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**PRESIDENT'S ENEWS**

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**President's Comment**

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 pig and Chinese New Year's Day is on February 5, 2019.

At this time, two Canadian nationals are in custody in China, accused of engaging in espionage activities. Most will agree that this is a retaliatory action against Canada for holding the Chief Financial Officer of Huawei Mobile, Ms. Meng Wanzhou on a US request for extradition for fraud charges stemming from American sanctions against Iran. For those who do not understand the sensitive nature of the Iran sanction matter, a brief explanation as follows: Iran has reported a huge success in nuclear development allegedly "only for commercial energy consumption". Iran has succeeded in launching its own satellite as early as 2005 without much fanfare. With the Iranian success in long range missile testing seven years ago, the threat of "space wars" looms. We know that research and development of weapon system of this magnitude requires a lot of money, which Iran obtains from trading oil. However, with a US sanction against Iran for failing to curtail its nuclear weapon expansion, financial transactions are secretive and probably illegal. It is unfortunate that Canada is caught in between two powerful countries eager to flex their muscles. I believe it serves little purpose for Canada to butt heads with China, a country that has a culture that must "save face" at all cost. I believe our Prime Minister must first extend the olive branch and speak directly to the Premier of China, and not through the USA or his ambassador to China, Mr. John McCallum (fired on Jan 26, 2019). A "behind the scene" approach will help save Canadian lives and perhaps score a political point for our PM. A win win situation.

**The Royal Commonwealth Society of Edmonton**

The RCSE will be hosting a 150<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Commemorative Anniversary dinner at the Government House on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 with Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, Lois Mitchell attending. As seating is limited, this is an advance notice so that you can guarantee a ticket to the event. A formal invitation will be forthcoming. For further information, please contact RCSCE Event Director [Lindyhavin@gmail.com](mailto:Lindyhavin@gmail.com) or [Kathy.Berni@yahoo.ca](mailto:Kathy.Berni@yahoo.ca).



## 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association

February 8



4PM until late: TGIF in the volunteer lounge. All volunteers in the museum welcome. \$5 at the door

March 9

4PM social and guest speaker at 5PM

Mr. Oleksandr Danyleiko, the Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton will speak on the Conflict in the Donbas and Crimea.



Members \$20 Guests \$25 supper served at 6PM

Please RSVP to Mr. Erwin Loewen 780-473-2406 or  
[maxace@shaw.ca](mailto:maxace@shaw.ca)

Both events are at: Alberta Aviation Museum  
11410 Kingsway, Edmonton

**Please note there is a conflict of scheduled activities between RCSC and 700 Wing Association. Both events are interesting but one can only attend one. Take your pick.**

### The Edmonton Anzac Association

The Edmonton Anzac Association cordially invites ALL EUSI members and friends to attend a Remembrance Service to commemorate the Anzac Day, which is almost like the Canada Day in Canada. The following is the invitation extended by the Anzac Day committee:

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2019, the Edmonton Anzac Day Committee will hold a Remembrance Service to commemorate the one-hundred and fifth anniversary of the landings of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in the Dardanelles on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915 at the Brig James Curry Jefferson Armoury.

The Edmonton Anzac Day Committee requests and desires the attendance of any available members of the EUSI at this upcoming Anzac Day Remembrance Service.

Anzac Day is the solemn and non-partisan remembrance that will include representatives from the Australian, New Zealand, Canadian and Turkish communities to remember those who have served and those who have fallen in conflicts and peace-making operations from the landings at Gallipoli in 1915, through to the present day.

It is requested that a reply accepting or declining be made no later than the last week of January 2019 to allow for planning. Please address the reply directly to the under-signed.

The commencement will be 10.00am for a 10.30am start time. Following the Remembrance Service there will be a light luncheon served. The Brig. James Curry Jefferson Armoury is located at 11630 – 109 Street, Edmonton.

In closing, please accept the Committee's warmest regards in your consideration of this request.

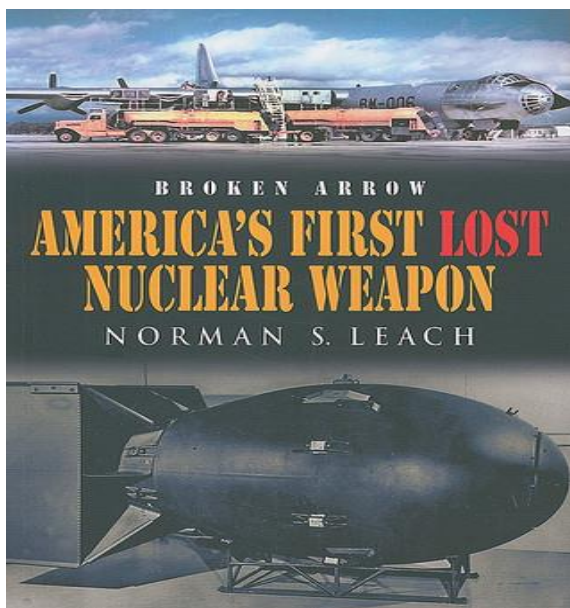
Yours sincerely

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## **CANADIAN MILITARY READING**

America's First Broken Arrow: A True Story of the Cold War, a Doomed Bomber and America's First Lost Nuclear Weapon – by Norman Leach

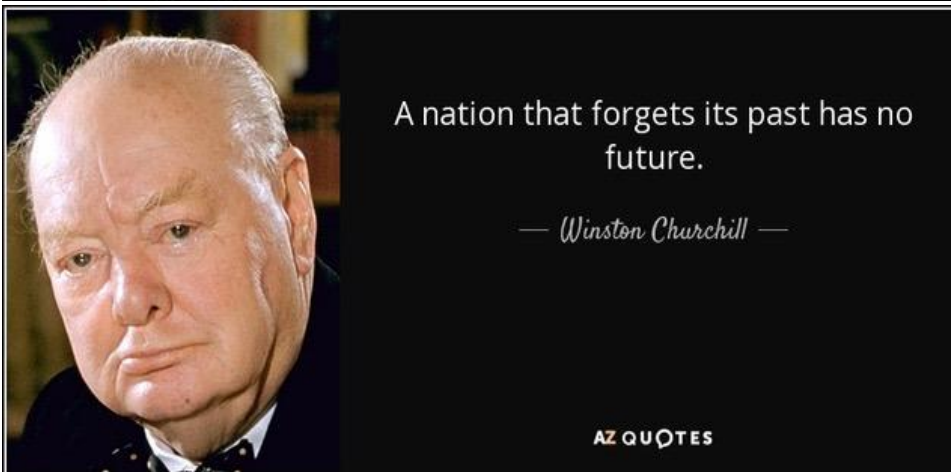
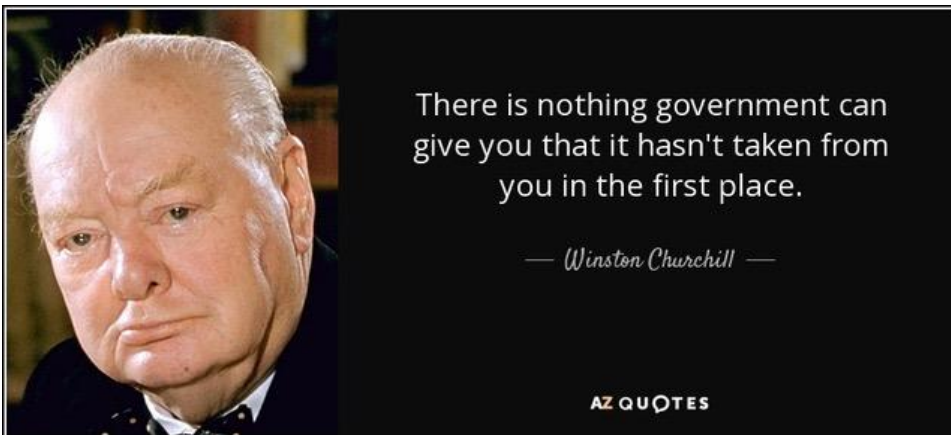
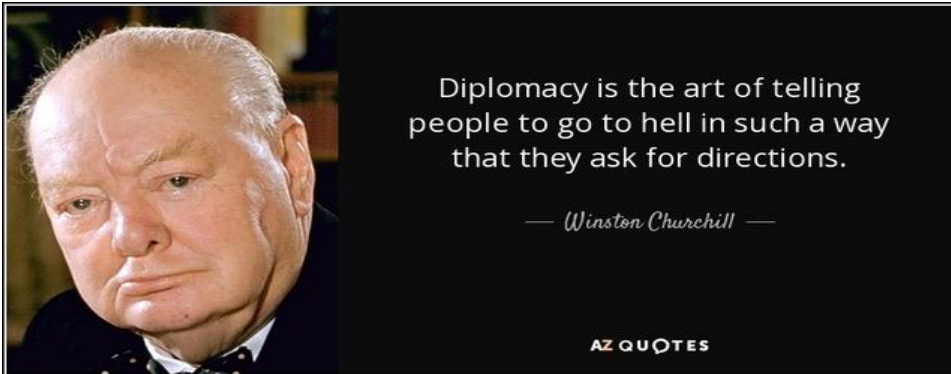
As a featured Speaker Series, Norman spoke at the 700 Wing Association at the Edmonton Aviation Museum on January 12, 2019. The topic of his speech was the lost nuclear warhead during the cold war era and was found years later in British Columbia. An amazing true story of human courage of the crew and the pilot who gave his life to save the war head and the plane from fallen into Soviet hands.



**America's First Broken Arrow** : A True Story of the Cold War, A Doomed Bomber and **America's First Lost Nuclear Weapon**. ... Years later the wreckage of the bomber was accidentally discovered on a remote northern British Columbia mountaintop hundreds of miles from its presumed location deep beneath the Pacific Ocean.



## Memorable Quotes



## Humor

## **Snowbirds amassing at U.S. border**

(letter reprinted from Kelowna Daily Courier, October 25, 2018)

A White House senior aide has disclosed that the sheer number of retired Canadians amassing along the northern border is creating consternation amongst top State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. Experts anticipate that half a million of these snowbirds will migrate to the U.S. over the next month, dwarfing the immigrant caravan crossing Mexico, and placing undue stress on the quality of life for many Americans, while posing a growing security threat.

"It's too much," lamented the anonymous aide. "It's a struggle for citizens in Florida, Arizona and California to find a tee time, the pickleball courts are full and God help you if you want to find a parking spot at an outlet shopping mall."

Evidence collected last winter raised concerns that the normally reserved Canadians are exhibiting more uncivilized behaviour these days.

"We have reports that Canadians were telling jokes about our president. And across the southern US, pot-bellied over-the-hill Canadians in pastel golf shirts would walk into bars in the late afternoon, demanding \$2.50 for highballs and a buck and a half for a beer, proclaiming that happy hour was here. Like they were tragically hip or something."

The aide was asked if anxiety surrounding the Canadian caravan permeated the White House.

"Look, I can't speak for everyone here, but we love Canadians - Conrad Black, the Reichmann family, Pamela Anderson. But we cannot ignore the burden this influx of Canadians places on us."

The security concerns are heightened by Canada's recent decision to legalize recreational marijuana. U.S. officials are wary of baby boomer potheads bringing their debauched drug habits over the border.

"It seems they've all been told to say the same thing to our immigration officers," said the aide. "When they ask Canadians if they have ever consumed marijuana, they get this apathetic stare and the standard response, 'Who me?'"

"We've searched luggage and repeatedly found boxes of instant brownie mix hidden under lumberjack coats, but there's nothing we can do."

The Canadian snowbirds want to ensure that empathetic Americans understand their plight. One traveller going through US immigration at the Calgary airport put it this way: "We sacrifice a lot leaving our homeland each winter - Bloody Caesars, people saying 'you're welcome' instead of 'uh-huh,' 24/7 coverage of the Leafs on TSN. But you must realize that we suffer from a brutally oppressive winter regime so we have to seek seasonal asylum in your country."

This is expected to become a pivotal issue in the run-up to the U.S. elections. Canadians are advised to slip over the border while they still can.



**Canadian and NATO Gear**

**C13 GRENADE**



The C13 is the standard issue grenade of the Canadian Army. It is a small spherical grenade that is time fused and can only be thrown by hand. It is used primarily by the infantry to clear trenches and enclosed areas such as bunkers and buildings..



### **2019 Membership Renewal**

Your membership secretary, Capt John Pinsent will be sending your 2019 membership renewal in the mail. Please continue to be a member of the EUSI.

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