



DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

SUMMER 2014

RUSI(NS) PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday 21 Sep 14	1200 - 1430	Wardroom and Naval Operations School	Distinguished Speaker Capt(N) Clarke talk on Canadian Submarine Force and tour of submarine trainer
Wednesday 8 Oct 14	1200 - 1330	RA Park	Distinguished Speaker RAdm Newton talk on readiness on the RCN
Wednesday, 5 Nov 14	Evening	RA Park	Remembrance Dinner

If you have a comment on the program, or would like to recommend a Distinguished Speaker or tour, please contact the Vice-President, Colin Darlington. Suggestions, ideas and recommendations are welcome.

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Writing For RUSI(NS)

As an association RUSI(NS) is as strong and effective as the participation of its membership in the institute's activities. You have experience and you have thoughts and opinions. You are encouraged to write. Many voices are better for getting out our messages.

If you have a sentence's worth, write it and send to Colin Darlington or Sanchez King to tweet on the @RUSI_NS Twitter account.

If you have a paragraph, write it and send it to Marie Leloup or Richard McNair to post on the RUSI(NS) Facebook page.

If you have several paragraphs, write them and send to Tim Dunne or Colin Darlington to include in Dispatches.

If you have over a page's worth, write it and send to Tim Dunne to be distributed to hundreds of addressees as a RUSI(NS) paper.

If you have well over a page's worth, write it and send to Tim Dunne; the Security Affairs Committee can assist with research, editing and arranging for it to be published in a magazine.

Your writing does not have to be perfect. We have members, including the Security Affairs Committee, who can help with editing.

Please write.

And if you cannot write or do not wish to do so, your ideas for tweets, articles, etc., are welcome.

In Memoriam

Knowles, John David: 1940 - 2013. John was born in NDG, Que., son of Charles Noel and Gertrude Knowles and youngest brother to Peter, Charles and Elisabeth. As a boy, John loved the Laurentians and the discovery of boats and the winding North River.

After enduring Lower Canada College for several years, he was grateful to escape into a more bohemian

identity at Dalhousie in Halifax, where he studied engineering physics.

During three decades of work at McGill University designing research instrumentation, John was always planning the next iteration before the initial product was delivered. He was passionate about alternate energy and quite despairing about the future of the environment. After retirement, John continued to design innovative medical devices. As one of his McGill colleagues commented, "John's art has a following - and international appeal."

His singing and guitar playing were unique and riveting. Until the end of his life, he took great pleasure in musical sessions and performances with old friends in their group The What Four.

Nobody could match John for storytelling. He kept listeners mesmerized with his tales of youthful adventures and his speculative meanderings about alternative lives often instilled wonder in listeners. His voice was unmistakable and unforgettable, and his humour was quirky, expansive and contagious. John's reaction to a sobering medical diagnosis twenty years ago was, as always, thoughtful and creative. He proved the two-year prognosis wrong, parlaying his search for solutions into trips and adventures in the two decades that followed.

Sailing with his wife Audrey was a great solace. He described how his shoulders relaxed as the shore receded. It was spiritual for him; dropping anchor one evening after navigating into a remote harbour on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, he looked around and said, "It's like coming home to a room in my mansion."

Despite a reflective and somewhat reclusive nature, John had close relationships with many lifelong friends. He cared deeply about his two granddaughters and watched their progress attentively. John died peacefully at home on December 16th.

His presence will be sorely missed by his family, especially his wife Audrey, sister Elisabeth, son Peter, daughter-in-law Julie, grandchildren Erin and Caitlin, and nieces and nephews Wendy, John and Glenn. He will be missed by his musical circle and by his many

friends in and out of the fellowship that gave him strength and inspiration, for which he was profoundly grateful. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Friends of Canadian Broadcasting or to the charity of your choice.

Edgar, Eric Gordon, MMM, CD: Of Waverly, passed away on June 7, 2014, in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born in Brooke Township, Lambton Co., ON., he was the youngest son of the late Robert H. and Winnie (Vannatter) Edgar. He served his country in the RCN for over 29 years. He was a P.M. of Virgin Lodge No. 3, GLNS, member of the ACPOA, NOAC, RUSI, RCL, CNAG and the Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation. He was an avid bridge player and an enthusiastic golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Russell); daughter, Kristie (Barry Misener); son, Dan (Donalda); his beloved grandchildren, Jeffrey, Nicholas and Stephanie Misener-Gordon, Robert and John Edgar and man nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and stepmother, Gladys (Pierce); brothers, Richard, William, Robert Murray; sisters, Ruth and Marion.

Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be scattered at sea. A Memorial Reception has taken place in Shearwater Aviation Museum on Monday, June 16th. Donations may be made to Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Doty, Lt. Col. (Hon.) W. Carl Age 73, of Yarmouth and Halifax, passed away on June 8, 2014, in Yarmouth, with his soulmate, Nancy at his side. Born in Halifax on May 9, 1941, he was the son of the late Winthrop and Sara Doty. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 50 years, Nancy (Cain).

Carl served in the Canadian Army (Artillery) as a Major and Commanding Officer of the 84th Independent Field Battery in Yarmouth, and more recently, with the 1st (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, as their Honorary Lt. Colonel.



A proud soldier, he was held with the highest regards and respect by his colleagues and those who served with him. A true believer in the Cadet movement, he was an active director and member of the executive for the Army Cadet League of Canada, Nova Scotia Branch, and he was vice-president and director of the Last Post Fund, Nova Scotia Branch. He was also a proud member of the Royal Artillery Park Officers Mess and the Royal United Services Institute in Halifax.

In Yarmouth, Carl was a founding member of Odessa Services Int. Ltd., Omega Realty Ltd., Gama Dimensions Ltd and Trico Holding Limited, to name a few. For years, Carl was an active member of the business community in Yarmouth and took a leading role as a developer during the 70's, of residential and commercial real estate.

Later in his life, he took great pleasure in sharing his good fortune with numerous charitable organizations. Among his favorites were animal welfare, Symphony Nova Scotia, Neptune Theatre, Phoenix Youth Programs, The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Christian Children's Fund and many others.

Funeral arrangements were under the care of H.M. Huskison's Funeral Home and Crematorium in Yarmouth. In accordance with his wishes, cremation took place and there was no visitation. Internment was in Chebogue Cemetery, Chebogue. It was requested that there be family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. You may leave messages of condolence or sign the on-line guestbook by visiting: www.huskilson.net.

Canada Anti-Spam Legislation

Effective 1 July 2014, the Canada anti-spam legislation (CASL) came into effect. Information about the CASL may be found at <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/casl-lcap.htm>. An overview of RUSI's requirements is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw5CVwbFM4&feature=youtu.be>.

As you have already been receiving electronic communications



from us, we will retain the ability to communi-

cate electronically under an "implicit consent" section of the act for a period of up to 24 months. Members in good standing as of 1 July 2014 fall into this category.

Under the new act we were able to obtain "explicit consent" electronically up until 1 Jul 2014 from about 50% of our membership. Explicit consent has no expiry.

Members who have provided their consent or who are in good standing will continue to retain the right to opt out of receiving electronic communications at any time.

The RUSI(NS) membership and notice of dues forms will be amended to include the appropriate consent language.

Those members, regardless of class, who are NOT members in good standing and have NOT provided their explicit consent will receive a final electronic communication in early September after which their names will be removed from our distribution list.

(Note: The foregoing will also apply to those that only receive electronic communications by phone!)

Parking

It is expected that CFB Halifax will change regulations this fall by which parking at sites including Stadacona and RA Park will be "park & pay" for visitors and for general parking. The Base Commander emailed the following on 16 June 2014 on everyone on the Base intranet:

"As you are undoubtedly aware, there has been considerable discussion related to parking within MARLANT property. We find ourselves in a unique situation at CFB Halifax as a large base in the centre of a thriving city. As a result, a fair market value is deemed to exist at most CFB Halifax locations and, after lengthy review, it has been determined that the fairest and most equitable way of addressing this situation is to expand our current pay parking system to cover all personnel (including contractors, shift workers and visitors) who choose to drive to work and therefore need to park a vehicle.

"I recognize that parking is a very emotional subject for many people so I have directed a team to work towards creating a policy that complies with Treasury Board, DAOD and CRA requirements while at the same time, providing our members with a genuine value proposition - you have my promise that the expansion of pay parking will lead to improved parking and access control at the base. I know that this change in our approach will cause all those who park at CFB Halifax some additional administration to convert to the new system and I certainly don't expect anyone to welcome

the thought of paying each month to park their vehicles. That said, this decision will ensure we are in compliance with regulations and I will continue to work with Metro Transit to improve service to our members and to facilitate active transportation for those who want effective alternatives to driving to work each day. As well, we are committed to ensuring effective Base Shuttle and Base Taxi services to enable work-related movement within the base."

HALGEN 006/14: <http://ln6-hfx-q043300.halifax.mil.ca/messages/marlant/n4mat/2014161001080.html> (editor's note: see edited version below) provides additional details of the changes that are forthcoming. As well, please monitor the *parking tab* within the MARLANT Splash Page to read important details (FAQs, comments/suggestions mailbox, application process, carpool info, etc.) related to parking at <http://halifax.mil.ca/N4mat/N49/parking.htm> (editor's note: not available off-intranet). I am open to addressing your concerns and remain committed to being open and transparent as we transition into the implementation of this policy.

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SUBJ: CFB HALIFAX
PARKING POLICY
CHANGE

REF: A. HALGEN 006/14

B. DAOD 1004-0, PARKING

C. DAOD 1004-1, PARKING ADMINISTRATION

1. AT REF A, NEW PARKING FEES FOR MANY CFB HALIFAX SITES WERE ANNOUNCED. FOLLOWING A REVIEW, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT PAY PARKING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT ALL CFB HALIFAX LOCATIONS WHERE A FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV) EXISTS. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY FEES WILL TAKE EFFECT 1 SEP 14: (vary between \$25 and

\$110)

3. THIS HALGEN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A NEW CFB HALIFAX PARKING POLICY IN THE COMING WEEKS. WHILE THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING FEES ACROSS MUCH OF THE LOCAL WORK FORCE REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING PAID PARKING POLICY IT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BRING THE BASE INTO LINE WITH THE NEWLY ISSUED DND POLICY AT REFS B AND C

RA Park Officers' Mess Wednesday Lunches

From Tina MacNeil, RA Park Officers' Mess,
902-427-4453.

We want to thank you for your interest with RA Park's Wednesday Lunches. The lunches were on a trial basis and will cease for the summer. We will review overall how successful the lunches were and discuss if they can continue on. We started off with experimenting with a variety of meals. I believe the "Healthy Lunch Menu" was a success and I hope to continue with this nutritious menu. Hopefully we will commence the lunches in September. In order for the lunches to be a success we need your support, come and join us, the lunches are sure not to disappoint. Have a great summer!



Master Corporal Ryan Bourdignon grabs a sand bag from Private Colin Crockatt, to aid in reducing damage from flooding around Portage la Prairie, Manitoba during Operation LENTUS on July 6, 2014. (Photo: Corporal Darcy Lefebvre, Canadian Forces Combat Camera)

Air Canada - New checked baggage policy for military personnel

<http://www.aircanada.com/en/news/140529.html>

Effective immediately, members of the Canadian and U.S. military will benefit from an enhanced baggage allowance whenever they travel on a flight operated by Air Canada, Air Canada Rouge or Air Canada Express. Eligible active and retired members of the Canadian and U.S. military are entitled to up to three pieces of checked baggage, each weighing up to 32 kg (70 lb) each.

After completing their check-in, eligible customers are invited to see an airport agent to have their baggage fee waived, upon presentation of military identification.

(Editor's notes: if you need to remind an agent, the policy is "Air Canada Policy 685071." You will also need your identification card, either a NDI 20 or NDI 71.)

Links of Interest

Royal Canadian Navy Submarines: Fleet Status <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=855329>

Reservist Employability in the Present Economic Climate: <http://natocouncil.ca/reservist-employability-in-the-present-economic-climate/>

Craig Moorhead writes that "The Canadian Forces Reserve needs to do a better job preparing members for careers beyond military service."

Defence Minister Announces the Publication of the Defence Acquisition Guide: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=index&ctr.page=1&nid=857719>

Interview of Vice-Admiral Norman, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, by Vanguard magazine "One Navy: Writing

a new narrative that resonates": <http://vanguardcanada.com/one-navy-writing-a-new-narrative-that-resonates/>

Journals, etc., of Interest

Canadian Naval Review BroadSides Forum <http://www.navalreview.ca/>

Recent posts:

What Future for the Naval Reserves in Canada?

National Shipbuilding and Procurement Strategy (NSPS) Workshop Series

New Vimy Paper by Dave Perry – "The Growing Gap Between Defence Ends and Means"

Federal Defence spending versus Federal Health and Education spending

Global Defence Technology Issue 40 June 2014 <http://www.nridigital.com/global-defence-technology/june-2014.html>

FrontLine Defence Magazine Issue #3 2014: http://frontline-defence.com/Defence/publications/14DEF3_3D/index.html

The Australian Civil-Military Centre May 2014 Newsletter: <http://acmc.gov.au/acmc-newsletter-may-2014/>



Members from the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment board light armoured vehicles on amphibian barges on board the French Navy Ship Le Mistral, off the coast of Gaspé, Québec during Exercice LION MISTRAL 2014 on June 20, 2014. (Photo: MCpl Patrick Blanchard, Canadian Forces Combat Camera)

Press Release: "The Transition to Civilian Life of Veterans" Report

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs tables its report "The Transition to Civilian Life of Veterans"

Ottawa – (June 4, 2014) – More work needs to be done to strengthen existing transition programs and services and further assist former members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) with their quests for meaningful post-release job opportunities in civilian society, says the report of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence.

To read the committee's report and recommendations or to learn more about the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, visit its website: <http://senate-senat.ca/veace.asp>.



Firefighters enter a compartment during an emergency flying station exercise onboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship REGINA on June 28, 2014 in the Mediterranean Sea during Operation REASSURANCE. (Photo: Cpl Michael Bastien, MARPAC Imaging Services)

etc., at various locations,

Basic Up" Videos

"Basic Up" is a reality series that follows five young people from the recruiting office through the rigours of basic training and beyond. Episodes are available on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeWNsyZqOm8&list=PLF71317B643373FD3>

History & Heritage

If you have ideas for RUSI(NS)'s history and heritage efforts, please contact Peter Dawson.

It is intended to add a History & Heritage page to the RUSI(NS) web site.

The list of member museums of the Organization of Military Museums of Canada is at: <http://www.ommcinc.ca/#!/member-institu>

RUSI(NS) Support to the Community

Disposing of Uniforms. If you are looking to dispose of old uniforms, and they are not old enough to donate to a museum, the Clothing Stores at Base Logistics, CFB Halifax, will take them for recycling or destruction. You can contact the Customer Services Officer (currently LCdr Bernie Cato) at 902-427-048 for more information.

Donating Books. Please consider donating books to your service or unit/regimental library or museum. Naval books may be donated to the Naval Museum of Halifax (<http://www.pshalifax.ca/marcommuseum/> (still listed on that site as Maritime Command Museum, title will be updated), CFMWC (especially if Arctic relevant) and HMCS SCOTIAN (<http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/fleet-units/reserve-divisions.page>). The CFB Halifax library at Stadacona welcomes a great range of book donations, even university texts. The Cambridge Military Library (<https://archive.org/details/CambridgeMilitaryLibraryOfHalifaxNovaScotia>), though without a librarian at this time, also accepts donations.

Donating Eyeglasses. Eyeglasses may be donated for recycling at the ophthalmology department, CF Health Services Centre (Atlantic), 2nd floor, Archie McCullum building, Stadacona site, CFB Halifax.

Projector Screen. Thank you to Peter Dawson for his donation of a projector screen. This gives us more certainty of equipment when setting up for speakers,

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Government of Canada Website

Help the Government of Canada organize its website. Complete an anonymous five minutes questionnaire: <https://webstandardnormesweb.optimalworkshop.com/treejack/canadaca-defence-en>

Article - Our Veterans Need a New Voice

Paul Manson

Veteran Voice Info

(<http://veteranvoice.info/VVi/WebPages/3news.html>)

15 June 2014

Canada's veterans are very much in the news these days, with a growing perception that the men and women who served our nation in military uniform are not being well-treated by their government.

It's not an exclusively Canadian problem, of course. Note for example that last week the chief of Veterans Affairs in the U.S. resigned over problems with the treatment of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Here in this country a relatively small but militant element of the veterans' community has severely criticized the Veterans Affairs department, primarily over alleged failures in the medical treatment and financial compensation of returning military personnel, particularly those suffering from PTSD or other debilitating

injuries. The Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, Julian Fantino, has been subjected to heavy criticism over these and several other issues.

To be sure, the record of both conservative and liberal governments over the past few decades has been less than perfect. Our military's heavy involvement in the Afghanistan War has obviously raised the temperature of the debate. Like all wars, this one took a heavy toll on those who were engaged in the conflict, and this has reminded Canadians that the nation has a solemn obligation to care for those who suffered through service in harm's way. Back in 2006 the government introduced a New Veterans Charter in an attempt to articulate the obligation in practical terms, but not all of it was deemed satisfactory by various veterans organizations.

This raises an interesting point. Historically the Royal Canadian Legion was the dominant voice of Canadian veterans. In recent decades, however, with the passing of so many Second World War veterans, the Legion's numbers have declined dramatically. Furthermore, fewer than one-third their members today have seen military service, and the percentage continues to decrease. Meanwhile, dozens of new veterans organizations have appeared on the scene. Although all of these, in representing specific groups of veterans, have a legitimate role to play, the net result has been a serious dilution of the collective influence of veterans at large. Against this background a few small activist groups, in going public so forcefully with their criticism and demands, give the impression that they speak for all veterans.

But many of today's veterans – perhaps the great majority – are uncomfortable with some of the rhetoric that has dominated recent headlines. One reason is the growing feeling that the aggressive approach may very



Lieutenant Navy Mike Makow removes his firefighting equipments after fighting a simulated fire in one the of the ship's compartments of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship REGINA during an Anti-Aircraft Warfare training held in the Mediterranean Sea on May 17, 2014. (Photo: Cpl

well be counterproductive, because of a risk that it might alter the positive image that the Canadian public holds of its veterans, which in turn could influence government support for the community. More to the point, unduly antagonizing the officials of VAC can scarcely lead to a productive working environment in the search for solutions to current problems.

Given the weakening of the Legion's once dominant position and the proliferation of new veterans organizations, there is a growing belief that some form of overarching new veterans organization needs to be created, perhaps under the leadership of the Legion, drawing together the many and varied groups that exist today. Recent attempts in this direction have not been very successful, but the need remains. The entire veterans community must come together from time to time to debate the really important issues of the day, thereby building a strong consensus on how these should be resolved. Only then can veterans speak convincingly and forcefully in seeking constructive solutions from the government of the day.

Although some veterans may not agree, there is a strong case for establishing a powerful collective voice in this way. It provides the basis for a firm yet co-operative dialogue with government, for the benefit of all Canadian veterans.

It's a move whose time has come.

Paul Manson was Chief of the Defence Staff from 1986-89. He is currently the Patron of the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada.

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