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PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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President's Comment

It has been more than a year that Covid-19 has placed the world and Canada in a tight grip. But good news is on the horizon. In Alberta, the number of cases is coming down and hospitalization is significantly down as well. On Wednesday, Feb 24th, citizens over 75 years old can begin to book appointments for vaccination. Hopefully, those aching to travel again can do so soon. Don't forget to make sure you have travel insurance and up on travel restrictions imposed by countries you intend on visiting.

To know more about Alberta vaccination appointments and procedures the following is the Alberta link to book your appointment:

https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem&utm_campaign=Covid19&gclid=Cj0KCQiAst2BBhDJARisAGo2ldUeUHYbddOggwv68wuNN8EPbfGtgsLGV2G9b3yyAZ8jlsCZKLafx9caA



Please sign up to get notified as to when you can get immunize

Throughout the United Services *Institute* family, that include branch in Vancouver, Halifax, Calgary, Victoria, a series of presentations have been scheduled via virtual or zoom link. Most of these presentations are free. All one has to do is to register and remember that some of these presentations are time zone sensitive.

Membership Renewal

2021 membership remains at \$25.00. We have yet to receive all renewals. Please send your renewal to Capt. John Pinsent at: EUSI, P.O.Box 51058, RPO Highlands, Edmonton, Alberta. T5W 5G4. Please include your address, telephone number and Email address. Thank you.

RUSI (Nova Scotia) invitation:

Distinguished Speakers Presentations

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to hear a video-conference presentation Wednesday, 17 March 2021 by Cora Pictou, Transport Canada, titled "Marine Security Operations Centre East."

Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOC) were established in 2004 to strengthen maritime security. Today, there are three MSOC in Canada: Halifax, Nova Scotia; Esquimalt, British Columbia; and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The MSOC feature a multi-agency approach, co-locating six federal units including Transport Canada in all three centres. This presentation will focus on the Halifax operation and on Transport Canada's role.

The talk will start at 1 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 17 March, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Halifax time. (in Alberta, starting time is 1100 hrs and finished by 1300 hrs).

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close of business Sunday, 14 March. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 17 March 2021 Registration. In addition to your name please also provide your organization.

The event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 15 March.

RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

Please forward invitation to others in your association and to any whom you think may be interested in attending.

Message from The Chief of Defence Staff re recent allegation of sexual misconduct against General Vance

This message is being sent to all recipients on the DWAN and Defence Office 365.

Please visit the [Defence Team COVID-19](#) website for the latest information pertinent to both civilian and military Defence Team members.

Teammates,

Two weeks ago, I committed that I would provide updates regarding recent allegations in the media and I am writing to you now, in that context.

As I expressed in my earlier communiqué, any dialogue on this matter needs to begin here – our concerns always being first and foremost for the well-being of those who come forward with great vulnerability.

I need first and foremost to salute Major Brennan for speaking up, and I can assure you that the concerns she raised will be fully and fairly investigated. We are also assuring that all necessary and requested support is available to her.

As you'll be aware, a disciplinary investigation by Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS) has already been launched into the allegations against the former Chief of the Defence Staff. At the same time, as the Minister has directed, we are working to define the Terms of Reference and engage a qualified provider for an external independent review of the culture within the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Department of National Defence (DND).

Meanwhile, it is critical for all of us to assume collective responsibility for the culture change necessary to make our shared institution a safer and more respectful workplace for all Defence Team members.

There are tangible actions we can take in the meantime.

If you are considering speaking to anyone with information on this case, or any other case of alleged misconduct, you have my support to come forward, to speak up, and to tell the truth. And you can expect to be heard, supported, and protected as you do.

Reporting experiences of misconduct is a deeply difficult and personal choice. It is entirely the decision of the individual. The [Sexual Misconduct Response Centre \(SMRC\)](#), which operates independently from the CAF, can provide resources for care and support and does not require a formal report to the Chain of Command to do so.

Moreover, it is my strong belief that the Chain of Command should be a facilitator to reporting. If you do not feel comfortable reporting a misconduct to your immediate supervisor, you may – indeed you should – report your concern to any other member of the Chain of Command. But if, because of the nature of the misconduct or owing to any context making this difficult, it is not feasible for you to engage your Chain of Command, there are options: a report may be made to the [military police](#), [CFNIS](#), or civilian police. In short, if you need help with respect to reporting misconduct, there are multiple pathways available so that you can find one that is most comfortable for you.

Finally, as you've heard from our Minister: The time for patience is over. Much has already been started and while our work will endure the next few Watches, we must accelerate our culture change. Obviously, this requires everyone's (re)commitment and (re)engagement at every rank and level, but it must – first and foremost – be initiated and followed-through by leaders at every level and across the spectrum of our Defence Team. Armed Forces Council Executive (AFCX) has already kicked-off this process and Service Commanders have been actively orienting subordinate commands and teams.

Our institution can no longer put the burden of change and transformation on those affected by harassment, discrimination, or any form of misconduct. That burden must rest on us. All of us.

As I said to you in my previous message, trust is earned. I as the Chief, along with all the leaders in CAF, need to work every day to earn your trust. And we are all committed to doing so.

Teammates, progress has been made over the years, but the road ahead of us is longer than the road behind us. As we continue to walk that road together, we need to continue to see courageous and frank talk combined with bold, supportive actions. This task belongs to each and every one of us and I know I can count on your support.

Your Teammate,

Admiral Art McDonald
Chief of the Defence Staff

Editor's Note: As of February 26, the current CDS, Admiral McDonald, has taken a leave of absence while a Military Police investigation is being conducted.

Commonwealth Day



Commonwealth Day is celebrated on the second Monday of March (March 8th 2021). It is the day when Commonwealth countries, which represent a quarter of all humanity, acknowledge their common bonds and the contribution of the Commonwealth of Nations to the creation of a harmonious global environment. This year, normally, celebrations are held everywhere within the Commonwealth. However, due to Covid-19, celebrations will be restricted to virtual and zoom linkage this year. The Queen's greetings is expected to be delivered via satellite. The Commonwealth does not have the power as United Nations and certainly do not have the might as NATO to enforce any conditions or sanctions. It is effective in its own way to promote respect for diversity, democracy, religious freedom, and cultural values. Unfortunately, not unlike other institutions, it is getting less known to people, especially among the younger generations. I dare to say, many will not know that Canada is a Commonwealth nation and the head of the Commonwealth is Queen Elizabeth. The recently resigned Governor General of Canada is a representative of the Queen. At this point, no replacement for a new Governor General has been announced. It would be interesting to see what Ottawa plans to do. Based on our current government practices, it may be very conveniently allowed the Commonwealth Day elapsed without much fanfare and blame it on Covid-19. The Royal Commonwealth Society of Edmonton will have a Video available on YouTube and on its website:



They ask me where I've been,
And what I've done and seen.
But what can I reply
Who know it wasn't I,
But someone just like me,
Who went across the sea
And with my head and hands
Killed men in foreign lands...
Though I must bear the blame,
Because he bore my name.

St. Julien Memorial



Get trained!

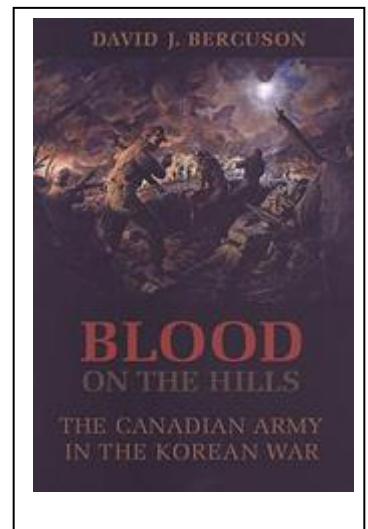


CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Blood on the Hills: The Canadian Army in the Korean War

David Jay Bercuson

Nothing tests a nation's preparedness for war better than war itself. This truism is notably apparent in David J. Bercuson's *Blood on the Hills: The Canadian Army in the Korean War*. Both Britain and Canada marched to war in 1950 either arrogant or ignorant—or both—and their ill-prepared armies were forced to learn hard lessons about the new ways of armed conflict.



[South Korea offers fully paid medical support, including air fare to South Korea, for dependents of veterans who are unable to receive needed medical treatment in Canada](#)

The Korean Embassy in Ottawa wants all of Canada's Korean War Veterans to know about a remarkable medical support program that is available to their spouses or descendant family members, and in some cases, even the veteran himself.

(Veterans from other nations who may receive this message should contact the Korean Embassy in their home country for details of the Medical Support Program for Descendants of Korean War Veterans).

Any family member or descendant of a Korean War Veteran who is suffering from a severe physical malady and cannot readily get treatment in Canada, can be flown free of charge and treated without cost in one of Korea's world leading medical facilities.

The family member, preferably a direct descendant or spouse, qualifies for this very unique gift from the Korean government by meeting one of two (or both) criteria.

They cannot afford to pay for the specialized medical procedure they need.

A medical procedure that might help them is not available in their province.

For anyone in such need, Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs will provide free air fare for the patient and one caregiver, accommodations and meals in Korea for up to 12 weeks (three months), all physicians and hospital charges.

The stay in Korea can include three days prior to the beginning of medical treatment, and three days after its completion.

This is a wonderful country wishing to pay back veterans for helping to save the fledging South Korean nation during the Korean War. There are no strings attached. It is a transparent, heartfelt, humanitarian act.

Anyone interested in such a program should contact Julian Bae at the Korean Embassy in Ottawa. defenceasst@mofa.go.kr

Julian is coordinating applications for this special aid program and will be glad to answer all inquiries with additional information and applications.

The hospitals in Korea are world leading. Many medical specialists from all over the world understudy Korean specialists in their medical centers.

Several of our veterans who have fallen ill, or suffered an injury while on an MPVA revisit program, have been treated at these fine hospitals. Two Canadian veterans were treated for broken hips, and one had his surgery and repair in a Korean hospital before being flown home to Canada.

One veteran, who departed Canada with pneumonia, received special treatment in one of the Seoul hospitals, which coordinated his safe return to Canada with the Air Canada medical team. Our travel agent, Sebang Travel of Toronto, footed the bill for oxygen bottles that had to be flown out from Canada for the return trip.

When the publisher of the Korean War Veteran lived in Korea, he routinely went to the International Institute of Severance Hospital in Seoul. He was also treated one time in the emergency department of one of the leading Busan hospitals.

This rudimentary application indicates the information required in completing the application. Coordinators will provide instruction and some assistance, and family physicians and social service agencies can aid the family member in obtaining the needed data and filing the formal application.

Julian Bae at the Korean Embassy in Ottawa can provide contact information for anyone interested in applying for this assistance. defenceasst@mofa.go.kr

<p>Medical charity application form for the descendants of UN Korean War veterans</p>

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Embassy	Pertinent embassy					
	Organization		Post		Name	
	TEL		Mobile		E-Mail	
War veteran	Name		Nationality		Date of birth	
	Period of service in the Korean War	From	to			
Descendent	Name (Sex)		Nationality		Date of birth	
	Relationship		Disease		E-	

	with the veteran				Mail
	Health condition	1. Have your ever received medical practice after being diagnosed by doctors within the recent 3 years including treatment, hospitalization, surgery (excluding childbirth), administration of medication? (YES OR NO / If you answered "YES", please specify in detail)			
		2. Are you still under medical practice such as treatment, hospitalization, surgery, administration of medication? (YES OR NO)			
		3. Are you facing economic difficulties in receiving medical practice? (YES OR NO)			
<p>I hereby apply to the medical charity program for the descendants of UN Korean War veterans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2021 MM DD</p> <p>Applicant (name of organization or representative) (Seal)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Director of Korea Health Industry Development Institute</p>					
Application documents	<p>1. Korean War Veteran Certificate</p> <p>2. Proof of relationship with the Korean War veteran (replaceable with the certificate of peace camp participation)</p> <p>3. Materials that can be used to check the disease and health condition including medical certificate issued by doctor (hospital), medical record (X-ray, etc.), medication administration record, etc.</p>				



EUSI 2021 Symposium

The 2021 EUSI Symposium is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021. The theme will be UAVs or Drones as defensive and offensive weapon. At this point, venues are undecided due to difficulty to get confirmation for availability of venues and budget forecasts such as cost of hotels and traveling expense for guest speakers. I am canvassing for help with compiling a list of guest speakers. Please Email me with your list and contact information, areas of expertise etc.,

HUMOR

Subject: Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further .

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.....

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

"Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke.

(You're going to love this...)

"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

"Blessed are the cracked, for they are the ones who let in the light."

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