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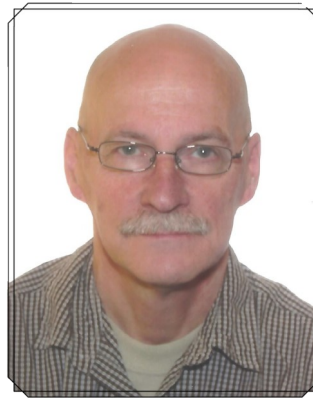
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all USINNI Members and friends. We hope that the unseasonably cold weather has not been getting to you. The forecast is positive. Things should improve. While on the more optimistic side, I am pleased to announce that through the dedicated efforts of MGen Christie, we will be presenting some interesting speakers for our luncheon meetings of April and May. In the



line up we have scheduled for April 10th, Cdr Saltet, Captain, HMCS Nanaimo, and for May 8th, Dr Jim Bouthillier,

with a strategic analysis of the situation in the West Pacific and China's resurgence. A very important and timely presentation.

In addition, for June 12th we are planning to visit CFB Comox., the first visit we have planned in a very long time.

We have additional speakers lined up for later this summer/ or in the fall. The Commanding

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MILITARY AND SECURITY MUSING: TAIWAN OUT THERE... ADRIFT ON A SEA OF UNCERTAINTY

Nanaimo: 18 February 2019: as island maps go, Taiwan looks like almost any other island; indeed, re-jiggered, Vancouver Island could be dropped in as a near twin...well, that may be stretching it just a bit; there are some fairly striking differences. Taiwan is approximately 36,000 square km in size, compared to Vancouver Island's 33,000 square km. The population differential is much more remarkable; about 24 million people live on Taiwan, while only

780,000 live here on our Island. The UN ranks Taiwan as the 23rd richest country in the World, while the IMF ranks Taiwan at 19th with a per capita GDP of \$US 52,100 while Canada only ranks 24th with per capita GDP \$US 49,775. I'm a little suspicious of those stats, but they're what I've got "off-line!"

However, on another scale, the homicide rate in Taiwan is about twice

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF
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The Annual General Meeting of this Institute
will be held at RCL Branch 257 (Lantzville) on
Wednesday, the 13th of March.
We expect business will be
will be completed in under one hour's time.

A summary of business to be conducted is as follows:

1. Approve the Minutes of the SGM held on the 9th of May 2018.
2. Hear and Take Action on Proposed Changes to Our Constitution.
3. Receive the Report by the Financial Reviewer.
4. Receive, Review and Approve the Financial Statements of the Institute for 2018.
5. Receive, Review and Approve the Budget for 2019.
6. Receive the Annual Report of the Outgoing President and such other Reports. as may be Appropriate (most Directors' reports are included in the President's Report).
7. Receive the Report of the Nominations Committee and Conduct Elections.
8. Remarks by the Incoming President.
9. The Members Appoint a Financial Reviewer for 2019. (**See Note 1**).
10. New or Other Business by the Members.

Note 1: For obvious reasons, the Board does not presume to recommend a Financial Reviewer to the Members. That appointment is exclusively a **collective prerogative and responsibility** of the Members of our Institute.

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Canada's, and, you're twice as likely to be locked up in Taiwan as you would be here. And, on still another scale, the spread between rich and the



poor is very much more evident on Taiwan. There, the rich are very, very rich, while the poor are very much-so.

However, Taiwan, well relatively prosperous, lives on borrowed time. In 1971, the UN bounced Taiwan from both the General Assembly and the more-exclusive Security Council, doing so in favour of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The merits of some realistic representational change were evident at the time, but Taiwan has

since become increasingly isolated on the global stage. Most countries, Canada included, accept the PRC claim that Taiwan is a rebellious, yet-to-be absorbed or re-absorbed province of mainland China.

About 3% of Taiwan's populace is indigenous, with roots dating back to about 10,000 BCE. The population otherwise is largely of Chinese origin. Taiwan is also a natural extension of the chain of islands that make up Japan's Okinawa Prefecture. Japan's Yonaqni Island is only about 60 km NW of Taiwan, although Japan acknowledges that Taiwan is part of China. Successive PRC Chairmen (presidents) have been clear that Taiwan will become a vassal province of China by NLT 2049, that year marking the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of a Chinese Communist government on the mainland. Actual occupation of Taiwan, if successful, would also reinforce growing PRC claims to and occupation of other China Seas islands and islets, almost all of which are, historically, not Chinese.

And, there's "the rub!" With the annexation of Taiwan, China's strategic reach out into the Philippine Sea and the West Pacific Ocean will be *fait accompli*. More-so than is now the case, Japan and the Philippines will be well within China's sphere of interest. Equally telling and possibly worse for other South East Asian maritime states, the China Seas will be *de facto* Chinese inland waters.

Which leads me to the obvious question. How will China achieve its 2049 unification goal with Taiwan?

For now, it seems probable that the Taiwanese will resist occupation. A Chinese version of *anschluss* would only be welcomed by a small minority of Taiwanese; about 15% at the

most, this on the basis of a December 2018 survey. Given China's growing influence with Asian, African and other members of the UN's General Assembly, and, with an assured veto in at the Se-



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Officer of 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group and BGen McNamara. The Board is very excited by these events. Due to the high profile of these speakers, we have entered into discussions to hold the luncheons in a larger venue and will be extending invitations to other interested groups so that their membership may participate as well.

Stay tuned to the monthly Newsletter for more detailed information with respect to location and timings. We will also send out email to all our members to announce specifics.

A reminder that at the next luncheon meeting we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. From an Institute point of view, this is the key meeting of the year. It is also the prime opportunity for you to voice your thoughts and make suggestions that may improve our Institute. Hope to see you all in attendance,

Edwin



REMINDER

The Nomination Committee for our new Board consists of Pete Betcher (Immediate Past President), Charles Kemp and Leroy Wood. All Officer and Director positions are open & new blood and new ideas are welcome! In particular, there are still four existing vacancies we need to fill smartly:

Newsletter Editor/Publisher
Director Special Events
Director Media & Public Relations, and
Speaker Coordination

Speak to Pete, Charles or Leroy if you have thoughts or questions on any of this! A cheerful volunteer is a joy to behold!!!



HUMOUR



A young officer is working late at NDHQ one evening. As he comes out of his office about 8 P.M. he sees the General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand.

"Do you know how to work this thing?" the General asks. "My secretary's gone home and I don't know how to run it."

"Yes, sir," says the young officer, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in.

"Now," says the General, "I just need one copy..."

This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 257
 7727 LANTZVILLE ROAD
 on
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2019
 1130 HOURS
 \$25.00 per member/person.

LUNCHEON MEETING ATTENDANCE

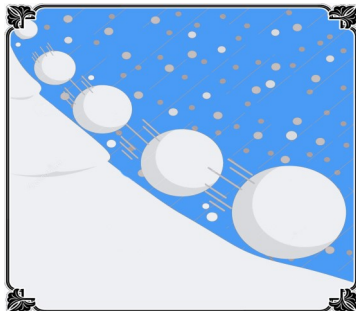
Your telephone contact coordinator will attempt to contact you in the days prior to our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to confirm your attendance. In this manner we can provide attendance numbers to the volunteer kitchen staff at RCL 257 so that they may prepare adequately for our function.

If for some reason she has missed you, please contact her or Edwin at 250-751-2360 or ejpeeters@shaw.ca.

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USINNI SNOWBALL

We did not have a winner at our last Luncheon Meeting so as always the 'pot' has been carried over. You can't play if you are not in attendance and signed in.
 Good luck to all.

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curity Council, the UN will do nothing should war over Taiwan actually occur and invasion follow. Indeed, the UN may well call such a war to be a civil one for resolution by the “Chinese peoples” alone. Self-determination by and for the Taiwanese won’t be in the cards. Like Tibet before it, Taiwan would disappear behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Among the current crop of backyard bullies that so dominate the world scene, China is the new “Mr. Big.” Front and centre, China respects & uses strength and is contemptuous of weakness. That’s why they spit in our eye over the Meng Affair. That’s why they occupy Tibet.

So; how will it all end? How indeed? Here, I suspect Canadians here will be treated to a succession of town-hall meetings, featuring contemporary versions of Chamberlain’s speech:” *how horrible, fantastic, incredible it is that we should be digging trenches and trying on gas masks here because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing.*”

Could and should Canada be doing more and something different in our Asian relations? You bet! We’ll have to first wait-out the Meng Affair, but then we need to rebalance our relationships with China. The 5G impasse must be resolved with more courage than the Government has shown to date. Huawei should get the boot “in the National Interest!” For starters too, China’s diplomatic staff here should be progressively cut by at least a half over a period of not more than six months. Next, in just one year, imports from China, which currently are about three times what they buy from us, should be frozen so that imports more closely match exports, dollar for dollar. Then, other than for accredited diplomats, visas for Chinese nationals should be limited to a six-month duration, with no extensions. Oh, Canada’s vested interests will howl at all this, but it’s opportune to make our national mark forcefully. And, Taiwan? Well, let us at least improve our existing relations there...socially & economically. Politically, Taiwan will need to do more for themselves...just maybe with a little help from their

friends, there’s still hope.

As usual, this Musing Column is 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. The views expressed are entirely his own.



Minutes of Our Most Recent Annual General Meeting

Our last **Meeting of the Members** was held on the 9th of May, 2018. Business to be conducted was light and the Meeting closed after just eight minutes. The Secretary’s Minutes were subsequently reviewed and endorsed by the Board on June 9th.

Those Minutes are flagged in the Institute’s Minute Book and have been & are available for examination by any Member. Any Member who wishes his or her own copy (by email) should contact the Secretary (wjmccullough@shaw.ca). For purposes of economy, there will only be a small number of copies printed and posted for reference at our upcoming 13 March 2019 General Meeting. Our first Order of Business that day will be approval of those Previous Minutes.

