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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OMMC 08 is now less than eight weeks away and planning is well under way.

But before I continue with this note, words of thanks must be extended to the volunteers of 2007 who helped make that year a success - Christine Hines and the staff and volunteers of the Maritime Command Museum for stuffing aprons, bags and envelopes with all the museological material and AGM notes, to Jim Dumont for organizing the Legion luncheon, to Derek Brown for the dinner at the Ashton Armouries, Brad Woollven, Debbie Towell, John Wigmore, Bob Darnell, Fort Rodd Hill staff, John Low and all the volunteers for opening their respective museums to the group, the Canadian Scottish band, Her Honour Iona Campagnola for hosting our dinner, and to Leon Chamois who helped load the van for us to meet the shipping window. Very special thanks goes to Dave Freeman who was our man on the ground and arranged for buses, the annual dinner, the photographer, the chaplain and a myriad of other things so necessary for the programme.

The lack of evaluations that I received at the end of the programme, indicates that all in attendance enjoyed an educational experience. The food, accommodation, classrooms and lecturers at the University of Victoria were exceptional.

2008 is shaping up to be another excellent year. Attendees will be staying at the Fort Garry Hotel, a prestigious former railway hotel built in 1913. The lectures and workshops will be held at HMCS Chippawa, just a block from the hotel. Established in 1924 as part of the national naval reserve programme, Chippawa has recently moved to a new purpose built facility. The Naval Museum of Manitoba will serve as our host museum, and is lodged within its own quarters and will be open daily for visitors.

The Manitoba Museum has prepared an excellent three day programme of workshops, tours and lecturers. The week will be rounded out with a day trip to Shilo, tours to local CF museums, business meetings and other lectures of interest.

If you have not received a programme or registration form, please email ommc@ns.sympatico.ca for any information required.

I look forward to welcoming everyone in Winnipeg. See you all in a few weeks.

Marilyn Gurney
President

42ND ANNUAL MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAMME

Programme Overview

The 42nd Annual Museum Studies Programme will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 19-26 July 2008, and will be hosted by the Naval Museum of Manitoba.

This year's programme will deal with many aspects of museology and the military history of Manitoba, with lectures and tours focusing on issues relevant to both small to medium sized museums. The Manitoba Museum will present a museology programme. Diverse field trips include interpretive tours of the RCA Museum at Shilo, the Dragoons Museum at Brandon, the Air Force Museum and Air Park, the Naval Museum of Manitoba, the Manitoba Military Aviation Museum and the Winnipeg Police Museum.

Transportation

Transportation for all activities during the programme has been pre-arranged. Please note however, that delegates are responsible for transportation between the airport and the programme accommodation upon arrival and departure.

Accommodation

Delegates will be housed in the Fort Garry Hotel, located at 222 Broadway Avenue, Winnipeg. The accommodation is for double occupancy with breakfast included.

Any delegates arriving early or staying later must make arrangements for their own accommodation for this period. Please contact the reservation desk, identify yourself as OMMC and book your additional nights accommodation. This will be at your own cost.

Registration Fees

Registration fees must be prepaid in full at the time of registration. No partial or on-site payments will be accepted.

Register for this year's course by returning the attached Registration Form either

by mail : PO Box 66042,
Unicity Postal Outlet,
Winnipeg, MB, R3K 2E7

by fax (204) 221-5125, (credit card only)

or by email: joanndasilva@shaw.ca (credit card only)

Please note:

- The registration form must be accompanied with payment prior to being processed.
- If you are sending your payment by Government of Canada or NPF cheque, please send your application form separately, as in the past they have become separated from the cheque in the financial office.
- Cheques and money orders should be made payable to OMMC Inc.
- **Cut off date for registration is 15 June 08.** Any forms post marked after this date will be considered late and subject to a late fee of \$100.00.
- If you have any questions, please contact: ommc@ns.symaptico.ca or 1-877-474-6662

Full registration fees include admission to all lectures, presentations, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, health breaks, Meet and Greet barbeque, annual dinner and accommodations.

	Member	Non Member
Full registration fee	\$750.00	\$850.00
Partial Fee (less accommodation)	\$525.00	\$590.00
Guest rate:	Annual Dinner \$85.00	Meet and Greet \$20.00

Cancellation Fee

Only written cancellations will be considered. Fees for cancellation prior to 30 June will be refunded less a \$50.00 administration fee. No refunds will be granted after 1 July. If you have questions, contact the President.

Registration Form

42nd Annual Museum Course, 19-26 July 2008

To register by mail or fax, please complete this form, including payment information.

1. Your registration information:

Membership Number: _____ Institution: Individual:

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Home: (____) _____ Business: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____ Gender: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

To assist the OMMC in accommodating you, please check if you have special dietary requirements or physical disabilities. Please note that field trips may require walking distances of 1 km.

Please explain: _____

2. What day do you plan to: Arrive _____ Depart: _____

Will you be traveling to Shilo on Sunday, 20 July 08: Yes No

Will you be attending the annual dinner: Yes No

3. Programme Registration Fee: Please indicate your registration choice.

	Member	Non Member	
Full registration fee	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$
Partial Fee (less accommodation)	\$525.00	\$590.00	\$
Guest rate:	Annual Dinner \$85.00	Meet and Greet \$20.00	\$
	TOTAL:		\$

4. Method of payment: Please indicate your method of payment:

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ expiry date ____/____

Name on the card _____ Signature _____

Cheque: personal government NPF Money order

For Office Use Only :

Date received : _____ Date receipt sent : _____ Payment processed : _____

OMMC 08 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

- *All lectures will be held at HMCS Chippawa, 1 Navy Way, Winnipeg*
- *Breakfast will be held at the Fort Garry Hotel. All other meals will be held as per the schedule.*
- *Registration packages will be available in the OMMC office*
- *Parking is in the hotel parking lot. A small fee may be levied*

Saturday, 19 July 08

- 1100 Registration commences in the OMMC Office, Suite TBA
- 1500 Room assignments are available at the hotel front desk
- 1630 Welcome to OMMC – Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa
- 1700 Army, Navy and Air Force Meetings – Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa. Rooms TBA
- 1900 Meet and Greet Pig Roast – Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa

Sunday, 20 June 08

- 0630 Breakfast at hotel
- 0730 Gather at bus pick up location – hotel front door
- 0800 Depart hotel for CFB Shilo and Brandon
- 1030 Arrive Brandon
Bus 1 – Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum
Bus 2 – Brandon Armoury – 26 Field Regiment/
Manitoba Dragoons Museum
- 1130 Bus 2 departs for Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum
- 1200 Lunch in canteen
- 1300 Bus 1 - Brandon Armoury – 26 Field Regiment/
Manitoba Dragoons Museum
Bus 2 - Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum
- 1430 Buses depart for CFB Shilo
- 1500 Visit Royal Canadian Artillery Museum
- 1700 Dinner at RCA Officers' Mess
- 1815 Depart for Winnipeg

2030 Buses arrive Fort Garry Hotel

Monday, 21 July 08

- 0700 Breakfast at hotel
- 0800 Memorial Service – Upper Fort Garry Gate
- 0830 Photograph – front steps Fort Garry Hotel
- 0930 Annual General Meeting – Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa
Election of new officers
- 1030 Military History of Winnipeg TBA
- 1130 Buses depart for Royal Canadian Legion Norwood Branch
- 1200 Lunch and tour of the Norwood Legion Museum
- 1330 Buses depart for HMCS Chippawa
- 1400 National Film Board - TBC
- 1500 Nomenclature for CFAMS *Rafael Sandoval*
- 1600 Radiation *Sean Hunter*
- 1700 Nomenclature for CFAMS *Rafael Sandoval*
- 1800 Dinner – Junior Ranks Mess, HMCS Chippawa
- 1930 CFAMS briefing (compulsory for all CF Museums)

Tuesday, 22 July 08

- 0700 Breakfast at hotel
- Plenary Sessions will be held on the Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa*
- 0900 Greetings and Introduction *Sharon Reilly*
- 0915 Promoting Your Museum and Attracting New Audiences *Javier Schwersensky*
- 1015 Strengthening Your Museum's Foundation: Fundraising and Membership *Jim Robinson*
- 1115 Recruiting, Engaging and Retaining Museum Volunteers *Warren Reeves*
- 1215 Lunch – Junior Ranks' Mess, HMCS Chippawa
- 1315 Group 1 – Artefact Care and Handling
Kathy Nanowin and Andrew Fallak

Group 2 – Keeping Track of Your Collection
Ann Hindley
Museum Visits for School Audiences
Nancy Anderson

(Note: Group 2 will break into 2 sub groups and switch rooms at 1445 in order that each group can attend both presentations)

Group 3 – Bus departs for The Manitoba Museum
Behind the Scenes Visit to 6th Floor
Sharon Reilly

Tour Galleries with museum guides

1600 Bus departs for HMCS Chippawa

1630 Presentation by Acryl Design Limited

1700 Dinner – hosted by Acryl Design Limited
Junior Ranks' Mess, HMCS Chippawa

1830 Bus 1 departs for The Fort Garry Horse Museum
and Archives Museum

Bus 2 departs for The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
Regimental Museum

1945 Buses switch locations

2100 Buses return to Fort Garry Hotel

Wednesday, 23 July 08

0700 Breakfast at hotel

Plenary Sessions will be held on the Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa

0900 Conserving Your Collection: An Introduction
to Preventive Conservation of Museum Artefacts
Kathy Nanowin

1015 Break

1045 Firearms Handling, Care and Storage
Andrew Fallak

1200 Lunch – Junior Ranks' Mess, HMCS Chippawa

1315 Group 2 – Artefact Care and Handling
Kathy Nanowin and Andrew Fallak
Group 3 – Keeping Track of Your Collection
Ann Hindley

Museum Visits for School Audiences
Nancy Anderson

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Group 1 – Bus departs for The Manitoba Museum
Behind the Scenes Visit to 6th Floor
Sharon Reilly

Tour Galleries with museum guides

1600 Bus returns to Fort Garry Hotel

1700 Dinner on your own FREE EVENING

Thursday, 24 July 08

Plenary Sessions will be held on the Parade Square, HMCS Chippawa

0900 – The Impact of War: Interpreting the Experience
of War in the Museum's Parklands Gallery
Sharon Reilly

1015 Break

1045 Oral History, Memory and the Military in Canada
Nolan Reilly

1200 Lunch – Junior Ranks' Mess, HMCS Chippawa

1315 Group 3 – Artefact Care and Handling
Kathy Nanowin and Andrew Fallak

Group 1 – Keeping Track of Your Collection
Ann Hindley

Museum Visits for School Audiences
Nancy Anderson

(Note: Group 1 will break into 2 sub groups and switch rooms at 1445 in order that each group can attend both presentations)

Group 2 – Bus departs for The Manitoba Museum
Behind the Scenes Visit to 6th Floor
Sharon Reilly

Tour Galleries with museum guides

1600 Bus returns to Fort Garry Hotel

1900 for 1930 Annual Dinner
Ballroom, Fort Garry Hotel

Friday, 25 July 08

- 0700 Breakfast at hotel
- 0900 Lecture – Professor Philippe Dubé, Laval University
- 1000 DHH Meeting
- 1100 Regiment du Voltigeurs
- 1200 Buses depart for CFB Winnipeg
- 1230 Lunch - Combined Mess, CFB Winnipeg
- 1330 Bus 1 departs for Air Force Heritage Museum and Air Park
- Bus 2 departs for Manitoba Military Aviation Museum
- 1430 Buses switch
- 1530 Buses depart for Winnipeg Police Museum
- 1630 Buses depart for Fort Garry Hotel
- 1800 Buses depart Fort Garry Hotel for Alexandra Wharf
- 1815 Board Paddlewheel Princess
- 1900 Boat departs for dinner cruise
- 2200 Buses depart for Fort Garry Hotel

Saturday, 26 July 07

- 0800 Breakfast
- 1100 Check out time



CAN YOU HELP ?



Bob Darnell and Dave Freeman have sent along a very interesting photo and frame for identification. If you can identify or know something about it, please contact them at rbtdarnell@shaw.ca and djfreeman@shaw.ca. They suspect it predates the First World War.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The following positions are up for election at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 21 July 2008 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

President

Secretary

3 Board positions

(currently held by Don Manley,
Chris Colton, and Don Pearsons)

All nominations will be supported and signed by a nominator and a seconder. All three will be current paid up members of OMMC.

All nominations must be received by the Secretary (Vince Brown) by 2359 hrs on 26 May 08.

Nominations may be sent by email to: vince.brown024@sympatico.ca or to the corporate address, OMMC, PO Box 323, Ottawa, Ontario, K1C 1S7

CONGRATULATIONS TO LCOL (RET'D) GAUTHIER



LCol (ret'd) Robert Gauthier, Director General, Musée du 12e Régiment blindé du Canada (12e RBC), has recently received the newly created Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for seniors for the year 2008. This medal is part of Lt-Gov of Quebec Pierre Duchesne's new program to acknowledge the implication, determination and achievements of the citizens of the Province in their community.

NEW ZEALAND'S STOLEN WAR MEDALS RECOVERED

16 February 2008

Medals awarded to New Zealand's most highly decorated servicemen stolen in a military museum heist have been recovered, police announced today. The priceless collection, awarded to 12 of New Zealand's most highly decorated war heroes, was stolen from the Waiouru Army Museum last December.

Operation Valour inquiry head Detective Senior Sergeant Chris Bensemman said all 12 sets of medals had been recovered in good condition and had been verified as being those stolen from Waiouru. The medals were returned as a result of a \$300,000 reward being offered last month by Lord Michael Ashcroft, the owner of the largest collection of Victoria Crosses, and a Nelson businessman. "The reward was offered for information leading to the safe return of the medals and that has encouraged a person to come forward and facilitate the return of the medals to police," Mr Bensemman said.

An amount has been paid and no immunity from prosecution or support for reduction in any sentence for any offender was given in return, Mr Bensemman said.

"New Zealand Police celebrate the return of these national treasures. The recovery of the medals was the top priority. Nevertheless, our job won't be complete until we find the perpetrators of this burglary and bring them to court.

"The file will remain open for as long as it takes. My team will continue to work on this inquiry and I would urge the public to continue to provide us with any information which may come to the front of mind. The public shouldn't assume that because the inquiry is a couple of months long we have gathered all the relevant information. Even the smallest snippet of information can be of use in such investigations," Mr Bensemman said.

"What I can say is that the recovery of the medals has certainly narrowed the focus of the investigation, the net is closing and we are continuing to work very hard at pulling it tight."

The collection included nine Victoria Crosses, two George Medals and one Albert medals. Mr Bensemman said the medals have been sent for forensic examination. This may take some weeks and they will then be returned.

Source: <http://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/3701.html>



CANADIAN CONSERVATION INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS

CCI offers workshops for heritage organizations across Canada. Their goal is to help institutions build capacity in preserving and conserving the objects in their collections. Complete details on the workshops, including outlines, contact people, fees, and more, can be found on the CCI website: <http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca>, under “Learning Opportunities.”

Date	Topic	Host	Location
May 26-27	Heritage Facility Planning I	Ontario Museum Association	North Buxton National Historic Site, North Buxton, ON
May 27-28	Preservation Housekeeping in Historic House Museums Language of Instruction: French	Société des musées quebécois	Montreal, QC
June 4-5	Care of Photographic Materials	Association of Manitoba Museums/ Association of Manitoba Archives	Brandon, MB
June 25-26	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness for Cultural Institutions	Saskatchewan Archives	Regina, SK
September 4-5	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness for Cultural Institutions	Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador/ ANLA	Gander, NL
September 19-20	Storage Planning for Cultural Facilities	Council of Nova Scotia Archives	Halifax, NS
September 26	Preservation Management for Seasonal Museums	Federation of Nova Scotia Heritage	Truro, NS Truro-Colchester Historical Museum
September 25-26	Environmental Guidelines	Archives Association of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC Vancouver Museum
TBD	Industrial Objects	Government of Yukon Museum Unit	Whitehorse, YK
October 6-7	Storage Planning	Ontario Association of Art Galleries	Barrie, ON MacLaren Art Centre

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May 18: International Museum

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