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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Folks, as we head into the new year we are getting prepared for our AGM. We will be looking for a new Treasurer and we can always use your help on the Executive. There is pertinent information in the Month's Newsletter that you should print off and bring to the AGM. So far we now have Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Chris Linford coming as our Guest Speaker in March to talk about PTSD. In

April we have LCol (Retd) Andrew McCorquodale coming to share his experiences at 19 Wing CFB Comox



and the transition back into the civilian world into his new position with BC Hydro. In September we will Superintendant Cameron Miller to tell us about his role as the Chief of Police in Nanaimo as well as his other job as the Executive Officer for HMCS Malahat.

We are still struggling with our membership which is the same with most service clubs these

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MILITARY COMMITTEE MUSINGS

Anonymous Counter-Terrorism (CT) Operations

NANAIMO, 15 January 2017... first, let me lead off with an apology to our hard copy readers (Canada Post Mailing List) who missed their January Newsletter entirely. My own *Musing* column was filed with the Editor mid-December. Delayed by the holidays, the finished Newsletter only arrived back on the 7th of January, too late for pre-January Lunch Meeting distribution. I was also

struggling with my own printer problems, which were only resolved for me Tuesday the 10th by a seventeen years-old high school student, who periodically bails me out of my own electronic hamfistedness, all in exchange for gas money and a Friday evening rib dinner at the local Montana's. Actually, I enjoy their ribs too, so I'm not complaining.

Anyway, to get started, here's a new "traffic



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sign" much in anonymous vogue today: **Dan-**

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ger! Terrorist Ahead.

Its use is similar to that of **School Zone** or **Railway Crossing** or **Construction Zone** signs. Each warns of hazardous conditions in the offing. There are dozens of other national and international traffic warning signs in use, most intended to guide the prudent driver in hazardous driving conditions.

Of course, the problem is that too many drivers, in the absence of meaningful enforcement, charge right on through. LTE to Vancouver Island newspapers regularly complain about flagrant and repetitive disregard for 30 KPH speed restrictions in school zones, particularly in the morning. For municipalities and governments in general, there simply aren't enough police to go around. We simply can't cover all the hot spots, even just part of the time. In truth, we're vulnerable everywhere, all the time.

Which neatly leads me to this month's thesis: fighting terrorism via *point defence* is a losing strategy. We shore up airport security and the terrorist just shifts to kettle bombs at public gatherings. We start closeting processes, searching bags and packages, just causing the terrorist to shift to random street attacks. And, if you can't get a weapon in, just use a car or truck as a ramming tool. The openings for terrorists are literally endless. We increase preventative policing on the streets and the terrorist shifts to some-

thing else. We've become like dogs chasing our own tails.

Before getting to my nuts 'n bolts, let me cite three points made in earlier columns that are still valid. On 14 December '08 I made the point that you must always make sure you have "selected and are maintaining the correct and achievable aim." In October '09 I argued that 21st Century Terrorism had to be fought on two levels...first, by identifying and dealing with causes, where this is even possible; and...second, by rooting out the terrorists at & by their roots. Earlier still, in May '09, I suggested that maritime piracy (just one kind of terrorist activity) could be defeated using *special measures*. Otherwise, we tie up navies on escort duties.

There's one more principle applicable to my thesis. Frederick the Great (Prussia) argued that "*he who defends everywhere defends nothing.*" There is a similar if more modern soldier's adage that is equally apropos: "*attack is the best defence.*"

In the early Sixties, the then President of Indonesia set off to displace governance of three British protectorates on the Island of Borneo. His foray was the centerpiece of a strategy to absorb newly independent Malaysia into a super- Indonesian Muslim empire in SE Asia. A four-year undeclared Borneo bush war was the result, fought largely on the

British side by jungle-savvy Gurkha and Commonwealth Special Forces. While the Brits did deploy battalion and company sized units, the war was fought "in the bush," right on or over on the Indonesian side of the frontiers, by section sized or smaller combat teams. Four years along, having lost control of its own border at the cost of some 2000 Indonesian KIAs, President Sukarno threw in the towel. Allied losses were 63 KIA and 83 WIA.

Today though, current CT operations are impeded by our seemingly doctrinaire adherence to *Laws of War & Rules of Engagement*... *Lord Fauntroy* rules that may be appropriate to civilized societies in contemporary times and circumstances, but simply aren't in dealing with a regressive terrorist society more appropriate to the 12th rather than the 21st Century. The resolution is a quite straight forward one: take off the gloves and throw away the rule book. We also need to ignore the premise that everything we do has to be transparent, lawful and that the public has a right to know. That simply won't work; success lies in absolute anonymity.

So, turn the CT forces loose. Turn them loose on the terrorists where and when the latter can be found. In reality too, those terrorists don't live in a vacuum. They live, plot, train and act within an equally anonymous support system. That support system too should be targeted. There's little

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room for niceties. There will be collateral damage. Learn to live with it. The ordinary people of Brussels, Paris, London, New York, Istanbul & other locales live and die with it. You and I need to learn from their experiences. In the terrorist world, no one's neutral. They spare no one; they need not be dealt with otherwise.

So that I'm very clear on all this, let me revisit a notion from my May 2009 Column. CT is work for a truly Silent Service. No parades after; no public notoriety; no tell-all books. Mums the word. And, other than for intelligence purposes, prisoners are a liability. One source indicates that of 653 "paroled" detainees from the US Prison at Guantanamo, 196 are back in the jihadist movement. That's not smart.



As always, this column is the product of open source research and personal analysis. The author is Colonel Bill McCullough, Chair of our Military Committee & a Past President of our Institute. The musings are his own and he has no special sources.

**This month's Luncheon Meeting
will be held at**

**Nanaimo Golf Club
2800 Highland Blvd**

on

**Wednesday, February 8th, 2017
1130 hrs**

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days. The New Years Day Levee last months luncheon but as those went well for an inaugural run that attended know, the staff at the and afforded the Presidents of the NGC pulled together an excellent meal for us! I thanked Steve and discuss future joint events which staff for their efforts and also seems to be an excellent way to apologized about the miscommu- let others know we exist! That apologized about the miscommu- nication from our end as well. So said, we are not looking at chang- far it looks that we will have a few ing our 'raison d'être'. We are new speakers coming and I would merely looking at the new possi- like to Dunc Dunsmore for all of bility of bringing the all veterans his great suggestions for guest together at a single venue. Speak- speakers as it has helped out tre- ing about future events, we are mendously! On a last note, as I looking at June 17th for our next write this our Vice Chief of De- dining in. We would like to form fense Staff has been temporarily a committee to help with the removed from command and there work load for this event. We are seems to be some speculation trying to get RAdm Art Mc Don- about some highly classified infor- ald out as our Guest of Honour. mation that left his office. Al- We will be opening this event to though I am completely shocked at members of other like minded this event, I am also waiting for groups in order to obtain a maxi- further information to clarify what mum number of serving and re- exactly happened ? To that end it tired veterans in attendance. must have been a hard decision for The Nanaimo Golf Course will be Chief of Defense Staff to make our meeting place until further and I applaud his leadership in do- notice. I have confirmed with the ing what he felt obviously was re- NGC that we will be staying there quired of this situation! I look and they have agreed to keep our forward to seeing you all at the cost at \$25.00 per head. They next luncheon!

have thoroughly apologized for *Pete*

USIN(NI) Family Membership Plan

This past Autumn, the Board proceeded with implementation of recent changes to our membership structure, coinciding as it did with the annual review required of the schedule of membership fees. In the process the Family Membership Plan (FMP) was developed.

While spouses and partners were always eligible to apply for individual Ordinary or Associate Memberships where they met the applicable membership criteria, few did. Over the years, we believe that only three or possibly 4 couples held joint memberships in our Institute; that is as Ordinary and Ordinary partner-Members, or, as Ordinary and Associate partner-Members. In

those cases, each Member applied for his or her own membership and paid the full individual annual membership fee applicable. With the recent annual membership fee increased to \$50 charged to both Ordinary and Associate Members, the Board decided the FMP fee would be more reasonably set at \$75: a \$25 saving for each Member pair. It is not intended that couples be required to sign on to the new plan. A non-Member spouse or partner enjoys residual rights and privileges so long as the lead Member remains a Member-in-Good-Standing. To date, three existing couples have applied for partner memberships under the provisions of FMP. In one case, the requisite

Application Form (Associate) has been completed and has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Members. The other two applications (one Ordinary the other Associate) are still outstanding, although all three requisite FMP fees have been paid for 2018. None of these fee structure changes affect the continued gratis membership status of Honoured Life Members or Life Members. Nor too do any of these changes affect the full and welcome continued involvement of other spouses and partners in the life of our Institute. Any questions, doubts or concerns about the FMP should be addressed to any Member of the Board.

New Royal Canadian Navy Command Badge

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SUBJ: NEW ROYAL CANADIAN
NAVY COMMAND BADGE
1. ON 23 JUNE 2016 THE COM-
MANDER OF THE ROYAL CA-
NADIAN NAVY (RCN) UN-
VEILED A NEW RCN COM-
MAND BADGE
2. THE NEW BADGE BETTER
REFLECTS THE TRADITIONAL
IDENTITY OF THE RCN, INCOR-
PORATING SEVERAL
CHANGES:
A. THE LIGHT BLUE BACK-
GROUND WAS REPLACED
WITH DARK NAVY BLUE
WHICH MATCHES THE
PRE-UNIFICATION BADGE



B. THE EAGLE WAS REMOVED
AND THE ANCHOR FLATTENED
FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE
PRE-UNIFICATION BADGE
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RCN COMMAND BADGE ARE
CONSISTENT WITH OTHER
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2010, RE- INSTATING THE
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AND THE AUTHORIZATION
FOR WARSHIPS TO FLY A DIS-
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ENSIGN IN 2013
4. FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON THE RCN COMMAND
BADGE AND ITS USAGE,
PLEASE CONSULT CHAPTER 6
OF A-AD-200-000/AG-000 THE
HERITAGE STRUCTURE OF THE
CANADIAN FORCES.

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Naval Art



This is a photo of HMS *Dragon*. Many of us are familiar with gun shield art, and with RCAF artwork on ship hanger doors and on helicopters. This photo is interesting for showing 'bow art' (if I may create that term). Though, on reflection, the bow art may just be reflective of ships' figurehead art over the past many centuries.

This Month in Canadian Military History

- **01/02/1911** - The first recruiting posters for the RCN are issued to post offices throughout Canada.
- **01/02/1968** - The personnel and organization of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, and the Royal Canadian Air Force were unified into a single organization, the Canadian Forces.
- **05/02/1944** - HMS *Puncher*, an aircraft carrier, is commissioned into the Royal Navy at Vancouver with a Canadian crew, but a British air complement.
- **05/02/1987** - Combat Related Employment of Women trials announced to "evaluate the impact of mixed-gender units on operational effectiveness."
- **07/02/1964** - It was announced that the Royal Canadian Air Force's aerobatic team, the Golden Hawks, would be disbanded
- **08/02/1945** - First Canadian Army opens an offensive at the north end of the German Siegfried Line southeast of Nijmegen in order to clear the area between the Maas and Rhine rivers.
- **08/02/1948** - The "RCAF Flyers" win the Olympic gold medal and World Amateur ice hockey championships during the Olympic winter games in Switzerland.
- **09/02/1941** - The 5th Canadian Motorcycle Regiment, CASF, (BCD) is converted and redesignated The British Columbia Dragoons.
- **12/02/1942** - Nine Canadian squadrons (four bomber, four fighter and one coastal) take part in the chase of three German warships in the "Channel Dash".
- **15/02/1923** - The Canadian Air Force (a civil military organization) is granted the prefix "Royal" by His Majesty the King, becoming the "Royal Canadian Air Force".
- **15/02/1965** - The new maple leaf Canadian flag is hoisted over all RCAF bases.
- **18/02/1920** - The Canadian government authorizes the formation of the Canadian Air Force.
- **19/02/1951** - 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry becomes the first Canadian unit sent to the front during the Korean War when it moved to the line north of Yuju under the command of the 27th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade.
- **20/02/1959** - The Canadian government announces the cancellation of the CF-105 Avro Arrow fighter project.
- **20/02/1989** - The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal rules that obstacles to the entry of servicewomen into all occupations in the military had to be lifted with two exceptions-submarines and Roman Catholic chaplaincy.
- **24/02/1925** - Two flying officers were killed in a mid-air collision over Camp Borden, becoming the first casualties in the permanent Royal Canadian Air Force.
- **28/02/1991** - "Desert Cat Squadron" pilots carry out 56 bombing missions during the Gulf War (01-28 Feb).

REBUILDING OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During our 10 February Lunch Meeting at the Nanaimo Golf Club, our Institute Secretary provided one of his occasional post-lunch *tours d' horizons*, during which he addressed the need to rebuild our Board of Directors. A Past President of our Institute, Bill is chairing this year's Nominations Committee, composed of himself, Charles Kemp as the Board representative and Al Thompson as a Member-at-Large representing the wider membership of the Institute.

With a shrinking and aging pool of Members to "work from," Bill said the Nomination Committee has its work cut out for it; "tough sledding" as he described it. With both the President and Treasurer stepping down, the most pressing need is for two Ordinary Members ready, able and willing to backfill the Officer Cadre of the Board. The Nomination Committee is currently and actively (mid-January) wooing two prospects, one of whom though has been in a recovering mode from a serious illness for some time.

Bill did report that two of our Members (one Ordinary and one Associate) have indicated they will accept nominations at our March AGM to fill existing Director vacancies, but two more volunteers as prospective Directors would be very welcome.

The Board only meets once a month, although Officers and Directors are expected to manage their own "portfolios" between Board Meetings.

For more information please contact:

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RAF Typhoons fly close to Russian Aircraft Carrier Group sailing past the UK



A British warship, Royal Navy frigate HMS St Albans, along with 3 RAF Typhoons have shadowed the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier and its battle group as they passed by the UK on Jan. 24.

The Russian carrier and her battle group (the Pyotr Velikiy, a nuclear-powered Kirov-class battlecruiser and a salvage tug) are returning home after completing their first combat deployment to the eastern Mediterranean to take part in the air war in Syria, a cruise that was plagued by two crashes (a Mig-29K and a Su-33).

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of this Institute will be convened at approximately Noon, on Wednesday, the 8th of March 2017, at the Nanaimo Golf Club.

The Members will be asked to review and approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th of February 2016, and, the subsequent Special General Meeting of the 14th of September 2016, which was only closed on the 14th of December 2016.

Following this, the principal business then of the Meeting will be:

to hear the report of the Financial Reviewer;

to hear the Treasurer's end 2016 Financial Statement

to receive the Outgoing Board's recommended Budget for 2017-18;

to hear the reports of the Outgoing Board of Directors; and

to then hear and act on the report of the Chair of the Institute's Nomination Committee.

Immediately following this, the Members will appoint a Member to be our Financial Reviewer for 2017-18. This appointment may not be influenced by either the Outgoing or Incoming Boards.

The incoming President then assumes the Chair for New or other Business and for Closing Remarks.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & RENEWALS 2017

Ordinary & Associate Individual Member	\$50
Ordinary & Associate Member Family of Two	\$75
(2 nd Member enrolled as Associate Member)	
Honoured Life Member	nil
Life Member	nil



UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NANAIMO & NORTH ISLAND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOON TIME, WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017

AT THE NANAIMO GOLF CLUB

Opening Remarks by the President

Review the Minutes of a AGM held on Wednesday the 10th February 2016 & the SGM of 14th September, the latter adjourned and only closed on the 14th of December 2016.

Receive the Report on the Review of our Financial Accounts.

Receive the end December 2016 Financial Statement.

Receive an Outline Budget for 2017.

Receive the Annual Report of the President.

Receive any Reports from Board Directors.

Hear & Respond to the Report by the Chair of our Nominations Committee.

The Members Appoint a Reviewer of our Accounts for 2017.

(Reviewer cannot be appointed by the Board)

New or Other Business Raised from the Floor.

Closing Remarks by the Incoming President.

Note: - Under the terms of our now updated Constitution, Ordinary and Associate Members-in-Good Standing, Honoured Life Members, Life Members and the spouse or partner of any Member-in-Good-Standing may enter into debate and vote during these proceedings. The accepted *Rules of Order* apply, subject to the usual necessary discretion vested in the Chair.