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Military Museums to host Navy Days reunion for naval veterans

CALGARY (1st Oct. 2016) – The Naval Museum of Alberta Society is inviting former members of the Royal Canadian Navy to be their guests at The Military Museums, at 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary, during Calgary's first Navy Days celebration later this month.

Navy Days will be held Saturday and Sunday, the 22nd-23rd of October, starting daily at 10:00. Museum doors close at 16:00 on Saturday, 15:00 on Sunday. Admission is free for veterans and their families.

All through the weekend, guests will enjoy:

- Guided tours of the museum
- The unveiling of new exhibits – including large-scale models of the post-war ships, *HMCS Huron*, and *Nipigon*.
- The sale of a large number of ship-models, and a chance to purchase naval memorabilia from the museum's 'scran locker.' Otherwise known as a warehouse inventory reduction sale, books, cap talleys, ships' plaques and other nautical items will be on offer.

Sunday will be a day to recognize all who served in the Royal Canadian Navy Regular Force, its reserves and cadets. At 13:00, there will be a one-hour concert by the The National Band of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, which will be concluded by the playing of the Navy's March Past, '*Heart of Oak*,' followed by the order to 'Splice the Mainbrace.'

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Museum director Captain Bill Wilson comments, “The main job of the Naval Museum of Alberta is to tell the story of the navy. In Alberta, there are a lot of naval veterans, so we view it as a natural extension of our job to keep the naval community in touch with each other. This is our first Navy Days, and we think it will be a great opportunity to come on down to the museum, tell your family a bit about what you did and maybe meet some old shipmates.”

Complimentary light refreshments will be served on Sunday 23rd October.

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