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CO REPORT – TRUSTEES

Hi Everyone,

I must apologize that I have not been in communication with you since my 11 Aug 21 report. I guess COVID got the better of me. HMCS Sackville had a very successful summer period at our downtown berth – Sackville Landing. We had 27K people visit the ship with no Cruise ships visiting Halifax. So, a very successful summer. Visitors could only walk the upper decks plus view the Engine Room and C&POs mess. Even with this restriction, we had many positive compliments on Sackville and what the CNMT was doing to preserve our Canadian heritage. We could not do what we did without the support of our crew, Trustee Guides, Summer employees, and Fleet / HMCS SCOTIAN support personnel. The ship returned to HMC Dockyard in October 21 for the winter season.

Points of Interest:

- a. Trustee Mess. We have completed work on renovations to the Trustee Mess. The mess looks great. The access door to the conference room has really added to the space and our ability to run Friday lunches and receptions. Trustees can now access the mess using the stairs in the conference room vice the steep ladder into the mess. This is an awesome feature and provides another essential escape route in case of emergency.
- b. Shipboard Events. We are still at a standstill regards our Friday lunch routine. I have stopped predicting when we will get back to normal ops. I will advise everyone when this essential event re-starts. The ship celebrated its 80th anniversary of commissioning on 30 Dec 21. We had a very positive response to our FB post announcing the ship's anniversary. We do plan a special event when we return to Sackville Landing and Public Health permits.
- c. Crow's Nest, St. John's, NL. The Crow's Nest will celebrate its 80th anniversary on 27 Jan 22. The Crow's Nest has commissioned an 80th anniversary dark rum. They should be promulgating some information on their 80th in the near future.
- d. Ship's Maintenance. The ship completed a very successful refit. We are in a good state and wintering well in HMC Dockyard. We have a few maintenance items that will be addressed in Apr 22 prior to our return to Sackville Landing. We are still working to install heat pumps. This will provide excellent heat/cooling requirements in the ship and allow us to remain in the public eye for a much longer period. We do hope to achieve this goal in 2022.
- e. WiFi. NAC National donated money to Sackville to install a robust wifi system. You would think this would be an easy thing to achieve. In the end, the Chief of the Ship,



who is a retired CPO1 NAV COMM, has developed the solution and we will have this up and running by the time we arrive downtown Halifax.

- f. Committal of Ashes. Sackville conducted two Committal of Ashes services this summer. Our intent is to return to this service on Battle of the Atlantic Sunday – 1 May 2022.
- g. Ham Radio Station. HMCS Sackville - call sign VE0CNM - was established a number of years ago through the Halifax Amateur Radio Club. It is our intent to re-establish this key component in the ship's radio room. CPO2 (ret'd) Sam Semple, RCN Clearance Diver and amateur radio enthusiast, will donate the portable ham radio system previously owned by CPO2 (ret'd) Wayne Catchpaugh (deceased), RCN Clearance Diver. We intend to have the system up and running by the summer.

I will provide an update when we know the ship is moving to our downtown berth. The crew is looking fwd to welcoming our Trustees back onboard. Prior to heading downtown, we will send out our normal call for summer Trustee Guides. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with shipboard projects. I have attached some pics of interest, sorry if any are a repeat.

Stay safe and Be Well!

Continue to Serve!

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