



THE DUKE



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE – 2016

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It was an overcast morning in Vancouver at the annual ceremony of commemoration and remembrance at the Cenotaph in Victory Square. Many thanks to our Right Marker, former RSM, CWO (R) Chris Johnson and the very strong contingent of members. Our special thanks to The BC Regiment (DCO) Irish Pipes & Drums for leading the Regimental Association on parade. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne had the honour of leading the Regimental Association and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd assisted as 2I/C. Vice President Gayle Hawthorne laid the wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Regimental Association. The Regiment looked great and in fine form on this special day of remembrance. The Ceremony was certainly an all BCR affair with Cam Cathcart, the Director of Ceremonies, Lieutenant

Colonel Douglas Evans, the Parade Commander, with the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, the Parade Padre, Reverend Captain Michael McGee and the Minister of National Defence, former BCR CO, LCol (Ret'd) Harjit Sajjan, complete with Regimental Tie! The BCR Brass & Reed Band led the Regiment on the March Past with Major Don Bentley, in command. The March Past featured a very crowded Reviewing Stand with the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Judith Guichon, Minister Sajjan, Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander of the RCN, BGen Rob Roy MacKenzie, COS Reserves and Cadets and 39 CBG Commander Colonel David Awalt.

Upon the Regiment's return to The Drill Hall, the parade was dismissed and assembled around the Table of Remembrance where President Bob Remple delivered the traditional toast to the Fallen and Colonel Hawthorne gave the toast to the Regiment. Colonel Evans, and the RSM addressed the members of the Regiment, families and friends. The Table of Remembrance was a focal point for the concluding formalities on Remembrance Day which included an eloquent address and recitation of "In Flanders Fields" by Cpl James Alexander. The members placed their poppies on the Table of Remembrance as a final gesture of remembrance.

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

Many family and friends attended the post parade activities on the drill square and all three messes. The Kit Shop was a very busy place throughout the receptions. Many thanks to VP Gayle Hawthorne and her team of Louise Prouse and Dominique Goutsis!

The Regiment, Cadets and the Bands were fed a chilli lunch in the classrooms and all messes served sandwiches to the many guests in attendance. The Regimental Association provided all beverages for the toasts and contributed to a portion of the food costs for the reception. It was truly a family affair and certainly makes you proud to be a Duke!

Next stop...the Junior Ranks Mess led by Colonel Evans, RSM Mullick and President Bob Remple who rang the bell and complimented our soldiers for the great parade and thanked them all for their service. Colonel Hawthorne also attended the standing room only mess. What a great group of soldiers!

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

Truly a memorable day for all of us.

Up the Dukes!

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ICBC HEAD OFFICE – 10 November 2016



The annual ceremony of remembrance was held at the Head Office of ICBC in North Vancouver on Thursday, November 10th at 11:00 in the morning. Tom Van Walleghem, Vice President of the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association and members were piped into the rotunda for the ceremony by the 6 Engineer Squadron Lt. Col. J.P. Fell Pipe Band. The observance was conducted by Padre Gord Barrett and the Parade was commanded by Major Jim Barrett, the Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR (101DCOR) RCACC. Also in attendance was Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Barbara Meens Thistle, Vice President of Central Service for ICBC, addressed the large audience and participants and provided a very meaningful address on the significance of our duty to remember. A luncheon/reception was held after the ceremony for the veterans at the Cheshire Cheese Restaurant in the Lonsdale Quay.

Congratulations to ICBC for the memorable ceremony!

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION REMEMBRANCE DINNER MOXIES BALLROOM, THE SANDMAN HOTEL – 10 November 2016

Once again, it was a great turnout for this year's Remembrance Dinner held at The Sandman Hotel in Vancouver, a venue so very convenient for our members, being a short walk to the Drill Hall and the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day services on November 11th. A strong showing from serving members of the Regiment was also evident and acknowledged by the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Jim Barrett (CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, 2IC Major Paul Lindsay, OC Recce Major Adam McLeod and the Padre, Captain Michael McGee). Our good friend and colleague, Honorary Colonel of 39 CER, Bill Diamond, also attended with his wife Audrey. The support of our serving members is always greatly appreciated and many thanks to them for taking the time out from their very busy schedules. Strong support was also received from Raymond Greenwood and his colleagues from the Canadian Club of Vancouver and members of the Worthington Family (Donald and Jennifer Finlay and Mary Messmer).



The evening commenced with the customary reception which was followed by the Head Table, consisting of the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne (Vice President Gayle), Colonel Evans (Zinat and Aidan), Majors Lindsay and McLeod, and the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, being piped in to the dining room by Band Sergeant Rosalie MacDonald of the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums. Padre McGee said grace which was then followed by the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance at the Table of Remembrance by the RSM. Due to a minor delay in dinner service, the customary speeches were fitted in very smoothly by the Commanding Officer, with his comprehensive State of the Regiment message and some very kind words for the Regimental Association and, in particular, VP Gayle Hawthorne and Treasurer Jerry Couling, for their support of the Regiment (each recently awarded a CO's Commendation). The CO was followed by Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledging the very great support of the Regimental Association and its Charitable Trust to the Commanding Officer, the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Colonel Hawthorne concluded his remarks by acknowledging the service and tireless commitment of President "Recce" Bob Remple for so many years and presented him with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin. Many thanks Bob for your great support! Recce Bob concluded the formal speeches with a very comprehensive sketch of the monetary support provided by the Regimental Association to the soldiers, cadets and veterans. Many thanks to Bob for the timely reminder of the great financial support so generously given by our former serving members and friends!



An excellent dinner was then enjoyed by all. The toasts followed with The Queen by Aidan Evans, the Fallen by Major McLeod, with the Last Post by Bugler Chris Arhen and the Lament by Band Sgt MacDonald, the Regiment by Major Lindsay, HMCS Vancouver by Colonel Diamond and The Rifles by Archie Steacy.

During the break, desserts were provided and draw tickets sold by VP Gayle Hawthorne and Louise Prouse. The draws for the door prizes and the lucky tickets were conducted by the MC and Gayle Hawthorne.

The evening was concluded by the Master of Ceremonies acknowledging the work of Gayle Hawthorne organizing and coordinating all facets of the dinner. The entire room and tables were so artfully decorated and consistent with the theme of remembrance. Lynda Steacy was also acknowledged for her assistance at the dinner. Well done indeed Gayle and Lynda and thank you from all of us!



THE CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS

Submitted by: Archie Steacy



The Memorial Cross, bestowed by the Government of Canada, is an award that has been granted since 1919, and is issued as a memento of personal loss and sacrifice on the part of widows and mothers of Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen who died for their country during the war.

The crosses were sent automatically to mothers and wives who qualified, and could be worn by the recipients anytime, even though they were not themselves veterans. The cross was engraved with the name, rank and service number of the son or husband.

Recent changes now allow Canadian Forces members to designate up to three Memorial Cross recipients. This is specific to the Memorial Cross EIRR.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S MEMORIAL CROSS RECIPIENT LICENCE PLATE

The Honourable Todd Stone, MLA, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure and The Honourable Shirley Bond, MLA, Minister of Tourism, and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, launched a new Memorial Cross number licence plate. The new licence plate was unveiled in a very heartwarming ceremony on 10 November 2016 at the Beatty Street Drill Hall of the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) in Vancouver, B.C.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone opened the ceremony, saying, "starting today, a new commemorative licence plate is available in British Columbia for recipients of the Memorial Cross".



"The Memorial Cross licence plate is a small way we can honour these brave service members, who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Our troops sacrifice so much for Canada, and we are grateful for their service. The Memorial Cross licence plate is a small way we can honour these brave service members, who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom."

Minister of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour Shirley Bond said, "We are honoured to be able to present Ron McCully with the first Memorial Cross licence plate for the Province of B.C., which will honour the memory and the sacrifice of his beloved son Matthew who died serving our country. This commemorative plate is a symbol of our heartfelt gratitude for the men and women who serve on our behalf and the families who love them."



L to R: Minister Todd Stone, Mr. Ron McCully & Minister Shirley Bond



Corporal Matthew McCully, KIA 25 May 2007, Afghanistan

“This new licence plate is meaningful for my family, as this pays tribute to my son, Cpl. Matthew McCully,” said Ron McCully, Memorial Cross recipient. “Thank you to the B.C. Government and ICBC for developing and producing this new licence plate for those of us who have lost a loved one in the line of duty.”

Mr. Mark Blucher, ICBC’s President and CEO said “We’re proud to help recognize and honour the value of Canadian Armed Forces members by introducing the Memorial Cross recipient licence plate program in B.C.”.

LCol (Ret’d) Archie M. Steacy, President of the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association, his wife Mrs. Lynda A. Steacy, Major Donald Bentley, Major Craig McCullough, Capt Stephen Couture, Sergeant Leon van Heerden, Major Graham Kaine and Mr. Mark Francis, ICBC, attended the presentation ceremony.

CAREFREE HEARTWARMING CONVERSATION



Left side: L to R: Minister Shirley Bond, Minister Todd Stone, Mr. Ron McCully and Ms. McCully

Right side: R to L: Major Greg McCullough, Major Donald Bentley, LCol (Ret’d) Archie Steacy & Mrs. Lynda Steacy



Left side, L to R: Mrs. Lynda Steacy, LCol (Ret’d) Archie Steacy, Major Donald Bentley, Major Greg McCullough

Right side, L to R: Minister Shirley Bond, Minister Todd Stone, Mr. Ron McCully, Ms. McCully and Mark Blucher



Minister Shirley Bond chats with Captain Stephen Couture, Ops Officer, LdSH(RC), Sergeant Leon van Weerden Ops Warrant, LdSH(RC) and Major Graham Kaine, PAO 39 Bde



L to R: Mrs. Lynda Steacy, Minister Todd Stone, Minister Shirley Bond, LCol (Ret'd) Archie Steacy, Major Greg McCullough, Mr. Ron McCully, Ms. McCully, Major Donald Bentley and Mr. Mark Blutcher

Memorial Cross Licence Plate Eligibility: Memorial Cross plates are only available to official Memorial Cross recipients. Memorial Cross eligibility is determined by the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada.

Official Memorial Cross recipients may request a B.C. Memorial Cross licence plate by contacting ICBC headquarters at 604 982-6467 or they can visit the website: <http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/licence-plates/Pages/memorial-cross-plates.aspx>

2-2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM - SECOND CHAPTER

Submitted by: Major G. McCullough

As you may recall I went to the National Training Centre in Fort Irwin, California, where I was involved in training with 2-2 Stryker Brigade.

In May I was contacted and asked if I wanted to go overseas with the SBCT as part of “Pacific Pathways”, an exercise that is part of the US military’s focus on the Pacific theatre. There were four countries involved in this exercise- Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines- but overlapping portions meant that different parts of the SBCT would only be able to go to two countries.

I requested permission from my civilian employer to attend the entire six week exercise but due to the time frame- summer- was only able get part of the time away...however, it was enough time to be able to go to Thailand.

After a long flight to Bangkok I boarded a bus and made the trek to Saraburi, where we were barracked on a Thai Cavalry base there. I was one of three Canadians (the other two Regular Force) attached OPCON to the US Army for the duration of the exercise, which was jointly held with the Royal Thai Army.

During the exercise I was employed as the Battle Captain for 8-1 Cavalry- a battalion level job. That they gave this responsibility to me was a huge honour. It was great professional development to be able to work at this level and in conjunction with our counterparts from the Thai army as well. I enjoyed the experience a lot and made some excellent friends with our friends to the south.



Hopefully more members of our regiment will be able to take advantage of training opportunities like this in the future!

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS CEREMONIAL GUARD, OTTAWA – Summer 2016

Submitted by: Cpl Adam Fancy

In the summer of 2016 I had the honour of joining the Governor General's Foot Guards in their Public Duties season as part of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa, Ontario. Getting there was not the easiest of tasks however. I sent up many requests to my chain of command and finally the day came where I received the news that I had been approved to go.

The training began right away with four weeks of intensive drill practice. Eight hours per day, Monday to Friday, my new found friends and I marched. We learned what seemed like every drill movement in the book. By week three we were collectively tested on all drill movements taught. Any mistake and it potentially meant hours of more practice. Quickly we banded together as a team and corrected mistakes within our sections. We lived and breathed drill. Even in our down time, we practiced and perfected the movements. Long hours and constant stress only made us stronger in body and mind. Muscle memory set in and we all became flawless.

On Friday June 3rd, during the final testing of the week, during a routine stand at ease, a rifle bayonet caught the material of my dress pants and continued to penetrate through my lower left quadriceps muscle. My fellow guards cheered for me as I gave them a thumbs-up before I was rushed to the hospital for removal of the bayonet and stitching of the wound. Thankfully my major tendons and knee remained unharmed despite how close the wound came to them. Down but far from out, I began my recovery. After 12 weeks of bed rest, use of crutches and physiotherapy, I was able to join the guards again for the remainder of the season.

As I recovered, public duties season officially started. Daily guards would all assemble in the hallways and then parade square at Carleton University for inspections and practice. We then were bused to the Governor General's Foot Guard armoury for one last inspection and practice before the 1.5km march through downtown Ottawa to parliament hill where the changing of the guard would take place. Once on the hill, "Old Guard" would form up on the west side and "New guard" on the east. Drill Sergeant Major and Regimental Sergeant Major would then come around to inspect the guards' dress and rifles. Afterwards New Guard would relieve the Old Guard of their duties and together be marched off the hill back to GGFG armoury for dismissal.



To date, being a ceremonial guard has been the highlight of my career despite my injury. Representing the British Columbia Regiment in our Nation's Capital has brought nothing but joy and I am truly honoured. Being a part of the Ceremonial Guard has made me a better soldier, and a better human being. Relationships I've made with my fellow brothers in arms is something I will cherish forever.

THE DEDICATION OF THE MAJOR-GENERAL B. M. HOFFMEISTER, OC, CB, CBE, DSO BUILDING and HIGHLAND HOMECOMING – 24 September 2016

The dedication ceremony for the new purpose built facility for 39 CBG took place at 10:45 am with the Minister of Nation Defence Harjit Sajjan cutting the ribbon with Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rod Hoffmeister and formally designating the new edifice as The Major-General B.M. Hoffmeister, OC, CB, CBE, DSO Building. It was a very moving ceremony with the Hoffmeister family being part of the dedication. Congratulations to our good friend and colleague HLCol Rod Hoffmeister and his family.



The focus then turned to the second building comprised in the new “Vancouver Garrison” with the return of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (“Seaforths”) to their seismically upgraded Seaforth Armoury after a four year stay at Jericho Garrison.

The program included the arrival of the Seaforths, a buffet luncheon in the Anderson Dining Room and Officers’ Mess, a Regimental Review and March Past, The Drumhead Ceremony, an address by the Reviewing Officer, the

Minister of National Defence, Harjit Sajjan, a Highland Homecoming Tattoo featuring the music of eleven different units and a Ceilidh in all three messes. Parade Appointments were the RO, Minister Sajjan, Honorary Colonel Mike Shields, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rod Hoffmeister, the Commanding Officer, LCol Paul Ursich, Regimental Chaplain, Major The Reverend J. Short, RSM, CWO JN O’Connor and Director of Ceremonies, Cam Cathcart.

The Regiment was represented by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans and the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick. The Regimental Family was represented by VP Gayle Hawthorne and Cadet Governor Roger Prouse.



Photos courtesy of Roddy MacKenzie

It was a very special day for our Seaforth friends and colleagues. Congratulations one and all!!

CURRY LUNCHEON – 29 September 2016

It was a great turnout on a very pleasant autumn day as guests attended the “Taste of India” luncheon, prepared by Two Peas in a Pod Catering, hosted by the Officers’ Mess and coordinated by the Regimental Association. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, welcomed all guests and reminded everyone of the upcoming 133rd Regimental Birthday All Ranks and Guests Gala, to be held on October 15th. Colonel Hawthorne also noted that the September 2016 edition of **The Duke** had been published and distributed. Colonel Hawthorne then proceeded to introduce our very good friend and colleague, Retired Honorary Colonel Howe Lee (39 Service Btn), congratulated him on his recent award of the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) by the Governor General of Canada and presented him with the Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin in recognition of his exemplary work in the Community, the Army and his years of support of the Regiment and Regimental Family. Next on the agenda was a presentation of five VC Banners by Lieutenant Colonel (R) David Sproule to the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans. The five banners of our five VC recipients were donated by Dave in memory of his late wife Jean. It is hoped that the five banners depicting the five VC winners will be displayed on the OM Balcony overlooking the drill square during Veterans’ Week. The CO presented Dave with a CO’s Commendation and the engraved CO’s Medallion in recognition of his continuing service to the Regiment and the entire Regimental Family. Congratulations to two very fine gentlemen! The CO delivered his closing comments and thanked everyone for their support.

A most enjoyable time was had by all! We look forward to seeing you next month.



BCR PERPETUATED WWI BATTALIONS PARADE PNE 2 October 2016



On a bright, warm and sunny morning, The Regiment remembered the service of its Great War battalions beside the 29th Battalion Memorial located in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE. Major Jim Barrett commanded the parade which included 12 members of the Association, two 30 Cadet Guards from the BCR (Irish Fusiliers), BCR (101 DCOR) and BCR (Port Moody). Parents and friends of the Regiment were also present in support of the event. The Cadets were marched on and Maj Barrett recounted the history of the battalions, including those broken up on service and their training both at Hastings Park and in Vernon Army Camp, where many of the cadets were training last summer. Captain, The Very Reverend Deacon, Gordon Barrett, stood in for Padre Bayley and addressed those assembled with prayers and benediction. The Memorial Wreath was laid by Mr. Bob Remple, President of the BCR Association, Mr. Jim Britt, a former serving member of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, and our Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Following a minute's silence and a lament played by our piper from the Regimental Irish pipe Band, all participants were invited into the atrium of the Hockey Arena for lunch and beverages. Thanks to Gayle Hawthorne and Roger and Louise Prouse for their assistance in arranging lunch.



THE CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY BATTLE OF HONG KONG EXHIBITION OPENING – 5 October 2016

The formal launch of the Exhibition commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong was held at The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”), 555 Columbia Street, in Vancouver, on Wednesday, October 5th at 5:00 pm.



The many guests, standing room only, were greeted by President King Wan. Guest speakers included the Honourable Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province, and keynote speaker, The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy (the first Canadian Senator of Asian descent, now retired). Dr. Poy gave a very memorable speech on the significance of the Battle of Hong Kong and remembered the service of 2,000 Canadians who bravely fought during the campaign.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was in attendance and was recognized on this special occasion. Also in attendance were Regimental Family members Cam and Christine Cathcart.

3300 BCR (BHAİ KANHAIYA) RCACC SPONSOR CHARTER SIGNING CEREMONY – 6 October 2016

The official signing ceremony and presentation of the duly authorized Sponsor Charter, confirming the appointment of the Regimental Association as the new Sponsor, took place on Thursday, 6 October 2016, at the new cadet facilities situate at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, 7050 120th Street in Surrey. The Cadet Corps was very well turned out with 70 cadets on parade. The Parade Commander was C/RSM, C/CWO Simran Gillard and the CO of the unit, Major Lee Taylor, was the MC.



The Reviewing Officer for the evening was Regimental Association President Bob Remple. The Regiment was represented by the Honorary Colonel, Ted Hawthorne, the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans, and Major Vince Virk. The Regimental Association was well represented by HCol Bill and Audrey Diamond, Roger and Louise Prouse, Jerry and Dominique Couling, and Graydon and Sandra Young.

The ceremony included an inspection by the RO, the Honorary Colonel and the CO of the Regiment, an address by the RO and a very pleasant welcome and comprehensive speech by the CO of the unit, Major Lee Taylor. The post ceremony reception provided ample snacks and an extraordinary BCR "cake" (consisting of coloured cupcakes in the form of a BCR Flag) and a great opportunity for the Cadets, Cadet Officers, parents and other guests to reconnect and enjoy the obvious success of this unit.



Congratulations to all members of 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC and thank you for a most enjoyable evening! Up the Dukes!



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12 October 2016

Members of the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family:

Dear friends:

Re: Happy Birthday BCR!

Today we celebrate the 133rd anniversary of the formation of our Regiment. We remember the many years of sacrifice, service and commitment by our members, both past and present.

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

So happy 133rd to the Regiment and to its Citizen Soldiers in the third century of service to our country!

All the very best and I look forward to seeing you at the Regimental Birthday All Ranks & Guests Gala on Saturday, October 15th.

Up the Dukes!

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Remple
R. A. (Bob) Remple, President

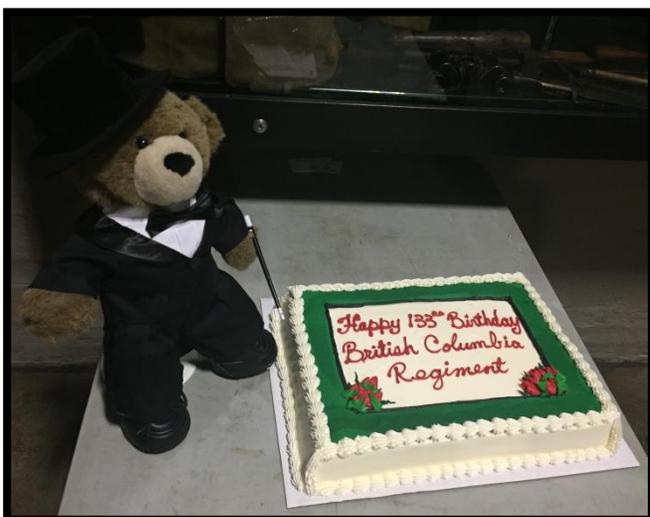
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) 133rd BIRTHDAY DINNER – 15 October 2016

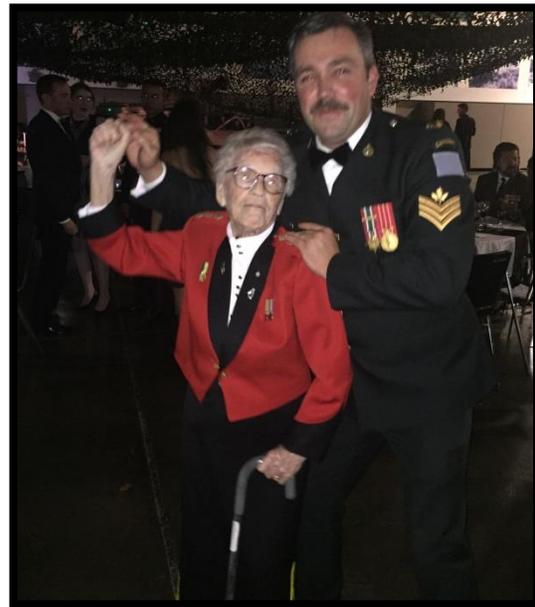
The all ranks and guests gala dinner remembering the 133rd birthday of the Regiment (12 October 1883) was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, 15 October 2016.



The evening's program included a Meet and Greet complete with hors d'oeuvres, an excellent roast beef dinner complete with all the trimmings, an official birthday cake cutting ceremony with sabre professionally executed by the PMC of the Junior Ranks Mess, Corporal Fancy, and Honorary Colonel Hawthorne, a memorable rendition of Happy Birthday to the Regiment led by the RSM, CWO Huf Mullick, the customary toasts and a response by the CO, Major Douglas Evans. The CO presented a Commanding Officer's Commendation to the PMC of the Officer's Mess, Major Adam McLeod, in recognition of his great work regarding the successful Curry Lunch Program, the annual St. Julien Mess Dinner and the All Ranks Gala 133rd Birthday Dinner. All guests were treated to the fine music of a 15th Field, RCA Sextet during dinner and the toasts, DJ Jose Manzano, throughout the evening and the CO's choice of the Band "Soul Stream" which was well received by everyone.

It was an extraordinary evening enjoyed by all. Happy Birthday BCR!!





THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH PILLARS CONFERENCE CHILLIWACK – 21-23 October 2016



The 2016 Annual Pillars Conference of the League was held at the RCMP Regional Training Centre situated at Calais Crescent in Chilliwack (formerly CFB Chilliwack). On Saturday, 22 October 2016, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne was requested to address the Conference on the matter of the new **Societies Act** of BC to be proclaimed into law on 28 November 2016. Colonel Hawthorne addressed the very well attended Conference and provided pertinent details of the legislation and the impact on the League and other societies generally.

At the end of the address and the question and answer session, the new flag for 3300 BCR (Bhai Kanhaiya) RCACC ("3300 BCR") was presented to Capt Nagra and to the Chair and Executives of the Sponsoring Committee ("SC") for 3300 BCR. It was a very happy occasion and a proud moment for the many supporters of the unit in attendance.



Colonel Hawthorne took the opportunity to present Cathy Bach, VP of the League and the National League, with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin while acknowledging and thanking Cathy for her extraordinary service and commitment to the Cadets, to the League and in particular 3300 BCR.



Photos courtesy of Phil Edge

Editor's Note: Colonel Hawthorne was provided with an early speaking slot in order to accommodate his schedule and required departure at 10:00 am to leave for Kamloops and arrive by 1:00 pm for the Honour Ranch Dedication Ceremony in Kamloops.

HONOUR RANCH DEDICATION CEREMONY 7355 YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY, KAMLOOPS – 22 October 2016



It was a beautiful sunny day to mark the dedication ceremony at Honour Ranch situated just north of Kamloops at 7355 Yellowhead Highway. The full program included Pipers for the VIPs, a Flag Party and a First Responder Guard led by the Parade Commander, CSC, Sgt Major Adam Webber, the singing of the National Anthems for the United States (Patrick Surette) and Canada (Charlotte Ribalkin) and Speakers, the Honourable Linda Reid, Speaker of the BC Legislature, the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health, BGen Dave Corbould, 39 CBG Commander Col David Awalt, Hon LCol Al De Genova, 15 Field RCA and President of Honour House Society, Chief Tim Armstrong, City of New Westminster and Director of Honour House Society, and Rick and Donna Wanless, the Donors of Honour Ranch ("Hacienda Caballo").



The MC, Ernie Mothus, Ambulance Paramedics, BC, read letters received from the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan and the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Kent Hehr.

In his keynote speech, Colonel De Genova acknowledged the wonderful gift of Rick and Donna Wanless which will greatly assist those dealing with PTSD, which he described as the “silent tsunami” and other occupational stress injuries that come from the front line of helping others. In addition, Chief Tim Armstrong challenged the units of all firefighters to build a small cottage in order to help create an instant village at Honour Ranch by next summer.

Post ceremony activities included Founding Director of Honour House Society, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne who presented his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin to Colonel De Genova in recognition of his great service to the CAF and to his community. 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron performed various manoeuvres in a Sikorsky Sea King CH-124 Helicopter. The Kamloops Mounted Patrol also performed for the very enthusiastic crowd. Also in attendance were Brian Archer and his Citadel Canine Therapy Group along with a new addition to the family named “Chevy”.

Congratulations AI and all the good folks at Honour House and now Honour Ranch. Well done!!



SWEARING IN CEREMONY ADAM JAMES THOMAS McLEOD – 25 October 2016

On 25 October 2016, at the law offices of Hawthorne, Piggott & Company, the Barristers' and Solicitors' Oath was administered by Ted Hawthorne (HCol BCR) to Adam McLeod (Major, OC Recce Squadron). In his brief address, Colonel Hawthorne congratulated Adam for his service in the Regiment and for his successful completion of articles and call to the Bar. Colonel Hawthorne also emphasized the importance of the Oath which defines all lawyers. For Adam, this special occasion marked the successful completion of a demanding one year period of articles and the official call to the Bar of the Province of British Columbia. A formal public ceremony and presentation to the Supreme Court of BC will take place on 9 December 2016 in Vancouver.

After the brief ceremony, an informal luncheon reception was held for all members of the firm.

Congratulations and our very best wishes to Adam for a successful career in the practice of law.



CURRY LUNCHEON – 27 October 2016



It was a good turnout for the “Taste of Singapore” curry luncheon, prepared by “Two Peas in a Pod Catering”, hosted by the Officers’ Mess and coordinated by the Regimental Association. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, welcomed all guests and reminded everyone of the upcoming visit of the RCAC Colonel Commandant, Colonel (Ret’d) Georges Rousseau, to 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC in Richmond on November 1st and to the Regiment on November 2nd, the Remembrance Veterans’ Dinner on November 10th, the Remembrance Day Parade on November 11th

and the next Curry Luncheon on November 24th. The CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, also welcomed his guests and briefed them on the status of the Regiment and thanked everyone for their support. The CO also acknowledged the representatives from the City of Vancouver, Lon LeClair and Jerry Dobrovolny, and thanked them for addressing the concerns of the Regiment regarding parking on Beatty Street. The CO presented Lon and Jerry with his CO’s Regimental Coin to mark the occasion.

A most enjoyable time was had by all!

3rd CANADIAN DIVISION, HONORARY COLONELS CONFERENCE CFB EDMONTON – 27-28 October 2016

The Conference was hosted by the Division Commander Brigadier-General Simon C. Hetherington, OMM, MSC, CD and was well attended by the Honoraries of the 3rd Canadian Division, from Vancouver Island to the Lakehead (“Army of the West”). The very full agenda included a Meet & Greet on Friday evening in the Edmonton Garrison Officers’ Mess where General Hetherington greeted all participants. The reception was an excellent opportunity for networking and for meeting the Division staff. Friday was a full day of presentations with addresses by the Division Commander, the Deputy Commander, BGen Nic Stanton, Operations Briefing by the Chief of Staff, Colonel K.A.Gallinger and the G33, Major Harpal “Manny” Mandaher. Colonel Shepherd, as National Chairman of Canadian Forces Liaison Council (“CFLC”), and Colonel Nigel Whittaker, RLO Pacific, provided a briefing of CFLC initiatives in the West. In concluding the morning session, Honorary Colonel Murray Farmer made a presentation relating to the “No Stone Left Alone” initiative (Mission – “To honour our fallen military and to educate students of the sacrifice of our veterans by placing poppies at their headstones every November”).

After the lunch break, the Conference reconvened with a Change of Appointment Ceremony for the Division Reserve Sergeant Major from CWO Allan Rishchynski to CWO Albert Boucher. Congratulations to both gentlemen for their service and commitment.

In concluding the conference, a Round Table Session was held which resulted in a full and frank discussion on many issues facing the various units in the Division. It was an excellent opportunity to engage with the Commander and the Deputy Commander and they were most eager to oblige.

In the midafternoon, the Honoraries were bussed to the lines of Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) where a full tour was conducted by members of the unit and representatives of the PPCLI and Military Police (Leopard 2, LAV 6, Gunnery Simulators, MP equipment and vehicle displays and infantry automatic weapons display). A very informative and “hands on” tour indeed!

The Honoraries were returned to their hotel, the French Grey Inn, for a quick stop and then to the Garrison Officers’ Mess where General Hetherington delivered his concluding comments for the Conference and thanked the Honoraries for their continuing work with their units and with the CAF.





Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne congratulated General Hetherington on the very successful conference and presented him with his Honorary Colonel Regiment Coin in recognition of his fine support.

At the conclusion of the reception, the attendees proceeded to the Dining Room for the farewell barbecue dinner as a fitting end to this memorable conference.

Congratulations to 3rd Canadian Division for a job well done!

CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM ANNUAL DINNER – 29 October 2016



The very successful annual dinner/fundraiser for The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) was held this year at the Pink Pearl Restaurant on Hastings Street in Vancouver. MP Joyce Murray, Commodore Jeffery Zwick, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, President King Wan, Former Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Howe Lee and Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne were piped into the dining room of this sell out event. The evening’s program included speeches by The Honourable Suzanne Anton, Attorney General of BC, Commodore Zwick, Joyce Murray, MP, Richard Lee, MLA, Howe Lee (to our Veterans and the Fallen) and President King Wan.

The Regimental Family was well represented by Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, Romano Acconci, Provincial Commissioner for the St. John Ambulance, British Columbia and Yukon Brigade, Archie Pow, Captain Jackson Wong, and Cam and Christine Cathcart. The most enjoyable evening, featuring excellent food, comradery and innumerable door prizes, was a fitting conclusion to another very successful year for the CCMMS.

Congratulations to all of our good friends at CCMMS and well done!



2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC VISIT OF COLONEL COMMANDANT GEORGES ROUSSEAU, CD, ROYAL CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS – 1 November 2016

The visit to 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC (“2381 BCR”) by Colonel (Ret) Georges Rousseau, as Reviewing Officer, on the unit’s regular parade night consisted of a formal parade complete with Flag Party and Band (led by Ken Whitney). Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, the CO of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Doug Evans and BC and National Army League Vice President Cathy Bach joined Colonel Rousseau on the inspection of the unit. Colonel Rousseau spoke to each Cadet during the inspection. A very kind gesture indeed! In his address to the Cadets, parents and officers, Colonel Rousseau emphasized the importance of the Cadet Program and complimented the Cadets on their excellent turn out, dress and deportment.

At the conclusion of the Parade, Colonel Rousseau acknowledged the Commanding Officer of 2381 BCR, Major Gary Law, for his service and commitment to the unit and emphasized Major Law’s strong leadership while serving as CO during his two periods of appointment. Colonel Rousseau presented his Colonel Commandant’s Commendation to Major Law in recognition of Major Law’s extraordinary service.



At the conclusion of the parade, a reception was held for the Cadets, Officers, parents and guests. Also in attendance were Major Rob Thompson, ACICO Trg Gp, Delta and Regimental Association Members, Cadet Governor Roger Prouse, BC Army League Awards and Honours Director Louise Prouse and Archie Pow.

Thank you 2381 BCR for a great evening!



CANADIAN FORCES LIAISON COUNCIL (“CFLC”) BC COUNCIL MEETING – 1 November 2016



The November meeting of the BC Directors of CFLC was held at the offices of Clark Wilson LLP in Vancouver. The BC Chair, Lyle Knott, QC, welcomed all members in attendance, in person and by telephone, and special guest MGen Paul Bury, Chief of Reserves and Cadets.

Mr. Knott reviewed the recent announcements (27 October) of the Premier, Christy Clark, at CFB Comox and the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, Shirley Bond, at HMCS Discovery, with respect to the expansion of unpaid leave from civilian employment (for up to 20 days annually) for reservists in training activities. CFLC was instrumental in realizing this major change in legislation.

MGen Bury was then introduced and provided the Board with a comprehensive briefing on many topics currently under discussion by the military community (deployments, expanding role of CFLC, compensation and benefits, recruiting, equipment, and the increasing role of the reserves in areas formerly the exclusive domain of the regular force).

At the conclusion of the briefing, Colonel Nigel Whittaker, RLO Pacific, proceeded with the meeting's lengthy business agenda. Members were reminded that the nomination of employers by reservists will close on 30 November 2016 and that all Directors were encouraged to get the news out to encourage reservists to submit nominations for the CFLC's Award Recognition Program in order to recognize those employers who are supportive of their reservist employees.

The Regimental Family was well represented at the meeting by HLCol Scott Shepherd (National Chair) and BC Directors HCol Bill Diamond (39 CER), HCol Ted Hawthorne (BCR) and Brian Archer (Citadel Canine).

CO'S PARADE

VISITS OF THE COLONEL COMMANDANT, COLONEL (R) GEORGES ROUSSEAU, CHIEF OF RESERVES AND CADETS, MAJOR GENERAL PAUL BURY and the COMMANDER OF 39 CBG, COLONEL DAVID AWALT – 2 November 2016

The evening commenced with an informal dinner at "Frankie's Italian Kitchen & Bar" with the RCAC Colonel Commandant, Colonel (R) Rousseau, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shepherd, the Commanding Officer, Major Douglas Evans and other members of the Officers' Mess and the CO's Committee.

Returning to the Drill Hall, it was a very busy evening for the Regiment with our special guests and the full agenda for the CO's Parade. The BCR Kit Shop was open for business, thanks to Vice President Gayle Hawthorne. The CO's Parade was well attended by members and the Regiment looked great.

The CO greeted the members, complimented everyone on a great turnout and referred to the successful exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the important Domestic Operations briefing completed just prior the parade. Major Evans then proceeded to introduce the two special guests for the evening, Major General Paul Bury and Colonel Commandant Georges Rousseau.

The parade agenda for the evening consisted of the following:

CO's Parade - Presentations, Honours & Awards

New Recruits - Acknowledgement:

Pte Laurentes
Pte Wo



Commanding Officer's Commendations:

Jerry Couling – the CO acknowledged and thanked Jerry for his service to the Regimental Association and the CO's Committee. As Jerry was unable to attend the parade, the CO's Commendation will be presented to him at a later date; and

Gayle Hawthorne – the CO also acknowledged and thanked Gayle for her service as Vice President of the Regimental Association and for her many activities benefitting the good name of the Regiment, including the monthly Curry Luncheon Program, the Annual Christmas Fundraiser, the Kit Shop and her continuing commitments to 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC.



Canadian Forces' Decoration (first clasp)

MCpl Smith and WO MacWilliam were each presented with their first clasp to their CD by MGen Paul Bury.



Promotions:

Captain Greg McCullough was promoted to the rank of Major with the very able assistance of his wife Amy.



Major Douglas Evans was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the Commander of 39 CBG, Colonel Awalt and MGen Bury with the assistance of the CO's wife Zinat. The RSM led the soldiers and guests with a resounding round of "Three cheers for the CO"! It was most certainly a joyous occasion marking this long overdue promotion!!



Address by MGen Paul Bury, Chief of Reserves & Cadets

General Bury gathered the soldiers in a semi-circle in a "Town Hall" style forum and made a brief presentation on the change of reserves from a strategic reserve to an operational reserve and noted that "we are going to be busy"! General Bury also recognized the role of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council and thanked the Honoraries for their work (Scott as National Chair and Ted as BC Council Director) and made references to changes in pay, compensation generally and benefits. A "Q and A" was held after the briefing with ample opportunity for the members to address their concerns to General Bury.



Address by the RCAC Colonel Commandant, Colonel (R) Rousseau

As the Colonel Commandant had previously informally addressed the soldiers while "touring" with the Honorary Colonels, he congratulated the soldiers on their excellent turnout and continued with his very positive and emphatic message that his job and that of the Regiment's Honoraries is to be there for the soldiers.



The CO concluded the memorable parade with a few brief remarks and all were dismissed to their respective duties. Also in attendance for this exceptional evening were Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, 39 CER, former BCR Honorary Colonel, Bill Ireland, LCol Bruce Kadonoff and Ken Whitney.

In the Officers' Mess, the Honorary Colonel thanked the Colonel Commandant for a great visit to 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC and the Regiment and presented him with his Honorary Colonel Regimental Coin. Colonel Hawthorne advised Colonel Rousseau that we look forward to his return visit next year!



Congratulations on another exceptional CO's Parade!

GEORGE DERBY CARE SOCIETY "PLANT A FLAG DAY" – 4 November 2016



It was a perfect morning to start Veterans' Week, when George Derby Care Facility ("George Derby") partnered with neighbouring schools, Cariboo Hill Secondary and Armstrong Elementary, to "plant" over 5,000 Canadian Flags on the front lawn and grounds of the facility in order to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans and to remember our Fallen.

Directors of George Derby, John Buis, RCMP Staff Sergeant Major, and Ted Hawthorne, Honorary Colonel of The BC Regiment (DCO), were on hand to celebrate the occasion and to meet so many supporters of the facility at this very memorable event. As many will know, George Derby has proudly served veterans since 1988 and its reputation continues as a "Centre of Excellence."



For further information on the "Plant a Flag Day", visit the George Derby Website at: www.georgederbycentre.ca

Congratulations George Derby for a job well done and for your many years of support of our veterans!



CURRY LUNCHEON – 24 November 2016

It was a good turnout for the "Taste of Korea" curry luncheon, prepared by "Two Peas in a Pod Catering", hosted by the Officers' Mess and coordinated by the Regimental Association. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, welcomed all guests and reminded everyone of the Annual Regimental Association Christmas Fundraiser on December 8th, the CO's Parade (Stand Down) on December 7th and the next Curry Luncheon on January 26th, 2017. The CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, also welcomed his guests and briefed them on the status of the training and the many upcoming events in December for the Regiment. In his closing remarks, Colonel Evans thanked everyone for their great support of the Regiment in 2016.

It was truly a very enjoyable time!

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**ANAVETS UNIT #100, KINGSWAY
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC FUNDRAISER – 27 November 2016**

The annual cadet fundraiser was held at the ANAVETS Unit #100 in support of 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC (“2290”). The very successful fundraiser was once again organized and run by longtime member of ANAVETS Sergeant at Arms, Agnes Keegan, also a longstanding member of the Sponsoring Committee of 2290. The event was well supported by a full house of our friends at ANAVETS. Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Association Vice President Gayle Hawthorne (also a member of the Sponsoring Committee of 2290), Major Jim Barrett, the Commanding Officer of 2290, with his wife Patricia, Captain Michael Marek, Stan Clarke, and Sponsoring Committee Members Dr. Alistair Younger (Chairman) and Michael Johnson (Treasurer) attended the very enjoyable affair. Colonel Hawthorne and Major Barrett were acknowledged as special guests and both Colonel Hawthorne and Major Barrett took the opportunity to thank ANAVETS for their grand support of 2290 and the Cadet Program in general. Colonel Hawthorne also acknowledged the great work of Agnes Keegan for this highly successful annual event, including her very popular “Kissing Booth”. Agnes conducted the draw featuring over 31 prizes with Colonel Hawthorne and Major Barrett manning the draw barrel.



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

**ST BARBARA’S DAY – 15th FIELD ARTILLERY DINNER
3 December 2016**

The annual St Barbara’s Special Guest Dinner held at Bessborough Armoury was very well attended. Members of the Regimental Family in attendance included the Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Major Greg McCullough, Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond (39 CER), 2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC Commanding Officer, Major Jim Barrett, Captain Gord Barrett, Colonel (R) Keith Maxwell and Major (R) Ken Whitney. The special guest of the evening was BGen R.R. MacKenzie, Chief of Staff Army Reserve (COS ARes), who delivered a brief speech regarding the tempo of the Army and recruiting. An

excellent dinner was served and guests were treated to an enjoyable evening with a standout performance by the 15th Field Band.



Many thanks to the Commanding Officer, LCol Brent Purcell, for the great hospitality, camaraderie and a wonderful evening!

CO'S PARADE (STAND DOWN) – 7 December 2016

The Stand Down parade ended another very busy training year for the Regiment. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, addressed the members and congratulated them for their very high level of accomplishment and reminded everyone of the last few events for this training year, namely the upcoming PD Day, Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner and Santa Duke. The CO expressed his satisfaction with the strong level of training and also complimented the Regimental Association for their good work in so many areas of support to the Regiment and the Regimental Family.

The following recruits were introduced to the Regiment:

Pte. Llorente
Pte. Wu
Pte. Borji
Pte. Ksor
Pte. Gangar

Pte. Kowalski
Pte. Lai
Pte. John
Pte. Swanson



The Commanding Officer then called upon Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, Chairman of the Regimental Association Charitable Trust, to proceed with the results of the 2016 Annual Bursary Program. Colonel Hawthorne announced the names of the seven recipients and provided background information on the importance of each Bursary, as follows:

1. Sgt. Sebastien Therrien – The Hawthorne, Piggott & Company Bursary;
2. Cpl. Riley Lafferty – The Sergeant Pierangelo Dal Magro, CD Memorial Bursary;
3. Cpl. Kai Yuan Li – The Lieutenant William H. Bicknell Memorial Bursary;
4. Cpl. Ken Wei Wu – The Dr. P.C. Simon Bursary;
5. Cpl Kelden Edwards – The Russell Stonehouse Memorial Bursary;

6. Cpl. Troy Ocol - The Honorary Major Raymond Ernest Glover Memorial Bursary; and
7. Tpr. Byunghoon Kim – The Grace Lungley Bursary.

The Honorary Colonel and the President of the Regimental Association, Recce Bob Remple, then proceeded with the presentation of the certificates to members in attendance. Each recipient received a cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00. Congratulations to all recipients and continued success in their studies!



Colonel Hawthorne then presented the CO with a \$2,000.00 cheque payable to the Regimental Trust for the Unit Fund and the benefit of the Regiment's soldiers. This donation by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust is made in memory of the passing this year of Audrey Toogood (wife of the late LCol Toogood), Jean Sproule (wife of LCol (R) David Sproule) and John D. Drake. The donation also is in recognition of the many behind the scenes contributions made by the spouses of our COs, past and present, and also the spouses of members in our Regimental Association.



The CO then called upon Regimental Association President Bob Remple to say a few words. Recce Bob gave a brief overview of the activities in support of the Regiment such as the Bursary Program, financial support for **The Listening Post**, European Studies Battlefield Tours, **The Duke, Swift and Strong** and other programs supporting the Unit and the Regimental Family.



In concluding the busy evening, the CO presented the Canadian Forces Decoration to the Unit's Chief Clerk, Sgt. Ahsan A. Khokhar. Congratulations Sgt. Khokhar!

Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, and VP Gayle Hawthorne were also in attendance.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER – 8 December 2016



The Annual Christmas Fundraiser was another success this year with over 85 guests in attendance, a very good turnout considering the ongoing poor weather conditions of snow and ice. Over \$15,000.00 was raised at the event, including many additional cash donations made in support of the fundraiser. These funds go to support the many programs sponsored by the Regimental Association Charitable Trust Programs such as Bursaries, Cadet Development, Commemoration and Community Outreach. The traditional

turkey dinner with all the trimmings, hospitality and camaraderie were first class and everyone had a great time. As usual the silent auction was a complete success with over forty items hotly contested. In addition, there were several door prizes and a multitude of excellent draw prizes. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, addressed the attendees and acknowledged the great support of the Regimental Association. Colonel Evans took the opportunity to present a CO's Commendation to Charlotte Yen of Hawthorne, Piggott & Company ("HPLaw") for her many years of producing **The Duke** newsletter and numerous other support functions for the Honorary Colonel and the Regimental Family.

A special thank you to the CO, our serving members and all three messes (Officers', WOs' & Sgts' and Junior Ranks) for their great assistance of this signature event. In addition, we wish to acknowledge the support of our many members, friends and supporters, including the two ReMax tables (Francis & Hawthorne Team and Team Leo Bruneau), HPLaw, and Brian Archer and his team from Citadel Therapy Canine Society.

The Regimental Association also wishes to acknowledge the great work of Vice President Gayle Hawthorne, the OPI for this event for the past four years and the initiator of the highly successful silent auction for many years. Congratulations Gayle for a job very well done! Many thanks to all of our many volunteers assisting Gayle, both before and at the fundraiser, including Archie and Lynda Steacy, Bob Remple, Kim Varnam, and our MC, Jim Barrett. Many thanks to the Junior Ranks Mess for sponsoring the excellent bar service throughout the event and finally a large thank you to Lori's Catering who always does such a fine job every year!





The CO presented Jerry Couling with the CO's Commendation at the CO's Committee meeting held just prior to the Fundraiser.

2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT OF RSM PARADE - 8 December 2016

Change of the Appointment of the Regimental Sergeant-Major is a significant moment in the history and continuity of that unit. No less true for our Cadet Corps, which saw the passing of the RSM's crossbelt & drill cane from CWO Bilali Miyonkuru to MWO Jalen Hall on the evening of 8 December 2016 at the BCR Drill Hall. RSM Miyonkuru leaves the Cadet Corps to pursue building his own company and business interests, following an outstanding career with 2290 BCR including gaining his 'Jump Wings' on the Army Cadet Parachute Course. The incoming RSM, MWO Jalen Hall takes over with a sound background as well and has already had a positive influence in the recruiting and retention at 2290. We look forward to his continued success as he assumes his full duties and RSM.



(L-R: RSM Miyonkuru, Maj Barrett, CD,
HCol Hawthorne, MWO Hall)



Passing over of the RSM's Drill Cane

PRESENTATION OF CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION TO CAPTAIN JIRI MOTAK

2290 BCR's final CO's Parade for 2016 on 8 December 2016 was also witness to the presentation of the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) to Captain Jiri Motak in recognition of his twelve years of honourable service to Canada as an Officer in the Cadet Instructor's Cadre. Capt Motak has performed the duties as Administrative Officer for 2290 BCR since September 2014. Present to witness his award which was received from HCol Ted Hawthorne on parade in front of 2290 BCR were Captain Motak's mother, and Captain Jennifer Adams, the Assisting Officer for 2290.



CALL AND ADMISSION CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 9 December 2016

The Call and Admission Proceedings took place in The Great Hall of the Vancouver Law Courts with The Honourable Madam Justice Sandra K. Ballance (“Justice Ballance”) presiding. The afternoon program commenced with Timothy E. McGee, QC, CEO of The Law Society of BC (“Law Society”) introducing the candidates en masse to the President and Benchers of the Law Society. After the entry of Justice Balance, the President of the Law Society, E. David Crossin, QC addressed the Candidates and guests. The program continued with the Candidates taking their Barristers’ and Solicitors’ Oath, being introduced to Justice Balance, signing the Barristers’ and Solicitors’ Rolls and being presented with their Certificates. The address of Justice Balance followed with the CEO closing the Ceremony after the departure of the presiding judge.



Congratulations to Adam McLeod, Esquire and we wish you every success in the practice of law!

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, who was called 44 years ago, was Adam’s principal during his period of Articles. Major McLeod is also OC Recce Squadron of the Regiment.



SOLDIERS’ APPRECIATION DINNER – 10 December 2016

The annual Soldiers’ Appreciation Dinner was a memorable evening complete with a traditional turkey dinner and all the trimmings, excellent table service by the Warrant Officers’ & Sergeants’ Mess and the Officers’ Mess, standout performances by the BCR Brass & Reed Band and the BCR Irish Pipes & Drums, traditional Toasts, and the CO’s “State of the Regiment” address (deployment of Lt Ellis to Ukraine, pending arrival of TAPV, upcoming training with LdSH (RC) and recruiting initiatives). Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans presented his CO’s Commendation to MCpl Jaz Iverson, for 29 years of service, and to WO “Mac” MacWilliam, for 24 years of service.

The final word was given to Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne who thanked “his old mess” for the invitation and the great



evening, congratulated the soldiers for their service and commitment to the Regiment and their country and wished one and all the best of the Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Congratulations to PMC, Cpl Adam Fancy, on a job well done!

SANTA DUKE – 11 December 2016

Santa Duke, reputedly the Honorary Colonel's alter ego, arrived in the Officers' Mess with great fanfare and was greeted by some very enthusiastic boys and girls and very proud moms and dads. MCpl Duke A. Bear and his girlfriend Colleen, both decked out as "Mr. and Mrs. Claus", were Santa's helpers along with Aidan Evans and Major Vincent Virk. It was a most enjoyable family event and a perfect ending to the training year! Lots of presents, a scrumptious buffet and enthusiastic singing led by Major Virk and the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Evans, comprised the order of the day. Best wishes and Merry Christmas to all from Santa Duke!



2290 BCR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - 11 December 2016

The tradition of an annual Christmas Dinner hosted by the Officers & Senior NCOs of a Regiment to thank the soldiers for their hard work over the past year is one which is proudly carried on also at the Cadet Corps level in which the Sponsoring Committee and Officers host the Cadets. 2016 will long be remembered for the cancelling of our caterer, who was snowed in at Harrison Hot Springs and unable to attend. The forecast for Sunday initially looked like another massive snow fall, but the forecast also indicated that the arrival of the snow would be delayed until the evening. Maj Barrett, CO 2290 BCR decided that we would go ahead with our planned dinner and our Sponsoring Committee, led by our chair, Dr. Alistair Younger, led the way. Parent guests went from attendees, to carvers and Servers, as BBQ chickens, salads, hot dogs and pizzas were obtained from our neighbours at COSTCO and a great dinner was had by all.



L-R: Col Hawthorne, 'Acting Private' Barrett, 'Acting CO' Angie Liem, 'Acting Private' Hall, 'RSM' Wong & LCol Evans



2290 BCR Cadets enjoying dinner.... well at least the anticipation of dinner



Capt Agnes Keegan with Colleen and "Santa Duke"

Maj Barrett acted as President of the Mess and Chief Story Teller to the over 45 cadets who braved the conditions and attended. Present were a number of 2290 BCR supporters including Duke and Colleen dressed in festive Santa Costumes, HCol Ted & Gayle Hawthorne, CO BCR LCol Doug Evans, Branch 100 ANAVETs President & his wife, Jan Holt and a number of Branch 100 guests, and our own Capt Agnes Keegan, who passed out prizes to cadets who participated in the Poppy Days to support the Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans. Our thanks to all who made this an enjoyable 'family' affair and our best wishes to all for a joyous Christmas, Holiday Season, and exciting New Year.

2381 BCR (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER – 13 December 2016

The annual Christmas Potluck Dinner of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC ("Unit") was held at the Colonel Sherman Armoury in Richmond on Tuesday, 13 December 2016. The drill square was full with over 90 cadets in attendance and numerous family members and special guests also participating. The evening's festivities commenced with a number of Head Table guests participating in the traditional barbeque pig cutting ceremony, followed by an extraordinary buffet. The program continued with the CO's address where Major Gary Law congratulated the Unit and thanked the many folks who support the Unit to make it such a success. Louise Prouse and Archie Pow presented four Cadet Long Service Medals followed by Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne presenting the Dominion Rifle Association Medal ("Connaught Medal") to WO Westley Lam and the C/RSM Crossbelt to C/WO1 Stanford Lin. Colonel Hawthorne congratulated the Unit for their service and commitment to the Army Cadet Program and the officers, volunteers and sponsoring committee for their support and commitment and for organizing such a memorable evening. The speeches were followed by the service of an array of desserts, many draw prizes, the "2381 Spicy Talent Show" consisting of eight different contestants, a Unit Band recital lead by Major (R) Ken Whitney, a Balloon Art Auction and toasts. Other guests included Honorary Colonel (Retired) Howe Lee, and Regimental Association members Roger and Louise Prouse, Ken and Linda Whitney and Archie and Judy Pow. It was a very eventful evening and the cadets had a great time. Well done 2381 BCR!



FROM VIMY TO FRANCE CANADA IN FRANCE 1914-1945 RECEPTION AND CEREMONY - 16 December 2016

The presentation of the “From Vimy to Juno” Travelling Exhibit in Vancouver was held in the Armouries of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada on Friday, 16 December 2016. The program, sponsored by the Juno Beach Centre and the Vimy Foundation, included an enjoyable well attended reception complete with wine and hors d’oeuvres, a welcome by MC Cameron Cathcart, remarks by Don Cooper, President of the Juno Beach Centre Association, and DCO 39 CBG, LCol Kent Wickens, the Last Post, Minute of Silence, Piper Lament, Rouse, Wreath Laying, a video presentation entitled “They Walk With You” and concluding remarks.

BCR attendees included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, the Band Governor, Honorary Colonel Bill Diamond, and Ken Whitney. Many friends were in attendance with displays from the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, RUSI Vancouver, Honour House, the RCL and 15th Field RCA Association (Bob Mugford with a 25 Pounder Field Gun Display).



CADET GOVERNOR’S REPORT

Submitted: Roger W. Prouse, BCR Cadet Governor

The 2381 BCR Irish Fusiliers hosted the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps on 1 November. Col Georges Rousseau wanted to visit a BCR Cadet Corps on his trip out west and the Tuesday Parade night worked well with his busy schedule. He inspected the Cadets and then presented Major Law with The Colonel Commandant’s Commendation for Major Law’s long association with our BCR Corps in Richmond. A reception followed in the Mess with the senior Cadets present. The Col gave a very inspiring talk to the Cadets on the importance of good leadership.



With the busy fall training schedule behind them, it’s now time for some holiday fun. All our Corps has had their Christmas dinners and many have gone out into the community to help those who are not as fortunate as us. This was accomplished by helping the Salvation Army with their Kettle programme, by collecting food items for the Food Bank and by helping to wrap gifts for needy families.

Our BCR Powell River Corps have had a busy Holiday Season. They held their Christmas dinner on December 2, assisted with a Children’s Christmas party on December 6, held a Change of Command Parade on Dec 7 (Lt (N) Alan Walker to Capt Alyssa Paemoller) and assisted the Salvation Army with their Kettle Drive on Dec. 12. While our Cadet Corps in Powell River is small by most standards, it leaves a very impressive foot print in the Community. Well done.



The 2290 BCR Cadets held their Christmas Dinner on Sunday December 11 despite a rather bazaar turn of events. The caterer for the event was snowed in and was unable to provide the food for the dinner. That is when the Sponsoring Committee and parents sprang into action. In true BCR fashion, and not wanting to disappoint the Cadets, they went to Costco and purchased chickens, pizzas, salads, buns, condiments and desserts enough to feed approximately 80 to 90 Cadets, officers and guests. The evening was saved thanks to a quick thinking and resourceful Sponsoring Committee.

The 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) held their Annual Christmas Potluck dinner on Tuesday December 13. This is truly a family event whereby parents and friends of the Cadet Corps provide the food. The families are invited to sit down with Cadets, officers and Guests to enjoy the food and the evening's entertainment. At events like this and in true Chinese tradition, a suckling pig (cooked of course) is donated. The pig is carved by the host in front of the gathering to signify good luck and good health in the days ahead.



The 3300 BCR (Bhya Kanhaiya) is parading approx. 80 Cadets. Under the leadership of Major Taylor and with the BCR Association as their official sponsor, this Corps is poised to become one of the strongest and fastest growing Corps in BC. They are now parading at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Surrey where they have the use of many of the temples facilities for lessons, administration and supply space. They held their holiday dinner on 14 December.

The 2827 BCR Port Moody has completed a very busy fall training schedule as well as community activities. With an influx of new recruits they have now out-grown their current parade facility. An ambitious fund raising programme is in the planning stages with eye to build a new youth centre that will accommodate the other two elements and other youth orientated groups in Port Moody. Negotiations with the city of Port Moody are ongoing and it is hoped that the city will provide the land providing the community can raise the money.

Exercise Water Rat was conduct on the weekend of November 20 in Golden Ears Park.

Pictured are some very tired, wet but happy Cadets of the 2827 BCR Port Moody Cadets.

On Behalf of the BCR Cadets, I wish all members of the BCR family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2017.



THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) BRASS BAND

By: Peter Davidson



The Brass and Reed Band has had a busy Autumn. The band had 20 members turn out despite the rain to play in the annual Halloween Parade, proudly marched across the field in front of 20,000 BC Lions fans at the Salute to Veterans, led the regiment on its march to and from the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day ceremony, and performed some Christmas favourites at Vancouver's first annual Enchant Light Maze & Market. The brass group led by Chris Ahern also had its fair share Christmas

celebration playing multiple dates at the Burnaby Village Museum. As a result of the band's award winning performance at the Interior Provincial Exhibition the brass and reed band is looking forward to an opportunity to represent the regiment at the Vernon Winter Carnival in February.

THE START LINE A VISIT TO THE RCAC SCHOOL, CFB GAGETOWN, June 2016

By: David Sproule, Victoria, BC

I was last at the School in Gagetown when I attended a Corps Conference when I was CO back in 1990 or '91. As I found out this past June, much has changed. Early in 2016 I decided that I would visit the Maritime provinces as I hadn't been there in many years and I had the urge to visit some old Army friends and nieces and nephew that I hadn't seen in too many years as well as some of their offspring that I had never met.



My first stop was Fredericton where I linked up with an old friend and fellow member of First Troop, Recce Squadron RCD from my time in the Sinai Desert. "Red" Hayes and his wife Jean live in Harvey NB about 40 minutes out of Fredericton and they had laid on a fine RCD welcome for me as is evident from this photo. Red and I hadn't seen each other in too many years and I had never met his wife before and so it was a fine reunion. Red had arranged a tour of the RCAC(S) for me later in the morning and so off we went to Gagetown. I had travelled that road from Fredericton to Gagetown every day for over a year and yet in spite of many changes I was still able to recognize a few landmarks along the way. I was quite surprised

that there isn't a front gate to the Base anymore as we just drove right in and parked at the school. Rather refreshing in these days of ultra-tight security. Red checked in with the School RSM who had arranged for a couple of keen young corporals to be our guides. MCpl Folkes, RCD and Cpl Normand-Needham, 12RBC were very knowledgeable about the equipment we were about to experience. I had last been in the turret of a tank in the fall of 1973 when I was a student on the Combat Team Commanders course. I had recently turned 36 that summer and could still climb up on the Old Centurion pretty quickly – as I had

done it quite a few times before. The Leopold II is a formidable piece of equipment when compared to a Centurion and has a 120mm master weapon compared to the 105 that I had known and so I was relieved when MCpl Folks rolled a set of stairs over to the tank. And so I found my way up to the Crew Commanders hatch and achingly lowered myself in. Believe it or not it seemed strangely familiar as there were episcopes and cupola equipment that I understood, and the gunner would be located in a familiar position as would the loader. There were lots of projecting pieces and hard things that made me wince when I moved around. I liked where the ready bins are located in the projecting part at the back of the turret saving the gunner a whole lot of lifting. I did wonder though where the crew would keep the white bread and peanut butter because that is the space where the radio set was located and also where we stuffed our goodies. I also liked the target acquisition capability of the tank with all of the laser range-finding equipment. I was also surprised to learn that they don't use HESH anymore. The driver has a relatively roomy compartment with a nice screen for observation around the tank negating the need for a ground guide. Just like my Honda.



Red Hayes and me doing a "Crews Front" on the Leopard II

Next we looked at a brand new LAV6. My recce days were spent in the Ferret and Lynx not to mention the ILTIS and so the LAV was a revelation to me. I liked the surveillance suite and laptop which provides data directly to RHQ and the overall look of the vehicle. I would have liked to spend some time on it.



The LAV6 is nice piece of kit – I would have loved to have spent time in this "baby".

It was good seeing my old friend Red Hayes and as New Brunswick is a long way from the West Coast I realize that I have to return before too many years although I'm sure I won't have the chance to climb onto whatever replaces the Leopard II and the LAV6. That would be pushing my luck.

Later that day, Red and Jean drove me around the rural area in which they live showing me the grave sites of veterans. They initiated a program of identifying as many veterans graves as possible along with the help of others, in the province of NB. They place small Canadian flags and metal crosses to identify the locations so that all visitors cannot help but see. Red and Jean received an award from Veterans Affairs for their work.

The following day I was off to Charlottetown, PEI to meet up with my daughter but also to see my another old friend and comrade Bill Henry. Bill and I served together as troop leaders in the RCD in the early 60's and in 1972-73 as squadron commanders in the Strathconas. We had not seen each other since. Bill has been very active among veterans in PEI holding the federal Government's feet to the fire to reinstate Veteran's Affairs offices as they had been removed by the previous government. Bill lobbied successfully as new VAC offices reopen in Charlottetown this month. Outstanding work Bill.



Four Veterans' graves are visible in this photo



Bill Henry and me near Cavendish, PEI

It was great to see old friends and to learn of their lives and to learn of the work that they are doing for Canada in working for veterans. Red and Bill, I salute you.

FROM THE BARRETT BUNKER – December 2016

By: Major Jim Barrett

I have always found it both strange and fascinating how the connections we make in the military form small circles where we keep crossing paths. Back in 2004 I had accompanied the Late Capt Bob Moorhouse, at that time the Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR Cadets on a trip to Britain and the battlefields of Europe as part of his plan to take cadets on a tour of Normandy and the Great War battlefields. After a long day touring the area around Ypres on a guided tour and the ceremony at the Menin Gate, we were back at the lounge in our quarters in the Chateau de Hooze sipping back on a wonderful Belgian beer, when in walked Capt Graham Burton, who had just transported a prisoner to Germany in his role as a RCMP Sergeant. We had been at the same table at the BCR St Julien Dinner just two weeks earlier. We paired up for the rest of our trip to Europe and had a great time. The trip for the Cadets never happened.

Rolling the clock forward sixteen years, when I was up in Vernon as a Company Commander at the summer Cadet Training Centre, I received an email message 'out of the blue' from Graham, who was the Adjutant up at the Whitehorse Camp. A very small world indeed.

Graham had come across some interesting information and a discovery, which is of significance to all of the Dukes. The camp had two Great War trophies on the property currently on display at Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre (Boyle Barracks). Graham was able to track down the provenance of these two artillery pieces as per the documentation from Public Archives Canada dated 31 Aug 1987. It is significant that War Trophy no G7414 reported to be a 7mm gun that was captured by the 102nd Bn CEF on 27 September 1918 at "Bourlon Wood".



There remains the story of how it were captured and for that we need look no further than Lt Graham Lyall's bravery between 27th of September to the 1st of October, 1918, where he was personally instrumental in the capture of 3 officers, 182 other ranks, 26 machine guns and 1 Field Gun." His Victoria Cross citation reads:

"For most conspicuous bravery and skillful leading during the operations north of Cambrai. On September 27th, 1918, whilst leading his platoon against Bourlon Wood, he rendered invaluable support to the leading company, which was held up a by a strong point, which he captured, by a flank movement, together with thirteen prisoners, one field gun and four machine guns. Later, his platoon, now much weakened by casualties, was held up by machine guns at the southern end of Bourlon Wood. Collecting any man available, he led them towards the strong point, and springing forward alone, rushed the position single-handed and killed the officer in charge, subsequently capturing at this point forty-five prisoners and five machine guns. Having made good his final objective, with a further capture of forty-seven prisoners, he consolidated his position and thus protected the remainder of the company. On October 1st, in the neighbourhood of Blecourt, when in command of a weak company, by skillful dispositions he captured a strongly defended position, which yielded eighty prisoners and seventeen machine guns. During two days of operations Lt. Lyall captured in all 3 officers, 182 other ranks, 26 machine guns and one field gun, exclusive of heavy casualties inflicted. He showed throughout the utmost valour and high powers of command."

(London Gazette, no.31067, 14 December 1918)



It appears that this field piece on display at the Whitehorse Cadet Camp is likely the same that was captured by Lt Lyall as referenced in his VC citation.

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31 August 1987
Mrs. M. Horback
P.O. Box 4102
WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory
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Dear Mrs. Horback:

In reply to your letter of 18 August, I may say that the city of Whitehorse was originally awarded one war trophy, a 170 mm trench mortar which had been captured by the Second Canadian Division, C.E.F., date and location unknown. The trophy, catalogued as TM 5270, was shipped to Whitehorse from Ottawa in September 1920 (our reference: Record Group 37, volume 388).

Whitehorse acquired its second gun from a shipment of three that were destined for Dawson City. As the enclosed document shows, one unidentified gun was left at Whitehorse (RG 37, vol. 378, Yukon Gold Commissioner to Arthur Doughty, 13 September 1920). The three guns sent to Dawson City are described in the war trophy records as follows:

1. Trophy no. 61189, 105 mm gun captured by the 16th Battalion, C.E.F., near Aubercourt on 8 August 1918;
2. Trophy no. 66562, 105 mm gun. No details on record.
3. Trophy no. 67414, 77 mm gun captured by the 102nd Battalion, C.E.F., near Bourlon Wood on 27 September 1918 (RG 37, vol. 388).

You will be pleased to learn that the correspondence of the Yukon Gold Commissioner on the subject of the war trophies is available to you in the Territorial Archives in Whitehorse. The records can be found in Record Group 91, volume 44, file 29600-D. I might add that the file reference provided you by the Directorate of History, National Defence, has no relevance at all to your research.

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I believe that this is of significant interest to the Regiment. The gun needs some restoration and should be dedicated to the memory of Lt Lyall, VC. A project for our Museum and Association perhaps in time for 2018.

Our thanks to Capt Graham Burton, CD for this discovery.

As we close out the year I recall that it was a century ago that my grandfather, who had joined the 7th Battalion in Aug 1914, was bringing up dispatches and ammunition towards the front lines when his horse was killed by an artillery shell and landed hard on his left knee, which led to his being carried off to England to recover and eventually his release from the Canadian Expeditionary Force in January 1918 at the supposed age of 22 years and six months. Interestingly enough, he reenlisted on 3 March 1918 and used his correct birthdate of 9 July 1899. He received training to be a machinist and earned enough money working in the gold mines at Princeton and Hedley to pay for my Grandmother to come to Canada as a War Bride in 1920.

Regimental Whiskey Tasting



Hosted by:
*The British Columbia
Regiment
Officers' Mess and
Sgts' & WOs' Mess*



Proceeds to:
*The BCR(DCO)
Unit Fund*

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017

Time: Bars Open from 6:30pm - Midnight.
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.

Location: Upstairs Messes of The British Columbia Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

Dress: Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)

Price: \$50/person (Includes 5x Full Measures of Whiskey)

****For those not partaking in the Whiskey Tasting, the option of a \$20/person donation to the Unit Fund is available. This includes unlimited soft drinks for the evening.**

RSVP: RSVP **MANDATORY**, as tickets are limited!
For information or to register, please email the PMC of the
Officers' Mess, Maj Adam McLeod, at: adammcLeod@gmail.com

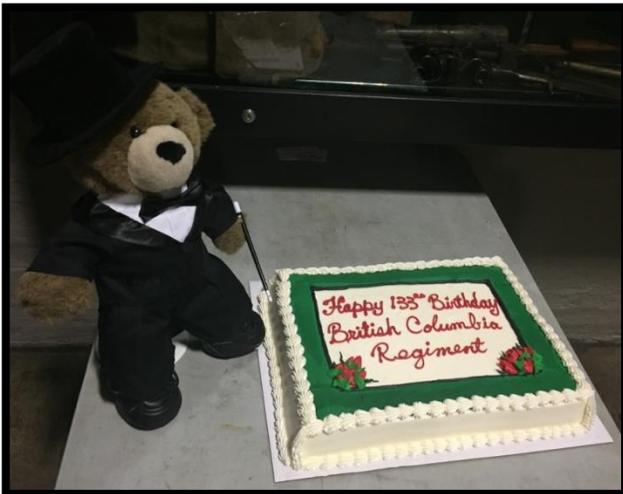
Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door
Cheques are payable to: "BCR Officers' Mess"
No cancellations after January 14, 2017

39TH VANCOUVER BROWNIES



The 39th Vancouver Brownies (ages 7 and 8) made beautiful homemade Christmas Cards and sent the package to a serving member of 39 CBG who is currently on his first operational tour in Kuwait. "Smiley Owl", alias Jean Bowman (of HP Law), the Brownies' leader, was instrumental in making this meaningful project a success. Well done Jean and thank you!

DUKE'S DEN



Duke at the 133rd Birthday Dinner
(October 8, 2016)



Duke at the Christmas Fundraiser Luncheon
(December 8, 2016)



Duke and Colleen at the
2290 BCR Cadets Christmas Dinner
(December 11, 2016)

SPECIAL NOTE:

MCpl Duke A. Bear will be deploying on his fourth operational tour in early 2017 with Lt. Paul Ellis (Op Reassurance – Ukraine).

UNDER THE WEATHER



In mid-August 2016, BGen (Ret'd) Peter B. Kilby fell, fractured his pelvis spending the next three months in Salmon Arm General Hospital. During Peter's recuperation, he contracted C-Difficile that kept him very ill and quarantined into late November, However, he has now recovered and is residing at Mt. Ida Mews, Suite 124 - 101- 5th Avenue, Salmon Arm B.C., VE1 4H4. Send Peter a card or give him a call at 778-489-5447, but let it ring as he will be slow in answering.

We are so pleased you are well on the road to recovery and good health.

Best wishes from all Ranks BCR; Up the Dukes

ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

The BCR KitShop is now online:

<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/army-kit-shops/british-columbia-regiment.html>

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 will be available online shortly.

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

The Kit Shop has the following items for sale:

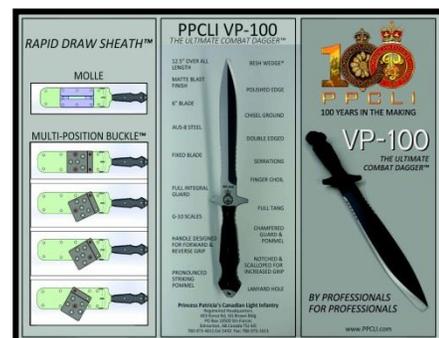
1. Mini Guidons - \$115.00. Once we have 10 confirmed requests, the order will be placed.
2. Custom designed BCR Knife - \$140.00 – almost sold out and once gone, they will not be replaced
3. Crests - \$35; Lapel Pins - \$10.00; BCR Ties - \$45.00; and Flags - \$12.00.
4. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.

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

Mini Guidons - \$115.00



BCR Knife - \$140.00





Cuff Links - \$35.00



Pen - \$25.00



Pocket Watch - \$105.00

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ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

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

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



ASLEEP

B117830 Trooper Eddie Gudbranson served with the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) in Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II. He was born on 11 November 1924 and passed away on 5 November 2016. Eddie, Reta and daughters Donna and Sandra resided in Malartic, Quebec and Sudbury, Ontario. He was a cherished grandfather and great grandfather. Eddie was a gentleman and a gentleman who will always be loved and cherished by his family.

Major Jack D. Drake, CD started his military service as a Cadet with the 2290 British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in the mid 1950's. He then enlisted in The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, serving his "Regiment" and 24 Militia Group Headquarters for his entire military career, 1957 to 1989. He passed away on 6 December 2016. During Jack's civilian career, he and Pat and Sasha resided in Burnaby, B.C. Upon retirement, Jack and Pat took up residence at Horse Lake, near Lone Butte, B.C.

Lieutenant (Ret'd) Brian M. Moir served with the Canadian Officer Training Corps at the University of British Columbia, transferred to and served with the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC from 1961 to 1963. After UBC graduation, his civilian career set off in Calgary with Scott Paper, however, in 1970, Brian established his own insurance agency. Brian, Pat, sons Stuart, Michael and step-son Gordon resided in Kelowna, B.C. Brian passed away in the Kelowna General Hospital on 19 December 2016.

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