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PACI AUDITORIUM (3rd Floor) - LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

0830-0900 coffee

0900-0915 - Opening Remarks

0915-1000 – The Future Security Environment

Dr. Peter Gizewski, Strategic Analyst, DRDC (Kingston Office at Royal Military College)

1000-1045 – The Evolving Approach to Operations with Civilian Agencies

Dr. Mike Rostek, Associate Professor, Royal Military College

1045-1100 - Coffee Break

1100-1145 – Military and Civilian Medical Treatment Cooperation in Haiti

Major Trevor Bradshaw, Canadian Forces Health Services

1145-1300 - Lunch

1300-1345 – UN Peacekeeping and Recovery Efforts in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Lieutenant-Commander Shekhar Gothi, Executive Assistant NAVRESHQ

1345-1400 – Coffee Break

1400-1445 – Canadian Forces Experiences in Afghanistan

Lieutenant-Colonel Geoff Abthorpe, Commanding Officer Lake Superior Scottish Regiment

1445-1500 Closing Remarks

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

SPEAKERS BIOS

Lieutenant-Colonel Geoff Abthorpe was born in Thunder Bay and began his military career with the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment as a Private. He transferred to the Regular Force as an Infantry Officer in 1989 to undertake studies at the Royal Military College. Upon commissioning in 1993, he was posted to the Second Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment. Lieutenant-Colonel Abthorpe's Regimental Employment includes service with 1 RCR, 2 RCR, and 3 RCR. His operational experience includes employment as a Rifle Platoon Commander during the RCD Battle Group deployment on UNPROFOR 94/95 and as the Bravo Company Commander for the 1 RCR Battle Group in Afghanistan where he commanded a combat team with TF 3-06. He has also worked with the US Marine Corps on amphibious exercises and conducted a number of key trials of equipment for the Canadian Army. While commanding Bravo Company in Afghanistan in 06/07, he earned a Task Force Commander Commendation and a Meritorious Service Medal for his actions in combat. Lieutenant Colonel Abthorpe's formal education includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Commerce) from RMC and a Master's of Science Degree in the Art and Science of Warfare from the Pakistan Command and Staff College in Quetta, Pakistan. He recently completed the Canadian Security Studies Program at Command and Staff College, Toronto.

Major Trevor Bradshaw graduated with a Nursing Diploma from St. Lawrence College in 1989, joining the Canadian Forces in March of 1991 after working in a tertiary hospital in Halifax, NS. In the past 21 years, he has been posted to multiple locations including Halifax, Petawawa, Edmonton, and Ottawa. In-garrison jobs have ranged from General Ward Nurse to Officer Commanding Treatment Company to his current job as Primary Care Services Manager at CF Health Services Centre Ottawa. At the University of Ottawa, Major Bradshaw completed his BScN in 2004 and a MScN in 2007, with his thesis on CF Deployed Nursing Officers and Moral Distress: A grounded theory approach. Major Bradshaw has undertaken National operations in the 1997 Winnipeg flood, peacekeeping (Bosnia 2000), combat (Afghanistan 2008), and humanitarian (Haiti 2010). The latter two were in command positions. In Afghanistan, he was the Officer Commanding In-Patient Services. In Haiti, he was the 2IC of all Clinical Services in the Field Hospital located in Léogane.

Peter J. Gizewski is a Senior Defence Scientist with Defence Research and Development Canada's Center for Operational Research and Analysis. Gizewski has served as Strategic Analyst to the Land Staff since November 2002. He was educated at the University of Toronto (Trinity College) and Columbia University where he was a MacArthur Fellow in Conflict, Peace and Security and a Department of National Defence Fellow in Military and Strategic Studies. In his 20-year career as a policy analyst, Mr. Gizewski has worked for a number of government agencies (DFAIT, CIA), think tanks (Canadian Centre for Global Security) and in academia (UoT, York University) both in Canada and the United States. Gizewski's areas of interest and expertise include US and Canadian foreign and defence policy, arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament (nuclear, chemical and biological weapons), South Asian Security affairs and the environmental and the demographic sources of conflict. His recent publications include a study of the Future Security Environment and its Implications for Canada's Army, and works examining the prospects for the creation of a more Comprehensive Approach to Military Operations (with Dr. Michael Rostek).

SPEAKERS BIOS

Lieutenant-Commander Shekhar Gothi joined the Naval Reserve in 1995 as a Maritime Surface Officer at HMCS GRIFFON in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Over the following 13 years he served in various HMC Ships and held shore billets in Esquimalt, Thunder Bay, and Hamilton. In 2008 LCdr Gothi was deployed on peacekeeping operations to Sudan. During his deployment, he coordinated the Ceasefire Joint Military Committee, which dealt with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Sudan Armed Forces and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army/Movement. On return to Canada he was posted to Joint Task Force Central Headquarters in Toronto as the Assistant Chief of Operations—Plans. In August 2009 LCdr Gothi deployed to Haiti on peacekeeping operations with the UN. He served as a planner in the operations branch, and then as a Coordinator for the mission's Military Chief of Staff. LCdr Gothi assisted in the recovery effort for over two months following the devastating January 2010 earthquake. On return to Canada, he resumed duties at Joint Task Force Canada in support of the G8/G20 Summits and later took command of HMCS STAR. He presently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Naval Reserve in Québec City. LCdr Gothi holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and baccalaureates in Business Administration and Political Science.

Dr. Mike Rostek (Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret), CD, Ph.D.) joined the Canadian Forces in 1979 by way of Le Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean. In 1984, he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a Bachelor of Arts (Commerce) and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Upon completion of armoured training he became a member of The Royal Canadian Dragoons stationed in Lahr, West Germany. After various command, staff and training appointments he moved to academia with his 32 year military career culminating in the completion of his doctorate while leading a research team studying the future strategic direction of the Canadian Army. Besides his Doctorate (War Studies), Royal Military College of Canada, he holds two Master's degrees – a Master's of Management in Defence Studies, University of Canberra, Australia and a Master's of Arts (Defence Management and Policy), Royal Military College of Canada. He is currently employed as the Executive Director of the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada and is an Adjunct Professor at the Royal Military College of Canada and Queen's University, Kingston.

This event is a joint initiative between Lakehead University's Department of History, the Thunder Bay Branch of the Canadian International Council, HMCS Griffon and the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment. The organization of this symposium was not possible without the work of Lieutenant (N) Bill King (HMCS Griffon), Gloria M. Kelly (National Defence Public Affairs Office), Major David Ratz (LSSR), and Dr. Michel S. Beaulieu (Department of History, Lakehead University).