



*The Royal Military Institute of Manitoba*

## **2020/2022 PLAN (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 through March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022)**

**Background:** The RMIM By-Law sets five (5) objectives for the Institute as Follows:

- (1) To provide through presentations and discussions, information and opinions on matters of Military and Security importance to Canada
- (2) To maintain awareness through the use of Email and the Internet, of World Military and Political events that could influence Government and Military decisions or actions
- (3) To recognize and acknowledge those who have provided notable support to Canada's Defence and Security Forces
- (4) To promote Social and Professional contact, and
- (5) To promote the Cadet movement in Canada.

*Each year, the Board of Directors is required to prepare and present for membership approval at the AGM, a Plan of Events and Budget aimed at achieving the above objectives.*

**Recommendation:** The following Plan and Budget for 2020/2022 is presented for Membership approval at the Annual General Meeting of 26 Sep 21.

### **Objective (1) – Presentations and Discussions**

The presentations for the year 2019/2020 were:

1. RCMP Chief Superintendent Rob Hill, OIC Criminal Investigations – 19 September 2019 at 17 Wing Officers Mess
2. Major Talon Desjardins, 2PPCLI – Diminishing capabilities of the Canadian Infantry – 18 October 2019 at MINTO Armouries
3. LCol (Ret'd) Gary Hook – Living the Cold War Dream – Flying the CF 104 in Downtown Bavaria in the 80s – 21 November 2019 at 17 Wing Officers Mess

4. MGen Alain Pelletier, Commander 1CAD – Speaks on Air Force Operations – 21 January 2020 at 283 ANAVETS
5. Colonel Guinevere Bourque, Commander 38 Brigade Group – 38 Brigade Operations – 08 March 2020 at 283 ANAVETS
6. LGen (Ret'd) RR Crabbe – 16 April 2020 – Canada's Defence Policy – Where are we Now? POSTPONED, DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

For 2021/2022, Presentations are being planned as follows: (OPIs may change)

26 September 2021	-	OPI Charles Cameron – AGM
26 September 2021	-	OPI John Davidson – BBQ
14 October 2021	-	OPI Alan Parkin
18 November 2021	-	OPI TBD
05 December 2021	-	OPI Gary Hook – Christmas Dinner
20 January 2022	-	OPI TBD
17 March 2022	-	OPI Barbara Gillis
21 April 2022	-	OPI Gary Hook
12 May 2022	-	OPI Charles Cameron – AGM
05 June 2022	-	OPI TBD – BBQ

The preceding Presentation dates are subject to change to match the availability of Presenters. We will also take advantage of additional Presenters who become available from time to time. Date confirmation information will be passed on by emailing publicity posters direct to RMIM Members. The likely venues for all events will be the 17 Wing Officers' Mess or 283 ANAVETS.

Check the calendar on our Website [www.rmim.ca](http://www.rmim.ca) from time to time for latest information on RMIM Presentations and other events.

## **Objective (2) - Maintain Awareness of World Military Events**

At the AGM of 15 May 2014, an Objective amendment to the RMIM Constitution (By-Law 1/09) was approved, deleting Library responsibilities and adding a new objective to maintain awareness of World Military and Political events by the use of Email and the Internet.

LCol (Retd) Jim Popplow has been most active, screening and forwarding relevant Military information by Email to RMIM Members. The need to “Maintain Awareness”, is also a consideration when deciding RMIM Presentations.

There will be a Service at the Brookside Cemetery on 08 May 2020, at 18:30 hours, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe), and Manitoba's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and honour those who served. The Service will begin at 19:00 hours. Postponed or Canceled due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

On 09 May 2020, RMIM will join The Royal Winnipeg Rifles join in the “VE/VJ” Day Parade at the Legislature Grounds. Poppies will **NOT** be worn. Postponed or Canceled due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

**Objective (3) – Recognition (RMIM) Awards Presentations**

The last Awards Ceremony was held on 25 September 2020, in the Lieutenant Governor's Salon of the Manitoba Legislative Building. The Ceremony was hosted by the Government of Manitoba, Mr. Jon Reyes, MLA for St Norbert, Special Envoy for Military Affairs.

The Awards Ceremony was highly successful and was attended by 50 RMIM members and guests.

Recipients of the RMIM Awards were:

- a. TWICE THE CITIZEN AWARD
  - i. LCdr(NL) Raymond Leveque
  - ii CPO1(Ret'd) Tom Reimer
  
- b. INSTITUTE AWARD
  - i. Gail Kirsch
  
- c. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
  - i. Mr Gordon Askew

There will be no Awards Ceremony planned for October 2021.

**Objective (4) – Social and Professional Contact**

This objective has been met over the past many years with the Annual June Barbecue, the Annual Christmas Reception and Dinner in December, and allowing time for socializing at all other events of the Institute. An attempt will be made to improve on socializing times, due to logistical and COVID19 Pandemic reasons, our Summer Bar Be Que was cancelled.

During the Months of January, February and March 2019, the 17 Wing Officers Mess was closed due to upgrades to the Plumbing and Mechanical systems.

A dedication ceremony for the CT-133 Silver Star Jet monument was held 30 June 2019, at Woodhaven Park. One of the most notable changes was the bright red/orange paint job, commemorating the group of military pilots who flew the Red Knight aerobatic display aircraft from 1958 to 1969. This project was initiated by the RMIM six years ago, with the assistance of City Councilor Grant Nordman and was completed during the Month of January 2019.

BGen Rod Slaughter was a fearless RCAF jet pilot, who took on the coveted role of Red Knight, solo performance pilot, and then lead soloist for the Golden Centennaires Aerobatic Flying Team. His Son and two Daughters spoke eloquently about their Father and his favourite plane. Two Councillors from the City of Winnipeg, along with many others were in attendance.

On the first of January each year, the RMIM continues to support the New Years Day Levee, with the organization and transportation to various Military Locations and Government House.

### **Objective (5) – Promote the Cadet Movement in Canada**

The Board will continue to search for opportunities for further assistance to the Cadet movement.

The RMIM Scholarship of (\$1,100.00), was presented at the Hubbell Awards Presentation Evening on 21 September 2019 to Cadet CPO1 Dominic Donato, 199 St Vital RCACS Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

The RMIM Scholarship of (\$1,100.00), was presented at the Hubbell Awards Presentation Evening on 10 September 2020 to Cadet WO2 Evan Glazier, 170 St James RCACS Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

The RMIM Scholarship of (\$1,100.00), was presented at the Hubbell Awards Presentation Evening on 09 September 2021 to Cadet WO Nikolas Zaburdyayev, 2295 Royal Winnipeg Rifles, RCACC.

This year the Hubbell Scholarship Awards Presentation was done virtually, only the Recipients and Presenters were in attendance.

For 2021/2022, it remains the intention of the Board to:

- a. Promote a positive image of Cadet programs at our Presentations, in the Media, and in conversation with Friends and Acquaintances with Cadet age Children or Grand Children,
- b. Encourage RMIM Members individually to include the Provincial Cadet Leagues or a specific Cadet Corps in their personal annual charity giving.
- c. Suggest to non-RMIM Business and Social Associates that the Land, Sea and Air Cadets Movements are worthy of their support (and financial contributions are only one way).
- d. Encourage RMIM Members and Non-Members to become working members of the various Manitoba Branches of the Cadet League of Canada.

### **2020/2022 BUDGET (01 April 2020 through 31 March 2022)**

The attached proposed budget is recommended by the Board of Directors for Membership approval at the AGM of 21 May 2020.

### ***2020/2021 Year in Review***

Snapshot of 2020/2021. COVID-19 Pandemic hit in March 2020, there were no physical Meetings or Presentations after March, except for three Zoom meetings held by the Executive and one Presentation via Zoom with General (Retired) Tom Lawson, former Chief of Defence Staff on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

General Lawson took us through a personal history of the Royal Canadian Air Force from his Grandfather to his Sons.

From a former World War One Sopwith Pup Pilot, to a World War Two Spitfire, to a Cold War CF-104 Pilot in Canada and Europe.

The Presentation commenced at 19:00 hours, Winnipeg time, on a Wednesday 20 May 21. A Question and Answer period followed.

The RMIM Awards evening was held on Friday, 25 September 2020, 19:00 hours, at the Manitoba Legislature Building, Room 200, hosted by Jon Reyes, Special Envoy for Military Affairs.