

Reserve Officer Training and the Universities: Andy Shaw reported that the good news is a change of command; General Lawson (RCAF) will be succeeded by a Navy man - ~~Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy~~ but there seems little actual activity apart from University of Alberta proceeding with the Army program. Memorial University and HCMS Cabot still seem interested. Rob Roy's funding is running low, but is planning a fourth documentary "Are we sinking?" Greg McKenzie will investigate the Alberta initiative assisted by Glen Power. A number of opinions were expressed:

1. We need to know exactly what is being done now with Reserves.
2. The Reserves are now part of the Regular Force with consequent on-going changes in policy.
3. We need to promote the idea of highly capable tech-savvy individuals.
4. We need a "briefing paper" for Rob Roy especially the linkage between universities and Reserve divisions.
5. We need a vehicle for the public to understand and appreciate the need for a Canadian Navy.

Business Arising:

Future relationship with the NAC: Bill Thomas reported that the NAC has a membership of 1288 with 303 being UNTD graduates, so one quarter of the NAC are UNTD, also one quarter of the board and executive positions and medal winners are UNTD graduates. The outlining four future possibilities:

1. Form a UNTD Branch of NAC. This would be a formal link and a guaranteed way of nominating a director.
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3. Consult with our UNTD membership whether to become more active politically, and
4. Remain in the present situation as two separate entities.

It was pointed out that Branches have no real power at the national level of NAC. It was further pointed out that the NAC's membership is not increasing whereas the UNTD is increasing 1 or 2 members a month.

Becoming part of the NAC would require a membership fee of \$40 per year.

After a spirited discussion, it was moved by Ed File, seconded by Bob Duncan, that we remain as two separate groups. CARRIED.

Newsletter - hard or digital or both: Bill Clearihue – see above.

Financial Support to NAC Ottawa AGM: Michael Mace pointed out major NAC support and attendance at our lunch but lost money overall. He moved that \$479 (already in their coffers) be given to the Ottawa Branch of the NAC seconded by Andy Shaw. CARRIED.

Quebec City Naval Rendezvous - UNTD gathering - Hugues LeTourneau pointed out there have been late changes regarding Laval and the 2017 Canadian Celebrations (150th year of confederation) so there will not be the expected UNTD reunion there.