam List were both updated on Aug. 9th this year and can be viewed and downloaded at the [www.untid.org](http://www.untid.org) site.

6,321 Cadets have been identified with 340 known to have crossed the bar. These lists have grown substantially in the less than 4 years of their existence because of the input of many UNTDs and other interested parties. So please have a look and additions, deletions, corrections, suggestions and ameliorations of any kind are always gratefully accepted.

### UNTD Motto Contest:

In April 2013 the UNTD Motto Contest was announced with background information and rules widely promulgated. By the cut-off date of Dec 31, 2013 a total of 21 formal submissions had been received.

As part of the process, the UNTD Association Board have selected their top 3 choices to be voted on by UNTDs at large, whether Association members or not. They are:

Learn, Serve, Lead – *Andy Shaw, Toronto, ON*  
*Apprendre, Servir, Guider/Cognosco, Inservio, Perduco*

A Campus Ad Orae Maritimae – *Glen Power, Edmonton, AB*  
*From The Campus [Field] To The Sea Coasts*

Bis A Civis – *Chris Thain, Winnipeg, MB*  
*Twice a citizen*

Those on our mailing lists, both Newsletter and email, will receive a call to vote for one of the three finalists. A notice will be put up on the website and a ballot form will also be available for those attending the UNTD AGM in Ottawa on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> this year. It is expected that voting will close on Oct. 31, 2014.

### UNTD Director Emeritus:

In 2013 the UNTD Association had two Directors of long standing resign from the Board.

The first was John Heighton (YORK '56 U-32998) of Caledon ON, who was also the Secretary. Later in the year it was Bob Morris (STAR '47 U-54365) of Hamilton. Both had been involved with the Association prior to its becoming a National organization in 2001. Their exploits as Cadets and Reservists have been documented in the pages of the Newsletter and UNTiDy Tales. They were steady oars in the water and ubiquitous at National and Regional Reunions.

To honour their service, the position of Director Emeritus was created for those resigning with at least 12 years as a Director. John and Bob were the inaugural recipients. We caught up with Bob at a NAC/NOAC Toronto/Hamilton event last December and were able to present him with his Certificate (see picture below).



Bob Morris, Bill Thomas- Hamilton, ON, Dec. 18, 2013

Two new Directors were added to the Board, both from out west: Greg McKenzie from Calgary and David Frayer from Winnipeg. In January we tragically lost Art May, who had represented Newfoundland and Labrador, and who was also spearheading a major UNTD Reunion in St John's for Sep. 2018. Art's place has been taken by Bob Jenkins of St John's, who will carry Art's plans forward.

## It was a Monumental Summer:

By Bill Thomas

It began on June 22 with a visit to Windsor, ON, for the dedication of the Monument to RADM Walter Hose at the Heavenly Rest Cemetery. In addition to the Admiral's likeness, and a brief account of how he saved the navy from dissolution and founded the Naval Reserve, it also contains the Badges of the Naval Reserve Divisions. Originally conceived as a RCN Centennial project, it took several years of negotiations and fund raising by HMCS HUNTER and the wider naval community in Windsor to clear the regulations and set the monument next to the Admiral's grave. As a former CPO of RCSCC Admiral Hose at Riverside High School, and as someone who had met Admiral Hose at each of our annual inspections and other formal occasions, I was invited to address the parade and assembled guests. In addition to a few personal anecdotes, I also commented on the importance of the Admiral's prescient vision of the reserve units in cultivating a "sea consciousness" in the interior provinces, and of the continuing need for that role. A memorial parade will continue to be held at the monument every June 22.

In July, my wife Jette and I were in Halifax during Hurricane Arthur, and took the opportunity to visit the Halifax Sailors Memorial in Point Pleasant Park, where we discovered the wind blowing a gusty 80 to 100 mph.

Later that month, enjoying a tour of St. Margaret's Bay and Chester by boat with a UNTD Colleague, Graham Scott, we were able to see the seaward side of the monument to RADM Debby Piers.

On July 27 I joined several naval veterans at the Korean War Memorial Wall in Brampton, ON, and on July 28 I was honoured to Officiate at the dedication of the RCN Ships in Korea Memorial in Spencer Smith Park, Burlington.



Rev. Bill Thomas dedicates RCN Ships Memorial – Jul 28, 2014

It commemorates the 8 Tribal-Class Destroyers and 9 sailors who died during deployment to Korea. The event was attended by The Hons. Julian Fantino (DVA) & Rob Nicholson (DND), Senator Yonah Martin, the Mayor, and the local MP and MPP. Representing the Navy were RADM Jennifer Bennett, LCDR Glen Woolfrey, a division from HMCS STAR, and the Colour Party of the Burl-Oak Naval Veterans. Representing the Republic of Korea were the Vice-Speaker of the Diet; Col. Choi Jang Min, Defence Attaché to the Korean Embassy; and the Pumassi Korean Students. The chief developers of the project were Andy

*It was a Monumental Summer: (cont'd)*

Barber, Ron Kirk, and Gary Trudell of the BONV, HooJung Jones Kennedy, and members of KVA Unit 26. Hospitality afterward was provided by the Halton Naval Club.

And finally, on August 10, I was invited to participate in the USS Hamilton and Scourge Memorial Ceremony at the Naval Memorial Garden in Confederation Park, Hamilton. Both War of 1812 schooners foundered off Port Dalhousie during a storm on August 8, 1813, with a loss of over 50 lives. Also present as a speaker at the event was another fellow UNTD, Bob Williamson, in the dual role of CMDRE Yeo of the RN, and as CDR Williamson, a former CO of HMCS STAR (whose RN namesake fought in the War of 1812).

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## Lost and Found:

*by Ross Connell, Bob Duncombe and others*

Two important UNTD artifacts that went AWOL in the mid-60s have only very recently been located in opposite ends of the country. These are the CORNWALLIS UNTD Gunroom Kisby Ring and the UNTD Proficiency Trophy.

### *CORNWALLIS UNTD Gunroom Kisby Ring:*

It's one thing to struggle with what to do with Aunt Mabel's china when you're downsizing, quite another to find an appropriate resting place for a kisby ring that meant something to so many UNTDs. At least with the latter we have all the readers of this newsletter to chip in with ideas.

The Gunroom at HMCS Cornwallis was opened by Cmdr P. D. Taylor in 1961 (White Twist, 1961, P. 44). The Kisby Ring with "UNTD - HMCS Cornwallis" emblazoned on its white surface in pusser style, sat on an easel in the lobby of the Gunroom block. Anything as attractive and meaningful as this, even if nailed or dogged down, was at risk of wandering, and sure enough, by mysterious means, it made its way to the Gunroom at HMCS CABOT (then located in Pleasantville). George Mayo (CABOT '60), who quite coincidentally was at Cornwallis when the item disappeared, assumed its guardianship. When the Division was moved, George moved the UNTD Kisby Ring to the new Wardroom, by this time there being no such thing as the UNTD.

When George retired as XO of CABOT his sense of duty compelled him to retain guardianship of the ring, and he took it home with him. There is a season for everything, and at a UNTD event at HMCS CABOT in 2010, George displayed the ring with a plea for a new custodian.

A natural resting place would be the venerable Crow's Nest Club in St. John's, and George tried that, but it was moved back to HMCS CABOT and currently resides in the COs cabin.

George and the writer are concerned that the Ring will not have the same significance to current Reservists and eventually languish in a closet, or disappear for good.

The curator of the Cornwallis Museum in the old Protestant Chapel indicated a willingness to set aside a corner for a UNTD display. However, its website has gone dark, and the location may not be readily accessible for most old UNTDs.

**UNTD Proficiency Trophy:**

This Trophy was created by LCDR Noel Langham, who was the last COND UNTD Staff Officer from 1956 - 65. It was awarded annually to the best UNTD Unit, which may have been located within a Reserve Division or on a University Campus.

It was last seen in the UBC President's office in 1962. UNTD DISCOVERY were frequent and apparently the last winners. The whereabouts of this Trophy was first queried by Bob Wootton (DISCOVERY '54) a number of years ago and a picture of it appeared in UNTiDy Tales. With the passing of Bob Wootton in Apr. '12, his fellow Old-Oar, Bob Duncombe, took up the cause. Bob D was originally from DONNACONA in '55 but had transferred to DISCOVERY.

In anticipation of a recent trip out west, Bob D contacted a number of folks who would have been at DISCOVERY and UBC at the time, re-queried them, and a variety of opinions were expressed as to where the Trophy might have travelled to post-'62 and where it might be now.

In very short order Bob McIlwaine (DISCOVERY '59) discovered it hiding in plain sight in a trophy case in the DISCOVERY Gunroom.

Rod McCloy (DISCOVERY '65) is the President of the Vancouver Naval Museum, co-located at DISCOVERY, and has offered to display it there as part of a UNTD section. Roger Elmes, the UNTD West Coast Director, has also offered up a number of suggestions as to how turn the finding of this Trophy into a legacy project.

The writers would like to hear from any readers as to display suggestions for these items and news of any other artifacts that may be residing in basements across the land. Please contact the Editor.



George Mayo & UNTD Kisby Ring



UNTD Proficiency Trophy

**Gunroom Scuttlebutt:**

**Jim Humphries** (TECUMSEH-Edm '64) resigned earlier this year as President of the Naval Association of Edmonton, an affiliate of NAC. What makes this extraordinary is that he held that position for 13 years. Jim's Naval bona fides extend back in time to his father and into the future to his son, all 3 generations involved in the Navy League and the Naval Reserve. The NAE is but one element of the very rich Naval Heritage in that most northerly of UNTD and Naval Reserve cities. Jim was also involved in the formation of the decade old Edmonton Naval Community Committee, which includes the NAE,

HMCS NONSUCH, HMCS EDMONTON, the local RCNA, Sea Cadet and Navy League Corps and other Naval affiliates in town.

**Chuck Svoboda** (UNICORN '58) and **Tom Conway** (CABOT '58) last met as UNTDs in Nova Scotia in 1962 and after a 50+ year absence held a mini-Reunion in Apr. of this year, at Chuck's digs in Spain. They plan to meet again 50 years hence if not sooner. See picture below.



Tom Conway, Chuck Svoboda, Spain, Apr '14

**Ed File** (YORK '49) and Donna were recently entertained at the Crow's Nest Club in St. John's by Bob Jenkins (CABOT '60). That Ed and Bob had never met before speaks to the enduring strength of the UNTD bond.

**Gwynne Dyer** (CABOT '59) launched a new book, "Canada in the Great Power Game 1914 - 2014", in Aug '14, to coincide with the 100th Anniv. of the start of WWI, and has been back in Canada, from his home in London UK, for a series of interviews about the book. An award-winning journalist, columnist, broadcaster, filmmaker, and lecturer, he is well known to UNTDs particularly those who receive his internationally read columns.

**Peter Newman** (YORK '47) has very recently become Patron of RCSCC QUINTE in Belleville, ON, where he now resides. Peter was most recently the Journalist-in-Residence at RMC, travels to Toronto to lecture at Ryerson, and is putting the finishing touches on a new book. Peter's involvement with QUINTE is very much a return to his roots. As WWII immigrants his family settled in Freeman, now part of Burlington, ON, and Peter joined the local RCSCC IRON DUKE as a drummer.

**Ken Nason** (SCOTIAN '65) was in Apr '14, made an Honorary Life Member of the Armour Heights Officers Mess at CF College in Toronto. Ken has had a substantial Reg Force career (see [Nauticapedia](#)), commanding the Destroyers MACKENZIE and YUKON and resigning as a CMDRE having been Commandant of CF College in the mid-90s.

**Colin Gray** (DISCOVERY '64), while recently in France, visited the Vimy Memorial and tracked down the nearby WWI gravesite of his Great-Uncle, killed in 1918 at the age of 19. Doing this in torrential rain helped Colin to imagine the misery of life in the trenches.

**Bob Morris** (STAR '47) and Laura, in late Apr. this year, attended a very poignant ceremony in Belgium, held by the dignitaries of the small town where in April 1944, his older brother Fred, a 23 year old Wireless Air Gunner, in a Halifax Bomber from 192 SQN RAF, was shot down and killed. He was buried by those still very grateful townfolk. Bob was presented with a very unique plaque displaying wreckage from that aircraft. This was not Bob's first visit to that town, but by his account this was certainly the most elaborate ceremony they had organized, with video and print coverage by local media.

**John MacFarlane** (SCOTIAN '66), who operates the Nauticapedia website, has recently published Vol. 2 of the "List of British Columbia's Floating Heritage". Vol.1 was published in July and Vol. 3 will be released shortly. This series is a reference to the pedigrees of thousands of BC-built vessels.

**Fraser McKee** (RCNVR '43), who is renowned in Naval Communities across the country, has, over the years, authored a number of well-reviewed books on RCN History. His most recent work is something new for him, a reality-based fiction titled "The Ellesmere Pickup". UNTDs will be interested as the story turns on the exploits of an all-Reserve crew on the Gate Vessel HMCS PORTE ST URBAIN YNG-182. They are called upon to carry out a sensitive mission in the Arctic in the Cold-War environment of the mid-80s. Do they save the day for MARCOM and the country? Is the Pope Catholic?

**Don Pugh** (CATARAQUI '66), who lives in Perth, Australia, recently passed through Canada on an east-to-west global circumnavigation visiting friends and relatives here. While in Toronto he stopped in for a chat about his UNTD days and his life down-under. This was not his first such trip but what is astonishing is to realize the volume of good works that Don has been able to accomplish since his quadriplegia in 1978. His story is inspiring and can be seen at [www.donpugh.com](http://www.donpugh.com).

**Dave Freeman** (NONSUCH '60) from Victoria, was visiting family in the GTA and attended the annual ATHABASKAN G07 Memorial at STAR/HAIDA on Apr 27th.

**Glen Power** (TECUMSEH-Edm '64) from Edmonton, attended a STAR Wardroom Dine-in on Feb 21st, with past and present members, a number of former CO's, UNTD's and a couple of RESO Cadets, the current iteration of NavRes Officer Training programs.

**Bob Duncombe** (DONNACONA '55) passed through the GTA on his annual Spring migration from Tucson to Fredericton. and stopped in for a chat and an overnight stay.

**Bruce McKean** (MALAHAT '64), now in Ottawa, attended the D-Day 70th Anniversary ceremony at HAIDA, including an extensive Ship's Tour followed by a UNTD Weepers in the neighbouring STAR Wardroom.

**Stew Churlish** (MALAHAT '65) has returned to Victoria after his second stint teaching English in Shanghai. From a

geopolitical point of view, then we know that at least some part of China is being infused with UNTD sensibilities.

**Jim Beatty** (YORK '57) had some time ago sent in a picture of his very unique ON license plate. This was in response to our having shown the picture of Dave Freeman with his BC UNTIDY plate. If you glance at the picture below you will be able to guess Jim's U-number without having to look it up. Jim still flies a White Ensign from a yardarm on his cottage Jetty.



*[There's no doubt that many, probably very many, events such as these are taking place all the time all across the country and beyond. We are interested in knowing about them because we know the readers are too. Bill C - Editor]*

UNTiDy TALES  
OF  
NAVAL OFFICER CADETS

The Story of Canada's  
University Naval Training Divisions

CDR Robert J. Williamson CD  
RCNR (Retired)



Peter Newman says "this 425 page 70th Anniversary Edition of our UNTD history is superb, both in contents and production. A real "keeper" and I recommend it highly".

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**The Naval Association of Canada and the UNTD Association of Canada are holding a joint event in Ottawa on Oct 1 – 5, 2014.**

**For details and Registration information, see Insert.**

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