Greetings
HMCS Sackville "Battle of the Atlantic Dinner"
Friday, May 2, 2008 - 6:00 for 7:00 PM
Shearwater Aviation Museum

Good Evening Honoured Veterans, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mayor Peter Kelly and my colleagues on Regional Council, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you very warm greetings as we pay special tribute to our veterans and fallen comrades and their unbelievable contribution during the six long years of the "Battle of the Atlantic".

I am honoured to be here to celebrate those whose courage, dedication, heroism, and sacrifice, have ensured the freedom and democracy we all enjoy today.

Approximately 2000 members of the Royal Canadian Navy were killed by all causes in all theatres, the vast majority in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Many lessons have been learned through Canada's involvement, the most important being the value of our peace and our freedom.

Today's celebration provides an opportunity for us to reflect upon the contribution of those who have served -- the legacy they have left for us, their children, and communities.

On behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality and its citizens, thank you.