

HMCS ESQUIMALT

HMCS Esquimalt (J272) was a Bangor class minesweeper that was commissioned on the 26th of October 1942 and served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II.

The Esquimalt served on the Atlantic coast of Canada conducting anti-submarine patrols in the approaches to Halifax Harbour. She was torpedoed and sunk off Cheducto Head, Nova Scotia by U-190 on 16 April 1945, becoming the last RCN warship lost to enemy action in World War II.

Class and type:

Bangor class minesweeper

Draught:

8.3 feet (2.5 m)

Displacement:

592 tons

Propulsion:

Twin shaft, 2 9-cyl H&W diesel engines, 2,400 bhp (1,800 kW)

Length:

162 feet (49 m)

Speed:

16 knots (30 km/h)

Beam:

28 feet (8.5 m)

Complement:

71

Armament:

1x QF 12 pounder (3 inch (76mm)) gun

1x QF 2 pounder (40mm) gun

2 x QF 20 mm Oerlikon guns

2 x Mk II DC throwers, 4 x DC rails, 40 depth

Honours and Awards:

Gulf of St. Lawrence 1942, Atlantic 1943-44



16 APRIL 2018

HMCS ESQUIMALT MEMORIAL SERVICE

*To honour the memory of those who, on April 16th 1945,
made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of freedom and justice.*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1045 - All guests are requested to be seated

1048 - Mayor of the Township of Esquimalt arrives

1050 – Base Commander arrives

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HMCS ESQUIMALT summary of events

Address - Mayor of Esquimalt Barbara Desjardins

Address - Base Commander Capt(N) J.R. Boyd

Last Post - (Spectators in uniform salute)

Observe One Minute of Silence

Rouse - (Spectators in uniform salute)

The Act of Remembrance

Read By Royal Canadian Legion Branch 172 Esquimalt

They Shall Not Grow Old,
As We That Are Left Grow Old;
Age Shall Not Weary Them
Nor The Years Condemn.
At The Going Down Of The Sun
And In The Morning,
We Will Remember Them.

Response - We will remember them.

Commitment to Remember

Read By AB B. Hunter

They were young, as we are young,
They served, giving freely of themselves.
To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time,
To carry their torch and never forget.
We Will Remember Them.

Response - We will remember them.

Prayers - LCol A.M. James

Naval Hymn

Mayor of Esquimalt will place flowers

Base Commander will lay a wreath

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 172 Esquimalt
will lay a wreath**

**Sunshine Coast Naval Association Ms. Stephanie Briggs
will lay a wreath**

Closing Remarks

God Save the Queen

Base Commander departure

Mayor of Esquimalt departure

