



DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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RUSI (NS) PROGRAM

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Wed Oct 17	1200 - 1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series continues. Guest speaker is the Nova Scotia Ombudsman, Dwight Bishop
Wed Nov 7 th	1830 for 1900	CFB Stadacona Wardroom	Annual Remembrance Day mess dinner
Wed Nov 21st	1200 - 1400	RA Park Air Force Room	Distinguished Speaker Series. Major Tom Haney will speak on overseas security assignments

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY MESS DINNER PLANNED FOR 7 NOVEMBER AT CFB STADACONA WARDROOM

Since our last edition, we have now confirmed that the annual RUSI Remembrance Day mess dinner will take place at the CFB Stadacona Wardroom.

Reservations are required and this will be a **members only** event. Dress for the dinner will be formal (Mess Kit or Tuxedo – female equivalent) with miniature medals. The cost per person will be approximately \$40 per person, and reservations are to be sent to the secretary via email (murray.lee@ns.sympatico.ca) or by calling 462-7169. Once we select the menu and make the final arrangements with the Event Coordinator, we will send out the necessary details and final cost to you via separate email. This year, your money will be collected at the foyer table upon entry into the mess. You are requested to arrive prior to 1830 hrs, then proceed to gather at the bar.

The theme this year will focus on the *Queen's Diamond Jubilee*. Please also note that RUSI Nova Scotia will be laying a wreath at the RA Park cenotaph on Remembrance day, Sunday November 11th, 2012.



RUSI (NS) NEWEST MEMBERS

At the last Board meeting held on 19 September, your Board of Directors approved the membership of the following new members of the Institute:

LCol (Ret'd) Don Leblanc - Amherst – Sponsored by John Harrison

Capt (Ret'd) Scott Pushie – Halifax - Sponsored by Barry Taylor

Maj (Ret'd) Carl Arsenault – Halifax - Sponsored by John Harrison

Maj Gary Melville – Dartmouth - Sponsored by John Harrison

LCdr Don Campbell – Halifax - Sponsored by John Harrison

Mr. Jonathan Blanchard – Halifax – Sponsored by John Harrison

Capt (Ret'd) Robert Crossman – Dartmouth - Sponsored by John Harrison

Welcome aboard! We hope to see you at our events and participate in our functions. Additionally, we urge all members to “scout out” new members! We also ask that members pass this information to the Vice President who is **the OPI for recruiting**. His info is:

Home: 902 434-9477 (wife Doris)

Farm : 902 254-3500 (Closed from mid-Nov to 1 May)

Email: johnharrison@ns.sympatico.ca

Governor General Unveils RCMP Aboriginal Policing Ensign

Ottawa ON – July 3, 2012. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson was joined by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, for the unveiling of the RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services Ensign and badge. The event was part of the RCMP famous Sunday Ceremonies that took place at the Canadian Police College. The ensign incorporated symbol representing the three Aboriginal cultures the RCMP serves – eagle feather for the First Nations, Inuksuk for the Inuit and the Assumption sash for the Metis. The maple leaf symbolizes the national mandate for RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services. “Building and maintaining strong relationships with the Aboriginal people of Canada is fundamental to our success,” said RCMP Commissioner Paulson. “The Ensign reflects our pride in the work we do with Canada’s Aboriginal communities, and our ongoing commitment to build on this valued relationship”.

After the Governor General unveiled the Ensign, Elder Albert Dumont welcomed all in attendance to the Algonquin territory and expressed his honour at being invited to participate in the event. He then performed a traditional smudging ceremony on the Ensign.

The RCMP provincial and territorial Aboriginal Policing Services units will proudly display the new Ensign where appropriate.

Shown here is the new Aboriginal Ensign.



RCMP National Memorial Service

REGINA, September 9, 2012 – In the year that saw hundreds of RCMP employees across Canada presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of their significant service to their fellow citizens, RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, today held its National Memorial Service honouring members, special constables and auxiliary constables who gave the ultimate service to Canadians – those who lost their lives in line of duty.

Two names were inscribed on the Cenotaph, the Honour Roll and the Memorial Wall Plaques this year, bringing the total number of fallen members to 230 since the creation of the North-West Mounted Police in 1873.

RCMP Debuts New Tactical Armored Vehicles



The RCMP has received delivery of a fleet of new Tactical Armored Vehicles (TAVs) which will enhance the safety of officers involved in critical incidents.

The 18 TAVs will be used by Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) across Canada as their primary support vehicle when responding to calls. They are adaptable and designed to maximize safety for a wide range of incidents that the ERTs face, including hostage takings, armed standoffs, barricaded persons and search and rescue operations.

The arrival of these one-of-a-kind vehicles marks the culmination of years of extensive research and development, all with the goal of giving RCMP members the vehicle best suited for their wide-ranging requirements. They were designed and built by Navistar Defence Canada Inc.

"We're proud to have acquired this impressive tool," says Commissioner Bob Paulson. "It will help keep our members safe, and increase their ability to intervene when communities face dangerous circumstances."

The TAVs can be used in all kinds of terrain and climates from coast to coast. They provide a 360 degree observation tower, advanced ballistic and explosive protection, and have impressive off-road capability.

"We could not use just any vehicle; we needed a very specifically designed, multi-use armored vehicle tailored to the unique needs of a national police force in Canada," says Paulson.

U.S. urged to build missile interceptor site two hours from Ottawa

OTTAWA — The United States is being urged to establish a major missile interceptor site two hours from Ottawa in upstate New York or in Maine to defend itself and Canada against potential future strikes from Iran.

The proposed site, "would protect the eastern United States and Canada, particularly against Iranian ICBM threats should they emerge," says a blue-chip panel report delivered to Congress this week. The U.S. has 30 long-range, ground-based interceptor missiles deployed at Fort Greely in Alaska and Vandenberg Air Force Base in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to repel a limited nuclear or conventional missile strikes from North Korea. Smaller ship-based systems are aboard the U.S. Navy's Pacific and Atlantic fleets. Now, future concerns about Iran are shifting continental defence concerns eastward.

"A third (ground) site would be added in the northeastern United States, e.g. Fort Drum, New York, or in northern Maine, to protect the eastern United States and Canada against any potential threats that are limited in nature," says the report by an influential National Research Council panel. It pinpoints Rome, N.Y., near Syracuse, and Caribou, in northern Maine, near the New Brunswick border, as the other potential sites.

The panel's recommendation follows passage of a defence authorization bill by the House of Representatives in May that included a Republican-sponsored measure to provide \$100 million for the Defence Department to examine three eastern locations that could become a third interceptor site by then end of 2015. Projected defence spending already allocates almost \$26 million to Fort Drum, near Watertown

and the eastern end of Lake Ontario, for a new missile defence data terminal, the first of its kind in the eastern U.S. and similar to the ones at the two western interceptor bases.

The 16-member panel was tasked by congress in 2009 with assessing the “Star Wars” concept of shooting down enemy ballistic missiles immediately following launch while the rocket engine is still firing as part of its “boost phase” in the first minutes of flight. Their study did not look at missile defences against major nuclear powers such as China or Russia. The panel of scientific and academic experts, some with defence-industry and military backgrounds, rejected the boost-phase strategy as not “practical or feasible” or affordable.

“The main challenge associated with boost-phase intercept is the short time associated with powered (rocket) flight, typically between 60 and 300 seconds depending on the missile’s range and propellant type,” the expert committee wrote.

It said air or ground-based boost-phase interceptors cannot be located close enough to potential threats to be effective, and that space-based systems — like the Star Wars system first proposed by former U.S. president Ronald Reagan in 1983 — would require hundreds of satellites and cost as much as \$500 billion over 20 years.

“For too long, the U.S. has been committed to expensive missile defence strategies without sufficient consideration of the costs and real utility,” said L. David Montague, committee co-chair and retired president of the missile system division at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space

Instead, the panel said the U.S. should overhaul the existing \$33-billion ground-based, interceptor system, develop smaller, faster ground-based anti-ballistic missiles and concentrate on intercepting enemy missiles in midcourse, when the booster engines burn out and they are coasting in space toward their targets. The strategy offers more “battle space” and more opportunities to destroy the missiles while they are outside earth’s atmosphere. Resulting debris would burn up on re-entry.

Combined with new eastern interceptors, upgraded west coast interceptors and improved continental radars, the report concludes that a ground-based, midcourse defence could protect, “virtually the entire United States and Canada against the sort of threat that can prudently be expected to emerge from North Korea or Iran over the coming decade or so.”

Critics of midcourse interceptors argue decoy warheads and other countermeasures could confuse and overwhelm the defenders. Global Security Newswire reports opponents also believe the long-range ballistic missile threat of Iran and North Korea, the principal focus of the midcourse system, remains in question. North Korea’s last four long-range missile launches have been judged unsuccessful and Iran is not known to have developed a ballistic missile with a range in excess of about 1,300 kilometres.

New commanders of the Royal Canadian Air Force

Defence Minister Peter McKay has announced the senior appointments for the Royal Canadian Air Force, including the selection of Major-General (soon to be promoted to lieutenant-general) **Yvan Blondin** as the new commander of the RCAF.

He will assume command of the RCAF, succeeding **LGen André Deschamps** who will retire, at a change of command ceremony later this fall. Among the other senior appointments.....

- **LGen Alain Parent** is the new deputy commander of NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He replaces **LGen Tom Lawson** who will be promoted to general and become Canada's new Chief of the Defence Staff, replacing **General Walt Natynczyk**, who will be retiring.
Winnipeg replacing BGen Pierre St-Amand.
- **Brigadier-General Mike Hood** will be promoted to major-general and will become the new deputy commander of the RCAF at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.
- **MGen Pierre St-Amand** will be the new commander of 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg, Man.
- **BGen Bruce Ploughman** will be appointed deputy commander of 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in