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- SQNLDR Bernadette Pothan.

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Commandant's Message

by CDR Nigel Philpott

I am delighted to be writing this welcome message in month one of my appointment as Commandant. It is a considerable honour and privilege to have been selected by CDF to command New Zealand's premier military educational establishment. The opportunity to play my part, in preparing today's emerging leaders to meet the defence and security challenges of tomorrow is not something I take lightly. I am most fortunate in that I have an excellent team under me and, along with my predecessor, they have led some fine initiatives that have cemented the reputation of this nationally important institution.



CDR Nigel Philpott

Some of you may have read Professor Robert Patman's excellent article ([www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz/article/8099080) article 8099080 19/12/12) extolling the virtues of educating our future policy makers. He is right that New Zealand is well placed to benefit from the contemporary global security environment. Established New Zealand policies such as strong support for the United Nations and UN peacekeeping (for which our Service personnel are much in demand), our non-nuclear stance and our position as a non-partisan actor in the Asia-Pacific region, all support our ability to prosper in an increasingly interconnected world. But there are no grounds for complacency and this globalising environment will prove far more challenging in terms of New Zealand's foreign and security policies than ever before. The need to have a coordinated national security policy is not lost on our Chief of Defence Force and he is helping to lead the way in bringing greater coordination between a diverse range of government agencies.

Equally, despite the already strong reputation of the Command and Staff College, we neither can be complacent and we must keep ahead of the game if we are to play our part in educating our future policy makers. The shift towards the senior course studying for a Master of International Security degree, the continued push to ensure all appropriate agencies are represented on the course, alongside one of the highest ratios of any staff college globally for international students, is just the beginning. We are already exploring innovative ways to increase the learning capacity of the College, be it through a greater teaching capacity or distance learning (albeit the collegial aspect of the College must never be lost!) and we continue to attract some of the brightest and most influential speakers in New Zealand.

The content of all courses delivered by the College is under constant review for relevance in the changing global context. It is for this reason that I am so excited to see that the Alumni association has moved past the 300 member mark and there are many contributors willing to share their knowledge and experience and help us remain current. In this vein also I am pleased to invite you to consider presenting at the *Inaugural CSC Alumni Conference* to be held during the second week of October. This is an opportunity for you to share the outcomes of your work and research with colleagues; gain new insights; and stimulate ideas for further research which will add to the operational capability of the NZDF. Please refer to the notice later in the Newsletter for further details.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year and always welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have in how we can continue to foster a collective learning environment.

Yours aye,
Nigel

About Nyctimene

Nyctimene was the owl of Athena, the Greek Goddess of war and defender of the state, and maybe of equal pertinence, the personification of wisdom.

The NZDF CSC crest incorporates an owl, representing wisdom, perched on the sword of an RNZAF officer, representing military command. This symbolism

is also reflected in the College motto – In Sapientia et Virtute Robur or Strength through Wisdom and Virtue.



CSC Crest

Alumni Conference Mid October 2013

Have you in the last couple of years, undertaken research which you would like to share with your colleagues? Participate in the Inaugural CSC Alumni Conference.

Please send registrations of interest to speak or attend to : peter.greener@nzdf.mil.nz

- 1day conference
- Second Week of October
- At the Command and Staff College, Trentham
- An opportunity to reconnect with old classmates and to network with other Alumni Members
- An opportunity to share outcomes of work and to gain ideas for further research

Watch out for more information on the Alumni Conference coming to you from the Alumni Secretary!!

Book Review: Guy Gibson V.C. *Enemy Coast Ahead*—Dr Paul Clemence (Research Manager)

Guy Gibson's *Enemy Coast Ahead* is the well-known autobiography of one of World War II's most famous pilots. Unlike many similar books, Gibson focuses almost exclusively on his war-time exploits. From an educational perspective, this provides pertinent insights to anyone in a command position as the reader follows the author's life in a high-pressure environment. His struggles included forming up a squadron with such haste that it did not even have a number by the time the crews and aircraft were in preparation for its first mission. There is also the sobering reminder of the uncertainties Gibson faced in his command at the very start of the book, with the three-page list of airmen he knew that had 'bought it' in the 20th Century's most bloody conflict. Naturally, the role he is most famous for, his leadership of the Dam-buster's raid, is covered, yet despite the fact that this story has been recounted many times, the truly unique perspective of the author lends a palpable sense of excitement to his account. Even though this book has been available for more than sixty-five years, it still reads in a manner that is as engaging as if the events

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Size does Matter!! A JCSC 53 reflection — by WG CDR Peter Johnson (JCSC

In my opinion, one of the key strengths of the NZDF College is its size. I have just completed the Joint Command and Staff Course No 53, sharing the experience with people from 12 different countries, all with a different story and perspective on the world and region. Getting to know everyone well, over the seven months, was a significant part of the whole course experience. This was only possible because of the small numbers of people on the course and in the sub-course syndicates. Getting together, professionally or socially, with the rest of the course, or

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as a syndicate, is quite feasible and occurs frequently. On-site accommodation, utilised by most, even those who lived in the Wellington region, made the atmosphere even more collegial.

The NZDF course is a non-competitive course, the only person you are competing against is you. This aided closer working between all students, bouncing ideas off each other, discussions over dinner, or in the bar, safe in the knowledge that we were not competing against each other and that assistance was openly offered and appreciated. I did as much learning from the other students as I did from lecturers and visiting staff. I must take my hat off to the overseas students, most of whom completed the course in a for-

eign language. It was hard enough in my first language; I have a great respect for them.

As a “lateral recruit” (having joined the

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RNZAF from the RAF five years ago), being part of the course greatly assisted my appreciation of the regional situation and tensions, something it is a bit difficult to do from Europe. The Overseas Study Tour cemented our prior learning and was the crowning glory of the course. It completed the academic



WG CDR Peter Johnson

component and was a fantastic personal experience.

The course was made up of a great bunch of people who I had the pleasure of being with for seven months, an experience I shall never forget. Hopefully I will meet up with them all again, at some point in the future.

New College Staff

CDR Nigel Philpott has joined us from HQ, where he was Director for Defence Recruiting, as the new Commandant of the Command and Staff College. He replaces CDR Shaun Fogarty, who is now working in HQ.



CDR Nigel Philpott

SQNLDR Bernadette Pothan has joined us from Canberra and is the new Directing Staff for Education and International Relations. She replaces MAJ Kiely Pepper, who is now working in HQ.



SQNLDR Bernadette Pothan

Congratulations

JJCSC 53—2012

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The presentation of the Tokotoko to the Command and Staff College.—MAJ Rowan Wallace (JCSC 53)

JCSC 53 commenced on 30 Apr 12, completing on 6 Dec 12 with the graduation of 31 psc(j) students. As a farewell gift from the graduating students of JCSC 53, a traditionally carved Māori tokotoko or walking stick was presented as a replacement for the pool cue that has traditionally been used as the talking / pointing stick within the College. Below is a transcribe of the tokotoko's korero that explains its significance, tradition, intent, and the composition of its carving.

In Māori tradition, a Tokotoko (ceremonial carved walking stick) is a physical symbol of the authority and status of a speaker on a Marae (meeting place). It tells the story from which that authority comes through its design, especially the carvings which traditionally depict the whakapapa (genealogy) of the holder. The NZDF JCSC tokotoko follows this tradition with the carvings representing the NZDF JCSC purpose and philosophy. It is fashioned from native manuka in the style of a military drill cane to further connect it to the NZDF.

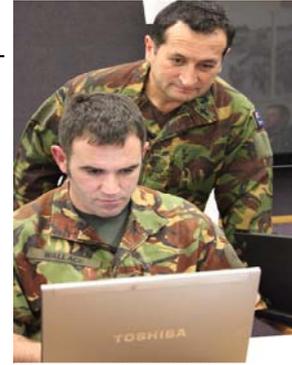
The top of the tokotoko is shaped in the form of

the main post of a pa's palisade (Maori fort's wall). These posts, or pou whakangarengare, are the first defensive structures of a pa, symbolic of the roles that the security agencies hold within New Zealand. The term whakangarengare also means to quarrel or urge, therefore setting the challenge not only to those entering the College to strive for excellence, but also from an oratory perspective to speak and listen with an open mind.

Below the pou whakangarengare are several protective manaia (figures) similar to those carved into the pare that is above the College's main entrance. These manaia are the guardians of the lore, customs and traditions of the College, reinforcing the wairua (spirit) of the College through a physical symbolism. Immediately following these manaia is the same takarangi spiral as on the College pare. The takarangi spiral symbolises the entry of light and knowledge into the world, the role that the College itself plays as a place of learning and enquiry.

Below the takarangi are three manaia that represent the three services of the NZDF. As on the pare, the manaia carry a hoe (representing the RNZN), hoeroa (representing the RNZAF) or taiaha (representing the NZ Army). Their arms are interlinked to symbolise whilst they are three distinct elements, collectively, they produce a far stronger effect.

The tokotoko then has two bands of kowhaiwhai carved along either side. On one side is the Ngutu Kura / Mango Pare. This design represents the hammerhead shark; a figure of speed, strength, and tenacity. These traits are vital for overcoming life's trials and tribulations. The second design is the Ngutu Kaka, representing the beak of a native Kaka bird. This design represents the korero (speech) that will therefore be spoken around the tokotoko, reinforcing the status of the holder as the individual who has privilege to speak. At the end of the tokotoko is a wheku head carved in a Rangitane ki Manawatu style with Ngati Apa patterns, rep-



CHAPCL2 Mike Subritsky and MAJ Rowan Wallace (JCSC 53)

resenting the carver, Craig Kawana, who is of Rangitane, Ngati Apa, Ngai Tahu, Muaupoko descent. The wheku is placed at the end of the tokotoko similar to a pouwhenua (totem pole). It reflects the relationship between the carver's ancestors, environment, and his reputation / standing.

The tokotoko can be either used with the pou whakangarengare end to challenge others during korero (speech), or with the wheku to illuminate a point. The most important philosophy of this tokotoko is that it is a physical symbol for a speaker – it does not represent a singular authority as traditional Māori tokotoko do. Its intent is to assist in enlightenment, and challenge through oratory, knowledge sharing by all who pass through the College's doors – staff, student and guest alike.

'Kua takoto te manuka' – 'the challenge has been laid'.



The Tokotoko

In Remembrance of Vincent Orange— Dr Paul Clemence (Research Manager)

On 26 November 2012, Dr Vincent Orange, a Senior Fellow of the Command and Staff College, passed away. Although Vincent's involvement with the College only extends back to 2010, his academic career spanned more than forty years.

Born in England in 1935, he served in the RAF between 1953 and 1956, before gaining a PhD at Hull University. In 1962, Vincent immigrated to New Zealand and took up a post as a lecturer in History at the University of Canterbury, and ultimately being promoted to Reader (Associate Professor), a position he held until his retirement in 2002.

As a lecturer, Dr. Orange was a favourite of many students, who enjoyed not only what he taught, but also the entertaining manner in which he taught it. His main fields of interest were Medieval Europe, and the First and Second World Wars, with an Honours Paper on Sir Winston Churchill also being a popular subject in his last years at Canterbury. It is fair to say that his influence on many students has resulted in some prominent academics in their own right emerging from his tutelage. However, Vincent's scholarly exploits also saw him pen many books, with a particular emphasis on

famous aviators. One of his early works covered the life of one of New Zealand's highest scoring aces of the Second World War, WGCDR Johnny Checketts. Other tomes on Air Marshals Sir Arthur Coningham and Sir Hugh Dowding, Lord Arthur Tedder, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, followed, the latter after whom the main lecture theatre at the Command and Staff College is named. His final work, *Churchill and his Airmen*, was completed shortly before his death and is due for publication in February this year. Vincent also had a keen interest in drama, and had



Vincent Orange

roles in over 70 plays on either the radio or stage. He will be greatly missed and is survived by his wife Sandra, his stepdaughter, Sarah, and his stepson, Gerard to whom our condolences are extended.

Experiences on the Overseas Study Tour— SQNLDR Robert Nash (JCSC 53)

In November 2012, Joint Command and Staff Course (JCSC) 53 visited Hawaii and China. The focus in Hawaii was a four-day seminar on regional security at the Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, punctuated by visits to the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. In China, our itinerary included the Peoples Liberation Army's Academy of Science and Academy of Armoured Engineering. On all occasions, we were

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graciously hosted and our questions were generally answered in a frank and forthright manner.

It was clear that New Zealand's contribution to sta-

bility in the Pacific region and usefulness as a security partner is valued by both the USA and China. Against the backdrop of the American 'rebalance' to the Pacific, China's growing economic strength vis-à-vis America and its increasing assertiveness in the Pacific, JCSC 53 enjoyed a unique opportunity to explore the 21st Century security challenges of the World's most dynamic region. Combined with the Presidential election in America and the 18th Communist Party Congress in China, we had rich fodder for our critical reflective journals, the culminating point in our academic studies.

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SQNLDR Robert Nash, LT GEN Rhys Jones, Mr Alan Cockerill. SQNLDR Robert Nash presented with the DUX award, at JCSC 53 Graduation, 6 Dec 2012.

The Overseas Study Trip provided opportunities for personal and professional growth, with its well orchestrated blend of briefings, a security seminar, visits to historical sites, and formal and informal social interaction. We visited the *USS Missouri* and the *USS Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden Palace in Beijing, the Great Wall, and the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum at Xian. It was an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to re-

fect upon the enduring significance of these world renowned historic and heritage sites.

As a group, the members of JCSC 53 ate well, drank well, and forged bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime. After all of the hard work, there could be no better way to finish the course.

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A Reflection on the Past

Air Vice-Marshal M.F. Calder “New Zealand’s Position on defence in the World today”. in *The Journal of the Officers’ School, Royal New Zealand Air Force.* (June 1960 Vol. 2) p10 [abstract]

And what of New Zealand in all this? Here we are, a small nation far away in a vast ocean, remote from friends but also, we hope, remote from trouble. We are ready to watch a lot go by and not become too excited by this “bad show” or that commotion in the world outside. We are often ready to acknowledge the claims and accept the disturbances of nationalism, and we can be very cautious about intervention as a mode of conduct. But while we have been accustomed to live under the Commonwealth umbrella we have also always been prepared to

venture out into the storm if we felt that vital issues were at stake. We have always recognized that we are members of a commu-

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nity, that we ourselves are not a primary target and that we are never provocative. But, we have never been supine or careless about

the part that we had to play in time of danger to the whole community. Its protection has always been a joint enterprise that we have agreed to, and played a part in. In two wars we were only threatened once but in both those wars we were quick to contribute to the joint enterprise of this community, the Commonwealth. Our willingness to contribute, and the quality of our contribution brought us the rewards that come with victory. These were a seat at the peace conferences, and high reputation. This good name we have earned.



Air Vice Marshal M.F. Calder CB, CBE, LLB, RNZAF

Sourced from: *The Journal of the Officers’ School, Royal New Zealand Air Force.* (June 1960 Vol. 2)

Thoughts on research and on travels to Timor Leste — Dr Peter Greener (Dean)

Immediately after the graduation of JCSC 53 in December I left Wellington bound for Darwin en route to Dili, to continue research which I had begun earlier in 2012 with interviews with senior commanders of the MFO in Sinai in June. The research is focused on "International Perceptions of NZDF Personnel on Deployment" and is intended to gather data from a range of missions that Kiwis have been deployed on over some time. Whilst there is a great deal of anecdotal comment on how well Kiwis contribute whilst on deployment there has been no systematic research undertaken to discover from our international partners in what ways Kiwis add value, or whether there are areas where we actually need to up our

game. This research is intended to fill that gap, and provide material which can inform future education and training across rank levels.

During the week I spent in Dili I was welcomed and hosted by Major Aaron Couchman at Kiwi Base, and visits were facilitated by Colonel Martin Dransfield, Senior Military Liaison Officer with UNMIT. I had sought to meet with a wide range of people, and did so. Those from civil society included Jose KL Sousa Santos, a former youth advisor to the President, and Nelson Belo, Director of Fundasaun Mahein, the only Timorese Civil Society Organisation (CSO),

which is mandated to provide monitoring, research and reporting on the Timor-Leste security sector. I was fortunate also to have access to the F-FDTL leadership, including CDF General Lere, and to meet with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jose Ramos-Horta, former President, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and now the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau.

The information I gathered in Timor will be analysed alongside the material provided from Sinai and added



Dr Peter Greener and Jose Ramos-Horta



Dr Peter Greener, General Lere and Colonel Martin Dransfield

to from other missions before being submitted to NZDF senior leaders, and will form the basis for a book to be published by the Australian National University.

Alumni Membership

Introducing Associate Membership

There has been a new form of membership introduced to the Command and Staff College Alumni called Associate Members. The other types of membership are Honorary Members and Regular Members.

Regular Members:

Graduates of any recognised course conducted by the NZDF Command and Staff College in New Zealand and Staff who have been posted to the Command and Staff College.

Honorary Members:

Any NZDF graduate of a foreign Staff Course.

Associate Members: Appropriate people recommended by Alumni members who are subject to approval by the Alumni Committee.

If you know of anyone who should be a Regular Member, Honorary Member or Associate Member, please e-mail the Alumni Secretary with their details:

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Modularisation of the Junior Course — Ms. Su Vepa-Sandilya (Manager Curriculum Development)

With a heritage which dates back to the founding of the RNZAF Staff College in 1950, the Joint Junior Staff Course (JJSC) has taken on even more relevance as NZDF moves towards JTF 35.

The JJSC is an undergraduate level development programme offered by the Command and Staff College for selected mid career military officers in preparation for command and staff appointments at Major (E) level. The course has been designed to enhance the knowledge and capabilities necessary for course members to think, communicate and act in ways which

support the strategic direction of NZDF.

The JJSC, which is a promotion requirement for the Navy and Air Force, is an eight week residential course held from January to March annually. It is now available in modular form to all officers of the NZDF civilian staff who cannot attend the full time residential course.

Officers enrolled in the modular JJSC are required to complete two university papers extramurally and attend three specified one week contact periods during the residential JJSC in any order over a three year

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In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir / Dick Cheney with Liz Cheney



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