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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1996 ELECTIONS

In the last edition of "The Bulletin", the positions open for election in 1996 were announced and nominations from the general membership were requested. No nominations were received from the general membership. The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board has prepared a slate for the open positions. All members proposed have accepted the nomination and will be elected by acclamation. The new Executive and Board members, effective 12 August 1996, are listed below:

Vice President	Don Carrington
Treasurer	Gilles Bissonnette
Board member	Wayne Moug
Board member	Frank Dunbar
Board member	Les Ball

A supplementary edition of "The Bulletin" is being produced, which will have biographies and pictures of the entire Executive, Board and staff. We hope to have this edition available at the course. Copies will be mailed to members not attending the course.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

For the past year, the Executive has been reviewing the types or categories of

memberships in the OMMC, Inc. and the definitions of the membership categories. This review is still underway, but we expect to provide members with the results of this review during autumn 1996.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1996

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

ANNUAL COURSE - 1997

In March 1996, the OMMC, Inc. contacted the Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt, BC, to discuss the possibility of holding the 1997 course in Esquimalt. In April, we received confirmation from Captain(N) Verran, the Base Comander, that Esquimalt would be pleased to host the 1997 course. No firm dates have been set, however, because of Esquimalt's training support responsibilities, it is anticipated that the course will be held in the late August - early September time frame.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIPS AND ANNUAL FEES Your 1996 membership fees are now due. A membership renewal form was included in the last issue of "The Bulletin", so if you haven't

sent it in yet, please do so now. Members who have not submitted their renewal form by August 1996 will be dropped from the membership and mailing list. Our new members, who have joined this spring, are listed below.

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

Individual Members:

Muriel Brothers, Nanaimo, B.C.
Mr. W. Godfrey, Westmount, Que
Frank Hardy, Ottawa, ON
LCol (Retd) Robert Kenny, Providence, RI
Mr. Alex J.H. Martens, Belgium
Anthony Percival, Toronto, ON
David A. Robinson, Halifax, NS

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Course planning proceeds apace . . . A map showing the area was included in the previous edition of "The Bulletin", to assist members arriving by car. The site is a 45 minute drive west of Ottawa, just off Highway 17, at Arnprior. Look for the Baskin Drive turn-off; the CEPC is on the left side (opposite side of the highway from Arnprior itself).

SITE PHONE NUMBERS:

From Ottawa area: 613-996-5797 ext 233
Outside Ottawa: 1-613-623-5931 ext 233
Cell Phones - Silent hours (1700 - 0700):
Elspeth 613-725-4628
Dan to be confirmed

The course schedule, barring the inevitable last minute changes, is listed below.

MONDAY 12 AUGUST On-site at CEPC for lectures all day;
Memorial service & group photo;
Welcome by CEPC Admin Officer, including

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Executive Committee

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Maj Don T. Yaworsky (Retd)

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Course Co-ordinator
LCdr S. Elspeth Naismith

DND Liaison Officer
Mr. Dan Potvin

an overview of the history of the site;
Keynote Address: Future of Our Military Heritage [speaker to be confirmed];
Update on Halifax aircraft recovery project by Capt(Retd) Earl Hewison, Trenton;
Parks Canada presentation on planning & creating a storage system (speaker TBC);
CCI presentation on role & facilities of the CCI (preview of tour) Deborah Stewart;
National Aviation Museum - Outreach programs, Dan Kinsella, Communications Officer, NAM;
OMMC, Inc. AGM;
Meet & Greet Barbeque, with entertainment provided by fellow member Ms. Holly Larocque, featuring songs from her recent, highly acclaimed, national show "Past Forgetting";

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST Off-site all day for field trip to Ottawa;
choice of visit to Canadian Conservation Institute or Parks Canada Conservation Lab; note that members were asked to indicate their preference on the registration form - those who did not indicate a preference will be assigned by course staff;
Lunch at NAM, followed by tour of National Aviation Museum (NAM), including visit to workshops, "flight line" storage area and restoration areas;
Return to CEPC for evening meal;
AGM for DND museums;
DMTH Reception following DND AGM

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST Lectures on-site in the morning, afternoon field trip;
Development of the new Communications & Electronics Museum, Maj John MacKenzie;
Flags - a presentation by LCol(Retd) Dr Ernst Schmidt, Germany;
1 Air Defence Regt Museum - presentation on outreach programs at a small museum, by Gary Robson, Curator;
Lunch on-site, depart for field trip at 1245;

Visit to the 1 Air Defence Regiment Museum in Pembroke;
Visit to the CFB Petawawa and Airborne Museums at CFB Petawawa;
Evening meal at CFB Petawawa;
Air Association AGM on return to CEPC

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST Lectures on-site at CEPC all day;
Art as Archival Material, Theresa MacIntosh, National Archives;
Uniforms for open displays - selection & preparation, Andrew Cormack, RAF Hendon;
Panel discussion: current problems and concerns in museology, with John MacAvity, Carol Whitfield, & Chris Terry, chaired by Paul Fortier;
Outreach programs at the Canadian War Museum, Alain Gauthier;
Presentation by Dr. Serge Bernier, Director of History & Heritage, DND, on the support role of DHH to museums;
Salvaging Museum Collections - focus on salvage/restoration of paper & archival materials by Deborah Stewart (CCI) & Brian March (Parks Canada);
Dining-In-Night, to be held on-site

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST All-day field trip to Ottawa, to visit the Canadian War Museum; Vimy House: welcome by Dan Glenney; brief history of the Victoria Scarf by Cameron Pulsifer, followed by the legal issues and problems resulting from inadequately documented artefact loans, by Eric Fernberg; Presentation on development & design of Hall of Heros exhibit, by Mark Reed;
Tour of Vimy House (CWM warehouse storage facility & work areas);
Box lunches at CWM, Sussex Drive;
Tour of CWM ;
buffet dinner hosted by the CWM;
Tattoo on Parliament Hill for interested members, or return to CEPC.

MISCELLANEOUS COURSE NOTES

Course confirmation forms will be in the mail shortly - but for those who have requested a DND flight through the OMMC, all bookings have now been made. Due to changes in the DND flight booking system, it's taken us longer than normal to get the flight confirmations, however, unless you've heard otherwise, you're on the flight.

Members travelling via the DND service flights will arrive in Ottawa at 2200 hrs, Sunday 11 August. Transportation from the Ottawa International Airport to CEPC will be provided. Members arriving in Ottawa prior to Sunday 11 August must make their own transportation arrangements or advise the Course staff if they wish to take the bus on Sunday evening.

The departing DND service flights are at 0700 hrs on Sunday, 18 August. All members must depart CEPC by noon, Saturday 17 August. Reservations have been made at the Novotel Hotel, Ottawa, for those members who have requested accommodations 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.

The CEPC facility will be open to members the afternoon of Sunday 11 August. The first meal available on-site will be the evening meal, Sunday 11 August. You must purchase a meal ticket, since this meal is not included in your course fees. If you're staying at CEPC overnight on Friday 16 August, you'll need to purchase a meal ticket for breakfast on Saturday 17 August.

The quarters do not have private bathrooms, so you'll need to bring attire

suitable for the trek from your room to the washrooms. If you're travelling by car, you may wish to pack a small fan for your room - the quarters are not air-conditioned and the weather is usually hot and humid.

The dress code for CEPC is the same as for military messes - open neck shirts & trousers for the gentlemen, skirts or trousers for the ladies, no jeans, and no shorts in the mess or dining area. The Dining-In-Night on Thursday 15 August is a formal dinner; dress is mess kit, business suit for men, and mess kit or cocktail/formal dress for ladies.

No formal plans have been made for Saturday 17 August, however, for any interested members, Peter Pym-Hember, the curator of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Museum, has offered to open his museum during the afternoon. The museum is just finishing off a total reconstruction, and will provide a good example of how a small regimental museum can be designed and rebuilt within an existing structure.

EDITOR'S END-NOTES

You will find two inserts with this issue of "The Bulletin". The first one is promoting a book written by one of our members, Major (Padre) Al Fowler, called "Peacetime Padres: Protestant Military Chaplains, 1940-1990". Al will be with us for at least part of the course, and will have copies of the book with him in Arnprior.

For members who are considering a vacation in the Maritimes, instead of a hotel, why not stay in a century home? Bruce Ellis and his wife Anna have recently opened Caribou Lodge, a Bed & Breakfast, located near Mt Saint Vincent University, on the Bedford Highway in Halifax.

See you in Arnprior!!