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CNS Celebrates its History

Commissionaires Nova Scotia (CNS) is celebrating 75 years of trusted security for Nova Scotians. January 24, 2013 marks the date 75 years ago (1938) that the first 20 commissionaires enrolled in the Corps. Since then, thousands of security-minded commissionaires in Nova Scotia have answered the call to protect people, property and information across the province. CNS has become one of Nova Scotia's largest employers, now providing work for 1,700 commissionaires, 1,200 of whom are veterans.

"On January 24th, and throughout this anniversary year, we are celebrating our people and their accomplishments," stated **Colonel Mike Brownlow**, CEO for CNS. "It is our diverse group of commissionaires, clients, staff and volunteer governors, and their outstanding dependability, loyalty and trust that has rewarded us a highly regarded reputation in the security industry."

Starting in November, 2012, CNS began presenting serving commissionaires with a special commemorative

ribbon bar in appreciation of their service during this 75th anniversary year. The ribbon has been designed to reflect the wide-ranging experience and backgrounds of those who make up CNS. Blue represents the Royal Canadian Navy, red for the Canadian Army, light blue for the Royal Canadian Air Force, gold for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and orange to represent other skilled veterans and non-veterans coming together to collectively serve Nova Scotians. By now most commissionaires should have been presented their anniversary ribbon and be wearing it proudly.

"CNS looks forward to serving Nova Scotians for the next 75 years and beyond," announced Col Brownlow.

Frank Cathcart, seen in left picture with Danielle Laroche, Manager for the Canadian Coast Guard College (CCGC) in Cape Breton was the very first commissionaire presented with the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Ribbon. Frank came to the Corps 18 years ago bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience from the Canadian Forces and his fishing career. Since joining, Frank has progressed from an entry level commissionaire to Chief Warrant Officer as Site Supervisor for CCGC. Providing his team with superb leadership, he represents the type of people and accomplishments we are celebrating this year.



"Celebrating 75 years of trusted security for Nova Scotians"

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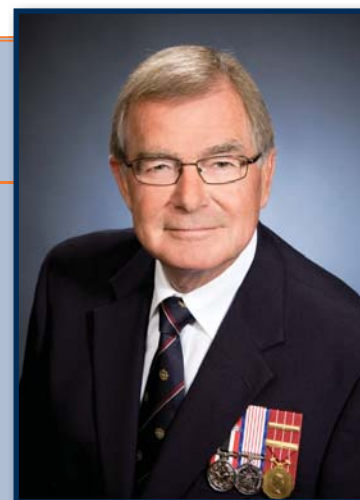
This issue of *Corps Rapport* celebrates a milestone in CNS history; our 75th anniversary year. In our last issue, **Colonel Barry Wark**, CNS' Immediate Past Chairman, traced our progress from very scant beginnings in 1938 to where we are today – the employer of choice for many veterans of the Canadian Forces and RCMP, and the pre-eminent security firm in Nova Scotia. The recent Remembrance Day ceremonies reminded us once again of society's obligation to reach out to those who have served in uniform and now need our support. I am proud to be associated with Commissionaires Nova Scotia, and the men and women who call themselves commissionaires. Together we try our best to fulfill that obligation and provide work for those veterans who need it. Whether it be for a second career or to facilitate a career transition, Commissionaires Nova Scotia has a door that is always open to veterans of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP.

Previously announced in the January-June edition of *Corps Rapport* were the seven Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals awarded to commissionaires **Tom Abraham**, **Leroy Fife**, **Craig Finlay**, **Daisy Gavel**, **Janet Hynes**, **Bernard Joyce** and **Elizabeth LaFosse**. Also awarded Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals (for volunteer work in their communities) were Board of Governors **John Boileau**, **Heather MacKinnon** and **John Miller**, as well as HQ staff **Mike Brownlow** (Chief Executive Officer) and **Anne James** (Director of Human Resources). In addition, **John McIntosh** received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal from the Canadian Coast Guard. You will see photos of the recipients of this prestigious award later in this issue.

For those who might have missed it, the Board of Governors was very proud to have been able to award five Distinguished Service Medals and 17 Long Service Medals to commissionaires at the Annual Awards Dinner & Dance in September, 2012. These and other awards are also mentioned later in this issue. On the subject of medals, the celebration of our 75th year is drawing to a close in March, 2013, but that does not mean you have to stop wearing your 75th Anniversary Ribbon Bar. It can be worn as long as you are a member of CNS.

Recently the Board of Governors approved the CNS Business Plan and accompanying CNS Marketing & Communications Plan. Together with the CNS Strategic Plan, they comprise an important package of documents that are indicative of our organization's coming of age in terms of 21st century governance practices. In short, they structure our business practices and focus management efforts on agreed goals and outcomes.

All in all, 2012 was a good news story for the continued and improved success of Commissionaires Nova Scotia. For that we owe thanks to the leadership of our Immediate Past Chairman, **Colonel Barry Wark**, who completed his two year term of office in September, 2012. It was a glorious summer, and Environment Canada predicts a mild winter and an early spring. We have a lot to be thankful for.



**Lieutenant Colonel
Gordon Davis**



Offering Veterans Honour and Support

Walter Callow Wheelchair Bus

For the past 65 years, Walter Callow Wheelchair Bus has provided trips and transportation to veterans and the physically challenged. This service enables physically challenged individuals, for whom no other type of transportation is available or suitable, to take part in different community activities and events like parades, sporting events, scenic outings, picnics and community events. CNS values this service for Nova Scotian veterans and demonstrated this in November, 2012, by making a donation to this group's important efforts.



*Walter Callow Wheelchair Bus Board of Directors stand in front of the bus with **Dusty Miller**, CNS Board Vice Chair; **Charles Baxter**, former CNS Board Chair; **CEO Mike Brownlow**; and **John Boileau**, CNS Governor*

Royal Canadian Legion Backpack Initiative

Many retired veterans live throughout Nova Scotia and occasionally life challenges arise where some need to reach out for assistance. CNS was saddened to learn about the number of veterans who are homeless throughout the province. CNS identified this worthy area for support with the help of Veterans Affairs Canada and the Canadian Forces Joint Personnel Support Unit. On December 5, 2012, CNS supported the Royal Canadian Legion's "Backpack Initiative" by making a donation to outfit ten backpacks. The backpacks are filled with basic necessities (ex. toiletries, blankets, grocery vouchers, first aid kits, transportation tickets, hats and gloves, etc.) and are available throughout the province free of charge to veterans who are experiencing shelter challenges. This assists them in bridging a gap until more permanent solutions can be worked out. While CNS is pained that such a basic need exists for veterans in Nova Scotia, it is very pleased to be able to contribute to this initiative.



*L-R: **Ronald Trowsdale**, Vice President, Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, The Royal Canadian Legion; **Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte**, Secretary, Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, The Royal Canadian Legion; **LCdr Flemming Rasmussen**, OC JPSU NS; **CEO Mike Brownlow**; **Heather MacKinnon**, CNS Governor*



*L-R: **Ian Macintyre**, CNS Governor; **Daniel McKeough**, Chair, Northside Harbourview Hospital Foundation; **CEO Mike Brownlow***

Northside Harbourview Hospital Foundation

CNS sponsored Cape Breton Regional Hospital's purchase of a new bus that will transport veterans in Cape Breton. The presentation was made on December 17, 2012, by **Ian Macintyre**, CNS Governor, to **Daniel McKeough**, Chair of Northside Harbourview Hospital Foundation. CNS is pleased to support initiatives throughout the province such as this that care for veterans' needs, and in this case, valuable transportation assistance.



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals

A commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada in 1952. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Canadians to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to recognize and honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. During the year of celebrations, approximately 60,000 deserving Canadians were recognized.

Commissionaires Canada was allocated 80 of these medals to be distributed to its 16 Divisions. Based on the size of the Division, CNS received seven of these prestigious medals. Nominations were sought and received from CNS managers and supervisors throughout Nova Scotia. A vigorous selection process then took place, which included the CNS leadership team, the Governors' Human Resources Committee and the Governors' Executive Committee.

On September 6, 2012, CNS former Board Chair, and now Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Brigadier General The Honourable J.J. Grant, OMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) hosted nearly 60 CNS guests as he presented Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals to our seven selected commissionaires (see below picture).



L-R Back: CEO Mike Brownlow; Janet Hynes (recipient); Bernard Joyce (recipient); Elizabeth LaFosse (recipient)

L-R Front: Daisy Gavel (recipient); Craig Finlay (recipient); Her Honour Mrs. Joan Grant and His Honour Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant; Barry Wark, CNS Board Chair; Tom Abraham (recipient); Leroy Fife (recipient)

While CNS awarded medals to seven commissionaires, there were other commissionaires who received Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals from organizations outside of the Corps. We wish to congratulate all our commissionaires who received medals in recognition of their important contributions to their communities. These additional recipients are pictured to the right and on the next page.

Five CNS Headquarters Staff and Board Members received medals.

L-R: CEO Mike Brownlow; Heather MacKinnon, CNS Governor; Anne James, Director of Human Resources; John Boileau, CNS Governor; John Miller, CNS Governor



A rare and special occasion, two sisters, **Daisy Gavel** and Sheila Amirault received Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals this year. Daisy, a commissionaire, received her medal in recognition of sustained service to Commissionaires Nova Scotia and the Canadian Forces through the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets program and as a volunteer to a number of organizations (Navy League of Canada, Relay for Life, Bowl for Big Brothers Big Sisters and more). Sheila has been recognized with a medal by the Navy League of Canada for her dedication to the League and her volunteer work with Big Bike/Cancer Association and as a Cadet Instructor for the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps.



L-R: **Daisy Gavel** and **Sheila Amirault**



L-R: **Bill Brydon**, CNS Director of Operations; **Mark Gregoire**, Commissioner of Coast Guard; **John McIntosh** (recipient) and his wife, **Margaret**; **John Butler**, Assistant Commissioner of Coast Guard

Commissionaire **John McIntosh** was presented with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal from the Canadian Coast Guard, where he has been serving with CNS for the past 17 years. John came to CNS with 37 years of Navy experience and has been said to volunteer with anyone who requests his assistance; from the local Dartmouth Legion to local Churches. John has made a tremendous impact on many, both in his career and in his spare time within the community. **Bill Brydon**, CNS Director of Operations, attended this medal presentation to congratulate John.

National Commissionaires Medallion



The National Commissionaires Medallion is presented to individuals for significant accomplishments worthy of special recognition. It is awarded by the members of the class to one of their peers for outstanding contributions and assistance to others during the Commissionaires Security Officer Course (CSOC). The following members received their medallions for courses conducted from July to December 2012:

Bernard Quigley
Marc Jeannotte
Ted McGray

André Boucher
Larry Everill
Russell Farrell

Moris Reynolds
James Beaton

Natalie Dawn-Ann Gloade
Pat Brownlow



Awards Dinner Celebrations

On September 15, 2012, nearly 300 commissionaires and clients gathered together for the 20th Annual Awards Dinner & Dance at the Westin Nova Scotian. CNS graciously welcomed special guests of the night, His Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and Her Honour Mrs. Joan Grant.

This annual event is one of the ways CNS acknowledges and expresses appreciation to all members who serve CNS and our clients with integrity, professionalism and diversity. It is also a means of thanking our clients for providing employment opportunities for our members.

Extra celebrations were called for during this 75th anniversary year. CNS greatly values its employees, clients, volunteer governors, staff and commissionaires. It is the quality of these past and present individuals and their high standards of dependability, loyalty and trust that have enabled CNS to develop such a highly regarded reputation in the security industry. For this, we have much to celebrate.

Commissionaire Distinguished Service Medals

The Commissionaire Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded by the National Honours & Awards Committee of Commissionaires Canada, recognizes service above and beyond the faithful performance of duty. This year, there were five recipients and the awards were presented by special guest, His Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, who was also a recipient.



L-R: Paul Sims; Barry Wark, CNS Board Chair; His Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J.J. Grant; Gary Chiasson; Arnie Arnott



L-R: Judy Cottrell; Raina Neville, DND Site Manager; Bill Cottrell

Linda Lushington Award for Safety Excellence

Newly created this year, the Linda Lushington Award for Safety Excellence was established to recognize the CNS work site that best demonstrates commitment to safety in the workplace. This new award is named in honour of Linda Lushington, whom many will remember as a commissionaire who served for 24 years both in the field and in Headquarters as the Safety Manager from 2008-2010. Linda's capacity to manage different personalities, coupled with her infectious sense of humour and outstanding knowledge of health and safety was instrumental in the success of the CNS safety program. She made significant contributions by instilling safety in the CNS culture and for this we recognize her by naming our most significant safety award in her memory.

A committee reviewed this year's statistics and determined the site to receive this award; the Department of National Defence (DND) site in Halifax Regional Municipality. **Raina Neville**, DND Site Manager, received the award on behalf of her team, the first group to receive the Linda Lushington Award for Safety Excellence. Two special people to Linda made the presentation; **Bill and Judy Cottrell**, Linda's brother and sister-in-law.

Educational Awards

This year the Board of Governors awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving children and grandchildren of CNS members.

L-R: Paulina Patterson (daughter of Petra Patterson, Cape Breton spare); Victor Kasianov (son of Irene Kasianov, HRM spare); Heidi Dormiedy (granddaughter of Carol Ann Carter, Northern District); Sarah Beaulieu (daughter of Philip Beaulieu, Halifax Port Authority). Absent from photo is Nichole Cole (daughter of Michael Davies-Cole, former Headquarters staff)



Commissionaire Long Service Medals

The Commissionaire Long Service Medal is awarded for 12 years of service within the Corps. A silver bar is added at 17, 22 and 27 years; all are replaced with a single gold bar at 32, 37 and 42 years. Silver and gold rosettes are added to the ribbon bar at the same milestones. The award year runs from October 1 to September 30. As of September 30, 2012, 77 commissionaires achieved long service milestones. The following members were on hand at the Awards Dinner to receive their awards.



L-R Back: Allen Reid, 12 years, Aberdeen Hospital; Ted Symonds, 22 years, Atlantic Tractors & Equipment; Richard Oland, 17 years, CNS Governor; Stan Grady, 22 years, Cerescorp; Loran Varner, 12 years, CFB Halifax

L-R Front: Stephen MacDonald, 12 years, CFB Greenwood; Joseph McPherson, 12 years, Colchester Regional Hospital; Arnie Arnott, 12 years, CNS Headquarters; Len Doward, 12 years, CNS Headquarters; John McIntosh, 17 years, Fisheries & Oceans Canada

L-R Back: Harold Smith, 27 years, FMF Cape Scott; Stu Mills, 12 years, Home Hardware; Stephen Barry, 17 years, HRM Spare

L-R Front: David McDonald, 22 years, HRM Spare; George DeGrace, 17 years, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services; Mona McDonald, 17 years, Nova Scotia Registry of Motor Vehicles; Daniel Nadeau, 12 years, FMF Cape Scott



Long Service Medals

22 Years



Donald MacMullin
Cape Breton Spare

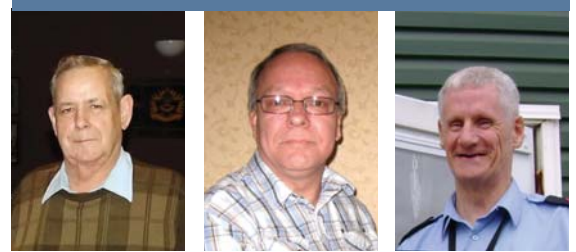
While all long service awardees are encouraged to attend the Awards Dinner in September, some opt to attend their district awards function, or receive their medal, certificate and cheque at their worksite. The following photos represent the group of members who were given their awards outside the Awards Dinner.

17 Years



Colleen Noyes NS Dept. of Transportation
Bruce Thompson General Dynamics
Bryant McNeil FMF Cape Scott
Alexander MacDonald NuStar

12 Years



Donald Devison Harboursstone
Timothy deMolitor Northwoodcare
Alfred Calder Cerescorp

This year, commissionaires who qualified for their long service medal, as an alternative option, were invited to attend an investiture ceremony at Government House on September 6, 2012. The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Brigadier General The Honourable J.J. Grant, OMM, ONS, CD presented the following six 12 Year Long Service Medals.



*L-R Back: **Thomas Andriuk** (recipient), Colchester Library; CEO **Mike Brownlow**; **Stuart Sears** (recipient), Amherst Spare*

*L-R Front: **Dominique Rosa** (recipient), Citadel Hill; **Ernest Isnor** (recipient), HRM Spare; Her Honour Mrs. Joan Grant and His Honour Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant; **Barry Wark**, CNS Board Chair; **Allan Hone** (recipient), Staples; **Murray Bauer** (recipient), NS Dept. of Community Services*

Long service medals were also awarded to the following commissionaires who did not have their pictures taken:

32 Year Bar

Thomas Keddy
David Rousell

22 Year Bar

Bruce Barron
Philip MacPhail
Robin Matthews
William Morrison
Frank Ongo
Alan Pineau
Laurence Rook
Kenneth Taylor
George Vacheresse

17 Year Bar

Steven Ball
Michel Blanchette
Thomas Burke
Gordon Jarvis
Edward Hogan
Louis Hooper
Bernard Hudson
Robert Lawrence
Stanley Millett
Ernie Mobus
John Morris
Stewart Petitpas
Joseph Vautour

12 Year Medal

Eric Brooks
Nikolajs Bruvels
Hal Dewling
David Dukeshire
Gavin Hartling
Kenneth Kane
Noel Kelly
Duane King
Richard Langille
Gary Lyall
Arthur MacCallum
John MacIsaac
Benjamin MacLean
Gordon McCann

Charles Moulaison
Rodger Patriquin
Leo Penny
Daniel Purdy
Garvin Ross
William Stargratt
Elaine Surette
Linda Wadden



Long Service Award Qualifiers

5 Years		12 Years		17 Years		22 Years	
July 2012							
Allen, Sandra Barclay, Charles Doyon, Sherry Finlay, Michael Keeping, John	Myers, Alexander Parker, David Singer, Alvin Stacey, Brian	Hawkins, Richard Isnor, Ernest Mills, James Sears, Stuart	Morris, John	MacMullin, Donald Matthews, Robin Pineau, Alan Rook, Laurence			
August 2012							
Aucoin, John Bonneau, Cheryl Brown, Torra Doyon, Andre Jay, Michael Leblanc, Claude Moeller, Roland Nasrallah, Joseph Sanford, Gary		MacLean, Benjamin Ross, Garvin Stargratt, William Wadden, Linda					
September 2012							
Barlow-Steeves, Donna Fish, Darrell Weyman, James		Andriuk, Thomas MacDonald, Stephen	MacDonald, Alexander Millet, Stanley Noyes, Colleen				
October 2012							
Blagdon, Martha Clarke, Alexander Gill-Gagnon, Charleen Haynes, Eric Hobson, William Inness, Charles Johnson, Harold Lawrence, John	Nauss, Alexander Peek, Phillip Snow, Allan	Belliveau, Robert Callaghan, David Cann, John Dorrington, Charla Garneau, Jean Martin, John McGrath, Dave Reddick, Jacqueline		Swan, Charles Webster, Paul			
November 2012							
Beaulieu, Paul Brown, Michael Doucette, Raymond Dupuis, Edward Flynn, James Leon, Brian Morris, Louis Paddick, Robert Veres, Margaret Weldon, Graham Wournell-Towill, Catherine		Finney, David	Morgan, Bruce	VanDenHeuvel, Hubertus			
December 2012							
Bonang, Brett Boutilier, Winslow Brown, Kevin Butler, Brian Crooks, Robert Cuvelier, Joyce	Holleman, John MacLellan, Marion Morrison, David Naugle, Stephen Sinclair, Rhonda	Ritchie, Kenneth	Cormier, Rene	Eilke, Jeanette Kuehl, Kevin Tonks, Thomas			

*These commissionaires have qualified for their long service awards in the months indicated above.



CEO Commendations

Jean MacDonald received a CEO Commendation in recognition of her professionalism, outstanding knowledge and skill in operating the NuStar camera system while under intense scrutiny by Transport Canada inspectors during a Marine Security Certificate audit. In relation to this CEO Commendation, NuStar has been awarded a Site Commendation; readers can find further information about this presentation on the next page.

Gary D. Maidens (middle) was presented with a CEO Commendation in recognition of professionalism, initiative, quick response and sensitivity to a distressed individual on July 7, 2012. Gary's actions played a large part in the safe resolution of this matter at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. With Gary are L-R: **Simon Allen**, HSIA Site Manager; **Barry Moore**; CEO **Mike Brownlow**; and **Raina Neville**, Acting Director of Operations at the time.



Dave King (middle) received a CEO Commendation in recognition of his quick response to a flood at D-200 of the Fleet Maintenance Facility at Cape Scott that averted major loss of property and equipment. His willingness to go above and beyond his duties was instrumental in the protection of client properties. With him is CEO **Mike Brownlow** and Christine Goodridge from HMC Dockyard Barbershop, a nearby merchant benefitting from Dave's proactive efforts.

Lester Burke received a CEO Commendation for his quick response on October 8, 2012, in alerting authorities about the Tall Ship Silva that was adrift in the Halifax Harbour. His decisive action averted a dangerous and costly incident. L-R: CEO **Mike Brownlow**; **Lester Burke**, Cathy Major, Provincial Building; **Del Eady**, Supervisor; and **Bill Brydon**, CNS Director of Operations.



Blair Caume (second from right) was recognized for ensuring the necessary action was taken to prevent a potential environmental disaster and safety breach at the J.A. Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport. Presenting the CEO Commendation are L-R: CEO **Mike Brownlow**; Jerry Gillis, Sydney Airport's Manager of Operations; and Helen MacInnis, Sydney Airport's CEO.

Site Commendation

NuStar Point Tupper Facility (Cape Breton)

Commissionaires at the NuStar Site in Cape Breton have received a Site Commendation for their exceptional professionalism, commitment and pride in their respective security practices. This past spring, NuStar went through a security audit by Transport Canada for renewal of the facility's Marine Security Certificate for the next five years. Due to the commissionaires' diligence and commitment to excellence, both in general and throughout the audit, NuStar received the highest security rating to-date, setting a benchmark for the entire international company! CNS is very proud of this group for their consistent high standards of security excellence – their dedication to duty represents what CNS stands for.

Accepting this Site Commendation from CEO **Mike Brownlow** and CNS Governor **Ian Macintyre** are **Jean MacDonald**, **Bryan Duguid** and **Alexander MacDonald**. Other commissionaires of the site were also acknowledged – **Jean Bonin**, **Ed Gardiner**, **Steven MacLean**, **Russel Nicol**, **Thomas Pelrine**, **James Peters**, **Ron Proctor**, **Brian Richard**, and **Joe Totten**.



L-R: Ian Macintyre, CNS Governor; CEO Mike Brownlow; Jean MacDonald (also awarded a CEO's commendation for this achievement); Bryan Duguid; Alexander MacDonald

Academic Upgrading

CNS values continuous learning and training. While in-house this is demonstrated by our required refresher/update courses, we also encourage our commissionaires to seek outside educational opportunities that contribute to current areas of expertise or build new skill-sets. CNS has an academic upgrading program in which all serving commissionaires may apply for reimbursement of eligible courses. Applicants may be reimbursed up to 75% of the course tuition to a maximum of \$500 per year (\$2,000 lifetime total) upon successful completion of the course. To-date 28 commissionaires have taken advantage of this benefit with a combined reimbursement of \$7,634.63.

We congratulate **Michael MacMaster** of Halifax Port Authority, who has recently been awarded a \$500 reimbursement for completing Continuing Educational Units toward his Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification at the Institute on Addiction Studies.



L-R: CEO Mike Brownlow; Michael MacMaster; Raina Neville, Acting Director of Operations at the time

A Blast from the Past

As we take time to reflect CNS' achievements and milestones over the past 75 years, we must look beyond the organization and to the individuals who make up Commissionaires Nova Scotia. This section of *Corps Rapport* explores several individuals' stories we wish to feature. We recognize that under every uniform there is a wealth of personal accomplishments and tales represented by all serving commissionaires past and present.

It's all in the Family

A famous ship named *The Bluenose* (and its replicated sister ship *The Bluenose II*) has become a symbolic representation of our province's character and history. Being shaped by the sea, fishing, ship-building, and sailing are traits Nova Scotia is known for across Canada and around the world. An image made notorious by our dimes and license plates, *The Bluenose* holds a special place in our hearts.

This September, *The Bluenose II* made its greatly anticipated re-launch in Lunenburg after its two year long "restoration". Originally launched in the summer of 1963, the schooner was designed as a replica to *The Bluenose*, a distinguished racing and fishing ship.

Closely tied to this ship's history is one of our commissionaires, **Michael Stanbury**, who works at Lockheed Martin. Michael took part in the original launch by writing and performing his tune "The Bluenose Song" with his singing trio almost 50 years ago. Stanbury's group, the Townsmen Trio, reconvened for a special performance of the song this September in celebration of the rebuild.

A fascinating connection we haven't yet mentioned is that Michael's grandfather is Colonel Sidney Oland, who originally built *The Bluenose II* in 1963. The Oland family primarily used the ship to market their Schooner beer; in fact, the launch of *The Bluenose II* was not Michael's first opportunity to write popular songs, he had already written three songs for Olands beer ads.

We must mention another remarkable connection to Michael's grandfather, Colonel Oland – he is the founder of the Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. While an accomplished businessman and leader in many industries in Nova Scotia, one of his passions came from his significant military experience. Colonel Oland was CNS' first Commandant and first Chairman of the Board of Governors. Laying the foundation for CNS while providing superb direction, he remained Chairman for 36 years until 1971. Also linked to this family tree is **Commander Richard Oland**, a current CNS Board Governor, another grandson of Col Oland's and singer Michael's first cousin.

So what does *The Bluenose II* and Commissionaires Nova Scotia have in common? Strong family ties and a rich history that contributes to Nova Scotia's character. May we never forget our roots and the individuals along the way that have influenced the legacy known today as Commissionaires Nova Scotia.

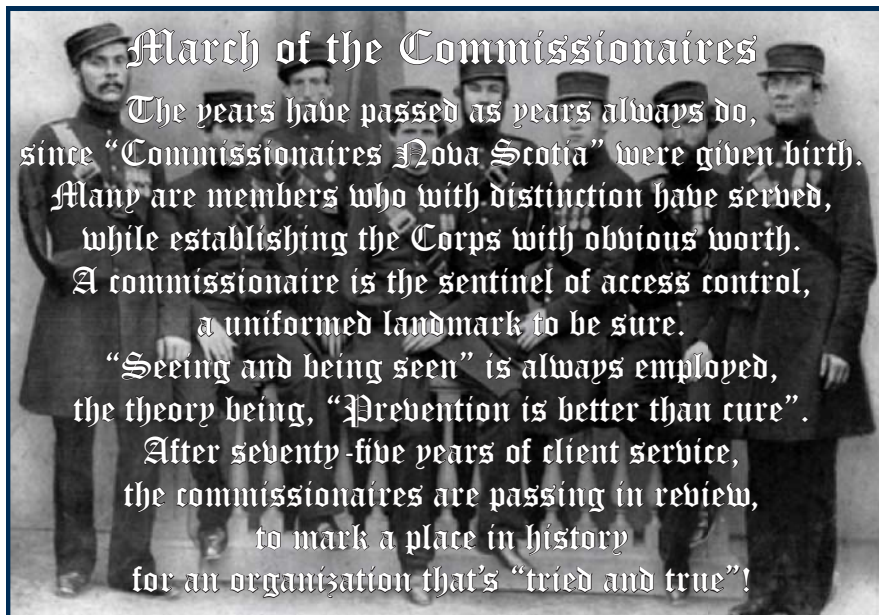


The launch of the original Bluenose, March 26, 1921 (left) and the recent re-launch of The Bluenose II, September 29, 2012 (right) after reconstruction (photo courtesy of novascotiawebcams.com)

March of the Commissionaires

This poem was composed by **Gordon R. Greeno** in 2007 and has been revised in honour of our 75th anniversary celebrations. Gordon is a retired commissionaire from the Valley District. He served from 1993-2008, most recently for the Wolfville Police Site.

Gordon was proud of his role with Commissionaires Nova Scotia and he regularly wrote humorous stories about his experiences. His respect and admiration for the Corps is reflected in this descriptive piece.



A Tribute to "Twig" - Seven Decades of Lacrosse

In August this past summer, one of our own Commissionaires was inducted into the Cornwall Sports Hall of Fame for the sport of lacrosse. While nicknamed "Twig" as a player, we know him as **Don McElhone**, one of our security guards for Province House in Halifax. On December 4, 2012, the Honourable Bill Estabrooks, MLA for Timberlea-Prospect, moved the adoption of the following resolution in provincial legislature in recognition of Sergeant McElhone:

"Whereas one of the security staff of this House of Assembly, Sergeant Donald Roy McElhone of Commissionaires Nova Scotia, has been a player, coach, and legend in the sport of lacrosse, having played games in seven different decades, starting in the 1950s, and is still coaching today; and

Whereas Don, or "Twig" as he was known in the sport - I see the resemblance - had a stellar start in Ontario with the Cornwall Wildcats as starting goalie, including the season in which his team went undefeated, including 18 games in which he played goalie and two games - wait for it, Mr. Speaker - in which he played forward, scoring two goals and four assists, and won the Ontario championship; and

Whereas after going on to spend 25 years playing senior lacrosse in Nova Scotia, as well as coaching at various levels in this province, at a ceremony held on August 11, 2012, Don was inducted into the Cornwall Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of all of his accomplishments in the sport of lacrosse;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly recognize the lifetime achievements of Donald McElhone in the sport of lacrosse, congratulate him on his well-deserved induction into the Cornwall Sports Hall of Fame, and thank him for his decades of dedication to the sport, which he loves and for which he has done so much, as a coach and a mentor for others."

The motion was carried, complete with standing ovation. Don, congratulations on this incredible achievement!



Don McElhone was inducted into the Cornwall Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2012

Remembrance Day Campaign

On Remembrance Day, commissionaires joined Nova Scotians in honouring both veterans and serving members at many of the wreath laying ceremonies throughout the province. Commissionaires represented CNS at a variety of community cenotaphs, Legion functions and church services.

This year, CNS also participated in a nation-wide Remembrance Day Campaign to bring honour and thanks to veterans, as well as awareness surrounding the needs of our modern day vets. This included communications such as the piece to the right, as well as a "Thank You" video that played in Empire Theatres over Remembrance Day weekend.

A Nanos national survey, released by Commissionaires' National Division for Remembrance Day, revealed a growing concern among Canadians with the plight of modern veterans; many of whom are struggling to make the transition from the Canadian Forces to civilian life. An amazing 94% of those surveyed believe Canadians have an obligation to ensure veterans find meaningful employment once finished their service in the Canadian Forces.

These statistics are encouraging to CNS, especially in our 75th anniversary year, as we aim to continuously improve our role as a major employer of veterans in this province. Since 1938, CNS' mission has been to seek employment for veterans as they transition, in an organization that reflects the family environment of the military. CNS continues to be a key support service for veterans while providing Nova Scotia clients with highly skilled and experienced security professionals.



TO OUR VETERANS, THANK YOU

Commissionaires. Employing Nova Scotian veterans for 75 years.

CNS' 12th Annual Golf Tournament

On August 17, 2012, CNS staff celebrated its 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Indian Lake Golf Club. The weather was kind for the most part and only challenged the "A" game of our golfers with a bit of fog and drizzle. It was a great day and fun was had by all. Here are the results of the competitions:

- Closest to the Pin on hole #4, Len Doward
- Closest to the Pin on hole #11, Terry Pipes
- Closest to the Pin on hole #16, Ken Morrison
- Winner of the men's longest drive was Bob Pembroke
- Winner of the women's longest drive was Anne James
- Winning team consisted of Bernard Joyce, Andy Sweet, Bob Pembroke, and Paul Reynolds finishing with a score of 54

CNS would like to thank everyone who participated to make this tournament a success, including all our generous sponsors. A special thank you goes to **Charla Dorrington**, the event coordinator, as well as **Daisy Gavel** and **Boyd MacKenzie** for volunteering. Mark your calendars for next year, August 16, 2013 - we will do it all again!



L-R: *Daisy Gavel* (volunteer commissionaire) and *Charla Dorrington* (event coordinator) welcome golfers to the course



In Memoriam

We announce with regret the passing of the following commissionaires:

Ernest Leroy Flint, 73, Halifax, June 13, 2012. Ernest served for 25 years at the DND Dockyard. He joined CNS in 2005 and primarily worked at the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

James Burnett, 78, Halifax, July 4, 2012. James served in the Navy from 1951 to 1961. During his service he was a decorated Korean War veteran. He joined CNS in 1999 and worked at various sites, notably at the Public Gardens.

James Cecil Dease, 59, Truro, September 28, 2012. James was in the Reserves from 1968 to 1969, where he served as an artilleryman. He joined CNS on February 21, 2011.

David "Charlie" Nobles, 64, Eastern Passage, October 10, 2012. Charlie joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1967 as a Naval Electrical Technician, retiring 29 years later. From the RCN he joined CNS on July 16, 1997. He worked at Halifax Stanfield International Airport as a Ground Transport Inspector.

Lois Rayworth, 70, Dartmouth, November 22, 2012. Lois joined CNS on October 9, 2002 and spent over nine years with the Corps. She was stationed at DND and Shearwater, south gate.

Francis Doiron, 69, Halifax, November 24, 2012. Francis served with the Royal Canadian Regiment from 1963 - 1983. He joined CNS in 1986 and worked in a number of sites including the Dockyard and Windsor Park.

Dennis Bates, 66, Lower Sackville, November 29, 2012. Dennis joined the Canadian Forces at age 17 and enjoyed a 39 year career in the Military Police. After he retired from the military, he worked for eight years as a commissionaire, including the position of Site Manager for DND and Halifax International Airport.

Alan Harroun, 72, Amherst, December 1, 2012. Alan was a Correctional Services officer for 31 years. Upon his retirement, he joined CNS and served for eight years.

Sandra Skipton, 70, Greenwood, December 11, 2012. Sandra served with the Army Reserves from 1981-1993. She joined CNS in November, 2009, and worked at 14 Wing Greenwood.

Daniel Nadeau, 58, Bedford, December 15, 2012. Daniel joined the Navy in 1975 and retired in 1995 after 20 years. He then joined CNS in February, 2000, where he was primarily employed at Cape Scott.

We are also sorry to advise that the following former commissionaires have passed away:

Wayne Bundy, July 3, 2012, Cherry Brook

Douglas Burrows, October 11, 2012, Halifax

Donald Andrews, October 13, 2012, South Branch

William Stewart, October 22, 2012, Halifax

Russell Naugle, October 28, 2012, Dartmouth

Gerald Crouse, November 25, 2012, Bridgewater

Arthur Penner, November 25, 2012, Lower Vaughan



CEO's Corner...

On December 12, 2012, the Honourable Senator Jane Cordy of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, moved the following motion in the Senate of Canada:

“That the Senate of Canada celebrate and recognize that January 24, 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the Corps of Commissionaires, Nova Scotia Division.”

The motion was unanimously adopted. Senator Cordy’s speech eloquently chronicled CNS’ 75 years of delivering trusted security services to Nova Scotians. She clearly defined CNS as a not-for-profit, private security company whose main purpose was to seek employment for veterans who “... continue to need employment and support as they transition to civilian life.”

Senator Cordy paid tribute to commissionaires as she stated:

“Over the past 75 years, thousands of security minded commissionaires have answered the call to protect people, property and information across the province. The quality of the past and present members and their high standards of dependability, loyalty and trust have created a highly regarded reputation in the security sector.”

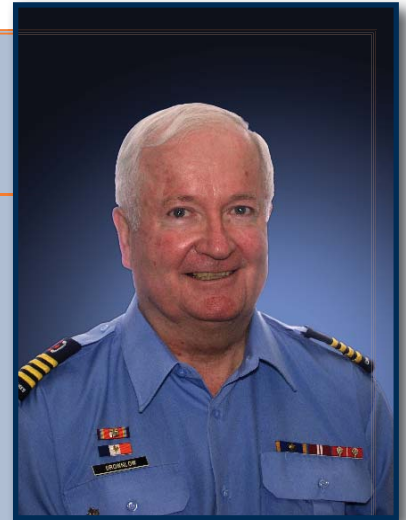
Our first 20 commissionaires were enrolled and went to work on January 24, 1938. Since then, our world has experienced many changes; the speed of which has been quite remarkable at times. One of the truly amazing changes has been in technology. Who would have believed that with a small hand held cell phone you could unlock your front door to let guests

into your house while you were stuck in traffic? CNS continues to see more and more clients looking to technology as a bigger part of their security plan and as a cost saver. While CNS will be investigating technology investment to respond to clients’

needs, our real investment will continue to be in “commissionaires”, whom with appropriate training will employ that technology effectively to “...protect people, property and information across the province.”

CNS continues to embrace positive change, to support our commissionaires with the change and to sustain our position as the security service provider of choice in Nova Scotia. The 75th Anniversary Ribbon Bar was created to celebrate those commissionaires serving in our 75th year. It speaks to the strong foundation that has sustained CNS – this foundation ensures a bright future as CNS continues to seek employment for veterans over the next 75 years and beyond.

I do hope you have enjoyed reading this issue of *Corps Rapport* that celebrates our commissionaires and our history. Stay tuned over the coming weeks for more on our 75th anniversary.



**Colonel
Mike Brownlow**



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We are always looking for story ideas involving our commissionaires. Perhaps you know someone with a unique hobby or someone involved in the community as a volunteer or has had an interesting experience working as a commissionaire. All we need is the name of the individual and a couple of lines explaining what their story is and we will take it from there. Please send your suggestions to Laura at lsmith@commissionaires.ns.ca.

