



# THE DUKE



## PRESENTATION CEREMONIES FRENCH LEGION OF HONOUR

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L/Cpl (Ret'd) Charles Bernhardt



WO2 (Ret'd) Vern Salisbury, MM



The official presentation of the Legion of Honour to LCpl (R) Charles Bernhardt took place at Angus Place in Summerland on 25 June 2016 (see page 19 for the full story).

The official presentation of the Legion of Honour to WO2 (Retired) Vern Salisbury, MM was held at the Drill Hall on 5 August 2016 (see page 23 for the full story).

## HONORARY COLONEL (RETIRED) HOWE LEE, MSM, CD



On 10 May 2016, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnson, Governor General of Canada, awarded our very good friend and colleague, retired Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Howe Lee, the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) in recognition of his “outstanding accomplishments that set an example for others to follow and bring benefit to our country”.

As many of our readers will know, Colonel Lee enjoyed a very distinguished military career which included command positions as the CO of 156 Company, RCASC, the 2I/C of The Royal Westminster Regiment, the CO of the 12<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion, numerous staff positions with Brigade and concluding with his appointment as Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Battalion.

At a community level, Colonel Lee has excelled in his leadership with numerous national, provincial and municipal organizations, both military and civilian.

Congratulations Colonel Lee on being awarded this prestigious medal in recognition of your tireless service and commitment to our community, the Province of British Columbia and Canada.

## CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) – 25 May 2016

The CO's Parade (Stand Down) held on 25 May 2016 was another full evening with over 85 members on parade and very well turned out. As usual, the Regiment looked in fine form!

Brief highlights of the evening included the following Presentations, Honours and Awards:

### Swearing In:

Pte Sidu  
Pte Son



### Armoured Fist Presentation:

Pte Brewer  
Pte Kim  
Pte Luro  
Pte Sidhu  
Pte Thomsen



**Promotions:**

Sgt Therrien



**CO's Commendations:**

Pte Siemens (not present)

Cpl Alexander (previously presented 2 Mar 16)

Cpl Sloan (previously presented 2 Mar 16 – presented during Regimental O Group)

MCpl Iredale

Sgt McKee

Capt McCullough

Capt Kerek

**“Wait for Me Daddy” - Banner Presentation:**

Colin McDouall and his wife Mercy were introduced to the Regiment by LCol (Ret'd) Steacy. The McDoualls presented two “Wait for me Daddy” Banners to the Regiment. It is hoped that the banners featuring the iconic photo of Whitey will be suitably displayed in the Drill Hall. Many thanks to Colin and Mercy for their thoughtfulness and generosity!



**Regimental Achievement Awards:**

Pte Brewer – Top Candidate on BMQ

Honourable mention – Cpl Togeretz – completion of Basic Recce Patrolman

Physical Fitness – Centurion Helmet – Pte Hogan

LCol A.F. Lungley Award for Top Crewman – Cpl Sloan (not present)

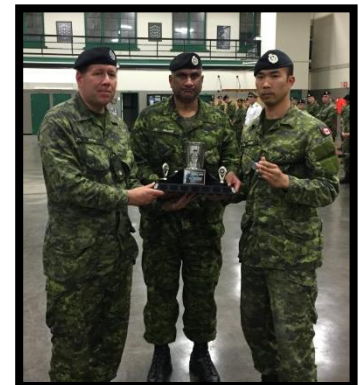
Brigadier Arthur G. Chubb Award for Top Crew – 42B

Walter Stevenson Memorial Trophy – for Jr and Sr NCO Proficiency– MCpl Halpin

Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Memorial Trophy for Superior Leadership – Sgt Lee

BCR Junior Officer Trophy for Excellence in Leadership – Lt D. Kim (not present)

The Honorary Colonel's Cup for Outstanding Contribution to the Regiment – Sgt Clews (not present).



A fond farewell to our OpsO, Adjutant and friend, Captain Warren Kerek, LdSH(RC), who will be leaving us after his four year stay with the Regiment! Many thanks for your service, congratulations and all the very best in the future!



The CO concluded the evening's agenda with his closing comments by complimenting the members of the Regiment for their service and commitment. Also in attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel 39 CER Bill Diamond, Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, President Emeritus Archie Steacy and Farid Rohani.

## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 135 BELL – IRVING SQUADRON ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – 26 May 2016**

The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 135 Bell – Irving Squadron was held at the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Bessborough Armoury, on Thursday, 26 May 2016. The ACR was a highly successful conclusion to the Unit's very busy training year. The Reviewing Officer (“RO”) was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Parade Commander was WO1 Zoe Tieu. The RO was accompanied by Honorary Colonel Bill Rodgers, 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA, during the inspection of the Squadron. The unit was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment were excellent.





The full program included impressive demonstrations by the Drill Team, the Effective Speaking Team, the Sports Team, the First Aid Team, and the Band. The Awards and Presentations segment of the program clearly demonstrated the unit's success. Addresses were given by the Sponsoring Committee, the CO and the Air Cadet League Inspector. In the address of the RO, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the cadets for their excellent performance and acknowledged the great work of the Commanding Officer, Captain Christopher Smith, his Officers, Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents. In conclusion, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Captain Smith and to WO1 Tieu to mark this very special occasion. Captain Smith thanked the RO and presented him with a magnificent souvenir, an engraved Commemoration Coin in memory of Air Commodore Alan Duncan Bell-Irving. At the conclusion of the parade, the unit showcased extensive static displays for everyone's enjoyment.



A reception for the Cadet Corps and guests followed.

Congratulations 135 Bell – Irving Squadron for an excellent ACR!

## CURRY LUNCHEON – 26 MAY 2016

The last Curry Luncheon of the training year was the culmination of a very busy week which included the CO's Parade (Stand Down) on Wednesday, 25 May 2016, with numerous Presentations, Honours and Awards, and Meetings of the Commanding Officer's Committee and the Regimental Trust.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed the many guests including special guest, Greek Consul General Ilias Kremmydas, 39 CER Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, LCol Bruce Kadonoff, Chief Instructor Operations, 3 Canadian Division, 2IC 2381 BCR RCACC Captain Jackson Wong, and VP Regimental Association Gayle Hawthorne.



The Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, also greeted his guests and provided an update of the Regiment's busy schedule.

With his appointment as Consul General of Greece in Vancouver drawing to a close and with his pending return to Athens, Ilias Kremmydas presented the CO with three Greek military history books and recounted the close relations between the Greek military and the Canadian Armed Forces in operational areas. The CO presented the Consul General with a BCR Knife in recognition of his support during his period of appointment. Our very best wishes to our friend Consul General Ilias Kremmydas and thank you!



At the conclusion of the greeting and presentation, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne took the opportunity to present Colonel Kadonoff with the Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin in recognition of his ongoing support of the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family.

Our guests then proceeded to enjoy an excellent lunch featuring a "Touch of Malaysia" thanks to our wonderful caterers "Two Peas in a Pod".

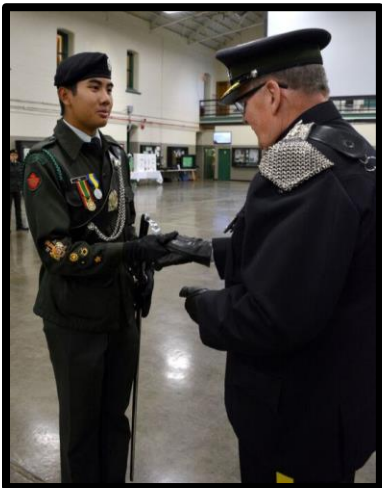


## ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 28 May 2016



The Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 2290 BCR was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 28 May 2016. Due to an unexpected family emergency, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, was unable to attend as the Reviewing Officer. In the CO’s absence, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, stepped in as the Reviewing Officer. The Parade Commander was C/RSM Justin Ho. The unit, complete with Flag Party, was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment was excellent.

In his RO address, Colonel Hawthorne, complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, Major Jim Barrett, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committees, Volunteers and Parents. Colonel Hawthorne also presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to C/RSM Justin Ho to recognize his many years of service to the unit. Colonel Hawthorne was then presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Major Barrett.



With the family incident all turning out fine, Major Evans arrived in time to address the parade and compliment 2290 BCR for their turnout and good work, to participate in the advance in Review Order and to attend the reception.

Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse were in attendance and represented the Regimental Association.

A wonderful reception followed the excellent parade, demonstrations and award presentations. Many thanks to Bernadette McGrath and her Sponsoring Committee for their great work!

Congratulations 2290 BCR for an excellent ACR!



Photos courtesy of Anna Tse, BA

### **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2381 BCR (DCO) (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC – 29 May 2016**

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) was held at the Colonel Sherman Armouries, 5500 No. 4 Road in Richmond on Sunday, 29 May 2016.

The Reviewing Officer, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was greeted by RSM C/CWO Desmond Wong who presented Colonel Hawthorne to the Quarter Guard. The RO thanked the RSM and the Quarter Guard for the excellent turnout, dress and drill.

The ACR Parade was held on the outdoor parade square with ample space to accommodate the very large turnout of cadets and guests. The inspection of the Cadet Corps was conducted by the RO who inspected A Squadron with the CO, Major Gary Law, the Parade Commander, RSM Wong, the Mayor of Richmond, Malcolm Brodie, the Cadet Governor, Major (R) Roger Prouse, ACICO, Major Robert Thompson and RCSU (Pacific), Major Stephen Melanson. The inspection of B Squadron was led by the CO of 39 Service Battalion, LCol Robert Alolega, and the inspection of C Squadron was led by the Chair of the unit Sponsoring Committee, Pius Chan. The Cadet Corps, including the Band and the Colour Party, was very well turned out and their drill and deportment was superb. Numerous awards and presentations took place to mark the culmination of a very busy training year and to demonstrate the degree of success of the unit.





The RO's address to the Cadet Corps was very complimentary and acknowledged the great work of Major Law, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents and of course the cadets. The RO emphasized the tremendous lifelong benefits and skills learned by the cadets as a direct result of the Cadet Program. At the conclusion of the address, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the CO of the Unit and the C/RSM. The RO was in turn presented with the RCAC engraved Medal of Excellence by Major Law and C/CWO Wong.



After the departure of the RO, the Cadet Corps regrouped in the Armouries where excellent demonstrations by the Band, led by Major (R) Ken Whitney, the Drill Team, Physical Fitness Team and Marksmanship Team were performed for the many guests. Static displays were also very well presented by the unit.

A reception followed where everyone enjoyed visiting and taking in the results of a most enjoyable afternoon.

Regimental Association attendees included Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, Louise Prouse, Linda Whitney and Archie Pow.

Congratulations 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC on an excellent ACR!

Editor's Note: Congratulations to RSM C/CWO Desmond Wong who has been accepted for admission to the Royal Military College Saint Jean as an Officer Cadet, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Well done indeed!

## **ARMOURED REGIMENT BLASTS NEW BIKE LANE IN FRONT OF DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER GARRISON**

*by [Carlito Pablo](#) on June 1st, 2016 at 2:49 PM*



A new separated bike lane on Beatty Street has removed parking spaces by the curb. Photo: Carlito Pablo

The oldest military unit in Vancouver is dealing with a "situation", says an officer.

That situation, according to Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Shepherd, is the new bike lane in front of the downtown garrison of the British Columbia Regiment.

It's not that Shepherd and his comrades-in-arms with the Duke of Connaught's Own are against bike lanes.

"We're all for bike lanes," Shepherd said. "Our soldiers, women and men, use bikes, and a lot of them use bikes to get to the unit."

But the new protected bike lane that has sprung up in front of the armoured reconnaissance reserve regiment's garrison on Beatty Street is a different story.

Because of that separated bike lane, the unit's dedicated military parking by the curb is gone. Now, military vehicles have to be parked further out on the street.

And that's not all. According to Shepherd, city hall has threatened to tow the regiment's vehicles if they don't keep off the new bike lane.

Shepherd said that the bike lane poses health and safety issues because soldiers and cyclists may crash into each other when military vehicles are being loaded.

"We don't want to have a situation where a biker can be hurt while we're trying to load, and we sure don't want a situation where any of our soldiers could be hurt," he said.

Shepherd claimed that city hall didn't consult the regiment.

The honorary lieutenant-colonel related at a media briefing Wednesday (June 1) that he got a call from a staff member of city hall in the morning before he was to meet reporters.

Shepherd said that the city staffer asked him not to talk about the bike lane. When Shepherd asked what the city is going to do with it, "he said, 'we'll see how everything goes, and collect statistics and see if it's a danger'".

"And we said," Shepherd continued, "well how about just taking off the paint off for now, and going to the way it was until we figure out what should be done'?"

The city staffer responded, "Oh no. It's painted now."

For Shepherd, "That's not consultation."

The city has been updating its downtown network of bike lanes.

The previous painted bike lanes on Beatty Street were shared with vehicle parking and turning lanes.

According to city hall, that kind of arrangement was not good.

"The current design is uncomfortable for many people, as it includes painted bike lanes between the parking and travel lanes with no protection, and with the bike lane sometimes shared with the parking/turn lane," stated a staff report last year.

The report added: "Staff plan to upgrade the route to all ages and abilities (AAA) status by creating bike lanes protected by parking in one direction, and measures such as bollards or concrete medians in the other direction. The upgrade will require removal of parking on one side of the street, and staff will consult with neighbouring businesses to understand issues and minimize impacts."

Shepherd's superior, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, told reporters that the British Columbia Regiment has been at its Beatty Street base for 115 years.



Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd and Colonel Ted Hawthorne told media that the regiment was not consulted by city hall.  
Photo: Carlito Pablo



Workers are installing concrete barriers on the new bike lanes. Photo: Carlito Pablo

According to Hawthorne, the regiment wasn't informed by city hall about what will happen in front of its base.

"Now, we're pushed almost into traffic," Hawthorne said.

Councillor Melissa De Genova with the Non-Partisan Association showed up at the media briefing outside the Beatty Street garrison.

De Genova described the regiment's bike lane problem as another example of the ruling Vision Vancouver's "tunnel vision" on civic matters.

## Vancouver Beatty Street bike lane draws fire from the Canadian Armed Forces

**B.C.'s oldest regiment says a new bike lane in downtown Vancouver puts soldiers and cyclists at risk**

By Lisa Johnson, Meera Bains, [CBC News](#) Posted: Jun 01, 2016 7:13 PM PT  
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The upgraded Beatty Street bike lane moves cyclists next to the sidewalk, with a concrete barrier and then parking. The armoury complained that, now, unloading ammunition, tents and other equipment from their large trucks will be unsafe for cyclists and soldiers. (CBC)

The latest battle in Vancouver's war over bike lanes involves actual artillery — and the Canadian Armed Forces.

City of Vancouver workers are upgrading a bike lane in downtown Vancouver, right in front of the Beatty Street Drill Hall, home to the oldest military regiment in B.C.



Hon. Col. Ted Hawthorne called the Beatty Street bike lane upgrade a 'recipe for disaster,' and said the reserve regiment had not been consulted. (CBC)

"It's a recipe for disaster," said Hon. Col. Ted Hawthorne with The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). The regiment had dedicated parking right in front of the drill hall to unload tents, ammunition, weapons systems and other equipment from large trucks parked outside, said officials. There was a painted bike lane between the parking and the street.

Now, bikes have been moved next to the sidewalk, a concrete barrier has gone up, and regiment says it's losing parking spots.

"I don't know that it was all that well thought out. We certainly didn't know anything about it and now it puts us and our soldiers in a position that's not very good," said Hawthorne.

The British Columbia Regiment is an armoured reconnaissance reserve regiment whose members support Canadian troops abroad and civilian authorities during emergencies at home.



The old arrangement of bike lanes and parking on Beatty Street in front of the drill hall, as captured by Google Street View in May 2015. (Google Street View)

## 'Enough is enough'

Regimental leaders decided to air their concerns publicly after being surprised by the construction outside the armoury last week, said Hon. Lt-Col. Scott Shepherd.

"This is not a political issue. All our soldiers, we love bike lanes," he told reporters Wednesday.

The problem is safety, he said — and the risk that someone could get hurt while soldiers cross the bike lane to load and unload their massive trucks.

"We sure don't want a situation where any of our soldiers could be hurt while they're trying to load, where a bicyclist comes flying down."

For years, he said, the city has moved or removed parking for the regiment to make way for buses or bikes.

"Enough is enough ... We're not living with it, because people could get hurt."



How Beatty Street used to look — long before the bike lanes. This archival photo shows Canadian Army Medical Corps outside the Beatty Street Drill Hall in 1912. The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) has used the location in downtown Vancouver since 1901. (City of Vancouver Archives)

## Planned for years

Construction may have started last week on the upgraded lanes, but the project has been in the works for years — included in long-term plans, discussed at an open house, and voted on by city council last December.

The city's director of transportation, Lon LaClaire, said the upgrades are meant to improve safety for cyclists who were at risk of getting "doored" by riding next to parked cars, protected only by a painted line.

"From our experience the separated bike lanes improve the overall safety," said LaClaire, who spoke to Shepherd about the concerns today.

Cyclist Nathan Graalman questioned the regiment's safety argument.

"I think they probably don't have too many emergencies in downtown Vancouver where it's so urgent for them to get across a bike lane," he said.

But Shepherd said the city should have talked to the regiment directly — since they take up half the block and have used the Beatty Street Drill Hall for more than a century.

"It is our right to have adequate parking to serve the people of Vancouver and the people of Canada. It's not the city's right to take it away and rearrange it as they see fit."

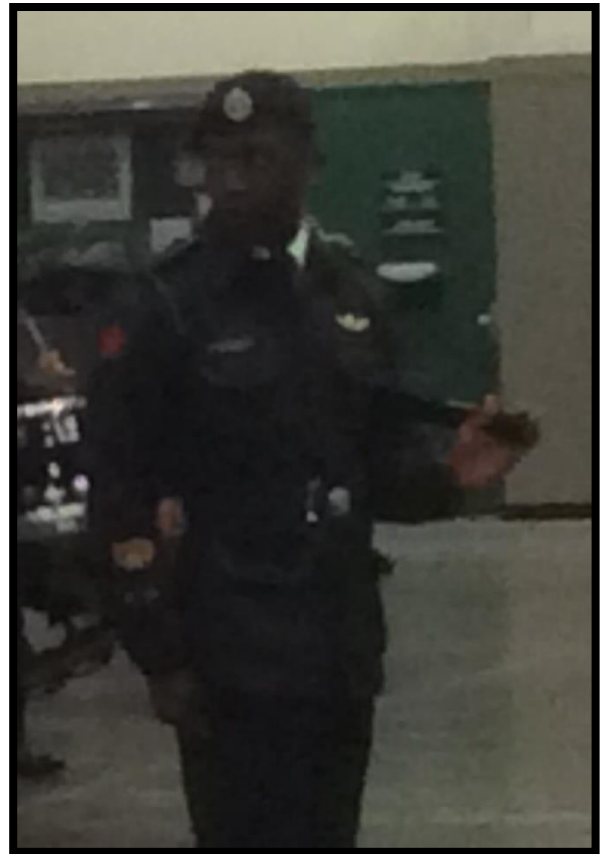


City crews began work last week, but the plan to upgrade the bike lane has been publicly discussed for years, including in city council and an open house, said Lon LaClaire, director of transportation for the City of Vancouver. (CBC)

## 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHANGE OF RSM PARADE – 2 June 2016

The Stand Down Parade of 2290 BCR, held at the Drill Hall on Thursday, 2 June 2016, was a very full evening. The parade night featured the customary annual “Pizza Night” compliments of Hon Capt Agnes Keegan and a Change of Appointment of RSM Parade, from C/CWO Justin Ho to C/MWO Bilali Miyonkuru.

A brief parade, inspection and ceremony took place with the CO of 2290 BCR, Major Jim Barrett, acting as the Reviewing Officer. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne joined the CO on the inspection and took the salute with him on the March Past. The CO conducted the ceremonial passing of the RSM Pace Stick from C/CWO Ho to Colonel Hawthorne who in turn passed the RSM Pace Stick to the new RSM, C/MWO Miyonkuru. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was conducted and C/CWO Ho was presented with his official mug. Both the outgoing and incoming RSM addressed the unit. RSM Miyonkuru led the unit in a March Past where the CO, Honorary Colonel and Past RSM, C/CWO Ho took the salute on the Reviewing Stand. The unit was subsequently dismissed. A great conclusion to a remarkable training year!



Congratulations once again to C/CWO Ho for his service as RSM and to C/MWO Miyonkuru on his appointment!

## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 59 VANCOUVER SQUADRON ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – 4 June 2016**

The second Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 59 Vancouver Squadron was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 4 June 2016. The ACR was a highly successful conclusion to the Unit’s very busy training year. The Reviewing Officer (“RO”) was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Parade Commander was F/Sgt Jasmine Chan. The unit was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment were excellent.



The full program included impressive demonstrations by the Drill Team, Effective Speaking Team, Sports Team, First Aid Team, and Band. The Awards and Presentations part of the program was truly an acknowledgment of the unit’s success. Addresses were given by the Sponsoring Committee, the CO and Air Cadet League inspector. In the Address of the RO, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the cadets for their excellent performance and acknowledged the great work of the Commanding Officer, Captain Sarra Lyford, her Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents. At the conclusion of the parade, the unit showcased extensive static displays for everyone’s enjoyment.

A reception for the Cadet Corps and guests followed.

Congratulations 59 Vancouver Squadron for an excellent ACR!

## **D-DAY DINNER 39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT – 4 June 2016**

The annual D-Day Dinner, commemorating the landings of 6 Field RCE, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Royal Regina Rifles and The Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary’s) on D-Day, 6 June 1944, was held at the Lt. Col J.P. Fell Armoury in North Vancouver on Saturday, 4 June 2016. The Mess Dinner was hosted by the CO of 39 CER, LCol Cameron McLean and RSM, CWO Terry Haley and was well attended by serving members and guests. The Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, and 39 CBG COS, LCol Ed Haverstock were in attendance as well as BCRs, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Major Adam McLeod and CWO Pat Taylor.



An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all along with the traditional toasts and speeches. Of particular note was a memorable speech delivered by Colonel (R) Bill White, President of 39 CER Regimental Association, recounting the heroic actions of these four units on D-Day.

Many thanks to our friends of 39 CER and in particular the unit's Honorary Colonel, Bill Diamond, for the great hospitality.

Chimo!

## **ABORIGINAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK BRIEFING MWO GRANT GREYEVES – 7 June 2016**

By: Capt J.A. Manney,  
Public Affairs Officer, National Defence Public Affairs Office – Pacific

Master Warrant Officer Grant Greyeyes, the Advisor to the Aboriginal Champion (the Commander of the Army), visited Vancouver June 7 to brief area military personnel on the new Aboriginal Strategic Framework. This document articulates 20 recommendations aimed at improving the recruiting, training and retaining of Aboriginal Peoples in the Canadian Armed Forces. Approximately 3.75 per cent of Canadian society comprises Aboriginal Peoples: that number is just 2.2 per cent in the CAF. The Strategic Framework aims to introduce measures to make the military more reflective of the country around us.



Among the recommendations is the establishment of an Aboriginal policy position with the Royal Canadian Chaplain Service; enhancing military family services for Aboriginal members; embedding Aboriginal cultural awareness in career development; enhancing Aboriginal training for select command appointments; and, incorporating an Aboriginal artifact in the CAF dress uniform.

More information on the Framework's implementation will be promulgated in the coming months.

Editor's Note: BCRs in attendance were the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and MCpl Chandra.

## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 888 AVENGER SQUADRON ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – 11 June 2016**





The 2016 Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 888 Avenger Squadron was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 11 June 2016. The ACR was a highlight at the conclusion of a very busy training year. The Reviewing Officer (“RO”) was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Parade Commander was WO1 Ruth Liu. The unit was very well turned out with over 100 cadets on parade (elbow dressed which took up the entire length of the drill square) including the Band and Colour Party. The displays by the Drill Team, Physical Training and Band were all very well executed and were well received by the many guests in attendance. The Awards and Presentations part of the program was truly an acknowledgment of the unit’s success. In the Address of the RO, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the cadets for their excellent performance and acknowledged the great work of the Commanding Officer, Captain Amar Tiwana (who was not in attendance as he was in hospital recovering from surgery), Lt. Michelle Chen, DCO, the Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents. The RO presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, WO1 Liu, and congratulated her on such an excellent parade. At the conclusion of the parade, the unit showcased extensive static displays for everyone’s enjoyment.

A reception for the Cadet Corps and guests followed.

Congratulations 888 Avenger Squadron for an excellent ACR!



Photos courtesy of Anna Tse

After the reception, Colonel Hawthorne proceeded to the Jim Pattison Pavilion at VGH in order to visit Captain Amar Tiwana. Captain Tiwana was in very good spirits and his recovery is well under way. It was a great family gathering and a very upbeat visit. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Captain Tiwana and congratulated him for his exemplary work with 888 Avengers. We look forward to seeing Captain Tiwana on parade in September. Very best wishes from the entire Regimental Family!



Photos courtesy of Harpreet Kombo

## **PRESENTATION TO REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST SUPPORTERS – 12 June 2016**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Chacko & Lize Simon Scholarship Fund (“Simon Trust”) held on Sunday, 12 June 2016, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne recognized the ongoing support of the annual Bursary Program of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust by the Simon Trust. In addition, the Simon Trust has also supported the BCR European Battlefield Studies Tours of 2012 and 2015 and will hopefully continue to support the program in 2018. In thanking the Simon Trust, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Vice President Lize Simon and Director (Operations) Margaret Harris for their exemplary commitment and service to the Simon Trust and for the great support of our soldiers. Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne was also in attendance.



Many thanks indeed to the Simon Trust!

## **59 VANCOUVER RCAC SQUADRON ANNUAL BBQ – 15 June 2016**

The Squadron held a very successful barbecue at Trout Lake on a beautiful Vancouver evening: a fitting conclusion to a very busy training year. The Sponsoring Committee was very much in evidence with a well-organized event and plenty of food, beverages and treats. The cookout component of the event was ably

mastered by the “Burger Chief”, Major Tim Alguire (ACICA), and his able assistant, SC Chair Lisa Pang. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne (with a good supply of Tim Bits), was on hand to enjoy the festivities with the cadets, officers, family and friends of the unit. It was an informal event with great Squadron participation enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Squadron CO, Captain Sarra Lyford, and the Sponsoring Committee for the invitation and for the great hospitality. Have a great summer 59 Squadron and well done!



### **ATTESTATION CEREMONY – OFFICER CADET DESMOND WONG HMCS DISCOVERY – 24 June 2016**

Former C/RSM Desmond Wong of 2381 BCR (DCO) (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC was duly sworn in as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces at an Attestation Ceremony held at HMCS Discovery on 24 June 2016. Officer Cadet Wong will pursue his studies as an Armoured Corps Officer at Royal Military College Saint Jean, Quebec.

Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, represented the Regimental Association at the ceremony and Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, was also in attendance.

The Regimental Family thanks O/Cdt Wong for his great service as C/RSM of 2381 BCR and congratulates him for this great achievement in winning such a coveted seat as an Armoured Corps Officer at RMC St Jean.

All the very best and Up the Dukes!



### **PRESENTATION CEREMONY FRENCH LEGION OF HONOUR L/CPL (Ret'd) CHARLES BERNHARDT SUMMERLAND, BC – 25 June 2016**

The official presentation of the Legion of Honour to LCpl (R) Charles Bernhardt took place at Angus Place in Summerland, a very nice assisted living residence which is the home of Charlie Bernhardt.

Upon our arrival, the presentation team was greeted by Charlie and Wendy Archer, the caretaker of the facility. All details were finalized for the ceremony with Wendy's able assistance. We were then escorted to the dining room where we thoroughly enjoyed lunch with Charlie, as his guests, along with the Mayor of Summerland, Peter Waterman, and Gary Doi, writer and photographer.



The Presentation Ceremony was held in a spacious room where President Emeritus Archie Steacy was the Master of Ceremonies and welcomed everyone to this well attended event. The MC provided a brief background of the award and then invited Charlie to come forward and be recognized. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne then proceeded to read the congratulatory letter received from the Consul General of France in Vancouver, Christophe Fleury. Charlie's service with the Regiment during the Battle of Normandy was then recounted by the MC.



The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was introduced and formally acknowledged and congratulated Charlie for his military service. Colonel Hawthorne presented the Legion of Honour Medal to Charlie to the delight of all those present. Colonel Hawthorne also presented Charlie with a Certificate of Recognition issued by the Regimental Association. In addition, Archie Steacy presented Charlie with a souvenir booklet containing copies of all documentation regarding the proceedings of the Presentation Ceremony. Gayle Hawthorne presented Charlie with a gift from the Regimental Association, namely a bottle of Charlie's favourite, a 15 year old single malt Scotch.



In his memorable acceptance speech, Charlie acknowledged his family and friends for their support and attendance. In addition, Charlie emphasized very strongly the qualities of duty, honour and loyalty of those who served in the Regiment during War II and for those who continue to serve in the Regiment to this day. Charlie thanked the Regiment and the Regimental Association for their great support throughout these many years.

Colonel Hawthorne thanked Charlie for his eloquent comments and concurred with Charlie's assessment and very kind words he conveyed regarding the Regiment and the Regimental Family. Archie Steacy in his closing remarks reminded all those present by noting...."once a Duke, always a Duke!"

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Colonel Hawthorne conveyed the greetings of the Commander Officer of the Regiment, Major Douglas Evans, and presented Charlie and Archie with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin marking this most extraordinary event.

A most enjoyable reception took place following the ceremony where friends, family and invited guests had a great opportunity to visit and enjoy the excellent hospitality at Angus Place. Also in attendance were Regimental Association members Lynda Steacy and Jerry Couling.

Congratulations once again Charlie and many thanks to you and Wendy Archer at Angus Place for a most enjoyable time!

Up the Dukes!



## **240<sup>th</sup> UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101), NORTH VANCOUVER – 5 July 2016**

Three special morning tours of the USS Gridley, a guided missile destroyer, were arranged by Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond of 39 CER with CMDCM (SW) Michael Gonzales, Command Master Chief (our equivalent of the Coxswain on RCN ships). The second tour group included retired Honorary Colonel Jim Happer, 39 CER, Colonel (R) Bill White, President of the 39 CER Regimental Association and his wife Carol, Farid Rohani and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. The Master Chief introduced us to the CO of the ship, Commander Marc Crawford, who came to greet us and welcome us aboard. It was truly an amazing tour of a state of the art destroyer (length 509'; complement 380 officers and enlisted; displacement 9,300 T; two Sea Hawk helicopters; two triple torpedo tubes; vertical



launch systems – 96 Tomahawk missiles, 50 cal weapons systems, 20 mm Phalanx system and 5” main gun and much more). Many thanks to Master Chief Gonzales for the very professional tour of his ship and to our friend and colleague Colonel Diamond for arranging the tour and including the BCR.

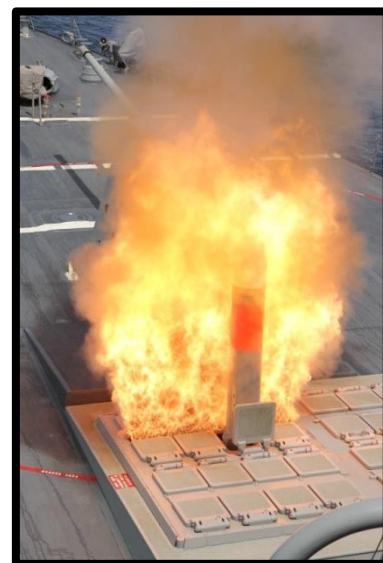
A memorable evening in celebration of the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Independence Day was hosted by the Consul General of the United States Lynne Platt and the Commanding Officer of the USS Gridley, Commander Marc. D. Crawford. The reception was held at The Burrard Dry Dock Pier, 31 Wallace Mews in North Vancouver, on 5 July 2016 in the early evening.

The official program included the presentation of colours by the guards of 39 CBG and Washington State Army National Guard, the National Anthems of Canada and the United States sung by Chor Leoni and formal remarks by Lynne Platt, US Consul General, Commander Marc Crawford, USS Gridley, the Mayor of the City of North Vancouver, His Worship Darrell Mussatto, Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson and concluded with The Navy Hymn. The music after the ceremony was performed by the RCN Naden Band Jazz Quintet. A special performance by Jeffrey “Elvis” Fullner was very well received by the attendees and featured Consul General Platt jiving with Commander Crawford and our very own Audrey Diamond providing an impressive display of her dancing skills. The reception was without a doubt a first class event.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association by Vice President Gayle Hawthorne. Other BCRs in attendance were Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, retired Honorary Colonel Bill Ireland and his wife Heather, Consul General of Iceland and our good friend and colleague Farid Rohani. Unit Honoraries attending were Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond and his wife Audrey, 39 CER, and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Al De Genova, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA.

Many thanks to Consul General Lynne Platt and to Commander Marc Crawford and all of the crew of USS Gridley for their wonderful hospitality!

We also convey our very best wishes to the Commander and the crew aboard USS Gridley on their move from San Diego to their new home port of Everett, Washington.



Tomahawk missile launch – file photo of Master Chief Gonzales

**PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
FRENCH LEGION OF HONOUR  
WO2 (Ret'd) VERN SALISBURY, MM  
- and -  
GUNNER (Ret'd) TED ARSENAULT  
THE DRILL HALL – 5 August 2016**

The official presentation of the Legion of Honour to WO2 (Retired) Vern Salisbury, MM and Gunner (Retired) Ted Arsenault was held at the Drill Hall on Friday afternoon, 5 August 2016. Upon arrival at the Drill Hall, the Minister of National Defence, Harjit S. Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP was greeted by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the Acting Commanding Officer, Major Paul Lindsay, the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, President Bob Remple and President Emeritus Archie Steacy.

The Master of Ceremonies, Archie Steacy, welcomed the many guests in attendance and provided background information relating to the Legion of Honour. Major Paul Lindsay, read the congratulatory letter received from the Consul General of France in Vancouver, Christophe Fleury. Particulars of each recipient's service were recited by the MC and the Legion of Honour was presented to each recipient by the Minister. President "Recce Bob" Remple presented Certificates of Appreciation to Vern and Ted and thanked them for their service. The program continued with an excellent address in French by Clémence Hebbelnyck thanking our veterans for their service and sacrifice in the liberation of France ("her heroes"). Clémence's father, one of our Regimental Association Field Agents in Europe, Gauthier Hebbelnyck provided the translation. Minister Sajjan addressed the many friends, family, Regimental and Regimental Association members with a memorable speech marking this very special occasion.

A reception followed in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess compliments of the Regimental Association, a co-host of this event with the Regiment.

Up the Dukes!





**W5 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BC REGIMENT ASSOCIATION and  
CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER – 7 August 2016**

Submitted by: Sandra Young

That time of year came again for everyone to get together and help raise funds to continue to support the many ongoing and future commitments the Association provides. The BBQ was held at Ken & Linda Whitney's home. It was a perfect day and the place to be to help support and catch up with old friends and make some new ones.







There were appetizers, burgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts. After we had our fill, it was time for the prizes. There were door prizes, lucky draw prizes and a 50/50 draw. Some of the lucky draw winners were Dominique Couling, Archie & Judy Pow, Lize Simon and many more. And not to forget the luck of the Irish, Ellen McKenzie. She won 50/50 and.... When the draw for the prizes was finished H/Col Ted Hawthorne presented Lynda Steacy with his H/Col Coin for her many years of volunteer service and dedication. Cadet Governor Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse were also given his H/Col Coin for their contribution to the Cadet League of Canada and the Association.



We would like to thank Ken & Linda Whitney for opening their home to us; Dan & Ellen McKenzie for taking care of the check-in and to everyone who helped make this a success. And lastly, to all the guests that came and showed their support. We appreciated everything that was done. Thanks!

Up the Dukes!

## **BRETTEVILLE – SUR – LAIZE CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY CINTHEAUX CEREMONY (14 August 2016)**



Our friend and colleague, Dr. Jean-Pierre Benamou, attended the annual commemoration ceremony at the cemetery marking the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the start of the Caen-Falaise offensive (“Operation Tractable”).

Dr. Benamou laid a wreath on behalf of the Regiment and the Regimental Family as part of the ceremony.

## **VERNON CADET TRAINING CENTRE FINAL PARADE & SUNSET CEREMONY – 18 August 2016**



The annual parade at VCTC was held on Dieppe Parade Square on a very warm summer evening. The Parade Appointments were the Reviewing Officer, LCol Kent Wickens, CD, DCO of 39 CBG, the Parade Commander, LCol Judy Peter, CD, the DCO, Major Ken Prince, CD and the RSM, CPO 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dave Bliss, MMM, CD. Our very own Major Jim Barrett, CD commanded Alpha Company.

The program included a well-executed Feu de Joie by the Guard and concluded with the customary Sunset Ceremony (Amazing Grace, Lowering the Flag, Good Save the Queen, Advance in Review Order and General Salute).

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association was

well represented by Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, League Honours & Awards Executive Louise Prouse, and Ken and Linda Whitney. Our good friend and colleague, Cathy Bach, Executive VP of The Army Cadet League of Canada and VP of the BC Branch was also in attendance.

The excellent parade was followed by an enjoyable reception in the combined mess.

Congratulations to all of our cadets on another successful summer camp!



### **CHARLIE COMPANY PARADE – 19 August 2016**

This year's VCTC Pennant Winner, Charlie Company, held its Final Parade on Sicily Parade Square at 0830 hrs on Friday, 19 August 2016. The Reviewing Officer was Cathy Bach. Colonel Hawthorne joined the RO in the inspection of Charlie Company. A very good representation of the Regimental Family also attended this excellent parade.

Colonel Hawthorne and Cadet Governor Roger Prouse were given the honour of presenting the Alexander Malczynski Memorial Trophy (in memory of former C/RSM Malczynski of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC) to the "Top Shot", Cadet Jaywynn Clemente, of 328 RCACC Saskatoon.

Congratulations to Cathy Bach for a job well done and to the Cadets of Charlie Company for a first-rate parade and for a very successful camp!



## DUKES HEADING HOME! – 20 August 2016



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### RIMPAC Completed - Onward to Austral Asia

In our last issue to the FoV, VANCOUVER was just completing the final stages of RIMPAC. Always a key feature of every RIMPAC, the combined PhotoEx at the end of the exercise this year involved 36 surface ships and 4 submarines all steaming in formation. The exercise proved to be a great success and a significant accomplishment for both the RCN and for VANCOUVER.

The ship came alongside on 02 Aug for a brief reprieve prior to slipping on 08 Aug to participate in QUINTLATEX, a two day multinational exercise involving ships and aircraft from the US, Australia, Japan, Korea and Canada. The exercise aimed at improving security cooperation and interoperability while simultaneously providing a visible demonstration of the strength of our alliances and shared com-

mitment to regional security. While QUINTLATEX was a comparatively shorter and smaller exercise than RIMPAC, the program included a surface gunnery serial, a combined Search and Rescue mission and counter-piracy operations to name a few.

After a week alongside again in Pearl Harbor, VANCOUVER departed for Guam;

Ships and submarines of participating nations assume their positions for the PhotoEx July 28, during RIMPAC16. HMCS VANCOUVER's position is indicated below in the circle.



the first leg of her journey west. The focus of this portion is to update our currencies in a number of skill areas so that we can maintain our high readiness status. While training and development is ever the focus, VANCOUVER embarked a physical fitness instructor and have put into place a schedule of three workout sessions a day. We are also running our own "biggest loser" fitness competition and also a "butt out" campaign designed to help people quit smoking and focus on being healthy and fit sailors. While the routine remains busy, VANCOUVER is preparing in all ways personally and professionally to remain effective at sea and carry out her required duties.

For more VANCOUVER's involvement in RIMPAC, please see the following sites:

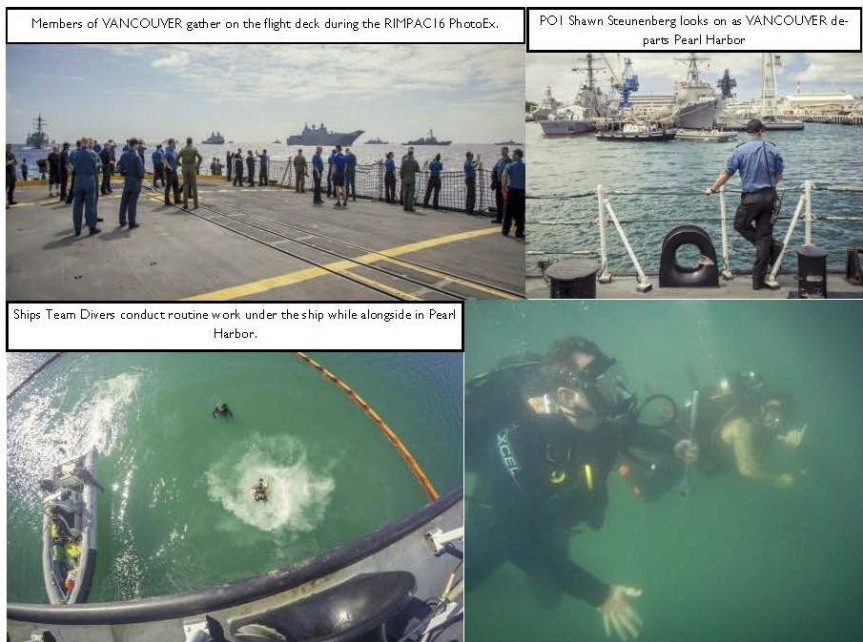
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## RCMP GRADUATION, TROOP 31 DEPOT DIVISION, REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN – 29 August 2016

The graduation program for Troop 31, comprised of 28 Cadets, held on 29 August 2016 at Depot, was an extraordinary event complete with numerous traditional RCMP ceremonial components highlighting the very meaningful personal moments for all of the new members. The program included the Swearing-In Ceremony in the Centennial Building followed by a Luncheon Reception. The afternoon schedule consisted of the Sergeant Major's Parade held on the outdoor Parade Square with the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Her Honour Vaughn Solomon Schofield, accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Louise Lafrance, the Commanding Officer of Depot Division, in attendance. The parade was followed by the Badge Presentation Ceremony in the Drill Hall. Needless to say, the Regimental traditions of the RCMP

were duly observed and provided an excellent occasion for all guests to remember the day with photographs and to visit with the newly sworn members.

Our very own Lt. David Kim, a Cadet of Troop 31, became a member of the RCMP at the Swearing-In Ceremony in the presence of his parents, Andy and Carol Kim.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment at the graduation and congratulated Constable Kim on behalf of the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne also presented Cst. Kim with his Regimental Coin in order to mark the very special occasion.



Colonel Hawthorne also attended the Mess Dinner in the Drill Hall and joined Cst Kim and his parents. It was a very memorable evening with great food (Jack & Keaton's BBQ), hospitality and short speeches by her Honour and the CO.





Cst Kim has been posted to the Burnaby Detachment and will commence his duties as of 1 September 2016.

Congratulations Constable Kim and we wish you every success in your new career. Lt Kim is also a member of Training Squadron and will continue his duties with the Regiment.

## **CO'S PARADE – STAND TO 7 September 2016**

The Regimental Stand To was held at the Drill Hall on 7 September 2016 and was a very full evening with numerous administrative matters to be finalized. The BCR Kit Shop was open and was extremely busy. Many thanks to Vice President Gayle Hawthorne for her great work with the Kit Shop. The CO's Parade which followed the various administration matters was well attended and the Regiment looked great.

The CO, Major Douglas Evans, greeted the members and complimented everyone on a great turnout.

Brief highlights of the evening were as follows:

### **CO's Parade - Presentations, Honours & Awards**

#### **New Recruits - Acknowledgement:**

Pte Pambir Kahlon	Pte Nadina Gill
Pte Jasanjeet Rai	OCdt Brian Murata
Pte Anthony Lee	OCdt Richard Zheng
Pte Dilbag (Dylan) Hothi	

#### **BCR Cap Badge Presentations:**

Sgt Li  
OCdt Serviss  
OCdt Murata



## Top Candidate Recognition (BMQ-L)

Pte Hogan

## Armoured Corps Hat Badge Acknowledgement

Pte Davidson

Pte Lade

Pte Luna

Pte Parker

Pte Sirica

Pte Symes

## Promotions:

### Trooper

Pte Kim

Tpr Tessa

Tpr Willson



### Corporal

Bajwa

Fan

Li

Lum

Siemens

Swanson



### Master Corporal

MCpl Zherka

MCpl Pansegrau

MCpl Fleming



## Appointment of Officer Cadet

Sgt Clews was appointed an Officer Cadet (Medical Corps) and will continue to parade with the Regiment.





## WO Marvin MacNeill Recognition

The CO thanked and congratulated WO MacNeill for his three years of yeoman service with the Regiment. The CO invited WO MacNeill to say a few words and he responded with a very touching speech emphasizing his pride in serving with the Dukes. RSM Huf Mullick, in great form for the entire evening, led the Regiment with a rousing rendition of “Three Cheers” for WO MacNeill. Very impressive indeed for a great friend of the Regiment!

The CO introduced the new day staff personnel, namely Captain Stephen Couture (OpsO/Adj), WO Leon Willem van Heerden (OpsWO), and Sgt Ahsan Khokar (Chief Clerk). The CO reminded everyone that the training year will again be very busy with exercises, courses and recruiting (“already ½ way there”) so that focus is key.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the last word and welcomed everyone back after a busy summer, acknowledged the great turnout, congratulated the new recruits, members receiving acknowledgements, promotions and appointments. Colonel Hawthorne also echoed the CO’s comments regarding WO MacNeill and acknowledged Vice President Gayle Hawthorne of the Regimental Association. In closing, Colonel Hawthorne complemented the Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust for their great work in supporting the Regiment and Regimental Family. The 2016 Bursary Program is well under way and **The Duke** newsletter is to be published this month.

Also in attendance were Annabelle Clews and Association Members Farid Rohani and Ken Whitney.

Congratulations on another exceptional CO’s Parade!

## COQUITLAM CRUNCH CHALLENGE FOR DIVERSITY – 10 September 2016



The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Coquitlam Crunch Challenge in support of the Coquitlam Foundation’s Diversity Fund was held on Saturday, 10 September 2016, on a beautiful partially cloudy day; ideal conditions for the many runners and walkers undertaking an assault on “The Crunch”.

A highlight of The Crunch this year was the new record set by our good friend and colleague Guy Black, namely beating the record of seventeen trips (each trip being 4.5 km return) up the steep urban trail following the route of the hydro power lines from Lansdowne Drive to Eagle Mountain Drive. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the pleasure of greeting Guy at the finish line as he completed his 18<sup>th</sup> trip.

Guy had started at 1:00 o'clock in the morning in order to complete his unbelievable 24 hour marathon, ultimately finishing up with 20 trips! Many well-wishers, including excellent media coverage by CKPM 98.7 FM and CTV, made for a warm welcome. Colonel Hawthorne was asked to say a few words and closed the recognition ceremony by congratulating Guy on behalf of the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family, thanking him for his exemplary community service and work with veterans, and presenting him with the Regimental Honorary Colonel Coin to mark the very special occasion.

Congratulations Guy for all of your great work!

Editor's Note: Guy's uncle, Trooper Ralph Koonts, served with the Regiment in WW II.

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITABLE TRUST – 18 September 2016**

The September meetings of the directors of the Regimental Association and the trustees of the Charitable Trust were held aboard Recce Bob's Yacht the "Ter Bear", docked at the Steveston Municipal Dock in Steveston on Sunday morning, 18 September 2016. Each meeting was well attended and included a very full agenda of reports and submissions being reviewed, evaluated and finalized for action. Many thanks to Gayle for her supply of Kit Shop items for the convenience of the many guests!

Post meeting activities included an excellent lunch with a good opportunity to catch up on the details of the many summer activities of the Regimental Family. The directors and trustees, including spouses and some children and special guest Gerry Steacy visiting from Melbourne, were treated to a very enjoyable day sail along the south arm of the Fraser River in perfect weather conditions.

Many thanks to Recce Bob for his great hospitality and a great day aboard the "Ter Bear"!



## GEORGE DERBY CARE SOCIETY – 19 September 2016

A special announcement regarding affordable housing was made by the Premier, the Honourable Christy Clark, at the George Derby Care Society (“George Derby”), with the construction site of the soon to be completed Derby Manor used as a backdrop.

The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Housing, was the MC and introduced the Premier who announced a government commitment of \$500 million for affordable housing. Vice President of George Derby, Bill Osbourne, greeted all attendees and welcomed everyone to the facility. As many of our readers will know, George Derby has proudly served veterans since 1988 and continues to be regarded as the “Centre of Excellence”. Also in attendance were Richard T. Lee, MLA, Burnaby North, board directors, Past President Bruce Burlington and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, and Keith Herbert, Director (Corporate Services).



## LUKE VANDENBUSSCHE VISIT – 19 September 2016

Our very good friend and colleague, Luke Vandebussche from Leke, Belgium, paid us a visit along with his Belgium Tour Group of 20 people.

As most of our readers will know, the Regiment liberated Leke in October of 1944. For many years, Luke has been instrumental in organizing numerous civic ceremonies in Leke for the Regiment and the Regimental Association during various battlefield tours.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Regimental Association VP Gayle Hawthorne and Archie and Lynda Steacy joined Luke and his group for dinner at The KEG, Granville Island, for a most enjoyable evening. After dinner, Luke addressed his group and provided a brief historical sketch of the Regiment's participation in the liberation of Leke and Belgium and concluded by thanking the Regiment for the service and sacrifice of their soldiers. To mark the occasion, Luke presented Colonel Hawthorne and Archie with a copy of his new book "The Story of the Gazette van Detroit" (a newspaper published in Detroit by the early settlers from Belgium) and Colonel Hawthorne presented Luke with his Regimental Honorary Colonel's Coin and thanked him and the Town of Leke for their many years of great support to the Regiment and the Regimental Family.

All our very best wishes to Luke and to our friends from Belgium!



## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) BRASS BAND

By: Peter Davidson

Inspired by the example set last year by the brass group (led by our bugler Chris Ahern) we decided to carry on at full strength through the entire summer. We kept very busy: we marched in several local community parades, played at the PNE, and the Whistler Gran Fondo, and (with some key logistical support from the regiment) took a band trip to Armstrong BC. The trip to Armstrong was a great success: we performed several sets at the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch #35), marched in the Interior Provincial Exhibition (IPE) Parade and were awarded a first prize ribbon!



Watch for the band in the upcoming Vancouver Halloween Parade (October 16<sup>th</sup>), and the BC Lions Salute to Veterans (November 5<sup>th</sup>), or join us! The band is always looking to recruit new members; all skill levels are welcome. It's a very fun way to get back into playing that instrument you stored away oh so many years ago. We have parts for just about any instrument you'd find in a high school concert band, and it's a great way to engage with the community!

## BCR IRISH PIPES AND DRUMS

Submitted by: Rosalie MacDonald

During the summer months the pipe band generally reduces its practice schedule to alternate weeks giving some of our members a chance for a break and others more time to participate in the competitive circuit which lasts from April to August. This year's summer break came just in time for Pipe Major Dolan who welcomed a new baby girl to his family at the beginning of July. Between baby and band it's been a very busy year for our Pipe Major but he's taking it all in stride.

In August the band was hired to play at a Sikh wedding. We usually end up playing at one or two Sikh weddings during the summer and it mostly means an early morning for the band. We are always willing to play though because of the delicious food afterwards. If you want to get a pipe band out of bed in the morning, chai and pakoras for breakfast are always a good method to use.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> the band made its annual appearance at the Bowfest Parade in Bowen Island. The band has been playing this parade since 2005 when we were invited over by Hank Strubin. Hank was a long-time supporter of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment) and a long-time friend of the band. Each year he brought the band over for Bowen Island and was a very generous host. Hank died in 2012 but the band continues to play at Bowfest in his memory. This year Band Sgt. Rob Greenslade gave the memorial toast and afterwards the band performed 'Amazing Grace'.

September is here and we are back to our weekly Tuesday practice at Templeton Secondary School. We are always looking for new members so if you know anyone interested in learning the bagpipes or drums or just wants to get back to playing after a number of years please contact us at [irishpipesanddrums@hotmail.com](mailto:irishpipesanddrums@hotmail.com).



## OFFICERS' MESS 16/17 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Maj Adam McLeod, CD - "[Still] PMC-for-Life"

Dear Friends of the Mess:

The Officers of the Regiment are already well into what looks like a great year! Aside from our typically very busy training year, our Mess remains very active. This year we plan on building on our extremely successful social calendar from last year. We invite you to join us for the following events:

**Curry Luncheons.** Organized by the Association, these luncheons are open to everyone (bring a friend!), and occur on the last Thursday of every month. The first will take place Thursday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Ms. Charlotte Yen at: [corporate@hplaw.ca](mailto:corporate@hplaw.ca).

**133<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Gala – Oct 15, 2016.** Join all messes of the BCR as we celebrate how great our Regiment is. The evening will feature an absolute minimum of speeches, along with a live funk band and DJ. It will be a great time, and we hope you'll join us.

**Remembrance Day - Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Please join us in the Mess after the Cenotaph ceremony at Victory Square. All messes will be open, so come and see old friends.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Craft Beer Night – Feb/Mar (Date TBC).** By popular demand, we will be hosting the first annual BCR Craft Beer Night. This will be a pub style event, and feature exclusively local craft beers, including a microbrew specifically made for the BCR.

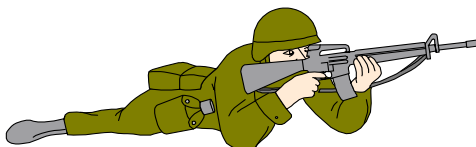
**St Julien Dinner - Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Save the date. Invitations to be mailed in the New Year.

**Whisky Tasting – Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.** Spell it with a “y” or “ey”, just don't forget to reserve your spot early! After last year's success, we will be limiting this event to only 40 people.

**BC Army Gala - May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

You're also invited and encouraged to join us on the first Wednesday of every month for our CO's parade where we present awards, promotions and parade the Regiment.

Expect to see an Officers' Mess Associate Membership form arriving shortly in the mail. We look forward to your continued support, and to seeing you in the 16/17 Training Year!



**RESULTS OF THE  
DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP  
25 August to 2 September 2016**

Submitted by: Archie Steacy

Congratulations to Cpl D. Ryan Steacy, CD for achieving Canadian National “Top Shot” in the 2016 Dominion of Canada Rifle Association's National Service Conditions Championship, held annually, at Connaught Range, Ottawa, Ontario.

During the 2014 and 2015 national competitions, he was also awarded Canadian National “Top Shot”; making the 2016 “Top Shot” his third consecutive national championship award.

Cpl Steacy was inducted into the British Columbia Rifle Association and the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association “Hall of Fame”, recognizing his exceptional marksmanship reputation.

Cpl Steacy's outstanding marksmanship ranks with his Regiment's champion marksmen.

## CADET GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Roger W. Prouse, BCR Cadet Governor

I am pleased to report that all of our Corps have stood to and are preparing for another busy training year. The usual start up challenges inevitably present themselves however at the end of day, with hard work and determination, the CIC officers seem to get it sorted out and get on with the training plan.

The good news is, new Cadets are being enrolled to replace the ones that have left the programme or aged out.

We sent approximately 90 BCR Cadets from our five Corps to the various CTCs in Canada and abroad this past summer either as staff or course Cadets. By all accounts, they performed well, learned from their camp experiences and returned home safely.

I was able to attend all the ACRs conducted by our Corps this past spring. It was obvious to all in attendance that the training the Cadets are receiving and the skills they have learned are going to be of great benefit to them as they move into adult life. The reviews were well attended by parents, family, and friends and were supported by many members of our Regimental family. Congratulations to all our Cadets and their CIC Officers.

The Charter Signing and Banner presentation for the 3300 BCR (Bhia Kanhaiya) RCACC will be held at their LHQ on Thursday, 6 Oct. at 1900hrs. It is vitally important that we have good turnout of BCRA members and our Regimental Family. We must show to all in attendance that we are the new Sponsor of the 3300 BCR and we support them 100%. More details concerning this event will follow in due course.

I am pleased to report that our BCR Cadet RMC students are doing extremely well. Four years this past June, former 2290 BCR C/RSM **Anton Humeniuck** was attested as an OCdt and accepted at RMC as an armoured Corps student. He has now graduated as a 2Lt and is currently at Gaagetown taking his training as full time armoured officer. OCdt **Ann Lee**, a former C/WO at the 2827 BCR Port Moody Corps, is in her final year at RMC in business administration. She is a Cadet Divisional Officer in charge of over 200 RMC Cadets. Upon graduation, she will commence her training as a Naval MARS Officer. (Maritime Surface and Sub-Surface Officer). OCdt **Anna Dillman** a former 2290 C/Sgt is starting her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at RMC and studying to be a Logistics officer in the CAF. She has a "full plate" of studies and extra curriculum studies but is thoroughly enjoying her RMC experience. OCdt **Kristan Chung** a former 2290 RSM is also starting into his 3<sup>rd</sup> year. He will graduate as an armoured officer in two years. He is extremely fit and his flight won the fitness challenge as first year RMC Cadet. He was also invited to attend a Black Hat Dinner in Petawawa in his first year. He is very involved in an overseas charitable organization sponsored by RMC. The Former RSM of the 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers, **Desmond Wong**, was attested as an OCdt in June of this year. He was accepted into RMC at Saint Jean PQ where he commenced his training and studies in July as armoured officer. We all have every reason to be very proud of the achievements of our BCR Cadets.

"UP THE DUKES"

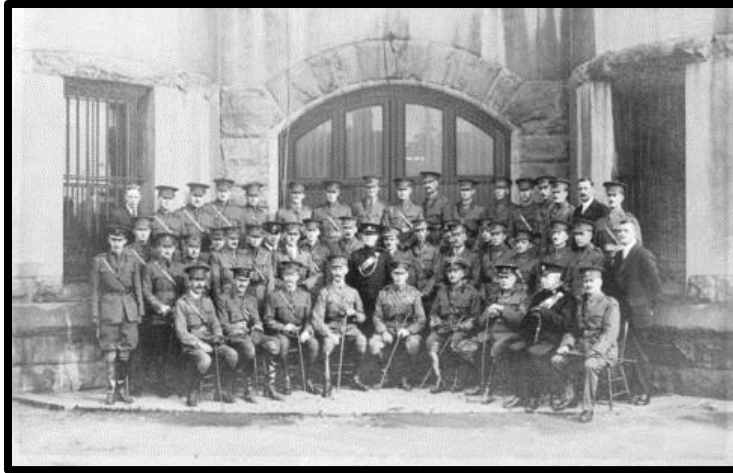
### FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER – September 2016

By: Major Jim Barrett

When serving as a company commander of Army Cadets in 2015 at Vernon Military Camp, I had the opportunity at least once a week to escape from my duties for an hour or two and go for a swim at Okanagan Landing, which I knew to be a former terminus for the Okanogan Lake paddlewheelers and as a terminus with the railroad. One afternoon the door to the small museum was open and in the process of examining the displays, I noted a trunk among the stacked luggage on a railroad cart, marked in white paint

for Major R.W. Ford, 158<sup>th</sup> DCOR (Overseas Battalion). How this trunk made it to Vernon and the story of Major Ford is the subject of this submission for 'The Duke.'

The first task I had was to track down information on this Major Ford, and my first clue came from a group picture hanging just outside the BCR Officers' Mess. The photo was from 1915 with a group shot showing the Officers of the 158<sup>th</sup> DCOR with our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, who was also the Dominion of Canada's Governor-General during the Great War of 1914-18, known today as World War I. There was Lieutenant RW Ford standing third in from the left in the Second Row.



Officers of the 158th Overseas Battalion, The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles and other officers at entrance to Beatty Street Drill Hall – 1915 (City of Vancouver Archives)

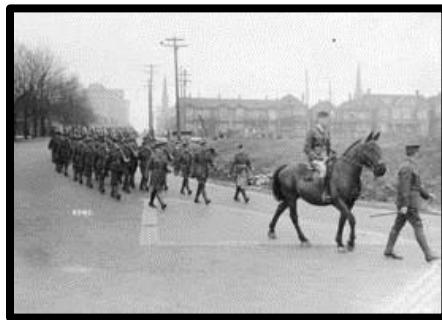


Lieutenant RW Ford

At the time of my initial inquiries, the Government of Canada was in the process of releasing the Service Files of all CEF members, so from time to time I checked to see if Ford's file had been released. In the spring of 2016 it was.

In June of 1915, Lieutenant Robert William Ford, born 13 September 1885, enrolled in the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles in Vancouver at the age of 29. He was unmarried and was the sole support for his widowed mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ford of 'Glenfarq Hartburn Lane' in Stockton-on-Tees in England. He was a qualified Engineer, but at the time of his enlistment, he was employed at the Yorkshire and Canada trust in Vancouver, BC. Lt Ford stood 5' 6" tall, weighed 175 lbs, had brown hair and blue eyes. He spent five months with the 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, CEF (Also perpetuated by the BCR) before transferring to the 158<sup>th</sup> DCOR (Overseas Battalion) which was under the command of Lt-Col Milne. His initial training was in Vancouver at the PNE grounds and his records show a promotion to the rank of Captain on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1916.





158<sup>th</sup> DCOR (O.S. Bn) Marching down Georgia street to move onto parade at the Cambie Street Grounds across from the BCR Drill (Circa early 1916)

By the summer of 1916, the 158<sup>th</sup>, 121<sup>st</sup> Western Irish and other BC Battalions were deployed to the Vernon Army Camp located on Mission Hill, the site of the present camp, where nearly 4,500 troops entered into training. This would likely have been Captain Ford's first exposure to the Okanagan.



During the First World War, it was customary for a unit to decorate the entrance to its training encampment, as these images from Vernon, British Columbia, show. The 158th Battalion was from Vancouver. (Wartime Canada)



Vernon Military Camp 1916 (Postcard)

In November 1916 the 158<sup>th</sup> DCOR arrived in England, and like most of the newly arrive Battalions, they were broken up for reinforcements in January 1917. Promoted to the rank of Major on 7 Jan 1917, Maj Robert Ford was posted to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> British Columbia) CEF, and headed to France that summer as a company commander.

The Battle for Hill 70 in 1917 and Amiens in 1918 are two of our Canadian Corps battles which have largely been forgotten. Hill 70 took place between August 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and was supposed to be in coordination with the larger battle at Passchendaele near Ypres. The aim of the attack was to inflict German Casualties and fix their reserves from moving further north as reinforcements, and to relieve the pressure on the French, who following the disastrous Neville Offensive were in near mutiny and their soldiers were refusing all offensive operations. Lt-Gen Arthur Currie has just taken over command of the

Canadian Corps and hoped to take the hill quickly, reinforce the newly won positions and then inflict as many casualties on the Germans as possible when they counter attacked.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (BC) CEF went over the top at 0425 hrs on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1917, and quickly achieved their initial objectives, but as they swept over the top of Hill 70 they were met with rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire from the German positions on the reverse slope. All but four Officers were killed or wounded, including Major Ford. Most of the Senior NCOs were dead or wounded as well. Major Robert Ford was gravely wounded by a shrapnel ball in the chest on the first day of the attack.



Hill 70

The attack struggled forward from shell hole to shell hole until a few managed to reach the battalion's final objective. Unable to hold, the battalion was forced back to the crest of Hill 70, where further casualties were inflicted. The 7<sup>th</sup> lost 444 killed, wounded or missing, almost half its strength prior to the start of the action. The cost to the Canadians was about 10,000 casualties with the Germans losing about 20,000 troops. The Regiment earned two Victoria Crosses during the action. Private Michael O'Rourke Stretcher Bearer of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and CSM Robert Hanna of the 29<sup>th</sup> Bn (Vancouver) CEF both received the Victoria Cross for their bravery at Hill 70.



Loos as seen from Hill 70 (Photo: David Milne)

The successful attack on Hill 70 secured the town of Loos, and was considered a major success by the British Imperial high Command and further cemented the reputation of the Canadian Corps.

Major Ford was shot just to the right of his heart in the upper right chest, and sustained a partially collapsed lung. He would have received immediate first aid from the stretcher bearers before being

carried back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion's Regimental First Aid Post where the Medical Officer would have provided any lifesaving treatment prior to his being shipped back to a general hospital. In England, Maj Ford had a very slow recovery, and by 1918 was found fit only for the lightest of duties. By Mid-March he was found unfit for further military duty and was eventually returned to Canada on 30 May 1918. Maj Ford's final discharge was in Victoria, BC (Military District 11) on 26 Oct 1918, but, by May of 1919, he was back in Hospital for further surgery which apparently had a good result.



First Aid Post Hill 70 August 1917

Maj Ford appears to have moved to Ewings Landing, near Fintry, on the west side of Okanagan Lake between Kelowna and Vernon, and his military records show that he had married in 1919, and Mrs. Rose Ford was listed on his Post discharge Pay records. He suffered from his wounds, which included a fear of crossing busy roads, shortness of breath, effects to his eyesight, and general fatigue. Major Ford appears

to have remained largely disabled until the time of his death from his wounds at the age of 41 on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1927. The records show that his widow received his war medals and the widow's cross.



Major Robert William Ford (1885 -1927)

Thus it is that an old trunk with a painted name on it can be the key to a soldier's life and our Regiment's remembrance of fallen comrades. For Major Robert William Ford, member of the 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR, 62 Bn (CEF), 158<sup>th</sup> DCOR (O.S.) Battalion, CEF and 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (1<sup>st</sup> BC), CEF, who did his duty and went over the top at Hill 70 with the 'Dukes' on the morning of August 1917 and eventually died of his wounds, at the 'going down of the sun and in the morning,' we will remember you.



Submitted by: Mr. Peter Merola, President, TB VETS, Branch 44, Royal Canadian Legion

**The TB VETS BC will hold their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the British Columbia Regiment's Drill Hall on Thursday, 13 October 2016, 1800 to 2200 hrs.**

**Consider joining them to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legion Branch 44 and TB VETS Charitable Foundation's awarding of over half-a-million dollars in grants to BC Hospitals, Universities and First Responders.**

**TUBERCULAR VETERANS LED THE WAY FOR VETERANS  
A Proud 90 Year Legacy**

From the battlefields of the First World War to fighting a war against tuberculosis upon their return, Veterans found governments ill equipped to address their health/social needs. Reflective of this great generation,

tubercular Veterans took charge of their own circumstance and created the Invalided Tuberculosis Soldier's Welfare League (ITSWL) to care for the estimated 12,000 soldiers returning to Canada with tuberculosis.

The struggle was great given the dire prognosis of tuberculosis combined with societal stigma. Primary care was offered at sanatoria which separated Veterans from family and employment opportunities. When tubercular Veterans were denied government benefits they left the sanatoria seeking employment to care for their families. This created another crisis as family members became infected and subsequently the Veterans had to return to the sanatoria as their health failed and they were spurned by society.

By 1921 ITSWL became known as the Tubercular Veterans' Association (TVA), a Dominion organization with 7,000 members. TVA established Service Bureaus in Ottawa, Toronto, and London and hired Adjustment Officers to assist tubercular Veterans. TVA Service Centres were also established in sanatoria across the nation. TVA was a formidable advocate for legislative reform for pension and health benefits for tubercular Veterans. TVA with its effective advocacy, service network and sound financial management became respected by governments and succeeded in obtaining legislative pension reform in 1925 through presentations to the Ralston Royal Commission.

**1925**  
**The success of TVA became a model to emulate**  
**as Veteran organizations in Canada**  
**considered amalgamation**

Field Marshal Earl Haig, founder of the British Empire Service League (BESL), addressed a Unity Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba November 1925 urging Veteran organizations to join forces as a Dominion Veterans Alliance. TVA a lead influence in the deliberations, led to the creation of the Canadian Legion (BESL). TVA was requested to join the Canadian Legion (BESL) and became known as the Tuberculosis Veterans' Section (TVA/TVS).

In September 1926 at a Legion Dominion Convention in Victoria, British Columbia TVA/TVS entered into "Articles of Faith" which recognized them as an autonomous body within the Constitution of the Canadian Legion (BESL). At this time TVA/TVS had 17 Branches in 7 Provinces as well as Adjustment Officers in all sanatoria.

**TVA/TVS became instrumental in using**  
**their well-established structure, advocacy and service bureau approach**  
**to assist the Canadian Legion**  
**in setting up their national and provincial organization**

The National TVA/TVS Dominion Executive then sanctioned a TVS Branch in Vancouver and on December 8, 1926, Vancouver TVS Pacific #44 Branch was chartered. The Branch rented an office in the Province Building on Hastings Street. On January 1, 1926, W.C. Woodward of Woodward Stores Ltd. and former Colonel of the 69th Battery Overseas, arrived to find the Branch President, David McKee and Secretary Treasurer, Roy Lipsett and members of the Executive, seated on boxes on the floor. Colonel Woodward asked his Secretary to compose a list of everything needed for the Branch and within days, a desk, a table, chairs, a filing cabinet, even a waste basket were donated.

From 1926 to 1945 TVS Pacific #44 Branch not only assisted tubercular Veterans and their families but also supported the community through diverse charitable sponsorships and volunteer service.

The Second World War, again, resulted in thousands of returning Veterans being inflicted with tuberculosis. TVS Pacific #44 Branch understood their immediate unique needs and created the Tuberculosis & Chest Disabled Veterans Association, historically referred to as "TB Vets". TB Vets was set up to offer employment to these disabled Veterans who would manufacture miniature key tags, offered to the public for

donations. The donations in turn became the source of revenue to assist tubercular Veterans and their families ~~ and so began the **original British Columbia Key Tag (lost/found/return) Program**.

TB Vets negotiated the original rights to create the BC Key Tag Program from the American Disabled Veterans Association, who owned the program. TB Vets was authorized to operate in British Columbia and the War Amps was authorized to operate in the rest of Canada. War Amps reneged on this agreement to stay out of British Columbia (but this is another story).

**TB Vets is the original BC Key Tag Program, remains in effect to this date and all funds raised go towards respiratory health in British Columbia.**

In 1996 with the decline of tuberculosis and increase in other respiratory illnesses, TVS Pacific 44 Branch (TB Vets) expanded their charitable work. To this date the Branch contributes significantly to caring for Veterans, youth sports teams, hospital equipment, bursaries, Cadets and educational programs.

In this year the Branch also created **TB Vets Charitable Foundation**, now also fondly referred to as "TB Vets".

TB Vets is now respected as a community leader in the fight against respiratory illness. TB Vets continues to offer BC Key Tags with donations dedicated to: cutting edge respiratory research; respiratory professional education; sponsorship of life-saving respiratory equipment; recreational therapy for respiratory patients in long term isolation; and educational prevention programs.

**Do You Have Your TB Vets BC Key Tag  
Carrying on this BC Veteran Legacy?**

[www.tbvets.org](http://www.tbvets.org)

**Veterans, past and present, give of themselves in military conflict and  
further commit their lives to community service upon their return  
~~ Canadian patriotism at its finest ~~**

## **ADVENTURES WITH THE U.S. ARMY**

By: Captain McCullough, 2 i/c Recce

In the last few months I've had some unique opportunities come my way.

I was asked in October if anyone was interested in going on a one week Command Post Exercise (CPX) in Fort Lewis, working with a US Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2-2 SBCT) in a Staff Officer Role. Captain Kerek, our Ops O, said it was for five days. Who can't go away for five days? So I volunteered. Imagine my surprise when I read the email chain and found out it was a five-day CPX, followed by just under a month in Fort Irwin, which is in the Mojave Desert, on exercise!

Well, I was already nominated, and decided it would be a good opportunity so I asked for time off from the Vancouver Police to attend. On the heels of this I was asked if I wanted to go on a staff role to participate in Ex YAMA SAKURA, a joint US/ Japanese Divisional level exercise in December, again in Fort Lewis, for a week right after the CPX for 2-2 SBCT. Another good opportunity, right? Who can say no?

So in December I went on the Command Post ex, and immediately after this went on YAMA SAKURA (YS). The CPX with the Stryker Brigade was good preparation for the exercise at the National Training Centre (NTC) in Fort Irwin, California. It was there that I discovered that I would also be acting as the Liaison Officer for a Canadian Recce Sqn from 12 RBC who were also attending. Me, the lone Reservist, working

in a couple of pretty solid roles with not only our Reg Force guys, but also the Americans. Pretty good stuff...but also with the stress of wanting to represent the BCRs well.

YAMA SAKURA was a very interesting exercise in and of itself. YS is run annually as a CPX in which the US and Japanese military work at the divisional level to prepare for the defence of Japan against invasion. It's a big part of US foreign policy in the Pacific. There I was able to work in the planning section of a division- 15,000 soldiers, if fully staffed, working on a scenario predicated on the invasion of Japan by a foreign power. Canadians rarely get to work at this level because of the size of our military, and it was a good professional experience to be able to experience this. I did well and enjoyed the experience.

A few weeks later, from 11-31 Jan 16, I attended the National Training Centre at Fort Irwin, California. I was assigned to 2-1 Inf Bn as a planning officer and, as I stated earlier, 12e RBC had a Reconnaissance Sq attached to the bn, and I worked in the capacity of a Liaison Officer (LO) between the two units. The brigade was fully staffed- 4000 soldiers and about 1000 vehicles- all the equipment of a brigade preparing for war.

As with YAMA SAKURA I found working on this exercise to be an excellent professional experience. The Americans fully integrated me into their command structure, and utilized me well throughout my time there. I was able to gain knowledge of how the US Army uses their Military Decision Making Process (MDMP), which of course is similar to our Operational Planning Process, and learned the similarities and differences in the two processes of moving troops into battle. We worked on offensive, defensive and urban operations.

It was also valuable professionally, for both myself and the Americans I was with, to work in a coalition environment, learning to deal with the inevitable 'friction' which comes from merging two similar but different organizations together in a war fighting environment. As our primary means of working overseas is in a coalition environment the importance of being aware of the issues we will deal with cannot be understated. Only by training in a coalition environment can we identify problem areas.



B Sqn 12e RBC, with a platoon of R22eR, was attached to 2-1 Inf Bn. Overall their contribution to the success of operations was proportionally larger than the numbers of people we sent. One reason was because the 25mm weapon on the LAV and Coyote platform provided significant additional firepower to the Strykers, which only have a .50 cal or 7.62mm MG, and as well because the Canadians quickly adapted to changing circumstances within the battle space and as a result significantly impacted the training scenario outcomes. Working as a combat team enabled them to manoeuvre quickly around the battlefield.

We worked long days – my first day there was 23 hours long, and this was the pace throughout – but we quickly built both a battle rhythm and bonded as a team. Sleeping and just being in the desert was a cool experience. How many people get to spend time in the desert?

One day in particular stands out, not because of any particular military development but because it was a rare moment. We had nothing to do for a few hours during the defensive battle. Myself and another Captain commandeered a HUMVEE and drove up in the hillside, where we found a nice position of observation and watched the battle develop in front of us. It was awesome to watch the different elements move around- M1 tanks, Strykers, and enemy forces trying to flank us as Apache gunships and A 10s flew overhead. We left when our forces started to fall back...

It's my hope that others in the Regiment will be able to gain similar experiences. We are an excellent unit with a tradition of excellence in training and when deployed.

Up the Dukes.

## FROM OUR READERS

### "THE DUKE" NEWSLETTER – MAY 2016 EDITION

The following comments are just a sample of the positive feedback we receive from our readers, in this case all non BCRs but senior military folks, serving and retired:

*"...what a great newsletter! So much information and great reporting!"*

*"Many thanks again for the outstanding edition of The Duke. It is indeed a tremendous record of the seemingly unending activities of the BCR."*

*"Thank you for sharing this extremely well put together and informative newsletter. In particular, I really enjoyed the blend of current events and photos, along with references and stories detailing historical "highs and lows". Thank you for sharing this with me – Bravo Zulu on a producing such a top-rate publication! Best regards."*

*"I continue to hold up not only "The Duke" but also your superior methods of gaining and retaining relationships with the community. Well done — as usual!"*

*"Thank you very kindly for the email. You and your team are certainly very busy...!"*

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Darryl Turner for his diligence in reporting to us all via emails and for the **Weekly Summary** emails. Greatly appreciated by all of us Darryl!

## DUKE'S DEN



Duke on a Day Sail aboard the "Ter Bear"

## UNDER THE WEATHER



LCol (Ret'd) Paul Philcox is recovering from recent surgery, has been discharged and is recuperating at home, for approximately 6 weeks. He is in good spirits and I know would appreciate hearing from you (250-597-3220).

All ranks BCR extend our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and a clean bill of health.



## ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

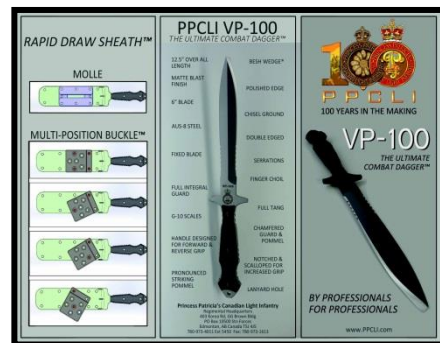
1. Mini Guidons - \$115.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced
3. Crests - \$35; Lapel Pins - \$10.00; BCR Ties - \$45.00; and Flags - \$12.00.
4. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.

To place an order, please e-mail [KitShop@DukeABear.com](mailto:KitShop@DukeABear.com)

Mini Guidons - \$115.00



BCR Knife - \$140.00



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$35.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00

The BCR KitShop is now online:

<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/army-kit-shops/british-columbia-regiment.html>

You can now buy a tie and lapel pin. In the near future they will have a BCR hoodie and PT Shirts (male and female option).

These items can be purchased online and shipped to you at home.

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## ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Association continues to support, through its Charitable Trust, various annual initiatives such as our Bursary Program for serving members of the Regiment and our community outreach program in the month of December. In addition, the Charitable Trust supports various projects which assist in maintaining our link with the history of the Regiment (i.e. commemorative ceremonies, dedication of memorial plaques and support of our five Cadet Corps). The Association has increased its support of the Cadet Corps by the establishment of the Cadet Development Program. Further information will be published as these programs develop.

A special thank you to all of those members who support the Charitable Trust! Your generosity has made it possible to accomplish many of the commemorative projects your Association has undertaken.

We also wish to thank our supporters for their “In Memoriam” donations. This is a very effective way to remember our loved ones.



## ASLEEP

**Captain Robert Moorehouse, CD**, then Corporal, served with The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC, in 1980. He was commissioned in 1987 with the 12<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion, reposted to the Regiment and then as Commanding Officer of the 2290 BCR(DCO) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. Bob passed away on 7 June 2016. His civilian career, in the airline industry, was with Canadian Pacific Airlines and Air Canada. Robert, Karen and four children resided in New Westminster, B.C.

Thank you Bob, for your service in the Regiment and for Canada.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember him.