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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comments

On behalf of EUSI, I attended the Battle of Britain Parade at 408 THS Hanger at CFB Edmonton on September 15. In addition to members of 408 Squadron, three other Cadet Units were on parade. Weather was great, for a change, and the 4 Griffins did a fly pass was also stunning. The Reviewing Officer was BGen(retired) Bill Buckham, who remains active within the RAF community.

Members of EUSI have been speakers for the Historica Canada, Memorial Project for several years now. We are especially busy with speech engagements just before Remembrance Day. I spoke at the Edmonton Desk and Derrick Club on September 18. I had no idea this club has been around since 1959 and all members are female, retired or still employed business executives in various industries but mainly in the petroleum industry. It is parallel to the Petroleum Club in Kingsway Avenue in Edmonton, which was demolished two years ago. For those members not residing in Edmonton, this is for your information.

It was on Halloween Day, 31 October 2006 that I landed in Oslo, Norway to meet with the Norwegian Ambassador to African Union (AU) to plea for continuous support for the AU operation for implementing the Peace Accord in Darfur, Sudan. As the Deputy Commander for Task Force Addis Ababa, a Canadian Contingence tasked to support the AU operation, it was my duty to ensure logistic support is available. The AU peacekeepers were running out of clean water and fuel. Soldiers were eating uncooked food for lack of cooking fuel. I bought two goats for my staff and the meat were cured under the sun, but not Canada meat inspected. Bills were unpaid and private contractors were cutting off logistic supports. When I landed in Oslo, it was dark, windy and cold. I had on summer clothes for African weather. Fortunately, I got the commitment I needed.

Battle of Queenston Heights



When I completed my AU deployment eight months later, I had lose 30 pounds of my body weight, having to fight against bouts of Amoebic Dysentery and other forms of viral infection. These are the environmental hazards that soldiers took upon themselves as a part of the job on behalf of Canada.

So, on the eves of Remembrance Day, I ask you all to thank our serving soldiers and veterans for the sacrifices they made in order to preserve our Canadian values and promote democracy all over the world. And most of all, thank them with "real" appreciations and not empty words by telling our government to treat our wounded veterans and their family with dignity and endorse the compensation they deserve.



In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly declared **24 October**, the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, as which "shall be devoted making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievement of the United Nations and to gaining their support for its work.



"The Loyalist Hymn"

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Today our thankful praise we bring for all our forebears true,
Who kept their word to God and King and fled to frontiers new.

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Their shelter, hope and help you were; be ours, in years to come,
Till kingdoms rise and wane no more and all in you are one.

Till then bless this, the land they found and bless its crownèd head.
Unite us all; let love abound in years that lie ahead.





Get trained!



HUMOUR

Submitted by Sgt(ret'd) AE Bince, Korean Veteran.

TWENTY DOLLARS

On their wedding night, the young bride approached her new husband and asked for \$20.00 for their first lovemaking encounter. Her husband readily agreed. This scenario was repeated each time they made love for more than 40 years, with him thinking that it was a cute way for her to afford new clothes and other incidentals that she needed.

One day, she was surprised to find her husband in a very drunken state.

During the next few minutes, he explained that his employer was going through a process of corporate downsizing, and he had been let go.

It was unlikely that, at the age of 59, he'd be able to find another position that paid anywhere near what he'd been earning, and therefore, they were financially ruined.

Calmly, his wife handed him a bank book which showed more than forty years of steady deposits and interest worth over \$2 million, and informed him that they were one of the largest depositors in the bank.

She explained that for more than three decades she had 'charged' him for sex, these holdings had multiplied and these were the results of her savings and investments.

Faced with evidence of cash and investments, her husband was so astounded he could barely speak, but finally he found his voice and blurted out, 'If I'd had any idea what you were doing, I would have given you all my business!'

That's when she shot him. . . .

I know, I didn't see this coming either . . .

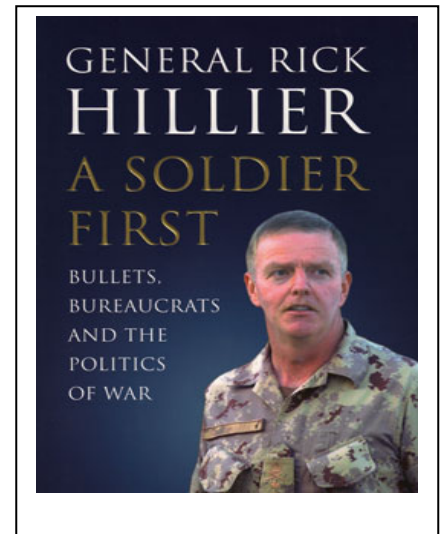


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

A SOLDIER FIRST: BULLETS, BUREAUCRATS AND POLITICS OF WAR

Rick Hillier

I first introduced this book about six years ago. Since Hillier, Canada has had a number of CDS. I dare say, Hillier is my voted best CDS who served Canada. He was instrumental in procuring the C-177 Globemaster transport plane after it became apparent we needed the plane to have that edge for the Afghanistan War. He put his job on the line when he approached PM Paul Martin. The entire acquisition project for having the plane in active service was less than a year. Unheard of in the Canadian bureaucratic public works department, and never happened again. Just look at the delay and the mess with the CF 18 project. To experience the kind of respect for our soldiers, Canada needs a CDS who is not politically correct and put the well being of the military ahead of his own career. That kind of leadership is lacking right now.



A Soldier First provides considerable insight into the man who so publicly represented the Canadian military for three years. The book covers the general's complete career, from officer cadet to four-star general. In fact, of 23 chapters, only the last eight recount his time as CDS. The first 15 chapters, however, contain themes that help account for how he was shaped as a soldier: an outstanding officer and a leader of considerable prowess. Woven throughout his account is his obvious love of soldiering, and the deep admiration he has always felt for the men and women in uniform who served alongside him throughout his career. His determination as CDS to showcase these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and airwomen, and to explain to Canadians what they mean to the country, reflects this devotion.



2019 EUSI SYMPOSIUM

The EUSI annual Symposium will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at HMCS NONSUCH, 11807 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton starting at 0830 hrs. The theme of the symposium is Canada Chinas and USA trade relations. We will also touch on the pros and cons of admitting China into the G5 Tech summit. This is followed by an evening dinner featuring Lieutenant General (retired) Paul Wynnyk as our keynote speaker. Few EUSI members have made RSVP. We need your support to make this event a success.



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The Edmonton United Services Institute

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company with Guests at

The Presidential Mess Dinner

To be held at

HMCS NONSUCH

11807 – Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

6:30 P.M. for 7:00 P.M., on Saturday, 26 October 2019

DRESS: Mess Kit

Black Tie with Miniatures

Business attire with Medal

TARIFF: \$100.00 PER PERSON

RSVP: with check payable to EUSI by 14 October, 2019. Mail to:
11035 – 163 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5X 2A2

KEYNOTE SPEAKER is Lieutenant General (retired) Paul Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD, Former Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Former Commander of the Army

Silent Auction with benefits going to the Last Post Fund, Canadian Forces Trail Street Renaming Road Signs, and the EUSI

RSVP

Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____ Organization _____

____ will attend ____ regret I cannot attend

THE 2019 EUSI Presidential Mess Dinner

My Guest/s are: _____

Regimental March: _____

Enclosed is my cheque for \$100.00 x ____ persons = \$ _____

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