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Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman presents Cdr Colin Darlington with the RUSI/NS Security Affairs Committee Award during the special Remembrance Day Dining-In at RA Park. At right is His Honor Lawrence Freeman and at left Maj John Harrison, past president of RUSI. See story page 2. (MCpl John Mason photo)

January, February Activities

4 Jan: Noon luncheon, RA Park
Special Guest: Capt Bryon Gibbons,
CO CCGS Sir William Alexander
17 Jan: Board of Directors meeting
1300, RA Park
25 Jan: Monthly meeting & speaker
(TBA)
1900, RA Park
1 Feb: Noon luncheon, RA Park
Special Guest: TBA
21 Feb: Security Affairs Committee
meeting
1300, RA Park
Board of Directors meeting
1430, RA Park
28 Feb: Monthly meeting & speaker
(TBA)
1900, RA Park

Dieppe Raid Painting Presented

The highlight of an active 2005 for RUSI/NS occurred Dec 21 when the Institute presented a specially commissioned painting of the WW11 Dieppe Raid to the RA Park Officers Mess, Halifax. More than 70 civic and military dignitaries, including RUSI's Patron Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman; other special guests and RUSI members attended the ceremony. RUSI commissioned artist Geoff Bennett to do the painting in support of the Year of the Veteran program. President Paul Phillips introduced Her Honor and other guests including Dieppe veteran and PoW, CWO Geoff Elmwood; Vice President Murray Lee described the significance of the Dieppe Raid and the work of artist Geoff Bennett; and Michael Kelly, chair of the Heritage Committee presented the painting to PMCs, Cdr Mark Watson and LCol Terry LeLievre. LCol LeLievre said the painting would be located in a place of prominence in the mess. Col Murray Lee presented the mess with a shadow box containing the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Dieppe Bar, which will be placed with the painting. Following her remarks, the Lieutenant Governor presented a certificate of appreciation to RUSI. (continued on page 2)



Michael Kelly, second from right, presents PMCs Cdr Mark Watson and LCol Terry LeLievre with a specially commissioned painting of the Dieppe Raid during a ceremony at RA Park Officers Mess. At left is RUSI/NS President Paul Phillips.

Painting Presentation (continued from page 1)

The noon gathering in historic RA Park Officers' Mess brought together a wide cross-section of the community. In addition to the Lieutenant Governor, other dignitaries and special guests in attendance included federal, provincial and HRM representatives; senior Navy, Army, Air Force and RCMP members; business leaders; academics, and Army Cadets. The event was organized by Maj John Harrison, Col Alex Morrison, Michael Kelly and Col Murray Lee.

Public Service Award Recipients

RUSI/NS held a special Remembrance Day Dining-In to honor veterans and to recognize all those who serve their country. Guests of honour were Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman and His Honor Lawrence Freeman; LCol Joanne Seviour of LFAA HQ was guest speaker.

During the dinner held at RA Park Officers Mess, awards for public service were presented to Cdr Colin Darlington, CFB Halifax base operations officer, and businessman Ian MacLellan, president of Mills Brothers, Halifax.

In introducing Cdr Darlington for the Security Affairs Committee Award, Col Murray Lee traced his 30 year career and noted: "Cdr Darlington has devoted much time in support of civilian-military co-operation and has made a significant contribution in helping RUSI foster and promote awareness and education of the Canadian public in defence and security matters."

Col Alex Morrison, in presenting Mr MacLellan for the RUSI Commendation for Service explained, "...Mr MacLellan as president of Mills Brothers has ably continued that firm's long tradition of recognizing the contribution of Canada's military, which dates back to WW11 and has continued to the 2005 Year of the Veteran." In a letter to event organizer Maj John Harrison, the Lieutenant Governor expressed her pleasure and that of His Honor in attending the dinner. "Your guest speaker, LCol Joanne Seviour was excellent and the evening was most enjoyable. As Honorary Patron of the Institute it was a privilege for me to present certificates of appreciation and give recognition to those who contributed to the organization."

Your Attention, Please

Members of RUSI/NS are encouraged to complete the **2006 Membership Survey** that is included with this mailing of Dispatches. We need your comments on how you see the Institute operating and functioning. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Also: a reminder that the 2006 dues are now due. In this regard you are asked to fill in the enclosed **2006 Dues Renewal** form and return with your cheque for \$35.00 (payable to RUSI/NS) to RUSI/NS Treasurer, PO Box 33100, Quinpool RPO, Halifax NS B3L 4T6. Questions regarding dues can be directed to Bruce MacDonald, tel: 479-3816, or e-mail: jbmlmac@ns.sympatico.ca