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NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 17 January 2008

1830 for 1900 hrs

RV Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess

Presentation in Amiens Theatre

**LCol Mike Maurer, former Commander Canadian Troops Iraq will
speak on the situation in that country**

WARNING ORDER

Thursday 21 Feb 2008

1830 for 1900 hrs

RV Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess

Presentation in Amiens Theatre

Speaker: TBA

RKUSI WEB SITE

We are pleased to launch the new RKUSI website at <http://www.digiwebhost.ca/clients/RKUSI/>

This website will provide you with our bulletins, links with associate organizations and information from and for our members. We would be grateful for your suggestions as this site is developed.

Our January Speaker:
L Col Michael Maurer, CD

Lieutenant Colonel Maurer enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1975 under the Direct Entry Officer Training Program and was commissioned as an infantry officer into the Royal 22e Régiment. Lieutenant Colonel Maurer has spent the majority of his career in field and has served in 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group 5e Groupe Brigade Mécanisée du Canada. He has commanded from the platoon to joint special operations task force level most notably commanding 2nd Battalion of The Royal New Brunswick Regiment (North Shore) (1997-2000) and Task Force Iraq (2006-2007). His staff assignments have included G2 1st Canadian Division Headquarters, J2 of the Joint Force Headquarters. Lieutenant Colonel Maurer has several operational tours including UN tours in Cyprus (1981) and the former Yugoslavia (1992), Somalia (1992-1993), Rwanda/Democratic Republic of the Congo (1994), and most recently as Military Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary General for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, as well as the Commander of Task Force Iraq, in Baghdad, Iraq (2006-2007). His unit was awarded the Commander-in-Chief Citation for opening the Sarajevo airport in 1992, and he was awarded the Mentioned in Despatches and Marine Corps Meritorious Conduct Medal with 'V' device for his efforts in Somalia. Lieutenant Colonel Maurer has a BSc in Biochemistry and an MSc from RMCS Shrivenham, UK and is a graduate of Canadian Forces Staff School, the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces College, and the U.S. Armed Forces Staff College. He is British and German special forces qualified. Lieutenant Colonel Maurer was appointed as a member of the Directing Staff of the Staff College upon his return from Theatre in July 2007. The Maurer family reside in the wonderful community of Inverary

The President's Annual Report of the Royal Kingston United Services Institute (RKUSI) for 2007

2007 was a year of change for the RKUSI. This year saw the approval of a new badge for the Institute and the beginnings of our first ever web site. As well, our old affiliation under the rubric of the Federation of Military United Services Institutes of Canada (FMUSIC) was formally dissolved and we formed a new liaison with the Canadian Defence Association (CDA) as an Associate Member.

The Institute is comfortably housed at the Officers Mess at Fort Frontenac, for which we are most grateful, our monthly speakers program continues and we have a favourably black bank balance.

Indeed there was advancement on practically every front save the most important front of all, that of new membership. Our loyal membership is aging out and the old is not being replaced so there is a looming crisis whereby the Institute will slowly die out in the next decade.

Therefore the challenge to the membership is to get out and recruit. At the very least replace yourselves and if possible go one or two more. To refresh the memory the membership criteria from the constitution is as follows:

"Membership in RKUSI is open to serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCMP, and CSIS. Members of the community at large, including senior federal and provincial government elected officials and employees, may be invited to join the Institute. Additionally the spouses/partners of all members are deemed to be non-voting Associate Members and are invited and encouraged to attend Institute meetings and functions."

In June our very able bulletin editor L Col (retired) Wayne Pickering moved from Kingston to Arnprior and retired from producing our monthly bulletin. Although Wayne will remain a member of RKUSI we will miss his learned input to our monthly executive meetings and his timely and professional production of our bulletin. Wayne's editorship will be replaced Major (retired) Lou Grimshaw and we welcome Lou to the executive.

The institute usually breaks for the summer after a June outing to somewhere of mutual interest. This June we had arranged for a bus trip to the RCAF Museum at Trenton. The bus trip unfortunately was cancelled due to lack of numbers from the membership although a few enjoyed the museum having traveled to and from by

private car. As well, during this period our cadet book prizes are awarded to deserving cadets from local Sea, Air and Army Cadet Corps during their annual inspection/prize giving at the end of their training year.

Our speaker's series started the year with a presentation by Colonel (Retired) James Arbuckle on Peacekeeping. Jamie has extensive experience in peacekeeping and is a published author on the subject. His illustrated talk was excellent and resulted in a lively question and answer period.

Our February speaker was L Col (Retired) David L. Bashow who spoke on the timely and controversial subject of the Contribution to Victory made by Bomber Command 1939-45. The Canadian War Museum had displayed a controversial depiction of the Bomber Campaign, which sparked disagreement among many veterans groups. David, who is a retired fighter pilot, has written extensively on military subjects. He is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Military Journal and an adjunct professor of History at the Royal Military College of Canada. David's presentation was crisp and authoritative and again sparked a lively discussion.

In March we were informed about the world of Military Intelligence with L Col Mike Beauvais' presentation on "The Evolution of Military Intelligence Capabilities to Combat the Present Asymmetric Threat"

In April we switched gears and enjoyed a presentation by RCMP Superintendent Don Panchuk on Commercial Crime. Don's presentation raised a few eyebrows in the membership and reminded us of the very diverse mandate of our national police force.

In May we invited Commander Russ Stuart to speak on Maritime Domain Awareness. Although Kingston has deep associations with the Navy in its colourful past we don't see much of our modern Navy on the Lakes. Commander Stuart brought us up to date with current naval thinking.

After the summer break in September Major Rick Walker, the Army Ethics officer gave us a presentation on "Duty with Discernment – The pursuit of Ethical Certainty in Asymmetrical Warfare"

After some difficulty arranging a speaker for our October meeting we were pleased to receive Major Nick Grimshaw who spoke with authority and experience on

"Canadian Combat Operations in Afghanistan - An Infantry Company Commander's Perspective".

November's speaker was Col. Bob Gunn of the Royal Military College's Department of Applied Military Science who spoke on Army Technical Staff training.

This completes the Presidents report for 2007. I have enjoyed my year at the "helm".

Michael P. Bowen CD
L Cdr (Retired)

NOTICE - FORT FRONTENAC OFFICERS MESS

The FFOM kitchen. is closed for renovations until the end of May 08. The bar is to remain open during the period, but members will be unable to have dinner in the mess prior to the meeting. We will try to have sandwiches and coffee brought in after the meeting. For those members who like to have lunch in the mess on Fridays, arrangements have been made for a caterer to bring in soup and sandwiches.

LAST POST:

We regret to announce the death of member **Captain Wesley Alkenbrack** at Napanee on 2 Jan 2008, aged 90.

The Royal Kingston United Services Institute

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Fort Frontenac Thursday 18 January 2007

1. The meeting was called to order by President LCol Doug Green at 1907 hrs. There were 28 members present.
2. The President gave an account of the previous year's activities and referred to his message in the January 2007 Bulletin.
3. The President announced that one of the issues to be resolved in 2007 is the future of the Federation of Military and United Services Institute (FMUSIC). As the eastern Ontario Regional Chair for FMUSIC, LCol John Selkirk is consulting with local institutes and will produce an appreciation of the situation with options for consideration by RKUSI. Input from FMUSIC institutes will be considered at the federation conference in Winnipeg in September. RKUSI members will be asked for advice and ideas in the coming few months.
4. Consideration of a new RKUSI badge is ongoing. Following the proposal by Terry Cotterall in the fall of 2006, comments were received by members and were considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will now produce two options for members to consider, as soon as accurate graphical depictions can be produced. \
5. The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting were previously included in the January Bulletin. The President advised, with respect to the discussion at the 2006 AGM concerning spousal and partners' membership that the Constitution makes provision for such membership – non-voting and without payment of dues - and that no further action is necessary.
The President also advised that members of the Executive Committee would be appointed to be liaison officers for the various cadet corps in the area. There were no errors or omissions brought forward from the floor, and the minutes were accepted. Moved Captain (N) R.H. Thomas and seconded LCol Lloyd Tien.
CARRIED
6. There was no other business arising from the minutes.
7. Treasurer LCol Wyn van der Schee gave the annual Financial Report. After discussion and explanations, a motion to accept the report was called. Moved by the Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by MGen Bob Larose.
CARRIED
8. BGen Kip Kirby observed that Bulletins sent by Canada Post often arrive after the monthly meeting, and requested that they be mailed earlier. The Executive Committee responded that every effort would be made to get the Bulletin out earlier.
9. Insp Gary Coulter gave the Nominating Committee Report on the proposed slate of officers for the year 2007:

President	LCdr Mike Bowen
Past President and Special Events Co-ordinator	LCol Doug Green
Vice President	LCol Mike McKeown
Membership Co-ordinator	TBD

National Security Committee
Bulletin Editor and Programme
Co-ordinator
Secretary-Treasurer
TBD

Insp Gary Coulter
LCol Wayne Pickering
LCol Wyn van der Schee
LCol Brian Houlgate

There being no other nominations from the floor, it was moved by Captain G.A. Dillon and seconded by Colonel J.E. Roderick that nominations close and that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation.

CARRIED

10. LCol Doug Green relinquished the Chair to the new President, LCdr Mike Bowen, who indicated that efforts to recruit new members for the Institute would be redoubled in 2007.

11. MGen Clive Milner moved a vote of thanks for RAdm Jamie Fraser for accepting the interim chairmanship of FMUSIC. He also moved a vote of thanks for LCol Doug Green for his work as RKUSI President.

12. There was a suggestion from the floor that one of the book prizes awarded to a cadet corps be dedicated to the memory of Col Bentley Macleod. The President indicated that the Executive Committee would take the necessary action.

14. It was moved by LCol Lloyd Tien at 1934 hrs that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

15. Insp Gary Coulter introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Jamie Arbuckle, who spoke on UN Peacekeeping.

W. van der Schee LCol
Secretary-Treasurer

**RKUSI FINANCIAL
STATEMENT YEAR ENDING
31 DECEMBER 2007**

Part 1 - Balance Sheet

	2007	2006
Assets		
Cash in Bank	6,012.28	5,513.82
Investments GIC	7,060.83	6,893.54
Cadet Fund ¹	0.00	2,560.56
Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Members' Equity	13,073.11	12,407.36
Unredeemed Interest ²	0.00	0.00
Total Members' Equity	13,073.11	12,407.36

Part 2 - Income and Expenses

Income	2007	2006
Bank interest	0.00	0.00
Cadet fund donations ³	0.00	1,019.02
Membership fees	4,555.00	3,650.00
Sale of ties	0.00	0.00
Total Income	4,555.00	4,669.02

Expenses	2007	2006
Bank charges ⁴	11.36	91.72
Cadet book prizes	298.23	209.02
FMUSIC annual fees ⁵	0.00	222.00
Honorarium Sec/Treas	500.00	500.00
Meeting expenses	558.31	267.02
Office expenses	369.53	162.00
Printing costs	1,442.66	2,154.33
Web site design	53.00	0.00
RKUSI badge design	433.20	0.00
Special Events ⁶	250.00	0.00
Trenton Air Museum trip	36.25	100.00
Ties & speaker gifts	104.00	301.00
Total Expenses	4,056.54	3,484.35
Net Income/Expenses	498.46	985.67

Notes

1. The cadet fund is no longer accounted for separately, in accordance with Item 11 of the 2006 AGM minutes.

2. Interest from GICs is reinvested in those instruments.

3. See note 1 above.

4. Cheque processing charges.

5. The RKUSI withdrew from membership in FMUSIC 2007 and joined the Conference of Defence Associations. Annual membership will be remitted in 2008. Amount TBA.

6. Registration for Queen's University conference on Afghanistan.