

Captain (Ret.) Paul Bender.

“For the past five years Merchant Navy Captain (Ret.) and second World War 11 Veteran, Paul Bender, has been carrying the torch to ensure the remains of Canada’s sailors and merchant mariners are given the same protection and respect as the remains of our soldiers and aviators buried on land. Captain Bender estimates that there are remains of approximately 1,200 of Canadian sailors and merchant mariners lying at rest in nine wrecks in Canadian, international and foreign waters. None of them have been afforded the necessary protection to discourage salvaging and desecration.”

(Project Naval Distinction, author unknown.)

Captain Bender is a member of Nato Veterans Organization of Canada and of Ottawa/Gatineau Unit 3. At a recent Ottawa/Gatineau meeting, Captain Bender gave an very interesting talk on Canada’s Ocean War Graves Project.

