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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comment

On Friday, June 12, The RCMP announced the arrest of Ali Omar Ader, one of the masterminds of the kidnapping of Canadian freelance journalist, Amanda Lindhout, and Australian photographer, Nigel Brennan, in August, 2008 in Somalia. Lindhout and Brennan were held for ransom for 16 months before they were released after unspecified ransom were paid to the kidnappers who have been identified as Somali Islamic extremists. Lindhout, whose hometown is Canmore, Alberta, was in Somalia working for Global Enrichment Foundation, an organization she founded to help Somali women living in Somalia and Kenya to attain better living condition through employment, education, and self reliance. All denied to women under extreme Islamic practices. Lindhout was targeted and subjected to torture and sexual violence while in captivity. Lindhout's memoir, A House in the Sky was recently on the best selling list. I happened to pick up a copy while passing through Canmore last week and by coincidence, saw on the news about the arrest of her kidnapper. So, what is this all about, one may ask. My point is that Canada's security agencies have finally learned and evolved to fight transnational terrorists. We must adjust our protective methods against transnational threats. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS) and The Communications Security Establishment (CSE) have done their job under extreme difficult conditions. This is one example why Canadian citizens must re-evaluate resistance to legislation that will enhance security agencies to protect Canadians at home and abroad.



Thank you for your Services to Canada, Laurie Hawn

The Honorable Laurie Hawn, Conservative Member of Parliament for Edmonton Central, bid his farewell in Parliament and his farewell dinner was held at the Nova Hotel on Saturday, June 13, 2015. In addition to have been an F-18 pilot and a MP for three terms, Laurie is also a strong supporter of the EUSI. His assistance enabled EUSI to secure prominent panelists for the EUSI Symposium for the last few years. He has donated to EUSI sponsored charitable activities and attended almost all of our mess dinners. Thank you Laurie. See you in our September mess dinner.

Battle of Britain 75th Anniversary Dinner and Parade.

On Saturday, September 19, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Battle of Britain. A dinner will be held at The Chateau Louis Hotel at Kingsway. We hope to invite any surviving members of the Battle and family of soldiers who were honored by being named in street names in Griesbach Village, the former CFB Edmonton being developed as an urban housing development.

This year, on six of September, will mark a significant historical event. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, will become the longest reigning monarch in England. There are only two other monarchs in history who can surpass Her Highness, King Pepi II of Egypt, who ruled for 94 years, and King Louis XIV, who ruled for 72 years. To commemorate this event, the Dominion President of the Royal Monarchy's League will attend the dinner with us.

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, a parade will take place at the Griesbach Village to unveil the Royal Canadian Air Force Ad Astra Monument. This is an impressive 32 feet titanium monument to honor the sacrifices made by the airmen and women. We are hoping a fly pass with three Griffins, a Hercules, and may be an F-18. More info will follow.

Your Dinner invitation is attached at the end of this Newsletter.



Courcellette Memorial

I Miss You

I miss you in the morning,
I miss you late at night,
But I know what you are doing
Is good and just and right.
You're always in my thoughts;
I hope that you can see
I'm proud of you for serving
Our country, God, and me.
And when you're home again
I won't miss you anymore,
But I'll always admire your courage
For fighting in this war.



CANADIAN GEAR

HMCS
OTTAWA
multi-role patrol frigate (FFH)



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SHIP STATS: Displacement: 4,770 tonnes
Length: 134 m Beam: 16 m
Speed: 29+ knots

Aircraft: 1 CH124 Sea King
Complement: 225 sailors



Canadian Uniforms




St. John Ambulance
SAVING LIVES
at work, home and play



Get trained!

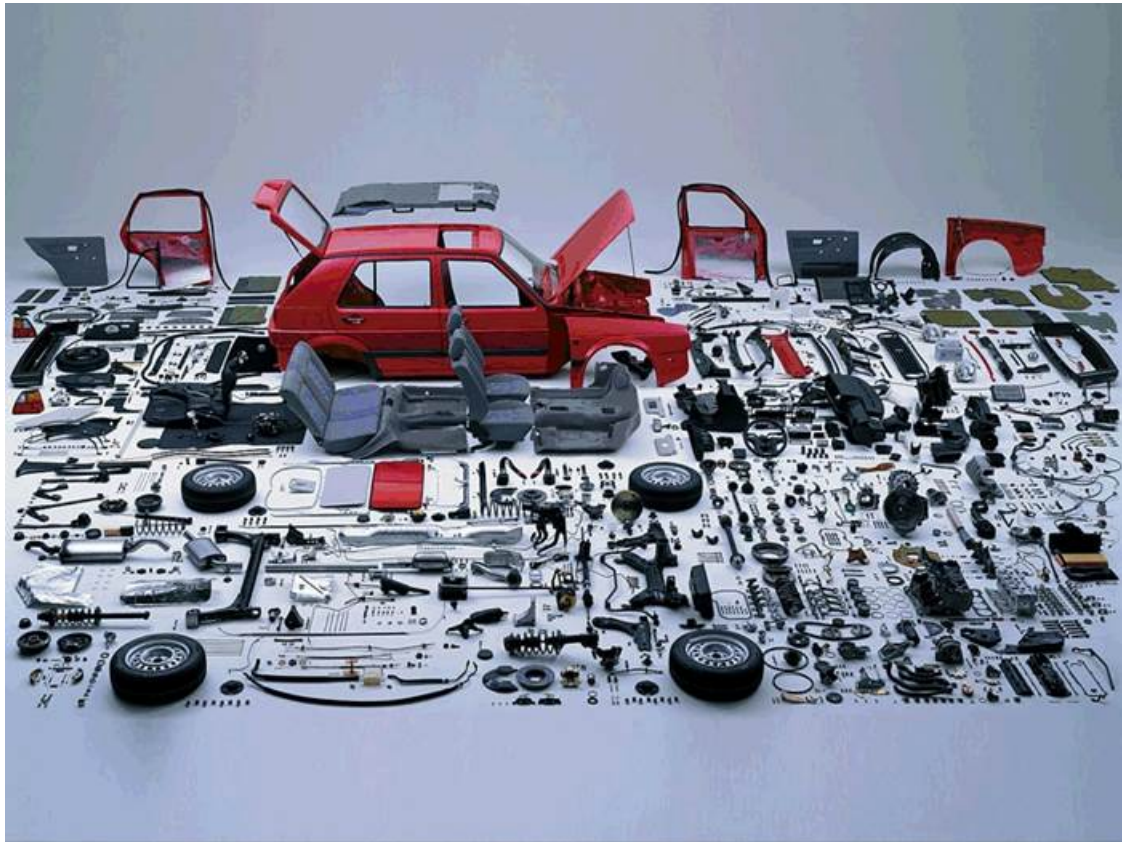


HUMOUR

IKEA to sell cars

IKEA HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO SELL CARS.

AND SOME OF US ARE GOING TO BE IN BIG TROUBLE.....



And it's just as I figured - the battery is not included!



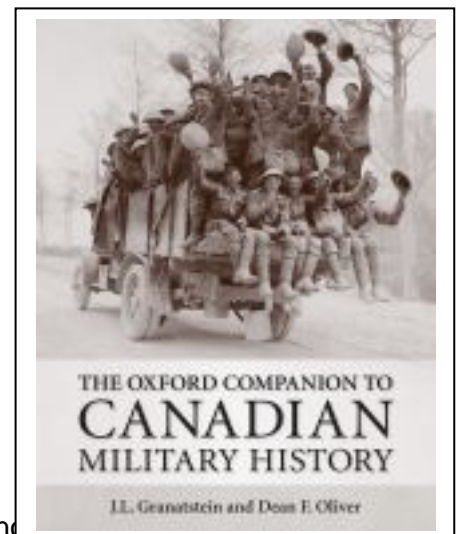
CANADIAN MILITARY READING

The Oxford Companion to Canadian Military History

J. L. Granatstein and Dean F. Oliver

The battle of Vimy Ridge, the Dieppe raid, the Italian Campaign: the Canadian military has been indispensable to many of the greatest victories - and disasters - of our time. The evolution of Canada as a military power is chronicled here by military historians

J.L. Granatstein and Dean F. Oliver in this authoritative and highly readable book. Their entries include concise biographies from James Wolfe to Louis Riel to Rick Hillier; key military-political issues like the conscription crises, war finance, and Canada-US relations; lesser-known and the Aroostook War; and more recent issues facing the Canadian Forces, including sexual harassment and post-traumatic stress disorder. We see Canada through an international lens as a war fighter and a peacekeeper - and as a participant in some darker moments.



What's Out There?

K-2 (South Korea)

The new K2 series was developed from the XK2 program becoming the "Black Panther" K2 Main Battle Tank. The K2 uses a German MTU 1500 hp Europowerpack engine and has a 120 mm Rheinmetall smoothbore gun with an autoloader provided a rate-of-fire of up to 15 rounds per minute. The rounds reportedly can penetrate the armor of the M1A2 Abrams American tank. Radar equipment and laser detection systems along with reactive armor are comparable to the French LeClerc and the US M1A2 Abrams main battle tanks.



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

Pencil in your Calendar for your dinner invitation to the 75th Battle of Britain Dinner to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015. More information will follow regarding the Invitation to the RCAF Ad Astro Monument unveiling ceremony and parade for Sunday, September 2015. See Dinner invitation attached below:



*The Presidents of
Edmonton United Services Institute,
700 Wing, Air Force Association of Canada
And
The Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Society
And their members
Request the pleasure of your company*

*To the 75th Anniversary of
The Battle of Britain Dinner*

*At
The Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre
11727 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB
Saturday, September 19th, 2015
18:30 for 19:00 hours*

*R.S.V.P. by 30 June 2015
Major Alex H. Tsang
11035-163 Ave,
Edmonton, AB. T5X 2A2*

*Mess Kit or
Black Tie
Decorations
Cost \$95.00*