



RUSI (NS) PROGRAM

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Wed 15 Feb	1830 for 1900	RA Park Air Force Room	2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Soup and sandwiches will be provided.
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 evening. A presentation will be the topic of RCMP Air Services

THE RUSI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS NEXT ON OUR AGENDA

On Wednesday, February 15th, we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) commencing with soup and sandwiches at 1830 hours in the Air Force room at RA Park Officers' Mess.

The AGM is our most important meetings of the year where you have the chance to participate in how you see the Institute progressing for the next twelve months. You will have the opportunity to review our budget for 2012-13; meet and vote on the new Executive and Board of Directors as well as discussing issues which you may wish to bring forth during the open discussion. In the next edition of Dispatches, we will publish the entire list of the RUSI Executive and Directors as well as the Chairs of the various committees for the information of those who missed the meetings.

As your secretary, I will be sending out to you the needed reading material in the next week. I would ask that you print out any information you may wish to bring to the meeting.

Let's have a good turnout for this event and support the new RUSI board.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF RECORD OF SERVICE CARD (NDI 75)?

For those of you who have served in either the Regular or Reserve Force, on leaving either of these organizations you should have been given a Record of Service Card (NDI 75) which shows your years of service and retirement rank. If you don't have one, you are entitled to request one at a cost to you of \$15, payable to the Receiver General of Canada. All you have to do is fill in a form DND 2381, enclose a money order and provide two colour photographs of yourself, 1 ½ X 2 inches in size.

There are many advantages of having such a card such as entry into military establishments here in Canada and the United States; use of military facilities, and reduced rates when travelling for accommodation. Showing your card will even get you military rates at Walt Disney World! I'm sure there are many other uses but these quickly come to mind. Talk to our travelling President, Tom Birchall and he will tell you the many uses he has made of his.

Requests for your NDI 75 should be sent to:

**DMCA 4/CERTIFICATES
National Defence HQ
MGen Pearkes Building
101 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa ON K1A 0K2**

In the same vein, you also may wish to apply through the Royal Canadian Legion Nova Scotia and Nunavut Command for a Nova Scotia Veteran's licence plate for your vehicle. It also has advantages, especially when travel to the United States.

IN MEMORIAM

In December, we lost two long time members of the Institute.

On December 4th, **Dr. Glen Hancock** passed away in the Valley Regional Hospital. During WW II, he joined the RCAF and served overseas for both the RAF and the RCAF from 1940-1945 discharging with the rank of Squadron Leader. He flew Lancasters with 408 Squadron on one of his tours. His lengthy

achievements were outlined in the Chronicle-Herald. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held in Wolfville Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 17th.

On December 11th, **Donald McCrea Duncan** passed away in his 90th year. He served in the Canadian Army in WW II. After the war, he was employed with the Nova Scotia Council Boy Scouts of Canada as Provincial Executive Director retiring after 38 years of service.

AN INVITATION TO YOU FROM THE RUSI (NS) SECURITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors and Security Affairs Committee recognize that there is much expertise and experience amongst the RUSI(NS) membership. We want to take advantage of that and engage the membership more in some of the work of the Institute.

Your SAC is currently discussing the following major items of interest:



(these items will change with time):

- a. the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, the Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship, and small vessel procurement;
- b. Nova Scotia as a mounting base, and the Atlantic Gateway; and
- c. the utility of Canadian naval capability.

Discussions are conducted on-line (exchange of emails) and at SAC meetings, mostly the latter.

You are invited to participate, by first identifying yourself and what you can contribute to a topic. Though our topic list is full at this time, you are also invited to propose at any time topics you think should be considered.

Depending on the number of people coming forward and the attention a topic is getting, some arrangement will be made to include those interested in discussions.

ALL FOUR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW ON THE RUSI BOARD

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 18th, we were introduced to the newest service representative from the Royal Canadian Air Force. He is LCol Claude Degagne from 12 Wing Shearwater.

For your information the four service representatives appointed to the RUSI Board are:

Royal Canadian Navy
Capt (N) Steve Jorgensen

Canadian Army
LCol Dale Warner

Royal Canadian Air Force
LCol Claude Degagne

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Insp Greg Laturmus

It has been some time since all four reps have been appointed to the Board and we welcome their participation in our work on defence and security issues on your behalf. Take the time to chat with them and introduce yourself at the AGM.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM COME TO LIFE

I recently received information from the Director of the New Brunswick Military History Museum now located in the newly renovated Royal Canadian Dragoons mess at CFB Gagetown. A long overdue project is now coming to fruition. Here is the information the Director, Capt Kevin Anderson gave me in a meeting we held here in Dartmouth.

“We are in the process of renovating our Museum. I am actually trying to create a 'centre of excellence' for the study of military history in NB. To that end, we have received over \$2 million in funding from the Directorate of History and Heritage at NDHQ and we have partnered with the Gregg Centre at UNB to capture the battles that occurred in NB since the 1600s and to tell the stories of New Brunswickers at war and peace. One of our signature exhibits will feature the Voodoo on standby in Chatham. We will also cover other significant Air Force related stories including the BCATP, Tracadie Air

Range, St. Margaret's and the Golden Hawks. The actual mission of the New Brunswick Military History Museum is to collect, preserve, research and exhibit artifacts which illustrate the history and heritage of the military forces in New Brunswick, and New Brunswickers at war, during peacetime, and on United Nations or North Atlantic Treaty Organization duty.

We have a couple of areas you may be interested in. The first, is the Commanders Club. The "Commanders Club" was established in August 2011 as a Patron organization for the New Brunswick Military History Museum. Membership in the "Commanders Club" is open to all current and former Commanders of the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Navy or Canadian Forces Bases, Stations or Units (including the Combat Training Centre) that are, or were, located in the Province of New Brunswick; current or former Commanding Officers of Her Majesty's Canadian Ships named after New Brunswick locations; and to any resident of New Brunswick that served as a Commanding Officer of a Base/Station or Unit,

whether in Canada or elsewhere. Membership is also open to select New Brunswick individuals in business, academics, politics or the arts by invitation of the Commander. To become a member of the "Commanders Club", a donation must be made to the New Brunswick Military History Museum. The donation, whether cash or gift-in-kind, is up to the discretion of the individual. Membership can be obtained posthumously through a donation from the family in the individual's name.

The second area is the "Friends of the New Brunswick Military History Museum". They are a historically-minded support group. Their aim is to support the preservation and recording of all military history with a connection to the province of New Brunswick. Members of the "Friends" support the Museum in various ways - from volunteering to help with restoration of vehicles or providing guide services, to conducting historical research, fund raising or promoting the Museum. New members are always welcome. The "Friends" are presently undergoing incorporation and

registration as a not-for-profit charity".

If you would like more info you can visit their website at:

www.nbmilitaryhistorymuseum.ca

The Director is Capt. Kevin Anderson. You can contact him via email at: kevin.anderson@forces.gc.ca or call (506) 422-2000 ext 2563.

