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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL WAYNE EYRE, CMM, MSC, CD  
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General Johnathan Vance, Canadian Chief of Defense Staff, Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier, outgoing Commander of the Canadian Army, and Lieutenant-General Wayne Eyre, incoming Commander of the Canadian Army perform an inspection of the parade during the Canadian Army Change of Command ceremony at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario on August 20, 2019. Photo: Sergeant Lance Wade, 5th Canadian Division  
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Private Michael James O'Rourke, V.C.



LENT BY THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) MUSEUM SOCIETY



Company Sergeant Major Robert Hanna, V.C.



COURTESY TILSTON MEMORIAL COLLECTION OF CANADIAN MILITARY MEDALS, CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

# Forgotten no more: Victoria Cross display

Steven Fouchard  
Army Public Affairs

*The Victoria Cross, the British Commonwealth's (formerly the British Empire's) highest military honour for bravery in battle, was created by Queen Victoria in 1856. During the First World War, 73 Canadians were awarded Victoria Crosses. Six went to men who demonstrated uncommon valour at the Battle of Hill 70, a significant Canadian victory. The Canadian War Museum collection currently holds 39 of the 99 Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians, of which 33 are from the First World War.*

The Canadian War Museum (CWM) has acquired the complete set of Victoria Cross honours awarded to six Canadians for their bravery at the Battle of Hill 70 in August 1917, shining a spotlight on what has long been considered a forgotten

chapter of the First World War.

The medals are now on display in the CWM's Royal Canadian Legion Hall of Honour following an unveiling ceremony held on March 26, 2019.

"The capture of Hill 70 was one of the hardest-fought victories for Canada during the First World War. We are proud to commemorate that victory by giving these medals a special place at the War Museum," said Mark O'Neill, President and Chief Executive Officer of the CWM and the Canadian Museum of History, in a press release. "Together, these medals tell a story of extraordinary collective achievement, through six Canadians of different ranks and backgrounds who showed great courage and leadership when it counted most."

At the event, O'Neill noted the museum now has 39 of the 99 Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians in total, calling them nothing less than "national treasures."

"The impact of having all six Hill 70 medal sets on display together is considerable," he added. "[It attests] both to the intensity of the battle and the outstanding courage of Canadian soldiers."

Colonel Mark Hutchings, a 27-year veteran of the Canadian Army and former Honorary Colonel of The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment, also spoke at the unveiling.

As chair of the Hill 70 Monument Project, a driving force behind the Hill 70 Monument in Lens, France, that was opened to the public in 2017, he thanked the CWM for creating "a nexus in Canada for future generations to find out more about their country and about Hill 70."

Col Hutchings joked that all the attention now on Hill 70 may serve to invalidate the title of Capturing Hill 70: Canada's Forgotten Battle of the First World War, a book published in 2016 as part of the Monument Project's educational program, but welcomed the

change in public awareness.

"One thousand, eight hundred seventy-seven Canadians died at Hill 70 and the fact that there was no monument there to commemorate them was unconscionable. [The monument] is a beautiful thing. People are travelling from all over the world to see it. Not just Canada but from England, Australia, New Zealand, Germany. The town of Lens is really delighted that they are now on the tourist map."

The medals making up the Hill 70 set are on loan from a number of sources, including the Governor General's Foot Guards (GGFG) Regimental Museum in Ottawa and the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society in Vancouver.

Estelle Lane, co-curator of the GGFG Museum, said she is pleased the Victoria Cross of Acting Major Okill Massey Learmonth will have a wider audience at the CWM.

"At first I was a little sad about seeing it go," she said. "But here a lot of people will be able to see it and appreciate the sacrifice."

The Battle of Hill 70 took place between Aug. 15 and 25, 1917, and was the first major action by the Canadian Corps under the direction of a Canadian officer: Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie.

More than 9,000 Canadians were killed, wounded or designated as missing after the battle to capture Hill 70, which overlooked German-occupied Lens.

## Canadian Victoria Crosses earned at Hill 70

### Sergeant Frederick Hobson

Sgt Hobson was killed after digging out a machine gun position that had been buried as a result of a nearby artillery impact. He turned it on the advancing enemy. When the weapon jammed, he left a comrade to clear it, charging at the enemy and holding them back using only his rifle as a club and his bayonet until he was felled.

### Corporal Filip Konowal

Cpl Konowal single-handedly attacked

and destroyed two enemy machine gun emplacements on two separate days and is credited with killing at least 16 enemy troops before being severely wounded.

### Private Harry Brown

When communications were lost in a German counterattack, Pte Brown, who had a severely wounded arm, made his way successfully through intense enemy fire to deliver a critical message to headquarters. He died a few hours later.

### Private Michael James O'Rourke

Pte O'Rourke was a stretcher bearer who jumped out of a trench into enemy fire to assist wounded comrades, including one who had been blinded. His Victoria Cross citation notes that, "He showed throughout an absolute disregard for his own safety, going wherever there were wounded to succour..."

### Acting Major Okill Massey Learmonth

Maj Learmonth is credited with "most conspicuous bravery and exceptional devotion to duty" under heavy fire. He reputedly caught and tossed back a number of enemy grenades and refused to be carried out of the battle after being wounded. He continued to give instructions and advice. He was eventually carried to hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

### Sergeant-Major Robert Hill Hanna

Sgt-Maj Hanna is credited with "courageous action" for leading an attack on a German position protected by a machine gun. His citation includes credit "for the capture of a most important tactical point, and but for his daring action and determined handling of a desperate situation, the attack would not have succeeded."

*The Canadian War Museum is Canada's national museum of military history. Its mission is to promote public understanding of Canada's military history in its personal, national and international dimensions. Work of the Canadian War Museum is made possible in part through financial support of the Government of Canada.*





Major Okill Massey Learmonth, V.C.

LENT TO THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS REGIMENTAL MUSEUM



Private Harry Brown, V.C.

COURTESY TILSTON MEMORIAL COLLECTION OF CANADIAN MILITARY MEDALS, CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

# opens at War Museum



PHOTO COURTESY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE/LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA  
Wounded Canadian soldiers during a pause in fighting at the Battle of Hill 70. Six Canadians received Victoria Crosses for their valour in this First World War battle, all of which are now on display at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.



PHOTOS BY JAY RANKIN, ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
The Canadian War Museum unveiled a new display of Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians for their actions during the Battle of Hill 70 on March 26, 2019.



Marty (left) and Estelle Lane (centre), co-curators of the Governor General's Foot Guards Regimental Museum, and Governor General's Foot Guards Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Lynam are pictured with the new Canadian War Museum display of Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians for bravery during the Battle of Hill 70. The collection was unveiled at the museum on March 26, 2019



Sergeant Filip Konowal, V.C.

COURTESY TILSTON MEMORIAL COLLECTION OF CANADIAN MILITARY MEDALS, CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM



Sergeant Frederick Hobson, V.C.

COURTESY TILSTON MEMORIAL COLLECTION OF CANADIAN MILITARY MEDALS, CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM



**MAJOR MARIAN SLOWINSKI**  
**1<sup>st</sup> POLISH ARMOURED DIVISION – CLOSING OF THE FALAISE GAP**  
**19-21 AUGUST 1944**

At the regularly scheduled meetings of the Commanding Officer's Committee and the Regimental Trust held in the "Brass Room" on 24 April 2019, the CO of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, previewed a gift from the Regiment to retired Major Marian Slowinski, which is to be presented by the Canadian Ambassador to Poland, the Honourable Jeremy Wallace, at a special ceremony in the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw on 8 May 2019. This day marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Major Slowinski and also marks the day of victory, being the day of surrender of Germany in World War II. Our heartfelt congratulations to a good friend of Canada and to the Regiment! Many thanks to Archie Steacy for his excellent work on the presentation gift and to the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, for his great support on this initiative. Up the Dukes!



**CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION**  
**PRESENTATION TO WARRANT OFFICER DEREK MURDOCH, CD**  
**24 April 2019**

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, presented the Canadian Forces Decoration to Warrant Officer Derek Murdoch LdSH(RC), the Unit's Operations Warrant Officer and Adjutant, at a brief ceremony held during a very busy training night on 24 April 2019.

Congratulations Warrant Murdoch, well done and thank you for your service to the Regiment.

Up the Dukes!





## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY BC PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA 02 MAY 2019

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Rohani attended the BC Legislature for the Yom Ha'Shoah Remembrance event - the Holocaust Memorial Day, where some of the Holocaust survivors recounted their personal stories in a ceremony at the BC Parliament Buildings.

At Yom Ha'Shoah, many people around the world honour and remember the six million lives lost during the Holocaust.

Premier John Horgan in his speech stressed that “We must do more than promise ‘never again,’ but share and learn from the stories of the survivors and stand together, every day, against anti-Semitism, bigotry and hate.”

The ceremony included the lighting of seven candles. Six of them were for the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust and the seventh was to remember others targeted by the Nazis, including Roma people, people of diverse backgrounds and those with disabilities.

Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, gave a very moving speech “with fewer Holocaust survivors alive today, it’s particularly important that education ensures future generations learn the lessons of this tragedy, including the dangers of what happens when you’re apathetic in the face of racism or oppression.” He continued “with anti-Semitism and hate speech on the rise, we want to make sure all kids know how to stand up for human rights, so we can protect our values of tolerance and inclusiveness.”

Yom Ha'Shoah is an important opportunity to pause and honour the millions of lives that were destroyed and to reflect on the evil that inspired this unprecedented act of murderous hatred.

It was acknowledged by the opposition MLA Michael Lee that Canada remains one of the best places in the world in which to be Jewish, but it does not mean we can be complacent about anti-Semitic hatred and intolerance, which persists and threatens to undermine all we value in Canada.

Premier Horgan and Fleming were joined by many other MLA's for the ceremony by representatives from the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, Pacific Region; the Jewish Federation of Vancouver; Jewish Federation of Victoria and Vancouver Island; Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre; Victoria Holocaust Remembrance and Education Society; and the Victoria Shoah Project, as well as more than 25 Holocaust survivors.







Photo right: General Fitch and Hon. L Colonel Rohani at the BC Legislature for the Holocaust Remembrance Day

Included in the audience was George Pal, a holocaust survivor and prisoner who appeared in his striped hat that he had to wear as a prisoner in Auschwitz, one of the camps where he was a prisoner.

It was great to also have Retired General Ed Fitch at the ceremony and representatives of the Canada Israel Jewish Federation Vancouver Director (Nico Slobinsky).

Submitted By: HLCol Farid Rohani

**REMEMBRANCE DAY (KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS)  
NATIONALE DODENHERDENKING  
THE DRILL HALL  
4 May 2019**

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani joined Consul General, Mr. Henk Snoeken, and Ms. Barry Nieuwenhuijs, Deputy Consul General, at the Kingdom of Netherlands Remembrance Day which was held at the Drill Hall in the afternoon of May 4, 2019.

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Dutch national commemoration of Remembrance Day, when all Dutch victims – civilians and soldiers – who were killed or murdered in the Kingdom of the Netherlands or anywhere else in the world in war situations or during peacekeeping operations, since the outbreak of the Second World War, are remembered.

Consul General Snoeken, in his remarks, remembered the role Canada played in the liberation of the Netherlands, paid his respects to Canadian victims, and noted the strong ties that exist between our countries.

Colonel Rohani delivered the BCR speech and remembered the 7,600 volunteer Canadians killed during the Liberation of Holland, that lie buried in Bergen-Op-Zoom, Holten and Adegem Commonwealth War Grave Cemeteries.

*“They Gave Their Lives in The Liberation of The Netherlands To Ensure the Preservation of Freedom, Being Denied A Future to Grow Old Peacefully After Serving Their Country and Society.”*





Colonel Rohani, in his remarks, noted that we must also remember and mourn the millions of lives lost to Nazi persecution and terror... and to remember the... mothers... fathers... children... brothers and sisters who were killed... as well as remembering the lives of the 102,000 Jews in the Netherlands who did not survive the Holocaust. We must always remember them!

Colonel Rohani thanked those present including Colonel Hawthorne, the President of The British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association, Retired Lieutenant-Colonel Archie Steacy, and members of the public and guests that were present.

Wreaths were placed by Colonel Hawthorne, Consul General Snoeken and Archie Steacy. Beautiful renditions of the National Anthems of both countries, an amazing youth choir and a reception closed the well-attended event.



HCol Hawthorne presenting his Regimental Coin to Counsel General of the Netherlands Henk Snoeken

Submitted by: HLCol Farid Rohani



**THE NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC  
74<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATION MESS DINNER  
HMCS DISCOVERY  
4 May 2019**

The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia hosted the 74<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Mess Dinner on the parade square of HMCS Discovery on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. The well attended event was an enjoyable evening with a very pleasant reception, delicious dinner, and poignant speeches remembering the tremendous service and sacrifice of the personnel of the RCN, RCAF and Merchant Navy during the longest continuous battle of the Second World War. Head Table Guests included the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker, Commodore Angus Topshee, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, Master of Ceremonies King Wan, Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher, "E" Division, the MP for Vancouver Granville, Jody Wilson-Raybould, who also spoke, and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. Regimental Family members in attendance included Band Governor, Honorary Colonel (39 CER) Bill Diamond, RUSI Vancouver President Cam Cathcart, Captain (R) Ray Brickell and Sarah Braebrook.



Colonel Hawthorne presented Commodore Topshee with an Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to mark the occasion.

It was a grand evening enjoyed by all!

Bravo Zulu NOABC!



**FLAG POLE DEDICATION CEREMONY  
MONUMENT TO CHINESE-CANADIAN WWII VETERANS  
CHINATOWN, VANCOUVER  
5 May 2019**



A late afternoon celebration on a beautiful spring day was held at the Monument to Chinese-Canadian WWII Veterans in Vancouver's historic Chinatown to mark the dedication of the newly installed flag pole and the raising of a Canadian Flag for the first time on the site.

Congratulations to the Chinatown Lions, ANAVETS, the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society ("CCMMS"), Master of Ceremonies Alfred Woo and BCR friends, former Honorary Colonel (39 Service), Howe Lee, Edmund Wu and George Chow for a job well done!

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, a member and supporter of the CCMMS, was also in attendance and represented the Regiment.





## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS WITH MAJOR (RET'D) MARIAN SŁOWINSKI

By Major Michael Bernardo, DCDA Poland

"We will be there for your 100th Birthday Pan (Mr.) Marian!" ...and true to their word, they came! On the 8th of May 2019, Major (Ret'd) Marian Słowinski, a former crew member of a Sherman Tank, who fought in the Battle of the Falaise Pocket as part of the Polish 1st Armoured Division, alongside Canadian soldiers of II Canadian Corps in WWII, achieved an amazing milestone and became a Centenarian. Honouring a commitment to a special friend, veteran and brother-in-arms, current and former Canadian Defence Attaché's to Poland; Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Petryk, Colonel (Ret'd) Daniel Geleyn and Colonel Pascal Demers arrived in Warsaw to join Captain (N) Ivan Allain and the rest of the CDAO Poland team, to participate in 100th Birthday celebrations.



Major (Ret'd) Marian Słowinski



Col Ret'd Daniel Geleyn, Col Pascal Demers, Col Ret'd Jim Petryk, Major Ret'd Marian Słowinski, Capt (N) Ivan Allain, Major Mike Bernardo, Sgt Julie Masse and Mr. Krzysztof Kopec (in front of the Two Rocks Monument)

Events kicked off on 8 May, at the Polish Military Cathedral in Warsaw, with a mass followed by a reception led by Lieutenant-General Jarosław Mika, Commander of General Command, an armoured officer and friend of Maj Słowinski. Captain (N) Ivan Allain and Canadian Ambassador Leslie Scanlon both paid tribute to Pan Marian at this event, that was attended by numerous Polish and International VIPs, including the Ambassador from the Netherlands and the Mayor of the Dutch town (Breda) that Pan Marian helped liberate 75 years ago.

Closer to our hearts, Pan Marian worked at the Canadian Embassy in Poland for more than 25 years and is a long-time friend to many former and current members of the CDAO and staff at the embassy. As a further tribute to this great veteran, we gathered once again on 9 May, for a second but much more personal celebration at the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw, which Pan Marian refers to as his second home. Ambassador Leslie Scanlon paid tribute by presenting a letter of congratulations signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable Chrystia Freeland commemorating Pan Marian's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and many years of service to Canada. Captain (N) Allain then assumed the mantle, on behalf of the gathered CDA alumni, members of the embassy and special guests to present Pan Marian with congratulatory letters from Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Julie Payette, Minister of National Defence, the Right Honourable Harjit Sajjan and Chief of Defence Staff, General Jonathan Vance. Defence Minister Sajjan, who previously met Pan Marian, when he was in Poland for the Warsaw NATO Summit in 2016, also provided a signed photo of the two of them together as well as his personal MND coin. The honours and tributes did not stop there. Also at the initiative of the MND, a former army reservist and former CO of the British Columbia Regiment, the current CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay provided a letter, which was appropriately read at the ceremony by fellow armoured officer and former CO of LdSH (RC) as well as current CDA Jordan, Colonel Pascal Demers. It reads:

*Major Marion Slowinski,  
On behalf of all ranks of  
The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own),  
4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division during World War II,  
Express our Most Sincere Best Wishes on the Occasion of Your 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
8 May 2019.*

*"MACZUGA"*

*Mount Ormel, Normandy  
1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Corps  
Closing the Falaise Gap 19-21 August 1944  
During the Battle for Normandy, France*

21 April 2019

*Lieutenant-Colonel Paul A. Lindsay, CD  
Commanding Officer*



The following summary of Pan Marian's fascinating story was written by Captain Ryan Lee, LdSH (RC), LO to the Polish Armed Forces General Command, during his deployment to Poland as part of Op REASSURANCE in 2017 on the occasion of Pan Marian's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday:

Pan Marian loves to tell people whom he meets that, "Canada has saved me twice." This statement is almost always followed by a description of both instances. The first time he was saved by Canadians was during World War II in 1944 during the Falaise Pocket. Pan Marian, at the time Sergeant Marian, was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army during the invasion of Occupied France, and fought alongside Canadians during Operations TOTALIZE and TRACTABLE.

The speed of the Allied advance into France had caught the German Wehrmacht off guard and by 19 August 1944 the Allies had managed to have 3 German Armies nearly encircled. The 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division, attached to II Canadian Corps, was tasked to perform the final manoeuvres and complete the encirclement. The Polish units occupied their positions, on and near the famous Hill 262, and fought against relentless German counterattacks. The Polish armour successfully repulsed the attacks but incurred heavy losses and depleted nearly all of their ammunition. Finally, on the afternoon of 21 August, after brutal fighting at very close quarters during the morning, the first Canadian units from the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division began to link-up with the battered 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division elements. By the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> the link-up was complete and the area was secured.

The second time Pan Marian was saved by Canadians was slightly less dramatic but considerably more long term. Following the ceasefire, and eventual end of the War in Europe, Pan Marian returned to Poland. Poland had changed considerably during his absence and was now under the control of an interim government that was essentially controlled by the Soviet Union. Many of the returning soldiers who had fought alongside Allied units in the West were persecuted by the Communist Regime and finding a steady job was almost impossible. Pan Marian, unable to find a job anywhere else, came to the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw to seek employment. He was subsequently hired and worked in the embassy until his retirement in 1984.



Pan Marian is a fixture at the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw; a place he refers to as “his second home.” He organized the “Two Rocks Monument” which resides in front of the Embassy and was unveiled in 1999. Erected to commemorate the soldiers who fought together in World War II, the monument consists of a rock from both Canada and Poland symbolising the brotherhood of arms between Polish and Canadian soldiers.

Spending time at Pan Marian’s birthday was a great opportunity; meeting with WWII veterans is becoming more and more difficult. Pan Marian is a strong reminder of the bonds between Poland and Canada, bonds many of us may not even be aware of. These relationships have continued to stay strong in the 21st century. Canada was the first nation to provide soldiers in a stand of solidarity with Poland against the actions of Russia further to the East, 4 years ago during the Crimean Crisis. Although this is our final year in Poland, Canadian soldiers will continue to serve beside our Polish allies in Latvia as part of NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence. Canada’s participation in Eastern Europe with NATO is a very important undertaking and will ensure that the relationship between Canada and Poland, among others, remains strong for many years to come.



CDAs past & present with Spouses and CDAO Poland Team



Major (Ret'd) Marian Slowinski with Capt (N) Ivan Allain



Col (Ret'd) Daniel Geleyn and Sharon present a quilt



Ambassador Leslie Scanlon pays tribute with LGen Jaroslaw Mika, Commander of General Command



Col (Ret'd) Jim Petryk with Major (Ret'd) Marian Slowinski



Col Pascal Demers presents a letter from LCol Lindsay, CO of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION  
2019 JUNO BEACH PILGRIMAGE RECOGNITION RECEPTION  
OFFICERS' MESS  
THE DRILL HALL  
10 May 2019**

The British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association held a Reception in the Officers' Mess of the Regiment at the Drill Hall on Friday evening in order to recognize four BC High School students who will participate in the 2019 Juno Beach Pilgrimage. BCVCA has supported the students by underwriting the costs of the tour. Congratulations BCVCA on a job well done!

BCRs in attendance included the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, President of BCVCA, Archie Steacy, President of the BCR Museum, Rick Hourie and President of RUSI Vancouver, Cam Cathcart. Also, in attendance was Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster (15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA), Director, Juno Beach Association.

Up the Dukes!



**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA 74<sup>th</sup> MILITARY GALA  
SHERATON WALL CENTRE VANCOUVER  
11 May 2019**

The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Gala was held at the Sheraton Wall Center once again to follow the great tradition that has been carried on uninterrupted as a victory celebration to mark the end of World War II.

The Band of the 15th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery and the Pipes and Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada performed for the appreciative guests.

The St. Hubertus Estate Winery once again graciously provided their award-winning estate wines, while Global News Anchor Coleen Christie was keeping the crowd energized with her duties as the master of ceremonies.

VIP guests included the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan and Commanding Officer of 39<sup>th</sup> CBG, Colonel Paul Ursich. Our very own Agnes Keegan was also in attendance and proposed a Toast to the Fallen with fellow WWII veteran, George Chow, during the formal part of the dinner.



The tables, same as previous years, were specific to each unit. The BCR having four tables, including a table for serving members of the Regiment, another for Junior ranks, Cadet Corps and the Hon Colonels.

The driving force behind this year's very memorable gala again was Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), which was hosted by 39 CBG and presented by 39 CER. Thank you for exceeding expectations.

Chimo!



Submitted by: HLCol Farid Rohani



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
THE DRILL HALL  
12 May 2019**



The Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 2290 BCR was held at the Drill Hall on 12 May 2019. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Reviewing Officer and the Parade Commander was C/RSM Robert Liem.





The unit, complete with Flag Party and Band, with cadets on parade, was well represented and their dress, drill and deportment were excellent.

At conclusion, award presentations brought a lot of smiles to the proud parents and family members of the cadets being recognized for their perseverance, dedication and hard work.

In his address, Colonel Hawthorne brought greetings from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, LCol Paul Lindsay, complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the cadets, the Commanding Officer of the cadets, his officers and staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents.

The cadets rifle drill team did an amazing drill presentation while the cadet band performed brilliantly.

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

Congratulations 2290 BCR for an excellent ACR!

Article submitted by: HLCol Farid Rohani



**EX: MAPLE RESOLVE 2019 VISIT  
CANADIAN MANOEUVRE TRAINING CENTRE (“CMTC”)  
WAINWRIGHT, ALBERTA  
14 May 2019**

The Honoraries of 3 Canadian Division (“The Army of the West”) were most pleased to be included in the visit to Ex: Maple Resolve along with Canadian Forces Liaison Council (“CFLC”) Executrek participants. Both Honoraries of the Regiment participated in the event. The tour started with a flight aboard a RCAF C 130-J “Hercules” from Edmonton International Airport to Wainwright where the visitors were bussed to CMTC to attend to various briefings in the Theatre. The highlight of the morning was, without a doubt, the address by Brigadier-General Trevor Cadieu, Commander of 3 Canadian Division and Joint Task Force West, which focused on the objectives of the training and the complexities of numerous scenarios being faced by our soldiers. The briefings provided context and detail of the “high readiness immersive force-on-force training” to be given to 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group during the term of the Exercise, 11 to 25 May 2019, as “the culminating exercise on the Road to High Readiness.” The combined operation consisted of over 5,000 soldiers participating with soldiers from the USA, UK, France and Australia. The afternoon part of the program included a visit to various camps, Insurgent and Opposing Forces, complete with IMP Lunch, and simulations of various scenarios (ambush, insurgent action and enemy soldiers’ activities). Upon returning to the Wainwright Airport, guests were treated to a tour of specially fitted state of the art Blackhawk Medevacs provided by the Oregon Air National Guard who provided support to the exercise.

Our many thanks to the Deputy Commander of 3 Canadian Division, Brigadier-General David Awalt, Colonel Nigel Whittaker, Assistant Chief of Staff Support (3 Div) and Division Reserve Sergeant Major, CWO Daniel Sembalerus, for their excellent support and assistance during the tour.





**CANADIAN CLUB OF VANCOUVER  
22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON CELEBRATING THE ORDER OF CANADA  
AND THE ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA RECIPIENTS  
TERMINAL CITY CLUB  
15 May 2019**

The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, was the keynote speaker at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual luncheon celebrating the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia recipients at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver. The program for the very well attended event included Opening Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies, Stephen Quinn, CBC, O Canada in both official languages by the Henry Hudson Elementary Intermediate Choir, Head Table Introductions, Welcome Remarks by President Raymond Greenwood, the Keynote Address by Her Honour, an excellent lunch, the Loyal Toast by Robert Watt, Co-Chair, Presentations to recent Order of Canada and Order of BC recipients, a Special Presentation by Christopher Gaze, OBC and Closing Remarks by President Greenwood.



Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment and was very pleased with the professionalism of Sgt Piper Rosalie McDonald of the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums who piped in the Head Table at the beginning of the luncheon. Well done Rosalie and thank you so much for supporting this event!



**CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN)  
THE DRILL HALL  
15 May 2019**

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, took command of the parade at precisely 2130hrs and duly noted that "Stand Down" no longer has the meaning it once did as the unit must now maintain the pace without formal parades until the Stand To Parade in September. The Regiment was well turned out, considering the number of members absent due to attendance at the 3 Canadian Division high readiness immersive force-on-force training Ex: Maple Resolve at the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre in Wainwright and many other taskings. The CO then invited the BCR Honoraries to address the soldiers. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne conveyed the greetings of Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, who remains in hospital. Colonel Hawthorne recognized the great work of the Regimental

Association and its Charitable Trust for the serving members, cadets, veterans and the community. Colonel Hawthorne concluded by wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer and noted that he would be visiting each mess at the conclusion of the parade in order to recognize the happy arrival of their (Gayle and Ted) first great grandson Emmett Reid McLaughlin who was born on 4 May 2019 by ringing the bell and buying a round.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani also addressed the soldiers and complimented them on their fine service and commitment and offered his assistance should they require same.

The CO delivered his closing remarks, thanked the Honoraries for their exemplary service to the Regiment and reminded the soldiers of a number of unit requirements on the Regimental Calendar for the summer.



**HONORARY COLONEL REGIMENTAL COIN PRESENTATION  
BOB AND TRUDY HANNA  
18 May 2019**

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and past President of the Regimental Association, Bob Remple, attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebrations for long time friends and colleagues Bob and Trudy Hanna. In marking the wonderful occasion, the Honorary Colonel addressed the full house and thanked the Hannas for their many years of support to the Regiment and the Regimental Family and presented each of them with an Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin, much to the delight of all those present.

Many thanks Bob and Trudy and congratulations.

Up the Dukes!





**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION  
HPLAW  
21 May 2019**

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association was held in the boardroom of HPLaw on Tuesday evening, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Regimental Association wishes to acknowledge that the following members were unable to attend: President Gayle Hawthorne due to her protracted stay at VGH, Agnes Keegan recovering from hip surgery at UBC and President Emeritus Archie Steacy in Lions Gate for observation. Our very best wishes to Gayle, Agnes and Archie for a speedy recovery!




The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

Jim Barrett	Roger Prouse	Graydon Young
Gayle Hawthorne	Bob Remple	Sandra Young

The following officers were duly appointed:

Gayle Hawthorne – President	Bob Remple - Treasurer
Jim Barrett - Vice President	Sandra Young - Secretary

Congratulations to the newly elected directors and appointed officers and thank you to the Regimental Association for their great support of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. Well done indeed!



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21 May 2019

Members of the Regimental Association, friends and supporters,

Dear friends:


I am pleased to announce that the following members were elected as directors of the Regimental Association at the annual general meeting of members held at the Registered Office of the Association on 21 May 2019 (Officer appointments made by the Board are also indicated):

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

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

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new board on their re-election and for their strong background of service and commitment to the Regimental Association and the entire Regimental Family. Thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely yours,



Gayle J. Hawthorne, President

**CONSUL GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS  
THANK YOU LUNCHEON  
23 MAY 2019**

A most enjoyable luncheon was held at the official residence in Vancouver of the Consul General for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Henk Snoeken, and his wife Kathrin. The invitees included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster (15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment) and BCR Museum President Rick Hourie and his wife Brenda. Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne and President Emeritus Archie Steacy were unable to attend due to ongoing health issues. All attendees were



suitably greeted by the Consul General and thanked for their support of the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Drill Hall on May 4<sup>th</sup> last. All guests thoroughly enjoyed the delightful luncheon and conversation.

Many thanks Consul General for your wonderful hospitality!

**3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC  
COMMANDING OFFICER'S PARADE  
SIKH ACADEMY  
23 May 2019**

An impressive CO's Parade was held by 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC at the Sikh Academy where the evening's program included the customary inspection by the CO, Major Jim Barrett, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani and Steven Purewal, founder of Indus Media Foundation Canada. The parade included numerous promotions and medal presentations along with a special presentation to the Honorary Colonel by Steven Purewal, the author of **Duty, Honour & Izzat**. Colonel Hawthorne was presented with an autographed copy of the book and one additional copy for the Regiment in recognition of his support during Sikh Heritage Month.

In concluding the parade, the Honorary Colonel and the Commanding Officer of the unit presented the Canadian Forces Decoration to Captain Michael Larden. Congratulations Captain Larden, CD and thank you for your service.

Well done all and Up the Dukes!







**3<sup>RD</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION  
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
EDMONTON GARRISON OFFICERS' MESS  
CFB EDMONTON  
29 May 2019**



The 3rd Canadian Division Change of Command Ceremony (BGen Trevor Cadieu to BGen Steve Lacroix) was held in the Edmonton Garrison Officers' Mess with the Commander of the Canadian Army, LGen Jean-Marc Lanthier, presiding, and in the presence of Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. Immediately following the official signing of certificates, BGen Cadieu was promoted by General Lanthier to the rank of Major-General. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception was held for all guests in the mess. Our good friend MGen Cadieu was soundly congratulated on his promotion and thanked for his great service and support as the Commander. BGen Lacroix was congratulated on his appointment and received the best wishes from the many in attendance (Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to BGen Lacroix to mark the occasion). 39 CBG attendees included the Commander, Colonel Paul Ursich and Honorary Colonels Ted Hawthorne (BCR), Bill Diamond (39 CER) and Al De Genova (15th Field RCA). It was also a great opportunity to visit with the Deputy Commander of the Division, BGen David Awalt, former 39 CBG Commander.



Our good friend and colleague, Colonel Nigel Whittaker, was acknowledged on his upcoming retirement and thanked for his years of service by the Division Commander at a reception and luncheon prior to the ceremony. The Commander of the Army also recognized many soldiers for their extraordinary work by the presentation of his Commander's Commendation and Coin to each of them.



Congratulations all and thank you for the hospitality!



**VISIT WITH HMCS VANCOUVER COMMAND TEAM  
GRANVILLE ISLAND  
31 May 2019**

The Friends of Vancouver (“FOV”) were provided with an excellent opportunity to visit with the Command Team of HMCS Vancouver, led by the Commanding Officer of the ship, Commander Jonathan Kouwenberg, and his staff, at Granville Island on a late Friday afternoon. BCRs in attendance included the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), and Dan Thomas, NDPAO Pacific.



Commander Kouwenberg thanked FOV for their great support and presented an official HMCS Vancouver plaque to Mark Zwanski, President, to mark the special occasion.

Many thanks for the outstanding hospitality of Commander Kouwenberg and his Command Team.

Bravo Zulu!

**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC  
SIKH ACADEMY SCHOOL  
1 June 2019 – 1300 HRS**

The 7th Annual Ceremonial Review of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC (“3300 BCR”) was held outdoors on a grass field at the Sikh Academy School on 160th Street in Surrey on a beautiful afternoon. The Reviewing Officer was Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, Commanding Officer of the Surrey Detachment of the RCMP. The Parade Commander was C/RSM C/CWO Jacob Hayes. The Cadet Corps was well turned out with over 50 cadets on parade, including the Colour Party. The awards segment of the program was extensive and included many Recognition Certificates presented by Simar Pabla, Secretary of the Support Committee.

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was also in attendance. Colonel Hawthorne was part of the Reviewing Party and made a number of presentations. Steven Purewal (Indus Media Foundation), author of **Duty, Honour & Izzat**, was also in attendance as well as many other supporters of the unit.

Congratulations 3300 BCR and well done!





**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ARMOURY  
NEW WESTMINSTER  
2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC  
2 June 2019 – 1330 HRS**

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC ("2827 BCR") held at The Royal Westminster Regiment Armoury in New Westminster. Over thirty cadets, including colour party, were present. The cadets were well turned out for inspection by the RO and the remainder of the Reviewing Party. The Cadet Corps performed well and their drill was noteworthy. The awards, promotions and presentations segment of the program was impressive. At the conclusion of the Reviewing Officer's address complimenting the Cadets, CIC Officers, parents and volunteers, Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to C/RSM, CWO An, to mark the occasion.

Congratulations 2827 BCR and well done!











**3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC  
"THANK YOU DINNER"  
PLANET INDIA RESTAURANT  
3 June 2019**

The very enjoyable dinner and evening at Planet India Restaurant in Surrey was hosted by the Support Committee of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) to mark the end of another very busy and successful training year. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR, Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Barrett, and the President of The Army Cadet League of Canada, Cathy Bach, were in attendance along with CIC Officers and many members of the Support Committee.

Thank you for the great hospitality and congratulations 3300 BCR!

Up the Dukes!





**2781 BCR (DCO) (POWELL RIVER) RCACC  
ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
1-2 June 2019  
Major (Retired) Roger W. Prouse, CD**



On the weekend of 1-2 June, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Mess Dinner and Ceremonial Review (ACR) for our BCR Powell River Cadet Corps. The Mess Dinner was held on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. The male Cadets were well turned out in their Cadet uniforms with the females in very nice evening dresses and gowns. Head table guests included Mrs. Louise Prouse Director Army Cadet League of Canada (BC), A/Mayor Ms. Cindy Elliott City of Powell River, Lt Caroline Visser CO 2781, Lt(N) Al Walker past CO 2381 and MCpl Duke A. Bear. Of course, Duke stole the show and was a huge hit with the Cadets and the invited guests.

The 2781 BCR Cadets are a small Corps when compared with our four other affiliated Cadet Corps. However, what they may lack in numbers, they more than make it up for it in spirit. They are very proud of their affiliation with our Regiment and represent us extremely well in the community of Powell River.

On Sunday 2 June, I was very honoured to be the Reviewing Officer. I brought greetings from the Regiment and complimented them on their standard of drill, turnout, and deportment. It was my pleasure to present a cheque in the amount of \$1500.00 from the BCRA to the CO Lt Caroline Visser and the Chair of the Support Committee Mr. Brian Sheldon. Following the parade there was a drill team demonstration and the guests were invited to visit their very well-done static displays. Refreshments were provided to all guests and Cadets following the Annual Ceremonial Review.

Congratulations to Lt Visser, Officers, Cadets and Support Committee for organizing a very enjoyable Mess Dinner and Annual Ceremonial Review.



**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
637 ARROW SQUADRON  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – 6 June 2019**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (“ACR”) of 637 Arrow Squadron was held at Burnaby South Secondary School on Thursday evening, 6 June 2019. The Reviewing Officer (“RO”) was Lieutenant-Colonel Neville Head, CD, RCSU Pacific and the Parade Commander was WO1 Tim Lui. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was in attendance and was part of the Reviewing Party along with BCR friend and colleague, Captain Jagdeep Masoun, CO of 278 Cormorant RCACS. The unit was very well turned out with over 150 cadets on parade (elbow dressing which took up the entire length of the gymnasium), including the 49-member Band and Colour Party. The displays by the Band and the Drill Team were all very well executed and were well received by the many guests in attendance. The Awards and Presentations part of the program was truly an acknowledgment of the unit’s success. Colonel Hawthorne made the presentation to the Top Senior NCO. In the Address of the RO, Colonel Head complimented the Cadets for their excellent performance and acknowledged the work of the Commanding Officer, Captain Amar Tiwana, the Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committee, volunteers and parents. At the conclusion of the parade, the unit showcased static displays for everyone’s enjoyment.

A reception for the Cadet Corps and guests followed.

Congratulations 637 Arrow Squadron for an excellent ACR!





**2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC  
57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
Col. Sherman Armoury, Richmond BC  
8 June 2019**

By: Lt. Mike Azzano, Trg O (2381 BCR)



Cadets from 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC hosted their 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR) at Col Sherman Armoury on 8 June 2019.

The Reviewing Officer for this year's ACR was Major Gregory McCullough CD from The British Columbia Regiment (DCO). 2381 BCR RCACC's Regimental Sergeant Major, C/CWO Keelin Laing was the Parade Commander. This year we had over 60 cadets on parade with the Band included.

Maj. McCullough was greeted by a Quarter Guard upon arrival, and then proceeded to inspect the parade prior to the presentation of awards. There was a variety of awards to be handed out this year, including Maj. McCullough presenting the Best All Around Fusilier Award to outgoing C/MWO Eugene Wong. Later on Maj. McCullough presented C/WO Bryan Liu with the Lord Strathcona Medal, the highest award presented annually to a Cadet.

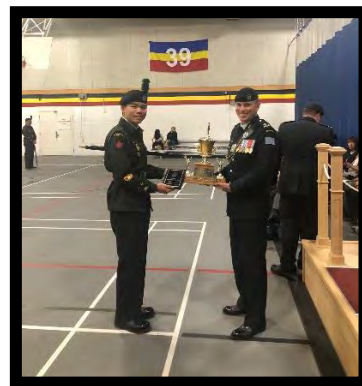
Also in attendance were Honourary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, who presented the Perseverance Award to C/Sgt Nathan Wang. Other guests included retired Maj. Roger Prouse and his wife Louise representing the Army Cadet League of Canada (BC Branch), Mr. Matthew McBride of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291, and Mr. Mauro Azzano for the 2381 Parent Support Committee.

At the end of the presentations, Capt. Selena Tenhoeve, representing the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) presented RCSU Commanding Officers Letter's of Appreciation to Lt. Michael Azzano and Lt. Tiffany Lu in recognition of their dedication and hard work over this past training year.

This year's Annual Ceremonial Review was a huge success, and the cadets and staff greatly appreciate Maj. McCullough for being our Reviewing Officer. Thank you to the Regiment and the Regimental Association for their continued support. Up the Dukes!



*Maj. McCullough inspects 3 Troop*



*Maj. McCullough presents the Best All-Around Fusilier Award*



*Honourary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presents the Perseverance Award*



*Mr. Matthew McBride from Legion Branch 291 presents the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence to C/WO Cheng*



*Maj. McCullough presents C/WO Liu with the Lord Strathcona Medal*



*2381 RCACC CO, Maj Lee Taylor CD and C/RSM Keelin Laing present Maj McCullough with a gift for being our Reviewing Officer*



*MCpl Duke A. Bear*



*Cadets with MCpl Duke A. Bear*



**D-DAY MESS DINNER  
39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT  
8 June 2019**

The annual D-Day Dinner, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landings of 6 Field RCE, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Royal Regina Rifles and The Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) on D-Day, 6 June 1944, was held at the Lt. Col J.P. Fell Armoury in North Vancouver on Saturday, 8 June 2019. The Mess Dinner was hosted by the CO of 39 CER, LCol James Julien, and the RSM, CWO Charles Rochlow, and was well attended by serving members and guests. The Deputy Commander of 39 CBG, Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron McLean, was the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address. The attendees were treated to an excellent reception and dinner and were feted by the play of the JP Fell Pipe Band and a sextet from the 15th Field RCA. BCRs present were the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, and Major Adam McLeod.



RSM Rochlow, D-Day Vet Cpl George Flynn,  
and LCol James Julien



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

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

Chimo!

**EX MAPLE RESOLVE 2019**

By: MCpl Kevin Zhou

Thirteen soldiers from the unit participated on Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 2019 (10-26 May 2019). They filled a wide variety of roles including being an Influence Activities Operator, augmenting the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), and providing force protection for 1 CMBG Headquarters. One crew of Dukes even had the honour to serve as the force protection team for the Commander of the Canadian Army Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier.

Du 11 au 26 mai 2019, treize “Dukes” et deux VBPT ont été déployés à Wainwright, Alberta et ont participé à l’exercice MAPLE RESOLVE 2019. L’exercice fait parti du chemin conduisant au niveau de préparation élevé de la 3e Division du Canada. Les membres du régiment ont tenu plusieurs rôles, notamment servir avec la compagnie d’activités d’influence, augmenter la Force Régulière, précisément le Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians), et contribuer à la protection du 1er Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada. Vers la fin de l’exercice, l’équipage d’un des VBPT a eu la chance de servir comme équipe de protection pour le commandant de l’Armée canadienne lors de sa visite.





**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE  
13 June 2019**

A full parade, including a General Salute to the Presiding Officer/Reviewing Officer, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, an Inspection by the Reviewing Officer, with the Reviewing Party and a March Past with the outgoing RSM, C/CWO Robert Liem in the lead. Colonel Hawthorne conducted the ceremonial passing of the RSM Pace Stick and the transfer of the RSM's Regimental Crossbelt from C/CWO Liem to the incoming RSM, C/CWO Monica Zhang. Awards and Presentations included numerous promotions, acknowledgements and awards. In his RO Address to the Cadets, Colonel Hawthorne complimented the Cadets for their excellent turnout and thanked the CO, Captain Tony Liem, CIC Officers, Volunteers, Sponsoring Committee and the Regimental Association, represented by President Gayle Hawthorne, for their great support. In his concluding remarks, the RO presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to C/CWO Zhang to mark the special occasion. The signing of the Official Appointment Certificates was also part of the ceremony. The outgoing RSM very ably addressed the unit, parents and guests. Incoming RSM Zhang led the unit in a March Past where Colonel Hawthorne was joined by C/CWO Liem on the Reviewing Stand in order to take the salute. It was a very memorable evening for the unit and the outgoing and incoming RSMs.





Congratulations once again to C/CWO Liem for his service as RSM and to C/CWO Zhang on her appointment as RSM of 2290 BCR.

Well done Dukes!

**REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY  
BELGIAN WAR MONUMENT and  
THE CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE AND  
LIBERATION MONUMENT – LEKE – DIKSMUIDE  
13 June 2019**

Submitted by: Luke Vandebussche,  
Secretary, Belgian Canadian Remembrance Committee - LEKE

On the occasion of the visit of serving members of the Regiment and members of the Regimental Family to Leke on June 13, 2019, a special ceremony was held at the Belgian War Monument and the Canadian Remembrance and Liberation Memorial at the Canada-Square opposite the church in Leke. The Memorial, dedicated in 2001, commemorates the Regiment and troops of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division who liberated Leke on 7 September 1944.





Greetings from Belgium,  
Up the Dukes!  
Luke Vandebussche  
Secretary Belgian- Canadian Remembrance Committee- LEKE.



**BELGISCH- CANADEES HERDENKINGSCOMITÉ LEKE.**  
**BELGIAN- CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE LEKE.**

**CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
MILITARY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
CARTIER SQUARE DRILL HALL, OTTAWA  
THURSDAY, 20 June 2019**

The Change of Command Ceremony between Lieutenant-General Charles A. Lamarre, CMM, MSC, CD and Lieutenant-General Wayne D. Eyre, CMM, MSC, CD was held at the Cartier Square Drill Hall in Ottawa in the early afternoon of June 20<sup>th</sup> with the Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant-General Paul F. Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD presiding.

As many will recall, General Eyre was the Commander of 3 Canadian Division from 18 July 2014 to 11 July 2016.

The post of the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD conveys the sentiment of us all:



“Congratulations to Lieutenant-General Wayne Eyre who has assumed command of Military Personnel Command and to outgoing Commander Lieutenant-General Charles Lamarre. They are both strong leaders who are a testament to the professionalism of our Canadian Armed Forces.”

**CHACKO & LIZE SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND (“SIMON TRUST”)  
LIZE SIMON BIRTHDAY RECEPTION  
23 June 2019**



L to R: Ted Hawthorne, Lize Simon, Gayle Hawthorne and Margaret Harris

A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Reception was hosted by Alex Munroe and Marty Pospischil at the offices of Pospischil Realty Group, 1638 W 1st Avenue, Vancouver, for Lize Simon in the early afternoon of Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many close friends of Lize were in attendance, including fellow officers of the Simon Trust, Ted Hawthorne, Chairman, Gayle Hawthorne, Secretary and Margaret Harris, Treasurer. Lize Simon, Vice President of the Simon Trust, and the Simon Trust are strong supporters of the Bursary Program of The BC Regiment (DCO) Charitable Trust and the Regimental Association.

Many thanks to Lize and the Simon Trust for their tremendous support of the community!

**PRESENTATION OF HONORARY COLONEL COMMENDATION & REGIMENTAL COIN  
TO MWL DEMOLITION LTD.  
27 June 2019**

The Honorary Colonel's Commendation and Regimental Coin were presented to Wendy Litchfield of MWL Demolitions Ltd. at the Company's offices located at 19 - 62 Fawcett Road in Coquitlam on Thursday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Commendation and Coin were presented by Colonel Hawthorne "in recognition of the Company's outstanding support to The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust and its programs supporting Serving Members of the Regiment, Veterans and Cadets, all in furtherance of the good name of the Regiment."

Congratulations Mike, Wendy and MWL Demolitions Ltd. and thank you for the great support of the community and the Regimental Family.

Up the Dukes!





**DP 1 ARMOUR RECCE CREWMAN  
COURSE GRADUATION  
BCD TRAINING FACILITY, VERNON, B.C.**

**26 June 2019**

By: Sgt. Dwayne Snow, CD

The graduation parade for the DP 1 Armour Recce Crewman Course was held at The British Columbia Dragoons ("BCD") Training Facility at the Vernon Cadet Camp on the evening of Wednesday, 26 May 2019 with the BCR Reviewing Officer 2IC Major Vincent Virk and BCD RO Major Peters in attendance. The Parade Commander was Lieutenant Sam Serviss (Course O). Course WO was WO Pete Jones, LdSH(RC) and WO Kevin McKee, BCR, was Sr Instructor. Major Virk complimented the soldiers on their graduation, congratulated them on their turnout, service and commitment and presented them all with their new hat badges. Sgt Dwayne Snow, representing the RSM, CWO Tony Harris, complimented the graduates and congratulated them. At the end of the Parade, Sgt Snow and WO McKee conducted an informal motivational chat and showed them how to properly wear and care for their new cap badges.

Congratulations to our very own Pte. R.D.Daniels, who topped the course, and to our new BCR Graduates Pte. K Wu and Pte. M. M Blouin.



Well done indeed!

Up the Dukes!

**MWO STEPHEN KERN, CD  
39 SIGNAL REGIMENT  
INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN  
DINNER AND AWARD PRESENTATION  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
22 June 2019**

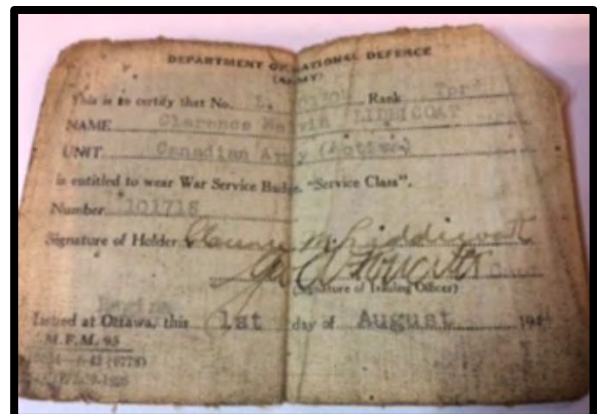
After completing a 15-day Battlefield Tour in Europe with his wife Marina (retired MCpl - 744 (Vancouver) Communication Regiment), including the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day Ceremony on 6 June 2019 at Juno Beach, MWO Stephen Kern redirected his return flight home to Toronto in order to attend the Investiture Ceremony in Ottawa. While briefly in Toronto, Steve attended the Toronto Raptors' Victory Parade and rendered assistance with others after four people were shot during the course of the celebrations. This incident was well reported in the main stream media which acknowledged the "true to form conduct" of Sergeant Major Kern.

Next stop Ottawa; as MWO Kern attended the Investiture Ceremony in the Canadian Senate Chambers where he was invested to the grade of Member of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. At the black-tie dinner following the Investiture, MWO Kern was presented with the St John Ambulance Gold Life-Saving Award by the Chancellor of St. John Ambulance, Mr Lougheed KStJ. This is the second time MWO Kern has been awarded the Gold Life-Saving Award, as he received the same award for his work on the Opioid Overdose Team with St. John Ambulance in Whalley's 135 A Street Strip in 2018.

Congratulations Steve and thank you for your outstanding service!

**Editor's Note:** Our readers will be interested to know that Steve's grandfather, Clarence Liddicoat, served with the Regiment during WWII (see attached photo of Tpr. Liddicoat's DND ID).

As many of you will know, Steve is the parade marshal for Vancouver Remembrance Day Ceremony and the Vancouver Vimy Remembrance Parade and a volunteer with St. John Ambulance, BC & Yukon Headquarters. Steve joined the CAF while in High school in North Vancouver and has served for 41 years. He retired from the B.C. Ministry of Justice in law enforcement in 2016 with 35 years service with Corrections, as a Probation Officer, Sheriffs Office and Emergency Management B.C.





**THE GREAT CANADIAN SUMMER BALL  
THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SECURITY AND  
INTELLIGENCE STUDIES – VANCOUVER (“CASIS”)  
THE DRILL HALL  
30 June 2019**

The CASIS Summer Ball was held on the drill square of The Drill Hall on Sunday evening, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance enjoyed a great dinner and were entertained by the singing and dancing of Lee Kelshall and Kevon Carter. The attendees engaged in some friendly competition with the entertainers. Special thanks to CASIS President Candyce Kelshall and Executive Officer Asha Khera.



Guests speakers included Rear Admiral Kelshall, of the Coast Guard of Trinidad and Tobago, Anne Giardini, Chancellor of SFU, and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, who welcomed everyone and spoke about the history of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO), the Canadian Armed Forces and diversity. Colonel Rohani's remarks were very well received. Other BCRs in attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, OC Recce, Major Greg McCullough, Lt. Sam Serviss, OCdt Vikram Jaswal, Evan Pearce (to be sworn in as OCdt), Dan and Janan Thomas.

Additional information may be found about CASIS on their website at <https://casisvancouver.ca/>

**CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS  
CANADIAN FORCES ZONE  
CANADA PLACE, VANCOUVER  
1 July 2019**

The waterfront of the City of Vancouver was the focal point for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Canada Day at Canada Place where the vast array of events covered a five-block radius which included “the indoor and outdoor spaces at Canada Place, Jack Poole Plaza and surrounding city streets”.

At the Canadian Forces Zone inside Canada Place, displays and interactive exhibits were featured by all three branches of the Canadian Armed Forces. 39 CBG was well represented by various units in the Lower Mainland, including a strong showing of BCRs who crewed a TAPV and G Wagon. The mission was to showcase the Regiment and its service along with an excellent opportunity to interact with fellow Canadians and to demonstrate the diverse capabilities and readiness to support the community. Needless to say, the Dukes accomplished that goal and were a great asset to the event.

Well done and Up the Dukes!





## CANADA DAY AT "THE NAT" 1 July 2019

Well over 125 members of 39 CBG, including cadets and family members, were special guests of the Vancouver Canadians at an evening game featuring the Hillsboro Hops at Nat Bailey Stadium in Vancouver. A Colour Party, including 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Piper, WO Mason Wilcox and Drum Major, Sgt Jeremy Hua, marched onto the field for the playing of O Canada and the Star-Spangled Banner. The first pitches were skillfully thrown by the Commanding Officer of 15<sup>th</sup> Field, Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Lajoie, and MWO Stephen Kern.



Also in attendance were Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, Band Governor Bill Diamond, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, and his wife Audrey and son Chris, 2290 BCR Support Committee Chair, Nyal Wilcox, and Vice Chair, Thea Wilcox, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA.

A great time was had by all notwithstanding the loss (final score 6 to 3). Many thanks to our good friend and colleague, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova, 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA, for his generosity in organizing this event for our soldiers, families and cadets.



## CANADA DAY FIREWORKS RECEPTION HMCS WINNIPEG – 1 July 2019



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

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, OC Recce, Major Greg McCullough. Past President Bill Diamond (Honorary Colonel 39 CER) and his wife Audrey were also in attendance. Regimental Family attendees included Dan and Jana Thomas, Constantine Pappas and Mark Zwanski, Chairman of the Friends of HMCS Vancouver.

It was a wonderful evening to celebrate Canada's 152<sup>nd</sup> Birthday and to enjoy the splendid fireworks display (with red and white colour emphasis) and the exceptional hospitality of our friends aboard HMCS Winnipeg.







**VANCOUVER REGULAR OFFICER TRAINING PLAN ENROLLMENT CEREMONY  
HMCS DISCOVERY  
4 July 2019**

Thirty-four Officer Cadet Candidates were sworn in by the Attestation Officer, Commodore Angus Topshee, OMM, MSM, CD, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, at the Vancouver Regular Officer Training Plan Enrollment Ceremony held at HMCS Discovery in the early afternoon of Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



BCRs in attendance were the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the CO of 2290 BCR, Captain Tony Liem, Roger and Louise Prouse, Army Cadet League of Canada - BC Branch, 2290 Support Committee Chair Nyal Wilcox, Vice Chair Thea Wilcox, Dan Thomas, NDPAO Pacific, Honorary Captain Agnes Keegan and Chuck Davey.

Congratulations to OCdt Robert Liem and OCdt Lucy Xu, both former C/CWOs with 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC. OCdt Liem and OCdt Xu will be leaving to CMR and RMC respectively tomorrow.

All the best of luck and Up the Dukes!



**CANADA COMPANY, MANY WAYS TO SERVE  
RECEPTION  
THE DRILL HALL  
11 July 2019**

A most enjoyable reception was hosted by Canada Company (“CC”) in the Officers’ Mess at The Drill Hall to celebrate their leadership visit to Vancouver with special guests CC Founder and Chairman Blake Goldring, former Honorary Colonel of the Army, and Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army Paul Hindo. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne welcomed the many attendees to the home of the Regiment, followed by CC speakers George Salamis, Blake Goldring and Honorary Colonel Paul Hindo. Fellow Duke, Bill McCarthy, was recognized in the course of the addresses with respect to the LAV III Monument Dedication Ceremony to be held in Mission on 12 July 2019. Many 39 CBG Honoraries and CC members attended along with many members of the Military Community.



**THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION OF  
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) LAV III MONUMENT  
WILLIAM AND DOLORES MCCARTHY’S ESTATE  
SHILOH HILL, MISSION, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
12 July 2019**



It was a warm and sunny summer day on Shiloh Hill at the beautiful Estate of William and Dolores McCarthy, overlooking Hatzic Lake towards the Benedictine Monastery, Westminster Abbey, the sight of the Official Dedication of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) LAV III Monument to Canada’s Afghanistan Mission 2001 to 2014. The Monument honours the 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces personnel who served and the 162 Canadians who died in the fight to bring peace and freedom to the people of Afghanistan. Nearly 100 members of the Regiment served in this conflict.



The Dedication Ceremony commenced shortly after noon with a detailed Order of Service including the singing of the National Anthem, O Canada, led by the Master of Ceremonies, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, the Introduction of Speakers and Special Guests, the Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting and Plaque Unveiling by Blake Goldring, Chairman and Founder of Canada Company, our Host, fellow Duke Bill McCarthy, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, Gayle Hawthorne, President of the Regimental Association, and Colonel Rohani, Speeches by Blake Goldring and Colonel Hawthorne, who also conveyed the greetings of The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, and Bill McCarthy. The program also included remarks and spiritual guidance by the Padre, Captain, the Reverend Gordon William Barrett and the Laying of Wreaths for the Regiment by Colonel Hawthorne, for the Regimental Association by President Gayle Hawthorne and Past President Bob Remple and Honour House by Honorary Colonel (15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA) Al De Genova and Sandra and Arthur Weissinger. The Last Post was ably played by Retired BCR Bugle Major John More, followed by a Moment of Silence for Our Fallen, during which The Lament was played by Derek Davidson, of New Chelsea and Pipe Instructor from 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC and concluding with the playing of Reveille by the Bugle Major. The Dedication Ceremony was concluded by the singing of God Save the Queen led by Colonel Hawthorne.

Our congratulations to Bill McCarthy and Canada Company on the completion of the highly successful The LAV III Monument Project sponsored by The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust and special thanks to the Regimental Association and Regimental Family for their great support. Many Dukes, friends and supporters attended the ceremony and a good number were bussed in from The Drill Hall to the ceremony and return by Charter Bus. Special thanks to three of our Duke Afghanistan Veterans, Don Bentley, Jared Reynolds and former BCR OpsWO Marvin MacNeill, who attended. Up the Dukes!

Photos by Isaac Wray Photography











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William and Dolores McCarthy

Dear Bill and Dolores:

**Re: The Official Dedication of The British Regiment (DCO) LAV III Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan (2001 – 2014) at the William and Dolores McCarthy Estate, Shiloh Hill, Mission, British Columbia – 12 July 2019**

On behalf of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, and The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust ("Charitable Trust"), I wish to thank you for the wonderful Dedication Ceremony and the extraordinary hospitality extended to the Regimental Family and the wider Military Community.

It was an honour for me to represent the Regiment, along with Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani, and to honour the 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces personnel who served and the 162 Canadians who died in the conflict. Your great achievement in making this Monument a reality is a testament to the success of today's Dedication and Commemoration Ceremony which will assist us all in remembering the service and sacrifice of all those who served in Afghanistan.

Again, my sincerest thanks to you and to the Charitable Trust and my heartfelt congratulations!

Up the Dikes,

  
E. A. (Ted) Hawthorne,  
Honorary Colonel



**COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
ANAVETS UNIT NO. 26 (SOUTH VANCOUVER)  
16 July 2019**

A very memorable Commemorative Ceremony, marking the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of ANAVETS Unit No. 26, was held at the unit's premises on 49th Avenue in South Vancouver in the early afternoon of 16 July 2019. A full house, including many Veterans, WW II Veterans, Agnes Keegan and George Chow, with three other WW II Veterans, and friends and supporters of Veterans were in attendance. Guest speakers for the program were The Honourable Lawrence MacAuley, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, and the Consul General of France in Vancouver, Philippe Sutter. General Walt Natynczyk, Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs was also in attendance. In addition to numerous federal, provincial and civic politicians, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster (15 Field RCA), Commander Chris Persson, HMCS Discovery and BCR Friend Bob Underhill were recognized by the MC.

Congratulations for your 100 years of serving Veterans and keep up the good work ANAVETS!









**PRESENTATION OF HONORARY COLONEL COMMENDATION and REGIMENTAL COIN  
TO RONALD VICTOR GILBERT  
THUNDERBIRD SQUARE, CITY HALL, ABBOTSFORD, B.C.  
19 July 2019**



The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, presented his Commendation and Regimental Coin to Ronald Victor Gilbert at the CSM Robert H Hanna, VC Memorial Plaque, near the Cenotaph at Thunderbird Square, behind the City Hall in Abbotsford at noon on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Commendation and Coin were presented by Colonel Hawthorne to Ron Gilbert, a 1950's Duke, in recognition of his "tireless efforts and personal contributions to support the Serving Members of the Regiment, Veterans and Cadets and in bringing great credit to the good name of the Regiment." Congratulations Ron and thank you for your service in the Regiment and your great support of the Regimental Association. Up the Dukes!



**ANNUAL CADET BBQ FUNDRAISER  
20 July 2019**

Submitted by: Sandra Young



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual W5 Cadet Fundraiser was again held at Roger and Louise Prouse's Clubhouse at Meridian Park Estates in White Rock on Saturday, July 20, 2019. In attendance were H/Col Ted Hawthorne and Gayle Hawthorne (BCR Assoc. President), L/Col Jim Barrett (BCR Assoc. Vice President) and Patricia Barrett, L/Col (Ret) Archie Steacy & Lynda Steacy, Agnes Keegan, Thea & Nyal Wilcox (2290 Cadet Support Committee Chair and Vice Chair respectively), Maj. Lee Taylor (2381 CO), Lt. Mike Azzano, 2381 BCR TO and Mauro Azzano (2381 Cadet Support Committee Chair), BCR OCdt. Alex Wiederhold and



many more. It was a nice day, the sun was out, but not too hot. The fundraiser consisted of barbequed beef or salmon burgers, hot dogs, salad and desserts. There were also prizes to be won, whether it was a door prize, lucky draw prizes or a share of a 50/50 draw you had a good chance to win something. It also was a good opportunity to get together and catch up with good company at the same time as fundraising.



Special thanks to all the people who helped make this a successful event. Agnes Keegan and Bob & Trudy Hanna for the contribution towards the prizes. Roger & Louise for letting us use their clubhouse, helping with set up and the brownie cupcakes, Lynda Steacy for making a salad, Gayle, Bob and Ted for the "beverages", Graydon Young for taking care of the BBQ and Sandra Young for the rest of the fix'ins. An extra special thank you to all the people who attended the event and to those who made additional donations. This is an excellent event that helps raise funds which goes towards cadet development & training programs on going and new commitments the BCR Association does. We hope to see everyone next year and more. Up the Dukes!

**6TH ANNUAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY  
AMBASSADOR OF PEACE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY  
27 July 2019**



The 6th Annual Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony commemorating the 66th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice was held at the site of the Ambassador of Peace Korean War Memorial in Burnaby's Central Park (Boundary Road and East 46th Avenue). The dignitaries for this very well attended event included The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, The Honourable Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, numerous federal, provincial and civic politicians, strong representation from the Consular Corp, including our good friend, the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Henk Snoeken, Cultural Offices and veterans' organizations.





Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was recognized during the course of the program as representing the Regiment and placed a wreath with Commander Robert D'Eon, Detachment Commander of Joint Support Ship Project, North Vancouver. Also, Honorary Colonel Karen Baker-MacGrotty and Lieutenant-Colonel Chuck Mackinnon, represented The Royal Westminster Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel Kent Wickens represented 39 Signals Regiment, at the wreath laying part of the ceremony. Retired BCR Bugle Major John More played The Last Post and Reveille. Our great friend Howe Lee was also in attendance. George Derby Veterans Care Centre was also well represented by Past President Frank Smyth, President Casey Cook, Executive Director Ava Turner and Colonel Hawthorne, a member and former director. A reception followed with a light lunch provided by Burnaby Firefighters.

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







<p><b>KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY</b>  <b>한국전 참전용사의 날</b></p> <p>KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE ALLIANCE</p> <p><i>(Presenting Partners, Members &amp; Members of the Flag Party)</i></p> <p><i>39 Signal Regiment</i> <b>Burnaby Firefighters</b> Chang Uy Hong</p> <p><i>Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver</i> <i>The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)</i> <i>HMCS Discovery</i> <i>Korea Veterans Association</i> <b>Korean Canadian Women's Association</b> <i>Korean Marine Corps Veterans Association Vancouver Canada</i> <i>Korean Overseas Women's International Network</i> <b>Korean Seniors Society of BC</b> <i>Korean Society of BC</i> <i>Korean Veterans Association Western Canada Chapter</i> <i>Korean War Veterans Association Western Canada Chapter</i> <i>National Unification Advisory Council Vancouver Chapter</i> <i>Office of The Honourable Yonah Martin</i> <i>Rose of Sharon Care Society</i> <i>Rose of Sharon Foundation</i> <i>Royal Canadian Air Cadets</i> <i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police</i> <i>Royal Canadian Navy</i> <i>The Royal Westminster Regiment</i> <i>The Korean Vietnam War Veterans Association of Western Canada</i> <b>Veterans Affairs Canada</b></p>	<p></p> <p><b>KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY</b></p> <p><b>CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>한국전 참전용사의 날</b></p> <p>헌화식</p> <p><b>JULY 27, 2019, 10:30 AM</b> <b>AMBASSADOR OF PEACE</b> <b>KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL</b> <b>CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY, BC</b></p>
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**BCR JUNIOR RANKS FUNDRAISER  
JR MESS, THE DRILL HALL  
31 July 2019**

Congratulations to the BCR Junior Ranks Mess for their extraordinary support of one of its Members who lost all his possessions in a recent fire at his residence on Clarke Street in Port Moody. The very successful Support Fundraiser was held in the early evening of Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> in the JR Mess.

Many thanks to BCR Junior Ranks, the Regiment, the Regimental Family and the greater Military Community for their timely and generous support of one of our Members during a very difficult time. Up the Dukes!



**THE CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY PRESENTATION OF  
“FINDING FRED LEE, THE INSPIRATIONAL STORY BEHIND CANADA’S LAST WW I MEMORIAL”  
DR. SUN YAT-SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN  
VANCOUVER’S CHINATOWN  
3 August 2019**



Billed as a “milestone event in Vancouver’s historic Chinatown”, a special presentation by Jack Gin on “Finding Fred Lee, The Inspirational Story Behind Canada’s Last WWI Memorial” (a Rocky Mountain Ranger KIA at Hill 70) was held at the Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. The well attended event was hosted by the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and included numerous politicians, the Consul General of China, Tong Xiaoling, the Consul General of France, Philippe Sutter, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the Honorary Colonel 39 CER, Bill Diamond, the Padre of 39 Service Battalion, Captain, the Reverend Kenneth Lo, M Div, and the President of the Rocky Mountain Rangers Regimental Association, Michael Young.

Congratulations to CCMMS President and Master of Ceremonies King Wan and his team!



**THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
NETHERLANDS RESIDENCE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
7 August 2019**



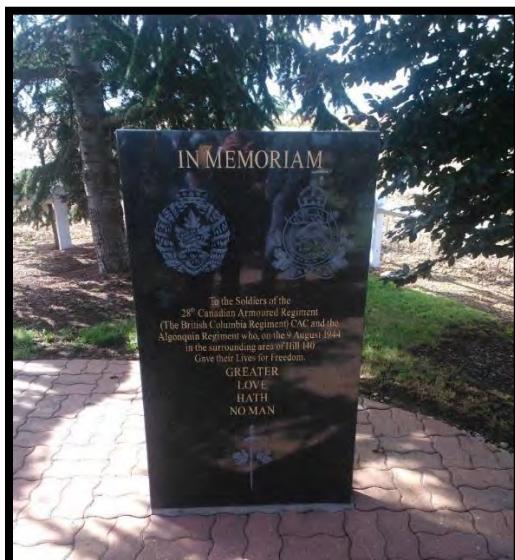
On Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, Consul General Henk Snoeken of the Kingdom of Netherlands hosted a wonderful dinner at their home in Vancouver on the occasion of the visit of Lieutenant Colonel Ton Linssen, the Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ottawa.

39<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Col Paul Ursich, LCol Ed Haverstock Commanding Officer of the Seaforth Highlander, HCol Rod Hoffmeister of the Seaforth Highlanders, Former Hon Captain Mr. Lyle Knott, King Wan, President of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, Canadian Forces

Liaison Council National Chair, Mr. Scott Sheppard, Hon LCol Don Foster of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, and BCR Hon LCol Farid Rohani joined Deputy Consul General Barry Nieuwenhuijs to hear about the many events being planned for 2020, the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian Forces, both in Canada and in the Netherlands.

A great evening, great conversations and wonderful dinner with special thanks to Consul General Snoeken and Mrs. Kathrin Höner-Snoeken for being such great hosts.

**9 AUGUST 1944 – HILL 140 OBSERVANCE**



Fellow Dukes,

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

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

Up the Dukes!

**CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE  
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER  
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY AT HILL 140  
9 August 2019**



An informal Ceremony of Remembrance was held this morning at Saint Julien Park (immediately south of the Drill Hall) to honour the service and sacrifice of the soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) during WWII and to remember the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, Operation Totalize at Hill 140. Former Commanding Officer, retired Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Sproule greeted all attendees and gave a brief summary of the significant contribution by the members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Armoured. Retired Major Gary Del Villano, OMM, CD, late of the RCD and Algonquin Regiment, delivered a brief address touching on the role of the Algonquin infantry support to the Regiment and presented a first edition copy of **Warpath, The Story of the Algonquin Regiment** to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Colonel Hawthorne and Gary then presented the gift to BCR Regimental Museum President Rick Hourie, to be added to the museum's extensive collection. The Last Post and Rouse were played by Bugle Major Chris Ahern, followed by the recitation of the Act of Remembrance by Cam Cathcart, President of RUSI Vancouver. The wreath was placed by Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne, assisted by Colonel Hawthorne and the RSM, CWO Tony Harris. Colonels Sproule and Hawthorne provided brief closing comments and the attendees adjourned to a small reception on the Square and enjoyed coffee, donuts and the customary "Duke" comradery. We will remember them! Up the Dukes!



**VERNON CADET TRAINING CENTRE  
FINAL PARADE & SUNSET CEREMONY  
DIEPPE PARADE SQUARE  
15 August 2019**

The annual parade at VCTC was held on the Dieppe Parade Square on a very pleasant summer evening. The Parade Appointments were the Reviewing Officer, Colonel Matthew Hausmann, CD, COS (Reserves) Canadian Doctrine & Training Centre, the Parade Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Miroslav Novak, CD, the Deputy Commanding Officer, Major P. Batstone, CD, and the RSM, CWO S.P. Thomas, MMM, CD.

The Program of Events included the customary General Salute, Inspection of Cadets, March Past, Presentation of Awards, an Address by the RO, a well-executed Feu de Joie by the Guard and concluded with the traditional Sunset Ceremony (Amazing Grace, Lowering the Flag, Good Save the Queen, Advance in Review Order and General Salute).

The Regiment was represented by both Honoraries, Ted Hawthorne and Farid Rohani, and the Regimental Family was well represented by Regimental Association Director-at-Large (Cadets), Roger Prouse, The Army Cadet League of Canada - BC Branch, Honours & Awards Executive Louise Prouse, 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC SPC Representative Simar Pabla, and Ken and Linda Whitney. Our very good friend and colleague, Cathy Bach, President of The Army Cadet League of Canada, was also in attendance.

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

Congratulations to all Cadets and Staff for an outstanding performance.





**COMMANDER OF THE CANADIAN ARMY  
CHANGE OF COMMAND  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL J.M. LANTHIER, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD  
TO LIEUTENANT-GENERAL W.D. EYRE, CMM, MSC, CD  
PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA  
20 August 2019**

The Change of Command Ceremony for the Commander of the Canadian Army (“CCA”) commenced at 10:00 am on Parliament Hill with a very large crowd in attendance. It was a warm morning with a comfortable breeze and all serving members were dressed in DEUs A1. The sequence of events included: the March on of the Parade (Ceremonial Guard and full Band with Pipes and Drums Contingent); the arrival of LGen Lanthier, CCA; the arrival of the CDS, General Vance and the Commander designate LGen Eyre; a General Salute to the CDS, the National Anthem; the inspection of the Guard and the Band; the First March Past; the address by LGen Lanthier; the Change of Command Scroll Signing; Pennant Presentation, the address by General Vance; the address by LGen Eyre; the Second March Past; the Advance in Review Order; the departure of General Vance, CDS, and LGen Lanthier, VCDS; the Royal Anthem, the departure of LGen Eyre, CCA and the March Off of the Parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER) were greeted by BCR friends LCol (R) John Selkirk, Reserves 2000 Chair, and Col (R) Mark Hutchings, National Chair of The Hill 70 Memorial Project.

As reported in the DND Press Release “the change of command ceremony took place at Parliament Hill and included a 100-soldier marching and band contingent comprised of members of the Ceremonial Guard drawn from the Governor General’s Foot Guards, The Canadian Grenadier Guards, and several other units. Displays of military equipment were showcased during the event.” The BCRs were represented on parade by our very own Sgt. Stephen Cobb, Sergeant of the Guard and Colour Escort, and Drummer Pte. Liam Diamond.

A reception preceded the Ceremony in the Inner Courtyard of the East Block and was the gathering place for all dignitaries. The post Ceremony reception was also held in the Inner Courtyard where light refreshments and an array of sandwiches and sweets were also available. The reception was a very happy occasion for everyone and a wonderful opportunity to talk to so many friends and colleagues, including the VCDS, LGen Lanthier, the CCA, LGen Eyre, the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army, MGen Derek Macaulay, MGen Trevor Cadieu, Director of Staff - Strategic Joint Staff, MGen Rob Roy MacKenzie, Chief



of Reserves and Employer Support, BGen Nic Stanton, Chief of Staff – Army Reserves, BGen Dave Awalt, Deputy Commander of 3 Canadian Division, the RCAC Colonel Commandant, Colonel (R) Georges Rousseau, and the Honorary Colonel of the Army, Paul Hindo. Our good friend LCol Mike Mallett, former BCR OpsO, also visited with us and updated us on his most recent posting.

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









## NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL 20 August 2019

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and the Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, 39 CER, paid their respects to our Fallen at the National War Memorial in Ottawa, on Tuesday afternoon. The National War Memorial is the focal point of Confederation Square which is located between Parliament Hill and the Château Laurier Hotel.

We will remember them!

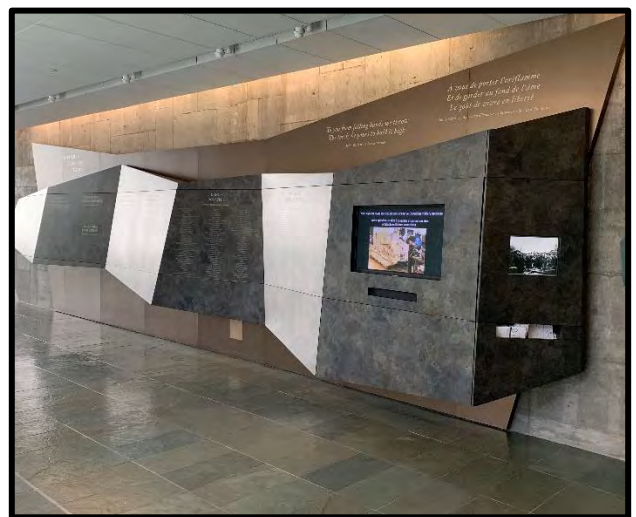
Up the Dukes



## CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM DONATION BY THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST 20 August 2019

At a brief presentation ceremony at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Trustees, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Chairman, and Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, Secretary, presented a \$5,000.00 cheque on behalf of the Trust to Glenn Ogden, Creative Development Specialist of the CWM and Megan Ollivier, Sponsorship Officer of the CWM. The donation is intended to further the CWM's education program in accordance with its mission to "Educate, Preserve & Remember" and will be recognized on the Donors' Wall of Honour at the CWM. Congratulations to our friends at the Canadian War Museum and special thanks to Glenn and Megan for the wonderful hospitality.

Up the Dukes!





Editor's Note:

The following are the Canadian War Museum links relating to:

(a) "Supply Line Program"

<https://www.warmuseum.ca/supplyline/about-supply-line/>

(b) Pte Michael O'Rourke, VC.

<https://www.facebook.com/warmuseum/photos/a.85454131273/10156568068921274/?type=3&theater>

**HMCS CALGARY "DAY SAIL"  
24 August 2019**

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August, Commander Jonathan Kouwenberg, the New Commanding Officer of the HMCS Calgary (and still the HMCS Vancouver) welcomed friends of the Navy and the CAF on aboard the HMCS Calgary for a day sail through Vancouver Harbour, under the Lions Gate Bridge and Howe Sound.

The Calgary and crew demonstrated her capabilities, 750 yards turning radius tactical diameter, going from 30-40 knots to 5 knots with 30 degrees of helm on. The sharp turning angle did have some of the guests bracing themselves as they were not used to the angles of the turn.

The Royal Canadian Air Force flew the new workhorse of the RCN, the CH-148 Cyclone, which replaced the Sea Kings for multiple fly pasts to the delight of the many friends on board the Calgary.

It was a beautiful day, the crew of the Calgary also served a delicious lunch and made sure the guests left with great memories.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Farid Rohani represented the BCR and many of our friends including Mr. King Wan, President of Naval Officers Association of British Columbia (NOABC), were also on board.

We would like to thank the RCN for their invitation, hospitality and welcoming ways.







**PRESENTATION OF  
HONORARY COLONEL COMMENDATION and REGIMENTAL COIN  
TO LIEUTENANT VANESSA WU  
THE DRILL HALL  
5 September 2019**



The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, presented his Honorary Colonel's Commendation and Regimental Coin to Lieutenant Vanessa Wu at the Stand To Parade of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC at The Drill Hall on Thursday evening, 5 September 2019. The Commendation and Coin were presented by Colonel Hawthorne to Lt. Wu in recognition of her "tireless efforts and personal contributions in support of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusilier) RCACC and the Regimental Association in furthering the objectives of the Army Cadet Program and the good name of the Regiment."

Congratulations Lt. Wu, thank you for your many years of exemplary service to 2381 BCR and 2290 BCR and our very best wishes to you on your next posting.

Up the Dukes!

**ORIENTATION & ADMINISTRATION NIGHT  
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC  
THE DRILL HALL  
5 September 2019**

The 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Stand To Parade, marking the beginning of a new training year, was held at The Drill Hall on Thursday evening, 5 September 2019. It was a very busy evening and most certainly a family affair with many presentations to Cadets, funding presentations to the Support Committee by Agnes Keegan (ANAVETS) and Chuck Davey (proceeds from his recycling program), information presentations by CIC Officers and Cadets, and a brief address by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne. Many family and friends of the Cadets were in attendance which added to the overall

success of the evening. The CO, Captain Tony Liem, recognized the great work of the Support Committee and thanked them for their service (Chairman Nyal Wilcox, Vice Chair Thea Wilcox, Agnes Keegan, Chuck Davey and Gayle Hawthorne, Regimental Association President). Also, Agnes Keegan was recognized by the CO on the occasion of her upcoming 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations Agnes and our very best wishes to you! It was a great start to the new training year.

Well done fellow Dukes!



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
K441688 SGT DAN MCKENZIE  
THE DRILL HALL  
Sunday, 8 September 2019 at 2:00PM**

A Celebration of Life for retired Sergeant Dan McKenzie was held on the drill square of the Drill Hall on Sunday afternoon with many of the BCR "Old Guard" in attendance as well as many other friends and family. The Master of Ceremonies was a good friend of the family, Floyd Murphy, with speakers including the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, delivering the opening greeting on behalf of the Regiment, Regimental Association President Gayle Hawthorne, reciting the Act of Remembrance, President Emeritus Archie Stacey, providing details of Dan's military and volunteer service and Sheryle Gallivan, Arthur Murray Dance Studios, delivering a wonderful review of Dan and Ellen's "other life" of dance. A delightful reception was held after the remembrance ceremony.

Thank you, Dan, for your service to the Regiment, the Regimental Association and your Country.

Up the Dukes!





### **CO'S PARADE – STAND TO 11 September 2019**

Marking the beginning of a new training year, an outstanding BCR Stand To Parade was held in The Drill Hall after a very hectic summer for our soldiers. A short briefing was given by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant- Colonel Paul Lindsay, followed by twenty-four promotions, one CD presentation, and eight Awards of Excellence to sixteen of our soldiers. The awards segment of the Parade was followed by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, addressing the members and announcing details of the 2019 Bursary Program and support for the Regimental Hockey Jerseys initiative. Colonel Hawthorne updated the members on the funding for such projects by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust which supports our soldiers, cadets and veterans through its various programs. In turn, the RSM, CWO Tony Harris, thanked President Gayle Hawthorne, the Regimental Association and the Honorary Colonel for their work in support of the Regiment.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the long-awaited promotion of former RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, to the rank of Captain.

It looks like a great beginning to another exceptional training year.

Congratulations all and Up the Dukes











**THE REGIMENT SAYS GOODBYE TO ONE OF ITS OWN  
THE DRILL HALL  
14 September 2019**

The Regiment and a strong showing of the Regimental Family joined with the many friends and family of the late Cpl Cody Michael Allard to say goodbye at the Celebration of Life held at The Drill Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, 14 September 2019. Cody passed away on 19 August 2019 as a result of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. The service was conducted by Captain, the Reverend Julie Lees, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

Thank you for your service Cpl Allard, your duty is done...rest easy. We will remember him.

Up the Dukes!



**DEFENCE ON THE DOCK  
OGDEN POINT  
AND  
VIP RECEPTION ABOARD HMCS WINNIPEG  
SUNDAY, 15 September 2019**

The second annual “Defence on the Dock” was billed as an “Open House” for the Canadian Armed Forces which was staged 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 Winnipeg (Frigate), HMCS Chicoutimi (Submarine), HMCS Edmonton (Coastal Patrol), and PCT Renard (Orca Class), and featured the RCN Bomb Disposal Unit, static displays of the CH-146 Cyclone, 11 Field Ambulance, 5 Field RCA, Military Police, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), CFB Esquimalt Fire Service and a Safety and Environment Component. A very well attended and successful community event indeed!





At the conclusion of the “Defence on the Dock” program, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Honorary Colonel 39 CER, Bill Diamond, were invited aboard HMCS Winnipeg for a VIP Reception. The event was hosted by the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force (Pacific), Rear Admiral Bob Auchterlonie and Captain (N) Sam Sader, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt. Also visiting with Colonels Hawthorne and Diamond were Brigadier-General Dave Awalt, Deputy Commander of 3 Cdn Division, and RCMP Assistant Commissioner Stephen Thatcher, Lower Mainland District Commander. The reception topped off an extraordinary day of visiting CAF personnel at their best. Many thanks to our Navy friends for their great hospitality and for such an enjoyable and successful community event!







**LEKE BELGIUM TOUR GROUP  
HARBOUR CENTRE  
18 September 2019**



After a dinner in the revolving restaurant at Harbour Centre, our good friends from Leke, Belgium were welcomed to Vancouver by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, who also conveyed greetings from the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, and the entire Regimental Family. Leke, a town in Diksmuide, is in the province of West Flanders and holds a special place in the history of the BCR as the Regiment liberated the town on 7 September of 1944. Colonel Hawthorne presented his Honorary Colonel Commendation, Regimental Coin and new BCR Flag to our good friend and colleague of many years, Honorary Major Luke Vandebussche. Congratulations Luke and thank you from the Regiment and the Regimental Family for your great support!

Up the Dukes!



**15<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA & THE 78<sup>th</sup> FRASER HIGHLANDERS  
IRISH WHISKEY TASTING & FUNDRAISER  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
20 September 2019**

Congratulations to the 15th Field Artillery Regimental Society and The 78th Fraser Highlanders on their successful Irish Whiskey Tasting and Fundraiser event which was held in the Officers' Mess of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, Bessborough Armouries, Vancouver. The "Dukes' Table" was certainly a focal point of the evening. In addition to the distinctive single malts served, the program featured fine entertainment from Irish Singer Patrick Chessell and his Band.

Thanks for the great hospitality folks!

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**REGIMENTAL HOCKEY TEAM  
8 RINKS BURNABY  
25 September 2019**

It was a memorable start to a new season for the Regimental Hockey Team at 8 Rinks in Burnaby on the evening of September 25<sup>th</sup>. The members of the BCR Team were all sporting their new and very distinctive jerseys and looked quite impressive. The game's program included a brief dedication of the jersey for a former member of the team, the late Cpl. Cody Allard, with his name on the back of the jersey and the big "C" for Captain on the front, at centre ice, a remembrance ceremony and a minute of silence. The Dukes won a "nail biter" over the "Toques of Hazzard" by a score of 2 to 1.

It was a proud evening for our soldiers. Up the Dukes!





### THE BARRETT BUNKER September 2019

Late August and September in the late 1970's and early 1980's were important years for the BC Regiment. We were perpetual winners of the Dunwoody Trophy for best Armoured Reserve unit in the West and had won the Worthington Trophy in 1983 and 1985 for Best in Canada. Our numbers were close to 300 soldiers, and we conducted ten training activities each year, not including the Annual MILCON in Fort Lewis, Washington the last two weeks of August. In those Milcons, the LDSH lent us two seven car troops (14) of Lynx Armoured Recce Tracked Vehicles, and we had an additional troop of seven cars driving the 1966 pattern Jeeps, and were supported by the SYEP course as an Assault Troop in three Tracked M113s driven by American Drivers. We usually had two CPs and a complete echelon of vehicles including a tracked Maintenance Det. from our Strathcona friends. We weren't paid much in those days, but we trained hard.



OC A SQN BCR – MAJOR JACK DRAKE – YAKIMA 1978

In 1978 and 1982 in the Fall we provided the enemy force for the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry operating out of Yakima. I was a newly minted Second-Lieutenant at the time having been recently promoted from trooper. 2Lt Joe



Seymour had led a crew of BCRs up to Kelowna, where we borrowed twelve of the BCDs SMPs and tried to get them down to Vancouver to augment our numbers. Six broke down along the way. After all they were all close to twenty years old at the time with great mileage. Another five broke down before were able to get into our assembly area at the top of Yakima Ridge. I was in the back seat of the only BCD Jeep to make it up the hill. Suddenly, I found myself, along with Sgt Keith Macdonald, in charge of a dismounted patrol of BCRs and ordered out to go cross country and to try to penetrate into the rear areas of the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry. After ambushing and shooting up an American Recce patrol in the middle of the night, at first light we captured a Field Hospital and a dispatch rider from their brigade HQ with a complete battle map. Sgt Macdonald and one of our drivers took advantage of having the American Jeep and drove up the hill and took out the Brigade Headquarters. On their return, we were picked up by American Hueys and flew back at “nap-of-the earth” with our prized map, which we handed off to our side. A job well done.

Sadly, both Sgt's Harder and Houghton had been injured in a night collision, with Sgt Houghton suffering life threatening injuries. Fortunately, Maj Drake was able to call in the NODUFF and Sgt Houghton was flown by Chopper to hospital where he was saved. Sgt Harder recovered from two broken arms.

Also, not well known is the fact that from 1975 until 1984, the BCR had an annual tasking to provide an Umpire Unit to augment the NATO umpires for the Annual Fall EXs. Many of our Reserve soldiers participated over the years in these exercises as Umpires for RCD Recce and as part of the 4 CMBG Umpire team. I was fortunate to be a last minute addition to the team for 1984 and we departed from Vancouver in late August and were in Germany for about one month. We participated in two major exercises, EX SOLAR PASSAGE, a build up exercise with 4 CMBG going up against a West German Mountain Battalion, and then later in a Corps level exercise with 4 CMBG and a German Mountain Brigade against a West German Armoured Corps. These were at that time the largest exercises Canadian Troops were in since Korea. Most of us were returned to Canada following the operations and aside from a certificate and a few photos, we have no recognition of our service there. I kept a diary of my experiences and will share that with my readers on another occasion.



### **1984 BCR UMPIRE TROOP – GERMANY**

(B Row) Sgt Houghton, Cpl Morris, Unk, Cpl Calnek, Cpl Burgess, Cpl Clark

(M Row) Unk, WO Macdonald, Cpl Abraham, Sgt Mullins, Lt Greenhalgh, Cpl Olson, MCpl Raffelseifer.

(F Row I-R) Lt Elliot, Capt L. LeFevbre, 2Lt Barrett, Capt Seymour, Maj Drake, Sgt Harder, MCpl Sutherland

We will close with a bit of historical information. Following the decimation of the 28<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (BCR) at Operation Totalize taking on the 12<sup>th</sup> SS Panzer division, the Regiment was reconstituted with replacements and re-entered battle shortly afterwards as a Squadron and was one of the last units in location to close the Falaise Gap.

## A PRE-WAR SKETCH OF THE MILITIA OF VANCOUVER

by T.O Townley

Organizer and first Lieutenant-Colonel commanding  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Canadian Artillery

*Editors Note:* Thomas Owen Townley, 1862-1935 was not only the first CO of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, CA, he was also the eighth mayor of Vancouver, serving in that role from 1900-1902. Besides raising Vancouver's militia, he was, while serving as mayor, largely responsible for the Drill Hall being constructed on Beatty Street. His memoir also gives us a valuable firsthand account of the various activities of the regiment during its early years – and perspective on why the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, CA was split into two (an Island and Mainland) battalions. This transcript was made from an original letter from Townley to Major JS Mathews. Mathews, formerly of the 6DCOR and the founder of the Vancouver Archives, had for many years endeavoured to secure Townley's memoir due to his prominent role in Vancouver's militia. Mathews was eventually successful and in the early 1930s, shortly before his death, Townley finally relented and wrote this brief memoir. Their many notes and letters to each other reflect our first CO's great pride in Vancouver's early militia. But after the Great War Townley does not appear to have maintained a relationship with the regiment or the military in general. Some indication why may be found in some passages in which Townley refers to the tremendous loss of life during the Great War and in particular the tragic death of Townley's eldest son Max, who fell at Vimy Ridge while serving with the 72<sup>nd</sup> (Seaforth) Bn.

Townley's penmanship was not the easiest to read; where necessary ellipses have been inserted where his writing was indecipherable. Mathews was never afraid to correct someone when he felt they were wrong or add to their narrative for clarification. Mathews' corrections or additions to the narrative have been retained in brackets, or I have included them in footnotes. The original memoir, along with numerous letters from Townley and his widow to Mathews, are preserved in a leather-bound book in the City Archives.

DH Snow, Sgt.

*"In those days everybody was young, everybody was filled with the joy of living,  
and the future was a golden pathway to hopes fulfilled... Vancouver was a city of destiny..."*  
Lieutenant-Colonel T.O. Townley.

In the year 1889 when I became associated with the militia there were in British Columbia a few independent companies of rifles, and the British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery with headquarters in Victoria under the command of Lieutenant Colonel, the Honourable EG Prior, MP. It consisted of 4 batteries, each of 40 gunners, 2 non-commissioned officers a captain and 2 lieutenants and the usual staff officers. No. 1 Battery was in New Westminster and was the successor of the old Seymour Artillery which was organized to resist the threatened Fenian raid in the late 60s. Batteries 2, 3, and 4 were located in Victoria.

A vacancy in the command of No.1 battery having occurred by reason of the death of Captain McNaughten I was waited upon sometime in the year 1884 by Lieutenant Colonel Holmes DAG of MD No. 11, Captain Scanlon of the Westminster Rifles and others and asked to fill the vacancy. I refused as I felt unfitted for this position. However, after pertinent inquiry accompanied by an attestation that if I did not accept the battery would be immediately disbanded I reluctantly consented.

Things were in pretty bad shape<sup>1</sup>, but I found an enthusiastic and competent bunch of NCOs headed by Sergeants Davison and Corbett.<sup>2</sup> The drill shed was an old barn... where the Dominion fisheries Building now stands. Lieutenants A.F. Totton and E.H. Port were chosen as my officers

<sup>1</sup> Major Matthews, in his explanatory notes appended to LCol Townley's manuscript states, "Judge JA Foris, an early officer told me in 1930, that there was dissatisfaction amongst the NCOs. The officers were not popular, and this led to a lack of interest.

<sup>2</sup> Sergeant W.J. Corbett was a renowned rifle shot and later became a Captain in the Regiment.



and the non-commissioned officers appointed. Then recruiting commenced and the roll was soon filled.

At my request Master Gunner J.C. Cornish was sent from Victoria to act as an instructor, and drill commenced at once. We had by way of motivation early morning drill as well as drills and instruction in the evenings, and it was not long before things looked pretty good. We instituted smoking concerts (free beer), sporting bouts, etc. to raise money for our company fund, and the City Council made a grant of \$500 toward the purchase of band instruments and the citizens contributed the balance with the result that a complete set of instruments were in our possession and for good luck a noted band master was ready to take over the leadership - Mr. Watson was his name. We uniformed them and he did the rest. It came to have an international reputation and was much in demand on both sides of the line.

I then took a special course of instruction at the military school in Victoria and was granted a first-class grade A certificate and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1890 received my commission as captain.

The rifle range was then situated in South Westminster and was inconvenient (no bridge then) and dangerous. The provincial government at my request set aside a strip of land on the west side of Central Park, which was used as well by the Vancouver Rifles Association, until it became dangerous to settlers and had to be moved to Lulu Island.

New Westminster has many good shots and always brought home its full share of individual prizes in money and team prizes and trophies...The most coveted prize was the Laurie bugle, presented by Gen. Laurie for annual competition between companies - and it generally had its resting place in New Westminster. The rifle shooting of the Vancouver militiamen in the after days was ... and the annual meets at O'Hara and Wimbledon had always militiamen from the coast on its rolls, and Sergeant Perry of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment brought home the King's Prize in 1904.<sup>3</sup>

The old Drill shed was a trial and the subject of much complaining with E Mason. However, after pertinent wire pulling and perhaps here by the efforts of the late GE Courbould, MP (father of Lieutenant Colonel Courbould of the Westminster Regiment) an appropriation was made for a new drill shed in the year 1891. And the same was erected in due course and now is the comfortable centre of the New Westminster militia.

In the month of October, I was removed to Vancouver at the time the Land Registry Office was established there but I still retained my commission in New Westminster.

In those earlier days it was usual for Victoria to celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May and Vancouver the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and each city exchanged holiday making on their days. Perhaps one of the chief features of the festivities was the naval and military programme. Vancouver and its crowd poured into Victoria on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May (The Queen's birthday) and Beacon Hill was the scene of the naval and military parade and sham battle, etc. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July (Canada's birthday) the ships of Her Majesty's north Pacific Squadron proudly rode at anchor in Burrard Inlet and excursion boats from Victoria and Nanaimo brought over nearly a majority of Vancouver island's population including its militia. New Westminster did the same - including No.1 Battery. At Brocton Point, after the review took place, occasionally a sham fight helped to entertain the crowd. Naval and military spirits were indulged in and a game of lacrosse of course was put up. The navy landed its cricket eleven and the local team met them in their great national game. The band from the

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<sup>3</sup> Sam Perry was in fact a Private and had just transferred to Vancouver's 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own before leaving for Bisley. He had never been a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment and was promoted to Sergeant upon his return from Bisley.

flag ship filled the air with sweet melodies and the elite of Vancouver turned out to brighten the function. In those days everybody was young, everybody was filled with the joy of living, and the future was a golden pathway to hopes fulfilled. Vancouver was a city of destiny and its only worry was growing pains. None but “old timers” as those dear people are now dubbed by their usurpers can quite realize what those gala days meant. Youth was in the saddle and nothing mattered.

About this time the young men of Vancouver began to itch for the uniform and a place in the procession. The press took it up and for a time there was quite a mix up. Some wanted infantry with red coats, others Rifles like the QOR and the kilties had a fascination for members of both sex. However the agitation came to an abrupt end by the prosaic militia department deciding to increase the establishment by adding another artillery battery to the Brigade of Garrison Artillery and by doubling the strength of said company to 80 men, 4 non-commissioned officers and 4 officers – the senior officer to hold the rank of major, and I was commissioned to raise the Vancouver company. The name of the regiment was changed to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Canadian Artillery about this time.

The first thing to do was to find a building suitable for a drill shed. After much searching the old Imperial Opera House on Pender Street was the only one I could find at all suitable and the same was leased from the late Mr. Crickman its owner. At present this site is occupied by the Shelley Building, formerly the Duncan Building.

I then selected my senior officers, viz. CA Worsnop, Lacey R Johnston and FW Boulton. Major Worsnop served in the Northwest Rebellion with the 90<sup>th</sup> Regiment and Boulton with the Winnipeg Field Battery.

The service roll was soon filled up and the men sworn in and equipped. Drill was carried on steadily and No. 5 company was soon as smart a body of men as any in Canada and those are not my words, but they are of the inspecting officer at their first inspection. Then things began to move quickly. An interesting visit was made by General Dundonald (afterwards retired by Sir Wilfred Laurier) and I accompanied him to Victoria on his visit and inspection.

About this time Lieutenant Colonel Prior had been appointed to a cabinet portfolio in Ottawa – Minister of Inland Resources and therefore had to resign his connection with the militia – leaving me a senior major and as such entitled to my step up to his place. Things drifted along for a time, and I took the Command at the Victoria celebration on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May following the parade and subsequent sham battle with the navy at Beacon Hill. To meet the situation as it had arisen which meant the transfer of headquarters to Vancouver if I were promoted to the vacant command it was decided to convert the regiment into two battalions of equal strength. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion with headquarters at Victoria and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion with headquarters at Vancouver. This change was carried out and Lieutenant Colonel Gregory (now Mr. Justice Gregory) was gazetted to the command of No.1 Battalion and myself to command of No.2 Battalion on the day (16 September 1896). And this was how Vancouver got a higher grade in the militia. I then proceeded to select my officer staff as follows:

**Majors:** Charles Worsnop<sup>4</sup>, AM Robertson, Surgeon-Major

**Captains:** James F Gardner, Quartermaster; C Gardner Johnston, Paymaster

**Lieutenants:** Lacey R Johnston, FW Boulton, CC Bennet<sup>5</sup>, HC Akroyd, and John Boyd

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<sup>4</sup> LCol Charles A Worsnop, VD, was the last CO of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 5<sup>th</sup> BC Regiment of Garrison Artillery and was instrumental in our change in service from artillery to rifles. He commanded the 6<sup>th</sup> DCOR until 1903. His son Major Charles B Worsnop followed his father into the regiment and won distinction during the Great War, being decorated with the DSO while serving as the 2ic of our 102<sup>nd</sup> Bn, a post he later held with both the 54<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Battalions.



Each of which officer ranked as provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants until duly qualified by obtaining certificates from a school of instruction.

The next step was to get a school of instruction established. This was brought into existence by the appointment of Captain Barnes as officer in charge of the school and Sergeant-Major Porter and Corporal Bundy as instructors in artillery and infantry respectively. They were drawn from the Imperial forces in Victoria. The school was carried out in the temporary drill shed with the assistance of a gun shed erected on a CPR lot opposite to accommodate an antiquated 64 pound which saw service in the Crimea, and which now has a resting place in front of the drill shed on Beattie Street. The School was carried on for three months and was attended throughout by a large number in addition to the provisional officers. The results were satisfactory, and the officers were duly gazetted to their substantive ranks and the follow non-commissioned officers to their companies:

**Battalion Sergeant-Major:** JC Cornish

**Sergeants:** Napoleon LaBranche<sup>6</sup>, H.J Sharpe, and GA Boulton<sup>7</sup>

**Corporals:** John Turner, JJ Hillier, J Duff Stuart<sup>8</sup>, and FW Alexander

**Bombardiers:** E Crickinary, LA Martin, and JR Tite<sup>9</sup>

Recruiting a brass band was also signed up and furnished with uniforms and I carried on until 28 March 1897 when I felt unable through the increase of work in the land registry office to spare time for the many calls made upon me and resigned my command, recommending the late Lieutenant Colonel Worsnop as my successor.

Shortly afterward at the insistence of Major General Hutton, GOC, the battalion was converted from artillery into Rifles and is now known as the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Rifles or Duke of Connaught's Own.

During the South African War in 1899 the regiment sent overseas 20 men to fight for the Empire and a brass tablet bearing the names of those who were killed in action was placed in the drill shed and I was instrumental as Mayor of the city of Vancouver in having the same unveiled by the Duke of Cornwall and York (now His Majesty King George V) on his way to the official luncheon ....to him and the Duchess his spouse and members of the Royal entourage by the citizens of Vancouver in the officer's mess.

Before retiring I arranged with the late Mr. Marpole for a site upon which to erect a Drill Hall as soon as the department were moved to build one. This arrangement was afterwards carried out – and the old imperial opera house knew us no more.

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<sup>5</sup> LCol CC Bennet, DSO, VD, was a popular and outspoken officer who later served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> South African War, securing a commission as captain in the South African Constabulary in 1901. He fought in several actions and was captured by the Boers during one harrowing incident. He remained in SA until 1907, returned to the regiment and then saw service overseas during the Great War, serving during the Vimy operation as a staff officer with 1<sup>st</sup> Can Div. His outstanding performance was recognized with a DSO and bar. Injured near Lens, after the battle of Hill 70 he was invalided home and medically released.

<sup>6</sup> Formerly Lieutenant Colonel and commanding officer of Montreal's 65<sup>th</sup> (Carabiniers de Montreal) Bn, now perpetuated by the Fusiliers Mont Royal. Before Confederation LaBranche had served as a Captain of the Canadian Chasseurs. He resigned his commission in December of 1879 and later moved to Vancouver.

<sup>7</sup> George Boulton rose to the rank of Captain and went overseas during the Great War with our 62<sup>nd</sup> Bn. He was posted to the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn and served on the Somme before being posted to a variety of staff appointments. He ended the war as a staff officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Div Ammunition Column.

<sup>8</sup> Duff Stuart rose from the rank of gunner to Brigadier General. He assumed command of 6DCOR in 1910 and was commander of 23 Inf Brigade at Camp Vernon during the Great War. And from 1917 to 1920 he was the commander of the BC Military District. He was appointed Honorary Colonel of the regiment and served in that role until his death in a vehicle rollover accident in 1933.

<sup>9</sup> Tite rose to the rank of Major in the regiment and served as Brigade Major in Vancouver during Great War. A renowned marksman he championed the adoption of a pointed bullet which would be more accurate than the standard round issued by the Crown. Canada adopted his preferred bullet just before the 1913 Palma Trophy match, which was won by then-Major Hart-McHarg.

This is a brief outline of the planting of the militia in the city of Vancouver and what led up to it as weakly as my memory serves – the time which was followed by so rich a harvest when the great call from overseas a few years later – the black 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914.

## **God Save the King!**

*TO Townley*

*Late Officer Commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Canadian Artillery*

# Strathcona Enews

Hello Strathconas,

The intent of this E-News is to provide a quick update on what your Regiment has been occupied with since the spring began. During the months of April and May, the bulk of the Regiment was in Wainwright conducting live-fire Combat Team and dry (with laser tag!) Battle Group training in a Brigade context. This training cycle is referred to as the Road to High Readiness and the culminating exercise is titled Maple Resolve. This year the exercise certified several units for deployment, including the Strathcona Battle Group which will deploy as the Operation Reassurance Rotation 13 HQ in Latvia starting January 2020.

The Regiment celebrated the change-of-appointment of our Regimental Sergeant-Major on June 14th to **Chief Warrant Officer Kevin King** and transitioned into Annual Posting Season turn-over and arrival of newly qualified soldiers. We received a total of 21 newly qualified troopers during the time period from June to August. We also welcomed back **Major Matt Johns** as the Regimental Second-in-Command, he will act as the Commanding Officer during the time period of roughly January to August 2020.

After our spring in Wainwright we focused on post-exercise drills to return all vehicles and equipment from Wainwright to Edmonton after Exercise Maple Resolve. We recommenced our maintenance surge on the Leopard 2 tanks and are making some real progress in improving the overall health of the fleet. During the bulk of the summer, your Regiment stood on guard to deploy for any domestic emergencies as the lead for the Immediate Response Unit, but thankfully were not called out. This year has been a significant improvement on that front, compared with two domestic deployments (first floods then fires) to British Columbia last year.

The end of June and beginning of July saw the deployment of many of your soldiers, including the teams for the training missions to both Lebanon and Jordan. We also deployed a Coyote Recce Troop to Latvia as part of Rotation 12 of that mission. These Strathconas were hand-picked for these missions and are “knocking it out of the park” and overcoming the myriad of challenges that come with overseas deployments. I ask that you keep both them and their families in your thoughts.

We dedicated time to maintain our strong ties and relationships in Calgary and participated in the Stampede, Calgary Association Branch Golf Tournament as well as the Spruce Meadows Queen Elizabeth Cup with a 100 soldier guard and Strathcona Ceremonial Mounted Troop. Immediately following the Regiment conducted summer block leave, as well as a myriad of summer tasks to support courses, the Indigenous programme Bold Eagle, etc.

The Regiment is mostly back at work now and has begun the Primary Combat Function (tank/Coyote/Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle gunners/drivers etc.) training cycle to qualify new



soldiers, for career advancement and to meet qualification requirements for Operation Reassurance. We also celebrated a very successful Regimental Family Day last weekend which provided the soldiers and officers the opportunity to showcase the strength and dedication of the Regiment to their families.

Finally, in conjunction with our generous benefactors at Canadian Pacific Railway, three scholarships have been awarded to Strathcona family members this year. The winners of this year's scholarships are **Ms. Megha Madan, Ms. Claire Hunter** and **Ms. Deanna Anderson-Hay**.

Your Regiment is well prepared to move into the fall training cycle and to support preparations for the Battle Group deployment in January 2020. We remain busy and operational tempo is high, but rest assured, your soldiers continue to bring honour and reputation to the Regiment through their hard work and perseverance.

Perseverance,

LCol Eric Angell  
CO LdSH(RC)

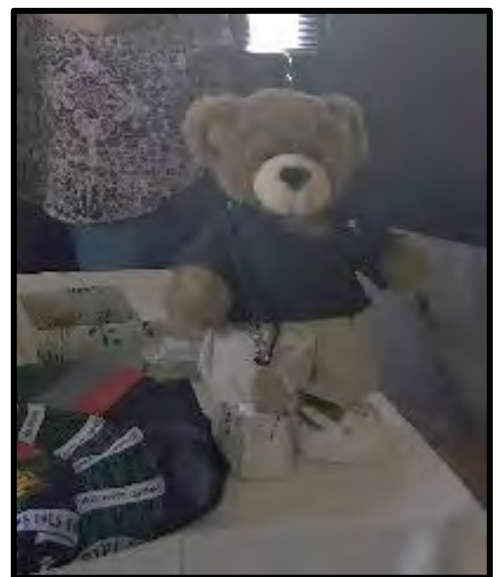
CWO Kevin King  
RSM LdSH(RC)



### DUKE'S DEN – June & July 2019



Left: Enjoying the day in Powell River



Right: Relaxing at the Annual Cadet BBQ

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



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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:

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

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The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

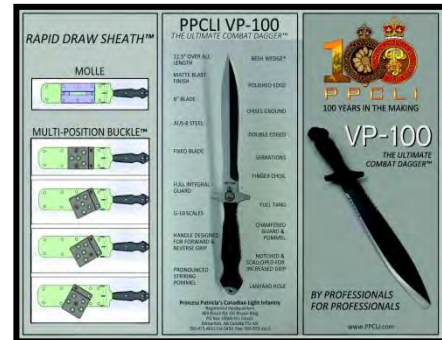
1. Mini Guidons - \$130.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced
3. Crests - \$35; Lapel Pins - \$10.00; BCR Ties - \$45.00; and Flags - \$12.00.
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Pocket Watch - \$105.00

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## **TRUSTEES OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST**

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Don Bentley	Bill Ireland
Andy Conradi	Bill McCarthy
Bill Diamond (Secretary)	Archie Steacy
Ted Hawthorne (Chair)	

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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**

**K441688 SGT DAN MCKENZIE** (October 30, 1940 – July 29, 2019)

See pages 65-66 for article

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