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Two-day military history conference looks at wide range of topics

The 7th Military History Colloquium, presented by The Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies on May 10 and 11, offers a wide range of offerings for people interested in international relations, military history, and peacekeeping issues.

Topics range from World War II bombing policies to the development of the United Nations, from the future of nuclear disarmament to combat motivation, from the role of women in Canada's military to the Canadian experience in the Gulf War and Native Canadian recruitment in World War II.

Participants include Canadian academics and military officers.

The cost for the full two days is \$45 (\$30 for students) which includes registration, coffee, two lunches, and a banquet dinner. There is no charge to attend individual sessions. All sessions take place in the South Lecture Hall (Room 1002) of the WLU science building, which is at the corner of King and Bricker streets.

The program:

Friday, May 10

8:30 a.m. - Coffee and Registration

9:15 a.m. - "Arming the RCAF for World War II: Cornucopia or Concession?" - Lt.-Col. Randall Wakelam, Canadian Forces College

9:45 a.m. - "Arsenal for the Empire? British Orders and Munitions Production in Canada before the Second World War." - Dr. Hector MacKenzie, Foreign Affairs

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10:15 a.m. - Coffee

10:45 a.m. - "Postwar Portents: The Origins of Canadian Thinking on UN Forces, 1948-1951" - Dr. David Lenarcic, Wilfrid Laurier University

11:15 a.m. - "The Evolution of Strategic Thinking at the Department of National Defence, 1950-1960" - Andrew Richter, York University

Noon - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - "Lessons Not Learned: British Army-RAF Cooperation after the Battle of France" - David Hall, Royal Military College

2:00 p.m. - "RAF Daylight Bombing Policy, 1944-1945" - Laurie Peloquin, Wilfrid Laurier University

2:30 p.m. - "Flying Desert Rat: The Combat Career of Squadron Leader Albert Houle" - Christopher Evans, Carleton University

3:00 p.m. - Coffee

4:00 p.m. - "Recruitment Policy and Native Canadians, 1939-1945" - Scott Sheffield, Wilfrid Laurier University

4:30 p.m. - "Evolution and Perception of the Status and Importance of Military Women in Canada" - Patricia Bowley and Kris Wright, University of Guelph

6:00 p.m. - Reception

7:00 p.m. - Dinner. Speaker: Dean Oliver, York University. "My Darlin' Clementine? Wooing Zombies for \$6.50 a Night: General Service-NRMA Relations in Wartime Calgary"

Saturday, May 11

9:30 a.m. - Coffee

10:00 a.m. - "Some Thoughts on Patton in Lorraine, September to December 1944" - John Rickard, University of New Brunswick

10:30 a.m. - "Radar and the American Submarine War, 1941-1945: A Re-interpretation" - Robert Dienesch, University of New Brunswick

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11:00 a.m. - Coffee

11:30 a.m. - " 'Keeping the hands and feet going': Combat Motivation in the Canadian Navy" - Barbara Dundas, University of Waterloo

Noon - "The Canadian Way of War: The Legacy of Operation FRICTION and the Gulf War" - Lt.-Cmdr. Richard H. Gimblett

12:30 p.m. - "Canada-US Naval Relations During the Cold War" - Peter Haydon, Dalhousie University

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:15 p.m. - Round Table Discussion - Operation "Spring": July 25, 1944 - What were the alternatives? Panelists David O'Keefe, University of Ottawa, Lt.-Col. Roman Jaramowycz, McGill, and Prof. Terry Copp, Wilfrid Laurier University.