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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comment

The fall colour seems to arrive earlier than usual. The trees along 97th Street in Edmonton, just outside the former Griesbach Barracks has a beautiful colour mixture of red, yellow, and still a little bit of green. This, against the backdrop of the sunset in the evening is attracting many photographers trying to capture the beauty of the fading summer. Some will lament on the end of summer, but many will look forward to Thanksgiving and the family gathering with the turkey dinner and pumpkin pies. Such is the nature of life. Some of EUSI members are aware that our former President, LCol Colin Reichle is gravely ill. He is now in palliative care. Let's keep him in our prayers.

The Battle of Panjwahi Dinner was a success. There were 87 Guests attended and we raised almost \$5000.00 for Project Heroes. Thanks to our guest speaker, LCol Nick Grimshaw and EUSI members, Tara Ferris, Hans Brink, Joe Zasada, Margaret Day and John Pinsent, who canvassed merchandise donors and ran the silent auction.

Tara was the recipient of the EUSI Award and gift certificate for advancing the cause of EUSI.

Last Post

Capt Peter M.F. Preston, June 7, 1924 – August 27, 2014, was a member of EUSI for more than 30 years. He served in the Royal Navy during WW II. After immigrated to Canada in 1951, he served in the RCAF, as well as in the Militia medical corp. Capt Preston was the recipient of the Canadian Decoration and the Order of St. John medal. Peter, thank you for having served Canada.





The Soldiers's Prayer



God of my fathers! guide my way
Amidst the Battle's fierce alarms;
Grant me to see, this dreadful day,
The triumph of my Country's arms.
Yet not my will, but thine be done,
If thy high wisdom doom my fall,
Tho' short the race of life I've run,
I die content at Duty's call.
Then, if thy grace my prayer accord,
Th' expression of my parting breath,
Grateful, I'll bless thy goodness, Lord!
And smile amidst the pangs of Death.
"May my transgressions of thy will
Find mercy thro' my Saviour's name!
May my lov'd Country, freed from ill,
Long flourish in unbounded fame!"

Chippawa Battlefield Memorial



HUMOUR

An air force officer goes to heaven and at the gate St Peter asks him if he has ever done anything in his life that he believes makes him worthy of admittance to heaven. The officer flyboy replies; yes, I once went into a bar with four of my pilot friends and saw two Sappers harassing a young girl at the bar, so being a gentleman I went up to the biggest one and told him to leave this young lady alone. When he refused I told him again more forcefully. This time I slapped him across the face and told him to stand down. St Peter said this was a very good thing to do and asked when the pilot did this great act. The pilot replied; about 5 minutes ago! My friends should be here shortly!



UNITED NATIONS DAY – 24th October

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, as which "shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United nations and to gaining their support for" its work

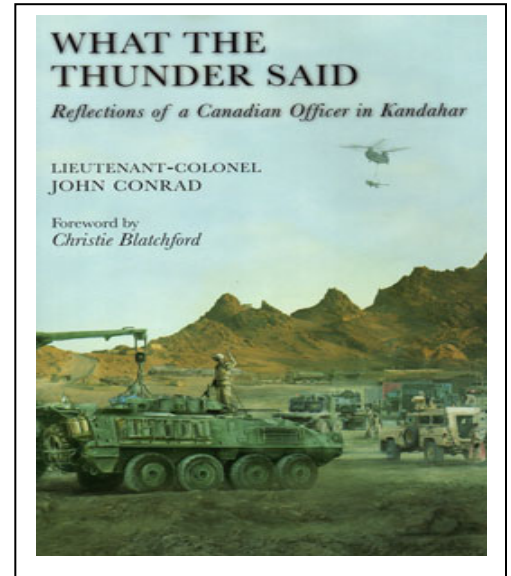


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

WHAT THE THUNDER SAID: REFLECTIONS OF A CANADIAN OFFICER IN KANDAHAR

John Conrad

By February 2006, the focus of Canada's military effort in Afghanistan had traversed from the relatively stable central region of Kabul to Kandahar province as the Canadian-led Multinational Brigade conducted a "relief in place" with the US 173 Airborne Task Force Bayonet, and assumed responsibility for the volatile area known as Regional Command South (RC South). Canadian military leadership in Ottawa enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to assume this leadership role within the NATO community, yet from their earliest meetings with their American counterparts at Kandahar Airfield (KAF), it was apparent to the leadership on the ground that this operation was different and much more dangerous than anything in Canada's recent history.



Get trained!



CANADIAN GEAR

CC-115 Buffalo



One of Canada's primary search and rescue (SAR) aircrafts, the CC-115 Buffalo will fly in almost any weather. The agile Buffalo can take off and land on even the most rugged terrain and in areas as short as a soccer field. The short take-off and landing (STOL) capabilities of the CC-115 have kept it in use in the Rocky and Coastal Mountain ranges. At 24 m long, the Buffalo is small enough to service the rough and mountainous terrain on Canada's West Coast.



Threat From Religious Extremists.

The following article is submitted by Maj (ret'd) Georger Ellis.

As you review this article about a terrorist who lived in Canada, you may find it interesting that: This terrorist lived on welfare and theft and that he helped support himself in Canada by going to hotels to steal suitcases from tourists who were not paying attention. This terrorist considers a hotel where conferences are held as a target for sabotage. Other targets include airports, train stations, banks, currency exchanges, large corporations, Communications facilities_etc. Canadian terrorist operations include bank robberies to get money to carry out an operation in America. Terrorists are trained to use cyanide gas in building air intakes to kill the building occupants. Terrorists are trained to smear poison on door handles to infiltrate the body to kill someone. Terrorists are trained to manufacture a number of different explosives.

Please review the information in the following link which you will find is a real eye-opener. We're not talking about somewhere else here. This has been happening in Canada for a long time now.

An interesting link from Inspector Chris Butler, Calgary Police Services

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/trail/inside/testimony.html>

(press Ctrl and click on the link to read the interview with the terrorist who turned State witness)



EUSI Symposium – Saturday, October 18, 2014 at the Ramada Hotel in Edmonton Kingsway. Starting promptly at 0830 hrs.

All EUSI members are invited along with your guests to come for breakfast and then attend the symposium on Threats against Canada's northern land and marine sovereignty. As of last week, the threat has included threat against Canadian air space (not included in discussion in the symposium). Our panel guests include the Deputy Commander of Canadian Joint Operations, Commander of Joint Task Force North, Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of National Defence, former F18 pilot, Laurie Hawn, MP, famed defence expert, Dr. Robert Hubert of University Calgary, Dr. Jean-Christophe Boucher, and international constitution expert, Joe Howard. Breakfast is at 0800 hrs, with program starts promptly at 0830 hrs. Given the situation in Ukraine and other eastern European counties, the accessibility of the northern passages, you should know more about Canadian policies and strategies in dealing with our increasingly nationalistic and extremist world of today.

**INVITATION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS ATTACHED BELOW . YOU ARE WELCOME TO
REPRODUCE THE INVITATION AND DISPLAY AT YOUR UNIT LINES, OFFICES, OR WORK PLACE
AS YOU SEE FIT.**

IT IS TOO LATE TO SHARPEN SWORDS, WHEN THE DRUMS OF WAR ARE BEATING



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Cordially invites you to attend the 2014 Symposium on Threat to Canada's Northern Land and Marine Sovereignty.

To be held at

The Ramada Hotel

11834 – Kingsway, Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta

0800 AM

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Cost: There is no admission cost

Breakfast: Will be served at 0800 hours, with the speech starting promptly at 0830 hours

Panelists: Mr. James Bezan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Major General Christopher Coates, Deputy Commander Continental CJOC, The Honourable Laurie Hawn, MP, Edmonton Central, BGeneral Greg Loos, Commander, Joint Task Force North , Dr. Robert Hubert, Professor, Calgary University, Dr. Christophe-Jean Boucher, Professor, MacEwan University, Mr. Joseph Howard, Military Analysts on International Law and Dispute Resolution.

Mediator: Captain Grant Cree, Journalist and Photographer.

With "Global warming", Canada's northern land and marine territory is becoming more accessible. With both friendly and unfriendly foreign powers posing challenges to our territorial boundaries, this Symposium will examine the underlying economical and resource interests associated with accessing Canada's Northern territories. The symposium will lead discussion on National Defence and Security policies, and strategies in protecting Canadian interests.

The EUSI actively urges attendance by our high school, college, and university students. If you believe that we all share a duty to ensure Canadian resources must be protected and developed responsibly with high regard to preservation of our environment, then come and join us and be part of the solution.

