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HRM Mayor Peter Kelly and RUSI President Paul Phillips raise the RUSI flag at Grand Parade prior to a Year of the Veteran reception for RUSI members and guests at City Hall.

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Calendar Lists 2005-06 **Activities**

The Program Committee has developed a program of activities—with dates—for the period September 2005-June 2006. The

activities, including meetings, luncheons, mess dinners and tours, are outlined in a one-page calendar included with this issue. The calendar can be retained as a handy reference for the next 10 months.

Members will be advised of any required changes in locations, via e-mail, Dispatches or other means.

Among the 2005-06 activities will be a program of monthly noon luncheons held the first Wednesday of each month, commencing Wednesday 7 Sept at RA Park Officers Mess. (Further details page 2).

Questions or comments regarding the Calendar of Activities can be directed to Vice President Murray Lee, tel: 462-7169; e-mail: murray.lee@ns.sympatico.ca

Extraordinary General Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend an extraordinary general meeting Wednesday 28 September at 1900 at RA Park Officers Mess to discuss and ratify proposed changes to the RUSI/NS constitution. The changes have been developed by the RUSI Renaissance Committee.

A copy of the Constitution with the

proposed changes is included with this mailing to provide members an opportunity to review the document prior to 28 September meeting.

Alex Morrison, Chair of the Renaissance Committee provides the following update on the work of committee:

The Renaissance Committee, composed of Alex Morrison (Chair), John Boileau, Murray Lee and Len Canfield, has been working for several months

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with the aim to enhance both the RUSI Constitution and Institute activities.

One of our first objectives was to simplify the 'Articles of Association,' what we commonly call the constitution. In 1928 the Institute was formed as a company by limited guarantee. The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies has offered to review the proposed changes in advance of formal submission to ensure all is in order and has received a copy of the proposed changes

Following are some of our recommendations, which have been approved in principle by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the September 28 special meeting is to formally consider and, we hope, approve the changes. They include:

- Create a mission statement ("to foster and promote the awareness and education of the Canadian public in defence and security matters")
- Expand membership to all members of the Canadian Forces, security organizations and interested citizens
- Remove privileged membership category
- Confirm that the Lieutenant-Governor is the Patron of RUSI/NS
- Separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer
- Establish an Executive Committee of the Board
- Change name of the Heritage Committee to Heritage and Honours Committee

- Make provision for representatives of N.S. defence and security formations and agencies, and other appropriate persons to attend Board meetings
- Hold AGM in March (instead of February)

Other non-constitutional matters initiated or recommended by the Renaissance Committee include:

- Establish a charitable trust
- Adopt a 'tag line' to accompany the RUSI crest and title: "A Professional Forum for the Study, Promotion and Debate of Defence and Security Issues"
- Distribute planning calendar of meeting and social function dates for ensuing 10-12 month period
- Ensure all social functions are open to guests
- Commence an 'off-the-record' luncheon program the first Wednesday of each month, and encourage members to bring guests
- Develop a comprehensive media and PR plan
- Enhance membership through different approaches to defence and security organizations and individuals across the province
- Establish and enhance contact with educational institutions
- Organize, co-ordinate seminars such as the Atlantic Aerospace & Defence Security Exhibition 8 & 9 Sept
- Hold a public conference in Spring 2006 with the theme: "The Business of Defence and Security in Nova Scotia."

We feel these constitutional changes and initiatives will increase RUSI's profile and enhance the conduct of the Institute's affairs.

First Monthly Luncheon 7 Sept

The first of a series of monthly 'off-the-record' luncheons will be held at RA Park Officers Mess Wednesday 7 Sept. The luncheons will be held the first Wednesday

of each month and provide RUSI members and guests an opportunity to meet in an informal setting and engage in mutually beneficial conversation. Dan Leger, recently appointed assistant managing editor of The Chronicle-Herald has been invited to join us on the 7th.

Please advise Alex Morrison at 420-0913, or sandym@mail.com, by Friday 2 Sept if you plan to attend and are bringing guest(s). Each attendee will order and pay for lunch, plus contribute a loonie to defray guest hospitality.

RUSI to Participate in AADSE

RUSI/NS will take an active part in Atlantic Aerospace Defence and Security Exhibition 2005 at the Halifax Metro Centre 8 & 9 Sept. Alex Morrison, Chair of the Security Affairs Committee will chair the seminar program which will feature Canadian and UK speakers discussing defence and security trends and realities.

RUSI will also have a booth at the exhibition, with members available to discuss RUSI's role and activities in defence and security matters.

Col Tom Pile Appointed Secretary

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Col (ret') Thomas J. Pile as Secretary of RUSI/NS, effective 30 September.

Tom Pile is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick (BBA), Dalhousie University (B.Ed) and the Canadian Forces Staff College (command and staff course).

He commenced his 34-service career with the Naval Reserve (Saint John, Halifax) and transferred to the Regular Force. He served in air traffic control duties in Canada and Europe; base administration officer at CFB Shearwater; CO of CF Management Development School; senior policy planner-

air at National Defence HQ, and as CF attaché-Canadian Embassy, Madrid, Rabat.

Since his retirement from the CF he has worked as a project manager in corporate, government and defence contracting. Between 2000-2004 he was associated with Lockheed Martin Canada as sub-contract project manager-Maritime Helicopter Project.

In the spring, the Board accepted a recommendation to create separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. Bruce MacDonald has assumed the Treasurer position and Len Canfield has filled in as Acting Secretary.

Dinner, Mayor's Reception Success

Two major social events in early June and late July were well received by RUSI/NS members and guests, Michael Kelly, Chair of the Heritage and Honours Committee and events organizer reports.

In honour of the Year of the Veteran a mixed dinner was held at Ashburn Golf Club with 70 members, spouses and guests in attendance. Guests of honour were BGen Ray Romses, Commander LFAA and Mrs Romses. Gen Romses, who has been posted to London, was presented with a RUSI plaque by President Paul Phillips and thanked by Vice President Murray Lee for his support while LFAA Commander. Also recognized for her administrative support to RUSI was Wendy Gillard, Secretary to Murray Lee.

The Ashburn staff under the direction of Jamie Hannams served the classical buffet. Frank Arab provided background music and Cyril Sampson sang songs of the wartime era and other Nova Scotia favorites. Several draws were held for flower and specialty food baskets and all attending were given a Year of the Veteran pin.

On 26 July HRM Mayor Peter Kelly hosted a Year of the Veteran reception for RUSI members at City Hall. Approximately 70 members and guests attended, including a number of out-of-town members. Prior to the reception, His Worship and RUSI/NS President Paul Phillips raised the RUSI flag at the Grand Parade.

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