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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

It is less than 4 weeks before Christmas. Have you got all your Xmas gifts ready? Many children in Edmonton and in most of Canada, will be writing and sending a Christmas card to our soldiers deployed to Iraq, Latvia, and other faraway places on behalf of Canada and away from their families during the holiday season. A greeting card from home would be a great morale booster.

Current Canadian Military Operations Overseas

North America

Operation Caribe – Multinational campaign against

Illicit trafficking by transnational organized crime in the Caribbean basin and the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Operation Hamlet – Participation in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

Africa

Operation Crocodile – Military contribution to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Operation Saturn – To serve with UNAMID, the hybrid operation by the African Union (A.U.) and the United Nations in Darfur, Sudan.

Operation Soprano – Participation in the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), the military component of a "whole-of-government" engagement in South Sudan that also includes the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Operation Sirona – Military component of the Canadian whole-of-government contribution to fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel will augment efforts undertaken by the United Kingdom to combat the spread of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Sierra Leone.

At Sea

Operation Artemis – Participation in counter-terrorism and maritime security operations in the Arabian Sea.

Middle East

Operation Jade – Contribution to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in the Middle East

Operation Gladius – Latest stage of Canada's long-standing participation in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria.¹

Operation Calumet – Canada's participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), an independent peacekeeping operation in the Sinai Peninsula.

Operation Metric – Periodic participation in international efforts to enhance security in the eastern Mediterranean region, specifically the Middle East and North Africa.

Operation Proteus – Canada's contribution to the Office of the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) in Jerusalem

Operation Foundation – Contribution of headquarters and liaison staff to United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) to support operations in its area of responsibility, which extends from Egypt to Pakistan and includes the Middle East and southwest Asia. Supports Canada's efforts in the Middle East and southwest Asia, and promotes Canadian values through regular presence and exchange with military allies, foreign armed forces, and governments in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility.

Europe

Operation Kobold – Deployment to Pristina, Kosovo, to serve with the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR).

Operation Ignition – Periodic participation in the NATO – Airborne Surveillance and Interception Capabilities to Meet Iceland's Peacetime Preparedness Needs mission. This is an operation conducted to monitor Iceland's airspace and enforce security if required. Contributes to the security of Canadian airspace by monitoring and controlling air traffic in the northeastern approaches to North America.

Operation Reassurance – Deployment in Central and Eastern Europe as part of NATO reassurance measures.

Operation Snowgoose – Contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)

Operation Unifier – Contribution to support Ukrainian forces through capacity building, in coordination with the U.S. and other countries providing similar training assistance.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. And remember, don't drink and drive.



New members and Membership Renewal

Membership renewal is due on Jan, 2019. It is still \$25.00 per year and \$50 for military units. We also accept donations but cannot issue tax certificates. A new EUSI membership card has been produced. To view this colorful new membership card, Send your check to the Membership Secretary: Capt (ret'd) John Pinsent at PO Box 51058 (RPO Highlands) Edmonton, Alberta, T5X 5G5.



Please welcome abroad the following new members in 2019 to the EUSI:

No 530. Mrs Mary Cherniawski Treasurer EUSI
No. 531 S/Sgt Bernard Baker
No 532 H/Col Ken Pilip
No 533 Capt (CAM) June Gibson CD Transfer from Vancouver
No 534 MWO Daniel S. Hryryk CD

Membership Profile – Mr. Norman S. Leach, BA (Hons), CAE, International Business Consultant, Professional Speaker, Award Winning Author

Norman Leach specializes in Integrated Business Consulting (Public, Government, Media Relations and Event Management) and International Trade development and management. With offices in Calgary, Alberta; Kansas City, USA and Mexico City, Mexico Norman's experience has taken him from North America to Europe to Asia to Latin America. He speaks Japanese, French and Spanish and brings a true understanding of foreign markets to his clients.

As a consultant, Norman has facilitated the entry into new and/or international markets for a large number of companies and non-profit agencies. He has a diverse business background including agriculture, government, non-profit, health care, security and training and education. He is also a registered Federal lobbyist and a registered lobbyist in the Province of Alberta.

Norman's successes include establishing the Alberta Trade Office in Mexico City, being President of Grey Cup 2000, acting as an advisor to two provincial Cabinet Ministers and heading up two of Canada's largest Chambers of Commerce.

Norman teaches at Mount Royal University and SAIT on the topics of Entrepreneurship, Marketing and International Trade. He has also taught at the University of Manitoba, University of Alberta, and Grant MacEwan Community College. He has delivered the Forum for International Trade Training and the NexPro Program for the Business Development Bank of Canada across Western Canada.

Norman writes a number of national and international business columns for "The Business Edge," "The Oil and Gas Magazine," "Edmontonians," and "The Beacon." Norman is one of the top 1% searched profiles on LinkedIn world-wide.

In his role as a speaker and trainer Norman is in demand by corporations and non-profit as he helps them discover, and benefit from, new markets and opportunities.

Norman is the bestselling author of eight books on military history: Cavalry of the Air, Sam Steele, Vigil, Canadian Battles, Passchendaele - Canada's Triumph and Tragedy on the Fields of Flanders, Broken Arrow – America's First Lost Nuke, Canadian Peacekeepers and Great Military Leaders. He is also a regular contributor to a number of military and historical journals.

Norman has been the historian on a number of movies and documentaries including: "Passchendaele" – the WW1 Epic produced by Canadian Paul Gross and filmed in Calgary. Norman worked with all departments, was a special skills extra and an active media spokesperson for the movie.

Norman's documentary credits include "The Road to Passchendaele" which aired on Global, "The Mad Trapper of Rat River" on Discovery and "Hitler's Stealth Fighter" – a National Geographic documentary.

Norman received the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for "telling the stories of Canada, her people and the military." He is also holds the Canada 125 Medal, the Alberta Centennial Medal, is an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping.

At the Military Museums in Calgary Norman serves on the Museum Foundation's Education Committee and delivers the Museum's educational program on the Evolution of Peacekeeping.

Norman's topics include The War of 1812, WW1, The Korean War, Japanese Military History, Peacekeeping and Terrorism.

Norman has been featured on many TV and radio programs including Alberta Prime Time, CTV, Global News, CBC Radio, CTV, and many forms of print media.



Norman has been a panelist for the Annual EUSI Symposium for the last five years.

Editor's Comment: Norman did bought me a drink to make sure I only say the good things about him.



Get trained!



AN IMPERIAL ELEGY

Not one corner of a foreign field
But a span as wide as Europe;
An appearance of a Titan's grave,
And the length thereof a thousand miles.
It crossed all Europe like a mystic road,
Or as the Spirits' Pathway lieth on the night.
And I heard a voice crying,
This is the Path of Glory



Kingman War Memorial



HUMOUR – The following are submitted by the incorrigible politically incorrect Sgt AE Bince, Korean Veteran. He is way older then seventy.

I was standing at the bar in the Legion one night minding my own business. This FAT ugly chick came up behind me, grabbed my behind and said, "You're kinda cute. You gotta phone number?"
I said, "Yeah, you gotta pen?"
She said, "Yeah, I got a pen".
I said, "You better get back in it before the farmer misses you."
Cost me 6 stitches...but,
When you're over seventy.....who cares?

I went to the drug store and told the clerk "Give me 3 packets of condoms, please."
Lady Clerk: "Do you need a paper bag with that, sir?";
I said "Nah... She's purty good lookin'....."
When you're over seventy.....who cares?

I was talking to a young woman in the Legion last night.
She said, "If you lost a few pounds, had a shave and got your hair cut, you'd look all right.";
I said, "If I did that, I'd be talking to your friends over there instead of you.";
Cost me a fat lip, but...
When you're over seventy.....who cares?

I was telling a woman in the Club about my ability to guess what day a woman was born just by feeling her breasts.
"Really" she said, "Go on then... try."
After about thirty seconds of fondling she began to lose patience and said, "Come on, what day was I born?"
I said, "Yesterday."
Cost me a kick in the groin, but...
When you're over seventy.....who cares?

I got caught taking a pee in the swimming pool today.
The lifeguard shouted at me so loud, I nearly fell in.
When you're over seventy.....who cares?

I went to our Legion last night and saw a BIG woman dancing on a table.
I said, "Good legs."
The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so?"
I said, "Definitely! Most tables would have collapsed by now."
When you're over seventy.....who cares?



CANADIAN GEAR CC-138 Twin Otter



The highly adaptable CC-138 Twin Otter is well suited for Canada's ever-changing northern climate and terrain. This short takeoff and landing (STOL) utility transport aircraft can land on water, land, snow and ice. Powered by twin turboprop engines, the Twin Otter is highly maneuverable and has a service ceiling of over 8000 meters. It can be outfitted with wheels, skis or floats to land on virtually any surface. The CC-138 is used in search and rescue (SAR) missions, and transport and support roles to the Canadian Forces' northern operations. It can carry up to 20 passengers or 2999 kg of payload, and has a range of 1427 km. The Canadian Force's 4 Twin Otters are based in Yellowknife, NWT.



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