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President's Comment

With the federal election completed on October 19 and a majority Liberal government with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the helm, there will be many changes as to how things are done in this country. Some changes affecting the Department of National Defence is clearly on the wall. The F-35 jet purchase will now be shelved. During his campaign trail, PM Trudeau adopted the platform that "We will launch a competition to replace the CF-18 fighter aircraft " and that "the first strike capability of the stealth F-35 is not needed to defend Canada". Indeed, Lieutenant General (retired) Andrew Leslie, who will join the Liberal Caucus as Member of Parliament, stated during the post election speech that the money saved from scrapping the F-35 purchases will hopefully be used for new naval purchases. The F-35 aircraft purchases were projected to cost \$44 billion over 40 years. How much of that money will be used for naval purchases remains to be seen. The other important statement Mr. Leslie made was the suspension of all Canadian air support in Iraq. There is no mention of any other form of military operation that Canada will be involved in the suppression against ISIS. Given his past military background, Mr. Leslie will be an influential figure among the newly minted Liberal MP's and his statements about DND matters must be taken seriously. It took the Canadian military almost fifty years to reverse the much criticized tri-service approach that destroyed many valued military traditions during the PET era. Let's hope there is no "purge" in the making this time around.



REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS

1100 HRS

- 20 RCA Gun Salute at the Legislature
- Butter Dome Remembrance Ceremony
- Churchill Square Remembrance Ceremony
- Beverley Remembrance Ceremony
- West Edmonton Mall Remembrance Ceremony
- All Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion
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1230 HRS

EUSI REMEMBRANCE DAY LEEVE

All members and their family of EUSI and guests are invited to attend the Remembrance Day Levee co-hosted by the Board of Governors and the Commanding Officer of the HMCS NONSUCH, to be held at the HMCS NONSUCH Naval Base in Kingsway, Edmonton. Door opens at 1230 hrs. Come and share your yarns and sample a light lunch prepared by our Navy Cooks over a glass of reasonably priced beverage and all the coffee you can drink.



SHADOWS

They understood not when memories came
Borne here by sounds and images; moods
That draw our minds to summers done
When golden life was just in bloom
Look at them who feel not sorrow
Pick at tear drops in your eye;
They've not feared what comes or follows,
Nor the many cross-ed lines
Now and then the seas are breaking
Spilling forth the holy flood:
Mem'ries numb set our hearts aching:
Flowers swept away in blood
With our eyes, we see the morrow
Learn-ed from all winter's past
We have sights: they'll never see them--
Visions painful, still set fast
Leave us in our war-life stranded,
Ye who've never understood:
You will never see their shadows--
You will only see the wood.



Canadian Korean War Memorial Garden



HUMOUR

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

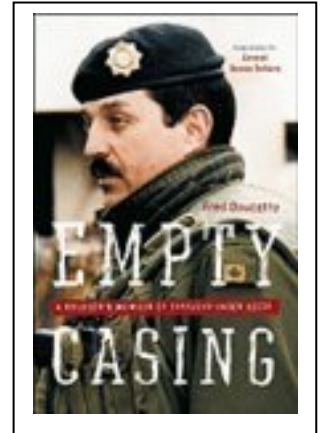


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Empty Casing: A Soldier's Memoir Of Sarajevo Under Siege

Fred Doucette

When Canadian soldier Fred Doucette found himself deployed to Bosnia as a peacekeeper in 1995, he had a premonition that this tour of duty would be different from any other he had experienced. And so it was. In Sarajevo, imposing and maintaining peace between two warring factions was an impossible task, one that took an enormous toll on both residents and peacekeepers. A never-ending barrage of mortars, artillery, and sniper fire devastated the city, killing thousands. When the war ended, Doucette returned to Canada, where another war began. Nightmares and flashbacks plagued his days and nights. Traumatized by the horrors of Bosnia, and with no foreign posting to divert his attentions, Doucette had to face himself, his family, and his army once again.



CANADIAN GEAR

NODLR



The Night Observation Device, Long-Range (NODLR) allows infrared thermal viewing of night or daylight targets during all weather conditions. Infrared thermal technology allows the viewer to 'see' heat sources, greatly improving observation in certain conditions such as fog and darkness. The NODLR can determine data on potential targets such as range, azimuth, and elevation. It may be mounted on a tripod and operated with a battery pack, or mounted on a vehicle (for static operation only). The NODLR system consists of an infrared Thermal Observation Device (TOD), a Laser Range Finder (LRF), and a goniometer. These components are described in the paragraphs below.

The Thermal Observation Device (TOD) detects varying levels of infrared energy within its field of view. It is then able to generate an image of the scene and display it on a small monochromatic display. This image is viewed by the operator through the eyepiece. The Laser Range Finder (LRF) provides rapid and highly accurate range determination (distance to targets). This data can then be passed to soldiers operating weapons systems. Using the LRF greatly increases the first round hit probability on targets. The LRF is mounted on top of the TOD. The goniometer is a very accurate elevation and azimuth scaled tracking head. It allows the TOD and LRF to rotate manually in azimuth (left and right) and elevation (up and down). It is fitted with calibrated scales so that when a target is located in the centre of the TOD screen the azimuth bearing and the elevation angle can be read off the goniometer scales. This data can then be passed to soldiers operating weapons systems. The NODLR also comes with a tripod, a battery pack, two soft carrying cases for portable operations and two hard transit cases for long-range vehicle transportation. There are currently 230 NODLR in-service. Plans are in the works to upgrade all these units. The improvements will keep the NODLR in service for another 10 years by improving systems reliability and sustainability as well as producing a quieter system with increased battery life.



Membership Profile

On Remembrance Days, we immerse ourselves of the memories of Canada's warriors and we pay tribute to our veterans. This month's issue of the EUSI Enews features Brigadier General (retired) Kenneth Cameron (KC) Lee. It offers a glimpse of the turbulent live of a soldier and the frequent uprooting of families demanded by the nature of a soldier's job. BGen KC Lee has been a part of Edmonton's RCAF history and he has chosen Edmonton as his home for many years. The following is KC Lee's biography:

B/Gen Kenneth Cameron (KC) Lee

KC was born and raised on a farm near Dauphin Manitoba. After completing his education in Dauphin and Winnipeg, he joined the RCAF in 1950 taking his pilot training in Gimli Manitoba. It was while at Gimli that he met his future wife, Edda. They were married in Winnipeg in 1953 which was the beginning of a wonderful union of sixty years.

The next thirty years were very busy ones for the Lee Family. They raised two daughters while almost constantly being on the move. KC and Edda lived in 25 different homes in the time that they were in the Air Force.

Pilot Officer Lee began his career as a staff pilot in Winnipeg followed by a tour at 412 (VIP) in Ottawa where he flew Senior Government Officials and Royalty on trans-world missions. After three years at Air Transport HQ, Squadron Leader Lee became the Commander of RCAF Station Resolute Bay N.W.T. Following attendance at RCAF Staff College in Toronto, KC and his family moved to McGuire AFB in New Jersey where he was assigned to a USAF Squadron flying C130 and C141 aircraft. In 1967, Wing Commander Lee became the Commander of 435 Sqn. CFB Edmonton; a tour that was both challenging and rewarding. A series of one year tours followed; NDHQ Ottawa, National Defence College Kingston, Senior Staff Officer Operation, Plans and Intelligence at CFE Lahr Germany. These years were most difficult for the family as both daughters were in high school at the time.

Colonel Lee was then posted to CFB Edmonton as Base Commander.

In 1977, he was transferred to Air Transport Group HQ Trenton as the Director of Operations. A year later General Lee became the Canadian Commander at 23rd Norad Region at Duluth Minnesota. General Lee was strongly opposed to the Unification of the Forces which had devastated the morale of the Air Force so he resigned from the Canadian Forces in 1979.

As a second career , KC joined a Toronto Based Communication Company and later became the Senior Vice-President.

After retiring a second time, Edda and KC relocated to Edmonton to be near their two daughters and four grandchildren. They were snowbirds for many years spending their winters at their home in Phoenix. In the summers Edda and KC became involved with several volunteer organizations. They worked with Meals on Wheels for over twenty years. KC also volunteered at the Telus Space & Science Centre for several years.

Sadly after almost 60 years of marriage , KC lost his wonderful partner in 2013. He now resides at Devonshire Village in South Edmonton where he is able to enjoy family, golf and travel



Brigadier General KC Lee, in his “old air commodore” uniform



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REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT

THE 2015 REMEMBRANCE DAY LEVEE

TO BE HELD ON
11 NOVEMBER 2014
1230 TO 1600 HRS

AT
NAVAL BASE HMCS NONSUCH, 11807, KINGSWAY AVENUE
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

DRESS: UNIFORM, BUSINESS WITH MEDALS

TARIFF: NO CHARGE, LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED, NO HOST BAR