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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board has appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate for the positions open for election in 1996. The following positions are open for election:

Vice President  
Treasurer  
three Board positions

Members wishing to submit nominations for the 1996 election must provide the following information:

- a letter naming the individual being nominated and the position;
- agreement in writing of the nominee; and
- a brief biography and picture of the nominee.

This information is to be forwarded to the OMMC, Inc. office, Attention: 1996 Nominating Committee.

The deadline for nominations is 1 May 1996. A list of nominees, positions and biographies will be included in the Spring/Summer Issue of "The Bulletin".

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1996

The 1996 AGM will be held at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, Arnprior, Ontario at 1600 hours Monday 12 August 1996.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**MEMBERSHIPS AND ANNUAL FEES** Your 1996 membership fees are now due. A membership renewal form has been included with this issue of "The Bulletin". Our new members, who have joined over the winter, are listed below.

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

#### Individual Members:

Don Carrington, Ottawa, ON  
Bruce Finch, Toronto, ON  
Fred Gaffen, Ottawa, ON  
Robert Henderson, Windsor, ON  
Clive Law, Ottawa, ON  
Steven Pallas, Ottawa, ON  
Rosemary Salter, Ottawa, ON

Colour copies of the "CANADA REMEMBERS" certificate received from the Governor-General are still available on request. Requests are to be made, in writing, to the President, Prof. JG Pike. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of reproduction and mailing.

### **COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Plans for the 1996 course are now well under way. As noted previously, the 1996 course will be held at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College (CEPC), Arnprior, Ontario, and co-hosted by CFB Petawawa.

For those who are not familiar with the CEPC, it is a former RCAF station, located off Highway 17, just beyond Arnprior itself. It is approximately a 45 minute drive from Ottawa. One of the hangars has been refitted as a modern, up to date conference centre; most of the lecture program will be held in this facility. As well, the site has a dining room, lounge and bar, games room and a small gym.

Although the course schedule is still under development, a partial list of the planned activities is listed below.

**MONDAY 12 AUGUST** Lectures at CEPC; presentations by CCI staff and possibly by Parks Canada staff

**TUESDAY 13 AUGUST** Field trip to Ottawa; choice of visit to Canadian Conservation Institute or Parks Canada Conservation Lab, followed by tour of National Aviation Museum, including visit to workshops and restoration areas; Annual General Meeting for DND museums

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**Executive Director**  
Maj R.K. (Dick) Malott (Retd)

**Course Co-ordinator**  
LCdr S. Elspeth Naismith

**DND Liaison Officer**  
Mr. Dan Potvin



**WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST** Lectures in the morning, at CEPC; afternoon field trip to visit the 1 Air Defence Regiment Museum in Pembroke and the CFB Petawawa and Airborne Museums at CFB Petawawa

**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST** Lectures at CEPC, tentatively including a panel discussion on current problems and concerns in museology; Dining-In-Night, to be held on-site

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST** Field trip to Ottawa, to visit the Canadian War Museum; trip tentatively includes presentations at Vimy, the CWM's warehouse and work area, as well a tour of the museum itself

Further details of the course schedule will be included in the next issue of "The Bulletin".

### **COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**

The registration form for the 1996 course, which will be held at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, in Arnprior, Ontario and co-hosted by CFB Petawawa, is included with this issue of "The Bulletin".

Since there are some changes to the course registration form, a few notes are included, to assist you with its completion. The major change is the requirement to include a \$50 non-refundable cancellation fee, with the form. Most members are aware of the OMMC's need to make the course cover its own costs. In order to help defray the cost involved in handling the registration forms and making the necessary arrangements for the course, the Board has approved the use of the registration fee. This amount will be deducted from the total course fees, for those members who do attend the course.

You will see that there are three separate course fees listed on page 5 of the form. The quarters at CEPC are limited to 85; in order to accommodate all members, as fairly as possible, the three-fee structure was developed. Members who attend the course and stay on-site at CEPC will pay the full course fee. Members who elect to stay elsewhere, but attend the entire course will pay the partial course fee. Members who pay the partial course fee will be required to purchase individual meal tickets for the meals taken on-site. Members who stay at CEPC, but who do not wish to attend the Dining-In-Night, will pay the third rate listed.

The quarters at CEPC are all single rooms, with separate areas for men and women. Therefore, members whose spouse will be attending the course will not have the option of double rooms.

Members whose museum or organization will cover their course costs are encouraged to request off-site accommodations. We will make arrangements with a local hotel, at a reduced rate. We will also attempt to arrange a shuttle run between the hotel and CEPC, for those members who stay off-site, but who do not have a vehicle.

For members travelling via the DND service flights, all flights will arrive on the evening of Sunday 11 August. Transportation from the Ottawa International Airport to CEPC will be provided. Members arriving in Ottawa prior to Sunday 11 August will either need to make their own transportation arrangements or advise the Course staff that they wish to take the bus on Sunday evening.

The departing DND service flight is the following Sunday, 18 August. All members must depart CEPC on Saturday 17 August.

As noted on page 4 of the registration form, please indicate if you will require hotel accommodations in Ottawa for the night of 17 August. Transportation will be arranged between CEPC and Ottawa to the hotel; transportation from the hotel to the Ottawa Airport on Sunday 18 August will be via the hotel's airport shuttle bus.

All members who intend to request a seat on the DND aircraft are requested to review the "Transportation Notes" on pages 3 and 4 of the registration form. If you have any questions about how the seats are being allocated, please contact either the Executive Director or the Course Co-ordinator.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR 1996**  
**AIRCRAFT SEATS IS 1 MAY 1996.**  
**THE MINIMUM MILEAGE AREA**  
**EXTENDS FROM TORONTO**  
**THROUGH TO QUEBEC CITY.**

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

I'll start my notes with my usual plea - send us information about your museum or organization and we'll make all possible efforts to print it. Also, any members interested in advertising through "The Bulletin" can obtain information on the cost for inserts or a brief advertisement from the Executive Director.

We have received correspondence from the Canadian Forces Military Attaché in The Hague, Netherlands, concerning a new museum located in Adegem-Maldegem, Belgium. The museum is called "Canada Museum" and commemorates the First Canadian Army's liberation of the Benelux, September 1944 to May 1945. In a letter to the Executive Director, the museum's creator

and curator, Mr. G. Van Landschoot, explained that the museum "... was built in gratitude to the Canadian liberators to whom my father owed his life ... founded in honour of and out of respect for all Canadian Servicemen and their families who were affected by this wrinkle in history ..."

Mr. Van Landschoot is currently seeking military equipment, uniforms and war-related documents, photographs, posters and leaflets, for display in the museum. Any members who are interested in contributing to the museum, should contact the Executive Director for further information.

Calling all toy soldier collectors - the fourth price list for toy soldiers is now available from Dick Malott. Contact Dick if you're interested.

The Ottawa Militaria Show will be held at the Nepean Sportsplex, Halls A & B, on Sunday March 31. There is another show planned for 1 September 1996 as well. For further information, contact the Co-ordinator, Mr. Stephen Pallas, (613)238-1067 (daytime).

The DND Liaison Officer, Dan Potvin, advises that DND has accredited two new museums; 14 Wing Museum, at CFB Greenwood, N.S. and the LGen E.C. Ashton Museum, Victoria, B.C. DND has also had its losses this year; due to base closures, both the CFS Debert Museum and the Fort St Jean Museum, at CMR, Que. have been closed.

A book of war poems, about World Wars I, II and the Korean War, by Lois Daley of Ottawa, was published recently. The book is available from Mrs. Laycock at 2105 - 2625 Regina Street, Ottawa, ON, K2B 5W8. Profits from sale of the book go to the Canadian Legion. (\$9.00).