



# Nyctimene

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## News in brief:

- 4 May 2011 - visit by CDF Malaysia, General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azizan bin Ariffin, TUDM
- 11 May 2011 - visit by Prof A. L. Gropman, ICAD, National Defense University
- 14 June 2011 - visit by CDF Papua New Guinea, Brigadier General Francis Agwi DMS, OBE
- 20 June - 1 July 2011 Joint Operations Planning Course
- 28 July 2011 - Dr B. Greener presents at CSC Alumni Lecture of Opportunity followed by Happy Hour
- 1 August 2011 - JWOAC 4 commences
- 3 August 2011 - Exercise Watchtower with ACSC commences

**'Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.'**

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**'Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.'**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Welcome to Issue 2 of Nyctimene. A lot has been going on since our first issue back in April and I'm pleased to report that our numbers have continued to grow to well over 200 Alumni members. A special welcome to General Lou Gardiner who is our most senior NZ Army graduate of the College.

Last month saw our first alumni guest lecture evening. We had a solid turnout of 17 graduates to hear a fascinating presentation from Dr Beth Greener which focused on the nation building aspects of the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. Many of you will know Beth who is a Senior Lecturer of the Politics Program at Massey University, and a real asset to our International Relations module at the College. After a very interactive Q&A session we adjourned to the Mess for drinks to round off a very enjoyable evening.

Back in May this year the Com-

mandant of the Australian Command and Staff College (Commodore Richard Menhinick CSC) made an official visit to the College for bilateral talks. Not surprisingly our discussions highlighted the similarities between the Colleges and opportunities where we can further enhance the already close relationship. The Operations Module is an obvious area where the two colleges work closely together and could do even more. As I write we have an Australian SC syndicate resident at the College for a planning exercise run on both sides of the Tasman, and this will be followed by our course members heading to Canberra during the second half of August to participate in a major Operations Planning exercise based on a conflict in the South Pacific. Looking out to the future we have agreed to explore and strengthen scenarios around Amphibious and Civ-Mil Peace Support Operations.

Special thanks to all who con-



tributed articles in this issue of Nyctimene. I'm sure you'll agree that it is great to hear the exploits of our graduates and to learn of their experiences since attending the College.

Finally, despite the plethora of modern day communications, I am still encountering people who are unaware of our revitalised College Alumni. This will be a continuing effort for us at the College however please forward this e-newsletter to your course mates so that they can make contact with Cathy to join up.

Yours Aye,  
Shaun

## PNG CSC Alumni celebrate first reunion

by LTCOL Richard Taylor

Most Alumni will remember August evenings during CSC as a time spent locked away, working on assignments, and looking forward to warmer weather and longer days. This was a far cry from the conditions in which Papua New Guinea CSC Alumni members celebrated their first gathering, at a cocktail party hosted by NZ Defence Adviser, LTCOL Richard Taylor, on Tuesday 30 August. With the temperature a balmy 27 degrees, low humidity, and a temporary break in the trade winds that buffet Port Moresby from June to October, guests were able to enjoy views of the lights of Ela Beach and the entrance to Fairfax Harbour.

Against this backdrop, conversation focussed almost entirely on New Zealand, as guests shared their memories of their

experience as staff and students of the New Zealand Command and Staff College, and time spent in New Zealand. A revolving slide show of photographs from courses over the past fifteen years proved popular, and helped stimulate reminiscences and story-telling. (The selection of New Zealand wines and beers also helped in this regard.) It was clear that, while everyone could remember the hard work required on the course, the greatest impressions left were positive ones.

In a short address to the gathering, LTCOL Taylor noted that the decision to establish an Alumni was driven, in part, by the welcome PNGDF graduates gave to members of CSC Course 51 when they visited Port Moresby in November 2010. As such, it was significant that this was the first gathering

of overseas Alumni since the Alumni was established earlier this year. He said that the Alumni will provide an opportunity for past staff and students to keep in contact with each other, and will also reinforce the links between the NZDF and the PNGDF. LTCOL Taylor concluded his remarks by reading a message of greetings from the current Director, CDR Shaun Fogarty, and proposing a toast to the College and its Alumni.



## Networks

By *WGCDR Nick Olney SC 48*

When asked to reflect on the benefits of CSC and how it has helped in my time as a Commanding Officer the first reflection I had was the camaraderie and networking. Of all the tools gained in my time at CSC, the one of greatest significance to me has been the ability to pick up the phone and share advice on a multitude of topics – professional or otherwise. The intimate nature of the NZDF CSC (in comparison to larger overseas equivalents) facilitates a much closer team environment and allows course members to draw on the strengths of each other – sharing knowledge and resources, and having a ball of a time doing so. Whilst the academic output is measured and graded, no material value can be placed on the wider network of colleagues that I gained following exposure to CSC.

Everyone's experience at CSC will undoubtedly vary, but for me the opportunity to focus solely on personal development without the rigours of daily operational life on a front line Squadron was refreshing. Having never had a 'desk job' – the opportunity to reflect off course mates with varying backgrounds gave me a much wider appreciation of the various perspectives that we each have. The broad cross-section of course mates ensured that opinions remained varied and provided an endless array of learning opportunities unparalleled in anything I've seen previously – in the classroom or elsewhere.



## JCSC 52 New Zealand Study Tour *by LTCDR Mark Chadwick, DS3*

The objective of the New Zealand Study Tour is to expose New Zealand and international course members to NZDF current and emerging capability and provide a focus that can be applied to the Operations and Strategic Studies Modules.

From 16 to 20 May 2011, JCSC 52 visited HMNZS PHILOMEL, RNZAF Base Auckland, Papakura Military Camp, RNZAF Base Ohakea and Linton Military Camp. Scheduled at the beginning of the course, the tour also allows course members to get to know one another and gel as a team before the course begins in earnest. Highlights of the 2011 NZST included being welcomed on to the RNZN Marae in Devonport, where the course enjoyed a Hangi meal, preceded by an outstanding lecture on the Treaty of Waitangi from Professor Paul Moon (AUT). A tour through HMNZS CANTERBURY provided that real 'joint perspective' and course members also received first hand experience of the new simulator facilities in RNZAF Base Auckland before getting up close to the new NA 109's undergoing flight testing in Ohakea. Linton Military Camp pulled out all stops and put on a magnificent display of capability from each of the sub-units within 2LFG.

The level of commitment shown from all three Services in support of the 2011 NZST was truly impressive and will place all course members in good stead as they move into the Joint Operational Planning phase of the course.



## Ties & CSC apparel now available

The ties are finally here and some Alumni members will have received theirs already. Stocks are limited (yeah right) so order now!!

The main colour is navy blue, with embroidered black and white stripes and white Kiwi. Material: 100% polyester. Cost \$27. Please make cheques payable to 'NZDF' and send request and payment to the Alumni Secretary. Please ensure you provide a current mailing address.

We're still working on an item for the Ladies ... In the meantime you might like to consider a CSC branded item from our new range of gifts and apparel.

Please list attached to this email or view on the CSC website.



## Websites Watch

<http://merIn.ndu.edu>

Bibliographies, much of them with links to online material, from organizations such as Joint Forces Staff College, Air University, Combined Arms Research Library, and the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies. A wealth of topics such as wellness, jointness, peacekeeping, privatization, leadership, and military education

[www.milblogging.com](http://www.milblogging.com)

Milblogging is a site that collects, organizes and makes accessible military blogs from around the world: over 1,500 blogs from over 25 countries. You can search by keyword, subject, gender, country or browse their Top 100.

<http://www.defense.gov/multimedia/multimedia.aspx>  
<http://www.defenceimagedatibase.mod.uk/fotoweb/>

These two sites offer easily accessible imagery - still, motion and multimedia, from the UK and US defence forces.

<http://www.mapsof.net/>

An absolutely fabulous collection from around the world and through the ages. You can search by place name or by an A to Z of themes.

<http://blatantworld.com>  
 Thousands of documentaries free to view.



Since graduating from Command Staff Course 50 ("The Mighty 50") in December 2009, I have been in command of the RNZN Offshore Patrol Vessel, HMNZS WELLINGTON. The past 18 months have been an amazing adventure and an extraordinary period in my naval career. My time onboard WELLINGTON validates a phrase that I found whilst on Staff Course—that "the best training

## "The best training for command is to be in command"

By *LTCDR Simon Griffith, SC 50*

for command is to be in command". During my time in command I have brought WELLINGTON into operational service, and taken it through several key operational taskings that have included: several resupplies of the NZ Sub-Antarctic Islands; the first RNZN deployment into the lower Southern Ocean and the Ross Sea in forty years; and a series of offshore fisheries patrols throughout the wider NZ EEZ. The ships are incredibly capable and versatile platforms, and are going to be huge assets to the NZDF over the coming decades. It is the ultimate

goal of any Naval Officer to be in command...and I consider myself very lucky to have been appointed as the first Commanding Officer of the "the finest little warship in the RNZN". Undertaking the Command and Staff Course has certainly played a key part in setting me up for Command and future appointments. I highly recommend it to all mid-range Officers who are considering putting their hand up for the course.



## JWOAC successes and future

by *WOMT(L) H. Rait*

Having been asked by Cathy to write an article for Nyctimene during the NZDF's current vast changes, I find myself with mixed emotions. On the one hand I can see and understand the "Big Picture" and on the other I know that some of our friends and Alumni will be leaving uniformed service in the not too distant future. I wish those leaving all the best.

As many will know I have taken over from WO PJ Smith at the CSC and one of the first things I did was to look at graduates' current appointments. It was no real surprise to find that many are in the more senior appointments, either within a tri or single Ser-

vice environment. To me this means that the system is working.

Reflecting (love that word) back to 2007, when I was asked to be part of the team which established a draft syllabus for the course, I was unsure where this would take people. I can now confidently say – wherever they want it to take them. Many graduates are continuing further education, have a greater understanding of the NZDF and how its business is conducted, and a much greater respect and knowledge of the other Services. Finally the one I personally think is most important – a network of Warrant Officers throughout the

country, all of whom have something in common.

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> saw the commencement of JWOAC 4, with a further 10 NZDF Warrant Officers and two internationals (Singapore and Australia) in attendance. This year also sees us reviewing the course syllabus. To date it would appear only minor changes are required and I thank all those who submitted feedback.

Finally, if you are in the Trentham area, please feel free to call in for a chat and one of those fine coffees!

## Visit by CDF Malaysia

The College played host to General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azizan bin Ariffin, TUDM, Chief of Defence Force, Malaysia on 4 May 2011. The NZDF has a long standing relationship with the MAF, a relationship that continues to be built upon through the Five Power Defence Arrangement and a reciprocal agreement dating back to 1974 that sees officers from the NZDF and MAF attend each others' Staff Course. Of note, the current CAF of the RMAF, General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Rodzali bin Daud, an alumni member, at-

tended number 30 Staff Course in New Zealand in 1989.

During General Azizan's visit, he took the opportunity to present the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal to Mr Leonard Sweet, a British Vet-

eran who served in the Royal Navy. The Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal is awarded to British Commonwealth personnel who served during the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation.



by *SQNLDR S. Hancock*

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Graduates of JWOAC 04

## CLARIFICATION

After the publication of the first edition of *Nyctimene I* received several surprised, puzzled and even concerned emails about our choice of name! Here, finally, is the logic behind the name ...

*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*.

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## CSC Alumni Lecture of Opportunity

Thursday, 28 July saw the first Alumni Lecture of Opportunity being held in the CSC lecture theatre, followed by a Happy Hour in the Trentham Officers Mess.

Dr Beth Greener, Senior Lecturer in Massey University's Politics Programme and Fellow of the Centre for Strategic Studies, spoke to approximately twenty members on post-conflict peace-building. This

was followed by question time and further lively discussion over drinks and nibbles in the Mess.

CDR Fogarty presented Dr Greener with a College scarf and thanked her for an insightful and topical talk. He also thanked the alumni members for coming out on a cold Wellington night and stated his intention to host many more of these lectures.



## The Shangri-La Dialogue

*Dr Peter Greener, Dean of Academic Faculty at CSC, traveled to Singapore at the beginning of June this year. After meeting with senior DS of the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College, Singapore, to discuss curriculum development, he then attended the tenth IISS Asia Security Summit: The Shangri-La Dialogue.*

On the first week-end of June, for each of the past ten years, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, has been hosting one of the region's most important security summits, The Shangri-La Dialogue. Significant support from the government of Singapore allows IISS to host a summit which brings together increasing numbers of participating states' defence establishments – ministers, military chiefs, and secretaries of defence – to exchange views with each other and with academics from across the region. Open plenary sessions and closed-door special sessions are complemented by private meetings between delegations, and this mix presents an unparalleled opportunity for the exchange of views of vital importance to the region.

This year's keynote address at the opening dinner on Friday 3 June was given by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak. Having attended the summit six times previously as Defence Minister, the Prime Minister immediately chose to address the 'elephant in the room' and focus on China. "China has been a great and growing power and.... (we) should see this as a cause for optimism rather than concern." In fact the icy blast which flowed between the United States and

Chinese delegations in 2009, following the breakdown in relationships over the US provision of arms to Taiwan, was replaced by a rather more congenial temperature this year.

US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates opened proceedings on Saturday morning and focused on the continuing re-engagement of the US with the region. He himself commented that he had made it a priority to build military – to – military ties with China, and he had an apparently productive meeting with the Chinese Minister of National Defence, General Liang Guanglie, behind closed doors. Nonetheless, Secretary Gates did make the point that the US Navy and US Air Force were developing a new concept of operations – Air-Sea Battle – in order to ensure that "America's military will continue to be able to deploy, move, and strike over great distances" to support US allies in Asia.

In a session later on Saturday afternoon, both the Defence Minister of Australia, Stephen Smith, and the Secretary of State for Defence from the United Kingdom, Dr Liam Fox, noted the ongoing relevance of continued engagement in the region through the Five Power Defence Arrangements. Dr Fox himself noted that in their fortieth anniversary year a "stocktake of the FPDA's structures, exercises and activities will demonstrate its continued relevance..." Significantly, he also noted that the UK and Australia were to sign a bilateral defence treaty in 2012.

Sunday morning's proceedings were opened by the Chinese Minister of National Defence, General Liang, the first ever Chinese Defence Minister to attend the Dialogue. General

Liang took the opportunity to reassure the audience that China's rapid military development was totally in keeping with its economic growth, and should be seen as posing no threat to neighbours in the region, as China's defence policy was purely 'defensive'. The question and answer session afterwards suggested that not everyone in attendance was convinced.

This was highlighted later in the day during the session on 'Responding to New Maritime Security Threats' by the Vietnamese Defence Minister, General Phung Quang Thanh, who spoke of his concern over an incident on 26 May 2011, when a towed survey cable was cut by a Chinese paramilitary ship. "We expect China to honour the policies they announced publicly, and we hope these statements will be translated into realities," he said. He did though point to the need for defence co-operation in order to build trust, and noted that the Vietnam People's Navy had set up hotlines with China, Thailand and Cambodia to help further trust.

'Building Strategic Confidence' was the final theme of the conference, spoken to by both the Minister of Defence for Singapore, Dr Ng Eng Hen, and Russia's Deputy Prime Minister, Sergei Ivanov. Despite the focus of the Dialogue clearly being on Sino-US relations, Mr Ivanov took the opportunity to remind those participating that when it came to regional co-operation "Russia's full-scale participation is crucial." Thus ended another successful Shangri-La Dialogue, a uniquely publicly accessible summit, the importance of which will only grow over the decade to come.