



Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia

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Dispatches

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Web site: <http://www.rusi.ca/ns>

May-June Calendar

3 May: Noon luncheon, RA Park.
Special Guest: Col(ret'd) Tom Pile,
discussing air traffic control training at
Kabul International Airport.

17 May: Board of Directors meeting, RA
Park at 1230

24 May: General Meeting at Officers
Wardroom, Stadacona at 1900. Guest
speaker: TBA.

7 June: Noon luncheon, RA Park
Special Guest: TBA

20 June: SAC meeting at 1130, BoD
meeting at 1230, RA Park

29 June: Mixed BBQ/buffet at Ashburn
Golf & Country Club, Halifax at 1800.

TBA: Tour of George's Island, directed by
Parks Canada



Brian Flemming, QC was guest speaker at the April meeting of RUSI/NS at RCMP "H" Division HQ. He is shown with Dr Heather MacKinnon, a Director of RUSI/NS; Assistant Commissioner Ian Atkins, CO "H" Division, and Col Murray Lee, right, President of RUSI/NS. Mr Flemming, a Canadian policy advisor and international lawyer, is a member of the Advisory Council on National Security and former chairman of Canadian Air Transport Security Authority.

Col Murray Lee New President

Col (ret'd) Murray Lee of Dartmouth was elected President of the Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia at the Institute's annual general meeting 29 March at Cambridge Military Library. He succeeds Lt (N) (ret'd) Paul Phillips. Since joining RUSI on retirement from the Canadian Forces in 1997, Col Lee has served as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President of the Institute. In his civilian career, he is Chief Executive Officer of Commissionaires Nova Scotia.

He commenced his military career with the RCAF in 1960, and after obtaining his pilot wings at RCAF Station Gimli in 1962 he served as a fighter squadron flight commander, squadron commander of 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron and Base Commander at the former CFB Chatham, N.B. During his 37 year career he also served at operational headquarters in Canada, NDHQ, Ottawa and NATO; director of Air Studies at the Land Forces Command and Staff College, Kingston, Ont; deputy commander Air Reserve Group, Winnipeg; and Assistant Chief of Staff Plans, Allied Air Forces Central Europe Forces.

Other members of the 2006-07 Board of Directors are: Col (ret'd) Alex Morrison, Vice President; Col (ret'd) Tom Pile, Secretary; Bruce MacDonald, Treasurer; and Lt (ret'd) Tom Birchall, Cdr (ret'd) Len Canfield, Maj Peter Dawson, Maj Tim Dunne, Maj (ret'd) John Harrison, LCdr Heather MacKinnon, Richard McNair and Insp Dan Tanner, all Directors, and Col (ret'd) Ian Macintyre, Cape Breton representative to the Board. Service representatives on the Board are: Cdr Colin Darlington, MARLANT; Col Roch Lacroix, LFAA; Col Alan Blair, Commander 12 Wing Shearwater and Insp Dan Tanner, 'H' Division RCMP.

Committee Chairs

The following will serve or continue to serve as chairs of RUSI committees:

Security Affairs: Alex Morrison, tel: 420-0913

Membership: Tom Pile, tel: 889-9216

Program: Alex Morrison, tel: 420-0913

Public Affairs: Tim Dunne, tel: 461-1842

Webmaster: Richard McNair, tel: 443-3971

Medical/Veterans Affairs: Dr Heather MacKinnon, tel: (902) 275-2358

Constitution: Tom Birchall, tel: 435-4545

Heritage & Special Events: John Harrison, tel: 434-9477

Welcome New Members

In the last several months, RUSI/NS has welcomed a number of new members:

LCdr Allan Callard, Charlottetown

Colin Corkum, Lower Sackville

Maj Peter Dawson, Halifax

Maj Tim Dunne, Dartmouth

LCdr Heather MacKinnon, Chester

Dennis May, Halifax

Graham McBride, Halifax

David Perry, Halifax

Bill Vance, Dartmouth

Activities of Interest

Mixed BBQ/Buffer: Mark Thursday, 29 June on your social calendar for RUSI's annual 'welcome summer' mixed social at the Ashburn Golf & Country Club, Halifax. Meet and greet at 1800 and dinner/buffet starting at 1830. Menu includes: garden salad, mussels, sirloin steak, baked potato, seasoned mixed vegetables, corn on the cob, pasta salad and choice of apple raspberry crisp or carrot cake. Cost: \$35 per person. For reservations, please contact Murray Lee NLT 17 June, tel: 462-7169. Plans are also underway for a guest speaker.

Maritime Security Conference: The 2006 Maritime Security Conference organized by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies of Dalhousie University will be held in Halifax 15-17 June. This year's theme: "Transformation & Technology: A Canadian Maritime Security Perspective." Most sessions will be held in University Hall (MacDonald Building), Dalhousie. Among the session topics: "transformation, technology and national & maritime security" and "innovative international approaches to maritime security: practitioners' perspectives and industry perspectives." Among the luncheon addresses: "positioning science and technology to meet Canada's national and maritime security needs" and "transforming the navy." For additional info on conference, visit www.cfps.dal.ca (under 'Events').

And One More Reminder...

Members who have not paid their 2006 dues are requested to mail a cheque for \$35 to Treasurer RUSI/NS, PO Box 33100 Quinpool RPO, Halifax NS B3L 4T6.

Calling All Golfers: Paul Phillips, immediate Past President of RUSI advises that the Atlantic Chief and Petty Officers Association has scheduled a “best ball/ scramble/four ball” tournament at the Hartlen Point Golf Course for 1300 Monday, 18 September. He says “ it will be a shotgun start and we would like to get participation from other service support organizations. There is room for at least two four-person teams. Golfing skills are not mandatory, good humor is.” For more info, contact Paul at (902) 443-6632.

Supporting our Troops: RUSI/NS is supporting Canadian Forces members who are wounded in Afghanistan by providing funds for an ‘Op Small Pack’ for 1 PPCLI Battlegroup. The PPCLI Association has initiated ‘Op Small Pack’ to make sure the seriously wounded who are transferred to a US military hospital in Germany have the

necessary personal items such as sweat shirts and pants, underwear, socks, shaving kit to help speed their recovery. When evacuated, the wounded usually travel in hospital garb without their kit. Each pack costs approximately \$150. Alex Morrison, Vice President of RUSI says, “...we want to make sure our soldiers have the necessary items; we also want to show we are fully behind them and recognize their service and sacrifice.” Individual RUSI members who want to provide an “Op Small Pack” can contact Alex for additional information:(902) 420-0913 or e-mail: sandym@mail.com.

Are We Communicating?

Members who have a new mailing address or now have e-mail are asked to advise Tom Pile, RUSI/NS Secretary of any changes: tel: (902) 889-9216, e-mail: tompile@eastlink.ca.



Members of the 2006-07 Board of Directors of RUSI/NS include, seated, from left: Maj Peter Dawson, Director; Bruce MacDonald, Treasurer; Col (ret'd) Murray Lee, President; Col (ret'd) Tom Pile, Secretary; LCdr Heather MacKinnon, MD, Director; standing, from left: Cdr (ret'd) Len Canfield, Director; Richard McNair, Director; Cdr Colin Darlington, MARLANT representative on Board; Lt(N) (ret'd) Paul Phillips, Immediate Past President; Maj (ret'd) John Harrison, Director, and Lt (ret'd) Tom Birchall, Director.