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Dear Members of the Submarine Association of Canada (East),

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for your valued involvement with the Naval Experience Program (NEP). The Submarine Association of Canada (East) has always been an integral part of the basic submarine course graduation. Your participation with our newest submariners has expanded with your outstanding interaction with the NEP candidates. Through visiting the Naval Museum of Halifax and presentations, members had the chance to learn about the silent service from those who served before.

This liaison reinforces the spirit of comradeship that distinguishes service in submarines from other elements of the Royal Canadian Navy—small, cohesive teams defined by competence and collaboration. The work of Brian Lapierre, Jim Northrup, Andy Lovasi and the rest of the team at the Submarine Association of Canada (East), represent the excellence and devotion that every submariner should strive for.

Your generosity of time and dedication are sincerely appreciated by all of us. Your contributions have created a lasting impact, and your legacy will continue to inspire future generations of submariners.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Kooiman', is written over a horizontal line.

A.P.A Kooiman
Captain (N)
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