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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting to All Members of our Institute. I would like to start this newsletter with some important information that will be of interest to all of you.

Almost a year ago, I requested permission of our Board of Directors to enter into a dialogue with 808 (Thunderbird)

Wing, Royal Canadian Air Forces Association about the concept of bringing our respective

Institutes together in a relationship that would be of mutual benefit. As I saw the situation, both Institutes were and are having the same "membership" issues, and as there is strength in numbers, the joining of the Institutes in

some manner could only be of great benefit to both Institutes.

I want to emphasize that this dialogue is just that. It is only a conversation/discussion, talk,

about the concept.. The small committee (three members of each Institute) that has been formed to discuss/develop the concept will not be making any decisions. Their mandate is to look at the possibility, deter-

mine practicalities, benefits, road-blocks, etc. and make a report that will be submitted to the Memberships of both Institutes.

The outcome/conclusion of this report

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NANAIMO (NORTH ISLAND)

The Annual General Meeting of this Institute will be held at **808 Wing RCAFA, 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road, on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020**, immediately following lunch. We ex-

pect business will be completed in about one hour's time.

A summary of business to be conducted is as follows:

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1. Approve the Minutes of the AGM held on March 13, 2019.
2. Receive the Report of the Financial Reviewer for 2019.
3. Receive, Review and Approve the Treasurer's Financial Statements of the Institute for 2019.
4. Receive and Consider the Budget recommended by the Board for 2020.
5. 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).
6. Receive the Report of the Chair of the Nominations Committee.
7. Conduct Elections.
8. Remarks by the Incoming President.
9. The Members are asked to nominate an Eligible Member to serve as the Members' Financial Reviewer for 2020.
10. New or Other Business by the Members

Members are reminded that any amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws must be the subject of a Prior Notice of Motion filed with the Secretary.

In addition, to avoid the risk of the "Tabling" of any other substantive motions from the Floor, Members are encouraged, if they so wish, to provide the Secretary with any Notices of Motion NLT Friday, 21 February 2020. Tabling is a common practice when a complicated or contentious piece of business is unexpectedly moved, and, it is uncertain that the business can be fully or fairly debated & decided without further considered deliberation.

For further information, please contact our Secretary, Bill McCullough at 250-756-0223

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is yet to be determined as the committee has only entered its beginning phase.

At our luncheon/meeting this month, I will present more information about this committee and their discussions. I will also be looking to hear your ideas and concerns.

Hope to see you all there...

Edwin

USINNI GUEST SPEAKER

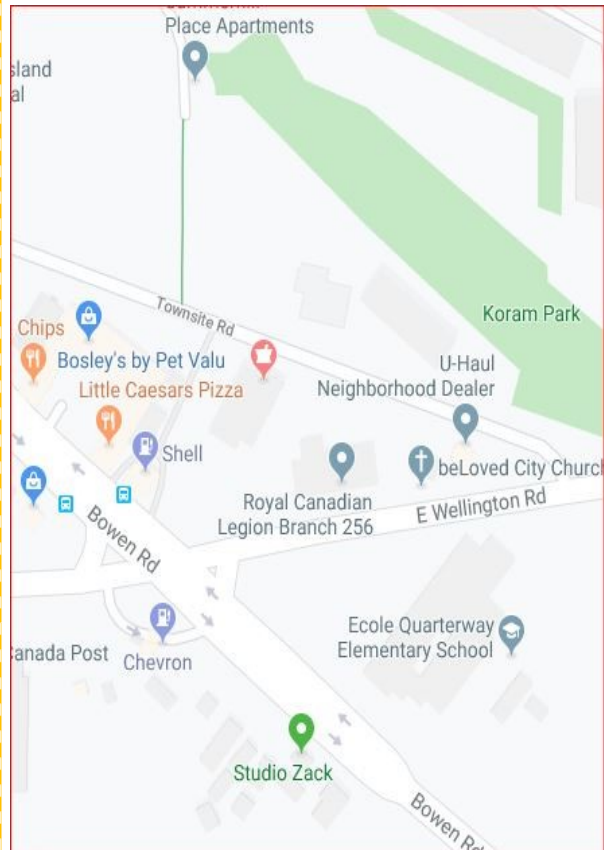


SSgt Donovan Tait

The USINNI is pleased to present as our Guest speaker on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Staff Sergeant Donovan Tait, NCO I/C Unit Commander, Serious & Organized Crime (Vancouver Island.) His presentation theme will be "Gangs, Drugs and Organized Crime".

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256
 1630 Wellington Rd E
 Nanaimo, BC



Electing a New Management Board

As our Immediate Past President, Pete Betcher will chair the nomination and election of a new Board at our Annual General Meeting scheduled for March 2020. Notice of that meeting is recorded elsewhere in this Newsletter. All offices and director positions on the Board will be open for nominations from the floor, other than that of the Director representing the Vancouver Island Military Museum.

- Pete has been informed that our current Secretary* has indicated that he does not intend to stand for re-election. Bill has been Secretary for the past five years in addition to having chaired the Military & Security Committee for the past fifteen years. He is also a Past President of our Institute. While all positions on the Board are open for nominations, the following have indicated they will stand for re-election, at the pleasure of the Members:

- Edwin Peeters President*
- Len Campbell Vice President*
- Bob Sears Treasurer*
- Tony Pearson Director Member Services
- Pauline Langley Director Hospitality & Event Coord
- Charles Kemp Director Regalia
- Corrine Stewart Director Special Activities
- See Note 1 below Director Media & Public Relations

Note 1. We do not know if Rebecca Lamperson, appointed Director Media & Public Relations, intends to stand for election.

- We are hopeful that Pieter de Heer will again accept re-appointment as our Sergeant-At-Arms.
- The known vacancies are:
 - Secretary*
 - Editor/Publisher of the Newsletter
 - Director Military & Security Committee
 - Director Featured Speaker Coordination

The four Table Officers* are found from within the ranks of Ordinary Members. All other positions are open to any Member in Good Standing, the latter including Life Members.



*Your Institute needs YOU to get more directly involved in ensuring we sustain our primary mission: **ADVOCATING FOR ADEQUATE NATIONAL DEFENCE!***

Members who wish information on the requirements and expectations of/for any of these management positions should contact Pete Betcher at 250-327-9330 or Bill McCullough at 250-756-0223

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256

1630 WELLINGTON ROAD E, NANAIMO, BC

on

WEDNESDAY, February 12th, 2020

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

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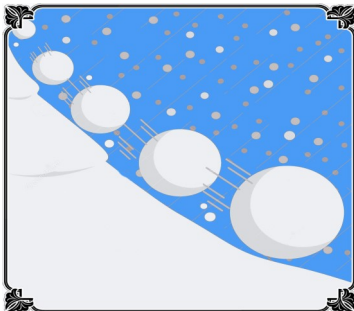
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USINNI SNOWBALL

Regrets to **Pete Betcher**. He was drawn for our Snowball draw last month. As he was not in attendance the pot 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.