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March-April Activities

1 March: Noon luncheon, RA Park.

Special Guest: BGen Rick Parsons,
Commander Land Forces Atlantic Area

15 March: 'The Business of Defence &
Security in N.S.' Symposium, CFB
Halifax Wardroom, Stadacona 0845-1630

21 March: Board of Directors meeting,
Wellington Block, Stadacona at 1300

29 March: Annual General Meeting,
Cambridge Military Library at 1900

5 April: Noon luncheon, RA Park
Special Guest: TBA

18 April: SAC meeting at 1200, BoD
meeting at 1300, RA Park

26 April: General Meeting, RCMP 'H'
Division, Oxford Street. Speaker: TBA.

Defence & Security Symposium

Speakers representing the military, security, government, academic, business, research communities and the media will address a one-day symposium on 'The Business of Defence and Security in Nova Scotia' March 15 at CFB Halifax Wardroom.

The symposium is a joint undertaking of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies of Dalhousie University and the Royal United Services Institute of N.S.

"The symposium will be devoted to an examination and discussion of the

theoretical and practical aspects of the current and projected defence and security



Canadian Coast Guard Capt Bryon Gibbons, centre at rear, was special guest at the January noon luncheon at RA Park. He chats with Inspector Dan Tanner.

environment in Nova Scotia," says Alex Morrison, Chair of RUSI's Security Affairs Committee. Symposium topics include:

- National and international threats requiring a consistent defence and security posture and readiness
- Human development, military expenditure and social relationships
- Factors to consider in enhancing military and civilian security
- Federal and provincial approaches, including impact of the new military force organizations, police, and emergency measures plans, responses
- Business and industry contributions: maintaining an industrial base, vital point protection, preventive measures

A flyer containing details of the symposium is included with this issue of Dispatches. For further information contact Alex Morrison at 420-0913, e-mail: sandym@mail.com.

Survey Results Compiled

The responses to the RUSI 2006 Membership Survey sent out to members in late December have been compiled and will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting March 29.

Alex Morrison, Chair of the Security Affairs Committee reports there were 59 responses. The survey was part of the RUSI Op Renaissance project designed to streamline RUSI's activities and to make the Institute a more viable organization.

Among the questions included in the survey: how many meetings a year would you support; do you prefer lunch time or evening events; what do you suggest we offer as pure 'entertainment functions;' do you have suggestions for fund raising activities; what is it that you like/don't like about the Institute; do you feel there is a lack of interest among members attending our functions; would you be willing to serve on the board of directors or a committee; and how would you encourage the recruitment of new members.

Lithograph Raffle Tickets Available

Members have an opportunity to purchase tickets on a lithograph of the RUSI/NS commissioned Dieppe Raid painting that was unveiled at RA Park in December. The painting, by artist Geoff Bennett, was part of RUSI's contribution to the 2005 Year of the Veteran program. It was presented to the RA Park Officers Mess at a special luncheon attended by Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman, other dignitaries and guests and a large number of RUSI members. Tickets for the lithograph are available for \$10 each and can be obtained from Mike Kelly, Tel: 826-7112. A raffle will be held at the AGM March 29.



Well-known Halifax businessman Ian MacLellan, president of Mills Brothers was presented with the RUSI Commendation for Service during the special Remembrance Day Dining-In to honor veterans and all those who serve their country. He is shown with Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman, His Honour Lawrence Freeman and Col Alex Morrison, left. Mills Brothers has had a long tradition of recognizing the contributions of Canada's military.

Of Interest...and a Reminder

- RUSI/NS has been provided office space in Wellington Block, Stadacona thanks to the efforts of Cdr Colin Darlington, the Navy's service rep on the BoD
- FMUSIC President LGen Bill Leach will visit Halifax in mid-March and meet with the BoD and attend the March 15 Defence & Security Symposium
- Plan to attend the AGM March 29 at Cambridge Military Library to hear what's happening/ planned and to offer your comments/suggestions.
- And for those who have not yet submitted their 2006 dues, our Treasurer Bruce MacDonald would appreciate receiving a cheque for \$35, payable to RUSI/NS. Cheque can be mailed to RUSI/NS, PO Box 33100 Quinpool RPO, Halifax NS B3L 4T6