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It's nice to see the club still bustling with activities!

With the large number of members we have, it was important for Executive to enforce the By-laws with respect to membership payment and meeting attendance.

There have been several enquiries with respect to the pond water levels. I have requested a meeting with the City to address our concerns with all of the appropriate people at one table so we all hear the concerns, and proposed solutions straight from the horse's mouth. They are aware this is a serious issue and we want a resolution satisfactory to the club.

We are looking for an interim sports chairperson to step in and take over the responsibilities until the next executive is voted in. Speak to a Director if this is something you would be interested in.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the club.

Happy Valentine's Day to all! It's not just a day for couples to celebrate. It's a day for you to show those you love that they matter ☺

Karen Sutherland

O.C.N.V.A.
Sports Committee
Italian Night
Saturday, March 22nd
\$22.00 per person

 **Dinner Served at 6:00 pm**
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Parmesan, Caesar Salad, and Garlic Bread



Live Entertainment 8 pm – 11 pm
TBA

Dinner tickets are sold at the bar.
Only 120 dinner tickets available
Tickets Available Monday February 10th

TABLE RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN - LOCATION WILL BE ASSIGNED BY
THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

This month is dedicated to.....

HMCS Guysborough



March 17, 1945

HMCS Guysborough was traveling alone when she was hit by a torpedo. The torpedo struck the stern which caused significant damage and a slight list to port, but the ship refused to sink. At 19:35 she was fired upon again which struck on the starboard side. The vessel slowly sank after 35 minutes. 43 crew died while waiting for rescue. 40 crew survived.

We must never forget their sacrifice

.....

What does HMCS stand for on a boat?

The designation **Her Majesty's Canadian Ship** is applied as a prefix to surface ships in the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Joint Operations Command. The similar designation of **Her Majesty's Canadian Submarine** is applied to submarine vessels.



Galley - Why do we call the club's kitchen the galley?

A kitchen or an area with kitchen facilities in a ship is referred to as the Galley..



2nd Vice

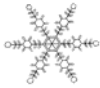
Bryan Bucholtz



Thursday Dinners

6-8 pm \$13.00

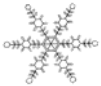
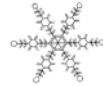
- February 6 Wings or BLT sandwich with fries
- February 13 Wings or Sausage on a bun with fries
- February 20 Wings or Whistle Dogs with fries
- February 27 Wings or Loaded Nachos



Friday Lunches

\$15.00 12noon

- February 7 Krispy Chicken
- February 14 Roast Beef
- February 21 Lasagna
- February 28 Pork Chops
- March 7 Chicken Schnitzel
- March 14 Irish Beef Stew
- March 21 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
- March 28 Krispy Chicken
- April 4 Roast Turkey
- April 11 Pork Schnitzel
- April 18 Good Friday CLOSED
- April 25 Roast Beef
- May 2 Lasagna
- May 9 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes



Friday Night Dinners

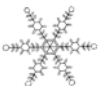
5-7 pm \$15.00

- February 7 Wings/fries or Flatbread pizza
- February 14 Wings/fries or Philly Cheesesteak with fries
- February 21 Wings/fries or Lasagna with Ceasar salad
- February 28 Smashed Burgers with fries

All lunches and dinners are subject to change or cancellation!

Check the Gangway and Facebook for notices.

A minimum donation of \$2.00 for take-out containers



Please Join Us For a

SOUP-ER BOWL COOK-OFF



Sunday, February 9, 2025

No Cost Entry Fee to enter your amazing soup.

Soup making must be done at the club- sign up making soup time! Timesheet posted in the gangway.

**SIGN YOURSELF UP OR GET A GROUP TOGETHER
(MEMBERS ONLY)**

Tasting & Judging

12noon -2pm

\$5.00 for soup tasting and judging.

Super Bowl 2025 on TV to follow



O.C.N.V.A.

Super Bowl Bash

Sunday, February 9, 2025

CLUB OPEN

11AM – END OF

GAME



Food
will
be
available
for
purchase



Chili, Sausage on a bun, Fries,

KICK OFF 6:30 pm





1st Vice

Keep the Club Informed!!!!

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

Dennis Beattie

Sympathy donation made in the name of:

Member

Ella Whitlow	December 26, 2024	OCNVA Member
Cheryl Hutchinson	December 31, 2024	OCNVA member



Found on a tombstone in England:

*“Remember man, as you walk by, as you are now,
so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be, remember this and follow me.”*

Someone had written underneath:

To follow you, I'll not consent until I know which way you went.



RCNA Director

Attention Canadian Navy Veteran members (OCNVA #1)

I will be contacting you by telephone to see if there is enough interest in having a "Meet and Greet", in the Spring. I would also like to get information on what ship or ships you have served on. I look forward to speaking with you.



Fred Newton





Treasurer

The financial statements are posted in the gangway for any member to have a look at them.

Our Navy Club continues to need you to support the various events such as the Colour Party Horse Races, Valentine's Dance, lunches and dinners just to mention a few.

Now given what I mentioned above, please be sure to monitor your cold or flu symptoms. We need your support to help the Club BUT we don't need anyone that is sick coming into the Club and passing along these bugs. Please be kind to your fellow Club members and stay away if you are sick!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Be sure to treat your significant other to something special.

Lyle Ball

Friendly PSA for those of you who are sick.

FLU- 5 to 7 days

COVID- 5 to 10 days

RSV- 3 to 8 days

STREP- with antibiotics 24-48

hours, without antibiotics 2-3

weeks

This is how long you are contagious.

For those of you who don't know

what contagious means, that means

you can spread your illness to

others during this time.

STAY HOME!!



[Leaving the main club room early for events!!](#)

When a TICKETED EVENT is planned.....
the main club room will be **closed at 5 pm** and members will need to move to the sports room for the entertainment chairperson or committee to set up.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration.



Membership



Winner of their membership early bird draw

Congratulations Tracey Geilen

As we go into the 2025 membership year our club membership numbers currently stand at 936 members with the membership cap still at 950 members. As in previous years, we do lose some members around now and this year, I expect our numbers to drop this year by between 100 and 150 members that have decided for whatever reason, not to renew their membership. Once the membership numbers are finalized at the end of January, the sign in book for 2025 will be printed, and ready for the February General Meeting.

As this is for the February Port and Starboard issue, I will not have the new total number of members and the breakdown of membership categories until the March Port and Starboard issue.

With the introduction last year of the new member waiting list, the membership applications have now slowed down considerably, and I currently only have 50 new member applications ready to process. The good news is that most of the applications are for Affiliate or Associate status, so bringing these new members on board will really help our balance of membership categories going forward.

A big thank you goes here to all the members who have contacted me throughout the year about not being able to attend their one General Meeting and more importantly, they have been giving me names of members that were unable to attend a General Meeting through illness, mobility, work schedules, etc. and I was able to mark the sign in book accordingly.

I look forward to seeing all the members in 2025.

Dick Henshall



Publicity

We had a great 2024 with meals, events, and entertainment, I look forward to promoting what's happening in 2025. Join us at the club for one of the great meals and/or entertainment provided for the members and their guests The club is only as strong as its membership!



Be the first to know what's happening at the club.....make sure Publicity has your email address...if we don't have it, send your name, email address, and membership number. (members only) to publicity@ocnva.ca

If we have your address and you are not receiving emails, please check your spam and make sure we are in your contacts.

Sandra Lightbody

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting

Sunday, February 16, 2025
10 am

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

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.



DAYTIME GENERAL MEETIN

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

10 am - 11:30 am breakfast/brunch

12:30 pm General Meeting

(No evening General meeting in March)





House

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 Lenaukas

Shelley Norton



Navy Club Hours

Monday 11 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



Monday, February 17th, 2025

Club hours 11 am - 8 pm

NO DRINKING ON THE DANCE FLOOR!

For the safety of other dancers,
due to spilled drinks (slippery floor),
broken glass (if a drink is dropped,) and
sloshing drinks on other dancers,



NO drinking on the dance floor.



Navy Club
Day of Tournaments
Sunday April 6th

Euchre ♠ **Shuffleboard** ♠ **Darts**

Shuffleboard \$10.00



10:45 start 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



Grounds

Winter is now upon us, please stay off the pond it may not be safe, even as the pond is low. ! Tis the season for ice and snow, please walk carefully.

We are organizing a shuffleboard/darts/euchre tournament on Sunday, April 6^h, details are on the posted flyers. Sign up sheets are in the gangway, please make sure your first and last name are there and it's legible. Please sign up early for these events so we know how many to accommodate and to avoid cancelation if not enough members are interested.

We like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day



Gerrie & Bill Arthurs



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Sliders/soup lunch 12noon Horse Races 1:15 pm
2	3	4	5	6 Wings or BLT with fries	7 Lunch 12noon Dinner 5-7 pm live Entertainment Jeff Dawdy 	8 Horse Races 1:15 pm Curling Bonspiel Off site
9  Superbowl bash and souper-bowl cook-off	10	11	12	13 Wings or Sausage on a bun	14 Lunch 12noon Dinner 5-7 pm Valentines Dance Cobby's Kitchen 	15 Smashed potato lunch 12 noon Horse Races 1:15 pm
16 Executive Meeting 10 am	17	18	19	20 Wings or whistle dog with fries	21 Lunch 12noon Dinner 5-7 pm	22 Spaghetti lunch 12noon Horse Races 1:15 pm
23	24	25	26 General Meeting 8 pm Steak Dinner 5:30-7 pm	27 Wings or Loaded Nachos	28 Lunch 12noon Dinner 5-7 pm	



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Entertainment

George Spilak

Friday, February 7th

Jeff Dawdy

Live entertainment 8pm- 11 pm following Friday Night dinner

Sunday, February 9th

DJ Ian Crandall

Playing 3-6 pm

Souper-bowl contest and Super Bowl Football

Friday, February 10th Valentine's Party

Live entertainment 8 pm – 11 pm

Cobby's Kitchen Party

No admission fees, door prize, spot dances,



beat the winter blues

Jeff Dawdy

One Man Band®
Lead singer from the band HWY24

Friday, February 7th

7 – 10 pm

No Cover Charge



Dancing Shoes Highly Recommended

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

3-6PM

DJ

IAN GRANDALL



CLASSIC ROCK
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JAZZ

Friday, Feb 14th

Valentine's Party

Live entertainment

Cobby's Kitchen Party
7pm - 10pm

NO COVER CHARGE
FOR GREAT MUSIC



♥ Wings or Philly Cheesesteak Dinner 5-7 pm ♥

♥ Party 7-10 pm

♥ No Entry Fee ♥ 50/50 Draw ♥ Door Prize

♥ Dancing Shoes Highly Recommended ♥

SAVE
the
DATE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

\$5.00 pp

tickets are available at the bar

Limited number
of tickets
Only members
can purchase the
tickets

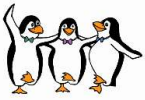
St. Patrick's
day hats
permitted
6 pm -12am



MEMBERS AND GUESTS with tickets ONLY!

The front door will be manned and tickets will be collected.
The club's rooms will be closed 6pm -12 am (ticket holders only)

Tickets
will
go on
sale
Monday
Feb 17th



Directors

On behalf of the Directors, we wish all the members a safe and happy New Year.

In a few months, it will be nominations and election time for executive and all members are welcome to stand for a position.

A few positions have certain requirements to stand for that position.

- ✓ The President and First Vice President must be a member for five years.
- ✓ The President must have served one year or more on the executive.
- ✓ OCNVA Director must be Navy or Ex-Navy.
- ✓ Directors must have been an executive for 2 years or more.
- ✓ All other positions are open to members of good standing.

Rick D'Entremont,
Bob Roloson
Brenda Wilson

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. Consider running for a position.



Sports

The executive is looking for a member who would like to take the spot of Sport's Chairperson until the end of this executive term June 31/25. Please speak to one of the executives about the position if interested.

Thanks to Deb Roloson, Tracy Ditchfield, and their volunteers for a successful and well-enjoyed Winter Games Day on Saturday, January 25th. They did an outstanding job !!

February promises to be a good month for Sports....

- Super Bowl Bash and Souper-Bowl Cook-off on Sunday, Feb 9th. Make sure you pop down and have some great food in the afternoon and stay for the Game.
- Curling Bonspiel on Saturday, February 8th, curling and lunch at the Woodstock's Curling Club. Sign up sheet in gangway.

If you are interested in running a tournament, league, or holding a sporting event, please see the executive for details, the club has procedures and protocols to follow.



Master at Arms

I hope everyone had a nice time over the holidays!! New Year's Eve dance went off without a hitch, thanks Dennis Beattie for helping manning the door and checking tickets. Let's all keep the club safe!!

Terry Cunningham



Secretary

Marilyn McNeil

SIGN UP EARLY!!

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

Events/tournaments 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!!!!

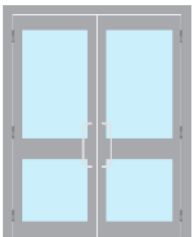
Please make sure you pay the bartender at the time of signing up.

Only Members can sign the sign-up sheets!

The club is only as strong as its membership.....



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.



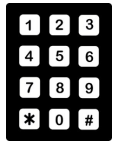
Did You Know?

Interesting information about your club!

- ✓ We are the **Oxford County Naval Veterans Association**, better known as “The Navy Club”. We serve Woodstock and Oxford County.
- ✓ We are a non-profit organization that honours the Veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy.
- ✓ The OCNVA is a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Association (RCNA). We pay \$8.00 per member yearly to the RCNA to be part of the Naval Association
- ✓ There are 16 naval clubs still standing in Canada, we are the largest. We are almost 1000 members and the next largest club is under 200 members.
- ✓ OCNVA Executive term runs from July 1st to June 31st. Nominations in May and Elections in June. All executives positions are VOLUNTEER!
- ✓ All Executives are volunteers who are not paid for their time or hard work. There are a total of 17 executive positions, see the front of the Port and Starboard to see positions and who holds them. Our staff comprises of 2 part-time office administrators, 9 bartenders, and 2 custodial.
- ✓ OCNVA membership year runs from Feb 1st to Jan 31st. All members whether you have been a member for years or a member for months....must pay your membership dues and attend a General meeting by January 31st, or be suspended from the club for a year. Any person under suspension from the Navy Club privileges, may not enter the premises, or be signed in as a guest.
- ✓ The Navy Club is closed on Dec 25 for Christmas and on Good Friday. For the rest of the statutory holidays, we are open but with shorter hours. Always check the gangway or Port and Starboard for times.
- ✓ Ringing of either ship's bells which are hanging in the club room..... constitutes the person who rang the bell to buy a round for everyone in the club! Don't ring it unless you plan on following this protocol.
- ✓ The pond is opened for fishing at the end of May and closed the beginning of October. Check the gangway for pond notices.



KEYPAD CODE



The Keycode is changed every Feb 1st

If you do not know it, please ask a bartender or executive for it.

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.



Please sign our
Guestbook

Guests are welcome to the club, but ALL guests must be accompanied by a member and be signed in.

A guest is anyone who is not a member....

If your **wife, husband, partner, friend, or family** are not a member, you as a member are required to sign them in. The Guest book is located just outside of the club room.

Inviting guests to the club and buying tickets to attend a function or dinner is fine but as a member, you must make sure they know our procedures, protocols, and dress code.

You are responsible for your guests!



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.

OCNVA Sport's Committee

The Sports Committee served the Woodstock Minor Hockey Coaches breakfast on Sunday, January 7. This event was well attended with 60 breakfasts served, and we look forward to hosting this event again in 2026.

Upcoming events include:

- “Italian Night” on Saturday, March 22, \$22.00 a ticket, with the menu being: Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Caesar Salad, and Garlic bread, keep an eye out for tickets available at the bar in early February.
- 649 Draw - upcoming 649 draw, starting approximately the beginning of March. See the bartenders to input your lucky numbers.
- Perch Fish Fry Dinner, Saturday, May 3, more info to come, watch for flyers.
- Elimination Draw Saturday, May 10, 1 pm. Watch for tickets available at the bar. Only 250 are available.

Rob Osmond

Sports Committee Executive

Chairman – Jamie Dixon

Secretary – Rob Osmond

Treasurer – Jeff Bloxidge

Sports – Laurie Fraser

Membership – George Spilak

Sports Committee Members

Steve Brown

Bryan Bucholtz

Harold Craib

Mark (aka Stan) English

Laurie Fraser

Sean Jackson

Jim Keith

Tyler Rivers

Paul Robinson

Terry Roloson

Pat Smith

Troy Toth

Jim Walker

Tim Wettlaufer

Chris Whetstone

If anyone is interested in joining the Sports Committee, please contact Jamie Dixon (chairperson), George Spilak(membership), or any Sports Committee member.

WHEN YOU PURCHASE TICKETS FOR AN EVENT

Events – Table Reservations



Most ticketed events from the Sports Committee, Colour Party, or special events from Entertainment request you sign the sheet for a table reservation. Make sure you sign your table up at the time you purchase your ticket!

Avoid the disappointment of not having a table reserved for you and your group on the night of the event!

The committees will assign the location of table seating.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the gangway....



Colour Party

The Colour Party has been busy again.....

We marched in for the open ceremonies for the Celebration of Life for Val Masson, past president, it was an honour to do it, and thank you to Val's family for asking us.

Saturday afternoon Horse races have started. We had a great day on Saturday, January 11th, thanks to Deb W, Linda.,and Mary Jane, for their help, it was greatly appreciated. The Horse races will continue and hopefully, more members can come out and have some fun, we enjoy doing it.

We will be marching for the opening ceremonies for the Curling Bonspiel on Saturday, February 8th at the Woodstock Curling Club.

Levee Day was a great success, we enjoyed listening to the Ingersoll Pipe Band and a big thank you to them for entertaining us.

We had a year-end Colour Party gathering and all had a great time, good company and good food lots of laughs, and missed those who could not attend.

We are still looking for new members and are open the talk to anyone who might be interested.

MARY COUCH
BOB BROWN



OCNVA Colour Party

Horse Races

Saturday, 1:15 pm post time

Sat Jan 11th – Sat March 29th

No races on January 25 due to Winter's Games Day



All Proceeds go to the OCNVA The Woodstock Navy Club



Friendship

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word related to friendship.
Answer on page 24

D C B C C A M D K C O F A S R
N E O O A O N Y O I R G S D Y
E T Y N E E M M T I N E I H L
I A F F L V R P E I N S T M L
R M R I A A I N A E N A H A A
F M I D D M D T S N P I F I E
L O E E B L I O R M I F F R P
R O N U I P L T Y O E O A F T
I R D N E C A S Y C P H N S A
G D E L O Y A L T Y S P U R R
Y S G O O D T I M E S R U I O
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BOYFRIEND
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CHUM
CLOSENESS

COMPANION
COMRADE
CONFIDE
EMPATHY
FAVOR
FONDNESS
FRIENDLINESS
FUN
GIRLFRIEND
GOOD TIMES

HONESTY
KINSHIP
LEND
LOYALTY
PAL
ROOMMATE
SHARE
SUPPORTIVE
SYMPATHY
TRUST

The Best Senior Citizen Joke!



A little, silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help her with the puzzle. When he arrives, the old lady shows him the puzzle spread out all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says:

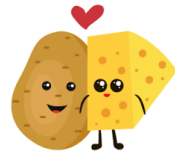
"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." Then he takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." and he says this with a deep sigh...

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Submitted by Kelly Stringle

Cheesy Potato Lasagna

- 1 Tbsp.** extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb.** ground beef
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp.** Italian seasoning
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1** (32-oz.) jar marinara
- 1** (16-oz.) container ricotta
- 1** large egg, beaten
- 1/2 c.** freshly grated Parmesan, divided
- 2 Tbsp.** chopped basil, plus more for garnish
- 4** large russet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 c.** shredded mozzarella

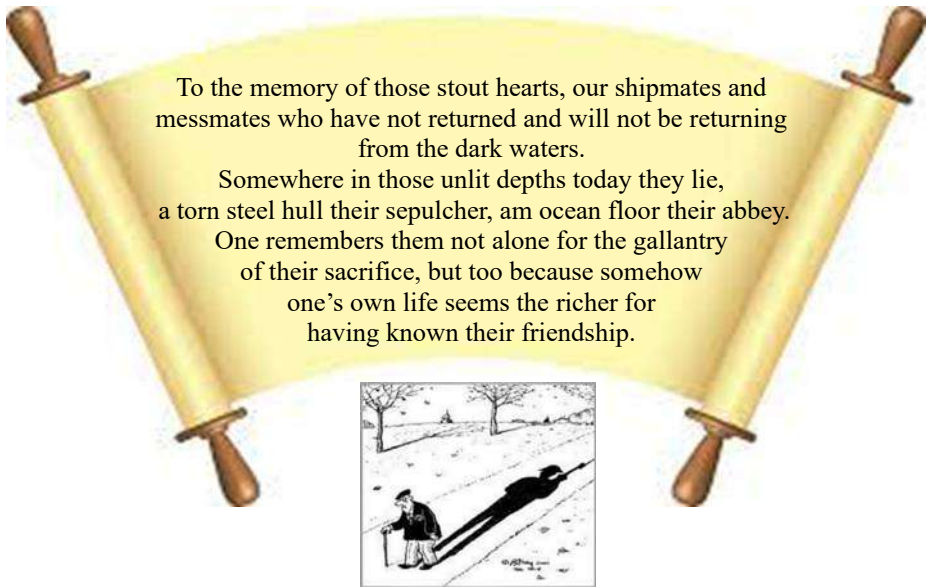


1. Preheat oven to 375° and lightly grease a 9"-x-13" baking dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add beef, season with salt and pepper, and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Drain.
2. Return beef to skillet over medium heat and add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add marinara and let simmer until warmed through.
3. Combine ricotta, egg, 1/4 cup Parmesan, and basil in a large mixing bowl and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.
4. To prepared dish, spread a thin layer of meat sauce. Layer 1/3 of the potatoes, slightly overlapping. Spread potatoes with 1/3 of the ricotta mixture, 1/3 of the meat sauce, and 1/2 cup mozzarella. Repeat to make two more layers, then top the last layer with remaining 1 cup mozzarella and remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan.
5. Tent with aluminum foil and bake for 45 minutes, then remove foil and bake until cheese is golden and potatoes are fork tender, 25 minutes more.
6. Let rest at least 10 minutes, then garnish with basil before serving.



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