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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.
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
• In 2010, CNTHA formed working groups to address technical developments in the following areas:
  o Combat Systems – led by Jim Carruthers;
  o Marine Systems – led by Peter MacGillivary
  o Naval Architecture – led by Bill Broughton;
  o 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 CNTHA?

- 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