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Patron-in-Chief Mrs. Janet Piers



Rear-Admiral Desmond W. Piers DSC, CM, CD, DscMil, Klj, RCN (Ret'd)
(photo as LCdr. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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Message from the Bridge

Shipmates, now that the summer is over and we are heading into the cooler weather our attentions are brought to approaching events to complete the year 2009. For the hunters amongst us we ask that you do it with skill and safety. The fishermen have had a fair summer to ply the sport and still have some time to get the big one. I do hope the gardeners had a better one than mine. My garden was coming along fine and some things ready to be used. Unfortunately for my endeavour the neighbourhood deer herd came in and wiped it out completely in one night.

The ADPNA members have had an eventful time since our last letter. The month of June was marked with members attending parades for Sea Cadet Reviews in Chester and Bridgewater. Shipmates attended the RCNA Reunion in Edmonton Alberta and the Consecration and Presentation of the Queen's Colour to Maritime Command to end the month.

July shone with events as well, Members of ADPNA entered a float in the New Germany Canada Day parade, again in the Liverpool Privateer Days parade and once more in the Big X parade in Bridgewater. Our float carried the 100th anniversary banner for the Canadian Navy. Shipmates enjoyed the Colonial Sailors Sail past in the middle of the month and we held the annual Barbeque and fun day. The ADPNA attended the Naming and Dedication Ceremony of The Rear-Admiral Desmond Piers Military Community Centre in Windsor Park CFB Halifax were our Patron-in-Chief was honoured with a poem by Mrs Fay Maddison and Named "Mother Navy". This gave a wonderful successful completion to the month.

August was a quiet one for our members.

The meetings of 17 September will bring the planning for a number of events, Remembrance Day laying of the wreaths and Christmas Dinner and Dance. We will be planning for elections that will be held at the January 2010 meeting. The past president Martin Field will be conducting the election process. Shipmates interested in running for a position on the executive, please submit your name to the Election chairman.

Shipmates remember the Long Boat and grab an oar. Give a shipmate a call of encouragement if you are unable to row.

Pull Shipmates Pull

Milton C. Williams
ADPNA President



Mother Navy - Mrs Janet Piers

Dear Mother, you are, for all of us, a constant anchor of love and guidance.

You taught us Dignity in prayer - of remembering.

Showed us your Gift - of gracious offering.

Granted us strength - of embracing empathy...

*You are truly a Mother of Wisdom, forgiveness, of hope... Have encouraged us to live our lives
in Celebration, always, in understanding that Service and Devotion -
Crowns the meaning of Family.*

Dear Mother - We find strength in you.

*Your life - Your embrace. Your legacy... your dear, dear heart... never fears the spoken
words of compassion... Of actions, of the way ahead...*

*Dear Mother, your hand is our lighthouse, amid fog, mist and time - you have offered us the
map, a compass, fair winds - and forever a promise of that following sea...*

By hand, by hope, by a rope that binds... Us to you!

Dear Mother Navy - our devoted lady - safe harbour always.

*Sincerely, From the Canadian Navy Family - we pledge anew - to stand beside you
forever, and offer our most humble Service to Celebrate all the days of our lives,
in Honour and Glory - in Devotion to you... Our Mother Navy...*

Written by Fay Maddison - in our loving dedication to Mrs Janet Piers.. July 5, 2009



ENTERTAINMENT

BBQ and PIG ROAST

On 25 July 2009, we held our Annual Picnic at the MARC Center in Dayspring.

From all reports, all in attendance had a good time. The cooks did a super job on the BBQ's. A well deserved hand and thank you go Shipmates Digby Daubs and Bagsy Baker.

I would like to thank Ivan Foote and Bagsy for looking after the 50/50, tournaments and games for the day. A fine effort that went over well.

The word on the street has it the Pig Roast went over extremely well. This is not only due to the expert roasting of the pig, but also the wives and all who supplied all the lovely sweets, salads, etc. I would like to single out, however, the lovely job on the large pan of home made bake beans. They were done up by Ivan and the Missus in the Foote Country Kitchen.

Also thanks go out to Ivan and Sticky Lepage for the supply of the two BBQ's and also to Sticky for the pickup and delivery of same. Thanks to Betty Martel for coordinating the salads, sweets and accessories program.

Last but not least, to all those people who worked so hard helping out and cleaning up afterward.

BRAVO ZULU
Doc Halladay

ADMIRAL DESMOND PIERS NAVAL ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS DINNER and DANCE

Date: 4 December 2009

Time: 1730 Cocktail Hour
1900 Hands to Dinner

Place: Royal Canadian Legion Br.24, Bridgewater, NS

A Dance will be held after Dinner with Grant Smith and Friends playing.

A block of rooms have been saved at the Bridgewater Inn. Our usual haunt price is \$61.95 with tax, same as last time.

There will be the usual Meet & Greet in the Hotel Hospitality Room commencing at 1300 hours. It will also continue on return from the Legion after the Dance. Beer, wine and munchies will be available at the Meet & Greet but if anything else is required, it is a BYOB deal.

Dinner tickets are available fro Shipmate Marty Martel (543-2368) or Doc Halladay (625-2342) Doc will be away from 22 September to 25 October 2009. During that time contact Shipmate Martel for tickets.

We will also be Raffling our usual Case of 12 Glass Turkeys. Enclosed you will find two books of raffle tickets. We would appreciate it if you would sell them or buy them yourself.

If you require Dinner tickets or more Raffle Tickets, please contact:

Adrienne Martel (902 - 543 - 2368)
74 Aberdeen Road, Apt. 307
Bridgewater, NS B4V 2S6

Ticket Stubs and monies should be returned to Shipmate Martel at the above address.

Doc Halladay

25th ANNIVERSARY SSNA/ADPNA CELEBRATION ***100th ANNIVERSARY ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY CELEBRATION***

Date: 23rd, 24th & 25th April 2010

Place: Former HMCS/CFB Cornwallis Base

We are just about (30th Sept. '09) ready to finish Phase I of the Pre Anniversary Celebration. On 30 September 2009 registration for APDNA members and spouses/companions only will cease. On 1st October 2009 Phase II will begin. This will open our Celebration to Non Members and Guests. Information and a Registration Form are included in the newsletter. Please remember, when Phase II is in effect, we can still only handle 300 attendees. Register early so you will not be disappointed. We will not be able to reserve a room for you if you are not registered.

If you are an ADPNA member registering before 1 October 2009, a Phase I Registration Form **MUST BE USED**. You will have received one in a previous newsletter.

If you know of or have heard from anybody who may wish to attend but do not have a Phase I Registration Form, please have them contact Jerry Sigrist. Jerry's contact information is on the enclosed registration form. Jerry also has Phase II Registration Forms.

See You in Cornwallis,

Thanks Doc

100 Years Royal Canadian Navy

25 Years South Shore/Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association

Programme

Friday 23 April 2010

1200-1600 - Arrival, check in accommodations,
1600-1800 - Buffet supper.
1800-1930 - Meet-Greet & be merry
1930-2330 - Dance.

Saturday 24 April

0800-1030 - Brunch
1100-1230 - Tour Museum
1230-1500 - Entertainment
1600-1730 - Cocktail Hour.
1730-1800 - Ship's Candlelight Ceremony
1800-1930 (approx) - Banquet
2000-2330 - Ball w/Stad Band.

Sunday 25 April

0730-0900 - Breakfast Buffet
0900- ? - Church Service (naval)
1030-1130 - Up Spirits
1130-1300 - Lunch Buffet
1400- ? - Musical Road Show w/maritime Command Band Atlantic.
O/C Depart.

1. It is anticipated to have a 2010 Canex gift shop and a naval gift shop in attendance
2. Once again! Remember! This is an all inclusive week-end. Accommodations, meals, entertainment, Banquet, Ball etc. included in price. "The whole meal deal"

Commence 2010 with your Nautical Buddies in a nautical environment. Remember one thing for most of us. "This is where it all began"



100 Years Royal Canadian Navy -
25 Years South Shore/Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association
Anniversary Celebrations

April 23, 24, & 25, 2010

Hosted by: Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association

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Celebration Weekend being held at "The Annapolis Basin Conference Centre" on the former Navy Base
HMCS Cornwallis, Deep Brook Nova Scotia.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Companions Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code _____

Emergency Contact: _____

(Name and Phone Number of contact not at celebrations)

Signature of Registrant _____

Registration Fees: \$350.00 Member & Spouse/Companion (all Inclusive) _____
\$250.00 Member & Spouse/Companion (no Accommodation) _____
\$275.00 Single Member (One person all inclusive) _____
\$175.00 Single Member (no accommodation) _____

Registration commences on 1 Oct 09 and ceases on 13 April 2010. Open to all former Naval/RCMP/Coast Guard personnel and guests. Registration is limited to 300 persons maximum. First come first served. Register early to avoid refusal and disappointment. Registration includes accommodation (if applicable) and all meals as per schedule attached. Meet & Greet. Dance, Ship's Candlelight Ceremony, Banquet & Ball and 2010 musical road show.

Cheques or money orders must be made payable to "ADPNA Reunion"

Refunds will be entertained for emergency purposes until April 1st, 2010 - No refunds after this date.

Please send completed Registration Form with cheque or money order to the Registration Chairman at the above address. Your cancelled cheque is your receipt unless you require one by request.

All queries regarding registration are to be directed to Richard "Doc" Halliday 902-685-2342 or Jerry Sigrist address above.

Remember this is an all inclusive weekend which includes: Accommodations, (if desired) all meals, entertainment, dancing etc. etc. So come out and enjoy a great weekend with your Shipmates and friends. There are still some stories of our seagoing days left to tell.

EVENT CALENDAR



2009

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Meeting on Thursday the 15 th @ 1400	Meeting on Thursday the 19 th @ 1400 Meeting not held due to snow storm.	Meeting on Thursday the 19 th @ 1400	Meeting on Thursday the 16 th @ 1400 Friday 24 th Battle of the Atlantic Association Dinner Gangway open @ 1730 Thurs. 30 th Candle Light Service for the Officers Mess Dinner, Juno Towers Halifax
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
3 rd Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Parade in Chester 8 th Maple Grove Afghanistan Monument 9 th Yarmouth Silver Cross Service General Meeting on Thursday the 21 st @ 1400	Meeting on Thursday the 18 th @ 1400 5 th , 6 th , 7 th RCNA Reunion Edmonton Alberta 29 th Changing of the Queens Colours	No General Meeting 18 th - Dockyard, Colonial Sailors Sail past Sat. 25 th Annual Barbeque 30 th Windsor Park Dedication of building to Admiral Piers	No General Meeting
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u> <u>11th</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u>	<u>December</u>
Meeting on Thursday the 17 th @ 1400	Meeting on Thursday the 15 th @ 1400	Meeting on Thursday the 19 th @ 1400	Friday 4 th Christmas Dinner and Dance No Meeting

Notification of Event changes & Unforeseen Events will be made by
Telephone Recall

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