



DISPATCHES

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RUSI (NS) PROGRAM

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Wed Sep 19	1200-1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series, Cols John Cody and John Orr will speak on Maritime Aviation
Wed Oct 17	1200 - 1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series continues
Wed Nov 8 th	1830 for 1900	TBA (See page 6 article)	Annual Remembrance Day mess dinner
Wed Dec 19 th	1200--1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Annual Christmas lunch and guest speaker

ASHBURN DINING-IN A TOTAL SUCCESS

On Thursday, June 22nd, our annual dining-in was held once again at the Ashburn Golf and Country Club. We had an excellent turnout with some 45 members and guests in attendance. The highlight of the evening was having our Institute pay tribute to one of our longest serving members, Cdr Murray Knowles. Our Vice President, John Harrison introduced Cdr Len Canfield who eloquently spoke on Murray's wartime and post war career. Murray then responded by stating his version of the story and thanked RUSI for a wonderful evening.

This is the second year in a row we have held this type of function and it appears to be a successful way in which to end our year's events (the RUSI year is from September through June). We will plan on doing the same type of event in 2013 and once again selecting a deserving member of RUSI to be our guest of honour.

Your executive wishes to thank Len Canfield, Mike Kelly, Wayne Shellnutt and Murray Lee for the planning and work they put into making this event the success it was.

Shown on the next page is a photograph of two long serving RUSI members, Kevin Power (past president), Ted Smith and of course, our President Dan Tanner with Murray Knowles on his left with the RCN ensign in the background.





(RUSI Photo by Bill Card)

FALL PROGRAM COMMENCES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

At noon on Sept 19th, the first of our Distinguished Speaker series recommences with a presentation to us by Colonel John Orr and Colonel John Cody. They will be speaking to us on Maritime Aviation (Rotary Wing) issues and give us a glimpse of what to expect in the future.

Colonel (Retired) John Orr, CD

John Orr joined the Royal Canadian Navy in September 1963 and is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces Staff College. Selected for aircrew training, he completed five operational tours on the Sea King helicopter culminating in the command of 423 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron.

Colonel Orr has served overseas as Canadian Forces Attaché, Cairo and as Secretary to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Allied Forces Central Europe.

After completing appointments as the Deputy Commander Maritime Air Group and the Maritime Air Component Commander (Atlantic), Colonel Orr returned to the Middle East as the Chief of Liaison with the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai.

Upon completion of that tour, he retired from the Canadian Armed Forces and is currently a Research Fellow with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Colonel (Retired) John M. Cody, CD

John Cody joined the RCN in Toronto in 1963. After basic training at HMCS Venture in Victoria BC he underwent Pilot Training at Centralia Ontario, Rivers and Portage La Prairie Manitoba before heading to HMCS Shearwater for helicopter conversion.

He spent four operational and one training tours flying the Sea King from HMCS Bonaventure, just about every DDH in the water and at HU 21 in Shearwater. From 1977-1979 he served as the Air Officer in the First Canadian Destroyer Squadron. After Staff College he was sent on exchange with the USN in Washington DC for three years on the LAMPS Mk 3 program and from 1987-1989 he commanded 423 MH Squadron at Shearwater. From 1993-1995 he was the Base Commander at CFB Shearwater and Commander 12 Wing.

He served two tours at NDHQ, including one as the Project Director in the Directorate of Maritime Aircraft for the ill-fated Sea King Replacement project from 1985-1987. He was SSO Rotary Wing at Maritime Air Group Headquarters in Halifax in 1990 and Chief of Staff Operations at Maritime Forces Pacific HQ in Victoria BC from 1991-1993.

After his retirement in 1995, Mr. Cody stayed very active in the community:

- He was Executive Director of the Nova Scotia International Air Show in 1997;
- He was the Airport Manager at the Shearwater Airport from 1999-2002;
- During this period he co-authored the Helicopter Basing Study which was commissioned by the Chief of the Air Staff. It was this study which led to the decision to re-vamp 12 Wing Shearwater and base the new helicopters there and at Patricia Bay, B.C. rather than at Greenwood and Comox; and,
- He was the volunteer Chair of the Shearwater Action Committee for 2 years from 2001-2002 before going to work for General Dynamics Canada.

John is the General Manager of GDC's new Maritime In-Service Support Centre of Excellence in Cole Harbour. In his spare time John is the Band Manager and Drum Major for the award winning 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel) Grades One and Three Pipe Bands. He serves on the board of the Halifax Citadel Regimental Association and he has also assumed responsibility for steering the Sea King Stand Down activities.

IN MEMORIAM

The Hon. James Kinley, ONS.

Born in Lunenburg NS on September 23, 1925, LCdr, the Hon. JJ Kinley was educated at Dalhousie University and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology. John James Kinley served in World War II primarily as a Royal Canadian Naval volunteer in 1943, and secondly in the Canadian Merchant Marine and

Canadian Navy. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 1959. He was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia in 1994 and served until 2000. A long time honorary member of RUSI NS, he passed away on May 1, 2012.

V Adm Fred Crickard, OMM,CD, RCN.

Vice Admiral Fred Crickard, passed away on Saturday, July 21 at the age of 81. A long time member of RUSI, he was a strong supporter of defence and security matters. VAdm Crickard joined the military attending Royal Roads Military College in 1948 and joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1950. He retired from the navy in 1985 as Deputy Commander Maritime Command. In 1988 until his retirement in 1996, he was a research associate at the Centre of Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University.

NEW MILITARY OUTPOSTS KEY TO OVERSEAS MISSIONS

OTTAWA — For the past two years, Canada has been quietly working to establish small military outposts in places such as the Caribbean, East Africa, Europe and Southeast Asia. Now newly released Department of Defence documents show these operational support hubs are centered on a plan to deploy the military on more overseas missions — including combat and projecting Canadian power — than under previous governments. The revelation touches on a debate about the future role of the military that has been quietly raging in the aftermath of major combat operations in Afghanistan and Libya, and amid major belt-tightening across the federal government.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk authorized the establishment of the operational support hubs in up to seven locations around the world on May 13, 2010. A directive signed by Natynczyk and obtained by Postmedia News says the initiative was launched to improve the Canadian Forces' "ability to project combat power/security assistance and Canadian influence rapidly and flexibly anywhere in the world." It adds that the ability to deploy and sustain combat forces is not only contingent on strong logistical networks, but is also "an essential instrument of national power and should continue to be exploited to attain national objectives." The directive traces the operational support hub initiative directly back to 2007, when the Harper government acquired four C-17 Globemaster military transport planes. "The decision to acquire four C-17s (CC177) for strategic airlift indicates the government's intention to utilize the CF more extensively off continent. This directive is based on the assumption that in the future, Canada will continue to deploy and employ forces internationally in support of national interests".

To date, agreements to establish operational support hubs have been signed with Jamaica and Germany. Each will see a small team of Canadian military personnel stationed permanently within a major, strategically located city served by an international airport and seaport facilities. When needed, the outpost will ramp up and act as a staging area and resupply hub for Canadian missions in the surrounding region. "These 'turn-key' arrangements will allow the CF to rapidly make the strategic move into the most dangerous regions of the world and then project tactically forward into an operational area," reads an undated briefing note. The defence department has aimed to reach similar agreements with five other countries located near potential hotspots in Asia and Africa. "While natural disasters and other factors also enter into the equation, the likelihood of failed or failing states was a key driver," reads a slide presentation presented to senior military commanders a few weeks before the directive was signed. Most of the Canadian Forces' recent major missions — including Afghanistan, Libya and after Haiti's devastating earthquake in January 2010 — have been to countries that would be considered failed or failing.

Adam Chapnick, of the Canadian Forces College, said Canada's military history revolves around tackling conflicts, crises and other events overseas to ensure they do not reach our shores. Given the inevitability of future deployments abroad and the unpredictability of where they will be, he added, it makes sense to have existing arrangements in place around the world. But the combat mission in Afghanistan, major cuts to the federal budget and an enduring desire among many Canadians for a return to peacekeeping has raised questions about the extent to which the military should be operating overseas.

University of Ottawa defence expert Philippe Lagasse agreed the government and military should be planning ahead, but it doesn't necessarily make sense for the Canadian Forces to be more expeditionary given domestic concerns such as the Arctic. "One could say that the CF should pay greater attention to Canada and North America," he said, "considering that these are ostensibly their primary missions."

Some have seen the argument over whether to purchase F-35 stealth fighters as an aspect of that debate. "Arguments about alternatives to the F-35 have unconsciously or not sought to limit Canadian airpower capabilities as a means to limit Canadian options, and thus Canada's ability to participate in military operations overseas," University of Manitoba defence expert James Fergusson wrote last year.

FIRST CH-147F FOR THE RCAF MAKES ITS FIRST FLIGHT ON JUNE 24TH.

"Boeing and the Canadian Department of National Defence are focused on delivering the next generation of advanced vertical-lift aircraft to meet the needs of the Canadian military today and well into the future," said Leanne Caret, Boeing Vertical Lift vice president and H-47 Programs manager.

The inaugural flight lasted more than 80 minutes and confirmed the initial airworthiness of the aircraft, including its new electrical system and advanced Common Avionics Architecture System cockpit, which reduces pilot workload. After the Chinook's third flight on June 25, Boeing also completed the Limited Acceptance Test Procedure to validate aircraft performance and systems. The aircraft will continue to progress through ground and flight test activities in the coming months and soon will be joined by the second CH-147F, which is scheduled to roll off the production line later this month.

The Canadian H-47 Chinook, designated CH-147F by the Canadian Forces, provides advanced features that include a newly designed, modernized airframe with a long-range fuel system, upgraded electrical system, and enhanced fully integrated Common Avionics Architecture System cockpit and Digital Automatic Flight Control System. The aircraft also has improved survivability features, including a Directional Infrared Countermeasures system, internal ballistic protection, and crashworthy, armored pilot and co-pilot seats.

The Canadian government awarded Boeing a contract for 15 Medium-to-Heavy-Lift Helicopters and in-service support in June 2009. Aircraft deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2013.

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NEW BASE COMMANDER FOR CFB HALIFAX

On Thursday August 9th, CFB Halifax saw a change of command ceremony when Captain (Navy) Brian Santarpia relinquished command to incoming Captain (Navy) Angus Topshee.

Captain(Navy) Angus Topshee was born in Nepean, Ontario and joined the Canadian Forces in 1990. His first four years were spent at the Royal Military College, (RMC) and included a six month exchange at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Upon graduation from RMC in 1994, he was awarded the Canada Memorial Scholarship and, in 1996, earned a Masters of Literature in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

After six years of schooling and a short posting to the Directorate of Maritime Force Development at National Defence Headquarters, (NDHQ) Capt(N) Topshee started formal Maritime surface and sub surface training in 1996 and joined his first ship, HMCS Winnipeg in 1997. He spent most of the next nine years largely at sea and completed a succession of tours and operational deployments as a Navigating Officer, Operations Officer and Combat Officer on the West Coast.

In 2005, he was selected to attend the "NSC 10" course at the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. The following year he was appointed as the Executive Officer, (XO) of HMCS St. John's and then HMCS Toronto in July 2007. After two exciting years at sea as an XO, Capt(N) Topshee was posted to the Directorate of Maritime Strategy at NDHQ where he assisted in developing a new strategy for the Royal Canadian Navy.

In July 2009, he was delighted to be given "the best job in the Navy" – command of HMCS Algonquin, the flagship of Canada's Pacific Fleet. His time aboard Algonquin included high readiness workups, Op PODIUM (security for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics), and Op PACIFIC AMISTAD (a five month deployment in the central and western Pacific). He turned over command at the end of 2010 and was transferred to Afghanistan as part of the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan where he spent a year based in Kabul as the Director of Afghan National Police Training Operations. Capt(N) Topshee recently completed being assigned to Canadian Fleet Pacific Staff.

We plan to invite the new BComd to visit us at RUSI in the near future.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDALS

It has just been announced that our immediate past president, Lieutenant (Ret'd) Tom Birchall, CD will receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from MP Peter Stoffer on September 13th. Another long-time RUSI member, LCdr Sherry Richardson has also received the award through NSNOA. Congratulations to both of you.

THE FUTURE OF RA PARK OFFICERS' MESS

By now, most of you will have realized that RA Park no longer offers us food services and indeed, the future of the facility is one of concern to us who consider RA Park mess the "RUSI home".

You will notice in our schedule of activities for the fall that our November Mess Dinner is location TBA. This is the reason. More to follow in the next edition as our Board of Directors discuss this important issue.

SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER

We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you participate in our activities commencing on September 19th. See you there.

