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St Julien Guest Dinner 23 April 2023
First Military Social Activity since March 2000

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**Articles,
Announcements
&
News Releases**

Editor's Note: We first must begin with our heartfelt thanks to Ted Hawthorne and the HPLaw Team, especially Charlotte Yen, for their commitment to producing the BCR Weekly News and The Duke for over fifteen years. We would also be amiss if we did not recognize the contributions of Capt (Ret'd) Darryl Turner, CD for his role in getting the weekly BCR News out to all our membership.

The Duke is only as good as the articles we receive, so we encourage our readers to send in pictures, with stories of any BCR or other event which you feel would interest our readers. Please note that the chapters from January until May capture the activities from The BCR Weekly News previously published, minus invitations, and that new articles on Regimental history, activities, and remembrance well worth your reading are enclosed afterwards.

JANUARY

THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL CADET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 30 DECEMBER 2021

The Regimental Association Charitable Trust is pleased to announce that it has awarded the sum of \$10,000.00 to the five Cadet Corps sponsored by the Regiment pursuant to its Cadet Development Programme. The funds will be remitted directly to The Army Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Branch, and will be distributed equally among the following units for training and educational projects:

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
2381 BCR (Irish Fusilliers) RCACC
2781 BCR (Powell River) RCACC
3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC
2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC

The Regimental Association Charitable Trust would like to thank all those members of the Regimental Family and friends who supported our very successful Annual Fundraiser which enables us to continue our various programs supporting our Soldiers, Veterans and Cadets.

Up the Dukes!



Ted Hawthorne with BCR Trust Cheque for Cadet Development Programme

2021 FOOD BANK PROGRAMME SANCTA MARIA HOUSE DELIVERY - 6 JANUARY 2022

The collection of an impressive array of canned goods and non-perishable food donated by the members of the Regiment and the Regimental Family during the Christmas Season was delivered to a very grateful Sancta Maria House (Agape Street Ministry), a women's shelter in Kitsilano, on Thursday morning, 6 January 2022. Vice President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne, was greeted by the House Parent, Yvonne Rodriguez, who thanked the Regiment and the Regimental Family for their annual support especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ted conveyed greetings from the Regiment and Regimental Family, presented donation cheques from Chuck Davey, in memory of our good friend Agnes Keegan, and Michelle Hawthorne of Re/Max Generations Real Estate Partners and thanked Sancta Maria House for their good work.

Many thanks to the Regiment, the Ops Staff, in particular Kudos to Warrant Officer Gerri Davidson for her great assistance and support, the Regimental Family and our friends at HPLaw and ReMax Generations Real Estate Partners for their generous support of this important community outreach programme.

Congratulations to Sancta Maria House for their great community service.

Up the Dukes!

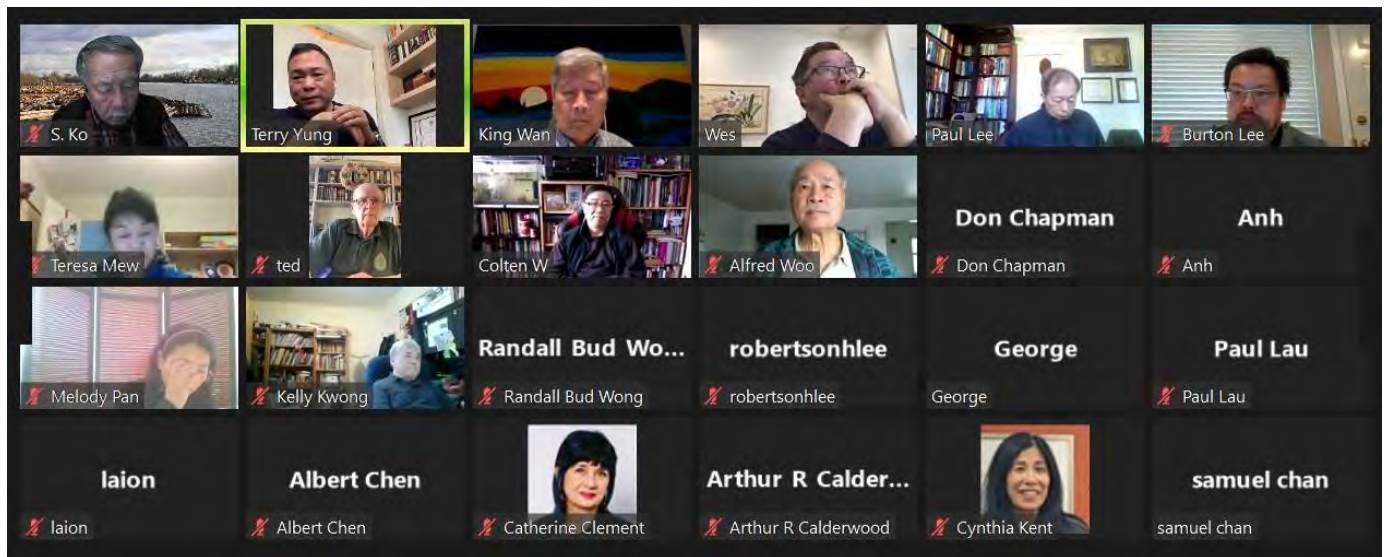


**CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY
AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
8 JANUARY 2022**

Kudos to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, for hosting this morning's forum on ZOOM with special guest speaker Terry Yung, Chairman of Greater Vancouver SUCCESS, who provided a thorough historical outline and update on the operations, objectives, and community engagement of his organization. Terry Yung is also an Inspector with VPD. An enjoyable Q & A session followed with many interesting observations made and addressed. Terry was thanked for his excellent presentation by the host, King Wan, on behalf of the many members present.

The regular business meetings followed the presentation (ANAVETS with King Wan in the chair and the Museum with Randall Wong in the chair).

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for the most interesting forum. Very well done indeed!!



TRI -CITY NEWS

Korean War Veteran's Recognized



Coquitlam resident, Mr Guy Black, advises that South Korea will be awarding Ambassador of Peace Medals to veterans of the Korean War from 1950-53 or it's peacekeeping phase which lasted until the end of 1955. Korea's Ambassador for Peace medals, unlike France's Legion of Honour Medals, may also be awarded posthumously. There is no cost involved. An email can be sent to either Korea19501953@yahoo.com and use the subject veteran, or send a letter to:

1028 Moray Street
Coquitlam, BC
V3J6S3

Mr Guy Black has helped more than 800 veterans receive these awards and is himself a recipient of the Medal of Civil Merit (Republic of Korea) and a former CAF veteran.

APPOINTMENT OF TED & GAYLE HAWTHORNE AS LIFE MEMBERS BCR ASSOCIATION

14 January 2022

Dear Ted & Gayle:

On behalf of the entire Executive of the Regimental Association, I am pleased to advise both of you that forthwith you are both appointed as Life Members of the Association in grateful appreciation for all that you both have done and continue to do for the Regimental Family effective 1 January 2022.

I will be in touch shortly to arrange a time to meet for a more formal presentation. In the meantime, I have enclosed your new Membership Cards for the BCR Association.

"Up the Dukes"!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.D. Barrett".

James D. Barrett, CD
President



Sancta Maria House
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Jan. 13, 2022

Ted Hawthorne Honorary Colonel
BC Regiment {Duke of Connaught's Own}
620 Beatty Street
Vancouver, BC. V6B 2L9

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the ladies at Sancta Maria House I would like to send our great appreciation and thanks to you, your Regiment and the Community Regiment Family for your amazing support. It was wonderful to have received all the food products and gifts you presented to Sancta Maria House. Your donations will go a long way in providing healthy meals for our women and keeping our doors open. Your help also assist us in offsetting some of our usual expenditures as well as supporting the programs we are able to provide for the women. All in all we would really like to convey to each one how grateful we are to your Regiment- Thank you for helping us help women get better and return to their children and families. We send our best wishes to you all for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Years.

Most Sincerely,


Sharon Dobin, President.

FEBRUARY

BCR OFFICERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION WITH LCOL (Ret'd) ALEX VINDMAN – 1 Feb 2022

Editor's Note: A timely analysis of the Ukraine situation given just prior to the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia three week's later.

The Regiment was pleased to host LCol (Ret'd) Alex Vindman as part of the Officers' Professional Development session. Due to the current tensions in the Ukraine and the speaker's intimate knowledge of this area, the CO opened attendance to others in the Brigade. The invitation was eagerly accepted and the session had over 80 guests in attendance.

Major McCullough welcomed everyone and advised all that this session would use "Chatham House" rules. This means that the intent is to have open discussion in an informal format and comments or discussion are not to be quoted outside of this format. He then advised all that the session would be focussed on the current Russia / Ukraine situation.

The CO was next up and shared with all the PD Plan for the next couple of months and asked Major Brown to introduce the guest speaker. The introduction gave a brief overview of the speaker's background.

LCol (Ret'd) Vindman opened by saying he planned to cover some history, policy actions and potential scenarios over the next 15 minutes. Then the floor would be opened for questions and all were reminded of the Chatham House rules.

The initial 15 minutes rolled into 20 minutes and I am sure LCol (Ret'd) Vindman could have carried on for much longer, but he wanted to receive questions from the attendees. It was evident that he has a strong background on this subject and was willing to share his knowledge as well as his opinion on possible scenarios. It is the latter that made this time a PD session vs a lecture. There are a number of people that can share the facts and history, but the interest and development is understanding how and why the possible scenarios may come to be. As there are many layers to what is happening on the borders of the Ukraine - the military aspect, political posturing, NATO maneuvering, etc, it was intriguing to hear from someone that had an understanding of all these different aspects. It will be interesting to see what happens over the coming weeks and months. Maybe in the fall we can have the former LCol back to give his assessment on what happened and why.

After great questions and answers, the CO had the last question and then he turned the floor over to Col Raesler for a few comments. The Commander was pleased to be invited and thanked the CO for coordinating this session and extending the invitation to the Brigade.

The evening closed with HCol Rohani thanking the speaker. A special thank you is due to our Honorary Colonel for arranging the session with LCol (Ret'd) Vindman.



LCol (Ret'd) Alex Vindman

Previously published in the New York Times:

By Alexander Vindman Mr. Vindman was the director for European and Russian affairs at the National Security Council from 2018 to 2020.

It feels ominously like 2014 again. Back then, Russian troops and tanks rolled into eastern Ukraine while the West, in shock, looked on. This year, Russia has once again raised the tenor of anti-Ukraine propaganda and assembled nearly 100,000 military personnel along Ukraine's border, plus tanks, artillery and equipment. All of this has raised alarms that Russia is preparing to launch the largest military offensive in Europe since World War II. In an attempt to ease the tension, President Biden spoke with Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, on Tuesday. Mr. Biden made progress in signaling the significant cost of an invasion of Ukraine: He explained the United States is prepared to impose punishing economic measures to protect Ukraine's sovereignty. But that may not be sufficient to deter Mr. Putin. Russia has amassed a \$620 billion war chest to weather the most crippling of sanctions — and Mr. Putin understands such penalties are unlikely to be enforced in the first place, since American allies in Europe would also be hurt. Providing Ukraine with larger weapons such as anti-air and antiship missiles would be useful, but history suggests that the U.S. government is too risk-averse to take this step. To shift Mr. Putin's calculus, it is imperative that the Biden administration's policy toward Ukraine change both tactically and strategically to demonstrate a more active level of U.S. engagement but one that avoids crossing into military adventurism.

There's a bigger issue at stake here: the vital role a free and sovereign Ukraine plays in advancing U.S. interests against those of Russia and China. The United States must support Ukraine by providing more extensive military assistance, deep and sustained diplomatic engagement and, most crucially, economic cooperation. To date, U.S. foreign policy toward Ukraine has failed to keep the Kremlin in check. When it comes to Russia's neighbors, Washington has settled for a passive role and has been, at best, fickle in its friendship with Ukraine. Russia, on the other hand, has been committed to retaining and regaining a sphere of influence over its most important imperial holdings, Ukraine and Belarus. Mr. Putin — no doubt picking up on the decreased American appetite for foreign entanglements over the last few years — has seized his chances with encroachments on Ukrainian sovereignty including the annexation of Crimea and the invasion of the Donbas region. Even interference in Western elections is just another tactic to weaken the West and create a privileged sphere of Russian influence. Today's looming crisis in Ukraine is simply the continuation of Mr. Putin's ambitions. Statements like the one by Mr. Biden on Wednesday — that U.S. interests end at NATO's borders — have only emboldened Mr. Putin to ignore international norms. This American neglect must end. After all, the United States and Ukraine share both ideology and long-term geopolitical interests.

Over the past 30 years, Ukraine has made major strides in its experiment with democracy. Despite worrying instances of government-backed corruption — undeniably, there is still more work to be done — Ukraine has made hard-fought progress on reform in the midst of war. Six presidents, two revolutions and many violent protests later, the people of Ukraine have sent a clear message that reflects the most fundamental of American values: They will fight for basic rights, and against authoritarian repression. A prosperous Ukraine buttressed by American support makes an authoritarian Russia unviable in the long term. Ukraine's success would upend Russia's irredentist aspirations for empire and highlight the Kremlin's failures, just as West Germany's achievements once did in comparison to the totalitarian East German state during the Cold War. It may even convince the Russian people — who share a culture, history and religion with Ukrainians — to eventually demand their own framework for democratic transition. To be sure, this doesn't happen overnight. A generational investment is necessary to realize such a vision. Nevertheless, the outlines of the stark contrast between a prosperous democratic Ukraine and a repressive and economically stagnant Russia are already evident. This is, in large part, why Mr. Putin needs Ukraine to be a failed state. U.S. support for Ukraine could also help drive a wedge between China and Russia. Preventing Mr. Putin from invading Ukraine demonstrates the strength of the West's commitment to opposing autocracy and makes

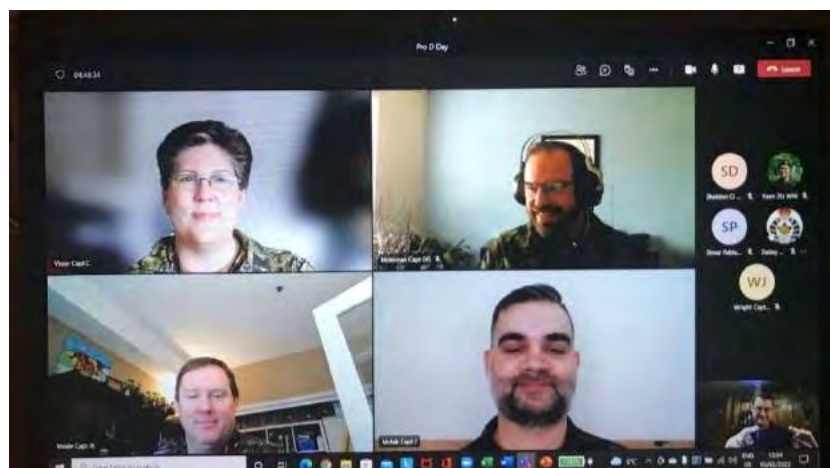
Russia a less potent partner to China in their mutual efforts to undermine the Western rules-based international order

To that end, the United States should consider an out-of-cycle, division-level military deployment to Eastern Europe to reassure allies and bolster the defenses of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This kind of deployment would signal that Russia's aggression will result in the sort of NATO security posture Russia most wishes to avoid. And the United States cannot adequately support Ukraine without significant European involvement. The Kremlin wishes to make NATO membership for Ukraine a central issue of any discussions. That's a distraction right now because an assurance that Ukraine won't be a part of NATO is unlikely on its own to stop Russia from still trying to bring Ukraine to heel. The more important issue to consider is that negotiations with Russia should be dealt with at the level of European security. These talks should devise off ramps that alleviate both European and Russian security concerns: for Russia, NATO encroachment and ballistic missile defense, and for NATO, Russia's over-militarized western border.

The Biden-Putin call on Tuesday opened the door to exactly this kind of discussion. The question that remains is whether Russia is prepared to walk through that door and reconsider its position on conventional arms control agreements such as the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. The United States should also engage Ukraine in more long-term bilateral initiatives on security, reform and economic cooperation. This year, Washington has delivered approximately \$450 million in security assistance to Ukraine. While this is important, economic cooperation should go further to include backing American commercial investment through the Development Finance Corporation. Washington should also consider maintaining a more sustained high-level relationship with Ukraine that isn't defined by whether Kyiv is in crisis or not. There are irrefutable benefits to the existence of a strong, democratic and independent Ukraine as a powerhouse at the crossroads of Russia, Central Asia, the Middle East and Southern Europe. For that to happen, the United States has to be more assertive in the region. Our traditional halfhearted approach has already proven to be a dead end.

15 FD – BCR CADET CORPS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY 5 FEB 2022

Hosted for the first time by 2472 15 FD RCA RCACC's Commanding Officer, Capt Kirk Weale, the Eighth Annual Professional Development training for Senior Cadets and Adult staff was ably organised by Capt Jiri Motak. LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, BCR Association President as the Exercise Director and main presenter for the day.



Topics covered by LCol (Ret'd) Barrett included, Command Team Relationships in the CAF, along with RSM Rob Garrett from 15 FD RCA, as well as Presentation of Fragmentary Orders, Budgeting for Cadet Corps and Support Committees and Honours and Awards. MWO Harmannat Pabla from 3300 BCR conducted an excellent presentation on the Duties of an NCO, and Capt Caroline Visser, CO of 2781 BCR (DCO) Powell River, presented on the challenges of virtual training in a non-urban environment.

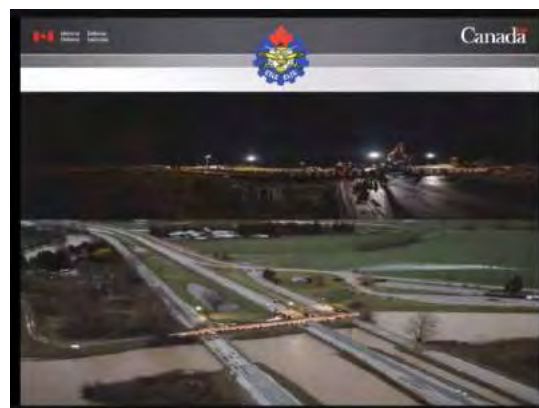
The twenty-four attendees were welcomed by LCol Nick Watts, Commanding Officer, of 15 FD RCA and RSM Rob Garrett. CWO Garrett co-instructed Command Teams Relationships and the interactions of Sr NCOs within the Chain-of-Command.

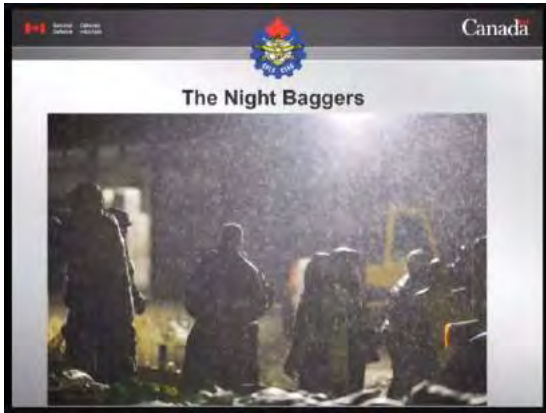
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280 5 FEBRUARY 2022

Kudos to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, for hosting this morning's forum on ZOOM with special guest speaker, former BCR RSM, CWO Tony Harris, CD, BC Regional Chief Warrant Officer for the Directorate of Employer Support Programs. CWO Harris provided a comprehensive briefing to the members on Op Lentus 21-06, the CAF Domestic Response to the floods in the Fraser Valley in November 2021 and the timely response by 3 Canadian Division by Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and the reserve soldiers of 39 Canadian Brigade Group. A very thorough Q & A session followed with many observations on Op Lentus and emergency preparedness generally. CWO Harris was thanked for his excellent presentation by the host, King Wan, on behalf of the many members present.

The regular business meetings followed the presentation (ANAVETS with King Wan in the chair and the Museum with Randall Wong in the chair).

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for this most interesting forum. Very well done indeed!!





CO'S COMMITTEE & REGIMENTAL TRUST MEETINGS THE DRILL HALL, VANCOUVER, B.C. 9 FEBRUARY 2022

The February meetings of the BCR Commanding Officer's Committee and the BCR Trust were held in the Letson Room at the Drill Hall and on the ZOOM platform in the early evening of Wednesday, February 9th. Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani chaired the very comprehensive CO's Committee meeting which included thorough reports from the Honorary Colonel, the President of the Regimental Association, the President of the BCR Museum, the Cadet Governor, the Band Governor and the Treasurer of the BCR Trust. The detailed report of the CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, included the presentation and review of an extensive Unit Command Snapshot for the period ended 30 June. All reports were very well received by the members. In concluding the afternoon's proceedings, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, chaired the brief BCR Trust meeting.

Excellent meetings and thank you to all members!

Up the Dukes!



14 FEBRUARY 2022 VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Valentine's Day to all Members, Veterans, Cadets and Friends of the Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

MCpl Duke A. Bear



NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK 15 FEBRUARY 2022

The Vice President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne, attended at Queen Elizabeth Park at noon on Monday, 15 February 2022 to mark the 57th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Canadian National Flag on 15 February 1965. The 60-foot flagpole, dedicated in 2017, and the Canadian Flag (6' by 12'), were donated by The Flag Shop to honour the legacy of its founder, Jack Braverman. The Flag Shop has generously agreed to donate all future flags for the flagpole as may be required as part of their legacy program. In our new COVID-19 environment, no one was there as the annual ceremony was once again cancelled!

We look forward to 2023 where the City of Vancouver Board of Parks and The Canadian Club of Vancouver will hopefully be able to hold their customary ceremony celebrating this special anniversary.



UPDATE ON REPAIR OF THE KAISER'S CUP

The Kaiser Cup (Kaiser Cup) was awarded to Major W.F. Hart-McHarg for winning the Long-Range Championship of World with an Army Rifle at the National Shooting Tournament, Camp Perry, Ohio, USA, 1913. The winning trophy was named the Palma Trophy.

The Kaiser Cup was retained permanently by the Regiment, due to the outbreak of World War I commencing on 28 July 1914.



The engraving on the Cup states: Long Range Championship of the World with an Army Rifle, Winner Major Hart-McHarg. National Shooting Tournament, Camp Perry, Ohio, U.S.A., 1913.

Zudem, Ehrengabe des Deutschen Schützenbundes.

Translated as follows: Furthermore, Honorary Gift of the German Shooting Foundation.

The badge affixed to the top of the Kaiser Cup is the “Gaumeister Badge”.

The Gaumeister badge displays an Eagle and a shooting target surrounded with a laurel wreath.

It is not known how, why, or when the Kaiser Cup had the wood base removed.

In 2004, I noticed four small holes drilled through the bottom edge of the trophy indicating it originally had a wooden base.

It has stayed as I surmised until December 2021, when I advised Museum President, Bill Whalen of my suspicion, supported by a photograph of Hart-McHarg standing next to the trophies he won. President Whalen enhanced the photo to determine the size of the base. I offered to construct a base, at no cost, for the trophy. The Museum Directors agreed. and I constructed a base of white oak, applied seven coats of lacquer and attached the base to the trophy with four one-inch brass broad nails.



Kelly Parkes & Archie Steacy with Restored Trophy

Since the Gaumeister Badge was loose and Kelly Parkes offered to affix it to the trophy. Kelly also purchased some polish material to return the trophy to its original lustre.

LCol (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, CD
17 February 2022



BCR Expedition Team AST 1

By 2Lt Pearce

On 12 and 13 February 2022, members of the BCR's Expedition Team took part in an Avalanche Safety Training Level One (AST 1) course on Mt Seymour with Canada West Mountain School. It was the team's largest gathering since the 120km expedition last summer, and it was great to see a mix of both new and returning faces. A special shout out to Pte Truong, a last minute addition fresh from completing his BMQ less than a week previous.

AST 1 is an introduction to avalanche safety, and the course examines how weather patterns affect mountain snowpacks, and how to be prepared when operating in avalanche terrain. As our team explores new challenges and more complex terrain, having this information helps us to ensure we do so in a safe and controlled manner. It is highly recommended that anyone expecting to spend time out in avalanche terrain conducts this training.



Our instructor, Brent Hillier, was an avid skier and had worked previously as part of Mt. Seymour's ski patrol. As such, he had a wealth of knowledge about operating safely in avalanche country and made himself open to a myriad of questions from the group. Day one was largely theoretical, with a morning classroom session assessing weather reports, planning routes and making assessments based on different weather trends at similar locations. We then moved outdoors to test out emergency transceivers and avalanche probes.

Day two we put it all together, with an early start on Mt. Seymour and crash course on skiing for some. Once in the mountains we set about locating, probing and extricating buried transceivers. Splitting into two teams each group tested their new skills under a time crunch to add a sense of urgency. Spirits were high as we completed a sunny day on the mountain with a ski run back to the parking lot.



The intent of avalanche training is to build up the mountaineering skillset within the BCR's Expedition Team. We have another group of BCRs soon to take their AST 1 qualifications, and several then going on to be trained on AST 2, which takes a deeper dive into operating in avalanche terrain. Members of the expedition team are now better prepared for future adventure training challenges.

Up The Dukes

WORKUP TRAINING FOR EX SUMMIT DUKE IV

Following the success of Ex SUMMIT DUKE III, a 125km trek through the Kananaskis Valley, members of the British Columbia Regiment's expedition team face the ambitious goal of summiting Mount Logan in 2023. Located deep in the Canadian Yukon, Mount Logan is the highest mountain in Canada, and the second-highest peak in North America, after Denali. Working up to that objective, the team has conducted avalanche safety training through February and March of this year, to prepare for an expedition to Mount Rainier in June.



9 members of the team had recently completed Avalanche Safety Training Level 1 (AST-1) in February on Mount Seymour. To build on this training, 7 members of the team undertook Avalanche Safety Training Level 2 (AST-2) in March, spread over two serials. AST-2 continued the training from AST-1, concentrating on the skills required to traverse avalanche-prone areas in the field. In addition, the team had a chance to practise backcountry skiing and ascending using skins — skills critical for an ascent of Mount Rainier and Mount Logan.



After a quick theoretical review in the morning of Day 1, both serials moved out to Mount Seymour for a hands-on review of companion rescue at Brockton point. The rest of the course quickly changed in tone however, and members put their theoretical knowledge to work. First planning 'expedition' traverse routes first at Mount Seymour, and then at Whistler/Blackcomb. Serial two's training culminated in a traverse of the Blackcomb glacier followed by backcountry skiing down 'Body Bag Bowl.'



Weather conditions dramatically changed over the short course period and members gained valuable experience operating in the Alpine; learning that constant terrain evaluation is required to ensure safe and efficient passage.

Overall, AST-2 gave the expedition team a chance to test a multitude of winter backcountry skills in the field. This type of training will prove invaluable for an attempt at Mount Logan and is certainly just the first step in tackling an expedition to the Canadian Yukon.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xDJ54s9en2Yg88ok8>

- Pte Daniel Periera

Obtain a Platinum Jubilee
lapel pin



Obtain a complimentary Platinum Jubilee lapel pin featuring the emblem design by placing an order online with [The Monarchist League of Canada](#), an independent organization. Shipping fees

No charge to receive up to 5 pins, just pay for postage

VISIT WITH BCR Cpl (RET'D) HENRY KRIWOKON RECOGNIZING HIS 102nd BIRTHDAY

On 24 February members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) were honored to celebrate the 102nd Birthday of Penticton resident Henry Kriwokon. Henry served as a corporal with the British Columbia Regiment during WW2. He was presented with a commemorative Regimental coin and a birthday card signed by the members of his regiment. The card and coin were presented by the Commanding Officer of the BC Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Virk and Sergeant Dwayne Snow. The celebration was arranged by Major (Ret.) David Snyder and was held at Penticton's Polish Bistro. In honour of the occasion Walter and Alicja Hryniewicz, owners of the Polish Bistro and proud supporters of Penticton's veterans, and their patrons sang Henry "Happy Birthday" and thanked him for his service.



(L to R) Sergeant Dwayne Snow, Major (Ret.) David Snyder, Corporal (Ret.) Henry Kriwoken, and Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Virk.

FOLLOW UP ON REPAIR OF THE “KAISER’S CUP”



Major Hart-McHarg 6th DCOR with World Military Championship Trophy 1913



Fully restored trophy on new base February 2022

**FACE BOOK POST
25 FEBRUARY 2022**

Remembering the service and sacrifice of our soldiers on the 122nd anniversary of The Battle of Paardeberg. A brief wreath laying ceremony will take place tomorrow, Saturday, 26 February 2022, at Noon, Saint Julien Square, adjacent to The Drill Hall.

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!



Photos taken on the 110th Anniversary at Paardeberg (2010)

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE THE BATTLE OF PAARDEBERG SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER 26 FEBRUARY 2022

The Regimental Family remembered the service and sacrifice of our soldiers on the 122nd anniversary of The Battle of Paardeberg at Saint Julien Square in Vancouver at noon on Saturday, 26 February 2022. Ted Hawthorne, Vice President of the Regimental Association, welcomed the attendees and conveyed greetings from the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, and the Command Team. The dedication and service of our soldiers was remembered as well as our Fallen from the War in South Africa (Privates Whitley, MacKintosh and Jackson). Wreaths were placed by Ted Hawthorne and Roger Prouse on behalf of the Regimental Association and by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and Ted Hawthorne on behalf of the Regiment. The Act of Remembrance was recited by Louise Prouse. Past President Gayle Hawthorne was also in attendance.

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**





MARCH

BCR (DCO) PARADE 2 MAR 2022

A busy evening at the Drill Hall. The evening started off with the CO's O Group followed by a briefing on Sherman Duke - Exercise in Wainwright April 1 to 5 and ended with the CO's Huddle.

After providing the troops with a few updates he promoted 2Lt Wong and presented a General Campaign Star - Expedition ribbon 1st Rotation Bar.



2Lt Wong Promoted by LCol Virk



LCOL Virk Presentations

Next up was "acknowledge the old and welcome the new". The CO was pleased to acknowledge Cpl (Ret'd) E. Birzneck who was at the Drill Hall to see his son Pte K. Birzneck sworn in as the newest recruit to the Regiment.



Cpl (Ret'd) E. Birzneck, BCR & Pte K. Birneck BCR

After the Parade Night everyone was dismissed to their Mess. With the recent reopening of the Messes HLCol Diamond visited the JR Mess and with the PMC's permission he rang the bell to acknowledge his appointment.



HLCol Bil Diamond Rings the Bell

The Officers and Sr NCOs took part in a PD session that focused on China and Taiwan.

(Our thanks to HLCol Bill Diamond for this article)

CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280 5 MARCH 2022

Kudos to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, for hosting the morning forum on ZOOM with special guest speaker, Major Samson Young, who spoke on the topic of a “Positive Attitude Leads to Positive Outcomes.” Major Young delivered an excellent presentation on his career in the CAF complete with an impressive slide component. Major Young’s career has included two UN Peacekeeping Missions; Bosnia & Herzegovina - 2006 and the Democratic Republic of the Congo – 2013, and three Temporary Duties (CDS Delegation to China in 2012, Op NANOOK (2014) in Yellowknife and as a staff officer with the Canadian National Military Representative at SHAPE in Belgium (2016). From a community perspective, Major Young has been involved with The Memory Project, the Terry Fox Run, the Army Run, the Polar Bear Plunge, Motorcycle Charitable Fundraising and as a Volunteer for the 2008 Summer Olympics in China.

A very thorough Q & A session followed with Major Young receiving accolades for his “enlightening and inspirational presentation” by the host, King Wan, and the Chair of the CCMMS, Judge Bud Wong.

The regular business meetings followed the presentation (ANAVETS with King Wan in the chair and the Museum with Randall Wong in the chair).

Thank you to Major Young for his inspirational presentation and to ANAVETS and CCMMS for this most interesting forum. Very well done indeed!!



Positive Attitude Leads to Positive Outcomes

A Presentation to ANAVETS Unit 280
5 March 2022



Major Samson Young
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals



2013 – en route to a DD/RRR in Bendera, D.R. Congo



2013 – Kinshasa & Goma, D.R. Congo



2012 – As one of the staff officers accompanying the CDS (Chief of the Defence Staff of Canada) paying a visit to the three Chinese PLAs (Navy, Army and Air Force)



Chinese-Canadian WWII Veterans – 2012 at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa



2013 – MONUSCO



THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE 2022

In this year of my Platinum Jubilee, it has given me pleasure to renew the promise I made in 1947, that my life will always be devoted in service.

Today, it is rewarding to observe a modern, vibrant and connected Commonwealth that combines a wealth of history and tradition with the great social, cultural and technological advances of our time.

That the Commonwealth stands ever taller is a credit to all who have been involved. We are nourished and sustained by our relationships and, throughout my life, I have enjoyed the privilege of hearing what the relationships built across the great reach and diversity of the Commonwealth have meant to people and communities.

Our family of nations continues to be a point of connection, cooperation and friendship. It is a place to come together to pursue common goals and the common good, providing everyone with the opportunity to serve and benefit.

In these testing times, it is my hope that you can draw strength and inspiration from what we share, as we work together towards a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future for all.

And on this special day for our family — in a year that will include the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and the Commonwealth Games — I hope we can deepen our resolve to support and serve one another, and endeavour to ensure the Commonwealth remains an influential force for good in our world for many generations to come.

ELIZABETH R

**HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
"WEARING OF THE GREEN"
HPLAW, BURNABY, B.C.
17 MARCH 2022**

Fellow Dukes, Friends and Supporters:

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back."

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and all the very best!

Up the Dukes!



FROM THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

Hello,

I am delighted to share with you our latest *Kudos!* newsletter, which celebrates and highlights some of the Museums' latest work, made possible by your precious donations, support and interest. If you have any questions or wish to discuss what you read in this edition, please be in touch at sylvie.madely@historymuseum.ca.

Happy reading,



Sylvie Madely
Vice-President, Development & Membership

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Celebrating the Museums' Donors and Supporters

KUDOS!

Paying Tribute to Raymond Moriyama at the Canadian War Museum

His first building project: a treehouse to escape from the rigours of living in an internment camp during the Second World War. The **Moriyama Regeneration Hall** reflects the heart of the man who designed it.



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Caroline Dromaguet, Interim President and CEO, discusses how our museums are responding to some of the major movements and events going on in Canada today, with the help of our donors.

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Military history goes hand in hand with human history. The War Museum's new Postdoctoral Fellowship Program will strengthen research and give us an opportunity to mentor the next generation of military scholars.

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Chantal Amyot reflects on her 30 years at the Museum of History. She shares how the Museum continues to “work its magic” on her, referencing areas of the Museum, and special people and projects.

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Thanks to your support, History Boxes — filled with authentic and reproduction objects — have started travelling across Canada, being offered to schools at no charge.

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Megan Ollivier discusses how, through stories, we connect with the past and build a more informed future. Thank you for sharing *your* stories and thoughts with us. See a list of new Contributors' Circle donors and Partners' Circle donors.

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**FRASER REGION ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE
ASSOCIATION
RANDY SLOAN, FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MANAGER
SURREY, B.C.
17 MARCH 2022**

The Vice-President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne, a supporter of the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre, paid a follow up visit to the centre at 10095 Whalley Boulevard, Surrey, in the morning of March 17th. Our very own Randy Sloan, Family Development Program Manager and a Master Corporal in the Regiment, greeted Ted and gave him a tour of the facility and provided significant background information of the Facility, which serves the at risk entrenched Indigenous youth in the community with the assistance of Fraser Health Authority. The tour included the well-equipped AECD Room ("Aboriginal Early Childhood Development" Room). Well done MCpl Sloan and thank you for your great work in the Regiment and in our community.



Up the Dukes!





FRIENDS OF HMCS VANCOUVER UPDATE

MARCH 16, 2022

Submitted by: Mark Zwanski, Chairman

Good day Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is a media report from the CFB Esquimalt **Lookout Navy News**. I have included the weblink to the complete article with photos as well as a printout of the full text.

Warm Regards,
Mark Zwanski
Friends of HMCS Vancouver

<https://www.lookoutnewspaper.com/hmcs-vancouver-prepares-to-deploy/>



HMCS Vancouver

The road to high readiness is both exciting and challenging, just ask the crew of HMCS Vancouver. Vancouver just finished their Intermediate Multi-Ship Readiness Training (IMSRT) programme with Sea Training (Pacific) and went straight into exercising with the United States Navy Submarine Commander Course off the coast of Hawaii.

Throughout Readiness Training the crew was assessed by Sea Training on the full range of operational capabilities.

"It was difficult at times, but ultimately it was a hugely beneficial experience," says SLt Christopher McFarlane, bridge watchkeeper.

Vancouver's crew were tested on their ability to respond to a person overboard, search and rescue taskings, fires, and floods. Other capabilities tested included the Naval Boarding Party, the ship's towing ability, and helicopter operations.

Readiness Training concluded with a 48-hour combat scenario.

"Those final 48 hours were intense," says SLt McFarlane. "We were bringing the ship to action stations multiple times a day, trying to defend ourselves against simulated surface, subsurface, and aerial threats. Sea Training aimed to make the exercise as realistic as possible. As the ship sustained simulated battle damage, areas in the ship would be placed out of bounds – some for the entire two-day period and always requiring the crew to adjust in order to maintain effectiveness. If you became a casualty, you were stuck with your simulated injury until the end of the programme."

Despite the difficulty of the training programme, Vancouver's crew came out strong, impressing Sea Training with their ability to adapt and overcome challenges that were thrown their way. Ultimately, Vancouver got the green light for having passed its Readiness Training from the Canadian Fleet Pacific Commodore and Sea Training.

This was another step towards high readiness status as the ship and crew prepare for an operational deployment later in the year.

The crew of Vancouver – or the Battle Cats as they like to call themselves after the ship's gun art – a Cougar pouncing on a Second World War U-boat- weren't about to stop training.

After successful completion of the readiness training programme, the ship went straight on to participate in the USN's Submarine Commander Course with USN submarines. The Canadian warship evaded, tracked, and engaged the submarines. The value of participating in the Submarine Commander Course was two-fold. The Battle Cats gained great experience conducting torpedo evasion and tracking submarines, and USN submarine commanders were able to enhance their own skills by training with a highly capable anti-submarine platform.

It was certainly a busy time at sea for the Battle Cats, but they lived up to their reputation: Battle Cats Don't Stop.

Editor's Note: The Regiment has been officially affiliated with HMCS Vancouver since 1994.

CELTICFEST VANCOUVER 2022

THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION IRISH PIPES & DRUMS

VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

19 MARCH 2022

Billed as "Western Canada's biggest annual Celtic festival", this year's 17th annual event at the Vancouver Art Gallery on a beautiful sunny day was no exception with live music performances, Irish and Scottish dancing, a pop-up marketplace, a family zone, sports demonstrations, and food trucks. A highlight of the Saturday

afternoon affair was the excellent performance of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Irish Pipes & Drums lead by Pipe Major Andrew Hayes. The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment and Band Governor, Bill Diamond, and his wife Audrey, were in attendance as well as Regimental Association members Ted Hawthorne, Vice President, and Terry Haigh. MCpl Duke A. Bear was also in attendance and assisted the Pipe Major in leading the Band!

Congratulations to the BCR Pipes & Drums, thank you and very well done!

Up the Dukes!





**BCR – SEAFORTH HOCKEY GAME IN SUPPORT OF UKRANIAN
RELIEF FUND PLAYED AT UBC 25 MARCH 2022**

With the support of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and the BC Regiment through our Regimental Padre, The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, a challenge hockey game between our two Regiments began at 8 pm at the UBC Olympic Ice Rink following a tribute to the memory of one of the Seaforth Soldiers who passed away at Wainwright, Alberta while on training. In attendance were supporters from the regimental families of both Regiments as well as LCol Kent Wickens, CO of the Seaforths, and LCol Vince Virk CO of the BCRs who played with the BCR Dukes team.



The game was hard fought by both sides with outstanding goaltending at both ends, but especially by the Dukes goalie, Cpl Will Upton, who kept our team in reach for most of the game with outstanding saves. The outcome was a decision in the favour of the Seaforths by a score of 8- 0. Following presentation of a wrestling style belt as a trophy to the victors, LCol Vince Virk stated that the BCRs looked forward to our next match against each other.



Another great save by our BCR Goalie Cpl Upton



All over but the award of the Trophy



END OF GAME PRESENTATIONS

Present also for the BCR as supporters in the stands were many serving soldiers and their families including RSM Matibag. Also in the stands were LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett (BCR Association President), BCR HLCOL Bill Diamond, Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, Former RSM Tony Harris, Scott Hamilton, Capt Jiri Motak (CIC), BCR Padre Pappas, Ted Hawthorne, and others. Out thanks to Cpl (Ret'd) Dave Corrin for providing many of the pictures attached to this article, and to Duke-a-Bear who acted as honorary coach on the BCR Bench.



MCpl Duke-a-Bear at the BCR Bench



BCR Supporters out in Full Force



BCR HOCKEY TEAM AND SUPPORTERS



BCR Number One Star Cpl Will Upton with Padre Pappas and MCpl Duke-a-Bear



Proud Dad, Sgt Bryan Copp, and future Duke

Although the game is now over, donations to this worthy cause may still be received, and any amount over \$20 will receive a tax receipt and the donation can be made online by scanning the QR code and going directly to the donations page.

The link below will take you to a dedicated fundraising page for the Ukraine humanitarian fundraiser. The attached can be shared on social media / posters at the Drill Hall - people scan the QR code and go directly to the donations page or by using this link.

<https://www.thecathedral.ca/pages/humanitarian-relief-for-ukraine>





The Left Coast Lancers

Sitrep

On 31 March at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, twenty-nine Lancers, friends and family attended the Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon. The weather cooperated with radiant sunshine and cool temperatures. verall, moral was good as the Covid restrictions where reduced, but caution and protection are still required. We remembered the loss of two members: Sgt Roy Cooper CD of Chilliwack and Maj David Letson CD of Sidney. Also, in attendance where the daughters of Maj David Letson, Kristine and Kim. We welcomed Commander Peter Chance RCN, who at a genial and spry 101 is a veteran of WW2 and Korea.

Photos of the assembled multitude were taken for the records some of which are attached for your edification and amusement.



The Left Coast Lancers
Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon
31 March 2022

Strathcona's



Paul Ellard, Andy Anderson, Jim Ellard, David Sproule, David Scandrett, Rollie Keith, Peter Furnell

Battle Of Moreuil Wood Luncheon
Sidney North Sannich Yacht Club
31 March 2022

APRIL

CWO MARK ARDEN, MMM, CD RETIRES



April 1st - my 60th birthday and release date.

Today was my last day. 44 years with 19 as a Chief. It's been a tremendous go! I have been honoured to have served with so many terrific Canadians. They inspired me to serve. As a Trooper I appreciated the

dedication and trust from my leaders (too many to name) and I hope I have done them proud by passing their torch to the next generations.

My wonderful wife Heather and my children (adults now) Karl & Alita supporting me throughout.

I got my start as a 2290 Cadet, lead putties and battle dress. I quickly saw the unit as the next step and LCol Steacy took me on. He was my first CO and truly my Regimental mentor.

Being RSM of your home Unit is truly a highlight and I had the privilege of serving that post twice with The Dukes. My second term, after a stint at Brigade HQs recruiting cell, was with LCol Bruce Kadonoff as CO. His energy and passion for the Unit lead us to a highlight in current unit history. The Drill Hall was safe and in good shape, the unit strength was excellent, and we had a new fleet of vehicles. It was an honour to serve with him!

Finishing as RSM, I was privileged to be part of the start-up of BC's Joint Task Force Pacific Regional Liaison program. MWO Steve Kern (Sigs SM) and I making Op Pontoon a lesson for future domestic ops.

At the same time, the City of Vancouver reached out for support as the Remembrance Day Parade Marshall. Working there with my fellow Duke - Cam Cathcart we strove to support the parade for veterans and citizens. Some of my best memories. RIP Cam, I sure miss you.

Then honoured to be selected as Brigade Sergeant Major! What a role. Supporting all of BCs soldiers. Tons of work and travel but very satisfying. Amazing leadership in the command team by my 3 tremendous Commanders: Major-General R.R.E. MacKenzie, OMM, CD, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support now, Colonel M. Haussmann, CD & Brigadier General D. Awalt, CD Deputy Commander 3 Div now.

In a way I helped make Generals!

Content to retire after that career filling post I was asked to hold off retirement and engage with the medics RSM gap asap. (My Medical Officer on enrolment in 78 was 'Doc' LCol Warrington and he was a CO of 12 Fd Ambulance so maybe it was supposed to be). I joined 12 Fd Ambulance (Vancouver) and set to RSM stuff with the medics. My first CO (was a former WO) LCol Heather McClelland lead us into the amalgamation of BCs medics into one unit - 11/12 Field Ambulance. A great leader, she made it look easy.

Being RSM of your home unit is truly a highlight and I had the privilege of serving that post twice with The Dukes. An armoured Master Crewman was the RSM for the Medics of BC. Quite the honour and responsibility. Medics composed from paramedics, medical administrators, nurses and yes, doctors, supporting our missions at home and abroad continually blew me away with their dedication and professionalism. They never stop. Pandemic, operations and supporting training. My last CO, LCol P. Van Rienen (former RSM) led us through the move from Jericho to the new Hoffmeister bldg. Between these two Commanding Officers, my "three-hour tour with the medics" lasted 6 years! I enjoyed all of them!

And now CRA. Honoured to have served. Humbled by the service of all around me. Blessed to have had these opportunities.

God bless Canada!

Up the Dukes!

Worthy!

Militi Succurrimus!

Splendor sine Occasu!

Vigilamus pro te!

There's a Retirement get together / Departure with Dignity social at the Seaforths WOs & Sgts Mess 6pm Friday April 29th if you're in town. Love to see you.

Chief is out - over to the next generation.

Mark



CWO (Ret'd) Mark Arden & Sgt (Ret'd) Heather Arden

Chief Warrant Officer Mark T. Arden, MMM, CD

CWO Arden's military life started with the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) when he enrolled with the 2290 Cadet Corps BCR (DCO) in 1975 later transferring to the Reserves in the fall of 1978. In 1984, he led the Unit's contingent of soldiers that provided local security for Pope John Paul II's visit to Vancouver. The BC Regiment won the coveted Worthington Trophy that year for 'Top Armoured Regiment in Canada' and MCpl Arden was awarded the 'Armour Branch Certificate of Merit' - presented to him by Brigadier General Radley-Walters, CMM, DSO, MC, CD. In 1996 WO Arden was recognized for service to the unit and the Brigade with a 'British Columbia District Commanders Commendation'. For service to the unit and the community in 1998, he received the 'Commanding Officers Commendation'. MWO Arden was presented the 'Queen's Jubilee Medal' in 2002 for volunteer work within his community namely: Junior Achievement, GF Strong, Vancouver Christmas Bureau and Dragon Boat Festival and he was subsequently promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in January 2003. CWO Arden served as the Task Force (Yakima) Sergeant Major during Cougar Salvo 2004 and as the Task Force RSM for Domestic Operations 2004/05. CWO Arden completed his first term as RSM on September 15, 2005 and was subsequently 'attached out' to Joint Task Force Pacific, Canada Command as the first South West Regions Primary Liaison Officer. During Operation Pontoon in 2007 CWO Arden received one of JTFP's first Commanders Commendations. CWO Arden has also continued his community volunteer work in support of the City of Vancouver as the Remembrance Day Parade Marshal for 2007 & 08. In 2009 he returned to the Dukes as the first RSM to do a second term. For his dedication and 33 years of service he was named to the Order of Military Merit in November of 2010. 2011 he was attached to 39 CBG as the 2IC for Brigade Recruiting. In April of 2013 he was appointed Brigade Sergeant Major. Completing that post in May 2016 CWO Arden was named RSM 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance RSM on 29 July and shortly thereafter RSM of 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance. CWO Arden retires at the compulsory age with 44 years of service – 19 of those as a Chief Warrant Officer. He and his wife Heather reside in South Vancouver. His son Karl working with the City of Vancouver and daughter Alita is a coast fishing guide.

Editor's Note: I first met CWO Arden when as a Corporal he assigned me to guard the Regimental Command Post Vehicle when I was a newly qualified Trooper on MILCON 1982. As OC A Sqn BCR, he was my Squadron Sergeant-Major for two years from 1994 to 1996 when the Regiment brought home the Dunwoody Trophy for being the Best Armoured unit in Western Canada (a trophy which we won for most of the years of its competition ending in 1996) following in the steps of our predecessors, and was he my SSM in HQ Sqn, before his appointment as RSM. I last worked with him when he was the 39 CBG SM and I was the Assistant Chief of Staff (Admin) in 2013 before my first retirement from the CAF. I also had the pleasure of playing with him for many years at Recreational Ice Hockey and at Regimental Hockey Games. We wish CWO Mark Arden the very best in his retirement.

CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY

AND

ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280

2 APRIL 2022

Kudos to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, for hosting the morning forum on ZOOM with special guest speaker, Senior Master Sergeant Ben Bruce, recently retired



after 52 years of service with the USAF. Ben is currently Vice President and Historian of the Archer-Ragsdale Arizona Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Ben delivered an excellent presentation on the amazing history of the "Tuskegee Experience" with numerous anecdotal memories of the 150 Tuskegee Airmen and their families he has interviewed over the past fifteen years.

A very thorough Q & A session followed with Ben receiving many accolades for his enlightening and inspirational historical presentation about the dedicated service and excellence of the Red-Tail Angels, trained in Tuskegee, Alabama. The host, King Wan, thanked Ben for his riveting presentation and invited him back for a follow up. It is interesting to note that members of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit #280 are also Honorary Members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (Mission: "honoring the accomplishments and perpetuating the history of African Americans who participated in air crew, ground crew and operations support training in the Army Air Corps during WWII.")

The regular business meetings followed the presentation (ANAVETS with King Wan in the chair and the Museum with Randall Wong in the chair).

Thank you to SMS (Ret'd) Ben Bruce for his inspirational presentation and to ANAVETS and CCMMS for this most interesting forum. Very well done indeed!





THE 7TH ANNUAL VANCOUVER MILITARY DINNER THE VANCOUVER CLUB 9 APRIL 2022

The 7th Annual Military Dinner was held this evening at The Vancouver Club with a strong contingent of Dukes in attendance, including host, Captain (Ret'd) Warren Kerek, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, 2IC Major Greg McCullough, Major Adam Brown, and 2IC 39 Signal Regiment, Major Adam McLeod. The keynote military speaker for the evening was Rear-Admiral Angus Topshee, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific and Task Forces Pacific, and the Charity Keynote Speaker was Major (Ret'd) Rob Hicks, a former member of Canada's Team at the Invictus Games. This year's featured charity is **Soldier On** who "work tirelessly to help veterans overcome illness and injury through sport and physical activity." Congratulations to you and your team Warren. Well done!

Up the Dukes!



VANCOUVER VIMY DAY CEREMONY MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY 10 APRIL 2022



LEST WE FORGET

(Photo by Steve Ko)

At 1030 hrs on the 10th of April 2022, members of Regimental Associations, ANAVETS, Royal Canadian Legion Members, representatives from the Army Cadet League of Canada and the ACL (BC Branch), and invited guests, gathered at Vancouver's Mountain View Cemetery's Cenotaph. In support were cadets for the first time since 2019 and the BCR Association Brass and Reed Band. 2290 BCR (DCOR) RCAC provided a Colour Party and Guard and assisted with the laying of wreaths.



MC briefs Wreath layers Michael Johnson & Cathy Bach
(Photo by Capt Jiri Motak)



Roger Prouse & Ted Hawthorne with MP Harjit Sajjan
(Photo by Capt Jiri Motak)

Organized by the Vancouver Vimy Day Committee, the Master of Ceremony, LCol (Ret'd) James Barrett, CD, acknowledged the contributions of the event's founder, Mr. Cam Cathcart, who passed away suddenly last November. This was the ninth annual event honouring the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and their affiliated units that fought at Vimy Ridge in 1917.



2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Colour Party (Photos by Steve Ko)

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LCol Barrett gave a short talk on the history of the battle and its importance as the first real success by Commonwealth Troops in the great war and how the battle established Canada's reputation as 'Shock Troops'.



He spoke on some of the innovated techniques adopted by our Coprs Commander, General Sir Julian Byng, and how those contributed to the overall success and reduced numbers of casualties. He finished by drawing attention to the headstones marked with the names of many soldiers who returned home to die of wounds and illness well after battle and the end of the Great War and reminded all that they are not forgotten.



BCR (DCO) BRASS & REED BAND
(Photo by Steve Ko)

Bugle-Major Chris Ahern Played Last Post & Reveille and a Piper from the BCR Irish Pipes and Drums played the lament. Former Commanding Officer of the BC Regiment and Member of Parliament, the Hon Harjit Sajjan was in attendance, as well as Mrs. Cathy Bach, who laid a wreath on behalf of the National Branch of the Army Cadet League of Canada marking the 50th Anniversary of their founding.



Mrs. Cathy Bach lays wreath for
ACL of Canada (50th Anniversary)



Delegates from Military Associations with Minister Sajjan
(Photo by Steve Ko)

LCol Barrett thanked the members of the Vimy Day Committee, and especially Mr. Glen Hodges, Ryan, and their team at Mountain View Cemetery for their ongoing support DVA, the Band, and the Cadet Guard. He concluded marking his expectation that the 2023 Vimy Parade would hopefully see a large turnout of cadets and be under their own leadership for the parade once more.

Mountain View hosted the after-event reception. and the BC Regimental Association provided the refreshments thanks to Maj (Ret'd) Roger Prouse and Mrs. Louise Prouse.

REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER 10 APRIL 2022

The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, and Ted Hawthorne, Vice President of the Regimental Association attended at Saint Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, in the early afternoon in order place Regimental Wreaths to honour the service and sacrifice of our soldiers in the 7th, 29th and 102nd Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, on the occasion of the 105th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

Up the Dukes!





Battle of Vimy Ridge / General Clark / Brigadier Wilson

One Hundred and Five years ago, at the height of the First World War, on Easter Monday, 1917, in early morning sleet, 49 Battalions of the 100,000-man Canadian Corps rose along a nine-mile line of trenches in Northern France and began to advance against fortified German forces. All four Canadian Divisions moved forward through No Man's Land at a walking pace protected by a well-rehearsed creeping barrage of artillery fire. By nightfall, the Germans had suffered a major setback. Four days later, Vimy Ridge, which other Allied Troops had assaulted previously and failed to capture, was firmly in Canadian hands. It was the first time Canadians had fought as a distinct national army, and in many ways, it was the coming of age for the young nation of Canada.

The Order of Battle that day included the 72nd (Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver) Battalion as part of the Twelfth Brigade of the Fourth Canadian Infantry Division. This Battalion of "Vancouver's finest" was led by two young lawyers, Lt. Col. John Arthur Clark, and his Second-in-Command, A.D. Wilson. Both Arthur Clark and Alexander Wilson were decorated heroes. Arthur Clark was eventually promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and Alexander Wilson to the rank of Brigadier.

Both men survived the war and returned to their respective practices of law in Vancouver and went on to become founding partners in the merged firm of Clark, Wilson, White, Clark & Maguire. Today known as Clark Wilson LLP.

General Clark, K.C. (as he was known throughout his legal career), went on to further serve his country between the wars as a Member of Parliament representing the Vancouver Burrard constituency for three terms, during which he maintained his busy law practice.

Brigadier Wilson passed away in 1965 and General Clark in 1976.

On this 105th Anniversary of that famous battle, we recognize the role played by the founders of this Firm.

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**2781 BCR (DCO) (POWELL RIVER) RCACC
CADET DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION
CAPTAIN CAROLINE VISSER, CO
17 APRIL 2022**

The \$2,000.00 award announced pursuant to the 2021 Cadet Development Program was presented by Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, to the Commanding Officer of 2781 BCR (DCO) (Powell River) RCACC, Captain Caroline Visser, at a brief early afternoon ceremony hosted by the Cadet Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, at The Barrett Bunker in Coquitlam.

Congratulations to the CO, CIC Officers, Cadets, and Volunteers of 2781 BCR in Powell River.

Thank you to Jim and Patricia Barrett for the wonderful hospitality!

Up the Dukes!



Photo by Capt Jiri Motak

**CO'S COMMITTEE & REGIMENTAL TRUST MEETINGS
THE DRILL HALL, VANCOUVER, B.C.
20 APRIL 2022**

The April meetings of the BCR Commanding Officer's Committee and the BCR Trust were held in the Letson Room at the Drill Hall and on the ZOOM platform in the early evening of Wednesday, April 20th. Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani chaired the very comprehensive CO's Committee meeting which included thorough reports from the Honorary Colonel on Op Heritage Duke, the President of the Regimental Association, LCol (R) Jim Barrett, the Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, Ted Hawthorne, the President of the BCR Museum, Bill Whalen, the Cadet Governor, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, the Band Governor and the

Treasurer of the BCR Trust, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond. The detailed report of the CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, included the presentation and review of an extensive Unit Command Snapshot for the month of April. All reports were very well received by the members. In concluding the afternoon's proceedings, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, chaired the brief BCR Trust meeting.



At the conclusion, LCol (Ret'd) Archie Steacy presented to the Commanding Officer a beautifully framed pictorial display of Regimental history regarding The Palma Trophy and The Kaiser Cup.

Excellent meetings and thank you to all members!

Up the Dukes!

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC SUPPORT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETING 20 APRIL 2022

The April meeting of the Executive of the Support Committee of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC was held on the ZOOM platform on the evening of April 20th. Nyal Wilcox chaired the meeting, and a slate of comprehensive reports was presented to the members. The program included the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report, the CO's Report (Major Lee Taylor, CD), a Scholarship update, a Recruiting and Fundraising Update and an Army Cadet League Report. Past President Gayle Hawthorne was in attendance as well as a late arrival, Regimental Association Vice-President Ted Hawthorne. The evening's meeting included a multitude of topics given the return to in person attendance and training for the Cadets at the Drill Hall and planning for summer training.

Up the Dukes!

PRESENTATION BY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 229 (WHALLEY)

Congratulations to the Whalley Legion #229 for their successful 2021 Poppy Campaign. A total of \$153,500 was raised by all the amazing volunteers to help support veterans, their families, and communities.



Master Warrant Officer Harmannat Pabla, from 3300 (Bhai Kanhaiya) British Columbia Regiment RCACC, participated in the Poppy Campaign this year as civilian volunteer. Receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Branch Executive.

"I have been participating in the Poppy Campaign for several years. Each shift I took helped me realize that it's not just about selling Poppies, it's about giving back, and supporting veterans and their families who were there for us", said MWO Pabla

Thank you to the RCL - Whalley Legion for recognizing their volunteers with the Poppy Appreciation Award.

Regards,

MWO Harmannat Pabla
3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC

**SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS
PRESENTATION TO CATHY BACH
PRESIDENT OF THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA
BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA
RIDEAU HALL, OTTAWA
21 APRIL 2022**

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, presented the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers ("SMV") to 23 individuals at a special ceremony held at Rideau Hall today. Among the recipients was our good friend and colleague, Cathy Bach, President of the Army Cadet League of Canada and formerly, the President of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch and the Chair of the Support Committee of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC. The Recipients were recognized "for their exceptional dedication to community service" on receiving the SMV, "the highest honour for volunteer service that an individual can receive within the Canadian Honours System."

Our heartiest congratulations to Cathy on receiving this richly deserved recognition!
Up the Dukes!





**CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE
71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GAPYEONG, SOUTH
KOREA
THE GAPYEONG STONE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL IN LANGLEY
TOWNSHIP
22 APRIL 2022**



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Rotary Interpretive Centre

In this photo you can see the orange tulips, provided by the Dutch Liberation Society of Canada, to commemorate the Liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian Armed Forces in 1945.

39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP CONFERENCE COMMAND TEAM TRAINING HMCS DISCOVERY 22 – 23 APRIL 2022

This Spring's 39 CBG Conference commenced with a Meet & Greet held in the Officers' Mess of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, Bessborough Armoury on Friday, followed by a full program on Saturday at HMCS Discovery which included, the Commander's Opening Remarks, Branch Backbriefs by the G1, G3, G4, G5 and G7, a Ukraine update, Readiness Roundtable, Keynote Leadership Speaker, Tina Varughese on "Unconscious Bias", a Unit Roundtable and a wind up in the Wardroom. The Conference will conclude with the annual BCR Officers' Mess Saint Julien Dinner at the Drill Hall hosted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk.

Those Dukes in attendance included the CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, the former CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay, CO, Territorial Battalion, 2IC, Major Greg McCullough, RSM, MWO Arnold Matibag (by ZOOM), and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond.





SAINT JULIEN MESS DINNER THE DRILL HALL 23 April 2022

The Officers' Mess held their annual St Julien Mess Dinner commemorating the 107th anniversary of the Battle of St Julien (24 April – 5 May 1915) on the Drill Square of the Drill Hall. The Head Table was comprised of Colonel Scott Raesler, 39 CBG Commander, 39 CBG BSM, CWO Gerald Colgan, Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Virk, the Commanding Officer, Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and the PMC, Major Manjeet Vinning.



The Regiment's two volunteer bands, the Brass & Reed Band and the Irish Pipes & Drums, had a very strong performance and added a great deal to the overall success of the evening. The traditional toasts were given to The Queen, The Fallen, HMCS Vancouver, The Rifles and The Regiment. The Commanding Officer delivered a "State of the Regiment" report and Colonel Raesler closed with a speech very complimentary of the Regiment.

A great evening was enjoyed by all, especially given that no St. Julien Mess Dinner has been held since 6 April 2019 due to the Pandemic.







ANZAC MEMORIAL DAY PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION 25 APRIL 2022



We remember the contribution and sacrifice of all those who have served and died in all wars, conflicts and Peacekeeping operations with our Allies in Australia and New Zealand on this ANZAC Day. A moment of silence was observed by the attendees and the Act of Remembrance was recited by our good friend, Donald Lee, Director, Year Round Operations – PNE. President Jim Barrett and Vice President Ted Hawthorne placed the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association at the foot of the 29th Battalion (Vancouver Regiment) CEF Memorial located in the Pacific Plaza at the PNE.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

Up the Dukes!





REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF SAINT JULIEN 24 APRIL - 4 MAY 1915 SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER 24 APRIL 2022

On the 107th anniversary, the service and sacrifice of our Fallen during the Battle of St Julien, Second Battle of Ypres, was remembered at Noon at St Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, by the Regimental Family. A moment of silence was observed by the attendees and the Act of Remembrance was recited by long time Regimental Association Member Terry Ko. Vice President Ted Hawthorne and Terry Ko placed the wreath for the Regimental Association and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, placed the wreath for the Regiment.

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**2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC
CADET DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION
CAPTAIN MICHAEL AZZANO
26 APRIL 2022**

The \$2,000.00 award announced in late 2021 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program was presented by Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, to Captain Michael Azzano, the Administration Officer for 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC at a brief early afternoon ceremony held at the offices of HPLaw in Burnaby.

Our congratulations to the CO, CIC Officers, Cadets and Volunteers of 2381 BCR in Richmond.

Up the Dukes!



2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC

CADET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

CAPTAIN DEAN MCLENNAN

26 APRIL 2022

The \$2,000.00 award announced in late 2021 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program was presented by Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, to Captain Dean McLennan, the Commanding Officer of 2827 (Port Moody) RCACC, at a brief presentation ceremony held on parade during the regular training evening on Tuesday, 26 April 2022. The Cadet Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, addressed the Cadets and emphasized the ongoing support of the Regimental Family for all five Cadet Corps sponsored by the Regiment. The CO thanked the Regimental Family for the great support and reminded the Cadets of the very important role played by the Regimental Family in the support of the Cadet Corps. Regimental Association member, Scott Hamilton was also in attendance to lend support to his former Cadet Corps of many years ago.

Our congratulations to the CO, CIC Officers, Cadets and Volunteers of 2827 BCR in Port Moody.

Up the Dukes!





EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following article entitled "In the Loop: Longtime BJ Expat for 2nd Beijing Games", written by Michael Wester, was originally published on 2022-02-03 in [the Beijinger](#) and is reproduced verbatim herein with their very kind permission.

Richard N. Liu is a friend of the Regimental Family and is the Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, of St. John Ambulance.

In the Loop: Longtime BJ Expat Returns for 2nd Beijing Games

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In [OlymPicks](#), we highlight news, gossip and the results of Beijing's 2022 Winter Olympics.

Long-term Beijing resident **Richard N. Liu** is back in Beijing since moving back home to Canada in 2014 – this time to work for Team Canada in the 2022 Games.

He's not only returning to the city he called home for more than 20 years, he's also working at his second Beijing Olympics. He was a volunteer in the '08 Games as well as Mission Staff for Team Canada at the Paralympics. Now that he's back and working like crazy to prepare for the big event, we asked him a few questions about life inside the "closed loop."

Q What's your role this year at the Olympics?

A I'm part of the Administrative Personnel for the Mission Staff of Team Canada.



Playing it safe inside the Closed Loop

Q What parts of the Closed Loop are you in — do you stay in one specific zone or do you move from place to place?

A I'm with our Advanced Team, which arrived over a week ago in the 'Jing. We are located outside the Olympic Village, at a Performance Center, but we have the flexibility to move from venue to venue, and from competition zone to competition zone within the Closed Loop using dedicated transportation such as cars, buses, and the high-speed train up to Yanqing and Zhangjiakou.

Q As a long-term Beijinger, how does it feel to be back in the city? Do you get any of the old "Beijing flavor" inside the loop?

A It's been great and amazing to see the blue skies during the Lunar New Year! We had *jiaozi* during the Lunar New Year's Eve, which nearly brought me to tears. Oh how I missed thee! And I have yet to get a *jianbing*!

Q Speaking of food, what's the food like within the loop? I'd imagine there's got to be so many different tastes and dietary regimes to adhere to.

A Since we are located outside the village at a Performance Center, we're housed in a hotel, so the breakfast buffets are awesome ... there goes my diet! I hope to find some time to visit and experience the food and services closer to the Games though, as I saw some robots taking over the work of cooking.



One Day countdown for the 2008 Games

Q What's the most impressive change you've noticed about Beijing?

A I'll let you know when I get out of the office! We have been working non-stop during pre-games to ensure everything is up and running for our athletes who have already started to arrive.

Q I'd imagine you've got a packed schedule — what's a typical day like? Will you get any breaks/time off to watch any of the games as a spectator?

A I usually get up early in the morning before the sun rises, get my coffee and breakfast, and then head up to the office and work until 9pm ... or longer if things get busy. We have an amazing team of Canadians from coast to coast back home as well as here on the ground, and we keep each other energized and entertained. I took half a day off on Lunar New Year morning to speak with family and friends and will probably do the same for the Lantern Festival. When things quiet down, I do hope to visit the Olympic Village and see a couple of venues if I'm lucky.



Celebrating with Team Canada staff on Lunar New Year in the Closed Loop

Q Organizers are taking some impressive precautionary measures to make sure there isn't a [Covid outbreak](#). How does that play out for you in terms of your day-to-day schedule?

A I had to start doing the Closed Loop bubble prep a couple of weeks before departure in my hometown of Burnaby, just outside of Vancouver, by taking three PCR tests and getting a third booster (I threw in a couple of additional vaccines like the flu shot as well), I've avoided large crowds since Christmas and had daily temperature checks. Also prayed a lot as there was a chance we couldn't get on the plane if we got Covid or if the health declaration wasn't confirmed. However, I thankfully got the green light before departing.



Liu (left) at the Water Cube during the 2008 Paralympics

Q And how about after touching down in Beijing?

A We arrived at a very quiet Beijing Capital International Airport and were ushered efficiently through the process, probably the fastest I have ever left T3! Got on the highway and to our Performance Center in no time flat. It's very good to be back in my second hometown, but the part I am missing tremendously is being able to wander outside to hang out with my friends here in Beijing and grab a cold one. Well, at least it's not 1918 and we have WeChat!

Q What events would you recommend the average sports fan tune into during the games?

A Watch everything if you can as it's all amazing, but I am hoping to catch Jamaica's bobsled team as they have a cool Canadian story beginning that was captured by the 1993 movie "Cool Runnings" (find trailer below). I'm also looking forward to the women's monobob, which will be a new discipline for Beijing 2022 to watch out for.

**3300 BCR (BHAIR KANHAIYA) RCACC
CADET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION
CAPTAIN KARM NAGRA, CD
28 APRIL 2022**

The \$2,000.00 award announced in late 2021 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program was presented by Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, to Captain Karm Nagra, the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhair Kanhaiya) RCACC, at a brief presentation ceremony held

during the regular training evening on Thursday, 28 April 2022. The Cadet Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, emphasized the ongoing support of the Regimental Family for all five Cadet Corps sponsored by the Regiment. The CO and 2Lt Harminder Palak thanked the Regimental Family for the great support.

Our congratulations to the CO, CIC Officers, Cadets and Volunteers of 3300 BCR in Surrey.

Up the Dukes!



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
CADET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION
MAJOR LEE TAYLOR, CD
28 APRIL 2022**

The \$2,000.00 award announced in late 2021 pursuant to the Cadet Development Program was presented by Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust, to Major Lee Taylor, the Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, at a brief presentation ceremony held during the regular training evening on Thursday, 28 April 2022. The Cadet Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, emphasized the ongoing support of the Regimental Family for all five Cadet Corps sponsored by the Regiment. The CO and Captain Michael Marek thanked the Regimental Family for the great support.

Our congratulations to the CO, CIC Officers, Cadets and Volunteers of 2290 BCR in Vancouver.

Up the Dukes!



Maj Taylor receives cheque from Ted Hawthorne

DEPART WITH DIGNITY CEREMONY CWO MARK ARDEN 29 APRIL 2022

Friends, Comrades and family joined together at the Seaforth Armoury and the WO's & Sgt's Mess to acknowledge and say farewell to CWO Mark Arden as he celebrated his retirement at age 60 from the Canadian Armed Forces with over 44 years of service. LCol (Ret'd) Archie Steacy was his first CO in the 1970's. Mark was joined by his wife, Sgt (Ret'd) Heather Arden, and his son, Karl Arden, who has just been hired on as a firefighter with Vancouver Fire Department. Mark proudly also acknowledged his daughter Alita, who currently is working as a guide at a fishing camp up the coast. Presenting most of his certificates was his CO, who had just finished surgery and was still in his surgical clothes, and in attendance were many embers from the BCR Regimental Family as well as members of the 39 CBG Headquarters, where

Mark served as Brigade Sergeant-Major, and from 11 & 12 Field Ambulances, where he has completed two terms as RSM.



From the BCR, representing LCol Virk and RSM Matibag, (who were away at the RCAC Conference and unable to attend) was HLCol Bill Diamond and LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett the BCR Association President.

On behalf of the BCR family we wish CWO Arden all the best in his retirement from the CAF.

Up the Dukes.



**ROYAL CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS
COLONEL COMMANDANT COMMENDATION
ANNUAL CORPS CONFERENCE
OSHAWA, ONTARIO
30 APRIL 2022**

During the course of the Honours and Awards segment of this year's Corps Conference, The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps has announced this morning that former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (2012 – 2021), Ted Hawthorne, has been awarded the Colonel Commandant Commendation.

The Citation reads as follows:

“For loyal and committed service as the Honorary Colonel of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) from 2012 to 2021. HCol Hawthorne dedicated countless hours and energy to myriad initiatives in the Regiment such as the promotion of history through the organization of battlefield tours, the founding of the Association Charitable Trust, and serving as Editor in Chief of “The Duke.” An important pillar who linked the Regiment to the community through active participation in countless non-profit organizations, particularly as Director of the BC CFLC and through significant involvement in the Cadet program. HCol Hawthorne is commended for enriching all aspects of the BCR (DCO) Regimental Family and serving as an example of the efficacy and importance of the Honorary Colonel.”

The Commendation will be presented to Ted when the Colonel Commandant, General Walter Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD, visits the Regiment at a later date.

Congratulations Ted!

Up the Dukes!

MAY

THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC 1939 – 1945 SAILORS’ MEMORIAL, WATERFRONT PARK, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. 1 MAY 2022

The service, dedication, and sacrifice of those who served in The Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous military campaign in World War II from 1939 to 1945, were remembered at a mid morning ceremony held at the Sailors’ Memorial, Waterfront Park, in North Vancouver. The memorable ceremony was very well attended given the seven RCN ships in port for Fleet Weekend, a first for the Port of Vancouver. A full contingent of sailors from the ships, members and the Veterans’ Band from HMCS Discovery, Cadets and Veterans were in attendance. Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond laid a wreath for the Regiment and Vice President Ted Hawthorne laid a wreath for the Regimental Association.

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!









**FLEET WEEKEND
FRIENDS OF VANCOUVER
MEET AND GREET ABOARD HMCS VANCOUVER
BURRARD DRYDOCK, NORTH VANCOUVER
1 MAY 2022**



The midafternoon Meet & Greet aboard HMCS Vancouver for “The Friends of Vancouver” was a most enjoyable time for all attendees during a very mild spring day. The Commanding Officer of the Ship, Commander Kevin Whiteside and his Command Team, the Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander Matthew Arthur and the Coxswain, CWO Jonathon Sorensen, hosted the very successful event. Many thanks to Mark Zwanski, Chair of the Friends and Commander Whiteside for arranging such a special time.

BCRs in attendance included the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Virk (with his wife Noor and daughter Ze Han), Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, Captain Tom Clackson, RSM, CWO Arnold Matibag, Sgt Alex Langone and Regimental Association Members, Vice President Ted Hawthorne, Past President Gayle Hawthorne and Dan Thomas.

Thank you to Commander Whiteside, his Command Team and the entire crew of HMCS Vancouver for the wonderful hospitality!

Up the Dukes!







Then and Now: A look at the experiences of Asian-Canadian members from British Columbia who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces

Posted on April 20, 2022 by EXPLORASIANFESTIVAL



The Canadian Armed Forces serves all Canadians and the members in uniform reflect the diversity that exists in Canada. Learn about the experiences of four distinguished military representatives of the army, navy and air force based in British Columbia who have Asian-Canadian heritage. Join us to hear how Canada continues to build a military workforce that leverages the diversity of Canadian society and will help enhance military operational effectiveness by drawing on all the strengths of Canada's population.

Moderated by **Ms. Avneet Sandhu.**

Moderator



Ms. Avneet Sandhu works as a communications officer for the Department of National Defence and is responsible for assisting on diversity and inclusion files. She supports the Advisory Council on Diversity to Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy Maritime Forces Pacific Formation (MARPAF) and Joint Task Force Pacific (JTTF), and the Advisory Group on Intersectionality to the Commander of Military Personnel Generation.

Avneet also supports announcements and engagements for senior officers, and connects women-led organizations, university faculty and students with the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces. Avneet graduated from Simon Fraser University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and a minor in Education. She is the co-founder, vice-president and director of external relations for She Connects – a nationwide mentorship program for girls in high-school.

Panelists



Major Anh Foort

Major Anh Foort escaped war-torn Vietnam as one of the boat people. In July 1979, her family was welcomed as refugees into Canada, a place she now calls home.

Anh joined The Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Canadian Army Reserve as a finance clerk after completing the Summer Youth Employment Program in 1987. She was accepted to Royal Roads Military College but decided instead to pursue both a civilian and military career. She graduated from Simon Fraser University a year early and holds an Applied Sciences Degree with a major in Communications and a minor in Political Science. In 1989 she transferred to 12 Service Battalion as a Vehicle Technician. In 1999, Major Foort was commissioned in the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Logistics Branch.

Over her extensive military career, Anh has served as a Non-Public Funds Accounts Officer, a Battalion Finance Officer, and as a Supply and Transport Platoon Commander. She has also held company commander positions within [39 Service Battalion](#).

Major Foort completed the Army Operations Course in 2014 and was promoted to her current rank in 2015. She is currently serving as 11 Company Commander, and Company Commander of the Territorial Battalion Group which responds to domestic operations in British Columbia.

In her civilian career, Anh is a Manager of Injury Services with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC). She joined ICBC in 1996 and has moved through the corporation rapidly from Claims

Adjuster to her current position.

Major Foort has volunteered with the Vancouver Police Victims Service Unit, Immigrant Service Society Host and Leadership Program, and the Vietnamese Canadian Seniors' Society. She is currently an executive board member for the Chinese Canadian Military Society and the President of the Mess Committee of the Sherman Armoury Officers' Mess.

Anh and her husband Peter reside in Richmond, BC. Their daughter Ayden is studying Communications at Simon Fraser University.



Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk

Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Virk joined the Canadian Armed Forces (Army) Primary Reserves in 2001 as an Armoured Reconnaissance Officer. He has held various positions including Officer Commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, Regimental Second in Command and Chief Instructor of 39 CBG Training Establishment. He is currently the Commanding Officer of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) which is an Armoured Cavalry Regiment in Vancouver, BC.

He has supported domestic operations on two occasions as the Domestic Response Company Commander with Operation LENTUS (2018) in the fight against the BC Wildfires and most recently with Operation LASER (2020) as part of CAF pandemic response plan.

He attended the University of British Columbia and completed various military courses such as the Information Operations Course at the Peace Support Center and the Joint Command and Staff Programme (Advance Joint Warfare Stream) with the Canadian Armed Forces College. In 2013 he was awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee medal for his efforts in recruitment diversity.

When not in uniform he is President of the Pallas Group of Companies, which focuses on vertically integrated hospitality-based businesses from conception, development, acquisition, and operations. As an avid industry advocate, he has formerly held the roles with the Intercontinental Hotel Group Owners Association as Chair of the Canada Region and Vice-Chair for the Americas Region. In 2021 he was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society.

He lives with his wife and two daughters in North Vancouver, BC and is an avid skier, hiker, and reader.



Lieutenant-Commander Justin Wong

Lieutenant-Commander Justin Wong has Malaysian heritage, and he grew up in West Vancouver, B.C. Justin enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in the late 1990's under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) attending McGill University in Montreal, Q.C., and graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce. On completion of his initial Royal Canadian Navy training, he joined the Pacific Fleet in 2003. Justin first served onboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Algonquin as a bridge watch-keeper, and then specialized as the ships Anti-Submarine Warfare Director until 2007. On completion of his director tour, he became a Clearance Diving Officer and went on to lead a dive team during Operation PODIUM at the Vancouver Olympics in 2010.

In 2011, Justin was selected for a Canadian Armed Forces member posted Outside of Canada (OUTCAN) role, and he became the Officer in charge of Royal Navy's Northern Diving Unit in Faslane, Scotland and Southern Unit 2 in Portsmouth, England. He earned the British Armed Forces Joint Service improvised explosive device (IED) qualification and conducted bomb disposal and IED operations under Operation TAPESTRY in Northern Ireland and Scotland. During this time, he also qualified as a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Submarine Rescue Supervisor and conducted multiple NATO exercises around Europe.

In 2014, he returned back to Canada and was appointed the Executive Officer of Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic), where he continued to support Arctic operations and dive training missions in the Caribbean.

In 2016, Justin completed his Operations Room Officer (ORO) Course and served onboard two navy ships as the Weapons Officer. Deployed on Operation RENAISSANCE, the humanitarian and relief mission to Turks and Caicos and Dominica Island in 2017, followed by a deployment on Operation REASSURANCE as part of a NATO mission in the Baltic Sea, and a subsequent deployment on Operation SEA GUARDIAN as part of a further NATO mission off the Syrian coast in 2018.

Justin was later posted ashore to Naval Fleet School (Atlantic) before assuming duties as the Operations Division Commander, followed by Deputy Commandant.

In 2021, Lieutenant Commander Wong was appointed the Commanding Officer of Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific).



Major Lewis Williams

Major Lewis Williams was born in Mississauga, ON, and raised in Georgetown, ON, from a British father, and a Malaysian-born Chinese mother. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 2005, under the Regular Officer Training Plan while attending the University of Western Ontario Commercial Aviation Management Program where he received his Multi-IFR rating, key step in progressing to type ratings on larger airplanes, and commercial pilot licenses.

After completion of his degree, he went on to earn his Pilot Wings in 2010 as a Helicopter Pilot, being first posted to 103 Search and Rescue (SAR) Squadron in Gander, NL, where he trained for two years to become a SAR Aircraft Commander on the CH149 Cormorant Helicopter flying over 1,000 hours on type there.

In 2016, he was then fortunate enough to be posted to Comox, B.C., to 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron, where he went on to earn qualifications as a Maintenance Test Pilot, Training and Standards Pilot, Instructor Pilot and eventually become the Chief Check Pilot of the squadron. Now on his third posting, he was sent to be the Cormorant Pilot Representative on the Search and Rescue Standardization and Evaluation Team (SARSET) which oversees standards for the entire fleet of Cormorant Helicopters in Canada. He was promoted to his current rank of Major in January 2021, and currently has over 2,500 hours on the CH149.

Lewis has approximately 17 years of service and hopes to retire one day in Comox. In his spare time he enjoys coaching and playing on the base volleyball team, or spending it with his girlfriend outside mountain biking, snowboarding or hiking.

THEN AND NOW: A LOOK AT THE EXPERIENCES OF ASIAN-CANADIAN MEMBERS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA WHO SERVE IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

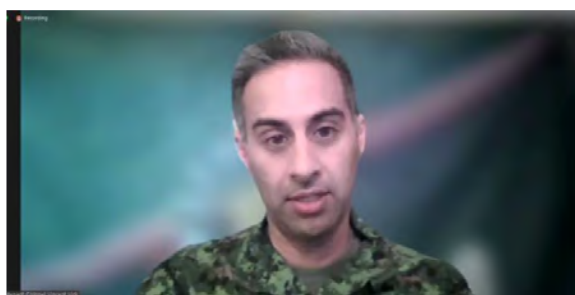
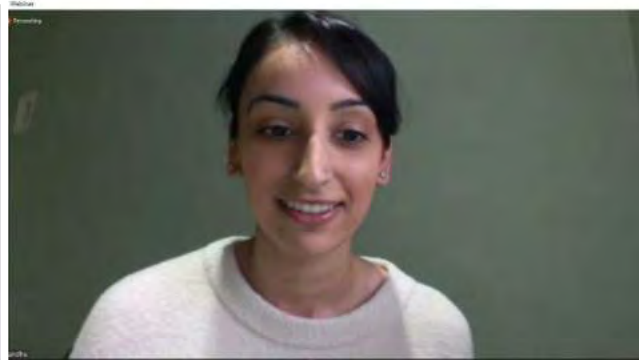
ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

3 MAY 2022

This evening's production by EXPLORASIANFESTIVAL was moderated by Avneet Sandhu, Communications Officer with DND, with panelists Major Anh Foort, 39 Service Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, the Commanding Officer of The BC Regiment (DCO), Lieutenant-Commander Justin Wong, Commanding Officer of the Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) and Major Lewis William, Helicopter Pilot (CH149).

The one-hour panel discussion focused on the issue of leveraging diversity in the CAF and "the experiences of four distinguished military representatives...who have Asian-Canadian heritage." A Q & A session followed the main presentation.

Well done and thank you!



Editor's Note: From Reader Steve Ko is a copy from the Hansard of Standing Order 25B presented by Teresa Wat, Richmond Centre MLA, in the provincial legislature on March 28th about Tommy Wong and Contributions of Chinese Canadians.



**Statements
(Standing Order 25B)**

**TOMMY WONG AND CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CHINESE CANADIANS**

T. Wat: I rise today to honour the remarkable life of Tommy Wong — originally from a small town on Vancouver Island, Tommy's heroic life and legacy both as a veteran and an advocate for B.C.'s Chinese-Canadian community.

When the Second World War broke out, like hundreds of other young Chinese-Canadian men, Tommy wanted to serve his country. Although most were initially rejected by the Canadian army due to their race, once Japan entered the war and invaded large areas of Southeast Asia, suddenly Chinese Canadians were considered valuable soldiers. They could blend into the populations of Asia and carry out clandestine work.

Tommy participated in operations throughout Southeast Asia as a member of Force 136, a special executive operations group that helped establish, train and supply resistance movements in Japanese-occupied territories and undertake contesting sabotage operations. Tommy's heroism not only cemented his legacy in our history books; the incredible work throughout the latter half of his life has helped to cement the legacy of all Chinese Canadians in our history books.

I had the honour of working closely with Tommy during my time as the Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism when I worked with the Chinese-Canada delegation through our legacy initiatives, where we unveiled plaques commemorating Chinese-Canadian historical sites in Barkerville, in Ashcroft in Kamloops and many others, honouring Chinese Canadians and their contributions to our province's history.

Our province has lost a wonderful and passionate community leader, and many have lost a great friend and family member. My heart goes out to all that were close to Tommy, who I know will miss him dearly.

Please join me in honouring the incredible life of Tommy Wong.

REMEMBRANCE DAY (NATIONALE DODENHERDENKING) AND LIBERATION DAY KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ST JULIEN SQUARE 4 - 5 May 2022

The service and sacrifice of our soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) were remembered on the occasion of the annual Remembrance Day observance for the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 4th and the 77th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 5th at a brief ceremony held at Saint Julien Square at 11:00am on Wednesday, 4 May 2022. The President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, acted as Master of Ceremonies and the program included opening remarks by the MC and by the Consul General of the Netherlands, Henk Snoeken, who remembered the service and dedication of all personnel in the CAF during the Second World War and all personnel in the CAF and Dutch Forces during peacekeeping operations and in the War in Afghanistan. The Last Post and Rouse/Reveille were played by Bugle Major Chris Ahern of the BCR Brass & Reed Band. Two minutes of silence was observed after the Last Post. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, and Consul General Snoeken, for the Regiment, and by Vice President Ted Hawthorne and Scott Hamilton, for the Regimental Association. Consul General Snoeken also placed a beautiful floral arrangement on the Memorial to mark these special days of Commemoration. The Act of Remembrance was recited by Jim Barrett to conclude the ceremony. Refreshments were served on site after the ceremony, compliments of the Regimental Association.

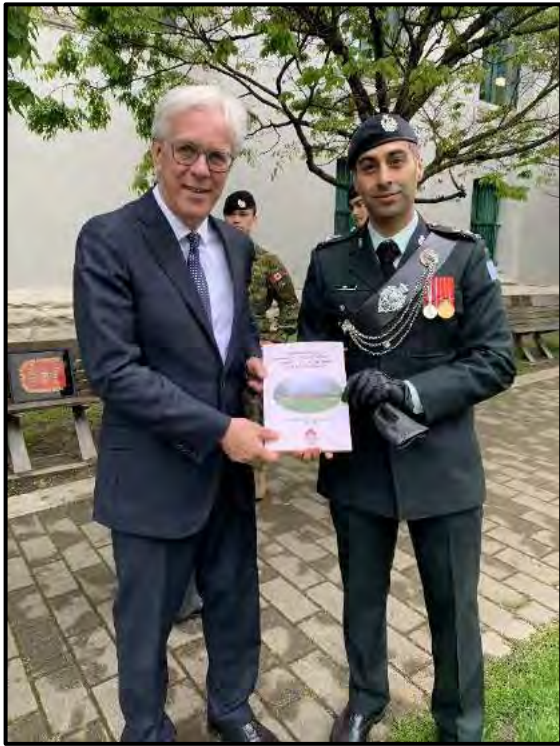
Special thanks to the BCR Operations Officers, Captain Tom Clackson, BCR Operations Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer Gerri-Anne Davidson, and the day staff for their assistance, support and attendance at this ceremony! Kudos for photographs by MCpl Hooker!

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Up the Dukes!







**CINCO DE MAYO
MCPL DUKE A. BEAR
HPLAW
5 MAY 2022**

Happy Cinco de Mayo to everyone and very best wishes from Duke and his many friends at HPLaw in Burnaby.

Up the Dukes!



MCPL DUKE A. BEAR
GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL – EXPEDITION – OP IMPACT – KUWAIT
6 MAY 2022

Well, it is official, Duke has now received his GSM EXP OP IMPACT - KUWAIT, which has been duly mounted with his other medals by his good friend, MCpl Andrew Siwy, CD (Ret'd) of Victory Medals victorymedals@gmail.com. Many thanks for the great work, Andrew!
Congratulations Duke and well done!
Up the Dukes!





MASTER CORPORAL DUKE A BEAR, REGIMENTAL MASCOT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)

EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Tour of Regimental Battlefields of WW I and II with BCR Veterans and attending ten remembrance ceremonies and seven official plaque dedications.
September 2 to 18, 2008

THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF) – AFGHANISTAN

NATO-led security mission in Afghanistan, established by the United Nations Security Council in December 2001, to train the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and assist Afghanistan in rebuilding key government institutions, but was also engaged in the war with the Taliban insurgency.

Roto number 8 in Afghanistan - deployed with Cpl Terry Haigh and other BCRs.
October 2009 to May 2010

Medal Entitlement – General Campaign Star – South-West Asia

THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF) – AFGHANISTAN

Service in Southern Afghanistan, on LCol Harjit Sajjan's third tour in 2010, during which he was assigned as a Special Assistant to then Major-General James L. Terry, the Commander of American Forces in Afghanistan, attached to the 10th Mountain Division.

2010

Medal Entitlement – General Campaign Star – South-West Asia and Bar

BATTLE OF PAARDEBERG COMMEMORATION, SOUTH AFRICA

Veterans' Tour of Cemeteries and Battlefields in South Africa and attendance at the 110th Anniversary Ceremony remembering our soldiers during the Battle of Paardeberg.

February 27, 2010

EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD STUDIES TOUR

Tour of Regimental Battlefields of WW I and II with BCR Soldiers (CO: LCol Harjit Sajjan).

August 6 to August 12, 2012

OPERATION SUMMIT DUKE II

Successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, with BCR Soldiers and supporters (CO: LCol Harjit Sajjan) and mini Safari.

January – February 2014

EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD STUDIES TOUR

Tour of Regimental Battlefields of WW I and II with BCR Soldiers (CO: Major Doug Evans).

April 18 to May 2, 2015

OPERATION MOBILE

Theatre of Operations: in the Mediterranean enforcing the United Nations imposed arms embargo in Libya's territorial waters and enforcing NATO's counter-terrorism operations in the region.

July 10, 2011 to February 19, 2012 with Crew of HMCS Vancouver, Affiliated with the BCRs.

Medal Entitlement – Non-Article 5 NATO Medal with Bar 'OUP-LIBYA/LIBYE'

OPERATION REASSURANCE

Theatre of Operations – Latvia.

2016 - 2017 with Captain Paul Ellis

Medal Entitlement - Special Service Medal with NATO-OTAN bar (Op Reassurance)

OPERATION IMPACT

Theatre of Operations – service with the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve at Ali al Saleem and Arifjan, Kuwait, and in Baghdad, Iraq

Jul-Dec 2021 – Major Peter Stocker

Medal Entitlement – General Service Medal – Expedition (Op Impact - Kuwait)

CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION

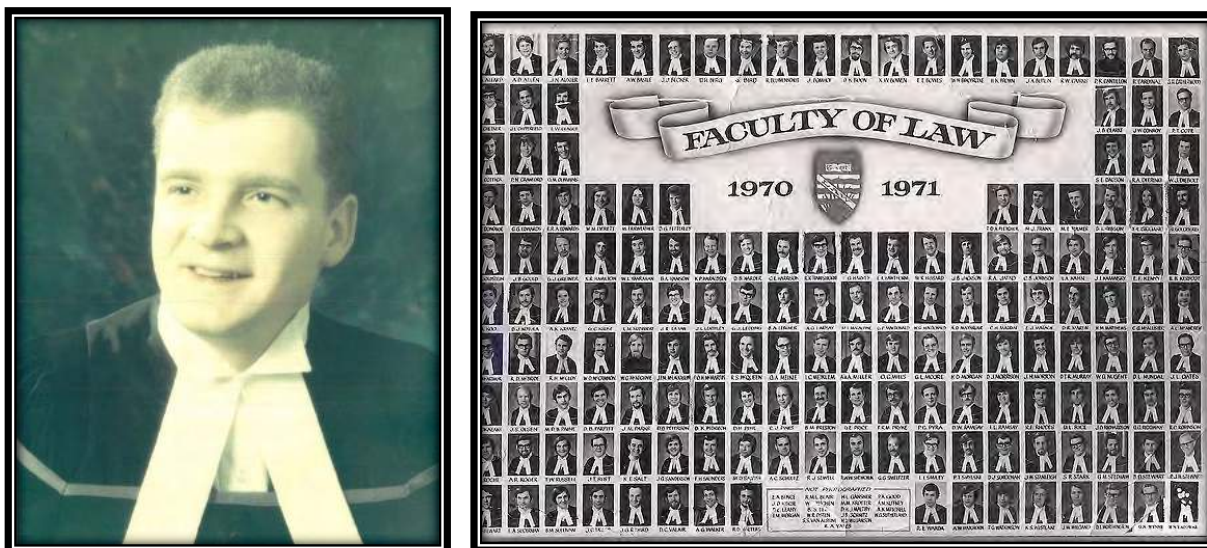
Service – 2007 to 2019

CIVILIAN EXPLOITS

Has sailed on numerous cruises around the world.

UBC LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 REUNION, SAGE EAST, UBC 5 MAY 2022

Congratulations to the Class of '71 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary of their graduation from UBC Law School (reception delayed one year due to COVID-19). The Reunion was held at Sage East, formerly the UBC Faculty Club, and was attended by 41 classmates. Kudos to Terry Hartshorne, John Leathley and Rod McCloy for organizing this memorable event!



Editor's Note: Congratulations to BCR Association Vice-President Ted Hawthorne and his classmates.

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY HILL 140 MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY NORMANDY 8 MAY 2022

The service and sacrifice of all members of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment) CAC and the Algonquin Regiment were remembered on the 77th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at a ceremony held at the Hill 140 Memorial where Honorary Major, Dr. Jean-Pierre Benamou, and members of the Association des Anciens Combattants de Maizieres-Rouvres laid a wreath to mark the special day.

On se souviendra d'eux!

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Up the Dukes!



Letters from the Regimental Family:

FROM VICE-PRESIDENT BCR ASSOCIATION:

Good morning, Jean-Pierre,

On behalf of the Regimental Family, thank you so very much for your remembrance of this special day and for placing a wreath at our Memorial on The Hill. Very much appreciated Jean-Pierre!

I will post this on Face Book and an appropriate write up will be published in **The BCR News**.

I will be placing a wreath this morning at **The Wait for me, Daddy Memorial** in New Westminster at 11:00 to mark this day.

All the very best to you and Monique from your friends in Vancouver!

Up the Dukes!

E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne,
Vice President
 The BC Regiment (DCO) Association

FROM CO BCR (DCO):

Jean-Pierre,

Your efforts in representing the Regiment on our behalf is much appreciated.
I am hoping to come out to Europe in Sept and get a chance to meet up once again and thank you in person for your efforts.

Sincerely,

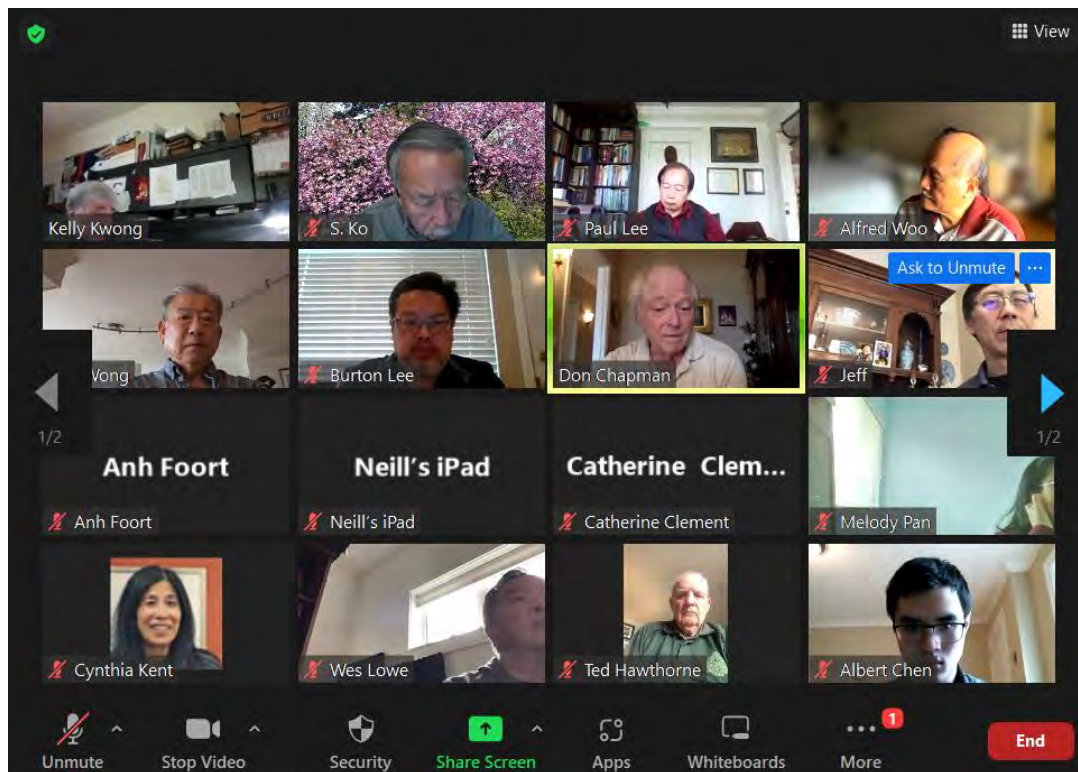
Your Regiment

Vincent Virk

Lieutenant Colonel/ lieutenant-colonel
Commanding Officer / British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaughts Own)
Canadian Armed Forces / Government of Canada
Commandant / Regiment de Colombie Britannique (DCO)
Forces Armées Canadiennes / Gouvernement du Canada

**CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY
AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
7 MAY 2022**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 program for the morning forum on ZOOM commenced with the regular business meeting of ANAVETS chaired by Vice-President Steve Ko, as the Chairman, King Wan was in Victoria and unable to attend. The ANAVETS meeting was followed by the presentation of Jeff Joe on the topic of his summer/fall seasonal Cottage located at 108 Mile House (a 6 ½ hour drive from Vancouver) which he is making available to the members of ANAVETS and CCMMS. On the completion of his presentation, Jeff introduced his friend Ramy who provided the members with a tour of his hi-tech computerized Machine Shop which produces robotic parts and parts for civilian rifles. A very impressive tour and thank you to Ramy for his hospitality! Jeff and Ramy were thanked for their presentations and Ramy was thanked for his past service in 39 Signal Regiment. The regular business meeting of CCMMS with Judge Wong in the chair concluded the morning's proceedings.



VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY “THE WAIT FOR ME, DADDY” MEMORIAL NEW WESTMINSTER 8 MAY 2022



The service and sacrifice of our soldiers were remembered on the 77th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at “The Wait for me, Daddy” Memorial at the foot of 8th and Columbia in New Westminster. A Regimental Wreath and a Candle of Remembrance were placed at the Memorial at a brief ceremony held at 11:00 in the morning by Vice-President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION
AND
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST
THE BARRETT BUNKER
13 MAY 2022**

The Regimental Association is pleased to announce the election of the following members at the Annual General Meeting held at The Barrett Bunker in Coquitlam and on ZOOM this evening: Jim Barrett - President, Ted Hawthorne - Vice President, Patricia Barrett - Treasurer, Sandra Young -

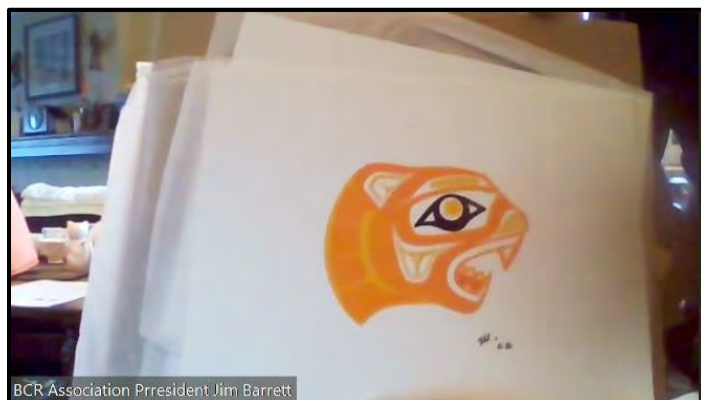
Secretary and Directors at Large – Past President Gayle Hawthorne, Roger Prouse, Robert Remple, Graydon Young and Scott Hamilton.

A brief meeting of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust was also held, and full reports were given by the Chairman, Ted Hawthorne, and the Treasurer, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond.

Kudos to Jim and Patricia Barrett for their exceptional hospitality!

Congratulations all and thank you for your support and service to the Regiment and the Regimental Family.

Up the Dukes!



Photos courtesy of Steve Ko

**3300 BCR (BHAH KANHAIYA) RCACC
SIKH ACADEMY, SURREY, B.C.
“PIZZA EXPERIENCE”
14 MAY 2022**

A contingent of 23 Cadets from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC participated in a special training session on marksmanship (air rifle shooting practice) at the home of the Unit, the Sikh Academy,

Fleetwood Elementary, on 160th Street in Surrey on Saturday, 14 May 2022. During the noon break, the Regimental Association, represented by President Jim Barrett and Vice President Ted Hawthorne, treated the Cadets to their annual “Pizza Experience,” which in this case consisted of 50 “Pandemic Restriction Compliant” individual veggie pizzas with beverages, bread sticks and various crisps.

Many thanks to Pizza Hut for their great support!

Thank you to the CO, Captain Karm Nagra, Lt Harminder Palak, and the Cadets of 3300 BCR for their hospitality!

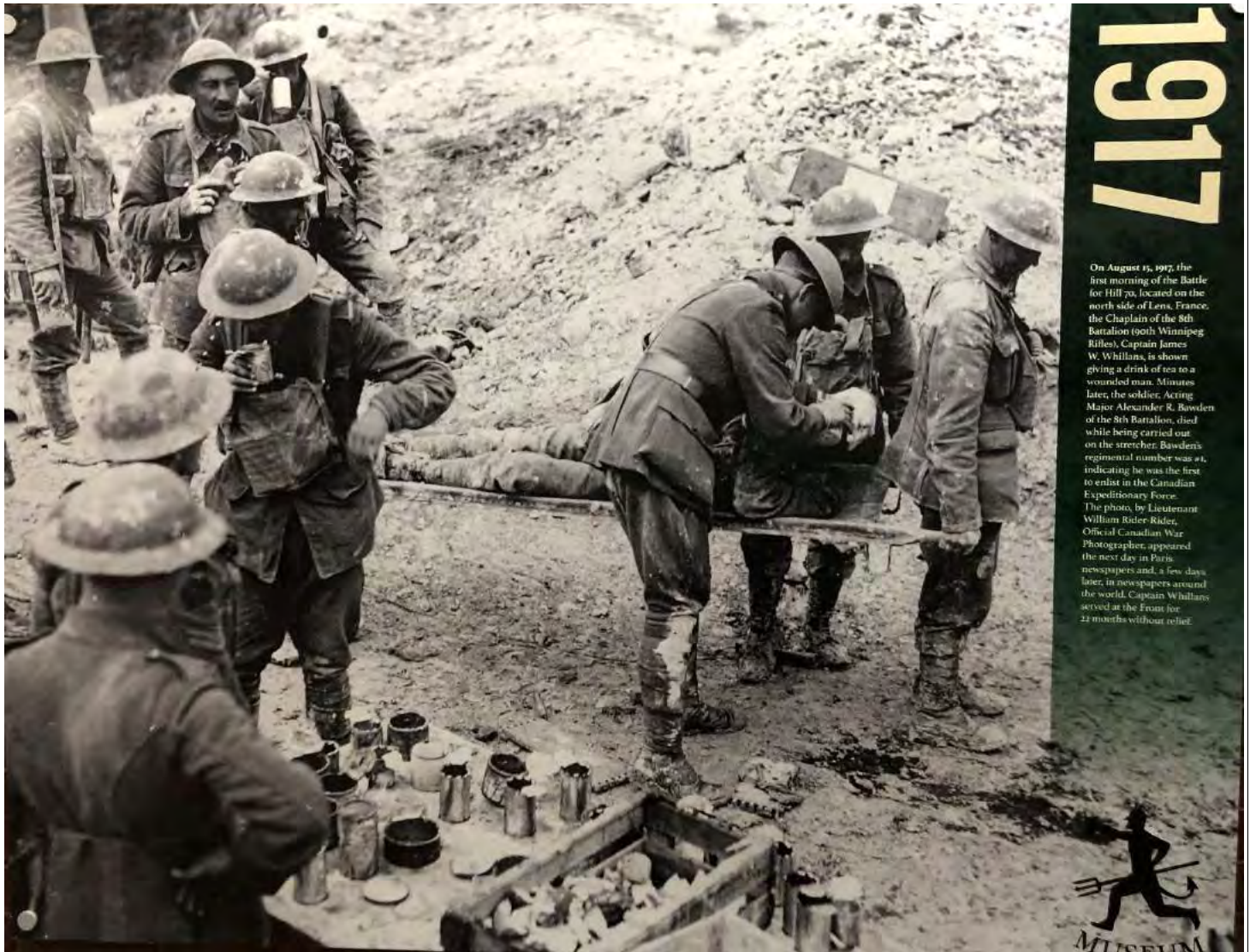
Up the Dukes!





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**FROM BILL WHALEN, PRESIDENT BCR MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
FOLLOWING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES
MUSEUM
HILL 70 CHAPLAINE AND DEATH OF FIRST ENLISTED INTO CEF**



**GURU NANAK'S FREE KITCHEN
VANCOUVER'S DOWNTOWN EAST SIDE
"LOVE ALL, FEED ALL"
22 MAY 2022**

The former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, VP of the Regimental Association, was invited by 2Lt. Harminster Palak, Supply Officer and Assistant Training Officer, of

3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, to visit the newly acquired property situate at 245 East Hastings Street in Vancouver with her fellow Building/Renovation Committee Member, Manbir Sajjan. The building is now being completely renovated by a great team of skilled volunteers. The new facility which will feature a commercial kitchen, serving area, accommodation and counselling capability will be operational this fall! The visit was then continued to the SW corner of Main and Hastings where the Guru Nanak Mobile Kitchen Team provided food and beverage service to our City's most needy, with the assistance of newly minted servers, Lt. Palak and former Honorary Colonel Hawthorne.



Congratulations to Lt. Palak, Manbir Sajjan and all the many volunteers of Guru Nanak's Free Kitchen, including many of our Cadets from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, for their exemplary service to our community!

Up the Dukes!





**15TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL SOCIETY
SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT
STANLEY PARK TEA HOUSE
FERGUSON POINT, VANCOUVER
23 MAY 2022**

The celebration of the Centennial of the establishment of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (delayed 2 years by the COVID-19 Pandemic), was held at the Stanley Park Tea House at Ferguson Point, being the former location of the Officers' Mess of the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade during World War II and a battery of guns in defence of the City of Vancouver. The evening's program included a welcome by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Nick Watts, greetings from the Commander, 39 CBG, Colonel Scott Raesler, and Vancouver City Councillor Melissa De Genova, a Centennial Plaque dedication by Honorary Colonel Al De Genova and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, a Gun Salute compliments of Colonel Raesler, Grace by Padre, Major (Ret'd) Archie Pell and an excellent Dinner followed by a Toast to the Queen (HCol Al De Genova), a Toast to the Fallen (2IC Major Andrew Grieve) and a Toast to the Regiment by the Colonel Commandant BGen (Ret'd) David Patterson by video.

BCRs in attendance were Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani, Major Adam McLeod (2IC 39 Signal Regiment) and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

Congratulations to our Gunner friends at 15th Field and thank you for a great evening and wonderful hospitality!

UBIQUE!







Greetings and Happy Victoria Day to everyone! We have included a "Homage to Queen Victoria" compliments of long time Regimental Association member Terry Ko as we remember the dedication, service and sacrifice of our soldiers in the Regiment during the reign of Queen Victoria. Many thanks Terry!
Up the Dukes!

**HOMMAGE TO QUEEN VICTORIA
VICTORIA DAY
23 MAY 2022
By: Terry Ko**

I recently acquired a framed 8 x 12.5 inches coloured lithograph printed on Trade Silk of Queen Victoria that was published by **The Gentlewoman Magazine** in 1901, In Memoriam. The photograph is by Walery of Regent Street, London. The image is of the Queen and is a colourized version of a photograph taken for the 1887 Golden Jubilee Celebrations for Queen Victoria. The frame is black with two gilt borders. There is some staining and tears in the fabric but not affecting the main subject. Perhaps, the result of emotional grief as the funeral procession passed by on the streets of London lined with mourners and the soldiers of the Empire.



**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC SUPPORT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
25 MAY 2022**

The May meeting of the Executive of the Support Committee of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC was held on the ZOOM platform on the evening of May 25th. Nyal Wilcox chaired the meeting, and a slate of comprehensive reports was presented to the members. The program included the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report (Mike Johnson), the CO's Report (Major Lee Taylor, CD) with an ACR update, a Scholarship update, a Recruiting and Fundraising Update and an Army Cadet League Report (Graeme Menzies). Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, Past President Gayle Hawthorne and Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were also in attendance. The evening's meeting included a multitude of topics given the return to in person attendance and training for the Cadets at the Drill Hall, including a review of proposed capital purchases for training and planning for the next training year.

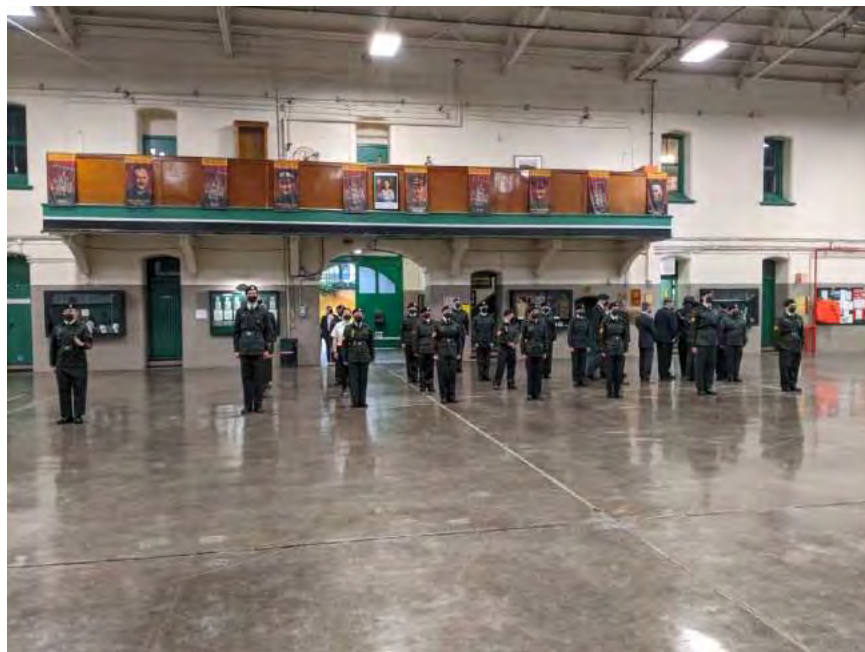
Up the Dukes!



2290 BCR ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 26 May 2022



On Thursday, 26th of May the 2290 BCR (DCOR) RCACC held a well-attended and executed ACR at the Regiment's historic Drill Hall. In attendance were a select and approved list of guests including parents of the cadets, members of the Cadet Corp's Support Committee, and former commanding Officer from 1998 – 2000 and 2014 to 2017 President of the BCR Association, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett.



2290 BCR (DCOR) RCACC Cadets on Parade



HLCol Diamond takes the salute during the March Past

The Reviewing Officer was Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel William (Bill) Diamond, who brought a message of greeting from the Regiment's Commanding Officer, LCol Vincent Virk, and the larger regimental family. Col Diamond remarked upon the efforts of the cadets to prepare for the parade, as well as on the importance of support from the volunteers and parents of the cadets to make the programme a success.

On parade we nearly thirty well turned out cadets who looked both sharp in their uniforms and who were steady on parade throughout the ceremony and speeches. LCol Jim Barrett presented Major Taylor, CO 2290 BCR, a cheque for \$2,000 from the Association Trust as part of the Cadet Corps Development Fund.



Reviewing Officer HLCol Bill Diamond with Corps Pipes & Drums instructor CI Derek Davidson

Prior to the end of the parade, a Change of Appointment of RSM ceremony was held to mark the passing of the RSMs position from RSM Ivan Cadavido to RSM Daniel Wong. Former RSM Cadavido retired after six years as a member of 2290 BCR and on the occasion of his 19th Birthday.



RSM WONG Being fitted with RSM's CrossBelt by CO 2290, Maj Taylor

HMCS DISCOVERY CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY 26 MAY 2022

The Change of Command Ceremony from Commander Bryan Price, CD, to Lieutenant-Commander Rebecca Hardie, CD, was held at HMCS Discovery at 8:00 pm on Thursday, 26 May 2022. As most of our readers will know, "the stone frigate takes its name from HMS Discovery, the ship used by George Vancouver to chart most of North America's north-western coast. Originally based at the Stanley Park Barracks, in 1944 Discovery moved to its current location on Deadman's Island, in Coal Harbour, adjacent to Stanley Park."

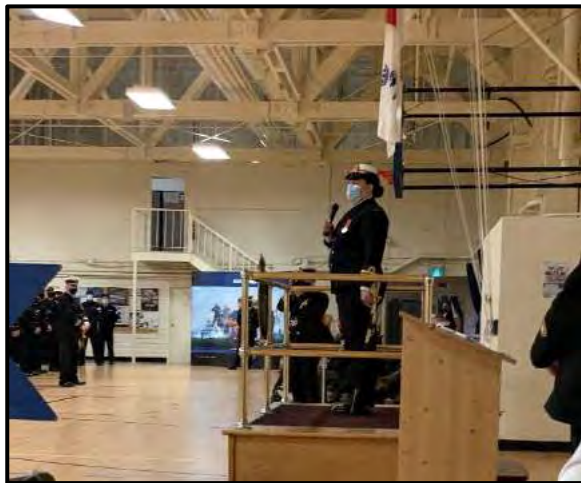
The Reviewing Officer was Captain (Navy) Janet McDougall, Naval Reserve Western Region. The Sequence of Events included the customary Call for Markers, the arrival of the RO, General Salute, Inspection of the Ship's Company, signing of the Change of Command documents, Speeches, March Past, Departure of the RO, Ships Company Man the Side, Departure of the outgoing CO, the traditional Rowing Ashore of the outgoing CO and a Reception in the Chief and Petty Officers' Mess. The Naval Association Band provided the customary musical arrangements throughout the course of the evening.



The Regimental Family was well represented by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, President of the Regimental Association, Jim Barrett, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Dan Thomas.

Our congratulations to our good friend Cdr Bryan Price for his outstanding service and our congratulations to Cdr Rebecca Hardie on her appointment and our very best wishes for a successful command.





**DEPARTURE WITH DIGNITY CEREMONY
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES D. BARRETT, CD
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH # 263
1065 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, COQUITLAM, B.C.
27 MAY 2022**

It was a grand evening of recognition of the service, dedication and commitment of Lieutenant-Colonel James D. Barrett, CD (Ret'd), a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for thirty-nine years. The ceremony and dinner were held in the reception room of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #263, in Coquitlam.



The former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, was the Master of Ceremonies and the evening's program included, the arrival of the Special Guest accompanied by Patricia and the pipe tune "Whiskey Jim," an introduction and greeting to all of the many guests, and seven presentations (Certificate of the Prime Minister presented by Roger Prouse, Certificate of the Premier presented by Ted Hawthorne, Certificate of the Canadian Army presented by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, Certificate of Service presented by Captain Jiri Motak, the gift and a Canadian Flag presented by Captain Motak, a Veteran's Pin presented by Lt. (Ret'd) Patricia Barrett, and a Certificate and Flowers presented by Colonel Barrett to Patricia. Speakers included Colonel Diamond, Former Honorary Colonel Hawthorne (for himself and on behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, 15th Field, RCA, and Captain (Ret'd) Doug Gayton), John Hooker, 78th Fraser Highlanders and the Guest of Honour, Colonel Barrett. A delicious dinner followed with a great opportunity for everyone to visit and enjoy the wonderful comradery.

What a great time, Colonel Jim! Thank you for your service and friendship!

Ubique and Up the Dukes!

Editor's Note: The tune whisky Jim was written in 2019 for me as a tribute by one of my Staff at Rocky Mountain CTC who is now a piper with the World Class Simon Fraser Pipe Band. Thank you, Donnie. I also wish to thank all my friend's and comrades who were able to attend the ceremony from all parts of my life from Cricket, Toy Trains, the 78th Frasers Highlanders, and the military from the BCR, 15 FD RCA and the Cadet System. Too many to name you all. I also wish to acknowledge those who due to illness were unable to attend, especially Capt (R) Doug Gayton, MMM, CD my close friend and former Regimental Command Post Officer, HLCOL Don Foster 15 Fd RCA, and my brother, Capt (R) Gord Barrett, who was my volunteer padre at 15 FD when my soldiers were deployed overseas in Afghanistan from 2008 – 2011, and who went on to command 2472 15 FD RCACC.

Finally, a great thank you to Capt Jiri Motak, Ted Hawthorne, Doug Gayton, and my wife, Patricia for helping to organise and make the occasion very special to me.

Jim







Patricia presenting Jim with Gold Service pin
for 32 years + Service to CAF



**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW
2827 BCR (PORT MOODY) RCACC
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH # 119
PORT MOODY, B.C.
28 MAY 2022 – 1100 HRS**

The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review of 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC ("2827 BCR") held at the new premises of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #119, 2529 Clarke Street in Port Moody.



Flag Party 2827 BCR (DCO) (Port Moody) RCACC

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.



2827 BCR (DCO) on Parade



L-R: Ted Hawthorne, 2827 RSM, Capt Dean McLennan, HLCol Bill Diamond, LCol (R) Jim Barrett, Scott Hamilton BCR Association

Regimental Association Members in attendance were the Cadet Governor, President Jim Barrett, the former Honorary Colonel, Vice President Ted Hawthorne, and Director-at-Large Scott Hamilton.



In the course of his address, the RO complimented the Cadets, the CO, Captain Dean McLennan, the CIC Officers, parents and volunteers.



Award of the Lord Strathcona Medal 2022



Congratulations 2827 BCR and well done!

Up the Dukes!

THE BARRETT BUNKER MAY 2022

For this edition of the Barrett Bunker, I have decided to edit and include a short article with respect to the battle of St Julien at the 2nd Battle of Ypres from the pen of Sgt Dwayne Snow, CD. The story is pertinent to our Regiment's history as it portrays not only the confusion and uncertainty when lost as a soldier during battle, but also recognizes the importance of the Arrival of the Indian Army at a critical time in the Battle to replace the badly mauled 1st Canadian Division after three days of intense battle commencing with the release of poisonous gasses on the French Colonial Troops and later upon our Canadians. That they held the line and stopped the German advance towards Ypres is a testament to their determination and resolve.

Sgt Snow's source for materials came from a CBC interview in the 1960s and from the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers.



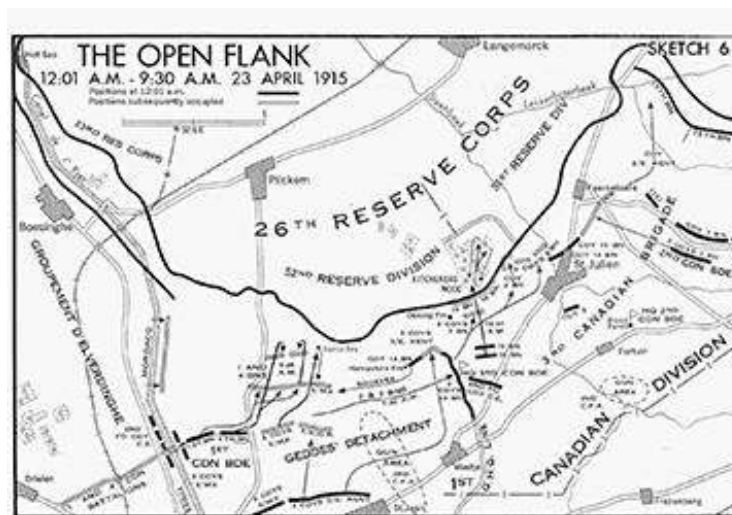
7th Battalion (BC) CEF
Shoulder Badge

Pte H McArthur had just turned fourteen years old when he enlisted in the 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles in Vancouver in 1912. He had lied about his age, so that he could be on parade for the Duke of Connaught's visit. The Duke of Connaught being both our Colonel-in-Chief and the Governor-General for the Dominion of Canada. Pte McArthur found himself a member of the 7th Battalion (1st BC) Canadian Expeditionary force in Belgium at the age of approximately sixteen.



Germans unleash Chlorine Gas on the French Colonial troops April 1915

Following the chlorine gas attack on the French and the ordering of the 7th into the line during the fighting near the village of St Julien, Pte McArthur manage to survive the intense fighting near Keerselare Crossroads and the subsequent withdrawal. He found himself with roughly 200 to 300 survivors rallied behind Gravenstafel Ridge, a few hundred metres south of St. Julien as it was being overrun by the Germans. The 7th Bn had not been resupplied with water or rations for over 24 to 48hrs so finding water was big priority. Pte McArthur and some his comrades were tasked to go fill up as many canteens as they could carry at a well close behind, the now occupied village of St. Julien, and ultimately both he and the water party were captured by the Germans.



The Germans soldiers which were tasked to escort the Canadian Prisoners of War to the rear found themselves lost, and they demanded that one of the prisoners tell them where they were and the way to the

German lines. When not one of the PWs stepped forward, the Germans threatened to shoot them right there and then. Pte McArthur figured he would have some fun with the Germans, and hopefully get them captured, so he volunteered to lead the Germans to 'their lines'. His comrades were not too happy with him. Pte McArthur dutifully led the Germans... the wrong way, to the west and past Kitchener's Wood toward the flanking British units that were located in the shadow of Mauser Ridge. Pte McArthur was lucky, as the Germans made him lead the way. As they passed in front of the British lines a British platoon failed to see that the bulk of the party were Canadian Prisoners. They opened fire and killed or wounded everyone except Pte McArthur! After the ambush, the British did what they could for the survivors before advancing on Mauser Ridge.



2nd Battle Ypres 1915

Pte McArthur now found himself attached to two Northumberland Fusiliers of the 149th Brigade. It's not clear, but it sounds like they had been survivors of their assault on Mauser Ridge. He was almost captured again when he and his new friends were ambushed by some Germans, who were probably also lost themselves. He survived but the other two did not. Pte McArthur inherited one of the Northumberland's Lee-Enfield Mark III Rifles, which he thought were much better than his Ross Rifle which had become non-serviceable back at Keerselare Crossroads.

Next, he then found sanctuary with the recently arrived Lahore Division. Over the next two or three days, Pte McArthur found himself in the front line fighting alongside members of the Lahore Division. He did not mention unit names when he was interviewed by the CBC in the early 1960s but mentioned that there were Gurkhas in the firing line. Apparently, the Lahore Division soldiers took great care of him as he was quite young and "Canadian." They let him stay in their trench and shoot at the Germans but would not let him join in their assault on Mauser Ridge on the 26th to 27th of April as he had already done his bit...which of course saved his life.



Pte McArthur clearly recalled that even though there was a French casualty collection station nearby, the soldiers in the Lahore Brigades refused to see them for treatment, stating that they, the Sikhs, and the Gurkhas, were not French. They were British and would only trust British medics. He described the Indian troops as literally bleeding to death in the trench, rather than seek aid from the French!



Sikh Troops in Ypres Salient

On investigation of the 7th Bn and other pertinent War Diaries and records, it appears that Pte McArthur had stumbled first into the British 149th Northumberland Brigade, who shot the German captors and their

Canadian prisoners up, and then as he kept moving west toward Ypres, he bumped into the lines of the Jullunder and Ferozepore Brigades of the Lahore Division of the Indian Army. He must have found refuge right in the middle of the Lahore Division's line as the Gurkhas were to the west and the Sikhs to the right of the Lahore line facing north. Sikh Regiments included in the Jullundar Bde included the 15th Ludhiana Sikhs, now perpetuated by the 2nd Bn, 2nd Sikh Regiment of the Indian Army, the 47th Sikhs and the 59th Scinde Rifles (Frontier Force) currently perpetuated by the Pakistan's 1st Bn, Frontier Force. The Gurkhas Pte McArthur mentioned in his CBC interview were probably from the 1st Bn, 1st King George's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regt) or the 1st Bn, 4th Gurkha Rifles, now perpetuated by the 1st Gurkha Rifles of the Indian Army.

It sounds like Pte McArthur fought with the soldiers of the Lahore Division for several days before being sent off to find his own 7th Battalion CEF, which he did, eventually, and happy day, he did not get charged for losing his Ross Rifle!

As for Pte McArthur....

Pte McArthur served through the rest of the War and miraculously lived through every one of the 7th Battalion's battles and even took part in the 7th's famous trench raid in November 1915! By 1917, he had risen to the position of Company Sergeant-Major at the age of eighteen (19) at a time when the average age in the battalion was close to 30. As CSM he refused to give his men more than one shot of rum before an attack as he had seen men with more one shot in them try to bayonet Germans instead of the more sensible "shooting them with your rifle". CSM McArthur apparently took great effort to make sure they had that one shot of rum to deal with "nerves". CSM McArthur recalled that in 1917 he had some trouble from some recently arrived replacements from a draft of Rocky Mountain Rangers who apparently thought he was rather young for a CSM and that he could be bullied. CSM McArthur quickly sorted them out.

CSM McArthur was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) at Hill 70. The citation below does not indicate it, but he fought most of the battle completely deaf as two shells bracketed his head as he lay in no mans land and he had blood pouring out of both ears. Stretcher Bearer, and VC winner, Pte Micky O'Rourke, tried to evacuate him but CSM McArthur waved him off as there so few NCOs left at that point. Sgt Snow noted that in the CBC interview that CSM McArthur was shouting a little!



Distinguished Conduct Medal 1914 - 1918

The Commanding Officer of the 7th Bn CEF at Hill 70, Major Philpott, noted that CSM McArthur was one of the few originals left by the time of the battle, and commented that CSM McArthur claimed, "...with legitimate pride that he had never missed a show!" At that point in the war, less than one in ten of the originals were still fighting with the battalion. CSM McArthur's citation for the DCM at Hill 70 reads: 17252 Company Sergeant-Major McArthur, H., DCM: *"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to their objective. Afterwards he took forward a party in support of troops holding an advanced position through very heavy fire."*

DUKE'S DEN

MCPL DUKE A. BEAR RETURN FROM IRAQ DEPLOYMENT ON OP IMPACT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Welcome home from Iraq MCpl Duke A. Bear!

The official handover from Major Peter Stocker to Ted Hawthorne took place at HPLaw at noon today. Duke's new friend Daesi was also on hand to greet him.

Congratulations to our Major Stocker for his successful deployment to Iraq during Op Impact. Enjoy your well-deserved leave Peter and our very best wishes to you!

Up the Dukes!



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

BCR MUSEUM – WWI GERMAN SHOULDER BOARDS

Sgt Dwayne Snow introduced some discussion among the Museum Society Members with respect to the origin of the WWI German Shoulder Boards in the Museum's possession and their origins. The origin of how they came into the possession of our collection is a bit hazy as they were there when almost forty years ago if not longer. It is believed that they were donated by a former member of the 7th Bn CEF (BC). It is possible that they were donated by more than one member, but if any of our readers can shed further light upon their origins, please send me a note at barrettid007@gmail.com and include Sgt Snow at dhsnow@shaw.ca.

From Sgt Snow:



Looking at the unit histories the only common deployments that I can see are the Somme and Cambrai sectors in 1918. However, the **Königlich Sächsisches Reserve-Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 245** (aka the **Royal Saxon 245th Regt**) fought against the 7th Bn CEF at the battle of St. Julien in 1915, and later in 1918 near Cambrai during the final 100 days. So that one should probably have pride of place in our collection. Thus, if these items did come to us from one of our vets, it seems likely to me that he was not an original, but rather one who served in 1918, or if an older vet, then he started his collection in the last six months of the War.

None of these are from Prussian units or Bavarian/ Wurttembergers (who our guys fought a lot from 1915-17), but six shoulder boards come from units raised in the East. Three from Pomerania and Kulm, what is now mostly Poland, and another three from Saxony...Schlesisches = Saxon). One is from just outside Frankfurt in Hesse (Hessisches). All served in different divisions. All were infantry regiments. Five of them had combat experience on the Russian Front (in modern Poland) - and one even got to spend some time fighting in the Carpathian Mountains/ Romania and then the Tyrolian Alps (brrrrr and double-brrrrr). With the exception of the 330th all were in high category (strength) divisions - the 330rd was made up of Ersatz "volunteers" - older or medically impaired conscripts that had exemptions (but they were not considered "unfit" e.g. poor eyesight, no teeth, or too many kids back home. These would have been during the initial call up of reserves and was a "category IV" formation.

When looking at our shoulder boards they all appear to be of the same design which was standardized in 1910. The piping on some of them looks pretty faded and some don't even have piping, which apparently happened near the end of the War - which makes me further believe these were all mostly collected in the last six months of the War.

6. Pommersches Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 49

Formed in 1860; fought in Austro-Prussian War and Franco-Prussian War. At outbreak of Great War was part of II Korps garrison at Gnesen, Pomerania (now Gniezno, Poland) and fought on the Western Front throughout the War except for a brief period in 1915 when it was transferred to the East.

Shoulder Board: white piping, red number 49

Kulmer Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 141

Formed in 1890; At outbreak of War was in garrison at Strasburg and der Drewenz (now Brodnica, Poland). Initially served on Eastern Front at the Battles of Masurian Lakes and Tannenberg. Transferred to Western Front in 1916, fought on Somme and Cambrai.

Shoulder Boards: Yellow piping, red number 141

4. Schlesisches Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 157

Formed in 1897. Initially garrisoned at Brieg (now Brzeg, Poland) as part of IV Korps. They initially fought on the Western Front, but were transferred to Romania in 1916, then the Italian Front in 1917 and finally to the Western Front in 1918.

Shoulder Boards yellow piping with red number 157

5. Grossherzoglich-Hessisches Infanterie- Regiment Nr. 168

Formed 1897; garrison was Offenbach-am-Main (it's now a suburb of Frankfurt, Germany). Fought entirely on the Western Front on the Marne, Somme and at Cambrai.

Shoulder Boards: Red piping, red number 168

Königlich Sächsisches Reserve-Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 192

Formed in Saxony as part of the 192nd (8th Royal Saxon) Infantry Division in 1915. Fought on Western Front: Verdun 1916 and 1917, 1918 on the Ancre and the Somme, ended War in the Champagne Sector.

Königlich Sächsisches Reserve-Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 245

Formed in Sep 1914, in Saxony; saw its first action in October 14 on the Western Front, fought against 1 Can Division at 2nd Ypres. It later fought at the Somme (1916) and was then sent to the East. Returning to the Western Front in Dec of 1917, participated in the German Spring Offensive and again on the Somme in 1918, before ending the War in the Verdun Sector.

Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 330

Formed in June 1915 from Ersatz Kompanies of the 2nd Occupation Regiment at Posen. It fought on the Eastern Front until the Russian surrender, then was transferred as part of the 83rd Division to the West where it fought on the Somme in August of 1918 before being sent to Lorraine in September. Title may have been "Reserve-Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 330" but data on this regiment is almost non-existent.

Happy New Year!
Up the Dukes!

A SHORT HOISTORY OF THE 102nd CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, CEF (THE NORTH BRITISH COLUMBIANS)

By Don Manning



Credit: emedals.com

Recently, I travelled to Comox to visit the Comox Valley Museum and Archives and in doing so, found myself meeting with the very impressive archivists working there, who are very familiar with the early history of the 102nd Battalion, CEF, who trained there in preparation for posting to The Western Front in 1915.

Many of you are aware that this Battalion was raised and trained in Comox, under the leadership of Lt.-Col. John Weightman Worden, CD. The original group of approximately 1,065 officers and men were largely recruited from persons living in the Interior of British Columbia as far north as Atlin, B.C., including recruiting at Prince Rupert, Prince George, Nelson and Vernon, B.C., arriving in Comox in December 1915.

It is evident from what was made available to me for this article that the 102nd is still remembered in Comox, including at the Cenotaph.

Much of the training and preparation that took place in Comox took place in walking distance from the Museum and Archives, located at 1720 Comox Avenue in Comox. Some of the training took place at Goose Spit, now a public park and RCN Cadet training (HMCS Quadra) area located at the entrance to Comox Harbour, pictured below:



Credit: Pinterest.com

The Museum has an impressive holding of indexed and documented artifacts and Battalion History related to the 102nd, with the 102nd prominently on display. If you find yourself in Comox, this is not to be missed.

I was given access to their collection of cards, some of which I colourized for this article and have provided copies to the archivists in Comox. Where available, I have colourized imagery of some of the locations where the 102nd trained prior to shipping out.



The curators also made available a collection of postcard imagery from the period showing the training areas that were utilized:



"Worden's Warriors in Training" – Credit: Comox Archives



"Muster No. 4 Company" – Credit: Comox Archives



"Nob Hill and Glacier" – Credit Comox Archives



Marching to Princess Charlotte 1916
Credit: Comox Archives



"Seeing the Boys Off" – Credit Comox Archives



Marching to Princess Charlotte, Comox B.C., June 10, 1916 – Credit: Comox Archives



Battalion Mascot "Teddy"



Empress of Britain – Credit Comox Archives



Cenotaph, Comox, B.C.

References for this article:

"Swift and Strong" Leblanc, Snow, Deschenes, Maxwell, p. 72

The Story of the 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion: Web: www.102ndbattalioncefc.ca

Comox Archives and Museum: www.comoxmuseum.ca

Acknowledgement to Comox Museum and Archives

Thanks for assistance for this article goes to the museum staff Marcia, Barbara and Terrie for their gracious sharing of their time showing their collection of 102nd records and artifacts.

Prepared by Don Manning, Member, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Museum Society
April 4, 2022

Sgt. Martin Gerald Joyce, 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (BCR) (for the period c. 1942 – 1945)

This is an article about a member of the 28th Armoured Regiment (Worthington Force), his love story with his wife Elaine and the locket that includes the cap badge emblem of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO).

To start me off with researching this article, Bill Whalen, our President provided me with some background, as follows:

"Mr Robert Tetu, who lives in Seaforth, Ontario is a former Lieutenant in the Highland Fusiliers of Canada. He was good friends with Mr Martin Joyce and his wife, Elaine. Martin was born in 1905 in Wales where as a young man, he worked in the coal mines then subsequently immigrated to Canada. He served during WW II with the British Columbia Regiment, 28th CAR. Early in the war, he met Ms. Elaine Austin who was from Wetaskiwin, Alberta. In September of 1940, Martin gave Elaine a beautiful engagement gift, a gold locket and chain, with the British Columbia Regiment cap badge on the front. Inside were photos of Martin (in uniform) and Elaine. The back was inscribed "Elaine Martin Sept. 1940" They were married in June 1941, and Martin was one of the lucky ones who eventually made it home.

After the war, Martin attended Alfred University in Alfred, New York, where he received a certificate of Craftsmanship in Woodworking on 30 January 1948. Elaine also attended and studied ceramics. Following that, they moved to Banff, Alberta, where he became Superintendent of Property at the Banff School of Fine Arts. He subsequently moved to Ontario, where he worked as head carpenter at the world famous (Shakespearean) Stratford Festival from 1955 until his retirement. Martin died in November 1992. This beautiful locket will be placed on display in the museum, as a testament to Martin's service to his country and his lifelong romance with Elaine. "

The article follows:



Locket, 1940, opened, picturing Sgt. Joyce and his wife, Margaret Elaine nee Austin



Locket, Closed, showing inscription

The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Museum Society recently received a locket dating to 1940 for its' collection from a close friend of Sgt. Martin Gerald Joyce, Lt. (Retd.) Robert Tetu, formerly of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada. Mr. Tetu knew both Mr. and Mrs. Joyce well, and acted as Mr. Joyce's executor when he passed in 1992, which is how came into possession of the locket. He felt the locket should come to the Museum, as the Joyce's were without issue. I would like to acknowledge Mr. Tetu's generosity in time and his sharing information for this article.

Background on Martin Gerald Joyce

Here is some background on Martin Gerald Joyce

Birth: 16 November 1905, Tonypany (Pontypridd), Glamorganshire, Wales

Death: November 8, 1992, Stratford, Perth, Ontario, cremated

Parents: Lawrence Joyce (Irish ancestry), Mary Ann Cunningham, (Wales ancestry)

Lawrence Joyce was a colliery pumpman, and while in Wales. Martin was a coal miner.

Marriage: Margaret Elaine Austin, 21 June 1941, Elaine was from Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Canadian Citizenship Date: September 5, 1947

Military

Regimental Number: K38052

I located a link to the 28th Armoured Division Nominal Roll:

<https://www.wartimes.ca/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1148>

Two Joyces appear, Martin appears as a Sergeant in the N.C.O. section, Regimental Number K38052, the other appears as Private H.C.F. Joyce, probably not related to Martin. Private Joyce appears to have survived the war as well as Martin.

No information is currently available on Sgt. Joyce's Military engagements, his military awards, or the date he was discharged from the Canadian Military. A request for his Military Service Record has been submitted and will be added later, if and when received.

Occupations

Martin worked in coal mines in Wales prior to moving to Canada, date currently unknown. He does not show up on the 1921 Census, as a result locating his arrival date In Canada may be problematic without requisitioning Ontario and Alberta records.

After the end of hostilities, Martin attended Alfred University, Alfred New York, see:

<https://www.alfred.edu>. There, Martin received a Certificate of Craftsmanship in Woodworking on 30 January 1948, and Elaine studied ceramics and carried on with her work in pottery for some years, probably until her unexpected death during a visit to Edmonton.

Following receiving his Certificate, he moved to Banff, Alberta, where he became Superintendent of Property at The Banff School of Fine Arts and later as a co-instructor with the Saskatchewan Arts Board, Regina, Saskatchewan.



Photo courtesy of Robert Tetu, circa 1955, at The Saskatchewan Arts Board, shortly before beginning his tenure at The Stratford Festival, Stratford Ontario.

Mr. Joyce subsequently moved to Ontario, working as head carpenter at the Stratford Festival from 1955 until his retirement. By my estimate, that date was circa 1970. I have located him in the Perth City Directory of 1961, so I have contacted Stratford Festival Archives looking for background and if available, imagery.

He died 8 November 1992, presumably in Stratford/Perth, I have posted an obituary request on Obituary Lookups, I have not yet been able to locate his location of burial or that of his spouse.

Mr. Tetu advised that his death was from complications from esophageal cancer, he died in palliative care. There is a Martin Joyce buried in St. Catherine's Ontario, a two hour drive from Stratford, which may or not be our Martin.

Sources referenced or searched to prepare this article:

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28th Armoured Regiment Nominal Roll dated 1942 on Embarkation for England:

<https://www.wartimes.ca/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1148>

Lt. Robert Tetu, formerly Highland Fusiliers of Canada, Robert was a close friend of the Joyce's and was the executor of Martin's estate, he has been very generous with his sharing his friendship with the Joyces.

Stratford Archives

Stratford Theatre Festival Archives (waiting for information)

1921 Canada Census

Province of Alberta Marriage Records: <https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/find-birth-marriage-and-death-records/marriage-indexes>

Library Canada

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BCR ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR Kit Shop is now online:

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

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

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

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

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

1. Mini Guidons – estimated cost is \$130.00 – in stock.
2. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.
3. **NEW:** BCR flag (36" x 72") - \$150.00

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

Mini - \$130.00



Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00

REMEMBRANCE

We remember all past members of the Regimental Family who have passed away during 2022.
May they Rest in Peace knowing they are not forgotten

PASSING OF MAJOR (Ret'd) KEITH MOORE 28th ARMoured (BC)



Recently we learned that one of our few remaining 28th Armoured Regiment (BC) World War II veterans had passed away. Keith Moore of Barriere, BC, passed away at the age of 99 on 21 July 2021. Born in Enderby, his family relocated to Port Coquitlam, where he grew up. He joined the BC Regiment in 1942, and served in England, France, and Germany. In recent years he awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honour of France for his efforts in the Normandy invasion and the liberation of France.

His obituary indicated, "That Keith eventually settled in the Barriere region where he worked as a logger, a farmer, and a millwright, and he became an active and respected member of his community. Early in the 1960s, Keith took on the enormous task of raising his four children. He was a devoted father who loved to dance and sing and gather with his extended family and friends.

Keith was a founding member of the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Barriere, which he helped create in 1953. He was involved in establishing the first ambulance service in Barriere with the help of the Lions Club, served as volunteer Fire Chief, volunteered at the Senior Centre and the Rural Crime Watch, as well as devoting time to many other community organizations. Keith was honoured to receive Barriere's Citizen of the Year in 2012, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his spectacular contributions to his community."

From LCol (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy, CD

PASSING OF MAJOR (Ret'd) AL COMMONS, CD

Just received notice from Col (Ret'd) David Osland, CD, from the C Scott R Association, that Maj (Ret'd) Al Commons, CD, passed away on 22 January 2022, in Nanaimo, B.C.



Major (Ret'd) Allan Robert Cormons, CD

Al joined "C" Squadron, BCR DCO (RCAC) in Nanaimo, BC, and served with the BCR until "C" Squadron was disbanded and he then transferred to the Canadian Scottish Regiment until he reached Compulsory Release Age (CRA).

Excerpt from: Nanaimo News Bulletin 22 Jan 22:

December 26, 1941 – January 22, 2022

In Loving Memory ~

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Allan Cormons on January 22, 2022. Allan was born in Nanaimo on December 26, 1941 where he lived all his life.

Allan was predeceased by his wife of 28 years Karen Kathleen Cormons (nee Stockwell), his parents Gus and Ruth Cormons, his sister Judy and brother in law Bert Rougeau. Al is survived by his loving stepdaughters Janet Jensen, Ingrid Jensen (Jon Wikan) and Christine Jensen, his brother Terry (Kim) Cormons, granddaughters Liv and Karinna and numerous nieces and nephews in Nanaimo and Sechelt.

Al and Karen raised their daughters in Cedar-By-the-Sea and he resided there from 1975 to 2013. Al was an adoring stepfather, grandfather, uncle and great uncle who was always ready to lend an ear or a helping hand.

Al graduated from the University of British Columbia with bachelor's degree in education. He obtained his master's degree from University of San Diego. He made many valuable contributions to Nanaimo's School District 68 as a teacher, principal and track and field coach.

Al was renowned for bringing his positive spirit and great gusto to many occasions. He was a mentor to many, as an educator and Officer Commanding B Company "Major" The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's).

Other affiliations that Al was passionate about included: Felice Cavallotti "Italian" Lodge, BC Regiment

(Regimental Association), The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Regimental Association), Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10, BPOE Nanaimo Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles Of Ladysmith and BC Retired Teachers Association.

PASSING OF MR. PETER HEBB

Mr Peter Hebb, Grandson of Col Tobin of 29th Battalion CEF (Vancouver Regiment), passed away on 31 December 2021, and we thank him for his recent donations of artifacts belonging to his grandfather to the BC Regimental Museum which preserves the history of Tobin's Tiger's as one of our Regiment's perpetuated units from the Great War. Rest in Peace.



Lt-Col Henry Seymour Tobin
Commanding Officer 29th Battalion (Vancouver) CEF

Our Thanks for Bill Whalen, Museum Society President, for providing this information.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE ING, CD (RET'D) ST. ANNE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, RICHMOND 26 FEBRUARY 2022

Our good friend and colleague, Lieutenant-Colonel George Ing, CD (Ret'd), RCAF, a founding member of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and Past President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, was remembered in the midafternoon of Saturday, 26 February 2022, at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Richmond and on ZOOM due to COVID concerns with the number of attendees. Many fine tributes and kind words were heard, including remarks by Wes Lowe, CCMMS Chaplain,

a very memorable tribute by Commander (Ret'd) King Wan, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, and a very thoughtful delivery to the family of a special resolution from ANAVETS remembering the life of service of George Ing, "a man of dignity and good character" presented by Kelly Kwong.

During the Committal Service, the Act of Remembrance was recited, the Bugle Major(R) John More played the Last Post and Reveille and the Piper played Abide with Me.

We will remember him!



Photos (above) compliments of Steve Ko, CCMMS



LCol(Ret'd) George Ing – Top row, left side.
Group photo of the recipients of the
Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation 29 March 2019

PASSING OF MAJOR (Ret'd) DAVE LETSON

From Mr Scott Osborne, President of RUSI Victoria, we have learned that Major (Ret'd) Dave Letson passed away at the age of 92 on the 14th of March 2022. Dave was a long-time member of RUSI-VI since 1999 and a resident of Sidney, BC. Maj Dave Letson accompanied the BC Regiment on our last Battlefield Tour in 2015 and regularly attended the RCAC luncheons near his home in Sidney, BC.

Lt-Col (Ret'd) Archie Steacy adds that Dave attended North Vancouver's St. George's Private School, transferred to and graduated in 1947, from North Vancouver High School. Archie and Dave managed the Army Cadet Corps in North Vancouver High School. Major Dave Letson in the BCR as a Trooper in 1946 and transferred to the UBC COTC Royal Canadian Armoured Corps in 1948. Both Dave and Archie were COTC roommates in Camp Borden in 1949. Archie recalls that Dave enlisted in the Regular Force with the LdSH (RC), possibly in 1951, when Dave was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Dave was the son of Colonel Brud Letson and nephew of Maj-Gen Harry Letson.



Major (Ret'd) Dave Letson (on Right) receiving the RCAC Col Commandant's Commendation 2019

Editor's Note: Maj-Gen Harry Letson as CO BCR designed our current Cap Badge in 1928 when we reverted to Rifles in the late 20s and later designed the current Canadian Defence Medal (CD) in the early 1950's which replaced the other long service medals used in all three services. A veteran of the Great War, Maj-Gen Letson served as our Honorary Colonel for over thirty years until his passing in 1992 with six bars to his CD. We note the contribution that the Letson family has made to our Regiment and the country.

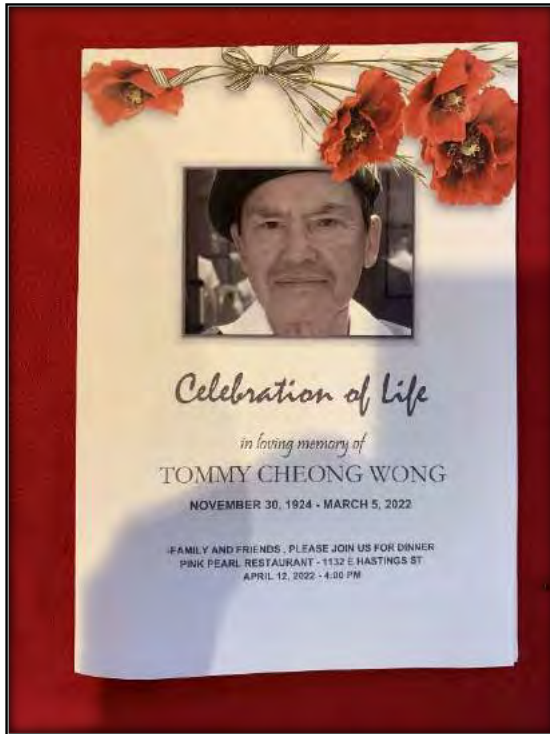
CELEBRATION OF LIFE TOMMY CHEONG WONG (1924-2022) DR. SUN YAT-SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN, VANCOUVER 12 APRIL 2022

Our good friend and colleague, Tommy Wong, the "youngest" of Special Operations Executive (SOE), Intelligence, Force 136 who served as a Wireless Op in Southeast Asia, and who was also a member of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (CCMMS) and of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 (ANAVETS), was remembered at a Celebration of Life Service held at noon on Tuesday, 12 April 2022, at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. Chaplain Wesley Lee officiated with a very memorable Order of Service which included the Piping in of the Veterans, a Welcome and Opening Prayer by the Chaplain, the Biography by Catherine Clement by video, Scripture Reading by Steve Ko, Personal Reflections by Trevan Wong, Tommy's son, many fine tributes and kind words by Commander King Wan for the military, Kelly Kwong, Vice President of ANAVETS, Judge Randall Wong, President of CCMMS, Frank Huang, President of Wong's Benevolent Society and Richard Wong, National Chair of Canada Day Drumming Celebrations. The Tributes were followed by the playing of The Last Post and Rouse by BCR Bugle Major (Ret'd)

John More and The Lament by Piper, Carolyn Ng. Interment followed at Ocean View Burial Park with an early dinner held at The Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant.

Thank you for your service and dedication Tommy!

We will remember him!



The BCR News - Remembering Tommy Wong

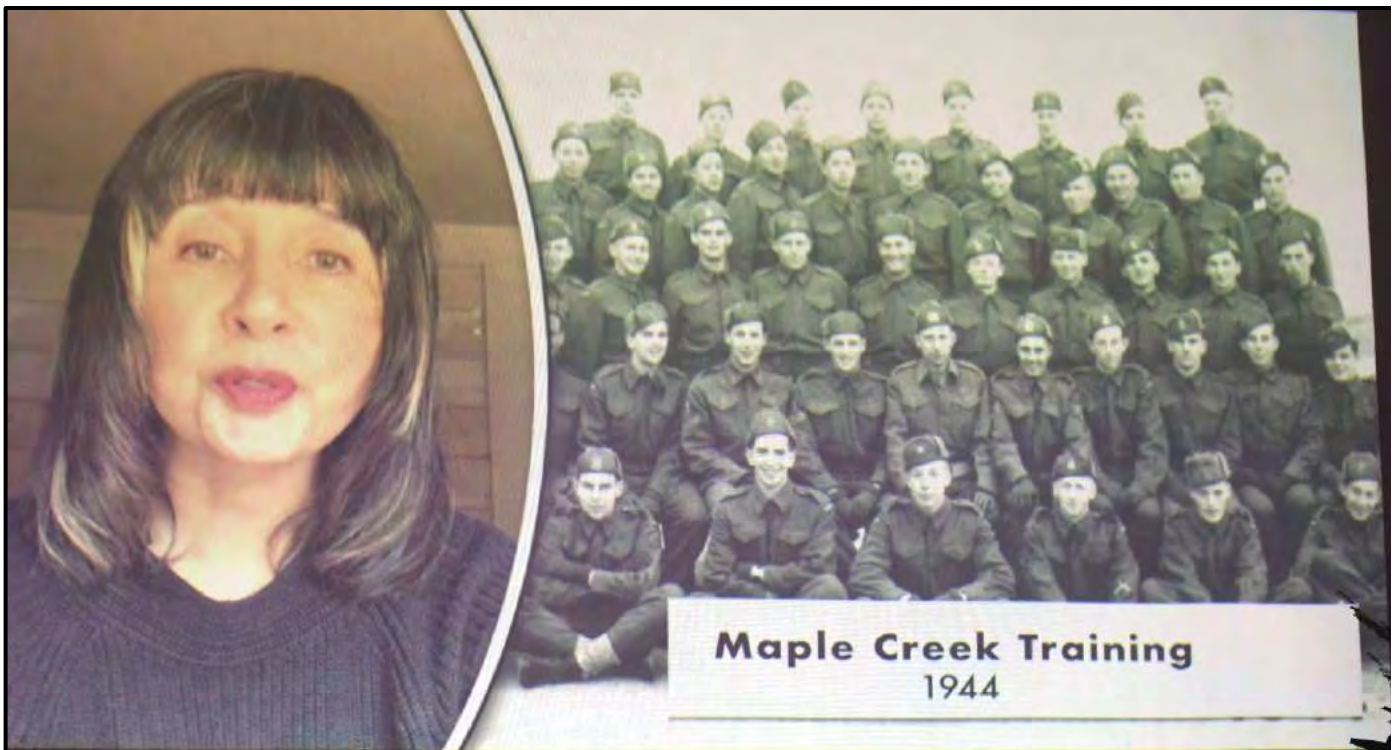


Photo courtesy of Steve Ko



Photo courtesy of Steve Ko

REMEMBRING CAPTAIN DONALD SF LIM, CD CADET IRISH FUSILIERS OF CANADA, OFFICER BCR (DCO), & CIC

Captain Donald S F Lim CD passed away in Halifax, N.S. late in 2021. Don was Vancouver born and raised and in the 1950s, he, along with many other kids in the neighbourhood joined the Irish Fusilier Cadets. He excelled and went on to being a Cadet instructor at the Vernon Camp, eventually being awarded the Sam Browne belt by General Rockingham as the top instructor in the



1960s (photo). Don then joined the British Columbia Regiment and by the early 1970s was a Lieutenant. Don obtained his Bachelor's and Masters of Science and then joined the Regular Force Medical Corps. His postings included Cold Lake and

Halifax, where he retired in charge of Medical Laboratories. In all, Captain Lim served Queen and country for 48 dedicated years in the Canadian Forces.



Cadet Sgt Don Lim Irish Fusiliers of Canada RCACC



Cadet Sgt Don Lim at Stanley Park Armoury 1960s



ASLEEP

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

Editor's Final Note:

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of The Duke, which covers off all the activities engaged in by the BC Regiment and our Regimental Family from 1 January until the end of May 2022. This becomes part of the history of the unit. We thank all those who have contributed to the many articles attached, especially those who write articles on a regular basis.