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President's Comment

In this year of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, or having been the Monarch for the British Commonwealth for nearly 71 years, I am reminded her reign provided political stability in half the world. Certainly in Canada, as Head of the State, Her Majesty has the constitutional power to veto constitutional changes. This is important for Canada. Unlike USA where there is the House of Congress and the Senate to Oversee Presidential decrees, Her Majesty serves as a constitutional safeguard to ensure the Prime Minister's office plays by the rules.

Do you know that young Elizabeth served in British Territorial Army. TA, during WWII as a MSE Op (Mobile Services Equipment Operator) or A truck driver and attained the rank of Lance Corporal. She did not pull any weight and served diligently as a soldier. Here is my salute to you, Your Majesty.



In March this year, the annual EUSI Symposium featured UAV 9Unmanned Air Vehicles/drones in defensive or offensive operations. In May, a quantity of Canadian Drones were shipped to Ukraine. A British contact of mine told me that in June, a Russian Major General was taken out by a modified Canadian drone. He was talking on his cell, utilizing Ukrainian cell tower and his whereabouts were pinpointed by GPS, whereupon an armed drone was dispatched and the rest is confidential.

The topic for the 2023 Symposium was decided upon by the board in our last board meeting at Boston Pizza, The topic is to discuss the formation of a national response group to deal with natural disasters. This group will be able to research and project natural disasters, thereby minimizing property damages in a proactive way. To further discuss the formation of a national group, it would also be necessary to review the National Defence Act, Aid to Civil Power. To rely on the military to deal with disasters is inefficient and undermine the capacity of the military, especially in today's unstable world environment. We are hoping an insurance company would participate in the symposium. EUSI members who have connections with the private insurance business, please advise president, EUSI. The propose date for the symposium will be sometime in the Spring of 2023.



RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker -14 September 2022 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 14 September by Lieutenant Colonel Julien Letarte, Royal Canadian Air Force, titled "Remotely Piloted Aircraft System..

Uncrewed aerial vehicles, including remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS), are rapidly being developed and employed for continental/homeland defence, security and safety missions by Canada, allies and adversaries. Lieutenant Colonel Letarte will brief highlights of the Royal Canadian Air Force's RPAS project to provide a familiarization with this increasingly significant capability. The event will start at 1pm Atlantic time, Wednesday, 14 September, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3pm Atlantic time. A United States Air Force speaker may be added later but there will be no change to timings. Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close-of-business Sunday, 11 September. .As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speakers 14 September 2022 Registration. In addition to your name, please provide your organization (association, company or unit). Participation is limited and later may have to be put on a waiting list. If after registering your availability changes and you are no longer able to attend, please advise RUSI(NS) as soon as possible so your spot can be re-assigned. This event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 12 September. If you have not received them by end-of-day 12 September, please check your spam folder and, if necessary, email RUSI(NS). RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice



BATTLE OF BRITAIN. OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED ON 15 SEPTEMBER.

In 1940, from 10 July until 31 October, the Royal Air Force Fighter Command thwarted the German Luftwaffe's attempts to gain air supremacy over southern England, averting possible invasion and downing 1,733 German aircraft.

But the efforts were not without significant sacrifice: 915 British craft were lost and an estimated 544 of the 2,927 aircrew of the RAF were killed. Losses from other allies, including Canadian, were not included in the number.

Their numerical disadvantage prompted Prime Minister Winston Churchill to describe them as the 'few' in his speech to Parliament on 20 August 1940.

**“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.” Sir
*Winston Churchill***



The EUSI is a prominent member of the **Edmonton Salutes Committee**. For those who are not aware of The Edmonton Salutes Committee, it is a standing committee funded by the City of Edmonton, with representatives from neighbouring municipalities. The Federal Government is represented by our local MP, Ziad Aboutiff , and the Provincial Government is represented by Brad Rutherford, MLA. . CFB Edmonton and Camp Wainwright, the naval communities and veteran communities such as the Legion are also represented. The Edmonton Salutes Committee

was there to welcome home our soldiers from Afghanistan and we also saw them off. The Edmonton Salutes Committee has been involved in many projects to boost the morale of our soldiers and is currently planning a number of activities, including a Christmas concert for our soldiers and their family. In the past, the EUSI participated in the Edmonton Salutes Committee parade at Klondike Days. Three Board Directors were sporting red Salutes golf shirts and practiced the Queen's royal wave to the common folks. It was a lot of fun.

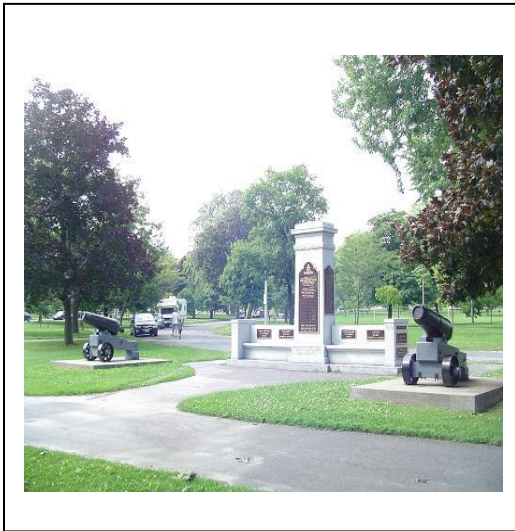


The Last Post Fund is a Veteran Affairs program to ensure veterans who cannot afford a decent burial are financially assisted to ensure a dignified funeral service. Each province has a Provincial branch that also engage in various activities including identifying veteran burial sites and placing identifying plaques on site. Alberta has been one of the most active branch and this year, we have successfully identified more than 400 unmarked graves, Nevertheless, we are seeking volunteer researchers to continue with our efforts. LCol (ret'd) Hans Brink was a former chair of the Alberta chapter of LPF. President, EUSI, Major (ret;d) Alexander Tsang has been a director for ten years. Captain (ret;d) George Kuhse has recently join as a director .of the board. If you know a veteran or family who may need assistance in this regard, please contact Hans or myself. .



Vitai Lampada

THERE'S a breathless hush in the Close to-night
 Ten to make and the match to win
 A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
 An hour to play and the last man in.
 And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
 Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
 But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote
 "Play up! play up! and play the game!"
 The sand of the desert is sodden red,
 Red with the wreck of a square that broke;
 The Gatling's jammed and the colonel dead,
 And the regiment blind with dust and smoke.
 The river of death has brimmed his banks,
 And England's far, and Honour a name,
 But the voice of schoolboy rallies the ranks,
 "Play up! play up! and play the game!"



The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Memorial

This is the word that year by year

While in her place the School is set
 Every one of her sons must hear,
 And none that hears it dare forget.
 This they all with a joyful mind
 Bear through life like a torch in flame,
 And falling fling to the host behind -
 "Play up! play up! and play the game!"



HUMOUR – Submitted by my dear friend, Lieutenant Colonel GG. Sometimes, I wonder how he remain married. Must be his money or sense of humour. Definitely not his looks.

How do you make anti-freeze? *Steal her blankets*

What are the tree fastest forms of communication? *Television, telephone, and tellawoman.*

What do you call a person who can not tell the difference between a ladle and a spoon? *Overweight.*

A woman is getting lunch ready when the phone rings. "This is the middle school calling about your son Phillip. He has been caught telling unbelievable lies."

"I'll say he has," the woman replies. "I do not have a son."

While watching a movie in the theater, a man can't hear the dialogue over the chatter of the two women sitting in front of him. Unable to bear it any longer, he taps one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," he says, "I can't hear." "I should hope not," one woman replies sharply. "This is a private conversation."

This reminds me quite a few years ago. I was in charge of traffic security at the CFB Edmonton Air Show. Yes, we had one for many years until about 1989 or so. A young rookie MP was asked to look out for the Lieutenant Governor who was to attend as the VIP. The young MP was to make sure no one parks at the reserved spot, which was meant for the LG. Many air show attendees tried to park in this very desirable spot and was promptly shooed away by Pte Bloggins. Well, the LG finally arrived, driving by his body guard in a black Cadillac, with a Canadian Flag flying on the side. Pte Bloggins promptly told the driver in his British accent, "Hey mate, you can't bloody park there. Move it. "The driver, who was a retired Edmonton Police Services inspector, obediently parked the vehicle in the dusty farmer's field and walked with the LG to the dais.

Pte Bloggins, I believe was a career private for many years to come.



Get trained!



CANADIAN MILITARY READING



Named by the Enemy: A History of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles

Brian A. Reid

Named by the Enemy: A History of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles by Brian A. Reid covers the story of the Little Black Devils on their 125th anniversary in 2010. The unit received its moniker during the Northwest Rebellion from captured Métis soldiers, who distinguished its members for their dark green uniforms, which contrasted with the NWMP's red coats.



Recommended Periodical – Veterans News.

A locally produced periodical that provides useful information about veterans and heroes of the past. This magazine is free to anyone who requests it. PO Box 62042, Westmount, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M4B5 veteransnews@adnetagency.ca



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

