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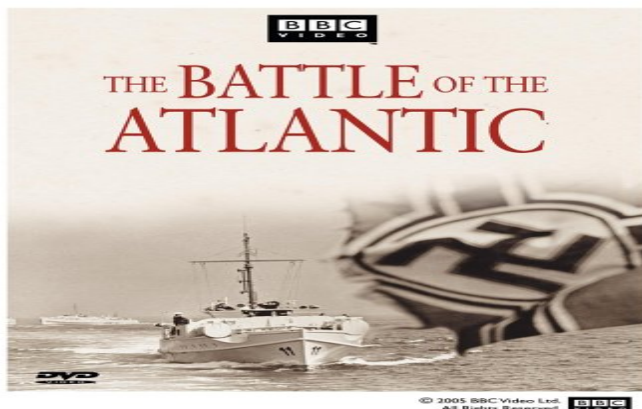
PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comments

I wish to express my deepest condolence to the families, friends, and colleagues of the Humboldt Broncos traffic tragedy. I know it is very difficult to experience the loss of our loved ones, having recently lost my beloved recently. May God keep you on his/her side and watch over you forever.



Battle of the Atlantic. Celebrated this year on May 5th, 2018.

Each year on the first Sunday in May, Canada and its naval community commemorate those lost at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest, largest, and arguably the most complex campaign of the Second World War. The national ceremony will be held at Parliament Hill and included members of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), alongside members of the Merchant Navy. Ceremonies will be held across Canada including Halifax, Esquimalt, and the 24 Naval Reserve Divisions to remember and commemorate these gallant sailors and airmen.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the fight for supremacy in the North Atlantic and lasted 2,075 days. It pitted Allied naval and air forces against German and Italian submarines, ships and aircraft whose primary targets were the convoys of merchant ships carrying vital life-sustaining cargo from North America to Europe. Much of the burden of fighting the Battle of the Atlantic fell to the RCN which, at the outbreak of the war, was comprised of only six destroyers and a handful of smaller vessels. By the end of the war, Canada's navy had grown to

become the fourth largest navy in the world. During the Battle of the Atlantic, the RCN and RCAF, alone or in consort with other ships or aircraft, sank 73 U-Boats and enemy surface craft. In turn, it suffered 2,210 fatalities, including six women, and lost 33 vessels.

The Battle of the Atlantic officially ended on Victory-Europe Day on May 8, 1945

Membership Application Form/Amended EUSI Mailing Address

Attached to this Newsletter is an EUSI membership application form. If you have a friend who would like to join this organization, please have him/her fill out the form and mail to Capt John Pinsent at our EUSI mailing address. The mailing address appearing in the last Issue of EUSI newsletter was incorrect. The correct mailing address is: Edmonton United Services Institute, RPO 50014 Clareview, Edmonton, Alberta. T5Y 2M9



MILITARY QUIZZ; ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Question 1: How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

Question 2: How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.

Question 3: Why are his gloves wet?
His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Question 4: Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not?
He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?
Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?
For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30.

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the

175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery .A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are:

President Taft,
Joe Lewis {the boxer}
Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty..

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington , DC , the US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God
Bless and keep them.

Editor's note: I know none of my military colleagues would be able to fulfill the responsibilities of the Arlington Guardsman, especially the bit about not able to swear in public for the rest of their lives.



Get trained!



CHINESE REGIME'S SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM

According to a recent publication at the Strategic Studies Institute at US Army War College, a new form of societal order under its data "social credit" system, based on extreme surveillance and documentation is being implemented in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Under this social credit system, each citizen is assigned a rating for rewards or punishment. Every social and economical activity each citizen is engaged in is monitored for compliance purposes. The PRC published the Social Credit System in June 2014 and will become mandatory by 2020. However, the PRC government announced that starting on May 1, 2018, Chinese citizens with poor "social credit" scores will not be allowed to travel by air or train for up to a year. Social crimes include spreading false information about terrorism, using expired tickets, giving an insincere apology, or parking a bicycle in a walkway. The Chinese social credit system resembles George Orwell's

dystopian novel “1984” but is far more insidious as it represents a massive social engineering program that will be driven by facial recognition and artificial intelligence to control a population of 1.4 billion people.

In the western world, social credit system is limited to financial loans, based on a person’s poor handling of money. Whereas the PRC’s new system will limit nearly every aspect of a person’s life, based on any choice they make and having to keep getting continuous favorable reviews, or lose your basic societal rights. There are two fundamental forms of order: moral order and outer order. A person’s moral order is their personal restraints, based on their religion, traditions, and personal values. Outer order comes from the laws of government or a collective, which may not always align with a person’s inner values. According to the author, Dr. Robert J. Bunker, the social credit system is an extreme social control that is fundamental to all communist systems. Or is it? Readers may recall our Liberal government has made it a policy that any community agency that is applying for a grant or funding for student summer employment must agree to the Liberal government’s policy governing religious and gender provisions. Hence, if you don’t follow my rules and values, you will not get any of the tax money controlled by me. Karl Marx, who wrote on his “Communist Manifesto” that communism “abolishes eternal truths, religion and all morality”. With moral order destroyed, power is then shifted to the heads of state, and the state is then charged with creating not only a system of laws for outer order but also create its own system of morals based on social policy. Ladies and gentlemen, do you feel our society is increasingly lacking in moral values as institutions of installing moral values are diminishing?



HUMOR

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, “Did you ever kill anyone?”

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, “Probably. I was the cook.”



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