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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all USINNI Members. May 2019 bring you success, happiness and all the joy that your heart can hold.

As we look back at 2018, all we can say it that it was one very interesting year. Our USINNI Membership grew slightly and we successfully achieved all the we set out to accomplish.

As we look forward, 2019 promises to be another very interesting



year. There will be challenges, however, with our 'never say die' attitude, the USINNI will march on to successfully maintain its *raison d'être* and mission.

In this ever-changing era that we live in, it is more important than ever to maintain the traditions, goals and comradery that are so important to us. It is imperative that we remain informed and that our sense of 'situational awareness' be kept at a peek. Your/our involvement in this Institute and the pursuit of its goals is now more critical than ever before.

Edwin

MILITARY AND SECURITY MUSING: INERTIA IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL CONVULSIONS

Nanaimo, 2 January 2019...I hope at least some of our Institute readers took the time to "sit in on" General Sir Nick Carter's (CDS MOD UK) mid-December address to RUSI UK. I sent out the POC for you on December 14th, although I fully realized we are all pre-occupied with pleasanter, more seasonal interests, such that musings over coming wars aren't high on many reading lists. For those who did log in to General Carter's address, I hope you noted a couple of salient points he made,

but, about which he offered little elaboration. I'm fairly sure they would have been the subject of questions and comments in the off-the-record Q & A session that followed.

The first was his one-liner on the inevitable but sometimes underrated consequences of what he called mass, uncontrolled migrations around the Globe. This is not a new theme for us. I've addressed it numerous times these past few years. Canada needs about 250,000 pre-selected immigrants eve-

ry year just to make up for our abysmal fertility rates. But we are much less able to absorb anything like that number of refugees. Too many of the latter will end up idle in the growing ghettos of our three major metropolitan areas of Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver. Diversity for them means systemic exclusion. Successive governments in Ottawa continue to get it all wrong and do so because they think that's what we, the people, want.

General Carter also briefly touched on the shrinking technical advantage we used to have over our most likely adversaries. China, of course, has been rooting through our cabinets for years, searching out for all that free intellectual property we tend to leave lying about. In the meantime, too, Russia has made up for 20 years lost after the collapse of the old USSR. The balance of world power has once again shifted. Technology won't be enough for either side to win the next war. Finally, he spoke about the particular problem disinformation & misinformation presents for democracies today. I'm going to save that one for a later column of its own.

Which leads me to today's premise. Most people believe that a major war "in our time" is unthinkable, or, if it does occur, that we will somehow or other manage to muddle our way through. Believing either notion is little less than whistling while walking past a cemetery in the dark. As we enter 2019, Canada, NATO and the West simply aren't war-ready. We have neither the heads to see nor the stomachs to deal with what's coming. Looking weak and acting weakly, as we too often do, just generates contemptuous envy for us in the rest of the World.

Much of this I touched on in our Confluence Series which began in March 2015 and more or less wrapped up in January 2016. Running to about 10,000 words, the synthesized message then was that the days of a dominant Western-style civilization, as you & I know and experienced it, are numbered. Some of the change is happening even faster than I thought possible. Some is still in the gemmation stage. I want now to remind you of

just some of what I see coming:

... "the good life" seems to be the purview of the top 1%, while life gets progressively worse for the rest. Indeed, social dissent & unrest is now endemic and increasingly violent across the width and breadth of the Northern Hemisphere.

- This Winter or early Spring, Russia will provoke another incident or series of incidents against the Ukraine. The United Nations, NATO and the European responses or, rather, the lack of them, to the Russian seizure of the Crimea; Russian "intervention" in the rebellion in the Ukraine's Donetsk or Donbas Region; the Russian shooting down of MH 17; Russian piracy in the Sea of Azov; and, Russia's continued occupation of Eastern Moldova, all indicate Russia intends to "redefine" the Ukraine's existence as an independent state, or, as a partner in the wider Western-orientated European Union. The Cold War is back, in spades & Russia knows we're weak-kneed;

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 on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2019
 1130 HOURS
 \$25.00 per member/person.

LUNCHEON MEETING ATTENDANCE

Your telephone contact coordinator will attempt to contact you in the days prior to our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to confirm your attendance. In this manner we can provide attendance numbers to the volunteer kitchen staff at RCL 257 so that they may prepare adequately for our function.

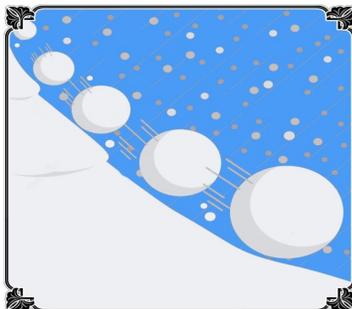
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USINNI SNOWBALL



At last month's luncheon meeting, **Andrew Christie's** name was drawn for the SNOWBALL. He was in attendance and signed in. He graciously donated his winnings back to the SNOWBALL pot. Thank you Andrew.

Please remember you can only win if you sign-in, and you can only sign-in if you attend the luncheon. Good luck to All.

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- European unity, largely a mainstay of a peaceful Europe since 1945, is in tatters. Countries like Greece, Italy and others are being propped up by the rest of the Union, with the North carrying the load for the South of Europe. Peace in the Balkans remains as illusionary today as it has been for the past several hundred years. The Balkans is also the most polluted unhealthy region in all of Europe;

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- Liberal democracy in such diverse countries as France, Hungary, Poland & Romania has been weakened by a growing realization that “the good life” seems to be the purview of the top 1%, while life gets progressively worse for the rest. Indeed, social dissent & unrest is now endemic and increasingly violent across the width and breadth of the Northern Hemisphere. This trend will be accented in 2019 and beyond;
- 2019 will also see some kind of end to Britain’s Brexit nightmare, an outcome that almost certainly will mark Britain’s eclipse as a significant global power or influence;
- Meanwhile, the great uncontrolled migration of refugees or of the economically or socially displaced is beginning to flood the Northern Hemisphere. In just one or two generations, this migration will roll on from the thousands

into the millions, re-ordering Western societies in ways barely imaginable today. But, it has begun; and,

- Finally, but by no means least, China will continue its measured march to becoming, by 2049, the single most powerful economic and military force on the Globe. Enroute, China will complete its incorporation of Taiwan and other disputed territories and waters into Greater China. Forget the *Law of the Seas* or international law or niceties. *Force majeure* executed against a paralyzed West will prevail.

The *Look Good, Feel Better* policies of fifty years of rudderless Ottawa governance are failing us. It’s long past-time that we began to focus on consistent dynamic national policies that are in our National Interest. Looking good to the rest of the World is a weak pillar on which to build the kind of energetic foreign policy this Country needs, but simply isn’t getting.



This Musing Column is again that of Colonel (Retd) W.J. (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of this Institute and the long-time Chair of our Military Committee. He joined the Reserve Army as a Private in 1953, transferred to the Regular Force in 1959, was commissioned in 1960, retiring as Director General Security in 1990.