

# THE BULLETIN

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#### ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT***

The Executive Committee wishes to thank the retiring Executive and Board members, Frank Dunbar, Marilyn Gurney and Brenda Brownlee, and to acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the organization, particularly during the past few years, which have seen many changes to the OMMC.

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

As noted in the previous issue, the Executive has been reviewing the OMMC, Inc's categories of memberships and the definitions of these categories. Letters have been sent out to members currently listed in "organization" category, requesting information but with minimal response to date. Member participation in this review is important to ensure that any decisions are based on accurate information.

#### ***HIGHLIGHTS - AG M 1996***

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

The meeting was chaired by the President, Prof J.G. Pike. The new members of the Executive and Board of Directors were confirmed and introduced. The new Executive and Board members, effective 12 August 1996, are:

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| President      | Jack Pike          |
| Vice President | Don Carrington     |
| Treasurer      | Gilles Bissonnette |
| Secretary      | Paul Fortier       |
| Board member   | Malcolm Wake       |
| Board member   | Don Yaworsky       |
| Board member   | Wayne Moug         |
| Board member   | Frank Dunbar       |
| Board member   | Les Ball           |

One item of business from the previous AGM was raised, concerning the Education Fund. The President noted that these monies were held as a contingency reserve and therefore no action has been taken to expend these funds. In response to a question from the floor concerning expenditure of donations each year, vis a vis the DND funding, the President explained that since this was a grant, not a donation, the Revenue Canada rule did not apply.

The financial statements for the year ending 31 December 1995 were presented. The balance sheet showed Assets of \$128,380, Liabilities of \$54,046, and Members' Equity of \$74,334. The report was adopted and the firm of D.P. Johnson, C.A., of Nepean, Ont. was reappointed as the auditor for the corporation for the coming year. The possible separation of bookkeeping and auditing functions is being assessed, but no changes will be made until 1997.

Annual reports were presented by the

President and the Executive Director, covering the activities of the year since the 1995 AGM. The President noted that the Board relied more on teleconferences to reduce costs and facilitate attendance at meetings. He also encouraged members to submit articles and notices to "The Bulletin".

Under Other Business, the President noted that our correspondence to the Dept of Justice concerning the new Firearms Legislation had little impact. Bruce Savage's motion of appreciation to Harry Bloom, Operations Manager of CEPC and the Course Co-ordinator for an excellent course package was unanimously approved.

### ***ANNUAL COURSE - 1997***

As noted in the previous issue, the 1997 course will be hosted by CFB Esquimalt, Victoria, BC. The course dates have yet to be confirmed, but we still anticipate the late August - early September time frame. The Course Planning Team will be making its recce to Victoria before the end of November.

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

**MEMBERSHIPS AND ANNUAL FEES** Your membership fees for 1997 are coming due. A membership renewal form is included with this issue of "The Bulletin". You will note that two copies of the membership form have been included - one for the current member, and an additional form for possible new members. Annual fees are still \$35.00 (Cdn) per year.

Currently, we have a total of 302 members; this includes individual, organization and honorary members. We wish to acknowledge the honorary members who continue to pay the annual membership fees.

Just as a reminder, each accredited DND Museum has one membership fee paid

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by the Directorate of History and Heritage. All other staff or volunteers at these museums are required to hold individual memberships.

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

**Individual Members:**

Ms. Marilyn Bettridge, Owen Sound, Ont  
Mr. Jean Boyle, CWM, Ottawa, Ont  
Pierre Gascon, Montreal, Que  
Sgt Jean-Claude Gosselin, Trois-Rivières, Que  
Ms. Carol Whitfield, Ottawa, Ont

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

The 1996 course, hosted by the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, Arnprior, and CFB Petawawa, was very successful and seemed to be enjoyed by all those in attendance. The staff at CEPC provided superb support and assistance throughout the course, as did the Base Transport section at Petawawa. I wish to thank those members who assisted the staff during the course, particularly Sue and Foster Dennison and Paulette Weber, who did yeoman service on the registration desk.

On behalf of the Course Planning Team, I would also like to thank our Ottawa area members who assisted with the course content. Once again, Parks Canada provided excellent support, providing us with lecturers and a tour of their lab facilities. As well, the staff of the Canadian War Museum provided lecturers, a museum tour and an excellent dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Members who attended the course are requested to complete and submit a course critique, if you have not done so already. Your input is both appreciated and necessary

for future course development and planning.

Copies of some of the scripts and lecture notes from the presentations at the 1996 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. There will be a small fee levied, to cover the cost of postage and reproduction.

As noted above, the Course Planning Team will be travelling to Esquimalt, to meet with the base staff and the local co-ordinator, in mid-November.

**CALL FOR LECTURERS:** Any members who are interested in presenting a lecture at the 1997 course are requested to submit a lecture outline or summary as soon as possible, but not later than 31 January 1997. 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.

Registration forms and further details about the 1997 course will be included with the next issue of "The Bulletin". Just as a reminder, DND service flight bookings will NOT be accepted without a completed registration form and fee deposit, so please don't write to the Ex Dir asking for a seat prior to receiving the registration form.

On a personal note, it is with regret that I have advised the President that I will be unable to fulfill the duties of Course Co-ordinator for the 1997 course. I will continue to provide whatever assistance I can, as well as act as editor for "The Bulletin". I hope to be able to resume the role of co-ordinator for the 1998 course.

## **EDITOR'S END-NOTES**

Regular readers of "The Bulletin" will be familiar with our on-going request for articles or information about member activities. One of our members has noted that the OMMC has both English and French speaking members and therefore, has suggested that we make an attempt to include items in both languages. Voici le demande : envoyez les renseignements en français. As with articles in English, we'll make all attempts to print articles received.

One of our members, Mr. Doug Townend, has formed "The Peace-Keeping Insignia Collectors Group". Any members interested in this area of militaria collecting may contact Doug directly for further information, at 1758 Harvest Crescent, Orleans, Ont, K1C 1V4, tel: 613-837-1916. Members are reminded that it is OMMC, Inc. policy not to release copies of our membership lists, however, a listing of DND accredited museums, which is public information, is available on request.

Four inserts are included with this issue: information on the Canadian War Museum; information on the Friends of the CWM; Larry Millberry's latest CANAV BooksFall/Winter Booklist 1996; and Colin Duquemin's "STICK TO THE GUNS!" This book is a short history of the 10th Field Battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, St. Catherines, Ontario. We encourage you to support the activities and endeavours of our members.

During the 1996 Course field trip to the National Aviation Museum, we learned that NAM is developing a collection of Aviators' Logbooks. The logbooks not only provide vast amounts of personal history, but are also useful for identifying and dating bits of

aircraft that come into the Museum's possession. If you still have your logbook, NAM would appreciate the opportunity to borrow it in order to make a copy. If your logbook is already in a museum, please advise NAM of its location and they will make arrangements to have it copied. The address is: National Aviation Museum, Attn: Chris Terry, PO Box 9724, Ottawa Terminal, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 5A3

The OMMC, Inc. wishes to extend its congratulations to the Executive Director, Dick Malott, on his appointment to the American Airmail Society's Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame. Dick is the second Canadian to be appointed. This honour comes after 45 years of work in the field of Aerophilately (collection of air mail stamps and covers).

Congratulations are also due to Brenda Brownlee, Jack Pike and Frank Dunbar, for receiving the Ontario Minister of Culture, Communications and Recreation Volunteer Service Awards. The awards are in recognition of 10 years of service to the OMMC for Brenda and 5 years of service to the OMMC for Jack and Frank. Dick Malott, received the same award for 5 years of service to the Nepean Museum and Don Carrington received his for 5 years of service to the Bytown Museum and the Historical Society of Ottawa.

We have received a letter from the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), advising that they are looking for a PIAT launcher and a 3-inch mortar. Any members who can provide a lead on these items are asked to contact the museum, at the Bay Street Armoury, 715 Bay Street, Victoria, BC, V8T 1R1

Merry Christmas and all the best for 1997!