



DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Remainder of the RUSI NS 2011 Program

Day, Date	Time	Location	Remarks
Wed 19 Oct	1200-1300	RA Park Sun Room	<i>Distinguished Speaker Series</i> – Capt (N) Doug Young, CD – will speak to us on Search and Rescue (SAR) operations on the east coast of Canada
Wed 02 Nov	1830-1900	RA Park Dining Room	Annual Remembrance Day Mess Dinner
Date TBD See web site for details	1200-1400	RA Park Lower Bar Area	Christmas good cheer get together

CAPTAIN (N) DOUG YOUNG, CD N3 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF – PLANS AND OPERATIONS.

Our *next guest speaker* in our distinguished speaker series will be Capt Doug Young. He will be speaking to us on Search and Rescue (SAR) operations on Canada's east coast.

He joined the navy in 1983 under the Regular Officer Training Plan and graduated from Carleton University in 1987 with a BSc in Integrated Science Studies.

During his naval officer training, he sailed in HMC Ships Qu'Appelle, Miramichi, Cowichan and MacKenzie. On completion of his training in 1988, he moved to Halifax to join HMCS Athabaskan as a Bridge Watchkeeper. He completed the Above Water Warfare (AWW) Director course in July 1990 and was

appointed as the AWW officer in HMCS Ottawa.

From 1992 to 1994, Capt (N) Young was the AWW/Electronic Sensor Training Officer at the CF Naval Operations School. HE completed the Operations Room Officer and Anti-Air Warfare Controller courses in 1995 and was appointed to HMCS Algonquin as Combat Officer.

In 1997, he was posted to Director Maritime Policy and Project Development in NDHQ as the AWW staff officer. After two years as a staff officer, he attended the CF Command and Staff course in Toronto, graduating in July 2000.

Upon return to the west coast in summer 2000, he joined the staff of Sea Training Pacific as Operations Officer. In 2001, he assumed command of HMCS Brandon for a three-month tour prior to assuming the duties of Executive Officer

of HMCS Algonquin. His tour in HMCS Algonquin included a deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Apollo. Capt (N) Young was appointed Commanding Officer of the Operations Support Centre Pacific (Athena) in July 2003. In June 2004, he was appointed Commanding Officer of HMCS Ottawa. Following this command, he was appointed Commander Sea Training Atlantic from 2006-2008.

Capt (N) Young was promoted to his current rank on completion of second language training in 2009 and assumed his current duties as N3 Assistant Chief of Staff Plans and Operations, Maritime Forces Atlantic.

**New Commander for Land Forces Atlantic Area:
Brigadier-General C.C. Thurrott, OMM, MSM, CD.**

A native of Labrador, BGen Thurrott began his career with the West Nova Scotia Regiment and the Princess Louise Fusiliers. He joined the regular force in 1985 with a posting to Halifax as the Comptroller to the Major Crown Project, Ship Repair Unit (Atlantic). Later, in Maritime Command HQ, he served as the transportation officer for the national tour of the Canadian Forces Tattoo. A posting followed to Calgary and 1 Service Battalion, 1 Canadian Brigade Group (fondly known as the "Army of the West"). He later returned as Brigade HQ staff officer.

In 1989, BGen Thurrott was posted to Canadian Forces Europe (CFE) Lahr, assigned to staff billets in the HQ 1CDN Div (Forward) and in HQ CFE. As well, he served as Operations Officer of 4 Service Battalion of 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Thereafter, BGen Thurrott served a year in Cambodia with the United Nations Transition Authority, which included an appointment as the Operations Officer of the multinational Logistics Battalion. He was later assigned to United Nations planning responsibilities and support to the international operations with J4 Logistics in the office of the Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel). BGen Thurrott served in Petawawa from 1996-1999 in several appointments including Base Technical Services Officer of the National Support Element of the Canadian Contingent NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia, later returning to

Petawawa as 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group G4, and the appointment of Commanding Officer, 2 Service Battalion. Appointed the Commanding Officer of the deployment to Kabul in 2003, he marks that experience as the epitome of field command. His international experience has also included NATO operations in Norway and UN operations in Cyprus. BGen Thurrott was appointed Commander Canadian Forces Joint Support Group in May 2005. He served as Director Land Service Support and Army G4 for two years commencing in July 2008. In 2010, he assumed the appointment as the Deputy Commander Canadian Operational Support Group.

BGen Thurrott is a graduate of Dalhousie University, the Canadian Land Forces Staff College, and the Canadian Force College. He was designated a Distinguished Graduate from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University in Washington DC in June 2008. He married to BGen Hilary Jaeger, former Surgeon General, currently seconded to Veterans Affairs Canada. He assumed command of Land Forces Atlantic Area on August 16th, 2011.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY MESS DINNER PLANNED FOR THE SECOND OF NOVEMBER.

Our annual traditional Remembrance Day mess

dinner has been booked at RA Park for Wednesday, November 2nd. Once again we will honour those who gave the supreme sacrifice for Canada as well as recognizing the re-establishment of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

As you are aware, seating is limited so you are requested to get your reservations in early. This year, our co-ordinator is our President, Tom Birchall. He can be reached at 435-4545. Please get your reservation to him as soon as practical.

You will also note that for those of you with e-mail, an invitation was sent out to you on October 5th with a form on page two for you to fill in, mail to our post office box and enclose your cheque for \$40.00. Please note that this is a members-only function.

FALLEN COMRADES

We were recently advised of the passing of Capt. Ivor Hamilton, long serving member of RUSI (NS).

May he rest in peace.

Next Edition of Dispatches
This is the last edition of Dispatches for 2011. The next edition will be published in early January 2012. Please look at our web site

for time and date of our Christmas get together at the RA Park Officers Mess.

Remember, you may submit articles to us by sending them to: murray.lee@ns.sympatico.ca.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal

To All RUSI Members:

It has come to our attention that a new medal celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has been struck and will be presented to 60,000 deserving Canadians in early 2012. While we do not have full particulars at this time, it is our understanding that nominations from the general public will be sought. Further, we understand that an individual is not allowed to nominate themselves.

The following is an extract from the Official web-site (frequently asked questions) <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=14019>

During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians will be recognized for their contributions to Canada. Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- *have made significant contributions to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or for an outstanding achievement abroad that has brought great credit to Canada;*
 - *be citizens or permanent residents of Canada;*
 - *be alive on February 6, 2012. The award can be made posthumously, as long as the candidate was alive on that date.*
 - *Information on the nomination process will be announced at a later date.*
- Once we know the process we will nominate and recommend those members of RUSI requesting our assistance in applying for the medal under the following conditions:
- The nominee must be either a life member or a regular member in good standing of RUSI(NS)
 - Active members of the Canadian Forces (regular or primary reserve) and the RCMP are ineligible as they will be dealt with separately
 - The nominee must provide their name, rank, contact information and a bio on why they should be nominated for the medal (see above)
 - While the government and the military may have differing criteria, your Board has indicated that the nominee must have performed service(s) to the community in addition to their military service and their service with RUSI
- Submissions must be kept to two pages or less
 - Anyone submitting their request to us whose name is not being forwarded will be advised and we will also advise the reasons that the name is not being forwarded.

Where possible submissions are to be submitted electronically in word format to either trbirchall@ns.sympatico.ca or murray.lee@ns.sympatico.ca and must be received on or before midnight October 31, 2011.

For those members without e-mail, the submission is to be typed and sent to the RUSI mailbox at the address below on or before October 31, 2011.