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President's Comments

As per usual, during Remembrance Day, John Pinsent will be Laying a wreath at the Aviation Museum on behalf of EUSI. He Will be accompanied by the President, EUSI.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. A Commemorative event will be held at the Legislature at 1200 hours and this event have been under preparation for a year. The committee coordinate this event is the same committee who put on a successful display and interpretive program at the City Hall for the Vimmy commemoration early this year. Donors include the Edmonton Salutes Committee, a City of Edmonton Council Committee to embrace the military presence in our city. The EUSI is a founding member of the Edmonton Salutes Committee and the president is currently the Chair of the Committee. In order not to steal the thunder of the Armistice cerebation, EUSI WILL NOT be holding a levee at HMCS NONSUCH this year. However, HMCS NONSUCH will be holding a reception commencing at 1230 hrs. The reception is open to the public with light snacks and cash bar. Members are urged to support the cerebation at the Legislature and the HMCS NONSUCH reception thereafter.



The Honorary Renaming of 97 Street north of 137 Avenue to Canadian Forces Trail has been official since June 26, 2018. The unveiling will take place on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 1100 AM. Below is an official invitation from Councillor Jon Dziadyk. Please note Eaux Claires Transit Centre is at about 97 Street and 155 Avenue, just north of the No Thrill Grocery Store.

CANADIAN FORCES TRAIL

**Join Councillor Jon Dziadyk
At The Unveiling of
Canadian Forces Trail**

Unveiling and Reception

NOV 5 2018 | **11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**
Eaux Claires Transit Centre
Reception to follow immediately after unveiling
Boston Pizza - 16521 Canadian Forces Trail (97 Street)
Light refreshments and snacks will be provided

DZIADYK



ON YONDER HILL

On yonder hill, the poppies sway
In chilled, yet friendly wind today
Their petals drift like young men's lives
Taken far from root, to fall 'neath skies
Their petals grew, fell, fade away
As if they have a line to say
To teach us all that glory brief
To often ends in soldier's grief
On yonder field, furrows score the ground
That once so clamoured, emits no sound
Each bay a story long could tell,
Of laughter sapped in youth's own hell
Of dreams unrealised, futures strewn,
Of pipe and Drums last defiant tune,
Of Ordered slaughter, new hopes lost.
To lie there, yonder, under wooden cross



RCAF Memorial



HUMOR

The following jokes are submitted by Maj. Doug Mattila of Winnipeg. Proving again Manitobans have a weird sense of humor.

Barb was lying in bed one night. Larry was falling asleep but Barb was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."
Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.
A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me... "
Mildly irritated, Larry reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.
Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck..." Angrily, Larry threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.
"Where are you going?" Barb asked.
"To get my teeth!"

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle.

One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?" The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?" The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference.. .

If it is a commercial flight, it is 3 o'clock .

If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours.

If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells.

If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."



HISTORICA Canada – Memorial Project

The Memorial Project is a program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. It involves veterans or serving members speaking at colleges, schools, community events, and church groups. It is through these speeches that we educate and engage the public as to what military meant for Canada, sacrifices we made to uphold democratic values. The EUSI has been involved in the Memorial Project in the last three years and furnished speakers to many organizations. This year, 2Lt Gordon Smith will be speaking at about eight events. President of EUSI has so far been scheduled to speak at three different schools. This program has proved to be so successful that there is a great demand for speakers, especially during the Month of November. If you are interested in this program. Please contact President, EUSI for more details.

Historical Tidbits

During WWII, airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards", meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

One more: bet you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)



Get trained!



CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Amazing Stories – GREAT MILITARY LEADERS, By Norman Leach – Altitude Publishing Canada Ltd, Canmore, Alberta.

There are few military history books come out of Alberta, this one is a must read. Most of us know that the Lord Strathcona Horse is a Calvary Unit based here in Edmonton. But do you know Lord Strathcona was a Scotsman names Donald Smith who came to Canada in 1838, when he was only 18 years old? As a result of hard work, such as building the Canadian Pacific Railways. He was elevated to peerage by Queen Victoria in 1897 and chose the title of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal of Glencoe, in the County of Argyle and of Mount Royal in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada. On January 3, 1900, Lord Strathcona authorized 150.000 pounds to equip a mounted force to be part of the Imperial Forces against the Boars in South Africa. The regiment known as Lord Strathcona's Horse was thus born. Sergeant Arthur Richardson was the first soldier of the regiment to be awarded the Victoria Cross. In 1909, after being disbanded and resurrected again when WWI broke out. The regiment was renamed Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) LdSH(RC). The second Victoria Cross recipient was Lieutenant Frederick Harvey.

There are many more on other great Canadian military leaders. Great Military Leaders is easy to read and depicts military leaders both in the military and business world who made what Canada is today.

What's Out There

Pterodactyl Plane (CH-5)



This Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance unmanned aerial vehicle was developed by the Chengdu Aircraft Industry Group, and first flew in 2009. Since then it's been used by several countries, including by the Egyptian Air Force in March 2017 to combat ISIS. Total flight time is 60 hours, and it has a 4,400-mile range. Cost: \$8.5 Million per Drone.

DF-21D Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile



The most dangerous weapon to U.S. forces in the Asia-Pacific region is the Dong Feng-21D anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM). Somewhat prematurely dubbed “the Carrier Killer”, the DF-21D is a medium-range ballistic missile specifically designed to attack American aircraft carriers, skirting the defenses of a U.S. naval task force to attack ships from above at hypersonic speeds.



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



ARE BEATING