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My last President's E News/Swan song

The fall colour arrived right on schedule. Luckily, we have not yet been blessed with the white fluffy stuff. Long range forecast suggest that it will be coming sooner than before. I can tell it is true as my bones are beginning to ache. The trees leaves along 97th Street in Edmonton, just outside the former Griesbach Barracks has a beautiful colour mixture of red, yellow, and still a little bit of green. This, against the backdrop of the sunset in the evening is attracting many photographers trying to capture the beauty of the fading summer. Some will lament on the end of summer, which officially ended on September 21, but many will look forward to Thanksgiving and the family gathering with the turkey dinner and pumpkin pies. Such is the nature of life. At this time of year in 2014, our former President and a dear friend, LCol Colin Reichle, passed away. Whenever I see the season changes colour, it always reminded me of friends and family who are in heaven. Come Thanksgiving and turkey carving, it would be appropriate to say a word of thanks to those who have passed but left us memorable imprints.

This will be my last publication of President's Enews. I plan on stepping down as president after the AGM on Oct 5th, 2024. I have been president for 12 years and a director of EUSI for over thirty years. Over the years, we have tried to keep EUSI a viable organization through our commemoration activities, annual symposium, and keep our members and public informed through the monthly President's Enews. I have tried to raise awareness over past and current affairs through well researched comments. Canvassed opinions and generate discussion. Once in a while I also added to a bit of humor to situations that we really gave no control over but what is the point of crying over it.

As my health and eye sight are failing me, it is time to pass on the torch to a younger man. I hope you will continue to lend your support to the new president of EUSI, as you have to me. I cannot project if the President's Enews would continue to roll out monthly, or even at all. But changes are expected with new management and new policies. Please voice your concerns to the new president if you feel things are not going forward as it should. This is your organization as well and have the right to make sure it is going the right path. Thank you all.



The Soldiers's Prayer



Chippawa Battlefield Memorial

God of my fathers! guide my way
 Amidst the Battle's fierce alarms;
 Grant me to see, this dreadful day,
 The triumph of my Country's arms.
 Yet not my will, but thine be done,
 If thy high wisdom doom my fall,
 Tho' short the race of life I've run,
 I die content at Duty's call.
 Then, if thy grace my prayer accord,
 Th' expression of my parting breath,
 Grateful, I'll bless thy goodness, Lord!
 And smile amidst the pangs of Death.
 "May my transgressions of thy will
 Find mercy thro' my Saviour's name!
 May my lov'd Country, freed from ill,
 Long flourish in unbounded fame!"



UNITED NATIONS DAY – 24th October

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the United Nations, as which "shall be making known to the peoples of the world and achievements of the United nations gaining their support for" its work

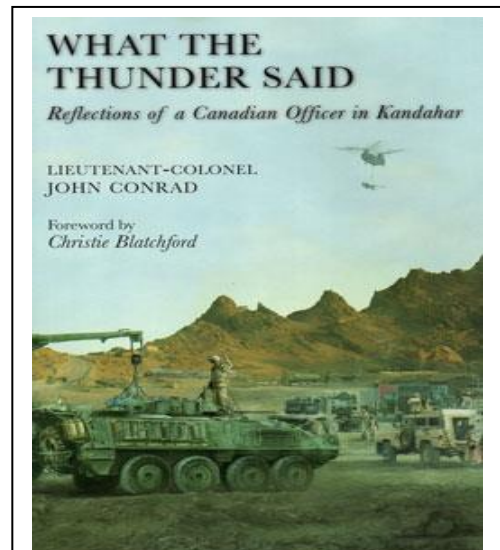


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

WHAT THE THUNDER SAID: REFLECTIONS OF A CANADIAN OFFICER IN KANDAHAR

John Conrad

By February 2006, the focus of Canada's military effort in Afghanistan had traversed from the relatively stable central region of Kabul to Kandahar province as the Canadian-led Multinational Brigade conducted a "relief in place" with the US 173 Airborne Task Force Bayonet, and assumed



responsibility for the volatile area known as Regional Command South (RC South). Canadian military leadership in Ottawa enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to assume this leadership role within the NATO community, yet from their earliest meetings with their American counterparts at Kandahar Airfield (KAF), it was apparent to the leadership on the ground that this operation was different and much more dangerous than anything in Canada's recent history.

Col John Conrad was formerly the Commander of 41 CBG, headquartered in Calgary. 41 CBG include all reserve militia units in Alberta, with satellite posts in North West Territories.



Get trained!



CANADIAN GEAR

Canada Kicks Off Submarine Tender After Survey of Global Vendors David Pugliese Defense News Sept 19, 2024 The Canadian military has formally begun its efforts to acquire a fleet of up to 12 conventionally powered submarines. The Canadian government has requested submarine builders submit information on their boats by Nov 18 in what is seen as a first step in the eventual purchase. Canadian Defence Minister Bill Blair issued a statement Sept. 16 noting that submarines are crucial to maintaining the country's sovereignty. "As an Arctic, Atlantic, and Pacific nation with the world's longest coastline, Canada needs a new fleet of submarines," Blair said. The current fleet of Victoria-class submarines operated by the Royal Canadian Navy will be decommissioned in the mid-2030s, he added. "To avoid any gap in Canadian submarine capabilities, Canada anticipates a contract award by 2028 with the delivery of the first replacement submarine no later than 2035," Blair noted in his message. In a statement also released Sept. 16 on X, Blair said the purchase would involve acquiring up to 12 conventionally powered, under-ice capable submarines. No cost figures were released at this time. Canada is open to submarines that are currently in service or in production. The submarines would be capable of conducting "precision attacks" and would be equipped with heavyweight torpedoes, anti-ship missiles and long-range precision land attack missiles, according to the initial information provided to industry. Blair said the request for information will also open the door for Canadian industry on in service support, training and infrastructure for the new fleet. Canada does not build its own submarines so any boats will be constructed in another nation. Blair originally highlighted Canada's interest in new submarines on July 10 at the NATO summit in Washington but did not provide specific details at that time. Canadian government officials, however, have suggested that the submarine purchase could help Canada meet its goal of spending at least 2% of GDP on defense as required by NATO. Canada has been under increasing pressure from its allies to do more on defense. To prepare for the acquisition the Royal Canadian Navy had already created the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project (CPSP), which was gathering information, and conducting an analysis of potential submarines capable of meeting the service's requirements. In 2023 the CPSP project team conducted initial

engagements and fact finding with countries, companies, and navies that currently have or are in the process of building submarines that meet Canada's needs. The team has engaged with France, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Spain, and Sweden. The request for information will allow Canada to receive specific information it needs to put together a bid package and supporting documents for the future purchase. The four Victoria-class boats, originally known as the Upholder-class, were purchased second-hand from the UK Royal Navy. The first three Victoria-class submarines were accepted into Royal Canadian Navy service between 2000 and 2003. The fourth submarine suffered a fire in transit to Canada in 2004, which delayed its acceptance into RCN service until 2015. The submarines are currently undergoing various improvements and upgrades to keep them operating until the mid to late 2030s.



Humor

Do you have Health Insurance?

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery...

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank." "Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."



OP TAKE POST To Gunners and friends



**Fields of Fire Tours
and Merit Travel Canada**
presents

80th Anniversary of Victory Tour 2-11 May 2025 Gunners in the Liberation of the Netherlands



An Officer in the Headquarters of the 10th Field Artillery Bde. shows the location of the Maastricht



- Attend the Canadian ceremony at Wageningen on Liberation Day.
- Visit important Canadian battlefields in the Netherlands
- Pay tribute to Canada's war dead of the Victory Campaign
- Visit the Dutch Army Artillery Museum
- Visit monuments, museums, and Commonwealth War Cemeteries
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The Following information for discounts for military/CF one members in Edmonton and surrounding areas is provided by Capt Andrew Gordey:

Edmonton discounts:

Shops:

- SportChek, Jack & Jones, Quality Red Tag Floors, SoftMoc, Costco, Michael's, The Brick Appliance Warehouse, Iris- Visual Group, Eyecare Solutions, KAL Tire, GM Canada
- BMW, Hyundai Canada, KIA Canada, Tommy Hilfiger, Canadian Tire Gas, Hearing Life,
- MEC (Mountain Equipment Co-op), Boutique of Leathers Open Road, Sentinel Storage
- Honda Canada Powersports & Power Equipment
- Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Honda Canada – dealership, Acura Canada, Sundance Mazda,
- Pet Valu, Carter's OshKosh, Argyll Motorsports & Marine, Nothing But Tires, OK Tire,
- Rally Subaru, Uniglass Plus Ziebart, Beachcomber Hot Tubs and Patio, Red Claw Gaming,
- Certified Radio. UnTuckIt clothing, DeSerres,
- Streetside Developments Edmonton (housing), Garage Optical Ltd, PODS, Lee Valley Tools
- Lindt Chocolates

Services:

- Damara Day Spa, H&R Block, The Personal, CANEX Home Heating, Expert Insulation Contracting,
- Caliber Master Home Builder, Tommy Guns Barber Shop, Speedy Auto Service, Terrace Heights Tax Service, Everlife Wealth Management, YEGPro Realty -Veteran Real Estate Group, Century 21 – The Esposito Team
- Shayna Fearn Photography, AMJ Campbell Van Lines, Massage Experts, Pop a Lock Canada
- Alberta Home Inspection – Edmonton

Accommodations:

- Hotel Planner – features Edmonton hotels, Days Inn- Edmonton locations
- Comfort Suites -Edmonton locations, Ramada by Wyndham – Edmonton locations
- Howard Johnson by Wyndham – Edmonton locations
- Travel Lodge by Wyndham – Edmonton locations, Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton
- Home2Suites by Hilton West Edmonton, Super 8 by Wyndham – Edmonton locations
- Quality Inn – Edmonton locations, Wingate By Wyndham – Edmonton locations
- Hampton Inn & Suites Edmonton West, Courtyard by Marriot Edmonton West
- Clarion by Choice Hotels

Travel:

- West Jet, Air Canada, Canadian North Airlines, Sunwing, Air Transat
- Via Rail, AVIS, Budget
- Park N Fly – Edmonton Airport parking

Attractions/Entertainment:

- Edmonton Elks, Come From Away – Theatre show, Book Of Mormon – Theatre show
- Landmark Cinemas, Royal Alberta Museum, Edmonton Zoo & Muttart Conservatory
- Telus World of Science, Fort Edmonton Park, Jubilations Dinner Theatre

Dining:

- Canadian Brewhouse restaurants – 5 Edmonton locations
- Cora Breakfast and Lunch – 137TH Ave, Edmonton, McDonald's -50th Street, Edmonton
- Simply Supper,, St Louis Bar & Grill, St Albert

Recreation:

- Good Life Fitness, City of Edmonton Recreation, Running Room, Hardcore Bikes
- Track n Trail, Pedego Electric Bikes, Scuba Gear Canada, 1 Putt Virtual Golf Edmonton

Newly on-boarded partners from June –September 2024

- Namaste Wellness & Day Spa (Sherwood Park, AB)
- Eddie's Donair & Pizza (2 locations in Edmonton)
- Bliss MediSpa and Integrated Wellness (Edmonton)
- Aldo Shoes– national partnership – 2 Edmonton locations
- Thai Avenue Restaurant (Edmonton)
- Tina Turner- The musical (Edmonton show in March)
- Come from Away (Edmonton show in Sept)
- Book of Mormon (Edmonton show in November)
- BettleJuice (Edmonton show in January)
- Harley Davidson (National partner- 2 locations in Edmonton)
- Calaway Park
- Home Hardware – Sherwood Park location
- Calgary Stampeters
- AQ Outdoors
- Bow Habitat Station
- Calgary Airport Parking Authority (We already have Park N Fly in Edmonton)
- Edmonton Elks
- Edmonton International Raceway

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



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