

New Naval Monument to Honour Those Lost in The Battle of the Atlantic

The Officers and Crew of London's Naval Division, HMCS Prevost, The Naval Officers Association of Canada, London Branch, and the Royal Canadian Naval Association, London Branch announce the dedication of the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Garden. The dedication will take place during the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony on **Sunday, 2 May 2010 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at HMCS Prevost in London, Ontario.**

The Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Garden will be registered as a Canadian Military Memorial, and will be open to the public. It will be a stunning and moving memorial, created with extreme gratitude, for those who made the supreme sacrifice and whose final resting places cannot be marked by graves.

The memorial garden will be built into the grass hillside at HMCS Prevost. The grass will eventually be removed, and replaced with a 'sea' of creeping blue phlox. This is a ground cover which blooms a brilliant blue from early spring through mid summer. Across this garden, from west to east, will be a 'convoy' of 25 blue granite stones. Each stone will be engraved with the name of a Royal Canadian Navy ship which was lost during the Battle of the Atlantic. The date that each ship was lost will also be engraved on the stone. There will be a stone honouring the sacrifice of the Merchant Navy. These stones will be strategically placed according to the date of their sinking. Walking at the base of the hillside you will begin with HMCS Fraser in June of 1940 and end with HMCS Esquimalt in April of 1945.

We anticipate a dignitary filled dedication of the garden during the ceremony in May. This is a great way to celebrate the Canadian Navy Centennial year of 2010.

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HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN	HMCS RACCOON	HMCS OTTAWA	HMCS LOUISBURG	HMCS WEYBURN	HMCS ST. CROIX	HMCS CHEDABUCTO	HMCS ATHABASKAN	HMCS VALLEYFIELD
Flower Class Corvette	Armed Yacht	River Class Destroyer	Flower Class Corvette	Flower Class Corvette	Town Class Destroyer	Bangor Class Minesweeper	Tribal Class Destroyer	River Class Frigate
HMCS Charlottetown had just escorted the convoy SQ-35 to Rimouski and was returning to Gaspé when she was torpedoed and sunk in the the St. Lawrence, near Cap Chat Quebec by U-517 at 12.58 hours on 11 September 1942, ten of the crew went down with the ship.	During the night of 6/7 Sep, 1942, U-185 attacked the convoy QS-33 in the St. Lawrence river. HMCS Raccoon was reported missing after she left the convoy at midnight to engage the U-boat. Only debris and one body was found some days later. 37 perished.	Sunk by U91 in the North Atlantic, while escorting convoy ON.127. Lost at about 2330 on 14 September, 1942 due to enemy action being hit by two torpedoes. 113 of her Ship's Company lost, plus 6 RN seaman and 22 merchant seamen.	In the afternoon of 6 February 1943 near Cape Tenes, Algeria convoy KMF-8 was attacked by 2 separate formations of German planes. HMCS Louisburg was hit by bombs and torpedoes and sank in position 36°15'N, 00°15'E. From a crew of 109, rescue craft were able to recover 50.	On 22 February 1943 HMCS Weyburn was mined off Cape Espartel east of Gibraltar in position 36°46'N, 06°02'W. Seven members of her crew including her commanding officer were lost with the ship. The mine was laid by U-118 on 1 February 1943.	On 20 September 1943, while escorting convoy ON.202, south of Iceland, HMCS ST. CROIX was torpedoed and sunk by U-305. Sixty-five members of the ship's company perished. Five officers and seventy-six men were rescued by HMS ITCHEN. Two days later, the ITCHEN was also torpedoed by an enemy submarine. Only one ST. CROIX sailor survived.	Lost in a collision on 21 October, 1943 with the cable vessel Lord Kelvin on the St. Lawrence River, at position 48°14'N, 69°16'W. One officer was lost with the ship.	Sunk in the English Channel north-east of Quessant by two torpedoes from the German torpedo boats T-24 and T-27 on 29 April 1944. The magazine and a boiler blew up in an explosion that was seen 20 miles away. 129 of the crew went down with the ship.	Torpedoed by U548 at 0432 hours on 7 May, 1944. Hit on the port side in the boiler room, broke in two and sank within four minutes, 50 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland. 125 lost their lives.
Ships Stone Donated By HMCS Charlottetown (FFH 339) in Memory of HMCS Charlottetown (K244)	Ships Stone Donated By Royal Canadian Navy Association London in Memory of Those Who Perished	Ships Stone Donated By HMCS Ottawa (FFH 341) in Memory of HMCS Ottawa (H60)	Ships Stone Donated By HMCS Prevost Junior Ranks Mess in Memory of Those Who Perished	Ships Stone Donated By Lt I in Memory of Those Who Perished	Ships Stone Donated By Lt (N) Robert A. Head in Memory of The Brave Officers And Men of HMCS St. Croix	Ships Stone Donated By Angus McLennan in Memory of X McLennan	Ships Stone Donated By HMCS Athabaskan (DDH 282) in Memory of HMCS Athabaskan (G07)	Ships Stone Donated By Navy Officers Association of Canada, London in Memory of Those Who Perished