



DISPATCHES

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SPRING RUSI (NS) PROGRAM

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Wed Mar 14	1200-1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series – The VAC Ombudsman – CFCWO (Ret'd) Guy Parent.
Wed Apr 18	1830 for 1900	RCMP "H" Division	Annual RCMP meeting hosted by "H" Division. Topic will be the RCMP Air Services
Wed May 16	1200 - 1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series - TBA
Fri, June 8th	1830 for 1900	Ashburn Golf Club	Annual mixed dining-in. We are planning to honour an RCN wartime veteran. Details are being worked out.
		No planned events for July and August.	Happy Holidays

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15TH

Congratulations are in order to Inspector Dan Tanner, RCMP (Retired) who most of you know in his previous capacity as our Vice President. Dan is looking forward to his tenure as our new President and will be making a number of announcements and changes to the way we do business in the next few months.

We would like to thank Tom Birchall for his leadership and tremendous work done for the Institute as our outgoing President. Tom will remain on and will assist the board where necessary in his capacity as the Past President. Our thanks also go out to the Directors who are leaving the Board: Colonel Tom Pile, Mr. Michael Nash Kelly (who will continue to assist as Historian and Heritage specialist) and Mr. Darrell Harvey.

The annual election of officers and directors resulted in some changes to the make-up of our Board:

Officers:

President
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Insp (Ret'd) Dan Tanner
Maj (Ret'd) John Harrison
Lt (Ret'd) Thomas Birchall
Col (Ret'd) Murray Lee
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Col (Ret'd) John Alward
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Maj Peter Dawson
Maj (Ret'd) Thomas Haney
L/Cdr (Ret'd) Heather MacKinnon

In our next edition and once the new Board of Directors meets, we will detail for you who the Chairs of our various committees will be for the next 12 months.

The Minister of National Defence announces the location of the Canadian Forces' New European Operational Support Hub

OTTAWA- On February 14th, the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, was joined by his counterpart, the Minister of Defence from the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Thomas de Maizière, to announce the location of the new Canadian Forces' European Operational Support Hub at Germany's Köln-Bonn airport.

The announcement was made following a meeting between Minister MacKay, Associate Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Julian Fantino, and Minister de Maizière in Ottawa.

"I was very pleased to meet with my counterpart, Minister de Maizière, and to have this opportunity to announce together that the Canadian Forces' European Operational Support Hub will be located in Germany," said Minister MacKay. "It is a pleasure to build on the long-standing relationship that Canada has developed with Germany as Allies through NATO, and in operations such as in Afghanistan."

In 2009, with the consent of the German government, the Canadian Forces operated European Operational Support Hub at the United States Air Force base at Spangdahlem, Germany. This small logistics hub was instrumental in ensuring the Canadian Forces could move vital supplies and personnel in support of operations in Afghanistan. This previous arrangement serves as the basis for the more permanent European Operational Support Hub that will be established at Köln-Bonn.

The visit of Minister de Maizière also provided an invaluable opportunity for Ministers MacKay and Fantino to strengthen the defence relationship between Canada and Germany.

During their meeting, in addition to discussing practical areas of cooperation such as the establishment of the new European Operational Support Hub, the Ministers discussed a range of issues including operations in Afghanistan and the upcoming 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago.

For over 60 years, Canada and Germany have worked side by side as members of NATO. Canada's defence partnership with Germany was recently underscored by the shared experience and cooperation on the UN-mandated, NATO-led mission in Afghanistan. The German government, for example, facilitated and expedited Canada's securing of Leopard II tanks for the Canadian Forces mission in Kandahar in 2007. Canada has also benefitted from the generous use of German airspace for our many flights in the region, and has used nearby German accommodation facilities for thousands of Canadian soldiers as they were staged in and out of Afghanistan.

Reminder- Membership Renewal Time Once Again

The RUSI membership fees for 2012 are now due. The cost this year **remains at \$35.**

For those of you who have yet to submit your dues, please make your cheques payable to: Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia or simply RUSI NS. You can mail your cheques to:

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PO Box 99000, Stn Forces,
Halifax NS B3K 5X5.**

Security Affairs News

For those of you who read the annual report by Colin Darlington in his submission for the AGM, you will notice he listed the members which comprise this important committee, the SAC. Here is a outline on one of the topics a prominent member of that committee, Mr. Ken Hansen, presented in January.

Ken Hansen, a member of the RUSI(NS) Security Affairs Committee, spoke on "The Transformation Agenda of General Leslie" at Dalhousie University 19 January 2012. To a large group, Ken spoke specifically about LGen Leslie's plan to transform the Canadian military by focusing on reducing headquarters numbers and enhancing tactical forces, and generally about institutional change. Ken reasoned that the approach in the general's plan is diametrically opposed to what the navy and air force need in order to bring a host of capital programs to fruition. Ken put Canadian military

institutional change into context using a model developed to explain the process. His conclusions noted:

- a. complexity requires a complete transformation of defence and security organizations: the Leslie plan does not provide this;
- b. major capital programs require a re-creation of headquarters capability (especially for the navy): the Leslie plan does not understand this; and
- c. transformation must be holistic to affect the culture of the organization: the Leslie plan ignores operational and tactical dimensions of the Canadian Forces.

At Dalhousie, Ken is a research fellow of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and a lecturer in the Department of Political Science. A retired naval Commander, he is the team leader for the Maritime Security Policy Program's research theme investigating piracy, illegal migration and crime at sea. Ken is a member of the editorial board for Canadian Naval Review, and serves as the moderator for BroadSides, the on-line discussion forum of the journal (RUSI members are encouraged to check out BroadSides at <http://naval.review.cfps.dal.ca/forum/>).

Ken is also a member of the Science Advisory Committee for the Halifax Regional Marine Institute. His other research interests include maritime security theory, naval operational doctrine with emphasis on planning processes and logistical requirements, as well as joint and interagency doctrine.

Submarine News

In the last few weeks, the CBC has been jumping on DND with respect to the accident last summer involving HMCS Corner Brook and the "fender bender". With the Navy on the hot seat, I thought I would submit to you some better news regarding the Victoria Class boats.

HMCS Victoria, based in Esquimalt BC, conducted sea trials in December – as part of the submarine's readiness program – that included hoisting drills with a Sea King helicopter from 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron based at Victoria (Pat Bay) airport. With a successful extended docking work period recently completed at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, the next critical milestone to full operations will be initial exercise torpedo firings scheduled for early 2012 at the Nanoose Bay test range. HMCS Victoria will be the first of the Victoria class boats to be fully weapons-capable, providing the RCN with a key strategic capability.

Military Appreciation Program: Savings for Serving and Retired CF Members

The CF Appreciation Program has partnered with more than 8,000 businesses to offer exclusive deals and discounts. The program is extended to current and former Regular and Reserve Force members, and their families, DND employees, and staff of the Non-Public Funds and the CF, and their families; and foreign military personnel serving with the CF and

their families. Programs such as this are designed to enhance well-being and morale.

The CF Appreciation Program has great offers to help save money. Discounts and promotions are available throughout Canada, with new national and local industry partners added every day. Offers available to serving and retired include:

- Sporting events – games admissions and season passes;
- Museums – annual memberships, with access to more than 300 Canadian museums;
- Dining – discounts at local restaurants;
- The CF R & R Club – great rates at accommodations all over the world; and
- Local attractions – entry to parks, outdoor adventures, theatres and other attractions.

Registration is Free! To receive a membership card by mail, simply fill in a registration form at: www.cfappreciation.ca, and send it to: cfappreciation@cfpsa.com.

National RCMP Grave Information Website and Database

Canada's National RCMP Graves Inspection and Maintenance Information website is available at: www.rcmpgraves.com and is run by veterans of the RCMP. The site notes that they "...are dedicated to the responsibility of locating, inspecting and maintaining grave sites of deceased Members with the purpose of honouring and remembering these men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of Canada and the Force.

'Maintain Our Memories' has been adopted as the motto of this new website. It calls to mind both the official motto of the RCMP and our need to remember. The motto pays homage to the Force and to the service performed by members down through the years. This website is also the home of a database which lists 18,000 deceased NWMP, RNWMP and RCMP going back to 1983.

Thousands of gravesites across Canada and around the world have been photographed by volunteers and entered into the database. The database is refreshed and uploaded to the website regularly. Hundreds of old, previously unknown, lost or forgotten grave sites have been found, clearly identified and entered into the database. More graves are constantly being found, inspected and cared for.

Here you will also find many aspects of Canadian history interwoven with the times of the RCMP and its predecessors the North West Mounted Police (NWMP) and the Royal North West Mounted Police (RNWMP). Be it times of peace or war, contained on the website is a history rich in texture, memories, recollections, photographs and deed of the Force. The stories told have their origin from the earliest days of Canada and the formation of the Force in 1873 up to today.

The history of the RCMP and its predecessors run along parallel tracks. Canada's history is a fascinating story and a story of hope. The history of the RCMP is equally fascinating.

The National RCMP Graves and Inspection Info website exists as a testament to deceased members of the Force, their legacy and contribution to Canada's history and especially their dedication and sacrifice towards the

development and hope of a peaceful country.

The principal planks upon which the RCMP is mounted are these ideals of policing: the rule of law, peaceful resolution, fair play and justice. The motto of the RCMP is "Maintiens Le Droit". Its mode is justice. Its model is service. Its magnitude must be measured at the highest threshold of responsibility to Canadian democratic and legal processes

The site is worth a visit to see yet another fine Veterans organization.

BGen (Ret'd) Jim Grant, CMM, CD appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

As we go to press, the announcement on the new Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia was made by Prime Minister Harper on Thursday, February 16th.

We will feature BGen Grant, a long time member of RUSI, in our next edition with details of his forthcoming appointment and hopefully, his acceptance to our invitation to become the next Patron of our Institute.

Cyclone Update - Only five 'training' choppers expected this year

The manufacturer of the air force's new maritime helicopter has told National Defence it will deliver only five test aircraft this year — opening the door to tens of

millions of dollars in fines on a project the auditor general has said is late and over budget.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. is supposed to deliver a "fully mission capable" version of the CH-148 Cyclone helicopter by June, or face a further \$80 million in contract penalties on top of \$8 million the federal government has already levied.

Senior defence officials say safety certification of the aircraft is still ongoing and it's highly unlikely the giant U.S. aircraft-maker will meet its target.

"Sikorsky are only committing to deliver five by this year, which will be training aircraft," said a high-level defence source, who spoke to The Canadian Press on condition of anonymity.

Originally, the company was supposed to deliver its first chopper in 2008 and have the whole fleet of 28 on the flight line by end of last year. When it became evident a few years ago that the production schedule wasn't going to be met, the Harper government worked out a deal with the Stratford, Conn.-based corporation to provide a handful of scaled-down aircraft which would be retrofitted later.

The so-called interim helicopters, which are minus combat systems, were supposed to allow crews to train. But only one helicopter was delivered to 12 Wing last year and it arrived late, prompting the government to impose an \$8 million fine.

Sikorsky has still not completed full certification of the training aircraft, although it is expected to happen sometime this year. But that's a long way from delivering a "fully capable (maritime

helicopter), with all its mission software," which is what the contract stipulates.

When originally proposed 12 years ago, the cost was expected to be \$2.8 billion, but that has ballooned to an estimated \$5.7 billion, according to a 2010 report by former auditor general Sheila Fraser.

She criticized the Cyclone purchase as well as the plan to buy 15 CH-147-F Chinook helicopters, saying Defence turned what was supposed to be off-the-shelf purchases into a series of customization nightmares.

New Democrats have slammed the Harper government for apparently not collecting the initial \$8 million fine.

But senior defence officials said that penalty and the anticipated additional \$80 million will be deducted from future payments the federal government will make for maintenance on the helicopter fleet.

"The \$8 million comes out of reduced payments and in-service support over time, which is to our advantage," said the senior official.

"If you beat them up now, you disincentive the company from giving you completed aircraft. If you take it out of in-service support costs, it's easier for them to manage and it lowers our operating costs."

A spokesman for Sikorsky, Paul Jackson, declined to say anything about either the fines — or the delivery status.

"My only comment is that we do not comment on customer contractual matters," he said.

The repeated delays in the program has caused budget pain for Defence. The department was forced last year to hand back \$250 million in unspent funds related to the Cyclones. The cash had been authorized in previous budgets to pay for the aircraft that still haven't been delivered.

Defence sources confirmed that cash has been lost to the military and it will have to make up for it some other way in the future.

The Cyclones are the highly touted replacement for the CH-124 Sea Kings, which will mark a milestone 50 years in service in 2013. We will let you know what is being planned in recognition of this at 12 Wing Shearwater in a future edition.

Guns for the F-35 Lightning II

When the time comes for Canada and the RCAF to start receiving the new F-35 Lightning II fighter jets, they will be equipped with the General Dynamics GAU-22/A gun system.

General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products was recently awarded a \$23.6 million contract by Lockheed Martin for production of more than two dozen of these 25 mm gun systems for the aircraft.

The GAU-22/A is a derivative of the GD GAU-12/2U 25mm Gatling gun, which the company has produced for more than 40 years. The GAU-22/A is a lighter weight, four barrel version with improved accuracy over the GAU-12/U. General Dynamics has been

making the GAU-22/A guns for the F-35 aircraft since 2009.

This will be the first fighter in RCAF inventory which has a 25mm gun. Previous aircraft such as the CF-104 Starfighter, the CF-5 Freedom Fighter and the CF-118 Hornet have been equipped with 20 mm gun systems.

The Federal Budget and Reducing the DND Allocation

With respect to the forthcoming federal budget, it is rumoured that DND will have to make cuts of 10% of its current \$21 billion a year budget.

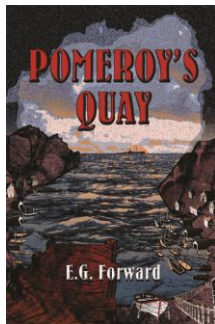
It has been reported by several sources that the 10% savings will be obtained not by cutting new equipment purchases, but that Canada plans civilian job cuts within the department in order to save the new equipment purchases. It has also been stated that the current CF strength of 68,000 will remain constant for the next three years.

Programs such as the Army's proposed new Close Combat Vehicles (CCV) and the F-35 fighter aircraft will be safe from any reductions.

With respect to the CCV, the program would see the acquisition of 108 of the vehicles with an option for 30 more. The CCV will allow infantry to support the Leopard 2 tanks.

At this time, the government still intends to follow through with the order for 65 F-35s.

Some RUSI members are also Authors



POMEROY'S QUAY

In early twentieth-century Newfoundland, a young boy suddenly finds himself immersed in the unforgiving world of the fisherman in *Pomeroy's Quay* by E.G. Forward (224 pp.)

Having just lost his father to a fishing accident, Richard Pomeroy becomes the head of the family and must join the workforce. At a time when Britain is on the verge of war with Germany, Richard, facing the dangers of the sea and the violence of the enemy, must conquer prejudice and the torturous lifestyle of an inshore fisherman--all in the face of war. In a totally unexpected dramatic conclusion, Richard saves the day and reinstates his family's standing in the village.

Pomeroy's Quay (978-1-926962-42-9), by E.G. Forward, is published by General Store Publishing House, Renfrew, Ontario, and retails for \$20.

Additionally, at this time, the book may be purchased at www.gsph.com, www.chapters.indigo.ca, by request at independent bookstores, and in the coming days it will be available at www.amazon.com. As time passes the book will be more widely available, but it's fresh off the press and,

unfortunately, these things take time.

Commander Forward is currently serving in Africa as the Task Force Commander in Darfur (Sudan) and is a member of RUSI Nova Scotia.

In a future edition of Dispatches, Cdr Forward will be providing us with details of his experiences in Africa.

Next Board Meeting

The next full board meeting including the newly elected members will take place at 1030 hrs, Wednesday, 14 March at RA Park Air Force Room.

The Annual Ashburn Dinner is planned for Friday, June 8th

Our planning team has confirmed that Friday, June 8th will be the date of our ever popular mixed dinner which is held at the Ashburn Golf and Country Club. As details are worked out, e.g. guest of honour, menu selection and cost, we will publish the details in a future edition of Dispatches.

Mark your calendars. Also remember, you can bring a guest couple or a potential member to this fun event.