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9 April is Vimy Ridge Day

30 April is the deadline for filing your income tax.

President's Comments

The official spring season was on March 20 and we have enjoyed a balmy weather for two weeks now. Elsewhere, Tulips and daffodils have bloomed in Vancouver. Canada has braced the pandemic and we are ready for Spring and a healthier economy. The Federal budget is set to be released on April 7, 2022. I have my fingered crossed that it is going to be a sensible budget rather than for vote getting.

I watched a National Geographic program about UAE and Dubai using their oil revenues to research and develop architectural and farming projects that reduced carbon emission and increased agricultural productivity. Many of their projects were based on sea breeze ventilation to cool off buildings and thereby reduce need for air conditioning. Their camel farming and camel milk production is in high demand in the Middle-east. The television program then examined the carbon policy in UAE and their long term strategy. The UAE have not suppressed their oil industry as we have in Canada. Instead, revenue is used to research and develop technologies to reduce emission and increase productivity. At the end, it has more then met the desire for a green environment but a better livelihood for her citizens. Let's face it, money is needed to further research technology, not only in energy sectors, but in all other areas, such as medical. I am wondering when do our federal government wake up and follow the simple rules of economics.

The Annual EUSI Symposium and Mess Dinner was held on March 5, 2022 at the ALBERTA aviation Museum and was very well, attended. The feedback I received was that the quality of speakers and the information presented were top notch. Unfortunately, our dinner guest speaker, the Consulate General of Ukraine was pulled away the very last minute. However, Lieutenant General Paul Wynnyk, former Vice Chief of Defence Staff and a member of EUSI was able to save the day and gave a great speech on his experience in Afghanistan and paid tribute to our heroes who gave their lives for Canada. Thank you, Paul, my most respected former Vice Chief.

2022 Annual General Meeting

The EUSI AGM was held on April 2, 2022 at the Edmonton Inn and Convention Centre. Twenty-three members attended. It was great to have an in person meeting and to enjoy the fellowship after two years of social distance. Members welcomed aboard our three new youth directors who gave their ideas to engage young Canadians to be more involved in security and defence matters of Canada. One suggestion was the more

Utilization of social media, such as Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. It was suggested that interesting events, achievements could be published. Sharing of information to be more frequent and not clustered. Anyone who would like to share information are advised to send to our Public Information Officer, Norman Leach for vetting. Her will then forward data to our Social Media Administrator, Joe Zasada for publication.

Financially, we are still in a healthy position to continue with our routine activities. However, we will have to do more fund raising for the next symposium.

Symposium Ideas for 2022/23.

The president suggested the next symposium to examine the Aid to Civil Power, under the National Defence Act (NDA) and Queens Regulation and Orders, (QR70).

Within the last fifteen years, the military has been called out to assist to restore and maintain orders following various natural and man-made disasters. These included the snow storm in Quebec, flooding in British Columbia, Forrest fires in Alberta, medical support for nursing homes in Ontario, provide clean water in NW Territories, to name a few. The data on file is that these Call Outs for military assistance have been occurring on yearly basis. The recent pandemic and support from the military points out a need for more coordination then on an ad hoc basis. Although the CAF does not provide details, it does not take a rocket scientist to know that the drain on human and material resources on the military is significant.

The question is should this aid to civil power remain an ad hoc system or a more coordinated effort involving the Federal, Provincial, Territorial, and civic governments be stand to. A combined logistic group consist of engineers, military and civic police, medical services, financial experts, logisticians, could be drawn from all three levels of government to form a quick response group to deal with disasters happening anywhere in Canada. The biggest problem however, is to bring these three levels of government to the same table to talk about the concept. A presumption is that CAF will no longer be party to Aid to Civil Power.

The statutes/laws covering Aid to Civil Power is as below:

Aid to (or of) the Civil Power, **the calling out of military troops by the civil authorities to help maintain or restore public order.** Aid to (or of) the Civil Power, the calling out of military troops by the civil authorities to help maintain or restore public order.

QR&O: Volume I - Chapter 23 Duties In Aid Of The Civil Power

<https://www.canada.ca › corporate › vol-1-administration>

Nov 24, 2017 — (C) Officers and non-commissioned members acting in **aid** of the **civil power** may lawfully be employed in whatever manner may be necessary for the ...

Military aid to the civil power -

Aid to the Civil Power (ACP) or Military **Aid to the Civil Power** (MACP) is the use of the armed forces in support of the **civil authorities** of a state.

The next EUSI symposium could consider discussion on Aid to Civil Power and its relevancy in the changing environment in the future.

The President invites suggestions for the theme of the 2022/23 EUSI symposium. Please send your suggestions directly to him.

Election of Officers

The following are the elected directors of the board of EUSI who will be valid for at least two years;

President -----Major (ret'd) Alexander Tsang CD
Vice President-----Captain (ret'd) Craig Paterson CD
Treasurer----- Mrs. Mary Cherrnawski
Secretary/Membership----- Mrs. Mary Hunt
Awards/Honours-----Captain (ret'd) George Kuhse
Recruiting-----Cpl Michelle Briones
Public Information Officer -----Mr. Norman Leach
Social Media -----Mr. Joe Zasada
Director of Messing-----Mrs. Margaret Day
Director, Youth development -----Mr. Roman Commons
Director, Youth development-----Stephenie Briones
Director, Youth Development -----Chelsea Leach.
Director at Large -----Lt(N) Jon Dziadyk
Director at Large -----HColonel Ken Pilip

Captain(ret'd) John Pinsent has resigned as membership director after thirty more years in this position. Thank you, John for your services to Canada and to EUSI.

Membership Dues for youth Directors The Board voted in favor of waiving membership dues for all youth directors while they are attending school or no longer in the capacity of Youth Director of the Board.

Regular Members can continue to renew their membership at \$25.00 per year.

EUSI Official Address

For all correspondence, documents etc., please send to EUSI, 11035 -163 Ave., NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5X 2A2.

2021 Personal Tax Dead Line

The 2021 income tax filing deadline is April 30th, 2022. Members who receives Military pensions are normally paid into the Manual Life medical insurance, in addition to the Provincial Blue Cross medical insurance. Please be reminded that premiums paid into both policies are tax deductible. Members who have a chronic disability should also apply for a Disability Certificate for tax deductions.



Forestburg Cenotaph

The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
 That there's some corner of a foreign field
 That is for ever England. There shall be
 In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
 A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
 Gave once her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
 A body of England's, breathing English air,
 Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
 And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
 A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
 Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
 Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
 And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
 In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



HUMOUR

A British Army colonel was reviewing the troops in colonial India. One man he passed sported an enormous erection.

"Sergeant-Major!" the colonel shouted. "Give this man 30 days compassionate home leave."

"Yes Sir," the Sgt. Major replied.

A few months later the same thing occurred with the same man.

"Sergeant-Major! Give this man another 30 days compassionate home leave," the Colonel barked.

A few months later, same guy, same problem.

The Colonel is angry. "Sergeant-Major! Haven't we given this man two compassionate home leaves?"

"Yes Sir," the Sgt. Major replies.

"Then what's his problem, Sgt. Major?" the Colonel asks.

The Sgt. Major salutes and says, "Sir. It's you he's fond of."



Get trained!



What's Out There ?



Who (or What) Is It? It is a makeshift light tank – one produced (converted from pre-existing vehicles) by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) – 2000s. Makeshift or improvised vehicles are a very common occurrence in modern, asymmetrical conflicts. The origins behind the creation of these vehicles can be very diverse. In some cases, it can be to try and make something which originally was not a fighting vehicle into one, or to bring mobility to a weapon system. One may, for example, mention the numerous Toyota Land Cruiser 70 series-based technicals which have been created by dozens of international and state actors in many different conflicts. In other cases, improvised vehicles take the form of modifying already existing vehicles, often captured or seized from a pre-existing force, to repurpose them, or perhaps reuse components of operational vehicles to create a functional one (for example mating a functioning turret from the hull of a breakdown vehicle onto another hull or creating a new turret for a functional hull which lacks one). In some cases, an improvised vehicle may even best be described as a combination of two already pre-existing types – such is the case of a light tank that was created by the rebel/terrorist group known as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), often known simply as the Tamil Tigers, of Sri Lanka. This vehicle combined the turret of a British FV601 Saladin armored car with the modified hull of a Chinese YW531 to create what was now a tracked light tank.

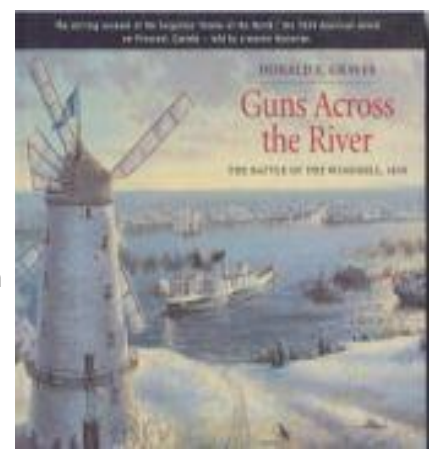
With the war waging on in Ukraine, I expect one will see more of these modified war machines captured from the Russians.

CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Guns Across the River - The Battle of the Windmill, 1838

Donald E. Graves

The stirring account of the forgotten "Alamo of the North," the 1838 American attack on Prescott, Canada . . . told by a master historian.




In 1838, seeing political turbulence in Canada as an opportunity, members of a clandestine American organization, the Patriot Hunters, launched a series of attacks across the international border. The Hunters hoped to duplicate the success of the Texas rebellion two years before when their heroes Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie fought to establish a republic in northern Mexico.

The most ambitious Hunter attack was launched in November 1838 when a force of more than 500 armed men, commanded by a European soldier of fortune, set out from northern New York in a flotilla of chartered and hijacked vessels. Avoiding the naval and military forces of two nations, they occupied a stone windmill near Prescott, Ontario, confident that Canadians would rally to their standard.

Their hopes were doomed. After five days of heavy fighting, British regulars and Canadian militia captured this "Alamo of the North" and those invaders who survived were imprisoned in Fort Henry at Kingston and tried by a court martial.



Upcoming RAUSI Event

 **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**
Conference on Security and Defence

FAKE NEWS

RAUSI presents BGen Gregory B Mitchell (Ret'd)

Disinformation Campaigns as Force Multipliers in Armed Conflict
The 2022 Russia-Ukraine Conflict in Perspective

28 April 2022, 19:00 (Mountain) via Zoom Visit www.rausi.ca/rmcsd

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Registration now open. [More details...](#)

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Canadian Uniforms

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