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### President's Comment

Happy Canada day to you all. Some Canadian Trivia you Should know.

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing **dominion** of Great Britain and a federation of four provinces: Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Ontario; and Quebec. The anniversary of this date was called **Dominion Day** until 1982.

Since 1983, July 1 has been officially known as **Canada Day**.

### **When was Canada no longer a dominion?**

After governance had reverted to direct control from London in 1934, became a province of Canada under the British North America Act 1949 (now the Newfoundland Act) passed in the UK parliament, **31 March 1949**, prior to the London Declaration of **28 April 1949**.

### **Why does Canada have the Queen on their money?**

The sovereign is the personification of the **Canadian** state and is **Queen of Canada** as a matter of constitutional law. The current **Canadian** monarch and head of state is Queen Elizabeth II, who **has** reigned since 6 February 1952. ... However, the **Queen** is the only member of the Royal Family with any constitutional role

### **What to eat and drink, and wear on Canada Day?**

Poutine., Alberta beef., Atlantic Canada lobster., Montreal smoked meat., Beaver tail, Cow's ice cream. Now, Beaver tail is really a candied donut. If you are in Alberta, it is available at Calgary Stempede or Edmonton K-Days.

Beer. Apparently Budweiser is Canada's most popular' brew.

Canadian Ice Wine. Different brands of Ice Wine are available. Some are made in Ontario and some are brewed in BC. In a hot summer day, a glass of chilled Ice Wine with a couple of ice cube, stirred, is just heaven. Go suck an egg, James Bond.

### **What to wear?**



You really only have three wardrobe choices if you want to let your patriotic side shine on Canada Day:

1. Red and white, 2. Plaid and/or flannel, 3. The Canadian tuxedo. It even has our Canadian darling's seal of approval.



Recently, there has been voices calling for the cancellation of Canada Day to pay tribute to reconciliation. This would be a travesty for all Canadians, soldiers and veterans in particular who fought and sacrificed so that we can proudly call ourselves Canadians. Snowflakes beware, history cannot be re-written. To do so is to failed to learn from past events and wiping out your own heritage,

Similarly, some people are calling for the abolition of the monarch or the Queen as our constitutional head of state. These are people who do not respect history and ignorant of the fact that the Monarch provides political stability and allows democracy to continue. A number of states/countries that have opted to abolish the Queen as their head of state have spiraled into near dictatorial governance.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 406 Tactical Helicopter Squadron**

June 17, 2022 kicked off three days of celebration at CFB Edmonton for the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for 408 THS. The meet and greet Friday night was great to see old friends telling war stories over beer great food. I also had a great time behind a simulator. A friend of mine who has never been exposed to military functions was thrilled to have the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of the simulator. Saturday's mess dinner was held at the Aviation Museum. My friend, Laurie Hawn was missing and I sure miss his pounding the boots on the table while singing his regimental march. On Sunday, the memorial service was solemn. Thank you 508 THS. Look forward to the next anniversary,

### **Canada Day Cerebration at CFB Edmonton**

CFB Edmonton will host a Canada Day cerebration with live entertainment starting at 7:00 PM and Firework starting at 11:00 PM. Activity will be held by the Sports Arena. Bring your own chair, blanket, beverages, and mosquito repellent. Admission is free. No need to fight for parking. Enjoy.

## **July 27 is the Official Korean Veterans Day.**

Senator Yonah Martin conceived and authored Bill S-213, which passed both the Senate and House of Commons unanimously, to make July 27 Korean War Veterans Day. The Korean War began June 25, 1950. By the time the Korea Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, more than 26,000 Canadians had served in Korea and 516 Canadians had lost their lives in service.

Canada, plus 20 other countries, went to the aid of South Korea and turned back the scourge of communism. About 7,000 Canadians continued to serve in the tense theatre of operations between the signing of the Armistice and the end of 1955, with some Canadian troops remaining until 1957.

In 2013, the Government of Canada marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice with events in both Korea and Canada on the newly established Korean War Veterans Day on July 27, in honour of all Canadians who served in the Korean War, and those who served on duties in Korea following the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement that ended the war, on July 27, 1953. It is important to remember that the Korean War has not officially ended. There simply was an agreement to end hostility. Today, North Korea has nuclear capability and has the most military might after China and India. Indeed, North Korea have scoffed at international sanctions against nuclear armament.

For those who are not aware, Griesbach Barracks in Edmonton was one of the major staging and training centre for troops deploying to Korea. Many of the PMQ.s (private Married Quarters) were built in a haste to accommodate the soldiers. These quarters were small and poorly insulated, but filled the needs at the time. Griesbach Barracks have now been converted to Griesbach Villager and is one of the most successful housing and community development by Canada Lands Inc.



## **HUMOR**

BUCKWHEAT OF THE LITTLE RASCALS FAME GREW UP, BECAME A MUSLIM, AND CHANGED HIS NAME.

He now goes by Kareem of Wheat.

"I THINK I FINALLY FIGURED OUT THE RATINGS," ONE MOVIE USHER SAYS TO THE OTHER DURING THEIR SHIFT.

"Rated G means the hero gets the girl, PG means the villain gets the girl, and rated R means everybody gets the girl."

WHY DID THE MAN WATCH *LORD OF THE RINGS* OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

Out of Hobbit.

A YOUNG ACTOR CALLS HIS AGENT from the set of his first film. He is playing the lead role for the first time in his career.

"How is it going?" asks the agent.

"It is amazing!" the actor gushes. "The director told me that my performance is making him consider making two films with me."

"Two?" the agent replies.

"Yeah," the actor says, "my first and my last."

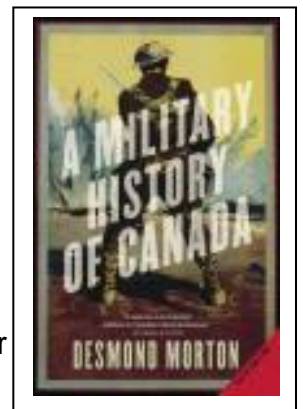


## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### A Military History of Canada

Desmond Morton

Is Canada really “a peaceable kingdom” with “an unmilitary people”? Nonsense, says Desmond Morton. This is a country that has been shaped, divided, and transformed by war — there is no greater influence in Canadian history, recent or remote.



From the shrewd tactics of Canada’s First Nations to our troubled involvement in Somalia, from the Plains of Abraham to the deserts of Afghanistan, Morton examines our centuries-old relationship to war and its consequences. This updated edition also includes a new chapter on Canada’s place in the war on terrorism.



## CANADIAN GEAR

### C7A1 ASSAULT RIFLE



The C7A1 assault rifle is an improved version of the basic C7 combat rifle, incorporating a low-mounted optical sight. It is a Canadian adaptation of a U.S. firearm known as the M16A1E1. The C7A1 eliminates the carrying handle of the C7 and substitutes an optical sight. The weapon is equipped with a 3.5x optical sight, which is mounted in place of the carrying handle.

C7A1 rounds are 5.56 x 45 NATO standard. The weapon has an effective range of 400 metres and a rate of fire of 700 to 940 rounds per minute. Along with the optical sight, optional attachments include the M203A1 40mm grenade launcher, the AN PAQ 4 Laser pointer and the Image Intensification Night Sight (Kite sight). It has been in service with the Army since 1986.



Get trained!



## What's Out There?

### K-2 (South Korea)

The new K2 series was developed from the XK2 program becoming the "Black Panther" K2 Main Battle Tank. The K2 uses a German MTU 1500 hp Europowerpack engine and has a 120 mm Rheinmetall smoothbore gun with an autoloader provided a rate-of-fire of up to 15 rounds per minute. The rounds reportedly can penetrate the armor of the M1A2 Abrams American tank. Radar equipment and laser detection systems along with reactive armor are comparable to the French LeClerc and the US M1A2 Abrams main battle tanks.



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