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OPENING SALVO

What do Graham, Hillier, Martin, Goodale, and a minority government have in common? Simply put, hopefully good news for the Canadian Forces. For years the Liberal government has neglected the Canadian Forces almost to the extent of ruination. However, that was when there was a majority government and clearly defence issues were not a high priority. With a minority government, the Liberals have had to change things a bit. First they introduce the wily though relatively inexperienced Graham as Minister of National Defence. Then they bring in a charismatic, highly experienced, youthful Hillier as the new Chief of Defence Staff, bypassing those old guards waiting for their turn to be "yes" men. Bring on Martin who has to hold his government together in a minority situation by taking a page from the opposition parties books – increase defence spending. That is exactly what Goodale has done! I expect we are going to see a very dramatic change in the make-up and composition of the Canadian Forces now that the Liberals have shone a green light for the revamping/transforming of our military.

The recent Federal budget represents the most significant investment in our military in over 20 years. The investments committed in the budget will help expand and sustain the Canadian Forces, as well as invest in new capabilities required to modernize and transform the Canadian Forces. Now we have to see if the Liberals follow through on the announced budget increases over the next 5 years. Even General Hillier intimated that he was "a little excited" about the future for Canada's military – that bodes very well indeed!

The next hurdle to jump over will be the soon to be released Defence Policy that will lay out the way ahead for the Canadian Forces – finally some direction. Our last White Paper on Defence was released in 1994. It was prepared by the "Old Guard/Yes Men" using the "same as last year – SALY" principle. It lacked vision and certainly lacked direction for the Canadian Forces. Hopefully this will soon change and all indications are for the better.

All that being said, the increases to the defence budget are spread out over the next 5 years, one would be naïve to think that the Liberal minority government will survive that long to ensure subsequent increases are implemented. The only thing for certain appears to be the \$500M for this year, hopefully enough to stop the bleeding! We will all have to wait to see if the Liberals follow through with all their promises. That's the way I see it. *Editor*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the 17th March RAUSI will be holding its Annual General Meeting. Historically, attendance has not been very high but with your co-operation this year will be different. The AGM is an opportunity to make the decisions affecting the future of our organization, part of living in a democratic society. To vote at the AGM, members must be paid up for the year 2005. In the meantime, if you have not sent in your ballot for the election of President, vice-president and directors, please do so as soon as possible.

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President's Report

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Over the past two years the Board has been working on improving its effectiveness and efficiency. This process is moving ahead. One aspect of the changes is to make it more possible for more members of RAUSI to serve on committees and task forces. For some years the committees were largely comprised of Board members, but to be more effective, we need broader input. At the time of membership renewal, some of you indicated areas of interest for taking part in RAUSI committees. Thank you for so responding. Anyone who did not indicate an area of interest may still do so. We particularly need persons who will work with the liaison committee to make contact with cadet corps, persons who have an interest in planning Speaker events, Mess Dinners, social events and sports activities. There are many other opportunities, please phone the office to enquire.

My reason for mentioning these things is because an organization is only as effective as its members are willing to make it. I hope to see you at the AGM, at the monthly business lunches, happy hours, and other activities.

Eric Haffenden

Entertainment Report

Some of you may have noticed the expanded entertainment calendar for RAUSI events, this is due to the hard work of your Board to arrange and coordinate social events. Please note where reservations are required food is pre-ordered based upon your response. If you cannot attend please let the

Secretary know a minimum of two days in advance or unfortunately you will be required to reimburse the Institute for the expenses incurred. If there are any questions please feel free to call the Secretary.

Senior Appointments as announced by the MND

- Lieutenant-General Steve Lucas will be appointed Chief of the Air Staff
- Major-General Marc Dumais will be promoted Lieutenant-General and appointed Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
- Major-General Andrew Leslie will be appointed Director General Strategic Planning
- Rear-Admiral Drew Robertson will be appointed Commander Maritime Forces Pacific
- Major-General Angus Watt will be appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff
- Captain (Navy) Philip McFadden will be promoted Commodore and appointed Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic in Halifax
- Brigadier-General Gaston Côté will be appointed Chief of Staff J3 (see Senior Appointments page 3)

Winter's Blues Candlelight Dinner

(by Lt(N) Sylvain Bouliane)

Great success! This was the unanimous comment from the Directors, Members and guest that participated to the Candlelight Dinner, on January 29, 2005. Thirty four people, all "spiffed up", but in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoyed the meal provided by our caterer (A Gourmet Affair, led by Rick and Grace Forbes). As always, the meal was excellent and the wine selection helped ensuring the meal went down smoothly.

As we dined, we were entertained by "The Downstairs Band", which brought us a light musical background during the meal, and played oldies and goodies after the meal that helped us further loosen the atmosphere further. What an occasion to see, hear and dance to a live brass band, renew friendship with old friends and meet new ones.

Kudos go to Judy Henwood, who ensured that preparations were complete, the Manager of the CGOM, and special thanks to Andrew Henwood and Dianna Martin for assisting our caterer.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 8 March – Senate Committee on National Security and Defence Town Hall Meeting 1830 to 2000 hrs at the Calgary Marriott Hotel
- 11 March – Happy Hour 1600 to 1900 hrs.
- 17 March – Annual General Meeting 1900 hrs
- 18 March – RAUSI Business Luncheon, reservations required
- 8 April – Happy Hour 1600 to 1900 hrs
- 15 April – RAUSI Business Luncheon, reservations required
- 8 May – VE Day ceremonies details TBA
- 8 May – Mothers' Day Brunch, details TBA, reservations required
- 13 May – Happy Hour 1600 to 1900 hrs
- 14 May - 60th Anniversary Commemorative Mixed Mess Dinner, reservations required. See the attached Warning Order for more details
- 15 & 16 May – CASINO volunteers needed
- 20 May – RAUSI Business Luncheon, reservations required
- 10 June – Happy Hour 1600 to 1900 hrs
- 17 June – RAUSI Business Luncheon, reservations required
- 8 July – Stampede Brunch 1200 to 1300 hrs, reservations required
- August – Summer BBQ details TBA

Note:

Every Thursday at noon there is a luncheon and guest speaker with the Air Crew Association.

Military gets new choppers, planes

By Stephen Thorne

February 23, 2005

OTTAWA (CP) - After years of skimping on the military, the federal government is breaking open the bank with a promise of \$13 billion for defence over five years in what some say is Canada's largest military investment in a generation.

Initial spending will go to badly needed upkeep, while there are commitments later on of troop helicopters, Arctic aircraft and a new home for Canada's special forces. The money includes \$8 billion in funding that had already been announced. "This is the best news the armed forces has had from the government in probably two decades," said David Charters, director of the Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of New Brunswick. "I think our allies . . . will see this as a commitment Canada is really re-engaging in the world, and beginning to pull its weight again among its allies."

However, with the military cancelling programs, docking ships and grounding aircraft, this year's one-time increase is only \$500 million, with another \$600 million coming next year on a base budget of \$13.5 billion. That's far less than the \$1.5-billion flat budget increase called for by lobby groups and some senators and members of Parliament, but enough to get recovery and modernization going, say defence officials.

The Conservative defence critic, retired general Gordon O'Connor, suggested the Liberals are playing politics, noting that the big money doesn't start to appear until Year 3. "They could eat up all the money just maintaining the current equipment," said O'Connor. "They've also got problems with infrastructure. I think they're anticipating an election in '06. They're only spending \$1.1 billion in two years on defence. They're playing games. This is a short-term plan to make it look like they're doing a lot of things."

The government did promise major new expenditures as its long-anticipated defence policy statement kicks in, with total military spending rising to about \$20 billion a year by 2009-2010 - if Paul Martin's government lasts that long.

The promises over five years include:

-\$3 billion to recruit, train and integrate 5,000 additional full-time soldiers and 3,000 reservists on top of (see Budget continued on page 4)

Canadian soldiers begin tour of duty in Kabul

9 February 2005

OTTAWA (CP) - About 700 Canadian soldiers officially began their six-month tour of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday by transferring command of Task Force Kabul, Defence officials said.

The soldiers, who are mostly from CFB Petawawa, Ont., marked the occasion by welcoming incoming commander Col. Colonel Walter Semianiw, who takes over from Col. Jim Ellis. This contingent is comprised of an armoured surveillance squadron, an infantry element, a composite engineer squadron, and national command and support elements.

The troops are part of an Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron Group, mainly consisting of Dragoons, an armoured regiment. There are also elements of the Royal Canadian Regiment, 2 Canadian Engineer Regiment, 2 Service Battalion, and 2 Field Ambulance.

This is the fourth deployment of Canadian soldiers to Afghanistan since August 2003, on Operation ATHENA, the Canadian Forces contribution to the International Security Assistance Force, known as ISAF, in the Afghan capital.

Senior Appointments (continued from page 2)

- Captain (Navy) Roger MacIsaac will be promoted Commodore and appointed Director General Reserves and Cadets
- Colonel Peter Devlin will be promoted Brigadier-General and appointed Deputy Commanding General US III Corps in Texas
- Captain (Navy) Bruce Donaldson will be promoted Acting Commodore and appointed Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific in Victoria
- Colonel Timothy Grant will be promoted Brigadier-General and appointed Commander Land Force Atlantic Area in Halifax
- Colonel Jocelyn Lacroix will be promoted Brigadier-General and appointed Commandant Royal Military College in Kingston

Military Snippets

This day in history:

- 1 March 1942 – Canadian Women's Army Corps formed
- 7 March 1866 – 10,000 militia readied for Fenian threat
- 16 March 1900 – 3rd Canadian Contingent (LdSH) depart for South Africa
- 18 March 1585 – Tsar Ivan "The Terrible" died
- 21 March 1898 – Yukon Field Force established
- 22 March 1944 – Canadian Army peak strength of 495,804 soldiers
- 25 March 1958 – CF-105 Arrow makes 1st test flight
- 2 April 1915 – Canadian Army Dental Corps formed
- 9 April 1917 – Vimy Ridge
- 15 April 1912 – SS Titanic lost
- 15 April 1865 – US President Lincoln assassinated
- 21 April 1926 – Queen Elizabeth II born
- 24 April 1951 – Kapyong
- 25 April 1915 – Allied landing at Gallipoli
- 27 April 1813 – Americans burn York (Toronto)
- 28 April 1854 – Crimean War began

RAUSI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar and wear green. The RAUSI AGM is scheduled for 1900 hrs on 17 March 2005. All members are welcome, those who have not renewed may renew their memberships at the AGM. Only paid up members will be eligible to vote.

Your 2004 Journal will be available for pick-up at the AGM. Plan on attending.

General R.J. Hillier, CMM, CD

Chief of the Defence Staff

Born in Newfoundland and Labrador, General Rick Hillier joined the Canadian Forces as soon as he could. Having enrolled in 1973, he graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. After completing his armour officer classification training, he joined his first regiment, the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) in Petawawa, Ontario. Subsequently, he served with, and later commanded, the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Canada and Germany.

Throughout his career, General Hillier has had the privilege and pleasure of commanding troops from the platoon to multi-national formation level within Canada, Europe, Asia and the United States. He has worked as a staff officer in several headquarters, first at the Army level in Montreal and later at the strategic level in Ottawa.

In 1998 General Hillier was appointed as the first Canadian Deputy Commanding General of III Corps, US Army in Fort Hood, Texas. In 2000 he took command of NATO's Stabilization Force's (SFOR) Multinational Division (Southwest) in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In May 2003 General Hillier was appointed as Commander of the Army and subsequently, in October 2003, he was selected as the Commander of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan.

General Hillier was promoted to his present rank and assumed duties as the Chief of the Defence Staff on 4 February 2005.

General Hillier and his wife have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and a new grandson. General Hillier enjoys most recreational pursuits but, in particular, runs slowly, plays hockey poorly and golfs not well at all.



General R.J. Hillier. CDS

Alberta Veterans' Licence Plates

Last Fall the Alberta Government approved the use of Veterans' Licence Plates. In this newsletter you will find an application form for the Licence Plate. With proof of service, \$5.00 and a self-addressed stamped envelope you can apply. The process is quite simple, once the documentation has been verified by the Legion, you will receive your application form back appropriately stamped by the Legion. You simply go to your licence bureau, with your driver's licence and proof of insurance/ownership and your new plate will be issued. You can keep your old plate if you wish. It is that simple!

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the reservists on top of the 53,000 soldiers, sailors and aircrew now serving. Only \$80 million of those funds will come this year.

-\$3.2 billion to enhance specialized medical services for returning troops, to address critical supply and repair shortages, and to fix ragged infrastructure like runways and jetties.

-\$2.7 billion for transport helicopters, logistics trucks, light utility aircraft and a new base or expansion of the old one for the growing number of Joint Task Force 2 commandos.

-\$3.8 billion, starting in 2007-08, for unannounced initiatives that could include a new amphibious assault ship or the like and revamped emergency response capabilities like those provided by the Disaster Assistance Response Team.

There is no mention of big-ticket items like warships or transport aircraft to replace the aging C-130 Hercules, but there are promises to allocate funds "as needed" to coincide with priorities set by the policy statement.

The new chief of defence staff took the rare step of showing up at the budget lockup to tell reporters that it was "a very good day for the Canadian Forces." "We've got an investment and a commitment from our government to rebuild the Canadian Forces . . . into something more relevant, something more responsive and something that is tangibly valuable for all Canadians," Gen. Rick Hillier said.

The country's largest military lobby group, the Conference of Defence Associations, said it is "encouraged by the commitment to defence" shown in the budget's long-term promises. "The prime minister has shown Canadians and the Canadian Forces the money," said conference director Alain Pellerin.

The promise of big new military spending comes a day after word that Martin has decided against signing on to the controversial U.S. missile defence plan. No new money is earmarked for the plan, said Defence Minister Bill Graham. U.S. Ambassador Paul Cellucci has repeatedly called for Canada to increase its military spending, recently itemizing a shopping list of goods the federal government should buy for its ailing Forces. On Wednesday, Cellucci said Washington is encouraged by what he described as a "substantial increase" in proposed military spending. "This (see Budget page 5)

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is something we've been respectfully suggesting," he said

But initial outlays are limited to mundane housekeeping items. The spending blueprint dovetails with Hillier's stated priority of upgrading supply and infrastructure - work he says is necessary before policy initiatives like expansion and integration can take place. The document sets aside \$420 million in this year's budget and another \$500 million next year to address those basic ailments, where woes mounted in recent years as the military focused on post-9/11 overseas deployments.

Officials said staff at Defence Headquarters were walking on air Wednesday afternoon. While initial investments are conservative and the minority government's future is uncertain, insiders said there was a feeling the budget sets out a minimum the military can expect from any government.

There seemed to be little concern about the delayed commitments. "We just can't spend that much money right away," said one senior source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We've got to figure out what all this means."

RAUSI Library Update

By Capt Cooke

What's going on with the Library? Why did we send the RAUSI library over to the Museum of the Regiments (MoR)? Are we still involved? Let me try and answer these questions.

Our library, about 800 books, was not being used when it was at Mewata Armoury. The MoR was developing a research library in conjunction with the University of Calgary, so it made sense to join forces. The books of naval interest went to HMCS Tecumseh, the rest to the MoR.

RAUSI members still have access to our donated books, and can take them out on presentation of their RAUSI membership card. Otherwise, as a research facility, publications may not be removed.

Library hours are 1000hrs to 1530 hrs, Mon to Fri, closed at noon. The facility now has over 7000 publications, plus about 35 meters of archives! The library grows through donations, and last year over \$ 55,000 worth of books and periodicals were donated. Jan Roseneder, librarian, mentioned a very valuable and interesting collection of books, catalogues and ephemera was donated by our member, Don Skinner.

For information on donating to the Library, call the RAUSI office and I will contact you. Donations made through RAUSI remain available to members; donations made directly to the MoR do not. Catalogues, pamphlets, posters as well as books are welcome. Tax receipts are issued if requested.

Surplus or duplicate copies are being sent to Juno Beach Academy or to the Lethbridge USI to enhance their libraries.

The MoR library is set up to facilitate research in all aspects of military history and strategic studies, with emphasis on Canada and Alberta. History of warfare in general, individual campaigns and battles from the Northwest Rebellion to the Gulf War, regimental histories are some of the subjects covered. Particular areas of interest are: native, ethnic, women in the military, peacekeeping and military art.

Currently the U of C has a project proposed in partnership with the Royal Marines to digitize all their archival material pertaining to North America. They expect to find information on Capt. Cook's voyages, Arctic exploration and Marine involvement on both coasts not previously accessible.

Your library is doing well at the MoR; consider visiting or making a donation.

Planning Contract Awarded for Chicoutimi Repairs

February 16, 2005

DND News Release

OTTAWA – The Department of National Defence has awarded a contract valued at approximately \$560,000 to Irving Shipbuilding Incorporated of St. John New Brunswick for the first phase of the repairs to HMCS *Chicoutimi*.

"The Victoria Class submarines are an important capability for the Navy," said Defence Minister Bill Graham. "This contract offers a significant opportunity for Canadian companies to gain invaluable experience working on a modern weapons system and will facilitate the transition to Canadian in-service support to the submarines."

"As one of the most potent deterrent capabilities in the Canadian Forces inventory, the rapid and effective repair of HMCS *Chicoutimi* is critical to maintaining a balanced maritime fleet of air, surface and sub-surface assets," said Vice-Admiral Bruce MacLean, Commander of Canada's Navy. "By progressing the repair work concurrently with previously scheduled maintenance we will be able to get HMCS *Chicoutimi* back to sea where she is needed."

The repair of HMCS *Chicoutimi* will be conducted in three phases. The planning phase involves the preparation of the submarine for docking and the development of the plan for the second phase. It is expected that the planning phase will be completed in March.

The survey and assessment phase involves more detailed materiel surveys and assessments by the contractor, as well as the development of the engineering and job specifications for both the repair and other concurrent work. This second phase should be completed by Fall 2005.

The execution phase, involves the repair work as per the contract requirements, including testing and trials. The completion date for this phase is dependent on the results of the survey and assessment phase, but is anticipated to be completed within two years.

Victoria Class submarines are vitally important to the security and defence of Canada, providing deterrence, surveillance and interdiction in our maritime approaches.

General Henault's Departure Speech

As you are aware, my time remaining as CDS is very short. As announced today by the Prime Minister, LGen (Gen) Rick Hillier will assume the responsibilities of CDS effective 4 Feb, as I leave to initiate my transition to the position of Chairman of NATO's Military Committee.

It has been my distinct honour to serve as the CDS for nearly four years, with the unwavering support of my wife, Loraine, and all the other members of my family. In fact, this has been the greatest privilege of my career.

The Canadian Forces has accomplished much during those years – largely due to the tremendous dedication and effort of all CF members. My three CDS Annual Reports are aptly titled to capture the essence of those accomplishments: for 2001-2002, "At a Crossroads"; for 2002-2003, "A Time for Transformation"; and for 2003-2004, "Making Choices".

We have already begun the transformation process, made great advances on quality of life issues, enhanced our medical, educational and professional development processes, broken the back of a 12-year CF grievance backlog and developed a streamlined grievance process which will reduce turnaround times to one year by December 2005.

We've also led the Government's 3D approach, particularly in Afghanistan, procured new or updated equipment including: Cormorant search and rescue helicopters; Victoria class submarines; G-wagons; and the tactical uninhabited aerial vehicles. We're also continuing with significant upgrades to the CF-18, the Aurora, and a wide range of land force and naval equipments, and we have initiated the process to procure the new Maritime Helicopter, the Mobile Gun System and later, the Joint Support Ship.

We've met, and continue to meet, the security challenges presented to us since sep 11, 2001, all the while managing a high operational tempo with multiple operations including OPS PALLADIUM, HALO, APOLLO and ATHENA, and most recently, OP STRUCTURE in Sri Lanka.

This has led to new and enhanced partnerships with other Government departments and security agencies here at home and abroad, and important contributions with domestic and coalition partners to the ongoing Campaign Against Terrorism. And as part of that, we have deployed our joint air, land, and naval forces into operations across the full spectrum of conflict, including our deployment into combat in Afghanistan in 2002 - the first time Canadian land forces were deployed for combat since Korea and where JTF-2, our special operations forces, went into combat for the first time.

I wish to offer my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all members of the Canadian Forces, the Department of National Defence, and our associated agencies for all that we have achieved during my time as CDS. (See General Henault continued on page 7)

Boeing gets big contract to modernize CF-18s

Canadian Press

15 February 2005

MONTREAL — A \$117-million federal contract to outfit the Canadian Forces CF-18 jet fighters with new equipment has been awarded to U.S.- based Boeing Company. The announcement Friday by Defence Minister Bill Graham in Mirabel, north of Montreal, is the first contract awarded under the second-phase upgrades to 80 of the remaining CF-18s to prolong the life of the aircraft until 2017. The two-phase modernization program is estimated so far to cost \$2.1-billion over eight years.

L-3 Communications of New York will do the work announced Friday on a subcontract to Boeing, to provide a data and communications links that will allow CF-18 crews to stay in contact with other jets, ground stations and airborne warning and control systems.

"The CF-18 is Canada's primary aircraft for maintaining air defence and air superiority," Graham said at a news conference in Mirabel where Boeing and L-3 have their facilities. Graham said in a statement the program "will ensure that the CF-18s continue to provide security to Canadians and defend Canada, both at home and abroad, well into the future."

L-3 Communications will do the installations at its plant adjacent to the Mirabel International Airport, now closed to commercial passenger traffic. Work will begin in October 2006. Additional contracts for training, spares and installations will be awarded at a later date. The first phase of modernization, at a cost of \$880 million also contracted to Boeing, with subcontracts to L-3 Communications, has just passed the midway point and is on target for completion in 2006. The second phase is to be completed by 2009 and is intended to prolong the life of the aircraft until 2017.

Lt.-Gen. Ken Pennie, chief of the air staff, said the contract improves interoperability with the same aircraft used by NATO allies. "The CF-18 is key to the Air Force's job of guarding North American airspace and protecting Canada's interests abroad," Pennie said.

Of the 138 CF-18s procured between 1982 and 1988, during the era of Soviet threat, 121 aircraft remain. A total of 92 aircraft will be kept operational until the Phase 1 modernization is completed in 2006. Of the surplus aircraft, several will be retained for spare parts, and the others likely will be sold. Auditor general Sheila Fraser said in a report last November that Phase 1 was plagued by delays and a lack of qualified personnel.

The Royal Australian Air Force, the United State Marine corps and the United States Navy are doing similar upgrades to extend the life

RAUSI 2004 BURSARY RESULTS

The RAUSI sponsors two annual bursaries, the Wing Commander Don Freeman Memorial Bursary and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Bursary. Each bursary is valued at \$1000. Submissions were called for throughout the fall and up until the end of January 2005. The selection took place in early February 2005. There were 11 submitted applications.

The winner of the Wing Commander Don Freeman Memorial Bursary for 2004 is Cadet Sergeant Jason Chen. Sergeant Chen is a member of the 1292 Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Army Cadet Corps.

The winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Bursary for 2004 is Miss Heather Bryden. Miss Bryden is the grand-daughter of RAUSI member Robert J. Bryden.

All members of the RAUSI congratulate both Cadet Sergeant Chen and Miss Bryden for their successful applications and bursary awards.

Good luck in your future studies!

General Henault

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I never cease to be amazed by your dedication, motivation, innovation and professionalism. Time and time again you have risen to the challenges of the demands placed on you and have done so in a manner that reflects superbly on our nation, the Canadian Forces, the Department of National Defence, and on you as individuals.

I know that your determination to ensure mission success and to do so in superb fashion is precisely what LGen (Gen) Hillier can count on from all members as he assumes leadership of this truly outstanding organization.

I look forward to continuing to work with many of you in my upcoming capacity as Chairman of the NATO Military Committee.

Again, many thanks to you and your families for your unconditional support to me throughout my time as CDS, and continued best success as the Canadian Forces enters another dynamic period in its history. The future is indeed bright.

General R.R. Henault
Chief of the Defence Staff

Membership Status

As of 28 February 2005 the RAUSI 2005 membership stood at 116 members broken down as follows:
9 Life Members,
94 Regular Members, and
13 Garrison Members.

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RAUSI 2005 Dues

Membership dues for 2005 are:
RAUSI \$100
CGOM \$40
Total \$140

Out of town members dues remain at \$50
Garrison Members \$20
Corporate Memberships – Call for quote

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Cheques payable to RAUSI.

Obituary

The Honourable Lois E. Hole CM, AOE, DStJ.

Mrs. Hole was born at Buchanan Saskatchewan in 1929 (1932) and died in Edmonton Alberta on Thursday January 6th 2005. She was predeceased by her parents, Elsa and Mike Veregin, her infant daughter Karin, and in March 2003, by her husband, Ted Hole. She is survived by her sons, Bill and Jim Hole.

With her husband, she created Holes' Greenhouses and Gardens Ltd, one of the largest and best known operations of this type in Canada. She was elected to, and served on the St Paul School Board for thirty years, and served on the Governing Council of the Athabaska University from 1972-83. She was elected Chancellor of the University of Alberta in 1998, and was admitted to be a Member of the Order of Canada in July 1999.

She was appointed by H.M. The Queen, on the recommendation of the then Prime Minister, to be Lieutenant Governor of Alberta in December 1999 and this appointment was extended to the end of 2005, Alberta's Centennial.

She was a keen supporter of many organizations, including being Sub-Prior of the Order of St John, and Patron of the Army Cadet League of Canada, Alberta Branch and an Honourary Member of the Royal Alberta United Services Institute.

The last function at which Her Honour officiated was the naming, on November 16th 2004, of the extension to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, which is to be the Lois Hole Womens' Hospital.

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