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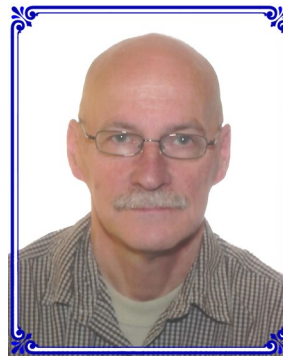
October 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all USINNI Members. Our busiest season, the fall, is well upon us. The Board has been actively engaged in the planning of several activities including the USINNI 2018 Commemorative Dining In, to be held November 17th at the Vancouver Island Convention Centre, Nanaimo and our Annual Membership Drive.

We have all heard the expression, *“love it when a plan comes together”*,

and plans for the USINNI 2018 CDI are working out well and ahead of



schedule. In the days ahead, you should all be receiving your personal-

ized invitations to the dinner. As well, please remember that you may in turn, invite your civilian and military friends to attend. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce civilians to some of the traditions of the Canadian Military. This formal military style dinner will commemorate the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in Europe in 1918.

Please remember that

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Nanaimo, 19 September 2018...for most of us here on Vancouver Island, our usual late temperate summer was marred by blankets of smoke from some 700 forest fires that ravaged fairly large chunks of the Province.

Canadians historically rely on Canada's Armed Forces for help during various kinds of emergencies. In the Fifties, it was often the Militia that provided the formed units and the lion's share of the help that could be deployed to assist with this or that emergency. This past summer, some Reservists from Alberta and British Columbia were among the three to 400 Forces members deployed to assist during BC's declared forest fire emergency. What isn't clear is whether formed Reserve Units could

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RESERVES**

be so promptly deployed as formed bodies today, much as was the practice by the Militia back in the Fifties and early Sixties.

In my recent January Column, I covered the fiscal and personnel deficiencies that afflict the Reserves in general, but the Army ones in particular. Historically, it has been the Militia, Canada's Reserve Army, that is or

used-to-be best placed to deal with local emergencies, be these flood, fire, riot, feast or famine. However, the Army today is simply not funded, nor sufficiently energized, to create the 80,000 soldiers needed to fill out the four existing skeleton Divisions that constitute our on paper 2018 Reserve Army.

To be clear, they're about 65 to 68 thousand bods short! A viable infrastructure is there, but the personnel simply aren't...nor is their personal gear or necessary unit equipment. Zilch!

Since the very late 1950s, successive Federal Governments of all ilk have trimmed Defence Spending year after year after year. That's why today the Navy lacks a meaningful deep blue water three-ocean fleet adequate even just for Continental Defence; while the Airforce is still flying obsolescent fighter aircraft today that were in squadron service, fully 30 years ago when I retired.

As suggested in that same January Column, we could begin to top up the Army Reserve in just a couple of years by the judicious use of Federal Funding in support of post-secondary education for willing and ambitious young Canadians. The pool is a deep one. Some two million mostly young Canadians are registered in our colleges and universities right now. In a phrase, if any of them want college and university tuition underwritten by the taxpayer, they would first have to sign up into the Reserves. And, real service will be expected of them. Similarly, graduates would be expected to stay on in the Reserves for an agreed proportional period of time relative to the duration of underwritten education. While reservists would be entitled to pay & benefits appropriate to their ranks earned, time actually served on duty, and, military qualifications achieved, an additional non-refundable tax benefit should be provided for those who continue and extend their commitment to the Primary Reserve. None will get rich from this kind of service, but both they and the Country will profit in the process, and, from what are really only fairly modest incentives. Reservists cost a fraction of Regulars. Rebuilding the Reserves to resemble an updated version of

those of the 1950s is not rocket science. Oh, there are lots of "i" s to dot and "t" s to cross, but a scheme along those lines is quite do-able. But it starts with a bit of imagination on the part of the Army, and, the will to budget for it... up front, in Ottawa. And, that's where we'll find the rub! This kind of innovation in Force Generation will first have to overcome the staid institutional yada-yada so much-in-vogue in today's Ottawa bureaucracy. The politicians are bad enough, but the career bureaucrats too will inevitably see threats in innovation that bubbles from the bottom up.

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Of course, not all post-secondary education entrants will be attracted to the notion of service in exchange for tuition. As young adults, they are

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New military trucks rolled out at base in Petawawa — 1500 to be delivered over two years

David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen, September 21, 2018

New military trucks will be delivered to bases in Quebec and New Brunswick in the coming months as part of a \$834 million contract awarded to a U.S. firm.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan visited 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa, Ontario on Friday to highlight the delivery of new logistics vehicles.

Deliveries of the trucks started in April in Edmonton and are now taking place in Petawawa.

The trucks will be used by both reserve and regular force units according to Sajjan.

So far, 46 of the 1500 trucks have



The new Standard Military Pattern (SMP) truck delivered to CFB Petawawa as part of the Medium Support Vehicle System project. Photo by Private Johnathon King, Canadian Forces

been delivered, according to the Canadian Forces.

The trucks, along with 300 trailers and 150 armoured protection systems are expected to be delivered over the next two years as part of the project.

In 2015, two contracts were awarded to Mack Defence, LLC for the purchase of standard military pattern trucks, trailers and armour protection systems, and for the provision on in-service support, including spare parts, maintenance and project management services. The deal also includes 20 years of in-service support.

Canadian Military ditches plan to paint new search-and-rescue planes grey, will stick with familiar yellow

David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen, September 19, 2018

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Canada's military has reversed its plan to abandon the familiar yellow paint scheme for the country's new search-and-rescue planes after debate within the ranks over the aircraft's need to



be visible on such missions.

The new fleet of 16 Airbus C-295W planes will replace the main Royal Canadian Air Force search-and-rescue fleet of Buffalo aircraft as well as the

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This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 257

7727 LANTZVILLE ROAD

on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2018

1130 HOURS

\$25.00 per member/person.



Sergeant Darcy George CD

GUEST SPEAKER

The USINNI is pleased to present Sgt Darcy George, 39 Signal Regiment as our Guest Speaker at our next luncheon/meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 10th at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 257, in Lantzville. He will be informing us of his recent experience in support of fighting floods and wildfires in British Columbia this past summer.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!!!

Yes, it's Membership Renewal Time!!!

As is provided for in our Constitution, existing Ordinary, Associate and Family Plan memberships **expire on January 2nd 2019**.

At our upcoming 10 October Luncheon Meeting, Tony Pearson, our Director Membership Services, will be available to accept both new and renewal memberships for 2019.

Membership tariffs remain unchanged from this past year:

- ◆ Ordinary Members - \$50.00
- ◆ Associate Members - \$50.00
- ◆ Family Plan - \$75.00

Payment of membership fees can be made either by cash or cheque (at the luncheon meeting), by cheque (via Canada Post), or by email fund transfer. Email fund transfers can be directed to our President at ejpeeters@shaw.ca.

For Renewal Memberships, please complete the Membership Renewal Form (attached to the emailed version of this News Letter) and submit it along with your payment. If payment made in person, a new 2019 Membership Card will be immediately issued to you. If payment made via CPC or email, you card will be mailed to you.

For New Memberships, please use the attached New Membership Application Form.

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Hercules transport planes which are also used at times in a search and rescue role. Postmedia reported last year that RCAF leadership had requested the new planes be painted tactical grey, asking for a change to the original contract which



had stipulated the familiar yellow colour scheme, because they wanted the aircraft to be available for other missions, including combat.

But the move to the grey paint scheme has now been reversed. “While there was, last year, a stated interest in painting the C-295W grey, a decision was made following further consultation to maintain the iconic yellow colour scheme of the RCAF’s current SAR fleet, such as the Buffalo, Twin Otter, Cormorant and Griffon,” the Department of National Defence said in a statement Wednesday. “This colour, which provides a higher level of visibility and recognition in the ground and the air, is also widely known by Canadians — especially those who might find themselves in a situation requiring our aid.”

Asked last year about the plan to ditch the yellow paint scheme, the Forces said in a statement to Postmedia that “the RCAF has made the decision to use a grey colour scheme for the C-295W fleet to enable surging flexibility for the very wide range of missions the RCAF is required to conduct, from humanitarian and disaster relief missions, to security missions with partners, and all

the way to full spectrum operations.”

Military sources said RCAF leadership wanted to redirect some of the planes for use on international missions instead of search-and-rescue. But that unilateral decision sparked heated debate inside the military and DND and, sources said, the air force was forced to abandon its plans.

When the federal government awarded the contract to Airbus in December 2016, cabinet ministers highlighted the importance of having the right aircraft for the search-and-rescue job. “With this technology, we are giving our women and men in uniform the tools they need to continue to deliver effective and essential search and rescue operations,” defence minister Harjit Sajjan said at the time.

Construction of the first aircraft began in 2017 and the first new planes are expected to be delivered in 2019. They are outfitted with sensors that allow RCAF personnel to share real-time information with searchers on the ground. Equipment also includes sensors for searching in low-light conditions. A centre, equipped with simulators, is being built at Comox, B.C. to support training for the air crews.

The RCAF’s Buffalo and Hercules aircraft assigned to search and rescue perform more than 350 missions annually, according to the Canadian Forces. The Canadian military is responsible for providing aeronautical search and rescue operations.

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due to the Dining In, we will not be holding a monthly luncheon/meeting in November.

The Board is also pleased to announce that we will have a special guest speaker for our October Luncheon/Meeting, Sgt Darcy George CD, of 39 Signal Regiment. He will enlighten us on his personal experiences during Op LENTON this past summer, the CAF’s response to wildfires and flooding in BC..

Looking forward to seeing all at the luncheon/meeting...

Edwin

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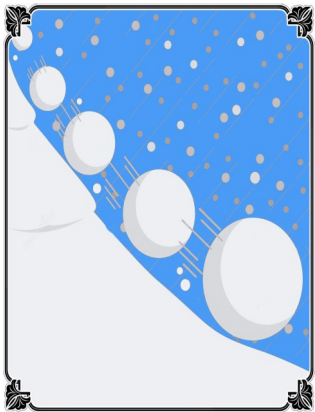
fully entitled to duck service, but will then have to see to their own tuition and subsistence. There really is no such thing as a free lunch.

And, while this Column is largely focused on the Army's Reserve, some applicants will be more interested in the Naval and Airforce Reserves. They too could share in and benefit from this kind of new Force Enhancement program.



This Musing Column is again that of Colonel (Retd) W.J. (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of this Institute and the long-time Chair of our Military Committee. He joined the Reserve Army as a Private in 1953, transferred to the Regular Force in 1959, was commissioned in 1960, retiring as Director General Security in 1990.

USINNI SNOWBALL



At last month's luncheon meeting, **Dick Stasuik's** name was drawn for the SNOWBALL. We regret to state that he was not signed in for the luncheon and thus the pot will be carried over to the next luncheon/meeting.

LUNCHEON MEETING ATTENDANCE

Your telephone contact coordinator will attempt to contact you in the days prior to our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to confirm your attendance. In this manner we can provide attendance numbers to the volunteer kitchen staff at RCL 257 so that they may prepare adequately for our function.

If for some reason she has missed you, please attempt to contact her or Edwin at 250-7511-2360 or ejpeeters@shaw.ca.

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