



EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE

PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comments

It was on October 31, 2006 that I landed in Oslo, Norway to meet with the Norwegian Ambassador to African Union (AU) to plea for continuous Support for the AU operation for implementing the Peace Accord in Darfur, Sudan. As the Deputy Commander for Task Force Addis Ababa, a Canadian Contingence tasked to support the AU operation, it was my duty to ensure logistic support is available. On Halloween day, the AU peacekeepers were running out of clean water and fuel. Soldiers were eating uncooked food for lack of cooking fuel. Bills were unpaid and private contractors were cutting off logistic supports. When I landed in Oslo, it was dark, windy and cold. I had on summer clothes for African weather. Fortunately, I got the commitment I needed.

Battle of Queenston Heights



When I completed my AU deployment eight months later, I had lost 30 pounds of my body weight, having to fight against bouts of Amoebic Dysentery and other forms of viral infection. These are the environmental hazards that soldiers took upon themselves as a part of the job on behalf of Canada.

So, on the eves of Remembrance Day, I ask you all to thank our serving soldiers and veterans for the sacrifices they made in order to preserve our Canadian values and promote democracy all over the world. And most of all, thank them with "real" appreciations and not empty words by telling our government to treat our wounded veterans and their family with dignity and endorse the compensation they deserve.

An invitation to the Annual 2016 Remembrance Day Levee is attached at the end of the Newsletter. [Come and meet Special Guest: Commodore Craig Donovan, Director General Naval Force Development.](#)



The EUSI annual symposium was a great success. We did not achieve the number of attendees we expected. However, the topic, Peace Keeping Vs Peace Making, was timely while the government is finalizing last minute details to send Canadian soldiers to Mali and Eastern Europe to rejuvenate Canadian efforts to UN missions. There were five expert speakers during the symposium. We have made videos of each speaker, each lasting 30 minutes or so. We will be releasing each video separately on a daily basis as to not

overwhelm our viewers

The first video from our series on the realities of peacekeeping in the modern era. This topic is especially important, with the Trudeau Government looking at committing Canada to UN peacekeeping operations. Author and Historian Normal Leach share his thoughts with us.

Filmed at our 2017 Symposium on Saturday, Sept 17th. To follow the link, press Ctrl and click on the link.

<https://youtu.be/BG4YZ7iOusY>

The Mess Dinner commemorating the Battle of Medak Pocket was also memorable. One of our speakers, a retired MWO, had tears in his eyes in recalling some of his experiences. This just reaffirms my earlier comments that while serving Canada, our soldiers are exposed to both physical and mental hazards that sometime lingers and will affect us unexpectedly, even for a burly infantry Sergeant- major.



Following the passing of Rev Joshua Philpott, the EUSI were left without the blessing of a Unit Padre. Our prayers were answered. In May of this year, Reverend Sarah Holmstrom has accepted our invitation to be the EUSI Unit padre. Hence, **a Church parade for all EUSI members and family will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2016**, commencing at 1015 AM at the All Saints Cathedral, 10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton, with a reception to follow the service. Also in the program is a tribute to Lieutenant General Griesbach, a long time parishioner of the All Saints Cathedral, a former member of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and a WWI veteran, with the Griesbach Village in Edmonton named after him.

With the current societal dislike for religious display of any kind, such as the discontinued practice of saying a prayer before City of Edmonton Council meetings and the success stoppage of saying Lord's Prayers in Public Schools, I personally urge all EUSI members to attend this event and show your support. It is very important that we do our best to recognize the contribution of Christianity made in Canada. Invitation to this event is attached below



UNITED NATIONS DAY

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the of the United Nations, as which "shall be making known to the peoples of the world the and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for" its work



"The Loyalist Hymn"

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Today our thankful praise we bring for all our forebears true,
Who kept their word to God and King and fled to frontiers new.

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Their shelter, hope and help you were; be ours, in years to come,
Till kingdoms rise and wane no more and all in you are one.

Till then bless this, the land they found and bless its crownèd head.
Unite us all; let love abound in years that lie ahead.



Get trained!

HUMOUR

At a Legion service, a minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning.

He said, "Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are Going to help me preach.

Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that come To your mind."

The pastor shouted out "CROSS." Immediately the congregation started singing in unison,

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS."

The pastor hollered out "GRACE." The congregation began to sing "AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound."

The pastor said, "POWER." The congregation sang "THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD."

Pastor said "SEX". The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other, afraid to say anything. Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church,

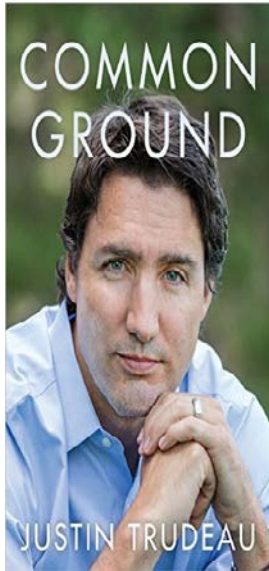
87-year-old Harvey McIvor, a life member of the Legion, stood up and began to sing

"PRECIOUS MEMORIES".



CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Common Grounds – Hardcover, October 20, 2014



Whatever your political affiliation is, this book written by Justin Trudeau when he was elected the Liberal Leader, one year before he became the Prime Minister of Canada, allows you to understand the thinking behind his domestic and international policies. One may say he is far too young to have written a memoir. Perhaps he was motivated by his political ambition to gain political supports.

Nevertheless, his memoir will reveal to its readers the experiences that have shaped him over the course of his life and show how his passion for Canada and its people took root. Covering the years from his childhood at 24 Sussex to his McGill days during the tumultuous time of the Charlottetown Accord to his first campaign in Papineau to his role as Liberal leader, the book will capture the foundational moments that have formed the man we have come to know and informed his vision for the future of Canada. Filled with anecdotes, personal reflections, and never-before-seen photographs from his own collection,

Trudeau's memoir will show how the events of his life have led him to this moment and prepared him for the future. A must read to understand what motivates our Prime Minister.



CANADIAN GEAR

CC- 177 Globemaster III Transport plane



The Globemaster purchasing project, initiated by then Minister of National Defence, Gordon O'Connor of the Tory government, in my opinion, should be the blue print of all military purchasing projects. Free of political haggling, based on operational needs. From signing the contract to delivery of the first aircraft which landed in Abbotsford, BC, it took six months.

Two days after entering service with the Canadian Forces, Canada's first CC-177 carried out its first operational mission: the delivery of 30,000 kilograms of emergency relief supplies collected by the Red Cross and the Canadian International Development Agency, to the people of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Dean. Two days after returning from Jamaica, the same plane ran a resupply mission to Kandahar with desperately needed ammunition to our soldiers in the ground. For those history buffs, the plane was not piloted by a Canadian pilot, but an American on loan from the US Air Force to help us bring the fleet into service. Canada's five CC-177 Globemaster III strategic airlifters were delivered in 2007-2015. The CC-177 in Canada helps provide everything from the rapid delivery of troops and cargo transport to oversized combat equipment from coast to coast to coast and to anywhere else worldwide.

Rapid, reliable and flexible, the strategic and tactical CC-177 is equipped with advanced digital avionics, has a maximum range of approximately 5,500 nautical miles and can carry a payload of up to 160,000 pounds (72, 727 kilograms) due to its four engines (Pratt & Whitney 2040 series) that produce 40,440 pounds (18, 343 kilograms) of thrust.

The CC-177 Globemaster III is used for a wide range of strategic and tactical missions for Canada's Air Force and only requires a crew of three: pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster. Pilots can fly the CC-177 wearing night-vision goggles, which provides a significant tactical advantage when flying into hostile territory. It can also take off and land on unpaved runways as short as 1,067 metres (3,500 feet) and as narrow as 27.4 metres (90 feet) by day or by night. The CC-177 supported Joint Task Force Afghanistan on Operation ATHENA in Afghanistan from 2007 until the return of the last troops from Op ATTENTION in March 2014. During that time they conducted regular sustainment flights from Canada with the semi-annual rotation of troops in and out of Afghanistan operating on the air bridge.



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Alexander Tsang CD

MAJOR (RETIRED)

PRESIDENT

EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES IN



YOUR invitation to the 2016 Remembrance Day Levee at HMC Nonsuch

and

Church Parade to welcome abroad our Unit Padre on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the All Saints Cathedral

Attached below:,,,,,,,,,



MAJOR (RETIRED) ALEXANDER TSANG CD, PRESIDENT
AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE

AND

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FRANK VAN STAALDUINEN
COMMANDING OFFICER
HMCS NONSUCH

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT

THE 2016 REMEMBRANCE DAY LEVEE

TO BE HELD
FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2016
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

SPECIAL GUEST: COMMODORE CRAIG DONOVAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NAVAL
FORCE DEVELOPMENT (DGNFD)



The Board of Directors of the Edmonton United Services Institute cordially invite you and your family to attend a Welcome Abroad Church Parade in honor of Reverend Sarah Holmstrom and a Remembrance Tribute to Lieutenant General Griesbach

To be held at the All Saints Anglican Cathedral, 10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

On

Sunday, 13th November, 2016, commencing at 10:30 AM

The Edmonton United Services Institute is proud and honoured to announce our new Padre', Rev. Sarah Holmstrom, Assistant Priest at All Saints Anglican Cathedral. Our thanks are extended to Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jane Alexander for assisting for this to happen.

EUSI members and family members are expected to arrive no later than 10:30 hrs on the Sunday and be piped into the Cathedral at exactly 10:45 AM to designated and reserved pews.

An introduction of the Padre' to the congregation and a Consecration of the Padre's Stole by the Dean, The Ver. Rev. Neil Gordon.

There will also be a Remembrance Tribute to Lt. General Greisbach, a long time parishioner of All Saints Anglican Cathedral and Veteran of WW I as well as the founder of the Royal Edmonton Regiment.

A reception is planned after the Service.

RSVP to 780 436 5156, by Nov 1st, 2016 to Gordon Smith or Email to gsmith@telus.net or to president, EUSI, Maj (ret'd) Alex Tsang at Alexanderhtsang@hotmail.com.

Arrangements to be coordinated by 2nd Lt G.J. Smith