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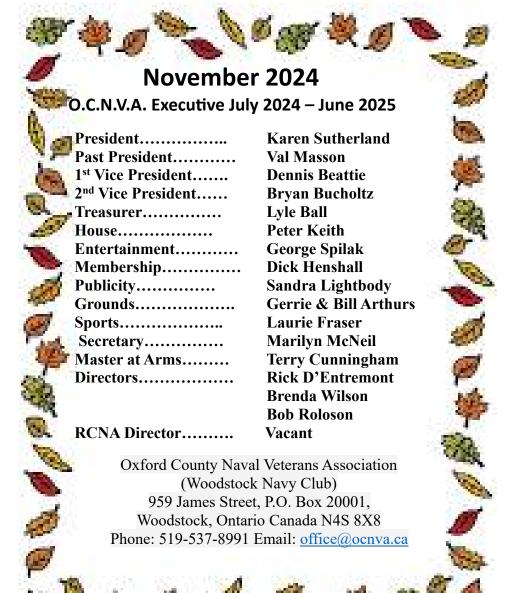




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November is always a time when we should pause and think about the many freedoms we have been afforded and a time to remember the sacrifice made by our Veterans. The concept of war, for most, is almost something of lore given the remaining number of Veterans from WWII are few. Their experience is not something that was discussed openly. It is a bond shared between themselves. This bond is the foundation of why the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association was created.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our members that the Navy Club is a place for members to gather to socialize with the respect and spirit the founding members intended. However, with the substantial growth in our membership since the pandemic, this concept seems to be losing its value, and the club is being treated like a bar with the responsibilities of membership being seen as a suggestion rather than something to take pride in. Membership IS a privilege.

Over the next little while the executive and the resource committee will be dealing with issues that need to be corrected to get us back on track. Patience and member's cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Karen Sutherland



Past President

Val Masson





This month's meeting is dedicated to:



HMCS Charlottetown

September 11, 1942

HMCS Charlottetown was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine *U-517* in the St. Lawrence River . She had been returning to base when she was struck aft by two torpedoes. She went down fast and though most of her crew got off the ship, some died in the water when her depth charges went off as she sank.

9 crew were killed.

We must never forget their sacrifice.





FRIDAY LUNGHES

12noon \$15.00

October 25 Pork Schnitzel

November 1 Chicken Schnitzel (change)
November 8 Lasagna and Caesar Salad
November 15 Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

November 22 Pork Chops

November 29 Roasted Chicken Breast

December 6 Pork Schnitzel
December 13 Roast Beef

December 20 Roast Turkey and Stuffing

December 27 NO Lunch

January 3 NO Lunch January 10 – May 9 TBA

All Lunches are subject to change or cancellation!

Check the Gangway for notices.



November's Friday Night Dinners 5- 7 pm \$15.00

Friday, October 25 Wings & Pulled Pork on a Bun with fries
Friday, November 1 Chicken Parmesan with Noodles
Friday, November 8 Wings & Lasagna with Caesar Salad
Friday, November 22 Wings & Pulled Pork on a Bun

Friday, November 29 Wings or Roasted Chicken Breast with Sides

LIVER AND ONIONS





Saturday, Nov16th

12noon \$12.00 per person

Purchase your meal ticket from the bar. after 11 am on Saturday, November 16th

5.t. 2nd Vice

Bryan Bucholtz

Football Season - Thursday Nights

Every Thursday night during NFL regular season
the club will have food from the galley and Football
on TV. Last food from the galley Thursday, Dec 19th
Watch the gangway and Facebook for notices on what's cooking!



NO SMOKING OUT FRONT BY THE ENTRANCE DOORS OR ON THE PATIO.



Please smoke out the back by the fence or around the side of the building. and NOT out by the front doors or on the patio.

Ontario smoking law states...."You can not smoke or vape where members have access to the building..." front doors. Back doors!" "



As a member, you can politely ask the smoker to move to the designated areas or take it to the bartender to deal with.

Grounds



We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks to Peter Keith and Mike Stewart for taking the pump out of the pond for the winter. The pond is now closed for the season, a sure sign of winter coming!

Thanks to whoever donated some plants for the hill. Thank you to Carlene & Pat Smith for donating a picnic table, in memory of Carlene's mother a long-time and very active member Mabel Brown.

There are still a lot of time slots for volunteers to man the table at Zehrs. We need volunteers to help, please sign up.

Watch out for the kids on Halloween night, some have very dark costumes and are hard to see.

Happy Halloween to everyone.







THE POND IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

KEYPAD CODE

The keypad code is for all OCNVA members in good standing to use to gain entry into the club.

It is NOT to be given to guests or non-members. Your guests ARE NOT TO USE the keypad for entry.....ESPECIALLY if you ARE NOT with them. Any member found giving out the code will be asked to meet

with the resource committee to discuss their membership status



Peter Keith



Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

Bartenders

Daytime...... Dan Wilkins

Evenings and Weekends - (Alphabetical)

Tracy Ditchfield

Jamie Dixon

Gary Docherty

Mark English

Heather Ewen

Steve Gilbert

Sean Jackson

Lindsay Lenauskas

Shelley Norton



Navy Club Hours

Monday am – 11 pm

Tuesday 11 am – 11 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 12 am

Thursday 11 am – 12 am

Friday 11 am – 12 am

Saturday 11 am – 12 am



Tuesday, November 19th 7-9 pm

Sign up a group of 4 people max

Captain must be a Navy Club Member

and must sign in all guest players night of trivia

maximum 20 teams of 4 players

Entry fee \$5.00 per player (\$20 for a team of 4 players) To be paid at the time of sign-up — pay at bar

Sign up sheet is gangway beside the universal washrooms.

Administrator and host of trivia night: Shelley Norton



Sports

Due to a lack of interest and low sign-ups, the euchre tournament on Saturday, November 2 has been canceled.

Laurie Fraser

SIGN UP EARLY!

Throughout the year, sign-up sheets are posted on the gangway bulletin board for various events and tournaments.

Events may be canceled weeks before the event if not enough names are on the sign-up sheets.

Avoid disappointment and cancellations by signing up early!!!!

RCNA SPORT'S DAY Saturday, Sept 21st Gold winners

Snooker









Leonard Vanderhoeven Mark Rodgers George Spilak Rod Eastman



Do you have an idea for a tournament you would like to put on? Do you want to start a league in some sport? Talk to the Sport's Chairperson to find out how to go about it. Tournaments and

Leagues are always welcome but must abide by the club's rules.



REMINDER: When renting the club room.....We are a private club, and as such all members are permitted into the club during a private function. If you want a private party, you will need to book the club for a Sunday.

Signing in a Guest

All guests must be signed in. They must leave when you leave. NO guest you signed in is permitted to stay if you are not at the club! As a member of the club, you must sign the book -NOT the guests. *This includes...... tournaments, socializing, cards/games, or meals.*



Membership

The summer is coming to an end with the clocks going back and so it is time to look at renewing your OCNVA membership for 2025. The deadline for membership renewal is as always January 31st and after that any members not having paid their dues will no longer be classified as members and will lose access to the club.

On a more positive note, members paying their 2025 membership dues on or before 31 December will have their number entered in a draw with a chance to win a free membership.

The Executive this year has kept the membership dues the same as in 2024 at \$85.00 for regular membership and \$45.00 for senior membership. A senior is classified as any member having their date of birth on or before 01 February 1960.

Membership cards are now available at the bar and memberships can be paid by cash, debit, credit cards, and e-transfer.

The current membership is now just short of the 950..... cap at 939 members. The breakdown of the membership categories is a follows:-

- 1 27 members (Navy)
- 2 34 members (Associate)
- 3 423 members (Affiliate)
- 4 429 members (Social)

H/L/P - 26 members (Honourary/Life/Professional)

There are still a handful of approved member applications from August and September that have still not picked up their cards and I am also holding 27 applications that will be reviewed at the January Executive meeting once we can confirm our 2025 membership numbers.

If you have any questions about membership, I can be reached at membership@ocnva.ca and I will respond as quickly as I can

Looking forward to seeing you all in the club.

Dick Henshall





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

Treasurer

We are very fortunate to enjoy such an active Navy Club with the number of members we have. I would encourage all members to come into the Club and participate in the various leagues as well as Thursday and Friday lunches and dinners. The Club will only be as successful as you support it. We will be enjoying the Colour Party Christmas Party near the end of November and the Sports Committee Christmas Party in early December. Be sure to get your tickets as soon as they become available because these events sell out quickly.

The financial statements are posted in the gangway for any member to have a look at them. Just an update for anyone that may be renting the Club for a family function. There is a baby change table that was recently installed in our new handicap-accessible washroom. This will better assist any younger families that may be attending a function.

The final report was submitted and approved by the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters. We will be receiving the remaining money (\$1,050.00) from OFAH for the Conservation Grant that we were awarded in April of this year. In total, we received \$2,100.00 of Conservation Grant that helped us cover the cost of the fish that were stocked in the pond for the various Kids Fishing events and the Veterans from Parkwood when they visited our place in the summer. Please remember to come out and show your support to the Veterans on November 11th, Remembrance Day. What we get to enjoy every day is a result of what our veterans gave during the various wars and conflicts.

Lyle Ball



On Remembrance Day, let's all thank all the members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Air Force, and Army who braved the horrible conditions of war so that we could be free today. My own Father fought in the Army from 1942 to 1945, while Mom and thousands of others waited at home for a letter from across the ocean.

Marilyn McNeil



Master at Arms

Hello fellow Navy club members. Halloween Dance is approaching fast. This year to control the number of people in the club room, we sold tickets to the dance. SOLD OUT! Tickets will be collected, and the doors will be manned. Please make sure your guests are being signed in.



Terry Cunningham



Members must be in possession of their membership card when on the OCNVA premises, and be prepared to produce said card upon request, by the Bar Stewart, Master at Arms or Executive Member, at any time.

1st Vice

Keep the Club Informed!!!!

When you know of a Veteran, club member, or immediate family, who has "Crossed the Bar" or is in the hospital Please let us know by contacting the club's office at 519-537-8991 or Email – office@ocnva.ca

Dennis Beattie

"Crossed the Bar"

Donations were made in the name of:

Members

Elizabeth Orlicky

Oct 11, 2024

OCNVA member



4th stanza of the poem "For the Fallen"

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



We are looking for a club member to fill the position of RCNA Director. The RCNA Director serves as a liaison officer between our association, the RCNA, and other naval branches. Responsible for the club's store and ordering of products from the RCNA. You must be past or present Navy.

If interested, please get in touch with one of the Directors.

The RCNA Fall 2024 newsletter - www.rcnayardarm.com

RCNA Clubs

We currently have 18 Clubs active in Canada.

Closed as of December 2023;
Admiral Desmond Peers Nova Scotia – Dec. 2023
Penticton RCNA British Columbia – 2023
London RCNA Ontario - 2022
Sunshine Coast NVA British Columbia, - 2019
Winnipeg White Ensign Naval Club Manitoba- 2020





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Daylight Saving time Fall back 1 hour	4	5	Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam	Wings & Football	Lasagna Lunch 12noon Lasagna Dinner 5-7 pm DJ Ian Crandall 7-11 pm	9 Lunch 12noon Hamburger /fries Meat draws 1pm
10	11 Kementhionie Naty nie	12	Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam	14 Wings & Football	Ham Lunch 12noon Smash burger Dinner 5-7 pm	Liver & Onions/bacon Lunch 12noon
17 Executive Meeting 10 am	18	19 Trivia Night 7pm	Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam	21 Wings and football	Pork chop Lunch 12noon Pulled Pork Dinner 5-7 pm No Entertainment	23 Colour Party Country Christmas Dinner and Dance
24	25	26	27 Steak Dinner 5:30- 7 pm General Meeting 8 pm	28 American Thanksgiving Football	29 Chicken Breast Lunch 12noon Chicken breast Dinner 5-7 pm	30

All Lunches and Events are subject to cancellation or change



REMEMBRANCE DAY



November 11, 2024



Home of the FREE because of the the BRAVE [*]



George Spilak

Friday, Nov 1st

Live entertainment VOOODOOO KINGZ

7:00- 10:00 pm (following dinner)

Friday, Nov 8th

DJ **Ian Crandall** 7:00 -11:00 pm (following dinner)

Friday, Nov 15th

NO Entertainment

Friday, Nov 22nd NO Entertainment

Friday, Nov 29th NO Entertainment





We had 2 meat draws this fall with the funds going to the club. I want to thank Rick Porter, Jamie Dixon, and Kim Whitehead for preparing lunch on those Saturdays.

Thanks to Julie Porter for holding the 50/50 draw and thanks to Kelly Stringle, Vonda Bullock, and Nancy Kropf for helping me run the meat draws and for their donations. It was a lot of fun. We will be hosting another meat draw on Saturday, November 9th 1 pm start.

If you have submitted your email address to the office or are not receiving emails, please



Publicity and

- ✓ Check your spam or junk mail.
- ✓ Make sure Publicity is in your "Contacts".

Don't miss a thing, check us out. Make sure you are visiting our website; it has all the meals and entertainment at the club.

Sandra Lightbody



<u>Directors</u>

The executive would like to welcome Brenda Wilson and Bob Roloson as new directors for the remainder of the executive term. Both are qualified, they have been on the executive in different positions throughout the years. We would also like to thank Nancy Wettlaufer and Carlene Smith for holding the Directors position for a few years and did a great job.

We are still seeking a volunteer for the RCNA Director position on the executive. This position requires the volunteer to be a past or present naval person. Any volunteer can look up an executive and they will pass on the name.

Rick D'Entremont Brenda Wilson Bob Roloson

Private Bookings of the Club

Members ONLY can book the club!

O.C.N.V.A. members must fill out a "Special Occasion Request for Use of Facilities" form describing the event. The forms are available from the office or a bartender on duty.

If approved, you MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE for the ENTIRE EVENT. All guests must leave before or when you do.

You must pay a set donation for the use of the club, payable at the time of booking.

Note: Our facilities are always open to our membership during regular business hours. If you wish to have a "private function you will have to book your event on a Sunday.

- NO OUTSIDE CATERERS ALLOWED.
- > A 50% deposit of food booked is required at the time of booking for the number of guests booked.
- Entertainment: You are financially responsible for any entertainment you wish to hire.
- Any person under suspension from Club privileges MAY NOT enter the premises or be signed in as a guest for special occasions.
- > OCNVA Dress Code: MAKE SURE YOU & YOUR GUESTS FOLLOW OUR DRESS CODE.

For the full Rental agreement, see the office.





Executive Meeting

Sunday, November17th, 2024 10 am

General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 27^{th,} 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.



Reminder:

November and December are months with a "Dress Code in Effect"!



Monday, November 11th Remembrance Day: show respect for our veterans by dressing neat and orderly. No ripped or torn clothing.

<u>Saturday, November 23rd</u> is the Colour Party Country Christmas with the opportunity to "Country and Western" your attire up with the permission to wear cowboy hats and boots. Jeans are permitted, but no ripped or torn pants.

<u>Saturday, December 7th.</u>is the Sport's Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance with a dress code in effect. NO jeans or T-shirts.

Wednesday, January 1st, Levee Day at the club is a huge event, but to honour our Veterans a DRESS CODE WILL BE IN EFFECT from 11am to 1pm. No jeans, t-shirts work clothes or casual attire are permitted during that time!! The rest of the day will be relaxed, although the club has a standard dress code which will be in effect.

Please remind your guests of our Dress Code for these dates.

Main club room is to be vacated early!

Saturday, November 23rd Colour Party Country Christmas Dinner and Dance
Saturday, December 7th
Sports Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance
Saturday, December 31st
OCNVA New Year's Eve Dance

The main club room will be <u>closed at 5 pm</u> and members will need to move to the sports room for these committees to set up for their Holiday Dinner and Dances.



We appreciate your cooperation and consideration.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

If you have a cough, fever, cold symptoms or diarrhea - please stay away and come to the _____ club when you are feeling better.



ALWAYS REMEMBER

Cover your cough and sneezes. Avoid touching public surfaces. Wash your hands often.



OCNVA Sport Committee

Win a Navy Vets Jersey and 4 home game tickets! Flyers are posted in the gangway and tickets are available from the bar. The draw will take place at the Sports Committee Christmas dinner and dance, you do not need to be present to win. A 649 draw will be starting up on Nov 9^{th} , keep a look out for flyers at the bar.

The Sports Committee would like to thank everyone who came out and attended our Oktoberfest Dinner we held on October 4th. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves, the 50/50 winner was Liz Miller.

We have our Sports Committee Christmas Party coming up on December 7th. Tickets will be available at the bar sometime in November.

Be sure to pay tribute to our Veterans on Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th.

Rob Osmond



Colour Party

We hope that each and every one of you had a good Thanksgiving.

The Colour Party will be busy this fall, we marched in the Battle of Britain and will be participating in the Innerkip Remembrance Day service. We will also be marching at the Cenotaph in Woodstock, and you will see us in Woodstock's annual Christmas parade.

We are gearing up for our Christmas dinner and dance on Saturday, Nov 23 with the Sports Committee cooking for our meal and in turn, we will be cooking for the Sports Committee Christmas dinner and dance. Tickets are on sale at the bar or any Colour Party member.

As always, we are looking for new Colour Party members, we need more members as our club has grown. We are a fun club and there is not a lot of time that you must put into it. Ask one of our members for details and we can fill you in.

Hopefully, we will see some of you at our country and western Christmas party.

Mary Couch **Bob Brown**



Realized I had to use the bathroom.

Got up and walked across the house, to the pantry.

Couldn't remember why I was in the pantry.

remembered I had to use the bathroom.

Walked across the house to the bathroom.

Sitting on the throne I remembered why I went to the pantry...



Marine Life

Find and circle all of the listed words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of a sea animal. Answer

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COD	CRAB	DOLPHIN	HALIBUT
JELLYFISH	LAMPREY	LOBSTER	MANATEE
OCTOPUS	OYSTER	PENGUIN	PORPOISE
PRAWN	SARDINE	SCALLOP	SEA LION
SEA OTTER	SEA TURTLE	SEALS	SHELLFISH
SHRIMP	SPONGE	SQUID	STARFISH
STINGRAY	TUNA	WALRUS	WHALE





SPINACH DIP BITES

2 cups frozen spinach, thawed 6 oz artichoke hearts 1/2 tsp minced garlic 2 tbsp parmesan cheese 4 oz cream cheese 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese 1/2 tsp garlic salt (with parsley flakes) pepper to taste 1 can seamless crescent dough

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Preheat oven to 375.

In a bowl, combine spinach, artichoke hearts, garlic and Parmesan cheese. Blend in cream cheese and half of your mozzarella cheese. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

Using a rolling pin, lay out dough on a cutting board and lightly stretch to a 8 x 12 rectangle. Cut dough into 2 inch squares, so you have 24 squares total.

Lightly grease a mini muffin tin and place a square in each slot, gently pushing down to create an indent. (you don't need to mold to the cup.)

Scoop one teaspoon of your spinach mixture on top of each crescent square and gently push in, (bites will mold to your tin while baking). Spread the remaining mozzarella cheese over the tops of each cup.

Bake at 375 for 15-17 minutes, until golden brown. Let cool for 5-10 minutes before moving from tray. ENJOY!

NOTHING BRINGS PEOPLE

Together

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-Any issues or inquiries about the club.

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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, am 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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