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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

As noted in the previous issue of "The Bulletin", the Board and Executive have continued their review of OMMC policies and procedures. The criteria for Organizational Members has been reviewed and revised by the Executive Committee; it will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next meeting, for their concurrence.

Recently, the Executive has reviewed the existing guidelines for the allocation of DND aircraft seats. DND allocates the OMMC a maximum of 30 seats, on a space available basis, each year. The revised guidelines are as follows:

*Seats on DND flights will be allocated to paid-up members of the OMMC, who are neither serving members of the Canadian Forces, nor DND civilian employees, on a minimum mileage basis, i.e. members located within a certain distance of the course site will not be eligible to apply for an aircraft seat, in order to give priority to members living further away. Prior to an established cut-off date, allocations will be on the basis of category, and, within each category, on the basis of the "date of receipt" of the request. After the cut-off date, seats will be allocated on a "date of receipt" basis, including requests received prior to the cut-off date. Categories are:*

- 1. members of the Board and staff of OMMC;*
- 2. course lecturers;*
- 3. one designated representative from each museum membership;*
- 4. individual members and one designated member of other organizational members.*

*In the event that more requests are received before the cut-off date than the number of seats available, requests will be filled first in each category and subsequently, based on the date of receipt of each request. At the cut-off date, all outstanding requests will be allocated. Where it is not possible to accommodate a second member of a given family, or organization, the member who has been allocated a seat shall be advised immediately, and requested to confirm that he/she will be taking up the allocation. Requests received after the cut-off date will be allocated on a "date of receipt" basis, regardless of category.*

#### **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.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995**

The 1995 AGM was held in the Sea King Club at 12 Wing, CFB Shearwater at 1600 hours Monday 31 July 1995.

**AGM HIGHLIGHTS:** The meeting was chaired by the President, Prof J.G. Pike. The new members of the Executive and Board of Directors were introduced.

The financial statements for the year ending 31 December 1994 were presented and the firm of D.P. Johnson, C.A., of Nepean, Ont. were reappointed as auditors for the corporation for the coming year.

The Chairman confirmed that approval of By-Law "D" had been received from the Dept of Corporate and Consumer Affairs, on 22 September 1994.

Annual reports were presented by the President and the Executive Director, covering the activities of the year since the 1994 AGM.

The membership agreed that the OMMC, Inc. is to make a presentation to the Senate Committee concerned with the current Firearms Legislation.

It was announced that the 1996 Annual Course will be conducted at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, Amprior, Ont, from 12 to 17 August 1996.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**MEMBERSHIPS AND ANNUAL DUES** Our new members who have joined over the spring and summer are listed below.

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

#### **Individual Members:**

Capt Philippe Legere, CFSU(O) Ramstein  
Ms. Mary Mackie, Pender Island, BC

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Mr. Dan Potvin



Ms. Teresa McIntosh, Inkerman, Ont  
Mr. Ralph McLean, Winnipeg, Man  
Mr. Peter Nayler, Ottawa, Ont  
Maj Ian Newby, West Vancouver, BC  
Ms. Dianne Turpin, Cantley, Qué

In the previous issue of "The Bulletin", we mentioned the evening of military music, a re-creation of a World War II Troop Show, starring one of our members, Ms Holly Larocque. During Veterans Week, Nov 4-12, "Past Forgetting" was staged in six cities, from coast to coast. Our congratulations to Holly, for a very successful tour.

Copies of some of the scripts and lecture notes from the presentations at the 1995 Course are now available from the ExDir. Members wishing to obtain copies of these scripts are requested to write to the ExDir, indicating which lectures they wish to have. Frank Dunbar's "Toast of the Day: Ourselves" speech from the 1995 Dining-In-Night is also available. There will be a small fee levied, to cover the cost of postage and reproduction of the notes.

In addition, colour copies of the "CANADA REMEMBERS" certificate received from the Governor-General are available on request. Requests are to be made, in writing, to the President, Prof. JG Pike. As with the lecture scripts, there will be a charge to cover the cost of reproduction and mailing.

Members are reminded that there will be a call for nominations for positions on both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. In 1996, the following positions will up for election:

Vice President  
Treasurer  
three Board positions

Further information will be published in the next issue of "The Bulletin"; remember that if you wish to nominate a member for a position, you must have that member's agreement in writing, a covering letter which specifies the position the member is nominated for, another member to second the nomination and a photo of the nominee.

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

Another course has come and gone. For those of you who were unable to attend the 1995 course, it went very well and seemed to be enjoyed by all those present. For those members who did attend, if you have NOT submitted a course critique, please complete and mail it to the OMMC office. Your input is both appreciated and necessary to us, for future course development and planning.

12 Wing, CFB Shearwater, provided excellent support throughout the week and played a key role in the success of the course.

Of particular note from the 1995 course, is the support provided by Parks Canada Atlantic Region staff. Wayne Moug was tasked to co-ordinate Parks Canada participation; Colleen Day and her co-workers at the Conservation Lab put on a series of workshops which were highly praised by the participants. Barbara Schmeisser and Wayne organized and co-ordinated a "back stage" visit to the Citadel which was also very interesting and highlighted a number of aspects involved in running an historic site, ranging from the development of displays, to the details involved in clothing and equipping animators. On behalf of the OMMC membership, I would like to thank Wayne, Barbara, Colleen and all their staff for their excellent work in organizing and executing these events.

## 1996 COURSE INFORMATION

As noted earlier in this issue, the 1996 course will be held at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, in Arnprior, Ontario. Registration forms will be included with the next issue of "The Bulletin". For those who are not familiar with the site, 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. The accommodations are single rooms only, with a maximum capacity of 85 people. We are investigating the possibility of arranging a special rate at one of the hotels in Arnprior, for members who would prefer to stay off-site.

Course programming is well under way; as in past years, the difficulty will be determining which sites will not be visited, due to time and travel limitations.

**CALL FOR LECTURERS:** Any members who are interested in presenting a lecture at the 1996 course are requested to submit a lecture outline or summary as soon as possible, but not later than 31 January 1996. The outline should include the timeframe (most lecture periods are scheduled for 45 minutes) and also list any audio visual requirements. The submission is to be addressed to the Course Director, c/o the OMMC office.

### EDITOR'S END-NOTES

It is with regret that the Executive Director advises that Mr. James Caldwell, of the Western Canada Aviation Museum, passed away in June of this year. On behalf of the Executive and members

of the OMMC, Inc., a letter of condolence has been sent to Mr. Caldwell's family.

Just a reminder - if your museum or organization has news of interest to the general membership, write it out and send it to the OMMC office, to the attention of the Editor. Any members interested in advertising through "The Bulletin" can obtain information on the cost for inserts or a brief advertisement from the Executive Director.

The Executive Directive attended the first Annual Conference of "The Organization for the Study of the National History of Canada". This conference was hosted at the University of Ottawa on November 25/26; the topic or focus was "The Canadian State - Success, Failures, Development". Any member who is interested in obtaining further information about this group should contact the Ex Dir.

With this issue of "The Bulletin", we have a variety of inserts, which we hope will be of interest to many of our members (Christmas IS coming ....). The inserts include information on:  
- "Valour in the Victory Campaign - Third Canadian Infantry Division Gallantry Decorations in 1945", written by one of our members, T. Robert Fowler  
- "No Price Too High - Canadians and the Second World War", by Terry Copp; the book accompanies a 6 hr TV program recently aired on CBC and affiliated stations (available in VCR & CD ROM)  
- "Our Bravest and Best - Canadian Victoria Cross Winners" by Arthur Bishop; our Ex Dir provided research assistance for this book  
- "Artist at War", by Charles Comfort; Dr Comfort's autobiography of his war experiences has been updated and re-released by his nephew  
- "Deeds of Heroism: Awards of the Victoria Cross, 1940 - 1982", by Donald Hall, a British historian  
- "Through a Canadian Periscope: A History of the Canadian Submarine Service", by Julie H. Ferguson; Julie is a former Naval officer who currently resides in Vancouver  
- the fall/winter listing of books available from CanAv Books

Merry Christmas and all the best for 1996!