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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Executive has continued its work reviewing the Organization's policies and procedures. The results of these reviews will be communicated to our members either through "The Bulletin" or at the Annual General Meeting.

One of the policies under review is the criteria for organizational membership. Several months ago, a questionnaire was sent out to the 62 organizations currently listed in that membership category. To date, only three replies have been received. The Board asks that all organizations which received the questionnaire to complete and return it to the Executive Director, as soon as possible. If your questionnaire has been misplaced or misfiled, please contact the Ex Director and another copy will be forwarded to you.

Third party liability insurance has been obtained through an insurance company in Ottawa, to provide the OMMC, Inc., and its officers, with financial protection from lawsuits.

The 1997 OMMC, Inc. budget is currently under review and will be presented

to the Executive for approval at the next Executive Meeting.

1997 ELECTIONS The positions of President, ~~Treasurer~~ ^{Secretary} and three Directors need to be filled in 1997. The Board of Directors will appoint a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of candidates. OMMC, Inc. members may submit nominations for any of these positions. The nominator must submit the nomination in writing, including the position, written agreement of the nominee to serve, a brief biography and picture of the nominee. Nominations are to be forwarded to the OMMC, Inc. office, attention the Nominating Committee, by **1 May 1997**.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997

The 1997 AGM will be held at CFB Esquimalt, in the HMCS Venture Mess, on Monday 17 August 1997. The agenda and any required supporting documentation will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting.

Copies of any reports submitted at the 1996 AGM are available on request from the Ex Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As previously reported, the OMMC, Inc. has purchased a number of VCR tapes on conservation. The criteria, cost and procedures for borrowing these tapes have been approved by the Executive, and are included with this issue of "The Bulletin". A list of the tapes available is also enclosed.

Work on the 31st annual OMMC Inc, Museology Course has commenced. The Course Planning Team has successfully completed its pre-course trip to CFB Esquimalt. Preliminary information about the course and the proposed course content is listed below, with further information in the next issue of "The Bulletin".

MEMBERSHIP DUES All members are advised that their 1997 membership dues are now payable. The annual dues are \$35.00 (Cdn). A membership renewal form is included; please complete the form and forward it along with your payment.

NEW MEMBERS If you know someone who is interested in joining the OMMC, Inc., application forms are available from the Executive Director. Since the last issue of "The Bulletin", we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

BENNETT, Mr. Judson E., Washington, DC
COLLIN, Patrice, Ottawa, Ont
GLENNEY, Daniel, Ottawa, Ont
GRODZINSKI, Capt(Ret'd) John R., Lower Sackville, NS
MECH, Ms. Margaret, Vanier, Ont
MEENS, Mr. James, Belleville, Ont
MURRAY, Maj William D., Victoria, BC
NEEDHAM, Mr. Harry, Ottawa, Ont

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DND Liaison Officer
Mr. Dan Potvin

1997 Course Host

NIELD, Mr. Dana, Scarborough, Ont
REDMOND, Mr. John D., Vancouver, BC

1997 MUSEOLOGY COURSE

As announced at the 1996 AGM, the 1997 OMMC Course is being hosted by CFB Esquimalt and the Esquimalt Naval Museum. The course location will be Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, from Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August 1997. Registration forms are included with this issue of "The Bulletin". An overview and preliminary course schedule is listed below:

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST: course registration, location at Work Point Barracks to be announced;

- members travelling via DND service flights from Ottawa & Toronto on Sun 17 Aug arrive Victoria at 1100 hrs;
- times for members travelling via DND service flights from Halifax & Winnipeg not available at time of printing - TBC
- meals prior to breakfast on Monday 18 August are at member's own expense

MONDAY 18 AUGUST: on-site all day;

- memorial service and welcome by Base;
- keynote address (speak & topic TBA);
- history of Work Point; "The Uses & Abuses of War Art", Laura Brandon, CWM Art Conservator;
- "Characters of The Canadian Scottish Regt (Princess Mary's)", Col(Ret'd) MWE Allen;
- AGM, Meet & Greet BBQ (at HMCS VENTURE)

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST: field trips;

- visit to CFB Esquimalt Naval Museum;
- reception/lunch and visit to The Canadian Scottish Regt (Princess Mary's) and 5th Field Artillery Museums, Bay St Armoury;
- Director of History & Heritage (DHH,

formerly DMTH) Annual Meeting;

- DHH wine & cheese reception (HMCS VENTURE Mess)

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST:

- lectures & field trip;
- "Preparing Living History Displays", WO Don Thomas
- "British & German Martial Music", LCol Dr Ernst Schmidt;
- "Conservation after a Fire", Val Thorpe, Royal British Columbia Museum;
- "Conservation of Textiles", Colleen Wilson, Royal British Columbia Museum;
- field trip to Royal British Columbia Museum, including museum tour and behind-the-scenes tours
- Association of Air Museums Annual Meeting (location to be confirmed);
- special Candlelight Tour of Living History at the CFB Esquimalt Naval Museum

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST:

- lectures on-site;
- "Planning & Establishing a New Military Museum", Maj(Ret'd) Peter Pym-Hember, Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Museum;
- "Three Canadian VCs from British Columbia", Mr. Ron Penhall, Vancouver;
- "The Royal Marines on the West Coast of Canada", Mr. Ross Wilson, Ottawa;
- "Paper Conservation", Teresa MacIntosh, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa;
- "Preparing an Exhibit for a Military Museum", Mr. David Love, Calgary;
- presentation by Ms. Adrienne Clarkson, Chairwoman, Board of Directors, Canadian Museum of Civilization (TBC),
- overview of the LGen E.C. Ashton Museum, at the LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury, Victoria;
- Dining-In-Night, at the LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury, including museum visit

FRIDAY 22 AUGUST:

- lectures & field trip;
- "Canadian Colours", LCdr(Ret'd) Frank Dunbar & Mr. Joe Harper;
- "Marketing Your Museum to the Public", Mr. Bruce Davies, Curator, Craigdarroch Castle;
- panel discussion on "Marketing Military Museums", led by Mr. Greg Evans, Executive Director, British Columbia Museums Association;
- field trip - choice of afternoon cruise on an HMC Ship, or, tour of an HMC Ship alongside;
- free evening, with possible trip to Butchart Gardens organized, at member's expense, if sufficient members are interested
- members booked on DND service flight to Winnipeg depart

SATURDAY 23/SUNDAY 24 AUGUST:

- all meals after evening meal Friday 22 August are at member's own expense
- for members utilizing the Sunday 24 August DND service flight, free time; possible organized trips to either Butchart Gardens, Maritime Museum of BC or Craigdarroch Castle, at member's expense, if sufficient members are interested;
- members travelling via DND service flight SF784, for return trip to Toronto, Ottawa & on to Halifax, depart Victoria at 1200 hrs

As usual, this is the planned schedule, although there may be changes between now and August. Note that when completing your registration form, you must indicate your preferred choice for the field trip on the afternoon of Friday 22 August - either a tour of a ship alongside, or an afternoon sail on one of Her Majesty's Canadian Ships.

Course registrants wishing to request a seat on the DND aircraft are asked to review the Transportation Notes on the registration

form, prior to completing the form. Those members travelling from east of Ottawa may require an overnight stay in Ottawa, both to and from the course. These members will be advised of the travel dates and times; hotel bookings for Ottawa will be made if requested.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINES:

15 MAY 1997 - last date for requesting a DND service flight through OMMC

15 JULY 1997 - last date for changes to flights booked through OMMC & cut-off date for 1997 course registration.

LAST POST

It is with deep regret that the Executive and Directors of the OMMC, Inc. announce the deaths of the following members:

Sgt Lea Gault, Curator, Governor General's Foot Guards Museum, Ottawa, Ontario
 Maj John McKenzie, Director, Military Communications & Electronics Museum, Kingston, Ontario
 Mr. Frank Peterson, Executive Committee Member, 12 Service Battalion Museum, Richmond, British Columbia
 LCol(Ret'd) Lucien Turcotte, CM, MBE, CD, past Curator, Royal 22nd Regimental Museum, Québec City, Québec

On behalf of all OMMC, Inc. members, the Executive and Directors extend their condolences to the families of these members.