



The JTCer

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TRAFALGAR MINI REUNION REVIEW

By John Jamieson

JTC Alumni hosted a three day mini reunion which started Thursday October 23rd at HMCS Chippawa with the alumni gathering for a march past with our corps and then moving up to the Wardroom for fun and pictures.

On Friday we gathered again for a special tour of Chippawa's Naval Museum (special thanks to the volunteers at the museum). Fantastic displays!

Saturday we held our dinner at the Masonic Temple and enjoyed an excellent prime rib dinner, many displays, pictures, Quadra band music, some naval songs, Ed Wilson singing a little "ditty", speeches and awards. We had alumni members from the 30s up to the 90s. We had a number of our members from out of town and out of province, including BC, Alberta and Ontario. Please enjoy some to the many pictures of the event. I hope that you recognize some of these past JTCers. To all of those alumni members who attended a BIG Thank You!

Big Thanks also to the three Wrenettes from the Navy League Wrenette Corps Centennial who came out and helped us celebrate.

Congratulations go out to Jack Templeman, Hugh Walker and Rick Hunt. They are awarded the Navy League of Canada's Life Member Award for over 25 years of service to Sea Cadets and the Navy League of Canada. I had the honour to read each of their resumes. Their service to JTC and the Navy League is truly remarkable.



Some important achievements completed for the reunion:

- Created a new JTC Alumni Logo
- Produced a sellable version of the 50th Anniversary History Book
- Produced a sellable compilations of Music CDs of HMCS Quadra's Band (music taken from real album LP's from the 70 & 80s)

REUNION PICTURES GALORE

THE CADET EXPERIENCE NEED NEVER END

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CORPS

JTC ALUMNI COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

TRAFALGAR DINNER SUCCESS

Special Thanks has to be extended to the many alumni, Navy League branch members and corps officers who jumped in and helped make this three day event a success. Four alumni members were most notable: John Jamieson, Lynn Hawkeye, Alf Northam and Ed Wilson. The event would not have happened without them.

JTC ALUMNI MEETING NOTICE

February 12, 2009
HMCS Chippawa
Room 223 @ 1900 hrs.

The Alumni Committee of the Cornwell Branch needs some active members. If you have any time to spare and can contribute on some way, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CORPS

Lt (N) Kevin Daeninck JTC's Commanding Officer is looking for corps volunteers. The corps is in particular need of a Band Officer / Instructor.

The Alumni is asked to help out in any way that they can. Spread the word.

Contact Kevin at: 2sailors@mts.net or Phone: 832-5974.



CADETS NEED NEVER END

By Barry Webb

We all remember our time as sea cadets. These were our formative years, full of marvelous activities, good friends and wonderful stories. Then came the day when we turned in our uniforms and our lives changed. Something was missing.

Those who attended the Trafalgar dinner will have seen a number of Redcoats celebrating Nelson's victory. These Napoleonic era soldiers are members of the Forces of Lord Selkirk. Trafalgar was very important in history because it set in motion a series of events that created the Canada we know today. Trafalgar gave Britain command of the seas. This permitted the successful land campaign of Redcoats under Wellington against the French in Spain. Britain controlled world trade and used this power to blockade France. This interference with Free Trade was one reason for America to declare war and invade Canada in 1812. Canada's borders were defended by a few thousand British regulars, Tecumseh's Native Allies and local militias. However, America was unable to conquer British North America in over 3 years of war. In the end, the War of 1812 gave Canada a start towards its national identity. i.e. NOT American. Meanwhile, a small colony had been started at Red River. Lord Selkirk's new colony was caught in the middle of a fur trade war between the Northwest Company and the Hudson's Bay. To protect the settlers, Lord Selkirk recruited soldiers as soldier-settlers from the recently disbanded regiments. About 100 men were recruited from the De Meuron and De Wattville regiments. They provided security for the colony but not until after a series of adventures, another story.

Forces of Lord Selkirk is a local historical reenactment group that portray these regiments and the British army during the War of 1812. Several members are ex-JTC. Uniforms, drill, weapons and camp life are as historically correct as possible. Members travel to participate in large battle reenactments in Eastern Canada and in the US. Some have travelled to Belgium for Waterloo.

The Forces hold regular musters for training. We have acted as the honour guard for the Lt. Governor at Canada Day celebrations and recently for the current Lord Selkirk during his visit to Winnipeg. The Forces skirmish with the French Marines at Festival du Voyageur. We march, manoeuvre, provide some colour and a few loud, smokey volleys in support of local events. Does this sound familiar? I have found "Cadets" again. This is only an example and is not suitable for all Alumni. However, it can be a starting point for other activities and areas of interest.

PROPOSAL. The Alumni can function as an organization to assist former cadets to continue in experiencing activities and subjects of special interest. The training we received as cadets was superficial. Progressing in any topic usually requires the support of a group of like minded people and the Alumni has them. Possible subjects may include: Reenacting (any activity in any time period), Seamanship (sailing, ceremonial paddles), Navigation, History (any navy/any time period/exploration), communications (historical and modern), gunnery (shooting/naval artillery/drill), Command and Control, Music (band), Strategy (tactics/war gaming/ classical and modern), model building (ships, fixtures). The list is endless.

Any activity or project must be member initiated, organized, financed and driven. The Alumni will only act as the catalyst, to bring members together and maybe pull a few strings. Proposals may be introduced in future newsletters. The hardest part will be getting started. As each project is established subsequent projects will have an easier time.

Naval reenactment would be natural activity. However, the Alumni spans several generations with changes in uniforms and drill. Historical navy might be best. There are several Napoleonic Era groups under Naval Establishments, Crown Forces of North America. There are approximately 2 dozen longboats and bateaux plus a dozen brigantines, schooners and ships in the Fleet. There are naval gun crews and Royal Marines. The Forces of Lord Selkirk invite Alumni members to become Redcoats and obtain reenacting experience.

"Cadets" need never end. Think about it.



**Trafalgar Dinner
JTC Mini Reunion**



The Gang of JTCers



The 30s

James Wood, Bill Wilson



The 40s

John Boittiaux, Gordon Johnston, John (Jack) Templeman, George McQuat, Bob Crossley, Edgar Wilson



The 50s

Frank McKinnon, Jim Gosman, Barry Burns, Norman Sparks



The 60s

**Back L-R: Kelvon Smith, Barry Webb, Lorne Palmquist, Ted Lofto, Kerry Knight
Front L-R: Richard Hunt, John Mainer, Bob Webb, John Jamieson**



The 70s

**Back L-R: John Templeman, Neil Johnston, Larry Schenkeveld
Front L-R: Lyla Bilton, Lynn Hawkeye**



The 80s

Susan Chadwick, Scott Yaskiw, Kevin Daeninck



The 90s
Monique Gregoire

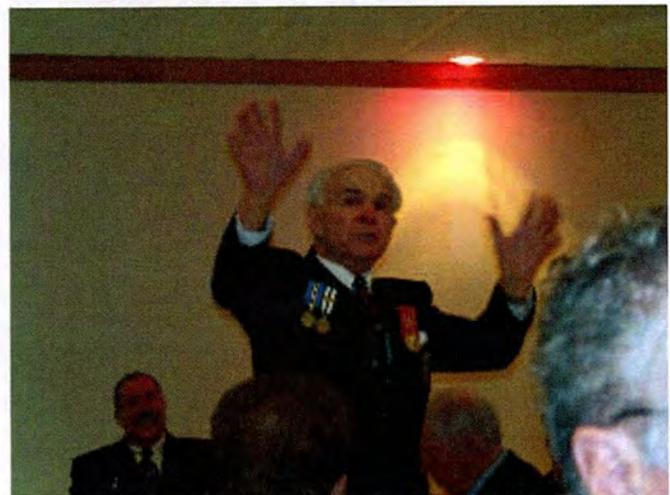


The 60s Wrenettes

Deb Boutillier, Sheila Palmquist, Pam Mainer (nee Saxon)
Missing their officer, Lyla Biton



Speeches and Such...



Ed's Ditty



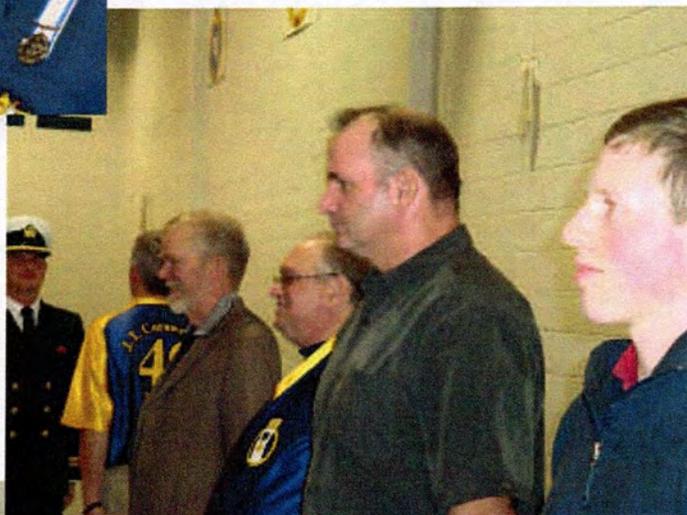
Thursday Evening
Marching with the Corps



The Division:

- Ed Wilson**
- George McOuat**
- Barry Burns**
- Lynn Hawkeye**

- Jim Palmquist**
- John Jamieson**
- Ralph Milani**
- Russell Brown**



Inspection





On the March Past...

Still perfect formation.





Wardroom Gathering



Back L-R: Ralph Milani, Lynn Hawkeye, Barry Burns, Bill Wilson

Middle L-R: Lyla Bilton, Ian Jackson, Jack Coghill, Ed Wilson, George McOuat

Front L-R: Jim Palmquist, John Jamieson