

## The Royal Canadian Naval Association-Niagara Region



Five years, eight months and five days was the duration of the longest, largest and most complex battle of the Second World War, commonly known as “The Battle of the Atlantic.” Canada lost 2,000 sailors serving in the Royal Canadian Navy, 1,600 merchant mariners, and 752 airmen from the Royal Canadian Air Force. Many of these brave souls and commercial ships originated from the Niagara Region.

The Welland Canal and the St Lawrence Seaway has direct ties to the Battle of the Atlantic, as many merchant marine ships and sailors who sailed through these locks originated from the Great Lakes. They risked their lives in the treacherous convoy that brought essential supplies and ammunition to the front all the way across the Atlantic Ocean.

For the first time in its history, the Royal Canadian Naval Association-Niagara, will be holding a waterside memorial service on Sunday May 5, here in the City of Port Colborne. To mark this occasion, the Royal Canadian Naval Ensign will be raised in King George Memorial Park from Monday April 29 to Sunday May 5 in recognition of Navy Week.

Let us all come together to remember our loved ones and family members who served, and those who continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces today, for their courage and their sacrifice.

**I, Mayor Bill Steele, do hereby declare April 28 to May 5, Navy Week  
in the City of Port Colborne.  
We will remember them.**



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