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Professor Taylor, of the University of Leeds, was the speaker at the SOA Luncheon on 18 April 2002. He is seen here with SHAPE Chief of Staff, Admiral Sir Ian Garnett.

Dear Member,

NATO really does have quite a few items on its plate – whether it be enlargement, the command structure, training, terrorism, High Readiness Forces or the Prague Summit in November. All of you as present or past SHAPE officers are no doubt interested in these subjects, and want to know more about the way ahead for NATO. If so, you really will wish to attend the SOA Annual Reunion over the **weekend 4 - 6 October 2002** which this year will include many events of great significance. Indeed, the programme includes - on Saturday afternoon - a briefing and question period held directly by SACEUR, General Joseph W. Ralston, where all these issues will be covered. We will also be honoured to have as our very special Dinner speaker the new Chairman of the Military Committee, German General Kujat.

For those who plan to come to SHAPE for the Annual Reunion, please complete the reservation form (Annex B, and if you are a golfer, also Annex A) and return it to our office before 26 September.

We in the committee are all looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Reunion. Meanwhile, we hope you will continue to enjoy the beautiful summer months!

Sincerely,


Ferdinando SANFELICE di MONTEFORTE
VADM, IT N
Chairman

42nd ANNUAL MEETING, 4 - 6 OCTOBER 2002

Friday, 4 October 2002

- 1430-1530** **Briefing on the Partnership for Peace Programme**, hosted by Major General Boleslaw IZYDORCZYK, PL A, Director of the PCC, in Building 104 (the old Live Oak Building).
- 1800-1900** **Happy Hour** at the SHAPE Officers' Club (Liège Room). Open to all officers and spouses. A good opportunity to share ideas with old friends and make new ones.
Drinks are at half price.
- 1900-** **Informal Dinner**, Dining Room, SHAPE Officers' Club. Buffet dinner which will also be open to the SHAPE community.

Saturday, 5 October 2002

- 0740-1200** **Golf Tournament**, Royal Golf Club du Hainaut at Erbisoeul.
Interested participants will find details at Annex A. The Reservation Form should be returned to the SOA Office by **26 September**.
Project officer: Mr. Christopher BLADEN, SHAPE 4840.
Luncheon is available after the tournament.
Presentation of the "Robbins" trophy and other prizes at the Club House at the conclusion of the tournament. A group photograph will be taken of all players.
- 0930-1230** **Visit of the sloping lock of Ronquières**. The lock was designed to allow the clearance of a level difference of 68 metres on the Charleroi-Brussels canal. The lock comprises two large water tanks each capable of carrying barges up to a total of 1,350 tons. The visit called "**A boat, a life**", with infrared earphones, will guide you in three-dimensional decors. You'll see the barges enter and leave the locks, and from the top of the tower, you'll enjoy an exceptional panoramic view.
- 1130-1400** **Lunch**: Note that **only snacks** will be available in the Mons Bar of the Officers' Club. Lunch is also available (self-service) in the IC Club.
- 1330-1445** **Coffee** available in the SHAPE Main Building Cafeteria.
Dinner tickets sold in the Foyer of the Auditorium
- 1500-1600** **Ladies Programme**. Mrs. Ralston has kindly agreed to host a **Tea Party**. Join the ladies for a convivial gathering.
- 1500-1600** **Presentation by SACEUR, General Joseph W. RALSTON, followed by Q/A Session**.
This activity is open to the spouses of members and to non-SOA SHAPE officers.

1605-1630 General Assembly, under the presidency of GEN J.M. SHALIKASHVILI.

Agenda:

- Election of new Chairman
- Update on Committee members
- Report on SOA activities
- Date of next Annual Reunion
- Financial report
- Other business

1900 Receiving line in place at the SHAPE Officers' Club. **Cocktails.**

1945 Formal Dinner, presided by GEN John M. SHALIKASHVILI.

Guest speaker: General Harald KUJAT, GE AF, Chairman of the Military Committee (CMC), NATO HQ, Brussels.

Cost: 40 Euros (all inclusive)

Note: Seating arrangements: for the first time, we will have round tables of 10 people, each headed by a VIP(s). Seating tags will be distributed as every year at the entrance of the Club to enable you to choose your table. Seating around any chosen table will be free. Prior arrangements with the SOA Secretary are possible.

Sunday, 6 October 2002

0815-1830 Day trip to Gent. The programme includes a visit of St Baaf's Cathedral and of the famous painting by Van Eyck, the "Mystic Lamb", a boat excursion and a guided visit of the city. More details will appear in the programme brochure.

Cost: 27 Euros per person (includes lunch, museums, guide, etc.)

1130-1330 Lunch at the **SHAPE International Community Club (IC)** (self-service). Evening meals from 1730-1930 hrs, also self-service.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES: For participation in any of the activities listed above, please complete the Reservation Form (at Annex B) and return it to the SOA Office by **26 September**. The Golf players should also complete Annex A. Also complete the proxy form if you wish someone to vote for you at the General Assembly.

ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS

1. Dinner tickets (Cost: 40 Euros):

- on sale starting on Monday, 23 September at the SHAPE Officers' Club.
- on sale during the Happy Hour on Friday, 4 October 2002
- on sale in the Foyer of the Auditorium on Saturday (1330-1430 hours)
- on sale at the Club before the Dinner (from 1830 hours)

2. Dress: - Day activities:

Serving officers:	Service dress or coat and tie
Retired officers/civilians:	Coat and tie

- Dinner:

Serving officers:	Mess kit or black tie
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Retired officers/civilians: Black tie

3. **Transportation:** Buses will run as follows:

- **Friday, 4 Oct 2002:**

- from hotels and Officers' Club to Building 104 for the PCC briefing and return.
- from hotels to the SHAPE Officers' Club for the Happy Hour & two return trips (one after Happy Hour at 1900 hrs and one at 2100 hrs after Dinner)

- **Saturday, 5 Oct 2002:**

- morning activity: from the Hotels via Officers' Club & Visitors' Car Park to Ronquières and return.
- afternoon activity: from hotels and O' Club to the Main Building and return.
- Ladies Programme: from hotels via Officers' Club, Main Building and Visitors' Car Park and return.
- Dinner: from hotels to Officers' Club and return.

- **Sunday, 6 Oct 2002:**

- from hotels via Officers' Club and Visitors' Car Park to Gent and return.

NOTES:

■ **SHAPE Security.** Be aware that SHAPE is no longer an "open base" since 11 September. Over the weekend, there is only one entrance/exit into/from the compound which is via the "Avenue de Berlin" (Visitors' Gate). Be sure to carry with you your SHAPE Temporary Entry Card and Identity Card/Passport. Vehicles with the special pass will be allowed in; others will have to be left in the Visitors' Car Park.

■ **Rental car possibilities:** EUROPCAR, 193A, Chaussée de Bruxelles, B-7020 Maisières (opposite SHAPE, tel: 065/72.30.35. Fax: 32-65-72.35.57).

Weekend price (from Friday 1500 hrs to Monday 0900 hrs):

71.99 Euros (small car)

85.50 Euros (next category)

118.17 Euros (next higher)

122.09 Euros (automatic)

For pick-up on Thursday 1200 hrs until Monday 0900 hrs or from Friday 1200 hrs until Tuesday 0900 hrs, the rates are:

113.38 Euros (small car)

136.18 Euros (next category)

172.77 Euros (for the next higher category & automatic)

All cars are air-conditioned. US members should make reservations through "Dollar". Price includes insurance, theft and unlimited mileage.

4. **Welcome packets:** Each participant will receive a "Welcome packet" which contains: Programme brochure, SOA Invitation Card(s), TDY pass(es) (allowing access to the SHAPE compound), List of Participants, and more information about the activities in which he/she participates. Welcome packets are mailed about one week before the event, or left at the Hotel, or available at the SOA Office (according to the choice indicated on the Reservation Form).

5. **SOA items on sale:** Neckties, pens, refills and cufflinks will be on sale on Saturday, 5 Oct in the Foyer of the Auditorium between 1330 hours and 1445 hours.

Cost : 7 € polyester ties 20 € silk ties
 12 € cufflinks
 5 € pens 1,5 € blue refills

6. **Accommodations/Hotels:** If any local SHAPE member wishes to host a visiting SOA member, please inform the SOA Office of your availability to do so. Do make your hotel reservations early and specify you will attend the SOA annual reunion.

Casteau Resort Hotel	Single room with bath/shower	: 76 Euros
Ch. de Bruxelles 38	Double room	: 94 Euros
B-7061 Casteau	Triple room	: 114 Euros

Tel: 065/320400; Fax: 065/728744

Hôtel La Forêt (ex-Amigo)	Single room with shower/bath	: 75/85 Euros
Chaussée Brunehaut	Double room	: 87 Euros

B-7050 Masnuy-St.-Jean
 Tel: 065/723685; Fax: 065/724144

Taxes and breakfast are included in above prices

SHAPE Inn	Type B (shared bathroom): 42.20 Euros for 1 person plus 12.40 € for spouse
B-7010 SHAPE, Belgium	Type A (private bathroom): 54.60 Euros for 1 person plus 12.40 € for spouse
Tel: 065/44.4385	VIP room: 62.00 Euros (plus 12.40 € for spouse)

NOTE: The *Hotel Maisières* (Tel: 065/73.92.00) has been taken over by the US Government and is no longer available for private reservations (except for US members on TDY orders).

Some other hotels are located in and around Mons/Soignies (but no SHAPE transportation is available):

- Hotel-Restaurant "Le Monte-Cristo", Route d'Ath 119, B-7020 Nimy
 (12 rooms only) (Tel: 065/36.42.99 Fax: 065/40.37.17)
SHAPE price: Single room: 59,50 €; 2 persons: 67 € (Breakfast included)
- Hotel Château de la Cense au Bois, Route d'Ath 135, B-7020 Nimy
 (Tel: 065/31.60.00; Fax: 065/36.11.55)
SHAPE price: 1 person: 70 €; 2 persons: 88 € (Breakfast included).
- Hotel "Le Lido", 1, rue des Arbalestriers, B-7000 Mons (Tel: 065/32.78.00; Fax: 065/84.37.22).
SHAPE price: 1 person: 81,49 €; 2 persons: 106,40 €; Triple: 127.03 €, Suite 1 person: 106,71 €, Suite 2 persons: 127,91 €, Executive 1 person: 128 €, 2 persons 147,42 € (Breakfast included).
- Infotel, 32, rue d'Havré, B-7000 Mons (Tel: 065/35.62.21; Fax: 065/35.62.24).
Cost: 1 person: 67 €; 2 persons: 82 € (large bed), 89 € (2 beds)
 Suite 1 person: 94 €; suite 2 persons 106.50 € (Breakfast & parking included).
- "Les Greniers du Moulin", 224 Chaussée d'Enghien, B-7060 Soignies
 (Tel: 067/33.11.88 Fax: 067/33.93.90)

Cost: Single room: 44 €, 2 persons: 57 € (Breakfast included).

LUNCHEON – 18 APRIL 2002

Some 70 people gathered at the SHAPE Officers' Club for the second SOA luncheon of the year. Among the guests were Admiral Sir Ian GARNETT, SHAPE's Chief of Staff, The guest speaker was Professor Philip M. TAYLOR, of the University of Leeds, who talked on **"The Media, PsyOps and Public Information"**

Philip M. Taylor is Professor of International Communications and Director of the Institute of Communications Studies at the University of Leeds. He is also Chairman of the InterUniversity History Film Consortium, Associate Editor of the Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television, and he is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Professor Taylor's research interests include the history and conduct of international communications, military-media relations, psychological warfare/operations and international film and television. He is a regular guest lecturer to military courses at DISS Chicksands, JSCSC Watchfield and USAFSOC, Hurlbert Field, Florida. His many publications include: War and the Media: Propaganda and Persuasion in the Gulf War (1992, 1997), Munitions of the Mind: a history of propaganda from the ancient world to the present day (1990, 1995), Global Communications, International Affairs and the Media since 1945 (1997) and British Propaganda in the 20th Century: Selling Democracy (1999).

Also consult Professor Taylor's homepage: www.leeds.ac.uk/ics/pt1.htm

Before war correspondents, press accounts of wars and battles tended to be written by serving soldiers themselves. As such, these accounts read somewhat like regimental histories. They are the military perspective of how such events would be perceived by the public at the time – and by future historians. However, when a civilian reporter in the form of William Howard Russell of *The Times* arrived in the Crimea to witness, inter alia, the Charge of the Light Brigade, a completely new perspective was possible – a civilian perspective. Russell was appalled by much of what he saw. He admired the heroism of the troops, but he was scathing in his criticism of their conditions, their equipment and their commanders. These articles caused a sensation when they were published, backed up by hard-hitting editorials written by *Times* editor, William Delane. The military-media relationship would never be the same again.

The arrival of the war correspondent prompted the introduction of military censorship or what we would today call 'security review'. It also heralded what has often been regarded as a tense relationship between soldiers who are more concerned with operational security or force protection and journalists whose business is publicity and 'bad news'. Each subsequent war threw up its own unique clashes and the relationship modified over time. But what is often under-appreciated is that the actual historical record of military-media relations – at least in wars in which 'our boys' are involved in fighting 'our enemies' – reveals that 'our media' are every bit as supportive as 'our public' has been. They are not always uncritical, but the record reveals far more co-operation than conflict. For example, General Haig was so pleased with the four reporters covering the battle of Passchendaele in 1917 that he gave each of them their own personal Union Jack. And in World War Two,

General Eisenhower referred to the media as 'his friends'. Indeed so pleased were the military authorities with the media coverage of both World Wars that, by the time of the Korean War outbreak in 1950, no guidelines existed for the journalists who flocked to south-east Asia. Indeed, it was they who asked the military for guidelines so that they wouldn't jeopardise the lives of UN forces.

By the 1960s and the escalation of US troop involvement in the Vietnam War, a similar situation prevailed. Vietnam has been labeled the 'uncensored war' or 'the first television war' and between those two phrases lies the root of the problem for the modern military-media relationship. For it is frequently alleged that, following five years of US media support for the war effort between 1963 and 1968, this was followed by five years of media hostility between 1968 and 1973. The turning point is often said to have been the television coverage of the 1968 Tet offensive when CBS anchor Walter Cronkite reported from Saigon with the words: 'what the hell is going on? I thought we were winning'.

There is much that is wrong with this. Apart from suspicions about the ability of the American government and military to wage a war for a further five years – longer than US involvement in World War Two – with hostile media coverage, the fact is that the myth of the Vietnam Syndrome simply doesn't stand up to historical scrutiny. Yet the myth took root that the US lost the only war in its military history not due to the failure of the Pentagon or even to the skill of its North Vietnamese adversary but rather in the living rooms of middle America. Defeated nations often look for rationalisations and excuses for their military failure rather than explanations. But here one was found: the US lost the war because it was 'stabbed-in-the-back' by its own media (much in the same way as Hitler argued about German defeat in 1918 being down to skillful Allied propaganda coupled with a Jewish-Bolshevik conspiracy).

In 1982, however, it was felt by many observers that the British had stumbled on an antidote to the syndrome. Only 29 journalists were allowed to accompany the Task Force South to liberate the Falklands Islands – and they were all British (with the international press corps being served by the solitary Reuters representative). After weeks of bonding with the troops aboard ships whose facilities they shared, and completely dependent on the military for communications with their news rooms back in London, the war reports were either so innocuous that they said very little ('we counted them all out, and we counted them all back') or they were so late that their value was more one of the first rough draft of history. Indeed one ITN report took longer to reach London in 1982 than did one of Russell's dispatches from the Crimea 150 years earlier. No news or slow news may have been good for the military, but it was virtually useless for the media.

In technological terms, the Falklands now seems almost like a 19th century conflict. Enormous advances in communications technologies since the 1980s, beginning with the fax, then mobile phones and now the internet and digital revolution have revolutionised the ability of reporters to get information out of conflict spaces. Indeed, as this technology rolls out, one wonders whether it will ever be possible to conduct effective battlefield censorship again. But then again, if we remember the military-media historical record in 'our wars', one really needs to ponder whether it is in fact necessary at all. It was a source of considerable irritation to reporters in Desert Storm – even though the performance of the international media was every bit as supportive as one might have expected it to be, with television reporters happy to marvel at the videos released by the military of smart weaponry hitting its intended targets. The combination of Media Reporting Teams (the 'pools') and live press conferences seemed to provide a template for the military on how to handle the ever-growing numbers of reporters turning up to witness the latest 'Big Story'. It

was one which was again put to good use – despite the hiccups – during the 1999 Kosovo conflict.

Every Public Information officer will be aware of those hiccups because in ‘lessons learned exercises’ we tend to focus on the mistakes more than the successes. Indeed, it is those comparatively rare examples of military-media tension which are the stuff of P.I. legend. One aspect of this that does need thinking about today, however, is that the media are changing. They are no longer as predictable as they once might have been. There are fewer and fewer specialised defence correspondents and more and more multi-skilled ‘hacks’, often freelancers with no institutional affiliation, no loyalty – and frequently no insurance. They tend to be younger, less experienced and less knowledgeable about the ways of the military. They are what I call ‘the new kids on the block’. But add to this ‘corps’ what I will call the rise of the ‘citizen journalist’. These are ordinary citizens capable of taking spectacular footage with affordable, high quality digital equipment and then transmit it themselves to a global audience on the internet. Some of the most spectacular footage of recent years – the Concorde’s crash in Paris for example - was not taken by a professional journalist; it was taken by the wife of a Spanish truckdriver who happened to be driving past Charles de Gaulle airport at the time.

So the information environment has changed as much as the new roles expected of our contemporary military forces. The skills required are no longer that solely of war-fighting; in operations other than war, our military need almost the skills of ‘heavily armed social workers’. Many may not like this, but it has become a reality of our post Cold War environment. And in this environment, the transmission of information and images has become less difficult to control.

How to deal with these new conditions in a 21st century in which info-communications becomes as important as oil and gas were to the 20th? I am going to advocate something deliberately provocative which I hope at least will stimulate debate. I am going to suggest that you take a leaf from our Psyops people, whose business they will tell you is ‘electrons, not bullets’. They are in the business of communicating with target audiences, they have adapted to the new circumstances in which military forces now have to operate – and they have their own TV, radio, print and loudspeaker capability for getting their message across. They don’t have to worry about whether an increasingly unreliable and unpredictable mass media will *mediate* the desired message to the people they are trying to communicate with. They do it themselves. And because they recognize the importance of credibility, and of the damage to their work which any loss of this credibility can cause, for example by lying, they tell *their* truth in much the same manner as Public Information officers try to tell theirs. Have a look at some of the modern products from Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia and elsewhere. ‘Mines kill’ or ‘military dogs bite, kids, so don’t stroke them’ is a far cry from the psychological warfare techniques of the past. Those techniques are still required when nations go to war, but really they are more in the business of PI, PR and Civil Military affairs than they are often given credit for. Many of the organizational delineations between these various activities are really remnant from the Cold War and too often prone to encouraging ‘turf wars’ that achieve the opposite of what is needed in a co-ordinated information campaign that can greatly facilitate the military mission in new kinds of situations.

As for the mass media, despite the growth of the Internet, they are with us for some time. You will still need specialized information or media operations to provide them with accurate and reliable information about what you do. But why not also think about returning to the age before William Howard Russell and use modern technology to supply

information about what you do directly to the public that wishes to consume it. Globally, there is an enormous interest in military affairs, as the sales of books and videos about battles and military equipment testifies. There is also a broadband revolution coming which will greatly ease dissemination of your truth to whoever wants to hear it. People might dismiss it simply as 'propaganda', but they do that anyway with institutions that they do not trust or agree with – just as they accuse Public Information activities as attempts to 'manipulate' the media agenda. Call it what you like, but the dangers of introducing non-democratic activities – such as deception – beyond the military conflict into the public domain are only too evident in the recent debacle in Washington with the Office of Strategic Information. A press conference is not a psychological operation, nor is Psyops about deception. But they are all forms of communication essential to the achievement of your objectives. Getting it right, whether under the umbrella of 'information operations' or something other than the OSI, means competing proactively in the information age.



18 April 2002 – Professor Taylor is seen signing the Visitors' Book upon his arrival at the Officers' Club.

“STUDENT OF THE YEAR” AWARDS

The “SOA Student of the Year” award programme has once again given out its yearly prizes. The programme, in existence since 1990, is very appreciated at the SHAPE International School where the winning student at each of the three High school sections receives an award of 250 Euros and a certificate. The student is recommended by the School Principal based on exceptional standard of all-around achievements worthy of emulation. Consideration is given to achievements in academic, social, athletic and international relations. The following students have received the award this school year:

Belgian Section:

Emilie BEYDTS

German Section:

Michael SCHNEIDER

U.S. Section:

Mary Anne DICK

Mary Anne DICK was selected at the **SHAPE American High School** for the SOA award, based on her constant demonstration of superior academic and extra-curricular achievements. Mr. DAVIN, the Director General of the SHAPE International School and Deputy SOA Chairman, presented her the SOA award and certificate on Thursday, 20 June.

At the **German Section**, **Michael SCHNEIDER** was nominated for the SOA award. Michael was a member of the International Student Council, thus promoting the idea of international cooperation and understanding. He developed a very positive attitude concerning work ethics, social behaviour and active engagement and has thus set a very good example for the students. He received his award and certificate from Mr. DAVIN, the Director General of the SHAPE International School and Deputy SOA Chairman

The **Belgian High School Section** had its graduation ceremony on Friday, 21 June in the IC Club. Mr. DAVIN, Deputy SOA Chairman, had the pleasure to present the “SOA Student of the Year” award to **Emilie BEYDTS**. She was selected for the prize based on her active participation in classes reflecting on her maturity and application. She was a member of the Student International Council where she organized, together with others, exchanges between classes of the Belgian, German and US sections. She proved invaluable during the last three years in maintaining the cohesion of her class. This last school year she was particularly engaged in activities contributing to stimulate all graduating students (Year Book, movies, school trips,...).

Congratulations to these outstanding students to whom we wish all the best for the future.

CHAPTER NEWS

German Chapter

The German Chapter had its annual meeting on Tuesday, 7 May in the Koeln/Wahn Officers’ club under the presidency of MGEN OPPERMANN. A very interesting meeting during which SHAPE Chief of Public Information, COL Ulrich TWRSNICK, GE AF, updated the some 20 members and spouses on current ACE topics. To facilitate individual planning, it was also decided to have the yearly reunion of the German Chapter at a fixed date: the **first Tuesday in May**, the next meeting thus taking place on **Tuesday, 6 May**

2003, in the Officers' club in Koeln-Wahn. Another point of discussion was the location and the possibility to meet in a different place in future years. It was also noted that a group of SOA ladies in the Bonn area were meeting for lunch on a regular basis (**every second Tuesday of the month** at 1200 hrs) in the Restaurant Waldau - Bonn Venusberg. No booking is required. This event is organized by Mrs. Almuth von Wietersheim (Tel: 02226-10554). Twice a year the husbands are invited to participate.

Information on the Chapter may be obtained from the Chapter's President, MGEN OPPERMANN on (0049)-(0)6136-45629.

UK Chapter

Some changes in the UK Chapter: Brigadier Barry CASH, Secretary of the British Chapter for the last 10 years, has given over to Lt Colonel Nick WAND. LTC Wand is not only taking over as Secretary of the Chapter but is also taking up Brig Cash's position in the UK Postal system. Our most sincere thanks to Brigadier Cash, and the best of luck to him in retirement, and of course we wish all the best to Colonel Wand in his new assignment and as the British Chapter Secretary.

A UK Chapter meeting was held on 2 July in London.

WEBSITE HOME PAGES

Information on SHAPE (to include the Public Information Office, the SHAPE Officers' Association and links to other military organisations/ commands, etc.) is available on Internet under: <http://www.shape.nato.int>. The SHAPE Officers' Association' page is available under "**Sites**". You can then select the "Newsletters" on the Information Paper, and click on the newsletter desired.

The *SHAPE Community Life* magazine is also available on Internet. The homepage is: www.shapeonline.net and their Email: **SHAPE-com-life@shapeonline.net.be**

The NATO Home Page can be found under: <http://www.nato.int> and E-mail is: natodoc@hq.nato.int. NATO documentation can be ordered through this Email address or by calling the NATO Office of Information and Press at 32-2-707.4111 or Fax 32-2-707.4579.

COL A. Barney OLDFIELD, US A (SH 51/53 – he was on SHAPE Order 1-1 as GEN Eisenhower's advance man), now 92 years old, has an excellent homepage which was created by his friends at the Nebraska Coast Connection: www.oldfields.org. It's really worth a visit, it's "Living History ...". Get to know about his Foundations, Scholarships, his journalistic career, his books, his friends, his participation in movies (latest one "Marlene Dietrich: Her Own Song"), etc.

We welcome information on any Web site which you found of particular interest

and which you would like to share with other SOA members.

NATO/ACE/SHAPE NEWS

A Welcome Honour Guard hosted by DSACEUR was held on Tuesday, **2 April 2002**, in

honour of Admiral Gregory G. JOHNSON, US Navy, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe (CINCSOUTH).

On Wednesday, **10 April 2002**, His Excellency Mr. Girts Valdis KRISTOVSKIS, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, paid his initial visit to SHAPE. During the visit, Minister KRISTOVSKIS met with SACEUR, General Joseph W. RALSTON, SHAPE Senior Staff and the Director of the Partnership Coordination Cell (PCC), Major General Boleslaw IZYDORCZYK, Polish Army. General RALSTON highly commended the Latvian contribution to the NATO-led multinational peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. Latvia is among the countries that have declared an interest in joining NATO and are participating in the Membership Action Plan. The country joined the Partnership for Peace programme in February 1994 and has been a regular contributor to the NATO-led operations in the Balkans (IFOR/SFOR and KFOR) since 1996.

An IHSC (International Headquarters Support Command) Change of Command ceremony took place on Tuesday **23 April 2002**. Brig General Jacques SIMON, BE A, IHSC Commander since September 2001 relinquished command to Brig General Francis MASSAUX, BE A. BGEN Massaoux previously served as commander of the Logistics School in Tournai and was Commandant of the Province of Hainaut.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

We saw some Committee member changes during the last few months and would like to wish a warm farewell to the outgoing members and a warm welcome to the incoming ones.

Brig General Bernardo ALVAREZ del MANZANO, SP A, SP NMR left SHAPE end of June. He is succeeded by Brig General Fernando LENS, SP AF.

COL Christopher E. HAAVE, US AF, US NMR left SHAPE in April. COL David KARNS, US AF, became the new US NMR in May.

Air Commodore David WILLIAMS, UK AF, UK NMR left SHAPE mid-May. He is replaced by Brigadier William COOK, UK A.

Three more changes will take place during the late summer months: the Danish, Norwegian, and Polish National Military Representatives will indeed leave SHAPE before our next General Assembly.

Retirements

Our best wishes for a happy retirement to:

M. Joseph DRAELANTS, BE, NATO Civ (SH 79/02) – 30 June 2002

COL Stefano MARSILI, IT AF (SH 87/90) – 21 March 2001

Promotions

Our congratulations to the following officers on their promotion:

BGEN Jacques SIMON, BE A (SH 98/02), to Maj General – Apr 2002

CPT James WILKIE, US AF (SH 00/03) to Major – 2002

Deaths

Our most sincere condolences to the families of the following deceased members:

MGEN Luigi ARBIZZANI, IT AF (IMS 64/68) – 1 April 2002

CDT Hubert BONDROIT, BE A (SH 67/70; 71/75) – 26 January 1999

COL Kenneth L. DAWSON, US AF (SH 68/71) – 2002

COL Noël DEDEKEN, BE A (AFCENT 70/76) – June 2001

Mr. Esmond HURST, UK, NATO Civ (SH 52/75) – 15 Oct 2000

Mr. Bryan JUDD, CA, NATO Civ (IMS 72/88) – Nov 2001

Mr. Marcel LEJEUNE, BE, NATO Civ (IMS 54/77) – 2002

VADM Aldo MACCHIAVELLI, IT N (SH 58/61) – July 2001

VADM Antoine ROSAKIS, GR N (SH 54/57) – 2002

LGEN/Ambassador Vernon A. WALTERS, US A (SH 51/56) – 10 Feb 2002 at age 85

General Walters assisted General Eisenhower in setting up SHAPE HQ. He spoke seven languages fluently and had served as personal interpreter for SACEURs and Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Nixon. His last position in the Army (1972-1976) was that of Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He also held the positions of Ambassador-at-large for the State Department and US Permanent Representative for the United Nations. He wrote several books, articles and book reviews and had numerous decorations.

COL Paul WITTOUCK, BE A (SH 51/56) – 2002

Addresses for members

The newsletters sent to the following members were returned to our office. If you happen to have a correct mailing address for them, would you send it to the SOA Office?

COL Thomas BERGQVIST, SW AF (PCC 97/00)

LTC Joseph BUERSCHGENS, GE (SH64/69) (Life member)

COL David CLARK, US A (SH 88/92) (Life member)

LTC André DEWAELE, BE A (SH 67/69) (Life member)

Brig John P. ELDER, UK A (SH 85/87) (Life member)

Miss Angela IRVING, UK, NATO Civ (AFMED 53/54;SH 59/93) (Life member)

GEN Graf Johann KIELMANNSEGG, GE A (SH 55/58;LANDCENT 63/66;
AFCENT 66/68)(Life member)

COL Victor MODESTO, US A (SH 87/90)

LTC Violet M. NICKLEN, US AF (SH 81/84)

COL Michael C. PASCOE, US A (SH 92/95)(Life member)

COL Charles R. PRICE, US AF (SH 77/80)

COL Mason SMITH, US A (SH 80/82)

Treasurer's Corner

The annual Financial Statement, prepared as of 15 June 2002 by the Treasurer, Mr. Roger Wilmes, is attached to this newsletter. It has been reviewed by the SHAPE Budget & Finance (BUDFIN) Auditor and will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

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SHAPE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

On the occasion of the 42nd Annual Reunion of the SHAPE Officers' Association, each golfing member is invited to compete on **5 October 2002** for the Association's Golf Trophy and other prizes. This tournament, to be played at the Royal Golf Club du Hainaut (RGCH), has been arranged through the kind permission of the Club President and the courtesy and hospitality of the members. Details of the Tournament, which has been organized by the SHAPE Golf Association (SGA), are provided below:

- Date/Venue** : **Saturday, 5 October 2002** at the Royal Golf Club du Hainaut.
- Tee-off times** : From 0800 onwards (depending on the number of participants)
- Transport** : No official SHAPE transport is available. Participants are asked to make their own transport arrangements (car sharing or rental car)
- Competition** : Stableford, using full handicap as furnished by each competitor.
- Fees** : A reduced green fee may be payable for this tournament. A sum of 5 Euros will be collected from each player to cover the cost of prizes.
- Clubs** : Players are expected to bring their own clubs.
- Carts** : Golf pull trolleys can be rented for 3 Euros. Please note that carts must be reserved in advance, using the proforma below. Rental fees will be collected prior to tee-off.
- Luncheon** : A full range of facilities is available in the Club House. Luncheon can be obtained for approximately 10 Euros. To assist the catering staff, you are requested to indicate your intentions on the proforma below.
- Prizes** : Prizes will be presented on the Club House patio at the conclusion of the tournament.

For further information, contact Mr. Christopher BLADEN at SHAPE extension 4840 (commercial 32-65 44.4840), or Email: chris.bladen@shape.nato.int
Each officer wishing to participate in the SOA Golf Tournament is asked to complete and return the following proforma prior to **26 September 2002**. Tee times will be published at the Clubhouse (065-22.02.00) and during the "Happy Hour" on Friday 4 October (1800-1900 hrs).

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TO: SHAPE Officers' Association FROM: (rank/name)
Public Information Office (address)
B-7010 SHAPE, Belgium

1. I / my spouse and I (*delete as appropriate*) wish to participate in the SOA Golf Tournament.
2. I / we will / will not (*delete as appropriate*) have luncheon in the Club House.
3. My current handicap isMy spouse's handicap is
4. If possible, I would like to play with
5. Please arrange for the hire of a trolley: Yes / No

Date:.....Signature:

SOA 42nd ANNUAL MEETING, 4 - 6 OCTOBER 2002
RESERVATION FORM

For participation in any of the Annual Reunion activities, please complete this Reservation Form and return it to: **SOA Office, Public Information Office, B-7010 SHAPE**, Belgium (or by Fax: 32-(0)65-44.3544 or Email: soa@shape.nato.int) NLT **26 September 2002.**

RANK AND FULL NAME:
SPOUSE'S FULL NAME:
ADDRESS:
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.....TEL:

Check the activities in which you will participate:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. PCC Briefing (with / without spouse) (Fri, 1430-1530 hrs).....
2. Happy Hour (with / without spouse) (Fri, 1800-1900 hrs).....
3. Informal Dinner (Fri, 1900 hrs)
4. Golf tournament (Sat, am) (If YES, complete Annex A).....
5. Visit of Ronquières (with / without spouse) (Sat, am).....
6. SACEUR Briefing / Q&A (Sat., 1500-1600 hrs) (with / without spouse)
7. General Assembly (Sat., 1605-1630 hrs)
8. Ladies Programme: (Sat., 1500-1600 hrs)..... My wife's first name:
9. Annual Dinner: (Sat., 1900 hrs) I will participate (with / without spouse) Special Dinner requirements :
10. Sunday trip to Gent (with/without spouse)..... Special Lunch requirements :

NOTE: I understand that I will be billed for the Dinner if my cancellation does not reach the SOA Office by **3 October**.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Arrival date: Departure date:
ID card/PP number(s): Self: Spouse:.....
Hotel:..... Private accommodation:
Transportation: I will use: SHAPE bus for SOA scheduled activities
..... my private vehicle (license plate:)
..... Rental car
Welcome packet: mail it to me at above address
..... leave it at Hotel
..... leave it at SOA Office (Room 234, Bldg 102)

Date: Signature:.....

ANNEX B

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PROXY FORM

I hereby authorize

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(rank, first and last name)

to vote for me at the General Assembly on Saturday,
5 October 2002 (if any voting takes place).

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(date)

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(rank, first and last name)

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(address)

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NOTE: This form may be given/sent to any SOA member attending the Annual Reunion, to the Head of Chapter, your National Military Representative or be sent/faxed directly to the Chairman, SOA (Fax: 32-65-44.3544).
E-mail Proxy's will also be accepted.

