



THE DUKE



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PHILANTHROPIST COUPLE STEP UP TO ENSURE A PIECE OF CANADIAN HISTORY IS SAVED

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Cyril Woods, centre, came to Canada in 1956, with a wife, child and \$100 in his pocket. Over the next decades Mr. Woods would make millions developing car paints and undercoating, eventually retiring to Toronto, Ont. / SUSAN ROSS/CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

Sir Cyril Woods was desperate to stand up for his country.

His grandfather, Charles Woods, had been a casualty of mustard gas in the Great War, spending the last six decades of his life in a veteran's hospital. His father and brother served in the Second World War.

At the age of 11, the young lad from Omagh, County Tyrone, walked and ran the nearly 110 kilometres to Belfast to sign up as well, only to be twice sent home and told to grow up first. He never did make it to the front.

Mr. Woods came to a new country, Canada, in 1956, with a wife, child and \$100 in his pocket. A painter by trade, over the next decades he would make millions developing car paints and undercoating, eventually retiring to Toronto where he and his second wife, Lorna (his first wife passed away several years after their arrival), have given millions to hospitals and other good causes.



Monday afternoon in Ottawa, the Woods stood up for their adopted country (she's originally from Singapore) when they put up the cash necessary to ensure a rare Victoria Cross did not slip into the hands of foreign collectors. Previous medals have sold for more than three-quarters of a million dollars. CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

The cross, awarded to Lieutenant Robert Hill Hanna for "outstanding gallantry, personal courage and determined leading of his company," was won during the historic Battle of Hill 70 in 1917. With officers of B Company, 29th Battalion, killed or wounded during three failed assaults to take the high ground near the coal city of Lens, France, Lt. Hanna led the survivors on one more desperate attack, rushing a key German machine-gun position and taking it.

The Irish-born Mr. Hanna survived the war and lived to see Canada's Centennial in 1967, dying at the age of 79 near Abbotsford, B.C. It is not known how his medal came up for sale, nor is anyone saying how much the Woods paid for it.

When word reached the Canadian War Museum that a Canadian-won Victoria Cross was about to go on auction, the museum reached out to those running the Hill 70 Memorial Project, a not-for-profit group dedicated to raising awareness of this forgotten battle.

Hill 70 was considered a significant tactical victory for the Allies and was the first time the Canadian troops came under command of one of their own, Lieutenant- General Arthur Currie. Military historians say this successful battle, along with the Canadians' role in the earlier victory at Vimy Ridge, was pivotal in having Canada move from colony to nation. The battle took place Aug. 15-25, 1917, but victory was costly: 1,877 Canadians killed and more than 7,000 wounded or missing in action.

Six Canadians were awarded the highest military honour for their heroics at Hill 70. The museum has had three of the Victoria Crosses for some time but was anxious to add a fourth.

James Whitham, the museum's acting director-general, approached organizers of the Hill 70 project but they felt they had no mandate to spend previously raised funds on such a purchase. Word was that there were already bids in on the Hanna medal and concerns were rising that the museum – which now holds 39 of the 99 Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians – would miss out.

"Bidding on a Victoria Cross was never part of the original plan," project chairman Mark Hutchings says. "But if we could get the museum to put up a permanent display for the Battle of Hill 70 – then bingo, it's a no-brainer."

They turned to the Woods, founding donor for the project who last year attended the dedication as well as the official opening of the memorial park in France.

“It’s being Irish,” Sir Cyril says. “Irishmen aren’t scared when it comes to war. When we’re loyal to our country, we’ll fight for it.” Fight for his country just as his grandfather had, only to pay a terrible price. Sent home from Belfast because he was too young, 11-year-old Cyril took to visiting his grandfather regularly, always taking along “a little poke of candy” for the old man in the veterans’ home.

“My grandfather is in my thoughts and prayers every single day,” Sir Cyril says nearly 80 years later.

“As a Canadian who, like Robert Hanna, was also born in Northern Ireland, I am honoured to do this. His Victoria Cross deserves to be preserved and displayed by the museum – for the benefit of all Canadians.”



L to R: Hill 70 Chair, Mark Hutchings, Cyril Woods and HCol Ted Hawthorne (presenting)



L to R: James Whitham, Acting Director of the Museum, Retired General John de Chastelain, Sir Cyril, HCol Ted Hawthorne

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY COLONEL COMMENDATION AND REGIMENTAL COIN TO RETIRED MAJOR DON BENTLEY, CD 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Commendation and Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Major (Retired) Don Bentley, CD in recognition of his over 30 years of service to the Regiment and to the Regimental Family. Don continues to support the Regimental Family and is a Trustee of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust.

Congratulations Don on receiving this acknowledgement from the Honorary Colonel and thank you for your continuing service to the Regimental Family.

Up the Dukes!



**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)
CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT PARADE
(CWO A.H. MULLICK, CD TO MWO A.C. HARRIS, CD)
THE DRILL HALL
26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The program for the evening commenced at 2000 hours with the Guidon being marched on to the Parade Square followed by the arrival of the Honorary Colonel who received a general Salute and the Reviewing Officer, 39 CBG Commander, Colonel Paul Ursich, who also received a General Salute. The evening's program included an inspection of the soldiers of the Regiment by the RO, the promotion of MWO Harris to the rank of CWO by the Colonel Ursich, a Regimental March Past (the last time for CWO Mullick as RSM), Change of Appointment segment, Speeches and Presentations (including the presentation by the Honorary Colonel of a Honorary Colonel's Commendation and Honorary Colonel's Regimental Coin to CWO Mullick, a presentation by Corporal Alexander on behalf of the Junior Ranks to CWO Mullick and a presentation to the CO by CWO Mullick), a Regimental March Past (the first time as RSM by CWO Harris), an Advance in Review Order and the departure of the RO.



On the completion of the Parade, a first-class reception was held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess much to the delight of the overflow crowd.

Congratulations to RSM Harris on the occasion of his promotion to CWO and appointment as RSM and thank you to CWO Mullick for his exemplary service and commitment to the Regiment.

Up the Dukes!





**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
CO'S PARADE
27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Congratulations to 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC on receiving a \$3,000.00 donation from ANAVETS Unit 100, presented to the Commanding Officer, Captain Tony Liem, by Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan, at a CO's Parade on a regular training evening at the Drill Hall. Many thanks to our friends at ANAVETS for their great support.

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was invited to address the Cadet Corps and took the opportunity to congratulate the unit for an excellent start of the new training year. Regimental Association President and Secretary of the 2290 BCR Support Committee, Gayle Hawthorne, was also in attendance.



Up the Dukes!

**THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA
PATRONS CORPS
DINING OUT OF FORMER HONORARY COLONEL MICHAEL SHIELDS, CD
SEAFORTH ARMOURIES
29 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Dining Out of former Honorary Colonel Michael Shields, CD was celebrated in fine form by the Patrons Corps of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada in the Officers' Mess at the Seaforth Armouries. The well attended dinner featured the play of the Regimental Pipes & Drums of the Seaforths on the drill square and during the course of the dinner. Head table guests included BGen Rob Roy MacKenzie, COS Army Reserves,



Colonel Paul Ursich, 39 CBG Commander, the CO of the Seaforths, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Haverstock, both Seaforth Honoraries, Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel David McLean and of course our good friend and colleague, former Honorary Colonel Michael Shields and his wife, Mary. It was a full agenda with an excellent dinner followed by traditional toasts, presentations and a closing speech by the guest of honour Michael Shields.

Congratulations Colonel Mike for your 57 years of service and commitment to your Regiment and to the CAF! Kudos to the Seaforth Patrons Corps for their exemplary work and recognition of a great Seaforth!

OPEN HOUSE – THE DRILL HALL 29 SEPTEMBER 2018

39 Canadian Brigade Group (“39 CBG”) conducted an Open House for all units in B.C. and the Regiment was no exception. The Drill Hall was open between the hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and featured an array of displays and kit (TAPV, weapons and a restricted “tour” of the historic Drill Hall) for our neighbours and for those interested in joining the CAF. The Open House was very well attended and featured a visit by CBG Commander, Colonel Paul Ursich, and a former Commanding Officer of the Regiment, The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, and his son Arjun. The Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, and the RSM, CWO Tony Harris were there to greet the Minister.



Another great day for the BCRs...congratulations all!

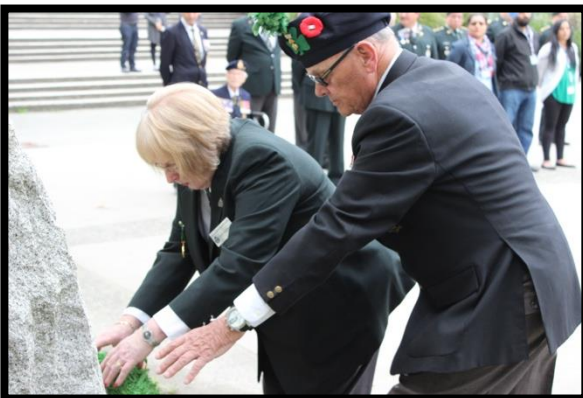


**BCR PERPETUATED WWI BATTALIONS COMMEMORATION PARADE
 PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
 29 SEPTEMBER 2018
 By Lt. Michael Azzano**

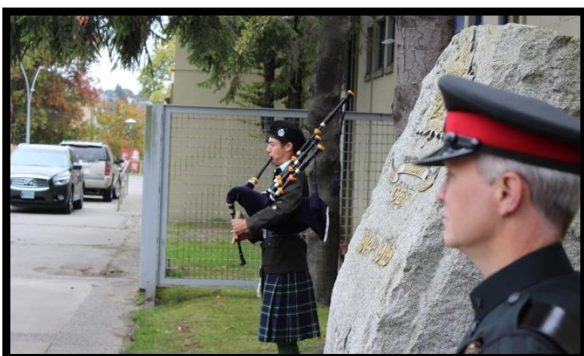


On a bright fall morning, the Regimental Family remembered the service of its Great War Battalions at the 29th Battalion CEF Memorial located in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE. Major Jim Barrett commanded the parade which included members of the Regimental Association and over 120 BCR Cadets with a large turnout by 2290 BCR (101 DCOR)

RCACC, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC and a strong showing of CIC Officers. Parents and friends of the Regiment, including Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), were also present in support of the event. The Cadets were smartly marched on parade by C/CWO Lisa Law of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC. Major Barrett recounted the history of the battalions, their training at Hastings Park and deployment from there. Captain Gordon Barrett, addressed those assembled with prayers and benediction.



The Memorial Wreath was laid by Jim Britt, a former serving member of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, and Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association. The Last Post was played by BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by a minute's silence, a lament played by Piper, Mason Wilcox of 2290 Cadets, and was concluded with Reveille by the Bugle Major. All participants were invited into the Rollerland Building for lunch and beverages compliments of the Regimental Association. Kudos to Gayle Hawthorne for arranging the most enjoyable reception, and thanks to Harminder Palak, President of the Sponsoring Committee of 3300 BCR and ladies of her parent group, for their able assistance in the set up and service.



Piper Mason Wilcox of 2290 BCR (DCO) RCACC plays the Lament



Parade RSM, C/CWO Lisa Law prepares to march the cadets off parade



Capt. Gordon Barrett, Padre and CO 2472 15 Fd RCA RCACC delivers the prayers and benediction to the parade

A special thank you to the PNE, North Burnaby Subway, Kensington Square, and the Capitol Hill Tim Hortons for their very welcome community support of this commemoration event.

**DEFENCE ON THE DOCK
OGDEN POINT
VISIT TO HMCS VANCOUVER
SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Defence on the Dock was billed as “Bringing CFB Esquimalt to You” by staging the event at Ogden Point in Victoria with a program starting at 1000 hours and ending at 1700 hours. The well attended event showcased the visits of HMCS Vancouver, HMCS Chicoutimi, HMCS Whitehorse, and HMCS Malahat, and the presence of the Naval Tactical Operations Group, the Fleet Diving Unit, static displays of the CH-124 Sea King, CH-146 Cyclone, 11 Field Ambulance, 5 Field RCA, Military Police, Fire Service and a Safety and Environment Component. A very successful community event indeed!

At the conclusion of the Defence of the Dock program, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel 39 CER, Bill Diamond, and Rick Fisher, all “Friends of Vancouver” were invited aboard the Regiment’s Affiliated Unit, HMCS Vancouver, and welcomed by the Commanding Officer of the Ship, Commander Jonathan A. Kouwenberg, the Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Colin Forsberg and Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Steve Wist. The Friends of Vancouver visitors were invited to the Wardroom where they were introduced to a number of the Ship’s Officers and were treated to the customary superb hospitality of the Ship. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel’s Regimental Coin to the Commander and he in turn presented his Command Coin to the Honorary Colonel. Presentations were made by Colonel Bill Diamond and Rick Fisher to the Commander as well. Next on the agenda was the VIP Reception on the flight deck which included the CFB Esquimalt’s Base Commanders VIP Charity Auction. Special guests included the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force (Pacific), Rear Admiral Bob Auchterlonie and the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, the Honourable Janet Austin, OBC.

Congratulations to the RCN for their hospitality and for such an enjoyable community event!



THE VANCOUVER VANGUARD



HMCS VANCOUVER - *Assumption of Command*

October, 2018

On Thursday 13 September, 2018 Commander Jonathan Kouwenberg assumed command of HMCS VANCOUVER during an Assumption of Command ceremony held on her flight deck. The ceremony was presided over by Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, Commodore Angus Topshee as well as various senior military members. Also in attendance were Cdr Kouwenberg's family: his wife Rebecca and their two children Olivia and Sebastien.

Cdr Kouwenberg takes command from Cdr Christopher Nucci who took command in July 2017 and led the ship through a busy yet successful twelve month sailing schedule which included OP PROJECTION and RIMPAC 2018. Nonetheless, a busy fall period awaits VANCOUVER before she enters an extended work period in 2019.



Cdr Jonathan Kouwenberg joined the Royal Canadian Navy from northern British Columbia via the Naval Reserve unit HMCS DISCOVERY in Vancouver. His early experiences at sea included navigating IHC Ships YELLOWKNIFE, TORONTO, FREDERICTON and ATHABASKAN through four oceans, and qualification as a Deep Draught Navigating Officer. Cdr Kouwenberg's naval operational experience includes domestic operations on both coasts, deployments to Asia, the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and North seas and including APOI-LO in the Middle East as Boarding Officer. He served as Combat Officer in IHC Ships WINNIPEG and CALGARY, was appointed as Combat

Officer Sea Training (Pacific), and commanded ORCA class vessels on the West Coast. Most recently, he served as Executive Officer in HMCS FREDERICTON for Op REASSURANCE, serving with NATO, providing assurance to our European allies.



Away from the Fleet, Cdr Kouwenberg served as Flag Lieutenant to Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic, completed a tour as a Military Observer with the United Nations Mission in Sudan, and spent time at the Strategic Joint Staff, Canadian Joint Operations Command and the Naval Staff at National Defense Headquarters.

Cdr Kouwenberg returned to West Coast in the summer of 2018 from his recent posting in Ottawa, serving with the RCN's operational planning staff, and representing the Maritime Component Commander at Canadian Joint Operations Command. Cdr Kouwenberg assumes command of VANCOUVER as she commences her fall schedule which includes trials at sea, San Francisco Fleet Week, and acting as a consort for HMCS REGINA's readiness program.

HMCS VANCOUVER and her crew welcomes Cdr Kouwenberg and looks forward to an exciting fall program! EVER ON GUARD!

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Members of the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family:

Dear friends:

Re: Happy Birthday BCR!

On October 12th, we will celebrate the 135th anniversary of the formation of our Regiment. We remember the many years of sacrifice, service and commitment by our members, both past and present.

I am certain that you share with me the very great pride of membership in our Regimental Family and also share in our stated purpose to support our veterans, the serving members of the Regiment, and our five cadet corps.

So a happy 135th birthday to the Regiment and to its Citizen Soldiers in the third century of service to our country!

All the very best,

Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

Gayle J. Hawthorne, President

**39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP
COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
CHILLIWACK, B.C.
12 – 14 OCTOBER 2018**

Upon the conclusion of the Reserve Summer Training period and after the commencement of the training year, 39 CBG held a Commander's Training Weekend with a focused training session for Unit Command Teams at the RCMP Pacific Region Training Centre ("PRTC") in Chilliwack. The Honoraries of 39 CBG were all included in the conference and participated in three syndicates dealing with three particular areas of interest to 39 CBG. The Honoraries were also treated to a memorable afternoon which featured a TAPV familiarization presentation by the RSM of the Regiment, CWO Tony Harris, and a C 7 "shoot" at the Small Arms Trainer ("SAT") range at Colonel Roger Kenwood St. John, OMM, CD Armoury of 39 CER. Coincidentally, a two-week TAPV Drivers' Course was being conducted for twelve BCRs with Warrant Officer Matibag and Sgt McKee being the lead instructors. Both BCR Honoraries were able to visit the soldiers during a maintenance component period of the course. The level of enthusiasm of our members was absolutely great as the TAPV type of vehicle for our recce role with maintenance training at a unit level has not been experienced by our soldiers for years!



The Conference was also a wonderful experience for newly appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Farid Rohani who thoroughly enjoyed himself during the conference. Honorary Colonel Hawthorne was also in attendance as well as the Command Team represented by the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, RSM, CWO Tony Harris and Warrant Officer Craig Harris. The host for the Conference was Brigade Commander, Colonel Paul Ursich and the Deputy Commander, Lieutenant Cameron McLean. Special guest BGen Nic Stanton also provided his customary support to the Brigade.



**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY (“RCS”) AND
THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE’S (“RSSG”)
PRESENTATION OF BOMBER COMMAND COMMONWEALTH AIR FORCES WWII
BY RODDY MACKENZIE
THE ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB – 17 OCTOBER 2018**

Roddy MacKenzie presented his paper entitled “Bomber Command Commonwealth Air Forces WWII” to a full house at a joint luncheon of the RCS and RSSG held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

The paper was well received by the very attentive audience. Roddy’s very apt description follows which clearly set the tone of the presentation:

“Remembrance Day is almost upon us -- another year of Canada failing to remember some of our greatest military heroes. One quarter of all Canadians in uniform killed in WWII died in Bomber Command. To our shame as a nation, young Canadians have largely never heard of Bomber Command. Worse, much of what older Canadians think they know about Bomber Command is just plain wrong. Since the end of the war, Bomber Command has been victimized by fake news and the political hysteria of political correctness. The reality is Bomber Command at horrendous cost in aircrew lives lost played an enormous role in crushing Nazi Germany. It's time Canadians learnt the truth about Bomber Command, and Canada started properly remembering with profound gratitude Canadians who fought, and too often died, fighting for us in Bomber Command.”

In attendance were Air Force Officer Association President Mike Matthews, Probus Club of Vancouver and RCN Officers' Association Larry Fournier, former Director of Finance and Administrator of the Justice Institute in New Westminster, Dean Winram, former Honorary Colonel of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Bill Rodgers, and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne.

Well done Roddy...an excellent presentation!



**3rd CANADIAN DIVISION HONORARIES CONFERENCE
EDMONTON GARRISON
18-19 OCTOBER 2018**



The 3rd Canadian Division Honorary Colonel's Council was held in Edmonton on the 19th of October 2018. Close to 40 Honorary Colonels from Western Ontario to British Columbia gathered in the Edmonton Garrison Steele Barracks to hear the Commander 3rd Canadian Division Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu and Deputy Commander of the 3rd Canadian Division, Brigadier-General Nicolas Stanton present, explain and answer questions about the new Canadian Defence Policy – Strong, Secured, Engaged. Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo, also presented and provided attendees with the “Top Ten Tips for Honorary Colonels”.



The one team narrative has shown positive results with strong support to operations, the increase in numbers of recruits, and the necessity of the wellness of those serving in the CAF. All the positive developments play well into implementing the Strong, Secured and Engaged Defence Policy.

Major General Whelan presented the sequence “The Journey” of a typical soldier's life in the CAF, issues that recruits face from first day to retirement and the need for support at various stages in the career of an Armed Forces member.

The Honorary Colonels then broke into various smaller groups to discuss subjects from the best way to use social media to properly present and amplify the message of the CAF and best practices to engage with different communities to accommodate and facilitate growth.

Commander Bryan Price represented the CFLC and discussed the ways to educate employers on the values of the reserve soldiers, the excellent training they receive and leadership qualities that they develop during their careers in the CAF. Honorary Colonels Hawthorne and Diamond were recognized as B.C. Directors of CFLC and Colonel Hawthorne's Law Firm was noted as a CFLC Award Recipient (a National Award for supporting the Reserve Force and a Provincial Award for the Most Supportive Employer).



An excellent video was presented showing the Executrek experience and the positive results of engagement with employers that have reserve soldiers.

The Honoraries discussed the importance of Wellness and how Readiness, Resilience and growth are intertwined and how they can help to positively influence the health and mindset of the forces.

**THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA
(BC) PILLARS CONFERENCE 2018**
Submitted by: Roger W. Prouse, Director ACLC(BC)

The Army Cadet League of Canada (BC) (ACLC(BC)) held its annual Pillars Conference at the Pacific Region Training Centre (PRTC) in Chilliwack the weekend of 19-21 October 2018. The Pillars Conference brings together the stake holders in the delivery of the Army Cadet Programme. This year's conference was an outstanding success with 27 of our 50 Corps in attendance. While we are continually striving to encourage greater participation, this year's attendance was our highest since the inception of a yearly Pillars Conference in the early 2000's. We encourage all the BC Corps Support Committees and their Commanding Officers to attend. We are pleased to report the four of our five affiliated BCR Corps attended, including our Powell River Corps who sent three delegates.

Agenda Items included:

Friday evening: Registration, Dinner in the PRTC Cafeteria and a Meet and Greet in the PRTC Lounge.

Saturday AM: (1) Open session with a presentation from the National League; (2) A Cadet Training update from the Commander Henderson CO RCSU(Pac); (3) Subject experts on public relations, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Corps of Commissionaires on after Cadets part time employment opportunities; and (4) A presentation from the Provincial Government Gaming Commission on the application process.

Following lunch there were break out sessions where Support Committee Members could talk directly to subject expert speakers on a variety of subjects that Corps and Support Committees deal with on a regular basis. They included: (1) The Volunteer Screening application process; (2) The International Cadet Exchange process; (3) Donations and Tax receipts; and (4) Local Support Allocation (LSA). The Saturday afternoon concluded with an open session where we heard a presentation from an Army Cadet who was fortunate enough to be chosen to attend A Vimy Battle Tour in March of this year. The trip was made possible by a one-time Provincial Government grant and by Cadet fund raising efforts. The League presented its various Honours and Awards to Cadets and Corps Volunteers. I am please to report that two of our BCR Corps received League Awards.

C/WO Justin Dinh of the 2290 BCR RCACC received the BGen Darrell Dean Award as the Top in Fitness (Male) in Pacific Region. **Mrs. Harminder Palak Support Committee Chair 3300 BCR RCACC** was awarded the Major Charles Whisker Award as the Top Support Committee Volunteer on Pacific Region. **Mrs. Gayle Hawthorne** received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work with the **2290 BCR RCACC**. The ACLC(BC) wishes to thank and congratulate the winners of these League awards.

Saturday's progamme concluded with dinner in the cafeteria and a Halloween themed fund-raising Gala in the PRTC lounge.



The next morning was an open Q and A session where delegates could ask the Commander, the League and subject experts any questions or raise any other concerns they may have.

The ACLC(BC) wishes to thank the BCR Letson Trust and The BCRA for their generous support of the 2018 ACLC(BC) Pillars Conference.

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE – 25 October 2018



It was a memorable evening for all those present at the regularly scheduled parade night of 2290 BCR held at the Drill Hall on Thursday, October 25th, 2018. The Reviewing Officer/Presiding Officer was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. The evening's program included a General Salute to the RO, an Inspection by the RO and the Reviewing Party, a March Past led by the outgoing C/RSM, C/CWO Jack Jia-Jie Chen, an Awards and Promotions segment, which included

many promotions at the Junior Ranks level and the promotion of C/MWO Robert Liem to C/CWO, the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation issued by The Army Cadet League of Canada to Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association and Secretary of the unit Parent Support Committee for "outstanding services rendered" to the League and to Cadets in British Columbia, the presentation of generous donations by Chuck Davey and Scott Hamilton (Carpenters' Union) in support of the Cadets, the ceremonial passing of the RSM's Pace Stick and the transfer of the RSM's Regimental Crossbelt from C/RSM Chen to incoming C/RSM, C/CWO Liem. Colonel Hawthorne congratulated the Cadet Corps on their great turnout (including the Colour Party and the Pipes & Drums Band) and the outgoing and incoming RSMs for their service and commitment to 2290 BCR. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was also part of the evening's full program. Both the outgoing and incoming RSMs very ably addressed the unit, parents and many guests. The parade concluded with the March Past led by the incoming RSM, C/CWO Liem and the traditional Advance in Review Order.

Following the parade, all Cadets and guests enjoyed "Pizza Night" and cake compliments of the Parent Support Committee of 2290 BCR.

Congratulations 2290 BCR for a most enjoyable evening!





**GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
MASQUERADE BALL & CHARITY GALA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C.
SATURDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2018**

The very successful annual Charity Gala evening provided an impressive program which included the serving of Hors d'oeuvres upon arrival, the entrance of the Official Party, the singing of O Canada, remarks by The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Michael O'Connor, QC, President of the Government House Foundation, the Loyal Toast, Food Station Service, a presentation by The Victoria Police Pipe Band, a Live Auction, a performance by The Naden Band of the RCN with vocalist, Maureen Washington, Dessert Service, Dancing and a recital by the College of Performing Arts Alumni, Brad L'Ecuyer and Sarah Carle.

As noted in the billing for the Gala, "The Foundation was created in 1988 to preserve and support the legacy of Government House, the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. The resources raised by the Foundation help enhance and showcase the historical and cultural values of the building, grounds and

gardens, and fund the legacy programs of Lieutenant Governors past and present.” A grand evening indeed!



**SENATE 150th ANNIVERSARY MEDAL
PRESENTATION TO HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL FARID ROHANI
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
31 OCTOBER 2018**

On October 31, 2018, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rohani was presented with the Senate 150th Community Service award. The Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo, also joined the ceremony. The Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, took time away from his busy schedule to stop by and congratulate the Honorary Colonels for their service to the CAF and posted the news on Social Media. The Commander of the Army, Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier, also tweeted his congratulations.

The Medal Celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first-time senators who came to Ottawa to sit in Parliament, on November 6, 1867, by awarding commemorative medals, struck by the Royal Canadian Mint to Canadians involved in their communities who, through their volunteerism and hard work, make their communities, regions, provinces and territories a better place to live in.



The front of the medal features the Senate's badge and the reverse side depicts the Senate Chamber.

The medal was designed by Lt.-Col. Carl Gauthier, Director of Honours & Recognition at the Department of National Defence, the organization responsible for much of the work that goes into honouring the extraordinary men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Colonel Rohani joins our good friend, Honorary Colonel Alan De Genova with 15th Field Artillery Regiment, who was also a recipient of the Senate 150th award.



**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)
SERVING OFFICERS' DINNER
OFFICERS' MESS, THE DRILL HALL
3 NOVEMBER 2018**

The Officers of the Regiment held their annual fall dinner in the Officers' Mess at the Drill Hall on Saturday, November 3rd. It was a relaxing and most enjoyable evening complete with an excellent dinner, short speeches by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, and the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and an impressive presentation by the PMC, Major Greg McCullough, including a brief summary of his operational tour in South Sudan while emphasizing the significance of service. The atmosphere was completely conducive to the high degree of comradery and good conversation.

Well done PMC and thank you for a great evening!



Photos courtesy of HCol W.R. Diamond

**SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA
101st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE DINNER
3 NOVEMBER 2018**



Honorary Colonels Ted Hawthorne (BCR) and Bill Diamond (39 CER) paid a visit to the Seaforth Highlanders Officers' Mess following the termination of the annual Passchendaele Dinner. The visitors were greeted by the Honorary Colonel of the Seaforths, Rod Hoffmeister, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Haverstock, former Honorary Colonel Mike Shields and many friends and colleagues. Colonels Hawthorne and Diamond had the opportunity to visit with the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel Paul Ursich, who was very generous with his time.

Many thanks to our Seaforth friends for the great hospitality!

**“POETRY IN MOTION”
INLET THEATRE & GALLERIA
PORT MOODY
4 November 2018**

Submitted by: HLCol Farid Rohani

On Sunday November 4, 2018, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Farid Rohani was asked to join a Persian Community celebration of poetry recital, dancing music performances and arts for the Persian Community called “Poetry in Motion” at Port Moody’s Inlet Theater & Galleria.

Poetry, visual arts, design, music and architecture play an important role in the Persian Culture, Rumi and Omar Khayyam are just two of the many revered and notable Persian poets and philosophers.

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rohani joined City of Port Moody Councilor Zoë Royer and Ken McAteer, Past President of the BC Principals Association and Past Member Board of Governors of Scouts Canada on stage where he spoke about the Canadian Armed Forces, his Persian heritage and thanked Canada for allowing him to celebrate his ethnic identity while serving in the community.

More than 400 guests attended the evening and countless guests approached and spoke to Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rohani about their pride in seeing an ethnic Iranian in uniform and inquired about the military and service in Canada.



Some additional pictures of the evening can be found on the Facebook page below:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Perfect-Shot-Studio-West-Vancouver-108817492473505/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2136394239715810&tn=-UC-R

DUKES AND FRIENDS PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO INDIGENOUS VETERANS 8 NOVEMBER 2018

Submitted by: Major (retired) Dan Thomas, CD

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 Combat Engineer Regiment), Major (retired) Dan Thomas, and other members of the Greater Vancouver community united for the 14th annual Aboriginal Veterans Day on Thursday November 8th, 2018. The event, organized by Coast Salish elders Kelly White (Musqueam and Snuneymuxw First Nations) and Robert Nahanee (Squamish First Nation), drew significant attendance and media coverage despite the chilly weather - perhaps due in part to the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice.

As in past years, the day began with a traditional First Nations blessing ceremony inside the Carnegie Centre. We then moved outdoors for a procession down West Hastings Street to Victory Square for a moment of silence at 11 a.m. and the laying of wreaths. Uniformed members of the Vancouver Police Department and BC Ambulance Service attended in strength. Media interest was substantial, and included a "scrum" with Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, who spoke up for better treatment of all veterans.

Following the formalities, many participants moved to the Aboriginal Friendship Centre, at East Hastings and Commercial, for a feast of bison stew and the ceremonial "wrapping" of several Indigenous veterans in ceremonial star quilts (blankets) prepared by Ms. White. Several Chinese Canadian veterans, including the ANAVETS Lower Mainland flag party, were also present, representing their bonds with Indigenous veterans based upon their shared historical experiences.

At the conclusion of the event, Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Whittier, Executive Director of the BC/Yukon Command Royal Canadian Legion, praised Indigenous veterans for their service despite the discrimination they had endured following the two World Wars and Korean War. "There is only one type of veteran," he told the appreciative assembly. (Dave, formerly Commanding Officer of 39 Signals Regiment, works very actively with our brother Duke, Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Kadonoff, as Directing Staff officers for the Army Operations Course, which prepares selected Captains for sub-unit command and promotion to Major.)

The increased public interest in Aboriginal Veterans Day is a very helpful factor in Canada's Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Our respectful presence at the Vancouver event was certainly well-received by our hosts, and by other participants. We are developing additional opportunities for dialogue, including round table discussions and invitations for Indigenous leaders to visit our exercises and other activities.



The Honorary Colonels prepare to march off from Carnegie Centre with the ANAVETS Lower Mainland flag party. The flag party led the procession to Victory Square, followed by Indigenous veterans; non-Indigenous veterans; First Responders; and family and friends.

The Honorary Colonels link up with LCol Dave Whittier, Executive Director of the Royal Canadian Legion BC/Yukon Command, outside Carnegie Centre following the ceremony conducted there by Elders Robert Nahanee and Kelly White.



The Honorary Colonels flank Squamish elder Robert Nahanee, veteran of 6th Engineer Squadron and the PPCLI, following the laying of wreaths at Victory Square.

**“DUTY, HONOUR AND IZZAT”
100th ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
8 NOVEMBER 2018**

It was a wonderful evening of remembrance sponsored by Indus Media Foundation (Steve Purewal) and hosted by Richmond City Community Organization (Parm Bains) and Richmond Museums & Heritage Services (Sheila Hill). The very full evening program included a welcoming address by Rebeca Salas, Richmond Heritage Services, a Remembrance Address by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, introductions by Stephen Dooley (SFU Surrey Executive Director), a welcome to the Richmond South Asian Community by Parm Bains and the main address by Steve Purewal entitled “Victory & Valour, a Missing History of the Punjabs Remarkable Contribution to WWI”.

The evening was highlighted with the presence of many Indian Army Veterans and a great turnout from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, with Captain Karm Nagra and Support Committee Chair, Harm Palak.

A truly memorable evening of Remembrance indeed with kudos to Steve for an excellent presentation.



REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ICBC HEAD OFFICE – 9 November 2018

The annual Ceremony of Remembrance was held at the Head Office of ICBC in North Vancouver on Friday, November 9th at 11:00 in the morning. Archie Steacy, President of the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association and members, were piped into the rotunda for the ceremony by the 6 Engineer Squadron Lt. Col. J.P. Fell Pipe Band. The observance was conducted by Captain, the Reverend Gordon Barrett, and the Parade was commanded by Major James Barrett, the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC. Also, in attendance was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. Kathy Parslow, Vice President of Claims and Driver Licensing Operations for ICBC, addressed the large audience and participants and provided a very meaningful address on the significance of our duty to remember. A luncheon/reception was held after the ceremony for the veterans at the Cheshire Cheese Restaurant in the Lonsdale Quay.

Congratulations and thank you to ICBC for the memorable ceremony! Kudos to Alex Robson, Senior Advisor, Employee Relations, for her excellent work in organizing the event.



**LAW SOCIETY HONOURS THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN WORLD WARS ONE AND TWO
09 NOVEMBER 2018**

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The Law Society rededicated a plaque honouring Law Society members and students who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in World Wars One and Two. In a ceremony in the entrance of the Law Society building, First Vice-President Nancy Merrill, QC, spoke to an audience of Law Society Benchers and guests, pausing to recognize each of the 80 members and students.

The bronze “Honour Roll” plaque was originally commissioned in 1961 and lists each lawyer and law student killed during the two wars.

“With today’s rededication, all who enter the Law Society building will recognize and remember these brave members and students who fought, and died protecting the freedoms that we enjoy today. May we never forget them,” said Law Society First Vice-President Nancy Merrill, QC.



Law Society First Vice-President Nancy Merrill, QC, accompanied by Law Society members Captain Emily MacKinnon (left) and Major Adam McLeod (centre), rededicates the Honour Roll plaque commemorating Law Society members and students who gave their lives during World Wars One and Two.

**6,000 RED POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE, VETERANS AND PEACE
MOUNTAINVIEW CEMETERY
10 NOVEMBER 2018**

Billed as “A Special Tribute on the 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War”, a 24-hour commemoration began with a special ceremony at 3:00 pm followed by the placing of poppies at the graves of 4,000 veterans who are interred at Vancouver’s Mountainview Cemetery. The commemoration also included the lighting of 100 candles and an all-night solemn vigil with a sentry standing guard in the field of poppies and the graves of the Fallen.



The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne who also placed a lit candle at the memorial. BCR Bugle Major Chris Ahern played the Last Post and Reveille. A large contingent of Cadets from 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC and other Lower Mainland Units added to the solemnity of the commemoration ceremony. Honoraries from 39 CBG also included both Honoraries from 15th Field Artillery RCA Honorary Colonel Al De Genova and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond of 39 CER. HMCS Vancouver was represented by the Coxswain, CWO Steve Wist, and two members of the crew.

Congratulations to Guy Black and his team for organizing such a wonderful ceremony of remembrance.



**REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION REMEMBRANCE DINNER
MOXIES BALLROOM, THE SANDMAN HOTEL
10 November 2018**

Once again, it was a great turnout for this year's Remembrance Dinner held at The Sandman Hotel in Vancouver, a venue so very convenient for our members, being a short walk to the Drill Hall and the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day services on November 11th. The guest registration desk was manned by Archie and Lynda Steacy. A strong showing from serving members of the Regiment was also evident and acknowledged by the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Jim Barrett (the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay and his wife Michelle, OC Recce Major Greg McCullough and his wife Amy, Major Adam McLeod and the RSM, CWO Tony Harris).

The evening's program commenced with the customary reception which was followed by the Head Table, consisting of Members of the Board and their spouses, President Gayle Hawthorne and Ted, Vice President Jim Barrett and Patricia, Secretary Sandra Young and Director at Large Graydon Young, Director at Large-Cadets, Roger Prouse and Louise, being piped into the dining room by Band Sergeant Rosalie MacDonald of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. Colonel Hawthorne said grace which was then followed by the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance at the Table of Remembrance by the RSM. President Gayle Hawthorne greeted all those in attendance and welcomed everyone.

An excellent dinner was then enjoyed by all. The toasts followed with The Queen by Archie Steacy, HMCS Vancouver by Sandra Young, The Rifles by Graydon Young, the Fallen by Roger Prouse, with the Last Post by Bugler Chris Ahern and the Lament by Band Sgt MacDonald and the Regiment by Terry Haigh.



Colonel Lindsay provided a comprehensive State of the Regiment message and some very kind words for the Regimental Association. The CO was followed by Colonel Hawthorne who acknowledged the very great support of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust to the Commanding Officer, the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne also remembered the passing of members in the past year and those on the sick list. He concluded his remarks by acknowledging Gayle Hawthorne for being the OPI of the annual dinner, for the set-up, table decorations, including Remembrance centre pieces and table favours (compliments of Gayle, Lynda Steacy and Anna Truant). Well done Gayle and thank you!

President Gayle Hawthorne closed the formal remarks by thanking everyone for their attendance and their support of the Regimental Association.



During the break, desserts were provided and draw tickets sold by President Gayle Hawthorne with the assistance of Jim Barrett and the Honorary Colonel. The draws for the door prizes and the lucky tickets were conducted by the MC and Gayle Hawthorne.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE – 2018

It was a sunny and crisp morning in Vancouver at the annual ceremony of commemoration and remembrance at the Cenotaph in Victory Square marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. Many thanks to our Right Marker, Graydon Young (a Director of the Regimental Association) and the very strong contingent of members! Also, our special thanks to The BC

Regiment (DCO) Irish Pipes & Drums for leading the Regimental Association on parade. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd assisted as 2I/C. President Gayle Hawthorne laid the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. The Regiment looked great and in fine form on this special day of remembrance. The Parade Commander was Commander Chris Persson, Commanding Officer of HMCS Discovery.



Upon the Regiment's return to The Drill Hall, the parade was dismissed and assembled around the Table of Remembrance, the focal point for the concluding formalities on Remembrance Day, where the members placed their poppies on the Table of Remembrance as a final gesture of remembrance. The traditional toasts to the Fallen and the Regiment were handled differently this year with the Regiment conducting their toast just prior to the parade with President Gayle Hawthorne delivering the Toast to the Fallen and Colonel Hawthorne delivering the Toast to the Regiment. The Veterans contingent toasted the Fallen and the Regiment with Colonel Hawthorne on the drill square before the return of the unit. Colonel Hawthorne also conducted toasts to the Fallen, the Regiment and the Cadet Corps with members of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC. Many thanks to the Regimental Association for providing the beverages for the Toasts.

Congratulations to the Regiment, the Regimental Association, the BCR Brass & Reed Band, the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, and the Regimental Family for a very fine Remembrance Day Parade! Well done indeed!

Many family and friends attended the post parade activities on the drill square and all three messes. The Kit Shop was a very busy place throughout the receptions. Many thanks to President Gayle Hawthorne and Louise Prouse for their great work in providing this much appreciated service!

Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by President Gayle Hawthorne who rang the bell and Colonel Hawthorne who complimented our soldiers for the great parade and thanked them all for their service. What a great group of soldiers!

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

Truly a memorable day for all of us.

Up the Dukes!



**100TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
11 November 2018**

Submitted by: HLCol Farid Rohani

It's not often when a rookie steps up to bat and hits a home run. That is how I have felt since being appointed an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) in Mid-October. I was very fortunate to attend a Brigade Conference within days of being appointed and followed that gathering in

Chilliwack joined the 3rd Canadian Division Honorary Colonels' Council that was held in Edmonton on the 19th of October.

The educational pace and learning curve were ahead of my uniform sourcing. It has however been a very enjoyable experience being with fellow Honoraries and enjoyed learning many things including when to salute and how to salute. I am sure I caused many chuckles and some to question my qualifications but the experience is one that I shall not forget and one that I understand is a customary initiation rite of passage for novice Honoraries.

My intense education continued with a trip to Belgium and France for the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and participating in the memorial anniversary celebrations.

I consider myself very fortunate to have had the pleasure of the company of Keith Maxwell, Colonel (ret'd), author Patrick Dennis Colonel (ret'd) "Reluctant Warriors: Canadian Conscripts and the Great War" and the British Columbia Regiment Association Past President Robert (Bob) Remple who have had storied careers and many battlefield tours, knowledge of exact Battlefield locations, related history and knowledge that can only come from having lived in Belgium which both Keith Maxwell and Patrick Dennis had garnered while living there.

Bob Remple and I first visited The Canadian National Vimy Memorial, one of the overseas memorials managed by Parks Canada after Imperial War Graves Commission had awarded Canada eight sites—five in France and three in Belgium—on which to erect memorials. Each site represented a significant Canadian engagement. France granted Canada "freely and for all time" the use of approximately 100 hectares (250 acres) of land on Vimy Ridge.

While there, many tourists visited the memorial and were happy to see a Canadian in uniform and wanted to take pictures with me, it was the only time I had ever felt like a celebrity but I did have to say that I did not know their relatives living in Canada and to gently let some of the British visitors know of Canada's size.

The next day Bob Remple and I visited the Hill 70 memorial, where Lieutenant General Sir Arthur William Currie, Canada Corps Commander led Canadians in The Battle of Hill 70, a battle of World War I between the Canadian Corps and five divisions of the German 6th Army.

The battle took place along the Western Front on the outskirts of Lens in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France in August 1917.

A silver Maple Leaf welcomed us and construction had begun on the walkway dedicated to Fred Lee funded by donations of many notable Canadians including a \$1.5 million donation by Mr. Robert Ho, Vancouver based philanthropist. The Hill 70 memorial was dedicated by the former Governor General David Johnston in 2017.

Two of the British Columbia Regiment Victoria Crosses were awarded to Private Michael James O'Rourke, VC and Sergeant Major Robert Hill Hanna, VC, close to Hill 70.

While we were waiting for the ceremonies of the 11th of November to begin, we visited the Mons City Square where ubiquitous Canadian flags were a welcome surprise. It was an incredible feeling to be there as a Canadian and see the respect shown to our country. The grateful feelings toward Canadians was very evident in the smiles of anyone that became aware of our nationality.

In the evening at the City Square in Mons, at the entrance of the Mons city hall, we visited the metal monkey that has been a fixture of the city for several centuries, no one is quite sure of the origin of the monkey, but everyone has to rub its head.

Notwithstanding its uncertain roots, the iron animal is popular public fixture. Residents insist that rubbing the monkey's head will provide good luck. This custom is so prevalent that the metal on the monkey's head has been polished to a shine over centuries of passersby's looking to win prizes, lotteries or the love of their dreams. Needless to say, we all did the same and are awaiting the results of our wishes.

The next day we visited Saint-Symphorien military cemetery in Belgium. Donated by a Belgian farmer Jean Houzeau de Lehaie on the condition that the dead from all parties be buried there, It contains the graves of 284 German and 229 Commonwealth soldiers, principally those killed during the Battle of Mons.

John Parr and George Lawrence Price, the first and last Commonwealth soldiers killed in action during the First World War, and Maurice Dease, the first posthumous recipient of the Victoria Cross of World War I are buried there. German soldier Oskar Niemeyer, the first Iron Cross recipient of World War I is also buried there.

Her Excellency the Right Honorable Julie Payette visited the St Symphorien on the 11th and eulogized those buried there, welcomed those present and laid wreaths at the Cross of sacrifice.

Prime Minister Theresa May from Great Britain also visited the site and laid wreaths for the first and last British Soldiers that are also buried at Saint-Symphorien.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commissions' Max Dutton, the Assistant Historian was recording the events and has posted a wonderful video of the ceremony on YouTube. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission pays tribute to the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6BDehcAgEA&feature=youtu.be>

In the afternoon of the 11th, we visited village of Ville-sur-Haine were Private George Price fell a few minutes before the end of hostilities.

There a school named after him welcomes visitors. Keith Maxwell had waited 10 years for this memorial to be built and dedicated.

Belgian sculptor Sylvain Patte made the design based on a tear and a drop of blood on a base that represents the confusion of war. The memorial is placed on land donated by the Stievenart family, the site of their home and where Private Price lived out his last moments.

Her Excellency the Right Honorable Julie Payette, The Prime Minister of Belgium Charles Michel and Princess Astrid of Belgium, the sister of the Belgian Monarch all attended the dedication of the George Price Memorial in a beautiful ceremony that saw the Canadian Military join the Belgian Military in a parade and many other Canadians including Lt. Col Galuga, CO. Canadian contingent SHAPE and MP Dane Lloyd Sturgeon River-Parkland were in attendance.

Following the dedication of the George Price Memorial, the Town of Mons held an amazing parade which saw soldiers and others dressed in period uniforms and paraded with horses, dogs, ambulances and armored vehicles from WWI.

The next day we visited the Advanced Dressing Station outside Ypres where Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae composed the famous poem "In Flanders Field" after the burial of his friend Lieutenant Alexis Helmer who died in the Second Battle of Ypres 1918. Fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it. It is now etched in its original handwriting on a bronze plaque at John McCrae Memorial Site.

Our next stop and visit to battlefield monuments was in Leke, Belgium, where the Regiment has their own dedicated memorial. The Village of Leke was liberated by the Regiment in 1944 and every year the town of Leke honors and thank Canadians for their heroic efforts in freeing the town.

Next visit was to Vancouver Corner where a memorial plaque is dedicated to Lieutenant Edward Donald Bellew VC another British Columbia Regiment Soldier remembered for his heroic actions.

The Vancouver Corner is across from the imposing St Julien Monument of the Brooding Soldier. It memorializes Canadian First Division's participation in the Second Battle of Ypres which included the first poison gas attacks along the Western Front. It is hard to not think of the horrors of war when one stands in front of this monument. A simple golden Maple Leaf from North Vancouver, signed and left there in remembrance was a somber memory I will not forget.

Our final stop was to the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown. It lists the names of almost 55,000 soldiers that could not be given the honorable burial due to fallen soldiers. They included the fallen from the following countries United Kingdom: 40,244, Canada: 6,983, Australia: 6,198, South Africa: 564, British India: 414, and the British West Indies: 6.





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

The monthly CO's Parade for 2290 BCR was a very busy time by any standard. The evening's activities included a visit by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, who was also the Reviewing Officer for the parade. The parade, complete with Flag Party, provided the customary inspection, march

past, an extensive Honours and Awards segment and numerous promotions. Colonel Hawthorne was accompanied by Aide-de-Camp, Lt. Shawn Wade of 2472 15th Field Artillery RCACC. In his address to the Cadets, the Reviewing Officer complimented the unit on the impressive turnout, dress, drill and deportment. In his concluding remarks, the RO presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the Parade Commander, C/RSM Robert Liem. After the Advance in Review Order, the annual photo was taken of the Cadet Group.



Colonel Hawthorne was then invited to attend the Support Committee monthly meeting where he briefed the Committee regarding the 2018 Food Bank Program which the Regiment will once again be supporting. The Chair of the Committee, Nyal Wilcox, confirmed the Committee's on-going support of this initiative. President Gayle Hawthorne was also in attendance in her capacity as Secretary of the Support Committee and Liaison to the Regiment.

EXERCISE LYNX DUKE 2018- SHAKE OUT EX FOR RECCE SQUADRON

Submitted by: G.L. (Greg) McCullough, Major, OC Recce

Ex LYNX DUKE (23-25 Nov) was the shake out exercise for the Squadron this year. In addition to the G Wagons the BCR had the TAPV (Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle) out in field conditions.

After a long road move to Yakima Training Centre (Washington) our soldiers crossed the LD and spent the day honing their recce skills. Working at the patrol level in a Troop context (with Squadron level coordination) both 41 and 42 Troops trained hard to work on zone reconnaissance. The evening saw a dismounted patrol sent out against the 41 troop, with the thermal optics easily spotting and 'killing' the patrol. It was a good display of the new technology available in the TAPV, but also a reminder that there is no substitute for good training, tactics, and procedures (TTP).

The road move home included a stop at the duty free to secure sufficient goods to ensure the conditions were met for a relaxing post ex Sunday night. Ex BCR Sgt Ian Patterson was the CBSA point of contact, which sped up the border crossing!

Thanks to all, including the Ops Staff, LdSH who came out to offer support and advice, and the Signallers and Medic who supported us.



Photo: Sgt Li



Photo: I can't recall who sent me this, but I cannot take credit for the awesome pic of 42 Tp

EXERCISE STEELE BLACKHAT 2018 26-30 November 2018

Submitted by: Major Vincent Virk, 2IC



Honorary Colonels Ted Hawthorne (BCR) and Bill Diamond (39 CER) paid a visit to the Seaforth Highlanders Officers' Mess following the termination of the annual Passchendaele Dinner. The visitors were greeted by the Honorary Colonel of the Seaforths, Rod Hoffmeister, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Haverstock, former Honorary Colonel Mike Shields and many friends and colleagues. Colonels Hawthorne and Diamond had the opportunity to visit with the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel Paul Ursich, who was very generous with his time.

Many thanks to our Seaforth friends for the great hospitality!



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
29 NOVEMBER 2018**

A special meeting of the 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Support Committee was held at the Drill Hall on Thursday evening during a very busy training night at the unit. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended as a special guest. Congratulations to Chairman Nyal Wilcox and his team, including Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne (Secretary of the Committee), for their committed service to the Cadet Corps and great hospitality!



**ANAVETS UNIT #100, KINGSWAY, VANCOUVER
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC FUNDRAISER
1 DECEMBER 2018**

The annual cadet fundraiser was held at ANAVETS Unit #100 with a full house in support of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC ("2290 BCR"). The very successful event was once again organized and run by long-time member of Unit #100, Agnes Keegan, also a committed member of the Support Committee of 2290 BCR. A very strong BCR presence was clearly evident with Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne (Secretary of the Committee) in attendance along with 2290 BCR CIC Officers, Commanding Officer, Captain Tony Liem, Lieutenant Vanessa Wu and Officer Cadet Roger Wong and Vice Chair Thea Wilcox and former Chair, Dr. Alistair Younger, in attendance. All BCR attendees were greeted and recognized for their support of the Cadet Program. Colonel Hawthorne addressed the Club and thanked Unit #100 for their continuing support of 2290 BCR and the Cadet Program. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged the tireless efforts of Agnes Keegan for organizing and hosting this highly successful annual event. The Honorary Colonel also presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to the President of the Unit, Glen Cochrane.

Congratulations to Agnes for a job very well done indeed and to the members of Unit #100 for their wonderful support and tremendous hospitality.



THE 98th ANNUAL SAINT BARBARA SPECIAL GUEST DINNER
15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY
1 DECEMBER 2018

The annual St Barbara's Special Guest Dinner held at Bessborough Armoury was very well attended. Members of the Regimental Family in attendance included the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, Majors Jim Barrett and Adam McLeod, Captain Gord Barrett, former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd and HMajor Cam Cathcart. Colonel Hawthorne was a head table guest and was recognized by the CO, LCol Pierre Lajoie and Honorary Colonel Al De Genova for his many years of support of 15th Field, its Regimental Family and Honour House. An excellent dinner was served and guests were treated to an enjoyable evening with a standout performance by the 15th Field Band.



Many thanks to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Pierre Lajoie, for the great hospitality, camaraderie and a wonderful evening!

CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN)
5 December 2018

The Winter Stand Down parade ended another very busy training year for the Regiment. One of the many highlights of the evening was the presentation to the Regiment on parade of the newly appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Farid Rohani, a strong supporter of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. The recognition parade was very well attended by Colonel Rohani's family, friends and colleagues in the community. A Salute to the Honoraries, with a "Present Arms", was given by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, and returned by the Honorary Colonel. Brief remarks were delivered by the CO, the Honorary Colonel and the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. The memorable presentation of Colonel Rohani to the Regiment was followed by over fifteen promotions, the presentation of a CD to Cpl. Hooker and the presentation of a Commission Scroll to Lt. Leon van Heerden.

Following the Honours and Awards segment of the program, the CO invited the Honorary Colonel to proceed with the presentation of the annual Bursary Awards. Colonel Hawthorne, the Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust ("Trust"), announced that the Annual Fundraising Initiative had gone very well so that the Trust had awarded six bursaries, each in the amount of \$1,500.00. The bursary certificates were presented by Colonel Hawthorne and the cheques by Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association. Details of the Award Recipients are as follows;

1. Sgt Stephen Cobb - The Sergeant Pierangelo Dal Magro, CD Memorial Bursary, BCIT;

2. MCpl Borislav Boskic - The Russell Stonehouse, DFC Memorial Bursary, Emergency Medical Responder;
3. Tpr Anthony Jin Young Lee –The HPLAW Bursary, Douglas College;
4. Pte Jeong il Son – The P.C. Simon Memorial Bursary, Kwantlen Polytechnic University;
5. Pte Christopher Dean Asayo – The Lieutenant William Bicknell Memorial Bursary, BCIT; and
6. Capt Jennifer Hillman- The Raymond Glover Memorial Bursary, Langara College.

Colonel Hawthorne then presented the CO with a cheque in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Unit Fund in memory of the passing of Vern Salisbury, MM (WO2, 28 Armoured BCR), and Brooke Campbell, a strong supporter of the Regimental Association, all other members of the Regimental Family who passed away during the year, all soldiers who served in the 28th Armoured Corps (BCR) during WWII and the many behind the scenes contributions made by spouses of our soldiers and the spouses of members of the Regimental Association.

In closing, the CO addressed the members and congratulated them for their very high level of accomplishment and reminded everyone of the last few events for this training year, namely the upcoming PD Day, Soldiers' Recognition Dinner and Santa Duke. The CO expressed his satisfaction with the strong level of training and the need to commit to attendance.

Also attending the evening's event was Past President of the Regimental Association, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, 39 CER, who also very ably serves the Regimental Family as Band Governor, Member of the CO's Committee and Trustee of the Trust.





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER 6 December 2018

The Annual Christmas Fundraiser was once again a complete success with over 100 guests in attendance. Support for the fundraising initiative was truly amazing. The funds raised go to support the many programs sponsored by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust such as Bursaries, Cadet Development, Commemoration, Veterans' Recognition and Community Outreach. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, hospitality and camaraderie were first class and everyone had a great time. As usual, the silent auction was the highlight of the event with over fifty items hotly contested. In addition, there were several door prizes and a multitude of excellent draw prizes. President of the Regimental Association, Gayle Hawthorne, greeted everyone and thanked the CO, our serving members and all three messes (Officers, WOs & Sgts and Junior Ranks) for their assistance on this signature event. In addition, Gayle thanked the many members, friends and supporters, including HPLaw, ReMax/Sabre/Generations Partners, ReMax/All Points/Team Leo and the Naval Officers Association of B.C. for their many years of support. Gayle also thanked the members of her committee who helped to make the event possible. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment thanked the Regimental Association for their unstinting support of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne concluded his address by presenting President Gayle Hawthorne with his Honorary Colonel's Commendation in recognition of her many years of service to the Regiment, the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family and, in particular, for being the OPI of this most successful annual event. Congratulations Gayle and many thanks!

Kudos to Cpl Stephen Delaat, PMC of Junior Ranks Mess, for providing the excellent bar service throughout the event and finally a big thank you to Lori's Catering who always does such a fine job every year!



**CANADIAN FORCES LIAISON COUNCIL
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING
VANCOUVER – 6 DECEMBER 2018**

The December meeting of the Provincial Council of CFLC was held at the Major-General B.M. Hoffmeister OC, CB, CBE, DSO Building, the Headquarters of 39 CBG in Vancouver, on the late afternoon of Thursday, 6 December 2018. The B.C. Chair, Derral Moriyama, welcomed all members (present and by teleconference), and introduced Lieutenant Colonel Scott Raesler, the new Regional Liaison Officer Pacific Region. Special guest speakers included Colonel Paul Ursich, Commander of 39 CGB, providing a current update on the Brigade and Dan Thomas, Acting Manager of DND Public Affairs Office Pacific, delivering a sitrep on the current status of DND PAO BC. At the conclusion of the very comprehensive meeting, the Directors adjourned to the Officers' Mess of the Seaforth Highlands of Canada, for a brief reception.



SOLDIERS' RECOGNITION DINNER 8 December 2018



The annual Soldiers' Recognition Dinner was a memorable evening complete with a traditional turkey dinner and all the trimmings, excellent table service by the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess and the Officers' Mess, standout performances by the BCR Brass & Reed Band and the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, traditional Toasts, and the CO's "State of the Regiment" address.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presented a special gift to the PMC on behalf of the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, and thanked "his old mess" for the invitation and the great evening, congratulated the soldiers for their service and commitment to the Regiment and their country and wished one and all the best of the Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Congratulations to PMC, Cpl Stephen Delatt on a job well done!



SANTA DUKE 9 December 2018



Santa Duke paid a special visit to the Officers' Mess in the Drill Hall in the late morning of 9 December 2018, much to the delight of the children of our soldiers. Santa Duke was greeted with great fanfare and was met by some very enthusiastic boys and girls and very proud moms and dads. It was a most enjoyable family event and a perfect ending to the training year! Lots of presents, a scrumptious buffet and enthusiastic singing set the festive tone for this most joyous day. The Christmas Tree this year was especially well decorated by Noor Grewal Virk, who did an outstanding job.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas to all the children from Santa Duke!

**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESS DINNER – 9 December 2018**



The well attended annual mess dinner was a fitting conclusion to the end of a very successful training year. Head table guests included the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and his wife, Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association and Secretary of the Support Committee, the CO, Captain Anthony Liem, the CO of 1867 SHofC RCACC, Captain Jackson Wong, the DCO, 2381 BCR Captain Ronald Kwan, the Chairman of the Support Committee, Nyal Wilcox, Past Chairman, Dr. Alistair Younger, Cadet RSM and PMC, C/CWO Robert Liem and Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan. Speakers for the evening included the Honorary Colonel, the Chairman of the Support Committee, Nyal Wilcox, President Gayle Hawthorne, Captain Keegan and the CO.



Well done 2290 BCR and thank you for the excellent dinner and hospitality!

**2018 FOOD BANK PROGRAM
SANCTA MARIA HOUSE
10 December 2018**

A very impressive array of canned goods and non-perishable food items donated by the members of the Regimental Association, the Regiment and 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC during the Christmas Season was delivered to a very grateful Sancta Maria House (Agape Street Ministry) in Kitsilano on Monday morning, 10 December 2018. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, 2Lt. Sam Serviss and Cpl Zachary Davidson were greeted by House Parent Mary Johnson who thanked the Regiment and Regimental Family for their generous support! The Honorary Colonel conveyed greetings from the Regiment and the Regimental Family and thanked Sancta Maria House for their good work.

Congratulations to the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their generous support of this community outreach program. Many thanks to the 2IC, Major Vince Virk, for his support of this project and MCpl McKenzie Robinson for his assistance on the load up.

Thank you, Mary, for your hospitality and Merry Christmas to everyone at Sancta Maria House!



**2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER – 11 December 2018**



The annual Christmas Potluck Dinner of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC (“Unit”) was held at the Colonel Sherman Armoury in Richmond on Tuesday, 11 December 2018. The drill square was full with well over 100 cadets, family members and special guests in attendance. The program for the evening commenced with an extraordinary buffet followed by the CO’s address where Major Lee Taylor congratulated the Unit and thanked the many folks who support the Unit to make it such a success. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated the Unit for their service and commitment to the Army Cadet Program and the officers, volunteers and Support Committee for their support and commitment and for organizing such a memorable evening. The speeches were followed by the service of an array of desserts, many draw prizes, a Balloon Art Auction and toasts. It was a very enjoyable evening and a fitting conclusion to the training year.



Well done 2381 BCR and thank you for the hospitality!

**BCR IRISH PIPES & DRUMS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
11 December 2018**

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and MCpl Duke A. Bear (with his trusted friend “Jamison”) made a brief appearance during a very busy evening at the Band’s Christmas Social hosted by Regimental Association member Terry Haigh and Piper Sergeant Rosalie MacDonald in their beautiful home in New Westminster. The Christmas spirit was certainly in full swing with the Band’s trade mark hospitality!

Congratulations to the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums for another great year of service to the Regiment and the Regimental Family!



Also, special thanks to the Band Governor, Honorary Colonel (39 CER) Bill Diamond, for his great work with our two volunteer bands! Kudos Colonel Bill for all you do for the Regiment and the Regimental Family!

3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ANNUAL SARAGARHI MESS DINNER 13 December 2018

The annual Saragarhi Mess Dinner of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("Unit"), commemorating the historical action fought in the NW Frontier in 1897, was held at the Sikh Academy School in Surrey on Thursday, 13 December 2018. The dinner was held in the gymnasium and was well attended by members of the Regimental Family and friends, including both BCR Honoraries, Regimental Association Director at Large (Cadets) Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse, Honours & Awards Executive of the Army Cadet League, and Cathy Bach, President of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch. During the course of the evening, the attendees were treated to the excellent play of a small brass ensemble of the BCR Brass & Reed Band led by Director of Music Brian Smith. The CO, Major Jim Barrett, acted as PMC and followed a traditional format for a mess dinner as a teaching aid for the cadets. The program for the evening commenced with a delicious buffet prepared by the members of the Support Committee, Harm Palak Chair, followed by the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulating the Unit for their service and commitment to the Army Cadet Program and the officers, volunteers and Support Committee for their strong support and for organizing such a memorable evening. The CO's address followed whereby Major Barrett congratulated the Unit and thanked the many folks who support the Unit to make it such a success. It was a very enjoyable evening and the cadets had a great time.

Thank you 3300 BCR for your wonderful hospitality and for a great evening!





**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT
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14 December 2018

To: The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD,
Members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own),
the Regimental Family, friends and supporters

Greetings,

During this festive season, we are always mindful of our numerous and important relationships with others, as we reflect upon the greater meaning of our very busy lives. In particular, I am always so very impressed with the many accomplishments of the members of the Regiment and the tremendous support of the Regimental Family during the past year. It is nothing short of amazing to see the sustained operationally high tempo of the Regiment with all of the extra time and effort so freely given by so many who make our Regiment what it is today. It is the relationships created by our committed people who forge the strong bonds needed for the common good of all of us. Undoubtedly, this helps to create the strength and dynamism of the Regiment which ultimately is an extension of us all. Thank you so very much for all you do!

In summation, it is indeed an honour for me to serve with our members and to acknowledge their service and commitment to the Regiment and to our great country. It is also my very great pleasure to wish one and all the very best, Happy Holidays, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Up the Dukes!

E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Honorary Colonel

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14 December 2018

Members of the Regimental Association,
Regimental Family, friends and supporters

Fellow Dukes:

I have attached your annual dues renewal form for completion by you. I look forward to your continuing support of the Regimental Association and the Charitable Trust. As you know, the Regimental Association and Charitable Trust are actively involved in numerous programs and activities supporting our veterans, our serving soldiers and the five cadet corps the Regiment sponsors. As it is imperative that these activities be maintained and supported, I strongly urge you to renew your membership and consider making a donation, large or small, in order to be a part of what we do for the Regimental Family.

In addition, please look for the December 2018 edition of **The Duke** which will be published next week.

In conclusion, I also wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

Gayle J. Hawthorne, President



**The BC Regiment (DCO) Association
Annual Dues – 2019**

Fellow Duke,

Thank you for your continued support of the Regimental Association's goals and commemorative activities.

Please complete the information section so that our information is current. In addition, also ensure that your military service information has been forwarded to us so that your information is current military service remembered.

Also, please provide us with your current e-mail address.

NOTE: Please return this form and your payment to #208 – 1899 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5T1. Do not tear-off any portion of the form.

Many thanks

Personal Information Up-date:

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Please print your e-mail address clearly.

Donations to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust

The primary responsibility of the Association is to serve its members, support the Regiment, our five Army Cadet Corps, provide bursaries opportunities for our soldiers, ensure community links and commemorative activities are maintained and that peace and wartime service is respected, remembered and honoured. To fulfill these obligations, the Association's Charitable Trust needs your support.

1. Annual Dues: \$35.00 _____

2. Charitable Trust Donation \$ _____

Please note: If you wish to make a donation, please enclose a separate cheque from your dues, and make payable to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust. Tax receipts will be provided. Thank you for your support and thoughtfulness.

Up the Dukes.

**CHACKO & LIZE SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND (“SIMON TRUST”)
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 DECEMBER 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Simon Trust held their annual Christmas Meeting in the early afternoon of 16 December 2018. The Executive Committee congratulated the six BCR Soldiers who were awarded Bursaries in the amount of \$1,500.00 each at the Winter Stand Down Parade held on December 5th last at the Drill Hall. The recipient of The P.C. Simon Memorial Bursary was Pte. Jeong il Son, who is pursuing a course of studies in Business Administration at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

The Simon Trust continues to be a strong supporter of the soldiers 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 and thank you for your support.

**HILL 70 MEMORIAL PROJECT
19 December 2018**



Our good friend and colleague, Mark Hutchings, the National Chair of the Hill 70 Memorial Project, paid a short visit to Vancouver to attend meetings touching on the continuing success of the Project. The first meeting and briefing took place at the Hyatt on Burrard and was attended by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Bill Diamond, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER.

Congratulations to Mark and his team for their extraordinary work on this most worthy project.

Up the Dukes!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BCR RECRUITING TEAM
Submitted by: CWO Huf Mullick, CD**

2019 will be an exciting year for BCR Recruiting. We bid farewell to MCpl Boskick who has been offered a job with Vancouver Fire Service. The BCR want to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication and wish him luck in his new career. His replacement will be MCpl VanDelden who was promoted recently at the

Soldiers Recognition Dinner. To bolster recruiting efforts will be CWO Mullick (former RSM) and Cpls Kim and Sheehan. Together the Recruiting Team looks to increase the size of the Regiment by creating awareness of the BCR as a part-time employer of choice in the Lower Mainland. The team with assistance from the squadron leadership and personnel will recruit future Armoured soldiers and tradespeople into the unit. If any member of the Association has a relative or friend that would be a good fit within our ranks please call one of the team at 604-619-6668.

“Up the Dukes”



L to R: Cpl Kim, MCpl VanDelden; CWO Mullick; Cpl Parker; Cpl Regalla; Cpl Sidhu. Missing Cpl Sheehan



MCpl VanDelden and Cpl Kim at “Soldier for a Day” Recruiting event in Richmond



Cpls Sheehan and Parker

THE BARRETT BUNKER DECEMBER 2018

This article will examine the final actions of the BC Regiment (DCO) and its fighting battalions in the final fighting of the Great War 1914 -18 following the crossing of the Canal du Nord.

The 7th Bn CEF as part of the second brigade had crossed the Canal at 0530 hrs on the 17th of September, 1918, and followed the Third Brigade units across at Inchy-en-Artois, where the second and the 7th as the leading assaulting battalion had secured its final objectives on the Arras-Cambrai road between Marquion and Haynecourt by 1400 hrs. They remained in situ until they were relieved by the 3rd Bn CEF on the night of the 29/30th. Thirteen Officers and 233 NCOs and NCMs were casualties.

Early in October the 7th Bn received orders to proceed to Lecluse where they relieve the Rifle Brigade in the front line. On 11 October the 7th conducted a successful amphibious crossing of the Sensée River and occupied Hamel and Estrees including 75 prisoners at the cost of two wounded. From there they pushed across the Canal de la Sensee and eventually advanced to Masny, Ferin, Roucourt where they were greeted by cheering crowds of villagers, many of whom were both hungry and homeless and were grateful for the care they received by their liberators. The 7th in their now back up role settled on the outskirts of the town of Auberchicourt on 21 October, and it was in this position that they received the news of the Armistice ending the war on 11 November 1918.



Canadians advance through Cambrai 1918



Canadian Corps enters Mons 11 November 1918

For the 29th Battalion CEF a similar story may be told. On the 9th of October they had moved to the north of Cambrai as part of a successful cut off or flanking operation. Their advance was just over a kilometre and onto a deserted objective. By the next day the German Army was in full retreat with the Canadian Corps in close pursuit. The town of Valenciennes was liberated on 2 November and the advance was continued on to the town of Mons, which was entered in the early hours of 11 November 1918. There the 29th moved into protected positions and awaited the end of the fighting.

For the 102nd North British Columbians their final major action was the taking of Bourslon Wood on the 27th of September, where they had taken significant losses when the British units on their right flank were held up by German resistance. Following consolidation onto their objective, where Lt Lyall won his Victoria Cross, the 102nd was relieved and withdrawn and joined the attack to the north of Cambrai on the 1st of October, advancing 1500 meters.



Canadian Corps Crosses Rhine at Cologne 6 December 19

Both the 7th and 29th Battalions were ordered to cross the Rhine as part of the Army of Occupation under the terms of the Armistice. On 23rd November the Regiment's Battalions marched 23 miles, and crossed the German border on the morning of 6 December. In drenching rain they marched through Cologne past subdued crowds of Germans with the 7th carrying their Red Camp Flag which can today be seen on the wall of the WOs' &

Sgts' Mess. Their column stretched for almost 30 Kms in full battle order, with bayonets fixed, where they were reviewed by General Sir Hubert Plumer. Their Christmas in 1918 was spent Colonge, but by early January, they had moved back some distance into Belgium near Vauxborset. The 7th left LeHavre on 15 March, departed for Canada on April 10th and arrived in Canada on the 17th.

On the 25th of April the 7th was met at the CPR Station in Vancouver by our Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Frank Barnard and Maj-Gen RG Edwards Leckie where it was demobilized at Hastings Park on 5 May 1919 not far from where the 29th Battalion Granite memorial now stands.

Of the over 5,000 soldiers who served in the 7th Battalion, 1529 were killed or died on active service with another 3,669 having suffered a wound in action. The toll for the 29th was 606 killed in action or on active service, with 1400 wounded. For the 102nd Warden's Warriors, 676 were killed or died on active service and another 1715 were wounded in action. Roughly one quarter of all troops were killed in action, two quarters wounded to the point of being released from service, or taken prisoner, and the rest having returned to the dominion of Canada at the end of the war. A very sober reminder of the price of peace and victory.



(I will conclude with a small correction pointed out to me regarding my last submission in that the picture I submitted portrayed Renault Tanks rather than whippets. Thanks to my sharp-eyed readers.)

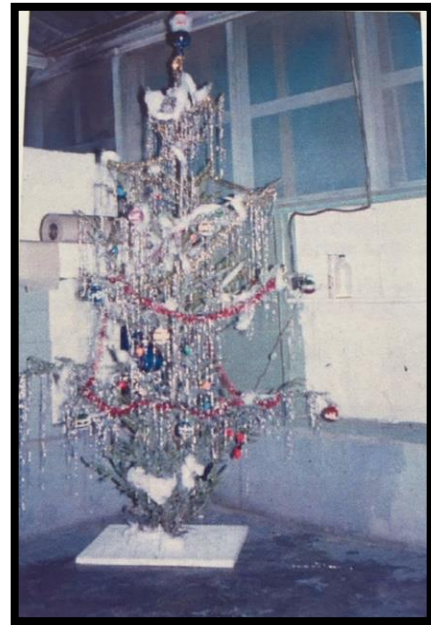
THE START LINE A Christmas Remembrance from 1962

By: David Sproule, Victoria, BC

I was a Lieutenant in the RCD and the Troop Leader of First Troop Recce Squadron in 1962 on UN duty patrolling the border between Egypt and Israel. On Christmas Eve I along with Lt Cole Hale, the troop leader of Four Troop, decided to deploy two patrols each to the Oakville marker barrel on the border for some festivities - some sacred some not so much. In a desert without trees, we took along what wood we could find from packing cases, some cardboard, a case of beer (OK maybe two cases) and so there we were 8+ Canadians out in the middle of the Sinai border in a world of sand dunes, camels and Bedouins. We lit a big bonfire right on the border, opened up the bottles of Carlsberg and sang Christmas carols to the multitude of stars shining down on this vast desert. Of course we were aware that approximately 50 kilometres away was Bethlehem where the first Christmas occurred. It was a merry time but after a couple of hours the embers died, the beer was gone and our voices as well and so we made our way back to our outpost along our desert border track.



Oakville marker barrel – inter-troop patrol boundary



Christmas Day came early and out went the dawn patrol without incident. The Troop Sergeant and I wished all a Merry Christmas and as we had a wee Norwegian Christmas tree we opened the few gifts while we had breakfast in the kitchen shack.

Meantime I ran into an Egyptian army patrol scoping out an Israelis Kibbutz near the border. I approached the Lieutenant sitting in his half track and advised him he was not allowed this close to the border and asked him to leave the area. He didn't reply and continued to ignore my request and one of his Corporals started to mouth off at me in Arabic. At one stage the Corporal drew his weapon and thankfully so did my corporal in my other patrol vehicle. A Bren gun versus a Karl Gustaf. It was a Mexican standoff but then they withdrew back across the sand dunes back to what was their Divisional area several Ks back from the border. My patrol arrived at our outpost as the sun was setting in time for our turkey dinner. That was my Christmas 1962.

DUKE'S DEN – December 2018



THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MUSEUM SOCIETY



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\$20.00 (plus postage)



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To place an order contact:
Rick Hourie, President, at rickhourie@shaw.ca

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

Following the Regimental Museum's Annual General Meeting held at the Drill Hall on 22 November 2018, the Directors appointed the following Officers to constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

President	-	RICK HOURIE
Vice President	-	DON NEISH
Treasurer	-	KEITH MAXWELL
Secretary	-	BOB CLAUSON
Curator	-	DON NEISH
Assistant Curator	-	ROBERT HALL

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Kit Shop is now online:
<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/army-kit-shops.html?cat=1262>

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

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

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

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

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

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

Mini Guidons - \$130.00



BCR Knife - \$140.00



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00

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ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

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

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

NOTICE TO ALL PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES

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



ASLEEP

L36298, WO2 Vern Salisbury, MM served with the 28th Armoured Corps (British Columbia Regiment) during the Second World War. He lived in Alberta, Penticton and Langley following the war. He visited Europe with the Regiment in 2015 and remained a friend of the Regiment until his passing in November 2018. He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Lynda Stayko, stepson, grandkids, great grandkids and friends. Cpl Kathleen "Parker"

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