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## OPENING SALVO

"Class please take your seats – today's letters are "C" and "I". Can you think of a word that starts with each letter – how about complacency and ignorance? Do we know what they mean? I would submit that our politicians might need to attend class and learn all about complacency and ignorance. The Webster's Dictionary defines complacency as "self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual danger or deficiencies". Ignorance is defined as "lacking knowledge or comprehension of the thing specified". When you combine complacency and ignorance in the same sentence it spells trouble, indeed it spells disaster. Is this a description of our politicians when it comes to Afghanistan or dare I say something a little closer to home – the Arctic?

So here we are in 2008 and our politicians (read the Opposition in this case) are still calling for a withdrawal from Afghanistan or a modification of the mission to preclude combat. Are these political points that are trying to be scored? Or, is it a blissful combination of complacency and ignorance all in one breath?

My other hobbyhorse is the north, our Arctic. This is a region that defines us and makes us what we are – a northern/polar country; home to the caribou, igloos and of course Santa Claus (but I digress). What is happening north of us? Over the summer our Prime Minister made all sorts of announcements such as ice-reinforced patrol boats, a deep-sea port and a military training base in North and then silence. Just recently in the Ottawa Citizen Canadians labeled the US claims on portions of the North as being premature and speculative. Dare I say a touch of complacency with a little ignorance sprinkled for good measure?

As we roll inevitably towards a Federal election we must ensure that we are not part of the problem about Afghanistan and the Arctic by being complacent and ignorant. Rather we must be informed about the danger of walking away from Afghanistan and letting our rights to the Arctic be subsumed by other polar nations vying for our precious north. Class adjourned – for now! That's the way I see it.

*Editor*

## President's Report

As this is being written in early February 2008 it may be my last report as the next AGM will take place on March 20 and it is possible I may not be your president next year as nominations have not yet closed. At any rate, be sure you vote for the candidates of your choice in the election that will shortly be held and be sure you attend the AGM as we are planning to dedicate our new RAUSI flag during the meeting. The election materials should be out early in March.

Last Saturday, we held our fourth annual casual Candlelight Dinner at the CGOM and it was, from my point of view, a great success. There were 48 persons in attendance, the food was excellent (supplied by Dana of Who's in the Kitchen Catering) and the music by the Down Stairs Band was great both during the dinner and for dancing afterwards. We must give kudos to our Vice President, (See President's Report continued on page 2)

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

Sylvain Bouliane, for his work in putting the evening together and ensuring that it was a pleasant dinner.

March will be a busy month as CGOM will be having their usual happy hour at 2:00 pm on the 14th of March and our AGM will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Afghanistan has been a major topic of discussion recently. An Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan (The Manley Report) was released at the end of January this year. The Manley Report contained five major recommendations but its main recommendations were that Canada maintain its role in the Kandahar area of Afghanistan but under condition that NATO and its allies come up with a battle group of about 1000 more soldiers and that the Government should secure medium helicopter lift capacity and high performance Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to support the Canadian contingent. I fail to understand the point of view of the opposition parties in Parliament in respect to the issue, as it was the Liberal predecessors in office that originally placed Canada in Afghanistan. In my view to change our role at this time would be a major mistake and simply belittle the efforts of those of our troops that have been there since 2001. There won't be a quick solution but I certainly don't think it's a wise thing to cut and run now. Fighting insurgency is a very difficult task as the U.S. has discovered a couple of times in the last fifty years. Hopefully the most recent maneuvers in the House of Commons will settle the situation somewhat but I question whether 2011 is an appropriate date either. I suspect our political leaders will be revisiting this matter again!

### **U.S., Canada on collision course in Arctic**

The Ottawa Citizen  
by Randy Boswell

February 13, 2008

A leading U.S. government scientist says his country and Canada are on a collision course over seabed rights in the Arctic Ocean, where vast, untapped oil and gas deposits are fuelling an undersea land grab and researchers from all polar nations are racing to collect data backing their countries' territorial claims. Andy Armstrong, a top official with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and co-director of the U.S. Joint Hydrographic Centre, says there's "no question" that U.S. efforts to secure sovereignty over an extended continental shelf off the northern coast of Alaska are bound to "overlap" with Canada's own claims in the region.

The two countries have already sparred for years over where, precisely, the international boundary between Canada and the U.S. should be drawn through the Beaufort Sea. Now, that struggle is set to go to the sea floor. "If the U.S. goes north and Canada goes out toward the west, then those areas are going to overlap," Mr. Armstrong told Canwest News Service a day after NOAA unveiled a "big discovery" about the geology of the floor of the Chukchi Sea that it says will bolster U.S. claims in the boundary waters between Russia and Alaska. But the head of Canada's Arctic mapping mission dismissed the U.S. comments as "premature" and "speculative."

The American findings -- trumpeted by NOAA on Monday as a potential addition of more than 100 nautical miles of seabed to U.S. territory -- are the latest sign of intensifying competition for control of potentially lucrative sea floor resources in a rapidly melting Arctic Ocean. "There's no question that the (See **Arctic** continued on page 3)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday to Friday – Daily Lunches 1145 – 1300 hrs
- 8 March – Grand Highland Ball
- 14 March – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 -1900 hrs
- 20 March – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon (note date change)
- 20 March – RAUSI Annual General Meeting
- 21 March – Mess Closed – Good Friday
- 11 April – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 -1900 hrs
- 18 April – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 9 May – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 – 1900 hrs
- 11 May – Mother's Day Brunch
- 16 May – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 13 June – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 – 1900 hrs
- 14 June – Spring Dining-In (semi-formal)
- 20 June – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 4 July – Stampede Brunch
- 8 August – Annual RAUSI Golf Tournament
- 10 August – Summer BBQ
- 16 August – Snowbirds to perform at the Springbank Air Show

#### **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.

**LCol Vernon, CD**

**Commanding Officer of the Calgary Highlanders**

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### **61<sup>st</sup> Grand Highland Military Ball**

**In Honour of Col Edwards, OBE Commander BATUS  
and Paying tribute to the Calgary Police Service**

**and Chief Hanson, MOM**

**Saturday, 8 March 2008**

**Westin Hotel**

**Cocktails: 1830 hrs**

**Dinner: 1930 hrs**

**Tariff: \$95 per person (incl GST)**

(cheques made payable to CHRFF)

**Dress:**

**Gentlemen: Mess Kit, Black Tie or Formal Highland Wear**

**Ladies: Mess Kit, Evening Gown or Cocktail Dress**

Decorations and Orders may be worn

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## Arctic (continued from page 2)

potential U.S. continental shelf and the potential shelf from Canada will have some overlap," Mr. Armstrong told U.S. reporters during a news conference announcing the NOAA discovery. "We'll have to work with bordering nations to sort out any potential overlaps."

Canadian scientists have been quietly collecting data for years to support this country's case for offshore territorial extensions ahead of a 2013 deadline under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The U.S. has yet to ratify the convention (UNCLOS) -- largely because Republican legislators have resisted committing to such international legal frameworks -- but President George W. Bush last year urged adoption of the treaty, partly to strengthen the U.S. position in its looming clash with Canada, Russia, Denmark and Norway over polar resources.

Last summer, Russian scientists ignited an international uproar with a submarine mission highlighted by the planting of a titanium flag on the North Pole seabed. Russia's "stunt" -- as it was mockingly described by critics -- was aimed at asserting its ownership of a 1.2- million-square-kilometre expanse of the Arctic Ocean floor adjacent to the Lomonosov Ridge, an undersea mountain range that runs from Russia's northern coast to the continental shelves of Greenland and Canada.

Canada and other polar countries quickly dismissed Russia's claims pending scientific proof of a continuous geological link between the Arctic ridge and the Asian continent. But subsequent actions by several countries -- including a series of high-profile announcements last summer by Prime Minister Stephen Harper of major Canadian investments in ice-reinforced patrol boats, a deep-sea port and a military training base -- were widely seen as fanning the flames of an international dispute over the Arctic. Soon after the Russian flag-planting exercise, the U.S. icebreaker Healy was sent to the Chukchi Sea to map the ocean floor along the still-unresolved U.S.-Russia boundary in the waters north of Alaska and eastern Siberia.

The results of the Healy expedition, announced Monday by U.S. scientists, were described by Mr. Armstrong as "valuable data for NOAA and the United States" in asserting American sovereignty. Jacob Verhoef, the federal scientist leading Canada's undersea mapping mission in the Arctic, told Canwest News Service yesterday that Mr. Armstrong's predictions of overlapping claims in the Beaufort Sea "are premature and speculative" -- the same comment he made last year about the "big splash" Russia made with its dive to the North Pole.

Mr. Verhoef said his scientists collected "spectacular" data last year in the Beaufort Sea, but added that Canada is "not going to make public announcements as to what we are finding." He said this country's strategy is to amass evidence supporting its claims in the Arctic and publish the findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals, at the appropriate time, rather than releasing data at press conferences.

Mr. Verhoef said Canada's mapping effort will continue this year in the Beaufort Sea and further north in the Canada Basin area of the Arctic Ocean. In fact, Canadian experts will be teaming with U.S. researchers to profile parts of the western Arctic Ocean. But Canada's most immediate concern, Mr. Verhoef added, is a major mapping expedition north of Ellesmere Island that's scheduled to begin next month. From a scientific base at the Ellesmere outpost of Eureka, scientists will make a series of helicopter trips to the polar ice cap to take seismic readings of an ocean-bottom feature named Alpha Ridge -- a subsea mountain range parallel to the Lomonosov Ridge and running across the Arctic Ocean toward Russia.

Mr. Verhoef said Canada is attempting to muster evidence that the ridge is a "natural prolongation" of the North American land mass, giving Canada a stronger claim to territorial control and resources in its UNCLOS submission.

## Candle Light Dinner 2008

RAUSI held its annual Candle Light Dinner on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Close to 50 members and guests attended the function, which included red and white wine and a buffet by "Who's In The Kitchen Catering" featuring boneless chicken breasts and carved roast beef with vegetables and salads. Dessert was awesome with a selection cakes and pastries. The Downstairs Band provided dinner music throughout and after the tables were cleared the dancing started. It was an extremely relaxing and enjoyable evening with great food, music and friends.



The Downstairs Band performing at the Candlelight Dinner



Dancing at the Annual Candlelight Dinner to the music of the Downstairs Band

## RAUSI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All current members of the Institute are invited to attend the AGM on 20 March 2007 in the Conference Room at the Mess starting at 1900 hrs, the bar opens earlier. Notices and ballots are in the mail, please ensure you return them by the due dates. Bursary winners and the new Board of Directors will be announced. There will also be updates given by the Commanding Officer of The Areas Support Unit and the Commander 41 Canadian Brigade Group.

Please note that only paid up members will be permitted to vote. Memberships may be renewed prior to the AGM. Your 2007 Annual Journal will be available for pick-up at that time. This is your Institute, plan on attending.

## CMSS Conference Report

RAUSI President Ken Sivertsen and Director John Melbourne attended the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies Conference at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary on January 31 and February 1 2008. The theme of the Conference was "**Forced to Change: Education and Reform 10 Years After**". The conference examined the decade that followed the 1997 *Report to the Prime Minister on the Leadership and Management of the Canadian Forces* (the Young Report). One of the major components of this Report was the recommendation made concerning training, education and professional development. This conference reflected upon the significant headway made by DND/CF in implementing the various recommendations and how such reforms have contributed to the operational success of the CF in the new security environment.

The conference essentially consisted of five panel discussion groups who discussed topics under the following headings:

1. The Decade of Darkness: Causes and effects (A review the state of the CF as it came out of the Cold War and the impact of Somalia and former Yugoslavia on the profession.)
2. CF Transition: Recommendations for Change (A discussion of the recommendations made by the Young Report including the supplementary academic advisory papers)
3. The MMC Mandate and Challenges: (A discussion of the educational and cultural aspects of the MMC and the CF reaction – the MMC was the Defence Minister's Monitoring Committee on the progress of the changes identified in the Young Report)
4. The CF Response (The panel reviewed the CF response to the MMC and tried to assess how well the institution has achieved the changes recommended in the Young Report)

(See **Conference** continued on page 7)

## Afghan army gets surplus Canadian C-7 rifles after three-year wait

January 2, 2008

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan CP - A frustratingly long three-year wait for surplus Canadian C-7 rifles has come to an end for the fledging Afghan National Army. Gen. Gul Aqa says he has received about 42 boxes of firearms which will be used to replace the Afghan army's old Soviet-era AK-47s.

Canadian troops began training Afghan soldiers on the new rifles last week. Aqa welcomed the new weapons, saying the AK-47s are old and often jam.

Canadian Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche says getting the 2,500 donated weapons to the Afghans took so long because Canada needed approval from the United States to do it. He says the Canadian made C-7s were built using American M-16 technology, and that Canada isn't authorized to share it without first filling out a lot of paperwork.

## **Military Snippets**

This day in history:

- 01 March 0743 – Slave export by Christians to heathens prohibited
- 03 March 2005 – Mayerthorpe massacre of 4 RCMP
- 04 March 1969 – RCMP replaces dog teams with snowmobiles
- 06 March 1950 – Silly Putty invented
- 08 March 1984 – First US cruise missile tested over western Canada
- 09 March 1834 – French Foreign Legion is founded
- 16 March 1968 – My Lai massacre
- 21 March 1666 – 1st Canadian census counts 3000 people
- 25 March 1306 – Robert the Bruce becomes King of Scotland
- 25 March 1958 – CF-105 Arrow makes its first flight
- 30 March 1972 – Last daily rum ration issued to Canadian naval personnel
- 5 April 1992 – Siege of Sarajevo begins
- 7 April 1868 – Thomas D'Arcy McGee assassinated
- 9 April 1917 – Vimy Ridge captured by Canadians
- 16 April 1746 – Battle of Culloden
- 17 April 2002 – Friendly fire kills 4 Canadians in Afghanistan
- 24 April 1918 – First tank to tank combat
- 24 April 1184 BC – Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse
- 26 April 1986 – Chernobyl nuclear accident
- 28 April 1789 – Mutiny on HMS Bounty
- 29 April 1903 – Frank's slide on Turtle Mountain
- 29 April 2004 – Oldsmobile builds its final car

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 landings but it was felt that since this date is so well known that other interesting dates could be inserted instead. *Editor*

## Three British subs to be ready within 18 months

The Chronicle Herald

16 February 2008

MONTREAL (CP) — Almost 10 years after Canada bought four British submarines, a naval commander says at least three of them should be fully operational within the next 18 months.

Vice-Admiral Drew Robertson said Friday he expects HMCS Victoria, HMCS Cornerbrook and HMCS Windsor to be in service "over the coming year, year and a half . . . sailing simultaneously."

Submarines are considered fully operational when they have the capability to fire torpedoes underwater. The Canadian government bought four subs from Britain in 1998 for about \$890 million.

There was a fire aboard HMCS Chicoutimi in October 2004 as it sailed from Britain to Canada. Lt. Chris Saunders of Halifax died as a result of the blaze. Robertson indicated the vessel still won't be repaired for another two years.

"Because of capacity issues, we are going to proceed with the repairs to Chicoutimi beginning in 2010, once the other three submarines are fully operational," he told reporters after a speech to the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations.

## “The road to Beijing”

by Captain D. Smibert

If you have watched a news broadcast or read a newspaper recently, then you have undoubtedly read or heard the latest catch phrase, “The road to Beijing”. This headline refers to the journey of any athlete currently trying to qualify to compete in the 2008 summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing, China. For visually impaired cyclist Brian Cowie and his tandem pilot (RAUSI member) Devon Smibert, this journey first began in late summer of 2006 at the Disabled Cycling World Championships in Aigle Switzerland. An article was published in the RAUSI newsletter about Brian and Devon’s accomplishments at this event late in 2006, which first qualified them to be in the selection pool to represent Canada in the 2008 Games. In order to be eligible for selection, Brian and Devon also put on the maple leaf at the 2007 Disabled Cycling Championships in Bordeaux, France and at the Para-Pan American Championships in Cali, Columbia this fall.

The road has been a little rough for these two where their path has been riddled with injuries and funding issues. Two days prior to the first day of competition at this year’s world championships, the pair had a frightening accident when the rear tire of their tandem bike exploded during a training ride. They were traveling at approximately 45km/h and 15 feet up on the track when the tire blew. Devon was able to lay the bike down gently without injuring either rider, but as they were sliding to a halt around the bottom of the track another tandem narrowly missed Brian’s head and drove straight into Devon’s right hand. The bad news was that Devon’s hand was broken, but the good news was that there was a sport medicine specialist on site who opened up his private clinic on a Sunday night (for those of you familiar with the French work schedule, this is unheard of!) and crafted a custom thermoplastic cast shaped so that Devon could hang onto the handlebars!

The first competition of the event was the 1000m (commonly known as the ‘kilo’) time trial. This was very unfortunate since this is the event that required the most power and control over the bicycle (See **Beijing** continued on page 6)



Captain Devon Smibert (far left) and Brian Cowie on the podium in Cali Columbia, November 2007

## Moose Milk and Clam Chowder

By LCol JJ Martin

January 1st saw the 2008 Levee hosted at a number of locations across the city of Calgary. A tradition that has been carried on since French colonial days, members of the military, both serving and retired, met with politicians and the public to ensure the New Year commenced in a proper manner.

The start point at 0900 was the Northeast Armoury, home of 14 (Calgary) Service Battalion and 33 Field Engineer Squadron. Moose milk and a light fruit offering were made available to all participants. Coffee was especially appreciated by those who had attended LCol Stanton's wedding the night before - congratulations Nic. Mewata Armoury, home of the Calgary Garrison Officer's Mess, saw people arriving at about 1030. Light snacks, moose milk and clam chowder were amongst the fare that was offered. At 1130 HMCS Tecumseh saw the arrival of the Army contingent meet up with our landlocked naval compatriots. Moose milk and clam chowder once again graced the table. The final stop of the day was the Military Museums where invited guests closed out the Levee activities for the day.

A totally unscientific and grass roots poll identified the Northeast Armoury as home of the best moose milk and Mewata as winning the Clam Chowder derby. Since no one knew that these races were taking place, the trophies are only imaginary. If the hosts of the Levee events think of this as a worthy endeavour, maybe we can come up with recognition for the Clam Chowder Cup and the Moose Milk Medal - thoughts for all in preparation for the next Levee on the 1st of January 2009.

## Forces’ defeat would be first

Windsor Star  
by Dalson Chen

16 February 2008

Canada would suffer the first military defeat in the country’s history if its troops withdrew from Afghanistan, says historian Desmond Morton. “We’ve never actually lost a war the way we would if we walk away from Afghanistan and the whole thing collapses,” said Morton, 70, at the Tilston Armoury on Friday night. “I don’t think most Canadians ever think of that.

“If I asked the average Canadian if we’ve ever been defeated, (someone would say) ‘Oh yes, there’s Dieppe and there’s Hong Kong.’ But, in the end, we capture Dieppe in 1944 and we took Hong Kong in 1945. And Germany and Japan lost their wars. We’ve had defeats, but we’ve never lost a war. Never in Canada’s history have we been on the losing side. But we would be, if we abandoned Afghanistan.”

*Editor, extracts from an article that appeared in the Windsor Star.*

## Beijing (continued from page 5)

of any event. The team doctor injected Devon's hand with local anesthetic to take away some of the pain, but this only froze the flesh and did nothing to dull the pain when the bone ends ground together at the start of the race. The national cycling coach turned away shortly after the race began as he thought that Devon was going to lose control of the bike and fly off of the track. The following day was Devon and Brian's best event, the pursuit (4000m time trial). Having learned a couple of lessons from the Kilo, the doctor taped Devon's hand much tighter to the cast and they were able to pull off a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish despite the broken hand.

Fast forward to early November. Devon and Brian traveled down to Cali, Columbia with the rest of the national Paralympic Cycling team for the Para Pan-American Cycling Championship. The two managed to bring home three silver medals and almost guarantee their selection to the 2008 Paralympic Games. Given the recovery time for the broken hand and the training that Devon missed as a result, this was a pretty good performance for the pair that didn't reflect their full potential.

Most news articles on the 2008 Games talk about two challenges that all athletes will face in Beijing, heat and pollution. Beijing's average air quality is 5 times worse than that of Toronto's worst air quality on any given day of the year. Temperatures for the Olympics will likely be around 40C and for the Paralympics a little cooler at 30-35C. For the Olympics, China's government has committed to shutting down the heavy industry for a couple of weeks prior to and during the Games. It is unclear yet as to whether or not the heavy industry will stay closed for the Paralympic Games as well, however many athletes fear that the factories may actually be working overtime during the Paralympic Games in order to compensate for the loss of productivity during the Olympics. In an attempt to give Canadian athletes a competitive edge in Beijing, the Pacific Sport national training centre in Victoria has begun testing on Olympic and Paralympic pool athletes. The testing specific to heat includes performing rigorous workouts in a heat chamber to simulate the heat that athletes will encounter in Beijing. Devon and Brian just returned home this past week from a week full of testing where their sweat composition, sweat rates, and ability to perform in the heat were all measured. The experts at Pacific Sport will compile and analyze all of this data and devise strategies for Devon and Brian to cope with the heat and hopefully bring home a medal or two for Canada.

With the support of great coaches, friends, family, and a very understanding employer (The Graycon Group has agreed to allow Devon to work 30 hour weeks and take 15 weeks off throughout the year without prejudice to salary or career progression) Devon and Brian are on "The Road to Beijing". With a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck, the pair hopes to add a Paralympic medal to top of Brian's athletic career that (See **Beijing** continued on page 8)

## Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess

Update as at 13 Feb 08

The Mess is as it has always been static but changing. We have plans but it is a very ponderous process. We are going to see some changes in the near future.

1. The renovation the Garrison Dining Room storage area is starting on 14 Feb 08. I say this because the contractor was here today.
2. The contractor will be refinishing the ceiling of the pool room, to cover the nicotine stained tiles.
3. The Membership has voted on the purchase of a new front serve / rear load beer cooler. A picture is posted on the side of the bar. It will be placed directly behind the existing bar. This will increase our chilled stock capacity by 3 times. The wall will be removed along with the existing beer cooler, and replaced by shelving for liquor bottles.
4. The wainscoting in the entrance way will have the seven layers of ugly paint removed, and the finish will be returned to wood. We will try and do the doors to the dining room and hallway as well.
5. The engineers have been in many times to try and fit a 7' Elevator in a 5' Lift shaft. We expect the lift will be replaced but it may be during the summer.
6. My next plan will be changing our 2 keg draft machine for a new 3 keg machine. This will allow us to keep a keg cool and available, instead of thirsty members hearing that awful compressed air sound of an empty keg.
7. A request has been submitted for a telephone jack in the Dining Room as well as additional video conference jacks to allow the use of the Video conference TV in the Dining Room.

As always, I'm open to your suggestions to improve the Mess, and the service to its Members and patrons.

Captain J. Alden, PMC



The RG-31 (Nyala) Armoured Patrol Vehicle  
in Afghanistan

### Padre's Corner

Prior to WWII, I recall seeing men suffering from physical and mental injuries resulting from the WWI even after two decades. Since the WWII we have heard many stories of old soldiers who suffered from the war and were not treated well by successive governments. We have heard of soldiers mistreated during tests of poisonous gasses and nuclear experiments, and of soldiers injured through exposure to Agent Orange.

Recent reports suggest that some of our soldiers are still not getting the support and treatment they require. The future of our way of life may well rest on additional soldiers putting themselves in harms way.

While these condition go on we have some citizens who proclaim their support for our troops. And we have some government officials who refuse to stand behind these proclamations; sadly, we also have fellow citizens who fail to understand the significance of the sacrifices our troops make. I'm not sure what any one particular individual can do to change this. But I would say this, it is important for all of us to become aware of the conditions our troops serve under, and what happens to them when they are injured. Changes are required and soon. We can all do more, at least show your support with the appropriate car stickers, or perhaps even writing to government and the media to bring about change. Christ said, "No greater love is there than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend". Let's get behind our soldiers.

This is not a partisan issue, but one of decency toward those who do what many of us are not prepared to do. And tell your friends that you support our troops.

(The Reverend) Eric Haffenden



Canadian Forces artwork

### Update on the RAUSI 2007 Bursaries.

By Padre Haffenden

Nine excellent applications have been received for the 2007 *Wing Commander Don Freeman Memorial Bursary* and the *Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Bursary*. The applications have now been reviewed and two top-notch applicants decided upon.

We are currently in process of informing the successful applicants and will release their names as soon as we have reached them.

The successful applicants will also be invited to the RAUSI Annual General Meeting to receive their cheques. This is one more reason for you to mark March 20th on your calendars (AGM) so that you may be introduced to these two fine people. Brief introductions of the two will also be published in the 2007 Journal. This is one more example of RAUSI supporting members of the Cadets and Reservists.

### General Hillier's Quote on War

The following quote is attributed to General Hillier during an interview with Donna Jacobs and published in the Ottawa Citizen on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

*"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The ugliest is a person who thinks nothing is worth fighting and dying for." and lets others, better and braver, protect him"*

### Conference (continued on page 4)

5. CF PME Today (This panel reviewed the reforms implemented since the mid 90s (both pre and post MMC) and the state of PME (Professional Military Education) in the CF today – the main conclusion appeared to be that the CF has made great strides but still has a way to go to fully implement all the changes required).

The Conference included an opening Keynote address by the Honourable Doug Young, Minister of National Defence during the 1990s. The speakers and panelists included BGen Don Macnamara, Honorary Colonel, Canadian Forces College; BGen Tom Lawson, Commandant, Royal Military College; BGen David Fraser, Commandant, Canadian Forces College and Colonel William Monfries Australian Army, just to name a few of the participants. Attendees were from all facets of the Military and the Calgary Police Service.

### 2008 Membership Dues

Just a reminder that your 2008 RAUSI Membership renewal forms have been sent out. If you did not receive your 2008 membership renewal form please contact the Secretary.

2008 dues can be paid to the Secretary either by cheque, debit or you can call and have the dues charged to your credit card. Kim can be reached at 265-6628.

Membership Dues remain unchanged from 2007. Dues for Ordinary Members for 2008 are \$85, for Out of Town Members \$50, for Garrison members (\$20) and for 41 Brigade Garrison members (no charge).

The Institute also welcomes those companies, organizations etc that share the same principles as RAUSI to join, for Corporate and Group rates please call the Secretary.

Renewal forms are also available on the RAUSI website, in the Mess or from the Secretary. For potential new members, RAUSI Membership Application Forms are available at the mess, on-line or from the Secretary.

New Members must be sponsored by a current RAUSI member. Sponsoring members must provide a brief written note why the potential new member should be considered for membership into the Institute.

## SUGGESTED WEBSITES

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

Canada's C7 Rifle website

<http://www.coltcanada.com/c7-page.htm>

The Manley Report on Afghanistan

[http://www.canada-afghanistan.gc.ca/cip-pic/afghanistan/pdf/Afghan\\_Report\\_web\\_e.pdf](http://www.canada-afghanistan.gc.ca/cip-pic/afghanistan/pdf/Afghan_Report_web_e.pdf)

Esprit de Corps Magazine

<http://www.espritdecorps.ca/>

Canadian Military Aircraft Serial Numbers

<http://www.ody.ca/~bwalker/index.htm>

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*Calgary Military Community Events* is a listing that is released on a monthly basis by Eric Cameron from the Public Affairs Office. If you have an upcoming event that you would like listed or if you would like to be on distribution please contact Eric Cameron at [cameron.ec2@forces.gc.ca](mailto:cameron.ec2@forces.gc.ca) or by phone 974-2826.

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already includes 3 Paralympic Games, 10 Ironman finishes, and countless podium finishes in world cup races and world championships. Finally, for anyone looking for a little inspiration to get off of the couch and be more active, know that Brian is 55 years old and still planning on doing the Ironman in Hawaii with Devon in the fall of 2009 when he will have just turned 57 that summer.

*Editor's note, we at the Institute wish Devon and Brian all the best on "The Road to Beijing" and we look forward for more updates from Devon.*

## 2008 Membership Status

As of 22 February 2008 the RAUSI Membership was:

Honorary	4
Life	6
Ordinary	88
41 CBG	3
Garrison	6
Out of Town	5
Group	36
Corporate	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>

## IN MEMORIAM

Gunner Jonathan **Dion**, 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada,  
30 December 2007, Zhari District, Afghanistan, age 27

Corporal Eric **Labbé**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment,  
7 January 2008, Nalgham District, age 31

Warrant Officer Hani **Massouh**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment,  
7 January 2008, Nalgham District, age 41

Trooper Richard **Renaud**, 12e Régiment Blindé du Canada,  
16 January 2008, Kandahar, age 26

Corporal Etienne **Gonthier**, 5e Régiment du Genie de Combat,  
23 January 2008, Panjwaiyi District, age 21



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