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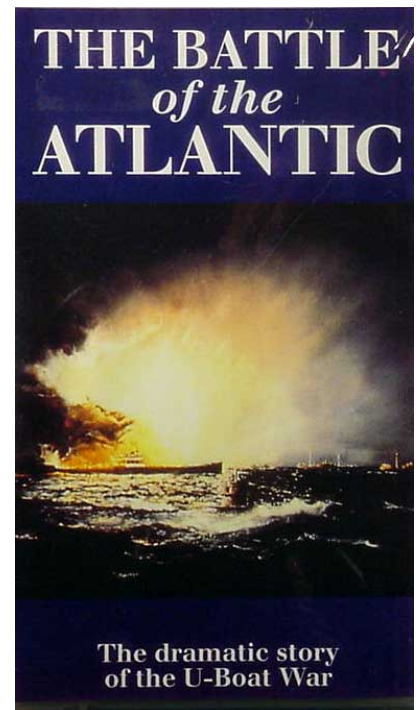
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Presidents' Comments

Iraq will take delivery this summer from the US the state of the art F-16 fighter jets to help fight the ISIL terrorist. Iraqi pilots are near completion of their training. These fighter jets were on order 4 years ago and were ready for delivery last year. However, the plan to make delivery was scrapped because the Iraqi air force base where delivery was to be made was under ISIL military threat. Turn back history a few years to Colonel Kadafy's Libya before he was named a bad guy and he was shaking hands with European leaders and US presidents while his military was getting all kinds of military equipment in exchange of Libyan oil. Most of these military equipments are now in the hands of terrorist groups. Meanwhile, US Navy is on high alert for Iranian ships smuggling weapons to terrorist groups. At last count, about 7 to 9 Iranian ships are under surveillance. Our world is getting more unstable and threat to peace and order is more than ever. The level of threat can increase very rapidly as we have seen in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria and Yemen. The Federal government's latest budget announces military spending of 12 billions dollars in the next 10 years. A billion dollars a year will keep up with inflation and purchases of worn out equipment but hardly able to replace our frigates and supply ships scrapped last year. I am concerned that Canada will lack capability to react to threats to our national security unless decisions are made based on operational requirement rather than political considerations.

Commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic

Sunday, May 3, 2015, Canadians from across the country will gather to Commemorate the sacrifices made by those thousands of Canadians who fought so valiantly during the Battle of the Atlantic, which ran from 1939 to 1945. Each year, the first Sunday in May, Canada and its naval community commemorate those lost at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest largest and most complex campaign of the Second World War.



During the Battle of the Atlantic, the RCN and RCAF, alone or in consort with other ships or aircraft, sank 73 U-Boats and enemy surface craft. In turn, it suffered 2210 fatalities, including six women and lost 33 vessels.

The Battle of Atlantic officially ended on Victoria-Europe Day (VE day) on May 8, 1945

EUSI Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2015 EUSI AGM will be held on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 1200 Noon at the Ramada Hotel in Kingsway, Edmonton. A buffet lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Alexander Tsang, President, EUSI at his listed Email address listed end of this Enews.

Agenda as follows:

1. President's welcome
2. President's report
 - a. 2014 activities
 - b. associate membership with the Conference of Defence Association
 - c. Battle of Britain cerebation preparation, Mess dinner, parade and grand opening of the Astra Monument.
 - d. 2015 Symposium
3. Treasurer's report
4. Membership Director's report
5. Election of officers
6. New business:

Adjournment.



POEM ON THE EVE OF WAR

War is a young man's profession,
The old men correctly say.
Father, hear this, my confession:
I thank God I'm not young today.

Menin Gate Memorial



CANADIAN GEAR

Heavy Logistic Vehicle Wheeled (HLVW)



Specifications:

Speed: 90 km/hr

Range: 700 km without load, 550 km with load

Payload: 10 to 16 t (depending on variant)

Towed load: 15 t

Engine: 310 hp, 6-cylinders turbo-charged, inter-cooled diesel

Transmission: 8-speed manual

Fuel capacity: 400 liters

Entered service: 1992

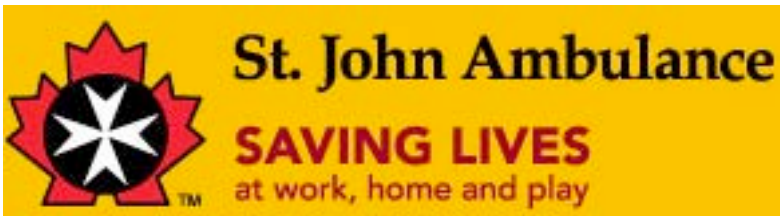
Number acquired: 1,212

Description/History The Heavy Logistic Vehicle Wheeled (HLVW) provides the Army with a heavy lift transport capability. Eleven different variants of this vehicle are currently serving in the Canadian Forces. The Army uses the HLVW to help support a wide variety of missions including territorial defence, domestic emergencies, combat support and peacekeeping.

Certain Canadian modifications were installed on the vehicle, including camouflage net storage for two nets behind the cab, cold weather starting equipment to allow starting at -40 degrees Celsius, brush guards for the cab front, a cargo bay walkway, and a radio installation kit based on a 24 volt system. The HLVW has a payload of 10 to 16 tonnes, depending on the variant. It can also operate in either four or six-wheel drive, making it suitable for both highway and field use. Drivers who are qualified to operate HLVW's are called Mobile Support Operators (MSE Ops). MSE Ops are normally members of a service battalion but often are posted to support other combat units.



How Many MSE Ops to change a tire? Answer: 10. Three to lift the tire, three spitting sunflower seed while giving their moral support and comments. Three supervisors and one fill out accident report forms.



Get trained!



HUMOUR

Having passed the enlistment physical, John was asked by the doctor, "Why do you want to join the Navy, son?"

"My father said it'd be a good idea, sir."

"Oh? And what does your father do?"

"He's in the Army, sir."

Royal Canadian Navy Uniform (WWI) in the Rank of Commander.



Canadian Reading of the month

A Military History of Canada
by Desmond Morton Amazon.ca

This is a fact-filled, concise compilation of Canada's military history. It's easy to read, though the author clearly requires the reader to have some rudimentary history knowledge. For example, you must already know who certain prime ministers, public figures, generals etc. are because their backgrounds are not explained in this book. Rather, Morton hits the high notes and tells you why this person was important, what he contributed...



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