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President's Comment

6th of June is D-Day Anniversary

The **Normandy landings**, codenamed Operation *Neptune*, were the landing operations of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord, during World War II.

The landings commenced on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 (**D-Day**),

beginning at 6:30 am British Double Summer Time (GMT+2). In planning, as for most Allied operations, the term *D-Day* was used for the day of the actual landing, which was dependent on final approval.

There are plenty of writings about D-day but few wrote about the important role of the 3rd Canadian Division in its action to minimize the counter attacks of the Panzer Regiments, which has the decisive power to reverse the impact of Operation Overlord. The Canadian Legion magazine, May/June issue has a detailed article about the 3rd Canadian Division, in particular, the 3rd Canadian Armoured Brigade and its impact on ensuring Operation Overlord was a success.

The Normandy landing paved the way for the recovery of Europe and the rest is history.

The month of May has been a busy month for the president of EUSI/Co-Chair of the Edmonton Salutes Committee. We welcomed and hosted the Chief of the Naval Reserve during her visit to Edmonton. Then we welcomed and hosted the Chief of CAF Welfare Program. The Commanding Officer and eight of her crews of the namesake of the City of Edmonton, HMCS Edmonton (pictured above 703 Kingston class), visited Edmonton for four days during which the decommissioned 40MM gun was unveiled at the 11th hole at the Golf Course at CFB Edmonton. Meanwhile, our media director, Grant Cree was reporting as the official media at Exercise Maple Resolve at Camp Wainwright.





Honors and Awards

Congratulations to our former long time treasurer, HCol Ian Taylor who was awarded the Governor General's Sovereign Volunteers' Medal.

Resignation of Unit Padres

Our Unit Padre, Rev. Sarah Holmstrom, was recently married and relocated to Ontario.



Unseen Fire

This is a damned unnatural sort of war;
The pilot sits among the clouds, quite sure
About the values he is fighting for;
He cannot hear beyond his veil of sound,
He cannot see the people on the ground;
he only knows that on the sloping map
Of sea-fringed town and country people creep
Like ants — and who cares if ants laugh or weep?

Groesbeek Memorial



HUMOUR

A man was bragging about his sister who disguised herself as a man and joined the army. "But, wait a minute," said the listener, "She'll have to dress with the boys and shower with them too. Won't she?" "Sure," replied the man. "Well, won't they find out?" The man shrugged. "But who'll tell?"

A TOUGH U.S. Marine sergeant got word that the father of one of his men had passed away. At roll call he snapped: "Hey, Smith, your father died!" The Marine fainted on the spot. A week later the sister of another Marine died, and the sergeant once again called his men together. "Jones," he yelled out, "your sister died last night!" The Marine burst into tears.

Finally, word got back to the general about the sergeant's insensitivity, and he was called on the carpet and told to be less direct and gruff when one of his men suffered a tragedy. A week later the sergeant was notified that Private Miller had just lost his mother. Remembering what the general had said, he lined up his troop and ordered: "Everyone whose mother is alive, please take one step forward - NOT SO FAST, MILLER!"



Get trained!



2018 Symposium and President’s Mess Dinner

The EUSI Symposium has been scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 2018 at the HMCS NONSUCH in Kingsway, Edmonton. The theme of the symposium is to raise discussion on Canada’s defence policies against nuclear attack whether deliberate or accidental, measures to counter destruction of financial institutions, infra-structures and environmental contamination, and lessons learned. Panelists include former fighter pilot, Laurie Hawn, famed author Norman Leach, International military analyst Joe Howard, Professor Rob Hubert, Japanese Consulate to Canada and the Honorable James Bezan, Opposition Defence Critic.

Some may ask why the theme of nuclear defence policy now, with North Korea entering into agreement to stop further nuclear weapon testings. Can North Korea be trusted is one thing, there are still a few other countries that post threats. Iran and Russia for example. Hawaii was in utter confusion a few months ago following a false alarm of imminent nuclear attack, even though Hawaii has had a nuclear defence measures in place for years. Following a nuclear reactor melt down after an earthquake and tsunami in Japan, contaminated Japanese agricultural products and the sea food industry remain adversely affected. Canada needs to have a policy of counter measures to protect its property and citizens in case of a nuclear destruction.

The symposium is open to all, free of charge, with lunch and beverages provided. To control meal costs. RSVP is required. In the evening, a President’s Mess dinner will also be held at HMCS NONSUCH. The dinner costs \$110 per person, including wine and port. It is expected seating will be limited and early reservation is suggested. RSVP to both events will be attached to the July and August issues of the Enews. .



Deployed: Canadian Army Reservists Overseas – This is the title of a 90 minutes documentary produced by 41 Canadian Brigade Group, an Alberta reserve brigade group headquartered in Calgary. This documentary is based on interviews with serving and retired members of the Canadian Army Reserve in Alberta. The documentary depicts the soldiers’ personal experience about their

deployment and on their return home. The president of EUSI has been given a DVD copy of DEPLOYED. Please contact Alexander Tsang for viewing this DVD. It is also available for viewing online. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Mike Vernon Deputy Commander 41 CBG, Michael.vernon@forces.gc.ca.

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