



DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Final Spring Edition

RUSI (NS) Program for May and June 2014

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Fri, May 9th	1830-2030	Army Citadel Museum	Hosted by Comd 5 Div and John Harrison, the annual evening opening of the museum. Open to all RUSI members and guests.
Wed May 21st	1200-1300	RA Park Mess Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker series continues with Andrew LeFrank of CBSA the guest speaker.
Fri, June 13	1700 - 2100	12 Wing Shearwater Officers' Mess (BBQ patio)	Mixed annual BBQ evening along with other like-minded groups in Halifax. More detail on this event will be forthcoming in May.

2014 Dues Reminder

If you are one of those members who have still not sent in your 2014 dues, please send a cheque payable to: RUSI Nova Scotia in the sum of \$35 to: Treasurer, Royal United Services Institute, "A" Block Box 151, PO Box 99000, Stn Forces, Halifax NS B3K 5X5.

Murray Lee's Last Edition of Dispatches

For those of you who do not know, I will be moving from Dartmouth to a new home in Amherstburg Ontario later on this spring, therefore this is my last edition of Dispatches for you to read..... the good news is that your Executive have decided to find an editor (among our membership) who will receive articles of interest from such sources as our service reps, historians and authors, a corner from our SAC and VAC etc which will be correlated and produced along with the normal RUSI (NS) program.

The next edition of Dispatches will provide you with the details.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all those friends I have met during my 17 years with RUSI (NS) and the tremendous support I have received from you in making my jobs as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President and back as Secretary an enjoyable one supporting a fine Institute.

Program Change

There is an addition to our distinguished speaker program. Andrew LeFrank, Regional Director General, Atlantic Region, Canadian Border Security Agency, will speak to us at noon, Wednesday, 21 May 2014, at RA Park. This topic will be on CBSA and its relationship with the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP. Some of you are aware that there has been increasingly closer teamwork between CBSA and the others in information exchange, exercises, and operations, particularly at sea.

The planned lecture by Prof. Martin Middlebrook on April 27th has been cancelled.

RCMP Pension Benefit Changes

There is an important development coming for Canadians receiving RCMP pension benefits. On July 2, 2014, the administration of the RCMP pension plans, along with the pensioner medical and dental insurance plans, will be transferred to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).

Since 2003, those services have been provided by Morneau Shepell, a private company. Morneau Shepell will continue to provide insurance administration services for the RCMP Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plans.

Through Public Works, RCMP pensioners and survivors will benefit from access to specialists



at the Government of Canada Pension Centre. These experts have extensive knowledge of federal public sector pensions and pensioner benefits. This arrangement will also take advantage of new technologies, while providing long-term stability.

You can find more information about the transition to Public Works in the Family Corner section of the RCMP's website.

If you are receiving an RCMP pension benefit and have questions about your plan, contact the RCMP Benefits Administration Centre at 1-800-661-7595, Monday – Friday between 7:30am and 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

Technology and Social Media will be changing RUSI – for the better

As the saying goes, “time waits for no man”. Your board, in lengthy discussion has determined that RUSI (NS) needs to jump into the 21st century with respect to our image, the way we do business and of course keep our membership as well as the public informed.

To this end, the Institute will be launching very shortly a Facebook page as well as a Twitter account for all of you to contribute to as well as reading from others what is happening in our “security world”. To start with, Col Marie LeLoup will anchor the Facebook page and Cdr Colin Darlington will launch the Twitter account. As we progress in this endeavour, we will keep you apprized of what is taking place and how you can become involved.

Gone are the days when we depended only on emails, phone

calls and Dispatches to keep you up to date!

Museum Donations

Perhaps you have some military or history books, old uniforms, or other militaria which you no longer have use for. Why not donate these items to your favourite museum – the major ones here in Halifax or indeed to the many regimental museums in Nova Scotia. Most museums these days have a web site. Look them up and find out how you can contribute to our nation's historical past.

Part of RUSI's ongoing examination into how we plan to communicate better in future is to have links to various museums across Canada on our web site for your convenience. Once again, there will be more information sent out to you later on in the year once we get this exciting program in place. The OPI for this new venture is our Vice President, Cdr Colin Darlington.

Boeing, L-3 MAS Complete Final Phase of CF-18 Modernization for RCAF

News release from the companies:

MAS have completed the last scheduled phase of the CF-18 Incremental Modernization Program, ensuring that the avionics systems on the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) fighter jets remain operationally relevant and interoperable with Canada's allies.

“Boeing appreciates the long-term partnership with both L-3 MAS and the Government of Canada, resulting in innovative, flexible and affordable solutions that have been key to the overall success of this program,” said Joe Veile, program manager of F/A-18 International Support Programs for Boeing Defense, Space & Security. Boeing had previously subcontracted L-3 MAS to lead the first two phases of the modernization program and this final phase, an upgrade to the aircraft's defensive electronic warfare system, was completed at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in Alberta.

“We understand the critical role the CF-18 fighter plays in Canada's defense strategy and the importance of maintaining its operational viability through system modernization,” said Jacques Comtois, vice president and general manager of L-3 MAS. “We are proud to once again partner with The Boeing Company to carry on the successful tradition that began on the first two phases of the program by providing 100 percent on-time delivery for this firm-fixed-price upgrade. Our performance affirms L-3 MAS' ongoing commitment to customer focus, flawless execution and long-term partnerships as Canada's fighter sustainment and life-extension leader.”

L-3 MAS, a division of L-3 Integrated Systems Group, is Canada's leading provider of aircraft modification, systems integration, life cycle management, fleet management and in-service support to government and commercial customers. In addition, L-3 MAS offers turnkey solutions for the design, prototyping, manufacture, repair, overhaul and certification of aerospace components, and is

a leader in the technical publications field. L-3 MAS is headquartered in Mirabel, Quebec, and employs 900 people at operating centers across Canada and in Williamstown, Australia.

To learn more about L-3 MAS, please visit the company's website at <http://www.L-3.com.com/mas>.

Minister Finley Announces the Establishment of an Interim Defence Analytics Institute

The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Public Works and Government Services, recently participated in the Symposium on Making Defence Procurement Work for Canada, hosted by the University of Calgary and the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, where she announced the establishment of an interim Defence Analytics Institute (DAI), a key component of Canada's new Defence Procurement Strategy (DPS).

The interim DAI responds to a Jenkins report recommendation that the Government of Canada establish an arm's-length, third-party defence analytics institute to better inform future procurement and support the review and validation of Key Industrial Capabilities (KICs).

In announcing the interim DAI, Minister Finley also announced its board of directors:

- *Tom Jenkins*, Chairman for OpenText Corporation, as the Chair of the interim Defence Analytics Institute

- *Tim Page*, President of the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries (CADSI)
- *Christyn Cianfarani*, Director, Government Programs, Research and Development and Intellectual Property, CAE Inc.
- *Iain Christie*, Executive Vice-President of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC)
- *Peter Gartenburg*, Vice-President, Ottawa Operations, L-3 Communications
- *Dr. Craig Stone*, Director of Academics and Associate Dean of Arts, Canadian Forces College
- *Dr. David Bercuson*, Director of the University of Calgary's Centre for Military and Strategic Studies
- *Dr. Janice Stein*, Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto
- *Dr. Louis Bélanger*, Professor of Political Science at Université Laval and Director of the Quebec Institute for Advanced International Studies

The Defence Procurement Strategy represents a fundamental change in the Government of Canada's approach to defence procurement. Its three key objectives are to: deliver the right equipment to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Canadian Coast Guard in a timely manner; leverage our purchases of defence equipment to create jobs and economic growth in Canada; and streamline defence procurement processes.

Quick Facts

The mandate of the interim institute will be to provide expert analysis to help inform various aspects of the defence procurement process. This includes:

- the development and sustainment of KICs;
- research and insight on the Canadian defence industrial base;
- information on global export market opportunities, including trends and issues related to foreign defence markets; and
- insights on technological trends in global defence, as well as on Canadian industry's capacity to develop new technologies in those areas.

Government of Canada Makes Major Investment in Facilities for Canadian Armed Forces members in the Halifax area

The Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., Q.C., Minister of National Defence, recently announced the start of construction work for two Halifax-area infrastructure projects worth \$208.6 million and which are expected to generate an estimated 380 jobs.

The first project is a new housing and training facility for the Junior Ranks at Canadian Forces Base Halifax. A joint contract for \$64.8 million was awarded last month to Aecon and SLI of Halifax for this project. The second is the construction of a new armoury in Bedford, which will be known as the Major Robert Campbell Risley Armoury. A contract for \$6.1 million was awarded last month to

PCL Constructors Canada Inc, of Halifax, for this project.

These investments are part of the Government of Canada's commitment – through the *Canada First* Defence Strategy – to provide Canada's military with the capabilities and infrastructure they need to conduct operations at home and abroad. Renewing and repairing Canadian Armed Forces infrastructure will ensure we maintain a first-class military ready to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

Quick Facts

- The new Junior Ranks facility represents the first phase of a two phase project at CFB Halifax, which will see the construction of three new buildings. Phase One will see the construction of a 21,060 square metre complex which includes quarters, dining, galley and mess hall, as well as a 1,169 square metre building which will house a retail store, a concession snack bar, a barber shop and financial services. This first phase, which represents an investment of \$127 million, is set to be completed in 2016.
- The second phase of this project will see the construction of a modern seamanship training facility, with an approximate area of 7,654 square metres. This facility will provide the infrastructure necessary to meet current and emerging training requirements in an efficient and cohesive environment.

- The current Junior Ranks facilities are dispersed throughout several buildings. This new infrastructure will better accommodate the seamanship training program, and will provide modern and consolidated quarters for the Junior Ranks.
- The new 2,581 square metre Major Robert Campbell Risley Armoury will house 3 Military Police Unit Headquarters and 30 Military Police Company.
- The new armoury is named in memory of Major Robert Campbell Risley. Major Risley, a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was the first Commanding Officer of 5 Provost Company in 1947. This unit eventually became the modern-day 3 Military Police Regiment.

April 1st 2014, was the 90th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force

OTTAWA – In honour of the 90th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of National Defence issued the following statement:

“Canadian aviators have been recognized for their illustrious service as far back as the First World War, when they were heralded within the Royal Flying Corps for their outstanding bravery. On April 1, 1924, the Canadian Air Force formally became the Royal Canadian Air Force, and a permanent component of Canada's defence forces. In the 90 years that have

followed, Canadians at home and abroad, as well as our partners and allies around the world, have come to recognize and respect the professionalism and capabilities of our brave airmen and airwomen. As we look to the future of the Canadian Armed Forces, we will continue to count on the extraordinary contribution of the Royal Canadian Air Force to Canada's sovereignty and security.

“I therefore proudly ask you to join me in wishing our Royal Canadian Air Force, its men and women at Wings across Canada and around the world, a most happy and very well deserved 90th anniversary.”

Canada's Arctic Operations are heating up

By: Lucy Ellis, Canadian Joint Operations Command Public Affairs

Vast tundra, mountains of ice, temperatures as low as -60°C, days without sunlight and nights without darkness – the Canadian Arctic has it all, and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have seen it all.

The Canadian Armed Forces are active in the North 24/7, exercising sovereignty and exercising its capabilities to respond to any challenges that may arise. Military exercises and operations are common in the Canadian Arctic. In February and March alone, CAF members honed their Arctic skill sets in Exercises ARCTIC RAM, TRILLIUM RESPONSE and SABRE GLACE.

The summer months bring additional opportunities to train in

the Arctic through a variety of operations. Much of the coordination for these northern operations comes from Joint Task Force (North) (JTFN), the CAF formation tasked with exercising Canada's sovereignty and contributing to safety and security in the Canadian North.

"JTFN provides a permanent military presence across Canada's North – whether in and around the 60 communities that Canadian Ranger patrols call home, in headquarters and detachments in the three territorial capitals, or in the varied locations where operations are conducted throughout the year," said Brigadier-General Greg Loos, Commander JTFN.

The annual Arctic operations are conducted with personnel and assets from across Canada, including the Canadian Army, the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force. International allies often participate and the CAF further develops partnerships with other northern organizations. "We work closely with our northern partners in municipal, territorial, federal, and aboriginal organizations to strengthen understanding, cooperation, and collaboration in Canada's Arctic," said BGen Loos.

Operations in Canada's North occur regularly. Working in the austere northern environment not only provides valuable training for those who operate frequently in the Arctic, but also to troops from elsewhere in Canada who don't often have the opportunity to deploy to the North. "These operations allow southern-based personnel to experience the unique Arctic environment and bring what they learn back home, fostering a greater understanding of life north of 60 across a wider

group of Canadians," explained BGen Loos.

There are three primary sovereignty operations which have been conducted annually since 2007: Operation NUNALIVUT, Operation NUNAKPUT, and Operation NANOOK. In addition to these, Operation NEVUS focuses on communications system maintenance, and Operation QIMMIQ conducts year-round surveillance and presence missions mainly led by members from 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG).

"While the objectives of each operation differ, they all share the same purpose: to defend Canada's sovereignty in the region, to advance the Canadian Armed Forces capabilities, and to improve coordination with partners and stakeholders in response to Northern sovereignty and security issues," said Major-General Christopher Coates, Deputy Commander of Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC) – the organization responsible for conducting CAF operations around the world.

Operation NUNALIVUT, the annual JTFN operation in the High Arctic, runs from from 2 April until 3 May.

This operation challenges participants with the extreme weather and terrain of the High Arctic, the area in and around Resolute Bay, Nunavut. Engaging the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy, as well as partners and allies, the diverse nature of this operation demonstrates the teamwork necessary to achieve success in the Arctic.

Yellowknife based 440 (Transport) Squadron supports deployed elements by transporting personnel, cargo and fuel to austere locations. The Canadian Rangers from 1 CRPG provide mentorship and local expertise to southern-based troops.

From 1 June to 2 July 2014, CAF members will deploy on Operation NEVUS, the annual deployment of a CAF technical team to Ellesmere Island to perform crucial maintenance on the High Arctic Data Communications System (HADCS).

The unmanned HADCS sites are visited by technicians to perform repairs, replacements and security checks while ensuring that the systems comply with environmental standards. Their performance is essential to maintaining a functional communication link between CAF members in the north and the government in Ottawa.

After Operation NEVUS, the focus shifts to the Western Arctic for Operation NUNAKPUT from 15 June to 29 July.

Operation NUNAKPUT showcases the coordination and cooperation in whole of government operations. In Operation NUNAKPUT, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the CAF provide both a maritime and air presence, with a focus on the Mackenzie River, Great Slave Lake, and Great Bear Lake all the way north to the Amundsen Gulf and Beaufort Sea.

The largest and most high-profile annual Arctic operation is Operation NANOOK. Held in different locations in the Arctic each year, Operation NANOOK





2014 will be based in Iqaluit, Nunavut with outlying activities in other remote locations including York Sound and the Davis Strait. It will run from 20 to 29 August.

Operation NANOOK is a scenario-based operation designed to provide participants with real-life experience for situations that they might encounter.

The range of the operation – both in the area covered and the scope of the activities – demonstrates the effectiveness of the team-based (often referred to as “Team North”) approach to disaster or emergency response in the Arctic region. Partnering with allied armed forces and other government departments allows the CAF to practice joint responses to security and environmental issues.

“We are committed to excellence in operations in our North and with our many northern partners,” said Lieutenant-General Stu Beare, Commander CJOC. “Northern operations and exercises provide our members with the opportunity to prepare for any challenges that may arise in the Canadian Arctic. They allow us to build those relationships with municipal, territorial and federal partners that provide for the safety and security of our people and interests in our northern homeland.”

Operation QIMMIQ is a year-round surveillance and presence operation conducted by JTFN. It is part of the overarching Operation LIMPID and is dedicated to maintaining the security of Canada’s interests in the northern regions. Given the vast territory in the Arctic, Operation QIMMIQ focuses on different areas throughout the year. In the North, it involves the Canadian Rangers supported by 440 (Transport)

Squadron, CP-140 Aurora surveillance patrol aircraft and an annual deployment of the Royal Canadian Navy in August.

With approximately four million square kilometres of Arctic land – that’s about 40 per cent of Canada’s total land mass – the soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen of the CAF undertake the important task of protecting Canada’s interests in the North. These annual operations provide an opportunity for them and other participating partners and allies to hone their skills to ensure they meet this objective.

12 Wing BBQ Planned

Details on the mixed BBQ to be held at 12 Wing Shearwater on Friday, June 13th were still sketchy at the time of publication. However the information you will need with respect to reservations, cost, and menu will be forthcoming next month. OPI for the event is our past president, HCol Tom Birchall.

Also invited to join us on this evening are the NSNOA, the RMC club members and associate members of the RA Park mess in addition to the regular members of the 12 Wing Shearwater mess.

Mark for calendars for what should be a memorable evening of fun and comraderie.

Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

2014 marks the 35th anniversary of this wonderful pagent. This year, the Tattoo will take place from July 1 – 8.

The 2014 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo will touch upon the start of World War I and

the annual Bond of Friendship theme. Here is the schedule for the shows:

July 1	-	2:30	PM	MATINEE
July 2	-	7:30	PM	
July 3	-	7:30	PM	
July 4	-	7:30	PM	
July 5	-	2:30	PM	MATINEE
July 6	-	2:30	PM	MATINEE
July 7		7:30	PM	
July 8	-	7:30	PM	

Please note there is only one performance daily. Doors open one hour before show time.

For information on ticket sales, please refer to the Tattoo web site at: www.nstattoo.ca.

Summer Recess

For those new members of the Institute, we do not hold any meetings or events during the summer months. We normally resume our activities in September and look forward to seeing you on the third Wednesday of September, the 17th. This should be the beginning of our fall and winter program and plans are underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy submarine service. A lunch at the Stadacona Wardroom and a tour of the submarine training facility is next on our agenda for the fall.

In Memorium

We are sad to announce that on March 20, 2014, long time RUSI member Major Roger Patey (RCAF logistics) passed away after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

