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## Articles, Announcements & News Releases

### Editor's Note:

The Duke is only as good as the articles we receive, so we encourage our readers to send in pictures, with stories of the BCR or other event which you feel would interest our readers. Please note that the chapters from April to the end of June 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*. On a personal note, I wish to thank all those who have contributed historical articles for publication, especially Ted Hawthorne who is Editor Emeritus of this publication and is at the heart of many of the articles, and Mr. Don Manning, from our BCR Museum Society, who finds and researches many historical articles focusing on our soldiers so that their memory is not lost.

Jim

LCol (Ret'd) JD Barrett, CD  
Editor 'The Duke'

**APRIL**

**CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY  
AND ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280  
1 APRIL 2023**



**Vimy Ridge 1917  
A Battle that Defines a Nation**

**Lt-Col (Ret'd) Jim Barrett**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, programme for the morning forum on ZOOM commenced with special guest speaker, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, President of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association, and Vice-president of the BCR Museum Society delivering an excellent presentation on the timely topic, "Vimy – A Battle That Defines a Nation".



Fields turned into 'cloth models' so each battalion knew their objectives.

Jim has excellent knowledge of the events leading up to the battle and covered off the lessons learned from the Somme and how the Canadian Corps Commander, Sir Julien Byng, and his senior staff, along with improvements in the science of artillery combined with air superiority on the battlefield gave the Canadian attack an excellent chance of success. Logistical issues were not forgotten either.



Not generally known are the mistakes made on the German Side which contributed to our success and the greater battle by Third British Army under the command of General Allenby in support of the French.

King Wan thanked Jim for his most insightful, informative, and detailed presentation. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session with members as a fitting conclusion to such an impressive address.



Picture by Steve Ko

Following the guest speaker, the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 held their respective regular monthly business meetings. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by President King Wan, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for their continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!



**ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE, VANCOUVER  
OFFICERS' MESS, 15th FIELD REGIMENT, RCA  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
THE 2023 RUSI, VANCOUVER SPEAKERS SERIES  
COMMANDER BRYAN PRICE, CD  
AND RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOR MRS LUM  
5 APRIL 2023**

The RUSI presentation was preceded by the third catered luncheon (roast chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, buns and cake for dessert, tea, and coffee) since the start of the Pandemic in 2020 and it was another sell out!! A highlight of the luncheon was the acknowledgement of the 15<sup>th</sup> FD RCA's long term caterer, Mrs Lum, who decided to retire after thirty years as the Mess Caterer. Accompanied by her husband, Capt (Ret'd) Benson Lum, Shan was recognised for her years of service and dedication by HLCol Don Foster and by many of the guests who attended. The luncheon was billed as a "Farewell to Mrs. Lum" who catered all Mess functions for the period 1990 to 2020. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs. Lum for her service and dedication for all these many years! Our very best wishes to you and Benson on your retirement!



HLCol Don Foster presents Gift to Mrs Lum



LCol (Ret') Jim Barrett, Mrs Shan Lum, Former HCol Ted Hawthorne, BCR

HLCol Don Foster presented her with a farewell gift from the Mess and the Regiment. Mrs Lum catered meals for many of 39 CBG's Units including the BCR, as well as the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders.





At just past 1300 hrs the guest proceeded into the main classroom for Commander Price's presentation on the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and OPERATIN NEON.



Commander Bryan Price provided an excellent presentation on the Naval Reserve Centennial and Operation NEON.



A thorough Q & A followed to conclude the detailed presentation on a very important and timely subject.



HLCol Don Foster



(L-R) Ted Hawthorne, HLCol Foster, Comd Price, Jim Barrett, King Wan

As stated in the biographical data presented by RUSI, Vancouver:

“Commander Price enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) in 1993. His time at sea includes sailing in Minor War Vessels and as an Officer-in-Charge of training vessels on the west coast in operational and training roles. He has extensive experience in domestic operations and has been a member of Joint Task Force Pacific’s Regional Liaison Program since 2013, leading that program since 2018. This team is the point-of-contact with Emergency Management BC and the BC Wildfire Service during events such as forest fires, floods, and pandemic response. He has also served as a member of the Vice-Chief of Defence Staff’s (VCDS) Directorate of Employer Support to build relationships with reservists’ civilian employers and educational institutions to ensure they could continue the pursuit of a Reservist military career. Commander Price served as the Commanding Officer of HMCS DISCOVERY on three separate occasions over eight years.

In 2021 Commander Price deployed on OPERATION NEON as Commander TASK FORCE BLUERIDGE based at the United States Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan in enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolutions limiting the import of oil into North Korea. Commander Price was the Deputy Director for the Enforcement Coordination Cell. He is currently the Chief-of-Staff for the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve Western Region where he is responsible for the oversight of administration, personnel management, and training for seven Naval Reserve Divisions in the four Western provinces.”

Congratulations to RUSI, Vancouver for another excellent presentation in their highly popular “Speakers Series”.

## **REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY - VANCOUVER COMMONWEALTH GRAVES SECTION 8 APRIL 2023**





For the first time since Vimy Day in 2019 (due to the pandemic restrictions on public activities), a very memorable parade was held at Mountain View Cemetery, CWG Section, to mark the 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. With over 250 cadets, parents, CIC Officers, veterans, and volunteers in attendance, it was an amazing event for such a very cool and wet Vancouver day!



BCR Band, Gayle Hawthorne & Sgt (Ret'd) Roi Hirtle



MC, ANAVETS & Bob Underhill keep dry.

All Lower Mainland BCR Cadet Units (2290 BCR, 2381 BCR, 2827 BCR and 3300 BCR) were very well represented and well turned out. The Master of Ceremonies for the mid morning Remembrance Ceremony was our very own Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, BCR Cadet Governor, ably assisted by Parade Marshalls Steve Kern and Bob Underhill.



L-R Mayor Sim, Ted Hawthorne, HLCol Bill Diamond and MC LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett

The Mayor of Vancouver, His Worship, Ken Sim, was the special guest for the morning's Ceremony of Remembrance.





Over 230 Army Cadets marched to the Service



Each Cadet covered off a Grave site.



Reviewing Officer HLCol Foster & MC await Cadet RSM 72<sup>nd</sup> Seaforth



The Last Post and Rouse were played by BCR Bugler Jose Blanco and the Lament by the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Pipe Major, Sgt. Daniel Bell. A full contingent of the BCR Brass & Reed Band attended and played O Canada and God Save the King.



Wreath laying included: for the City of Vancouver, His Worship Ken Sim, for the Regiment, HLCol Bill Diamond, for 15<sup>th</sup> Field, RCA, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, for the Regimental Association, President Jim Barrett and Vice-President Ted Hawthorne, for ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, Kelly Kwong and Steve Ko, and The Army Cadet League of Canada, BC (Treasurer Mike Johnson).



LCol Jim Barrett & Former HCol Ted Hawthorne lay wreath on behalf of the BCR Association (Photos by Steve Ko)





Michael Johnson lays a wreath on behalf of the Army Cadet League of Canada (BC) (Photos by Steve Ko)

Special thanks to our good friend Jim Howard of the Vancouver Poppy Fund Committee for his customary good work on the supply and organization of wreaths. Immediate Past President Gayle Hawthorne and Directors-at-Large, Roger Prouse and Scott Hamilton, were also in attendance. Our special thanks to Veteran Affairs Canada for their support.



Mayor Ken Sim with BCR Officers and HLCol Don Foster and Former HCol Rogers from 15 FD (Photo by Steve Ko)





(Photo by Steve Ko)



Maj (Ret'd) Roger Prouse with Michael Johnson

A reception followed the ceremony compliments of the Regimental Association (with kudos to our Roger and Louise Prouse) and Mountain View Cemetery for providing great support for the event, including reception facilities and coffee. Thank you all for a wonderful Commemoration Ceremony!

## VANCOUVER VIMY PARADE 8 APRIL 2023



On April 8th 2023, over 200 cadets from the BCR cadet corps, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, the Royal Westminster Regiment, 15 Field Artillery and 39 Service Battalion corps took part in the 106th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge Commemoration, held at Mountain View Cemetery.



The Battle of Vimy Ridge was fought in April 1917 during World War I, between the Canadian Corps and the German Army. The battle began on April 9, 1917, and the Canadians successfully captured the hill after four days of heavy combat. The triumph came at a high price, with almost 10,000 Canadians slain, including 3,598 troops. The Battle of Vimy Ridge is regarded as a watershed point in Canadian history because it was the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force fought together and won a critical victory



L-R: LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, Maj (Ret'd) Roger Prouse, MWO (Ret'd) Steve Kern, Mrs Simar Pabla, SSM (Ret'd) Bob Underhill

Thank you to the BCR Association for providing all the cadets and guests with some warm refreshments and a delicious Subway lunch. Bravo Zulu to all the cadets who attended the ceremony, regardless of the spontaneous Vancouver weather.

UP THE DUKES!!!

Post Credits:  
MWO. Harmannat Pabla -  
Cadet Correspondent  
3300 BCR RCACC



## REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER 8 APRIL 2022



The Former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and Vice President of the Regimental Association, Ted Hawthorne, attended at Saint Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, in the early afternoon of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in order place a Regimental Association Wreath 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 106<sup>th</sup> 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!



**THE BC REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)  
THE JUNIOR RANKS TEAM VERSUS THE OFFICERS, WARRANT  
OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS TEAM  
ROGERS ARENA, VANCOUVER  
12 APRIL 2023**



It was a Herculean Struggle of the first order at tonight's hockey game between the highly touted Junior Ranks' Team and the always determined Officers', Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Team which was played before an enthusiastic crowd of Junior Ranks, and family, including Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, also a JR type, at Rogers Arena in Vancouver.



While the outcome was never in doubt, it was a hard-fought contest with end-to-end action and excellent goaltending.





JRs Hoist the Barrett Cup for 2023





Thank you to our Soldiers for a great game. You are all the greatest!

Up the Dukes!

**Editor's Note:** The final score was 10 to 1 for the JRs! The play by play in the JR Section was incredible and worth the price of admission alone.



**COMMEMORATION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN  
WAR ARMISTICE & COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEMORIAL WALK  
FOR PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE  
THE GAPYEONG STONE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL IN LANGLEY TOWNSHIP  
14 APRIL 2023**



Guy Black on the right

It was a sunny spring morning at the beautiful Derek Doubleday Arboretum in Langley Township, the location of The Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial, where Guy Black was given an appropriate send off in an informal gathering of supporters.





Speakers included, MC Michael Chang, President of Korean Veterans, Western Canada Chapter, Seonghun Kim, Consul General of the Republic of South Korea, Kim Tae Yong, President of The Korean War Veterans of Western Canada and the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, bringing greetings from the Regimental Family.



Congratulations and our very best wishes to Guy on his 600 Kilometre Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance from the Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial to Vancouver International Airport, a long flight to Incheon where the walk continues to Gapyeong County and Pocheon – Si, Korea.





Good luck and safe travels, Guy and we will hear from you next Friday!

## COMMEMORATION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE FIRST STOP ON THE MEMORIAL WALK FOR PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE REGAL CRESCENT, MAPLE RIDGE 14 APRIL 2023



Elizabeth MacHardy, Guy Black & Ted Hawthorne

The first stop for Guy on his 600 Kilometre Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance was at the residence of Elizabeth MacHardy on Royal Crescent in Maple Ridge, the older sister of Pte William Strachan of 2 RCR, who was killed in action on 30 May 1951, during the battle for Chail-Li at Kakhul-bong Hill in Korea. An informal ceremony of Remembrance and Commemoration was held in memory of Pte. Strachan with the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne acting as the Master of Ceremonies. The speakers were Bob D'Eith, KC, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission and Parliamentary

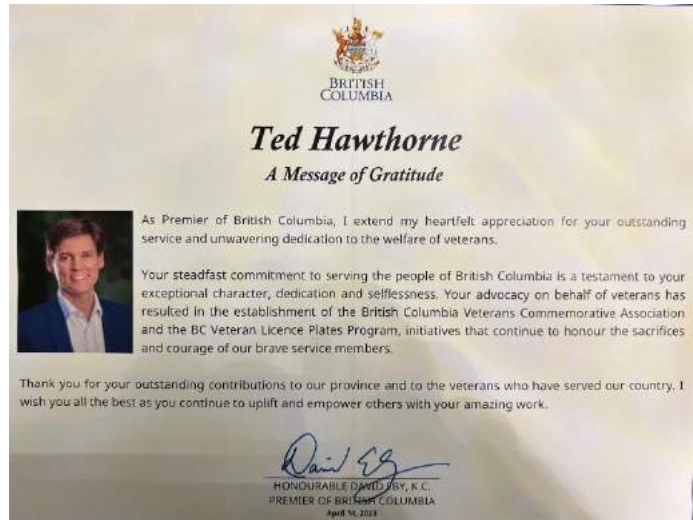


Secretary for Arts and Film, Korleen Carreras, Councillor for the City of Maple Ridge, Seonghun Kim, Consul General for the Republic of South Korea, Ted Hawthorne who conveyed greetings from the Regimental Association and read the letter addressed and presented to Elizabeth by the Colonel of the Regiment (RCR), Major-General (Retired) Denis Thompson, and Michael Chang, President of the Korean Veterans Association.



Thank you to Elizabeth and her sister Shirley for their wonderful hospitality and to Sean Black for bringing his Korean War ¾ T truck, complete with tactical signs.





Ted Hawthorne receives a special certificate from Premier David Eby for his support to Veterans and Veterans Programmes in British Columbia.

Again, congratulations and our very best wishes to Guy on his 600 Kilometre Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance from the Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial to Vancouver International Airport, a long flight to Incheon where the walk continues to Gapyeong County and Pocheon – Si, Korea.

Good luck and safe travels, Guy!

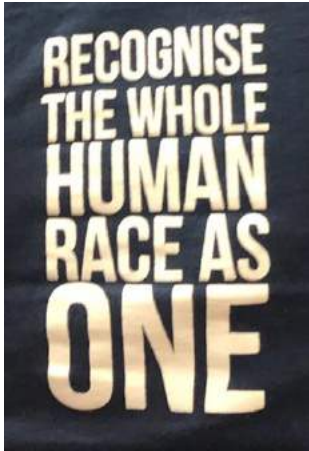
A reception followed at the residence of Elizabeth.

## 3300 BCR (BHAIR KANHAIYA) RCACC CONTRIBUTES OVER 200 SEEDLINGS IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY GARDEN IN SURREY 13 APRIL 2023





On the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> of April as part of their parade night, the cadets of 3300 BCR planted over 200 seeds for a community garden supported by Khalsa Aid Canada. This garden grows fresh fruits and vegetables which are donated to shelters which support vulnerable individuals and families.



The cadets learned a lesson on “Sewa” which is doing selfless acts without expecting anything in return and they also learned about “Bhai Kanhaiya” whose name is incorporated into our unit. Bhai Kanhaiya was known for giving water to all the wounded members on the battlefield no matter what their cast, creed or religion was.





We want to in-still these values in our cadets and teach them to respect each other and help everyone who needs it.

Regards,

Lt Harminder Palak



## AAR LEFT COAST LANCERS \_ BATTLE OF MOREUI WOOD LUNCH 30 MARCH 2023 SIDNEY NORTH SANNICH YACHT CLUB

### Situation

The annual gathering of the Left Coast Lancers took place on 30 March at the Sidney North Sannich Yacht Club commencing at 1130hrs and ending at about 1430hrs so the Main Land Contingent could arrive and return by ferry, thus capitalising on the Senior's Rate.

We had a good turnout of some thirty Lancers, with the usual cool weather bright sun. Bear in mind that we of the LCL are the acknowledged experts in the field of bitching about the weather. The included photos are a smattering of the more or less distinguished members of the LCL as of 30 March 2023. Please remember our operational tasks are to expunge the King's enemies on request, dine well and check on our various regimental fidus Achates.

We of the LCL where the only group in Canada to have a Battle of Moreuil Wood celebration of sorts, this due to the current global situation over which the LCL has very little control. However, we are available to provide opinions, harrumphing and scathing criticism as is our wont.





LdSH Sqn



The Lone Garry and the Lone 12 RBC



RCD Sqn





The BCR Sqn

The following are various bits of info and an obituary which is the unfortunate nature of our work.

### Armour Bulletin

Here is the latest tome for your review and consideration. We of the LCL must keep current in the event of our inevitable mobilisation and recall.

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### Broadmead

This is a pitch from Cam Ross who has been deeply involved with Broadmead and it's Veteran's Pavilion. For those on the Island this is of potential interest. LCL RHQ is here to assist.

*"Good morning, Team Army/RCAF,*

*This is an update on our fundraising efforts for this year. As of today, our Team has raised \$3868. While that is greatly appreciated, we are well short of the almost \$7000 raised last year.*

*There are a number of factors that are currently at play that may explain where we are. Inflation is up, as are living costs especially taxes and food. Understandably people are having a serious look at expenses including donations to charities. This year's Broadmead fundraising objectives may not seem as necessary compared to other years when capital improvements were highlighted. Tilt commodes versus kitchen upgrades may not seem as appealing ... until you are the one on the throne.*

*My plea with two months left in our fundraising campaign is to look deep into your heart and your wallet and help those that have served Canada before us. For those that have already contributed thank you very much. For those that have contributed in previous years but haven't done so yet for this year please consider doing so soon. For those that have not contributed to Team Army/RCAF please consider starting. We aren't asking much and what you do provide is tax deductible. What a great occasion it would be to beat those Team Navy scallywags!*

*Ms Marci Harker is the Broadmead donation coordinator and will be delighted to accept your contribution. She can be reached at 250-658-3220 or at [Marci.Harker@broadmeadcare.com](mailto:Marci.Harker@broadmeadcare.com) “*

*Cameron Ross*

*Major-General CMM, CD (Ret'd); LdSH(RC)*

## **Vets Guide**

For those who are in or approaching the mine field that is Veterans Affairs Canada here is an updated recce report. Good luck!

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## **Obituary**

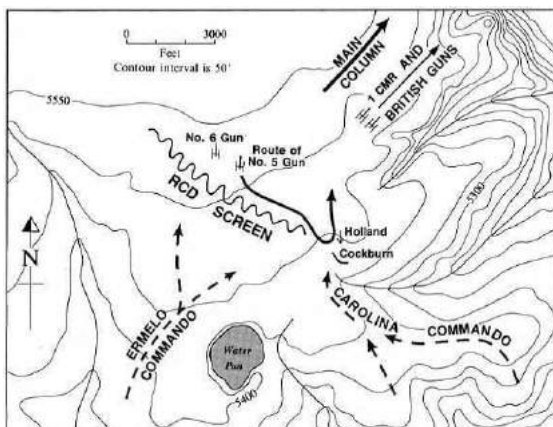
The obituary for Colonel William Magill, a former CO of the Strathcona's.

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## **Timings**

We are booked for the fall spectacle, the Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon (3 x VC's). The date is **16 November 2023**, in the usual predictable, comfortable, low stress format. The menu will be confirmed closer to the date, but rest assured there will be soft, chewable food for the Dragoons, well in fact, all of us.

Battle of Leliefontein - 7 November 1900





## In Closing

The LCL Herald is beavering away changing the badge from the loss of our wonderful Queen Elizebeth II to now King Charles III. Have a good summer if it ever comes.

Perseverance and Endurance

David Scandrett  
*Left Coast Lancers*  
Operations Officer and Maître de  
[Tango14@outlook.com](mailto:Tango14@outlook.com)  
15 April 2023 RHQ

## **COMMEMORATION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY 2 OF THE MEMORIAL WALK FOR PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA 18 APRIL 2023**



Congratulations to Team Guy Black who are now on the road in the Republic of South Korea on Day 2 of their Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance. With temperatures of 28 degrees Celsius, they are making good time and being greeted by many passersby on their trek to Gapyeong County and Pocheon.

Safe travels all and good luck!

**2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC PORT MOODY  
FTX NORTH STAR  
14-16 APRIL 2023**



Capt Dean McLennan reports on their first FTX for Spring 2023:

We had another successful FTX April 14 to 16 up at E.C. Manning Park. We were in the field with 4 Officers, including Capt Rothwell, Lt. Wong, OCdt Dailey, and I. We had 22 cadets being led by RSM WO Rewa Suktankhar.





Our FTX was our first overnight activity since pre COVID and both cadets and staff performed like a seasoned unit out in the field. Only 5 of our cadets had FTX experiences and many had never been camping in a tent let alone on snow. We set our bivs in Lone Duck 2 Group campsite and had temperature ranges from +6 to -5 at nights. . We conducted training on fire starting, care of field equipment, navigation and cold weather survival and preparations.



It truly was a fantastic experience, and all smiles all weekend long.

**CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE - 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BATTLE OF GAPYEONG, SOUTH KOREA  
THE BATTLE OF GAPYEONG KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
LANGLEY TOWNSHIP  
21 APRIL 2023**





The sacrifice, service, and dedication of our soldiers on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong, South Korea, was remembered on the morning of 21 April 2023 at the Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial in Langley Township in a very well attended special Ceremony MC'd by Michael Chang, President of the Korean War Veterans Association - Western Canada, and attended by many elected officials, dignitaries, leaders of the Korean Community and Veterans (including 11 Korean War Veterans).



M/C Mr. Michael Chang





Senator Yonah Martin







Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, representing the Regimental Association, was acknowledged in the introductory greeting and placed a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association.











Friends of the Regimental Family at the Ceremony included Senator Yonah Martin and Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance.





A reception followed at the unique Langley Rotary Club's Interpretive Centre, Derek Doubleday Arboretum.  
We will remember them!



# VAISAKHI CELEBRATIONS 2023

## SURREY PARADE

### 22 APRIL 2023



With crowds estimated to reach 700,000 people, this year's Vaisakhi Parade celebration in Surrey, the first since 2019 due to the Pandemic, was billed as the "Grand Return" and promised to be one of the largest in Canada, if not the world. A contingent of Cadets from 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC was busy recruiting for the unit by distributing promotional literature to the attendees. Regimental Association Members Jim Barrett, President, Ted Hawthorne, Vice President, and Scott Hamilton, Director-at-Large, were in attendance and joined the Commanding Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, Captain Karm Nagra in his community "walkabout".



Mayor of Surrey Brenda Locke joins us







Premier of BC David Eby and BCRs



During the course of this festive occasion, former Honorary Colonel Hawthorne invited the Premier of the Province, the Honourable David Eby, K.C., to join the BCR Group in a photo with our friend CPO (Retired) Susan Chant, MLA for Vancouver/Seymour.

“Vaisakhi marks the Punjabi new year and harvest season, along with the start of the Sikh religion with the founding of Khalsa in 1699” (Global TV).



What a wonderful celebration.....Happy Vaisakhi to all!

## BCR OFFICERS' MESS ST JULIEN GUEST DINNER 22 APRIL 2023



On Saturday, LCol Vince Virk, Commanding Officer BCR (DCO) and his officers welcomed guests to the St Julien Dinner which is held annually in remembrance of the members of the Regiment who fought at that location in April 1915 as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division facing the attack of the Germans using Poison Gas for the first time on the Western Front.



In attendance was the Commander 39 CBG, Col Scott Raesler, as well as a good representation of officers from the Brigade Headquarters and other units. From the BCR, Honorary Col Farid Rohani, HLCol Bill Diamond, BSM CWO Tony Harris, RSM Arn Matibag, and Padre Chris Pappas joined PMC Maj Adam Brown, the CO and Commander on the head table. LCol Kent Wickens, CO of the Seaforths and former CO of 15 FD, LCol Brent Purcell joined a host of other prominent guests including HLCol Don Foster from 15 FD RCA. Former HCol Ted Hawthorne, and LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, President of the BCR Association attended as well as Col Peter Bell, who currently is the senior serving BCR. Not to be left out we noted that the CO's Father, Mr Virk, attended the dinner. Vancouver Police and North Vancouver Fire Departments were both represented at the dinner.





Bill Whalen & HLCol Bill Diamond



(L-R) Ted Hawthorne, HLCol Bill Diamond, Unk, Maj (Ret'd) Dan Thomas

Prior to the Dinner, in the Mess, the portrait of Capt William Holmes, DSO, MC 7<sup>th</sup> BN CEF was presented to the Mess by HLCol Bill Diamond and Museum President Bill Whalen. The oil painting has been rescued from a Militaria Shop in Victoria where it had been on sale. The portrait of Capt Holmes was professional cleaned and remounted in its frame prior to the presentation.



The meal came in multiple courses and followed an Indian spice theme, which is appropriate as the dinner was held on the same day as the Surrey Vaisakhi Parade.







A Commanding Officer's Commendation and coin were given to Lt (Ret'd) Bill Whalen for his exemplary efforts as the President of the BCR Museum Society, but also for all the hard work that he has put in to improve displays and support that he and his team have given to the Regimental Family.



Both the BCR Brass Band and BCR Irish Pipes and Drums entertained us over the course of the dinner.







Col Raesler addresses the Dinner



HCol Farid Rohani



BSM CWO Tony Harris and PM Andrew Hayes



(L-R) HCol Farid Rohani, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, Col Peter Bell, Maj (Ret'd) Roger Prouse and Ted Hawthorne







Pipe Major Andrew Hayes



Another great evening of comradeship and remembrance.

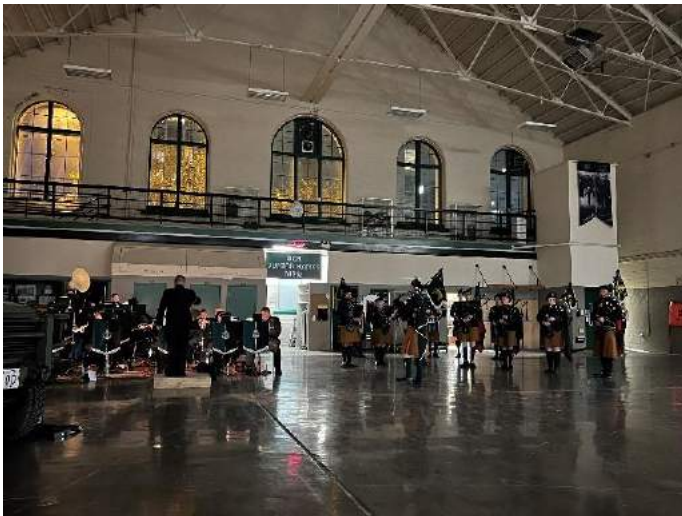
Up the Dukes!



## THE BCR IRISH PIPES & DRUMS 24 APRIL 2023



The BCR Irish Pipes and Drums are thrilled to receive their new Bb concert pitch pipe chanter, which were made possible through band support donations by William McCarthy (in remembrance of former Honorary Colonel Bill Ireland), Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) David Sproule and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



The new pipe chanter allows the band to accompany the BCR Brass and Reed Band at concert pitch. The bands are excited to collaborate on well-known sets like "Sands of Kuwait" and the Regimental quick march, "Killaloe".



**REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF SAINT JULIEN  
24 APRIL - 4 MAY 1915  
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER  
24 APRIL 2023**



On the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of St. Julien, Second Battle of Ypres, the service and sacrifice of our Fallen was remembered mid morning at St Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall. A moment of silence was observed, and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne placed a wreath on behalf of Regimental Family.



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**ANZAC MEMORIAL DAY  
BLUE MOUNTAIN PARK CENOTAPH  
COQUITLAM, B.C.  
25 APRIL 2023**



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 and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Vice President, placed a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association at the foot of the Memorial.







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## SAINT GEORGE'S DAY CHURCH PARADE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE 23 APRIL 2023

By Lt Shawn M. Wade, CD, LL.M., K.StG.

Sunday, April 23, 2023, saw a group of like-minded people gather together at All-Saint's Anglican Church in Burnaby, to commemorate the feast of St. George, Patron Saint of soldiers, of England. And the champion of the underdog, against great odds.



Captain Reverend Gordon Barrett M.Div, kSt.G, (Rtd.) retired Deacon of All Saints and Padre of the Order, officiated. Lt. Shawn M. Wade, CD, LL.M., K.St.G., president of the Royal Society of St. George and the Royal Commonwealth Society read as did Mr. Jimmy Yan MA, (Field Knight of the Order of St. George). Some of the Order members in attendance were Cascadia Prior Chevalier Allen Plett CD, KC.St.G, Chevalier Edmund Wu, K.St.G., Chevalier Lt. Col, James Barrett, CD, K.St.G, Dame Caroline Orazetti D.St.G., along with Royal Commonwealth Society Members, Royal Society of St. George Members and members of the All Saints community.

After a lovely Church service, we repaired downstairs for a reception. A ceremonial cake, provided by Dr. Daniel Brown of the Royal Society of St. George and the Royal Commonwealth Society, was cut by Shawn. Dr. Brown read out the Provincial Proclamation of St. George's Day in the Province of British Columbia.



Lt Shawn Wade as President of the Royal Commonwealth Society spoke in his constructive remarks on the significance of the day, of the nature of St. George and how our various organizations worked together for good their St. Georgian efforts. He paid tribute to our dear departed Sovereign Queen Elizabeth and reminded us of the upcoming Coronation. Shawn also paid tribute to Governor Lord Patten of Barnes who was that day awarded the Most Excellent Order of the Garter by the King.







At the end we sang God Save the King. A great time of fellowship, sharing of knowledge and making of new friends rounded off this special St. George's day on the eve of the Coronation of our new King.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE  
SUMMARY OF THE 600 KILOMETRE MEMORIAL WALK FOR PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE  
26 APRIL 2023**



Ryan, Clinton and Guy Black lay poppy wreath on Wednesday April 26th. Canadian ambassador was present.

**Editor's Note from Ted:** The following is Guy Black's final report on the successful completion of "The Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance". Congratulations Guy on your successful completion of the 600 Kilometre Memorial Walk for Peace and Remembrance from the Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial to Vancouver International Airport, a long flight to Incheon and the walk continuing to Gapyeong County and Pocheon – Si, Korea. Photos include stops along the way (interview with KBS News on the way to Hill 677 with 23 Korean ROTC Cadets, a chance meeting with Canadian Soldiers at Hill 677, finishing the walk with soldiers of the Korean Army and a wreath laying ceremony at the Canada Kapyong Monument with the Canadian Ambassador).



KBS News Interview

Walk Finished

"Hi Ted, we finally finished the walk today. We hiked up Kakhul-bong hill with the Korean army. This is where Pte. William Strachan (2PPCLI) died. We also visited the location where a MASH unit was stationed and 13 Canadians died, one was Higgins from BC, he was also PPCLI. Then we went to Chail-li where the RCR fought. We completed our journey. Team effort with Clinton Lee pushing through foot pain to be my main walking buddy. Thanks for your 100% support. Guy."

Link for South Korean Coverage

<https://n.news.naver.com/article/056/0011475392?sid=100>



# SIKH HERITAGE MONTH

## KHALSA AID CANADA - FOOD BANK DRIVE

### SAVE-ON-FOODS, DELTA, B.C.

### 29 APRIL 2023



Congratulations to Khalsa Aid Canada for sponsoring such a very successful Food Bank Drive in support of local food banks today. Save-On-Foods generously donated 10 pallets of food to kick start the initiative which has a goal of collecting 100,000 pounds of food! Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne visited the Khalsa Aid Team at Save-On-Foods in Delta on a beautiful Saturday morning to support this most worthy program, at the invitation of Lt. Harminder Palak, Training Officer of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC.



It is noteworthy that our Cadets at 3300 BCR are supporting a Community Garden project in conjunction with Khalsa Aid Canada's Food Bank Drive (see below). Khalsa Aid Canada is based on the Sikh Principle of "Recognize the Whole Human Race as One". In Canada, Khalsa Aid Canada provides "food security, Indigenous support, natural disaster relief, international student support, community partnerships, support for the unhoused and winter clothing drives to help the most vulnerable members of society".



As reported by 3300 BCR on April 13<sup>th</sup> last:

“Tonight, the cadets planted over 200 seeds for a community garden supported by Khalsa Aid Canada. This garden grows fresh fruits and vegetables which are donated to shelters which support vulnerable individuals and families.

The cadets learned a lesson on “Sewa” which is doing selfless acts without expecting anything in return and they also learned about “Bhai Kanhaiya” whose name is incorporated into our unit. Bhai Kanhaiya was known for giving water to all the wounded members on the battlefield no matter what their cast, creed or religion was.

We want to instill these values in our cadets and teach them to respect each other and help everyone who needs it”.



Our very best wishes to Khalsa Aid Canada for their great work and congratulations to the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, CIC Officers and volunteers at 3300 BCR for their amazing support!





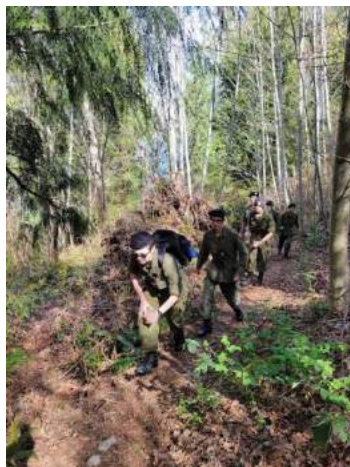
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**JOINT CADET FTX HAYWIRE BAY, POWELL RIVER  
EX LOST SOULS  
2781 BCR (DCO) & 2472 15 FD  
28 to 30 APRIL 2023**



Cadets from both 2781 BCR & 2472 15 FD – Haywire Bay

In the planning for several months a combined cadet Field training Exercise (FTX) focused on basic navigation skills was held at the Haywire Bay Provincial Campsite between the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Joining twelve cadets from our BCR Powell River Cadets were eight cadets from 2472 15 Field RCACC who travelled up from the Vancouver Area to participate in what for many was their first field training since the Covid Shutdown. Overall Exercise Director was Captain Caroline Visser from 2781 BCR and the OIC was Capt Jiri Motak, the 2IC and Training Officer for 2472 15 FD. Capt Kirk Weale, CO 2472, assisted CI Barrett with Supply and stores and supervised training as needed. CV Robert Francis from Powell River taught the cadets how to make Bannock 'on a stick.'



Arriving in the Powell River area the 15 Field Cadets stopped first at a viewing point near the old townsite to view the breakwater for the mill that was largely made of sunken Victory Ships from WW II, many still with some recognisable superstructure where anti-aircraft guns were mounted. On arrival at the Timberlane Barracks the 15 Field Cadets were given a lesson on shooting bearings by LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, President of the BCR Association, who is also a Civilian Instructor currently on strength with the Powell River Cadet Corps.



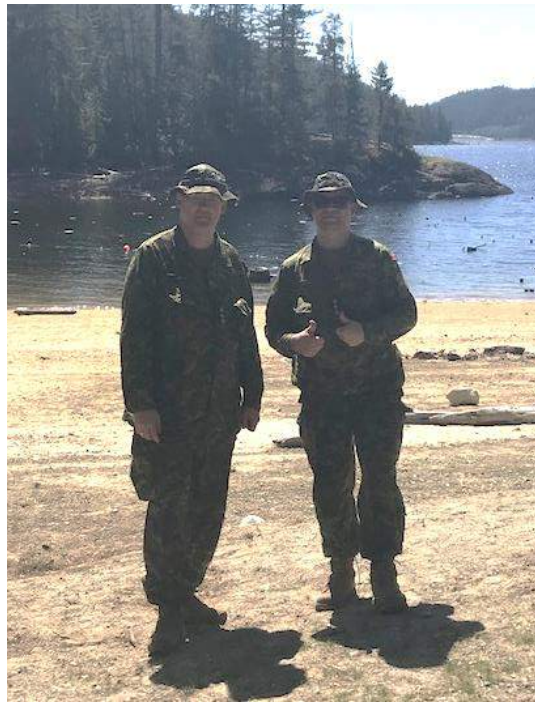
15 FD Cadets and Capt Motak with 'Kai' (Photos by Robert Francis)

Joined later on Friday evening by cadets from the BCR Powell River Cadet Corps, all the cadets were given further training on shooting and moving along bearings. Saturday morning commenced with a six-kilometre hike for the cadets to the Haywire Bay Campsite led by Civilian Volunteer Robert Francis and Capt Jiri Motak. Saturday was clear and warm.



Following a MRE lunch, and the setting up of their tents for the evening, the cadets conducted more practical shooting of bearings and did multiple scenarios, including navigation by 'leapfrogging'.





Capt Kirk Weal & Capt Jiri Motak



Cadets making Bannock 'on a stick' and Haywire Bay in the evening

Following the evening meal, the cadets participated in fun activities before a final 'mugging up' snack before calling it a night.





(Photo by Robert Francis)

Sunday, saw the final meal and the breaking of camp with the 15 Field Cadets redeploying back to the Bessborough Armoury where they were challenged by a slight delay in catching the ferry back to Horseshoe Bay. The 15 Field Cadets commented in their debriefing on the ferry home how much they enjoyed the opportunity to train with another cadet corps and looked forward to future opportunities and more hiking challenges.

A successful final FTX for both corps training years.

Up the Dukes!  
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**THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC - 1939 – 1945  
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, UNIT 119  
PORT MOODY, B.C.  
2 MAY 2023**



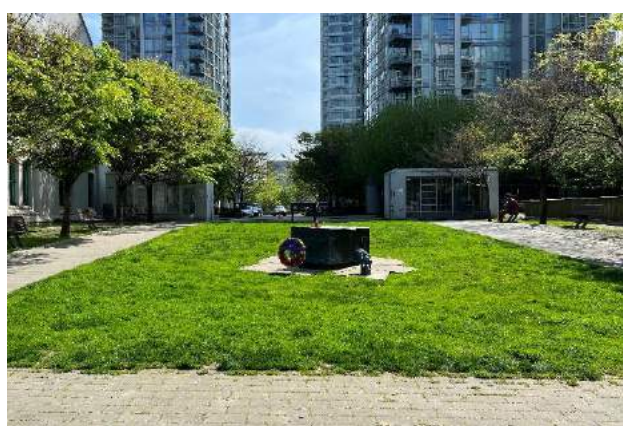
During a beautiful spring morning on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the service and sacrifice of those who served in The Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous military campaign in World War II from 1939 to 1945, was remembered at The Royal Canadian Legion, Unit #119, Memorial where former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne placed a wreath and observed a moment of silence on behalf of the Regimental Family.





We will remember them!  
Up the Dukes!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY (NATIONALE DODENHERDENKING) AND LIBERATION DAY KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ST JULIEN SQUARE 4 - 5 May 2023



Remembering the service and sacrifice of our soldiers of the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) on the occasion of the annual Remembrance Day observance for the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 4th and the 78th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 5th, a wreath was placed at St Julien Square by the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, to mark these special days of Commemoration.





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## **CANADIAN JUNIOR RANGERS THE MOCCASIN SEPT 2023**

We have received permission to publish **The Moccasin** in Sunday's edition of **The BCR News**. You will find the PDF Attached to your email where you opened the BCR Weekly News.

Enjoy.

## **Veterans- Opportunity to help build Canadian Veteran/military cultural awareness for health care providers**

Gentlemen,

1. Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families is conducting research on how service providers can better assist veterans and their loved ones. One thought is that if service providers had a better understanding of military culture, they may be able to build trust and serve our community more efficiently.
2. Please forward this email and the associated attachments to ALL members of the Association in addition to any of your contacts in other military associations in 39Bde.

3. While I understand that most don't like to read long emails (especially with attachments); however, this is an opportunity to shape the future for Veterans and their families that are seeking care within the civilian community.
4. Any questions or concerns can be forwarded to the Implementation team: [Implementation-atlas@theroyal.ca](mailto:Implementation-atlas@theroyal.ca) - 613-722-6521 ex. 7203
5. Thanks in advance,

Up the Dukes.

Huf Mullick

Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families  
Institut Atlas pour les vétérans et leur famille

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[atlasveterans.ca](http://atlasveterans.ca)

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We are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.  
Nous sommes situés sur un territoire traditionnel non cédé du peuple anishinabé algonquin.

[Why land acknowledgements are important](#)  
[Pourquoi les reconnaissances des territoires sont importantes](#)

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Dear Veterans,

**Have you ever felt that you spend too much time in your medical or therapy appointments explaining your Veteran/military experiences to your health care provider so they can better understand and address your health needs?**

**What if your health care provider had a better understanding of Canadian Veteran/military culture so they could better address your health needs?**

The [Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families](#) is looking to build military/Veteran cultural awareness amongst health care providers by developing tools that are relevant for a range of services – from therapists to nurses to doctors. If you've served in the CAF and have some ideas to share, we'd love to hear from you.

**You're invited to participate in an online group session to talk about the unique aspects of Veteran/military culture that you feel have impacts on health care services that are provided to you and your Family.**

**See below to learn more about how you can participate, register, and the attached PDF for some FAQs.**

If you have contacts you think would be interested in this opportunity, feel free to pass this information along to them.

The details

Who can participate?



We want to hear from different Canadian Veteran perspectives across military roles and ranks (e.g., elements, trades); age; geographic locations (including urban, rural, and remote); English and/or French speakers\*; sex, gender identities and expressions, and sexual orientations; and ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

You are welcome to, but not required, disclose the combination of diverse perspectives you may bring.

*\*The sessions are facilitated in English and we can provide translation if requested. At this time, we regrettably don't have the capacity to hold sessions in French. We recognize the value of doing so and intend to have other opportunities for Francophone participants in the future.*

### What is the format?

We are hosting 90-minute online engagement sessions with [Overlap Associates](#) as our facilitators. The Atlas Institute's Veteran Lived Expertise Lead will join the Veteran session.

- The virtual session will be hosted on the Zoom Video Conferencing platform (registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis; 25 max.)
- We will use [Menti](#) as a polling platform to allow for anonymous and individual input.
- The session will include interactive individual and full group activities and discussions.

### When are the sessions?

As a Veteran, there are two sessions you can attend (and you can choose if you would like to attend only one or both):

For Veterans	Aim	Date	Time
<b>Engagement Session 1</b>	<b>Veterans</b> share their insights on what is important for health care providers to know.	Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	11:00 – 12:30 PM ET <a href="#">Find your time zone</a>
<b>Engagement Session 6</b>	<b>Veterans and Family members</b> validate the initial information gathered during all sessions.	Tuesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	2:00 – 3:30 PM ET <a href="#">Find your time zone</a>

### Registration information

Please register for **each** session you'd like to participate in:

**What:** Engagement session 1- Veterans

**When:** Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. ET

**Registration:**

[https://overlapassociates.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdOupqj0jHtXcq7SWlhSn8TPZCXbT\\_cmd](https://overlapassociates.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdOupqj0jHtXcq7SWlhSn8TPZCXbT_cmd)

**What:** Validation engagement session 6- Veterans and Veteran Families

**When:** Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET

**Registration:**

<https://overlapassociates.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlSd-GsqTouHNHmct-2qCDTdSp8cirqEMkZ>

You can learn about additional sessions we're hosting for other participants in our FAQs.

# VIVAT REX – CELEBRATING THE KING’S CORONATION

## ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

### 3 MAY 2023



An enthusiastic crowd, which featured a couple of Knights a Raja and a diplomat forgathered at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 for a Pre-Coronation Luncheon to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.



The Royal Commonwealth Society Mainland of British Columbia and the Royal Society of St. George sponsored an event which featured speeches in support of the Crown, a photo gallery where you could be King or Queen for a few minutes, a display of stamps, books and an original 1953 William Britain’s Coronation Coach and horses. President, Lt. Shawn M. Wade, CD, used a Baker Rifle sword bayonet lent by Society Member Lt. Col. James Barrett, CD, to cut a ceremonial cake which featured a photo of King Charles. Vivat Rex!

Lt Shawn Wade, CD



# CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280 6 MAY 2023



(L-R) Steve Paikin & Ted Barris

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, program for the morning forum on ZOOM, commenced with a brief introduction by King Wan on this week's commemoration of The Battle of the Atlantic (Canada's longest battle in WWII lasting 2,074 days) and the Royal Canadian Navy Fleet Weekend, Vancouver 2023, with many RCN ships visiting and docked at Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver. In keeping with this week's commemoration, the members were treated to an excellent video of an interview by Steve Paikin of Ted Barris, the accomplished author of **Battle of the Atlantic, Gauntlet of Victory.**



Following the most informative video, the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 held their respective regular monthly business meetings. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by President King Wan, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.

Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for their continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!

# THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL MILITARY GALA

## SHERATON WALL CENTRE VANCOUVER

### 6 MAY 2023



15 Field Regiment RCA Band Performs at BC Military Gala







Pipe Major Seaforth Highlanders of Canada



LCol Paul Lindsay, BGen Nick Stanton, LCol Viri & Ted Hawthorne

After a three year hiatus due to COVID, the Annual Military Gala returned in fine form and was a very well-attended (423 attendees) and a successful event with an enjoyable reception, a delicious dinner, excellent music by The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and The Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, speeches by Major-General Rob Roy MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support and Colonel Scott Raesler, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, traditional toasts (The King by Brigadier-General Nic Stanton, Director General Army Reserve, The President by RMR

Honorary Colonel Tom Newell and The Fallen by Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) David Whittier) and Military Marches acknowledging the unit affiliation of the attendees. The Grand March was perfectly orchestrated by Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, President of the Regimental Association. The Gala continues to support the Soldiers' Wellness Programs at 39 CBG. Many thanks to this year's Lead Sponsor of the Gala, BMO, Sponsor, Kopar Administration Ltd., Supporters, St. Hebertus Estate Winery and Kingswood Capital Corporation.



39 CBG Hon Cols & Former HCOLs

The Military Gala was well supported by the Regimental Family with three tables, including a table for serving members of the Regiment, represented by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Virk (Noor) and RSM, CWO Arnold Matibag (Simret); the second table, represented by Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani (Nika) and the third table for the Regimental Association with former CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Lindsay (Michelle), President Jim Barrett (Patricia), Vice President Ted Hawthorne, Past President Gayle Hawthorne, Association Members Dan Thomas (Janan), Michelle Hawthorne and her husband, Sean Harvey. This year's Military Gala saw the return of the Warrington Family with an amazing three tables to carry on the grand tradition of late "Doc Warrington" (former BCR Medical Officer), a strong supporter of the Military Ball for so many years. The BCR contingent truly excelled this year.





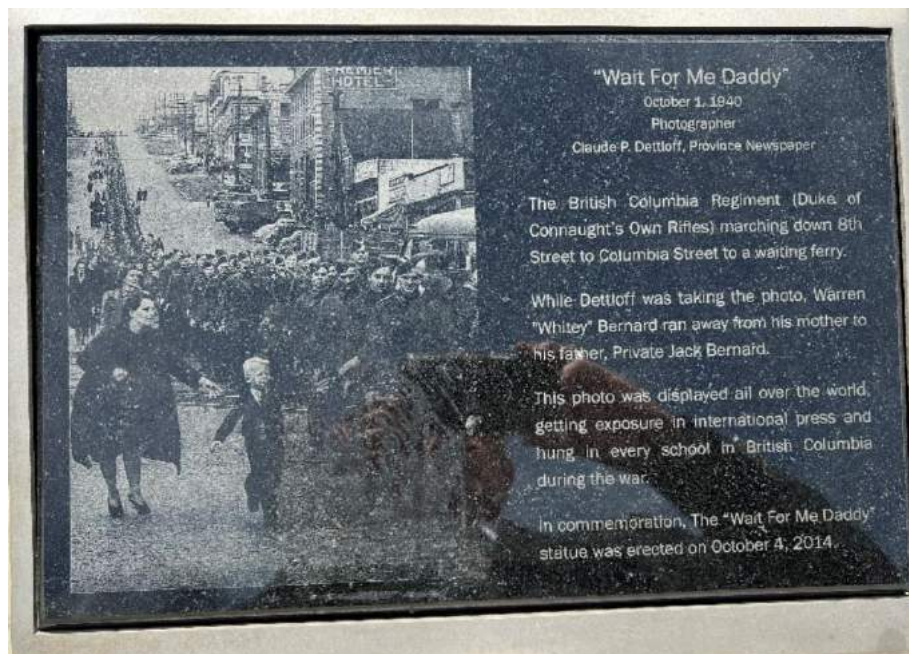


Former HCol Ted Hawthorne, RSM & Mrs Matibag, LCol Virk BCR & BCR First Responders



Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond was the major driving force behind this year's very successful Military Gala, hosted by 39 CBG.....many thanks to Bill and his Team.....congratulations!

**VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY  
“THE WAIT FOR ME, DADDY” MEMORIAL  
NEW WESTMINSTER  
8 MAY 2023**



The service, dedication and sacrifice of our soldiers were remembered on the 78th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at “The Wait for me, Daddy” Memorial at the foot of 8<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Streets in New



Westminster. A Regimental Wreath and a Candle of Remembrance were placed at the foot of the Memorial on behalf of the Regimental Family in the late morning of Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, by the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne.



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# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION THE BARRETT BUNKER 12 MAY 2023**

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, Scott Hamilton - Vice President, Patricia Barrett - Treasurer, Sandra Young - Secretary and Directors at Large – Gayle Hawthorne, Ted Hawthorne, Roger Prouse, Robert Remple and Graydon Young. Kudos to Jim and Patricia Barrett for their exceptional hospitality!



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

Up the Dukes!





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10 May 2023

### **BCR (DCO) ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM – 12 MAY 2023**

1. Since our last AMG in 2022, the BCR Association has carried on with all planned activities with the exception of the Christmas Fundraising Luncheon last December which was deferred to 2023. Support for all of our five BCR Cadet Corps from Powell River to Surrey, BC, has continued throughout the past year and all five corps have experienced positive growth. Commemorative parades and participation by Association representation have been carried out by my Vice-President Ted Hawthorne, our directors, members, and I, and we continue to support as many activities as our calendar allows. Most recently as the Chair of the Vancouver Vimy Day Parade in April, the BCR Association funded the event, fed the official guest including over 200 Army Cadets on parade, and look to be refunded most of the event costs through Veterans' Affairs Canada.
2. The Battlefield Tour scheduled for 2022 has been successfully rescheduled for 20 May to 1 Jun 2023 and is well supported by the Association as well as both the Honorary Colonels, with special thanks to HLCol Bill Diamond and Keith Maxwell for their work on this project. Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell will act as the tour guide and following the return of the main group, the CO BCR, RSM and a guard of soldiers will remain behind for the formal burial of two of our Great War fallen at Hill 70.
3. The Association continues to capture a historical record of the Regimental family's activities in the BCR Weekly News for eventual inclusion in 'The Duke'. The March Edition has been well received and the next edition will be ready to be produced at the end of June.
4. We are in sound financial position, and I am pleased to note that there continues to be an increase in our membership numbers.
5. Our next major commemorative event is the Perpetuated Battalions Parade Hosted near the 29<sup>th</sup> Bn Monument at the PNE on 30 Sep 2023. Hopefully the new interpretative signs explaining the Military History of the PNE will be in place prior to the 2023 PNE.
6. Moving forward towards our fall/ winter programme, we are looking to host our annual dinner at the Sandman for the 10<sup>th</sup> of November with special accommodation rates and for our charitable fundraiser at the Drill Hall for the first Thursday of December with assistance from our new directors and association members.

"Up the Dukes"!

Sincerely yours,

James D. Barrett, CD  
President

# BCR COMMANDING OFFICER'S PARADE "STAND DOWN" THE DRILL HALL VANCOUVER, B.C. 17 MAY 2023



LCol Virk addresses the Regiment and Q&A session

The evening's busy training program included a comprehensive Town Hall Meeting, complete with an extensive Q & A session, with the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Virk. The CO's Stand Down Parade followed with a good turnout of soldiers on parade. The CO gave a brief presentation to the Regiment and then proceeded with the extensive Honour & Awards segment to conclude the evening's program.



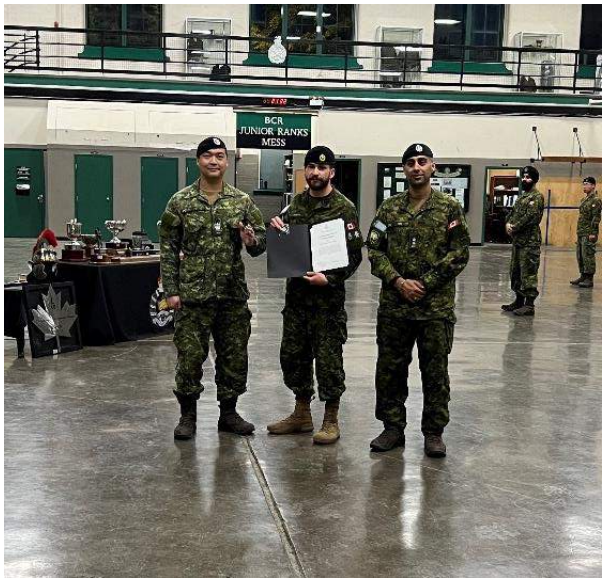


## HONOURS & AWARDS SEGMENT:



Commander - 39 CBG Commendation - MCpl Eng;





Commanding Officer's Commendation - MCpl Deringer, including the presentation of a JR Mug by Cpl Delaat, PMC, Junior Ranks;

# 1. Promotions:



Maj Stocker





Sgt Hooker



Promoted Cpl Truong, Cpl Rostad, Cpl Yan, Cpl Zadera

## 2. Regimental Awards:



Top Armoured Soldier (LCol A.F. Lungley Trophy) - Tpr Green



Top Master Corporal (Sgt Mark Salesse Drill Cane) - MCpl Eng



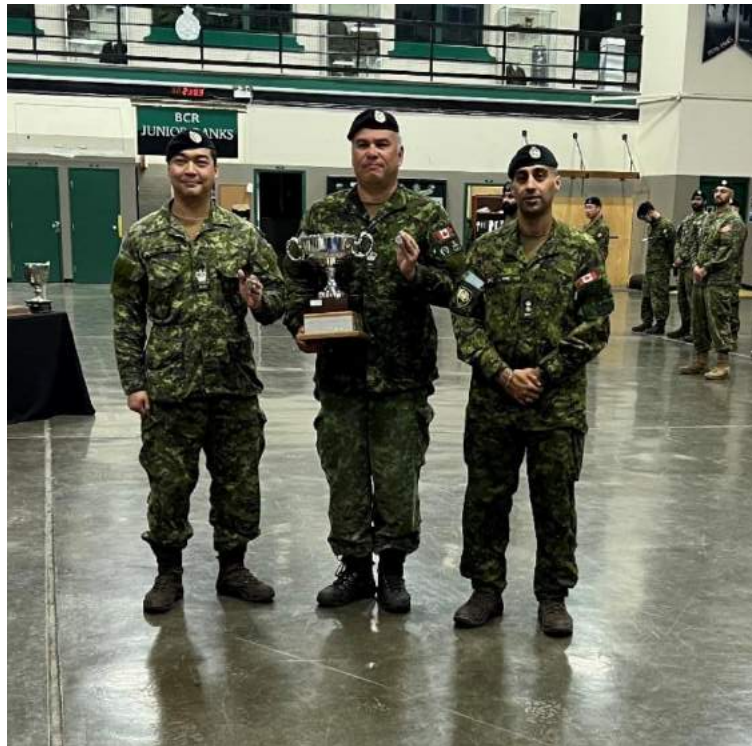


Top Senior NCO (Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Trophy) - Sgt Palmer



Top Junior Officer (LCol B.H. Gagne Trophy) – Lt. Pierce

- a. Top Crew (BGen Arthur G. Chubb Trophy)
  - i. Sgt Galang (11A)
  - ii. MCpl Gangar
  - iii. Cpl Sauer
  - iv. Cpl Cao
  - v. Tpr Barthel



Top Instructor (Pte Walter Stevenson Memorial Trophy – JNCO / SNCO Proficiency Award) - WO McKee



Most Physically Fit (Couture / Van Heerden Award & Roman Helmet) – WO Davidson





CO, Cpl Parker & Sgt Mark  
Top Marksperson (7th Bn Association Most Efficient Rifleman Trophy) – Cpl Parker



Top Gunner Award (Tpr Tom Simpson Trophy) - Cpl Sauer

"Pizza Night" followed compliments of Honorary Padre, The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Rector & Dean Diocese of New Westminster, Christ Church Cathedral.



Also in attendance for the evening were Association President Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, HCol Farid Rohani, HLCol Bill Diamond, and Charitable Trust Chairman, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

Congratulations to all recipients, take care and have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

Up the Dukes!

**ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE, VANCOUVER  
OFFICERS' MESS, 15th FIELD REGIMENT, RCA  
THE 2023 RUSI, VANCOUVER SPEAKERS SERIES  
RODDY MACKENZIE, AUTHOR OF "BOMBER COMMAND,  
CHURCHILL'S GREATEST TRIUMPH"  
18 MAY 2023**







Wes Bowers, Mrs Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin, and Ted Hawthorne

A sell out crowd attended the RUSI luncheon and presentation by Mr. Roddy MacKenzie on his recent publication on the history of 'Bomber Command' which has been very well received and has been selling very well. The Commanding Officer of 15<sup>th</sup> FD Regiment RCA took time during the luncheon to acknowledge the service of WO Morris for her work as Chief Clerk and wished her well on her new posting.



LCol Nick Watts pays tribute to Chief Clerk WO Morris on Posting

The following is quoted verbatim from the RUSI promotional Information Circular on today's guest speaker, Roddy MacKenzie, who was ably introduced by the President of RUSI, Vancouver, Colonel Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD (Ret'd).



(L-R) Roddy MacKenzie & Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell

“Roddy MacKenzie's father served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Bomber Command during the Second World War, but like so many brave veterans who had survived the war, he spoke little of his exploits. When Roddy started on his personal journey to discover something of what his father had achieved, he uncovered a great deal about the devastating effectiveness of Bomber Command and the vital role it played in the defeat of Third Reich. Roddy became a man on a mission, and this revealing, and often personal study, is the result. Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph takes the reader through the early days of the Second World War and introduces all the key individuals who turned the Command into the war-winning weapon it eventually became, as well as detailing the men and machines which flew night after night into the heart of Hitler's Germany.

The main focus of his book is the destruction and dislocation wrought by the bombing to reduce, and ultimately destroy, Germany's ability to make war. In his analysis, Roddy dug deep into German archival material to uncover facts rarely presented to either German or English language readers. These demonstrate that Bomber Command's continual efforts, at appalling cost in aircrew casualties and aircraft losses, did far more damage to the Reich than the Allies knew.”



Roddy speaks on Bomber Command



Keith Maxwell, Roddy & HLCOL Don Foster



Roddy MacKenzie provided an excellent presentation on “Bomber Command, Churchill’s Greatest Triumph”, much to the delight of the attendees. A thorough Q & A followed to conclude the presentation on this very important controversial historical topic.



Roddy MacKenzie presented HLCol's Coin by HLCol Don Foster



The presentation was preceded by the fourth catered luncheon since the start of the Pandemic in 2020 with service of roast sirloin beef tip, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed carrots and peppers, tea and coffee and a small selection of desserts.



L-R: Former HCol Ted Hawthorne, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett BCR Association President, Mr Roddy Mackenzie, Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell & HLCol Don Foster 15 FD RCA

Congratulations RUSI, Vancouver on a complete sellout and their continuing success of the Speakers Series!

**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
3300 BCR (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC  
SIKH ACADEMY SCHOOL  
SURREY, B.C.  
18 MAY 2023**



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("3300 BCR") was held outdoors at the Sikh Academy School on 160th Street in Surrey, during a beautiful, warm summer evening. The Reviewing Officer was Cathy Bach, the President of The Army Cadet League of Canada.



Lt Harminder Palak M/C for the ACR



The Parade Commander was C/RSM C/CWO Jaspaul Palak. The Cadet Corps was well turned out with well over 60 cadets on parade, complete with an impressive Colour Party. The awards segment of the program was extensive and included many presentations by numerous invited dignitaries, the Commanding Officer, Captain Karm Nagra, CIC Officers and Palvinder Kundan, Chair of the Support Committee. Lt. Harminder Palak, Training Officer, was the Master of Ceremonies of the very successful Annual Ceremonial Review.



Reviewing Party inspects No. 1 Guard



Mrs. Kathy Bach National President of the Army Cadet League of Canada takes the Salute



#### Awards & Presentations:











CO Capt Nagra addresses the attendees



3300 BCR Cadets recognised with their long Service Medals & Bars



Lt & C/RSM Palak show their Jubilee Coins to the RO

BCRs in attendance included the Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani, the President of the Regimental Association, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, Vice President Scott Hamilton, the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and Director-at-Large Ted Hawthorne, Directors-at-Large Gayle Hawthorne and Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse.



The Honorary Colonel, Louise Prouse and Messrs. Barrett, Prouse and Hawthorne were presented with the new 3300 BCR Queen Elizabeth II 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Unit, for their on-going support.



Gayle Hawthorne was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for her support of the Unit.

Congratulations 3300 BCR and well done!



# **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC – POWELL RIVER 27 MAY 2023**



Commanding Officer Captain Caroline Visser reports that they were extremely proud of the job that the cadets did this year with their displays. Regrettably it appears that no pictures were taken as the 2781 cadets were thinking outside the box this year. The CO had asked them to change their thinking to what they were most passionate about in the programme or enjoyed the most in the programme and the cadets put together some great active displays this year. One on drill, one on fitness that showcased their fitness testing, and one on marksmanship, all of which had them demonstrating the movements and actions rather than just explaining them. It was great!



HCol Farid Rohani attended as the Reviewing Officer and was gracious and supportive, and put the cadets at ease, asking them great questions and praising their efforts. Everyone came away feeling very positive.















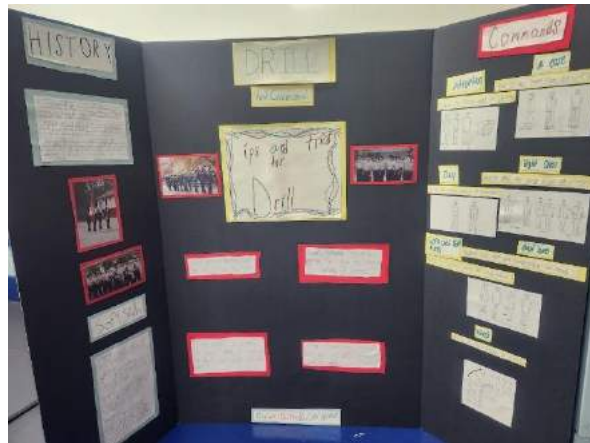




2781 BCR as part of the ACR had a Change of Appointment for the RSM position between WO Lukianchuk and WO Butler.







**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY  
ROBERT MOLES VETERANS PARK  
ALLIED VETERANS MEMORIAL  
AVENUE OF THE FLAGS,  
FERNDALE, WASHINGTON  
29 MAY 2023**



At the invitation of Ravi Gill, USMC S/Sgt (Ret'd), a good friend of the Regimental Family, the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and "Recce Bob" Remple, attended the moving Ceremony of Remembrance held in the early afternoon at the Allied Veterans Memorial on Sunday, 29 May 2023. As part of the ceremony, Ted and Bob placed a wreath in remembrance of the service and sacrifice of our Fallen allies of the US Armed Forces, on behalf of the Regimental Association. As part of this year's program, Eagle Scout Candidate, Jayden Gill (Troup 4026), dedicated his special Eagle Scout Project and unveiled the Global War on Terrorism Monument with his fellow Scouts. Congratulations, Jayden on your very impressive achievement!













Many thanks to our friends in the American Veterans' Community for their friendship, support, and hospitality.

We will remember them!

Up the Dukes!

**JUNE**

## 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC – PORT MOODY ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 3 JUNE 2023



2827 BCR Cadets and Staff ACR 2023





On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC commenced their Annual Ceremonial Review at the Port Moody Middle School, where the cadets performed an exceptional parade with excellent drill. HCol Farid Rohani, BCR (DCO) was the reviewing officer for the parade. Mr. Scott Hamilton, the Vice-President of the BCR Association attended the ceremony and was impressed with the cadets and organisation of the staff. Congratulations to Capt Dean McLennan, the cadets, and staff for their ACR 2023.



## **CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY & ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280 3 JUNE 2023**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280, program for the morning forum on ZOOM commenced with special guest speaker, Steven Hu, delivering an excellent presentation on the screening of his documentary film "136", which is to be officially released at Fort York on Canada Day this year. The video includes extensive historical photos and interviews with Veterans of Force 136 and their families.



Douglas Jung

According to his bio, "Steven Hu is currently pursuing his graduate degree at Georgetown University and served five years in the Canadian Armed Forces. He deployed in 2022 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. In his free time, he enjoys filmmaking, reading, and confusing his American classmates with his Canadian Accent".



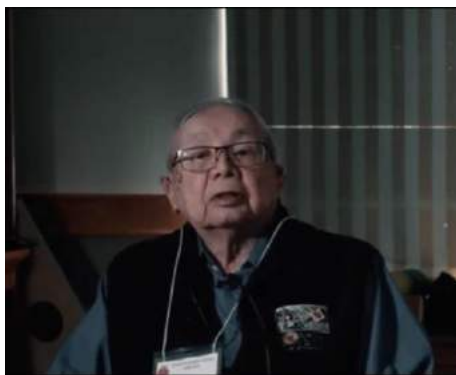
King Wan thanked Steven for his most insightful, informative, and detailed presentation. The presentation was followed by a short Q&A session with members.





Following the guest speaker, the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 held their respective regular monthly business meetings. The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by President King Wan, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.









Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for their continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION (BCVCA)

6 June 2023

Dear Ted,

History tells us that 06 June 1944 was the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

By the Spring of 1944, Germany had conquered most of the European continent, including France. A narrow stretch of water, the English Channel was all that separated the German Forces from Great Britain. A final victory over Germany could only occur with its defeat in North-Western Europe. The Allies decided to launch a major invasion against German Forces on the European continent. On D-Day, a massive Canadian, British and American Force crossed the English Channel engaging in Operation Overlord on a 50-mile stretch of heavily defended coast of Normandy, France. Allied troops fought their way to Normandy from different landing areas; Juno Beach (Canada), Gold and Sword Beaches, (United Kingdom) Utah and Omaha Beaches (United States).

15,000 Canadian Soldiers established a beachhead along a five-mile stretch fronting the villages of Courseulles-sur-Mer north to St. Aubin-sur-Mer. When completed, the completed, the Canadian and British troops would attack and capture the city of Caen. Prior to the landing, over 450 Canadians successfully parachuted inland, prior to dawn, to capture the bridges over the Orne River and the Caen Canal. Many Canadian soldiers fighting in the Normandy campaign were young and new to battle, but their courage and skill meant they often helped to lead the Allied advance against a determined enemy; it paid off.

The collective experiences of Canada's Veterans who landed in Normandy in the summer of 1944, and fought to close the Falaise Gap and beyond, provide Canadians with a proud and lasting legacy that will continue into our country's future. We MUST always remember those who served, and the Fallen. We MUST help to keep alive the values they fought for and died for truth, peace, freedom and diversity. These values guide much of what we do to-day and reflects our free and peaceful country.

Consider passing this message to your children and grandchildren children.

Thanks for your service

Best regards,

Archie

Archie M. Steacy, CD, (Ret'd)  
President, BCVCA

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## **ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC THE DRILL HALL 3 JUNE 2023**



The 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review ("ACR") of 2290 BCR was held at The Drill Hall on Saturday, 3 June 2023. The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, was the Reviewing Officer and the Parade Commander was RSM C/CWO Angie Liem.





The unit, complete with Flag Party and Band, with over 30 cadets on parade, was very well turned out and their dress, drill and deportment were excellent. BCRs in attendance included Major Peter Stocker and Warrant Officer Kevin McKee from the Regiment and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Past Present Gayle Hawthorne, from the Regimental Association.





In his RO address, Colonel Diamond, complimented and acknowledged the contributions of the Cadets, the Commanding Officer, Major Ken Prince, his Officers and Staff, the Sponsoring Committees, Volunteers and Parents.















L-R: Maj Stocker, Maj Ken Prince, Wo McLKee, HLCol Diamond, Former HCol Hawthorne



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

Congratulations 2290 BCR for an excellent ACR!



# **CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY**

## **4 JUNE 2023**

June 4, 2023  
Ottawa, Ontario

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement on Canadian Armed Forces Day:

"Today, we come together to honour the brave members of the Canadian Armed Forces – both past and present – for their remarkable courage, sacrifice, and selflessness in defending Canada's values, interests, and sovereignty, both at home and abroad.

"As we continue to face threats to global stability, the service of our Canadian Armed Forces is more important than ever – from providing military training and capacity building in support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on Operation UNIFIER, to supporting NATO's assurance and deterrence measures in Central and Eastern Europe on Operation REASSURANCE.

" Right here at home, they are also providing invaluable assistance to communities impacted by floods, wildfires, and other natural disasters. Whether it be at sea, on land, or in the air, our Canadian Armed Forces are keeping us safe, and we owe them and their loved ones our infinite gratitude for the sacrifices they make every day.

"To all members of the Canadian Armed Forces past and present: your service is invaluable to us. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I thank you, as well as your families and loved ones, for your selfless commitment to our country."

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The Prime Minister's Office - Communications

## **D-DAY MESS DINNER 39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENT 3 JUNE 2023**



The annual D-Day Dinner, commemorating the landings of 6 Field RCE, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Royal Regina Rifles and The Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) on D-Day, 6 June 1944, was held at the Lt. Col J.P. Fell Armoury in North Vancouver on Saturday, 3 June 2023. The Mess Dinner was hosted by the CO of 39 CER, LCol Stephen Piers, and the RSM, CWO Shane Batch, and was well attended by serving members and guests. The attendees were treated to an excellent reception and dinner and were feted by the play of the JP Fell Pipe Band and a quintet from the 15th Field RCA. BCRs present were the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, Audrey Diamond, Major Adam McLeod, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Dan and Janan Thomas.









An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all along with the traditional toasts, short speeches and Military Marches acknowledging the unit affiliation of the attendees. Many thanks to our friends of 39 CER and, in particular, to the unit's new Museum President, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, for the great hospitality!

Chimo!



**ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW  
2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC  
COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY  
6 JUNE 2023**



The Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, Bill Diamond, was the Reviewing Officer at this year's Annual Ceremonial Review for 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC held on the outdoor parade square of Richmond's Colonel Sherman Armoury on a beautiful evening on 6 June 2023. The Parade Commander of the ACR was RSM, CWO Dang Nguyen.





The evening's programme commenced with the arrival of the Reviewing Officer, Colonel Diamond, the inspection of the Corps by the Reviewing Party, which included former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, and the March Past.



During the course of the Awards and Presentations segment, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, presented the newly created "HCol E.A. (Ted) Hawthorne (Ret'd) Perseverance Award" to MWO Matthew Lin.











Colonel Diamond delivered his RO's address and thanked the Cadet Corps, CIC Officers, the Sponsoring Committee, parents, and volunteers for their work, and emphasized the many opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills under the Cadet Programme.



BCRs also in attendance were Captain Karm Nagra, CO of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, President Jim Barrett (with cane due to BFT knee injury & appropriately an Irish blackthorn cane) and Archie Pow.

Congratulations to the Cadets of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, the Commanding Officer, Captain Mike Azzano, CIC Officers and volunteers for on another successful year!

## **D-DAY REMEMBRANCE SAINT JULIEN SQUARE, VANCOUVER 6 JUNE 2023**



On the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, the service and sacrifice of our soldiers, sailors and airmen were remembered at a brief ceremony held at St Julien Square, adjacent to the Drill Hall, at 11:00 in the morning. A Candle of Remembrance was lit and placed on the Memorial, a moment of silence was observed by the attendees and the Act of Remembrance was recited. The former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Past President Gayle Hawthorne placed the wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association.



**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!

## **BURIAL LOOS BRITISH CEMETERY 8 JUNE 2023**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, Sgt R. Musgrave, Pte P Howarth, of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> BC) CEF and Pte H. Atherton of the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion CEF were buried with their comrades who perished at Hill 70 at the British Loos Cemetery not far from the Hill 70 Memorial. Burial Parties from the perpetuating Regiments, namely the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) and the King's Own Calgary Regiment were present along with the deceased closest living relatives located through the work of the Regiments and Dr Sarah Lockyer from History & Heritage's Casualty Identification Programme who work to identify newly found skeletal remains and pre-existing unknown graves of Canadian service members from the Great War, the Second World War and the Korean War. The Programme attempts to identify the Canadian service members and provides them with a proper military burial. When research identifies a Canadian Occupant of an unidentified war grave, a new headstone is requested with the service member's name. The following pictures have been obtained from Dr Lockyer's Twitter Post.













Pte P. Howarth 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (1st BC) CEF



Pte H. Atherton 10<sup>th</sup> Bn CEF





Sgt R. Musgrave, MM 7th Bn (1<sup>st</sup> BC) CEF







All Photos believed to be taken by Dr Sarah Lockyer

## SERGEANT RICHARD MUSGRAVE, MM

In 2017, human remains were found north of Lens, France. The remains were confirmed as those of Sergeant Richard Musgrave, MM.



Sergeant Richard Musgrave (Source: Musgrave Family)

- Born 22 September 1884 in Blackrigg, Canomie, Scotland
- Died 15 August 1917 at the age of 32

- Died a member of the [7th Canadian Infantry Battalion](#) (British Columbia), CEF
- Buried at [Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Loos British Cemetery Plot VXIII, Row H, Grave 2](#)

Richard Musgrave was born 22 September 1884 in Blackrigg, Canomie, Scotland. His only listed parent was Rebecca Musgrave. Their family included Richard's sister Jeannie (Jane) Musgrave. Before enlisting, Richard was working as a Teamster in Calgary, Alberta.

On 30 April 1915 at age 30, Richard enlisted with the [56th Overseas Battalion](#) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) in Calgary, Alberta. On 5 July 1915, he sailed from Montreal aboard S.S. Elele headed to Shorncliffe Army Camp in England for training. On 17 February 1916, Private Musgrave travelled to France as a new member of the [7th Infantry Battalion](#) (British Columbia), CEF. Throughout 1916, Musgrave was promoted up the ranks until achieving the rank of sergeant on 19 March 1917. On 14 April 1917, Sergeant Musgrave was wounded, but it was minor enough to stay on duty. On 9 July 1917, he was awarded the [Military Medal](#) for bravery.



Sergeant Richard Musgrave (Source: Musgrave Family)

On 15 August 1917, Sergeant Musgrave fought with the [7th Battalion](#) during the first day of the Battle of [Hill 70](#) near Lens, France. The [7th Battalion](#) fought on the far left side of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. The [7th Battalion](#) took part in the second wave of attacks between the Blue and Red Line objectives. The fight for the Red Line was difficult as the Germans held strongly to their positions. The Canadians, including the [7th Battalion](#), suffered heavy casualties as they fought their way forward past the Red Line to the Green Line objective. However, soon after passing the Red Line, they had to withdraw back to it since their left side was exposed. The [10th Infantry Battalion](#), CEF then advanced from behind the [7th Battalion](#) to help hold the position against heavy German counterattacks. While the Green Line was successfully captured the following day, the battle continued until 25 August and cost over 10,000 Canadian casualties (killed, wounded, or missing). The [7th Battalion](#) had over 140 men killed, 118 of whom were



missing and never found. Sergeant Musgrave, age 32, was reported missing on 15 August 1917 and was presumed to have died as part of the battle.



Military Medal Ribbon (left) found with the remains of Sgt Richard Musgrave (Source: DHH)

Following the war, Sergeant Musgrave's name was engraved on the [Canadian National Vimy Memorial](#) commemorating Canadian soldiers who died during the First World War and have no known grave.

On 11 July 2017, skeletal human remains were discovered during a munitions clearing process near rue Léon Droux and rue des Poissonniers, north of Lens, France. A few artifacts were found with the remains, including a [Military Medal](#) ribbon and a whistle.



Sergeant Richard Musgrave (right) (Source: Musgrave Family)

FORM R. 148-4M, 11/76. *Killed in Action 15-8-17*

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NATURE.		AUTHORITY.	DATE.		
		<p><b>MILITARY MEDAL</b></p> <p>Vimy Ridge, For conspicuous gallantry in action. In the LABYRINTHE SECTOR during our attack of April 9th 1917, he handled his platoon with great courage, and showed marked ability in reorganizing them after suffering very heavy casualties on reaching the first objective and leading them forward to their final objective (A.F.W.3121. 30-4-17).</p>			

Through historical, genealogical, anthropological, archaeological, and DNA analysis, with the assistance of the Canadian Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team, and the Canadian Museum of History, the Casualty Identification Review Board was able to confirm the identity of the remains as those of Sergeant Richard Musgrave in October 2021.

Sergeant Richard Musgrave was buried on 8 June 2023 in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Loos British Cemetery in Loos-en-Gohelle, France by members of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) from Vancouver, British Columbia. Attending the burial were family members, as well as representatives from the Government of Canada, the local French government, and the Canadian Armed Forces.

For further information on Sergeant Musgrave, you can view his personnel file on Library and Archives Canada's website.

## CORPORAL PERCY HOWARTH



The 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion badge (Photo: DHH)

In 2011, human remains were found in Vendin-le-Vieil, France. The remains were confirmed as those of Corporal Percy Howarth.



- Born 15 August 1894 in Darwen, Lancashire, England
- Died 15 August 1917 at the age of 23
- Died a member of the [7th Canadian Infantry Battalion \(British Columbia\)](#), CEF
- Buried at [Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Loos British Cemetery Plot VXIII, Row H, Grave 10](#)

Percy Howarth was born 16 August 1894 in Darwen, Lancashire, England. His parents were Richard and Margaret Howarth, née Dearden. Percy's family included siblings John, Mary, Eugenie, Eleazer, Charlie, Clara, and Maud. Percy immigrated to Canada in 1912, sailing from England on the RMS "Victorian". Before enlisting, Percy was working as a seaman in Vancouver, British Columbia.

On 19 July 1916, Percy enlisted with the [121st 'Overseas' Battalion](#), CEF in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of 21. On 14 August 1916, he sailed from Halifax aboard the S.S. "Empress of Britain" arriving in Liverpool, England on 24 August 1916. On 28 August 1916, Private Howarth joined the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF, and trained in England before joining his unit in France on 29 November 1916. In April 1917 while in France, Private Howarth got sick with influenza and was treated in hospitals for a week before returning to duty. On 11 April 1917, he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal and then Corporal on 14 May 1917.



A whistle found with the remains of Corporal Howarth. The whistle was later restored (right) by CWGC's Christian Cousin (Photo: CWGC)

Corporal Howarth and the 7th Battalion fought in the Battle of [Hill 70](#), which began on 15 August 1917. The 7th Battalion was on the left flank of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade and took part in the second wave of the attack between the Blue and the Red Line objectives. The fight for the Red Line was difficult as the Germans held strong in their position. Heavy casualties were reported from this attack. The 7th Battalion then pressed towards the Green Line objective. However, they had to withdraw to the area of the Red Line since their left flank was exposed. During the afternoon of 15 August, the 10th Canadian Infantry Battalion, CEF was brought forward to help the 7th Battalion hold the line against German counterattacks. On 16 August, a second attack led by the 10th Battalion with support by the 7th Battalion, captured the Green Line. From 15 to 18 August 1917, the 7th Battalion suffered 118 casualties with no known graves in connection with the assault on [Hill 70](#). Corporal Howarth was reported missing, then presumed to have died on 15 August 1917 at the age of 23.



A watch found with the remains of Corporal Howarth. The watch was later restored (right) by CWGC's Christian Cousin (Photo: CWGC)

After the war, Corporal Howarth's name was engraved on the [Canadian National Vimy Memorial](#). This memorial commemorates Canadian soldiers who died during the First World War and have no known grave.

On 9 June 2011, skeletal human remains were discovered during a munitions clearing process for a construction site near Léon Droux Street, Vendin-le-Vieil, France. Alongside the remains were a few artifacts including a digging tool, a whistle, and a pocket watch.

Through historical, genealogical, anthropological, archaeological, and DNA analysis, with the assistance of the Canadian Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team, and the Canadian Museum of History, the Casualty Identification Review Board was able to confirm the identity of the remains as those of Corporal Percy Howarth in October 2021.

Corporal Howarth was buried on 8 June 2023 in the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Loos British Cemetery](#) in Loos-en-Gohelle, France by members of [The British Columbia \(Duke of Connaught's Own\)](#) from Vancouver, British Columbia. Attending the burial were family members, as well as representatives from the Government of Canada, the local French government, and the Canadian Armed Forces.

For more information on Corporal Howarth, you can view his [personnel file](#) on the Library and Archives Canada website.



# BCR CADETS JOINT ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW

## COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY

### 10 JUNE 2023



On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, the first joint Ceremonial Parade of all five BCR Cadet Corps was held at the Sherman Armoury in Richmond, BC. The concept of having all five of our cadet corps together originated prior to the pandemic in 2019 and was delayed until this year. Capt Michael Azzano, Commanding Officer of 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, hosted the event and C/CWO Dang Nguyen from 2381 BCR acted as the overall Parade Commander. C/CWO Harmannat Pabla from 3300 (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC acted as the Parade 2IC, and the cadets from all five corps were formed into four guards for the parade, which was held indoors due to inclement weather. Prior to the start of the parade, Glenda Ouellette, from the Duke of Edinburgh Programme had the opportunity to speak with the cadets on the great benefits of participating as cadets and afterwards.



LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, C/CWO Harmannat Pabla and Glenda Ouellette  
CWO Pabla recently received her Gold Pin for completing the Duke of Edinburgh Programme from Prince Edward.



The Reviewing Officer for this historic event was the Commanding Officer of the BC Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, escorted by Sgt Cobb, the unit Cadet Liaison, who was acting as unit RSM for the parade in the absence of CWO Arn Matibag. On parade were 136 Cadets from all five BCR Cadet Corps:

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC, Vancouver  
 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC, Richmond  
 2781 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Powell River  
 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC, Surrey  
 2827 BCR (DCO) RCACC, Port Moody







C/CWO Nguyen takes command from 2IC C/CWO Pabla







As Reviewing Officer, LCol Virk spoke with many of the cadets on parade during his inspection and took the salute during the march past of the cadets.



C/CWO Angie Liem 2290 BCR



Accompanied by a small pipe band from 2290 BCR, led by former 2290 BCR Cadet RSM Mason Wilcox, the cadets performed their drill to an exceptionally high standard throughout the parade.





WO Naiker & Capt (Ret'd) Archie Pow



LCol Virk and five Lord Strathcona Medal Recipients

As all five corps had already held their own smaller ACRs at their Local Headquarters (LHQs) only a small number of presentations were made during the parade which included the Royal Canadian Legion Medal to WO Naiker of 3300 BCR and five Strathcona Medals awarded to one deserving cadet from each corps.



The Major Roger and Louise Prouse Trophy was awarded for the first time.



Second Lieutenant Yuen was promoted to Lieutenant by LCol Virk, and all five cadet corps were awarded a certificate from former HCol Ted Hawthorne confirming an award of \$2,000 to each corps from the BCR Cadet Development Programme for 2023.



LCol Virk awarded two BCR CO's Commendations



In LCol Virk's remarks, he acknowledged the cadets for their excellent parade, and commented on the importance of support from the parents, support committees and the Regimental Family.





As Reviewing Officer, LCol Vince Virk was presented a Regimental Miniature Guidon along with shoulder titles of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the BCR Cloth Shoulder Titles worn by all five corps.



Capt Karm Nagra presented Platinum Jubilee Coins on behalf of 3300 BCR











Many members from the BCR Regimental Family were present, including BCR Association President & Cadet Governor, Jim Barrett, Vice-President Scott Hamilton, Former Association Presidents, Ted Hawthorne, Gayle Hawthorn & Bob Remple, Archie & Judy Pow, Former BCR & 2827 CO Chris Ng, Greg Trigg, Michael Worthington, and a host of others including officers and staff from all five corps and many representatives from the Support Committees. The BCR Association covered the cost for a Pizza Lunch for all of the participants.

The BCR provided two G-Wagons for the event, soldiers and recruiting banners in support of the parade.

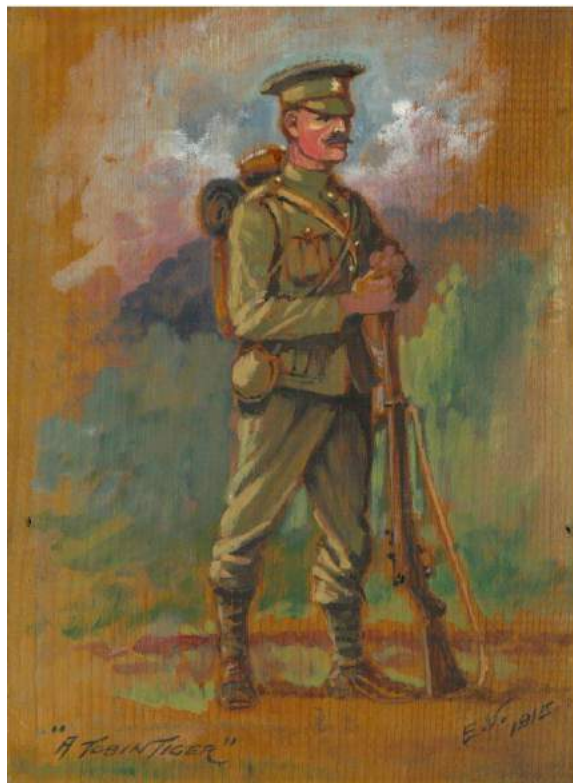
Up the Dukes!

(Our thanks to those who provided photographs including Ted Hawthorne, Lt Yuen and Mr. Pabla)

## **ARTICLE FROM OKANAGAN MILITARY MUSEUM**

### **PORTRAIT OF 29<sup>th</sup> BN CEF SOLDIER**

Every so often, we come across an item that raises more questions than answers. For example, this painting apparently depicts a soldier in the 29th Battalion (Vancouver) Canadian Expeditionary Force training in Hastings Park, Vancouver, in early 1915. It shows the soldier wearing a khaki woollen 7-button tunic with stand-up collar without insignia or cloth badges and a Service Dress cap with unit badge. In addition, he has a backpack with rolled-up Great coat, an unusual water bottle, a Ross rifle, khaki woollen trousers with putties and brown leather ankle boots.



"A Tobin Tiger" E.V. 1915  
Oils on cedar wood shingle  
Pencil/ink sketch, 37x27cm.  
OMM-P-369

An associated note from the original purchaser, Ida Mary Burnett (nee Hinge), states: "This picture was purchased by me in 1915 in Vancouver. It is painted on a shingle, posed by a member of the Batt. [Battalion Ed.] The artist (unknown to me), wishing to provide some ready cash for his young family, painted quite a few before going overseas. The Manager of the Montreal Bank disposed of them for him." A search online found that Ida was married to Captain James Henry Burnett, who was in the Canadian Army Veterinarian Corps.

The artist's initials E.V. may point to Private Ernest James Keith Vincent, 76154 of the 29th, who died of wounds in October 1916, since he is the only person on the nominal roll at the time of embarkation with those initials. He was a single man working as a machinist whose mother and sister lived in the Nelson, BC, area.

Written in pencil on the back of the board is "#377 Pte I Williamson 3 6 Lonsdale Ave." Perhaps the notation #377 indicates a prolific production of artwork, possibly of many different topics of interest, prior to the artist's enrollment and deployment overseas. He may have been an art student or hobbyist with time and means, or medically or vocationally exempt from service, but probably not a serving recruit.





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377 does not appear to be a service number as service numbers issued by the 29th ranged from 75001 to 77000, and nobody with 75377 or 76377 fits. Edward Irving Williamson 790016 of the 131st Battalion C.E.F., who lived in New Westminster with his wife and daughter, and worked as a street car conductor, may be the noted Private I. Williamson. The name might refer to Pte Robert Buchannan Williamson 76335 in the 29th from Vancouver, who may have posed for this painting. On the other hand, someone may have made an unrelated note of convenience on the back of the board, just like the equation written in pencil between the soldier's feet.



OMM-P-369 close-up 3

The unit's nickname, Tobin's Tigers, was named after the Vancouver industrialist, lawyer, and Royal Military College graduate, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Seymour Tobin. He was a surveyor on the first overland route survey from Edmonton, Alberta, to Dawson Creek, Yukon Territory; a member of the Royal Canadian Northwest Mounted Police there; and a Boer War veteran.



29th Battalion (Vancouver) collar badge  
MB-72-140-53

Tobin commanded the unit when it formed in March 1915 with recruits from Vancouver and New Westminster. The 29th sailed to England from Montreal PQ in May with 37 officers and 1,090 men. They served in the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division in France and Belgium until disbanding in September 1920 in Vancouver. Its history is perpetuated by the British Columbia Regiment (DCOR) in the Canadian Army, Reserve. He died in Vancouver on August 8, 1956, at 78 years of age.

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Clipping, Col. H.S. Tobin dies at Coast, unknown newspaper, ~ Aug. 1956, OMM-P-369a

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAMME

Editor's Comment: Glenda Oullette attended our successful parade on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June with representation from all five of our BCR Cadet Corps and had the opportunity to speak with the cadets about the benefits of participating. We are pleased to offer information to our readers on this worthwhile programme for youth. Note that even our younger serving soldiers have the opportunity to participate as the age limit is up to 24 years old.

By Glenda Oullette

For your reference, I have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Program - Canada for over 12 years including as a former president of the BC/Yukon Division, former national board member, and currently I am on the BC Local Council. I am also very involved in the Army Cadet League of Canada, most recently since 2019 as a member of the Board and Executive Committee."



On the weekend you asked about my notes to support an article for your BC Regimental newsletter. A few key items:

- I was very pleased to attend and share information with cadets on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme before the ACR event.
- The program was founded by His Royal Highness, The late Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh
- The Award is the world's leading youth achievement framework.
- Today, HRH The Prince Edward now holds the title of Duke of Edinburgh and is our Patron
- The Award is in over 130 countries with over 1 million participants worldwide, and over 21,000 participants in Canada
- This year we are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Award in Canada
- The Award is used by organizations that work with young people ages 14-24 to help youth achieve their full potential. It empowers youth to make a difference while setting goals and exploring their potential, taking on new challenges, giving back to their community and achieving success.
- Cadets Canada and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Canada are currently working on finalizing a new agreement. We are hopeful these will soon finalize with plans and communications to come within the cadet organization.
- Cadets may start the Bronze at 14 years of age, Silver at 15 years of age, and Gold at 16 years of age. A cadet can go directly to a level, such as gold, should they meet the age requirement; they do not need to complete all three levels.
- Youth who have completed the program have indicated many positive outcomes including increased confidence, resilience, determination, creativity, adaptability, planning, problem solving, and personal and social well-being.
- Chief Warrant Officer Harmannat Pabla of the 3300 BCR Bhai Khanyia RCACC completed her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. She was recognized at the event for her perseverance throughout the pandemic to complete all three levels of the programme, recently receiving her Gold Award. CWO Pabla said, "If anyone is considering taking on the Duke of Edinburgh's challenge, I highly recommend it. It is an incredible opportunity to challenge yourself, try new things, and make a difference in one's community!" As an Award Alumni, she was recently invited to the very special and rare opportunity to meet HRH The Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh at a special 60th Anniversary Event in Vancouver. She can now join the Award Global Alumni Network to stay connected with people and ideas that empower young people to be #WORLDREADY.
- For the CO's or Training Officers wanting to support their cadets to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme, they are welcome to contact the Duke of Ed programme office at [support@dukeofed.org](mailto:support@dukeofed.org) for assistance. (I also shared this email address with cadets at the presentation)
- A reminder that cadets must be registered in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme for activities to count toward the Award. Any cadets involved in the summer activities/camps must be registered to have it credited towards their service, skills, adventurous journey, physical fitness or Gold Special Project.

Glenda Ouellette, BA, MBA, FCIP

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT  
(DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MUSEUM SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
MEMBERS  
14 JUNE 2023**



A very informative meeting of the Board of Directors and members of the Museum was held in the Letson Room at the Drill Hall in the mid-morning of Wednesday, 14 June 2023. The meeting was also available on ZOOM for those unable to attend. A very productive meeting was conducted by the Chairman, Bill Whalen, and covered a multitude of issues, including tasking and extensive operational progress in all areas of the Museum's mandate.

Congratulations to the Museum for their continuing good work!  
Up the Dukes!



**CHACKO & LIZE SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND ("SIMON TRUST")  
2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
15 JUNE 2023**



The Simon Trust held its 2023 Annual General Meeting in the late morning of Thursday, 15 June 2023, and reported another very successful year of operations. The Simon Trust provides significant financial assistance by awarding numerous scholarships to those demonstrating financial need while achieving high academic standards. Appointments to the Executive Committee for the ensuing year were as follows:

Chair of the Board and President – Lize Simon  
Vice President – Ted Hawthorne  
Secretary Treasurer – Margaret Harris  
Director-at-Large – Gayle Hawthorne

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

Congratulations to the Simon Trust for their exemplary work and thank you, Margaret, for the wonderful hospitality!

**SCOTFEST BC  
BC HIGHLAND GAMES & WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL  
TOWN CENTRE PARK, LAFARGE LAKE, COQUITLAM  
16 - 18 JUNE 2023**

Billed as "the Lower Mainland's premier Celtic (now World) music & cultural festival, June 16 – 18 at Coquitlam's Town Centre Park....ScotFestBC is an annual event featuring athletic competitions, Celtic dancing, live music, whisky tasting and bagpiping! It's a family friendly event and lots of fun." This year's event proved to be no exception with a large crowd on hand early on Saturday morning. For complete details, the link is as follows:

<https://scotfestbc.com/>





The Fort Fraser Garrison, 78th Fraser Highlanders, fired the opening gun on Friday evening at 6:00pm and another opening gun after noon on Saturday. The Frasers also provided demonstrations on musket firing at their booth situate by the south side of Lafarge Lake on the way to the Sky Train. Regimental Association President Jim Barrett is the Commander of the Unit. The Frasers will also fire the closing gun to conclude the event.



Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and Audrey managed the Whisky School, once again this year a complete sellout!!

Well done friends!  
Up the Dukes!



**THE GUILD OF WAGGONEERS AND ARTIFICERS  
GUILD PATRONS' GALA  
THE VANCOUVER CLUB  
17 JUNE 2023**





The Guild of Waggoneers and Artificers held its annual Guild Patrons' Dinner at The Vancouver Club on Saturday evening, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The well attended event included several special guests: the former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, former Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Battalion and the 19th Chancellor of UBC, the Honourable Steven Point, OBC, the Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Stephen Klimczuk-Massion, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Alexa Loo, the Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort and Guest Speaker for the evening, the Honourable Bud Smith, former Attorney General of the Province.



Congratulations to our friends at the Guild and kudos for providing “educational and charitable support to soldiers, military families, veterans, cadets, Indigenous communities and civilians across B.C.” and support to the 39 Service Battalion. “In 2023, the Guild is commemorating the heroism of Canadians in the Liberation of Northwest Europe in 1944-1945, including Canada’s first-ever large-scale humanitarian mission – ‘Operation Faust’ “.

Special thanks to Regimental Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret’d) Will Watkins, for his exceptional dedication and service.

**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - LORD PRIOR'S PARADE  
BURWELL SPIRIT AWARDS  
CHANGES OF COMMAND  
THE DRILL HALL  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
19 JUNE 2023**

The Lord Prior's Parade, hosted by Burnaby Division 389c, was held at the historic Drill Hall of The BC Regiment (DCO) on Monday, 19 June 2023, in the early evening. The Guest of Honour, Professor Mark Compton, AM, GCStJ, Lord Prior, Order of St. John, was in attendance as the Reviewing Officer.



The program for the evening included a “class photo” with the Lord Prior, the formal arrival of the Guest of Honour and the introduction of the Inspecting Officer, the Parade March On, a Land acknowledgment, a Moment of Silence and an Opening Prayer, Opening Remarks, an Inspection of the Cadets, a Peggy Lee Commemoration, Burwell Spirit Awards, including many promotions and numerous recognitions, the Double Diamond Jubilee Segment, the Dr. Chak Scholarship Announcement, the Change of Command Ceremonies of the Provincial Commissioner and Superintendent, Special Remarks by the Lord Prior, Closing Remarks and a Prayer, “Three Cheers for the King”, Departure of the Reviewing Officer and the Conclusion of the Parade..





During the course of the opening remarks, the MC, Raymond Chow, Divisional Superintendent, acknowledged and thanked former Honorary Colonel Hawthorne for the support of the Regiment for the evening's event. In addition, Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, presented Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne with a plaque from St. John Ambulance in appreciation of the Regiment's ongoing support.



Pre-Parade Reception in Officers' Mess BCR





Lord Prior addresses the Parade



Change of Command Signing Ceremony





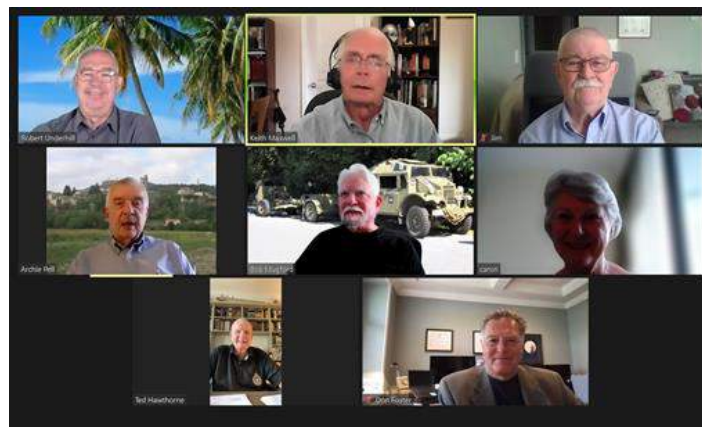


HCol Rohani, Lord Prior, LCol Anh Foort, Ted Hawthorne



At the conclusion of the Parade, Colonel Rohani presented the Lord Prior with a Regimental Coin to mark the special occasion. Congratulations and well done to our friends at St. John Ambulance.

## ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE – VANCOUVER SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM 21 JUNE 2023





Royal United Services Institute–Vancouver Society is pleased to announce the election of the following members as directors at the Annual General Meeting held on ZOOM this afternoon:

President - Keith Maxwell

1st Vice President – Leon Jenson

2nd Vice President – Jim Howard

Secretary – Bob Mugford

Treasurer – Richard Dunn

Director – Heather Garrison

Director – Bob Mackay

Director – Archibald Pel

Director – Caron Cave – Pel

Director – Bob Underhill

Congratulations on your election and thank you for your ongoing service!

## **CO'S COMMITTEE MEETING THE DRILL HALL 21 JUNE 2023**



The June meeting of the BCR Commanding Officer's Committee was held in person and virtually via ZOOM in the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani chaired the very comprehensive CO's Committee meeting which included thorough reports from the President of the Regimental Association, LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, the Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, former Honorary Colonel 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, and the CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, who provided a thorough update on the training year. All reports were very well received by the members.

Congratulations to all members for the very successful meeting.  
Up the Dukes!

## **73<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION CEREMONY AMBASSADOR OF PEACE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL CENTRAL PARK, BURNABY, B.C. 24 JUNE 2023**



The Commemorative Ceremony held at the Ambassador of Peace Korean War Memorial in Central Park in the late of Saturday, 24 June 2023, consisted of an extensive program, including, an Opening Drum performance by Shinmyung, Opening Remarks by Michael Chang, Honorary Ambassador of Seoul & Gyeonggi, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags, singing of the National Anthems of Korea and Canada by Sang Bin Seo, a Moment of Silence for the Fallen, an introduction of the elected officials and dignitaries (Consul General of South Korea, Jong Ho Kyun, Tako Van Popta, MP, Bonita Zarritto, MP, Raj Chouhan, MLA, Mayor Michael Hurley, Burnaby, Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam, Doug Hadley, PPCLI, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne and Silver Cross Mother, Elizabeth MacHardy, sister of Pte William Strachan, RCR), Welcome Remarks by Korean War Veterans Association President Tae Young Kim, the introduction of all Korean War Veterans, and the Memory of the Korean War by Tae Heon Kim.





Commemorative Speeches by the Consul General, MPs, and Mayors, the recitation of the BC Honour Roll by PPCLI Veteran Doug Hadley, a special Performance by the Port Moody Youth Orchestra, the singing of the Korean War Song by Sang Bin Seo, Closing Remarks and Conclusion by Michael Chang, Master of Ceremonies. A group photo followed.



We will remember them!

## THE BARRETT BUNKER JUNE 2023



43 Troop A Squadron BCR – Ft Lewis, Wash, MILCON Aug 1982

For this effort I have decided to look through my notes into what the BCR's were doing in June of 1983 just over 40 years ago. Between 24-27 June 1983, A squadron BCR led by Major Jack Drake, CD conducted our last Field Training Exercise for the September 1982 to June 1983 year on Sea Island in Richmond not far from the North End of Vancouver International Airport. My role as a Second-Lieutenant and Assistant Adjutant at the RHQ for this FTX was to take over command of the General Military Training (GMT) Course Officer (BMQ now) from Lt Roland Peters, who had taken a break from the Regiment for a week prior to deployment to Petawawa for his six weeks to complete his block qualifications as an Armoured Troop Officer. Lt Peters had commissioned from the rank of sergeant in the fall of 1982.

I arrived at the Beatty Street Drill Hall at 1900 hrs and prepared for the training. The original plan was for us to do a route march from the Drill Hall, but that changed into us being dropped off at critical points to guide the Regiment to the leaguer on Sea Island which WO Dave Holwell and I had scouted out earlier in the day as part of the Advance Party. We dropped the GMT soldiers off in pairs along the route at all the major intersections and critical turns in the area to provide direction. Traffic control also being a part of the skill set of the armoured recce soldier. We remained in location from 2200 to 0200 hrs the next morning as Maj Drake and the Regiment moved from the Drill Hall through downtown Vancouver, into Richmond, and into their Leaguer. Following the arrival of the rest of the BCRs we commence our planned night march through the country roads on Sea Island practising patrolling and fieldcraft as we went. I had MCpl Walker as my 2IC and both of us carried the heavy 25 Radio sets which added about 30 pounds (about 13 Kilograms) to our pack loads. I think each one was powered by 12 D Cell batteries, and you also carried a spare. Overall the night march went very well and as the day progressed into the dawn of Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, I realized that were in the same area where my parents to train our Brittany Spaniel and pick blackberries each August. Our and drills went well except for when I made a poor corner drill which in the real world would have exposed us to the risk of fire. Always lessons to be learned, even by young second-lieutenants.

We eventually found our way back to the A Sqn Leaguer about 0530 hrs where we were able to wash up, oil our FN rifles and have some breakfast before going to ground for a couple of hours of needed rest. Trooper Prouse, (who was top soldier on the course) and I rolled up in our respective groundsheets too tired to get



into sleeping bags like the rest of our Troop. I recall a Lt Paul Lindsay (Future CO) doing the same thing when on FTX as part of enemy force on EX Poseidon Duke 15-17 March 2002 in the cold up near Porteau-Cove and wondering how can you do that? Easier when you are younger, I suppose.

Up at 0930 our troop drew our lunch rations and accompanied by RSM Don Neish, we greased up with camouflage paint and headed out for more section drills and training. OCdt Chuck Shell came along for the day. Training went well enough that I bought everyone a coffee at a boat launch when we took a break, and on the way back looked for any available ruins in which we could practise house clearing drills. Spying a farmer standing by his barn, I asked him if he would mind if we used his barn for practise. Inside he and his family were relaxing and we were given permission to use the back stalls of the barn. The farmer's wife took a picture of the two of us together. I would have been wearing my 1954 pattern issued webbing, black beret and carrying a Sterling Submachine gun at the time. OCdt Chuck Shell directed the lessons and the soldiers performed well except for one unfortunate who slipped and fell into cow deposits. Not a very popular Trooper after that.

We made our way back to the BCR A Sqn leaguer by 1700 hrs for dinner. Maj Drake knew that we had worked hard the night before and throughout the day, so we were stood down from our planned night march to join the rest of the troops for the end of year party.

Cpl Rob Halverson was tasked to give me a ride to the Drill Hall so I could be home to attend my Niece's Christening at our old family Church Sunday morning.

That is how we ended our tenth FTX of the year for June 1983, a year in which we celebrated the Centennial of the BCR being formed on 12 October 1883 and which we won the Worthington Trophy for being the top Reserve Armoured Unit in Canada and the Dunwoody Trophy for being the Best in the West.

## **DUKE'S DEN**

### **MCPL DUKE A BEAR UNITED KINGDOM VISIT 22 MAY 2023 SITREP**



As part of MCpl Duke A. Bear's amazing "2023 Goodwill Tour", our Regimental Mascot has officially arrived in the United Kingdom today to reconnect with his many friends and followers. Enjoy your visit Duke and all the very best to our friends in the UK!

Happy Victoria Day!

Up the Dukes!

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

**Editor's Note:** We are please to present another article by Society member Don Manning highlighting another one of our past Dukes from the Great War and WW II.

### **Captain Charles Tennent, 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF**



Credit: Victoria Times-Colonist 23 September 1938 p. 1



Credit: Google Images





Image taken at Ross Bay Cemetery credit to Ms. Sheryl Walker

The 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion CEF was raised in 1915 according to its Nominal Roll. Today, the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion is perpetuated with The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) in Vancouver, B.C. The Battalion was raised in 1915 in Victoria, B.C., originally intended as a fresh infantry battalion, however, by the time it arrived in England, it was reassigned as a reinforcement unit and ultimately in 1917 was absorbed into the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, CEF.

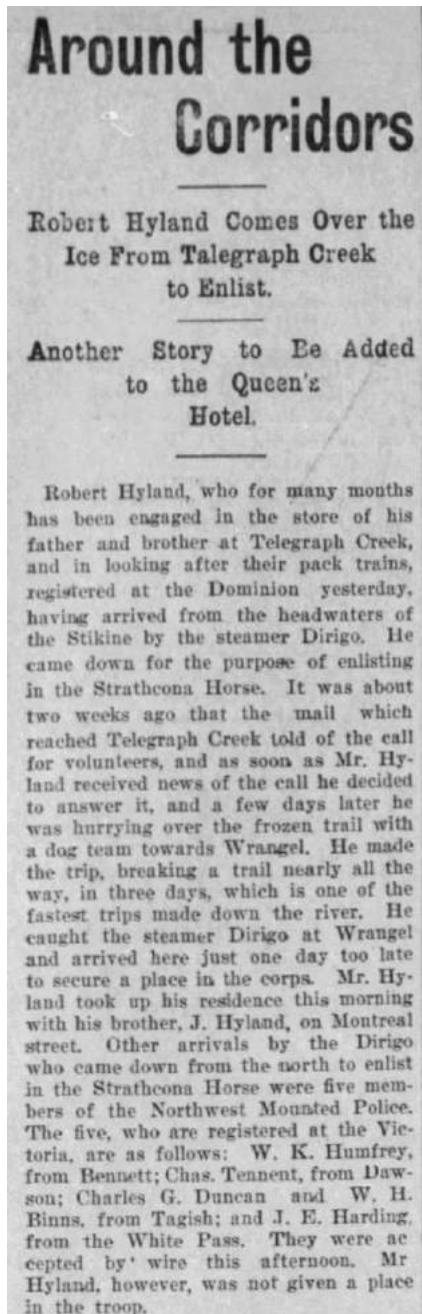
Our subject appears in the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion Nominal Roll with a misspelled surname: Tenant, however he does appear in the CEF records as Charles Tennent. He appears with the rank of Lieutenant, his previous posting was noted as with S.A. (South Africa Constabulary). His father as next of kin was noted as living at Purbright, Dorset, England, and his reported country of birth as Scotland. He was Taken on Strength on 18 November 1914 at Victoria, B.C. He is noted in a 1919 newspaper article reproduced in this article to have arrived in Victoria, B.C. in the 1880's. His separation document identifies his wife's Christian name as Gwendolen W., living in Kensington from 1917, this raises the possibility that his spouse remained in the U.K. They were married in November 1915, with permission. The names of any children are unknown. The cemetery records from Ross Bay Cemetery suggest that he was married, location not available at time of writing, and that her maiden name was Sutton. Prior to enlistment in the C.E.F., and prior to his service in the South Africa Constabulary, he served with the North West Mounted Police, and Strathcona Horse. The following clipping indicates he left the service of the North-West Mounted Police as well as the Yukon Gold Commissioner in January 1900, to report to Calgary, then N.W. Territories, to join the Strathcona's who were preparing to report to the Transvaal, however his obituary indicates he served from 1886 to 1888 in the NWMP.

According to the Yukon Sun, Charles Tennent, for years a member of the N. W.M.P., and latterly of the gold commissioner's office, left for the outside on January 15th. It is Mr. Tennent's aspiration to join the corps of the N.W. M.P. detailed for service in the Transvaal. If he does not arrive in Calgary before the departure of his corps, it is his intention to promptly follow it to its destination.

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Credit: Victoria Daily Times 7 February 1900 p. 8

The following article from The Victoria Daily Times dated 12 February 1900 describes his travels from Telegraph Creek to Calgary to join the Strathcona's for deployment to South Africa.



An article from The Victoria Daily Times dated 24 October 1914 covering preparations for mounting a new battalion references our subject as a provisional Lieutenant. The article is too lengthy to insert into this article, however it is available for review on request to the writer. His obituary indicates he enlisted with the 50<sup>th</sup> Gordon Highlanders on 14 August 1914 and transferred to the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 1 November 1914.

From his CEF Record:

**Name:** TENNENT, CHARLES

**Rank:** Captain (CPT)



**Date of Birth:** 1874-04-14

**Reference:** RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 9569 - 31

**Item Number:** 275787

**Record Group:** Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)

Charles Tennent's Attestation paper reports his date of birth as 14 April 1874, Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland and as he was a Lieutenant, his Regimental Number is not disclosed.

Regimental Number from CEF Record: non evident

Swift & Strong references on page 70 that the first contingent sailed for England led by Lt. Col. Hall (88<sup>th</sup> Victoria Fusiliers) on 23 February 1915 and arrived on the 30<sup>th</sup> (May) 1915.

**From News Clippings: Victoria Daily Times 15 April 1919 and  
Victoria Times Colonist: 23 September 1938 p. 1, 4**

Lt. Tennent arrived in France in May 1915 with the first contingent of the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C.E.F.

His military record indicates he was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 12 May 1915.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 1915, he was appointed Aide-de-Camp and Camp Commandant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

On 9 September 1916, he was elevated to the rank of Captain.

On 17 July 1917 he was appointed by General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB as his Aide-de-Camp, removing him from the line of fire.

In February 1918, he was invalided to Canada (sic with serious medical issues) to recuperate, permanently unfit for duty. He arrived on 23 February 1918 on S.S. Woodford.

There is no evidence from his military record that he was awarded any medals during his military service.

**Following Military Service**

On 15 April 1919, he was appointed a travelling inspector for the British Columbia Bureau of Labour.

There appears to be no other post military media coverage of his career following 1919.



Credit: Victoria Daily Times 15 April 1919 p.1, 4

## Death and Burial

Captain (Retd.) Tennent died at Saanich, B.C. on 23 September 1938, from B.C. Archives records. His obituary was published in The Victoria Times Colonist on the same day.

### Capt. Tennent Passes Away

Former Soldier and  
R.N.W.M.P. Veteran Suc-  
cumbs After Long Illness

Capt. Charles Tennent, former soldier with a fine record of service in the South African campaign and the Great War, and veteran of the R.N.W.M.P. and the South African Constabulary, passed away this morning at his home, 1125 Rock Street, in his 75th year, after a long illness.

Captain Tennent was born at Greenock, Scotland, and came to Canada in the eighties. From 1886 to 1888 he served in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. When the South African War broke out and as soon as Canada decided to send a contingent he was among



LATE CAPT. CHARLES  
TENNENT

the first volunteers to offer his services in Strathcona's Horse, under Sir Sam Steele.

When very little fighting remained to be done except the rounding up of guerilla bands, Capt. Tennent became attached to the South African Constabulary with the rank of lieutenant (superintendent) in 1912. He then returned to Canada.

On August 14, 1914, Capt. Tennent joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders in this city, and in October of the same year became attached to the 20th Battalion with the rank of lieutenant. He crossed the Atlantic with the first contingent and with it reached France in May, 1915. Following the successful carrying out of his duties during the early days of Canada's participation, he was appointed A.D.C. and Camp Commandant of the First Division on October 1, 1915.

On September 9, 1916, he received his captaincy, and in July of the following year he was signally honored by Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie, who recalled Capt. Tennent from the firing zone to headquarters, and appointed him his A.D.C. In February, 1918, he was invalided to Canada, and returned to Victoria to recuperate. For the last 17 years he had been in the accounting department of the Liquor Control Board. Capt. Tennent was a member of the Pro Patria branch of the Canadian Legion and the Army and Navy Veteran's Association.

He is survived by his widow at the family residence, and relatives in Great Britain. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by McCall Bros. Funeral Co.





Credit: Ross Bay Cemetery Facebook Page

Captain Tennent is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, B.C. His Military headstone apparently has been placed at his grave in the recent past by Last Post Fund.



Plot: Block: B Plot 24 W34

His plot is shared with his mother-in-law: Ada Helena nee: Gladding Sutton 1857-1926. The burial location of his spouse Gwen Tennent is unclear, it is apparent from her mother's death notice that she was still living in 1926, and on Captain Tennent's Death Certificate in 1938. The cause of death shown on the death record is carcinoma.

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CEF Record Link: <https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&app=CEF&id=B9569-S031>

Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121312589/charles-tennent>

City of Victoria, Reference map:

<https://vicmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c3be6034fe9a47acba04b705a323b984>

Find a Grave: Ada Helena Gladding Sutton:

<https://vicmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c3be6034fe9a47acba04b705a323b984>

Swift & Strong: Leblanc, Maxwell, Snow, Deschenes (2011)

Ancestry.ca: [https://www.ancestry.ca/search/collections/1030/?name=Charles Tennent&birth=1864-4-14\\_greenock-renfrewshire-scotland-united+kingdom\\_91544&death=1938\\_victoria-british+columbia-canada\\_1647954](https://www.ancestry.ca/search/collections/1030/?name=Charles_Tennent&birth=1864-4-14_greenock-renfrewshire-scotland-united+kingdom_91544&death=1938_victoria-british+columbia-canada_1647954)

Ross Bay Cemetery – Stories Beyond the Graves Facebook Page

Prepared by Don Manning, member, The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Museum Society, 7 April 2023

## **SERGEANT WILLIAM HENRY CLENDINNING, MM 28th CAR (BCR) RCAC**



Credit: Find a Grave, and Service File

As many readers will know, Sgt. Clendinning would become a member of the 28<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment, CAR (BCR) "A" Squadron, and would survive and escape captivity on 9 August 1944 at Hill 140 in Normandy, only to be lost in Belgium in September 1944. He is quoted in Swift & Strong on page 182 regarding his experiences at Hill 140.



I have provided a link to his military record, which is now available from Library Canada, which includes his paybook as well as his military record. It is very readable and concise, so I recommend it to anyone who is interested in the details of his military Career.

**From Service Record:**

Birth: 25 February 1909, Antrim, Belfast, Ireland

Death: 14 September 1944, during the liberation of Belgium

Service Number: K-37627

**Military Career**

Selected events are reproduced here, for additional details, please refer to the Military Record Link below.

Taken on strength: BC Regiment DCOR CASF 17 June 1940 Rank Rifleman (RFN)

Promoted to A/L/Cpl: 1 Jan 1941

Promoted to A/Cpl: 1: July 1941

On Com to att(end) AA School: 20 July 1941

Returned from On Command: 24 July 1941

On Command to attend 310 PT course: 19 September 1941 (3 weeks)

Disembarked UK: 1 September 1942

Appointed A/L/Sgt. 28 CAR: 1 October 1942

Appointed L/SGT: 1 January 1943

Struck off Strength to No 3 CACRU: 18 February 1943

Taken on Strength 28 CAR following No 3 CACRY: 23 April 1943

Appointed Acting Sergeant: 23 April 1943

Qual(ified) P-2 on D&M Course: 9 May 1943

Relinquish qualif Dvr OPC on Remuster as Gunner OP C: 10 July 1943

Confirmed in Rank as Sergeant: 13 November 1943

Awarded CVSM and clasp: 23 January 1944

Cease Att to 52 HVR TRG Regt 29 RAC: 19 March 1944

Embark U.K: 22 July 1944

Disembark France: July 44

Struck off Strength to X4 List CAC C: 1 Aug 1944

End of Military Record Information

**Military Awards:**

The following awards are noted in Sgt. Clendinning's Military Record:

1939 – 1945 Star

France & Germany Star

Defence Medal

War Medal

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal (CVSM) & clasp

Memorial Cross – awarded to his widow Josephine Jane Clendinning, 5 January 1945

Memorial Bar – awarded to his widow Josephine Jane Clendinning, 1 August 1947. His mother predeceased him.

Memorial Cross – awarded to his mother (deceased), 11 February 1949

**Military Medal**

Sgt. Clendinning was awarded the Military Medal for his actions related to Hill 140.

Sergeant William Henry Clendinning, M.M., 35, Trail, since being decorated, has died of wounds.

Following is part of the official citation:

**UNDER FIERCE FIRE.**

"During the advance of Falaise, Sgt. Clendinning's tank was one of many of his regiment's which was knocked out and set on fire by enemy anti-tank guns."

"In spite of heavy shelling and mortar fire Sgt. Clendinning immediately reorganized his own crew and that of another tank, ordered to dig in and, with salvaged weapons during the day repelled several enemy attacks in considerable strength supported by artillery and mortar fire, and inflicted severe casualties."

**LED GROUP BACK.**

"After dark he led the group through two miles of enemy infested country to his own lines."

Credit: Vancouver Province, 6 February 1945 p. 1

DECORATIONS—C. A. S. F.				
CLENDINNING, William Henry		K.37627	Sgt.	FILE NO. 405-6-26 C.A.C. 0932 T
(Since died of wounds)			12	
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) CHRISTIAN NAMES		REG. NO.	RANK	C.A.S.F. UNIT
AWARD	L.G. AUTHORITY	DATE	PAGE	DEED OF ACTION OR CITATION (SEE REVERSE SIDE)
THE MILITARY MEDAL	C.G.50	9/12/44	5202	The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field:

Credit: Ancestry.ca

Occupation (from paybook) Smelterman – Truck Driver

Sgt. Clendinning and Josephine had a son, William, born 21 December 1941

### Death of Sgt. Clendinning

**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
**CANADIAN ARMORED CORPS**  
 Clendinning, William Henry, Sgt.;  
 Mrs. Josephine Clendinning (wife),  
 Toronto. Meadus, Howard John Lawrence, Cpl.; Percy L. Meadus (father),  
 Sedgewick, Alta. Rogers, Joseph Howard, Tpr.; Mrs. Helen Amelia Rogers (mother), Toronto. Snowe, Norman Harry, Gdsm.; Harry Snowe (father), Warden, Que.

Credit: Vancouver Sun, 2 November 1944



**Burial:**

Sgt. Clendinning was buried following his original interment at Adagem Canadian War Cemetery, Maldagem, Arrondissement Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium. His plot number is X.A.4. Additional details are available from the Find-a-Grave Link below. The inscription reads: "British Columbia Regiment, R.C.A.C."



Credit: Find-a-Grave

Sgt. Clendinning appears at Page 275 of the WWII Book of Remembrance, which can be viewed on the link below.

**Links relied upon to prepare this article:**

Veterans Canada: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2082872>. Note that additional digital materials about Sgt. Clendinning can be viewed by scrolling down the page to the bottom.

Military Record: <https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/home/record?app=kia&ldNumber=6543>

Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12454123/william-henry-clendinning>

Canadian Fallen: <https://canadianfallen.ca/101421/CLENDINNING>

Swift & Strong: Leblanc, Maxwell, Snow and Deschenes, 2011

Book of Remembrance: Canadian Virtual War Memorial

Page 275 of WWII Book of Remembrance:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/page?page=275&book=2&sort=pageAsc>

Ancestry.ca: [https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/35818:2471?tid=&pid=&queryId=13bd1f612d8842a71a44cd5d07f2a1b0&\\_phsrc=PVJ788&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/35818:2471?tid=&pid=&queryId=13bd1f612d8842a71a44cd5d07f2a1b0&_phsrc=PVJ788&_phstart=successSource) (Subscription required to access)

Royal B.C. Museum Archives:

Wedding: <https://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Image/Genealogy/a0295d7f-1e86-4774-805b-a2d2221b6d96>

Death: <https://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Image/Genealogy/2f7c3cef-46e2-4f21-b56e-0b48238bcb7b>. (Note Surname Clothier has no connection to the subject.)

Various newspaper clippings as referenced in this article.

Article prepared by Don Manning, Member the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Museum Society  
11 April 2023

## 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 Camp Flag (36" x 72") - \$150.00
4. **Regimental Ties** - \$45.00

To place an order, please e-mail [KitShop@DukeABear.com](mailto:KitShop@DukeABear.com)

Mini Guidon



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.





# ASLEEP

## PEGGY GWEN LEE St JOHN AMBULANCE OCTOBER 20, 1923 – APRIL 13, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our most tenured St. John Ambulance members, Peggy Gwen Lee. Peggy joined St. John Ambulance in 1942 when she was only 19 years old and served as a dedicated volunteer for decades following.

For more information about Peggy Lee, and her incredible legacy, please see below. Our thoughts are with Peggy's family at this time.

### *In Memoriam Peggy Gwen Lee*



*Photos Courtesy: (L) Vincent L. Chan, Invisionation Photography Inc. / (R) Chinese Canadian Military Museum*



(L) Peggy can be seen in the centre of this photo with Second Company of Platoon A marching along an unknown Georgia East Streetcar line of Vancouver, BC / (R) Second Company of Platoon A marching along 708 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. (Source unknown)

Peggy Gwen Lee (nee Wong) 李黃翠娟, WW2 SJA Veteran (October 20, 1923 - April 13, 2023)

Peggy Gwen Lee (nee Wong) of Prince Rupert, who was one of 14 siblings, had moved to Vancouver to attend hairdressing school and opened her first salon at 17 years old. As the war raged on, Peggy joined St. John Ambulance at 19 in 1942, and served in a civil defence unit called the Women's Ambulance Corps until the end of the Second World War. Her platoon was unique in that it consisted entirely of 20 Chinese women, the only one in all of North America.

When Pearl Harbour and Hong Kong were attacked on December 7, 1941 (PST), Vancouver's St. John Brigade was able to mobilise within the hour to staff and action all First Aid posts. The members of the Women's Ambulance Corps wore para-military uniforms, tailored to measure by Dunn's Tailors. Trained in home nursing, ambulance driving and first aid, they were being prepared for the invasion on Canadian soil, but that attack never came during the entirety of the war.

Peggy and her platoon, Second Company of Platoon A, were drilled at the Seaforth Armoury in downtown Vancouver, and became comprehensive nurses, firefighters, and stretcher-bearers. They proudly paraded down East Georgia Street in Chinatown, and across the then Georgia-Harris Viaduct to the Beatty Street Armoury (today's Beatty Street Drill Hall) for inspection. One of her jobs was to ensure residents kept their windows blacked out at night. Peggy was the youngest member of this platoon and was the last surviving member of her platoon at 99 years young in early-2023. She was also the last known surviving WW2 veteran of St. John Ambulance in BC from our greatest generation.

Peggy was a trailblazer, as she ran four hair salons at its peak, including one inside the Hotel Vancouver for almost 20 years; and raised her 4 children, while contributing to the greater Vancouver community. Peggy's larger than life portrait can be found as a part of the Chinatown History Windows project, located in the historic Shanghai Alley. She was also a founding member and active fundraiser for the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (CCMMS), the only museum in Canada devoted to Chinese Canadian Veterans' history. Her last overseas trip was in 2014 to China at the age of 91, as a WW2 veteran and CCMMS participant.

Members of St. John Ambulance Canada and BC/Yukon paid regular visits to honour her service and even celebrated the various holidays during her sunset years, which included the Chancellor of the Priory of Canada, our Provincial Commissioner, members of the military, and many senior officers and cadets. Peggy received many recognitions and accolades, including the St. John Medallion for her Dedicated Service in November 2020. During the very first visit with officers and cadets, Peggy looked up with a smile as she immediately recognized the uniform, pointed and said, "St. John Ambulance!"

At 1:45 pm April 13, 2023 on a sunny Thursday afternoon, Peggy passed away peacefully on her centennial year. Although she would've turned 100 this October, SJA members were there to celebrate the start of her centennial year during the Lunar New Year in January. Peggy was predeceased by her husband, William Henry Rees Lee; and is survived by their children, Colin, Catherine, Deborah, Barbara, and granddaughter Maya.

We will always remember Peggy.

Lest We Forget

Quotes:



"It was sincerely an honour to personally meet Peggy Lee at her care home during my first official visit to BC as Chancellor last September. Meeting her in person further deepened my appreciation of her service to St. John and for the sacrifices made during the Second World War while inspiring others, especially the young members who continue to take an active part with St. John Ambulance in caring for our community. She will be missed by all but her spirit will continue to live on."

André M. Levesque, OMM, KStJ, OOnt, CD  
Chancellor of The Priory of Canada | Chancelier du Prieuré du Canada  
Order of St. John and St. John Ambulance | l'Ordre de Saint-Jean et l'Ambulance Saint-Jean

"Today we celebrate the life of an historical icon of St. John Ambulance, British Columbia and Yukon! Ms. Peggy Lee who gave so much to the Citizens of Canada, British Columbia and the City of Vancouver. Thank you Peggy, you won a place in many hearts, especially mine!"

R. David Valentine CStJ, CD, AdeC  
Commissioner  
St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon Brigade



Lunar New Year at Peggy Lee's History Window, Shanghai Alley, Chinatown, Vancouver, BC, January 22, 2023

Photo Right to Left: R. David Valentine, CStJ, CD, AdeC, Provincial Commissioner BC/Yukon; Frederick Yim, OStJ, Lower Mainland Area Commissioner; Her Honour Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Vice Prior of the Order of St. John in BC; Queenie Choo, HCapt., Royal Canadian Navy; Sing Lim Yeo, OStJ, OBC, Honorary Brigade President; Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade Division President; and Cmdr(Retd) King R. Wan, CStJ, CD, AdeC, Past Provincial Commissioner BC/Yukon.



**Lunar New Year Visit - January 29, 2023 Broadway Lodge, Vancouver, BC**

Photo Right to Left: HCol (Ret) Ted Hawthorne, The BC Regiment (DCO) Association; Farhang Ahadzadeh, MStJ, Lower Mainland Area Administrative Officer; Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade Division President; Peggy Lee; Frederick Yim, OSTJ, Lower Mainland Area Commissioner; and SqL Elvin Zhang, Division 389c.



**99th Birthday Visit - October 26, 2022 Broadway Lodge, Vancouver, BC**

Photo Right to Left: Raymond M. Chow, OSTJ, Divisional Superintendent, Division 389c; Tony Tsang, CD, Divisional Superintendent, Division 304; Peggy Lee; and Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade Division President



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
DICK AND BERTA GRADY  
WEST POINT GREY UNITED CHURCH, VANCOUVER, B.C.  
27 MAY 2023**



We remembered the passing of our good friends Dick (1928 - 2020) and Berta (1928 - 2023) Grady at a Memorial Service held in the early afternoon of Saturday, 27 May 2023, at West Point Grey United Church. Dick served in the Regiment in the 1950s and 1960s and retired with the rank of Major. Dick was a great supporter of the Regimental Family and served on the Board of Directors of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society for many years.



A reception followed in the Church gymnasium where we remembered so many good times. BCRs in attendance were Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Archie and Lynda Steacy, Captain (Ret'd) Jerry Couling and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, we thank you for your service and dedication, Dick.

We will remember them.  
Up the Dukes!

**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 April until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. 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 for us on a regular basis. Of course, any errors are mine to both admit and correct.