

Honorary Patron of EUSI – Her Honor, Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta



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President's Comment

Friends and supporters of the EUSI, Kung Hai Fat Choy. This is the Cantonese New Year's greeting which means hoping you all will have a prosperous year with money befall upon you. This year is the year of the monkey and Chinese New Year's Day is on February 8, 2016.

Maybe it's a sign of the maturity of our City that there are several organizations that have recently celebrated or will be celebrating this year their 100th Anniversary. Nevertheless, it really is a "BIG DEAL".

I find it noteworthy that unlike other many other veterans' organizations, the EUSI was founded before the First World War. I imagine that the first members were local Militia Officers, perhaps Boer War and Riel Rebellion vets, and expatriate Brits settling in the Edmonton area. They saw a need in the community that needed filling and they stepped forward to meet that need. We have now enjoyed the work of 5 or more generations of EUSI Members. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then. We celebrated our 100th Anniversary on 17 February 2012, with a gala dinner at the Edmonton Petroleum Club, which no longer closed its door permanently in October 2014.

An overview of global events in the last twelve months shows an increasing instability and conflicts around the world. From the ISIS terrorist attacks in Paris, Jakarta, to the attack at Burkina Faso where Canadian relief workers were murdered, Islamic States Terrorists continue to threaten world stability and created the biggest refugee crisis in Europe. Canada has committed to admit 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of December, 2015 but postponed to February, 2016. This Canadian effort appears to be a symbolic gesture and makes very little impact against the millions of refugees waiting to be resettled. Some will argue that destroying the ISIS and the refugee problem will be eliminated. However, most countries, including the USA and Canada lack the will to ante up the military commitment required to achieve a military solution. Given the violence and ideological commitment the ISIS has displayed, there are no other political or diplomatic solutions that will stop the ISIS on their tracks. Responsible Canadians must ask our government, "where is the resolve to fight back?" I do miss leaders like Margaret Thatcher. Should Canada reconsider its position of withdrawing F18s and put boots on the ground? Money allocated for refugee support can be used to strengthen our military and serve as an economic stimulus through our defence policy and industry. With Canada's economy on a rapid slide and unemployment going up, Canadian leaders will need to think innovatively.



The Honorary Patron of Edmonton United Services Institute

Her Honor, Lois Mitchell, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, has accepted our invitation to be the Honorary Patron of EUSI, during the term of her office. This means she will attend at least one EUSI public function annually and be interested in the well being of EUSI.



EUSI Annual Symposium and Mess Dinner Saturday, 17 September, 2016

The 2016 Symposium will take place on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**. Topic of the symposium will be “Future Role of the Canadian Military – Peace Making Vs Peace Keeping” Invitations to be panelist have been sent to the Minister of National Defence, the Chief of the General Staff, as well as professors Christian Lieuprecht, Professor Rob Hubert, and Mr. Joseph Howard.

Following the symposium, a mess dinner will be held to commemorate the **Battle of Medak Pocket**, Croatia, the fiercest battle fought between Canadian and Croatian soldiers. A company commander and his CSM who fought in the battle will be our guest speakers. A silent auction is also planned to raised awareness and funds for the **Last Post Fund**. So mark down your calendar and support this exciting event. .



Beaumont Fire Department saluting soldiers returning from Afghanistan in February, 2012 The Beaumont Fire Department is made up almost entirely of volunteer fire fighters. In Edmonton, the Edmonton Salutes Committee coordinated welcome home receptions at the Edmonton International Airport and coordinated police escorts and fire department salutes along the route from the airport to Canadian Force Base Edmonton.



The Royal Commonwealth Society of Edmonton

The RCSE will be holding a formal dinner to commemorate the Commonwealth Day on 12th March, 2016. This is followed by another reception on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Ramada Hotel in Edmonton. An invitation will be send by slow mail to all EUSI members by the Chair of RCSE, Mr. Joe Zasada. Your support in attending both events will be appreciated.



401 Tactical Fighter Squadron resurrected. On June 30th, 2015



401 Tactical Fighter Squadron was first formed in March 1933, disbanded overseas in July, 1945. It was resurrected on June 30th, 2015.at Wing Cold Lake, Alberta. Shortly after, the Squadron was sent to Kuwait to support the Coalition Forces against the ISIS. The Squadron's Honorary Colonel is the former Member of Parliament, Edmonton, Central, Laurie Hawn, who is also a former fighter pilot and a member of EUSI. Laurie was formally invested in Kuwait by the Squadron in January, 2016. I cannot think of a better person then Laurie to be the First Honorary Colonel for the Squadron upon its resurrection. Congratulations.

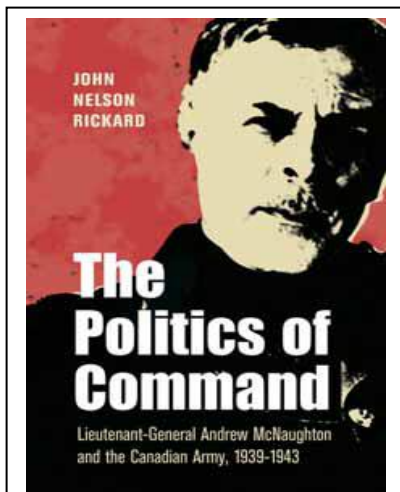


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

THE POLITICS OF COMMAND

Lieutenant-General Andrew McNaughton and the Canadian Army, 1939-1943

John Nelson Rickard



In this study of General McNaughton the author re-examines the historical perception of this brilliant man. Although a highly successful soldier and a gifted artilleryman in the First World War, historians have nonetheless considered McNaughton a failure as commander of the First Canadian Army during the Second World War. McNaughton's unwillingness to see the army divided for use in operations, and his ability to train and command the army, are re-evaluated in light of the effect of his personality

conflicts with senior Canadian and British commanders and government officials. This study concludes that, in the end, the effect of personality was the most important element in the McNaughton story. It led to intellectual, professional and personal gridlock and ultimately doomed his command of First Canadian Army. General McNaughton, incidentally, is the grand father of Lt Gen (ret'd) Andrew Leslie, former Commander of the Army, who drafted the Army reorganization policy paper. Leslie was elected to the Parliament in the Liberal government in October 2015.



Latest from DND,

Record of Service Card - Former members, please takes note of the following

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http://vcds.mil.ca/vcde-exec/pubs/default-eng.asp?path=/vcde-exec/pubs/canforgen/2016/011-16_e.asp&?WT.mc_id=ADMMPA2016W4eng-prgsrv1

TRANSITION FROM THE RECORD OF SERVICE (NDI 75) CARD
UNCLASSIFIED

UNDERSTANDING THE NEED TO FULLY AND PROPERLY RECOGNIZE SERVING AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF) AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE CAF WILL TRANSITION FROM THE RECORD OF SERVICE CARD (NDI75) TO THE CFONE CARD AS THE RECOGNITION CARD OF CHOICE. AS PART OF THIS TRANSITION, THE CAF WILL CEASE PROCESSING OF THE NDI 75 EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY, 2016

THE CFONE CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL SERVING AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CAF AND THEIR FAMILIES. VETERANS OF THE CAF WILL RECEIVE A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CARD THAT RIGHTFULLY DISTINGUISHES THEM AS A VETERAN OF THE CAF. DETAILS FOR HOW TO OBTAIN A CFONE CARD ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CFMWS AND AT THE WEBSITE LOCATED AT WWW.CF1FC.CA

WHILE THE NDI 75 CARD WILL NO LONGER BE IN PRODUCTION, THE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCUMENTATION (DND 2279 OR CF 707 AND CF 54) WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO ALL RETIRING AND TRANSITIONING MEMBERS OF THE CAF AS THEY FINALIZE THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTING THE CAF

RESPECTIVE URS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE DND 2279 AND CF 707 DOCUMENTS FOR MEMBERS WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS OF SERVICE (YOS) AND DMCA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CF 54 FOR MEMBERS WITH MORE THAN 10 YOS. FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE REFER TO COMMANDER MPC WEB PAGE OF THE MILITARY HUMAN RESOURCES RECORDS PROCEDURES PUBLICATION (MHRRP) [HTTP://UPKPROD.DESC.MIL.CA/HRMSP/ENG/DATA/TOC.HTML](http://UPKPROD.DESC.MIL.CA/HRMSP/ENG/DATA/TOC.HTML)

CF Fitness Testing

The days of push ups, chin ups and sit ups for military fitness testing are gone. Lifting and dragging sandbags are in. There are no age or gender exceptions. For those who know me, I jog and work out in the gym for two hrs almost daily, I find the new fitness testing not as easy as describes. The following is the new standard for military fitness:

The FORCE Evaluation consists of four test components, each designed to measure different physical capabilities:

Sandbag Lift: 30 consecutive lifts of a 20 kilogram sandbag above a height of 1 metre, alternating between left and right sandbags separated by 1.25 metres. Standard: 3 minutes 30 seconds.

Intermittent Loaded Shuttles: Using the 20 metre lines, complete ten 20 metre shuttles alternating between a loaded shuttle with a 20 kilogram sand bag and unloaded shuttles, for a total of 400 metres. Standard: 5 minutes 21 seconds.

20-Metre Rushes: Starting from prone, complete two 20 metre shuttle sprints dropping to a prone position every 10 metres, for a total of 80 metres. Standard: 51 seconds.

Sandbag Drag: Carry one 20 kilogram sandbag and pull four on the floor over 20 metres without stopping. Standard: Complete without stopping.

All CAF members will be tested annually and will be required to achieve one common minimum standard, regardless of age and gender.



Military Humor

The following was contributed by LCol (ret'd) GG McClean, who is enjoying his retirement in Duncan, Vancouver Island, and continuing with his somewhat salty but funny jokes. Read at your own peril:

Two good old boys, Mick & Paddy, have been promoted from privates to Lance Corporals.

Not long afterward, they're out for a walk and Mick says, "Hey, Paddy, there's the NCO's Club; let's you and me step in."

"But we're only privates," protests Paddy.

"We're Lance Corporals now," says Mick, pointing to his stripe and pulling him inside.

"Now, Paddy, I'm a-gonna sit down and have me a drink."

"But we're privates," says Paddy.

"You blind, boy?" asks Mick, pointing again at his stripe.

"We're Lance Corporals now!"

So they have their drink, and pretty soon one of the Army lasses comes up to Mick.

"You're cute," she says, "and I'd like to date you, but I've got a bad case of gonorrhoea."

Mick pulls his friend to the side and whispers, "Paddy, go look in the dictionary and see what Gonorrhoea means. If it's okay, give me the okay sign." So Paddy goes to look it up, comes back, and gives Mick the big Thumbs Up.

Three weeks later Mick is laid up in the infirmary with a terrible case of gonorrhoea.

Mick says to Paddy, "Why did you give me the thumbs up?"
"Well Mick, in the dictionary, it says gonorrhoea affects only the privates and we're Lance Corporals now!"

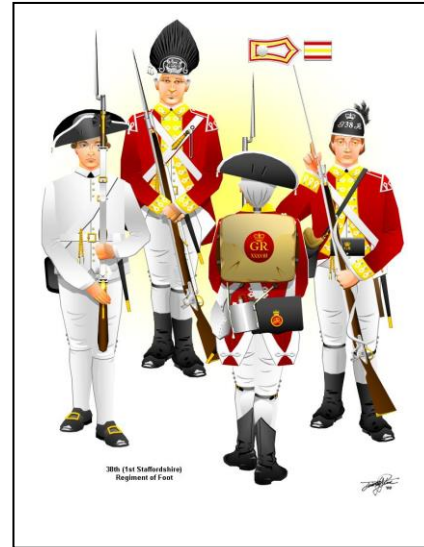


Canadian and NATO Gear

C13 GRENADE



Canadian Uniform



The C13 is the standard issue grenade of the Canadian Army. It is a small spherical grenade that is time fused and can only be thrown by hand. It is used primarily by the infantry to clear trenches and enclosed areas such as bunkers and buildings..



MEMBERSHIP PROFILE



A new addition to the EUSI Board of Directors is Mary Hunt. Mary was born and raised in Calgary where she attended the University of Calgary and studied Political Science and History. Married to Larry, they have two children and three grandchildren: Sierra, Kael and Hanna who bring them much joy and keep them centered on family.

Mary was employed with the Government of Alberta for 26 years and 20 of those years in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. During that time served five Lieutenant Governors. She remembers with fondness many stories from over the years and with gratitude the wonderful memories they represent. During those years, she developed her writing skills and learned much about protocol which she brings to share with us at EUSI.

For her strong interest in and passionate service to the community, Mary was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Alberta Centennial Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. For her service to her church, Mary has received the Maple Leaf Service Award and currently serves as President to over 4,600 members in the Edmonton Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

We welcome Mary to the EUSI Board of Directors and look forward to the skillset and enthusiasm she brings to her new position within our organization. Mary is the Director of Protocol, Awards and Honors.

2016 Membership Renewal

Your membership secretary, Capt John Pinsent will be sending your 2016 membership renewal in the mail. Please continue to be a member of the EUSI.

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