



EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE

PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comments

At this time of the year, I would like to reflect on our accomplishments and sum up the year end report. After a two years hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions, EUSI almost resumed its full activities in 2022. We took a gamble and hosted an in person symposium and mess dinner in Marc. Both events were well attended and international limelight did focus on EUSI for a while. Shortly after our symposium on drones as a defensive and offensive weapon system, Canadian made drones were part of the defensive operations in Ukraine. Some of our activities were still curtailed due to DND policies. On the other hand, our recruiting efforts continue to see some success. We have gained new members that were veterans and other affiliated organizations, and we also continue to have success in engaging young Canadians to join.

This summer, EUSI was invited to be partner agent with the Alberta Office of Excellence to identify five deserving Canadians to be recipients of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. At the time of publication, the five nominees are awaiting approval and a proper medal presentation ceremony will be announced.

As the military saying goes, we are busy with concurrent activities, planning the 2023 Annual Symposium. We have a number of commitments that include past military formation commanders, Provincial and Federal elected politicians, industry stake holders and academia. At this point, we are waiting for funding approval from Veteran Affairs, The theme of the 2023 annual symposium is "A proposal to stand up a Federal working group to mitigate damages caused by natural disasters". The symposium hopes to initiate a dialogue between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to mitigate and lessen damages by natural disasters. We also propose to review the National Defence Act, Aids to Civil Power. We believe it is time to have another approach dealing with the aftermaths of disasters, Dependent on the military to deal with the aftermath is reactive, expensive, ineffective, and undermines the military capability and readiness.

As a continuation of our participation in the Veteran Affairs, Memorial Project, a number of EUSI members have kept up with the requests to speak at schools, community events, senior homers and service clubs. The aim of the memorial Project is to refresh memories of the sacrifices and contributions made by our veterans and serving soldiers.

A number of EUSI members are also members of the Last Post Fund, a Veterans Affairs program to assist veterans and family who cannot afford a decent funeral. A number of presentation of the services offered by LPF were conducted throughout the year. LPF Alberta chapter is considered the leader of the program in Canada.

Yes, we EUSI members are busy bees. A large number of our board of directors are also on the board of the Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada, Edmonton. In October, through out fund raising efforts, we were able to make a cash donation of \$5000.00 to the Veterans Food Bank in Edmonton. followed by donations of furniture and household items.

For an organization of our size, we have accomplished a lot. Thank you, EUSI members.



EUSI Christmas Luncheon Social and Presentation

EUSI members and family are invited to attend our Christmas Luncheon, to be held at the Edmonton Inn and Convention Centre (at the Silkwood Room, access through the restaurant by the reception) at 11184 – Kingsway, Edmonton, on December 17, 2022, Saturday at 1200 Hrs. A presentation by the former Premier of Alberta, the Honorable Jason Kenney is expected. RSVP to Major Alex Tsang is required no later than December 9th, 2022, by Email listed below, with number (member and family included) attending. Please wear your medals for this occasion.



Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipient

The Edmonton United Services Institute is honored to be a partner agent with the Alberta Office of Excellence and nominated five members of EUSI for this prestigious award for their dedication to a better Alberta and Canada through tireless devotion to years of volunteer work to numerous non profit organizations, including the Edmonton United Services Institute:

1. Corporal (retired) Michelle Briones
2. Lieutenant (navy) Jon Dziadyk
3. Captain (retired) George Kuhse CD
4. Mr. Norman Leach
5. Captain (retired) John Pinsent

Congratulations and thank you for your services. The presentation of medals will be on December 17, 2022. Dress is formal with medals.



Canadian Forces Operations

The EUSI likes to publish a list of CAF operations overseas to remind ourselves that during the holiday season, there are soldiers who will not be joining their family to cherish the holiday spirits.

CAF operations adjusting to COVID-19

The worldwide spread of COVID-19 has impacted all of our Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations. Although precautions and strict health and safety protocols are in place, the risk of contracting COVID-19 cannot be entirely eliminated.

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has personnel deployed across Canada and around the world, with approximately 2500 personnel deployed on more than 20 different operations. Given the nature of our missions, we must be ready at all times to conduct military operations, at home and abroad.

Consequently, the CAF has taken an aggressive approach to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within our force and to those we work with while conducting operations.

The safety of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel is paramount and reasonable measures are taken to mitigate the risk to our deployed personnel and preserve our operational capabilities and readiness for current and future deployed operations.

Deployed Canadian Armed Forces task forces are conducting local liaison with host nation and allied forces health care authorities to determine and monitor the current state of COVID-19 in their area of operation and coordinate precautionary measures and response plans.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has taken unprecedented measures to protect the health and well-being of our members, prevent the spread of this disease, and preserve our ability to conduct mission-essential military operations. For instance, CAF members observe an isolation period before deploying, and again upon return to Canada at the end of their mission.

Current Operations – as of December 01, 2022

The following information is produced by Canadian Joint Operations Command Public Affairs. It is intended to give a current snapshot of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations by highlighting certain accomplishments and developments. It is designed to assist all those who play a part in explaining CAF engagements at home and abroad.

Americas

Operation Hamlet – Participation in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

Africa

Operation Crocodile – Military contribution to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Operation Saturn – To serve with UNAMID, the hybrid operation by the African Union (A.U.) and the United Nations in Darfur.

Operation Soprano – Participation in the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), the military component of a "whole-of-government" engagement in South Sudan that also includes the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Operation Sirona – Military component of the Canadian whole-of-government contribution to fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel will augment efforts undertaken by the United Kingdom to combat the spread of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Sierra Leone.

At sea

Operation Caribe – Multinational campaign against illicit trafficking by transnational organized crime in the Caribbean basin and the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Operation Artemis – Participation in counter-terrorism and maritime security operations in the Arabian Sea

Operation Projection - Royal Canadian Navy operations in the Asia-Pacific, Euro-Atlantic and African maritime environment in support of NATO Maritime Command, U.S. Naval Forces, and other allied operations

Middle East

Operation Jade – Contribution to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in the Middle East

Operation Gladius – Latest stage of Canada's long-standing participation in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria

Operation Calumet – Canada's participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), an independent peacekeeping operation in the Sinai Peninsula.

Operation Metric – Periodic participation in international efforts to enhance security in the eastern Mediterranean region, specifically the Middle East and North Africa

Operation Proteus – Canada's contribution to the Office of the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) in Jerusalem

Operation Foundation – Contribution of headquarters and liaison staff to United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) to support operations in its area of responsibility, which extends from Egypt to Pakistan and includes the Middle East and southwest Asia. Supports Canada's efforts in the Middle East and southwest Asia, and promotes Canadian values through regular presence and exchange with military allies, foreign armed forces, and governments in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility.

Operation Impact – Canada's contribution to the US-led international coalition against ISIS.

Europe

Operation Kobold – Deployment to Pristina, Kosovo, to serve with the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR).

Operation Ignition – Periodic participation in the NATO – Airborne Surveillance and Interception Capabilities to Meet Iceland's Peacetime Preparedness Needs mission. This is an operation conducted to monitor Iceland's airspace and enforce security if required. Contributes to the security of Canadian airspace by monitoring and controlling air traffic in the northeastern approaches to North America.

Operation Reassurance – Deployment in Central and Eastern Europe as part of NATO reassurance measures.

Operation Snowgoose – Contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)

Operation Unifier – Contribution to support Ukrainian forces through capacity building, in coordination with the U.S. and other countries providing similar training assistance

Worldwide

Operation GLOBE - The Canadian Armed Forces's commitment to active engagement abroad. Allowed the opportunity to work alongside personnel from other government departments, as well as other nations. Currently used for deployments related to the COVID-19 pandemic abroad repatriating Canadians overseas, and United Nations-related transportation of humanitarian and food supplies on behalf of the World Food Programme and World Health Organization.



Historical Tidbits

In the older days, as incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'



Heroes

Fearful eyes looked upwards at the thousands of arrows streaking across the sky, the sun playing its reflective rays on those deadly tips. The targets for those shafts of death held their wooden shields aloft as the prayers flowed freely from their lips. The lucky ones died instantly, wooden missiles smashing through their bodies, splintering bone, and piercing their racing hearts. Screams from the wounded, hard to ignore as the arrows stopped them playing their valiant parts. The vanquished were fearful of the expected slaughter, which they understood would be their fate. Victors hacked and slashed at their beaten foe, spilling their blood, just to satisfy their hate.



Barrhead War Memorial

Looting and burning, soaked in enemy blood, they sang songs of triumph at the death of their foe. On the return to their homeland, every one of the valiant men would be hailed as a returning hero. Frightening sound of an explosion, the fortress demolished, iron projectiles smash into its walls. Men defended their stronghold bravely, but arrows were no match for the power of the cannon ball. When sturdy walls were reduced to rubble, the defending army took up their swords and defiantly they charged.

They hoped that this new enemy would lose their courage and retreat, but it was them that were stopped at a distance of four hundred yards.

The enemy had new weapons, in the form of muskets that spat out deadly and unseen lead balls.

The defending brave men carried on their charge, then in great numbers they began to fall.

The smoke had cleared, the roar of the guns had ceased, the valiant army looted the bodies of their foes,

Then sang songs of victory and cheered each other knowing they would be hailed as returning heroes.

They will never know what happened, it would make no difference even if they did.

They will hear no sound, or sight of the enemy that is to destroy those who were content just to love and live.

Husbands, wives, parents; children, lovers, birds and sweet smelling flowers reduced to ashes by the unholy rain.

Unlucky survivors will be condemned to live their pitiful lives, mutilated and in terrible pain.

Towns, cities and countries will have very few left to cry, or to mourn.

Ill fated offspring of those few will suffer unknown terrors as they begin to die, from the moment they are born.

The senders of these weapons of Hell from hundreds of miles away,

will be uncaring as the life's blood of millions, instantly ceases to flow.

They will stand upright and proud, as medals are pinned on the chests, of these valiant vanquishing heroes.



HUMOUR

RETIRED HUSBAND

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to the Hypermarket. Like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. My wife is like most women - loves to browse & leaves me with endless time to fulfill.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Hypermarket:

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store.

We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store.

Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.

4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice,

'Code 3 in House wares. Get on it right away'.

This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time; and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.

5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.

6. August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while, loudly humming the, 'Mission Impossible' theme.

12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his, 'Madonna Look' using different sizes of funnels.

13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

14. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed;

'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'

15. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?

And last, but not least:

16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile; then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.'

One of the clerks passed out. 😊😜



Get trained!

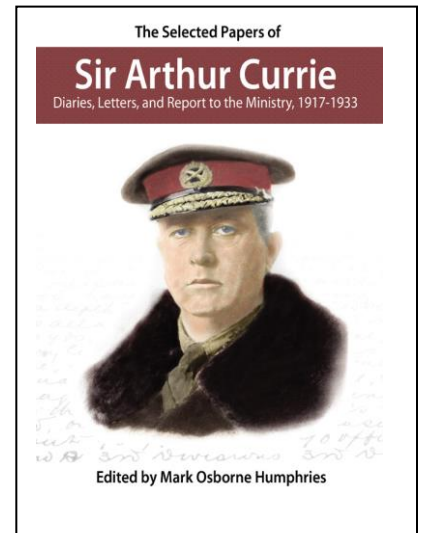


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

The Selected Papers of Sir Arthur Currie

Diaries, Letters, and Report to the Ministry, 1917-1933

The Selected Papers of Sir Arthur Currie brings to life the troubled world of Canada's most famous general. Detailed, introspective, and comprehensive, Currie's prolific writings illuminate events at the front and Canada's war at home, revealing the legacy of the Great War for Canadian society. Through diaries, letters, and a final report to the government, this book presents a vivid portrait of a very private public figure.



CANADIAN GEAR

LG 1 MARK II 105-MM HOWITZER



The LG 1 MARK II 105-MM HOWITZER is generally used to provide artillery fire support for light, highly mobile forces in Canada and abroad. Normally, it is pulled by a vehicle, such as a 2 ½ ton truck or a modified Grizzly. It can also be lifted by helicopter, dropped by parachute and transported by air. The LG1 is capable of engaging targets of up to 19 km away.



What's Out There?

F-X (Japan)

While similar in appearance, the FS-X is larger and heavier



than the F-16. The FS-X design calls for a 25-percent larger wing, longer fuselage, and longer horizontal and vertical tails. The FS-X will have the same F110 engine used in the latest US version of the F-16 aircraft. The FS-X will incorporate five technologies defined by FS-X agreements as Japanese (non-derived): active phased array fire control radar, integrated electronic warfare system, inertial reference/navigation system, mission computer hardware, and radar absorbing material. Japan is also developing a co-cured composite wing for the FS-X.



Membership Renewal

EUSI membership is from January 01 to December 31. It is still at \$25.00 per person per year. Additional donations to EUSI is accepted and appreciated. Please send your renewal and a check, payable to EUSI.

Renewal document is attached.



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

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