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## OPENING SALVO

What is the Royal Alberta United Services Institute (RAUSI)? This is an intriguing question that many ask from time to time. The answer to this question is not as simple as it may appear; there are many layers to RAUSI some visible and others less tangible. RAUSI has been a Calgary institution since its founding in 1920 and has been in Mewata Armoury since its inception, so it has a legacy reaching back to just after the First World War. There are few institutions in Calgary that can say that. But what is RAUSI?

RAUSI was and will always be a focal point for those who have served our country and for those that continue to serve today. RAUSI provides an opportunity to gather, rekindle or maintain ties with old colleagues and friends, and more importantly remain connected with today's military. RAUSI is a blend of old and new. RAUSI, because of its strong military background, is uniquely positioned to be a link between the local communities and the military. With operations ongoing in Afghanistan this linkage has never been more important. RAUSI unwaveringly supports the Canadian Forces past, present and future. RAUSI recognizes its role within the military and para-military fabric of Calgary going back to the early days when many members had served in the North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. RAUSI also knows the desire to serve in the military comes early so our youth form part of what is RAUSI. RAUSI recognizes whole-heartedly the need for remembrance and commemoration through its support to The Military Museums and other similar organizations.

In the annual Journal it is stated that RAUSI continues to be members of the community who are, or were, involved in the military, peace keeping, business, academia, research, science and history. Individuals who support Canada's military; Regular and Reserve Forces, the Army, Navy and Air Cadets, Veterans, the RCMP and the Calgary Police Service. RAUSI comprises of citizens who uphold the principles of freedom and democracy. RAUSI members are members of the community who have come together, "United in Service". RAUSI members value Canada.

So what is RAUSI? RAUSI is a collection of like-minded individuals who have served Canada in many different ways, support our current military and law enforcement forces, strive to ensure our history is preserved and nurtures our veterans and our youth. This is done through a focal point, which has been for many years the close relationship with the Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess. This is RAUSI; this is you - our RAUSI members.

Perhaps a better question should be what will RAUSI look like when it reaches its centennial in 2020? *United Through Service – that's the way I see it anyway. Editor*

## President's Report

Summertime already and time to prepare another President's Report, my eighth since I became President! Judging by the weather today, it looks like we could be in store for a beautiful summer. So much for the weather report; now on to the President's report.

RAUSI Director Brent Felix, who proudly carried the new RAUSI flag in the Colour Party, represented RAUSI at the ANZAC Day Memorial Service. The weather was cold and overcast, but it was the best (See **President's Report** continued on page 2)

## President's Report (continued from page 1)

attended ANZAC services since the inception a couple of years ago. There were 50-60 people in attendance and about 30 of those met in the Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess after the ceremony. Two RAUSI Board members, including Brent Felix, and Life Member Dick Westbury were in attendance at the ceremony.

The Mother's Day Brunch was again a great success with approximately 60 persons attending the event in the Mess. Who's in the Kitchen Catering, our in-house caterer, catered the event and did a great job. Grace Forbes, the Mess Manager for CGOM, is to be congratulated for doing a great job in organizing the event. I believe there is at least one picture from the event elsewhere in this newsletter. By the time you receive this; our Spring Dining Night will have come and gone.

Turning to the future, CGOM is planning to have its usual Stampede Brunch on Parade Day, Friday July 4th. It is usually a good event and, if you plan to attend the parade, please consider attending the Brunch. As always, children are welcome to the Brunch. We'll be announcing full details of the Brunch as soon as we get them and they may even find their way here if released before our publication deadline.

Friday, August 8th is the date for the RAUSI Annual Golf Tournament. Jack Thompson and Sylvain Bouliane, who organized last year's successful event, have organized this one as well. The fee is \$120 per person but if you sign up and pay before June 30 you can take advantage of the early bird fee of \$100.

The RAUSI Annual BBQ in conjunction with the Calgary Naval Veterans Association will be held on August 9th and once again at the Corvette Club. The cadet pipe band from the Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Camp will be entertaining us as usual. The BBQ will commence at 4:00 pm.

The fall schedule will commence with a Meet and Greet evening at 7:00 pm on September 12 at the Mess. Come out and meet other members of RAUSI. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Call Kim Nelson at 403-265-6628 for full details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday to Friday – Daily Lunches 1145 – 1300 hrs
- 4 July – Stampede Brunch (see flyer)
- 18 July – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 4-5 August – RAUSI Casino
- 8 August – Annual RAUSI Golf Tournament (see flyer)
- 9 August – Summer BBQ (see flyer)
- 10 August – Peacekeeping Ceremonies
- 15 August – Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre Final Parade 1000 hrs
- 15 August – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 16 August – Snowbirds to perform at the Springbank Air Show
- 12 September – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 – 1900 hrs and then the RAUSI Annual Meet & Greet 1900 -2100 hrs
- 19 September – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 21 September – Battle of Britain Parade and Commemoration 1330 hrs at the Military Museums
- 10 October – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 – 1900 hrs
- 17 October – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 8 November – RAUSI Commemorative Mess Dinner

### Notes:

1. Please remember when reservations are required; food is pre-ordered based upon your response. If you make reservations and 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 for clarification.
2. The Mess is available for members to book private functions from 5 to 95 people; we have our own Caterer who will be willing to work with you in organizing your event either in the Mess or at another venue. Call the Secretary for more details.
3. Please note that if you wish to hold regular meetings during the lunch hour for your organization or association, arrangements can be made depending upon the size of your group, to use either the Card Room or the Dining Room.
4. CGOM Happy Hours and all RAUSI events are open to RAUSI members, their spouses and guests of RAUSI members.

## We Have Pictures!!



RAUSI Member Mike Ryan enjoying the Mother's Day Brunch



Members watching *The Longest Day* on 6 June

### It's a Secret

Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess Billiard Room is one of Calgary's BEST KEPT SECRETS!

The Billiard Room has a full sized table in beautiful condition and in its heyday you couldn't get near it thanks to some members preoccupation with improving their score or simply having some fun.

We want to see some of that same enthusiasm return to the Mess and are willing to introduce members and their guests to the basic rules of the various games they can enjoy. It won't happen overnight but members are asked to invite guests down to play some games. Mr. Jack Thompson and Mr. Don Skinner are happy to help members who are interested in trying their hand at the table.

If you are interested, please notify Don Skinner by e-mail: [donglen@shaw.ca](mailto:donglen@shaw.ca) or call him at 263-6844 to set up a game or two. It'll be fun! You won't regret it! There is NO cost to play a game and bragging rights are free. The Mess is open Wednesday through Friday from 1100 to 1400 hours (approximately). Come for lunch - stay for a game!



### Reverend Eric Haffenden RAUSI Life Member

At the May 2008 meeting of the RAUSI Board of Directors, Reverend Eric Haffenden was approved as a Life Member of the Institute. Eric's association with the Military began as an "Officiating Clergyman" at CFS Dana, SK during the 1960s. He has been a member of RAUSI since 1975 after being introduced to the Institute by the late Father Christmas. Eric has been the Honorary Chaplain to RAUSI for 25 years and an elected member of the Board for ten years. Eric was President of the Institute for 2003 & 2004. Eric is one of our most loyal members and a very active supporter of the Institute. Congratulations Eric on becoming a RAUSI Life Member.



RAUSI Past President Major Bruce Henwood, two of his sons, AJ and Lance, with General Hillier at the Military Families Fund Gala held in Calgary on 14 June.

### Military Families Fund

"When our families call out for help, we must be able to answer that call immediately and substantially. Our families have been here for us through our enrolment, our training, our deployments, and our homecomings. The military life places significant demands on our loved ones. They did not volunteer for service – but serve they do, and with great distinction. It is our turn to be there for our families."

General Rick Hillier Chief of the Defence Staff

The Military Families Fund (MFF) provides the CF with a unique opportunity to support families in the dark hours when they call out for help. For more information on the MFF or if you wish to make a tax-deductible donation please check out <http://www.cfpsa.com/en/corporate/mFamily/index.asp> or call 1-877-445-6444.

### "The Road to Beijing" (part 2)

By Captain Devon Smibert

Sitting here in a cheap hotel in the middle of nowhere, Quebec, Brian and I have nothing to occupy our minds but the big race tomorrow. Not unlike many of the accommodations that we stay in as cyclists working on a tight budget, the room has intermittent connectivity to the Internet and even the TV cuts in and out regularly. With no distractions, Brian and I go through our normal ritual of hypothesizing about our results, our competition's results, and walk through every imaginable scenario. We talk about lap times, race strategies, and talk about what we want to focus on during the race. I say 'Make sure that you push all the way through the first straightaway until we sit down...' then he says 'Make sure that you don't go too hard in the second lap, because we always go too hard in the second lap...' We phoned our coach to let him know how our workout went today and asked him for some advice and sought a little reassurance that we can perform tomorrow. The room goes quiet for a (See **Olympics** continued on page 5)

We get Letters: Juno Beach Academy thanks RAUSI for the donation to support the Grade 12 Graduating Class Educational Tour to England and France.

**Calgary Board of Education**

JUNO BEACH ACADEMY OF CANADIAN STUDIES

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May 12, 2008

Ken R. Sivertsen, President  
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Dear Mr. Sivertsen;

On behalf of the Grade 12 students, our School Council, and staff of Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies (JBA) I would like to thank you and your organizations for your generous contribution of \$4,000 to our Educational Tour to England and France 2008.

As you may well be aware, this donation is going to help our group of 19 travelers visit and learn from many Canadian historical sites in both London and France. We will visit the Imperial War Museum in London, see the monument dedicated to Canadians at Canada Gate, and tour many more relevant historical sites. In France we will visit the City of Paris, the Palace of Versailles, and then conduct a school remembrance ceremony at the Vimy Memorial. From there it will be on to the beaches of Normandy and relevant Canadian historical sites such as the Abbey Ardennes and Beny-Sur-Mer. We will then participate in the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 Ceremony at the Juno Beach Centre. As you can observe, the RAUSI contribution will go a long way towards the development of young people and Canadian Citizenship.

Thank you again for considering the students of our school for a donation. We are always grateful to receive support and very fortunate to be connected to the RAUSI. We are most pleased to put this contribution towards the education and citizenship development of our students.

All members of your organization are to be commended for their generosity.

Sincerely,



F. Lee Villiger, CD  
Principal

**“In Harms Way”**

**Newest Addition to ‘Support The Troops’**

The first impression of the CD cover of ‘In Harms Way – Soldiers Songs’ is shock. A doll in the rubble looks more like a child casualty of war but it was this photo taken by Cpl. Mark Isfeld that inspired his mom Carol to begin crocheting ‘Izzy Dolls’ for her soldier son to give to children of war. Mark was killed while de-mining in Croatia and his troop asked to continue giving these dolls. Moms and grandmas as well as the media responded to the story contributing to the Izzy Doll becoming a national phenomenon.

“The Izzy Doll’ story in song is just one of the 11 tracks on this CD by Calgary songwriter Phyllis Wheaton. Wheaton says, ‘In Harms Way’ has found its rightful home on Canex.ca, on the Support the Troops page (scroll down after the red hockey shirts) with proceeds going to a variety of programs supporting our troops and their families.” As well as online it is also available at two CFB Canex stores, Edmonton and Petawawa.

“In Harms Way”, is all about Canadian Identity, inspiring, entertaining and morale building. It is a musical saga from the early Prairie settler answering the 1915 call of the Empire to (see **In Harms Way** continued on page 7)

**Military Snippets**

This day in history:

- 1 May 1912 Canada issues first five-dollar bank note
  - 2 July 1566 Nostradamus astrologer/physician/prophet dies
  - 3 July 1976 Israel launches rescue of 103 Air France crew & passengers being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers
  - 4 July 1816 Hiram Walker of Canadian Club whiskey fame is born
  - 9 July 1923 Calgary Alberta, Guy Weadick holds first Chuckwagon Race at the Stampede
  - 10 July 1946 Canada's first drive-in movie theatre opens in Hamilton, Ontario
  - 15 July 1870 Hudson's Bay & Northwest Territories transferred to Canada
  - 14 July 1789 – The Bastille in Paris taken by the Revolutionaries
  - 16 July 1439 Kissing is banned in England
  - 17 July 1917 British Royal family changes its name from Hanover to Windsor
  - 20 July 1773 Scottish settlers arrive at Pictou, Nova Scotia
  - 21 July 1969 Neil Armstrong steps on the Moon
  - 25 July 1759 British capture Fort Niagara from French (7 Years' War)
  - 25 July 1946 The bikini is shown at a Paris fashion show
  - 25 July 1944 Operation Spring launched in Normandy, only Dieppe had higher casualties
  - 2 August 1945 – The prefix "Royal" is granted for the Canadian Armoured Corps by the King
  - 4 August 1927 Peace Bridge between US & Canada opened
  - 6 August 1915 Battle of Lone Pine, Gallipoli starts – Seven Australians receive Victoria Crosses
  - 7 August 1942 – Battle of Guadalcanal begins
  - 13 August 1941 – Canadian Women’s Army Corps established
  - 13 August 1704 – Battle of Blenheim
  - 17 August 1961 Building of the Berlin Wall begins
  - 25 August 1758 Col Bradstreet captures Fort Frontenac (Kingston)
  - 27 August 1883 Krakatoa, west of Java, explodes with a force of 1,300 megatons
  - 27 August 1979 An IRA bomb kills British Lord Louis Mountbatten in a boat off the Irish coast.
  - 29 August 1949 USSR explodes its first atomic bomb
  - 31 August 1888 Jack the Ripper claims his first victim
  - 31 August 1880 – Kandahar captured by the British
- Please note, dates published in this section do not necessarily reflect all significant historical events, for instance 6 June 1944 was not listed in the last newsletter, not as a slight to those who participated in the Normandy

**Spring Dining In Report**

Forty-three members and guests dined to the delicious meal provided by Dana and ‘Who’s in the Kitchen’ catering staff. This relaxed evening of good comradeship and bon-vivant times was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. We recommend that you mark your calendars for the Annual Mixed Mess Dinner to be held in early November.

## Lieutenant General Natynczyk appointed as Chief of the Defence Staff

June 6, 2008

**OTTAWA** - The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement today appointing Lt.-Gen. Walt Natynczyk as the new Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS). The appointment will be effective following the Change of Command ceremony which will take place in the coming weeks.

"I am very pleased that the command of the Canadian Forces is now being passed to the very capable hands of Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk, said Minister MacKay. "Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk assumes the position at a very important time for the Canadian Forces. His leadership and experience will be invaluable as we continue to move forward with the Canada First Defence Strategy and our mission in Afghanistan. I have complete confidence in his ability to build on the foundation laid by General Rick Hillier."

Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk joined the Canadian Forces in August 1975. He attended Royal Roads Military College and Collège Militaire Royal in St Jean, graduating in 1979 with a degree in Business Administration. Upon completion of Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, he served on the Army Staff in St-Hubert, Québec. Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk assumed the responsibilities of the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff on 28 June 2006.

"I'm deeply honoured to receive this appointment," said Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk. "It is truly a privilege to lead the men and women of the Canadian Forces who give so much to their country."

General Hillier, who announced his retirement on April 15 after three years of being CDS, expressed confidence in Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk's ability to lead the Canadian Forces. "I have never worked with a finer officer than Lt.-Gen. Natynczyk. He has all the skills, experience and values to command the Canadian Forces and will have my full support. I congratulate him on his appointment and will hand over to him with the full knowledge that he will continue to adapt, and improve our Forces to accomplish the tasks Canadians need us to perform."

### **Olympics** (continued from page 3)

little while and then we start all over again with the lap times until it is time to try to clear our minds to get the much-needed rest before our race.

Many people that see Canadian athletes bearing the maple leaf while representing our great country at the Olympics, World Championships, and other international stages cannot fully appreciate the sacrifices most athletes must make in order to be given the honour of representing their country. Swimmers get up at four or five in the morning to get time in the pools, wrestlers starve and dehydrate themselves before every competition to lose several kilograms before weigh-ins, and athletes of nearly every sport watch everything that they eat very closely to keep their weight down. As cyclists, we have spent countless hours on (see **Olympics** continued on page 6)



The New Chief of Defence Staff,  
General Walter J. Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD

### **RAUSI Casino Update**

Just to let you know our Casino is rapidly approaching. We're scheduled for 4/5 August at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino. If you've already put your name down, thanks from the committee. If you think you could volunteer for a shift, we'd be more than happy to take your information. Please forward your contact information to Kim at the RAUSI office. Last minute items can and will come up meaning we'll need someone for backfill. Expect an information memo and map towards the end of July.



"In Action" – Captain Devon Smibert and Brian Cowie at the Tandem 2007 World Championships

## What's New at The Military Museums?

By LCol B. Brake

The Military Museums is a beehive of activity as it prepares to start introducing its new tenant locations to the public. In early June members of the Sir Winston Churchill Society got a sneak peek at the newly relocated Naval Museum of Alberta as it was the site of the first major formal event to be held at the newly expanded portion of the museum. The Naval Museum of Alberta will also be the focus of attention in July as it will be the first to do a soft opening for the public. Public anticipation is high as attendance at the museum is already up 23% year-to-date. Other key dates of note are: commencing July 2 the museum will present a pictorial tribute to the tour of General Rick Hillier while CDS; July 2 is the start of our youth summer program for kids between ages 5 – 12; the museum will be participating the military celebrations at Spruce Meadows from 4-6 July; in September, we expect to open the Discovery Center, a state-of-the-art computerized maze for school student groups grades 7-12; in October/November we expect to open the Library and Archives and the Air Force Museum of Alberta to the public; on December 25 renovation of original facility is scheduled to be completed; and finally, in May 2009 we are anticipating a grand opening of the new museum including the new art gallery. Watch our website for details [www.themilitarymuseums.ca](http://www.themilitarymuseums.ca).

## **Olympics** (continued from page 5)

stationary bikes, thousands of kilometres in icy rain, and nearly half of the year away from our loved ones to train and compete. All of these efforts are to be assessed against a 4000m race tomorrow that should take just over four and a half minutes.

By the time that you read this article, the Canadian Disabled Cycling National Championships will have concluded and Canada's Cycling High Performance Committee will have selected Canada's Paralympic Cycling team. Brian and I have been training and competing together for the last two years working towards bringing home a Paralympic medal for Canada from Beijing this fall. Having placed 4th in the Disabled Cycling World Championships in 2006 and then 5th with a broken hand in 2007, we are likely medal contenders in the 4000m Individual Pursuit event on the velodrome. The national championships are being hosted in Bromont, QC this year on an outdoor wooden 250m velodrome where a time around 4 minutes and 38 seconds should assure us a position on the Paralympic team. This means that over two years of training and competitions will effectively be assessed in just over four and a half minutes. No pressure, eh?

For those of you that haven't read our previous updates, Brian is a 56-year-old 2-time Paralympian and 10 time Ironman finisher among many other impressive results. I am a 25-year-old adrenaline junkie that competes in everything from international expedition races (like the Eco-Challenge) to triathlons and track cycling competitions. Brian has been legally (see **Olympics** continued on page 7)

## Canada Pension Plan Clawback

A Letter from the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion to the Minister of National Defence regarding the Canada Pension Plan clawback issue. *This is one of the best letters clearly outlining the situation, Editor.*

6 May 2008

The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of National Defence  
National Defence Headquarters  
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Dear Minister MacKay:

I would like to share with you my grave concerns about an issue of fairness regarding the claw-back of a portion of the Canadian Forces Superannuation (CFSA) benefits when a retired Service member starts collecting Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits at age 65. As you are aware, this issue has been and continues to be discussed at length in various fora, including Parliamentary and Senate committees.

From a Legion perspective, the issue is simple. Canadian Forces (CF) members are special Canadians who volunteer under exceptional terms of unlimited liability to serve their country and, in doing so, put their lives at risk. CF members were never asked if they wanted a "stacked approach" to CFSA and CPP benefits. It is acknowledged that the implementation concept was explained with the CPP introduction in 1966, but the reality is that the "stacked approach" has not resulted in a fair and equitable pension return to military personnel.

Under normal circumstances, as in private industry, the combined separate CPP and Defined Benefit Plan rates as paid by employees rarely exceeds that rate paid by Service members for their CFSA plan. But, these civilian employees receive their CPP benefits in addition to those paid under their Defined Benefit plans. This is not the case with Service personnel. The claw-back of a portion of the member's (See **CPP Clawback** continued on page 7)

## Subject: VIRUS

The Centers for Disease Control have issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand, and even electronically.

This virus is called Weary Overload Recreational Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever - DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come into contact with WORK you should immediately leave the premises. Take two good friends to the nearest store and purchase one or both of the antidotes - Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE) and Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

You should immediately forward this medical alert to five friends. If you do not have five friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life. Please pass on to anyone that would benefit from the above information...we are just not safe!

### **Padre's Corner**

On June 6th, several members of RAUSI watched the movie, "The Longest Day". As one would expect, there was little humour in the story, but one thing did attract a few laughs. The Padre who was among the early drops lost his Communion set in a stream and would not get out of the water before retrieving it. He succeeded. The fact that he was there at all at that time is a sign of the importance of remembering that even in the midst of battle we are in God's presence. Opposing armies have long assumed that God is "on their side". Perhaps what we can learn from this is that we should be on "God's side". That is, the side of good, resisting the dark forces of evil that would subject one people to another, seize others' land and homes, and terrorize the citizens. In that, Canadians can be proud that our forces, even in the midst of battle are there, not so much to conquer as to bring and maintain peace and freedom.

I have a picture of a battle field Communion Service relating to the First World War. The scene is a sea of mud, sounds familiar. The Altar is a temporary structure improvised for the occasion and the men, officers and privates and all, stand around to receive the Sacrament, even as the terrain all around speaks of horror and desolation. Just a brief moment of peace in the storm. A similar story tells of another such occasion when, lining up to receive the Communion on the battle field, a private turned to an officer and said, "After you sir." The officer replied, "Not here son, not here." Ultimately, when our work is done, that is our destiny. In the mean time, we must be vigilant in opposing those who would destroy peace and freedom.

(The Reverend) Eric Haffenden

### **In Harms Way** (continued from page 4)

enlist (Danny's Gone), the World War One letters of a soldier to his wife (My Dear Mae), the Battalion numbers poised on Calgary SW Signal Hill (There Was No Battle Here), the bloodiest Canadian snowball fight in history (Tillymaud), Canada's role in Peacekeeping (Our Blue Berets) and a soldiers mothers' song (My Son, Our Son). WW2 standards 'White Cliffs of Dover' and 'We'll Meet Again' bookend a medley with 'When the Battles O'er', written in 1947 and recited by the stately voice of Calgary broadcaster Darrel Janz.

From blues to folk, celtic to contemporary, the focus of "In Harms Way" is on the families of our fallen and how they have responded to the impact of war with legacy projects they began in their children's names. The texture of Wheaton's rich voice and powerful harmonies gives each song a distinct personality and her message of peace, rings clearly.

The songs are supplemented with a 16 page lyric booklet with web sites for further reading about the Izzy Doll, Boomers Legacy, Icross Canada, Canadian Landmine Foundation, and Light Up the World. All are examples of the Canadian silent and powerful force, turning sacrifice and suffering to world changing acts of peace.

"In Harms Way" is available at the CANEX.CA Online Site.

### **CPP Clawback** (continued from page 6)

Superannuation benefit at age 65 is unfair and imposes a burden on many of those who depend fully on their pensions including any additional CPP benefit that would normally have been obtained. Moreover, the exceptionally high CFSA contribution rate paid by Service members has resulted in plan surpluses which have not been shared with the members. The situation is compounded by the forced payment of Unemployment Insurance during the member's career with no authority to draw the insurance on retirement. Another injustice.

I urge you to speak up for the many loyal and devoted veterans of the Canadian Forces who have dedicated their lives to the service and defence of Canada and who now face this demeaning and unfair reduction in superannuation. The payment of CPP should not be considered as a plug to fill the claw-back gap but as an additional benefit which has been paid for in contribution rates and earned in unparallel service. The cancellation of the CFSA claw-back at age 65 would be welcomed most gratefully by serving personnel and veterans alike and would reflect your government's high esteem, respect and gratitude for their commitment and years of loyal service.

Sincerely, Jack Frost, Dominion President

### **Olympics** (continued from page 6)

blind for over thirty years and we form a bit of a unique team competing in the Visually Impaired category of disabled cycling events riding a tandem bicycle. I also find some time between cycling competitions for a full time job (thanks to my very understanding employer, The Graycon Group – IT Consulting Services) and a part time position as a Community Relations Officer for 41 Brigade.

Although I am not well known for providing regular updates to my blog, I will be posting occasional updates about our selection and competition results at <http://realchampions.ca/athletes/dsmibert>

After the Paralympics this year, Brian and I will continue to ride together in disabled cycling, but our big goal is to be the first competitors off of the bike leg of the 2009 Ironman World Championships in Hawaii. By myself, I hope to hear soon whether I will be selected to compete at the 2008 Canadian Forces Triathlon Championships in the hopes of representing Canada at the CISM Triathlon World Championships in 2009. I also hope to be able to compete in the Canadian Track Cycling Championships individually next year since I have missed the last two years due to tandem cycling commitments.

### **Golf Tournament Coming Soon!!**

It is not too late to register for the upcoming RAUSI Golf Tournament on 8 August at the Earl Grey Golf Course.

Flyers with Tournament details have been sent to all members, please contact Kim for more information or to register. See suggested websites on page 8 for more information about the Earl Grey Golf Club and more specifically the Lakeside Course.

## SUGGESTED WEBSITES

Note, suggested websites are posted for one issue of the *RAUSI News* and are provided for information only.

The Maple Leaf Newsletter Homepage

[http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/community/mapleleaf/index\\_e.asp](http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/community/mapleleaf/index_e.asp)

CANEX – Support Our Troops

<http://www.cfpsa.com/en/canex/>

Earl Grey Golf Club – site of the 2008 RAUSI Golf Tournament

[www.earlgreygolfclub.com/](http://www.earlgreygolfclub.com/)

and

[http://scoregolf.com/golf-course-guide/name.cfm/Earl-Grey-Golf-Club-golf-course-information/LAKEVIEW-\(9-HOLE\)/Calgary/Alberta/x10-1282-199/](http://scoregolf.com/golf-course-guide/name.cfm/Earl-Grey-Golf-Club-golf-course-information/LAKEVIEW-(9-HOLE)/Calgary/Alberta/x10-1282-199/)

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## Struck off Strength (non-renewals)

It is with regrets that RAUSI has struck off strength the following former members. If you know these members they are encouraged to rejoin in order to remain on the RAUSI contact list, receive invitations to functions and other members' privileges.

Mr. Rob Anders	Mr. Art Hanger
Mr. Tom Cerkvenac	Mr. Ray Huddleston
Lt Paul Chui	Capt Walter Keith
Capt Cam Diggon	Mr. Lawrence Purdy
Maj Charles Dobson	Col Raymond Rohr
LCol Tom Doucette	Det. Mike ter Kuile
Mr. Lloyd Fedor	Mr. Hunter Wight
CWO Kent Griffiths	

## 2008 Membership Status

As of 20 June 2008 the RAUSI Membership was:

Honorary	4
Life	6
Ordinary	147
41 CBG	17
Garrison	16
Out of Town	12
Group	36
Corporate	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248</b>

## IN MEMORIAM

Flying Officer Jack **Anschetz**, Royal Canadian Air Force and Life Member of the RAUSI, 7 March 2008, Calgary, age 94

Corporal Michael **Starker**, 15 Field Ambulance Company  
6 May 2008, Zhari District Afghanistan, age 36

Captain Steve **Leary**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry,  
3 June 2008, Panjwai District Afghanistan, age 32

Captain Jonathan Sutherland **Snyder**, 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Zhari District Afghanistan, 7 June 2008, age 26

