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## Communiqué



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Summer is almost over and it is time to start our monthly MIW activities once again. Your MIW Executive Committee has planned an interesting schedule of speakers and events for this year.

The first get together is our “Welcome Back BBQ” to be held at the Canadian Historical Aircraft Association Hangar at the Windsor Airport on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to have LCol Ron Holden as our guest speaker. See further information included with this Communiqué.

Some of our members had indicated that that they were unable to attend our luncheon meetings or weekend events due to busy schedules and work commitments. Well here is your chance to participate (and bring a guest) to a mid-week evening MIW event. Be sure to RSVP to Major Roy Embury ASAP so we know how many people to expect.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(More Information on each event inside this newsletter.)*

- 2 Sep – Monthly Breakfast at Back Road Café (Sept only)
- 3 Sep – Presentation on Canadian War Cemeteries in Italy, at Branch 143 Legion
- 6-14 Sep – Sea, Army, and Air Cadet Corps / Squadrons begin their Training Year
- 11 Sep – 1100 hrs: Memorial Service at Afghanistan and Peacekeepers Monument, Reaume Park
- 11 Sep – 1400 hrs: Battle of Britain Ceremony at Jackson Park, Windsor
- 14 Sep – MIW’s Welcome Back Barbecue at Canadian Historical Aircraft Association Hangar
- 18 Sep – 0800-1000 hrs: Pass The Torch Committee’s Breakfast Fundraiser
- 18 -24 Sep – Legion Week Activities

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## MILITARY INSTITUTE OF WINDSOR'S FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST

JOIN THE GROUP AROUND 0800 - 0815 HRS

**2 SEP 2016** at the Back Road Café,

**3316 Grand Marais Rd. E., 519-944-2950**

**7 OCT 2016** at the iDine IN Family Restaurant,

**I Sleep Inn Motel, 2763 Howard Avenue, 519-997-0551**





# THE MILITARY INSTITUTE OF WINDSOR'S **WELCOME BACK BBQ**



**Guest Speaker: LCol Ron Holden**

***"A FIGHTER PILOT IN THE COLD WAR"***

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**1600 hrs: Doors Open; 1700 hrs: Food Served**

**1800 hrs: Speaker**

**At the Canadian Historical Aircraft Hangar @ Windsor Airport  
#104 – 2600 Airport Rd, Windsor, ON**

**COME JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!**

**Admission \$10.00 gets you a hamburger or two hotdogs, salad,  
soft drink and coffee or tea  
RAFFLES DOOR PRIZES**

**Please RSVP to Maj Roy Embury by 10 Sep 2016.**

**Phone: 519-735-6767 or Email: [majorroysir@hotmail.com](mailto:majorroysir@hotmail.com)**



# SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE 27 JUL 2016



Windsor & Essex County Korean Veterans War Memorial

## GUEST SPEAKERS



Cdr Stan Fraser & S. Korean Guest



Mayor Drew Dilkens



Col Sol Baltimore



Henry Martinak



Col Baltimore, Col Campbell



Councillor Sleiman, Councillor Borrelli,  
David Cassivi, Windsor Mayor Dilkens



4 U.S. Korean War Veterans and  
Chatham Korean War Vet, Eric Williams



Dave Batson, Steve Willar



Ralph Mayville, Cathy Moczko



J. Tomlinson, J. Amos, C. Lawhead,



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↓ **RECEPTION AT ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 143**



**Windsor Star Letter to the Editor Re:**

**Korean War Memorial Service 27 Jul 2016**

**by Andrea Grimes**

Once again, our veterans and military families “of all stripes” acknowledge our community for its support in honouring and remembering duty and military service to Canada in all theatres of conflict and through peacekeeping missions.

On July 27, a memorial service took place at the Korean War Memorial in Dieppe Gardens to remember the sacrifices of the 516 fallen Canadians (eight from Windsor) who served during the Korean War, 1950-1953.

This annual tribute also honoured American veterans who participated as guests enjoying our warm Windsor hospitality.

Sharing this service with our community is especially poignant as it brings our South Korean families forward to show their gratitude for all that our veterans did for them during the three long and dark years of terror inflicted on them by North Korea.

Memorial tributes such as this serve to educate this generation, not about what war took away, but what it gave us in recognizing and valuing the strength of our democracy.

Those attending are the collective voices that honour and remember all who stood, and continue to stand, for the freedoms and liberties that we as Canadians enjoy.

# BATTLE OF BRITAIN CEREMONY

**11 SEP 2016  
1400 HRS**

**AT  
AIR FORCE MEMORIAL,  
JACKSON PARK,  
WINDSOR**



**Parade will form up at 1330 hrs.**



## **F-35 still riddled with deficiencies says Pentagon's top test official**



David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen

Published on: August 24, 2016



***An F-35 arrives at its new operational base Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, at Hill Air Force Base, in northern Utah. Rick Bowmer / AP***

A week after the U.S. Air Force declared its version of Lockheed Martin Corp.'s F-35 jet ready for limited combat operations, the Pentagon's top tester warned that the plane is still riddled with deficiencies, Bloomberg News is reporting.

In the Aug. 9 memo obtained by Bloomberg, Michael Gilmore, the Department of Defense's director of operational testing noted: "In fact the program is actually not on a path toward success but instead on a path toward failing to deliver" on the aircraft's full capabilities.

The F-35 will cost almost \$400 billion by the scheduled end of its development in 2018, he noted. "Achieving full combat capability with the Joint Strike Fighter is at substantial risk," Gilmore added, referring to the 2018 date.

Gilmore noted that although the U.S. Air Force made its declaration of initial combat capability on Aug. 2, "most of the limitations" previously identified with software, data fusion, electronic warfare and weapons employment are still issues.

U.S. Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said that, "It's important to acknowledge the program is still in its developmental stage when issues are expected to be discovered and resolved."

## LOCAL CADET CORPS INFORMATION

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(The cadet corps below were all contacted for their input. The info is as accurate as possible based on replies received.)

<b>CORPS / SQN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PARADE TIMINGS</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup>NIGHT BACK</b>	<b>COMMANDING OFFICER</b>	<b>PHONE NO / EMAIL</b>
<b>48 Sea</b>	HMCS Hunter 90 Mill St. Windsor	Wed 1800-2100 hrs	7 Sep	Lt(N) A. Byrne (Change of Cmd forthcoming)	519-254-7222 brayden.uttley@gmail.com
<b>59 Army E&amp;K Scots</b>	Chatham Armoury 44 William St. N. Chatham	Wed 1800-2100 hrs	7 Sep	Capt T. Blonde	519-351-6412 519-437-0438 mrtab1973@hotmail.com
<b>202 Army WR</b>	Amherstburg Pub. Sch. 252 Hamilton Dr. Amherstburg	Wed 1800-2100 hrs	14 Sep at Legion, 5 Oct at School	Capt J. Turner	519-736-4900 202fortmaldenrcac@gmail.com jeffturner15@outlook.com
<b>291 Air</b>	Blenheim Dist. H.S. 163 Chatham St. S. Blenheim	Tues 1800-2130 hrs	13 Sep	Capt V. Eskritt	226-626-5473 vicki.eskritt@cadets.gc.ca
<b>294 Air</b>	Ansell Armoury 280 Bloomfield Chatham	Mon 1830-2100 hrs	12 Sep	Capt W. Shoebottom	519-352-7090 co.294air@cadets.gc.ca 294kinsmen@gmail.com
<b>364 Air</b>	364 Squadron Hangar At Windsor Airport 2600 Airport Rd, Windsor	Tues 1815-2130 hrs	6 Sep - Admin, 13 Sep – Recruits	Maj J. Souchuk	519-256-5906 364squadron@gmail.com
<b>535 Air</b>	Air Cadet Hall South of Smith St. Leamington	Wed 1830- 2115 hrs	7 Sep - Admin., 14 Sep – 1 <sup>st</sup> Parade	Capt S. Stephenson	519-326-3835 co535sqn@gmail.com
<b>1086 Army E&amp;K Scots</b>	Maj Tilston Armoury 4007 Sandwich St. Windsor	Wed 1830-2115 hrs	7 Sep	Capt E. Repaye	519-256-9443 repaye1086@cogeco.ca Edward.Repaye@cadets.gc.ca
<b>1112 Army WR</b>	Br. 261 Legion 12326 Lanoue St. Tecumseh	Tues 1800-2100 hrs	13 Sep	Lt(N) R. Desnoyers	519-735-3575 519-980-9220 1112rcacc@gmail.com
<b>2715 Army E&amp;K Scots</b>	Br. 594 Legion 5030 Howard Ave. Tecumseh	Wed 1830-2130 hrs	7 Sep	Lt L. Hilt	519-969-0551 lhilt@hotmail.com
<b>2828 Army WR</b>	Maj Tilston Armoury 4007 Sandwich St. Windsor	Mon 1830-2115 hrs	12 Sep	Capt T. Cooper	519-256-6565/226-773-0920 2828army@cadets.gc.ca
<b>2861 Army RCEME</b>	École Élémentaire L'Envolée, 1799 Ottawa St., Windsor	Thurs 1800-2130 hrs	8 Sep	Capt R. Small	519-551-5570 2861army@cadets.gc.ca rsmall.rceme@gmail.com
<b>2918 Army</b>	Br. 188 Legion, 145 Division St. S., Kingsville	Thurs 1830-2115 hrs	8 Sep	Capt T. Mullen	519-733-0685 tracy.mullen@cadets.gc.ca

# SOUTHERN ONTARIO MILITARY MUSTER (SOMM)

9-10 JUL 2016

Thanks to Ed Goodfellow for sharing these photos.



## NUMEROUS DISPLAYS



**SOUTHERN ONTARIO MILITARY MUSTER – PHOTOS CONT'D**



Organizer, Geoff Bottoms with Ralph Mayville





## LEGION WEEK 18 - 24 SEP 2016



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Below is the information that was available from the individual Legions at the time of printing.

LEGION	LOCATION	SERVICES / SOCIAL EVENTS
<b>Br. 157</b> <b>Amherstburg</b> 519-736-4485	281 Dalhousie St.	1. Parade 17 Sep -Form up at 10:00 a.m. behind Gen. Amherst Sch. March off towards Legion at 10:30 a.m.; Music: 1-5 p.m. 2. Veterans eat free at special functions throughout week
<b>Br. 185</b> <b>Blenheim</b> 519-676-2068	34 Catherine St.	1. Participates in Zone A-3's Drumhead Service on 18 Sep at Br.252 in Bothwell. Form up 1:30 p.m. at Legion, March off at 2 p.m. to Cenotaph; then Back to Legion for light lunch at 3:00 p.m. 2. Veterans' Dinner on Thurs. 22 Sep, by invitation only
<b>Br. 642</b> <b>Chatham</b> 519-351-8733	39 William St. N.	1. Participates in Zone A-3's Drumhead Service on 18 Sep at Br. 252 In Bothwell. Form up 1:30 p.m. at Legion, March off at 2 p.m. to Cenotaph; then Back to Legion for light lunch at 3:00 p.m. 2. Veterans' Dinner (roast beef) on Tues. 20 Sep at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Br. 201</b> <b>Essex</b> 519-776-8247	103 Talbot St. N.	1. Service at the new Cenotaph (on Talbot St. beside United Church) on Sun 18 Sep. Form up at 12:45 p.m.; Service at 1:00 p.m. Meet and Greet at Branch after the service.
<b>Br. 188</b> <b>Kingsville</b> 519-733-5162	145 Division St. S.	1. Branch Picnic on Sat 17 Sep – games and meat draws: 12-5 p.m., hot dogs, hamburgs and salad buffet: \$6 from 5-6:30 p.m. Karaoke: 8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. 2. Special Senior's Dance - Sun 18 Sep: 2-5 p.m. 3. Wine and Cheese Open House 22 Sep: 7-9 p.m. Sun Parlour Pipes and Drums: 7:00 p.m. 4. Free Veterans' Meals on 23 Sep: 5-7 p.m.
<b>Br. 261</b> <b>Tecumseh</b> 519-735-4454	12326 Lanoue St.	1. Details unavailable at time of printing
<b>Br. 594</b> <b>Tecumseh</b> 519-969-0551	5030 Howard Ave.	1. Details unavailable at time of printing
<b>Br. 324</b> <b>Wheatley</b> 519-825-4161	27 Erie St. N.	1. 20-21 Sep: Veterans speak with school children as classes from local schools visit Legion 2. 22 Sep: Appreciation Night – wine and cheese social for local Residents of Wheatley and area 3. 24 Sep: Fish Fry – Wheatley veterans free, others \$15
<b>Br. 12</b> <b>Windsor</b> 519-256-3366	2090 Brant St.	1. Cemetery Service at Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery at Seminole and Drouillard on Thurs 22 Sep at 11:00 a.m. Open House at the Legion following the service
<b>Br. 143</b> <b>Windsor</b> 519-254-1024	1570 Marentette	1. Details unavailable at time of printing
<b>Br. 255</b> <b>Windsor</b> 519-945-2012	5645 Wyandotte St. E.	1. Cemetery Service at Windsor Memorial Gardens on Division Rd. on Fri 23 Sep at 11:00 a.m. 2. Open House at Branch after the Service

# NEW CANADIAN ARMY FLAG UNVEILED Pg 11

Article / July 29, 2016 / Project number: 16-0189



Ottawa, Ontario —

The Canadian Army (CA) will advance into the future under a new flag that reflects its proud past.

The flag was unveiled July 14, 2016, during a ceremony on Parliament Hill in which CA members welcomed their new Commander, LGen Paul Wynnyk.

The flag traces the evolution of the CA's identity, reinforcing the link between the brave veterans of Afghanistan and the Cold War period with the heroes of First and Second World Wars and Korea. In doing so, the new design reflects the Canadian Army of today while respecting tradition by combining elements from several past Canadian Army flags.

The white stylized maple leaf was worn on the collar of the majority of the soldiers who fought up Vimy Ridge to victory in the First World War and it remembers all Great War soldiers as we approach that national centennial. This same maple leaf flew on the Headquarters flags of the fighting Divisions of the Second World War and it remains a vibrant symbol today, flying on our Army's Division Headquarters across Canada. Superimposed on the white maple leaf is our Canadian Army badge worn during Korea and during the Second World War symbolizing Canada's victories and sacrifices in 1939-45.

"These changes are collectively directed at promoting the Corps traditions that shape our Army. Our symbols and history increase the pride that each soldier feels in their trade and duty within the CA," declared LGen Paul Wynnyk. "Soldiers fight for their regiment and Corps. Maximizing that regimental and Corps identity is key to their personal and collective esprit de corps."

The Canadian Army name was restored in 2011 following several decades in which all three military branches were known collectively as the Canadian Armed Forces. The CA Divisions and Corps began restoring their identities in 2013 and there have been several additional restorations of Army badges and rank designations since. Note no change to the official Canadian Army flag was made from 2013-16. The new Canadian Army flag will be featured at the Canada Army Run this coming September.

**By Pat Bryden, Army History and Heritage and Caroline Fyfe, Army Public Affairs with files from Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs**



## PASSING THE TORCH COMMITTEE

Is holding a

### ***FLAPJACK BREAKFAST FUND RAISER***

*At Applebee's Restaurant on Walker Rd., Windsor*

**On Sunday 18 September 2016**

**0800 – 1000 hrs**

**Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, tea, coffee or juice**

**Cost: \$8.00**

The committee receives 50%. This is to help offset costs of upcoming fall event.

**Tickets are available from any committee member or  
Contact Rita Eidukas at (519) 945-1662**

**NOTE:**

*This year the Passing the Torch Committee is celebrating Windsor's own Flight Training School and the 90th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion.*

*Please join us if you are able for our open house and concert on Saturday, October 22 beginning at 10 am. We look forward to seeing you.*

*Karen Barnes, Chair, Passing the Torch Committee*

**Thank you to Bruce Tribute for passing on the following:**

### Italian Campaign

1943-1945: 100,000 plus  
Canadians served in Italy



*You are invited to attend a presentation*

**When - Saturday, September 3, 2016  
12:00 hrs**

**Where - Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 143  
1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor, ON**

**Miss Sarah Lewis will grace the occasion and talk about her trip to Italy  
and the Canadian war cemeteries she visited**

Refreshments will be served.

For more info contact: Cathy Moczko (519-567-2720)  
Jody Lewis (519-566-2224)  
RCL #143 (519-254-1024)

# DIEPPE RAID MEMORIAL SERVICE 19 AUG 2016 Pg 13

Photos are courtesy of Photographer, Ed Goodfellow



**DIEPPE RAID MEMORIAL SERVICE – PHOTOS CONT'D**  
**DIEPPE GARDENS, WINDSOR**





[www.northwallridersassociation.com](http://www.northwallridersassociation.com)

WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Memorial Service Honours Our Fallen



North Wall Riders Association presents a family-centered memorial service on Sunday 11 September, 2016 at 1100hrs.

Guests are invited to gather at the Afghanistan and Peacekeepers Monument in Reaume Park located at the corner of Riverside Drive at Pillette Road, Windsor, Ontario. Handicapped accessible parking is on site in Reaume Park, with additional parking available on the Pillette lot within walking distance of Reaume Park.

Staging for motorcycle riders will take place at the RCL Branch 261 (Tecumseh, Ontario). Breakfast available 0800hrs. to 1000hrs. There is no fee or registration for this ride and *kickstands up* at 1020hrs. All welcome to pay tribute to duty and service – to honour all who served and returned home; to remember all who served and fell and were called home.

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## Enhanced Paveway II and JDAMs the weapon of choice for RCAF during Iraq war, according to statistics



David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen

Published on: August 29, 2016



Royal Canadian Air Force CF-188 Hornets are refueled by a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron on October 30, 2014, over Iraq during the first combat mission in the area of operations, supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

*U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Perry Aston 141030-F-MG591-637*

Defence Watch has received details from the RCAF on the breakdown of the types of bombs used during the Iraq/Syria air campaign. As readers know, from their first flight in the Iraq war on October 30, 2014, to February 15, 2016 when the Iraq/Syria air mission ended, CF-18 Hornets conducted 1378 sorties resulting in 251 airstrikes (246 in Iraq and 5 in Syria), dropping in total 606 munitions. Those were dropped on:

- 267 ISIL fighting positions,
- 102 ISIL equipment and vehicles, and
- 30 ISIL Improvised Explosive Device (IED) factories and ISIL storage facilities.

The RCAF provided **Defence Watch** with the breakdown of the weapons. Here they are:

42 X GBU-12;

239 x GBU-38;

276 X GBU-49; and

49 X GBU-31

As you can see the 500-pound (226.8-kilogram) Raytheon Enhanced Paveway II, designated the GBU-49 (Guided Bomb Unit-49) was the most used weapon followed by the GBU-38 JDAM (Joint Direct Attack Munition). Photo below showing testing of PGMs courtesy of DND.



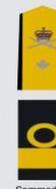
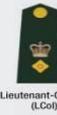
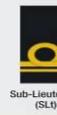
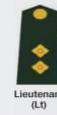
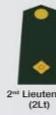




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### RANK & APPOINTMENT



NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
<b>FLAG OFFICERS</b>	<b>GENERAL OFFICERS</b>	<b>GENERAL OFFICERS</b>
 Admiral (Adm)  Vice-Admiral (VAdm)  Rear-Admiral (RAdm)  Commodore (Comdre)	 General (Gen)  Lieutenant-General (LGen)  Major-General (MGen)  Brigadier-General (BGen)  General Officer Gorget	 General (Gen)  Lieutenant-General (LGen)  Major-General (MGen)  Brigadier-General (BGen)
<b>SENIOR OFFICERS</b>	<b>SENIOR OFFICERS</b>	<b>SENIOR OFFICERS</b>
 Captain (Capt(N))  Commander (Cdr)  Lieutenant-Commander (LCdr)	 Colonel (Col)  Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol)  Major (Maj)  Colonel Gorget	 Colonel (Col)  Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol)  Major (Maj)
<b>JUNIOR OFFICERS</b>	<b>JUNIOR OFFICERS</b>	<b>JUNIOR OFFICERS</b>
 Lieutenant (LT(N))  Sub-Lieutenant (SLT)  Acting Sub-Lieutenant (A/SLT)	 Captain (Capt)  Lieutenant (LT)  2nd Lieutenant (2LT)	 Captain (Capt)  Lieutenant (LT)  2nd Lieutenant (2LT)
<b>SUBORDINATE OFFICERS</b>	<b>SUBORDINATE OFFICERS</b>	<b>SUBORDINATE OFFICERS</b>
 Naval Cadet (NCdt)	 Officer Cadet (OCdt)	 Officer Cadet (OCdt)
<b>SENIOR APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>SENIOR APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>SENIOR APPOINTMENTS</b>
 Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer (CFCWO)  Command, Chief Petty Officer (CCPO)  Command, Group, Formation, Fleet, Base Chief Petty Officer	 Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer (CFCWO)  Command, Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)  Command, Group, or Formation, Chief Warrant Officer	 Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer (CFCWO)  Command, Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)  Command, Group, Formation, Wing Chief Warrant Officer
<b>NON-COMMISSIONED MEMBERS</b>	<b>NON-COMMISSIONED MEMBERS</b>	<b>NON-COMMISSIONED MEMBERS</b>
 Chief Petty Officer 1st Class (CPO 1)  Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class (CPO 2)  Petty Officer 1st Class (PO 1)	 Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)  Master Warrant Officer (MWO)  Warrant Officer (WO)	 Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)  Master Warrant Officer (MWO)  Warrant Officer (WO)
 Petty Officer 2nd Class (PO 2)  Master Seaman (MS)  Leading Seaman (LS)  Able Seaman (AB)  Ordinary Seaman (OS)	 Sergeant (Sgt)  Master Corporal (MCpl)  Corporal (Cpl)  Private (Trained) (Pte T)  Private (Basic) (Pte B)	 Sergeant (Sgt)  Master Corporal (MCpl)  Corporal (Cpl)  Aviator (Trained) (Avr T)  Aviator (Basic) (Avr B)

DGM-8714-BV2  
December 4, 2015



## Put Canada's interests first when it comes to peacekeeping Pg 18



DEREK BURNEY and FEN OSLER HAMPSON

Special to The Globe and Mail Published Friday, Aug. 12, 2016

*Derek Burney was Canada's ambassador to the United States from 1989-93. Fen Osler Hampson is a distinguished fellow and director of global security at the Centre for International Governance Innovation and chancellor's professor at Carleton University.*

Defence Minister [Harjit Sajjan](#) has injected a much-needed note of restraint into the federal government's vocabulary on peacekeeping and future action, with his observation that the world has changed and there is little peace to keep in many of the globe's hot conflict zones. He is wise to dispel old peacekeeping myths. Nostalgia is seldom a wellspring for sensible policy.

Mr. Sajjan is also prudent to undertake his own fact-finding mission to Africa to see first-hand what the actual challenges are before deciding to commit Canada to a new "peace operations" mission. Nevertheless, his powers of observation won't answer the really tough political questions: What are we trying to do, and why? (Pursuit of a seat on the UN Security Council should not be the defining criteria.) Is the mandate clear and achievable? Do we have reliable partners in both the mission and on the ground in the zone of conflict?

Whatever the government decides to do, the ghosts of Canada's ill-fated mission to Somalia (1992-93), of our woefully underresourced peacekeepers in Rwanda (1993-96) and our 11 long years in Afghanistan, for which we were, initially, ill-equipped and inexperienced, will haunt the government. Neither good intentions nor lofty principles will sustain public support for very long, as former prime minister Stephen Harper discovered in Afghanistan, especially if there are casualties and uncontrollable mission creep.

Nor should Canada expect much of a payoff from the Americans or our other NATO allies for stepping up to the plate. Canada barely got a mention from President Barack Obama for our major contribution to fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan. He certainly didn't cut us any slack on matters that were vital to our own national interests, such as trade or energy.

Whatever the government decides to do should be informed less by a desire for Washington's or the UN's approbation than a hard-headed calculation of Canada's own national interest.

We should also be concerned about the competence of those who are in charge. The UN mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been accused of major human-rights abuses by its personnel. The charges involve sexual abuse of minors, including allegations of rape and forced prostitution. UN peacekeepers in the DRC have also been faulted for being "tourists in helicopters" for failing to avert attacks on civilians.

If we were to participate, we would find ourselves doing more than peacekeeping and it is difficult to see how a modest deployment of Canadian troops could put that mission back on the rails. We would almost certainly want to look carefully at its mandate and leadership. And we won't win any popularity contests if we have to become the guardian of the guardians in that highly criticized mission.

There are many perils and pitfalls to be avoided. Mr. Sajjan should pay careful attention to the lessons of former Canadian general Roméo Dallaire's experience leading the UN mission in Rwanda – a mission paralyzed by an inadequate mandate and lack of proper staffing and resources.

There are also important lessons from Somalia and behaviour of Canadian troops who committed human-rights abuses because they were inadequately trained for a mission that presented many cultural and operational challenges. Whatever the government decides to do, security should be the watchword, not nebulous, nostalgic notions of peacekeeping of a bygone era, which are now seen as more myth than reality.



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