

# UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NANAIMO AND NORTH ISLAND

c/o Vancouver Island Military Museum  
100 Cameron Road, Nanaimo, BC V9R 0C8

### President

WO (Retd) Edwin J. Peeters CD  
ejpeeters@shaw.ca  
250-751-2360

### Vice President

Maj (Retd) Len Campbell CD  
sqn439tiger12@telus.net  
250-758-2292

### Secretary &

#### Military Committee Chair

Col (Retd) Bill McCullough MSC CD  
wjmcullough@shaw.ca  
250-756-0223

### Treasurer

Capt (Retd) Robert Sears CD  
rtomssears@yahoo.ca  
250-616-3984

### Director Special Events

Vacant

### Director Member Services

CWO (Retd) Tony Pearson CD  
tm-pearson@shaw.ca  
250-758-9758

### Director Hospitality & Events

Mrs. Pauline Langley  
fujjarah@shaw.ca  
250-758-7632

### Special Activities Coordinator

Ms Corinne Stewart  
corinnestewart@telus.net  
250-754-5226

### Newsletter Editor/Publisher

Vacant

### Sergeant-At-Arms

Cpl (Retd) Pieter de Heer  
pdeheer1935@gmail.com  
250-758-4384

### Regalia

Capt (Retd) Charles Kemp CD  
250-390-1358

### Past President

Cdr Pete Betcher  
cdrbetcher@shaw.ca  
250-754-9232

### Director-At-Large

Capt (Retd) Roger Bird CD  
hcrbird@shaw.ca  
250-751-2941

**Vol 27 No 10**

**October 2019**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to All USINNI Members. As predicted, the cooler weather has arrived and with that our annual Membership drive.. Our Membership Director, Tony Pearson et al will be available at our next luncheon/meeting to accept your renewals.

Also for the next luncheon/meeting, we are pleased to present LCol Russ Meades, Commanding Officer, 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, Victoria, as our



guest speaker. As the Canadian Rangers are our 'eyes and ears, in the isolated areas of our country, we look for-

ward to an interesting and insightful presentation on their status and current activities.

I also want to remind all that October 21st is election day in Canada., your opportunity to cast your vote for the candidate of your choice. So many gave so much or all so that you have that opportunity. Be sure to use it!

Be well and hope to see you all at the October luncheon/meeting...

*Edwin*

**NANAIMO, 13 September 2019...**in my July Musing Column, I suggested to you that, in addition to the multiple overlapping out-and-out wars underway in and about the Islamic World, there is still another insidious war being waged against us with the help of a Fifth Column, operating against us; operating from within. Historically, the notion of a Fifth Column originated



during the Spanish Civil War, when a Nationalist General boasted that his forces, advancing in four separate columns on the Republican capital in Madrid, were being supported by a Fifth Column ready "to rise up" from inside the Republican lines. True or not, par-

### MILITARY AND SECURITY MUSING:

## ..... Contemporary Fifth Columns

anoia set-in amongst the mélange of Republican forces inside the besieged capital. In a similar vein, the impact of transnationally-organized crime has grown to such proportions that, as 2018 European reports concluded: ... **transnational organized crime (TOC) poses a direct existential threat to global peace, development and security.**

Today, contemporary Fifth Columns beaver away against us surreptitiously corrupting from the inside out. An ear-

lier 1990 UN Report...yes, 19 years ago...stated in part that: “**international criminal organizations have reached agreements and understandings to divide up geographical areas, develop new marketing strategies, arrange for mutual assistance and for the peaceful settlement of any intergang disputes. The goal was/is to ensure the criminal culture would be strong enough to supplant legitimate states, institutions and societies,**” while all-the-while avoiding the costs & liabilities of actual governance!

TOC gangs in Africa & the Middle East together with others throughout South and East Asia operate very effectively and with remarkable agility across otherwise competing ethnic, religious, cultural and political lines. Crime does pay for them. Much of the necessary “coal face” labour involved in the illegal production & trafficking of drugs,

**... TOC profits from counterfeiting alone over US\$ 1 Trillion annually ...**

or, in the theft of raw and precious minerals & matter, or, in the trafficking of human beings, are all underwritten with the lives of several million slaves, who are worked until they can work no more, and, then, dispensable, die or are simply killed off. Slave labour is easily replaced; subsistence is minimal and benefits non-existent. Too often, nation states throughout Africa and Asia in particular acquiesce to the presence of TOC on their territories, provided those nation states get “their cut” and are not otherwise embarrassed or inconvenienced locally by TOC activities.

TOC also benefits from today’s exploding demand for illicit drugs in Europe and right here in North America. It is already evident that Canada’s policy of legalized marijuana cultivation & use is simply encouraging more Canadians to experiment in the use of progressively harder drugs, adding to swelling numbers of those who are becoming drug dependent. The Parliament of Canada is complicit in this, acting as part of TOC’s Fifth Column in Canada. Most may have done so

naïvely or out of a sense that legalization was popular with the electorate, but they simply made and are making a bad problem worse.

And, what does organized crime cost globally? A US report in 2017 put the TOC profits from counterfeiting alone (currency, art and other real material) to be over **US\$ 1 Trillion** annually, with drug trafficking bringing in another **US\$ 700 Billion** annually, the latter growing every year. TOC international will earn about **US\$ 3 Trillion** this year. But TOC’s impact on Canada is gross in its own right. TOC undermines our own economy, weakens the resolve of our own society and is corrupting our own governments...federal, provincial and local alike. We are on the slippery slope heading down into a social morass where well-orchestrated and managed criminality is sapping the very life out of what used to be decent society.

**... with drug trafficking bringing in another US\$ 700 Billion annually ...**

And, just how pervasive is the reach of criminal gangs? *Solintsevskia Bratva* is but one of twelve Russian gangs with a collective reach right into the Governments of both Greece & Cyprus, and, elsewhere in the commercial and financial markets, particularly those of the UK and the United States. The old Italian gangs built around the long-lived *Cosa Nostra* of Sicily & Southern Italy and the *Camorra* of Naples have maintained their control of much of the drug trafficking pervasively dominant in Western Europe and much of Canada & the United States. But, the *Sinola Cartel* is an emergent and now principal transit source of drugs flooding north from Central and South American sources. Meanwhile, the Asian gangs, primarily those of the Chinese *Triads*, are competing at the point-of-the-gun for a new market-share for Asian drugs now being marketed here on North America’s West Coast. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

What does all this mean for you and I? Well, you

Continued on page 3

## Operation LENTUS

### CAF response to forest fires, floods, and natural disasters in Canada

Operation LENTUS is the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) response to natural disasters in Canada. Provincial and territorial authorities are the first to respond when a major natural disaster occurs in Canada. If they become overwhelmed, they may ask the CAF for help. When the CAF responds to such a crisis, it is known as Operation LENTUS.

Operation LENTUS follows an established plan of action to support communities in crisis. This plan can be adapted to multiple situations. These might take the form of forest fires, floods, ice storms, or hurricanes.

The objectives of Op LENTUS are:

- to help provincial and territorial authorities
- to respond quickly and effectively to the crisis
  - to stabilize the natural disaster situation

## UPDATE

### Nova Scotia Hurricane Dorian Relief



The Canadian Armed Forces has concluded its deployment to Nova Scotia in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

From September 8 to 15, 2019, the CAF supported the Government of Nova Scotia with their response in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. Up to 450 personnel helped local emergency crews with:

Fifth Column continued from page 2

and I will continue to pay increasingly higher taxes every year. We'll get fewer and fewer services in return. Our homes long ago ceased to be our castles; soon if not already, our streets simply won't be safe for us. Too many others duck taxes and otherwise rob & exploit us. We're under siege and big government, an unresponsive criminal justice system & a civil liberties community, are preoccupied with keeping the very people loose, out on the streets, that make those streets unsafe for the rest of us. The rot has really set in...nurtured from within!!!

*This Column is by Colonel (Retd) WJ (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of our Institute and the longtime Chair of our Military & Security Committee. With thirty-seven years' service with the Canadian Armed Forces and three years as a police advisor to the Government of British Columbia, his views & analysis are informed, but are nevertheless entirely his own. Almost thirty years retired, his only sources are open ones. No one whispers in his ear!*

- Ensuring public welfare
- Assisting with the restoration of power services
- clearing main roadways; and
- If required evacuating residents.

Helicopter support was provided by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Members were deployed to areas across the province including Yarmouth, Liverpool, Bridgewater, Amherst, Truro, Sydney, Halifax, Sheet Harbour, Inverness, Mabou, Lunenburg, Guysborough, Antigonish, Pugwash, Barrington and Shelburne, and many additional communities in between.

Close to 9,000 km of streets and roads were surveyed across the province via land vehicles and in the air for potential issues, more than 445 km of streets were reopened and more than 600 trees and objects were removed.

This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 257

7727 LANTZVILLE ROAD, LANTZVILLE, BC

on

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2019

1130 HOURS

\$25.00 per member/person. Guests welcome.

## 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 he/she has missed you, please contact him/her or Edwin at 250-751-2360 or [ejpeeters@shaw.ca](mailto:ejpeeters@shaw.ca).

A thru E

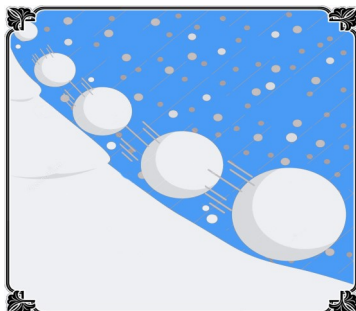
**Bill McCullough**  
250-756-0223

F thru M

**Denyse McCullough**  
250-756-0223

N thru Z

**Paula Francis**  
250-751-0991



## USINNI SNOWBALL

As we did not have a winner for last month's Snowball Draw the jackpot will be carried over.

Remember you can't win if you do not sign in, and you can't sign in unless you attend the luncheon/meeting.

*More anticipation, more excitement, more fun, more reward.*