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ARTILLERY SENATE MEETING

FRI, 20 MAY 14, MORRISON ARTILLERY PARK, OTTAWA

Chair: LGen (Ret'd) M.K. Jeffery, CMM, CD – Colonel Commandant

Co-Chair: LGen S.A. Beare, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD – Senior Serving Gunner

Attendees:

MGen J.G.E. Tremblay, CD (via telephone dial-in)
BGen K.R. Cotten, OMM, CD (via telephone dial in)
BGen J.D.G. Henley, OMM, CD (via telephone dial-in)
BGen MN Rouleau, OMM, MSM, CD
BGen (Retd) J. Selbie, CD
Col T. Bishop, CD – Director of Artillery (via telephone dial-in)
HCol G. Burton, CD (via telephone dial-in)
Col (Ret'd) J.P. Culligan, OMM, CD – National Director, RCA Charitable Campaign
Col (Ret'd) C.R. Simonds, CD
HCol N.L. Stewart, KStJ, CD (via telephone dial in)
HLCol M.D. McKay, CD, AdeC (via telephone dial-in)
Maj J.D. Stewart, CD (via telephone dial-in)
Maj (Retd) K. Wright, CD (via telephone dial-in)

Absent:

LGen (Ret'd) J. Arp, CMM, CD – National Chair, RCA Charitable Campaign
LGen (Ret'd), Senator, the Honourable, R.A. Dallaire, OC, CMM, CStJ, GOQ, MSC, CD
BGen (Ret'd) J.G.J.C. Barabé, CD
BGen (Ret'd) E.B. Beno, OMM, CD – Immediate Past Colonel Commandant, RCA
BGen (Ret'd) D.L. Ross, CD
HCol J.K.F. Irving, CD
HCol C. de Kovachich
LCol (Ret'd) C. Cotter – President RCAA (via telephone dial-in)
LCol A. Reiffenstein, CD
LCol (Ret'd) A. Richard, CD
CWO C.P. Rusk, MMM, CD – RSM RCA (via telephone dial-in)
CWO (Ret'd) (Mr Gnr) D. Tomaso, MMM, CD

In Attendance:	
Maj M.T.A. Calnan, SBStJ, CD (SO to Regt'l Col, RCA)	
Maj M. Draho, CD (Regt Maj, RCA, via telephone dial-in)	
Secretary: Col J.M.D. Bouchard, CD – Regimental Colonel, RCA	
<p>Secretarial Note: Attachments presented to Artillery Senate are available on the RCA Website at: http://www.artillery.net/beta/the-artillery-senate/</p>	
RECORD OF DECISION	ACTION
ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS	
1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1314hrs EDT. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery welcomed all, thanked 30 RCA for hosting the meeting and noted that there was a quorum. He congratulated BGen (Ret'd) Beno on his appointment as HCol to 7 Toronto Regiment, RCA.	Info
ITEM 2- APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
2. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery asked that the agenda be amended by adding in "Vimy 2017". The agenda was approved as amended.	All
ITEM 3 – CONSENT AGENDA	
3. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery asked that the agenda be amended to remove the review of the financial statement. The consent agenda was approved by acclamation as amended.	All
4. A review of the minutes of the last meeting (21 Mar 14) determined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Para 9 the correct title for the Sgt of the Year award is "RCA Sergeant of the Year"; b. Para 9 the correct spelling of the reserve force awardee is Calvin vice Gavin; and c. Para 20 is to be deleted. 	All
ITEM 4 – REPORTS	
5. In the absence of DArty his report on LOO 1&2 was deferred.	Info
6. REGIMENTAL COLONEL, RCA. Details of LOO 3,4&5 are contained in the Col RCA's slides (attached).	Info
7. Reference Para 32h – funding of summer students for the RCA Museum. The RCA Fund will have to continue to support this critical activity.	Info

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8. The RSM RCA reminded reserve unit RSMs to submit names for the RCA Sergeant of the Year award.	Info
9. HERITAGE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE - Col (Ret'd) Culligan- briefed on Committee activities. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee continues to need more volunteers; b. Overall the Campaign is ahead of targets for fund raising; c. \$20K was reported in the last quarter but the money actually arrived in this quarter; d. With regard to large donations, intervention by Senate members is helpful; e. The Campaign is preparing a video with the help of a well-known Celtic music star; and 	Info
10. LGen Jeffery reminded the Senate that we continue to face challenges with finding sufficient volunteers. Any help will be welcome.	
11. The Royal Canadian Legion National HQ has authorised Branches to use Poppy Funds to donate to the McCrae Statue project.	
12. LCol Reiffenstein asked about “crowd” funding. There would be a campaign in September. Details to be confirmed.	
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ITEM 5 – RCA SUCCESSION PLANNING	
13. The Col Comdt reviewed the current Senate makeup and noted that there are a number of changes coming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LGen Beare is retiring on 15 Sep. His farewell party will be held at the AOM on 9 Sep. MGen Eric Tremblay has been designated the next Senior Serving Gunner; b. The Col Comdt will hand over on 27 Sept at the RCAA trg event. His successor cannot be named yet as the appointment has to be approved by the MND; c. LCol (Ret'd) Cotter will hand over to the new President on 26 Sep after the election at the RCAA Annual General Meeting; d. Col Dalton has already handed over the DArty duties to Col Tim Bishop (27 May); 	Info

<p>e. Col (Ret'd) Culligan will hand over to Col (Ret'd) Cameron Ross;</p> <p>f. Elected members of the Senate will remain as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. BGen (Ret'd) Barabé will remain another year; ii. BGen (Ret'd) Ross will remain for three more years; iii. HCol Irving will remain for three more years; iv. Maj Stewart will remain for three more years; and <p>g. It was noted that more representation is needed from female members as well as more visible minorities;</p> <p>h. BGen (Ret'd) Beno suggested the Senate consider an advisory council of distinguished Canadians. The Colonel Commandant directed the Governance Committee to look into the idea;</p> <p>i. The following Senate members will be appointed as noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery (Governance); ii. BGen (Ret'd) Barabé (Strategic Planning); iii. BGen (Ret'd) Ross (Stakeholder Relations); iv. Maj Stewart (Audit & Risk); and v. LGen (Ret'd) Arp (Heritage). 	All
14. APPROVED.	
ITEM 6 – RCA STRATEGIC PLANNING	
15. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC) – the members are all involved. 5 RALC and 4 AD RCA are participating with a goal of enhancing the original document. A decision will be taken at the Senate meeting in Aug or September.	All
ITEM 7 – MCCRAE STATUE PROJECT	
<p>16. The Colonel Commandant reminded the Senate that there are two committees. The first committee, chaired by HLCol McKay is responsible for fundraising, liaison with Heritage Canada and site planning. The second committee, chaired by LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery, is responsible for ceremonial planning.</p> <p>a. HLCol Mike McKay- \$210K has been raised so far with another \$15K pledged (Secretary's note: the Canadian Medical Association made a generous donation of \$10K at their Annual General Convention in August). Final site plans and environmental assessments will be completed before the snow flies. The Government of Flanders has offered \$50K and would like to speak at the ceremonies.</p>	All

<p>b. The Col Comdt briefed that plans for the ceremonies were well advanced. The Surgeon General has become involved and is in full support of the plans.</p>	
<p>ITEM 8 – RCAA SEMINAR</p>	
<p>17. BGen (Ret'd) Ross noted that the invitation list is being developed and speech research has begun for the Col Comdt's and Sr Serving Gunner's presentations. The UK Defence Advisor BGen Calder-Smith, a Gunner, will also speak.. Gen Beare will speak to Gen John Vance about being the "reality check" speaker. Four group leaders have been identified.</p> <p>18. Major Stewart suggested that Honorary and potential Honorary be included in the invitation list as they can help with political issues. The Col Comdt pointed out that this seminar is intended to be an "en famille" look at the Royal Regiment to determine where we are and where we want to go in the future. The <i>next</i> step will be to look at the political dimension.</p> <p>19. BGen (Ret'd) Ross pointed out that this is an RCAA event and all RCAA members are, by default, welcome. The invitations to be sent out are for persons who can help us articulate where we are and where we need to be. Recommendations are to be in to BGen (Ret'd) Ross, info the Col Comdt, by the end of May.</p> <p>20. LGen Beare directed that there be full representation by "cohort" to ensure that we get a buy in by a broad base of Gunners. The Col Comdt directed that priority for seating at the seminar go to current serving Gunners who will have to live with the results of the discussions. BGen (Ret'd) Ross noted that the total numbers are expected to be 150 plus the RCAA Executive.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>ITEM 9 – RCA WORK PLAN 2014/15</p>	
<p>21. The Col Comdt briefed on work plan for 2014/15 – (see handout att).</p>	<p>Info</p>
<p>ITEM 10 – OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>22. The following other business was discussed:</p> <p>a. Vimy 2017 is a key event for the RCA and for Canada. Our profile on this is less than it should be. The ability of the Heritage or Regimental Fund to pay for participation is limited;</p> <p>1) Gen (Ret'd) Beno asked if 20 pers was viable if it was self-funded? So far, two regular regiments have said no, eight to 10 individuals have said they would be interested and some 15 reservists have also expressed interest;</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>2) Col Comdt- the RCA Senate supports the plan set forth by BGen (Ret'd) Beno and looks forward to having more participants. Furthermore the RCA Senate encourages all Gunners to support the event and/or to get involved.</p> <p>23. BGen Ret'd) Beno thanked all who supported the Juno Beach Centre and particularly noted the hard work of the 3 BAM (http://www.artillery.net/beta/fr/3bam/) and the Garrison Living History Group (http://thegarrison.org.uk/). He reminded the Senate of the strength of decentralising projects to “franchises” as demonstrated by what was accomplished by the two groups of volunteers.</p> <p>24. Mr Gnr Tomaso advised that the Gunners of Canada Vol III advertising card would be distributed in mid-June.</p> <p>25. RHQ is coord with RHQ RA for the Royal Artillery 300, the RA’s celebration of its 300th birthday.</p> <p>26. The Col Comdt reminded the Senate to spread the word about the RCAA seminar.</p> <p>27. The Col Comdt noted that there will be a 17 Oct Senate meeting in conjunction with the Junior Officers’ Course (Secretarial note: the JOC has since been cancelled, the next Senate meeting will be in late Sep). The next meeting will be the last for the Col Comdt as Chair. and he wanted to share some thank you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Craig Cotter as President of the RCAA has been the key link between the Senate and the RCAA. He has done sterling work; b. Mike McKay – no one is more committed to the RCA. He cannot possibly do less as he does so much! The McCrae Statue Project was singlehandedly started by Mike; and c. Gen Stu Beare – has been fully engaged as our Senior Serving Gunner. Everyone should join him on 9 Sep for the farewell do. 	
CLOSING REMARKS / NEXT MEETING	
<p>28. LGen Beare made some parting remarks: “I have not always been able to be on time but I believe I’ve been pretty much on target!” He left the Senate with three thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The world we live in is on fire. International affairs are becoming increasingly unpredictable, unstable or volatile. We must prepare for operations to come and we must remember Canada’s obligations in the world. The Forces are very busy, many soldiers are on Exercise MAPLE 	All

<p>RESOLVE in Wainwright. We are in as many places around the world as we were five years ago at the height of the war in Afghanistan. Just recently I met eight family members of Gunners killed in Afghanistan at the National Day of Honour. I had a chance to break bread with them and share thoughts about the war and to share an understanding of the sacrifices their family members made ensuring the “Gunner Guarantee”: firepower to the manoeuver troops, who wouldn’t move out on patrol without that essential firepower covering them;</p> <p>b. We must rebuild from exhaustion: it will be a family effort, caring for all. We must define the Gunner Guarantee for the future and ensure we continue to deliver it. It will be a team effort and a family effort;</p> <p>c. Leadership for the family. We are doing a good job. The Senate has been reborn in a new form. We have established the leadership we need and we have organised that leadership to be effective. The position of Regimental Colonel, RCA was created, RHQ RCA was reorganised, Gen Mike Jeffery as the Col Comdt has led the efforts to create a working team and to build that franchises that can get the work done. DArty and the Regt Col make an effective team to ensure we put balanced effort into all our lines of operation. The Regimental Major, Mike Draho and the gang in Shilo are working full blast to look after people and the ‘family business’. We are promoting good people to take up the reins: Greg Ivey has been promoted to Col as has Tim Bishop; Simon Hetherington has been promoted to Brigadier; and the experience and knowledge of our Chief Warrant Officers is recognised in such key posting as CWO Moyer to the Command Sergeant Major position in Turkey; and, finally</p> <p>d. I will be at the RCAA in mufti.</p>	
ADJOURNMENT	
21. The meeting was adjourned at 1701 hrs CDT.	

Drafted by



D. Bouchard
Colonel
Regimental Colonel RCA
Secretary Artillery Senate

Approved

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M.K. Jeffery
LGen (Ret'd)
Colonel Commandant RCA
Chair Artillery Senate

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