



DISPATCHES

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RUSI (NS) PROGRAM

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
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 09	1200 - 1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series – Comd LFAA
Fri, June 8th	1830 for 1900	Ashburn Golf Club	Annual mixed dining-in honouring LCdr Murray Knowles. Guests welcome.
		No planned events for July and August.	Happy Holidays
Wednesdays	1200-1330	Guest Speaker Series continue	September 19 th and October 17th.

RUSI Board Bid Farewell to our Patron

On Thursday, March 15th, the President and members of the Board of Directors hosted our departing Patron, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, her Honour Mayann E. Francis.

The luncheon was held at the CFB Stadacona Wardroom in the Admiral's dining room. Our new president, Dan Tanner thanked her Honour for her five years as Patron and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of all RUSI members. He then asked that she present the departing Board president, Tom Birchall, with his Certificate of Appreciation.

Due to the inclement weather and commitments by other departing board members, some were not in attendance and be presented their certificates at a later date.

An Update on the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

The Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Lieutenant-General André Deschamps, recently appeared before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence to update committee members on the missions, activities and future plans of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Following is the text of his formal remarks.

Our mission is to provide the Canadian Forces with relevant, responsive and effective air power to meet the defence challenges of today and into the future.

Over the past 12 months or more, the RCAF has been tested in its ability to fulfill that mission. I am pleased to report that the

men and women of the RCAF have passed the test with flying colours.

Delivering excellence in operations is my top priority.

Our recent missions in support of Canadian government priorities have circled the globe.

Most recently, Operation Mobile – our participation in the NATO-led mission to protect the people of Libya – tested our readiness as never before, as we deployed our CF-18 fighters fewer than 24 hours after the United Nations passed Resolution 1973.

The effect delivered by our CF-18s, Airbus and Hercules tankers, and our Auroras – which were deployed for the very first time in ground surveillance and targeting support – was simply outstanding.



Our success brought credit to the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Forces and to Canada on the international stage.

During this period, our Air Wing in Afghanistan was still very much active. Our ability to integrate aviation, tactical airlift, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities ensured we delivered joint air effect to Canadian and Allied commanders under extremely demanding conditions.

In that operational Petri dish, we developed new doctrine – for example, air-to-air integration – that will shape our future capabilities such as the Air Expeditionary Capability located in Bagotville, Quebec. (See the next article).

Moreover, around the same time that Op Mobile's combat mission began, we deployed CF-18s to Iceland to carry out an air policing mission under the auspices of NATO.

Last August, we deployed Griffon helicopters and crews to Jamaica to conduct search and rescue training, and to support the Jamaican Defence Force during hurricane season.

Closer to home, we responded to threats from Mother Nature. We evacuated residents of several northern communities in Ontario and in Saskatchewan who were threatened by wildfires – bringing more than 1,600 people to safety – and participated in flood relief and evacuation efforts in the Richelieu Valley and Manitoba.

At the same time, we continued to deliver on our domestic no-fail task of protecting Canadians from air threats through NORAD.

And we continued to fulfill our very demanding search and rescue mandate, responding to maritime and aeronautical incidents throughout our vast nation.

In this extremely busy and unprecedented period of activity, we delivered excellence in every area of responsibility. I am so very proud of our personnel for their professionalism and resilience in the face of adversity.

My next priority is integration of our new fleets.

There is a tangible mood of excitement in the Air Force as we continue to bring into operation a modernized fleet, one that will bring tremendous benefits to the Canadian Forces and Canadians alike.

We have already seen the tactical and strategic advantage that our new Hercules and Globemaster airlifters have brought us, and I am looking forward to receiving the last of our 17 J-model Hercules later this spring.

In the next horizon, we will begin the testing and operational evaluation of the Cyclone, a world leading maritime surveillance and control helicopter. We are actively tackling right now the ways and means to transition from the venerable Sea King to the new platform.

The new F-model Chinook medium-to heavy-lift helicopter – scheduled to arrive in Petawawa in 2013 – will enhance the level of support we can provide to the Canadian Army and increase our capacity to respond to operational imperatives both at home and abroad.

We are working actively to prepare the RCAF to receive the F-35 Lightning II, which will introduce a new generation of fighters with the latest advances in the areas of sensors, data fusion and crew survivability. The F-35 will establish and maintain the RCAF on the leading edge of many new technologies and capabilities.

At the end of the day, our ability to deliver excellence in operations and face the opportunities and challenges associated with our fleet modernization program, rest on the shoulders of our airman and airwomen. Our people are our strength.

As we look toward the future, it is clear that the RCAF will need to continue meeting a wide range of responsibilities.

We will continue to provide persistent air control of Canada's airspace and approaches.

We will ensure our continuing mobility and ability to independently respond rapidly to domestic and international events.

We will continue to be interoperable with our allies.

We will continue to be expeditionary – at home and abroad.

Our operations in the Canadian Arctic will grow in importance.

We will continue to provide one of the best search and rescue capabilities in the world.

The RCAF has proven its ability to deliver robust air power and – with our ongoing modernization – I am confident that we will continue to provide the high degree of service



that Canadians expect from us, in a fiscally responsible manner.

Editors Note: Since the Commander of the air force appeared before the committee, there have been two major setbacks – the acquisition of the new fighter aircraft and a delay in the purchase of new SAR aircraft to replace the CC-115 Buffalo (now 50 years old) and the H model CC-130 Hercules.

RCAF to form Rapidly Deployable Air Wing

As was mentioned in the Commanders overview of the RCAF, the air force plans to create an expeditionary air wing unit (AEWU) to quickly deal with domestic as well as international operations such as the NATO mission in Libya last year.

Although our deployment to Italy was successful, it was done in an *ad hoc* manner. The new unit will provide a complete, rapidly deployable base with assigned personnel and dedicated equipment to seamlessly move RCAF units overseas or within Canada for operations. Air Command is currently reviewing its deployments to determine how best to proceed.

The project, called the Air Force Expeditionary Capability is expected to cost \$353 million dollars. It is too early to break down that budget which will include equipment purchases and infrastructure. Approximately \$110M will go to purchasing new equipment ranging from portable shelters to deployable communications systems, forklifts, construction vehicles, firefighting trucks, aircraft refuelling tenders and cargo-carrying vehicles.

Deployable shelters will also be acquired for field accommodations, kitchens, storage and other needs. In addition, there is a requirement for deployable equipment needed for airfield operations, such as airfield lighting, approach aids and survey equipment. The government will approach industry for bids on the equipment in 2013. Initial operating capability is expected in December 2013 and full operating capability in 2015.

The AEWU will include command staff, force protection, explosive ordnance disposal, engineering, communications, and supply and food services. One or more tailored air detachments also will deploy with the AEWU originating from designated high readiness RCAF units across Canada. The AEWU will allow the air force to independently activate, operate, support and sustain aerospace forces either alone or teamed with Canadian or Allied land and maritime units. It is designed to allow the RCAF to do this concurrently at two deployed operating bases, including one at an austere location with minimal existing infrastructure.

The air expeditionary wing unit will be based at 3 Wing Bagotville QC and will have up to 550 personnel.

Nova Scotia Airman Inducted into the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) will induct four Canadians, at its 2012 annual gala dinner and ceremony on Thursday, June 14, 2012. The Hall's inductees are:

Nils Christensen, founder of Viking Air and Second World War pilot;

Air Marshal Harold "Gus" Edwards, a First World War pilot with the Royal Naval Air Service, he was also involved in the founding of the RCAF;

Pierre Jeannot, O.C. C.Q., former president and CEO of Air Canada and was also a former Director General of the International Air Transport Association; and

Dr. Daffyd "Dave" Williams, a pilot, medical doctor and a retired Canadian astronaut.

Air Marshal Harold "Gus" Edwards (1892-1952) was born in England and raised in Nova Scotia. He served as a pilot with the Royal Naval Air Service in the First World War and was later intimately involved with the founding of the RCAF. Gus was in charge of the monumental personnel management aspects of the British Commonwealth Air Training Program (BCATP) when it began and then fought successfully for the "Canadianization" of the RCAF's contributions to Allied efforts in the RAF as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of RCAF Overseas.

A Backgrounder on the new Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia- BGen (Ret'd) JJ Grant, CMM, CD, BComm, CMA

John James Grant was born in New Glasgow on January 17, 1936. He attended schools in New Glasgow and graduated from High School in 1953. He then attended Mount Allison University

graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, and later became a Registered Industrial Accountant (CMA).

BGen Grant joined the Pictou Highlanders in 1951 and transferred to the Mt Allison contingent COTC in 1953. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1955 and served third phase COTC with 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany. He transferred to 1st Battalion, Nova Scotia Highlanders in 1957 as a Lieutenant. He proceeded to hold all noteworthy appointments within the battalion culminating in him becoming Commanding Officer from 1970 to 1972.

BGen Grant served as Senior Staff Officer Operations and Training at Atlantic Militia Area HQ from 1972 to 1974. On promotion to Colonel in 1974, he became Deputy Commander Atlantic Militia Area and was promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Area Commander in 1980. From 1984 until his retirement from the militia in 1989, he held various senior appointments within Mobile Command (Army HQ) and National Defence HQ in Ottawa.

During his service, he was invested as an Officer in the Order of Military Merit in 1979 and as Commander in the Order in 1988. He holds the Canadian Forces Decoration with 3 clasps and has over 50 years of dedicated service to the CF.

During his career, he held many other appointments as well as being Honorary Lieutenant Colonel and Honorary Colonel of Nova Scotia highland regiments.

In addition to his military exploits, he was active in community affairs and many organizations. He formerly operated JJ Grant Ltd,

Castle Building Centre; when semi-retired, acted as comptroller of the Hector Building Supplies/Century Construction Ltd.

He served on the Board of Directors of many organizations: Defence Construction Canada; Camp Hill Medical Centre; the Infirmary; Industrial Estates NS; NS Business Capital Corporation; Pictou Regional Development Commission, Pictou County Development Fund and Castle Building Centres Group.

He was also active with other organizations such as Saint Andrews Society, Festival of the Tartans, Rotary Club, Military Museum Citadel Hill, Atlantic Building Supply Dealers Association, New Glasgow Police Commission, Nova Scotia Army Cadet League and the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. He was a governor of Commissionaires Nova Scotia from 1986 until his retirement in December 2010. He has also been a long-time member of the Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia.

BGen Grant is married to the former Joan Fraser, they reside in New Glasgow and have two sons Major Robin Grant, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Grant and daughter Kirsten Patterson.

In a few short weeks, BGen Grant will be moving into Government House on Barrington Street to become the newest Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in this Diamond Jubilee year. We wish him all the best in his new appointment.

The CF are now on Twitter

To tweet, try out:
<http://twitter.com/#!/@canadianforces>.

Next Board Meeting

The next full RUSI board meeting will take place at 1030 hrs, Wednesday, 20 June at RA Park Air Force Room.

LCdrRichard Powell, CD, speaks to the RUSI Board on the "Century of Service" .

On Wednesday, March 14th, LCdr Rick Powell spoke to the RUSI BOD and presented a concise overview to us on the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service initiative.

The "Century of Service" is a combination of the 60 years of Her Majesty's reign and the 40 years in which the Duke of Edinburgh award has existed in Nova Scotia hence the title of the program. Rather than describe a complete overview of the program in Dispatches, there is a web site and email address which have been set up for information, registration, nominations and calendar of events. These are:

jubiileeaward@gmail.com

nsjubileeaward.wordpress.com

I have added two fact sheets in the next two pages to assist you in explaining the program. The purpose of course is for your information and any interest you may have in receiving an award or indeed, attending one of the many events which will occur in this Jubilee year.

<p>WHAT is the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Century of Service HONOURARY MEDAL for VETERANS?</p>	<p><i>To recognize Her Majesty's 60-year reign and the 40th Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme in Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Division, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada, invites Canadians, including Veterans and active duty members of the Canadian Forces, to achieve a 2012 Diamond Jubilee Century of Service CHALLENGE Award. For more information, visit: nsjubileeaward.wordpress.com</i></p> <p>As part of the Century of Service initiative, Veterans of the Canadian Military and the Merchant Navy who have permanent residence in Nova Scotia during 2012, may be nominated to receive an Honourary Century of Service Medal, which has been designed to recognize their past service to Crown and Country.</p> <p>Each Veteran living in The Veterans' Memorial Building, Camp Hill, Halifax Nova Scotia, on (<u>DATE OF CEREMONY 2012</u>) will be deemed nominated, and will be awarded an Honourary Century of Service Medal.</p> <p>In addition to residents of Camp Hill, other Veterans may be nominated to receive an Honourary Century of Service Medal through completion of a Nomination Form, which must be submitted for review. Only complete forms will be considered. Each approved nominee will be awarded a Medal. Within the current scope of the Programme, there is no fee for the first 100 Medals awarded. Approved nominations in excess of 100 will be subject to an administration fee, which may be waived during the course of the Programme.</p> <p>In-memoriam Honourary Century of Service Medals will also be available, subject to the administration fee noted above. The Nomination Form must be completed, and designated as being for an In-memoriam Medal.</p>
<p>WHY is this Programme being offered?</p>	<p>"PRO SECURITATE GRATIAS HABENTES" ... "With gratitude, for our freedom" The Honourary Century of Service Medal is a way of thanking Canadian Veterans, and recognizing the sacrifices they made in service to Her Majesty, while upholding democracy and freedom globally; protecting and defending Canada and her Allies; and during peacekeeping and humanitarian missions and operations.</p>
<p>WHO can be awarded an Honourary Medal?</p>	<p>Through nomination: any Nova Scotian Veteran of the Canadian Military or Merchant Navy, who is living on the day of his/her nomination. Through an in-memoriam award: any Veteran who served in the Canadian Military or Merchant Navy, who is deceased on the day the nomination is made.</p>
<p>WHEN are Nominations being received?</p>	<p>21 April 2012 (Her Majesty's birthday) - 10 June 2012 (HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's birthday).</p>
<p>WHERE will Medals be presented?</p>	<p>A Presentation Ceremony will be held in Halifax, NS, on ???? 2012.</p>
<p>HOW do I get more Information / a Nomination Form?</p>	<p>Visit our website: nsjubileeaward.wordpress.com or email us at: jubileeaward@gmail.com</p>

<p>WHAT do I need to do to earn a Century Of Service Challenge Award?</p>	<p>There are four Century Award levels: Bronze; Silver; Gold, and Diamond. To earn a Bronze Century Award, you must: (i) spend 60 hours completing a project exploring Royal history; OR Nova Scotia's heritage and culture; AND/OR learning a new skill, AND (ii) contribute a <u>minimum</u> of 40 hours of Service to your community. <i>The number of hours contributed to community service determines which Award level is achieved (see the web site for full details).</i></p> <p>ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE COUNTED FOR A CENTURY AWARD MUST BE DONE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. (No activity you are paid for, or receive any type of remuneration for, will count.) All activities to count towards the Challenge must be recorded in a Challenge Log. On completion of your hours, sign the Log and submit it review. Logs will be reviewed in order of receipt. There will be a presentation ceremony of Certificates of Achievement, and Award Pins, for successful participants, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 28 February, 2013. The first 400 persons whose reviewed Challenge Logs indicate that all Century Challenge requirements have been met, will also be eligible to receive a Commemorative Medal. These will be awarded, in order, by date of receipt of the completed Challenge Log.</p>
<p>WHY get involved?</p>	<p>The Century Award is a unique way of honouring Her Majesty, for her 60 years of Service since her accession to the Throne in 1952, as well as the 40th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Award Programme in Nova Scotia.</p>
<p>WHO can participate?</p>	<p>Any Canadian, who will be at least 12 years old by 12 December, 2012.</p>
<p>WHEN is the Programme taking place?</p>	<p>Activities to be counted towards achieving a Century Award must be completed between 01 January and 12 December 2012.</p>
<p>WHERE will the Programme run?</p>	<p>The Programme is based in Nova Scotia, but any Canadian is eligible to participate, regardless of geographic location.</p>
<p>HOW do I get more information and register?</p>	<p>Visit our website: nsjubileeaward@wordpress.com or email us at: jubileeaward@gmail.com</p>

Your input to Board of Directors Agenda Items and Security Affairs Committee

If there are any areas of interest or ideas you may have on what RUSI NS becomes involved in, please send us your ideas. You may send agenda items to the secretary at: murray.lee@ns.sympatico.ca, or call me at 223-8992.

We also want your Institute to remain active and relevant with respect to security and defence issues. Of particular interest are the topics of discussion and papers being written on your behalf by the Security Affairs Committee. Call or write to the Chairman, Cdr Colin Darlington at: cahd@hfx.eastlink.ca, or call 201-8128.

Ashburn Dinner has been booked for Friday, June 8th.

In our next edition of Dispatches, we will provide you with the details on the annual mixed dining-in to be held once again at the Ashburn Golf and Country Club. This year we will honour LCdr Murray Knowles as our elder serving veteran of RUSI. Mark your calendar.

