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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Board and Executive have had a busy winter, reviewing the existing OMMC policies and procedures. Some of the results have been reported in previous issues of "The Bulletin", such as the new Advertising Policy. A sub-committee has been appointed to examine our financial policy, both short-term and long-term. Information on these reviews will be included in "The Bulletin", as this process continues.

**1995 ELECTIONS** The Executive received only one nomination from the general membership, for the four positions up for election. A current Board Member has agreed to stand for Secretary, thus creating three Board positions open for election.

President  
Secretary  
Board Member  
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There being no other nominations, the following candidates have been elected by acclamation:

President	Prof Jack Pike
Secretary	Mr. Paul Fortier
Board Member	Maj Les Ball
Board Member	Mr. Malcolm Wake
Board Member	Maj (Ret'd) Don Yaworsky

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995

The 1995 AGM will be held in the Sea King Club at 12 Wing, CFB Shearwater at 1555 hours Monday 31 July 1995.

**JUST A REMINDER:** If you do not wish to receive inserts with your copy of "The Bulletin", please advise the Executive Director in writing.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**MEMBERSHIPS AND ANNUAL DUES** Our new members who have joined over the winter months are listed below. For previous members, just a friendly nag to pay your 1995 dues. Any members who have not submitted their 1995 dues by the end of July will be dropped from the mailing list.

**NEW MEMBERS** The OMMC, Inc. is pleased to welcome the following new members:

##### Individual Members:

Mr. Gordon Amphlett, Burlington, ON  
Mrs. Elaine Andrews, Kanata, ON  
Mr. John Andrews, Kanata, ON  
LCol (Ret'd) Bill Bailey, Richmond, BC  
Mr. John Burgess, Calgary, AB  
Mr. Leon Chamois, Cornwall, ON  
Mr. Michael Cormier, Halifax, NS  
Ms. Fran Donnelly, West Flamborough, ON  
Mr. Al Doull, Burton, NB  
Mr. Donald E. Graves, Almonte, ON  
Mr. A.A. Heckel, Chatham, NB  
Mr. A.J. Hyatt, London, ON

Ms. Pat Jessop, Dartmouth, NS  
 Ms. Holly Larocque, Ottawa, ON  
 Mr. Christopher Laverton, Ottawa, ON  
 Mr. John L. Maybin, Victoria, BC  
 Capt Jenny Penny, Thunder Bay, ON  
 Sgt TJ Popp, North Battleford, SK  
 Dr. Cameron Pulsifer, Ottawa, ON  
 Mr. David R. Purton, Windsor, ON  
 LCdr Sherry Richardson, Halifax, NS  
 Maj Neil Stocker, Thunder Bay, ON  
 LCol W. Van der Schee, Calgary, AB  
 Sgt (Ret'd) Maurice Vidal, St-Lambert, QC  
 Ms. Paulette Weber, Hull, QC

All colleagues are reminded that "The Bulletin" provides excellent access to sales of special military books. In this issue, we present an opportunity to purchase three new publications on military subjects. The cost of inserting a flyer with an issue of "The Bulletin" is a mere \$45, less 10% for current members. Since our membership has grown to over 300, this can be a very cost-effective way to reach the military history community.

One of our new members, Ms Holly Larocque, produced a very successful evening of military music commemorating World War II, entitled "Past Forgetting". Holly has advised that without the help of this organization, particularly Marilyn Gurney of the Maritime Command Museum, Earl Hewison of the RCAF Memorial Museum, Maj(Ret'd) Peter Pym-Hember of the Cameron Highlanders Museum and Capt Mike Calnan of the Swords and Ploughshares Museum, the program could not have been presented, or have been the success that it was. The Executive wishes to thank and extend its congratulations to these members, for a job well done.

Speaking of 'ancient history' - a note from the 1994 course. The missing infrared receiver, which the OMMC had to pay for (\$600), has not been located. Despite the length of time, we ask all members who attended last years course to check their "secret" pockets one more time! If you should happen to find it, please return it .... no questions asked, no fingers pointed and the Treasurer will rejoice, if we can recover the \$600.

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Course Co-ordinator  
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1995 Course Host  
 12 Wing (CFB Shearwater)



## 1995 MUSEOLOGY COURSE

The 1995 OMMC Course is being hosted by 12 Wing, CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia and the Shearwater Aviation Museum, from Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August 1995.

### HOW TO GET THERE FROM HERE

For members arriving in Halifax by commercial airline, take the Airport Shuttle to the Dartmouth Holiday Inn, then take a taxi from the hotel to CFB Shearwater. Shuttle fare is approx \$10 and taxi fare should be under \$10. A bus and a member of the course staff will meet each of the service flights. Look for the OMMC sign, don't just get on the first DND bus that you see - you could end up at 14 Wing, CFB Greenwood!

For those of you who are driving to Shearwater, the following "landing instructions" are provided. Don't forget that you will need to provide proof of insurance and ownership for your vehicle.

Take TransCanada Highway into Nova Scotia; at Truro, the highway splits - follow signs for **Hwy 102, to Halifax** (if you miss this turn, you'll end up in Cape Breton). Follow 102 past Halifax International Airport; approx 5 km past the airport, the road branches - stay in **left lane** and follow signs for **Hwy 118 (HALIFAX VIA BRIDGES)**. Follow 118 into Dartmouth and take exit for **Route 111 (Eastern Shore/Eastern Passage)**. Stay on 111 and keep to left; 111 will end at the harbour, in a T-junction with Pleasant Road. Turn **left onto Pleasant Rd (Route 322)** and follow it approx 5 km - CFB Shearwater will be on left. There is a traffic light at the entrance and the main gate is approx 1/2 km up from Pleasant Rd. Tell the Commissionaire that you're with the OMMC and heading for Warrior Block.

**COURSE SCHEDULE** An outline of the course schedule and field trips is provided below.

### MONDAY 31 JULY:

AM: Memorial Service at 12 Wing Chapel (jacket & tie); "Overview of CFB SHEARWATER"; "Bogus Military Badges"; "Museums & the

Learning Experience".

PM: "Training in the British Garrison at Halifax"; "Overview of George's Island site"; "Overview of Parks Canada workshops"; 1995 OMMC, Inc. AGM; Meet & Greet Barbeque, on completion of the AGM.

### TUESDAY 1 AUGUST:

AM: Field trip to Maritime Command Museum, and Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

PM: Halifax Citadel; DMTH reception in the evening, at 12 Wing.

### WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST:

AM: "Ethafoam Intersecting Disk Mannequins"; "'Posed Mannequins"; "The New Firearms Legislation, Bill C-68"; "Museum Funding".

PM: Group A- Halifax Police Museum tour, followed by Parks Canada Conservation Labs workshops. Group B - George's Island site visit, followed by visit to Halifax Police Museum.

### THURSDAY 3 AUGUST:

AM: "The Berlin Museum"; "Curatorial & Design Aspects for Travelling Exhibits"; "Recovery of Looted War Art"; "Planning the New Communications & Electronics Museum"; "Oral History"; "Origin of the RCN Air Arm - The Raleighites"; briefing on Crown Assets Disposal Centre operations.

Annual course Dining-In-Night at the 12 Wing Officers' Mess (formal attire or business suit, or cocktail dresses for the ladies, with decorations).

### FRIDAY 4 AUGUST:

AM: "Air Museums" briefing; "Halifax bomber Recovery Project"; "Restoration of the Fairey Swordfish"; opening ceremonies for the new Shearwater Aviation Museum building.

PM: "Aircraft Conservation, Restoration, Documentation & Maintenance"; "Pedestal Mounting & Care of Aircraft Exhibits", Tour of Shearwater Aviation Museum and of restoration work in progress on Fairey Firefly.

### GENERAL NOTES & INFORMATION

The Course Registration Desk will be open starting Saturday 29 July, in the main lobby of

Warrior Block. Unfortunately, accommodations for couples will not be available. Meals will be served in the Mens' Mess, which is located in Warrior Block. Just as a reminder, your course registration fee covers all meals from Monday breakfast to Friday dinner. Prior to and following that, you must purchase meal tickets from the duty Mess staff. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN FOR MEALS DURING THE WEEK; this procedure is the same as the one which was instituted at CFB Valcartier last year. Laundry facilities will be available in Warrior Block. If you have a travel iron, we recommend that you bring it along. Course members have been invited to use the Chiefs' & Petty Officers' Mess during the week.

Please remember that there is a dress code in effect. Casual dress (trousers and open neck shirt and the equivalent for ladies) is acceptable. Shorts are NOT allowed in the mess hall, and shirts and socks must be worn in the dining hall and messes. Also, the washrooms in the quarters are communal, not private, so remember to bring a housecoat or other suitable attire for your 'midnight treks down the hall'.

For members departing on Sunday 6 August, the Course Planning Team has arranged for a harbour tour, scheduled for Saturday 5 August. This tour will be limited to 30 people, due to the size of the boat. A sign-up sheet will be available on Monday 31 August.

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER**

The Wing has advised that the Base Duty NCO office is manned round the clock, and may be used for emergency calls to course attendees. Please ensure that your caller clearly identifies that you are with the OMMC Museum Course. The base staff will do their best to ensure the message is passed as quickly as possible.

**1-902-460-1048**

#### **SHEARWATER DUTY NCO**

We hope to have cellular phones for the course staff; these numbers will be posted when (or if) they are available.

#### **EDITOR'S END-NOTES**

Once again - or perhaps for once - I get the last word. And since we haven't received very much news from our members lately, they probably WILL be my words!!

#### **DMTH ANNUAL CF MUSEUMS MEETING**

A final reminder, that DMTH will hold its annual meeting for CF Museums immediately following our return from the Halifax Citadel, on Tuesday 1 August. Agenda items were to have been submitted to the Staff Officer Museums, DMTH 6, Mr. Dan Potvin, on or before 1 JUNE 1995. The meeting will be limited to discussing tabled agenda items only. Location to be announced Monday 31 July.

#### **ASSOCIATION OF AIR MUSEUMS OF CANADA AGM**

The Association of Air Museums of Canada will be holding its AGM following the field trip on Wednesday 2 August. The exact time and location will be announced on Monday 31 July.

#### **THE LAST WORD ...**

Despite my natural bias towards 'things dark blue', I admit that I'm quite excited about this course, in particular the chance to see the work that Shearwater has done on some of their aircraft. Their Swordfish, which was under restoration during my tenure as Staff Officer Museums at DND, is now flying. The Fairey Firefly, which you'll have an opportunity to see, arrived in Shearwater from Eritrea during the proverbial 'dark and stormy night' in September 1993. Its arrival was the result of a lot of hard work by staff at NDHQ, Air Command Headquarters, External Affairs, the Canadian Forces Liaison Officer in Cairo and CFB Shearwater. It's really quite a story - and that's not even counting the collective heart attacks which occurred during the off-loading in Shearwater! So I hope that those of you who attend the course will enjoy not only the historic past, but also opportunity to see some of our more recent military history. Of course, for those who eschew all but the sea, we may get lucky and see one of the new Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels in harbour!