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Political Follies

The saga that recently unfolded in Parliament regardless of best intentions was an embarrassment to all Canadians. The message that was sent around the world was something was amiss in Canada. Canada is looked upon by the international community as a G7 nation, a member of NATO, having a solid economy and being politically stable. The games that were played out in Ottawa and regretfully they are not over yet have caused an unwelcome look at our nation from abroad.

The following was widely circulated and thankfully it was simply a joke. But, turn it on its side and the message that was being sent is that perhaps we are no better than some of the banana republics, countries with shady democracies or indeed countries without any governance. I dare say we are almost there and perhaps in the eyes of some are there now!

BELGRADE—Serbian president Vojislav Kostunica deployed more than 30,000 peacekeeping troops to Canada Tuesday Dec 2, pledging full support to the troubled North American nation as it struggles to establish democracy.

"We must do all we can to support free elections in Canada and allow democracy to gain a foothold there," Kostunica said. "Canada is a major player in the Western Hemisphere and its continued stability is vital to Serbian interests in that region." Kostunica urged Stephane Dion, Canada's opposition-party leader who is refusing to recognize the nation's Oct 20 election results, to "let the democratic process take its course."

"Mr. Dion needs to acknowledge the will of the people and concede that he has lost this election," Kostunica said. "Until Canada's political figures learn to respect the institutions that have been put in place, the nation will never be a true democracy."

Serbian forces have been stationed throughout Canada, with an emphasis on certain trouble zones. Among them are Ottawa, Western Canada, and Quebec, where Dion set up headquarters in Bloc territory. An additional 10,000 troops are expected to arrive in the capital city of Ottawa by Friday.

Though Kostunica has pledged to work with Canadian leaders, he did not rule out the possibility of economic sanctions if the crisis is not resolved soon. "For democracy to take root and flourish, it must be planted in the rich soil of liberty. And the cornerstone of liberty is elections free of tampering or corruption," (See **Follies**, continued on page 7)

President's Report

I'm writing this report just before Christmas 2008 so I'll take this opportunity to wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the hope you will get this before Christmas.

Our commemorative dining in on November 8th with the band of HMCS Tecumseh in attendance, courtesy of the Commanding Officer, HMCS Tecumseh, was a great success. We were sold out which hasn't happened in a very long time. The guest speaker was Colonel Pierre St-Amand, CD, Commander 4 Wing Cold Lake, who provided us with an informative talk on (See **President's Report**, continued on page 2)

President's Report (continued from page 1)

Air Force Transformation. Many thanks go to F/O John Melbourne and his committee for their efforts in organizing this great event. Your Board will be making this dinner an annual event

December this year has seen a lot of snow and very cold weather but that hasn't meant a slowing down for RAUSI, as we are getting ready for our winter season. First of all will be the New Year's Levee hosted by the CGOM. The Levee timings are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. In January, CGOM will also host their monthly Happy Hour on the second Friday (i.e. Jan 9 at 1400 hrs.). RAUSI will have its regular monthly luncheon on Friday, January 16th. For the latter, make sure you call Kim (265-6628) if you are planning to bring six or more guests with you.

On February 14th, 2009, RAUSI will have its fifth annual Candlelight Dinner with "The Downstairs Band" at the mess. This is intended to be an informal dinner to chase the Winter Blues away, celebrate Valentine's Day and has been great fun every year. The Downstairs Band is a great band and plays music of interest to dancers of every age.

Plans are starting to be made by your Board to celebrate our 90th anniversary in 2010. Yes, RAUSI and its predecessors have been around since 1920, which is a remarkable feat for an organization such as ours. Brent Felix, a member of the Board, has accepted the role of being the Chairman of the planning committee for the event and is looking for ideas that we can use to make this a wonderful anniversary. 2010 will also be the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy, the Calgary Highlanders and the King's Own Calgary Regiment. It may be we can dovetail some of our activities to be in coordination with these organizations.

Once again it is getting close to our annual general meeting time. As is always the case at this time we are looking for persons who would be willing to serve on the Board of the Institute or on one of its committees. If you would like to get involved, please let Kim in the office know and she will pass the information on to the appropriate person.

Maj Bruce Henwood, Past President of the Institute and Chairman of the Membership Committee, has continued to hold a number of meetings of his committee and is actively seeking new members for the Institute. Last year Bruce and his committee managed to exceed their goal of 22 new members and plans are in place to do even better in 2009. If anyone has any suggestions for new members he would be quite pleased to arrange for a contact letter to be sent to the individual(s).

Nominating Committee/Annual General Meeting

The RAUSI Board of Directors 2009 Nominating Committee led by Major Henwood is looking for members interested in serving on the Board for a two-year period. If interested please contact Major Henwood. There are two vacancies coming open this year. New Board Members will be elected to a two-year term and will be announced at the AGM.

The AGM is scheduled for 19 March 2009; please mark your calendars accordingly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday to Friday – Daily Lunches 1145 – 1300 hrs
- 1 January 2009 – New Year's Day Levee 1000 hrs
- 7 January 2009 – Mess reopens with regular service
- 9 January – CGOM Happy Hour 1600 – 1900 hrs
- 16 January – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 13 February – CGOM Happy Hour with the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) 1600 – 1900 hrs
- 14 February – Valentine Day Candlelight Dinner
- 20 February – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 13 March – CGOM Happy Hour
- 19 March – RAUSI Annual General Meeting
- 20 March – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 28 March – Grand Highland Ball
- 10 April – Mess closed for Good Friday
- 17 April – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon
- 10 May – Mother's Day Brunch

Notes:

1. Please remember when reservations are required; food is pre-ordered based upon your response. If you make reservations and cannot attend please let the Secretary know a minimum of two days in advance or unfortunately you will be required to reimburse the Institute for the expenses incurred. If there are any questions please feel free to call the Secretary for clarification.
2. The Mess is available for members to book private functions from 5 to 95 people; we have our own Caterer who will be willing to work with you in organizing your event either in the Mess or at another venue. Call the Secretary for more details.
3. Please note that if you wish to hold regular meetings during the lunch hour for your organization or association, arrangements can be made depending upon the size of your group, to use either the Card Room or the Dining Room.
4. CGOM Happy Hours and all RAUSI events are open to RAUSI members, their spouses and guests of RAUSI members.

PMC's Update to RAUSI as of 15 December 2008

1. The elevator replacement is almost complete. We just need the paint and the inspection of the elevator. The work started on 20 November, and was to be complete by 5 December.
2. Wireless internet is now available in all the Messes. If you need access, please see the bartender or Mess Manager.
3. The relamping of the building is in progress. The contractor is supposed to be complete by end December.
4. The next CGOM Mess Meeting is 14 January 2009.
5. New low flow constrictors have been installed in most washrooms to comply with Government energy and conservation standards.
6. The other stairwells in the building have been equipped with the same non-slip rubber surface that we have for the Officers Mess. Not too pretty but functional.
7. The built in beer cooler that has served us for so long that Dick Westbury can't remember when it was installed, has finally given up the ghost. We already have the replacement and now we are working on getting it installed.
8. The Mess wants to continue with exposing the oak trim and mouldings at the entrance to the Mess and Dining Room. We'll continue with the project in the new year.
9. As always, if you have an idea on how to do things better; I have a space for you on my committee.

Captain John Alden, PMC

COMMEMORATIVE VISIT TO KOREA, JULY 2008

By Captain Roy A. Jardine

In late April 2008, I received a call from the Regiment asking if I was interested in being a delegate to represent the Regiment at the 55th Anniversary of the armistice in South Korea. I readily agreed as I was always interested in re-visiting Korea, having served with B Squadron LdSH(RC) from May 1952 to June 1953. During my service in Korea I began my tour as a radio operator for the Squadron Commander. After many casualties occurred in the line, in August and in September 1952 I was promoted to Corporal and sent to 3 Troop as Crew Commander, Call Sign 3 Charlie on Hill 355, where 3 Troop was in support of 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment.

After medicals, immunization shots and other requirements by Veterans Affairs Canada, my wife Inez, and I were on our way to South Korea.

On July 7, 2008 we left Calgary for Vancouver. The travel guide and members of the VAC delegation met us and the other delegates at the Vancouver International Airport. We were then transported to our hotel in downtown Vancouver. After a group dinner the VAC personnel briefed us on what to expect during our trip. I was happy to see that a former Strathcona and Korean Veteran, Reg McMillan, would be joining us on the trip. Reg was representing the Royal Canadian Dragoons. The Delegation consisted of The Minister of Veterans Affairs, his staff, members of Parliament, Veterans, Caregivers, youth ambassadors, members of the press, medical staff, personnel from VAC and serving military staff, including Strathcona Corporal Chris Hornby.

After breakfast the next morning we were transported to the Shell Flight Center, Vancouver International Airport where we waited for the Canadian Forces Airbus 310 to arrive from Trenton, Ontario. We then boarded the Airbus for our flight to Korea. We flew to Anchorage, Alaska where we landed for fuel and a flight crew change before continuing our flight to Korea. I caught up with Corporal Hornby in the Anchorage Airport. After crossing the International Date Line, we arrived at Incheon International Airport on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. We were then transported to the Seoul Plaza Hotel in downtown Seoul.

On July 10, we were treated to a tour of the City of Seoul, which included a stop at a shopping district. In the evening we attended a group dinner and welcome briefing at the Seoul Plaza Hotel.

Friday, July 11, we were transported by bus to a ceremony at the Republic of Korea (ROK) National Cemetery. The cemetery is very well maintained and there are thousands of South Korean war graves. We then visited the National War Memorial and Museum. The Museum is very impressive and contains artifacts depicting years of Korean conflicts and casualties. Later we attended a luncheon at the Hotel Capital, which is located in Itaewon. The luncheon was hosted by Mr. Yang Kim, Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs for South Korea. Following lunch we were transported to the ROK Sang Seung Observation Post. Most Korean veterans will know this as Hill 187 near the Sami-Ch'on Valley. I was able to identify Hill 166 across the valley, (See **Korea**, continued on page 7)



Captain Roy Jardine and Mrs. Inez Jardine at the recent RAUSI Commemorative Mess Dinner held on 8 November 2008

Commemorative Mess Dinner

The Commemorative Mess Dinner was held on November 8th. The Guest of Honour was Colonel St-Amand, Commander 4 Wing Cold Lake. Over 80 guests attended. The Band from HMCS Tecumseh provided the dinner music and played the ever popular Corps, Branch and Regimental Marches.



(Above) Col St-Amand converses with RAUSI Vice President Lt(N) Bouliane.

(Below), "triple trouble", (L-R), LCol R. Boehli, W. Schultz and J.J. Martin



New Year's Day Levee, Moose Milk and Clam Chowder

By LCol JJ Martin

On January 1st we will be able to participate in the annual Levee, which will be hosted at a number of locations throughout the city of Calgary. A tradition that has been carried on since French colonial days, members of the military, both serving and retired, have the opportunity to meet with politicians and the public to ensure that the New Year commences in a proper manner.

The start point for the Levee will be the Northeast Armoury, home of 14 (Calgary) Service Battalion and 33 Field Engineer Squadron, 41 Combat Engineer Regiment. Events will commence at 0900. Personnel will then move on to Mewata Armoury, home of the Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess, with kickoff for that location between 1000 - 1030. Between 1100 - 1130 HMCS Tecumseh can expect to see the arrival of the Army contingent that will meet up with our landlocked naval compatriots. The final stop of the day will be The Military Museums where invited guests close out the Levee activities for the day.

Last year a totally unscientific and grass roots poll identified the Northeast Armoury as home of the best moose milk and Mewata as winning the Clam Chowder derby. Since no one knew that these races were taking place, the trophies are only imaginary. We're still waiting to hear if the thought of this competition has inspired the hosts of the Levee events to make this a formal competition. If so we should be able to come up with the Clam Chowder Cup and the Moose Milk Medal.

Post Card from Kandahar



"Hello from Kandahar Air Field (KAF). I got a 7 month gig working for SNC Lavalin PAE. All the Best for the Holidays!"

signed Ken Duff

Ken was a member of RAUSI before moving to Victoria in 2008, Editor

Military Snippets

This day in history:

- 1 January 1950 – Ho Chi Minh begins offensive against French troops in Indo-China
- 2 January 1908 – The Royal Mint of Canada was founded
- 2 January 1929 – US & Canada agree to preserve Niagara Falls
- 5 January 1972 – NASA announces development of space shuttle
- 9 January 1941 – Maiden flight of Canadian built Avro Lancaster military bomber at Downsview
- 13 January 1842 – British retreat from Kabul during the First Afghan war
- 14 January 1943 – Roosevelt and Churchill meet in Casablanca, Morocco
- 16 January 1944 – Eisenhower assumes command of all Allied Forces preparing to invade Europe
- 18 January 1671 – Pirate Henry Morgan defeats Spanish defenders, captures Panama
- 19 January 1950 – First flight of the CF-100 "Canuck"
- 28 January 1881 – 58th (Rutlandshire) Regiment last British unit to carry their Colours into battle
- 1 February 1455 – Johannes Gutenberg prints the Bible
- 1 February 1893 – Rudolf Diesel patents the diesel engine
- 1 February 1909 – McCurdy flies the Silver Dart, making the first powered flight in Canada and the British Empire
- 1 February 1951 – Canadian troops make first contact with North Korean forces
- 3 February 1939 – First group of Canadian volunteers in Spanish Civil War return to Canada
- 15 February 1939 – German battleship Bismarck launched
- 10 February 1747 – Canadians and Micmacs capture Grand Pre, NS from the Americans
- 16 February 1940 – German supply ship Altmark seized by HMS Cossack liberating 299 British merchant seamen
- 18 February 1740 – Canadians attack Chickasaws near Memphis TN
- 19 February 1945 – Iwo Jima landings commence
- 22 February 1813 – Canadians and British successfully attack Fort Ogdensburg NY
- 23 February 1815 – Lachine Canal construction project underway

Please note, dates published in this section do not necessarily reflect all significant historical events, but rather a blend of the well-known events and more obscure happenings. Please forward dates and events to the editor for future consideration. *Editor*

RAUSI Celebration 2010

RAUSI will reach a milestone in 2010, celebrating its 90th anniversary. Activities and special events are being planned to commemorate this occasion. Mr. Brent Felix, RAUSI Director, is heading up the 2010 Committee. If you are interested in assisting Brent, please contact Kim at 403-265-6628. Our Patron is being invited to attend the November 2010 Commemorative Mess Dinner. There will be a special edition of the RAUSI Journal produced, along with an enhanced social calendar.



(L-R) Capt(N) Couturier - Commander Maritime Operations Group Four, A/CMS Commodore Kelly Williams, HCapt(N) W. Wilson, Commodore Nigel S. Greenwood - Commander CANFLTPAC

Captain Honored For 52 Years Service in Canadian Forces

By Dave Pugliese

2 December 2008

CALGARY, ALBERTA-On December 2nd, during the honorary navy captain symposium held in Esquimalt, British Columbia, Honorary Captain(N) William "Bill" Wilson achieved a military milestone by being awarded the 4th Clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration (CD), marking 52 years of honoured service in the Canadian Forces (CF).

"To serve our country is truly an honour," said Canada's Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay. "To have served Canada for 52 years as HCapt(N) Wilson is a tremendous milestone that he and all Canadians can look upon with pride."

"To receive the 4th Clasp to his CD for having given 52 years of honourable service to our country, places HCapt(N) Wilson in an exclusive club of Canadian Forces members," said General Walt Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff. "His loyalty, dedication and service to country are inspiring and an example to us all!"

HCapt(N) Wilson's lifelong connection with the Canadian Navy began with his service during the Second World War and continued when he stayed on as a member of the Naval Reserves and continues today as an HCapt(N).

"HCapt(N) Wilson has shown his dedication to Canada's Navy for 52 years and today that dedication was acknowledged by his being awarded the 4th Clasp to his CD." says Chief of the Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral Drew Robertson. "He exemplifies the Navy's core values of mutual respect, trust, accountability, efficiency, innovation and service to Canada, Canadians and his fellow sailors."

Honorary captains act as bridges between military and civilian communities, representing diverse areas of influence such as politics, business, journalism and the arts, and have the unique skills and connections to strengthen the navy's ties to Canadian communities and to promote a better understanding of maritime defence issues. They are quite visible, attending significant naval, CF and public events and ceremonies in uniform across the country, bridging the gap between military and civilian communities. Honorary captains are appointed by the Minister of National Defence after receiving (See **Captain**, continued on page 7)

Afghan war dog coming to Canada

By Ethan Baron

16 December 2008

PASAB, Afghanistan - An Afghan war dog that has protected NATO soldiers fighting here is moving on to a more peaceful life in Canada. The friendly white dog named Mushe, whose furry mug was splashed across Canadian newspapers in mid-November, will go to live on an Ontario farm next spring when the two military police soldiers who have adopted her finish their tours.

Mushe has become a life-protecting companion for those soldiers, their comrades, and an Afghan police detachment at their small outpost in one of the most violent areas of southern Afghanistan. She goes on patrol, entering compounds before the soldiers and police, barking if anyone is there. She keeps Afghan men of fighting age at bay, letting only small children near the soldiers and police.

After Mushe's story was published in Canwest newspapers across Canada in a story on pets at Canadian bases, Canada's military brass decided to grant approval for the dog to be flown to Canada, where she'll live in Chatham, Ont. "Family friends have a large farm back home," said Cpl. Gordon Martin of 2 Military Police unit in Petawawa, Ont., who, with Cpl. Nikki Bucci of the same unit, first proposed bringing their wartime companion to Canada. "They have a few hundred acres so they have all the space and the room for her. She can't be penned up - she's not a dog used to being in close quarters. Having her run around on the farm - I think she'll feel right at home."

In early December, Bucci had travelled from their outpost in war-ravaged Zhari district to the NATO base at Kandahar Airfield, and while there, made initial inquiries about Mushe's prospects of moving to Ontario. "A couple of days later we got the phone call from HQ which said it was approved," Martin said.

The veterinary contingent at the airfield base, who are responsible for dogs used in bomb-sniffing and security operations, have agreed to provide Mushe with the shots she'll need for clearance to live in Canada, Martin said.

The born-and-raised Afghan dog's street smarts exceed those of at least one specially trained import. On an operation last week, an American bomb-sniffing German shepherd on its first mission (See **Dog**, continued on page 6)

Did you know?

On 6 January 1916, the battleship *HMS King Edward VII* was sunk by a German mine off the coast of Scotland. When she was launched, Edward's son George V, asked that she should always be used as a flagship. The operation on which she was lost was the first time that his request had not been honoured.

On 9 February 1916, the tiny naval war fought on the waters of Lake Tanganyika came to a close when the Royal Navy-manned vessels *Mimi* and *Fifi* caught and sank the last remaining German vessel, *Hedwig von Weissman*. This little-known chapter of the First World War was the inspiration for the film, *The African Queen*.

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away from the NATO base found a container holding liquid residue from insurgents' homemade explosive. The animal promptly began lapping it up, a few hours later suffering an uncomfortable bout of diarrhea.



Cpl. Nikki Bucci, left, and Cpl. Gordon Martin hold Mushe.
Photograph by: Ethan Baron/Canwest News Service

Padre's Corner

To every thing there is a season

Who hasn't wanted to have a fresh start now and again? Since the dawn of history humans have looked forward to signs of renewal, which have been celebrated by different cultures at different times of the year.

For some, the wished for new beginning may have related to a beau to whom something silly or embarrassing was said. To others it is the birth of a child. For others, again, it may have been a new job or a move to a new city or country. All of these contain an element of hope. Hope that life will be better.

At the Christmas season in particular we are reminded of our desire for a peaceful existence, an end to conflict and bloodshed, so often the result of greed and a lust for power or a sense of superiority. The prophecy of Jesus birth included a promise of "Peace to men of good will." Whether we are Christians or some other faith the same principle applies: It is the good will toward others that makes peace possible. Research by the Harvard/MIT project on Conflict Resolution as well as practical experiences have shown that good will is the forerunner to resolving conflicts. We have to want the best outcome, not only for ourselves but for those with whom we may be in competition. If we are planning New Year resolutions, this might be a good place to start: to endeavour to maintain good will toward others, even those we dislike. While we are told to love one another, no one said we had to like each other.

Resolutions without action like any goals without action are mere fantasy. If we want to see a new start on a better more peaceful world, community, family, we must act to make it so. What better time than at the New Year? Work at it. Work at it.

May your future be bright, may your resolve be strong to make it so.

The Reverend Eric Haffenden

What's New at The Military Museums?

By LCol B. Brake

Greetings from The Military Museums. Since our last report we reopened the Naval Museum of Alberta, we hosted the Chief of Defence Staff at a successful fundraising dinner held at the Naval Museum of Alberta, we hosted our most successful Remembrance Program and the largest Remembrance Day Ceremony ever, we opened the museum gift shop, and we started trials associated with the upcoming opening of the Discovery Center.

The traditional New Year's Day Levee is on for January 1st from 12 noon to 3PM and again I would like to extend an invitation for RAUSI members to attend.

Please let me provide an update on a few activities scheduled for 2009 that will continue to enhance our facility.

- a. Start a new phase in education with the introduction of the Discovery Centre that will augment student education through a hands-on experiential learning of Canadian History;
- b. Complete a renovation of the existing facility to include a state-of-the-art classroom, the creation of a new, dynamic art gallery and temporary exhibit gallery;
- c. Facilitate the on-site opening of the new Air Force Museum of Alberta scheduled for April 1;
- d. Enhance the connection with members of the Honourable Guard by introducing opportunities for group travel (for 2009 a trip to China);
- e. Install in February a digital Donor Recognition Wall to acknowledge those who gave in the past and those who will give in the future;
- f. Install and operate a new state-of-the-art digital sign on TMM property as a way to generate income for CMMS activities and programs;
- g. Reinstated the Edubus program as a way to increase student participation at TMM for schools who could not normally participate due to transportation costs;
- h. Investigate the possibility of changing the name of the facility to incorporate the prefix "Royal" e.g. change the name from The Military Museums to The Royal Military Museums;
- i. Investigate the possibility of acquiring a Royal patronage for The Military Museums and specifically Her Royal Highness, The Countess of Wessex;
- j. Introduce new education programs that will include:
 - Evaluating the *Open Minds* Program (in partnership with the Calgary Board of Education),
 - Standardizing tour scripts for the Navy and Air Force Museums,
 - Creating theatre presentations for the Navy and Air force Museums, and
 - Completing the 2008/2009-student research contest.

We intend to host a grand opening celebration on June 6, 2009 that may include members of the Royal family. The event will include an afternoon ribbon cutting ceremony and tea party in the gardens at the Museum and a formal D-Day Ball at the Hyatt Regency Hotel that evening. Details will be confirmed when known.

Begin planning for Museum activities associated with the centennial celebrations of the Canadian Navy, The KOCR, The CH and 14 Service Battalion in 2010. Please extend to your Membership our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Afghanistan Mission

In Canada we are stunned and shocked when we suffer losses in Afghanistan. But we are not alone in trying to bring stability, democracy and law and order to that troubled country. Other NATO countries have recognized the significance of Afghanistan to world peace, security, stability and the value of fighting the enemy abroad rather than contending with the unthinkable at home.

As the bumper sticker states, if you can't stand behind your troops feel free to stand in front. We are not alone in the fight against the Taliban.

Here at a glance are countries with significant military forces on the Afghanistan mission and their military deaths. Troop strengths listed include those in Afghanistan as well as support elements in the nearby regions outside the country. There is usually a time lag between when a death occurs and when it's announced, and governments issue the releases separately. The death toll might be regarded as an "at least" figure at any one time.

- United States: 33,000 troops; 556 deaths.
- Britain: 7,800 troops; 125 deaths.
- Canada: 2,500 troops; 103 deaths.
- Germany: 3,200 troops; 28 deaths.
- Spain: 800 troops; 25 deaths.
- France: 2,000 troops; 22 deaths.
- Netherlands: 1,500 troops; 17 deaths.
- Denmark: 1,800 troops; 16 deaths.
- Italy: 2,500 troops; deaths.

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Kostunica said. "Should Canada prove itself incapable of learning this lesson on its own, the international community may be forced to take stronger measures." In true Canadian fashion, even hockey is making light of our political follies. Here is another take on what happened in Ottawa.

"Canada was stunned Monday December 1st when it was announced that the 2008 Stanley Cup will be awarded to the Toronto Maple Leafs, possibly as early as January 29th. The cup will be stripped from 2008 playoff champions the Detroit Red Wings and be awarded to the Leafs, who didn't even make the playoffs.

How is this possible, Canadians ask? Well, the Leafs have formed a coalition with Eastern Conference semi-finalists the Montreal Canadiens, and Conference quarter finalists the Ottawa Senators, now outnumbering the Red Wings. Keeping with precedent none of the teams from the west were consulted! According to current Leaf coach Ron Wilson "the Red Wings have lost the confidence of the League and should hand the cup over immediately to our coalition".

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is cutting short a European trip to try to resolve the unprecedented hockey crisis that could force a second playoff series, or see an opposing team coalition take the cup.

Hopefully more common sense will prevail over the next several weeks and the Canadian government can get back to governing rather than dabbling in political follies making us the butt of international and sporting jokes.

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and Hill 355 on our extreme right. Most of the Jamestown Line is visible from this location. This is the location where 4 tanks of 3 Troop B Squadron, including myself as Tank Commander CS 3Charlie, were in support of 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment, located on Hill 187 when Charlie Coy was attacked by approximately 2,000 enemy on the 2nd/3rd May 1953. This was the last battle the Canadians would fight during the Korean War. During this battle the Canadians suffered the most casualties of any battle in the war, 25 killed, 27 wounded and 7 taken prisoner. One of the Veterans on the trip was taken prisoner that night. The area is so lush and green now, so different than when I was there 55 years ago. There is little evidence of the devastation that occurred in this area. South of this area there is still evidence of defensive positions.

Saturday, July 12, we attended a Ceremony of Remembrance at the Canadian Korean War Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden is located in Naechon, northeast of Gapyeong and just below the hills, which were defended by 2PPCLI during the Battle of Gapyeong (formerly Kap'young) in April 1951. (Korea has made some changes to their alphabet – Kap'young is now Gapyeong and Pusan is now spelled Busan). Wreaths of remembrance were laid by Delegates representing their military affiliation. MWO (retired) Reg McMillan, representing the Royal Canadian Dragoons and myself, representing the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) laid a wreath for the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, at the memorial. Three monuments have been erected in the Memorial Garden. The first is a stone cairn to commemorate the 2PPCLI, who won the United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation in April 1951 following the battle of Kap'young. As well, the PPCLI Delegation paid their respects to their memorial cairn. The second monument is a stone tablet with three panels in Korean, English and French, listing all the units of the Canadian Forces, which served in the Korean War. The final memorial is the newest and largest. This memorial was unveiled in 1985 and was dedicated by the people of Korea to the memory of the approximately 26,000 Canadians who served in the Korean War. Of these brave men and women, 516 Canadians would make the ultimate sacrifice. Approximately 1,255 Canadians were wounded. Following a group BBQ, we visited the Korean War Memorial to the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth at Gapyeong. Part 2 to follow in the March/April Newsletter.

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recommendations from the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Chief of the Maritime Staff. These appointments are generally for a period of three years, however, extensions may be granted.

The CD is awarded to a CF member who has completed 12 years of honourable service and clasps are awarded for each subsequent period of 10 years qualifying service. There have been only 37 recipients of the 4th Clasp since 1998 and only two recipients have ever been awarded a 5th Clasp, the Queen Mother and Air Commodore Leonard Birchall.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

Note, suggested websites are posted for one issue of the *RAUSI News* and are provided for information only.

Supporting Canada's Injured Soldiers
<http://woundedwarriors.ca/nc/home/>

CFPSA supporting serving and retired CF Members
<https://www.cfpsa.com/en/index.asp>

David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen Military Affairs Columnist
<http://communities.canada.com/ottawacitizen/blogs/defencewatch/>

The rental medium lift helicopters for Canada – the Mi-8
<http://www.army-technology.com/projects/mi8t/>

Combating Terrorism Center at West Point
<http://ctc.usma.edu/sentinel/>

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Membership Committee Update

Membership renewals are ahead of last year, which is very encouraging. If you know someone who may be interested in joining the Institute please let Kim know so an application form can be sent. Forms are also available at the bar, at The Military Museums and on-line at www.rausi.ca.

Early membership renewals were put into an Early Bird Draw. The draw was made at the Business Luncheon on 19 December and RAUSI is pleased to announce that Colonel Blakely won the bottle of scotch, Colonel Ethell won two tickets to the Candlelight Dinner in February and Mr. D. Marjoram won 4 tickets to a 2009 Business Luncheon. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to those who took the time to renew.

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Arghandab District, Afghanistan, age 26, Mount Uniacke NS

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2nd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment, 13 December 2008,
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