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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Executive has completed its review of the criteria for organizational membership. Many potential organizational members were reviewed by the Executive Committee and will be accepted as members in this category. Other members will be contacted and requested to provide further information. The remainder will be contacted and advised that based on currently held information, they cannot be accepted as organizational members, but they will be offered individual membership in the OMMC, Inc.

The 1997 OMMC, Inc. budget has been finalized and approved by the Executive. Copies will be distributed to all members. In addition, copies of the final Audited Statement for 1996 will be forwarded to all members.

A Business Plan for the OMMC, Inc. is being developed by Malcolm Wake, with the assistance of Maurice Doll and Jodi Ann Eskritt. Further information will be provided, as the Plan is refined.

Major Les Ball (Ret'd) has resigned as a member of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee has appointed Major Vince Brown, (Ret'd) to fill the vacant position. On behalf of the membership, the Executive Committee extends its thanks and

appreciation to Les for his work on the Board of Directors.

1997 Elections Correction Notice: The previous issue of "The Bulletin" incorrectly listed the position of Treasurer as being up for election. The position which must be filled is that of Secretary, not Treasurer. The Nominating Committee, chaired by LCdr Frank Dunbar, (Ret'd) has received a number of nominations for the positions which need to be filled this year. The list of nominees, and the positions to be filled are as follows:

President: LCol Donald B. Carrington,
(Ret'd)

Vice President: LCol Dan MacKay

Secretary: Major Vincent H. Brown, (Ret'd)

Directors: Jodi Ann Eskritt

Denis J. Lavoie

Major Joel Clarkston

Elections will be held at the 1997 AGM, which will be held as noted below. For members who will not be attending the course, a proxy is enclosed with this issue of "The Bulletin". Proxies must be returned to the Secretary no later than 48 hours before the scheduled time of the AGM. The work of retiring Board Members Mr. Malcom Wake of Regina and Major Don Yaworsky (Ret'd) in promoting the OMMC, Inc. is sincerely appreciated by all members.

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Mr. Dan Potvin

1997 Course Host CFB Esquimalt

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997

The 1997 AGM will be held at CFB Esquimalt, in the HMCS Venture Mess, on Monday 18 August 1997. The agenda and any required supporting documentation will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Work on the 31st annual OMMC Inc, Museology Course is going well; more information concerning the course and the program are included in this issue of "The Bulletin". Mr. Dan Potvin has been appointed the Course Co-ordinator for the period 1 April to 31 October 1997.

The Directotote of History and Heritage (DHH) meeting will be chaired by LCol Ian McCulloch Deputy Director. If you have a topic for discussion please submit it to the Staff Officer Museums DHH 5 at NDHQ prior to the meeting.

There is no Base transport for course participants or the advance party arriving on DND service flight August 15 1997, Members are to use taxis.

MEMBERSHIP DUES The perennial nag - membership fees (still \$35.00) are now due for 1997. If you wish to retain your membership, please mail your dues as soon as possible. Those who have not paid their 1996 dues will recieve no further data.

NEW MEMBERS Since the last issue of "The Bulletin", we are pleased to welcome the following 23 new members:

BOULTON, Dr. James J. of Edmonton; CHADDERTON, Mr. H.C. of the War Amps of Ottawa, Ont.; CHARLAND, Constable Alan of the RCMP of St. Charles Boromée, Québec; EDWARDS, Mr. Ron of Powell River, B.C.; GIBEAULT, Mr. André of Athelston, Québec; GUTHRIE, Mr. John J. of Calgary, Alberta; GOODMAN, Mr. Edwin A. of Toronto, Ontario; ISAINGER, Mr. Russel of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; KEENAN, Mrs. Heather of Maritime Museum of BC of Victoria. B.C.; MANN,

Mr. Cy of North York, Ontario; MANN, MRS. Rita of North York, Ontario; MCCUMBER, Mr. Dan R. of Downsview, Ontario; MCPHERSON, Mr. Robert G. of Calgary, Alberta; MOUSSEAU, Mr. Fernand of Ottawa, Ontario; NISIGUSHI, Ms. R.L. Gabrielle of Ottawa, Ontario; PIGHIN, Mr. Joseph of Vancouver, B.C.; REMPEL, Mr. Siegfried of Rockland, Ontario; RUBIN, Mr. Allen of Markham, Ontario; THOMPSON, Mr. Thomas of Barrie, Ontario; WATKIN, Mr. Scott of Georgetown, Ontario; WILKENSON, Mr. H.L. of Ancaster, Ontario; TABOIKA, Mr. Victor of Calgary, Alberta.

The Military Collectors' Club of Canada's Annual Military Antique Show and Convention will be held 1-3 August 1997 at the Coast Plaza Hotel, 1316-33rd St. N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2A 6B6. Telephone (403) 248-8888 Fax: (403) 248-0749. For further details contact Mike Clare at (403) 295-3154 or E-Mail calgmhis@cadvision.com .

Arthur Bishop, noted military author, will soon be undertaking a new book on military art and war, "**Art Gallery of Canadian Valour**". He will be requesting the assistance of military museums in providing photographs of and data on some of their war art. Full credit will be given to those museums who assist in this project. Thanks to RCMI, Maritime Command Museum, and the National Aviation Museum who have already assisted in this project. Arthur's address is 9 Bryce Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2B3 (Tel. (416) 929-0277).

Larry Milberry, a member of the OMMC, Inc., has published Canada's aviation book of the century, "**Air Transport in Canada**". There are two giant volumes totalling 1,000 pages with 50 spectacular chapters containing 800,000 words and

JOB OPENING

Title: OMMC Inc. Course Coordinator
 Contract Duration: 1 Nov 97 to 31 Oct 98
 Contract Value: \$6,000.

Duties:

1. Course planning: ie,
 Manage course registration,
 Prepare course related correspondence,
 Provide assistance to Course Director,
 Coordinate course related administrative matters, eg; quarters, rations, transport, etc;
2. Course advertising & publicity;
3. Course financial administration;
4. Maintaining regular communication with Course Director and Executive Director;
5. Conduct course critique & produce post-course report for the Board of Directors
6. Other related duties

Qualifications: Applicants should include proof of aptitude for the above duties with their application.

Deadline for application: 1 Sep 97

Applications to be submitted to:
 President, OMMC Inc.
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 72 Robertson Rd.
 Nepean, Ont., K2H 9R6

4,000 photographs. CANAV offers these two volumes for \$155.00 Canadian. Please see the enclosed coloured brochure for further details.

THE ROAD TO BERLIN - 1944-1945

I am currently working on a book about the Allied ground advance from Normandy through France, the Low Countries and on into Germany, right up to the end of the war in Europe and the subsequent Victory Parade in Berlin. The book, which has been commissioned by ARMS & ARMOUR PRESS, an imprint of CASSELL PLC of London, will be mainly a photographic record of the advance, containing some 200 photographs, plus selected map sources, etc. Naturally I want to cover as many as possible of the units of the American, British, Canadian, French and other Allied forces that took part in the battles, so I am searching for suitable photographs to truly represent their finest moments in the struggle. I need to find, therefore, some 50-75 black and white photographs of the Canadian ground forces which operated there.

If you would like to help me will you please let me have suitable copies of any relevant unit photographs, which you consider should be included. Obviously the cost of photographs must be taken into consideration and I shall be able to pay more than £4 - £5 for each photograph published, including any reproduction fees. I will of course take care of any photographs loaned to me and return them once the book is published.

I have to complete my work by 1st September 1998, so I need to collect the photographs by early 1998 at the latest.

I should explain that I am a retired British officer with 32 years service in the Royal

Tank Regiment, after which I was the Director & Curator of the TANK MUSEUM at Bovington for 12 1/2 years and had the great pleasure of being a member of the OMMC during that period. I have been writing military books for some 20+ years, mainly about tanks and armoured warfare.

Please contact me at the following address:

Lt Col (Ret'd) GEORGE FORTY, OBE, FMA Barn Cottage, BRYANTSPUDDLE, Dorchester, DORSET DT2 7HS, GREAT BRITAIN.

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum have sponsored 21 fact sheets concerning Canadian military personnel and equipment. They can be purchased at 25¢ each or a complete set with hard cover binder for \$12.00 post paid. Contact the Executive Director, OMMC, Inc. for a list of the 21 bilingual fact sheets.

1997 MUSEOLOGY COURSE

The 1997 OMMC, Inc. Course is being hosted by CFB Esquimalt and the Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum. The course location will be Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, from Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August 1997. The registration deadline is approaching quickly, so if you plan to attend, mail in your registration form now.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT NUMBERS:

VENTURE Ship's Office - (250) 363-0888 (working hours)

VENTURE Duty Officer - (250) 363-0970 (silent hours)

CFB Esquimalt Duty Officer - (250) 363-4444 (silent hours)

Please ensure that anyone who needs to contact you during the course, clearly identifies you as an OMMC, Inc. Museum Course participant.

The finalized 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 are 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, course photograph and welcome by Base personnel;
- "**Deportation of Japanese Canadians in 1946**"; R.L. Gabrielle Nishigushi;
- "**History of Work Point Barracks**"; Doug Nelson;
- "**The Uses & Abuses of War Art**"; Laura Brandon, CWM Art Conservator;
- "**Medals and Characters of The Canadian Scottish Regt (Princess Mary's)**", Col MWE Allen (Ret'd);
- 1997 AGM, followed by Meet & Greet BBQ (at HMCS VENTURE).

Tuesday 19 August: field trips;

- visit to **CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military 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 (Ret'd);
- "**Relations between British & German Martial Music**"; LCol Dr Ernst Heinrich Schmidt (Ret'd);
- "**Conservation after a Fire**"; Val Thorp, Royal British Columbia Museum;
- "**Conservation of Textiles**"; Colleen Wilson, Royal British Columbia Museum;
- field trip to **Royal British Columbia Museum**, including museum tour.

Thursday 21 August: -lectures on-site;

- "**Planning & Establishing a New Military Museum**"; Maj Peter Pym-Hember (Ret'd), Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Museum;
- "**Three VCs - Soldier, Dog, Sailor**"; Mr. Ron Penhall, Vancouver;
- "**Integrated Survey Technique**"; Siegfried Rempel, Canadian Conservation Institute, Ottawa;
- "**Treasures on the Move**"; Terresa McIntosh, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa;
- "**Preparing an Exhibit for a Military Museum**"; Mr. David Love, Calgary;
- **Guest Speaker:** Lieutenant-General D. N. Kinsman, Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel), NDHQ, Ottawa.
- "**The LGen E.C. Ashton Museum**"; Maj Derek Brown, The LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury, Victoria;
- visit to The LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury Museum, followed by the Dining-In.

Friday 22 August: - lectures & field trip;

- "**Canadian Colours on the Coast**"; LCdr Frank Dunbar (Ret'd), Oakville, Ont;
- "**Marketing Craigdarroch Castle**"; Mr. Bruce Davies, Curator, Craigdarroch Castle, Victoria, BC;
- panel discussion on "**Marketing Museums**", led by Mr. Greg Evans,

Director, Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, B.C.;

- 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, 24 August.

MISCELLANEOUS COURSE NOTES

As noted earlier, Dan Potvin is the 1997 Course Co--ordinator. Questions or concerns related to the course itself should be directed to him at (613) 998-7053.

Note the following deadlines:

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

Don't forget to bring your own towels, soap etc. for the quarters, and appropriate attire for trekking around the quarters. The dress code for the Esquimalt military messes is the same as usual - 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 is a formal dinner; dress is mess kit, business suit for men, and mess kit or cocktail/formal dress for ladies.

For members driving to Esquimalt, don't forget to carry ownership and proof of insurance, in order to bring your car on the base.

**Meet your Course Co-ordinator,
Mr. Dan Potvin**

Mr. Dan Potvin was born in Ottawa, Ontario on 6 June 1948. He graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Business Administration. He also has a certificate in Museum and Art Gallery Management from the Banff School of Management.

From 1972 to 1993 he has held various positions within the Federal Public Service, including National Historic Parks and Sites, Conservation Division; The Secretary of State, Minister's Office; The National Museums of Canada, Canadian Conservation Institute, Canadian Heritage Information Network and the Mobile Exhibit Program; The Royal Commission on the Economic Union & Development Prospects for Canada and the State Ceremonial Program also with The Secretary of State.

He is currently the Staff Officer Museums, with the Directorate of History and Heritage, National Defence Headquarters. He is responsible for the Canadian Forces Museum System comprised of 60 museums nationally, Secretary to the Canadian Forces Museum Committee and Departmental advisor to the Organization of Military Museums of Canada, Inc..