

ON GUARD



Victoria - Fred Whitehouse Branch Report

We are pleased to introduce **James Raymond (Ray) Webber** who has been showing up in our branch reports as a Director-at-Large. We are happy to report that he is no longer “at-large”!

Ray has taken over a new function as the Membership/Information Coordinator for the branch. If you have any questions or information pertaining to your membership (such as change of address, dues status, etc.), give Ray a call at the Voice Mail telephone number (385-3393) or send an e-mail to him at mcmewsvic@shaw.ca and he will arrange for the necessary follow-up.

Born 22 September 1936, raised on a farm two miles north and east of Miami, Manitoba. Joined the RCAF in February 1955, and trained as an Aircraft Control Operator (AC Op) at Grand Bend Ontario. On completion of training, transferred to Cold Lake, Alberta to work in the Control Tower and Flight Planning Centers. Transferred to 1 Fighter Wing, Marville, France in July 1957. Promoted to the rank of Corporal 1959, selected for the Ground Control Approach (GCA) course at Camp Borden and returned to Marville to work in GCA until transferred to Winnipeg in July 1960. After 1 year working on the Quad Radar, co-located with Transport Canada Air Traffic Operation at Winnipeg International Airport, to the Quad Radar facility at Fort Churchill, Manitoba. A year later moved back to Winnipeg on the Quad Radar until it was decommissioned in 1965. From 1965 to 1967, home was Gimli, Manitoba working GCA. After amassing 10,000 plus GCA approaches, was Commissioned from the Ranks to the rank of Flying Officer in April,

1967 and after completing the Air Traffic Control Officers course in Borden, it was on to Rivers, Manitoba. One year later, it was off to Portage La Prairie and work in the Control Tower



and Terminal Control units until July 1972. Promoted to Flight Lieutenant April 1971. Proceeded to Borden to instruct Air Control procedures until spring of 1974. Promoted to major and transferred to the National Defence College (NDC) in Kingston as the Executive Staff Officer. After 18 months at NDC, the ESO position was reclassified to civilian, which resulted in a transfer to Summerside, PEI as the Base Personnel Service Officer for the next 4 years.

Lady Lucky intervened in 1979 with a transfer to Baden Soellingen, Germany as the Base Air Traffic Control Officer. After 4 glorious years in Baden, was transferred to Air Command Headquarters (AIRCOMHQ) in Winnipeg, as the Senior Staff Officer Cadets responsible for all Land, Air and Sea Cadet operations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario to and including the Lakehead. In 1986, moved to the Organizations and Establishments Section in AIRCOMHQ. Retired February 1993 after 38 Years in the RCAF/CAF, but continued to work in the Organization and Establishment venue as a member of the federal public service until the end of May 2000.

Immediately moved to Kelowna, BC to live the good life. Kept busy as a volunteer for the Cancer Society, Apple Marathon, Kelowna Regatta to name a few organizations, golfing and sipping on fine Okanagan wines. Smitten by the beauty and climate of the Victoria area as a result of a visit in August 2005, decided that Victoria was the place to live (took possession of a residence on McKenzie Avenue on 1 February 2006). Married, July 1962, to the lovely Kathleen Jordan in Winnipeg two sons (Richard, News anchor CHBC, Kelowna and James, Certified General Accountant in Winnipeg) and a dog, multi-coloured toy poodle called "Munchkin".

IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT, REX GUY

As reported in the winter issue of ON GUARD, the Association was saddened to learn of the passing of our Immediate Past National President, Rex Guy. On behalf of the branch, the Victoria-Fred Whitehouse Board of Directors honoured Rex with a card of sympathy to the family and a donation of \$100 to the Cancer Society made in his name. Mrs. Guy has expressed the family's appreciation for the support and donation made by this branch and the many other branches that sent condolences and donations.

BRANCH ELECTION RESULTS

The last Branch Report indicated that elections for 2007 would be held at the January 2007 meeting. Our current Board has been re-elected with a couple of notable changes:

- Treasurer George Philip, who had indicated his decision to retire from that position, has agreed to stay on as a "Director-at-Large". His extensive expertise, gained over many years as our treasurer, will continue to be invaluable to the branch.

- Genno Pereira has joined the Board as our new Treasurer. Genno has a very appropriate background for the position. A detailed biography will be included in a future issue.
 - Tom Stark, Branch President, has agreed to continue in that job for 2007 until a successor is identified.
 - The complete list of 2007 branch executives is shown on page 3 of this report.
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BRANCH CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In December 2006, following approval at a regular meeting, the branch made a \$5,000 donation to the Open Heart Society. The donation was put towards an Activated Clotting Time Machine.

At the December meeting, members approved a \$5200 donation to the Victoria Hospice Society for the purchase of a Pain Pump. Both agencies have expressed their sincere appreciation for FSNA's generosity. The devices purchased with the donations will assist seniors in the Victoria area. Suggestions from members for future donations are welcome anytime and may be made in writing to the branch or by phone to our voice mail at 385-3393. Criteria for donations were published in the spring 2004 Branch Report.

Meeting Speakers 2007

- March 13** Income tax update - Canada Revenue Agency.
- April 10** HBC history – speaker is Doug Munro, a member whose great grandfather served with the company.
- May 08** Annual luncheon. See page 4 for details and an application.
- June 12** Information from Collette Vacations, an FSNA Affinity Service Provider

Meetings are held at the Silver Threads Centre, 1728 Douglas St. (across from the old Hudsons Bay store) the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM (except for July and August when no meetings are held). Parking is available at the city parkade on Fisgard St. A one-hour free parking pass is available from the FSNA Reception Desk at the meeting. **Branch Voicemail – 385-3393.**

ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE

If you have a question about your retirement benefits or about FSNA, please call one of the Branch contacts below. The subjects that each is most familiar with are shown after the name.

Executive of the Victoria-Fred Whitehouse Branch of FSNA

President Tom Stark (LTCL, MEDOC, pensions) 721-3917

Past Pres. Diane McIntyre (PSHCP, PDSP); long distance – 250-743-6084; *elhefe@telus.net*

1st VP Susan Williams 656-9176; *susworld@shaw.ca*

2cnd VP Neil Bright (PSHCP, PDSP, branch report) 478-0459; *thebrightsare@shaw.ca*

Treasurer Genno Pereira 727-0391; *blangno@shaw.ca*

Secretary Joan Landsky 388-5090

DIRECTORS

Richard Acton (LTCL, MEDOC, inside speakers) 479-1799; *richmarj@shaw.ca*

Bill Rowbotham (outside spkrs) 370-2567; *drumbeg@pacificcoast.net*

Val Kolsun (archives) 370-9106; *jchomyn@shaw.ca*

Owen Robertson (reception & facilities) 474-3869;

Howie Logan (publicity) 477-6102

George Philip (Director-at-Large; past Treasurer) 477-3170

Inez Walker (Director at Large)

Ray Webber (Membership/Information Coordination) 385-3393; *memewsvic@shaw.ca*

DUES! DUES! DUES!

Membership fees for 2007 were due in January 2007. If you pay the branch by cheque or cash and have not paid for 2007 yet, you risk having your membership canceled! Members who have their dues deducted at source (DDS) do NOT have to take further action. A Renewal Form follows for the use of those who pay direct.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (only for members who pay the Branch directly - those on DDS please disregard!)			
Name _____			
Pension Type (circle one):			
PSSA	CFSA	RCMP	JUDGES
Spouse _____			
Address _____			
City _____			
Postal Code _____	Telephone _____		
Amount enclosed: _____ (Single \$30; Dual \$40.20 per annum).			
Please make cheque payable to FSNA, Victoria-Fred Whitehouse Branch c/o Silver Threads, 1728 Douglas St., Victoria B.C., V8W 2G7.			

**OUR ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 (12:30pm)**

Place: McMorrans "Lookout Room", 5109 Cordova Bay Road

Cost: Members \$10.00; **Non-members \$19.00** (all tickets must be paid for in advance)

Menu: Green Salad with House Dressing, Rolls & Butter;

Roast Loin Pork with Apple Demi Sauce; Duchess Potatoes & Vegetables;

Chocolate Mousse with Whip Cream; Coffee or Tea

Vegetarian Alternative – Vegetable Jalousie in Phyllo (Julienne Vegetables) with Tzatziki (yoghurt) Sauce

Luncheon for two (provided by McMorrans) will again be available as a Door Prize

CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

Personal Transport or Public Bus Transport: BC Transit updates their schedule in April so please call them at **382-6161** regarding current schedules and wheelchair access

**Car-pooling: talk to other members, parking is very tight for a large group!
Tickets will be available at the March and April general meetings.**

Please complete the following information and include your cheque if you plan to attend this luncheon. Return it to the "Victoria-Fred Whitehouse Branch, FSNA, c/o Silver Threads, 1728 Douglas St., Victoria, V8W 2G7, ATTENTION: DIANE MCINTYRE". EARLY replies appreciated for planning purposes.

TICKETS ORDERED BY MAIL WILL BE MAILED BACK BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.

FINAL DATE FOR TICKET PURCHASE: 30 APRIL, 2007.

Name of member attending: (\$10.00) _____ Phone: _____

Name of spouse/partner attending: _____ Phone: _____

Are they a member? (\$10.00 if a member; **\$19.00 if non-member**) Yes No

Will you require a vegetarian menu? Yes No

Need a ride? Yes No Can you provide a ride for someone else? Yes No

****Important:** PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION TO THE BRANCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHER INFORMATION: CALL VAL KOLSUN @ 370-9106 or e-mail at *jchomyn@shaw.ca* Please advise Val if you are unable to attend. With sufficient notice, tickets may be re-sold and a refund made.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO THERESA MELANSON

A highlight of the December 2006 meeting was the presentation of an FSNA Life Membership to our long-serving and long-suffering, retired Membership Director, Theresa Melanson. She and former Treasurer George Philip are, by a considerable margin, the longest continuously serving members on the Victoria-Fred Whitehouse Branch Board of Directors. Congratulations Theresa!

CORRECTED NUMBER FOR COLLETTE VACATIONS: 1-866-413-FSNA (3762)