



CNTHA

Canadian Naval Technical History Association



DGMEPM “Fire Side Chat”

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CNTHA Mission



- To capture and preserve Canada's oral and written naval technical history



CNTHA's Vision



To document by 2015 the oral/written naval technical history complete up to the CPF Program and then make it easily accessible to others in order to:

- Transfer knowledge to Naval Engineers and other interested persons;
- Encourage a culture of preserving the future record; and
- Preserve the legacy of Canada's Naval Engineers.



CNTHA Collection



The collection is arranged by DHH in Six “Series”:

- I Naval Technical History Project material
- II Marine/Naval Architecture Books and Magazines
- III Ship’s Technical Drawings
- IV DDH 280 Main Propulsion Proposal
- V CANDIB Oral and written Interviews
- VI Support Documentation for Sonar Paper



Oral History Program



- Conduct interviews to document the effect naval procurement has had on Canadian industry.
- 37 interviews conducted to date
- Supported by DHH





Other Projects



- In 2010, CNTHA formed working groups to address technical developments in the following areas:
 - Combat Systems – led by Jim Carruthers;
 - Marine Systems – led by Peter MacGillivray
 - Naval Architecture – led by Bill Broughton;
 - Personnel – ?
- May introduce Focus groups to explore certain key technical aspects



CNTHA's Next Steps



- The following areas need input:
 - 205, 257 Class;
 - OSS, AORs;
 - Research & Auxiliary vessels;
 - CPF;
 - HMCS Labrador;
 - Equipment aspects (e.g. gearboxes for 205 Class, helo hauldown).
- Continue oral interviews with the aim of:
 - Filling in missing aspects;
 - Interviewing persons from Industry;
 - Interviewing persons from other Government Departments (e.g. DDP, DSS, Industry Canada).



The CNTHA Web site



- In existence for approximately 5 years;
- Has unique domain name “cntha.ca”;
- Presents to visitors now or will in the future, the following information;
 - CNTHA Documents Collection listing;
 - Maritime Engineering Journal & CNTHA Newsletters;
 - CNTHA Oral & Written History transcripts (37 to date);
 - Research Results in the following areas;
Design; Build; R & D; Ship Classes



Why support CNMHA?



- Navy's influence on Canadian industrial development
- History as an information source to prevent making the same mistakes each generation (probably new mistakes will be made).
- Lasting record for historians and others



How DGMEPM Can Support



- DGMEPM's encouragement to preserve technical documentation
- A DGMEPM Contact for CNTHA
- Debriefing people retiring from the Navy
- MARE Conference mention
- Keeping a journal/black book – why did we do this?
- Fleet School presentation on the role of history