

Proposed Program

Atlantic Charter 75th Anniversary in Newfoundland

St. John's, Placentia and Ship Harbour

August 11-14, 2016

THURSDAY AUGUST 11TH

4.00pm - Opening reception at Government House, St. John's.

Opening remarks will be provided by Andrew Cohen from Carleton University (who writes for the Ottawa Citizen). This will be attended by all the delegates who have arrived, along with other invited guests.

FRIDAY AUGUST 12TH

9.00am - Buses from St. John's to Placentia.

11.00am - Tour of Castle Hill housing historic Fort Royal and the Placentia area (including the Argentia Lend-Lease U.S. Military Base). Followed by lunch (not included).

2.30pm - Welcome by the Mayor of Placentia and the inaugural performance of a stage play at the Placentia Arts Centre. The play will be based on the observations of residents of Ship Harbour to the flotilla of ships that arrived in Placentia Bay for the Atlantic Charter Meeting in August 1941.

4.00pm - Buses return to St. John's. Evening free. A restaurant venue for those wishing to join other delegates will be recommended in due course.

SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH

12.00pm - Tour of the Crow's Nest Naval Officers Club in St. John's (founded 1942).

1.30pm - Delegates attend Memorial University, St. John's.

Professor Peter Russell (University of Toronto), Senator Hugh Segal (Master of Massey College, Toronto, Chair of the NATO Association of Canada), and Professor Andrew Williams (St. Andrew's University, Scotland) will make presentations about the Charter and its lasting significance.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH (continued)

3.30pm - A "United Nations session"

The Atlantic Charter led to the formation of the UN. Prominent speakers will be invited to address this important link with history.

6.00pm - A reception and commemorative dinner will take place at the Canadian Forces Military Headquarters in St. John's.

Conrad Black (who sponsored the 50th Anniversary event) will make the keynote address. Randy Barber (President of the International Churchill Society of Canada) will make the introductions. The dinner will replicate the meal served to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on HMS Prince of Wales at the meeting in 1941. Music will be provided by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH

8.30am – Buses from St. John's to Ship Harbour.

11.00am - Commemoration at the Atlantic Charter Memorial Site, Ship Harbour.

The Chaplain of the Newfoundland Regiment will conduct a service of thanks which will replicate that which took place on HMS Prince of Wales at the 1941 meeting. It is anticipated Lieut. Governor Frank Fagan (Honorary Patron of the Atlantic Charter Foundation) will be invited to say a few words of welcome. A military band will be in attendance and a number of Associations (i.e. The Legion, the Military and community leaders) will lay wreaths.

12.30pm - Break for lunch, local entertainment and a community garden party from 2pm to 4pm.

Delegates may be interested in walking to the beach where Winston Churchill came ashore (Joe's Cove) and view the Foundation's artifacts and exhibits.

4:00pm – Buses return to St. John's.