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The Future of Canada's Air Force

Canada's Air Force

Lieutenant-General F.R. Sutherland

"Last year, your air force flew 282 000 hours in the discharge of our assigned roles and missions, and as our contribution to Canada's security, national sovereignty and the other activities in what I refer to as the national interest."

Capabilities of 1st Air Division

Brigadier-General J.E.J. Boyle

"The present threat to the central region -- notwithstanding changes in political intentions -- is real and significant. It is thus crucial that a strong NATO force be available to deter potential aggression."

The Commitment to and Future of NORAD

General J.L. Piotrowski

"Precise knowledge of the future will always elude us. Most things in the future will be evolutionary, but some things have the potential to cause dramatic and unexpected changes -- breakthroughs in technology, political events that introduce discontinuities, and so forth. As recent events in Eastern Europe have demonstrated, none of us can foresee these."

Human Rights and the Armed Forces: The Challenge of Leadership

Dr. M.F. Yalden

"The military still requires the cohesion and esprit de corps provided by command and control structures. Individual initiative and commitment to getting the job done must also continue to be encouraged and rewarded. It seems that this creates a reciprocal arrangement which is not unlike the core idea of human rights, the idea which seeks to meld personal freedom with collective duty and to balance rights and responsibilities."

Pilot Attrition

Dr. J.S. Finan

"The Air Force has been affected by domestic social change and a reduced sense of threat, which together have likely encouraged the pre-dominance of the utilitarian mode of involvement on the part of air force pilots."

The Challenge to Make Defence More Relevant to Canadians

The Honourable Bill McKnight

1989 in Review

General A.J.G.D. de Chastelain