

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the Spring 2005 edition of the *Canadian Military Journal*. As always, we have attempted to put together an eclectic issue – hopefully one in which there will be elements that appeal to all members of our readership.

For our lead article, Lieutenant-General Rick Findley, Deputy Commander of North American Aerospace Defence Command and Head of the Bi-national Planning Group in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has co-authored an informative and encouraging piece on Canadian-American military cooperation in our post-9/11 world.

Next, Major-General Andrew Leslie shares his views on the future of the Canadian Forces (CF), and what he believes must be done to ensure Canada's security needs are fully addressed in today's complex, and frequently unpredictable and dangerous world. Although he wrote this article while he was still a postgraduate student at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC), General Leslie will soon assume duties as the Director General Strategic Planning in our national headquarters. The Chief of the Land Staff (CLS), to whom he refers in his article, has recently become our Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), General Rick Hillier.

John MacFarlane and John Moses have provided an interesting sociological/historical article on Aboriginal culture and service in Canada's armed forces, ranging from the Second World War until the present. Their piece is complemented by a relevant book review appearing later in the issue, dealing with English Canada's image of Native people during the Second World War.

And what is to become of our air force fighter force after the CF-18 *Hornet* is gone? Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Doyon, an aerospace engineering officer, poses some interesting options, including replacement of the *Hornet* with an Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) or the manned Joint Strike Fighter (JSF). This ought to get the juices of some of the scout pilots stirring...

Major Brent Beardsley served as General Roméo Dallaire's Military Assistant during the Rwandan Genocide of 1994, and when Brent was medically evacuated due to serious illness in early May, General Dallaire said he felt like he had lost his right arm. In recognition of his brave and determined conduct during the genocide, Beardsley was awarded a rare

Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) for his "calm and timely actions (that) met the highest professional standards and brought credit to himself, the Canadian Forces and Canada." Brent shares with us the first of a two-part article dealing with the Rwandan tragedy and the lessons he feels need to be taken from it for future applications.

The year 2005 has been designated the Year of the Veteran by the Canadian Government in this the 60th anniversary year of Allied victory in the Second World War. Expect to see frequent and varied forms of tribute these coming months in the *Journal* to those brave men and women, our national treasures. With that in mind, Richard Mayne has contributed a thought-provoking article dealing with cases of suspected crew sabotage in the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) during the Second World War. In addition, Doctor Serge Bernier, Director of History and Heritage at the national headquarters, offers the first of a two-part look at the establishment and development of Canada's armed forces military museums. His article is particularly relevant, given the official opening of the new Canadian War Museum in Ottawa in early May.

We close with our usual Commentary from Martin Shadwick, a brace of interesting opinion pieces and a number of book reviews for your consideration. Martin touches on a potpourri of issues this time out (he is warming up for the eagerly-awaited Defence Review), Mike Goodspeed tells us we all need to shape up, and Charles Oliviero opines that we all need to read more, particularly in the humanities.

By now, you probably will have noticed a few formatting changes to the *Journal*, including the use of some different text accent colours. Fear not. We will, for the most part, be returning to red accents, although in lesser amounts. That said, I reserve an old fighter pilot's right to be unpredictable from time to time, just to pique the interest of our readership, if for no other reason.

Again, our hope is to encourage your comments and opinions on content and format. And so, to shamelessly paraphrase the words of Sheryl Crow, if you want to reach us, *don't* leave us alone. Until the next time...

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