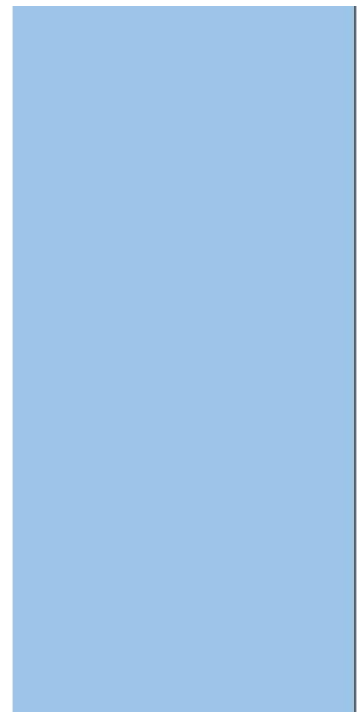


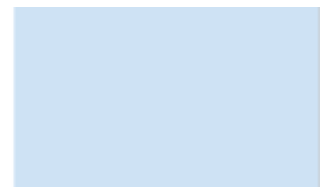
THE LOGISTICIAN

Special October edition

October 2021



In This Edition



- Royal Canadian Logistics Service Colonel Commandant Change of Appointment
- Making the most of your RCLSI
- RCLS Bursary Winners - 2021

- Announcing the 2021 Logician of the Year competition
- Announcing the 2021 Lieutenant-General Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition



Contact us

[Secretariat email](#)

Postal Address:

Royal Canadian Logistics Service Secretariat

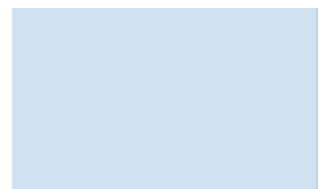
National Defense Headquarters (Carling Campus)

101 Colonel By Drive

Ottawa, ON

K1A 0K2

Royal Canadian Logistics Service Colonel Commandant Change of Appointment





1 - MGen Goodyear presents Cmdre (Ret'd) Bisson with the RCLS Naval Officer's Sword. Photo credit: Cpl Jeff Smith, NCR Imaging Services - CFSG(O-G)

By RCLS I/A team

It is with deep pride that we announce the appointment of Commodore (Ret'd) Lynn Bisson as the new Colonel Commandant of the RCLS. On 6 Oct 21, a change of appointment ceremony took place at Carling Campus in Ottawa under the supervision of MGen R.W. Goodyear, Chief of Financial Management and with most of the General Officer / Flag Officer Logistics Leadership in attendance. A long standing and proud member of the Logistics Branch, Cmdre (Ret'd) Bisson enjoyed a distinguished 26 year career with the Royal Canadian Navy sailing on both coast onboard HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC and HMCS ALGONQUIN as Supply Officer. During these two postings, she participated in numerous Task Group exercises and operations, including Operation Sharp Guard and Operation Apollo. Throughout her career, she served in a multitude of staff positions including Material Supply Group Officer, Supply Administrative Control Officer, NATO Financial Arrangements, J4 Financial Coordination Center, J4 International Planning Cell and Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Corporate Services). Her back to back Commands, first in the rank of Commander responsible for the Formation Logistics in Halifax and subsequently as a Captain (N) assuming the command of the Canadian Forces Support Unit Ottawa were her personal career highlights. Upon completion of her command tour, she was posted as the Director General Compensation and Benefits. Subsequently, she was appointed Assistant Chief of Military Personnel and held the position until her retirement. Cmdre Bisson is thrilled to be taking on this new role and is looking forward to meeting Logistics personnel and participating in the vibrant and evolving Logistics Community.

The RCLS would also like to offer sincere thanks to the outgoing Colonel Commandant MGen (Ret'd) Mark McQuillan. MGen (Ret'd) McQuillan served the Logistics Service with distinction in a career spanning almost 36 years. A vocal advocate for Logistics, he served as Commander of the former Canadian Operational Support Command when the presence of strong logistics was crucial to

operational success. Since his appointment to Colonel Commandant MGen (Ret'd) McQuillan has been a consistent presence at units and training establishments across the country and a force behind the revitalization of the Logistics Fund and recognition of excellent among Logistics personnel. Perhaps most notable, he was one of the driving forces behind the planning and execution of the events for the Logistics Branch 50th anniversary in 2018. In honor of MGen (Ret'd) McQuillan's many years of service to the RCLS, a cheque of \$1000.00 was presented in his name to Quinte Youth Unlimited (YFC), a local charity that invests in the youth of Belleville and the surrounding Quinte region. On behalf of the almost 16,000 members of the RCLS, we thank MGen (Ret'd) McQuillan for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well on all his future endeavors.

Servitium Nulli Secundus!



2 - Outgoing RCLS Col Cmdt, MGen (Ret'd) Mark McQuillan addresses the crowd in his last speech as Col Cmdt. Photo credit: Cpl Jeff Smith, NCR Imaging Services - CFSG(O-G)

What is a Colonel Commandant???

The term Colonel Commandant goes back to at least the mid-1700s when it was an active service appointment used to denote those who commanded brigades, depots and training establishments or to identify a Senior Colonel who had authority over other Colonels. Predominantly used in Commonwealth countries and the United States, it remained an active service position until around the end of WWII when the post-world war realities dictated a change in the way militaries were organized.

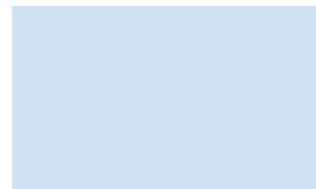
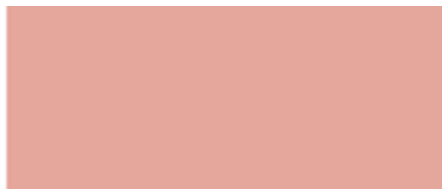
Today, Colonel Commandants are honorary appointments who act as advocates for military members and advisors on non-operational policy matters. Each branch within the Canadian Armed Forces is entitled to at least one Colonel Commandant as is the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. Appointments to Colonel Commandant is restricted to former officers of the CAF, who have been drawn from the respective branch and typically held the rank of Colonel or higher upon retirement. As an important means of connecting citizens to the military and fostering esprit de corps within a branch, Colonel Commandants are a driving force behind branch charities, memorials and the guarding of branch traditions and history. The tenure of appointment of a Colonel Commandant will

normally be for three years though extensions longer than that may be granted at the discretion of the CDS.



3 - From left to right: MGen (Ret'd) McQuillan, MGen Goodyear, and Cmdre (Ret'd) Bisson sign the RCLS Col Cmdt certificates.
Cpl Jeff Smith, NCR Imaging Services - CFSG(O-G)

Making the most of your RCLSI



By RCLS I/A team

Now that summer and APS 21 are complete, it is an excellent time to reintroduce you all to some of the services we offer to our 15,000 personnel in all corners of the country and abroad. There seems to be a lot of questions on process of late so we hope that this bulletin will benefit anyone in the Logistics community that displays interest in any of these items.

1 – Royal Canadian Logistics Service Fund

Open to all Regular, Reserve, and retired members of the Logistics community, the RCLS Fund is a voluntary membership. The objectives of this fund are wide ranging and include promoting branch morale, cohesiveness and identity, increasing understanding of CAF Logistics issues and promoting Branch excellence, education and innovation. Funded mostly through membership dues and CANEX Revenue, the RCLS fund provides money for an annual essay competition, bursary programs, activity grants for regional Logistics events and member recognition through Coins, Medallions and other H&A

mechanisms. Further information about the RCLS Fund including monthly dues and how to register may be found at the link below:

[RCLS Fund \(mil.ca\)](#)

2 – Retirement Certificates

A Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to all members (and their spouse, when applicable) of the RCLS who have completed 10 or more years of service upon release from the Canadian Armed Forces. Given the size of the Logistics community and the sheer number of requests received, DWD Coordinators should request this document NLT 30 days prior to any DWD ceremony. Arrival of Certificates received within the 30 day period are not guaranteed for arrival by the date requested by the DWD Coordinator. Further information including the SharePoint link for requests may be found at the link below:

[Royal Canadian Logistics Service Integrator \(RCLS\) : Secretariat \(mil.ca\)](#)

3 - Retirement Messages

All retiring RCLS members are eligible to have their retirement message published on the RCLS website and distributed to the RCLS community regardless of years of service. Regular Force members transferring to the Primary Reserve can have their retirement message published then as well as on their retirement from the Primary Reserve if they so desire. Retirement message requests must be submitted by the Depart with Dignity (DWD) coordinator or the member themselves NLT 30 days prior to DWD ceremony date. Requests received within this 30 day period are not guaranteed for timely distribution. Further information including the request process may be found at the link below:

[Royal Canadian Logistics Service Integrator \(RCLS\) : Secretariat \(mil.ca\)](#)

4 – Passing of a Member of the RCLS Community

In the unfortunate event of the passing of an RCLS member, a notice will be promulgated throughout the community so that memories may be shared and that a life of service to the RCLS may be recognized. All Regular, Reserve and retired members of the Logistics Community are eligible for this

notice of remembrance. This information will be distributed to currently serving RCLS members by email and posted on our public RCLS Facebook page. The Royal Canadian Logistics Service Association (RCLSA) will manage and distribute the information through their website as well. Further information including the request form may be found at the link below:

[final--digital-passing-of-rcls-member-form.pdf \(mil.ca\)](#)

5 – Retirement Long Service Medallion

If a member has more than 30 years of service in the CAF and at least 15 years of service in the RCLS, the member will receive a custom engraved retirement medallion. The medallion is provided automatically with any certificate request where the member meets this qualification. The Medallion should be requested by the DWD Coordinator NLT 30 days prior to any DWD ceremony. Medallions requested within the 30 day time period are not guaranteed for delivery by the requested date. Although the request for a medallion is an automatic process for eligible members, DWD Coordinators are asked to highlight the request with confirmation of eligibility in the Remarks / Special Instructions field. Further information including the SharePoint link for requests may be found at the link below:

[rcls-directive-4-005--retirements.pdf \(mil.ca\)](#)

6 – Honours and Awards

Having long ago realized that our people are our greatest asset, The Royal Canadian Logistics Service is committed to rewarding exceptional performers whom by their actions have performed a deed or activity that is of benefit to Canada, the CAF and the RCLS. Given the wide range of environments that Logisticians work in, there are multiple levels of award opportunities depending on the level of complexity, threats and impact of the task(s) performed. These levels within the RCLS are at sub-para a-f. Details on eligibility, nomination deadlines and nomination process may be found at the link below:

- a. Royal Canadian Logistics Service Commendation;
- b. Order of Fellow Logisticians;
- c. Royal Canadian Logistics Service Medallion of Excellence;
- d. Royal Canadian Logistics Service Coin;

- e. Occupation Coins; and
- f. Logistician of the Year.

[Royal Canadian Logistics Service Integrator \(RCLSI\) : Secretariat \(mil.ca\)](#)

7 – Communications Strategy

We are always looking for feedback from our members and love to hear about the activities in our Logistics Community. Have you ever considered writing an article to be seen by a 15,000 member community? Try your hand at article writing for the Logistician Newsletter! Newsletters are published four times a year with bulletins, email notifications and notices interspersed in between. Details on submission requirements for our newsletter may be found at the link below.

[Royal Canadian Logistics Service Integrator \(RCLSI\) : Secretariat \(mil.ca\)](#)

Become Facebook friends with the RCLSI!

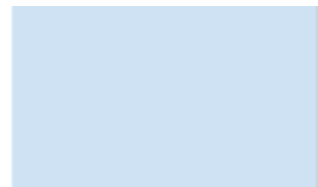
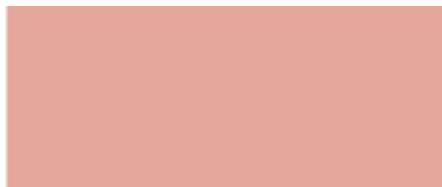
[\(20+\) Royal Canadian Logistics Service / Service royal de la logistique du Canada | Facebook](#)

Should you wish to get in touch with us, we love to communicate by email to! Given the high volume of requests and correspondence to this email box, standard response time can be up to three working days.

++RCLS Secretariat - Secrétariat du SRLC@SJS RCLS@Ottawa-Hull

RCLSsecretariat-SecretariatduSRLC@forces.gc.ca

What's new?



RCLS Bursary Winners - 2021

This year the Royal Canadian Logistics Service awarded five \$1,000 bursaries to deserving dependents of serving RCLS fund members. An additional \$1000 bursary was funded by the Canadian Forces Logistics. This year the RCLSI received 37 valid applications. All applications were incredibly strong and the competition fierce. Congratulations to all who applied, and we look forward to reviewing more outstanding submissions next year. More information about RCLS Bursaries can be found at the [RCLS Website](#).

The winners of the 2021 RCLS Bursary competition are:

- Annicka Culhane, daughter of Maj David Culhane, Ottawa, ON;
- Rebecca McDonald, daughter of Maj Anthony McDonald, Oromocto, NB;
- Niall Sendemir, son of 2Lt Sinan Sendemir, Esquimalt, BC
- Kusum Sharma, daughter of Avr Baikuntha Poudel, Ottawa, ON;
- Mathilde Simard-Lejeune, daughter of MCpl Isabelle Bruneau, Alma, QC; and
- Hong-Li Wang, son of Avr. Chen Yu Ying, Montréal, QC.



4 - 2Lt Sinan Sendemir on behalf of his son Niall Sendemir with LCdr Cameron Evelyn Base Comptroller, CFB Esquimalt, BC



5 - Kusum Sharma, daughter of Avr Baikuntha Poudel with MGen Goodyear Ottawa, ON

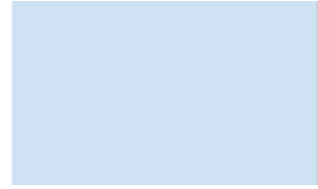


6 - Annicka Culhane, daughter of Maj David Culhane with John Page, Ottawa, ON



7 - Avr. Chen Yu Ying on behalf of her son Hong-Li Wang with Cdr Andrew Cauty CO 25 CFSD and CWO Dave Gosselin, Montréal, QC.

Announcing the 2021 Logistician of the Year competition



By RCLS I/A team

Each year, a junior officer and a junior non-commissioned member (NCM) of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) will be recognized as exemplary members of the Branch. Nominations may be based on a specific act or event, or on overall performance in the delivery of quality services to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Logisticians of the Year will also be granted RCLS Honorary Executive Membership status, which will allow them to receive inside information on the Branch as contained in status reports, news releases, etc. An official portrait with a short biography of the recipients will be posted on the RCLS website and ultimately, this status will allow the RCLS Logisticians of the Year to represent the leadership of the Branch as guests of honour during related activities.

Administrative points:

- a. Eligibility. All active members of the RCLS, regular and reserve force, at the ranks of Pte to MCpl and S/lt to Capt, as of November 1st of the year of submission;
- b. Reporting Period. Only the year preceding the submission must be used in support of the narrative. More specifically, the period covered by the narrative is November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the year of submission;
- c. Narrative. The narrative must not exceed 500 words. A Military Personnel Record Summary (MPRR) must be submitted along with any other supporting documents (recent course reports, appreciation letters, etc.). The narrative in support of a recommendation must contain a record of the person's accomplishments, including a full description of any event that gave rise to the recommendation, the degree of dedication of the person (with supporting examples), and any other information deemed relevant. A citation of up to 30 words summarizing the narrative must also be submitted;
- d. Endorsement. All nominations for the RCLS Logisticians of the Year must be reviewed and approved by the member's Commanding Officer (Annex A) prior to transmission to the RCLS Secretariat; and

e. Transmitting Submissions. Nominations must be received by the RCLS Secretariat no later than November 19th of this year. Please note, the submission deadline this year differs from Directive Vol 4, 4-004. Please submit via encrypted email (Entrust) at:

++RCLS Secretariat - Secrétariat du SRLC@SJS RCLS@Ottawa-Hull

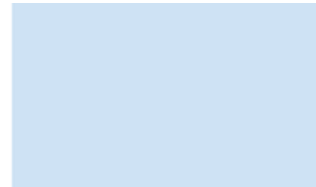
RCLSSecretariat-SecretariatduSRLC@forces.gc.ca

Nomination deadline: NLT 19 November 2021

[Directive Vol 4, 4-004](#) (PDF, 204 KB)

[Nomination Form](#) (PDF, 387 KB)

Announcing the 2021 Lieutenant-General Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition



By RCLS I/A team

It is with great pleasure for the Royal Canadian Logistics Service Advisor (RCLS-A) to formally announce the 2021 LGen Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition.

A Logistician for over 40 years, LGen Bill Leach held command and staff appointments at the tactical, operational and strategic levels predominantly in the Supply and Finance disciplines. He served in multiple foreign theatres including Germany and Egypt and was part of the National Joint Staff during the first Gulf War in 1990/91. An Ottawa resident for many years, he served at the Directorate and ADM levels and was selected as the Logistics Branch Advisor in the early 1990s. In 1997, LGen Leach made history as the first Logistician to serve as Chief of Land Staff, an honour which to date has yet to be repeated. His vision and strategic outlook shaped the army at a time of great transition, and many of items he began laid the foundation for combat successes in the years to come. Following his retirement from the CAF in 2000, LGen Leach continued to be a vital member of the Logistics Community acting as Colonel Commandant from 2011 until his death in 2015. It is recognition of his years of service, his strategic vision and his dedication to the Logistics Branch that a Memorial Essay Competition was established in his name.

The LGen Bill Leach Memorial Essay Competition is open to all serving CAF Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) personnel (Regular and Reserve) who are current subscribers to the [RCLS Fund](#). There are two sets of prizes, one open to officers (LCol & below) and another open to NCMs. Each set of prizes includes:

1. 1st Place Prize is up to \$500.00;
2. 2nd Place Prize is up to \$300.00; and
3. 3rd Place Prize is up to \$200.00.

Competitors are to submit an essay between 1,000 and 3,000 words, and are invited to write on any topic that pertains to the RCLS, such as history, doctrine, training, leadership, lessons learned, exercises and operations. Participants must complete the Annex A of the directive (link below) and submit an essay in either official language of Canada. Details on scoring criteria and format can be found at the following link: [Directive Vol 4, 4-003](#).

As an amendment to this year's competition, all submissions are to be original works specifically written for this competition. No papers written for other courses or programs are to be used. Directive Vol 4, 4-003 is currently being reviewed and will reflect the evolving changes to this competition. Further information on the Board Composition, Scoring Criteria and Timelines may also be found at the Directive Vol4, 4-003 link.

Essay submissions will be accepted electronically or by regular mail. Please submit a completed [Annex A](#) of the application form, along with your essay in **PDF** format no later than **15 December, 2021** via e-mail or regular mail (expect delay) to:

Intranet:

++RCLS Secretariat - Secrétariat du SRLC@SJS RCLS@Ottawa-Hull;

Internet:

RCLSsecretariat-SecretariatduSRLC@forces.gc.ca; or

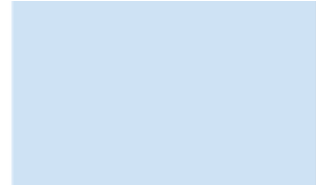
Royal Canadian Logistics Service Secretariat

National Defence Headquarters

101 Colonel By Drive – Carling Campus

Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2

The Royal Canadian Logistics Service Newsletter - Staying Connected



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the RCLS Newsletter. As we continue to support you, we would love to hear from you. Your text of no more than 400 words must be submitted to us in both official languages before the submission deadline. Although we encourage the writing of individual articles at the lowest level, agreement and verification of the chain of command should be obtained in order to ensure that the message conveyed is in line with the latter's expectations. Be sure to include high-resolution photos with the names of the people in the photo(s) as well as those who took them. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at [RCLSsecretariat-SecretariatduSRLC@forces.gc.ca](mailto:RCLSsecretariat@forces.gc.ca).

[RCLS Facebook page](#)

[RCLS website](#) (DWAN Only)

Deadline : 01 December 2021

Next Publication : 15 December 2021