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A Hard Fought Ship: The Story of HMS *Venomous*

with Former RCMI President

Captain John A. Rodgaard, USN (Ret)

Wednesday, March 6

Buffet dinner 1800—\$49 plus HST and Services Fee

Lecture 1900 for 1930—no charge. Separate reservations must be made for dinner and lecture.



Captain Rodgaard has over 41 years with the naval service of the United States, to include 12 years as a petty officer and 29 years of commissioned service as a naval intelligence officer.

As a petty officer, his sea tours saw him as a CIC Watch Supervisor and Intelligence Petty Officer, on a destroyer escort and submarine tender. In 1977, he became one of the Navy's first intelligence specialists. He received his direct appointment as a naval intelligence officer in 1981 and served in various navy and joint intelligence tours, culminating in the Navy Staff. Captain Rodgaard completed his last four years of service with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency as a senior uniform intelligence collection officer in 2010.

As a civilian, Captain Rodgaard has been employed as a contract imagery intelligence analyst with the National Reconnaissance Office, the United States Air Force U-2 Programme, and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

He is a published author and a contributor to several Discovery Channel Unsolved History Tele-vision Programs: "The Death of the USS Arizona"; "Inside Hitler's Bunker"; "Unsolved History of Pearl Harbor—Midget Submarines". His work on the Japanese Midget Submarines was showcased on NOVA Science Series, "Killer Submarines of Pearl Harbor" in 2011.

He co-authored the biography on Commodore Charles Stewart, USN the most successful fighting captain of the USS

Constitution—A Call To The Sea: Captain Charles Stewart of The USS Constitution, 2005. He published his second book in 2010, the second edition of *A Hard Fought Ship: The Story of HMS Venomous*. The third edition was released in 2017. He wrote the foreword to Britannia's Royal Naval College's official history, *Turning The Tide, The Battles of the Coral Sea and Midway*, 2013. His next book, *Yankees in Nelson's Navy*, will be released in 2019 by The Naval Institute Press.

Captain Rodgaard is the recipient of the Naval Institute's History Author of the Year for the year 1999 and he is a contributor and reviewer to the Naval Institute's *Naval History Magazine*, the Society for Nautical Research quarterly, the *Mariner's Mirror*, and the Naval History Foundation's *Naval History Book Reviews*.

He is the past commander of the Naval Order of the United States' National Capital Commandery and the current North American Secretary of The 1805 Club. For The 1805 Club, he writes a quarterly newsletter to the membership as well as a co-editor for the Club's annual review, *The Trafalgar Chronicle*. He is currently an editor for the *International Journal for Naval History* (IJNH).

Captain Rodgaard holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science; a Masters in Political Science, and he is a graduate of the United States Naval War College. ♣

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