

## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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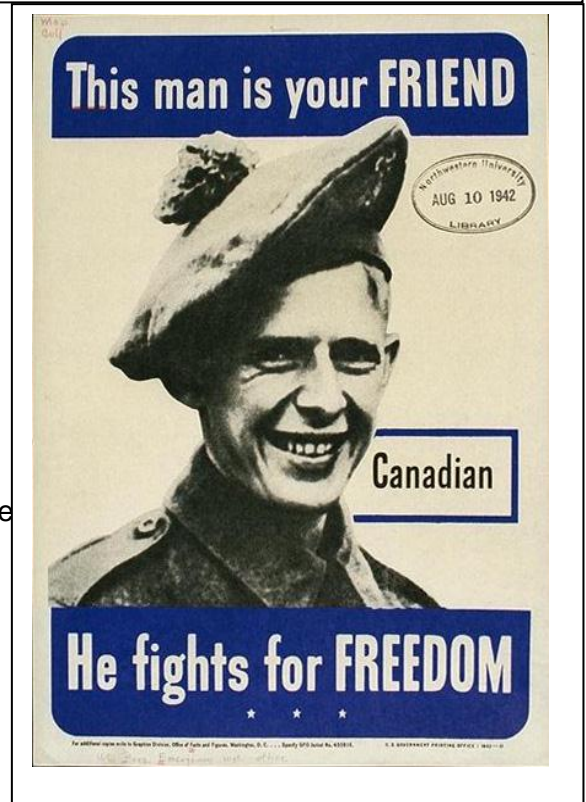
### PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

To all members and friends, Happy New Year and wish you all a prosperous year ahead.

The EUSI has had a very successful and active year. We sponsored high school students for a field trip from Edmonton to visit the Calgary War Museum; we held a mess dinner with high attendance and raised significant amount of funds for Project Heroes; and we hosted a symposium which raised awareness on Canadian sovereignty and security in the north. EUSI, is the founding member of the Edmonton Salutes Committee and have participated in numerous Salutes activities, including the Klondike Day Parade in Edmonton. Finally, we are now a member of the Conference of Defence Association (CDA). With this liaison, EUSI will be part of a national organization again, and be more effective in bringing matters of national defence and security to the rest of Canada.

For those of us who keep abreast of current affairs, you will remember recently the RCMP held a media conference to voice their concerns about Mexican drug gangs setting up shop in Canada. A week later, on December 17, four members of the Mexican Drug gang, La Familia, were arrested in Edmonton and large amount of money, drugs, as well as some very sophisticated weapons were recovered by the RCMP. Also, south of the border, Hollywood movie, "The Interview", had to cancel its premier showing due to compromised "cyber-security" and unspecified threats from North Korea. All of these incidents points to the fact that most of the national security threats against Canada are originated from outside of Canada. The term "national security" is now defined in terms of military threat as well as criminality.

A British "National Best Seller", a book by Misha Glenny, McMafia – A Journey Through The Global Criminal Underworld, Random House Group, Ltd., London, documents the "fast food" growth of international organized crimes. Glenny reported on stated sponsored crimes, or at least uncensored by the government, with proceeds used to finance ideological extremism. I believe Canada must begin to counter these kinds of external threats and take the battle whence it came from.



In the coming year, I believe the world will be more destabilized than before. Canada will not be able to save the rest of the world, especially with the current policy of not to re-inforce our military capability. At least, let Canada be able to have the capability to protect our citizens inside and outside of Canada. EUSI will be committed to be mindful of concerns to our national defence and security and continue to research and provide meaningful report for your perusal.

2015 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCAF and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The EUSI will be pairing up with the 700 Wing as well as 408 Squadron to celebrate this event. I will provide more reports as our planning committee makes progress as it goes.

## **New members and Membership Renewal**

Membership renewal is due on Jan, 2015. It is still \$25.00 per year and \$50 for military units. We also accept donations but cannot issue tax certificates. A new EUSI membership card has been produced. To view this colorful new membership card, send your check to the Membership Secretary: Capt (ret'd) John Pinsent at PO Box 51058 (RPO Highlands) (Edmonton, Alberta, T5X 5G5). EUSI does not receive funding from the government and its operation depends entirely on donations and membership dues. Your continuous support will ensure our existence and growth.



### **HERO**

'JACK fell as he'd have wished,' the Mother said,  
And folded up the letter that she'd read.  
'The Colonel writes so nicely.' Something broke  
In the tired voice that quavered to a choke.  
She half looked up. 'We mothers are so proud  
Of our dead soldiers.' Then her face was bowed.  
Quietly the Brother Officer went out.  
He'd told the poor old dear some gallant lies  
That she would nourish all her days, no doubt.  
For while he coughed and mumbled, her weak eyes  
Had shone with gentle triumph, brimmed with joy,  
Because he'd been so brave, her glorious boy.  
He thought how 'Jack', cold-footed, useless swine,  
Had panicked down the trench that night the mine  
Went up at Wicked Corner; how he'd tried  
To get sent home, and how, at last, he died,  
Blown to small bits. And no one seemed to care  
Except that lonely woman with white hair.



Okotoks Cenotaph



### **HUMOUR**

#### **The Deaf Italian Bookkeeper**

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper of 20 years, Guido, has cheated him out of

\$10,000,000.00. Guido is deaf which is why he got the job in the first place.

The Godfather assumed that since Guido could not hear anything, he could never testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his personal lawyer because he knows sign language.

The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!"

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?"

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!"

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido trembles and signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house."

The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

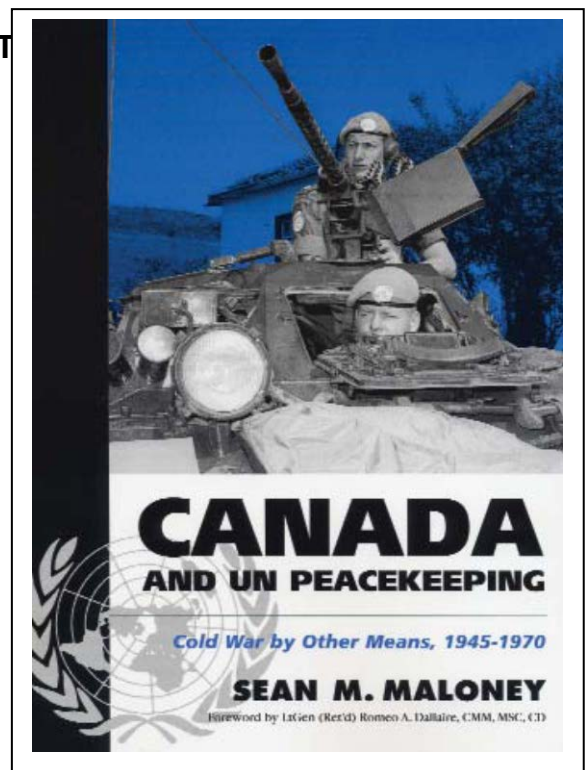
The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."



## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### CANADA AND UN PEACEKEEPING: COLD WAR BY OTHER MEANS Dr. Sean M. Maloney

Sean Maloney has written an uncompromising and soundly researched history of Canadian contributions to peacekeeping, describing them as part of the strategy for preserving Western interests in the confrontation with the communist world that lasted from the Second World War to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Canada's NATO and UN contributions were part of a coherent strategy, and Canada was an important player in the Cold War. He finished the book with a comment and three questions. First, surely there is room for some humility about Canada's central role in the peacekeeping story, and Perhaps this would change the perception that peacekeeping is just another blue-feathered arrow in a Cold War arsenal. Our Cold War role in peacekeeping supported NATO, but the conflicts were not all about our interests and us. The questions prompted by the book are



more important. Is it possible to write a national history of an international endeavour without changing the story? And, having viewed the story of international peacekeeping through the lens of national strategy, what does it tell us about converging ideas of peacekeeping and war-fighting?



Get trained!

## CANADIAN GEAR CF-155 Hawk



The CT-155 Hawk was selected for the NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) program because of its similarities to frontline fighter aircraft. Student pilots graduate from the CT-156 Harvard II to this highly advanced jet trainer. Its Rolls-Royce turbofan engine generates more than 6000 lbs of thrust and powers the jet to supersonic speeds. The Hawk's sophisticated glass cockpit features a heads-up display (HUD), hands-on throttle and stick (HOTAS) controls, and integrated navigation and targeting systems. With its superior technology, the jet can perform a wide range of high performance training missions.



## What's Out There?

### PHL03 300mm Multiple Launch Rocket System (China)



The PHL03 (Type 03, also known as AR2 in its export name) is the 12-tube 300mm multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) developed by NORINCO. The PHL03 highly resembles the Russian 9K58 Smerch rocket system in appearance. China Academy of Launch Vehicle (CALT) introduced the A-100 10-tube 300mm MLRS in the late 1990s, which may also be based on the Smerch technology. The PHL03 is believed to have entered the PLA service in 2004/05 and is likely to be promoted to the export market..



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