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**COMMANDER OF THE CANADIAN ARMY  
CHANGE OF COMMAND  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL PAUL F. WYNNYK, CMM, MSM, CD  
TO  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JEAN-MARC LANTHIER, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD  
PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA  
16 JULY 2018**



The Change of Command Ceremony for the Commander of the Canadian Army (“CCA”) commenced at 10:00 am on Parliament Hill with a very large crowd in attendance. It was hot and very humid with all serving members dressed in DEUs A1! The sequence of events included: the March on of the Parade (Ceremonial Guard and full Band with Pipes and Drums Contingent); the arrival of LGen Wynnyk, CCA; the arrival of the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, MND; the National Anthem; the arrival of the Reviewing Officer, General Jonathan Vance, CDS and LGen Lanthier, CCA Designate; General Salutes; the address by the Minister; the inspection of the Guards and the Band; the First March Past; the address by LGen Wynnyk;

Pennant Presentation; the Change of Command Scroll Signing; the address by General Vance; the address by LGen Lanthier; the Second March Past; the Advance in Review Order; the departure of General Vance, CDS, and LGen Wynnyk, VCDS; the Royal Anthem, the departure of the MND; the departure of LGen Lanthier, CCA and the March Off of the Parade. At the conclusion of the parade, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was greeted by BCR friends, Major Mike Mallett and LCol Chris Quinlan, Reserves 2000 Chair, LCol (R) John Selkirk, Executive Director of The Army Cadet League of Canada, Robert Gill and Rob Baxter of The Hill 70 Memorial Project.



A reception preceded the Ceremony in the Inner Courtyard of the East Block and was the gathering place for all dignitaries. The post Ceremony reception was also held in the Inner Courtyard where light refreshments and an array of sandwiches and sweets were also available. Minister Sajjan greeted Colonel Hawthorne on his arrival from the Ceremony and immediately presented him with his MND Coin and his special MND Medallion and thanked him for all of his work as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. The reception was a very happy occasion for everyone and a wonderful opportunity to talk to so many friends and colleagues, including the VCDS, LGen Wynnyk, the CCA, LGen Lanthier, Chief of Staff of the US Army, Gen Mark Milley, BGen Trevor Cadieu, Commander 3 Canadian Division, BGen Derek Macaulay, 5 Canadian Division and the Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo. The "Western Contingent" which included Colonel Hawthorne and his wife Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, and Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, were made to feel very welcome with the wonderful hospitality of Generals Wynnyk and Lanthier, Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo, and many others.





Congratulations to Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier on his appointment as the Commander of the Canadian Army and to Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk, as the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.



**PRE CHANGE OF COMMAND ACTIVITIES  
COMMANDER OF THE CANADIAN ARMY (“CCA”)  
14 and 15 JULY 2018**

**RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ARMY**

Upon arrival at Ottawa Airport, the BCR contingent consisting of the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, and the BCR Band Governor, Honorary Colonel 39 CER, Bill Diamond, proceeded to the residence of the Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo, in Manotick, on the Rideau River. The BCR Party, the last guests to arrive, was greeted by Colonel Hindo and introduced to many of the senior members of the Canadian Army in attendance. The CCA, LGen Paul Wynnyk, came over to greet the BCRs and to discuss and continue the open dialogue so very much a theme of his command. The CCA designate, LGen Jean-Marc Lanthier (former 12e Régiment blindé CO), was introduced to us by Colonel Hindo. Further discussions took place with RMC Professor Emeritus Hal Klepak (former CO of the Black Watch), Chairman of the National Council of Honoraries, Fred Caron (HLCOL of the Régiment de Hull) and MGen Paul Bury, Chief of Reserves & Employer Support. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to General Bury and thanked him for his on-going support. As the weather outside was quite warm and humid, Colonel Hawthorne and Gayle moved to the dining room inside and enjoyed dinner with MGen Steve Cadden (former RCD CO), Commander, Canadian Army Doctrine & Training Centre in Kingston and his wife Jennifer, along with our host, Alison Hindo. Many thanks to Paul and Alison for a most enjoyable time.





## THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

### RECEPTION FOR THE “WESTERN HONORARIES” AT THE RESIDENCE OF BERNIE CIARRONI, HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS (MONTREAL)

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER Bill Diamond and Honorary Colonel 38 Signal Regiment Barry Burns were invited to the residence of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Bernie Ciarroni and his wife Lynn in Wendover, overlooking the Ottawa River. The guests were treated to a first-class BBQ complete with tremendous hospitality from our hosts. “Army Talk” was the order of the day and wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Bernie and Lynn!



### REMEMBRANCE DAY (NETHERLANDS) NATIONALE DODENHERDENKING THE DRILL HALL 4 MAY 2018

The annual Dutch Remembrance Day was held on the Drill Square on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The ceremony of remembrance and commemoration was hosted by the Consul General of the Netherlands, Gerrit Heijkoop. The program included an introduction by the MC, John van Dongen (former Solicitor General and Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations for B.C.), a Candle Lighting Ceremony, the National Anthems by Jeroen Vermeulen, a reading of “In Flanders Fields” by Menno Heijkoop and an excerpt of “Achtien Dooden” by David Hooftman, a prayer by the Padre, Captain, the Reverend Walter Opmeer, an Address and placing of a wreath by the Consul General before the replica of the National War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, provided by the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association, an Address recounting the service of the Regiment in the Netherlands and the placing of a wreath by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, a general laying of wreaths, a recital of “Dona Nobis Pacem” and “Amazing Grace” by the Saint John’s Children’s Choir, a placing of flowers by the



Saint John's Children's Choir, a Minute of Silence and a concluding piece of "Let there be Peace on Earth" by the St. John's Children's Choir. Also in attendance was Vice President Gayle Hawthorne representing the Regimental Association.

A Reception was held in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess where light snacks and refreshments were served. Archie Steacy presented the Consul General with the Regimental Association Commemoration Coin (silver with the names of our WWII Fallen engraved on the reverse side). Colonel Hawthorne thanked the Consul General for the excellent ceremony and presented him with the Honorary Colonel's Regimental Coin.



**THE NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC  
73<sup>rd</sup> COMMEMORATION MESS DINNER  
HMCS DISCOVERY  
5 MAY 2018**

The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia hosted the 73<sup>rd</sup> Commemorative Mess Dinner on the parade square of HMCS Discovery on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The well attended event was an enjoyable evening with a very pleasant reception, delicious dinner, excellent music and poignant speeches remembering the tremendous service and sacrifice of the personnel of the RCN, RCAF and Merchant Navy during the longest continuous battle of the Second World War. Head Table Guests included the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker, Commodore Jeffery Zwick, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, Master of Ceremonies King Wan, the Minister of Procurement, Carla Qualtrough, and her husband Eron Main, the

Commanding Officer of "E" Division of the RCMP in B.C., Commissioner Brenda Butterworth-Carr, Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne and VP Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne. The Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, was in attendance as well as many members of the Regimental Family, including Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, and his wife Audrey, Cam and Christine Cathcart and Brooke and Janet Campbell.

Colonel Hawthorne presented Commodore Zwick with an Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin and the Commodore responded by presenting the Honorary Colonel with a Canadian Fleet Pacific Command Coin.

It was a grand evening enjoyed by all!

Bravo Zulu NOABC!





**ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE – VANCOUVER SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
9 MAY 2018**

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of members of RUSI Vancouver was held in the lecture room of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA Armoury on Wednesday, May 9, after a most enjoyable lunch prepared and served by the acknowledged expert, Mrs. Lum. After the luncheon, at the beginning of the formalities, RUSI President, Cam Cathcart, called upon the Society's lawyer, Ted Hawthorne of HPLaw, to come forth and be recognized by the members for his long-time support of RUSI Vancouver as "Special Counsel". Honorary Colonel Hawthorne was then presented with a very attractive plaque in recognition of his support. President Cathcart was generous with his praise of Colonel Hawthorne's work within the military community and generally in the "not for profit sector".

At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Colonel Hawthorne provided the meeting with a brief overview of the transition requirements under the **Societies Act** and confirmed that the Society had been transition as required.



Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors of RUSI Vancouver and every success in the future!

**CANADIAN FORCES LIAISON COUNCIL  
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
VANCOUVER  
11 May 2018**



The meeting of the Provincial Council of CFLC was held in the BMO Offices, Bentall Three, Vancouver in the late afternoon on Friday, 11 May 2018. The B.C. Chair, Derral Moriyama, welcomed all members (present and by teleconference), and Colonel Nigel Whittaker, Regional Liaison Officer Pacific Region, introduced the special guest speaker BGen Nic Stanton, Deputy Commander of 3 Canadian Division, who provided an update on current issues pertinent to CFLC (complete with a number of short promotional training videos now circulating widely). The National Chair of CFLC, Scott Shepherd, former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, also attended and provided input from a national perspective.

At the end of the meeting, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, a B.C. Director of CFLC, presented Derral Moriyama and Colonel Nigel Whittaker with Honorary Colonel Regimental Coins and thanked each of them for their great work in support of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA 73<sup>rd</sup> MILITARY GALA  
SHERATON WALL CENTRE VANCOUVER  
12 MAY 2018**

The 73rd annual Military Gala was a well-attended, successful event with an enjoyable reception, a memorable dinner, excellent music by The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and The Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, speeches by the Guests of Honour, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of B.C. and Colonel David Awalt, Commander 39 CBG, toasts, including a very memorable Toast to the Fallen by Lieutenant Colonel Cameron McLean, with Retired BCR WOII Vern Salisbury, MM, ably assisted by Cpl Kathleen Parker. The Grand March (perfectly orchestrated by Major Jim Barrett, CO 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, and "Dancing, War Stories and Libations" followed the conclusion of the Silent Auction. The Gala continues to support the good works of the Military Family Resource Centre. Many thanks to this year's Sponsors of the Gala, BMO, St. Hebertus Estate Winery, Kingswood Capital Corporation and the Canadian Scottish.



BCR TAPV Crew "Official Greeters"!

All tables were specific to each unit complete with Regimental colours. The three BCR tables, including a table for serving members of the Regiment (Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne (Gayle), the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Kadonoff, 2IC Major Vince Virk (Noor), and Sergeant Sebastien Therrien (Heather Adam); the second table including Regimental Family Members, Major Jim Barrett (Patricia) CO of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, Dan Thomas (Janan), Ken Whitney (Linda), Terry Haigh and Sgt Piper Rosalie McDonald, Cpl Kathleen Parker (with special guest 28th Armoured WOII Vern Salisbury); and the third table for the Farid Rohani Family and Friends.

Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER) was the major driving force behind this years very successful Military Gala, which was hosted by 39 CBG and presented by 39 CER...many thanks to Bill and congratulations. Chimo!







**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC  
THE DRILL HALL – 13 MAY 2018**

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC ("2827 BCR") held at The Drill Hall in Vancouver. Over thirty cadets, including colour party, were present. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party, which included Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Director-at-Large for Cadets, Roger Prouse, and Army Cadet League Honours and Awards Executive Louise Prouse. The Cadet Corps performed well, and their drill was noteworthy. The awards, promotions and presentations segment of the program was impressive. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne presented a Certificate of Award and cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 under the Regimental Association Charitable Trust's Cadet Development Program to the Commanding Officer of the unit, Captain Geoffrey Smith.



Due to timing constraints resulting from a BMQ Graduation Parade being in the early afternoon, the presentation of all demonstrations and displays to the parents was deferred until the next parade night. Post parade, Colonel Hawthorne delivered his RO's address and thanked the Cadets Corps, CIC Officers, the Parents' Sponsoring Committee, parents and volunteers for their good work and emphasized the many opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Program. The RO then presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, C/RSM C/CWO Shin. A very brief and modified reception followed for the cadets, the many family, friends and members of the Regimental Family. Regimental Association directors and strong cadet supporters, Graydon and Sandra Young, were also in attendance.

Congratulations 2827 BCR on a memorable ACR!



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION  
THE DRILL HALL – 13 MAY 2018**

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association was held in the Toogood Room. It was a very busy Sunday at the Drill Hall with the ACR of 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC being held at 1:00pm and the Graduation Parade for a BMQ intake at 3:00pm.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

Jim Barrett  
Gayle Hawthorne  
Roger Prouse

Bob Remple  
Graydon Young  
Sandra Young



The following officers were duly appointed:

Gayle Hawthorne - President  
Jim Barrett - Vice President

Bob Remple - Treasurer  
Sandra Young - Secretary



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne acknowledged the many years of service of Jerry Couling to the Regimental Association as a director and treasurer. Colonel Hawthorne thanked Jerry and presented him with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin.

Congratulations to the newly elected directors and appointed officers and a special thanks to Recce Bob Remple for his past three years serving as President.

Well done all!





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13 May 2018

Members of the Regimental Association, friends and supporters,

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the following members were elected as directors of the Regimental Association at the annual general meeting of members held at the Drill Hall on 13 May 2018 (Officer appointments made by the Board are also indicated):

President	Gayle Hawthorne
Vice President	Jim Barrett
Treasurer	Bob Remple
Secretary	Sandra Young
Director at Large	Roger Prouse
Director at Large	Graydon Young

I am confident that our strong board of directors will continue to follow the well-established policy or tradition of supporting the Regiment, the Regimental Association's Charitable Trust, our Veterans, Cadets and our wider Regimental Family.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new board on their re-election and for their strong background of service and commitment to the Regimental Association and the entire Regimental Family. I also wish to thank Bob Remple for his service as our President for almost four years and Jerry Couling, who is now retiring from the board, for his many years of service as a director and Treasurer. Thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely yours,

Gayle J. Hawthorne, President

**RELUCTANT WARRIORS, CANADIAN CONSCRIPTS AND THE GREAT WAR  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY  
COLONEL (RETIRED) PATRICK DENNIS, OMM, CD  
15<sup>th</sup> FIELD RCA OFFICERS' MESS  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY, VANCOUVER, B.C. – 16 MAY 2018**

The special presentation by Patrick Dennis, an adjunct associate at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, took place after the customary fine luncheon prepared by Mrs. Lum in the Officers' Mess. Master of Ceremonies Cam Cathcart, President of RUSI Vancouver, commenced the proceedings with a brief introduction of Patrick Dennis, the author of **RELUCTANT WARRIORS, Canadian Conscripts and the Great War** and called upon Ted Hawthorne, the Honorary Colonel of The B.C. Regiment (DCO), to make a presentation to the special guest speaker. Colonel Hawthorne presented his

Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Patrick Dennis and thanked him on behalf of the Regiment for his excellent work and, in particular, for his participation and support of the Regiment in Strategic Studies Conferences previously held in Vancouver. Keith Maxwell gave the formal introduction of his former RCAF colleague and Patrick Dennis delivered his special presentation to the enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Congratulations Patrick and thank you for your excellent contribution to Canadian military history!



**CHACKO & LIZE SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND (“SIMON TRUST”)  
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
VANCOUVER, B.C. – 17 MAY 2018**

The Simon Trust held its 2018 Annual General Meeting in the late afternoon of Thursday, 17 May 2018 and reported another very successful year of operations. The Simon Trust provides significant financial assistance by awarding numerous scholarships to those demonstrating financial need while achieving high academic standards. Appointments to the Executive Committee for the ensuing year were as follows:

Chairman of the Board and President - Ted Hawthorne  
Vice President – Lize Simon  
Treasurer – Margaret Harris  
Secretary – Gayle Hawthorne

The Simon Trust continues to be a strong supporter of The B.C. Regiment (DCO) through the Annual Bursary Program of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust. In addition, the Simon Trust has supported the European Battlefield Studies Program benefitting serving members of the Regiment.

Congratulations to the Simon Trust for their exemplary work!





## OPERATION LENTUS MAY 2018

By: MCpl Borislav Boskic, Unit Recruiting Officer, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO)



On May 18, 2018, members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) set out on Operation LENTUS to aid with flood relief in British Columbia's Lower Mainland. Under the direction of Captain Couture and Sergeant Van Heerden, the BCRs were entrusted in assessing emergency plans and its implementation. Bridges, dykes, and emergency routes were examined using our newly acquired Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles (TAPV). Members of the 6 Intelligence and 39 CER were embedded with the BCR crew to aid in disaster response.

**Editor's Note:** Op Lentus was the first operational use of the TAPV on operations, anywhere, by Regular Force or Reserve. Well done BCRs!

## ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC COL. SHERMAN ARMOURY – 27 MAY 2018

By: Lt Michael Azzano, Training Officer

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review for 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC at Richmond's Col. Sherman Armoury on May 27, 2018.

Over 45 cadets, as well as members of the Combined 2381/2947 Army Cadet Band were present. Upon his arrival, Colonel Hawthorne was greeted with a Quarter Guard, and then proceeded to meet the corps' Cadet Sergeants-Major.

Once the parade got started, Colonel Hawthorne led the reviewing party through the Corps and the band, which included Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne, Army Cadet League of Canada representative Jonathan Ho, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291 representative Matthew McBride and 2381 RCACC Commanding Officer Maj. Lee Taylor.





During the Awards and Presentations, CWO Keelin Laing received the Lord Strathcona Medal from the Honorary Colonel. Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne presented a Certificate of Award and cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 under the Regimental Association Charitable Trust's Cadet Development Program to the Commanding Officer of the unit, Major Lee Taylor.

Colonel Hawthorne delivered his RO's address and thanked the Cadet Corps, CIC Officers, the Sponsorship Committee, parents and volunteers for their work, and emphasized the many opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Program. The C/RSM and Parade Commander, C/CWO Melissa Huen then received the Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin from Colonel Hawthorne. Team displays were followed by a brief reception.

Congratulations 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC on another successful year!

### **CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) 30 MAY 2018**

The CO's Parade (Stand Down) held on 30 May 2018 was another very busy training night with the Regiment in fine form and well turned out.

Highlights of the special evening included numerous presentations, Honours and Awards, as follows:

#### **Top Crewman (LCol A.F. Lungley Trophy):**

Trooper Symes



#### **Top Crew (BGen Arthur G. Chubb Trophy):**

Sgt Therrein – 41C  
Cpl Faber – 41C  
Cpl Bruno – 41C  
Pte Castling – 41C





**Top Patrol (E Company  
Cup – Inter-Section Rifles):**

Sgt Therrien- 41C  
Cpl Faber – 41C  
Cpl Bruno – 41C  
Pte Castling – 41C

Sgt Canavan – 41D  
Cpl Fan – 41D  
Pte Luro – 41D  
Pte Wu – 41D



**Top Instructor (Pte Walter Stevenson  
Memorial Trophy (Vimy MIA) – Jr &  
Snr NCO Proficiency Award):**

MCpl Rusen



**Physical Fitness:**

Cpl Tessa



**Top Shot (7<sup>th</sup> Bn Association – BCR –  
Most Efficient Rifleman Trophy):**

Cpl Zheng



**Top MCpl (Sgt Mark Salesse Trophy):**

MCpl Galang



**Top Snr NCO (Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Trophy):**

Sgt van Heerden



**Regimental Achievement Certificate:**

Pte Dominczak (BMQ)



**CO's Commendation:**

Sgt McKee





**Promotion to the Rank of Trooper:**

Tpr Luna



**Promotion to the Rank of Corporal:**

Cpl Tessa  
Cpl Symes  
Cpt Alberstine  
Cpl Mak



**Receiving the Canadian Forces  
Decoration for Long Service:**

Cpl Alexander  
Cpl Doeherty



At the conclusion of the Honours and Awards presentations, retired LCol Archie Steacy was called up to make his presentation of the Regimental Crossbelt of Lt. Brian Morrell, a 50's Duke, to the Bugle Major of the BCR Brass & Reed Band, Chris Ahern. Joining in on the presentation were Brass & Reed Band President Neil Bliss and official photographer Band Governor Honorary Colonel 39 CER Bill Diamond.



Special presentation to OpsO,  
Capt Stephen Couture

The CO delivered his closing remarks and the concluding remarks were given by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, who complimented the members on their excellent turnout, congratulated those receiving promotions, commendations, awards, and medals, recognized the great work of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust and congratulated the new directors recently elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association and Gayle Hawthorne the new President. Colonel Hawthorne wished everyone an enjoyable and safe summer and noted that he would be visiting each mess at the conclusion of the parade with President Gayle (who would ring the bell in each mess) in order to recognize the happy arrival of their first great grandchild, great granddaughter Kadence, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC REHEARSAL PARADE 31 MAY 2018**



A complete dress rehearsal parade for the upcoming ACR was held by 2290 BCR at the Drill Hall on the regular Thursday evening parade night. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended as Reviewing Officer for the evening's program. The well attended parade followed the format for the ACR which was an excellent opportunity to learn for the many new members of the Cadet Corps. The unit, including a Band and Flag Party, was very well turned out. During the Awards section of the program, numerous Star Awards were presented, and promotions were given. Very impressive indeed! The unit's training program is obviously very strong and a great success. This augers well for a great showing at the Stand To in September!

As part of the extensive Award part of the program, Colonel Hawthorne presented the Canadian Forces Decoration to Lt. Scott Landsiedel, CD and gave a brief talk on the significance of the CD. Congratulations to Lt. Landsiedel and thank you for your service and commitment.



The RO provided a brief address and complemented the Cadet Corps for an excellent effort. Also, demonstrations (Band and Drill) were included in the full evening's program.

Congratulations 2290 BCR on a great parade.

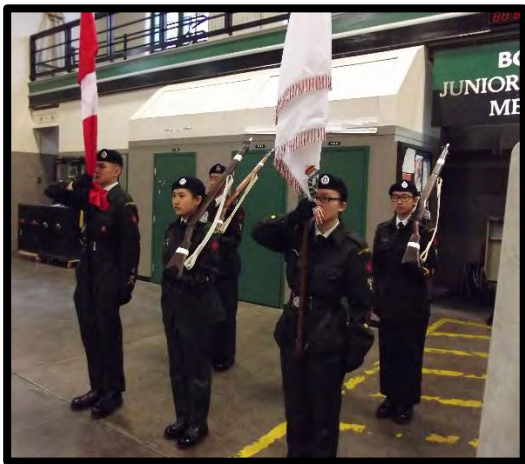


### **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC – 2 JUNE 2018**

The Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 2290 BCR was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 2 June 2018. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Reviewing Officer and the Parade Commander was RSM C/CWO Jack Chen. The unit, complete with Flag Party and Band, with 52 cadets on parade, was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment was excellent. At the conclusion of the impressive Award Presentation segment of the program, the

Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR, Captain Tony Liem, was presented with his first clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration in recognition of his 22 years of service.





In his RO address, Colonel Hawthorne, complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committees, Volunteers and Parents. In concluding his address, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to RSM Chen to mark the special occasion. Colonel Hawthorne was then presented with a special gift of thanks by RSM Chen.



President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, presented the CO with an Award Certificate and cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program of the Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust.

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

Congratulations 2290 BCR for an excellent ACR!



**52nd ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC (POWELL RIVER)  
2 JUNE 2018**



The President of the Army Cadet League of Canada - BC Branch, Cathy Bach, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's ACR. The parade commander was C/RSM Katheryn Sheldon and 13 cadets were on parade, all well turned out. The drill of the Cadet Corps was excellent. Numerous presentations were made, and great support was received from the RCL and the Navy and Air Force Cadet League. In her RO address, Cathy Bach complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, Volunteers and Parents.



At the conclusion of the parade, there was a very informative tour of the many static displays. A very enjoyable reception followed the tour.

The annual Mess Dinner held at the RCL Branch was a complete success and a great evening was had by all of the Cadets and their many guests. The RO and Guest of Honour, Cathy Bach, complimented the Cadet Corps in her address and presented an Award Certificate and cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the CO, Captain Alyssa Holley, pursuant to the Cadet Development Program of the Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust.

Congratulations to 2781 BCR for an excellent ACR and many thanks for the wonderful hospitality!

**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC – SIKH ACADEMY SCHOOL  
2 JUNE 2018 – 1300 HRS**



The 6th Annual Ceremonial Review of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC (“3300 BCR”) was held outdoors in the parking lot of the Sikh Academy School on 160<sup>th</sup> Street in Surrey. The Reviewing Officer was the Honorable Randeep S. Sarai, MP for Surrey Centre. The Parade Commander was C/RSM C/CWO Jacob Hayes. The Cadet Corps was well turned out with over 54 cadets on parade, including the Colour Party.



The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and the President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, were in attendance. Colonel Hawthorne was part of the Reviewing Party and made a number of presentations, including an Army Cadet League of Canada, B.C. Branch Certificate to the CO, Major Jim Barrett. Gayle Hawthorne also presented awards and presented an Award Certificate and cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the CO pursuant to the Cadet Development Program of the Regimental Association and Charitable Trust. Short and excellent speeches were given by the Reviewing Officer, Steven Purewal (Indus Media Foundation) and the CO.



Regimental Family attendees included Regimental Association Directors, Graydon and Sandra Young.

A reception followed, and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Congratulations 3300 BCR for a memorable ACR and thank you for your hospitality! A special thank you to Harminder Palak and her Parent Sponsoring Committee for their excellent work!



**D-DAY MESS DINNER  
39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT  
2 JUNE 2018**



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, 2 June 2018. The Mess Dinner was hosted by the CO of 39 CER, LCol James Julien, and the RSM, MWO Charles Rochlow, and was well attended by serving members and guests. The Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt, was the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address. The attendees were treated to an excellent reception and dinner and were feted by the play of the JP Fell Pipe Band and a sextet from the 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA. BCRs present

were the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne, Majors Adam McLeod and Greg McCullough, and Dan and Janan Thomas.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all along with the traditional toasts and speeches.

Many thanks to our friends of 39 CER and, in particular, to the unit's Honorary Colonel, Bill Diamond, for the great hospitality which is his hallmark!

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**CANADIAN WALK FOR VETERANS  
LAFARGE LAKE, COQUITLAM, B.C.  
3 JUNE 2018**

The inaugural "Canadian Walk for Veterans" was billed as a "collective declaration by Canadians across this country who pay tribute to the men and women who have served in Canada's military and sacrificed to provide us all with a safe and secure homeland." The "First Walk" took place in Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Ottawa, Kingston, Fredericton, Halifax and St. John's.

The Lower Mainland walk was held at Lafarge Lake Park in Coquitlam and commenced at 9:00 am with a short program by BCR Brass & Reed Band Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by an introduction by the Master of Ceremonies, Jon McComb, CKNW radio host and a long-time supporter, the reading of declarations of support, numerous speeches by the President of Equitas Disabled Soldiers Funding Society ("Equitas"), Marc Burchell, and local politicians. BCR Irish Pipes & Drums Sgt. Piper Rosalie MacDonald piped the walkers on at the start of their trek around Lafarge Lake. Post walk festivities included a well received performance by singer Ashley Pater ("Wild Roses") and a BBQ by the Kinsman, concluding with acknowledgements and presentations to the many supporters of the event and closing comments by Marc Burchell, Don Sorochan and Jon McComb.

BCRs participating in the walk included the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, (HPLaw is corporate counsel for Equitas), Jim Britt, Eldon Smith and Terry Haigh.

At the conclusion of the event, Colonel Hawthorne presented Don Sorochan of Miller Thompson with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin in recognition of Don's extraordinary work in supporting veterans. Don was a classmate of Ted's at UBC Law School.



**HIS HONOUR JUDGE WILLIAM J. RODGERS  
PROVINCIAL COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
6 JUNE 2018**

Marking the occasion of his retirement from the Bench, former Honorary Colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, His Honour Judge William J. Rodgers, was presented with an Honorary Colonel's Commendation and Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, at a special ceremony held in the Provincial Court of British Columbia in North Vancouver on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations Colonel Bill and thank you for your leadership, dedication, service and commitment!





**KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
CONSUL GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS LUNCHEON  
7 JUNE 2018**



A most enjoyable luncheon was held at the personal residence of The Consul General for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mrs. Barry Nieuwenhuijs (with her husband Paul). The invitees were Archie & Lynda Steacy, John van Dongen (former Solicitor General & Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations for B.C.), Marieke Luit, Assistant to the Consul General, and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne was unable to attend due to prior commitments. Mrs. Nieuwenhuijs advised her visitors that planning was already under way by her office for the Remembrance Day celebrations to be held on May 4, 2019, being the 75th anniversary of the end of the War in Holland

Many thanks Consul General for your wonderful hospitality!

**SOVEREIGN ORDER OF ST. JOHN (“SOSJ”)  
INVESTITURE SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
9 JUNE 2018**

Honorary Colonels Ted Hawthorne and Al De Genova and B.C. Chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council Derral Moriyama were invested into the SOSJ at an Investiture Ceremony in Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, 9 June 2018. The memorable ceremony included music by the Members of the Christ Church Cathedral Choir and the Pipes and Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. Fellow Honorary Don Foster and Former Honorary Colonels Mike Shields and Judge Bill Rodgers were also in attendance (see attached photos taken during a visit to the alcove of Christ Church dedicated to the Colours of Vancouver’s Regiments, where our colours are laid up, namely the colours of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and plaques dedicated to the memory of our two Commanding Officers killed in action, Lieutenant Colonels Hart McHarg and Worthington, and a plaque dedicated to the memory of our members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (BCR). A Gala Dinner was held at The Fairmont Vancouver Hotel to conclude the very busy weekend, which also included a reception at the McGavin Rugby Pavilion at UBC on Friday and a breakfast at the Hyatt Regency on Saturday morning.







**RIDE FOR THE FALLEN  
10 JUNE 2018**



Kelly proudly wearing his beret



Kelly (l) with younger brother in 1966

The attached photo is from the Ride For The Fallen on June 10, 2018 (Sunday) to honour all Veterans. This ride started at Trev Deeleys and ended in Langley at the Afghanistan War Memorial. We had approximately 200 bikes attending the ride with the Veterans leading. The photo attached is of the Vancouver Veterans and supporters. The name of this group is Savio.

Regards, Kelly Parkes/SPARKY

Up The Dukes

**3 CAV – CANADIAN ARMY VETERANS  
THE SAVIO VETERANS UNIT**

3 CAV is a group of retired Canadian Armed Forces members who named their Unit in commemoration of an October 1944 Canadian Army battle in the south eastern area of the Italian Lombard Plain, creating a bridgehead over the Savio River where Private EA (Smokey) Smith, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery while stopping a German Armoured attack.

3 CAV's 12 members and supporters ride their motorcycles on weekends, throughout British Columbia, in support of motorcycle shows and many fundraising events including "The Ride for Dads" and "The Ride for the Fallen", and of course for their own enjoyment. Wearing their red shirts and Veteran leather vests and berets or ball caps provides easy recognition.



The Road Captain is Kelly Parkes, a Veteran of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO), Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. He rides a Honda 1800 Gold Wing.

One of their recent rides took them to Langley, B.C where they visited "The Walk to Remember Memorial Monument". The Walk to Remember was built in 2012 as a result of the efforts of two Langley students, sister and brother Elizabeth and Michael Pratt.

The memorial structure features a single column, representing a tree with its life cut short, wrapped with a metal ribbon engraved with the names of the Fallen.

Through sponsorships and partnerships with the Township of Langley, Arboretum and Botanical Society of Langley, Rotary clubs, Veterans Affairs Canada, and other community groups, 158 trees were planted along the Walk — one for every Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan. The British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association (BCVCA) donated two of the Walk's trees.

The site, which was donated by the Township is the largest Afghanistan memorial of its kind in Canada.

The 3rd Canadian Army Veterans (CAV) ROME Unit, was responsible for having a portion of Highway 1 in Langley designated the "Highway of Heroes" in 2011. The movement spread across the country with the last dedication taking place in Newfoundland and Labrador last fall.

Now, every province has one.

Our sincere thanks to Kelly and his Savio Veterans Unit for their unstinting remembrance of Canada's Fallen

Submitted by:

Corporal (Ret'd) Kelly Parkes  
BC Regiment (DCO) Association &  
British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association



**CHANGE OF RSM & GRADUATION PARADE**  
**2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC**  
**COL SHERMAN ARMOURY – 12 JUNE 2018**  
By Lt Mike Azzano – Training Officer 2381 RCACC

2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps held their Change of RSM Parade on Tuesday June 12, 2018 at the Col Sherman Armoury in Richmond BC.



C/CWO Melissa Huen passed on the RSM's Pace Stick to C/MWO Lisa Law, who was promptly promoted to C/CWO as she will assume the RSM's position until she ages out in December 2018.

This concludes a nearly six year Army Cadet career for C/CWO Melissa Huen, as she leaves the program early to head on to Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario to study Music Therapy starting in September.



As well as the Change of RSM, many other senior cadets are Graduating from the Army Cadet program as they move on to full time university studies in September. C/MWO Wesley Lam, Team Captain of 2381's Marksmanship team and former National Rifle Team member delivered a moving speech thanking his officers for developing his leadership skills and for providing him with a lifetime of memories in the Cadet program. C/MWO Wesley Lam will be attending University of British Columbia to study Kinesiology starting in September.

C/MWO Haymond Yang spoke about how cadets taught him preparation and hard work are the only way to be emotionally invested in what you do, as the outcome is a result of what you put into whatever it is you're doing. C/MWO Yang will be moving to the University of Toronto in late August to start his studies in Life Sciences, with the hopes of becoming a doctor, possibly in the CAF in the future!

Also Graduating from the Cadet Corps were C/Sgt Gonzalo Wong Koo, who will be turning 19 shortly, C/Sgt Anson Ma who is turning 19 and pursuing post-secondary studies at either Langara College or Douglas College in September. C/WO Edwin Ip also said goodbye this evening as he is off to join 39 Service Company in the fall where he hopes to either be a Weapon Technician or Vehicle Tech.

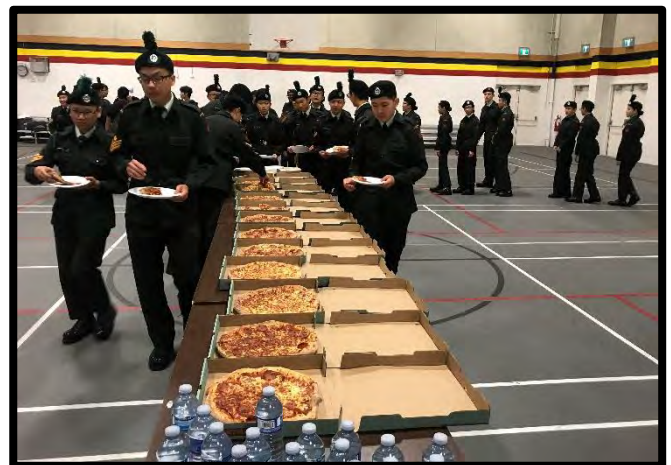


Upon the end of the parade this evening, which was attended by The British Columbia Regiment's Honorary Colonel, Col Ted Hawthorne, Army Cadet League of Canada representatives Maj (Retd) Roger Prouse, and his wife Louise Prouse, as well as Capt (Retd) Archie Pow, The British Columbia Regimental Association hosted a pizza party for all the cadets, parents and staff of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC.

This marks the formal end of the training year for 2381 RCACC, however they will hold one more training night on 19 June 2018 where they will promote a few cadets into new parade positions, and present star level badges to all cadets who have completed their star level training since September 2017.



Many of the cadets will be going on to summer training opportunities at Vernon Cadet Training Centre. Some will also be attending Rocky Mountain National Cadet Training Centre, Connaught Cadet Training Centre and Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre. There will also be cadets who are staying home, who will then participate and represent the BCR family well at BC Lions home games as members of the Flag Party.



Have a great summer! Up the Dukes!

### **“WHAT IT’S LIKE TO BE PUTIN’S NUMBER ONE ENEMY”, AN EVENING WITH BILL BROWDER**

By: Farid Rohani

On Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Global Reporting Center based at UBC invited noted bestselling Author, Bill Browder, for an exclusive banquet at which he reflected on the state of Russia and the world and sharing his stories of what it’s like to be Putin’s number one enemy.

As Russia continues to undermine democracies around the world, and targets enemies for assassination, Bill Browder has led an extraordinary effort to expose Putin and his mafia rule that saw Browder’s Russian lawyer murdered because of a tax fraud expose.

Browder once held the largest foreign portfolio of foreign investment in Russia – until his tax attorney Sergei Magnitsky was arrested after investigating massive Russian tax fraud. And after Magnitsky died in prison under mysterious circumstances, Browder worked with both the U.S. and Canadian governments to enact the Magnitsky Act, to punish Russian and other human rights violators.



Russia has retaliated against both the U.S. and Canada – and against Browder, issuing an arrest warrant with Interpol, and according to some observers, calling for the assassination of the London-based banker.

Browder is a sought-after expert of Russian misconduct and has testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee about Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election.

The MND Harjit Sajjan spoke eloquently at the event welcoming Bill Browder and noting Canada’s support for the rule of an International Rules based order. Minister Sajjan presented Browder with a MND medal given exclusively to diplomats for Browder’s efforts in exposing corruption globally.



The Commanding Officer of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO), Lt. Col. Paul Lindsay, the Deputy Commander of 39 CBG, Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Raesler, the Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, the 2IC of the Regiment, Major Vince Virk, and Farid Rohani were present for the great evening.

### **HONORARY COLONEL OF THE CANADIAN ARMY, PAUL HINDO VANCOUVER VISIT 19 JUNE 2018**



The new Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army, Paul Hindo, was the guest of honour at a special dinner held at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver. Colonel Hindo was welcomed by a strong showing of Lower Mainland Honoraries of 39 CBG, namely Honorary Colonels Hawthorne (BCR), Diamond (39 CER), Hoffmeister (SHoC), and De Genova (15 Field), Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Foster (15 Field) and special guests, Honorary Colonel of 442 Transport & Rescue Squadron, RCAF, Diane McCurdy, Deputy Commander of 39 CBG, Lieutenant Colonel Scott Raesler and our very good friend and colleague, Farid Rohani.

The evening was an excellent opportunity to share ideas, to discuss the current priorities of recruiting and retention and to review the various issues facing our soldiers. Many successes and progress in 39 CBG were also highlighted (i.e. Op Lentus, diversity and community relations to name a few). Each Honorary was asked to provide a brief biography. In response, Colonel Hindo acknowledged that the Honoraries are “such excellent ambassadors, who are willing and eager to serve our men and women in uniform.”

At the conclusion of the dinner, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Colonel Hindo and thanked him for his visit to Vancouver and for his ongoing support.

Special thanks to Colonel Diamond for organizing the exceptional dinner and to Colonel De Genova for his generous hospitality! A very memorial evening indeed!



**CHANGE OF COMMAND  
COMMANDER MARITIME FORCES PACIFIC  
and  
COMMANDER JOINT TASK FORCE (PACIFIC)  
“A” JETTY OF HMC DOCKYARD, ESQUIMALT, B.C.  
22 JUNE 2018**

The Change of Command Ceremony at which Rear-Admiral Art McDonald, MSM, CD was relieved by Rear-Admiral Bob Auchterlonie, OMM, CD, took place at “A” Jetty along side of HMCS Calgary at 10:00am on Friday, 22 June 2018. The Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vice-Admiral M.F.R. Lloyd, CMM CD, was the Presiding Officer and the Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia was the Guest of Honour. Colonel David Awalt was in attendance and represented 39 CBG and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment.



A reception followed the ceremony which was held aboard HMCS Calgary. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Her Honour and to the new Commander of MARPAC. Her Honour graciously reciprocated and presented her official coin to Colonel Hawthorne.





Before departing from HMC Dockyard, Colonel Hawthorne was treated to a quick visit aboard HMCS Chicoutimi by the Coxswain and Commander of the submarine.

Colonel Hawthorne travelled to Victoria and back to Vancouver via HeliJet with The Honourable Chris Hinkson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, who was also attending the Change of Command. First Officer on the morning flight was Captain Katia Rival and the Second Officer was a 21-year veteran of the RCAF, Captain (Retired) Sean Morris, CD, an RMC graduate in Mechanical Engineering, with two operational tours (Op Toucan and Op Apollo) and service with 103 (SAR) Sqn (Gander), 442 (SAR) Sqn (Comox), 2 CFFTS (Portage) and JRCC Victoria.

Thank you for your service Sean and well done!



Bravo Zulu to our many friends in the RCN and thank you for your extraordinary hospitality.

# THE VANCOUVER VANGUARD



## HMCS VANCOUVER - *The Fiji Port Visit*

June 2018

Following a stop in Cairns, Australia, HMCS Vancouver visited the beautiful island of Fiji. The ship came alongside the capital city of Suva. This five-day visit to Fiji's economic hub represents another of our global engagement visits as part of OP PROJECTION.



Despite only being alongside Suva for less than a week, HMCS Vancouver and her crew accomplished the tasks assigned to them, and more. As with our previous visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, and Cairns, the ship hosted a successful evening reception on our flight deck which was attended by many important government officials, UN representatives, and regional diplomatic representatives. Of note, the Canadian High Commissioner to Fiji was in attendance that evening; he was very pleased with our crew's ability to act as ambassadors for Canada, and noted that sailors make for great diplomats.

The Fiji port visit wasn't without its fair share of confusion and drama. Space for ships alongside Fiji's economic hub was very limited, and HMCS Vancouver was forced to leave our assigned position on the jetty early and come to anchor in Suva's harbour for the last two days of the visit.

Arguably, our most rewarding engagement while in Fiji was an outreach event that was organized by POI Rownd. Approximately 60 members of the crew participated in this outreach in order to help an organization in Fiji called Homes for Hope. This organization provides safe lodgings, counselling, and support for women in Fiji who've been sexually exploited in some manner. The group from HMCS Vancouver who volunteered their time and effort towards the program accomplished a great deal in a very short timeframe. This work included repainting an entire dormitory, clearing a significant chunk of jungle in order to make space for a new building, and refurbishing a decaying rooftop. The residents of the program were extremely grateful for our support.



After departing Fiji, we met up with HMAS Adelaide, HMAS Melbourne, HMAS Success, HMNZS Te Mana, and HMAS Toowoomba in order to transit in formation on route to Hawaii. As a Task Group, we practiced manoeuvring, conducted replenishments at sea, and performed various exercises in preparation for RIMPAC 2018. OP PROJECTION is now at an end; the crew has accomplished her mission. Now, HMCS Vancouver finds herself making the final preparations for its participation in RIMPAC, and we now find ourselves back in Pearl Harbor for a well-deserved break before this world-renowned joint naval exercise begins.

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## CANADA DAY AT “THE NAT” 1 JULY 2018

One hundred and forty members of 39 CBG, including over ten BCRs, were special guests of the Vancouver Canadians at a sell out afternoon game against Salem-Keizer Volcanoes at Nat Bailey Stadium in Vancouver. A Colour Party and Pipers, including BCR Sgt Piper Rosalie McDonald, marched onto the field for the playing of O Canada and the Star-Spangled Banner. The first pitch was artfully thrown by the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel David Awalt.



A great time was had by all notwithstanding the loss in extra innings. Many thanks to our good friend and colleague, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA, for his generosity in organizing this event for our soldiers.

Also in attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, Band Governor Bill Diamond, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, and his wife Audrey and son Chris.



## CANADA DAY FIREWORKS RECEPTION HMCS CALGARY – 1 JULY 2018

It was a festive summer evening aboard HMCS Calgary which was tied up at Burrard Drydock Pier at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver. The host for the evening's festive Canada Day Fireworks Reception was Rear-Admiral Jeffrey Zwick, Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific, with special guests, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan and his wife Kuljit and their two children, Jeevut and Arjun.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and the Regimental Association by President Gayle Hawthorne. Past Presidents Bob Remple and Bill Diamond (Honorary Colonel 39 CER), were also in attendance. Regimental Family attendees included Farid and Nika Rohani, Dan and Jana Thomas, Cam and Christine Cathcart, Constantine Pappas and Mark Zwanski, Chairman of the Friends of HMCS Vancouver. Also attending was the Executive Officer of USS Shoup (DDG 86), Commander Sam Herbst. Minister Sajjan and Colonel Hawthorne each presented their respective coins to Commander Herbst and the Commander reciprocated by presenting his Command Coin to the Minister and the Honorary Colonel.

It was a wonderful evening to celebrate Canada's 151<sup>st</sup> Birthday and to enjoy the splendid fireworks display (with red and white colour emphasis) and the exceptional hospitality of our friends aboard HMCS Calgary.





**HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY ROGER!  
CELEBRATION  
7 JULY 2018**

It was a full house for the many family and friends attending the Saturday afternoon birthday celebration at Roger and Louise's clubhouse at their townhouse complex in South Surrey. The outdoor amenities provided a beautiful backdrop to a most enjoyable summer get together. The refreshments, snacks, cake and hospitality highlighted the very happy occasion.

BCR attendees included Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, President Gayle Hawthorne, Directors Sandra and Graydon Young, Patricia Barrett, Archie and Judy Pow and Cathy Bach, President of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch.

Thank you, Roger and Louise, and Up the Dukes!



**ANNUAL CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER  
21 JULY 2018**

Submitted by: Sandra Young



This year's fundraiser was held at Roger & Louise Prouse's clubhouse in South Surrey. It was a perfect day, not too hot and not cold. We were a smaller group than normal, but it was still a successful day. There were door prizes, you could try and win lucky draw prizes, or you could try your luck at 50/50. The BBQ fix 'ins were Hamburgers/Hot dogs, Salads (Lynda Steacy and Sandra Young) and desserts (President Gayle Hawthorne). Would like to thank everyone that helped make this day happen.



Graydon Young and Terry Haigh for taking care of the BBQing, Roger & Louise for letting us use their clubhouse and helping with set up and Lynda Steacy & Gayle Hawthorne. Special thank you to the people who made additional donations and to all the guests. This is an excellent event to help raise funds which go toward the Cadet Development Program for the five Cadet Corps the Regiment and Regimental Association support. The Honorary Colonel of Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was in attendance and thanked the Regimental Association for their great work and support.

We hope to see you next year. Up the Dukes!





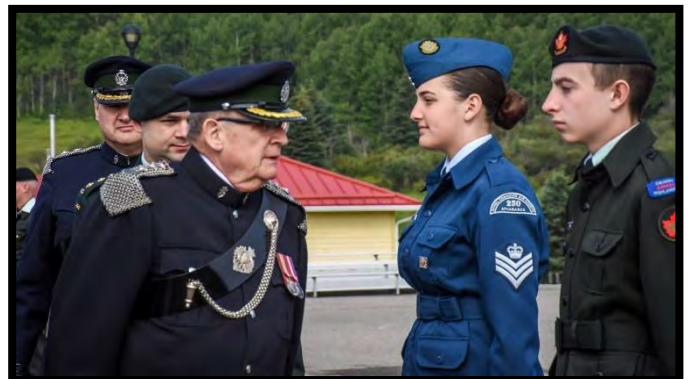
## THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CADET TRAINING CENTRE GRADUATION PARADE FOR THE PIPES & DRUMS 27 JULY 2018

The Basic Pipes & Drums Final Parade was held on the Main Parade Square of the Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre ("RMCTC"), approximately 48 km north-west of Cochrane, Alberta, on a beautiful summer day. The program of events commenced with the markers being called on parade at 0950 hrs, followed by the arrival of the Reviewing Officer, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne with his Aide-de-Camp, Captain Jiri Motak, formerly of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, at 1005 hrs, the Inspection of the cadets on parade, the March Past, the Awards, Presentations and Speeches segment, the Advance in Review Order, the Departure of the RO and the conclusion of the Parade with the March Off in Column of Route.

In his address, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the graduates on their excellent turnout, dress, drill and their playing of the pipes and drums. The RO also noted the knowledge, expertise and opportunity derived from the successful completion of the course plus the added benefits of the most extraordinary and unique training facility which provides alpine treks, white-water kayaking and canoeing, survival skills, rock climbing, mountaineering and mountain biking. The Honorary Colonel also commended and congratulated the Commanding Officer of RMCTC, Lieutenant Colonel Jim Barrett, RSM Mike Gauley (retired PPCLI and Special Operations Task Force member), his dedicated Officers and Staff, both military and civilian, for their service, commitment and leadership. At the conclusion of his Address, Colonel Hawthorne presented the Parade Commander, C/CWO Rostad, with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin marking the special occasion. The Parade Commander in turn presented the RO with the official RMCTC Plaque.

The Cadet Program which emphasizes community, teamwork and leadership was very clearly in evidence at RMCTC.

Congratulations to all Cadets and well done!









**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY  
AMBASSADOR OF PEACE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY  
27 JULY 2018**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony commemorating the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice was held at the site of the Ambassador of Peace Korean War Memorial in Burnaby's Central Park (Boundary Road and East 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The dignitaries for this very well attended event included the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and numerous federal, provincial and civic politicians, including the Mayors of Burnaby and Coquitlam. The Consular Corps was also strongly represented, with Consul Generals from the Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, Philippines, United States, Thailand, Italy, Bulgaria and Taiwan, in attendance.

Rounding out the esteemed crowd were local Korean veterans, including several veterans of the Korean War. It was a true pleasure to see the pride and dignity of these veterans and the standing ovation they received was well deserved and heartfelt. [From the serving officers in the crowd, murmurs of "we hope we look that good 65 years after our war" could be heard!]

Major Adam McLeod represented the Regiment and laid a wreath on behalf of the Regiment and the Regimental Association. 39 CBG was also represented by Major Greg Chan (The Royal Westminster Regiment) and Lieutenant Colonel Kent Wickens (39 Signals Regiment), both laying wreaths during the ceremony.

This very memorable event was organized by the Korean War Commemorative Alliance ("KWCA") to mark the Korean War Veterans Day (July 27) as enacted by the Parliament of Canada in 2013. Many thanks to KWCA and the Office of Senator Yonah Martin for this wonderful ceremony of remembrance.



**THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CADET TRAINING CENTRE  
MIXED DINNER  
27 JULY 2018**



The reception before dinner featured the presentation of a number of Certificates of Commendation to the staff of RMCTC by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Jim Barrett. In addition, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Captain Jiri Motak were each presented with Command Coins from the CO in recognition of their service. The Mixed Dinner was held in the Combined Mess with a great turnout, wonderful hospitality and a delightful dinner. Post dinner activities were held in the Officers' Mess where Colonel Hawthorne presented Captain Motak with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin.

A great time was had by all.



**39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP  
COMMAND TEAM FAREWELL MESS DINNER  
SEAFORTH ARMOURY  
28 JULY 2018**



The Command Team Farewell Mess Dinner marking the Change of Command (Colonel David Awalt to Colonel Paul Ursich) and Change of Appointment of Brigade Sergeant Major (CWO Sean Parker to CWO B.H.J. Gardner) was held in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury on Saturday evening, 28 July 2018. Special Guests for the affair were BGen Nic Stanton, DCO of 3 Canadian Division, and BGen Rob Roy MacKenzie, COS Army Reserve. The dinner was very well attended, including the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and Major Adam McLeod as well as many Honoraries of 39 CBG. The very enjoyable evening featured speeches by the Commander and the Brigade Sergeant Major, entertaining presentations



and Commander Commendation presentations to Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova, 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA, and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster, 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA, in recognition of their service to 39 CBG. Congratulations gentlemen and thank you for service to your units and 39 CBG!



At the conclusion of the evening, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Colonel Dave Awalt and thanked him for the great support during his command.

Photos courtesy of HLCOL John Ducker.

**THE 39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP  
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
MAJOR-GENERAL B.M. HOFFMEISTER OC, CB, CBE, DSO BUILDING, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
29 JULY 2018**



The Change of Command Ceremony from Colonel David Awalt, CD to Colonel Paul Ursich, CD was held in the new 39 CBG Building along with the Change of Appointment of Brigade Sergeant Major from Chief Warrant Officer Sean Parker, CD to Chief Warrant Officer B.H.J. Gardner, CD. The Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division, Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu, OMM, MSM, CD, was the Presiding Officer and the Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia, was the Guest of Honour.

BCRs in attendance included the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, SSM, MWO Tony Harris, Band Governor, Honorary Colonel (39 CER), Bill Diamond, Farid Rohani, Romano Acconci, Dan Thomas and John Perry.

A reception followed the ceremony which was held in the Anderson Room in the Armouries of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

Congratulations to the outgoing Commander, Colonel Awalt, on his successful command, and congratulations to Colonel Ursich on his promotion and his appointment as Commander of 39 CBG!



### Powell River cadet represents Canada in France

Elizabeth Gillen to attend 100th anniversary of the Battle of Amiens

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HEADING OVERSEAS: Master warrant officer Elizabeth Gillen will represent Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, BC Regiment in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Amiens in France on Wednesday, August 8. This is Brooks Secondary School graduate's first trip overseas. Contributed photo

Brooks Secondary School graduate Elizabeth Gillen is one of 15 cadets from across the country chosen to represent Canada at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Amiens in France later this week.

Gillen, currently ranked master warrant officer, has been part of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, BC Regiment in Powell River for the past six years.

"I'm the only army cadet in BC going," said Gillen. "They choose three from each region and one from each element: one sea, one army and one air."

Gillen is the second senior cadet from Powell River chosen for an international tour this year. Master warrant officer Kathryn Sheldon was one of 11 cadets chosen to participate in a World War I and II battlefield tour in March 2018.

"We're very fortunate in Powell River to have dedicated, talented people presenting the program as well as a world-class venue for us to experience and explore," said local corps lieutenant Caroline Visser. "Sheldon and Gillen have both participated fully in the program with enthusiasm and dedication, and it shows. They have excelled in their activities and in the community. We are incredibly proud of them."

Gillen said she was surprised when she received the news that she had been chosen.

"It was kind of out of the blue," she added. "My mom and I went to Victoria to get my passport last Wednesday."

The tour, a collaboration of Veterans Affairs Canada and the United Kingdom's UCL Institute of Education, takes place August 3 to 11, starting off in the nation's capital with a visit to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

The 15 cadets, aged 16 to 18, will then travel together to France, visit significant World War I battlefields and learn about the role Canada played in the first World War. On the anniversary of the battle, August 8, the contingent will attend a ceremony at Amiens Cathedral.

The Battle of Amiens, also known as the Third Battle of Picardy, began on August 8, 1918. It was the opening phase of the Allied offensive that ultimately led to the end of World War I. Amiens was one of the first major battles involving armoured warfare and marked the end of trench warfare on the Western Front until the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.



Gillen said being chosen is an honour.

"I'm really excited to go," she added. "This is my first trip to France; I've never been out of the country before."

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## 9 AUGUST 1944 - HILL 140 OBSERVANCE



Today we remember the service and sacrifice of all members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment) CAC and the Algonquin Regiment on this very special day in the history of both Regiments.

**“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”**

**THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE CANADIAN ARMY,  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JEAN-MARC LANTHIER, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD  
VISIT TO VANCOUVER  
14 AUGUST 2018**

General Lanthier and the Army Sergeant Major, CWO Stuart Hartnell, started their west coast tour by visiting the new HQ for 39 CBG, The Major-General B.M. Hoffmeister OC, CB, CBE, DSO Building. Shortly after noon, a special luncheon was held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club where a number of Lower Mainland Command Teams, including BCR CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, and Honoraries attended to dine with the new CCA. BGen Trevor Cadieu introduced all attendees to General Lanthier and CWO Hartnell and they in turn addressed the assembled group. The Head Table consisted of General Lanthier,

Colonel Paul Ursich, 39 CBG Commander, Honorary Colonel Judith Guichon, former Lieutenant Governor of B.C., Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Paul Crober, B.C. Chair of CFLC, Darrel Moriyama, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. Colonel Hawthorne, with the encouragement of others present, briefed General Lanthier on the role of the Honorary Colonel in the BCR and the strong part played by the BCR Regimental Family in their support of the Regiment, Cadets and Veterans. Needless to say, General Lanthier will most likely become a committed reader of **The Duke** newsletter. The luncheon was a very successful event in a gorgeous setting at Jericho overlooking English Bay on a warm summer day (with some smoke/haze from the wildfires in the Southern Interior). The tour concluded with a visit to the Drill Hall of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and the Colonel Sherman Armoury of 39 Service Battalion on the way to YVR.



**THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE CANADIAN ARMY,  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JEAN-MARC LANTHIER, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD  
VISIT TO THE DRILL HALL  
14 AUGUST 2018**

With the permission of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD, we are quoting at length from his “after action report” regarding the visit of the CCA, LGen J-M Lanthier, and the Army Sergeant Major, CWO Stuart Hartnell, to the Drill Hall in the mid afternoon of 14 August 2018.

“All,

As many of you already know, yesterday the new Commander of the Army, LGen Lanthier and Army Sergeant Major CWO Hartnell visited Vancouver and 39 CBG. After an introductory luncheon with several Lower Mainland Command Teams and Honoraries, LGen Lanthier, the 3 Div and



39CBG Command Teams along with numerous staffers visited the BCR Drill Hall. Our indefatigable HCol Hawthorne was of course in attendance, along with incoming HLCol Farid Rohani.

We began with a brief tour of the building during which the RSM emphasized that the drill hall is more than a building and a training venue, but the home of The British Columbia Regiment. We then proceeded upstairs for '134 years of Regimental History in 5 minutes' courtesy of CWO Mullick followed by an Ops brief by me that included: Our mission and conops, priorities, organization, trg year overview, and recruiting. I then raised key challenges including retention, infrastructure, equipment, training areas and secondary mission tasks (Influence Activities). These generated significant discussion with both CCA and Comd 3 Div and I am happy to report that we will be well supported in these areas and our superiors are fully engaged in all of these issues. I concluded the brief with a discussion of the opportunities that lie ahead including: second mission tasks (both a challenge and an opportunity), Fraser Valley expansion, increased integration with the regular force and expanding our community footprint.

Overall, I got the sense that the brief was well received and that our concerns were in line with the thinking of our chain of command. I would like to emphasize that the 3 Div Comd's philosophy of "One Team" has not only taken hold in the West but is supported across the army and by the new CCA. We are in good hands. Finally, we are in a time of unprecedented change and opportunity. We would not be in a position to take advantage of this without the continued engagement of all of you. I was proud to showcase our building, the achievements of our soldiers and our Regimental family to LGen Lanthier and thank you all for your support in making our Regiment a success and an example within 39 CBG.

I'd like to especially thank the RSM and the day staff for their hard work getting our building into top shape, ensuring I had all the information I needed to brief the CCA and addressing all critical details."

Many thanks to the CO for his excellent report.

At the conclusion of the briefing, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Regimental Coin to General Lanthier and thanked him for visiting the Drill Hall and for his very encouraging words of support.

**Editor's Note:** As all those present will attest, the CO's briefing to the Commander of the Army, LGen Jean-Marc Lanthier, and by extension to 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Commander, Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu and 39 CBG Commander Colonel Paul Ursich, was extremely well done. It was a very proud day for all Dukes!





**VERNON CADET TRAINING CENTRE  
FINAL PARADE & SUNSET CEREMONY  
DIEPPE PARADE SQUARE – 16 AUGUST 2018**

The annual parade at VCTC was held on the Dieppe Parade Square on a very warm summer evening. The Parade Appointments were the Reviewing Officer, Brigadier-General Kelly Woiden, OMM, CD, Commander National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group, the Parade Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Miroslav Novak, the Deputy Commanding Officer, Major Derrick Gee, CD, and the RSM, CPO 1st Class Dave Bliss, MMM, CD.





The Program of Events included the customary General Salute, Inspection of Cadets (the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment was acknowledged on parade and was included in the Reviewing Party), March Past, Presentation of Awards, an Address by the RO, a well-executed Feu de Joie by the Guard and concluded with the traditional 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 Family was well represented by Director-at-Large (Cadets), Roger Prouse, The Army Cadet League of Canada - BC Branch, Honours & Awards Executive Louise Prouse, League Treasurer, Michael Johnson, 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC SPC Chair, Harminder Palak, and Ken and Linda Whitney. Our good friend and colleague, Major Amar Tiwana, 637 Arrow Sqn RCACS, was also in attendance.

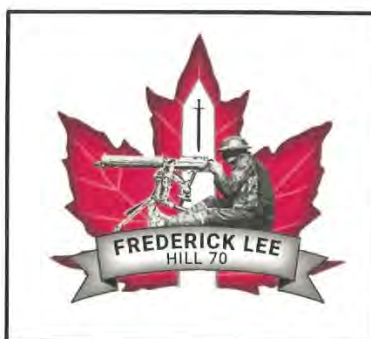


The excellent parade was followed by an enjoyable reception in the combined mess. Colonel Hawthorne thanked his Aide-de-Camp, Captain Addison Han, for his able assistance and hospitality and presented him with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin.

The 2018 Cadet Training Intake was comprised of 216 Staff Cadets and 1495 Couse Cadets for a total of 1711 Cadets in training. Congratulations to all cadets on another successful summer camp!

**BCR RECRUITING  
19 AUGUST 2018  
2018 PNE**

The BCR combination Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (“TAPV”) crew and recruiting team were extremely busy on Sunday afternoon, 19 August 2018, during a brief visit by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment to the 39 Canadian Brigade Group Recruiting Area adjacent to the Agrodome (after an absence of some years). Numerous units in the Lower Mainland were well represented in the many displays (vehicles, weapons, signals equipment, bunkers, etc). The BCRs were positioned well as the lead unit with the TAPV attracting considerable interest. Many thanks to MCpl Borislav Boskic, MCpl Randy Sloan and Cpl Reece Papin for their excellent work. Well done!



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## **The Frederick Lee Walkway At Hill 70 in France Secures Major Donor**

*Noted Canadian Philanthropist Robert H. N. Ho Helps Sponsor  
Walkway dedicated to Chinese Canadian Soldier Who Fought in First  
World War*



**Kingston, On** – The Hill 70 Memorial Project is pleased to announce that it has received a \$1.5 million gift from Mr. Robert H. N. Ho (何鴻毅), O.B.C., that will be directed towards the construction of the \$2 million Frederick Lee (费德瑞克·李) Walkway in Loos-en-Gohelle, France.

Lee was among only 300 or so Canadians of Chinese heritage who were permitted to enlist with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the Great War. After having fought at Vimy Ridge, he was killed in action in August 1917 during the Battle of Hill 70 and has no known grave. A walkway dedicated in his honour is being planned for a new national memorial that is currently being built on the site of this former Canadian battlefield in northern France.

Hill 70 Chairman Col. Mark Hutchings commented that the donation was pivotal in enabling his team to proceed with this commemoration to Lee and paid special tribute to Robert H.N. Ho for his commitment to the project.

*"We are thrilled to be able to venerate the remarkable story of Frederick Lee whose service to this country made him a role model for all Canadians. However this key element would not have been possible without the generous support of a notable individual - Robert H.N. Ho - a man with a keen sense of history, who has experienced it first hand".*

Born in Hong Kong prior to the Second World War, Robert H.N Ho was forced to flee the city with his mother and sister after the Japanese invasion of December 8, 1941. Walking inland through war torn China, they eventually reached temporary refuge in Liuchow in Guangxi Province, before escaping to Kunming in Yunnan Province just ahead of a Japanese offensive. Ho's father, General Ho Shai Lai, served in the Nationalist Army alongside other Allied Forces that were fighting in the Far East theatre. A decorated and distinguished soldier, he was subsequently appointed as Taiwan's Vice Minister of Defence, before accepting a United Nations posting on behalf of his government in Washington, D.C.

Robert H.N Ho later followed his father to the United States, completing first a Bachelor of Arts degree at Colgate University and then a Master's degree in Journalism at Columbia. After working for several US publications (including a stint as a White House reporter), he returned to Hong Kong in order to help manage his family's media companies and other enterprises. Rising to become publisher of The Kung Sheung Daily Press, he was able to observe the sweeping changes that took place throughout South East Asia over the course of his professional career.



*Robert H.N. Ho (何鴻毅), O.B.C. is a descendent of Sir Robert Ho Tung Bosman (pictured in the background) and Lady Clara Ho Tung.*

In the early 1990's Ho retired and moved with his wife Greta to Vancouver. Continuing a long-standing family tradition of private philanthropy, he established The Robert H. N. Ho Foundation, which has specialized in supporting projects around the world in the fields of education, Chinese Arts and Culture, and Buddhist learning. As well, he has made a point of personally funding a wide variety of healthcare initiatives that have subsequently helped tens of thousands within the community. In recognition of the significant impact that he has had both within the province and across the country, Robert H.N. Ho was awarded the Order of British Columbia (O.B.C) in 2013.

Hutchings observed that Robert H.N. Ho is that rare type of individual who sees a broader need and then quietly goes about filling it so that the public may benefit.

"We very much wanted to insure that Frederick Lee's story would become of part of the Hill 70 Memorial Project. Robert's gift will allow us to do just this and in a manner that will bring it to the attention of an estimated 700,000 Canadians who visit this area of France every year.

Frederick Lee died at the Battle of Hill 70 on August 21, 1917.



## The Frederick Lee Walkway at the Hill 70 Memorial in Loos en Gohelle France



### About The Hill70 Memorial Project

The Hill 70 Memorial Project is a volunteer driven effort with a team of over 75 people, composed of architects, bankers, lawyers, teachers & university professors, ex-military personnel, media experts, property developers, project managers and many others. It has been backed by a number of prominent Canadians who serve as its Honorary Advisors: this group includes the former Governor General - The Right Honourable David Johnston, PC CC CMM COM CD FRSC FRCPSC; the Past Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Canada - Beverley McLachlin, PC CC CStJ; and former Canadian astronaut - Chris Hadfield, OC OOnt MSC CD.

For more information, please go to <https://www.fredleehill70.ca>

Frederick Lee has inspired Canadians from all backgrounds, including the *Finding Fred Lee* team and the *Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society*. The Hill 70 Memorial Project is working closely with both these organizations to help secure additional funds for the long-term upkeep of the walkway as well as the perpetuation of other educational elements that are to be dedicated to Frederick Lee.

### Finding Fred Lee

"*Finding Fred Lee*" is a volunteer project that aims to complete the story of Frederick Lee by tracing the full extent of his family across two continents. It also intends to create an awareness of Lee by providing educational resources for schools and communities across Canada. For further information, please see: [www.findingfredlee.com](http://www.findingfredlee.com)

### **The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society was created in 1998 to generate an awareness of Chinese Canadian participation in both world wars. The role of the museum society is to research, collect, record and preserve stories, artifacts, memorabilia and photographs that help illustrate this important part of Canadian history. It also works to educate a new generation of Canadians on the role the Chinese played in Canada's history. For more information please see:

[www.ccmms.ca](http://www.ccmms.ca)

**Further updates on the Frederick Lee story will be issued jointly by these three organizations in the near future.**

## **THE HILL 70 MEMORIAL PROJECT**

**21 AUGUST 2018**

Submitted by: Farid Rohani

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, The Hill 70 Memorial Project, The Chinese Canadian Military Museum and Finding Fred Lee initiative invited a number of dignitaries including the HCol Ted Hawthorne to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens in Vancouver's Chinatown to announce a major donor and the construction of the Frederick Lee (费德瑞克·李) Walkway in Loos-en-Gohelle, France.

The Hill 70 Memorial Project announced that it has received a \$1.5 million gift from Mr. Robert H. N. Ho O.B.C., towards the completion of the \$2,000,000 Fred Lee Walkway construction.

The Frederick Lee Walkway at Hill 70 in France, will be Canada's last memorial to be built for the First World War. August 21<sup>st</sup> also marks the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of Frederick Lee of Kamloops, BC, one of the first Chinese Canadians to volunteer for the First World War. More information on Frederick Lee can found at <http://findingfredlee.com>.

Noted guests included Frederick Lee's nephew and niece, Richard (Dickie) Lee and Betty Koo, Senator Yuen Pau Woo, Col Mark Hutchings, Chairman of The Hill 70 Project, Jack Gin, Chairman of the Finding Fred Lee Initiative and King Wan, President of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society.

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Jack Gin, Chair of the Finding Fred Lee Initiative, Senator Yuen Pau Woo, Col Mark Hutchings, Chair of the Hill 70 Project, HCol Ted Hawthorne and Farid Rohani at the Fred Lee Walkway announcement





Farid Rohani, King Wan, President of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and HCol Ted Hawthorne



HCol Ted Hawthorne receiving the Fred Lee Pin from King Wan, President of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society

**Editor's Note:** The Regimental Association Charitable Trust has been a strong supporter of the Project. Colonel Hutchings acknowledged Colonel Hawthorne in the course of his presentation and noted that two Sons of Ireland were awarded the Victoria Cross in the action (CSM Robert Hanna, VC, 29 Bn CEF and Pte. Michael O'Rourke, VC, 7 Bn CEF), units now perpetuated by the Regiment.



## WOUNDED WARRIORS OF CANADA

25 AUGUST 2018

By: Kelly Parkes

As members of the Canadian Army Veterans 3<sup>rd</sup> CAV group named SAVIO, on August 25<sup>th</sup> four of us did a short motorcycle escort for the bicycle riders in the Inaugural BC Highway of Heroes Ride. The ride started at the Afghanistan War Memorial in Langley. This is in support of Wounded Warriors of Canada. Each bicycle rider had raised over \$1,200 in sponsorship. The riders rode to HMS Discovery in Stanley Park Vancouver, and then rode to Victoria, BC on Sunday to the finish. GOOD ON THEM!

Up the Dukes!

SPARKY

## BCRs ON THE MOVE



The Government of British Columbia has declared a state of emergency and once again, the soldiers of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) have answered the call.

Utilization of Reconnaissance soldiers for domestic operations (such as BC forest fires) is one of the many ways our expertise is put to use. Therefore not just over seas, but in our own neighbourhoods as well.

Good luck to all the Dukes deployed, and stay safe out there!

Photo: courtesy of MCpl Ali-Akbar

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## “OUT FOR A RIP”

BCR Senior NCOs and Warrant Officers took the TAPV out for some off-road driving in Chilliwack as a part of their TAPV driver course. The aim of this course is to generate instructors to teach the rest of the regiment once the new training year begins this September.



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## “EX STEEL SABRE 2016”





Members of the British Columbia Regiment training with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Reconnaissance Squadron on Ex Steele Sabre conducting a four-days screening operation at Wainwright, Alberta. Many junior members of the contingent received their first opportunity to train with their regular force counterparts.



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### **“CLOSE QUARTER BATTLE”**



Sgt Colin Canavan instructs members of BCR Recce Squadron on Close Quarter Battle (CQB) shooting techniques at Vokes Range located in Chilliwack, BC.

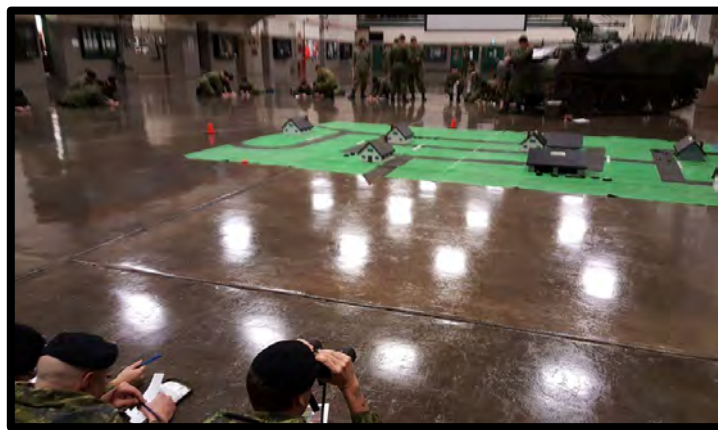
Force Protection, convoy operations and VIP escort are critical secondary tasks outside of reconnaissance that all armoured recce soldiers must be able to conduct. Often, that involves soldiers to operate in urban an environment where buildings of all shapes and sizes force troops to operate in tight spaces where potential enemies are just around the corner. Therefore, the ability to engage enemies at close distances in a swift and effective manner while properly utilizing cover becomes a skill that all armoured recce soldiers must master.

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### **“ADAPT, IMPROVISE, OVERCOME”**

As an armoured reconnaissance soldier, it is important for one to know how to call an effective fire mission. This is especially true when the unit is deployed to screen (monitor) an area in Observation Posts (OPs) or during engagements with enemy units. However, live artillery and artillery simulator ranges are not something the regiment regularly has access to. NCOs of the regiment adapted to this situation and used a map model kit to simulate targets and had soldiers call fire missions on them and adjust impacting rounds.

The training was overall effective and troops did extremely well when they applied what they learned on an artillery simulator range at 15th Field Artillery Regiment later in the training year.



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### “OP LENTUS”

On May 18, 2018, members of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) set out on Operation LENTUS to aid with flood relief in British Columbia's Lower Mainland. Under the direction of Captain Couture and Sergeant Van Heerden, the BCRs were entrusted with assessing emergency plans and its implementations. Bridges, dykes, and emergency routes were examined using our newly acquired Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles (TAPV). Members of the 6 Intelligence and 39 CER were embedded with the BCR crew to aid in disaster response.



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### “MEET THE BCR SHOOTING TEAM”

Despite the regiment's conversion into an armoured and later armoured reconnaissance unit after 1942, the BCR has always retained its traditions dating back to its early days as an infantry unit, named the 6th Regiment Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, of training its soldiers to become outstanding marksmen.

This tradition is carried into the 21st century where the regiment maintains a cadre made up of the unit's top shooters. This cadre of top shooters are annually sent to compete at the Blair Shoot; a shooting competition where shooters from units all across BC compete for the title of Top Shot and Top Shooting Team. Shooters that make the top 24 at the Blair earn an opportunity to compete at the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Competition (CAFSAC) in Ottawa where top military shooters across Canada and from Canada's allied



nations compete for the Queen's Medal (Top Canadian Shooter) and the title of Top International Shooter. From there, a handful of top shooters will earn an opportunity to represent Canada and compete at the Army Operational Competition (commonly known as the Bisley) a prestigious international military shooting competition that takes place annually in the United Kingdom.

If you think you might be up for a challenge like this and want an opportunity to earn your place as the top military marksman in BC and Canada, get in touch with our recruiter at 604-619-6668.



**RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
TOCHI SANDHU  
29 AUGUST 2018**

Congratulations to our very good friend, colleague and supporter, Tochi Sandhu, on receiving the Honorary Colonel's Commendation and the Honorary Colonel's Regimental Coin. The presentation by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne took place in the presence of Tochi's colleagues at the North Delta Branch of

Envision Financial, a Division of First West Credit Union (“Envision”). Past President of the Regimental Association, Bob Remple, was also in attendance and thanked Tochi for his great support.



In his acknowledgement, Tochi humbly stated that “I receive the award on behalf of all the people who have supported me over the years.” Tochi further noted that “it is so kind of you to recognize me within the broader and diverse Canadian fabric that we are all part of across the country. I strongly believe that, collectively, we can achieve a lot more to serve our communities and make a difference in the lives of others.” Thank you Tochi for your great service to the community!

Kudos to Envision for the wonderful hospitality!



**RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
SGT. LEON VAN HEERDEN, CD  
29 AUGUST 2018**



The presentation by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne to Sgt. Leon van Heerden, past Ops WO, took place at the end of the Leadership Night in the Officers’ Mess. Colonel Hawthorne presented an Honorary Colonel’s Commendation and the Honorary Colonel’s Regimental Coin to newly promoted Lieutenant Leon van Heerden in recognition of his “tireless efforts and personal contributions in supporting the Regiment and the Regimental Family and in bringing great credit to the good name of the Regiment.” Congratulations Lieutenant van Heerden and thank you for your service with the Regiment and our very best wishes to you in your future.

Up the Dukes!



## CO'S PARADE – STAND TO 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

Marking the beginning of a new training year, the Stand To Parade for the Regiment was held in the Drill Hall after a very hectic summer for our soldiers. A short briefing was given by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay. The CO also presented Canadian Forces Decorations to Major Greg McCullough and Sergeants Bryan Copp and Alejandro Langone. The Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, addressed the members and announced details of the 2018 Bursary Program and funding for such projects by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust. In turn, the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, thanked President Gayle Hawthorne and the Regimental Association for their great work in support of the Regiment. To conclude the Regimental "Huddle", the CO introduced our very good friend and colleague, Farid Rohani, the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel designate, to the soldiers and thanked him for his strong support. In concluding the busy evening, the members received a thorough presentation compliments of the Mainland BC Military Family Resource Centre.



## ORIENTATION NIGHT 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC 6 SEPTEMBER 2018



Orientation Night for 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC marked the beginning of a new training year which promises to be an amazing array of exercises and activities for the cadets. The busy administration evening featured a strong attendance of 54 cadets with 15 new recruits with overall strength of 72 cadets. There is no question that the unit continues to build and thrive with the strong support of its CIC Officers, Volunteers and Parent Sponsoring Committee. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, addressed the cadets and thanked them for the good turnout and provided a brief history of the Regiment, the Drill Hall and the highly successful Cadet Program. Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, also a member of the unit Parent Sponsoring Committee, also attended and assisted with Agnes Keegan (soon to turn 98 years old).

Well done fellow Dukes!

**RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
FORMER HONORARY COLONEL MICHAEL SHIELDS, CD  
SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA  
18 SEPTEMBER 2018**



The former Honorary Colonel of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Michael Shields, was acknowledged at a special ceremony held at The Vancouver Club by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Honorary Colonel of 39 CER and Chairman of the Honorary Officers' Association of British Columbia, Bill Diamond. Colonel Hawthorne presented his good friend and colleague Colonel Mike with an Honorary Colonel's Commendation for his "outstanding leadership, dedication, service and commitment...during his appointment as Honorary Colonel...and as the Chairman of the Honorary Officers' Association of British Columbia". The citation acknowledged "...his tireless efforts and personal contributions to support his Regiment and its Regimental Family, the Canadian Armed Forces and the community." Colonel Hawthorne also presented Colonel Mike with an Honorary Colonel's Coin, marking the very special occasion.



Congratulations Colonel Mike and thank you for your extraordinary service!



## THE BARRETT BUNKER – SEPTEMBER 2018

Pivotal in the history of our three Fighting Battalions in the Great War from 1914 to 1918 is the victory at Amiens in 1918, scored by Canadian and Australian Corps as part of General Henry Rawlinson's 4<sup>th</sup> British Army from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

Following the signing of peace with Bolshevik Russia in February 1918, the Imperial German forces with the additional troops from the Russian Front were able to launch OPERATION MICHAEL on 21 March 1918 along the length of the Western Front. Initially focussed on the right wing of the BEF, the offensive was halted near Arras and their push towards the vital railway junctions at Amiens had been halted by the British and Australian Corps. Subsequent German offensives proved equally unsuccessful and ultimately they ran out of steam following their defeat at the Second Battle of the Marne by the French and American forces. With no further resources available, the German forces prepared to withdraw back from the Marne into defensive positions.



Promoted as a Marshall of France following his victory at the Marne, Marshall Ferdinand Foch wanted to get the allies back onto the offensive. He proposed on 23 July 18 an offensive along the Saint-Mihiel Salient to free up the railway lines that ran from Amiens from German Shellfire.

However, Field Marshall Haig of the BEF had already made plans to attack the Germans near Amiens. The Australian Corps had demonstrated that the ground south of the Somme was open, firm, and entirely suitable for an attack. General Rawlinson had submitted the proposals of the Australian Corps Commander, Lt-Gen Monash, up to Haig in July and he discussed these with Marshall Foch as an alternative course of action.

Marshall Foch and Field Marshall Haig, BEF

Marshall Foch agreed to the plan but on the condition that the French First Army to the south participate. General Rawlinson objected to French Participation as the plan involved a significant use of tanks which would be employed to achieve surprise, and that this would be jeopardized by the French, who in lacking tanks would require a substantial pre-bombardment by artillery before their infantry could advance. A fair compromise was reached in that the French would participate but would not launch their attack until 45 minutes after the Fourth Army BEF's 'Zero Hour.' The date of the attack was adjusted from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of August with the intent of striking the Germans prior to the completion of their withdrawal from the Marne.

General Rawlinson has already completed his plans with his three corps commanders, Lt-Gen Butler, Lt-Gen Monash, Lt-Gen Currie of the Canadian Corps, and Lt-Gen Kavanagh of the Cavalry Corps. This would be the first time that the Canadians and Australians would be fighting side by side. Both had a reputation for aggressive tactics and a strong record of success over the past two years. It should also be noted that whereas most British battalions were now reduced in strength down to 600-800 troops, both the Australian and Canadian Corps had maintained their fighting strength at 1,000 man battalions. The plan was to use surprise through the use of tanks and a quick advance by the infantry, with the artillery only opening fire as they advanced, hoping for a rapid overrunning of the German forward positions. Key in the plan was secrecy.



60 Pdrs in Action at Amiens 1918

The artillery involved in the final plan for the Fourth Army included 1,388 Field Guns and Howitzers, 684 heavy guns, and 580 tanks. Using the developed sound ranging techniques developed in 1917, the BEF gunners were able to knock out 504 out of 530 German guns at 'Zero Hour' as a creeping barrage supported the infantry onto their objectives.



Mark V Tank Amiens 1918



The Australian and Canadian Corps were each allocated a brigade of four tank battalions, with 108 Mark V tanks, 36 Mark V "Star" and 24 unarmed tanks to bring forward ammunition and supplied. A single battalion of Mark V tanks was assigned to support the Cavalry Corps as well as two battalions of Medium Mark A Whippet tanks (48 Whippets per Bn).

Whippet Tanks Amiens 1918

The four infantry Divisions of the Canadian Corps had been successfully moved down to Amiens without being detected by the Germans, and was fully moved into position on the night of 7 August. As a further security measure the commanders pasted the notice "keep Your Mouth Shut" onto orders issued to the soldiers and referred to the action as a 'Raid' rather than as a major assault.

At the time of the attack at 0420 hrs on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, a dense fog had covered the ground. The BEF Third Corps attacked north of the Somme, the Australians advanced south of the river, and the Canadian Corps south of the Australian with the French First Army on their right. The attack came as a surprise to the Germans and their forces only began to return fire five minutes later and at positions already abandoned by the allies.



Traffic on the Amiens-Roye Road 8 Aug 18

The advance rolled over the German first positions and by 0730 hours had moved forward 4,000 yards (2.3 miles or 3.7 km). In the centre supporting units advanced through the leading divisions and attacked the second objective. By 0820 the Australian 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Divisions and the Canadian 4<sup>th</sup> Division had passed through the lead units and headed towards the third line of objectives. The allied had now penetrated well into the rear of the German lines and the Cavalry now continued the advance with one brigade in the Australian Sector and two cavalry divisions in the Canadian. Aircraft fire and fire from the Canadian Armoured Cars kept the retreating Germans from rallying.





By 1100 hrs both the Canadians and Australians had advanced 3 miles (4.8 km) and a 15 mile (24 km) gap had been created in the German lines south of the Somme by the end of the day. North of the Somme, the BEF Third Corps had only managed to achieve their initial objectives.

Canadian Armoured Cars - Amiens 1918

The 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (1<sup>st</sup> BC) CEF moved through Amiens on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> and took up positions in a field west of Gentell. The code-word that assembly for the battle had been completed was 'Llandovery Castle' named after a hospital ship by a German submarine with the loss of almost the entire Canadian crew and medical staff. At 0420 the preliminary barrage was replaced by a creeping barrage of 18 pdrs. The 7<sup>th</sup> did not move forward for about two hours and was held up by bridges that were blown and by the cavalry and whippet tanks sharing the same route. Little organized German resistance was met. By Noon, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> battalions had advance 8.5 miles inside the German lines through the streets of Caix, with the Germans fleeing in front of them. At Cayeux the 7<sup>th</sup> took over the advance and reached the final objective by 1435 hrs. Three men had been killed, 49 wounded, and four were missing. One officer, Lt GA Jackson had been wounded. Many prisoners, machine guns and stores had been captured. The 7<sup>th</sup> remained in their objective for two days and participated in driving the Germans further and further back until they were relieved by the French on 17 August and moved up for further action at the Scarpe.



8 August 1918 by Will Longstaff, showing German prisoners being led towards Amiens



29<sup>th</sup> Bn CEF Positions following capture of Rosieres at Amiens 1918

The 29<sup>th</sup> Bn (Vancouver) had on the 8<sup>th</sup> captured the Old Amiens defensive line and on 9 August resumed the advance supported by tanks and captured the village of Rosieres after fighting through still resistance and German artillery fire. Their losses were 180 killed and wounded during to days of fighting. The 102<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Warden's Warriors as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division's advance suffered 112 killed and wounded during the capture of Beaucourt Wood, an action in which they were well supported by two light Whippet Tanks and two Mark V Tanks.

Five German divisions had effectively been overrun by the end of the day, The Fourth Army took approximately 13, 000 prisoners, and the French a further 3,000. Total German losses on the 8<sup>th</sup> were about 26,000 to 30,000 troops for a loss of 8,000 killed and wounded from the Fourth Army with further losses to the RAF, Royal Tank Corps and the French. Allied forces had pushed, on average, 6.8 miles (11 km) into enemy territory by the end of the day. The

Canadians in their sector had gained 8.1 miles (13 km), the Australian Corps 6.8 miles (11 km) and the French 5 miles (8 km), with the British Third Corps gaining only 2 miles (3.2km) north of the Somme.

It came at the cost of 1,036 Canadians killed, 2,803 injured and 29 taken prisoner. Overall more than 19,000 Allied soldiers were killed or injured, while the Germans lost more than 26,000 casualties. The Canadian Corps captured 5,033 prisoners and 161 guns.

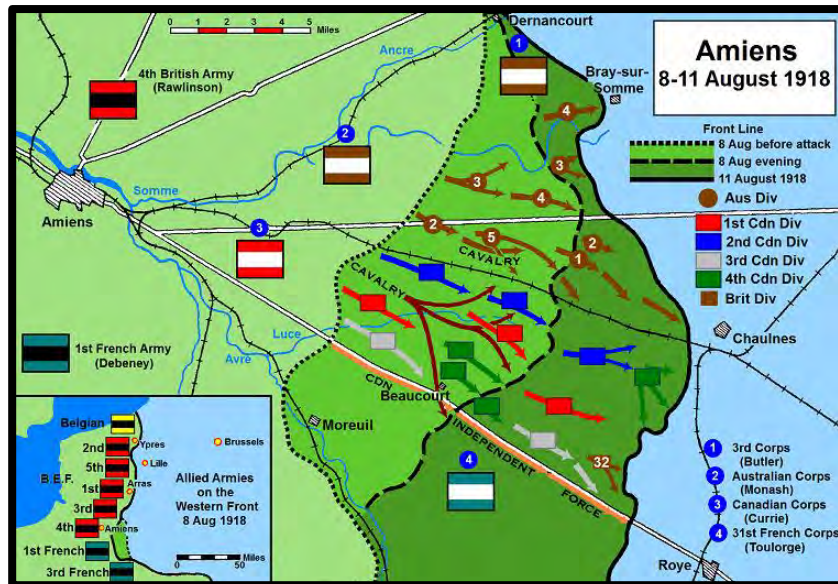
As often seen in the Great War the Allied attack continued on the 9th August without the great results of the first day. Overall, the action at Amiens was widened on the north and the south of the initial attack. Mobility issues of the war came into play once the infantry advances had outstripped the artillery support and following the reduction of the initial force of 500 tanks down to six within three days. German forces on the Chipilly Spur commanded a wide field of fire to the south of the Somme and held up the left flanking units of the Australian Corps until their positions were captured by the Australians late on the 9th. Congested roads and communication problems held up the British 32nd Division long enough on its passage through the Canadian Corps front lines that the momentum of the advance could not be maintained.



Wounded at Amiens

The Battle of Amiens ended on the 11 August 1918 with Germany's worst defeat on the Western Front since 1914. It was Germany's worst defeat since the start of the war. General Ludendorff described the opening day of the battle, 8 August, as "the black day of the German Army in the history of this war."

When General Ludendorff informed German Kaiser Wilhelm II of the German disaster at Amiens. The Kaiser replied, "We have reached the limits of our capacity. The war must be terminated."



By the 10th of August, the Germans were pulling out of the salient back to their rear defensive positions. Although, Marshall Foch requested that Field Marshall Haig continue with the offensive, Haig refused to continue the action as he preferred to launch a fresh attack using the fresh troops of Byng's Third Army between the Ancre and Scarpe. These future actions by the BEF and our Canadian Corps led to the final 100 days of the war and the eventual signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918 and the cessation of hostilities.

The British Columbia Regiment through its fighting perpetuated battalions 0of the 7th, 29th and 102nd from the Great War participated fully in the great victory achieved on August 8th by the Canadians, Australians, British and French forces, with some Americans thrown in as support to the British Third. Lt-Gen Currie



later wrote to the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion to state that when battle honours were awarded for the war that Amiens should be one of those selected for the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Although, largely forgotten today, the Battle for Amiens stands as a monumental victory for the Allies and especially the British Empire, which demonstrated that they knew not only how to defeat the Germans but how to open the way for future victories. Much heavy fighting was yet to come for the Canadians and our Regiment in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line, Canal du Nord and the final advance to victory at Mons.

In preparation of this article I would like to acknowledge my sources in no particular order, Wickipedia, the Canadian War Museum, The Canadian Encyclopedia, Canada's Great War Album, Canadian Soldier.com, The Dukes, and Swift & Strong.

## THE START LINE MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS FOR A LIFETIME

By: David Sproule

I have served in three Regiments, the RCD, the LdSH(RC) and the BCR (DCO). I loved being a soldier in all of them not the least of which is that many of the friends that I made while serving remain friends and we continue to see each other through our regimental association activities or maintain contact through email correspondence. One of the developments out here in BC is that because of numbers, we are more of a Black Hat organization supporting and honouring each other's histories and heritage. Most of us have served in more than one regiment anyway. Most recently we gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Moreuil Wood and thanks to Dave Letson, FGH, the luncheon honoured the contribution of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade because we all were there, RCD, Strathcona's and Fort Garry's. It was a fine lunch and we lifted our glasses to the memory of those that came before and who built the traditions that we continue to remember even after a century.



My Dad was a soldier in WW1 serving as a Vickers gunner, a runner and signaler in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps and served in the 3rd Canadian Division from 1916 until he was demobilized in the spring of 1919. He remained a Private soldier throughout his time overseas. I know from his letters that he was glad to be a civilian as he had had enough of the army, his fill of bully beef and plum jam and although glad to be home, felt great sadness from losing many friends and family. In the 1920s he served in a militia Artillery unit and later in the RCAF both auxiliary and Active force. But what remained important to him was that he had been in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps and was a member of that association for the remainder of his life. He died in 1977 at the age of 80 and only recently in a White Owl cigar box I found his membership card, dated 1977, in the Canadian Machine Gun (Overseas) Association. *(Can you imagine White Owl cigars – smoking them with great pleasure in the car while*

*my brother and I gagged in the back seat.)* I had no idea that all those years as a kid in Ontario and BC that the one thing he needed to belong to was the CMGC Association. You just can't forget the time you served with your buddies from long ago. They called each other "chums", a word we rarely hear nowadays.

The above photo is one I took with my iPhone and is a segment from a panorama photo of the CMGC Association veterans gathered at High Park in Toronto dated May, 22, 1939 and they had just served as part of the Guard for the Royal Visit. In addition to their blazer and flannels, they wore a maroon beret with the MG badge and here they are carrying the Corps flag, "the Maroon Arrow". They all wore the maroon arrow sewn over their division patches and it was a proud and distinctive badge - sort of like wearing Jump Wings I expect. Of course, we all know the arrow as the map symbol for an MG. In the photo there are probably 150 veterans. I do know that they used to have their annual association reunion at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. I'm sure these functions were a time of merriment, high-jinks and reflection. For many years we had a Royal York Hotel highball glass on a kitchen shelf and I never gave it much thought. Many years after Dad died I learned the story as told to me by my older brother.

It was during the Great Depression and Dad, without a job and little money, had to attend the Corps Association reunion at that same hotel. Our home was in Port Credit (now in Mississauga) several miles west of Toronto and so at the end of reunion, Dad had to make his way home but without any means or transportation. No problem apparently for with that Royal York Hotel Glass, a bottle of Scotch and a stolen hotel chair, Dad set out for home. It seems he would walk until he needed a rest, he'd then sit down on the chair, pour himself a drink, rest and then repeat. I remember the chair too - it was a bentwood chair painted gold and not a part of my folks regular bedroom furniture. I love that story. None of the reunions I have ever attended have presented such a challenge.

### **TALKING ABOUT COINCIDENCE... It's a small world...**



On my way back from the the D-day landing beaches (Normandy) this afternoon, I noticed a car stopped alongside the road in a very small town nearby La Cambe in the middle of nowhere, on the countryside. Inside the car two people, terribly lost and trying to find their way looking on a map. I stopped by, asked if I could help, and ... they seemed to be looking for the Guest House which happened to be the one I'm staying at. Coincidence number 1.

I tell the two people to follow me and once we get to the guest house, we start a conversation.

The lady, Tara, comes from Kelowna. I'm telling her I will probably drive



through Kelowna in a couple of weeks from now.  
Coincidence number 2.

As a tour guide, and even more being simply curious, I asked Tara and her husband why they're visiting Normandy. No doubt : they want to visit both the American and Canadian landing beaches. It happened that Tara's grandfather served with a « Canadian Regiment » in WW2. I asked her about the Regiment, but she was not sure and needed to check in the papers she brought with her.

And ...yes !

Trooper K51456 John Kennedy (!) joined the 28th Canadian Armored Regiment/BCR on May 23rd 1943.... and eventually landed here in Normandy.

When I told her about my link with the Regiment we couldn't believe all the coincidences. Tara and her husband will visit our monument here in Normandy, even though she wasn't aware about it.

Up the Dukes !  
(Good thing I always carry my BCR flag !)

Hon. Captain Gauthier Hebbelynck

## AT THE PUB



You never know who you'll run into when you go out for a quiet pint.

While attending a function at the 6 Mile Pub in View Royal former Commanding Officer and my old boss L/Col (rtd) Dave Sproule ran into Maj. Russ Lacey and the Minister of National Defence L/Col (rtd) Harjit Sajjan and his daughter.



## COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS



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01 May, 2018

Dear *Ted*:

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for sending me the latest edition of The Duke. I always look forward to reading about the Regiment's extensive activities and am impressed by the collective efforts of the unit's extended family; both you and the Commanding Officer are to be congratulated for your ongoing efforts.

I was pleased to read about the Regimental Association Charitable Trusts' direct financial support to students. Helping our student-Reservists with their considerable expenses positively impacts recruiting and retention. Similarly, the units' extensive support to affiliated Cadet Corps and engagement with community stakeholders promotes the leadership, citizenship and community commitment so sought after throughout Canada.

Additionally, I was quite pleased to read of my own Regiment's activities within your newsletter. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCL) remains well connected, through those who have retired, to a number of communities throughout B.C. – well done!

Thank you for your considerable service to your Regiment and to the community in which you serve; your efforts are recognized and appreciated.

Kind Regards,

P.J. Bury  
Major General  
Chief of Reserves and Employer Support

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### DUKE'S DEN



MCpl Duke A. Bear is always a big hit at any Cadet Annual Ceremonial Review! Well done Duke!



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### 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:

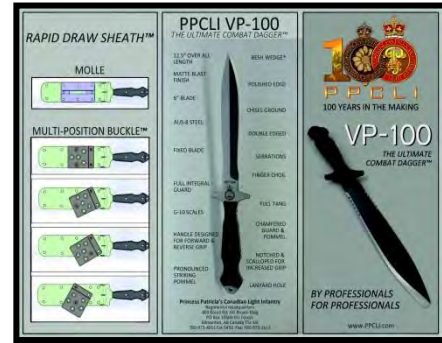
1. Mini Guidons - \$130.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced
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## ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

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.



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## **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.