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### **President's Comment**

The months of June and July has seen a number of changes in senior appointments within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. BGen Trevor Cadieu took over as the Commander. The Service Battalion, the Engineers, and even 408 TH Squadron had a change of command. However, amid these changes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div managed to support deployments to Latvia, Poland, Iraq, and Kosovo. Furthermore, an urgent request for assistance to combat the forest fire in British Columbia saw another 230 soldiers deployed to various locations within the Province of BC. Thank you for your service and safe return home.

### **July 27 is the Official Korean Veterans Day.**

Bill S-213, which passed both the Senate and House of Commons unanimously, to make July 27 Korean War Veterans Day. The Korean War began June 25, 1950. By the time the Korea Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, more than 26,000 Canadians had served in Korea and 516 Canadians had lost their lives in service.

Canada, plus 20 other countries, went to the aid of South Korea and turned back the scourge of communism. About 7,000 Canadians continued to serve in the tense theatre of operations between the signing of the Armistice and the end of 1955, with some Canadian troops remaining until 1957.

In 2013, the Government of Canada marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice with events in both Korea and Canada on the newly established Korean War Veterans Day on July 27, in honour of all Canadians who served in the Korean War, and those who served on duties in Korea following the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement that ended the war, on July 27, 1953.

However, the Military Armistice Agreement does not mean the end of hostility. Hence, a state of war continues to exist between South Korea and North Korea. Today, July 27, 2017, North Korea successfully tested a continental missile that is capable of hitting a US target thousands of kilometers away. North Korea's blatant military challenges and to conduct a missile testing on the date of the Korean War Armistice is certainly not a coincidence. Perhaps this will serve as a reminder to our government that the current budget cut to Defence is complacent and risking Canadian national security

I was privileged to attend the Korean War Veterans Parade in front of the Alberta Provincial Legislative Building in 2016, as I have done several years before. Organizers of the parade were hoping to have another parade for 2017 but sadly, with the dwindling number of Korean veterans, 2016 was the last parade. Thank you, Korean veterans, your service will always be remembered.

On behalf of the EUSI and Edmonton Salutes Committee, I participate in the K-Day parade with a 1958 deuce and a half MLVW. Retired Mcpl Chris Stewart owned and operated the vehicle. With CFB Edmonton unable to participate in the parade this year due to deployment of soldiers to the BC forest fire, our deuce and a half provided a little bite of military flair.

The EUSI Luncheon and Learn will resume on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, commencing at 1130 AM. It will be held at the HMCS NONSUCH as previously. A guest speaker is being coordinated.

**Mark this date on your calendar, October 28, 2017, Saturday.** On this day, the EUSI will honor veterans of WWII and Korean War, as well as retired RCMP officers for their services to the Dominion. A gala dinner will be held at the Jefferson Armoury and the tariff is \$100.00 each. An invitation and RSVP will be forthcoming. Your support attending this gala dinner is very much appreciated. For many of these veteran, this may be the last chance their services will be publicly acknowledged.



**The Street Sounds to the Soldiers' Tread  
by A. E. Housman**

The street sounds to the soldiers' tread,  
And out we troop to see:  
A single redcoat turns his head,  
He turns and looks at me.  
My man, from sky to sky's so far,  
We never crossed before;  
Such leagues apart the world's ends are,  
We're like to meet no more;  
What thoughts at heart have you and I  
We cannot stop to tell;  
But dead or living, drunk or dry,  
Soldier, I wish you well.



Gravitas Memorial, Cayley, Alberta



**HUMOUR**

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kind of strange.  
So she decides to do a DNA test.

She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you.

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to the DNA test results, this is not our kid.

Husband: Well you don't remember, do you??

When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped.

You said: Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here.

So I went inside, left the dirty one there and got a clean one.



Get trained!



## CANADIAN GEAR

In June, Canada's largest and most experienced shipbuilder unveiled the Asterix, the first large naval ship to be built in Canada in over 20 years.

Davie's 1,369 staff together with over 900 Canadian suppliers spent just under 2 years delivering the Resolve-Class naval support ship which will enter into service with the Royal Canadian Navy by the end of this year as initially planned.

**The Resolve-Class naval support ship** will be the largest naval platform in service with the Royal Canadian Navy for the foreseeable future and will provide a wide range of functions from at-sea replenishment of fuels and cargo to aviation support, fleet medical support and humanitarian and disaster relief. This program involves three levels of innovation for Canada allowing the delivery of a most needed ship in a timely manner and with the best value for Canadian taxpayers.

Firstly, instead of building a ship from new, a modern containership has been converted into a state-of-the-art naval support ship.

Secondly, the ship has been privately financed by Davie and will be leased to Canada? that means a fixed, transparent cost to the Canadian taxpayer.

Thirdly, Federal Fleet Services, Davie sister company, will operate the ship with a mixed crew of merchant seafarers and Royal Canadian Navy personnel.

With the unveiling of the ship - which also underlines Canada's 150th anniversary - included an employee appreciation for the Chantier Davie Canada Team as well as a Family Day, a blessing for the ship by the Huron-Wendat Nation and VIP tours onboard.

The traditional breaking of the sacrificial champagne bottle on the bow by the sponsor of the ship in order to bless the ship and her crew was performed by Her Honour Mrs. Pauline Th  berge, spouse of His Honour the Honourable J. Michel Doyon, the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec.



## WHAT'S OUT THERE

### China's new aircraft carrier



The following comment from an American observer who viewed the photos above;

“This is a quantum leap above anything we have on the drawing board. They have thought "outside the box" on this one. Better speed, larger capacity, much more stable, etc. Definitely a "blue-water" long reach vessel. Plus they can service their nuke sub fleet in-between the twin hulls (sight unseen) or even launch amphibious ops from same. It will be launched in half the time it takes the USA at just one-third the cost. Add the new Chinese stealth fighter bomber (naval version already flight-testing) in the mix and you have the makings of a formidable weapons system indeed. Also look at that extra "parking and readiness" station between both hull structures. And of course the launching and landing capabilities from the utilization of twin flight decks at once.

Six of these vessels (two pacific, two Atlantic, one Indian Ocean and one on the Mediterranean Sea) would be a pretty good diplomatic "big stick." Note: the Chinese are already drilling for oil off Cuba, Brazil and Venezuela... Can they build a fleet of these things?

China 's new carrier could be twice as fast as anything we have, plus the stability of a catamaran type hull will greatly reduce the pitching, yawing and swaying common to our present designs.“



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



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