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President's Comment

First of all, I would like to express my condolence to all Fort McMurray evacuees who suffered tremendous loss as a result of the wild fire. Thank you to all our military personnel, all our firefighters and police officers, first responders, who assisted in controlling the wildfire and helping with the orderly evacuation. It was a miracle that no one died as a result of the wildfire itself. Also, a big thank you to all volunteers and donors whose generosity are truly appreciated. .

Following the partnership with the Memorial Project, myself and 2Lt Gordon Smith were feature speakers at an event held at the Strathcona Legion on 16 April, 2016 to a packed audience. I spoke on my experience as the Deputy Commander for the Task Force in Sudan to enforce the Peace Accord in Darfur and the subsequent position with UN War Crime Tribunal.



Spoke at the Memorial Project

On behalf of the EUSI, On Friday May 27, I attended a speaking event hosted by the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (CFLC) featuring MGen Paul Bury, Head of all Canadian cadets and reserves. The theme of the speech was Canadian Defence Strategy, The Minister of National Defence Strategy-Consultation Process. MGen Bury also spoke on how private industry can help in the process. For those who do not know, CFLC is a joint civilian and military endeavour in which civilian employers are enlisted to make it easier for their employees who are members of the reserve, to attend training and deployments. If you have employees who are members of the reserve, either army, air force, or navy, and who want to know more about CFLC, the person to contact is LCol Monty Ross, CFLC Liaison Officer, Alberta North. You may even be nominated for a national award to be received in Ottawa. For more information, send your enquiry to monty.ross@rbccm.com

I also attended an airforce association year end BBQ recently. At the BBQ, I was engaged in a discussion with a gentleman who is a national representative of the association who wanted all ranking be abolished when referring to any member of the association, explaining that they are not a military organization and ranking is not applicable. I suggested that the word "retired" after the rank is commonly used to denote the person is not an actively serving soldier. And is an appropriate way to recognize his or her past contribution to the service. My suggestion was not well received. My personal view is that since the end of the Canadian participation in the war in Afghanistan, there seems to be an attitude that is diminishing whatever little recognition our veterans are getting. This reminds me of the directive from the Royal Canadian Navy Commander that navy veterans are forbidden to wear their uniform for Remembrance Day services or their mess kits, without written permission from the Naval authorities (whatever or whoever that may be). Veterans have been increasingly had their recognitions and entitlements chipping away, a little bit by a little bit. At the end, when one takes an inventory, a big chunk has been taken away. Many of the civilian –military organizations have to cease to exist because of termination of funding. Many of these organizations existed to address concerns and conduct public education and serve as a connection between the military and civilian world. A good example is the Conference of Defence Associations, which was the mouth piece for many civilian-military organizations. The Federation of United Services Institute ceased to operate because of termination of funding. For those who remember the FUSI will know it came to being to inform the Canadian public about the military and to ease their worries about their sons, husbands, and brothers who served in the First World War.

As the current president of EUSI, I inspire to revive a federation of United Services Institute in Canada, with or without federal funding. To this end, I hope to have the endorsement of our members. You can make your endorsement by renewing your membership, introducing new members to our institute, and lastly donate to the institute. In the near future, I hope to link up with the United Services Institute in Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Our website has also been up and running for a few years. To find out what is happening, go to www.eusi.ca or go to Facebook, and search for Edmonton United Services Institute.

2016 Symposium and Battle of Medak Pocket
Commemorative Dinner occurring on Saturday, September
17, 2016.

The theme of the symposium is the role of the military and resources required to achieve that role. A number of academic plus the CDS and MND have been invited. The commemorative dinner will feature two of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Medak Pocket. There has been no public recognition of the heroic feats of the soldiers who engaged the Croatian Army in a fierce battle. Your attendance will be appreciated. Please let others know of this event. The symposium is free of charge, with free breakfast. The dinner is \$100.00 per plate, which include all the fine wine you can consume.



Get trained!



Victory

Who counted Life and all it held well lost
That in the losing he might truly say:
Write me as one who loves his fellow men."
So in the faith and hope of those who love
He rode triumphant through the gates of death
Calling to us who wait, as was his wont:
"Be of good cheer..."

Cassino Memorial

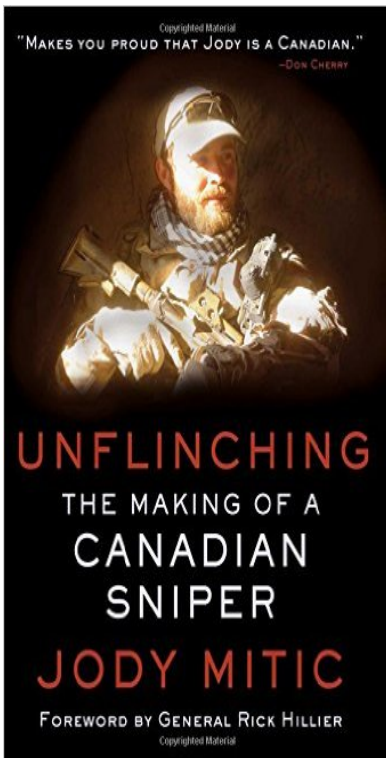


HUMOUR

On average, a North American man will have sex two to three times a week; whereas a Japanese man will have sex only one or two times a year...This is upsetting news to me... I had NO idea I was Japanese



CANADIAN MILITARY READING



Publisher- Simon and Schuster, First edition September 8, 2015

This National Best Seller by former Master Corporal, Jody Mitic, who is currently a city councilor in Ottawa, tells his story in plain language that many Canadian soldiers will understand and can relate. Jody spent first half of his military career with 1 RCR in Petawawa, trying to prove himself to the military his self worth following an incident he was not guilty of. He redeemed himself after Recce School and Sniper School. He completed the last half of his career as a sniper and was one of the best we had. This book also exposed some of the systematic problems with the military. The Canadian Military Motto of "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome" was a fancy way of saying our soldiers have to make do with whatever tools they were given to do the job. The lack of protection for the riders in the ILTIS jeep, the long barrel C7 rifle which make it difficult for drivers to handle under attack. It took casualties for the brass to press for changes. This is a book of a soldier telling it as it is. But I am sure Mitic will do it all over again if he has the choice.



CANADIAN GEAR

The **C14 Timberwolf MRSWS** (Medium Range Sniper Weapon System) is a [bolt-action sniper rifle](#) built by the Canadian arms company [PGW Defence Technologies Inc.](#) In 2005 they won the contract to supply the [Canadian Forces Land Command](#) with the C14 Timberwolf MRSWS for \$4.5 million.^{[1][2]}

The [military](#) version of the rifle, which is being used to replace the [C3A1](#) sniper rifle, started as a civilian precision sport rifle. The military rifle however has several modifications to make it better suited for [military](#) use and many accessories are available.

The official military designation for the rifle is C14 Timberwolf Medium Range Sniper Weapon System (MRSWS).^[3]



The Canadian record for a confirmed kill by a sniper was 2430 meters, set by MCpl Bob Furlong who upon discharge from the military, joined the Edmonton Police Services. Furlong's record was broken by a British soldier, using a .338 Lapua Magnum, first tested in New Brunswick.



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