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President's Comment

We have just passed the bi-annual anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Putin is still calling the invasion "a targeted military Operation". Without military, financial, and political/economical pressure, Ukraine will have small chance of repelling the invasion. The message for other state aggressors is you can invade, kill, and destroy without consequences. Hence, the upcoming election in the USA is important for continuous support for Ukraine or not.

Similar situation can also be said of the Middle-east. As much as the distaste of seeing civilians getting killed, I also believe Hamas can stop the war by simply handing over the hostages. The fact that resistance remains strong against IDF suggests to me that countries who are pulling the strings do not want to end the war. The civilian casualties are pawns in this conflict.

With the world in a massive screwed up state, and severe climatic uncertainties on the horizon, I believe our government needs to prepare citizens for some tough time ahead. I believe this is the time to suspend all ideological manouvers by some politicians and concentrate on maintain or improve Canadian standard of living. Therefore, ideological proposals NOT to build or maintain Canadian roads or carbon taxes needs to go, Canadian are facing extreme economical hardships and more and more people are becoming homeless. Some turn to illegal drugs for relieve or simply have a nervous breakdown, adding to crime and unsafe communities. I am calling for all veterans to rise up to do what you can to make Canada great again.



EUSI Annual Symposium – Saturday, March 9th 2024

The Annual EUSI symposium will take place on Saturday, 9th March, 2024 at the Edmonton Inn and Convention Centre, starting at 0830 hrs. The theme of the Symposium is Analysis of the Russian/Ukraine War two years and ten years of the economical, geopolitical, and military impacts for the world and Canada. We have assembled a panel who are experts on the subject. Coffee and lunch are complimentary.

For the evening Presidential Mess Dinner, our guest speaker is Brigadier General Bourque, Deputy Commander of 3rd Division.

Deadline for RSVP is fast approaching. RSVP must be received in the mail NLT March 01, 2024. We are near full capacity. Send in your RSVP now. Invites and RSVP are on the February newsletter, if not, can be downloaded from EUSI.Ca.

Commonwealth Day



Commonwealth Day is celebrated on the second Monday of March. This year, it falls on March 11. It is the day when Commonwealth countries, which represent a quarter of all humanity, acknowledge their common bonds and the contribution of the Commonwealth of Nations to the creation of a harmonious global environment. The Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada, Edmonton Branch will celebrate the Commonwealth Day with celebratory activities, including sharing well wishes from His Royal Highness, King Charles, who is the head of the Commonwealth and Head of State of Canada. The Commonwealth does not have the power as United Nations and certainly do not have the might as NATO to enforce any conditions or sanctions. It is effective in its own way to promote respect for diversity, democracy, religious freedom, and cultural values. Unfortunately, not unlike other institutions, it is getting less known to people, especially among the younger generations. I dare to say, many will not know that Canada is a Commonwealth nation and the head of the Commonwealth is King Charles. The Royal Commonwealth Society of Edmonton has a Video available on YouTube and on its website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvrXsRQU0Ng>



St. Julien Memorial

They ask me where I've been,
And what I've done and seen.
But what can I reply
Who know it wasn't I,
But someone just like me,
Who went across the sea
And with my head and hands
Killed men in foreign lands...
Though I must bear the blame,
Because he bore my name.



Get trained!



HUMOR

The Stella Awards

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards"! For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right?

That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stella's for this year:

- SEVENTH PLACE

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

- SIXTH PLACE *

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

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- FIFTH PLACE *

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental Anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish Keep scratching. There are more...

- FOURTH PLACE *

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun

- THIRD PLACE *

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

Only two more so ease up on the scratching..

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure

Ok. Here we go!! **- FIRST PLACE ***

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set The Oklahoma jury

awarded her, are you sitting down?

\$1,750,000.

PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.



What's Out There

South Korea plunging deeper into sub export markets

<https://asiatimes.com/2023/12/south-korea-plunging-deeper-into-sub-export-markets/>

"Naval News mentions that (HD Hyundai Heavy Industries) is planning to participate in the Canadian Patrol Submarine

Project (CPSP) and has signed a technical cooperation agreement with Babcock Canada."

If the HD HHI's "indigenous mid-size submarine for export markets" meets the requirements of the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project, including cost and especially availability (procurement needs to be expedited), then, yes, let's buy South Korean. And let's buy twelve submarines. Canada has three oceans, three fronts, one of them, the Arctic, fronting Russia.



War In Ukraine

Russia Investigates Disappearance of More Than 50 Missing Aircraft as Allegations of Move to "Unfriendly Countries" Such as Ukraine Emerge.

Mid escalating tensions in the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, investigations have been launched into the disappearance of multiple Russian aircraft. Suspicions abound that some of these aircraft may have ended up in the possession of Ukrainian forces, intensifying geopolitical concerns and prompting official inquiries into alleged unauthorized transfers. Numerous reports suggest that several Russian aircraft, including Mi-8 helicopters and an Il-76 strategic airlifter, have disappeared under suspicious circumstances, coinciding with heightened military activities in Ukraine. Ministry of Transport audits conducted in July 2023 uncovered inconsistencies in Rosaviatsiya's records, leading to suspicions of improper removal of aircraft from the civil aviation register without adequate documentation. The Federal Security Service has initiated criminal investigations, citing negligence and abuse of power, targeting individuals associated with the suspected unauthorized transfer of aircraft. Allegations have surfaced regarding the unlawful removal of 59 planes and helicopters from Russian jurisdiction, raising questions about the circumstances surrounding their disappearance.

Officials from the Federal Air Transport Agency are under scrutiny for alleged deficiencies in documenting the removal of aircraft, contributing to uncertainties regarding their current whereabouts. Rosaviatsiya, responsible for overseeing Russia's civil aviation sector, faces scrutiny over its handling of aircraft ownership rights and transactions, amid allegations of irregularities. The Mi-8 helicopter, extensively utilized by Russian forces, has emerged as a key point of interest, with Ukrainian claims of downing these helicopters further exacerbating tensions. Reports of aircraft incidents, including crashes and disappearances, have heightened concerns about the safety and security of aerial operations amidst the ongoing conflict. Ukraine

has repeatedly claimed the shooting down of Russian aircraft and has reportedly seized at least one Russian helicopter, adding another dimension to the complex dynamics of the conflict. In a significant development, Ukraine reported the capture of a Russian Mi-8 pilot, underscoring the intensifying nature of the conflict and its broader implications for regional stability.



RCAF 100 Anniversary celebration



APRIL 1 ~

Raising of RCAF Flag over Alberta Legislature Building
High Level Bridge and Alberta Legislature Building Lighting

~ APRIL 13 ~

RCAF Centenary Dinner,
Edmonton Expo Centre

~ AUGUST 3 & 4 ~

Days of Yore Heritage Festival,
Didsbury, Alberta

~ AUGUST 12 - 16 ~

Daily Lunchtime Band Performances,
Legislature Plaza

~ AUGUST 16 ~

Military Parade, Raising of RCAF Flag
over City Hall

~ SEPTEMBER 14 ~

Battle of Britain Dinner Theatre Show,
Alberta Aviation Museum

~ SEPTEMBER 14 ~
Battle of Britain Parade

For further enquiries or purchase tickets, contact 700wingrcafa@gmail.com

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

