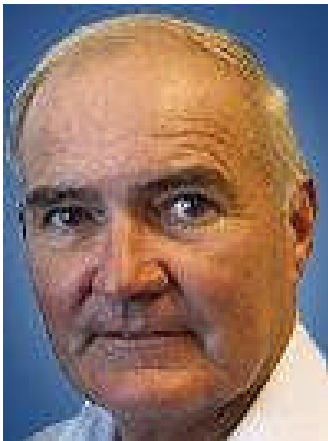


## Mess and RUSI Vancouver Members News Sept 13, 2011

### Wednesday Lunches

The lunches are still puttering along at minimum level but should improve as the new season progresses. The Navy is starting out the speaker round with speakers arranged for Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

On **Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** RAdm(r) Ken Summers will be the guest speaker. He will talk about the new direction the Naval Officers' Association of Canada is proposing to take to increase its membership and influence in the maritime affairs of the country.



**RADM Ken Summers, RCN (Ret'd)**, served 37 years in the Canadian navy with much of the last half of his career in positions of Command, most notably as Commander CF Middle East during the 1990 Gulf War. Since retirement he has remained current with Canadian and NATO military issues and frequently appears as a military analyst with the CBC. Ken has made frequent trips to Afghanistan and has written and spoken on that conflict. He remains very active in several organizations including the Board of Directors of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute and the National Executive of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada, having recently becoming the National President.

On **Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**, the guest speaker will be **RAdm Jennifer Bennett OMM, CD**, the current Chief of Reserves and Cadets.

Both presentations will take place in the lecture rooms adjacent to the Officers Mess at 1315hrs and are open to all.

**Lunch attendees please note.** The security level around local Armouries has been raised and entrances will remain closed and locked for the next while. To gain entry, press the button on the call box and listen for the click of the lock before pulling on the door (I know, it is a very faint click -not easy for retired Gunners)

Peter Moogk, the 15 Fd Museum Curator, tells me that he usually has the museum open by around 1000hrs on Wednesdays and closes around 1130-1145hrs to go to lunch visitors are always welcome. Peter is away for the next two Wednesdays and we are not sure if any other staff members will be available so plan any visits for Sept 28 or later.

## **2011 “With Glowing Hearts” Concerts**

Capt Jim Tempest announced that the Band of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment will hold its ‘With Glowing Hearts’ concerts again this year. Details are still being worked out but concerts will be held Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway Theatre, Richmond, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kay Meek Theatre, West Vancouver and Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at the ACT Theatre, Maple Ridge. Tickets will be \$20.

**Further announcements will be made as details are finalized and tickets become available.**

## **Military Ball - 2012**

The Vancouver Garrison Officers’ Society has announced that the 2012 Military Ball is confirmed for **24 March 2012** at the Vancouver Hyatt Regency. Chair of the Ball, LCol Barrett, declares that the ticket prices shall not increase and will stay the same as for 2011. Ticket Sales and Hotel reservation details to be released before the end of the year. Mark your calendars and get a group of friends together for another evening of good food, good company, and dancing until midnight.”

## **Battle Of Britain Observances - Sunday, 18 September 2011**

### **Garden Of Remembrance – Stanley Park**

Brunch: 1130 Hrs At The Stanley Park Pavilion Restaurant

Parade: 1315 Hrs At The Air Force Garden Of Remembrance, Stanley Park

Reception: After Parade - Chiefs & Petty Officers Mess - HMCS Discovery

### **Air Cadet Battle of Britain Parade and Inspection, Boundary Bay Airport**

The location is the Boundary Bay Airport ramp, the former home of No. 18 Elementary Flying Training School, No. 5 Operational Training Unit and several wartime fighter squadrons.

Access to the parade will be through the Boundary Bay Airport Terminal building. This parade will include 600 - 700 Air Cadets, several marching bands, colour parties, etc. The cadet parade falls in at 1300 hrs and will be over by 1500hrs.

Veterans have been invited to participate in the veterans’ flight, which will be inspected first by the Reviewing Officer, Col John Blatherwick, CM, CStJ, OBC, CD, MD who has served as a reservist in Canada’s Militia, RCAF(Auxiliary) and Naval Reserves, then dismissed to watch the rest of the ceremonies from the sidelines. **You will not have to march!!**

## **Liam Fox: calling Territorial Army 'Dad's Army' is offensive**

*Characterising Army reservists as a “Dad’s Army” of part-time soldiers is offensive, Liam Fox, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday.*

By [Christopher Hope](#), Whitehall Editor 18 Jul 2011

*Soldiers from the London Scottish Regiment Territorial Army take up firing positions in Afghanistan. Photo: PA*



Dr Fox is due to unveil plans today to expand the role of the Territorial Army to make up for cuts to regular soldiers.

Critics of Britain’s reserve forces have said that reserve soldiers are inefficient and ineffective, while advocates say that properly supported reserves can be cheaper

and more flexible than regular forces. Ahead of the statement to MPs in the House of Commons, Dr Fox said reservists had not received the level of recognition they deserved. He told Sky News’s Murnaghan programme: “It’s a little offensive when we’ve used the reserves so successfully in Afghanistan to talk about them as Dad’s Army.

“They have had tremendous effect by supplementing what we do in Afghanistan. The medical facilities at Camp Bastion are largely drawn from the reserves.” Part of the problem was there had not been “sufficient money going into the reserves in recent years ... and I intend to put that right”, he said.

Dr Fox is expected to confirm that the Army will be cut by a fifth from its current size of 102,000 to around 82,000 by 2020. This reduction in the regular Army will only happen when the Government invests more in reserve forces and Britain had withdrawn from Afghanistan, he will say today. The aim will be to provide 30 per cent of troops deployed in future military operations from reservists. Dr Fox said: “We need to look at international comparisons where you generally see the reserves slightly bigger in relation to the regular forces that we have in Britain.

“One of the problems in the UK has been the rundown of the reserves and I have, in opposition and during our time in government, been very concerned to see that we are going to put the correct resources into the reserves, to make sure they’re properly trained and equipped.” “We cannot simply see the reserves as a group of people from whom we draw a six-month tour of Afghanistan and let the rest wither on the vine.”

The Daily Telegraph disclosed on Saturday that Dr Fox will say the TA is to retain its current strength of 36,000, with an estimated 5,000 reservists trained for front-line operations. This is despite concerns that only one in 20 TA soldiers has sufficient training to be deployed.

Defence sources said that Britain would have a total force of 120,000 soldiers by 2020, divided 70-30 between regular service personnel and reserves. Dr Fox is also due to say that further funding to pay for more defence equipment from 2014 has been agreed. The money will pay for additional Chinook helicopters and surveillance aircraft.

## Col Kilby Awarded Bronze Star.



"Col. Acton Kilby, son of BGen Peter Kilby of Salmon Arm, was awarded the US Bronze Star for meritorious service by MGen Terry in Kandahar on September 11. Col Kilby is completing his 12 month tour in Afghanistan with the US Army's 10th Mountain Division. He expects to be back in Canada in time for Thanksgiving."

## Chocks Away - Forgotten Spitfire Flies Again

For 40 years it lay forgotten under a Calais beach, a relic of Britain's aerial battle against Hitler's forces. But now P9374 has risen from the mud and flown again to become the world's oldest surviving airworthy Mk1 Spitfire. In two historic 15-minute test flights on Thursday and Friday, by enthusiasts, pictured above, the aircraft was flown for the first time since being shot down 71 years ago.



The site of the historic flights was itself hugely significant: Duxford, Cambridgeshire, was the airfield where the Spitfires entered service in 1938. Its return to the skies also comes in the 75th anniversary year of the maiden flight of the first Spitfire.

Mark Parr, 40, one of the team that spent more than three years restoring P9374, said

yesterday: "When it took off for the first flight on Thursday evening, there was silence from everyone on the ground for five minutes. It is a beautiful aircraft.

"We realised what it meant to have it flying again. There was this sense of 'Well, we've achieved this - and it's been a long time coming'."

For decades P9374 lay almost forgotten after ploughing into the Messerschmitt 109s. In the ensuing dogfight, 92 Squadron claimed seven kills, but Cazenove's Spitfire was hit. The pilot decided against trying to glide back across the Channel and instead opted for a forced landing on the beach near Calais, then still in Allied hands. Cazenove walked away unharmed from the beach only to be captured by the advancing Germans soon afterwards.

He survived the Second World War but died in 1980 just a month before historians identified the "Calais Spitfire" as his.

## **Top Brass Move Around Positions at NDHQ For Accountability and "Management Excellence"**

The Defence Team is taking steps to better-position the Department of National Defence within an evolving public service environment and to equip the Canadian Forces with the tools they need to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

As such, we are putting in place changes that will strengthen our accountability framework and our commitment to management excellence.

By ensuring that activities are managed by the proper organization, these changes will affect reporting relationships within certain L1 organizations through better alignment of responsibility with the functional authority. This will provide clearer lines of accountability and streamline our financial management and business planning processes.

### **ADM (Fin CS)**

As a result, ADM (Fin CS) will be the organization solely responsible for departmental financial management and oversight. It will have responsibility for financial resource allocation, costing, in-year financial management, maintenance and reporting of the Investment Plan, and for Treasury Board submissions.

### **Corporate Secretary**

Also new is the creation of a Corporate Secretary, which will report through the ADM (Fin CS) on an interim basis. Current Director General, Corporate and Shared Services (DGCSS) Larry Surtees will serve as Interim Corporate Secretary. In addition to assuming responsibility for the role of Departmental Assistant to the Minister; the Corporate Secretary will be home to corporate services currently under the DGCSS, including:

- Ministerial correspondence;

- Regulatory Affairs;

- Maintenance of the Queen's Regulations and Orders;

- Defence Administrative Orders and Directives (DAODs);

- Portfolio Governance and Coordination;

- Governor-in-Council (GIC) appointment submissions; and

- Requests for access to information and privacy (ATIP).

Additional responsibilities previously held by ADM (Fin CS) will be transferred to other L1s to ensure that responsibility aligns with functional authorities. These include:

## **VCDS**

In addition to a strengthened administrative support capability and business planning function, VCDS assumes responsibility for overall accommodation management in the National Capital Region, including the DND Campus Consolidation project.

## **CMP**

Chief Military Personnel, currently responsible for military pay, pension and insurance administration policy, assumes responsibility for its delivery and systems, improving ease of access for CF members.

## **ADM (IM)**

ADM (IM), currently responsible for records management policy, assumes responsibility for records management delivery to ensure a clear and complete record of all departmental transactions. This will result in ADM(IM) assuming complete functional authority for electronic and hard copy records.

These improvements are the result of months of careful study that build upon changes made to our governance in 2009. These included the creation of the DSX, the Defence Finance Committee and the creation of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO role, a position held by the ADM (Fin CS), was established to provide the department with a robust challenge function on management and resource matters.

Further details will be provided as the plan is implemented in the months ahead.

In an organization as large and complex as ours, it is necessary to continually evaluate our efforts and our overall effectiveness. Together, we are creating an aligned, credible and innovative Defence Team working together to get the job done.

## **George Derby Centre's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Celebration**

**ALL veterans, their families and friends are invited**

**Saturday, Sept 17, 2011. 1030-1530hrs**

7550 Cumberland Street, Burnaby

**Participants:** Band of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment \* Linda Jones & Company  
Western Command Military Vehicle Historical Society \* Footlight Theatre Company  
Canadian Museum of Flight \* 15th Field Artillery Regimental Museum  
Royal Westminster Regiment Band \* Vancouver Korean Dance Society  
BC Veterans Commemorative Association \* Vancouver Naval Veterans Band  
Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association  
CFB Chilliwack Historical Society \* Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver  
Vancouver Naval Veterans Association \* Renowned Piper Riley Davis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit

## **From the 'Punitary'**

A man asked his son what he would like for his forthcoming sixth birthday. The son said he wanted a hamster so the man visited the local pet shop. There he found the perfect hamster who was in the peak of health so he bought it. He also bought a cage with a wheel and a water bottle. As he was leaving the store owner said "Any problems what-so-ever, just come back here. I live right above the shop and I'll help you out any time you want."

The man put the hamster and cage in his car and drove home. He left them in there until his son had gone to bed so that he wouldn't see them when he brought them in. Next morning is the son's birthday so the man gets up early to wrap the other presents and to check on the hamster. He is horrified to see that the hamster is lying dead in the bottom of the cage with it's legs in the air! He realises that his son will be distraught as he's talked about nothing else for weeks!

Quickly he pulled on his coat and drove round to the pet shop and knocked on the owner's door. He explains the problem and the owner is quite understanding and gives the man a new hamster, refusing to take any payment for it.

The man then says "What can I do with the old one? I don't want to bury it as the cat may dig it up and I don't want to throw it away in case my son sees it in the bin".

The pet-shop owner replies "What I do is mix up a strong sugar solution - about 1.5kg of sugar and 2 litres of water, bring it to the boil and then add the hamster and simmer for about two hours, stirring periodically. It makes quite a nice jam."

The man says thank you and that he will try the rather strange recipe and then dashes home with the new hamster. He gives the new hamster to his son who is thrilled with it and promptly goes off to play with it. The man then decides to try the pet-shop owner's recipe so goes to the supermarket to get some sugar, then gets the largest saucepan he has and starts cooking. After two hours, the mixture has become jam-like so the man decides to try it. He gets a slice of bread and smears a layer on and takes a bite. And it is (not unsurprisingly) absolutely revolting! In disgust he throws the rest of the mixture out of the window, all over his garden, and does his best to forget about the whole thing.

But after a few days he notices that daffodils are springing up all over his lawn. He is at a loss to explain it as he's never had any in his garden before! Next day, his son asks him to take him to the pet-shop as he wants to get some more food for the hamster so the man agrees. Whilst his son is looking around at the other animals, the pet-shop owner, recognising the man, comes over to talk to him. "So", he said, "did you try that recipe I gave you?"

"Yes, but it tasted disgusting so I threw it out the window. Odd thing is, where is landed I've got daffodils growing!"

"Daffodils?" asked the store owner, "Are you sure? You usually get tulips from hamster-jam"

## **Murphy's Rules of Combat Operations.**

If you can't remember, the Claymore is pointed toward you.