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and Members of Halifax Regional Municipality Council
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Your Worship and Council Members:

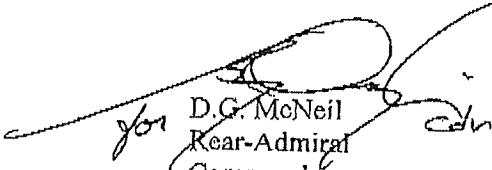
The purpose of this letter is to advise you and Council of planned events to observe the 60th Anniversary of Victory in Europe on Sunday, May 8th, and to request permission to conduct a symbolic fly past by a Sea King helicopter and/or Aurora in support of these activities.

The V-E Day observances are two-fold. The first event will occur at 10 a.m. at Camp Hill for veterans who are mobility restricted. The second event, which occurs at 1 p.m., will be a parade consisting of veterans, military contingents from Maritime Forces Atlantic, the Stadacona Band, cadets, HRM police, RCMP, floats and Royal Canadian Legion colour parties, marching along Barrington Street from the Atlantic Superstore to the Grand Parade. The flypast, in honour of veterans, would happen during the Camp Hill ceremony at 10 a.m. and along the Barrington Street parade route at 1 p.m.

At the Grand Parade a Drum Head ceremony - an ancient service that dates back as long as drums have been associated with war - will take place. We are expecting a large turnout for the downtown ceremony to mark this important anniversary.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


D.G. McNeil
Rear-Admiral
Commander