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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting to all our Loyal Membership. I wish to start this message with a note of congratulations to all those Members that were confirmed to our Board of Directors for 2017/2018. We have several large tasks at hand this year and my first impressions tell me that we are the Board that will manage to successfully complete them. On a related note, I wish to bring to everyone's attention that a few very

important positions on the Board remain vacant. Please don't feel that you need some special qualifications or skills to fill these positions. All you need is your spirit of volunteerism and 3 or 4 hours of spare time every month. Come on and jump in. You will find your participation fun and satisfying. As our Number 1 task this year, the Board of Directors will be addressing the membership

issue. It is imperative that this issue be resolved as soon as possible. In blunt terms, if it does not get resolved this year, this Institute will cease to function at its current level. In fact, it may even be forced to close its doors all together. Not the news you wanted to hear, I know, however that is the reality of the situation we are faced with.

Our Number 2 task is the

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Nanaimo, 18 March 2017... I had intended to write a piece this month appropriate to the 100th anniversary of the 9-12 April 1917 capture of Vimy Ridge. However, Vimy's capture is earning well-deserved national recognition and sober celebration at every quarter, so I'll turn my attention elsewhere.

But, just to put Vimy and its Monument in some kind of contemporary perspective, let me cite just a few facts. That Easter Weekend battle alone cost the Canadian Corps almost 4000 killed (KIA) and another 6500 wounded (WIA), all in just four days. Twenty-five years later, the one-day Dieppe Raid cost us almost 1000 KIA or died of wounds, and, another 4000 WIA and/or captured. The Korean War cost Canada 516 KIA and another 1042 WIA or captured. Our decade-long commitment in Afghanistan cost us 158 KIA and another 1830 WIA or injured. Vimy, by any yardstick, is in a class of its own.

Most of us old crocks here in the Institute have walked Vimy and other of our European battlefields. If ever a generation of Canadians might have had cause to

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claim they were scarred by their war, it would be those who slugged it out over or were carried away from Vimy.

One Vimy oddity. Adolf Hitler visited Vimy in June 1940. While other French and Allied First World War monuments were capriciously destroyed or damaged by the victorious Germans, Hitler ordered that Canada's Vimy Memorial was to be protected throughout what was to become Germany's four-year occupation of France. And, so it was.

With that, on to this month's dirge or soliloquy. In my *Confluence Series*, I cited the growing 21st Century problem with refugees and internationally recognized displaced persons (IRDP). At present, it is generally accepted, using UN numbers, that there 85 million IRDP "lose" in our global society. No one really knows the actual number. It may well already be two to 3 times more than that, but you and I are almost certainly going to see that rise several hundred millions more in our lifetime. Homeless, hungry, thirsty or in fear for their lives, hundreds of millions are already on the move in a migration without historical precedent. And, historically, migrators make room for themselves by displacing their indigenous predecessors, by whatever means are necessary and are at hand.

The basic rule on IRDP is that Canada cannot refuse initial entry of IRDP and must facilitate their subsequent legal opportunity to make a case for residency. A *non-refoulement* rule prohibits Canada from returning an IRDP to the frontiers of territories where his/her life or freedom would be threatened for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion. One exception is that persons, who might otherwise qualify as IRDP, may not claim protection under this principle when there are "reasonable grounds" for regarding the IRDP concerned as a danger to Canadian national security, or, where the IRDP, having been convicted of a particularly serious or heinous crime, is judged to constitute a continuing danger to us.

Once admitted in, Canada must afford IRDP the

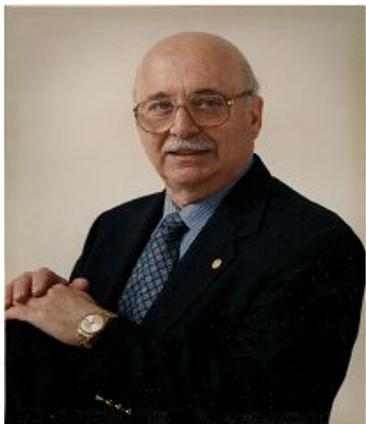
right to choose their place of residence within our borders, and, to move freely within those borders. We are also obligated to provide IRDP with travel documents permitting them to travel outside Canada, just as other Canadian citizens do, "unless compelling reasons of national security or public order otherwise require."

In effect, where once we agreed that the French and English languages, cultures, religious diversity and parallel education systems should co-exist and have primacy, diversity and multi-culturalism have already carried us much further afield. States of *apartheid*, racially, linguistically and culturally in nature, have already become a Canadian norm. Under-managed entry to Canada is already a problem. In general terms we need to "synchronize" immigrant and IRDP admissions to Canada. We can and should set quotas and made-in-Canada qualifications for both. The nature and extent of those will have to be worked out to Canada's satisfaction, and, if necessary, our existing agreed commitments to international treaties and understandings adjusted to meet Canadian needs. Should we fail to take this in hand, and, fail to do so promptly, Canada, as we know it, will be displaced with something entirely different and less welcoming. I do not advocate closed borders, but do believe we need to manage them in the best interests of Canadians who are already engaged, working and paying to keep this the True North Strong and Free for which so many fought and died. If Vimy was the *Birth of a Nation*, let's not just stand aside to watch Canada eclipsed to others needs and designs.

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Canada's not just a-lot-of real estate up for grabs; it's home, to be earned, won & defended today as has been the case for every generation that preceded us. And, our Canadian Nationality, whether you're born to it or are being welcomed to come-on-in from outside, should not simply be a convenience. Immigrant or refugee, if you want to hold a Canadian passport, you need to divest yourself of the baggage of a former life. The notion of retaining one nationality while going through the motions of building a Canadian one is, at best, disingenuous. At worst, it's outright dishonest, less than we should expect of New Canadians, whatever or wherever their origins.



This Musing Column is that of Colonel (Ret'd) W.J. (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of this Institute and the long-time Chair of our Military Committee. The column is the result of his own research & deliberations. The views and conclusions expressed are his own. He is neither a member of, nor does he provide support of any kind to or for, any political party.

U.S. military satellite, funded in part by Canada at a cost of \$340 million, now launched



The United Launch Alliance Delta IV rocket carrying the ninth Wideband Global Satellite Communication satellite emerges as the Mobile Service Tower is rolled back March 18, 2017, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. WGS satellites are impor-

tant elements of a new high-capacity satellite communications system providing enhanced communications capabilities to our troops in the field. Canada's participation in the WGS is known as Mercury Global. Canada will ultimately access its full allotted bandwidth from the project through anchor stations in Ottawa, Ontario; Great Village, Nova Scotia; and CFB Esquimalt, British Columbia – all of which are home to the antennas and associated ground infrastructure. (Photo by Holden S. Faul)

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organizing and conduct of the 2017 Gala Dining In. Our organizing Committee (including members of 808 Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256) have already been hard at work over the past several weeks to ensure that this event will be the premier formal social event of our community this year. Our Guest of Honour, RAdm A. MacDonald has been confirmed. Final arrangements are being negotiated with a 6 piece musical ensemble, a bugler, a piper, a professional photographer and our venue hosts. A multi choice menu is being pursued. Special invitations to local military, governmental and community leaders are being prepared. We hope to draw a maximum of 120 people to this event. That would be twice

the size of our 2015 Dining In. Ticket sales are to commence April 15, 2017 and are priced at \$75.00 per person. As Members of the USIN(NI) you will all be advised directly by email on where you can purchase your tickets.

Next on our 'to-do' list is the summer BBQ. Although we have not started planning this event as of yet, every effort will be made to ensure that it will be as successful as last year's BBQ. Stay tuned, more to follow on this.

I will close this message by stating that I look forward this year to working with each and everyone of you in efforts to make the Institute stronger and a more visible organization in our community.

Edwin

USIN(NI) Guest Speaker - April 12, 2017

LtCol (Retd) Andrew McCorquodale CD

Andrew McCorquodale joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1993 and graduated from the Royal Military College in 1997 with a BA in Honours History. As an Air Navigator and Air Combat Systems Officer, Andrew enjoyed a challenging and successful twenty-three-year career in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He and his family were posted from coast to coast in Canada, including tours in Greenwood, Nova Scotia; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Comox, BC and Ottawa and Toronto, Ontario. His academic achievements in the military include completing an undergraduate degree in Honours History, a Master Degree in Military and Defence Studies and the post-graduate level Aerospace Studies Course.

Andrew served operational tours of duty flying patrol missions in the CP-140 Aurora over the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea in



2002, commanding unmanned aerial vehicles in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2003 and commanding Canada's Long Range Patrol detachment in Kuwait, leading crews in combat surveillance missions over Iraq in 2015.

Andrew was the Deputy Project Director at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa accountable for the acquisition of the CU-170 Heron Unmanned Aerial Ve-

hicle which served with the Canadian Armed Forces in Kandahar, Afghanistan. For his dedication to this project, he was awarded a Chief of the Air Staff commendation in 2009.

From 2014 to 2016, Andrew was the Commanding Officer of 407 Long Range Patrol Squadron in Comox, BC. This was his last position in the Air Force, and following his release from the Canadian Armed Forces in May, 2016, Andrew was proud to join the BC Hydro family as Regional Manager for Vancouver Island Distribution and Stations.

Born and raised in Toronto, Andrew and his wife Claire of Winnipeg, Manitoba, are the proud parents of their twelve-year-old son John, and five-year-old daughter called Lovey. They are enjoying their new home in Nanaimo, and happily adjusting to post-military life.

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This month's Luncheon Meeting will be held at
Nanaimo Golf Club, 2800 Highland Blvd
Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, 1130 hrs
\$25.00 per person.