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CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2009
VIMY AWARD AND THE 2009 ROSS MUNRO AWARD

THE VIMY AWARD

Nominations are invited for the 2009 Vimy Award.

The Vimy Award was initiated in 1991 to recognize one Canadian who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values.

Previous recipients of the Award include the Right Honourable Joe Clark, General John de Chastelain, Major-Generals Lewis MacKenzie, and Roméo Dallaire, Dr. Jack Granatstein, the Right Honourable Brian Dickson, Vice-Admiral Larry Murray, Lieutenant-General (Retd) Charles H. Belzile, the Honourable Barnett Danson, Air Commodore Leonard Birchall, Colonel the Honourable John Fraser, General (Ret'd) Paul D. Manson, Dr. David J. Bercuson, Gordon Hamilton Southam, Brigadier General David Fraser, General Ray Henault, and General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier.

The Award presentation is made during the annual Vimy Award dinner, held this year on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Canadian War Museum.

Any Canadian may nominate a fellow citizen for the Award. Nominations must be in writing, and be accompanied by a summary of your reasons for your nomination and a short biography of the nominee. Nominations must be received by August 1, 2009 and should be addressed to:

VIMY AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE
222 SOMERSET STREET - SUITE 400 B
OTTAWA, ON K2P 2G3

For more information, including ticket orders for the Award dinner (book early), contact the Conference of Defence Associations Institute at the above address, or Fax (613) 236 8191; e-mail: pao@cda-cdai.ca; or telephone (613) 236 9903.

Ross Munro Media Award, 2009

The Ross Munro Media Award was initiated in 2002 by the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) in concert with the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI). The Award recognizes, annually, one Canadian journalist who has made a significant outstanding contribution to the public's understanding of issues relating to Canada's defence and security. Past recipients are Stephen Thorne, Garth Pritchard, Sharon Hobson, Bruce Champion-Smith, Christie Blatchford, Matthew Fisher, and Alec Castonguay.

Significance: The nominee's work must be considered noteworthy in educating Canadians about security and defence, armed conflict, or the impact of these issues on society. The journalism may take various forms so long as it deals with Government policy or helps increase understanding of the role of Canada's armed forces and the need to protect the security of the nation. The work will normally have been widely acclaimed as significant.

Media: The entries may be selected from the print media (newspapers, or magazines) or electronic or other media (radio, television, film, photography, or internet). The award will credit work distinguished by its style and clarity. Work produced collaboratively may be considered only if the individual who contributed the most is identified, and merits individual credit and recognition for the work.

Research: The nominated work must show clear evidence of research and be noteworthy for careful objective analysis. Nominations may be made by individuals or groups and may be submitted in either of Canada's official languages. All nominations must provide two letters of support, and contain a clear summary of the reasons for the nomination. At least five copies of the work must either be provided, or if applicable, internet addresses must be provided so that the selection committee can review the nominee's work at their convenience.

Award: The winner of the Ross Munro Media Award receives a replica of the Ross Munro Statue and a cash prize of \$2,500. The Award presentation is made during the annual Vimy Award dinner, held this year on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Canadian War Museum.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by 1 September 2009 and addressed to:

ROSS MUNRO MEDIA AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS
222 SOMERSET STREET WEST, SUITE 400B
OTTAWA, ON, K2P 2G3

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