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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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9 April is Vimy Ridge Day

30 April is the deadline for filing your income tax. It is also Prime Ministers Harper's birthday. Coincidence?

President's Comments

The official spring season has arrived but it is minus 11 out there. Prince Edward Island just had their worse snow storm in memory. Pity the tree hugger who mention to me about climate warming. EUSI held their 2014 AGM and election of officers on Friday, March 28, 2014, followed by the Board of Directors' meeting. Minutes of the AGM is attached at the end of this newsletter.

The EUSI remains an active organization and our web site recently recorded 1000 plus hit. The planned symposium will proceed as scheduled and we have commitment from Laurie Hawn, three academics as well as Commander Joint Task Force North to be panelist. I am waiting for confirmation from the Chief of Defence Staff and the Minister of Defence.

Due to inadequate number of attendee in the past, the President's Dinner will be suspended indefinitely. The Annual Battle of Britain Dinner will also be renamed to Annual EUSI Dinner. The theme of the dinner will commemorate a significant historical event. This year, the dinner will commemorate the Battle of Panjway, Afghanistan. The Battle of Panjway is the fiercest combat Canadian military engaged in Afghanistan with high casualties, but succeeded in repelling enemy. Despite under immense odds. I am hoping one of the commanders in the battle will accept our invitation as guest speaker. In addition this dinner will also feature Project Heroes. This is a project based in Edmonton, in which portraits of soldiers who gave their lives in Afghanistan are painted, together with their life story will be displayed across Canada.



On May 13, the EUSI & Alberta Education will sponsor students from the S. Bruce Smith School in Edmonton to visit the Military Museum in Calgary. LCol Darrell Paquette (CO 20 Fd Regt RCA) is the Assistant Principal there. Students will be accompanied by veterans on this visit. Any EUSI member interested in this event, please contact Alex Tsang ASAP.

On March 18, I attended the last welcome home event at the Shell Aero-center, Edmonton International Airport. This historical event meant Canada completed the longest military deployment since WWII. Welcome home to all members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Let us also not forgetting the many reporters who risk their lives to keep us up to date on what is happening out there.

The EUSI is only one of a handful of likeminded organizations out there. Most of the other Organizations receive government funding. THE EUSU relies sole on membership dues and private donations. More than 75% of our membership have had their dues expired. Please send in your membership due to Captain John at PO BOX 51058 (RPO Highlands), Edmonton AB. T5W 5G5. It is still \$25.00 per year. If your are unsure you are paid up, send in your check for \$25.00 and John will update your due date accordingly.

To D-Day Veterans:

Veterans Affairs Canada advises of its plans for this year's 70th Anniversary visit to Normandy at:

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/second-world-war/d-day>

If you have been considering travelling to Normandy this June for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, **you should be aware that Veterans Affairs in now offering an opportunity for a limited number of veterans and companion to travel to France and return aboard Service Air from Ottawa 4-9 June 2014.**

If you wish to be considered for this opportunity, you must immediately submit the Application Form at:

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/second-world-war/d-day/travel-assistance>

Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal

Are there any Korean War Veterans out there? If you served in Korean War, you may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to Canadian service men and women who served in the Korean War. The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to 4

South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honour has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel long journey to Korea.

Criteria:

1. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.
2. The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in Canada. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.
3. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members have to complete the application form. Application form is available on the Embassy Website: <http://can-ottawa.mofa.go.kr/english/am/can-ottawa/main/index.jsp> Veterans need to provide a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purpose.
4. Please send your completed application form to the Defence Attaché Office, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Ottawa (150 Boteler Street, Ottawa, ON. K1N 5A6). If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Defence Attaché Office at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea at TEL 613-244-5027, FAX 613-244-5034 or email at defenceaide@koreanembassy.ca



The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave once her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Forestburg Cenotaph



HUMOUR

A British Army colonel was reviewing the troops in colonial India. One man he passed sported an enormous erection.

"Sergeant-Major!" the colonel shouted. "Give this man 30 days compassionate home leave."

"Yes Sir," the Sgt. Major replied.

A few months later the same thing occurred with the same man.

"Sergeant-Major! Give this man another 30 days compassionate home leave," the Colonel barked.

A few months later, same guy, same problem.

The Colonel is angry. "Sergeant-Major! Haven't we given this man two compassionate home leaves?"

"Yes Sir," the Sgt. Major replies.

"Then what's his problem, Sgt. Major?" the Colonel asks.

The Sgt. Major salutes and says, "Sir. It's you he's fond of."



Get trained!



What's Out There?

Type 052C (Luyang-II Class) Missile Destroyer (China)

Based on the hull design of the Type 052B (Luyang class) multirole destroyer, the Type 052C features an indigenously developed four-array multifunction phased array radar (PAR) similar to the Aegis AN/SPY-1 equipped by the U.S. Arleigh Burke class and Japanese Kongo class DDG. The ship is also armed with the indigenous HQ-9 air defence missile system, which is believed to be comparable to the Russian S-300F/Rif in performance, and the newly developed YingJi-62 (C-602) anti-ship cruise missile (ASCM).



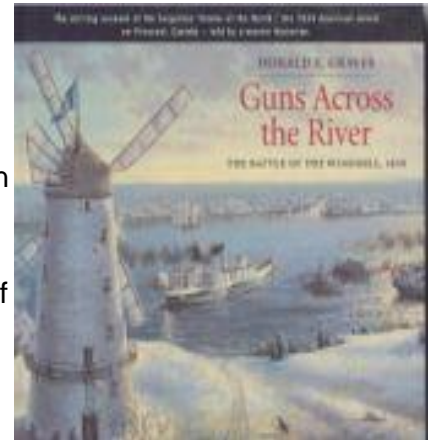
CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Guns Across the River - The Battle of the Windmill, 1838

Donald E. Graves

The stirring account of the forgotten "Alamo of the North," the 1838 American attack on Prescott, Canada . . . told by a master historian.

In 1838, seeing political turbulence in Canada as an opportunity, members of a clandestine American organization, the Patriot Hunters, launched a series of attacks across the international border. The Hunters hoped to duplicate the success of the Texas rebellion two years before when their heroes Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie fought to establish a republic in northern Mexico.



The most ambitious Hunter attack was launched in November 1838 when a force of more than 500 armed men, commanded by a European soldier of fortune, set out from northern New York in a flotilla of chartered and hijacked vessels. Avoiding the naval and military forces of two nations, they occupied a stone windmill near Prescott, Ontario, confident that Canadians would rally to their standard.

Their hopes were doomed. After five days of heavy fighting, British regulars and Canadian militia captured this "Alamo of the North" and those invaders who survived were imprisoned in Fort Henry at Kingston and tried by a court martial.



Canadian Gear



HMCS
ATHABASKAN
area air defense destroyer (DDG)

We Fight as One

SHIP STATS: Displacement: 5,100 tonnes
Length: 130 m Beam: 15 m
Speed: 29+ knots

Aircraft: 1 CH124 Sea King
Complement: 300 sailors

The image shows the HMCS Athabaskan (DDG 282) at sea. The ship is white with a blue hull. The number 282 is visible on the side. The ship is equipped with various radar and communication equipment. The background is a blue sky and sea. The text 'HMCS ATHABASKAN area air defense destroyer (DDG)' is in the top left. The slogan 'We Fight as One' is in the middle right. The ship stats are in the bottom left, and the aircraft and complement information are in the bottom right.



Canadian Uniforms

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The Minutes of the 2014 AGM is attached below

United Services Institute – 2014 Annual general Meeting – Minutes

1. The 2014 EUSI AGM was held on Friday, March Edmonton 28 2014 at 1200 Hours at the Ramada Hotel in Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton.
2. Seventeen members and guests attend the meeting.
3. President's Report. - Alex gave an overview of the activities conducted on behalf of EUSI. Notably, he attended all of the troops returning ceremony as well as ceremonies commemorating the end of Canadian military deployment in Afghanistan. The EUSI monthly ENews continue to be published monthly plus periodical notices to members regarding significant events. Among the distribution list of the EUSI ENews are the RAUSI in Calgary and the RUSI Vancouver. The Message Centre (an information distribution centre for current and former military members) out of Vancouver also receives the ENews monthly. The Edmonton United Services Institute Face Book entry recently recorded 1079 hit. This means that in addition to EUSI members, we are also reaching out to other readers. Alex will continue to expand the EUSI network and to build closer working relationship with other USI branches.
4. Treasurers' Report. Ian provided an audited financial report ending December 31, 2013. A motion was moved to adopt the report as presented and the motion was passed. We are in a healthy financial situation and will be able to continue to support planned projects in the coming year.
5. Membership Report. John provided a list of current members. We have gained a number of new members. However, it was noted many among the membership have membership due expired. John will follow up with this. Alex will also remind members on the next issue of ENews.
6. Alex provided an update on Colin's current medical health. Colin's undergoing round No. 3 of chemo-therapy. This means he is reacting well to treatment and the aim of the therapy is to keep his condition in remission. Colin sends his regards is fine with telephone contacts at this point.
7. PPCLI Centennial celebrations. – Capt Grant Cree has been appointed the main media person for the PPCLI Centennial celebration, which has many events occurring in Edmonton and in the rest of the country. Notably is the Freedom of City Parade in Edmonton on May 23, 2014. For details of the various events, check out PPCLI.ca

8. Election of Officers. All executive officer were acclaimed. Other board of Directors also will continue to serve in their current capacity, as follows:

- a. President – Maj. Alexander Tsang, CD
- b. Vice President – LCol. Hans Brink
- c. Treasurer – Col. Ian Taylor
- d. Membership- Capt. John Pinsent
- e. Secretary – Mrs. Kim Whitley
- f. Military Liaison – Capt. Grant Cree
- g. Social Media – Ms. Shannon Berry
- h. Public relations – Ms. Tera Ferris
- i. Director – Capt. Robert Whitley
- j. Director – Mr. Joe Zasada
- k. Director – Lt. LeRoi Lafleche
- l. Director – Lt. Gordon Smith
- m. Director - Capt. Jason Pascoe, Anzac centennial celebration committee.
- n. Director Emeritus – Mrs. Virginia Carlson
- o. Director Emeritus – Lt John Debruin

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Meeting adjourned at 1330 hrs with Board of Directors meeting immediately following.

Alexander Tsang CD

President, EUSI