

Annual Report 2015

Enabling Leaders in Global Security

Habilitation des dirigeants en matière de sécurité mondiale

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The Canadian Forces College Foundation was created in 2011 by forward-looking, community-minded individuals whose goals were to contribute to the educational excellence and experience of the College.

Founded in 1943, the Canadian Forces College (CFC) prepares selected senior Canadian Armed Forces officers, international military, public service and private sector leaders, for joint command and staff appointments or future strategic responsibilities within a complex global security environment. The College is Canada's centre of excellence for joint operational and national strategic levels of professional military education for selected senior leaders of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Department of National Defence and the Government of Canada.

The Foundation enriches and further enhances the Canadian Forces College programme as defence dollars diminish and the need for officers and selected defence professionals educated in national and international security affairs increases. The following are among the many important activities supported by the Foundation:

- Promoting public awareness of the CFC mission, capabilities and accomplishments.
- Organizing and supporting lectures, curriculum development, symposia and other educational initiatives in the area of defence and security studies.
 - Supporting and funding research and education in the area of national and international defence and security studies.
 - Establishing and maintaining a Canadian Forces College Museum.
 - Establishing and supporting an active alumni affairs programme.

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This past year has seen much positive reflection and some specific changes to the outward appearance of the Foundation. It has also witnessed the successful launch of a new initiative and a healthy increase in new members to the Foundation list.

On the governance side, the membership of the Board of Directors saw the departure of Mr. Tom Jenkins and Mr. Justin Fogarty, two founding Directors who were instrumental in the successful launch of our organization and through whose efforts the Foundation's early success has been assured. We also accepted the decision of our inaugural Chair to step down, but happily have retained MGen (Ret'd) Fraser Holman on the Board in the appointment of Chair Emeritus Ex Officio. To these three stalwart supporters, all members join me in a vote of heartfelt thanks for their energy and service.

New members to the Board of Directors this year include Ms. Marketa Evans, Mr. Andrew Abbott, Mr. Covell Brown and Mr. David Batten, each of whom bring extensive expertise and commitment to our collective mission.

In addition to our continued support to Canadian Forces College students and programmes, some of which is documented in this report, the Board undertook a considered review of the Foundation 'brand'. Subsequently, a new logo was introduced which highlights our mission statement '**Enabling Leaders in Global Security**' and puts our *raison d'être* up front in all that we undertake. Likewise, efforts are currently underway to refresh and reorganize our website, to make it the portal through which the Foundation can be both informative and accessible to everyone who may have an interest in the important work we do.

The launch of a new informational and networking series titled '**The Background Briefings**' was a highlight of the year. The aim of these sessions is to give a limited, exclusive audience of Foundation donors and supporters an 'off the record' backgrounder on current issues and events related to global and national security provided by notable leaders from Canada and abroad. The inaugural event, sponsored by **Teranga Gold Corp**, featured Major-general Bernard Barrera, French Army, who spoke of the deterioration of the security situation in North West Africa and his experience as the Commander of French Forces charged with counter terrorism operations in Mali during 2013. The second event in this continuing series was sponsored by **General Dynamics OTS, Canada**, and featured Dr. Craig Stone, former Dean of the Canadian Forces College and senior defence economist within the Department of National Defence. Dr. Stone spoke to the present state of Canada's defence procurement system and the future prospects of our hard power military capacity in an uncertain

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world. Each of these 'Briefings' were very well attended and well received by all, and the series continues with three or four events per year being planned.

The Foundation's ability to engage those interested in the unique role of the Canadian Forces College and those who share a professional or private interest in the issues surrounding global security has been key to expanding the membership base this year. Clearly, individual members from the private, public, corporate, government and military sectors find common ground and a sphere of interaction within the Foundation's mandate. We will endeavor to offer our members and prospective members increasing opportunities and advantages of this kind going forward.

With new people come new ideas and different perspectives. This past year of change and reorientation, as difficult as this type of endeavor usually is, has put us on track to move the Foundation forward in the coming year in key directions and to a level that we have not yet experienced. As the collective membership of this unique and vital enterprise, we all should feel buoyed at the prospect.



Brigadier-General Craig Hilton (Retired)
Executive Chair
The Canadian Forces College Foundation

Canadian Forces College Activities Supported by the Foundation

Annual Membership to GoodLife Fitness for Seven NSP Students

April 2015 - CNSS Social Media and Cyber Security Workshop

April 2015 - Support for the Canadian Forces College Students' International Night

April 2015 – Public Policy Forum membership and awards dinner

May 2015 – Student Golf Tournament

June 2015 - Navy Weepers

June 2015 – Conflict & Religion Symposium

June 2015 – Armour Heights Officers Mess – Convocation Dinner

September 2015 – International Student Orientation

September 2015 – FCLP Meet and Greet

October 2015 – CSSP Students to Niagara Region

October 2015 - Ottawa NSP Alumni Reception

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