



DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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RUSI NS Program for June, September & October

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Tues 21 June	1830 for 1900	Ashburn Golf Club	Mixed Dining-In honoring BGen Amy
Wed 21 Sept	1200 - 1300	RA Park Air Force Room	<i>Distinguished Speaker Series</i> – Journalist-Author Jay Underwood discusses on his book – “Built for War – Canada’s Inter-Colonial Railway”
Wed 19 Oct	1200 - 1200	RA Park Air Force Room	<i>Distinguished Speaker Series</i> – Army 2013 – the Army of the Future – BGen SJ Bowes, MSC, MSM, CD – Comd LFAA
TBA - November	1830 -1900	RA Park Dining Room	Annual Remembrance Day Mess Dinner

2011 Dues Reminder

If you are one of those who have still not sent in your 2011 dues, please send a cheque payable to: RUSI Nova Scotia in the sum of \$35 to: Maj. Wayne Shellnutt, Treasurer, Royal United Services Institute, Suite #151, PO Box 99000, Stn Forces, Halifax NS B3K 5X5.

Ashburn Dinner – Reservations

Mike Kelly will be contacting you and requesting pre-payment for your dinner reservation at a cost of \$40 per person. Once you have made your reservation, please mail a cheque to him at:

**206 Viewmount Allen Heights
Head of St. Margarets Bay NS
B3Z 2G2.**

The Menu.....

This will be a buffet (all you can eat) style dinner in the ballroom. Your choice of salads are: Garden Salad with 2 dressings, Caesar Salad
Tomato salad with mozzarella, basil and aged balsamic vinaigrette.

The Menu continued.....

The main courses are roast turkey with all the trimmings and carved Baron of Beef accompanied by mashed potatoes and a medley of vegetables.

For desserts we feature fresh baked apple crisp, strawberry and lemon curd shortcake and chocolate cheesecake with preserved cherries.

Coffee and tea will be served.

As far as dress is concerned, hopefully it will be a lovely summer evening so we have decided upon “smart casual”, eg ties are not required.

So there you have the details, now your part is to get your reservations into Mike and join us for an exceptional evening.

Oh, as a final point, you are most welcome to bring guests to this event. This will be a chance to let them know who is in RUSI and what we do as an organization.....

First Troop of Aboriginal Community Constables graduate from the RCMP “Depot”

On April 12, 2011, the first troop of Aboriginal Community Constables from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) graduated at a ceremony at the RCMP Academy “Depot” in Regina Saskatchewan.

An Aboriginal Community Constable (ACC) is an armed, uniformed peace officer with the rank of Special Constable. Their primary focus is to engage their communities in active crime prevention / reduction and to build positive relationships between their communities and the RCMP. ACCs will enhance, not replace the work of general duty RCMP constables; they will have the capacity to provide tactical, enforcement and investigational support to other RCMP officers when required.

“Among other qualities, these cadets will bring to our organization linguistic, cultural and community skills and knowledge that go beyond those taught at Depot” says RCMP Commissioner William Elliott.



“Aboriginal communities identified a need for an alternate service delivery and we believe that the ACC pilot program will help answer that need”.

The ACC pilot program is part of the RCMP’s ongoing commitment to the Aboriginal Strategic Priority. Following graduation, the new constables returned to their communities in Alberta, Manitoba, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories to begin their new assignments.

Nova Scotia History- Robert Logan.

Robert Logan, pioneer Nova Scotian airman died at 103 years of age. As part of Mike Kelly’s historical series, this is the first featuring prominent Bluenosers for your reading interest.

Robert Archibald Logan of Rice Lake Road, Duluth Minnesota, died on Sept 26th, 1995 in the Chris Jansen nursing home.

Born at Middle Musquodoboit, he was a photographer, surveyor, author writer, linguist and pilot. He was a veteran of the First and Second World Wars. He was a prisoner of war from 1917-1919 in Germany, was commissioned in the Royal Flying Corps by the Duke of Connaught, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1940-1942 and was the recipient of the first Air Navigator certificate in Canada and the British Empire.

Between the wars, he was on an arctic expedition in 1922 and worked for Fairchild mapmaking of New York from 1923-1925. He married Daisy Barrett on Nov 2, 1925 in Reading PA. He lived in South Africa from 1927-1929, explored the North Atlantic with Charles Lindbergh then worked for Pan American Airways from 1930-1938 in Brazil and Argentina.

Later he developed a gold mining operation in Nova Scotia and was manager of the airport then on Chebucto Road. He became a citizen of the United States in 1937, worked for the Irish Government Airlines in 1938. He retired from the US military as a Lieutenant-Colonel in 1944 and lived in Upper Lakelands, Cumberland

County from 1948-1962. He then moved to Duluth Minnesota.

He was a member of many organizations including the Explorers Club of New York, Canadian Institute of Surveying, Retired Officers Association of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Boston and the Epigraph Society. He was an honorary member of the Nova Scotia provincial land surveyors. Additionally, he wrote and published a dictionary for the Cree Indians.

He surviving family include: Robert Power Logan of BC; June Tyler of Palm Springs California, and Eva Logan MacDonald here in Nova Scotia.

If you are interested in reading more articles on prominent Nova Scotians, let us know and we will attempt to put items in Dispatches from time to time.

Colonel Bill MacDonald retires from RUSI Board

On May 18th, we received notification from Colonel Bill MacDonald of his resignation from the RUSI NS Board of Directors. To quote Bill, “resent personal events and a drawdown on my time availability has forced me to make some changes. As such, I am tendering my resignation from the Board of Directors effective this date”.

The good news is that Bill will continue as an active participant on our Veterans Affairs Committee.

We thank you for your services to the Board and wish you well in your future endeavors.

The Solicitor-General and Minister of Justice speaks to RUSI at our last Loonie Luncheon before summer

On Wednesday, May 18th, the Hon. Ross Landry was introduced by our Vice President Dan Tanner. The Minister spoke to the audience on his vision of a commitment to law enforcement by both government and our citizens. In his talk to us, he

postulated some future concepts on security and the economics of policing in this province.

He stated that costs continue to increase and we are at a critical juncture – can the current system continue on without reform? Due to the many fiscal constraints and challenges, without change there will be no future by maintaining the status quo. He acknowledged that crime rates above the national average are decreasing and that private security firms are growing.

Nova Scotia has introduced new legislation on regulating the security industry to address adequate training and the enhancement of public safety. A new tenet that security services must face is that criminals are turning more and more to advanced technology and social networking to carry out their activities. The Minister feels that because of these changes, a new model for policing is required and he suggested a collaborative model based on the idea that police, academics and the public are all competing in a shrinking monetary market for such activities.

He urged the membership to think about the issues he raised and that members provide any suggestions on this topic they may have to his office to assist in him in his task of developing new concepts while operating in a shrinking budget.

The audience included a number of the Navy JAG staff in addition to our own members. At the conclusion of the Q & A session, the Minister was thanked by the secretary and presented with the RUSI tie as a token of our appreciation

The next Loonie lunch is scheduled for September 21st.

WANTED: Board Members for 2012 and beyond

As most of you know, we are always on the lookout for interested and dedicated RUSI members to fill positions on our board. The most critical position which will be coming open next year is that of **Vice**

President. As VP, you will assist the president and chair the program committee to ensure we have an active and interesting program for our membership.

Next year, beginning in January, we plan to revamp our meetings to include more high visibility guest speakers with the aim of getting more people to attend our functions and hopefully gain more members

If you are interested in joining the Board or indeed becoming our next VP, please pass your information to Dan Tanner. Dan can be contacted by email at: dan.tanner@ns.sympatico.ca or by calling him at 835-1092.

We are only as good as the people we showcase!

Information Update

From time to time, I have either mail or email returned to me due to the fact that the address(s) have changed. It is important to us that our data base is kept up to date. If there have been any changes in your status, please contact the secretary at 462-7169 or our Chief Information Officer, Richard McNair at 443-3971.

While we are on this subject, if you see any errors or omissions on our web site or indeed would like anything added which you feel should be on it, contact Richard who is also our outstanding WebMaster.

Forget the web address? Try www.rusi.ca

New RCMP Mission: CONGO

The RCMP's International Peace Operations Branch recently added another country to its list of missions with the deployment of five police officers to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (known by its French acronym, MONUSCO).

Among the contingent members is Supt. Mike Aubry, who assumed the position of second in command of

police operations (Deputy Commissioner, Operations) for MONUSCO, actually the UN's largest mission with 1200 police officers from 23 countries.

RCMP members deploy for one year and are unarmed while in mission. The language of the mission is primarily French.

United Nations Police (UNPOL) in the mission work to build the capacity of the Congolese National Police (CNP) in a myriad of areas through monitoring, mentoring and training. They also assist with CNP reform and restructuring, recruiting, selection and training, improving CNP's operational capacity, advising on border security, elections, gender issues, and coordinating international aid for the CNP.

Dwindling Membership..... Have you any ideas?

As you know, our numbers continue to fall every year. This year at the AGM, we introduced changes to our Constitution to allow for larger eligibility to include corporate memberships, regular force and reserve units to name two. We will be working on this important project in the coming months **but** you too can assist. Know of anyone who would like to join RUSI? Do we need a new mission and vision statement?

Let us know your views on this important issue!

The 2011 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo – July 1 thru 8

Looking for something to do in July? Why not attend the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo?

The 2011 edition has more acts and more countries participating yet taking less time than in previous years. The program will be tighter than in

previous years, shortened to a running time of 2 hours and 15 minutes.

This year's theme will be a Salute to Heros. The theme will acknowledge the Canadian Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, firefighters and police services who risk their lives in the service of all Canadians. The focus of the CF display will be the upcoming change in the Afghanistan mission.

The Tattoo will have a fresh new look with participants from Canada, Australia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

For more information on detail including ticket sales, go to: www.nstattoo.ca

Last Edition before the Fall

This is the last edition of Dispatches you will receive before our re-convening in the fall. We plan to have a new Dispatches for you early in September. Look for the biographies of both Jay Underwood and BGen Bowes, our two distinguished speakers for September and October. Confused about Distinguished Speaker Series – this is a new sophisticated name for the former Loonie Lunches.

We will also publish details on the Annual Remembrance Dinner as well as the program for December.

Have a safe and happy summer and see you in the fall!

