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**PRESIDENT'S ENEWS**

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### **President's Comments**

Friends and supporters of the EUSI, Kung Hai Fat Choy. This is the Cantonese New Year's greeting which means hoping you all will have a prosperous year with money befall upon you. This year is the year of the dog and Chinese New Year's Day is on February 16, 2018. An overview of global events in the last twelve months shows an increasing instability and conflicts around the world. The most disturbing event was the successful testing of North Korean Missile capable of hitting continental United States. Political or economical sanctions have had little effect. Increasingly, the USA is seeking a military solution, which is a no win situation for everyone. No doubt, the Trump administration is flexing its muscles, which includes rewriting trade and environmental agreements. This shift has great impact on Canada. Our current government does not seem to acknowledge that nuclear threat is real and our deteriorating relationship with USA is stressing our economical and military alliance. Our air force and naval capability is diminishing, scapegoat of political interference, as demonstrated by the murky suspension of Rear Admiral Norman.

The aim of EUSI is to advocate on behalf of our soldiers in and out of uniform. But we also impartially voice our opinions when we see governmental policies and directions are hurting the overall capability and well being of the Canadian Armed Forces. I invite all readers to submit a well researched and unbiased article as your contribution to our national defence and security. One of the benefits of belonging to an organization such as the EUSI is our voice is stronger and louder than that of an individual.

### **Membership Dues**

Annual membership due remains at \$25.00. Our Director of membership, Capt (ret'd) John Pinsent will be sending out reminders shortly. Please update your personal information and include a check of \$25.00 for one year, or \$50.00 for two years, whatever you prefer. Group membership, such as Militia or Naval Reserve units, is \$50.00 per year. Checks are payable to EUSI, care of Edmonton United Services Institute, RPO 50014, RPO Clareview, Edmonton, Alberta T5Y 2M9.

## **Membership Application Form**

Attached to this Newsletter is an EUSI membership application form. If you have a friend who would like to join this organization, please have him/her fill out the form and mail to Capt John Pinsent at our EUSI mailing address.



## **Reserve Recruiting Information Session**

The following recruiting drive message is requested by Master warrant Officer Andrew Gordey of 41 Service Battalion:

Do you know of anybody interested in joining the Reserves? As you likely already know, 41 Service Battalion is the fastest growing Reserve Unit in Western Canada and one of the fastest growing in the Canadian Armed Forces. The Reserves have not witnessed this amount of attention toward growth since World War 2. This coming March we are conducting an Exercise at the Lecture Training Facility at CFB Edmonton. We are also inviting anybody that is interested in any capacity in knowing more about the Reserves or enrolling.

**The Information Brief is tentatively scheduled for 09:30 p.m. on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018 in the Lecture Training Facility (LTF) at CFB Edmonton. Enter the Main Gate on Range Rd 244 & Churchill Ave with Government Issued Photo ID. Continue East on Churchill Ave to the Stop Sign. Turn left (North) onto Rhine Rd. Continue North to the Stop Sign. Turn right onto Vimy Ave. Go one block and turn left onto Korea Rd. The parking lot is immediately on your left and the LTF is across the street on your right.**

41 Service Battalion Homepage

<http://www.41service.com/home>

If you know of anybody interested, please give them my e-mail address ([andrewg@tagcorp.ca](mailto:andrewg@tagcorp.ca)) so they can message me with their intent to attend. They must register with me to attend. Please distribute this information freely. If you have any questions, please ask.

**Editor's Note** For anyone who is not familiar with what is a service battalion, it is an army unit that provides ALL of the logistic services required to support a war time or peace time operation. This include transportation, vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs, finances, warehousing (your QM), postal services, administration, and food services, just to name a few. With such a wide range of services being provided by service battalions, many trades and occupational specialists are required to keep the service battalion operational. In turn, it offers training that is more than just soldiering. If you have a grand kid who is a couch potato, you may want to encourage him/her to take advantage of this invitation by MWO Gordey.





Get trained!



## The Canadian Navy Supply Ship That Almost Did Not Happen And A Rear Admiral's Distinguish Career Destroyed Because Of It

**Project Resolve** is the name of a pan-consortium made up of Chantier Davie Canada, Aecon Pictou Shipyard of Pictou, Nova Scotia and NavTech, a naval architectural firm, to develop an interim fleet **supply vessel** for the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) until the previously-ordered Protecteur-class auxiliary vessels are ready for service.

**MV Asterix** is a commercial container ship, purchased by Federal Fleet Services as part of Project Resolve, that was converted into a supply ship for the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). It is intended to act as an interim replacement between the out of service Protecteur-class replenishment oiler and the future Queenston-class supply ship.

**Why is Asterix, MV and not HMCS or CNAV?** MV stands for Motor Vessel and is a designation for any merchant ship owned by a civilian company with a motor/engine. Ships in the RCN with **HMCS** include the Halifax class frigates, Kingston.

Asterix will be used for at sea fuel replenishing for both liquid and solids using NATO-standardised methods and two cranes for loading and unloading purposes.<sup>1</sup> The ship will be able to deliver 400 tons of fresh water per day and carry 7,000 tons of fuel oil and 980 tons of JP5 Jet fuel.

The vessel will also have a container bay for protection of the containers while in transit. The ship has a double hull,<sup>1</sup> a feature that the previous Protecteur class did not have and prevented them from operating outside of international waters.

A retractable thruster at the bow was added for additional maneuverability and redundancy. The extra thruster allows for dynamic positioning in the Resolve-class AOR vessels, removing the need for assistance from tugboats at port.<sup>1</sup>

For mission purposes the ship will have rooms for crew and medical/hospital facilities for humanitarian missions, along with humanitarian and disaster relief capabilities. There will be an area to treat and process evacuees and survivors; a large medical ward divided into two areas capable of treating up to 60. The ship will also provide room for 350 in emergency situations.

Asterix, post-conversion, will be able to operate up to eight smaller boats with quick launch and recovery capability. Asterix will have two aircraft hangars with two CH-148 Cyclones embarked and a landing deck capable of handling the largest helicopters, including the CH-147F Chinook. The ship will be crewed by 36 civilian personnel and up to 114 military personnel, with a 67-person detachment specifically aboard for replenishment duties.



## HUMOR

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass ?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass." "Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the lawyer said. "But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there eating grass under that tree."

"Bring them along," the lawyer replied.

Turning to the second poor man he stated, "You may come with us, also." The other man, in a pitiful voice, then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and six children with me!" "Bring them all as well," the lawyer answered.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high."

**Come on . . . did you really think there was such a thing as a heart-warming lawyer story? Look at the Parliament. 50% MPs are lawyers.**



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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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First Name .....

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Rank or Title.....

Address .....

City ..... Province ... Country .....

Postal Code .....

Home Phone .....

\*Business Phone .....

Email List .....

\*Cell Phone ...

Date Joined .....

Dues Amount \$25.00.....

Dues expires on;

\*Spouse's Name .....

Medals and Decorations etc. ....

- Optional

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