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President



The club is doing very well, and it's good to see so many members enjoying the club. March and April are offering some great meals and entertainment; make sure you get your tickets early. St. Patrick's Day Dance, Italian Night Dinner, Fish & Chip dinner, perch dinner....just to name a few!

Booking the club and inviting guests!

The club focuses on its specific activities like leagues, meals, and social events for its members, renting out its club space to members only if available and will be limited. We understand social media is the way to get family and friends informed, but the club would prefer not to promote the event on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat). We encourage emailing and Private Messenger. This approach is a smart way to manage guest lists and maintain privacy. Using email and private messaging ensures that only invited guests are aware of the event, which helps prevent unwanted guests or accidental "viral" situations. For a smaller group, individual or group text messages are an effective, private way to share details.

The club is not open to the public, and only the friends and family you know should be invited.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our executive members for the great job they are doing. Many are very busy with their personal lives, and they still step up for their position. Working with this team has been a privilege.

Unfortunately, a few will be stepping down after next term, and we will need to replace them. Volunteering to be an executive member is one of the best ways to make a difference in your club. It also offers the opportunity to cross paths as well as, in many cases, quickly bond with people from the club. Volunteering as an executive member offers a way to have a real and lasting impact on your club. Nominations are in May, and elections are in June.... consider running for a position.

"May the roof above you never fall in, and those gathered beneath it never fall out,"

Bryan Bucholtz

Past President

Karen Sutherland

Signing in for the Daily and Weekly



- Membership numbers must be legible.
- NO signing in for another member...ie wife, husband, partner, friend, etc.... The member themselves must be the one to sign the sheet.

This meeting is dedicated to.....

HMCS Fraser



On the 25th of June 1940, HMCS Fraser was given orders to proceed to Bordeaux, France to help in the rescue of an estimated four thousand refugees trapped in the area by the German military forces. Accompanying the Fraser was a Canadian destroyer and a British cruiser. In rough seas and poor visibility, the captain of HMCS Fraser decided that the three ships should move closer together and ordered a turn to port to bring his ship behind the English cruiser. In doing so the two ships collided, and the bow of the heavier English cruiser sliced into the side of the Fraser with such force that the lighter vessel was cut into three pieces and sank immediately.

45 crew members were lost.

We must never forget their sacrifice.



Thursday Nights

Food served 6 pm – 8 pm

- Thursday, March 6
- Thursday, March 12
- Thursday, March 19
- Thursday, March 26

- Wings and BLT with fries
- Wings and Meatball sliders
- Wings and Ham & Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Wings and Loaded Nachos



Saturday Lunches

Volunteers needed to prepare a Saturday lunch!

Something simple as soup/sandwich, hamburgers/fries or something more.....you choose.

It's a great way to have fun with friends and support your club!
Sign-up your groupThe sign-up sheet is in the gangway



Saturday, March 28

12 noon- until sold out

Appetizer lunch

plate

\$15

Mozzarella Sticks, Beef Barbacoa Tacos,
Chicken wings, Jalapeno's Poppers





Friday Lunches

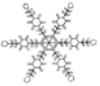
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February 27
 March 6
 March 13
 March 20
 March 27
 April 3
 April 10
 April 17
 April 24
 May 1
 May 8

Pork Chops
 Chicken Schnitzel
 Irish Beef Stew
 Ham And Scalloped Potatoes
 Krispy Chicken
 Good Friday Closed
 Pork Schnitzel
 Roast Turkey and Stuffing
 Roast Beef
 Lasagna
 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes



All Lunches are subject to change or cancellation!
Check the Gangway for notices.



Friday Dinner

Friday Night Dinners 5-7 pm
 \$15.00



Friday, March 6
 Friday, March 13
 Friday, March 20
 Friday, March 27

Wings and Chicken Parmesan
 Wings or Beef Pot Pie
 Smash Burgers & fries
 Wings or Chicken on a bun/fries

O.C.N.V.A.

Thursday, April 2, 2026



Fish & Chips

\$20.00 per person

2 pieces of fish, chips, coleslaw, and bun

Dinner served 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm

Tickets are available at the bar starting February 21st
 Only 130 tickets available

'IRISH TOAST.
 MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT
 AND NEVER WANT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE





Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

Bartenders

Daytime..... Dan Wilkins

Evenings and Weekends - (Alphabetical)

Tracy Ditchfield

Jamie Dixon

Mark English

Heather Ewen

Steve Gilbert

Sean Jackson

Jim Keith

Lindsay Lenauskas



Booking the Club and inviting guests.

Members only can reserve the club. Due to parking space and staffing for the event we will be limiting the number of private events we approve in the future.

Multiple events at one time will not be accepted or approved.

Keep your invites to personal invitations (ie texts, private messages) ...Absolutely NO Social media invitations – (Facebook, Instagram, mass emails). Please let your family members and friend know this!

We are a private club, and NOT open to the public, your event should include family and friends you know only.

As a member reserving the club, you are RESPONSIBLE for all your invites...As the person who invited them, you are expected to manage their actions and ensure they do not become a burden or cause issues for the club.



May you never forget what is worth remembering nor ever remember what is best forgotten.



- Set your limits. ... pace yourself.
- Avoid drinking too quickly. ...
- Water and food are your friends. ...eat before and while drinking, alternate alcohol with water.
- Never drink and drive.
- Plan for a safe ride home or ask the bartender to call you a cab!



MARCH AT A GLANCE



Meals and entertainment

Tuesday, March 3	Line dancing	7-8pm
Thursday, March 5	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, March 6	Lunch	12noon
Friday, March 6	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, March 7	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30pm
Tuesday, March 10	Line dancing	7-8pm
Thursday, March 12	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, March 13	Lunch	12noon
Friday, March 13	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, March 14	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30pm
Saturday, March 14	St. Patrick's Day Dance	7-10 pm
The Vineyards- ticketed event		
Sunday, March 15	Executive Meeting	10am
Tuesday, March 17	Line dancing	7-8pm
Thursday, March 19	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, March 20	Lunch	12noon
Friday, March 20	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, March 21	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30pm
Saturday, March 21	Italian Night dinner	6-7pm
Saturday, March 21	Live entertainment	7-10pm
The Wheelhouse band		
Tuesday, March 24	Line dancing	7-8pm
Wednesday, March 25	Steak Dinner	5:30-7 pm
Wednesday, March 25	General Meeting	8 pm
Thursday, March 26	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, March 27	Lunch	12noon
Friday, March 27	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, March 27	Live entertainment	7-10pm
Flashback- Angelo & Fritz		
Saturday, March 28	Appetizer Lunch	12noon-1pm
Saturday, March 28	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30pm
Saturday, March 28	Live Entertainment	7:30-10:30pm
The Do-Overs Band		
Sunday, March 29	Day of Tournaments	11am- 6pm

All meals and entertainment are subject to change or cancellation.
Watch for notices in the gangway or on Facebook.





Executive Meeting

Sunday, March 15th

10 am

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 25th

8 pm

Steak Dinner \$22.00

Served between 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

General Meeting Steak Dinner Pre-Buy Dinner Ticket

Steak Dinner tickets can be purchased
BEFORE General Meeting Night.

Starting the Monday of the week
before the meeting, tickets will go on
sale for the steak dinner.



Guests are permitted to the steak
dinner, but only members can attend the meetings.

No dining, signing and dashing. If you signed the attendance book you need
to stay for the meeting.

Most-needed food items

- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Cheez Whiz
- Canned Meats
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Juice Boxes
- Instant mashed Potatoes
- Sidekicks
- Pudding cups
- Applesauce
- Chunky Soups
- Canned pastas
- Canned Beans

Donations for canned goods and non-perishable food items are being accepted at the club. The donation box is inside the club in the gangway.



All goods donated to Operation Sharing Woodstock



Navy Club Hours

Monday	11 am – 11 pm
Tuesday	11 am – 11 pm
Wednesday	11 am – 12 am
Thursday	11am – 12 am
Friday	11 am – 12 am
Saturday	11 am – 12 am
Sunday	Closed



IF YOU ARE SICK:



Stay home



Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not hand



Wash your hands frequently



Get some rest and drink plenty of fluids



1st Vice

Keep the Club Informed

When you know of a Veteran, Club member, or immediate family of a club member who has “Crossed the Bar”, please let us know by contacting the Club’s office at 519-537-8991. office@ocnva.ca

Dennis Beattie

CROST THE BAR

Donations have been made in the name of the following:

Members

Non-Members

Outstanding Club Members



Arpan Khanna MP wants to recognize any O.C.N.V.A. member who is outstanding in the club and community. A member who has gone above and beyond. Any individuals who has made extraordinary contributions in areas like community volunteering, and volunteering at our club.

If you know of any member, who is dedicated to making a positive impact at the club and in the community put their name and a short write up about them in an envelope, mark on it “Member recognized” and hand it in to the office, the bar or any executive member.

RCNA Director

Club member Phil Dunbar has donated two Naval uniforms from the 1960's. I am trying to find a couple of mannequins so we can display them at the Club. If anyone can help us out, please contact one of the executives



Fred Newton



Membership

As normally happens at this time of year, we have lost some members at the end of the Membership year in January with most of the loss occurring in the Affiliate and Social member categories.

Our total membership has now dropped from 935 members in January down to the current 855 members and the breakdown of the numbers in each of the membership categories are shown below.

February 10th 2026 Membership by category:

Navy – 20

Associate – 32

Affiliate – 410

Social – 371

H/L/P – 21

An accurate membership count at year end is very important as the Club must pay an assessment for membership to the RCNA and this is based on our 1st February membership numbers. The Club will have to pay out a sizeable assessment fee again this year.

There are currently 87 membership applications on the waiting list and from this list, we have already approved the 10 new members for February. With our membership cap still at a 950-member maximum, we will continue to bring on board only 10 new members each month with priority being given to Navy, Associate and Affiliate applications. With only 115 membership places available, we will be continuing with the waiting list process for this year.

If you have any questions about the membership, I can be reached by email at membership@ocnva.ca and I look forward to seeing all the members in the club in 2026.

Dick Henshall

Becoming a member

- When filling out a membership application card, all requested information must be present, or the application will not be accepted. There must be an “introduced by” member listed.
- The Executive approve #1 Navy, #2 Associate and #3 Affiliate (children or grandchildren of #1 & #2) before a #4 Social. Only 10 membership applications are approved monthly.
- If you are a # 4 Social member and have or had a parent, son/daughter, sibling, grandparent or great-grandparent in the Armed Service, please submit their service number to the office or Membership Chairperson so we can make room for more social members. If you don't know how to obtain the number, contact, Stephen J. Smith, historian researcher, and collector, at Stephenjsmith1978@rogers.com or call 519-536-952
- When attending a General Meeting for the first time in a year, make sure you **sign the attendance book and get your card stamped** for proof of attending your yearly meeting.
- No Dining, Signing and Dashing – if you sign the attendance book, you need to stay for the meeting!



Treasurer

The financial statements will be posted in the gangway for any member to have a look at them. The Club has been an extremely busy place the past few weeks. It's great to see all the activities, leagues etc. that help support our Club.

I must do a big shout out to the people (George, Tracy G & her team) that organized the Summer Beach Party on Friday, February 6th. This was a fun evening, and the galley crew did an outstanding job with the menu of food available. Same goes with the Souper Bowl Cook Off (Janis & her Team) on Sunday, February 8th. Thank you to everyone for doing these events! The Club has been very busy with bookings and with that comes some confusion and stress for the bartenders and the ladies in the office. If you are booking an event, be sure to give an accurate estimate of the number of people you are expecting. This better prepares the bartending staff to have ample supplies of beer and drinks that will be available as well as having another bartender on duty if required. If you low ball your estimate at the time of booking, the number of attendees shown may change to reflect what the staff and executive thinks there may be in attendance.

Another important factor is to make sure you actually book your event. Don't just show up, set up tables with decorations for a larger group within prime areas when there is a Club Event such as the Colour Party horse races that are regularly run on Saturday afternoons. This accomplishes nothing except confusion and some hard feelings with a few of the members and staff. Bottom line, this is everyone's Club to enjoy, and we need to cognizant of others. Be kind and do your part and don't be the cause of an unwanted problem or issue.

Lastly, when it comes to an event you plan on holding, **DO NOT POST ANYTHING OF SOCIAL MEDIA OR SEND OUT BLAST EMAILS.** We've had this happen in the past and it has recently occurred again. By doing this, your event may be cancelled by the Executive. Remember, we are a private Club that is in place for our members, not the general public. With daylight savings time coming back March 8th, hopefully this will give all of us the much-needed extra sunshine later in the day. With any luck, the harsh winter weather we have been experiencing will soon be behind us with the Spring Equinox on March 20th happening. Some interesting information on sunset times: March 7:37 p.m., April 8:30 p.m. & May 9:17 p.m. which all means we will be enjoying more sunshine and longer days. Wishing everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

Lyle Ball



Secretary

Good riddance to those enormous snow piles and freezing temperatures. Let's all come out to our Club and support the work of our tireless volunteers, including your Executive who continue to show up despite the weather.

Marilyn McNeil



Directors

Bob Roloson

Rick D'Entremont

Brenda Wilson



- Our Club. is a member of the RCNA. We are a non-profit organization that honours the Veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy.
- **THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC** commemoration involves our annual parade and ceremony, held on the first Sunday in May. We honour the Royal Canadian Navy, Air Force, and Merchant Navy's sacrifices in WWII. We remember the over 4,500 Canadians lost, including RCN sailors, airmen, and merchant mariners.
- **D-Day** commemoration and parade, honour the June 6, 1944, Allied invasion of Normandy, France

These dates keep the stories of Veterans alive for new generations. Honours the courage and sacrifice of Allied forces in liberating Western Europe.

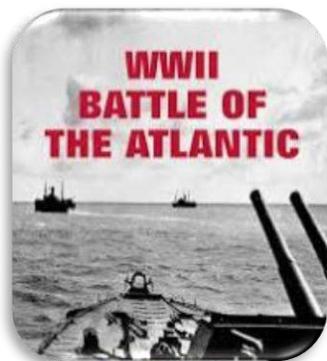
All Navy Club members and their guests are encouraged to attend and pay their respects on these dates, this is why there is the Naval Associations and clubs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLEASE ATTEND

Sunday, May 3rd - The Battle of the Atlantic parade and commemoration ceremony

Saturday, June 6 - D-Day parade and ceremony

Sandra Lightbody



Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 8

Spring your clocks ahead 1 hour
at 2 am Sunday morning

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7-8pm Line Dancing	4	5 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	6 12noon Lunch 5-7 pm Dinner	7 Horse Races 1:15pm 7-10 pm P.P.
8 Daylight saving time Spring ahead 1hour 	9	10 7-8pm Line Dancing	11	12 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	13 12noon Lunch 5-7 pm Dinner	14 Horse Races 1:15pm St. Patricks Dance 8pm-12am Vineyard 
15 Executive Meeting 10am	16	17  7-8pm Line Dancing	18	19 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	20 12noon Lunch 5-7 pm Dinner	21 Horse Races 1:15pm Italian Night dinner Wheelhouse Band 7-10pm
22	23	24 7-8pm Line Dancing	25 Steak Dinner 5:30-7 pm General Meeting 8 pm	26 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	27 12noon Lunch 5-7 pm Dinner Flashback  7-10pm	28 Horse Races 1:15pm (last one)  Do-overs 7:30- 10:30pm
29 Day of Tournaments 11-6pm Shuffleboard Darts Euchre	30	31 7-8pm Line Dancing				**NOTE P.P. Private Party

No darts on General Meeting Night

All meals, entertainment, or events are subject to change or cancellat

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Entertainment

George Spilak

** Unless otherwise stated: ONLY A MAX OF 4 TICKETS can be purchased for any ENTERTAINMENT ticketed events.

Friday, Feb 27 **Vooodoo Kingz** **7-10pm**
Live entertainment

 ****Saturday, March 14th** **Vineyard** **8pm -12am**
St. Patrick's Day Party ticketed event \$10.00 pp
St Patrick's Day hats are permitted at the dance.

Saturday, March 21 **Wheelhouse** **7-10pm**
Live entertainment following Italian Night Dinner – ticketed Dinner

Fridy, March 27 **Flashback (Angelo & Fritz)** **7-10pm**
Live entertainment

Saturday, March 28 **Do-Overs** **7:30-10:30pm**
Live entertainment

Thursday, April 2 **HWY24** **7-10pm**
Live entertainment following the Fish & Chip dinner
All members are welcome to the entertainment



Support your club by attending the entertainment provided for you!

**Calling all
LINE DANCERS**

**The month of March the club will
be having line dancing every
Tuesday**



**7-8 pm
\$5.00 per person, per night
Limit 24 Dancers
Members are permitted to sign
up one guest to join them**

Sign up sheet in the gangway

All levels welcome, No partner needed, Fun for all ages

Line Dancing Footwear

Comfortable indoor shoes (NO WET BOOTS on the dance floor as it leads to slipping and falls).

Running shoes are good for beginners - no need for the western boots.

If your soles are too sticky on the floor, we suggest that participants cut up socks and put them on the front of the shoes. This helps with the shuffling and turning



Oxford County Naval Veterans Association
Like our Facebook page.... meals and events are posted daily/weekly



Check Out What's Happening at Your Club on Our Website

www.ocnva.ca

Oxford County Naval Veterans Association



**Master at Arms
Terry Cunningham**



Grounds

Spring is just around the corner, but we probably will get more cold weather. Please don't attempt to walk on the pond, it is not safe.

Once again smokers are using the snowbanks for an ashtray! Put your cigarette butts in the container provided!

Day of Tournaments on Sunday March 29, still needs more members for darts and euchre. Sign up sheet is posted in the gangway. Join us for a fun day at the club!

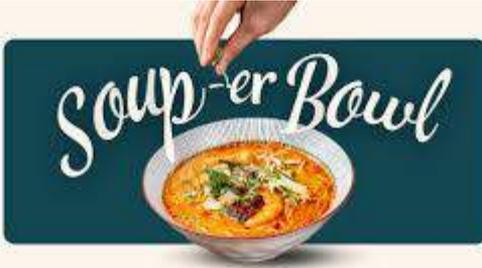
Gerrie & Bill Arthurs

Thank you to the following people and businesses for their donation and support to the O.C.N.V.A. Curling Bonspiel held on Saturday February 21, 2026

Navy Club Galley, City of Cambridge, Brenda Wilson



AND THE RESULTS ARE IN.....



Winners

1st – Sandra Lightbody & Kelly Stringle
Spicy Italian Meatball Soup

2nd – Galley Girls: Mert McMahon,
Lois Andrews, Karen Eckart,
Heather Werby
Carrot Jalapeno Cheddar Soup

3rd - Rose & Dennis Dona
Potato Soup



Thanks to
Janis Devries
for putting the
cook-off
together and
executing it so well.
Great job!

"Ladle by ladle, soup makes everything better."



Sport's Ed Cowie

Looking for more sign-ups in Euchre and Darts. Sign up sheets are in the gangway!



Navy Club
Day of Tournaments
Sunday March 29th

Euchre  **Shuffleboard**  **Darts**

Shuffleboard  \$10.00
10:45 start **Filled** max 24 players.

 Euchre \$10.00
12:30 start max 40 players.

Darts  \$10.00
12noon start max 24 players.

Sign-up sheets are in the gangway

OCNVA Colour Party

Horse Races
Saturday, 1:15 pm post time
Sat Jan 10th – Sat March 28th

No races on January 31st due to Winter's Games Day



All Proceeds go to the OCNVA The Woodstock Navy Club

Our shuffleboard, darts, and pool tables are available for our members to enjoy during non-league times. We kindly request that you take note of the scheduled league times and ensure your gameplay is completed without impacting the start times of the league.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 12:30pm Ladies Shuffleboard 5pm Snooker 6:30 Cribbage	3 12:30 Ladies shuffle board 5pm Snooker 7-8pm Line dancing	4 11:30 am mixed Shuffleboard 7pm Darts	5 10:30 am Senior Men's Shuffleboard 6pm Mixed shuffleboard 6 pm Snooker	6	7 11am Snooker 1 pm Men's shuffleboard
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OCNVA Sports Committee

Congratulations to Bill Mathews, winner of the TV at the Superbowl event on Sunday February 8th.

Sports Committee Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 21 is Italian Night, tickets are at the bar, get your tickets and reserve your table. The table reservation sign-up sheet is posted in the gangway. Great food, wonderful live entertainment music after the dinner, and good times with friends...don't miss out, only 120 tickets will be sold.



649 Draw – keep an eye out for the board and purchase your numbers at the bar. Pick 6 numbers and each 649 draw your numbers are crossed off. 1st person to have all their numbers called wins!

Elimination Draw tickets are available at the bar beginning of March.

Last ticket drawn wins! Get your ticket(s) early, they sell out fast. Draw will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 1pm



Perch Fish Fry Saturday April 25 – Keep an eye out for advertising and ticket sales

Rob Osmond

Sports Committee

Executive Chairman – Terry Roloson

Secretary – Rob Osmond

Treasurer – Jeff Bloxidge

Sports – Laurie Fraser

Membership – George Spilak

Sports Committee Members

Bob Baird

Jeff Bloxidge

Steve Brown

Bryan Bucholtz

Harold Craib

Jamie Dixon

Mark (aka Stan) English

Laurie Fraser

Sean Jackson

Jim Keith

Tyler Rivers

Paul Robinson

Terry Roloson

Rob Osmond

Pat Smith

George Spilak

Troy Toth

Jim Walker

Tim Wettlaufer

Chris Whetstone

If you would like to get involved and become a member of the Sports Committee, please put your name forward to our Chairperson, Terry Roloson, or Membership George Spilak, we always welcome members to join us.

Colour Party

It has been another great month, and we are looking forward to March.

We have been busy with the horse races and would like to thank the donors who contributed prizes: Shirley Brown, Vonda Bullock, Linda Wilson, Carlene Smith, Rose Dona, and Pauline Blyth, thank you so much for supporting us.

Thank you to Sports for inviting the Colour Party to march on the colours at the opening ceremonies for the O.C.N.V.A. Curling Bonspiel on Saturday, February 21.

A note about how the Colour Party started, the following men put it all together and started a great group to represent a great club, they are as follows:

Cecil Williamson, Mike Chunik, Carl Lavoie, and Harold Oluper. Thank you for starting this great group.

We are always looking for new members to join the Colour Party and have some fun representing the Navy club.

We wish everyone a happy St Patrick Day.

See you at the races..... 

Mary Couch

Bob Brown

President: Dick Henshall

Treasurer: Nancy Wright

Colour Commander: Aaron Worthington

Assistant Colour Commander: Kevin Lockhart

Secretary (Publicity): Mary Couch

Kit and Stores: Mary Lou Fruin

Communications: Jason Beitema

Special Events: Bob Brown

Members: Jason Mayberry, Cheryl-Anne Haber

*The Colour Party is always looking for
new members, if interested in joining please talk to one of the
Colour Party Members.*

**May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light
May good luck pursue you each morning and night**

Nominations in May – Elections in June

Job descriptions are in the blue by law book or on our website. Look up the executive and click on the position to see it's full duties

July 1st, 2026/ June 30th, 2027

Volunteering to be an executive member provides opportunities for a greater say in club direction, personal growth, and a strong sense of accomplishment. Executive volunteers help set direction, policies, and make key decisions for the Navy Club.

Executive positions:

A complete duty list is in the blue by law book or on our website.

President (Resource Committee)

- ✓ The President must be a member for five years.
- ✓ The President must have served one year or more on the executive.
- ✓ Chief Executive Officer of the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association.
- ✓ Responsible for the general and active management of the business of the Association.

1st Vice-President

- ✓ First Vice President must be a member for five years
- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ In the absence of the President, assume all right and powers vested in the President.
- ✓ Battle of the Atlantic Ceremonies.
- ✓ Sick and welfare. CTB plaques

2nd Vice-President

- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ **In charge of the Galley, it's operation and content.**

House Chairperson (Resource Committee)

- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ Responsible for the general maintenance and repair of the building and equipment: inside and out.
- ✓ Supervise the bar and cleaning staff. Responsible for hours of operation of the bar.

Secretary (Resource Committee)

- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ required at every meeting to have the proper minutes and record books and correspondence. Record all minutes of general and executive meetings

Entertainment Chairperson

- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ Co-ordinate all entertainment in the Association.

Membership Chairperson

- ✓ **Must be a member in good standing**
- ✓ Maintain a record system on members
- ✓ Responsible for the design and stock of membership cards and By-law books..

Treasurer

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ Must be bonded
- ✓ Keep an accurate account of all receipts, disbursements and funds of the Association.
- ✓ responsible for office management, including clerical help.

Grounds Chairperson

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ Responsible for the general maintenance of the grounds and its facilities.
- ✓ Arrange with contractors for: Snow removal. Grass cutting. Maintenance of pond area as required.

Publicity Chairperson

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ The production of the News Bulletin of the O.C.N.A. i.e. "The Port and Starboard" and Web Page .
- ✓ Publicize inter-club events: Facebook, emails, webpage, club bulletin boards.
- ✓ In charge of social media

Sports Chairperson

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ Coordinate all sports activities within the Association.
- ✓ Responsible to maintain sports equipment and keep an inventory of equipment and trophies.
- ✓ Full participation in R.C.N.A. Sport's day.

Master-at-Arms

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ Ensure good conduct and order at the general meetings
- ✓ Enforce the Constitution, By-laws and House Rules of the Association.

OCNVA Directors (3) (Resource Committee)

- ✓ Directors must have been an executive for 2 years or more.
- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ Ensure that the Constitution and the By-laws are adhered to at all times.
- ✓ Act as the Nominating Committee for the executive positions.

RCNA Director

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing
- ✓ OCNVA Director must be Navy or Ex-Navy.
- ✓ Liaison officer between our Association, the RCNA and other branches.

If you are interested in running for a position or would like to nominate someone, forms can be obtained from the bar or a director in April. Please ensure the person you want to nominate is interested in the position. Any person that is nominated for a position is required to sign a consent form indicating they are willing to run for that position.



DYI- Do It Yourself

Homemade Fabric Softener!

2 cups favorite scented hair conditioner
3 cups white vinegar
6 cups warm water.

Mix all ingredients together.

You can use a pitcher to mix them all together and then just pour it into an empty container.

To use: add 1/2 cup of the fabric softener to each load of laundry depending on the size.



Homemade Vapor Rub Shower Melts



3 tbsp. vapor rub or 20 drops of an essential oil of your choice
1 cup cornstarch
6 tbsp. water
green soap coloring Optional of course

Whisk together vapor rub (or essential oils of your choice), cornstarch, water, and soap coloring in a medium glass bowl until well combined. Pour mixture into silicone molds and chill in the freezer for at least 2 hours.

Store in a freezer gallon bag until ready to use.

To use: You place them on the floor of the shower, and the water will activate them releasing a nice vapor. Make sure you don't place it directly in the water stream because that will cause it to melt too quickly.

Homemade Cough Syrup

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons honey
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients in a small Mason jar.
Place lid on and shake to combine all ingredients.
Shake before each use and store in the fridge.



This cough syrup also helps sooth a sore throat. Not only will it help with a cough and sore throat, but it will help clear your congestion because of it's ingredients.

<https://myincrediblerecipes.com/>

Sewing

Find and circle all of the Sewing words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an old saying. Answer on pg 28

A R E P P I Z T G R O M M E T S S
S H E A R S A R E K A M S S E R D
T T F I T I T A P E M E A S U R E
I S S A L G G N I Y F I N G A M C
T H P O B S I G C L O T H N P R S
C R R I K R N T S E S L A C E I E
H M E O N I I R R E P O I P N B A
Y E O T D C O C A H I O A S C B M
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O S E P T M I C R C O A L E T B S
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B R W L H R U A S R T S U A E I V
M E E A T T P B S T N O Q I R N N
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BOBBIN
BUTTONS
CLOTH
DARNING
DRESSMAKER
ELASTIC
EMBROIDERY
EYES
FABRIC
GROMMETS

HEM
HOOKS
LACE
MAGNIFYING GLASS
MENDING
NEEDLES
PATCH
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PENCIL
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QUILTING
RIBBON
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ROTARY CUTTER
SCISSORS
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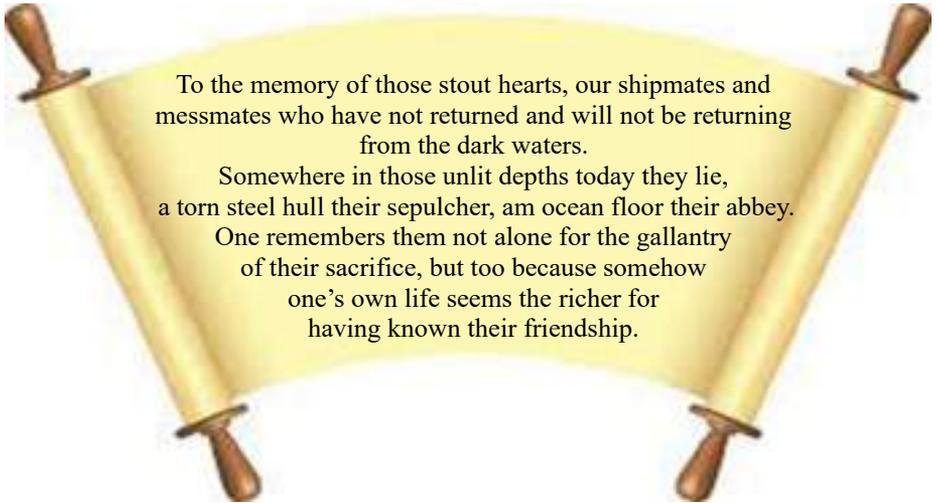
Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude the captain announced: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have a smooth uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and.....OH... MY GOD!"

Silence followed. Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!" A passenger from the back of the plane then responded, "For the love of Jesus, you should see the back of mine!"



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-Any issues or inquiries about the club.	
Secretary	secretary@ocnva.ca
-correspondence	
Publicity	publicity@ocnva.ca
-publicity, email addresses	
Entertainment	entertainment@ocnva.ca
- -entertainment bookings and correspondence	
Membership	membership@ocnva.ca
-Membership-related issues	
House	house@ocnva.ca
2 nd vice – Galley	2ndvice@ocnva.ca
Treasurer	treasurer@ocnva.ca



To the memory of those stout hearts, our shipmates and messmates who have not returned and will not be returning from the dark waters.

Somewhere in those unlit depths today they lie, a torn steel hull their sepulcher, an ocean floor their abbey.

One remembers them not alone for the gallantry of their sacrifice, but too because somehow one's own life seems the richer for having known their friendship.

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