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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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### President's Comment

The fall colour arrived right on schedule. Luckily, we have not yet been blessed with the white fluffy stuff. The trees leaves along 97<sup>th</sup> Street in Edmonton, just outside the former Griesbach Barracks has a beautiful colour mixture of red, yellow, and still a little bit of green. This, against the backdrop of the sunset in the evening is attracting many photographers trying to capture the beauty of the fading summer. Some will lament on the end of summer, but many will look forward to Thanksgiving and the family gathering with the turkey dinner and pumpkin pies. Such is the nature of life. At this time of year in 2014, our former President and a dear friend, LCol Colin Reichle, passed away. Whenever I see the season changes colour, it always reminded me of friends and family who are in heaven. Come Thanksgiving and turkey carving, it would be appropriate to say a word of thanks to those who have passed but left us memorable imprints.



While the Korean War Commemoration Parade is no longer Happening in Canada, it is still being observed elsewhere.

The Commander and Honoured Shipmates from Her Majesty's to Korean War Fallen in a moving service at the United Nations

His Excellency Michael Danagher and his wife, Madame Stephanie along with Canadian Defence Attache, Captain Jill Marrack, will be of the Last Post in a solemn memorial service in the United Nations. Among them is Commander Doug Layton, captain of the frigate, officers and a chief petty officer. Other shipmates are standing in a military memorial service that Ambassador Danagher will participate in before his three-year tenure as Canadian Ambassador ended on September 28. In total he has spent 12 years serving in Korea, including senior trade assignments in two earlier postings.





## The Soldiers's Prayer



God of my fathers! guide my way  
Amidst the Battle's fierce alarms;  
Grant me to see, this dreadful day,  
The triumph of my Country's arms.  
Yet not my will, but thine be done,  
If thy high wisdom doom my fall,  
Tho' short the race of life I've run,  
I die content at Duty's call.  
Then, if thy grace my prayer accord,  
Th' expression of my parting breath,  
Grateful, I'll bless thy goodness, Lord!  
And smile amidst the pangs of Death.  
"May my transgressions of thy will  
Find mercy thro' my Saviour's name!  
May my lov'd Country, freed from ill,  
Long flourish in unbounded fame!"

Chippawa Battlefield Memorial



## EVENTS

20 October, Wednesday – RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Dr Sarah Lockyer, on the “The Casualty Identification Program: Identifying the remains of Canadian soldiers from the First and Second World Wars and the Korean Conflict.” 1300-1500. Via Zoom. Attendance will be limited. To register, email RUSUI(NS) with RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 20 October 2021 Registration as subject line.



## HUMOUR

### They walk among us

My husband and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.' She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.' The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. Do not confuse the people at Mac D's.

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We had to have the garage door repaired  
The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener  
I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower  
He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.  
I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'  
We haven't used that repairman since...

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I live in a semi -rural area.

We recently had a new neighbor call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.  
The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

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I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'  
To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'  
He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

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The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.  
I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.  
She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.  
I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.  
Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?!'  
She is a government employee.....

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When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it.  
We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.  
As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.  
'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!'  
His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'







## UNITED NATIONS DAY – 24<sup>th</sup> October

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

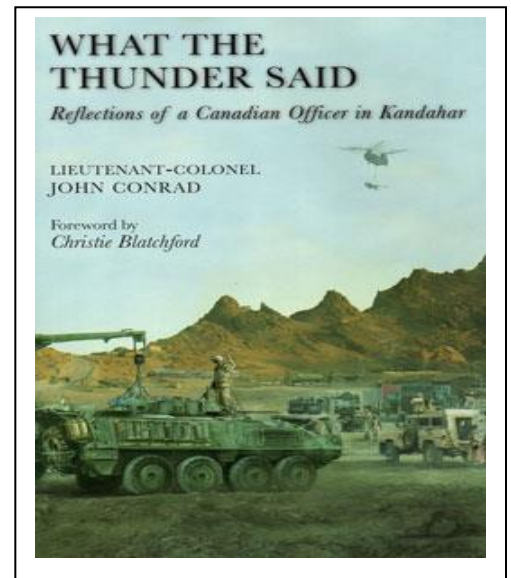


## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### WHAT THE THUNDER SAID: REFLECTIONS OF A CANADIAN OFFICER IN KANDAHAR

John Conrad

By February 2006, the focus of Canada's military effort in Afghanistan had traversed from the relatively stable central region of Kabul to Kandahar province as the Canadian-led Multinational Brigade conducted a "relief in place" with the US 173 Airborne Task Force Bayonet, and assumed responsibility for the volatile area known as Regional Command South (RC South). Canadian military leadership in Ottawa enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to assume this leadership role within the NATO community, yet from their earliest meetings with their American counterparts at Kandahar Airfield (KAF), it was apparent to the leadership on the ground that this operation was different and much more dangerous than anything in Canada's recent history.



John Conrad was a former Commander of 41 Brigade Group, an Alberta Reserve Brigade head quartered in Calgary. With the fast total collapse of the Afghanistan government and it's military in the last two months, re-reading some of the books written about Afghanistan surely bring back a lot of "what ifs".



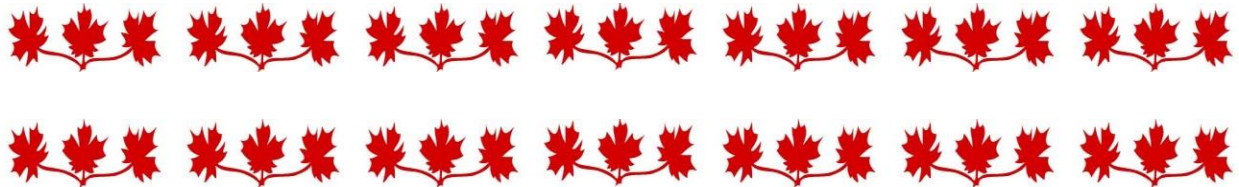
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## CANADIAN GEAR CC-115 Buffalo



One of Canada's primary search and rescue (SAR) aircrafts, the CC-115 Buffalo will fly in almost any weather. The agile Buffalo can take off and land on even the most rugged terrain and in areas as short as a soccer field. The short take-off and landing (STOL) capabilities of the CC-115 have kept it in use in the Rocky and Coastal Mountain ranges. At 24 m long, the Buffalo is small enough to service the rough and mountainous terrain on Canada's West Coast.



### Postponement of the EUSI Symposium

Due to the recent escalation of Covid-19 pandemic and provincial restrictions, as well as cancellation of some speakers for fear of the pandemic problems, the annual symposium scheduled for October 20, 2021 has been postponed to Saturday, March 5, 2022. All venues and programs should remain unchanged. Will post any new changes, development on Enews as well as on our website at [WWW.EUSI.ca](http://WWW.EUSI.ca).

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



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