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Afghanistan Deployment A Unique Challenge For 8 Wing Trenton Officer

By Bill Kennedy

was Deputy Operations Officer and Information Management Officer for Task Force Silver



Captain Leslie Dicks addressed the HCHS on her recent deployment to Afghanistan.

By 7:00 a.m. the temperature at Kandahar Airfield is already thirty degrees. Before the day is over it will climb into the mid to high forties. And every day is the same. A sweltering heat punctuated by sporadic sandstorms and the ever-present threat of enemy fire.

“There was a rocket attack on the base while I was there,” said Captain Leslie Dicks, “There were some casualties in the camp.”

A native of Thetford Mines, Quebec, Captain Dicks enrolled in Canada's Armed Forces in 2006, hav-

ing already earned her Masters Degree in mathematics. Following graduation from the Direct Entry Officer Training Program she was posted to Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron at 17 Wing in Winnipeg as the Telecommunications Maintenance Officer. Captain Dicks currently serves at 8 Wing, Trenton with the Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron.

Deployed to Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan from March to August of this year, Captain Dicks



Dart's Wing Headquarters. She served on the final rotation of Operation Athena, which included closing out the Air Wing as combat operations ceased in Afghanistan.

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Society's Tenth Annual Banquet Draws Distinguished Guests: “A Market for History”



Among the guests at the Society's 10th annual banquet were (L to R) Todd Smith, newly elected MPP for Prince Edward-Hastings, guest speaker Senator Mike Duffy and Daryl Kramp, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings. See story and photographs inside.

Banquet Photos: Nick White

Banquet Sponsors

The following businesses and individuals sponsored the Hastings County Historical Society's annual banquet on October 29 at the Ramada Inn, Belleville. The Society expresses its sincere thanks to them for their support and to Bill Hunt who once again worked hard to make the sponsorship program a success.

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Hastings County Warden Jo-Anne Albert, (left) thanked the Society for its work in preserving local history. "We are proud of the past 170 years of Hastings County," she said. She commended Evan Morton for his years of work in the development of the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre.

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Local Support Major Building Block In Community Archives Success



Hastings County Historical Society President Orland French. "With such great local support there's a sense of really building something in the community," he told banquet guests.



Historical Society Program Director, Anne Rector, extends a warm welcome to guest speaker Senator Mike Duffy.



Senator Mike Duffy: "There is a market for history."



Some of the 160 guests who attended the Society banquet. Town Crier Bruce Bedell brings fairest greetings to all.

Archives News: New Hours in the New Year

Beginning in January 2012 the Archives' hours of opening will increase to three afternoons per week. The archive Angel volunteers will continue to hold their workshops on Monday afternoons, but we will be closed to the public on that day except by appointment. The hours of opening are as follows:

Until Dec. 16, 2011-Mon. & Thur., 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.

Dec. 19 to Jan 6 - closed except by appointment.

Beginning Jan. 9, 2012 - Tues., Wed., & Thur., 1-4 p.m. or by appointment

The Archives welcomes new volunteers and will be holding training sessions in December and January. Please contact Archivist Sharon White if you are interested <s.white@city.belleville.on.ca> or call 613-962-1110.



Authors Bill Hunt (left) and Peter C. Newman discuss a point after dinner.



L to R: Sharon White, Archivist; Richard Hughes, Society Vice President; Senator Mike Duffy, and Orland French, Society President.



Senator Mike Duffy (left) and Peter C. Newman

Need to Instil in Our Youth The Importance of Knowing About Our Past

When Historical Society program director Anne Rector introduced the evening's guest speaker she listed his many accomplishments including his membership in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame. But the honour Senator Mike Duffy holds more dearly than any other, she said, was his selection by *Chatelaine Magazine* as one of the ten most sexiest men in Canada. When he came to the podium Duffy thanked Anne for her generous introduction but felt he must correct her on one point. Poking fun at himself he said *Chatelaine* had voted him *two* of the most sexiest men in Canada!



Mike Duffy

There is a market for history, Duffy said. Young people today want to know about their parents and grandparents. A good example of this interest is the Ottawa Cenotaph where upwards of 30,000 people attend Remembrance Day ceremonies each year. We need to find a way to instil in our youth the importance of knowing about our past.

To this end, he said, every Canadian should read Peter C. Newman's books "Renegade in Power" and "Distemper Of Our Times." These books are seminal works on how Canada changed. Duffy said he thought it outrageous that the books were no longer in print but was glad to see that Newman was still publishing, the author's latest book titled "When The Gods Changed; The Death of Liberal Canada." The Liberals built Canada, Duffy said, but in the last decade they've formed a circle and shot inwards. "Peter C. Newman is important to our past."

In speaking about Sir Mackenzie Bowell, a Belleville resident and the 5th Prime Minister of Canada, Duffy lamented the fact that there had been no in-depth academic study of the man. Between 1867 and 1891 he was sent to Ottawa eight times by his constituents and became the country's longest serving representative - fifty years, two months and four

days. An interesting fact about him is that while he was minister of railways he owned a railway. There is no statue of Bowell on Parliament Hill.

In light of the fact that next year marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 Duffy thought that event would make a good starting point in the building of Canadian icons. "If we'd lost," he said, "today we'd be Americans."

Bill Kennedy

Editor's Note: There is a book on Sir Mackenzie Bowell. It is 350 pages and is titled "The Accidental Prime Minister: The Biography of Sir Mackenzie Bowell." It is by Betsy Dewar Boyce and published by Seventh Town Historical Society, Ameliasburgh.

Captain Dicks (Cont'd. from page 1)

Training for her overseas deployment lasted six months, from September of 2010 to the following March, after which she immediately left for Kandahar. It was, she said, something she wanted to do. The challenge of the job to which she would be assigned excited her interest. She was part of a management team of thirty-three officers who had nearly five hundred men and women under their charge. In her role as Deputy Operations Officer she was responsible for preparing the daily flying schedule and for departures and returns. It was important that flying patterns not be established, she said. You don't want to assist the enemy so flying was done at all hours of the day and night. Pilots can be pretty



Captain Leslie Dicks with C-7 rifle

demanding, but over time, she confessed, she actually came to like them. There is a Tim Hortons on the base and it is frequented by soldiers from different nations. One day shortly before her departure she was stopped by an Aussie who was "distracted" over the fact that when the Canadians finally departed the doughnut shop was going with them.

Captain Dicks was scarcely in Afghanistan a day when she, along with hundreds of military personnel, attended a repatriation ceremony for a soldier who had been killed in action. "Anyone who says this isn't our fight to fight needs to attend one of these ceremonies," she said. "It was a very moving experience."

Before she joined the Air Force she wondered why anyone would want to go to such a place. But with a deployment, wherever it may be, you live with an extended family and you take care of each other, she said. Deployments offer unique challenges and they can become addictive. She expressed the view that the work they've done in Afghanistan will leave a positive and lasting legacy for its people.

QICS Contributes to Archives Capital Campaign Fund



The Quinte Irish Canadian Society met recently with members of the Hastings County Historical Society at the former Irish Hall, which is the future home of the Community Archives. Encouraging other cultural groups to support the fund-raising campaign for the new archives location on Church Street, QICS presented Historical Society President Orland French with a cheque for \$5,000. Back row, (L to R) Faith Weatherhead, Secretary/Treasurer QICS; Trudy Crowe, Past-President QICS; Andy Heam President, QICS; Orland French, HCHS President and Archives Capital Campaign Chairman; Bill Kennedy, HCHS Director/*Outlook* Editor; Wilfred Gaube, Vice-President, QICS. The Irish dancers kneeling in the front row are from Kelly's School of Dance. They are (L to R) Laura Massicotte, Alicia Sewell and Hannah Smit. To truly appreciate the vibrant colours of the girls' dance costumes see this issue of *Outlook* online.

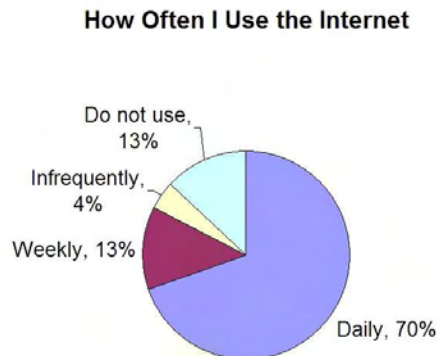
Photo: Anne Rector

Not A Lot Of Tweeters

By Nick White

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire on Internet use that was handed out at the September meeting. The answers you gave us are helpful in understanding how the Society's website is used by our members.

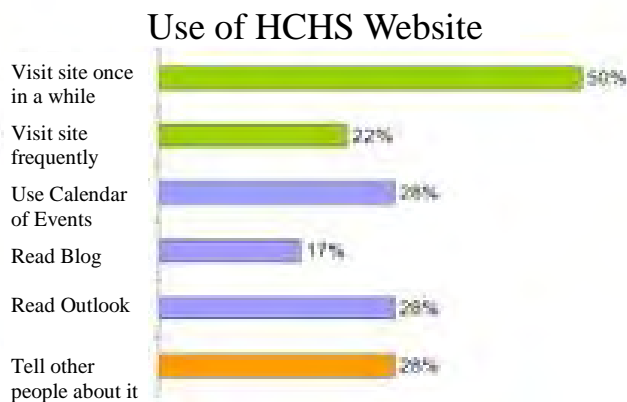
Internet Use By Meeting Attendees



Why the questionnaire? Well, we know a lot about our website visitors, how many there are, where they are logged in, how they get to the website and what type of machine they are using.

Some statistics: Discounting *bots*, *crawlers*, *bounces* and *worms* we currently have about 6,000 "hits" per month. In August 2011 that translated into 329 different people visiting the website. And they must find something interesting because many of those people returned. In August we averaged 1.7 visits per visitor and they looked at an average of 5.7 pages on each visit.

Use of the Society's Website by Members Who Use the Internet



Based on those people at the meeting who filled in the questionnaire it seems reasonable to expect almost three-quarters of our members to be regular internet users. That's lower than the Canadian average but the average age of a Society member is probably higher than the Canadian average. People said they used a lot of different internet tools but nobody admitted to "tweeting."

The current website was published in December 2010 and is kept up to date (usually) on a monthly basis. Based on the feedback in the questionnaire we may rearrange the site to make popular pages easier to find, but to keep those visitors interested in the history of Hastings County and the Society we need (like any other publication) to have fresh, interesting material to publish. Contributions and ideas are always welcome.

Remembrance Day, Belleville, 2011



The Remembrance Day parade heads down Church Street on its way to the Cenotaph. On the pipers' right is the site of the new community archives. There was an excellent turnout for the ceremony, including preschoolers who had their own flags to wave as veterans, members of the armed forces and cadet corps marched past.

Photo: Bill Kennedy

Christmas At O'Hara Mill, Dec. 2, 3 & 4

If you're looking for a 19th-century Christmas setting there is no better place to go than the O'Hara Mill restoration site just west of Madoc off Highway 7. It's a great annual family event open 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on December 2, 3 and 4. Last year 1,200 visitors attended over the three days. Go online to ohara-mill.org for information.



Belleville Police Association Gives the Archives Capital Campaign Fund a Boost

In the adjacent photo, Historical Society President Orland French holds the cheque for \$1,500, presented to him by Peter Goulah (second from left), President of the Belleville Police Association, for the community archives campaign. Joining them is BPA Secretary, Eric Shorey (far left), and BPA member and Historical Society Director, John Lowry. Absent from the photo is BPA Vice-President, Anne Brennan-Walsh. *Photo: Courtesy BPA*

Society Membership Renewals

It's time for your 2012 membership renewal. If you're wondering whether or not you've already paid check the address label on the back of your issue of *Outlook*. If it says 2012 then you're OK for next year. Memberships can be paid at our general meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at its regular monthly meeting on January 17, 2012. Anyone interested in participating in the activities of the Society is invited to contact Orland French (613-969-8354) or Richard Hughes (613-961-7772). These are exciting times to be involved in the Society's work.

Outlook - Thirty Years On

The first edition of *Outlook* was published thirty years ago and while the content has always been good, both the appearance and the technical production have changed in the subsequent 265 editions.

Gerry Boyce recalls the first edition. "It was composed on 28th of January between 6:00 and 10:15 in the evening and on the 31st I purchased the stamps and labels. It was printed at the Board of Education for 3¢ a copy on the 2nd of February and that evening I worked on the mailing list."



The original hand-drawn label was changed to the much more stylish logo used on the front cover of this edition and Gerry was getting help with the labels - as acknowledged in the April edition.

THANKS to DEREK WHITE of Bayside Secondary School for designing the OUTLOOK headline for these bulletins and to IRENE LACHMAN and the Practice Office Students at Bayside for typing mailing labels.

Outlook soon became well established. The October edition reported that 400 copies were now being printed, 300 being sent to the members and 100 to schools in Hastings County, two to each secondary school and one to each elementary school.

And widely read. The November edition had doubled in size to two pages and it was reported that of the 90 persons attending the Society meeting, 60% had learned of the speaker's topic (The Marmora Iron Works) through the newsletter compared to 20% who learned about it through reading *The Intelligencer*.



Article and images - a group effort from Erin Ryan, Gerry Boyce, Kieran Delaney and Nick White

Slavery In Upper Canada



The following is drawn from the Archives of Ontario exhibit "Enslaved Africans In Upper Canada" currently on display at the Historical Society Capital Campaign location, 208 Front Street.

MARCH 14, 1793, QUEENSTON: William Vrooman, a Canadian slave owner, takes a woman slave by force across the river and sells her to an American buyer. Chloe Cooley does not go quietly. It takes three men to tie her up and throw her in a boat. Once on the American side she screams and resists again. They bind her once more and hand her over to the new owner.

Chloe Cooley has no rights. She is property that can be bought and sold, or bequeathed in her owner's will. Most of 18th-century society condones slavery as a normal condition... few people are willing to assist slaves to escape.

Peter Martin, a free black, brought the witness, Wm. Grisley, to make an official report about this incident to John Graves Simcoe, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. Martin and Grisley recounted the story at the executive council meeting on March 21, 1773. Simcoe, a supporter of the movement to abolish slavery, used the incident as a catalyst for enacting legislation against it.

LETTER OF HENRY LEWIS TO WILLIAM JARVIS, MAY 3, 1790: Lewis escaped from his owner, William Jarvis, in Newark, Upper Canada and later wrote to him requesting to be allowed to buy his own freedom. "The reason I left your house is that your woman (wife) vexed me to so

high a degree that it was far beyond the power of man to support it is true and I will say in all company that I always (*sic*) lived as well in your house as I should wish."

FROM LETTERS OF REVEREND JOHN STUART, KINGSTON, TO HIS SON JAMES, DATED MARCH 6, 1802 AND MARCH 4, 1803: "On 22 of last month, the coldest day experienced here in several years, my Negro Boy, without any pretended reason whatsoever, ran away... my Negro Boy is gone again to the States. I despair of recovering him. This time the loss of him is more severely felt than formerly as he was becoming so very serviceable."

The exhibit is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from noon to 3:00 p.m. It will be there until the end of December. The exhibit for January/February is titled "Our Sporting Past."



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