

The Royal Canadian Naval Association-Niagara Region



Wednesday April 8, 2026

Re: Invitation to the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Service and Parade at 1 p.m. on Sunday May 3, 2026

Dear Mayor Steele and City Council,

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Naval Association – Niagara Region, it is my honour to invite you to the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Service being held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. waterside at the Canadian Corps Association, 70 West Street, Port Colborne, Ontario.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest and one of the most significant campaigns of the Second World War, lasting five years, eight months, and five days. During this time, Canada lost more than 2,000 sailors from the Royal Canadian Navy, 1,600 merchant mariners, and 752 airmen from the Royal Canadian Air Force. This service provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, and honour the courage and sacrifice of those who served at sea and in the air, many of whom never returned home.

Our local waterways, including the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence Seaway, played an important role in supporting the war effort. Many merchant vessels that transited these routes were part of the convoy system that sustained Allied operations overseas, further connecting our region to this important chapter in history.

This year's service will include a ceremonial flyover, cannon salute, bagpiper tribute, ships bell ceremony and parade. A small reception will follow the service.

In recognition of Navy Week, we are requesting the opportunity to appear before Council on Tuesday April 14 2026, to seek a Mayoral Proclamation and ask for the raising of the White Ensign at City Hall and other key locations across Port Colborne from April 28 to May 3, in recognition of our community's strong naval and marine heritage.

Thank you for your continued support in honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces today.

Yours sincerely,
Capt. (Ret'd) Daniel Rodrique
President, Royal Canadian Naval Association – Niagara Region



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