



THE DUKE



ST. JULIEN MESS DINNER THE DRILL HALL 7 April 2018

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The Officers' Mess held their annual St. Julien Mess Dinner commemorating the 103rd anniversary of the Battle of St Julien (24 April – 5 May 1915) on Saturday, 7 April 2018 in the Drill Hall. The evening's festivities commenced in the Officers' Mess with the presentation of the refurbished "Last Post Bugle" and new distinctive plinth commissioned by David Sproule, former Commanding Officer of the Regiment, to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay. Ribbons made from the Guidon (fabric retrieved after a grommet repair on the Guidon some years ago) were also presented to Colonel Lindsay. The Commanding Officer proceeded to present the Last Post Bugle to retired Bugle Major John More who in turn presented it to Bugle Major Chris Ahern. In concluding the ceremony, the Commanding Officer presented the Guidon Ribbons to John More and Pipe Major Matthew Dolan. Congratulations Dave for your good work on this very worthy project and for your excellent presentation.



The well attended mess dinner was highlighted with the last-minute attendance of the Minister of National Defence, former Commanding Officer of the Regiment, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP. The Head Table consisted of many very special guests including Minister Sajjan, Senator Larry Campbell, His Honour Judge William Rodgers (former Honorary Colonel of 15th Field RCA), Brigadier General Trevor Cadieu, Commander of 3 Canadian Division, Retired Brigadier General Jerry Silva, Colonel David Awalt,

Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, the Commanding Officer, former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, CWO Huf Mullick, RSM of the Regiment and PMC, Major Adam McLeod.

The Brass & Reed Band provided dinner music and had a very strong showing. Pipe Major Matthew Dolan piped in the Head Table, delivered an excellent solo performance during the dinner and piped the Head Table off. The very enjoyable performance of The BCR Brass & Reed Band and Pipe Major Dolan of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums added a great deal to the overall success of the evening. The Toasts were given by 2Lt. Sam Serviss, (The Queen), Captain Paul Ellis (The Fallen), 2Lt. Richard Zheng (HMCS Vancouver), Lt. David Kim (The Rifles) and Major Greg McCullough (The Regiment).



Minister Sajjan addressed the attendees and presented his MND Coin to John Perry and thanked John for his extraordinary work on many special projects for the Regiment and the Regimental Family (**Swift & Strong**, **The Listening Post**, numerous works of art and Regimental coins, to name just a few). The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, delivered a "State of the Regiment" report after a very complementary speech to the unit by 39 CBG Commander, Colonel David Awalt. Former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd (at the end of his appointment), Major John

Perry (on his retirement) and Captain Steve Couture (on returning to his unit, Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) as Battle Captain) were mugged out by the Commanding Officer. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Commendation together with his Regimental Coin to Colonel Shepherd in recognition of his six years of service as the Regiment's Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. Congratulations gentlemen for your service!



The post dinner festivities in the Officers' Mess were enjoyed by all with General Cadieu presenting his 3 Canadian Division Command Coin to Honorary Colonel 39 CER Bill Diamond and Regimental Bookkeeper Judy Mordy, a professional of extraordinary patience, for their exemplary service to the Regiment and to the CAF. Colonel Hawthorne took the opportunity to present a Loyal Edmonton Regiment ("LER") Plaque to the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, on behalf of our friend Jack Bowen, President of the LER Regimental Association, who recently attended the annual Paardeberg Mess Dinner.



A grand evening unlikely to be duplicated for many years to come!

57TH WORLD MILITARY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

03-07 November 2017

By: 2Lt Serviss

Sport and fitness are a major part of military cultures all over the globe. As early as 1919, 1500 athletes from various militaries competed against each other in 24 different sports in Paris, France. The Allied Forces Sports Council was the governing body for military sport very briefly until 1948 when The International Military Sports Council, also known as CISM, was established. CISM's motto, "Friendship through sport", does a great job of representing CISM's main effort, to create friendly relations between members of Armed Forces of all nations. CISM seeks to build peace by giving soldiers a chance to meet on the sports field instead of the battlefield. The five founding nations Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands have built the organization to an amazing 135 country strong organization today. Annually, CISM hosts over 20 different world championships for various sports. CISM also hosts both continental and regional championships as well. In 1995 CISM began hosting a World Games comprised of over 20 sporting events held every 4 years, and in 2010 a CISM Winter World Games was also introduced.

In 2017, the 57th World Military Cross-Country Championships were held in Balatonakarattya, Hungary from 03 November to 07 November. As a young Officer Cadet, I was very fortunate to be able to qualify for the Canadian CISM Cross Country team and represent my Regiment, the Canadian Armed Forces, and Canada at this prestigious international competition. The first day of the event consisted of last minute training and an opening ceremony in which every country got to march in their flag followed by their athletes (a very cool experience). The competition was held on day two, consisting of a men's short course (4.6km), a women's short course (4.6km), and a men's long course (11.5km). I competed in the men's long course and placed 86th out of 108 competitors. Canada's men's long course team finished 14th out of 19 teams, our men's short course team finished 12th out of 16 teams, and our women's short course team finished 9th out of 13 teams. Canada's team was comprised of a very diverse set of trades from the Army, Navy and Airforce members, as well as an even share of both Officers and NCMs. It was an absolute honour competing with members from all over the CAF whom I would have otherwise never had a chance to work with. The race day closed off with a grand closing ceremony in which the individual and team champions were awarded for their impressive performances.

The day after the race, we were treated with a cultural day trip to various locations around Hungary. We visited a mall, were given a tour of an old Hungarian town, and visited a Hungarian castle. The Hungarian delegation had made the entire trip feel very professional, the entire time we spent off base we had an extensive police escort stopping traffic at every intersection to ensure our safe passage. Later in the evening we returned to the Hungarian base in Balatonakarattya for the official banquet. The banquet was a chance for athletes from different countries to mingle in a more relaxed setting and was an amazing experience to talk to athletes from militaries all over the world about their own experiences. The banquet is also well known as an exchange hub for team gear. Athletes are known to exchange various items from their team's gear, or each other's flags, pins, etc. Many friends were made that night in Balatonakarattya!



It was a bittersweet goodbye the next morning, as we all wished each other the best for the coming training year. Some athletes headed for Canada, while others stayed to enjoy Europe for a little longer. I wish all of the other athletes a healthy season, and I look forward to putting in some hard training to get me ready for next year. Here's hoping I see you all again next year in Angola!

LEVEE – 1 January 2018

HMCS Discovery was the first stop for the “BCR 2018 Levee Team” consisting of Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Past President and Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond and his wife Audrey. Former CO of HMCS Discovery, Commander Bryan Price, CWO Tom Curley, Dr. John Blatherwick, King Wan and many of our colleagues and friends provided us with the usual high caliber Navy hospitality. The wardroom was open to all ranks for Levee this year and was very well attended.



Next stop was the 15th Field RCA Officers’ Mess where the traditional shrimp curry, with rice and vegetables, was served by Mrs. Lum along with many other food options and desserts. Without a doubt, 15th Field is always a must stop on any Levee Tour! The BCR Contingent was joined by the CO of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, Major Jim Barrett.



Our last stop was a quick visit to the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Officers’ Mess and WOs’ & Sgts’ Mess. We were advised that the unit is now in actual possession of the Armouries after their “seismic upgrade” of so many years! Congratulations and welcome home!

Levee was a most enjoyable time this year on such a beautiful sunny and crisp New Year’s Day.

CO'S PARADE (STAND TO) – PRESENTATION OF BURSARIES 2017 BURSARY PROGRAM – 10 January 2018

The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, addressed the members and proceeded with the evening's program which included the Component Transfer to the Regular Force (Montreal) of Private Justus Siemens, the promotions of Officer Cadets Samuel Serviss and Richard Zheng to the rank of Second Lieutenant, the presentation of the Special Service Medal (Op Reassurance) to Captain Paul Ellis, and the long overdue presentation of the RSM Appointment Scroll to CWO Huff Mullick.



The Commanding Officer then called upon Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, to proceed with the results of the 2017 Annual Bursary Program. Colonel Hawthorne announced the names of the nine recipients and provided background information on the importance of each Bursary, as follows:

1. OCdt Samuel Jackson Serviss – The Russell Stonehouse, DFC Memorial Bursary;
2. Sgt Joe Chu – The Sergeant Pierangelo Dal Magro, CD Memorial Bursary;
3. MCpl Carlo Galang – The Lieutenant William Bicknell Memorial Bursary;
4. Cpl Keldon Edwards – The Irv Mathieson Memorial Bursary;
5. Cpl Byunghoon Kim – The Dr. P.C. Simon Memorial Bursary;
6. Cpl Kai Yuan Li – The Raymond Glover Memorial Bursary;
7. Cpl Vincent Lim – The Grace Lungley Bursary;
8. Cpl Troy Ocol – The Bill and Heather Ireland Bursary, which was presented by former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Ireland, and former Consul General of Iceland, Heather Ireland; and
9. Cpl Kevin Zhou – The Archie and Lynda Steacy Bursary, presented by former CO, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Archie Steacy and Lynda Steacy.





The Honorary Colonel and the Vice President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, then proceeded with the customary presentation of the Certificates. Each recipient also received a cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Congratulations to all and continued success in your studies!

Also in attendance was the BCR Band Governor, Honorary Colonel (39 CER) Bill Diamond.

LAUNCH OF JUNO75!

17 January 2018

By: Roddy MacKenzie



HLCol Don Foster 15th Field Artillery Regiment, BCR Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Karen Miller Juno75 Director Juno Beach Centre Association, George Chow Normandy Veteran, Norman Kirby North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment and D-Day veteran, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Mike Bechthold Executive Director Juno Beach Centre Association

Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster of Canada's 15th Field Artillery Regiment invited me to the 15th Field's Bessborough Armoury in Kitsilano today for a special event near to my heart, the Launch of JUNO75. Don's a Director of the Juno Beach Centre Association.

June 6, 2019 will be the 75th Anniversary of the greatest military amphibious invasion in history -- D-DAY 1944. I plan to accompany Don to Normandy in June 2019 for the 75th Anniversary Celebration on Juno Beach of that momentous milestone.

June 6, 1944 overflows with superlatives:

1. Historians rank June 6, 1944 at Juno Beach in Normandy as the single most important day for Canada in the 20th Century.
2. Canada's Army on June 6, 1944 was supported by:
 - (a) 110 ships and 10,000 sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy; and
 - (b) 37 of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 42 operational Squadrons, including 230 RCAF Bombers.
3. D-Day was all-out war to commence the liberation of Europe from the horrendous tyranny of Nazi Germany.
4. Canada's Army at Juno Beach included Canadian Armoured Corps, Royal Canadian Artillery and Canadian Infantry Corps.
5. Canadian Regiments to storm Juno Beach under withering German artillery fire included the Canadian Scottish [Victoria BC], the Regina Rifles [now the Royal Regina Rifles], the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada [Toronto], the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa [Machine Guns], the Stormont Dundee & Glengarry Regiment, Regiment de la Chaudiere [Levis Quebec -- founded April 9, 1869], the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment, and the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. Juno and Omaha were the two bloodiest of the five beaches on D-Day.
6. These Regiments were supported by the 7th Reconnaissance Regiment [Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars of Montreal], the 12th 13th 14th & 19th Field Artillery Regiments, the 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment, the 4th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the 6th [1st Hussars] Armoured Regiment, the 10th [Fort Garry Horse Manitoba] Armoured Regiment, the 27th [Fusiliers de Sherbrooke Quebec] Armoured Regiment, the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

On June 6, 2003 the Juno Beach Centre opened. It's located on the stretch of Juno Beach stormed by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles at the appalling cost of 90% casualties. In 2019, the Juno Beach Centre will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary.

I've visited the Juno Beach Centre. It's marvellous. Funded by donations of 60,000 Canadians but no government money, it's one of the finest facilities of its type anywhere. It's a remarkable articulation of one of Canada's greatest legacies. It's an incredible teaching tool for young Canadians. It tells about Canada before WWII, during WWII and today. While 25% of its visitors are Canadians, most of the remaining 75% are Europeans, many of whom had not visited Canada before coming to the Juno Beach Centre.

But to keep up its incredibly high standards, to bring "Canada Today" up to date, and to enrich and expand its programmes and displays while also seriously upgrading its technology to attract and hold the attention of young Canadians, the Juno Beach Centre needs a fresh infusion of several million dollars by a mass of Canadians such as ourselves.

Ten days ago, Mike Bechthold commenced work as Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre. He'd earlier worked at Sir Wilfred Laurier University. I met Mike for the first time today. I also met Karen Miller, the President of K.I.M. Fundraising Strategists in Toronto. She was introduced today as the "fundraising superstar" who did such marvellous work for last year's Vimy 100 Campaign. Mike and Karen were today's Speakers at our Bessborough Armoury gathering.

Mike told us how Garth Webb of 14th Field Artillery Regiment was so upset by the absence of a meaningful Canadian permanent presence at Juno when he took part in the 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 1994 that he made creation of the Juno Beach Centre his life's work. The result is magnificent.

I shared Garth's disappointment when I first visited Juno Beach. My son Guy MacKenzie and my daughter Mary Anne MacKenzie accompanied when me. They were pre-teens. At that time, Canada was virtually invisible at Juno. One lonely WWII tank sat in a tiny square with an explanatory plaque.

When I returned in July 2005 with my 14-year-old son Ruaridh MacKenzie, I was thrilled by the Juno Beach Centre. I think one reason it's wonderful is it was created without government money or interference. Mike told us the necessary upgrades and enrichments require upwards of five million dollars.

Then Karen Miller spoke to us. She said the upgrades to be financed by this fundraising are timely because next year's 75th will be the last major milestone at which Canada's remaining WWII veterans will be mobile enough to participate. We were blessed today with the presence of two WWII vets, George Chow and Norm Kirby. Norm landed in Normandy in June 1944 with the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment.

Karen spoke of the various endowments, projects and programs the Juno Beach Centre has and would like to have. She told us of the 10,000 Canadian students chosen each year to visit Juno Beach and five other key Canadian sites partly because of essays and contests in their schools. Eight young bilingual Canadian students are employed each year at Juno to give tours of the Centre and along the Beach itself. Now WWII bunkers are being excavated on the Beach. They will add further power to what those visiting Juno experience.

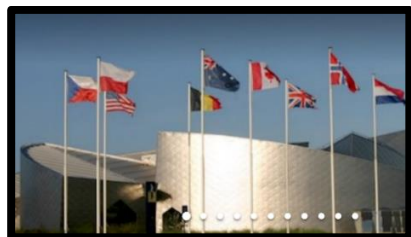
Karen told us about the Juno Beach LEGACY VIDEO "Take Care of Them" now being created. It concludes by asking our veterans what they want to be remembered for -- what they want their legacy to be. It will cost a million dollars. It will be shown continuously at the Juno Centre. In addition, technology will enable families to add their thoughts when they visit.

Karen also spoke of the Juno Beach Centre programs to teach Canadian teachers how to most effectively teach students with passion about this centrepiece of Canadian history. Three hundred Canadian teachers have been brought to Juno to be educated on site. Teaching guides have been created for use by interested teachers across Canada.

Last year I contacted Superintendent of West Vancouver Schools Chris Kennedy about this. Chris enthusiastically opened the doors of West Vancouver schools to this important project. I see so doing as being part of his ongoing quest to keep WVan Schools among the best in British Columbia, and in Canada.

And so there you have it -- the launch today of JUNO75. It's an exciting enrichment of an already remarkable facility and programs on a site of enormous importance to Canadians -- Juno Beach in Normandy. Have a look at its website: www.junobeach.org

If you have thoughts regarding how to help make JUNO75 a SMASHING SUCCESS, please let me know.





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Jan. 17, 2018

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On behalf of all of us at Sancta Maria House I wish to thank you the all the food that you donated this past Christmas. You have been instrumental in helping us manage our food and food product costs.. It has been challenging keeping Sancta Maria House afloat and our appreciation goes out to you all. Thank you for all the hard work that you have invested on our behalf. Thank you from all the ladies here who are benefiting from the good food that you provided us with and a special thank you for being part of the healing of their lives. We cannot do this without you all. We send our best wishes out to you and your families for safe, happy and healthy 2018.

Most Sincerely,
Sharon Dobin
Sharon Dobin: President.

BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION ("BCVCA") 19 January 2018



The well attended annual recognition dinner for volunteers was held at Northlands Bar & Grill in North Vancouver on Friday, 19 January 2018. President Archie Steacy acknowledged and thanked the ICBC representatives, together with members of the Board of Directors and other members who have made BCVCA and the B.C. Licence Plate Program so very successful. Archie Steacy also commended the longstanding support (from BCVCA inception to date) of Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and a Partner in HPLaw. Colonel Hawthorne was presented with a print of a Halifax Bomber in recognition of his service to BCVCA. (Editor's Note: Ted's late father Bill served with 433 Sqn, 6 Bomber Group (RCAF) during WW II and completed a tour plus in a Halifax Bomber named "Evening Ecstasy").



Secretary Sharel Fraser made a speech thanking the Steacys and Hawthornes for their many years of volunteer service for veterans and presented each of them with a Poppy coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint as a memento. All recipients were very appreciative and impressed!

It was a delightful evening featuring an excellent dinner, exquisitely prepared by Chef Shane, and the customary camaraderie.

Many Dukes were in attendance including Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Treasurer Jerry Couling (Dominique), President of the BCR Museum, Rick Hourie (Brenda), Lynda Steacy and Kelly Parkes (Linda).

BURRARD BRIDGE COMMEMORATIVE BRAZIERS – LIGHTING CEREMONY **23 January 2018**

By: Dan Thomas

Several dozen members of the greater Vancouver commemorative community braved cool and damp weather on Tuesday January 23rd, 2018 to witness the official re-lighting of the renovated Burrard Bridge electric braziers. Dignitaries included the Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, and the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson.

The commemorative braziers were installed atop pylons at the north and south ends of the Burrard Bridge in 1932 to represent the devices soldiers improvised in the trenches to keep warm during the Great War (as it was then known). The braziers' electric lighting systems had fallen out of service in recent years, however, and were renovated following a fundraising campaign that involved the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Vancouver and partner agencies.

Cam Cathcart, long-term Master of Ceremonies for the Victory Square Remembrance Day ceremony, officiated for the lighting event. Cam, who is also a great friend of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and president of RUSI Vancouver, reminded the audience that the troops we commemorate braved much worse weather and other conditions for weeks on end during the First World War.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment among the Honoraries and other dignitaries, including veterans, serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP leaders, and a Cadet flag party. In addition to Ms. Wilson-Raybould, First Nations were represented by RCAF veteran and UBC Professor *emeritus* Richard Vedan, *Secwepemc* First Nation (Shuswap); and USMC veteran Jamie Thomas, *Snuneymuxw* First

Nation (Nanaimo). Historically, a First Nations settlement had existed for many years near what is now the south end of the Burrard Bridge.



Never likely to rest on its laurels, RUSI Vancouver is now planning its biannual Strategic Studies conference for 6-7 April 2018.

Left to Right: Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA; Honorary Colonel (*retired*) Howe Lee, 39 Service Battalion; Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO); Commander (*retired*) King Wan; Richard “Dick” Dunn, Treasurer, Air Force Officers’ Association.

SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA HONORARIES – CHANGE OF APPOINTMENTS 24 January 2018

A special CO’s Parade was held at the end of the regular training evening on Wednesday, January 24th in the Seaforth Armoury, in order to recognize the new Honorary Officer Appointments for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel David McLean) and the retirement of Honorary Colonel Mike Shields. The Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, was in attendance, and participated in the recognition process by presenting the cadpat rank tab to Colonel Hoffmeister. The Parade Commander and CO of the Seaforths, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Haverstock, presented the cadpat rank tab to Colonel McLean. Brief speeches were delivered by Colonels Awalt, Haverstock, Ursich, Hoffmeister, McLean and Shields, much to the enjoyment of all those present. Colonel Awalt also presented a Brigade Commendation to Colonel Shields.



Congratulations to Honorary Colonel Hoffmeister and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel McLean on their new appointments and thank you to Colonel Shields for his many years of service as an Honorary Officer.

Those in attendance included the two BCR Honoraries, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, 39 CER and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster, 15th Field RCA.

ABOMINABLE DUKE – BCR WINTER EXERCISE 2018

By: Cpl Ronald-Serio Regala

On Friday, January 26th, 2018, the BCRs headed up the Coquihalla Summit near the Britton Creek area for their annual Winter Exercise. The Dukes were joined again with troops from the 15th Field Artillery Regiment who haven't yet participated in Winter Training.



With plenty of snow and sub-zero temperatures, Advanced Party set up Base Camp under the guidance of MWO Rochlow. The troops would arrive later that Friday evening under the command of OC Capt Brown. They quickly gathered their gear and sleds, which housed all their equipment needed to survive in a sub-zero climate, and rucked to their camp position. The troops then set up their winter tents in the silent, snow covered winter wonderland.

Saturday was full of Winter Skills Training. 2 Sections of troops had to navigate the winter oasis to Nav points previously set up by MCpl Chase, where at each point their lessons began. Under the instruction of Sgt Boxall, MCpl Flemming and MCpl Boskic, the troops learned to properly set up their winter tents, make winter fortifications, and make winter survival shelters.



On Sunday, the last lesson was a walk-through by MCpl Chase on the LOSV (Light Over Snow Vehicle, AKA the Ski-doo). Great job troops, and "Up the Dukes!"

39 CBG CONFERENCE WARDROOM, ESQUIMALT 26 – 28 January 2018

The annual Ranking Board Conference included a component on the Agenda for the Honoraries of 39 CBG. Honoraries of the Regiment, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, were in attendance and participated in the proceedings on Sunday with the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay. Topics of the program included a presentation by the CO of the Military Police Unit in Esquimalt, an update on the BC Military Gala (May 12) by HCol Bill Diamond, 39 CER, updates on Ex Cougar Rage and Ex Cougar Ready, Expansion into the Fraser Valley, Outreach, Commander's Round Table and Breakout Sessions for Honoraries. It was a most informative conference and an excellent opportunity to discuss numerous issues with the Commander, Colonel Dave Awalt and the 39 CBG staff.



39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP DINNER GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C. 27 January 2018

The 39 CBG Dinner hosted by the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour, Honorary Colonel (RMR) Judith Guichon, OBC, at Government House was a great evening enjoyed by all. In her welcoming comments, Her Honour congratulated Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond on receiving the Sovereign's Volunteer Medal and for his tireless commitment to the CAF and the community. All invited guests, being attendees to the weekend 39 CBG Conference, were treated to a gourmet buffet and dessert stations. In his address, the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel Dave Awalt, also congratulated Colonel Bill for receiving the prestigious award and for Bill's recent appointment as Chairman of The Honorary Officers' Association of British Columbia.



Many thanks once again to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Her Honour Judith Guichon, for her exceptional hospitality and support of the 39 CBG and its soldiers!



**SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS
PRESENTATION TO HONORARY COLONEL WILLIAM R. DIAMOND
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
27 January 2018**

The formal presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers awarded to Colonel Diamond by the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, took place at a private ceremony in Government House on Saturday evening with the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC, officiating. The Executive Director of Government House and the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Jeremy Brownridge, commenced the proceedings by reading the citation for this most prestigious medal awarded to Colonel Bill "in recognition of his exceptional volunteer achievements."

In attendance at the ceremony were Colonel Bill's wife Audrey, the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel Dave Awalt, and his wife Stacey and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and the Vice President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne.

Our heartiest congratulations to our very good friend and colleague Colonel Bill on receiving this much deserved recognition!

Up the Dukes!



EXERCISE RELENTLESS WARRIOR 2018

By: MCpl Palmer

On 28 and 29 of January, members of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) competed in Exercise RELENTLESS WARRIOR 2018 held at CFB Edmonton. The exercise is an annual close quarter combat skills competition that tests an individual's grappling techniques, tenacity, and warrior spirit.

This year was the first year the Dukes sent a team into the competition. Ten competitors (both male and female) in various weight classes took part, with Sergeant Leon Van Heerden as the team captain and Corporal Cody Allard as the team coach. Two of our fellow Dukes won gold in their respected categories. Private Tina Wu won the women's novice light-weight and Corporal Michael Medrano won the featherweight. Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu, MSM, CD, commander of 3rd Canadian Division presented both their gold medals, respectfully.

The regiment is very proud of the team and what they have achieved. We look forward to the competition next year and building up on the success of 2018. Congratulations to all!

Up the Dukes!



**39 SERVICE BATTALION
MESS DINNER – SHERMAN ARMOURY, RICHMOND, B.C.
3 February 2018**



The annual Officers' Mess Mixed Dining In of 39 Service Battalion was held on Saturday evening, February 3, 2018, on the drill square at Sherman Armoury.

The program for this most enjoyable evening included good food, camaraderie, brief speeches by the PMC, Major Anh Foorte, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Bobby Alolega, 39 CBG Deputy Commander Scott Raesler and an outstanding performance by The Eire Born Irish Dance Co (performers consisting of the top dancers from The De Danaan School of Irish Dance).

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and sat with good friends and colleagues Romano Acconci, Provincial Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade for British Columbia and the Yukon, King Wan, Edmund Wu, Scott Edmiston and George Chow.

Many thanks for the great hospitality!

**3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING DAY
SIKH ACADEMY, SURREY, B.C.
3 February 2018**

The Commanding Officer of the host unit, 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("3300 BCR"), Major Jim Barrett, conducted a daylong session open to CIC Officers and Senior Cadets of all BCR Cadet Corps and the 15th Field RCA Cadet Corps with a full program including presentations on professional development and self improvement (Major Barrett), time management (Captain Gordon Barrett), radio-telephone communication and CP Operation (Major Barrett), Juno75 and the Juno Beach Centre by Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster, 15 Field RCA, a splendid luncheon compliments of the Parent Sponsoring Committee of 3300 BCR (Harminder Palak, Chair, and her team), followed by an open discussion by the CO of 3300 BCR and the RSM of the Regiment, CWO Huf Mullick, always a very popular presenter! Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne attended as an observer and was most impressed with the attendance and enthusiasm of the group.

Congratulations 3300 BCR for a great Pro D Day and well done!



**59 VANCOUVER RCACS
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
4 February 2018**



The Change of Command Parade held at the Armoury of The Royal Westminster Regiment in New Westminster on Sunday, February 3rd at 1:30 pm was very well attended by the Cadets (including a Flag Party and Band), their friends and families and the community. The outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Sarra Lyford, transferred command of the unit to Major Tim Alguire, CD. Honorary Colonel of 442 Search and Rescue, Diane McCurdy, presided over the ceremony as the Reviewing Officer. The program included Marching-On of The Flag Party, the Arrival of the Presiding Officer, a General Salute and "O Canada", an Inspection of the Cadets by the Reviewing Party (which included Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne), the Passing of the Squadron

Banner, Signing of Certificates, addresses by Colonel McCurdy, the Outgoing and Incoming Commanding Officers and the Parent Sponsoring Committee Chair, an Advance in Review Order, a General Salute and "God Save the Queen", the Departure of the Presiding Officer and the Marching-Off of the Flag Party. At the completion of the formalities of the Change of Command, a very enjoyable reception followed hosted by the Sponsoring Committee.

Congratulations 59 Vancouver RCACS on an excellent parade!

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE – 8 February 2018

It was a festive evening for all those present at the regular parade night of 2290 BCR on Thursday, February 8th, 2018. The Reviewing Officer/Presiding Officer was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. The evening's program included a General Salute to the RO, an Inspection by the RO and the Reviewing Party, a March Past led by the outgoing C/RSM, C/CWO Emily Yan, an Awards and Promotions segment, the ceremonial passing of the RSM's Pace Stick and the transfer of the RSM's Regimental Crossbelt from C/RSM Yan to incoming C/RSM, C/MWO Jack Jia-Jie Chen. Colonel Hawthorne congratulated the Cadet Corps on their great turnout (including Colour Party and small Band with Piper) and the outgoing and incoming RSMs for their service and commitment to 2290 BCR. In concluding his address, the Honorary Colonel presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to CWO Yan. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was also part of the evening's full program. Both the outgoing and incoming RSMs very ably addressed the unit, parents and many guests. The parade concluded with the March Past led by the incoming RSM, MWO Chen and the traditional Advance in Review Order.

Following the parade, all Cadets and guests enjoyed "Pizza Night" and cake compliments of the Regimental Association, represented by VP Gayle Hawthorne (also Secretary of the Parent Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR).

Congratulations 2290 BCR for a most enjoyable evening!



REGIMENTAL WHISK(E)Y TASTING – 10 February 2018

By: Maj Adam McLeod, PMC *pro tempore* of the Officers' Mess**

No matter how you spell it, it tastes delicious. This year our increasingly popular Regimental Whiskey was a huge success. Selling out in only eight days, the mess had to make a second trip out to the BCL to buy twice as much whiskey as originally planned to supply the hundred or so people who came out to support this lively event.

Hosted by the Officers' and Sgts' & WOs' Messes, our MC was Sgt Ryan Crawford from 39 CBG HQ, who did an amazing job of introducing the five premium whiskies that evening. We would also like to thank Sgt Crawford's chain of command for making sure his flights got him back from a tasking in Quebec in time for the event! The featured whiskies were:

1. Glenfiddich - 21 Year Old Gran Rum Cask Finish
2. Glenfarclas - 17 Year Old
3. Lagavulin - 16 Year Old
4. Macallan Fine Oak - 15 Year Old
5. Kirkland Signature - 16 Year Old

This year also saw the Regiment's former Ops WO, WO (Ret'd) Marvin MacNeill signing copies of his recently published book "**They called us...The New Evil, Memories from Afghanistan 2006-2008**". A fantastic read, we strongly recommend it to anyone interested!

Attendees included HCol Ted Hawthorne, HLCol Scott Shepherd, our CO, LCol Paul Lindsay, former CO's: LCol Evans, LCol Bruce Kadonoff, LCol(Ret'd) Dave Sproule, Cdr Bryan Price, LCol Ed Haverstock, CO of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, LCol Dave Whittier, currently shaping young minds on AOC, and Capt Mike Palmer, CO 513 Hornet Sqn, RCACC, the many friends and members of the Regiment, and last but not least, future PMC Greg McCullough.

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Officers' Mess annual St Julien dinner on April 7th!

** The PMC is to be replaced by our friend and college, Maj Greg "I'd rather go to South Sudan and Afghanistan than be PMC" McCullough.



FURTIVE DUKE

By: MCpl Borislav Boskic

On the 16th to 18th of February The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) conducted dismounted patrol training in Chilliwack, BC.

The regiment deployed to the field on Friday night and upon arrival went straight into the forward operating base (FOB) and received orders. After receiving orders, the troops prepped their personal kit, received ammunition, their rations, and filled their water canteens. Four patrols went out to set up observation posts (OP) to locate the enemy activity and report it to higher command. At 0300 hours on Saturday, the four patrols returned back to the FOB where they regrouped and quickly got some sleep while the section commands were conducting battle procedure in order to prepare for the next patrol.

Before dawn the troops were given their orders where they were to conduct a route recce of a main supply route (MSR). Working in four man patrols, the task for Recce Squadron was to screen the enemy and hand over for destruction. Being a recce patrol, the main object for the patrols was not to go fight the enemy but to merely provoke him to reveal his position so that the follow on forces can destroy his position. The enemy's task was to find the patrols and engage them as it would offer a training purpose to test the newer troops how to react to positive enemy fire. With the training scenario being behind enemy lines the troops were being extra cognizant in where they were going. On Saturday afternoon the commander for 39 Brigade came out to see how the regiment was performing in the field. The troops were very professional in their tasks even with the brigade commander observing. Moving into Saturday night, recce squadron conducted more patrols until early Sunday morning.

The squadron was allowed to catch up on some much needed rest as the drivers needed to get back to the regiment. After reveille, recce squadron was tasked with defending the FOB from attack. The squadron repelled the enemy's attack and fled into the tree line. After conducting an after action review, the squadron reorganized and returned back to the armoury where they were later dismissed for the evening.

Up the Dukes!



THE 45TH VANCOUVER CHINATOWN SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE YEAR OF THE DOG 18 February 2018



The Chinese New Year Parade took place in Vancouver's Chinatown under sunny skies with at least 100,000 spectators attending. The annual signature event featured lion dances, cultural dance troupes, marching bands, martial arts performances, and a strong military showing of cadets (including an impressive contingent of Cadets from 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC with the CO, Major Lee Taylor and CIC Officers), a striking vehicle display from 39 Service Battalion led by our good friends Majors Anh Foorte and Gary Law and various Veterans Groups. The 1.3 km parade route

started at the Millennium Gate on Pender Street, proceeding along Pender turning south onto Gore Street, turning west on Keefer Street and ending at Keefer and Abbott.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne joined the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Judith Guichon, the Minister of Justice, The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Rear Admiral Art McDonald, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific and Honorary Captain (N) Tung Chan at the reviewing stand.

At the conclusion of the parade, Colonel Hawthorne attended the luncheon at the Floata Seafood Restaurant and dined with Admiral McDonald and Captain (N) Chan and shared a table with Janet Routledge, MLA for Burnaby North and others.

The event, as billed, was truly a "cultural extravaganza not to be missed"!



WARRANT OFFICERS' & SERGEANTS' MESS PAARDEBERG DINNER 24 February 2018

The annual Paardeberg Dinner hosted by the WOs' & Sgts' Mess commemorating the 118th anniversary of the Battle of Paardeberg in South Africa was held on the drill square on Saturday evening, February 24th. The Head Table, consisting of the V/PMC Sgt Leon van Heerden, A/RSM MWO Tony Harris, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and Recce Sqn SSM, WO Craig Harris, was piped in by Pipe Major Matthew Dolan of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. The BCR Brass & Reed Band, led by Bdr Brian Smith, provided the entertainment throughout the dinner and both bands presented special performances throughout the course of the evening. Colonel Hawthorne provided a special introduction to the BCR Brass & Reed Band who provided a special medley of traditional South African folk songs made popular during the War in South Africa. Congratulations to our two BCR Bands for their excellent work to make the evening so very special.

Worthy of note was the visit of Jack Bowen, special guest of the Honorary Colonel. Jack is the President of the Regimental Association of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and former RSM of that unit. After the dinner, the Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, Colonel Hawthorne, Regimental Association President Bob Remple and Jack Bowen complimented the Brass & Reed Band for their support of the Regiment. In the mess, a great time was enjoyed by all especially when Jack bought a round for the BCR!



JOHN CHIPMAN "CHIP" KERR, VC 49 BATTALION C.E.F. PLAQUE DEDICATION 25 February 2018

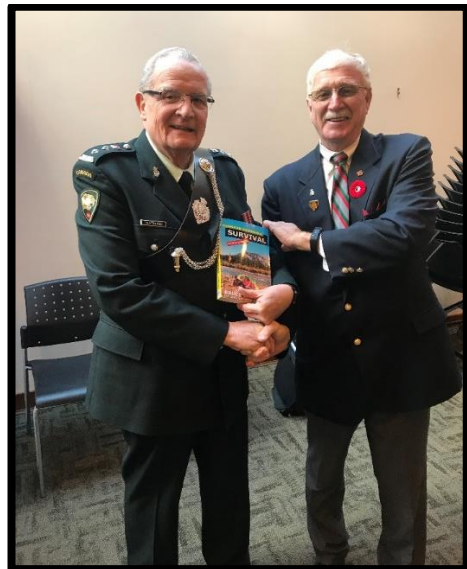
As part of Heritage Week Celebrations, the City of Port Moody dedicated a plaque at the family home of Chip Kerr, VC situate at 2224 Clarke Street in Port Moody. The ceremony was held on a clear and cold Sunday afternoon with over 35 people in attendance.

The program included a greeting by City Councillor and Chairman of the Port Moody Heritage Commission, Hunter Madsen, the MC, the unveiling of the plaque by the Kerr Family, the reading of the plaque by the MC, a brief statement by the Kerr Family (Tracy Kerr, Amber Miller and Nolah Malley), the reading of a letter of the Minister of Veterans' Affairs by the MC, the presentation and reading of a letter from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum Foundation to the Heritage Commission by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, an historical brief of Chip Kerr, VC, by the President of the LER Regimental Association, Jack Bowen, the recitation of the Act of Remembrance by Jack Bowen, the playing of The Last Post by Bugle Major Chris Ahern, of the BCR Brass & Reed Band, a Minute of Silence, Rouse and the closing comments of the MC with an open invitation to the Reception at the Kyle Centre.

At the Reception, display tables of memorabilia of Chip Kerr, VC and the 49 Bn CEF were provided by the Kerr Family, Jack Bowen and Guy Black. Light snacks and coffee were served. Presentations were made to Councillor Hunter Madsen and to Colonel Hawthorne by Jack Bowen. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Regimental Honorary Colonel Coin to Jack Bowen to mark his visit to the Drill Hall, the Paardeberg Dinner as a special guest of the Honorary Colonel and the Chip Kerr, VC Dedication.

Congratulations to the City of Port Moody, the Heritage Commission, Councillor Hunter Madsen, Kaitlin Kazmierowski, Planner and Guy Black for their great work in commemorating the service of Chip Kerr, VC. Also, a special thank you to the BCR Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), who was accompanied by his wife Audrey, Bugle Major Chris Ahern and Jack Bowen for their superb support.





THE VANCOUVER VANGUARD



HMCS VANCOUVER - *Training in the Pacific*

February 2018

In January and early February, HMCS Vancouver and her crew were tested over a three week period to enhance our readiness for operations. This Intermediate Multi-ship Readiness Training (IMSRT) involved embarking a large team of evaluators and mentors from Sea Training (Pacific), a unit dedicated to ensuring that fleet units are well prepared for the conduct of future naval operations at sea.



Immediately upon departing the jetty in Esquimalt Harbour, HMCS Vancouver was examined for battle readiness! Everything from response to emergencies (including fires, battle damage, flooding, casualties, hazardous material spills, etc.), helicopter operations and complex warfare scenarios were thrown at HMCS Vancouver's command team and crew. The warfare training itself was varied and exciting. On many occasions, the ship's company, in consort with HMCS Regina, conducted multi-threat live-fire exercises. We employed .50 caliber heavy machine guns, the 57mm main gun, the close-in weapons system (CIWS), as well as simulated torpedo and harpoon missile firing—often while manoeuvring at high speeds! Many hours were dedicated to these varied training exercises and challenging scenarios. Few hours were spent sleeping, but the benefits of the last few weeks will last for much longer.

The team responded positively to the test and emerged as a more robust unit. Following IMSRT,



HMCS Vancouver, in consort with HMCS Regina, as well as several United States ships and submarines, participated in the United States Navy's Submarine Commander Course (SCC), north of Hawaii. This task represented not only an opportunity for the ship to build strong ties to our American allies, but also gave us the chance to become experts in hunting underwater threats. SCC is considered to be the best possible training for a warship to improve anti-submarine warfare (ASW) skills. HMCS Vancouver learned a great deal about ASW during SCC in order to better tackle future operations at sea, and has enjoyed working with our allied partners. Everyone on board is now ready and eager for our upcoming deployment this summer: Operation PROJECTION.



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3300 BCR (BHAI KANHAIYA) RCACC PIZZA NIGHT – 1 March 2018

The Regimental Association sponsored a “Pizza Night” at the conclusion of training on the regular parade night of Thursday, 1 March 2018 at the Sikh Academy on 160th Street in Surrey. Special guests for the evening included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Cathy Bach, the new President of The Army Cadet League of Canada-BC Branch, Regimental Association President Bob Remple, Director-at-Large Roger Prouse and Honours and Awards Executive Louise Prouse. The Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR, Major Jim Barrett, welcomed all guests and thanked the Regimental Association for their support. Special thanks to the Parent Sponsoring Committee Chair, Harm Palak, and her team, for their great work.

Congratulations and thank you to 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC for their hospitality!



THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ANNUAL MESS DINNER – 3 March 2018

The annual mess dinner, hosted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel David Vernon, Honorary Colonel Karen Baker-MacGrotty and the Officers’ Mess, was held on the drill square at The Armoury in New Westminster on the evening of March 3rd. Head table guests included the Honorary Colonel of The Rocky Mountain Rangers, Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of B.C., Senator Yonah Martin, Colonels Baker-MacGrotty and Vernon, Commander 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, Brigade CWO Sean Parker and His Honour Judge William Rodgers. Her Honour provided a Vice Regal Greeting which was enjoyed by all. The guest speaker for the evening was Senator Martin who delivered an inspirational address and thanked her hosts for their service. The dinner, service, music (by the R Westmr R Band) and hospitality were all of a very high caliber.

Members of the Regimental Family attending were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, BCR Band Governor Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Kadonoff, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans and Major (R) Ken Whitney. Other Honoraries of 39 CBG attending were Honorary Lieutenant Colonels John Ducker (5 Field) and Don Foster (15 Field). Our good friend retired Commander King Wan was also in attendance as Honorary Aide-de-Camp to Her Honour. Great to see once again our special friend, Veterans’ Advocate Mark Campbell of Equitas Disabled Soldiers Funding Society.

A most enjoyable evening indeed!



**MERIT REVIEW BOARD
2381 BCR (DCO) (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC
COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY
6 March 2018 – 1900 Hours**

The Merit Review Board (the “MRB”) for 2381 BCR (DCO) (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC (“2381 BCR”) held their annual proceedings with a full board in attendance. The MRB consisted of the CO of 2381 BCR, Major Lee Taylor, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Captain Ron Kwan, as Moderator, Lt. Lu, Observer, C/RSM C/CWO Melissa Huen, Roger Prouse, Regimental Association Director and Army Cadet League Director, Louise Prouse, Army Cadet League Honours & Awards Executive and Jonathan Ho, Army Cadet League Zone Representative. The MRB interviewed ten senior cadets during the course of the evening for appointments to Troop WO, CSM, HQMS, SSM and RSM positions for the period 2018 – 2019. Congratulations to all cadets for their excellent showing before the MRB. Very well done indeed!



TACTICAL ARMoured PATROL VEHICLE (“TAPV”)

By: Sgt Cobb

During February and March 2018, the Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) hosted the 6 Reserve Armoured Reconnaissance Regiments (BCR, BCD, SALH, KOCR, SASK D and FGH) to qualify drivers and gunners on the new TAPV (Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle).

The BCR participants on the driver’s course were MCpl Sloan and MCpl Law while the gunners were Sgt Cobb, Sgt Langone and MCpl Reymers.

The driver course consisted of introduction to the characteristics of the vehicle, exterior and interior components, the use of the many integrated information systems and vehicle operation. Since this vehicle is fairly new, driver maintenance is currently quite limited.



Meanwhile, the gunners were introduced to the DRWS (Dual Remote Weapons System) on the TAPV. This utilises the C16 40mm GMG (Grenade Machine Gun) and the C6 7.62mm Coax. For many members on course, the C16 is a new platform that can be utilised in a mounted or dismounted role.

The TAPV DRWS systems uses a control panel and joystick for both the gunner and crew commander. This new system includes many features such as stabilization for firing on the move, a Laser Range Finder for accurate target distances and a ballistic computer to ensure the weapons are utilised effectively.

While the driver course ran in Edmonton for 3 weeks, the gunner course conducted training and testing on the platform and simulators for 2 weeks in Edmonton and concluded with a one week gun camp at Range 16 at 3 CDTC Wainwright. The two gunner course serials (approx. 60 pers) fired 96 40 mm GMG Chalk Rounds and 770 7.62 mm Coax rounds. The gunners engaged multiple targets while the vehicle was stationary and during “Battle Runs”.

In appreciation for the Strathcona’s support to the BCR, the 5 course members were able to present a framed mini-guidon to the Strathcona RSM, CWO Clarke.

In the near future, Reserve crewman will be trained as TAPV gunners and drivers to fully integrate with their Regular Force counterparts. Recently, those members that wish to go on the ACC (Armoured Crew



Commander) or ARTL (Armoured Reconnaissance Troop Leader) courses will need to be a qualified TAPV gunner as the Armoured Corps is quickly implementing this new platform for both Regular and Reserve Force Regiments.



2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CO'S PARADE 15 March 2018

The CO's Parade for the month of March was held immediately following the Parent Sponsoring Committee ("PSC") Executive Meeting on Thursday evening, 15 March 2018. The highlight of the evening was a special presentation of a poster size framed photograph of Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan receiving the Sovereign's Volunteer Medal from Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC. Agnes, a 97 year-old WWII Veteran and long-time supporter of the Cadet Corps, was suitably surprised and pleased with the presentation and congratulatory comments by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the resounding "Three Cheers" led by the C/RSM, C/CWO Jack Jia-Jie Chen. As it was also the CO's birthday, the entire Cadet Corps sang Happy Birthday to Captain Tony Liem. The unit was well turned out, complete with a strong "Pipes & Drums" contingent.

The Regimental Association was represented by Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, also a member of the PSC.

Birthday Cake and pizza were served to the cadets at the brief reception held after the parade.

A memorable evening enjoyed by all. Congratulations 2290 BCR!



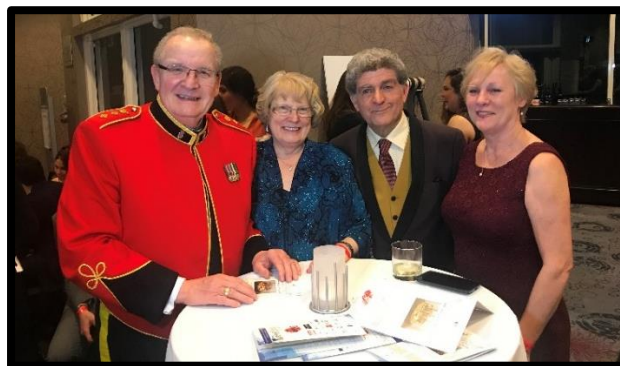


THE 13TH ANNUAL NOROUZ GALA PINNACLE HOTEL, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. – 17 March 2018

By: Farid Rohani

On the 17th of March, The Canadian Iranian Foundation held its annual Nowruz gala to which the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and his wife Gayle, the Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, and his wife Audrey, and Major Vincent Virk, and his wife Noor, were in attendance.

The Persian, Kurdish, Afghan and Turkish community representatives were in attendance and truly enjoyed the visible CAF attendance at the festivity and many were delighted to take pictures with the BCR members that were in attendance. It was a great outreach to dispel fears of the military and leave a good impression of the inclusive nature of the Canadian military. Colonel Hawthorne spoke a few words welcoming the guests and wishing all present a happy New Nowruz.



Nowruz is an ancient festival, marking the arrival of Spring and is celebrated in many parts of the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, the Balkans, and East Africa. Its origin dates back at least 5,000 years, and it was adopted by the Persian kings for their ancient empire and is based on the passage of seasons, and Nowruz – which means “New Day” in Persian – is a celebration of rebirth and renewal, of the end of winter and the flowering of the Earth that heralds the arrival of better seasons, crops and flowers.

Nowruz predates Islam and Christianity. In 2009, UNESCO inscribed Nowruz on its list of unique Intangible Cultural Heritage, recognizing the importance of preserving the social practices, rituals, and festive events.

Nowruz celebrations cross borders, cultures and religions. More than 300 million people around the world observe Nowruz, it happens “almost everywhere that Persianate culture—much broader than the modern country of Iran—has touched”. From India, to Turkey, to Tanzania, Kenya and the Balkans.

The Prime Minister of Canada Nowruz Greetings <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G45437saowU/>

For a better explanation and historical roots of Nowruz visit the following site which also includes some great videos of the celebrations. <https://ajammc.com/2018/03/21/how-nowruz-is-celebrated-around-the-world/>

Editor’s Note: Farid Rohani and his wife Nika joined the serving members and their spouses for dinner and all enjoyed a most enjoyable evening with extraordinary hospitality.

PHOTO GALLERY ON NORTH SHORE NEWS NOROUZ GALA

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B.C. Regiment Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne,
North Vancouver-Lonsdale MLA Bowinn Ma,
Major Vincent Virk and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond
Photo Lisa King, North Shore News

The Canadian Iranian Foundation hosted its 13th Annual Norouz Gala March 17 at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier in North Vancouver. Norouz, which means new day and occurs annually at the beginning of spring, is a time of coming together to celebrate the Iranian New Year. The gala featured live music, a buffet dinner, raffle, silent auction and a performance by traditional Iranian dancers. The event raised \$30,000, which will benefit the Canadian Iranian Foundation’s post-secondary scholarship fund. The foundation aims to help newly arrived immigrants of all backgrounds successfully transition into life in Canada by offering help in a variety of areas including financial aid for students, as well as information on education, geography, banking, health care, socializing and social integration.

canadianiranianfoundation.com

WEARING OF THE GREEN

18 March 2018

By: Sandra Young

The St. Patrick's Day "Wearing of the Green" party was held on March 18, 2018 at the BCR Drill Hall. It was a day you could test your luck. Guests included, H/Col Ted Hawthorne, Gayle Hawthorne (BCR Association VP), H/Col Bill Diamond, also attended by President Emeritus Archie Steacy & Lynda Steacy, Agnes Keegan and many more. It was a fun afternoon filled with good company, old friends and meeting new and then there were prizes to be won. H/Col Ted Hawthorne presented Roger Prouse with the Honorary Colonel Commendation for recognition of his services as Cadet Governor and Neil Bliss, Chairman, was presented with cheques from Colonel Hawthorne, on behalf of the BCR Trust and Gayle Hawthorne, on behalf of the Regimental Association, to help support the BCR Brass & Reed Band new uniform initiative. Lunch was Irish Stew



(Sandra & Graydon Young), Salad (Lynda Steacy), buns and for dessert Ellen's Trifle, Gayle's cupcakes & Louise's cake. The best "Wearing of the Green" costume winner by most votes was Gayle Hawthorne. Congratulations! There were many other winners from the other prizes. Roger Prouse (Whitecaps tickets), Ernie Truant (Scratch Tree), Dan Mackenzie 50/50 and more. A very big thank you goes out to Rosalie Macdonald & Scott Wood from the BCR Association Irish Pipes & Drums Band for playing their pipes. Agnes Keegan and others were giving it there all. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this together and thank you to the guests. Hope to see you next time. Up the Dukes!



GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA ADDRESSES CANADIAN CLUB OF VANCOUVER

By Major (retired) Dan Thomas, CD

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, was the keynote speaker to the Canadian Club of Vancouver at the Terminal City Club on Thursday March 22nd, 2018. The occasion was the Canadian Club's 21st Annual Luncheon to honour Order of Canada and Order of British Columbia recipients.



Photo by Sheldon Coxford Photography

The Governor General's presentation referred extensively to her experiences as an astronaut and included many photographs she has taken of Canada and around the globe. "When one flies above the planet, there is no choice but to gain perspective," she said. Her fond association with British Columbia goes back many years, as she pointed out that she had skied Whistler Blackcomb even "when there was no chair on Seventh Heaven."

The Governor General also showed a group photograph of herself and the Ship's Company of *HMCS Regina*, taken while under way the previous day. She referred to the sailors as "ambassadors" - a role they take very seriously when representing Canada around the world.

In the audience, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, and Major (retired) Dan Thomas shared a table with Inuit artist and elder Abraham Anghik Ruben, O.C. Abraham's company was a great bonus to us, as he shared his knowledge of Indigenous Canadian history from the Arctic to the West Coast, where he now lives. (His art and publications can be viewed at his website [http://www.abrahamruben.com/.](http://www.abrahamruben.com/))



The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, has also been the keynote speaker to the Canadian Club of Vancouver, which offers an interesting guest speaker program and is open to membership at reasonable cost. For more information, visit www.canadianclubvancouver.com.

THE VIMY DAY COMMEMORATION MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, VANCOUVER SUNDAY, 8 APRIL 2018

The 101st Anniversary of the successful assault on Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Corps was observed by 350 to 400 Cadets from Lower Mainland units including many BCR Cadets, CIC Officers, Volunteers, families and friends of the many cadets in attendance to honour and remember the Fallen at Vancouver's Mountain View Cemetery. The cadets were supported and led by the Vancouver Flag Party and the Cadet Band under the command of Major (R) Ken Whitney. Her Honour Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, was the Guest of Honour and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ursich, represented 39 CBG. Also attending were the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster of 15 Field, RCA, Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Director-at-Large (Cadets), Roger Prouse, together with representation from the Army Cadet League of Canada-BC Branch, President Cathy Bach, and Honours & Awards Executive Louise Prouse.

On arrival at the Cenotaph and the main grave site, each cadet fell out and took a post in front of a veteran's headstone. Key appointments were the MC for the service, Cam Cathcart, the Parade Marshal,



MWO Steve Kern and the Vimy Parade Officer-in-Charge, Major Jim Barrett. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne placed the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. The Last Post and Rouse were played by BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern.

Following an excellent parade and service, all of the cadets and Her Honour adjourned to the Celebration Hall where all attendees were served lunch (2290 BCR's famous vegetarian chili prepared by the Prouses and cooked by our friends at Belkin House) by Louise Prouse, Linda Whitney, Lisa Wroblewski, Bill Chen, and Nyal and Thea Wilcox. The Salvation Army WW II "Snack Truck" was strategically located at the entrance to the hall.

Our many thanks and congratulations to all who attended and supported this event.





LAST POST FUND PROJECT MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, VANCOUVER, BC

By: Romano Acconci, Member – LPF (BC Branch)

Established in 1909, the Last Post Fund (LPF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a military gravestone, due to insufficient funds at time of death. The primary mandate of the LPF is to deliver the Funeral and Burial (F&B) Program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). The LPF is supported financially by VAC and by private donations.

The Mountain View Cemetery (MVC) project is a joint endeavour by the LPF (BC Branch) and the City of Vancouver – who own this historic municipal cemetery. The purpose was to highlight the Veterans sections of the cemetery and to provide high quality standard grave markers for the some 800 unmarked Veterans' graves.



The complete scope of the project is for three sets of plinths at the three designated fields of honour at MVC. The first set installed in February 2018 at Abray South is designed as a two-piece gateway for a future pedestrian area. The new monuments contain interpretive signage in English and French to tell the story of LPF's origins and mandate in Canada. Two additional pairs of monuments with different stories will be installed at the two remaining fields of honour.

Howardeena Kembel McGrory, a retired LPF staff member in BC, began work in May 2017 on a VAC project to research 800+ Veterans resting in unmarked graves. She is currently confirming the correct information of the deceased veterans with files in Ottawa and ordering the grave markers on behalf of LPF. There are now approximately 150 newly marked graves completed.

At the conclusion of the Vimy commemoration ceremonies at MCV on 9 April, the Lt Gov of BC was given a brief tour of about ten minutes duration through the Abray South Veterans section to view the LPF memorial plinths and the newly placed Veterans grave markers. Our LPF representative that day, Mr. Herman Ho MB, gave her an overview of the LPF 'scope of project' within the MVC fields of honour and the VAC grave-marking project. Her Honour remarked that the work LPF currently undertakes to commemorate the deceased Veterans is important to all of us and will help to ensure we do not forget the sacrifices veterans give to the service of Canada to gain the freedoms we enjoy and cherish today. She encouraged LPF to keep up this important work.

The Lt Gov of BC is a Patron of the LPF (BC Branch). HCol Ted and Gayle Hawthorne were part of Her Honour's party for the LPF tour.

**THE REGIMENT REMEMBERING THE HUMBOLDT BRONCOS!
12 April 2018**



Remembering the tragic loss of the players and staff of the Humboldt Broncos.
We will remember them!



**DEPARTURE WITH DIGNITY
MAJOR (RETIRED) JOHN PERRY, CD
THE DRILL HALL
14 April 2018**



The DWD reception for John Perry was very well attended by BCRs and 39 Signal Regiment members and featured a number of speeches (including LCol Paul Ursich representing 39 CBG) complete with anecdotal reminiscences of John's many years of service in the military. Presentations to John included acknowledgments by the Prime Minister and the Premier of British Columbia presented by 39 Signal Regiment Commanding Officer, LCol Kent Wickens, a Canadian Flag (recently flown over the Legislative Assembly in Victoria and the Drill Hall) presented by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Paul Lindsay, and an Honorary Colonel Commendation and Regimental Coin presented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

It was a memorable evening for us all and particularly so for John's very proud wife Sherri Ann Perry and daughter Camryn.



**THE METRO VANCOUVER TRANSIT POLICE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
THE JUSTICE INSTITUTE OF B.C.
17 April 2018**

The Annual Awards Ceremony for The Metro Vancouver Transit Police was held in the 200-seat theatre of the Justice Institute of British Columbia on McBride Boulevard in New Westminster. The well attended late afternoon ceremony commenced with the Flag Party being piped into the theatre, followed by an invocation by the Padre, a few brief speeches, and the presentation of numerous awards for long service, commendations (Unit, Deputy Chief and Chief), certificates of appreciation and Community Bravery Awards.



Joe Ng, a Civilian Volunteer, and Lt Roger Wong, a CIC Officer, both with 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, were presented with Community Bravery Commendations by the Chief of The Metro Vancouver Transit Police, Doug LePard.

Also, in attendance were the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and the Vice President of the Regimental Association and Secretary of the Parent Sponsoring Committee of 2290 BCR, Gayle Hawthorne.



A reception with light snacks followed the memorable ceremony.

Congratulations Joe and Roger! The entire Regimental Family is proud of you.

Up the Dukes!

MAJOR JOHN (JACK) DAVID DRAKE, CD

1943 – 2016



I was contacted by Jack's sister Judy who wished to make a donation to the Regimental Association's Charitable Trust in memory of her brother. Since Jack was an ardent competitive shooter, over his military career, I volunteered to design and construct a suitable trophy in his memory.

The trophy is a maple leaf mounted on a triple layer walnut base, a Regimental cap badge, a shooter image and two naming plaques. The trophy will be given to 39 Brigade for presentation to the "TYRO – PISTOL" competitor of British Columbia's military age old "Blair Trophy Shoot". Jack's wife, Patricia, has expressed a desire to present Jack's trophy at the 2018 Blair Shoot.

Sasha Ward, Jack's daughter, sent this message: "My aunt Judy sent me photos of the beautiful shooting trophy you made in memory of my Dad, and I wanted to thank you. My Mom and I think it's wonderful - we both cried of course. I am very touched that this will be part of Dad's legacy."

John Drake was “Jack” to his friends and “JD” to his many comrades in the Army. His military career started as a Cadet with the 2290 British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, in the mid 1950’s. In 1957, he enlisted in The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own) (13 Canadian Armoured Regiment), Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Jack was a Veteran, truly a soldier’s soldier, a loyal and dedicated “Duke” serving his “Regiment”, 24 Militia Group and 39 Brigade Headquarters, for his entire military career, 32 years, 1957 to 1989. After retirement, Major Drake was appointed a member of the Regimental Commanding Officers Committee.

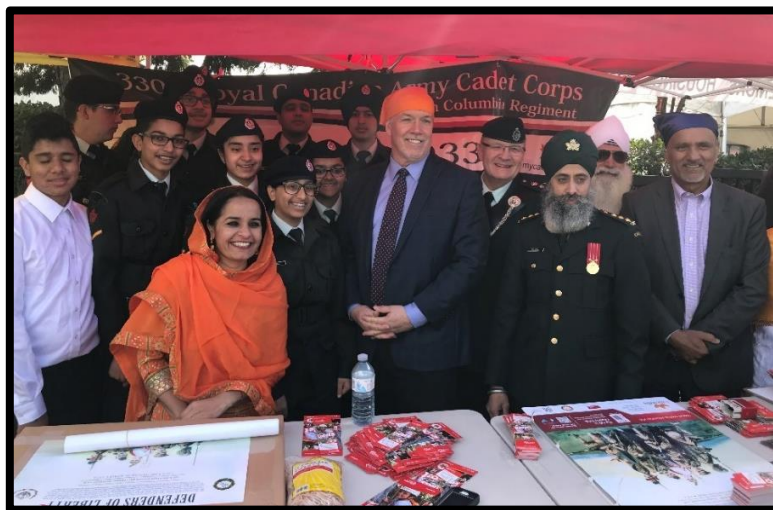
All of us who were privileged to call him a **friend**, regard our relationship with JD as a very special gift. We were all better for knowing him and will miss him some part of every day. “We will remember him!”

Archie M. Steacy, CD
President Emeritus
The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Association

VAISAKHI CELEBRATIONS 2018 SURREY PARADE – 21 APRIL 2018

3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC was well represented at the 20th Annual Vaisakhi Day festivities in Surrey. The Cadets manned a recruiting booth and circulated Army Cadet brochures and distributed posters for the upcoming exhibit and presentation of “Duty, Honour & Izzat – The Call to Flanders Fields, a Legacy of Honour: Canada and the British Indian Army in the First World War” by Stephen Purewal of Indus Media Foundation. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne visited the Cadets and brought along our very good friend Tochi Sandhu, a strong supporter of the Regimental Family. While visiting the Cadets, Colonel Hawthorne invited the Premier of the Province, the Honourable John Horgan, to join in with the Cadets, which he was most pleased to do. A special thank you to the Cadets, Captain Karm Nagra and Parent Sponsoring Committee Chair, Harm Palak, for their strong support.

Tochi returned to the Envision Financial booth to join his colleagues who were supporting the local food bank. Tochi introduced Colonel Hawthorne to his many colleagues.





It was a beautiful sunny day with crowds of over 400,000 with everyone in a very festive mood.

Happy Vaisakhi!

**DUTY, HONOUR & IZZAT - THE CALL TO FLANDERS FIELDS,
A LEGACY OF HONOUR: CANADA AND THE BRITISH INDIAN ARMY
IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR
SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT SINGH SABHA GURDWARA, SURREY, B.C.
BY STEPHEN PUREWAL OF INDUS MEDIA FOUNDATION
22 APRIL 2018**



A good number of Cadets from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC attended the special exhibit and lecture of **Duty, Honour & Izzat**, presented by Stephen Purewal of Indus Media Foundation in partnership with Simon Fraser University. The exhibit showcases the crucial role played by the 3rd (Lahore/Punjab) Division of the British Indian Army in World War 1. Captain Karm Nagra thanked Stephen Purewal for the most enjoyable presentation. In conclusion, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presented his Regimental Coin to Stephen and thanked him on behalf of the Regiment.



**FAREWELL RECEPTION
THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON, OBC
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE – 23 APRIL 2018**



Although Her Honour does not enjoy “good-byes”, the Farewell Reception was an excellent venue to thank all of her staff, including, drivers, catering personnel, inside and outside maintenance staff, the Aides-de Camp and Private Secretary. Her Honour was generous in her praise of all staff and thanked everyone for their support. The formal part of the reception was concluded with the unveiling of an official portrait of the 29th Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Her Honour Judith Guichon. The remainder of the evening left ample time to visit and socialize.

Members of the Regimental Family, there to enjoy the memorable occasion on such a beautiful spring evening, were the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Vice President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, Regimental Association Charitable Trust member Don Bentley and his wife Sylvie.

Congratulations Your Honour and thank you for your extraordinary service and dedication as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia for almost six years!



2008 BATTLEFIELD TOUR

This beautiful scrapbook, created by Gayle Hawthorne, recording in full detail the 2008 Battlefield Tour, has resurfaced! The scrapbook will soon be available for viewing on the Regimental Association part of the website.

THE VANCOUVER VANGUARD

HMCS VANCOUVER - OP PROJECTION Begins!



April 2018

HMCS Vancouver has deployed for OP PROJECTION! Having completed pre-deployment training over the last three months, as well as a thorough maintenance regimen throughout most of March, the ship and her crew are now embarked on the key-stone operational deployment for the Royal Canadian Navy in the Indo-Asia-Pacific theatre. The ship set sail from Esquimalt Harbour on the 3rd of April, and it has already accomplished its first leg of the nearly five month



long voyage. HMCS Vancouver conducted a first stop in Hawaii, visiting Pearl Harbor, which hosts one of the United States' largest naval bases, and then anchoring off the town of Lahaina, on the beautiful island of Maui.

This pause allowed HMCS Vancouver to resupply and rest prior to sailing further. At the time of this writing, the ship and her crew are steaming ahead with approximately 1600 nautical miles to go before arriving at the island of Guam, which will serve as another sustainment stop prior to carrying on with operations. This deployment's objectives include diplomatic engagement between Canada and our allies abroad to

strengthen Canada's international bonds and showcase Canadian values, all the while displaying our naval capabilities and training with other naval forces.



Following our port visit to Guam, HMCS Vancouver will proceed towards Hong Kong. The port visit to Hong Kong will be our first major international diplomatic engagement during OP PROJECTION; the ship's company will host and participate in various activities with Canadian and Chinese academic, military, and political representatives while alongside.

As we head further west to the far east, HMCS Vancouver is well-rested, eager, and ready for the remainder of our operational deployment.



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DUKE'S DEN

Looking good "Duke"... nice rack!



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The Museum Society is looking for an Archivist and for members who are interested in weapons, uniforms, medals and badges. Please contact Rick or Bob.

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Kit Shop is now online:

<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/army-kit-shops.html?cat=1262>

You can now buy a tie and lapel pin. They also have the BCR hoodie and PT Shirts (male and female option).

The blazer crest is available online at <http://www.canex.ca/british-columbia-regiment-blazercrest.html>

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

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

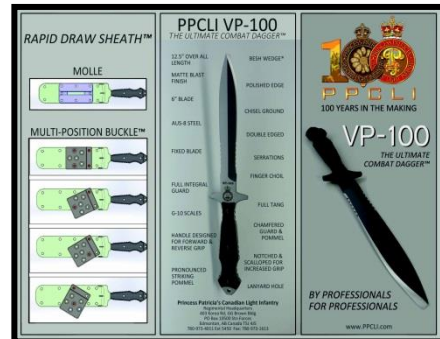
1. Mini Guidons - \$130.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced
3. Crests - \$35; Lapel Pins - \$10.00; BCR Ties - \$45.00; and Flags - \$12.00.
4. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.

To place an order, please e-mail KitShop@DukeABear.com

Mini Guidons - \$130.00



BCR Knife - \$140.00



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00

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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.

NOTICE TO ALL PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES

The Provincial Employees Community Services Fund (“PECSF”) is registered with Canada Revenue Agency’s Charities Directorate as a Charitable Employee Trust. Each year the PECSF runs a fundraising campaign for provincial government employees throughout BC. Please consider designating the BCR Charitable Trust when supporting this program.



ASLEEP

We are pleased to report that we have not received any information regarding the passing of any Dukes subsequent to the last publication of **The Duke**.

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