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**PRESIDENT'S ENEWS**  
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### Presidents' Comment

A Merry Christmas to our friends and family, especially to the men and women in uniforms, serving Canada overseas. I know how hard it is to be away from your family during Christmas time. I was there and I appreciate the sacrifices you and your family made for Canada. Thank you for serving.

This year, it is especially important that we see Christmas as more than a religious rite but symbolic as a pillar against religious fanaticism and terrorism. Let us not leave our French ally stand alone. Let the Trudeau government know we need to do more than just moral support. UK's Chamberlain tried to placate the Nazis and gave in to anti-war activist and failed. It took Churchill's determination not to give in to tyranny to finally restore world peace. Does history not taught us a lesson that one cannot bargain with the devil?

One of the renowned terrorism expert who appeared in many of the EUSI annual symposiums as a panelist, Dr. Christian Leuprecht, recently suggested that the attack on Paris by ISIL is a shift in strategy. "No longer is the militant group just focused on establishing a caliphate in the Sunni heartland in Syria and Iraq, it is turning its lens toward with the aim of inflicting mass civilian casualties abroad." The attack in Paris was well coordinated and likely had high level involvement from ISIL senior leadership. In claiming responsibility for the attack, ISIL's propaganda warned that France and other nations, including Canada, will continue to be targeted. Please be alert and be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded public places this Christmas season.



### President's Year End Report

The EUSI remain active throughout the year 2015. The biggest event this year has been the joint venture with the 700 Wing Association and the Griesbach Royal Air Force Commemoration Society for the erection of the Ad Astra Monument at Griesbach Village. The mess dinner on the Eve of the unveiling of the monument saw a record 230 attendees. All proceeds raised went to the future upkeep of the monument. As a result, EUSI forfeited the annual dinner fund raising event for its operating expenses. The EUSI does not receive any government funding and operates entirely on membership dues and donations. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to EUSI may contact the President, the Treasurer or the Membership Secretary.

The EUSI annual symposium was suspended this year due to the pending election and later the change of government. Hopefully, we will be able to host this high profile event in the fall of 2016. The Board of Directors will meet later this year to canvass symposium topics.

For Remembrance Day, on behalf of EUSI, the Treasurer, Col Taylor laid a wreath at the West Edmonton Mall. The Membership Director, Capt Pinsent laid a wreath at the Butterdome, and the President, Maj. Tsang laid a wreath at the Kingsway Legion. On behalf of the EUSI, a Tim Hortons coffee truck was arranged to serve free coffee at the Legion. Over 1000 cups of coffee and hot chocolate were served and all donations went to the Edmonton Poppy Fund. Thanks to Alex Tsang Jr. for making the arrangements.

Col Taylor, LCol Brinks and Maj Tsang, three of the members of the EUSI are also Alberta Directors for the Last Post Fund. The LPF is a national organization that works with the Veteran Affairs to ensure eligible veterans are given a respectful funeral. If you are aware of a veteran or the family who experienced undue hardship due to the cost of the funeral, please contact LCol Hans Brink for further information..

Finally, the Monthly Enews continue to deliver well researched and sometimes opinionated articles for your reading pleasure. If you have an interesting article or humor you would like to published, please contact the president.



## **NEW YEARS DAY LEVEE**

The EUSI and HMCS NONSUCH will be hosting a New Years Day Levee to be held at HMCS NONSUCH at 11807 Kingsway, Edmonton, starting at 1230 hrs. CPO Terry King, who has more than thirty years experience in concocting the special Navy Moose Milk, will demonstrate his talents for your pleasure. This is a family affair. Invite your friends and family. Official Invitation is attached.



## **ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH**

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?  
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.  
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle  
Can patter out their hasty orisons.  
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;  
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, –  
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;  
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.  
What candles may be held to speed them all?  
Not in the hands of boys but in their eyes  
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.  
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;  
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,  
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.





## HUMOUR

Two drunk fighter pilots are flying in formation.

Leader to W1: "Can you see me?"

W1 to Leader: "No." "Can you see ME?"

Leader to W1: "No."

W1 to Leader: "Cool, now we are stealth fighters."



**Conference of Defence Association Conference on Security and Defence, 18-19 February, 2016 Ottawa.** Below is the proposed agenda for the security conference. If you are interested in attending, please advise Maj. Tsang soonest for security vetting. The EUSI will not be able to sponsor any cost associated with the conference. However, will submit your name for registration. This is a very high level conference. Reserve early if you are interested to attend.

### **"National Security Strategies and the Future of Conflict"**

**Thursday & Friday, 18-19 February 2016, Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Canada**

**Registration is open.**

**For Questions Please Contact: For more information please visit:**

<http://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/events/ottawa-conference>

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### **Day 1 - Thursday, 18 February 2016**

**Opening remarks, Daniel Gosselin, President, CDA Institute, Ferry de Kerckhove, Executive Vice-President, CDA Institute**

- Vimy Paper 26: Strategic Outlook for Canada 2016 -

**Keynote Speakers, The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada (invited)**

**The Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of National Defence (invited)**

**The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs (invited)**

**Dr. Richard Haas, President, Council on Foreign Relations (invited)**

**Dr. Andrew Krepinevich**, President, Centre for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (invited)

### **Ross Munro Media Award**

**Panel 1 Canadian Security and Defence: Policy, Interests, and Culture**, Moderator: **Dr. Roland Paris**, Board of Directors, CDA Institute

**Dr. Joel Sokolsky**, Professor of Political Studies, Royal Military College of Canada , **Dr. Peter Harder**, Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for Research Public Policy (invited), **Dr. Kim Nossal**, Director School of Policy Studies, Queens University

**Luncheon Speaker, Admiral Cecil Haney**, Commander USSTRATCOM (invited)

**Panel 2, Comprehensive Security: Towards Integrated National Security Strategies**, Moderator: TBD

**Jean-Marie Guéhenno**. President and CEO, International Crisis Group (invited), **Brigadier-General Mike Rouleau**, Commander CANSOFCOM (invited), **The Honourable Daniel Lang**, Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

**Panel 3, New Challenges of Conventional Threats**

Moderator: TBD

**Dr. Alexander Moens**, Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute, **Dr. Thomas Nichols**, Course Director for Security Strategy and Forces, US Naval College

**Amanda Paul**, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (invited), **Rune Rosaland**, Director General, Department for Security and the High North, Norway (Invited)

## **-Day 2 Friday, 20 February 2015**

**Opening remarks, Richard Evraire**, Chairman, CDA

**Keynote speakers, General Jonathan Vance**, Chief of the Defence Staff , **Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano**, Chief of the Defence Staff, Japan (invited)

**Lady Olga Maitland**, Founder Defence and Security Forum, United Kingdom, **Dr. Hans-Peter Uhl**, Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, Germany (invited), **Lieutenant-General Miroslaw Rózański**, Commander, General Command, Poland

**Luncheon Speaker, General Joseph Dunford**, US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (invited)

**Panel 4, Terrorism, Non-State Actors, and Conflict Zones**

Moderator: **Dr. Alex Wilner**, MLI Fellow, Assistant Professor at Carleton University

**Yves Brodeur**, Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative, NATO (invited)

**General John Allen (Ret'd)**, Presidential Special Envoy for the Global Coalition Against ISIL (invited)

**Satyamoorthy Kabilan**, Director, National Security Strategic Foresight, Conference Board of Canada (invited)

**Panel 5 , Autonomous Systems and Faceless Conflict**

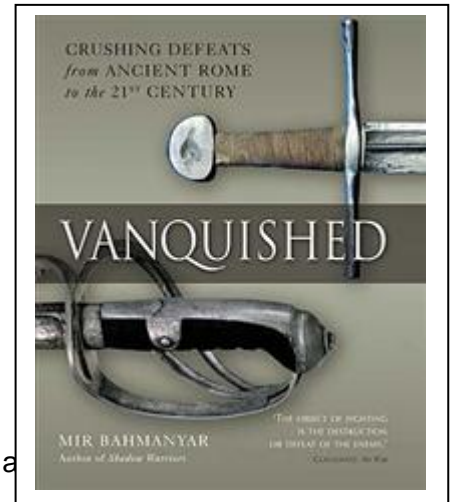
Moderator: **Dr. Stephanie Carvin**, Professor, Carleton University (invited), Brigadier-General **Richard G. Gross**, Legal Counsel to the US Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff (invited), **Dr. Paul T Mitchell**, Director of Academics, Canadian Forces College



## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

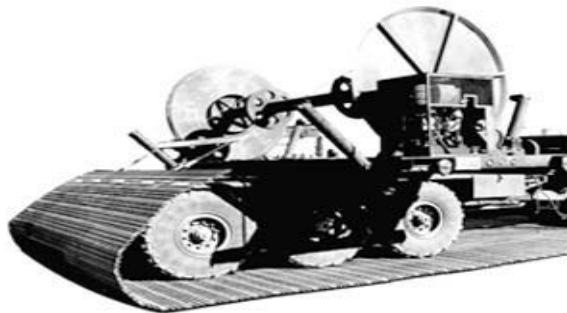
### **Vanquished** **Crushing Defeats from Ancient Rome to the 21st Century**

Throughout time, violent battles and bloody clashes have changed the course of history and shaped nations or empires. Battles of annihilation are rare, but ever since antiquity a stunning victory on the battlefield, even if it has failed to win the war, has captured the imagination. In this book Mir Bahmanyar examines battles of annihilation throughout history, some well known, others less so, but all equally extraordinary, to discover what sets these engagements apart, whether they achieve a decisive strategic advantage in war, and why there are modern times.



## CANADIAN GEAR

### **TRACK WAY LAUNCH AND RECOVERY SYSTEM**



**Canadian Uniform**

The Track Way is a portable road that allows combat vehicles to traverse soft ground without bogging down or damaging the ground. It can be used during amphibious landings, bridge approaches, and to repair runways. The Track Way consists of a number of small panels and hinge sets assembled together to obtain the required length of road. The hinge sets are installed at 10m intervals and allow breaking of the Track Way at different lengths. Using the Track Way Launch and Recovery System (TLARS), up to five sets of track can be carried at one time for a total length of 50m. An unlimited number of track sets can be connected together on the ground.



## What's Out There?

### Hind E (Russia)

The Mi-24 is a close counterpart to the American AH-64 Apache, but unlike this and other Western assault helicopters it is also capable of transporting up to eight troops. The Russians have deployed significant numbers of HINDs in Europe and have exported the HIND to many third world countries.



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SECURITAIRE



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



Major (Retired) Alexander Tsang CD, President

And the Board of Governors of

## **The Edmonton United services Institute**

And

Lieutenant Commander Tim Cusack CD, Commanding Officer

## **HMCS NONSUCH**

Request the Pleasure of Your Company and Your Guests/Family to the

# **New Years Day Levee to welcome the Year 2016 and to sample the Navy Moose Milk**

To be held on

01 January 2016

1230 to 1600 Hrs

At

Naval Base HMCS NONSUCH, 11807, Kingsway Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Dress:** Military - Uniform of the Day Civilians - Business with Medals

**Tariff:** No Charge, Light Lunch Provided, No Host Bar