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**PRESIDENT'S ENEWS**

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**The Battle of Britain, between July and October 1940, was a significant chapter in Canada's military history.**

Historians have noted that the Battle of Britain was the first crucial air battle of the Second World War. Seen as a turning point in the war, the Battle of Britain and the efforts of the Air Force prevented the Germans from sweeping the Allies from Western Europe and kept the torch of freedom burning at a time when the enemy had conquered nation after nation on the continent. Canadians serving with the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force fought with valour to help in the defence of Britain and nobly defend the values we continue to cherish and protect today. When it became clear that the Royal Air Force could not be defeated, the battle drew to a close. Canadians, together with British and other Allied forces, saved Britain from invasion and helped pave the way for the liberation of Europe later in the war.



As Canadians, we must stand together to ensure these heroes are never forgotten. We must honor the contributions our service men and women have made and continue to make in the name of freedom. They represent the very best of what it means to be Canadian. Today, we remember the Canadian heroes of the Battle of Britain.”



## Squadron Leader John Hart, Battle of Britain's last surviving Canadian pilot, dies at 102

With the passing of John Hart there are now just four survivors of 'The Few'



The Battle of Britain is typically commemorated on the Third Sunday of September. In Edmonton, a Battle of Britain Parade will be held at CFB Edmonton, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron hanger on Sunday, September 15, 2019. The following is an invitation from the President of 700 Wing Association, Mr. David Jackson, to members and friends of EUSI to attend the commemorative parade:

“ I wish to invite you to attend the parade commemorating the 79th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Members of 408 “Goose” Tactical Helicopter Squadron will be on parade as well as up to 300 youth from the 11 local Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons in Edmonton’s Capital Region. The parade will occur on Sunday, September 15th at 0930h at 408 Squadron’s Hangar, CFB Edmonton. Guests are asked to please be seated at 0915h. Dress will be suit and tie (with medals) and the parade will last about one hour. 700 Wing is the local branch of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, a civilian national aerospace and community service organization established to: commemorate the history and heritage of Canada’s air forces; advocate for a proficient and well-equipped air force; and, support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program. 700 Wing meets regularly at the Alberta Aviation Museum, 11410 Kingsway, in Edmonton. Our next meeting in Saturday, September 7th at 2PM in the volunteer lounge. New members and guests are always welcome. “

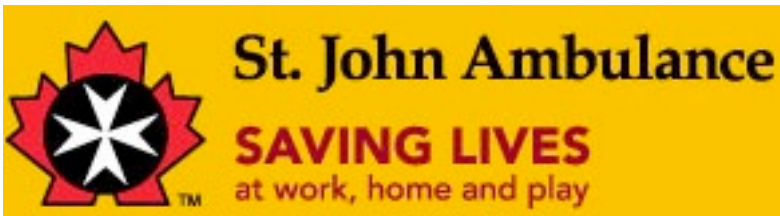


## High Flight

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of  
—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence; hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, Up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew—  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Commonwealth Air Forces Ottawa Memorial



Get trained!

## HUMOUR

**Our incorrigible Sgt AE Bince, Korean veteran, has again being insensitive and submitted the following. Being the month to honour our Air Force men and women. I have let this go:**

A plane is on its way to Toronto , when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down.

The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class and that she will have to sit in the back. The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here."

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and the co-pilot that there is a blonde bimbo sitting in first class, that belongs in economy and won't move back to her seat. The co-pilot

goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to her seat.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here." The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman who won't listen to reason.

The pilot says, "you say she is a blonde? I'll handle this, I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "oh, I'm sorry." and gets up and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

"I told her, 'first class isn't going to Toronto.'"



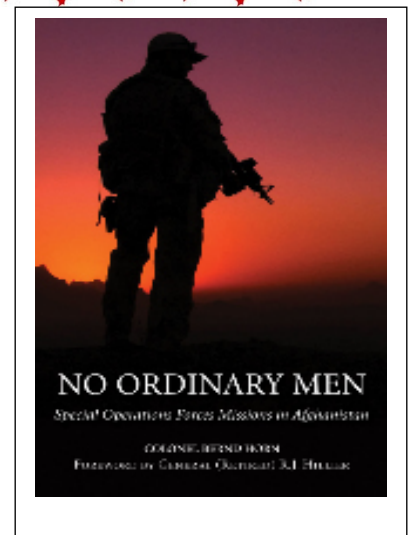
## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### **No Ordinary Men : Special Operations Forces Missions in Afghanistan**

Bernd Horn & R J Hillier

Rick Hillier was a former Chief of Defence Staff.

In 2001 the Canadian government sent elements of the elite Joint Task Force 2 counter-terrorist unit to Afghanistan to assist the United States in its global war on terror in the country as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Withdrawn a year later, after a brief hiatus, JTF 2 returned to Afghanistan in 2005 to once again assist the Americans with the desperate struggle in the shadows to capture or kill Taliban leaders, facilitators, and bomb makers. "No Ordinary Men" peels back the cloak of secrecy and reveals four untold special operations that JTF 2 operators conducted in 2005--06 in which their courage, tenacity, and impressive capabilities meant the difference between life and death. The book takes the reader to the Taliban sanctuaries deep in the Afghan hinterlands and provides a glimpse of Canada's remarkable legacy in special operations. Moreover, the JTF 2 missions exposed confirm that Canada's special operations forces operators are truly no ordinary men.



## 2019 EUSI ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AND MESS DINNER

The 2019 EUSI Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at HMCS NONSUCH, Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton. Symposium will commence promptly at 0900 hrs. The topic this year is Canada, China and USA Trade Relations and Impact on Canadian Security. We have assembled a very impressive panel which included professors from University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Royal Military College, legal experts on laws governing international trade from one of the well known international law partnership in Edmonton and Calgary, former Alberta Treasurer and MP, Stopckwell Day, representative from the US Consulate, renowned author and historian on Canada/China relations. The moderator is the Honourable Laurie Hawn. This symposium is free of admission and a very talked about lunch prepared by the crews of HMCS NONSUCH is provided. However, to ensure enough food is available for everybody, please Email the president of EUSI for numbers attending. His Email address is below.

For the evening mess dinner, the keynote speaker is the recently retired Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General (retired) Paul Wynnyk, who will be frank and speak on his experience in Ottawa. I expect tickets sale will go very fast because of the popularity of LGen Wynnyk among soldiers and veterans. A silent auction is also planned for the evening, with donations going to the Last Post Fund and paying for the Canadian Forces Trail renaming street signs. Invitation and RSVP is attached.



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



Major (ret) Alexander H. Tsang CD, President

And the Board of Governors of

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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Made payable to: EUSI.**

**Mail to : Major Alexander H. Tsang, 11035 – 163 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5X 2A2**



Maj (ret) Alexander H. Tsang CD, President

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Requests the Pleasure of Your Company at the 2019 Annual EUSI Symposium

To Be Held at

HMCS NONSUCH

11807 - Kingsway Edmonton, Alberta

From 0900 hours to 1530 Hours

On Saturday, 26 October, 2019

**TOPIC OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS CANADA, CHINA AND US TRADE RELATIONS  
AND IMPACT ON CANADIAN SECURITY.**

**Panelist include Professors at University of Alberta, University of Calgary, Royal Military College, Lawyers Specialize on International Trade, Renowned Author, Representative from US Consulate, Political Analyst Specializing on Chinese Political Affairs, Mediator is the Honourable Laurie Hawn**

**RSVP to Maj(ret'd) Alexander Tsang, [alexanderhtsang@hotmail.com](mailto:alexanderhtsang@hotmail.com) or**

Telephone: 780-456-3392

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ will attend **THE 2018 EUSI SYMPOSIUM**

**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_