



NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
OTTAWA BRANCH
ANNUAL REPORT
2021

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Period of Report: 1 Jan 2021 – 31 Dec 2021
Branch: NAC – Ottawa Branch
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Branch Executive:

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| President | Tim Addison |
| Vice President - Membership | Gerry Powell |
| Vice President - Operations | Ray Coutu |
| Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | John Millar |
| Entertainment | Mark Watson |
| Member Support | Richard Guitar |
| Endowment Fund | Howie Smith |
| Directors at Large | Stephen King |
| | Phil Dana |
| | Linas Pilypaitis |
| | Lee Carson |
| Past President | Barry Walker |

Ottawa Branch Membership as of 31 Dec 2021

The membership roster is available to the NAC National Office through access to the branch membership system at <https://nac-o.wildapricot.org>. Despite efforts to recruit new members to Ottawa Branch, overall the membership numbers were down by nine percent from 2020 with decreases in regular members (11), Serving CAF (4) and Naval Cadets (16) being the contributors to the decline.

| MEMBERSHIP | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----|--------|
| | Active | Pending 21 | | |
| Regular - Local | 173 | 2 | 254 | 70.8% |
| Regular - Out-of-town | 51 | 0 | | |
| Regular - Serving CF | 26 | 0 | | |
| Regular - Spouse | 2 | 0 | | |
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| Corporate | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.8% |
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| Honorary | 20 | n/a | 31 | 8.6% |
| Lifetime | 11 | n/a | | |
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| NCdt | 67 | 0 | 71 | 19.8% |
| Introductory | 4 | 0 | | |
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| MEMBERSHIP TOTAL | 357 | 2 | 359 | 100.0% |
| Current + Pending | 359 | | | |
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| No email address | (9) | | | |
| Email failed | (2) | | | |
| email disabled | (8) | | | |
| CONNECTED TOTAL | | | 340 | 95.0% |
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| Opted Out | (1) | | | |
| CONTACT TOTAL | | | 339 | 94.7% |

Email connectivity stats do not include NCdts or Corporate

Branch Financial Reports as of 31 Dec 2021

The following documents report the financial status of the Branch as of 31 December 2021. Net income is attributed to the fact that one again COVID restrictions precluded social activities again this year. A financial review was conducted in March 2022 by our independent reviewer, Ms. Dawn McGeachy, Licensed Public Accountant of Colby McGeachy, Almonte, ON. There were no significant observations in her review. The PDF version of her report is accessible at the link below.



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Organized Events in 2021

The Ottawa Branch held nine online Speaker's Evening events over the course of 2021. These were open to all branches and guests and were very well received.

The highlight of the year was the Speaker's Evening on 4 October 2021 when we were very fortunate to have retired naval reserve officer and journalist, Mr. Peter Ward as our guest speaker. Peter, an NAC-O member, regaled Naval Association members and other invited guests with his story of how he and four other colleagues developed and executed a cunning plan in 1964 to save Canada's Ceremonial Flagship HMCS HAIDA from the scrapheap. Peter's presentation was both touching and inspirational. Those in virtual attendance that evening included Commander RCN, Vice Admiral Craig Baines, Senator Dianne Griffin of Prince Edward Island and new NAC-O member Mr Ron Hallman, President and CEO of Parks Canada as well as members of Peter's family and that of WW II naval hero, Vice Admiral Harry DeWolf. There were just shy of 100 on board for a very special evening which culminated with Peter being virtually presented the Admirals' Medal for 2021 for his foresight and heroic efforts. The Commander RCN directed that a mini documentary based on Peter's story be produced by RCN Public Affairs with the collaboration of NAC Ottawa so that present and future generations of sailors will learn about this amazing story as part of their curriculum in naval training schools. NAC Ottawa Vice President Operations volunteered for this task. The formal Admirals' Medal presentation in person to Peter is planned for 28 April 2022.

Summary of Monthly Speaker's Evenings:

| Month | Speaker | Topic | Attendance |
|---------|--------------------------|--|------------|
| January | Capt(N) Todd Bonnar, RCN | NATO Combined & Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence | 52 |

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| February | Mr. Jamie Turcotte, VP Services, Thales Canada | AJISS (Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship/Joint Support Ship In-Service Support) | 53 |
| March | Cdr Sean Murray, US Coast Guard | USCG Operations | 43 |
| April | Mr. James Davies, Chantier Davie, QC | The Davie Strategic Journey: Generation 2040 and Davie's long-term vision. | 77 |
| May | Hon. Karen McCrimmon, MP. | Role as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on National Defence. | 62 |
| June | Mr. Andrew Miller, Trials Lead, Irving Shipbuilding | Introduction of the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship | 65 |
| July | No Meeting (Summer Break) | | |
| August | No Meeting (Summer Break) | | |
| September | No Meeting (Federal Election) | | |
| October | Mr. Peter Ward | Saving HMCS HAIDA, Canada's Ceremonial Flagship | 94 |
| November | VAdm Craig Baines, CRCN | From the Quarterdeck – The Current State of the RCN | 155 |
| December | Dr. Andrea Charron | NORAD Renewal | 61 |

Monthly meetings of the Branch Board of Directors were also held throughout the year using video conferencing means.

Regrettably, due to COVID 19 restrictions our normal twice annual social events again had to be cancelled in 2021 and the Battle of the Atlantic Gala Dinner, normally hosted by the Branch in April/May was also put in abeyance.

Other Branch Activities:

- The Branch published 2 editions of Soundings Magazine.
- The Branch Salty Dips Committee completed and in November published Volume 11 of Salty Dips. This newest volume is available online at Friesen Press.
- The Branch continued to support the national Naval Affairs program through use of social media (Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn) and Hootsuite (online application to expand reach with pre-scheduled posts).
- The Branch supported the transition of the Wild Apricot membership database and dues collection functions from Ottawa Branch to National.

For your consideration.



Tim Addison, CD
President
NAC Ottawa