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President's Comment

Happy Canada day to you all. Some Canadian Trivia you should know.

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing **dominion** of Great Britain and a federation of four provinces: Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Ontario; and Quebec. The anniversary of this date was called **Dominion Day** until 1982.

Since 1983, July 1 has been officially known as **Canada Day**.

When was Canada no longer a dominion?

After governance had reverted to direct control from London in 1934, became a province of Canada under the British North America Act 1949 (now the Newfoundland Act) passed in the UK parliament, **31 March 1949**, prior to the London Declaration of **28 April 1949**.

Why does Canada have the Queen on their money?

The sovereign is the personification of the **Canadian** state and is **Queen of Canada** as a matter of constitutional law. The current **Canadian** monarch and head of state is Queen Elizabeth II, who **has** reigned since 6 February 1952. ... However, the **Queen** is the only member of the Royal Family with any constitutional role

What to eat and drink, and wear on Canada Day?

Poutine., Alberta beef, Atlantic Canada lobster, Montreal smoked meat, Beaver tail, Cow's ice cream. Now, Beaver tail is really a candied donut. If you are in Alberta, it is available at Calgary Stempede or Edmonton K-Days.

Beer. Apparently Budweiser is Canada's most popular' brew.

Canadian Ice Wine. Different brands of Ice Wine are available. Some are made in Ontario and some are brewed in BC. In a hot summer day, a glass of chilled Ice Wine with a couple of ice cube, stirred, is just heaven. Go suck an egg, James Bond.



What to wear?

You really only have three wardrobe choices if you want to let your patriotic side shine on Canada Day:

1. Red and white, 2. Plaid and/or flannel, 3. The Canadian tuxedo. It even has our Canadian darling's seal of approval.



Meanwhile, in Hong Kong,

these last month, on the far side of the world, in Hong Kong, more than one million gathered in the streets of Hong Kong to protest a government bill to allow judicial extradition of any foreigners or Chinese nationals to be extradited to China for criminal prosecution. Normally, in any other country, this would be business as usual and within international extradition agreements. Some historical background here would address some of the queries. On June 30, 1997, Hong Kong was turned over back to China at the end of a 150 years lease as result of the infamous Opium War between China and Great Britain. It was an unequal treaty that resulted in the lease. Nevertheless, under British administration, Hong Kong became the financial hub of Asia and enjoyed a superior standard of life compared to mainland China. On June 30, 1997, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Prince Charles, Tony Blair, Chinese President, Jiang Zemin presided the official Turnover ceremony. The one most important clause for the turnover of sovereignty was the Joint Declaration that guarantee Hong Kong judicial and legislative independence. Hence, the government extradition bill was seen by many as an erosion of this independence. For historical buffs, Prince Charles arrived Hong Kong aboard the Royal Yacht, escorted by HMS, Chatham. A veteran of the Falkland War.



July 27 is the Official Korean Veterans Day.

Senator Yonah Martin conceived and authored Bill S-213, which passed both the Senate and House of Commons unanimously, to make July 27 Korean War Veterans Day. The Korean War began June 25, 1950. By the time the Korea Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, more than 26,000 Canadians had served in Korea and 516 Canadians had lost their lives in service.

Canada, plus 20 other countries, went to the aid of South Korea and turned back the scourge of communism. About 7,000 Canadians continued to serve in the tense theatre of operations between the signing of the Armistice and the end of 1955, with some Canadian troops remaining until 1957.

In 2013, the Government of Canada marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice with events in both Korea and Canada on the newly established Korean War Veterans Day on July 27, in honour of all Canadians who served in the Korean War, and those who served on duties in Korea following the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement that ended the war, on July 27, 1953.

For those who are not aware, Griesbach Barracks in Edmonton was one of the major staging and training centre for troops deploying to Korea. Many of the PMQ.s (private Married Quarters) were built in a haste to accommodate the soldiers. These quarters were small and poorly insulated, but filled the needs at the time. Many of these PMQs are still in use today.



VIA Rail 2019 Discounts for CF Serving Members and Veterans

The following is released by VIA Rail and forwarded to USI across the Canada.

Dear partners and colleagues, As you may already know, VIA Rail is proud to have worked in concert with the Ministry of Veterans Affairs to highlight an important event in Canadian history: the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. To celebrate the occasion, a pair of combat boots was sent by train from coast to coast to coast. The journey went from Vancouver to Churchill to Halifax and lasted from March 29th to June 6th. Several stops were made along the way so that commemoration events could be held at local stations for veterans, their families and any Canadians who wished to attend the ceremonies. For more information about the journey, please consult the following link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/veterans-affairs-canada/news/2019/06/at-destinationcombat-boots-welcomed-to-75th-anniversary-of-d-day-and-the-battle-of-normandy-events-inhalifax-d-day-veterans-welcome-combat-boots-.html>

In the spirit of honouring those who served, VIA Rail is happy to announce a special offer that will allow active service members, veterans and their families to save 40% on ticket prices this summer. Additional information and conditions about this offer can be found at the following link: <https://www.viarail.ca/en/canadian-forces>



The 2019 EUSI Symposium has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, to be held at the HMCS NONSUCH. Admission is free and a gourmet lunch is provided, as well as coffee and tea throughout the day. The program will include a presentation of Canadian deployment in Eastern Europe. The hot topic is the China/Canada/USA trade relation and cyber security. Many will insist that China is the bad guy. Others believe Canada is the collateral damage between USA and China squabble. Still, some believe the real bad

guy is Iran who has been advancing nuclear weapons for some time, thus threatening the security in the whole of Middle east. To research and build nuclear weapon capability, a lot of money us required. How does Iran access the money when there is an embargo against Iranian oil export? Perhaps to trace the money trail, Chinese private/state own companies may have a hand in it. You want to know more. Mark your calendar for Oct 26. Included in the panelist are manu academics, authors, international constitutional lawyer, and a representative from the Chinese Consulate here in Canada.

As this kind of high caliber symposium costs a lot of money to host, EUSI will have a silent auction to be held in the evening during the mess dinner, which will only cost \$80.00 per person. For this, you will have a great dinner, all the cheap wine you can imbibe. Most important, you are supporting a military event that usually only held in Ottawa, but we are holding it in Edmonton.

HUMOR

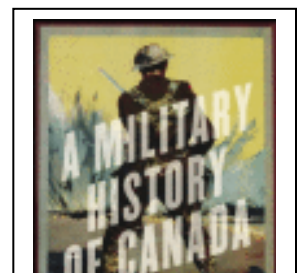
North Korean Carrier group departs to attack California and Hawaii



My Friend who is of Scottish descent, would visit me in my house periodically to chew the fat and enjoy our fellowship. His nickname is called “exorcist” After his visit, there would be no more spirit of any kind left in the house.



CANADIAN MILITARY READING



A Military History of Canada

Desmond Morton

Is Canada really “a peaceable kingdom” with “an unmilitary people”? Nonsense, says Desmond Morton. This is a country that has been shaped, divided, and transformed by war — there is no greater influence in Canadian history, recent or remote.

From the shrewd tactics of Canada’s First Nations to our troubled involvement in Somalia, from the Plains of Abraham to the deserts of Afghanistan, Morton examines our centuries-old relationship to war and its consequences. This updated edition also includes a new chapter on Canada’s place in the war on terrorism.



CANADIAN GEAR

C7A1 ASSAULT RIFLE



The C7A1 assault rifle is an improved version of the basic C7 combat rifle, incorporating a low-mounted optical sight. It is a Canadian adaptation of a U.S. firearm known as the M16A1E1. The C7A1 eliminates the carrying handle of the C7 and substitutes an optical sight. The weapon is equipped with a 3.5x optical sight, which is mounted in place of the carrying handle.

C7A1 rounds are 5.56 x 45 NATO standard. The weapon has an effective range of 400 metres and a rate of fire of 700 to 940 rounds per minute. Along with the optical sight, optional attachments include the M203A1 40mm grenade launcher, the AN PAQ 4 Laser pointer and the Image Intensification Night Sight (Kite sight). It has been in service with the Army since 1986.



Get trained!



What's Out There?

Sukhoi PAK FA (Russia)

The Sukhoi PAK FA will be the replacement of Mig-29 Fulcrum and Su-27 Flanker. It is designed to directly compete with F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II. This stealth multi-role fighter with a length of 22 meters and with a maximum speed of 2.45 mach or 1,615 mph was introduced in 2013. One thousand units are projected to be built and a unit will cost \$100 million. Its main weapon is a 30mm GSh-30-1 gun and 10 missiles.



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