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Editor's Note: Welcome to Part 2 of THE DUKE: We will recommence with the weekly activities and then complete with the BCR Kit Shop Reference and our Remembrance of our Comrades who have passed on since our last edition.

April

**RUSI VANCOUVER AND 15 FD SOCIETY LUNCHEON
AND PRESENTATION WITH
MAJOR LYNN DOUCETTE, CD (RET'D)
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
26 MARCH 2025**



"The Defence of North America – the Cold War and Beyond"

Wednesday's luncheon at 15 FD RCA's Bessborough Armoury was well attended for the latest presentation on interesting military Topics.



Following an excellent meal, the guests filed off into the nearest classroom where Col Keith Maxwell Introduced Major Lynn Doucette. She has been recognized by Veterans Affairs and the Canadian Forces as a veteran with significant achievements.

Her talk covered her interesting career from her enlistment in the Canadian Armed Forces from the Maritimes

and the many interesting opportunities in her 35-year career, serving in Canada, the United States and in the Middle East as an air defender and on AWACS as Battle Staff and Mission Crew. She deployed to Turkey in 1991 for the First Gulf War where she became the first female Canadian AWACS Mission Crew Commander.



Lynn's presentation highlighted her experiences over a varied and successful career, giving a first-person account of how our air defence mission and personnel evolved over time but remained focussed on the core mission of defending Canada and North America round the clock. Lynn shared her insight on defence relations with our allies, the difficulties associated with operating on the Middle East and what the future holds for NORAD and our other alliance arrangements.

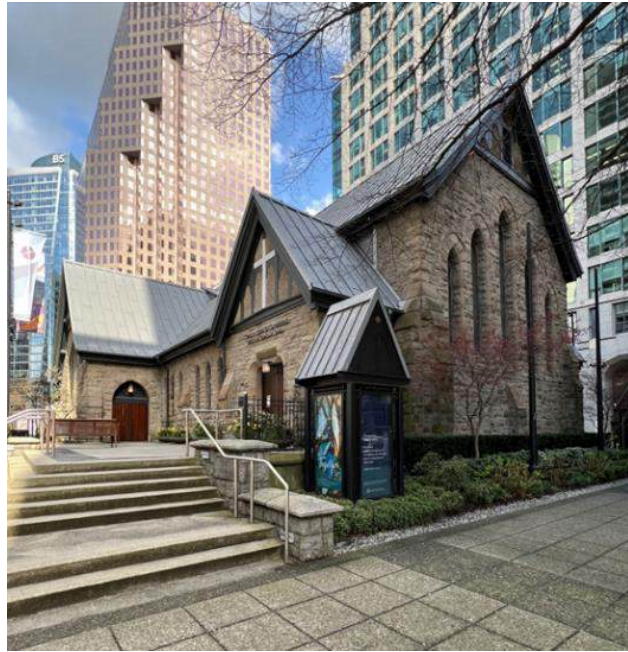
This was a unique opportunity for our lunch attendees to learn first-hand about AWACS and its important role in the defence of Canada.



Following her excellent presentations and question period Maj Lynn Doucette was presented a 39 CBG Shoulder Badge by HCol Don Foster from 15 Fd RCA with the indigenous design of the Mountain Lion's head.

This article a joint effort from HCol Foster & your editor.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATIONS
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
VANCOUVER, B.C.
2 APRIL 2025**



An outstanding King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation Ceremony was hosted by the Padre, The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas, PhD, DMin, Rector & Dean, Diocese of New Westminster, at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver in the late afternoon of Wednesday, 2 April 2025.





The programme included a Land Acknowledgement, the singing of an opening hymn by the Choir under the direction of Dr. Neil Cockburn, Director of Music, Opening Remarks by Padre Pappas, the singing of “O Canada” and the presentation of six King Charles III Coronation Medals. The ceremony was very well attended by family, friends and colleagues of the following medal recipients.

- Master Corporal (Ret'd) Randy Sloan, Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (presentation by Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani on behalf of Jonathan Wilkinson, MP)
- Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Virk, CD, 3 Canadian Division, Special Projects (presentation by Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani on behalf of Jagmeet Singh, MP)
- Lieutenant-Colonel Vicki Ferg, CD, Commanding Officer of 39 Signal Regiment (presentation by Senator (Ret'd) Larry Campbell on behalf of Senator Yuen Pau Woo)
- Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, CD, Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion (presentation by Senator (Ret'd) Larry Campbell on behalf of Jagmeet Singh, MP)
- Major Gino Simeoni, CD (Ret'd), President of The Last Post Fund, B.C. Branch (presentation by Senator (Ret'd) Larry Campbell and Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama on behalf of The Honourable Wendy Coccia, Lieutenant Governor of B.C.)
- Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group (presentation by Senator (Ret'd) Larry Campbell and Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama on behalf of The Honourable Wendy Coccia, Lieutenant Governor of B.C.)

Each recipient was duly honoured for their exceptional service to the community and their unwavering dedication and commitment to Canada.





Regimental Family in attendance included the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, President of the BCR Museum, Bill Whalen, former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Romano Acconci, former BCR Sergeant, Sailor First Class, Alejandro Langone, HMCS Protecteur and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



The Presentation Ceremony concluded with the singing of God Save The King and Closing Remarks by Padre Pappas and an informal reception followed to conclude this most festive occasion.



Congratulations to all medal recipients and special thanks to Her Honour, Wendy Coccia, Senator Woo and Jagmeet Singh, MP, for their support of our serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces and our Veterans.



Special thanks to Padre Pappas and his team for hosting this memorable celebration of the service by the recipients, at the home of our Regimental Colours.

KING'S CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

APRIL 2, 2025 | 16:30 - 17:30

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
REGIMENTAL CHURCH
OF
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO)



THE VENERABLE KIRKSTUPEL A. PAPPAS, DEAN
OF THE CATHEDRAL, BISHOP OF MENDOCINO
CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

PROGRAM

© God Our Help in Ages Past

Welcomes: Padre Pappas

© Canada
One Union and another land,
Transparent hearts in all the corners,
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
© Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
God keep our land yet more and free!

© Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
© Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Presentation of King's Coronation Medals

MC (Dr) © Ready Steady by MG Col Robert

EGM Veterans Valed by DCO Robert

EGM Valed by Senator (Dr) Larry Campbell

EGM Arch Valed by Senator (Dr) Larry Campbell

MC (Dr) © God Blessed by Senator (Dr) Larry Campbell & MG Col David McInnes

© The Lord's Prayer by Senator (Dr) Larry Campbell & MG Col David McInnes

God Save the King
God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!

Send out to us,
Thy power and grace,
Long to see us,
God save the King.

The choicest gifts to us,
On thee be placed in trust,
Long may we see,
Maid for whom we strive,
And may give us rest,
To us with love and grace,
God save the King.

Photographic
Thanks & Dismissal

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CO'S COMMITTEE AND REGIMENTAL TRUST MEETINGS
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
2 APRIL 2025**



The April meeting of the BCR Commanding Officer's Committee was held in person and virtually via MS Teams in the early evening of Wednesday, April 2nd. Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani chaired the very comprehensive CO's Committee meeting which included detailed 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, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, the Regimental Secretary, Ted Hawthorne, the Report of the BCR Trust and the Commanding Officer's update, by Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, who provided a thorough review of the Regiment's current status and the planning for the next 60 days.



All reports were very well received by the members. A brief meeting of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Trust, chaired by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, was held to conclude the evening's proceedings.

Congratulations to all members for their continuing support of the Regiment and the Regimental Family.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
COMMANDING OFFICER'S PARADE
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
2 APRIL 2025**



The evening's busy program included a well attended CO's Parade, featuring four promotions, as follows:

- promoted to Corporal were Cpl Basi and Cpl Chong; and



- promoted to Master Corporal were MCpl E. Birzneck and MCpl S. Zhang.



The CO's Parade was commanded by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, with the 2IC, Major Manjeet Vinning, and the Parade Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Arnold Matibag also on parade. Special guests included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, and the Padres, The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas and Reverend Choi (aka "P2").

At the conclusion of the Recognition Segment of the parade, the Commanding Officer delivered his closing remarks and thanked those soldiers who attended Ex: Gunner Duke in Yakima. The RSM took a few minutes to remind everybody that, with the arrival of summer, all members should ensure that they are set for their courses and for training.



After the completion of the parade, A and B Squadrons held O Groups, after which the evening's program was then concluded. The CO's Parade was preceded by the Commanding Officer's regular O Group.

A very busy evening indeed and a good CO's Parade!

Congratulations to all those promoted and our very best wishes to all of the soldiers of the Regiment from the entire Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

THE (CANADIAN) KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION TO LT-COL ROMANO ACCONCI, OSTJ, CD

This medal was recently awarded to Lt-Col (Ret'd) Romano O. Acconci, OSTJ, CD.



Presentation of the award of the King Charles III Coronation Medal to Lt-Col Romano Acconci by the Hon. Harjit Sajjan PC., OMM., MSM., CD., MP.

Romano Acconci was born in Macao to an Italian father and a Eurasian mother. He grew up in Hong Kong and speaks Cantonese tolerably well. Romano attended KGV and Island School where he was appointed Head Boy in his final year there. In 1973 at the age of 17, Romano moved to Vancouver, Canada to attend University. He has lived there, more-or-less, ever since.

Romano joined the Canadian Army (Reserve) in 1978 and was commissioned into The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), an armoured recce unit. He retired from the Canadian Army (Reserve) in 2012 after 34 years' service. In 1982-83 Romano returned temporarily to HK and taught at St Stephen's College, Stanley, for a year and during that year he was attached and posted to 'C' Sqn/ RHKR(V), as a Liaison Officer (LO). The OC at the time was an old family friend, Maj Peter Rull MBE., ED.

Romano's father, Giacomo (Jack) Acconci served in Home Guard Company (RHKDF) from 1959 to 1965. Capt. Peter Rull Snr, the famous international Hong Kong competition marksman was Romano's Godfather. Romano returned to Hong Kong in the late 1980s once again and participated in a major Regimental Exercise. Romano Acconci has deep roots with the Volunteers, he treasures his connection with the Regiment, and to this day is most gratified to have had the privilege of serving with the Volunteers.



Breakfast on exercise in the NT with L/Cpl Chung Chi Yan (right) and the Regimental Muster – 1983.

Citation for the King Charles III Coronation Medal:

“Romano Acconci has spent many years volunteering with the Last Post Fund (BC Branch) and was instrumental in establishing Veterans Memorials at several local Metro Vancouver cemeteries. He has greatly assisted Veterans Affairs Canada in providing grave markers for many previously unmarked graves of indigent veterans. As a volunteer, Romano Acconci further developed and enhanced the Cadet Program at St John Ambulance Brigade (BC and Yukon Branch) resulting in increased interest in First Aid among youth in Metro Vancouver.”

VANCOUVER VIMY DAY PARADE - MOUNTAINVIEW CEMETERY 5 APRIL 2025



On a sunny and clear morning, the twelfth annual Vimy Day Parade was held at Vancouver’s Mountainview

Cemetery at the Commonwealth Graves Cenotaph where over 300 deceased members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War of 1914-19 are buried. Many having been from British Columbia and having succumbed to their wounds and injuries after their return from overseas.



The annual parade is conducted by Royal Canadian Army Cadets from units perpetuating the units which fought at the Battle for Vimy Ridge in April 1917. The Cadets were led by the Cadet RSM from 6th Field RCACC and the 2IC was from the 39 SVC BN RCACC.



Having snacks and juice provided by the Salvation Army Volunteers near the Assembly Area in front of the Cemetery offices, the cadets proceeded to march through the cemetery providing suitable 'eye's Right' at various outlying larger plots of Veterans marked by the distinctive Commonwealth Graves headstones. On arrival at the main site, the Cadets joined the assembled veterans and spectators for the service and ceremony.



Each cadet filed in and covered off an individual headstone of a deceased soldier which was already marked by an individual small Canadian flag by the cemetery staff. Once the cadets were in place, the Reviewing Officer, HLCol Bill Diamond, BCR (DCO), took the salute from the Cadet RSM. Following the playing of 'O'Canada', the Master of Ceremonies (MC) LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, Chair of the Vimy Committee and BCR Association President, welcomed all the attendees and then invited Deputy-Mayor Mike Klassen to speak to the assembly.



Deputy Mayor Mike Klassen



Councillor Mike Klassen remarked on the importance of the event and remembrance of the sacrifices made for all of us and then read out the Proclamation from the City of Vancouver, Proclaiming 5 April 2025 as Vimy Day in Vancouver and signed by Mayor Ken Sim.



The MC went on to recount important details which contributed to the 'all arms' success of the attack, from the movement of supplies, the improvements in the science of artillery, to the sacrifices of the RAF (including Canadian pilots) in denying the Germans observation of the battlefield.



Bugle-Major Chris Ahern from the BCR Association Brass & Reed Band played the Last Post and Raus and Piper Rosalie Macdonald from the Vancouver Irish Pipes & Drums played the Lament.





Major (Ret'd) Roger Prouse laid a wreath in memory of BC Regiment and the Canadian Armed Forces accompanied by HLCol Bill Diamond, Deputy-Mayor laid a wreath on behalf of the City of Vancouver. Trooper Don McGovern on behalf of the 7th, 29th and 102nd Battalions CEF, Flying Officer Dick Dunn on behalf of the Air Force Officer's Association, Mr. Graham Menzies on behalf of the Army Cadet League of Canada, The Honourable Judge Randall Wong for the Chinese Military Museum, Mr. Jim Howard on behalf of RUSI, and Mr. Steve Ko laid a wreath on behalf of ANAVets Branch 280.



The parade was called to attention for playing of God Save the King before the cadets reformed on the roadway and marched back to the Hall of Remembrance for dismissal and our reception.





Over 250 cadets plus their officers attended, and approximately thirty veterans. We would specifically like to thank Glen Hodges and Ryan Macleod and the staff of Mountainview Cemetery for their ongoing support, Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) and the Army Cadet units attending, the Salvation Army, Veteran Affairs Canada and the Minister of Veteran Affairs for their support of this event.



We thank the CO of 39 Service Battalion, LCol Anh Foort, and the members of the Vimy Committee, Bob Underhill, Roger & Louise Prouse, Stephen from the Vancouver Poppy Fund, Jim Howard, Steve Kern, and the BCR Association including the Chair of the Committee, Jim Barrett. And finally, the parent volunteers from 3300 BCR RCACC, who helped Roger & Louise with the service of the refreshments to all.

Our thanks to Mr James McGovern and Mr Steve Ko who provided these photos.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
PRESENTATIONS BY
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MUSEUM
SOCIETY
VANCOUVER, B.C.
2 APRIL 2025**



On Wednesday, 2 April 2025, two presentations were made by representatives of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society (the "Museum"). President Bill Whalen presented a framed inscribed photograph of the "Inspection of the BCR Honour Guard by HRH The Princess Elizabeth at Vancouver 1951" to Colonel Paul Lindsay, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, at Christ Church Cathedral.



The entourage in the historical photograph included, HRH Princess Elizabeth, Captain Colbeck, Guard Commander and future CO/BCR, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, and General Letson. WO2 Brownley was the Guard Sergeant-Major (seen in the front rank of the photograph).



President Whalen and Director Romano Acconci also presented a framed inscribed photograph of the Inspection to former BCR Major (Ret'd) Dan Thomas, President of the Billy Bishop Legion, at the RCL Unit #176 in Vancouver.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 119
PORT MOODY, B.C.
9 APRIL 2025**





The Regimental Secretary and former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, attended at the Cenotaph of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 119, in Port Moody, in the mid morning of April 9th, 2025, for a brief Ceremony of Remembrance which was conducted by Malcolm Harkness, Sergeant-at-Arms, and members of the Branch.



The Act of Remembrance was recited as part of the programme and a Regimental Family Wreath was placed at the foot of the Cenotaph by the Regimental Secretary 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 108th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.



The Member of Parliament for Port Moody-Coquitlam, Bonita Zarrillo, was also in attendance and participated in the service with the members of Branch 119.



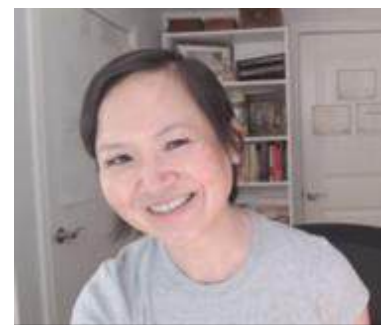
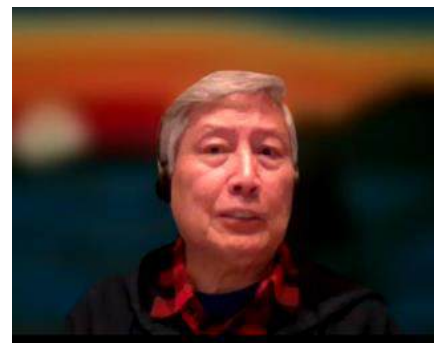
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
12 APRIL 2025**



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings via ZOOM this morning. The meetings were well attended and detailed updates (financial, numerous special projects, events and administrative) were provided to all members.





The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by the President, Steve Ko, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong.

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

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS (CAVALRY) UPDATE - APRIL 2025

Editor's Note : A Biannual update from the Corps Commandant.

Hello everyone!

As promised in my introductory email, this is the first of the biannual updates – the next one being planned for the September/October timeframe. Given it is just me drinking coffee at my desk (nothing stronger despite what my writing style might suggest) while putting this together, I have likely missed much and will happily include any information you might like to provide that is worthy of sharing across the Corps in the next edition. In the meantime, I have included the following for you in this update:

- Advocate for a special leaders debate on national security and foreign policy
- Colonel Commandant update
- Corps Update - executing today what will be in the history books of tomorrow
- Corps appointments and volunteerism
- Notable events
 - o 115 years of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association
 - o 85 years of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps - Centennial planning

- Preserving our history through digitization
- Centennial commemoration planning
- Update your calendar
- Shareables – Hear from Chuck Oliviero, Michel Maisonneuve, John Boileau, and Michael McNorgan

Advocate for a Special Leaders Debate on National Security and Foreign Policy

Regardless of who your party of choice is for the coming election, join our very own General Walt Natynczyk along with former Defence Ministers Peter MacKay and David Pratt, former Chief of Defence Staff General Tom Lawson, Lieutenant-General Christine Whitecross, and Vice Admiral Bob Davidson in signing the CDA Institute Petition calling for a special leaders debate on Canadian national security and foreign policy by following the instructions at: <https://cdainstitute.ca/events/2025-federal-election-resources/>

Colonel Commandant Update

Since my appointment last June, I have been very busy with multiple visits to the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School in Gaagetown where I participated in various graduation parades and have spoken on leadership to candidates in various courses. I have also had occasion to participate as an observer on field training and exercises in Gaagetown.

I participated in the Change of Command and Change of Appointment ceremonies for the Royal Canadian Dragoons last June and I'm slated to participate in the same events for the LDSH in Edmonton this coming July.

Residing in Atlantic Canada, it has been easy for me to attend various functions of the regional reserve armoured units: Prince Edward Island Regiment, the Halifax Rifles, and the 8th Canadian Hussars. There are more of these local events and visitations planned. I attended a Royal Canadian Hussars mess dinner in Montreal in January.

On April 4th, (177th anniversary of the 8CH), I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Cav Luncheon in Toronto. Over 125 "Black Hats" attended this extraordinary event hosted by Carlo Jeffrey and his incredible team. It was clearly a Corps "Family" event. It was a pleasure to see so many in attendance. This luncheon was started in 1972, and it has become almost legendary in the annals of the Corps history. To see it so well attended and vibrant was inspirational. It really underlines what the Corps "Family" is all about. I'm looking forward to future Luncheons.

In the next 12-18 months, I am hoping to visit the 12 RBC as well as the reserve armoured units in Québec and then visit reserve units in the central and western regions of the country.

My hope is that financial resources will have permitted me to visit all 22 of our Corps' units during my appointment.

Vivre le Corps!

Worthy!

Executing today what will be in the history books of tomorrow

BGen Patrick Lemyre (12eRBC), Commander 2 Division, recently provided a Corps update to the Executive Community, a summary of which follows below. In essence, the tempo is high!

In this past year, the realignment of the regular component of the Corps was finalized with the redeployment of C Sqn RCD from Latvia. This unique squadron comprised of soldiers of the RCD and the 12eRBC, bid adieu to their tanks and Gagetown and returned to cavalry roles in their respective regimental home garrisons in style having won the Canadian Army Trophy after a competition hiatus of 33 years. Our Corps thrives in mixed and integrated structures like no other!

For the foreseeable future, the Corps will provide Latvia's Multinational Brigade reconnaissance squadron and its Multinational Battle Group's tank squadron(-). Two sub-units rotating every six months from a Corps of just nine sabre squadrons is a lot! It is very much a whole of Corps effort for our 22 units, not unlike the tempo of the Afghanistan years. And individual tasks in support of other operational deployments continue unabated.

Beyond operations, members of the Corps have been busy testing new C2 structures, organizational constructs, and employment concepts. They continue to test the LRSS through the reliability, availability, maintainability and durability (RAMD) process in Valcartier and Petawawa and have been integral to the Army's testing and fielding of new equipment like the General-Purpose Uncrewed Aerial System (GPUAS) among other things.

Corps appointments and volunteerism

Like all things in life, change is a constant. Having come into existence 115 years ago, our association has certainly experienced change. This has largely been driven by the changing nature of life in general for members, veterans and their families.

Corps appointments count among themselves a mix of serving and retired members. They commit their time, talent, and energy to the morale and welfare of the Corps family. For them, it's about contributing to their community; not the one they live in though likely they do there as well, but the one for which they feel an inextricable link: The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Their considerable and continuing commitments are willingly undertaken because they believe they can make a positive difference. And it is a lot of work!

In this update, as we capture the essence of the past few months for the history books of tomorrow, we must say thank you to those that have handed off their responsibilities, welcome their successors, and acknowledge the continuing commitment of those that remain. Thank you one and all for your dedication, devotion, drive, commitment, energy and excellence in undertaking the business of the stewardship of our Corps!

- Colonel Commandant – Colonel (Ret'd) James (Jim) Lockyer took the reins from General (Ret'd) Walter (Walt) Natynczyk
- Senior Serving Armoured Officer - Lieutenant-General Stephen (Steve) Kelsey, VCDS
- Director RCAC – Colonel Fraser Auld handed off the reigns to Col Mathieu (Dale) Dallaire, Comd 2ASG
- Deputy Directors RCAC:
 - o Col Chris Hunt, Comd 41 CBG
 - o LCol Adam Siokalo, Cmdt RCAC School

- Corps RSM – CWO Jeramie Leamon, SM 4 Div
- Deputy Corps RSM – CWO Plourde, SM 35 CBG
- RCACA(C) Executive Committee:
 - o President RCACA(C) Ross Wickware handed off to yours truly
 - o Vice President West Doug Claggett handed off to Marty Frank
 - o Vice President Larry Zaporzan handed off to Shawn Matheson
 - Central
 - o Vice President East Sly Gagnon handed off to Guy Maillet
 - o Past President Clarence Layne handed off to Ross Wickware
 - o Secretary Maj Ali Raju / MWO Cory Bulmer (deployed)
 - o Advisor West Gord Crossley
 - o Advisor Central Larry Zaporzan
 - o Advisor East Michael Boire
 - o Treasurer Steven Barrette
 - o Corps Historian Michael McNorgan
 - o Corps Archivist Allan Halfper
 - o Corps Digital Luc Petit
 - Museum
 - o Chair ABT Chris Chance
- Armour Branch Trust (ABT):
 - o Chair Chris Chance
 - o Trustee Dyrald Cross
 - o Trustee Ross Wickware
 - o Trustee David Scandrett handed off to Doug Claggett
 - o Trustee Bernie Ciaronni
 - o Trustee Bill Diamond
 - o Treasurer Steven Barrette

Notable events

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- The Canadian Tank Museum is Born – On the 27th of June 2024, the Canadian Tank Museum came into existence as a separate entity from the Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum. Located in Oshawa, Ontario, it is home to Canada's largest collection of operational military vehicles and offers unique interactive experiences, tank rides, battle reenactments and a whole lot more. Visit www.tankmuseum.ca for more information.
- The Canadian Army Trophy (CAT) Comes Home – The Canadian Army Trophy is a NATO tank gunnery competition hosted by Canada that began in 1963. With the close of the Cold War and Canada's subsequent withdrawal from Europe, the competition was last conducted in 1991. The deployment of tanks to Latvia as part of Canada's Enhanced Force Protection Battle Group was the catalyst to reinvigorate the competition in 2024. With seven nations in the competition, Canada came out on top. Well done C Sqn RCD!

· The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association (Cavalry) – 115 years old! - This year marks the 115th anniversary of our Association which was established on May 6th, 1910 as the Canadian Cavalry Association (CCA). Renamed the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association (Cavalry) in 1946, the Association was a founding member of, and continues to belong to, the Canadian Defence Association, an umbrella group for 40 member associations who, together, represent over 400,000 CAF members and veterans.

· Celebrating 85 years of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps – So what does that mean? It means that we have a lot of history, that we have an obligation to preserve it and share it with those that follow in our footsteps, and yes, it means that we are the same age as Dairy Queen! To commemorate our 85th anniversary, the association will unveil the digital archives project and commence the planning for our centennial celebrations in 2040.

Preserving our history through digitization

You may recall from my introductory email in December that the three principal objectives of the Association are: preserving RCAC history and heritage; Corps unity; and advocacy. I will highlight the work undertaken in alignment with our objectives through this and subsequent updates beginning with the preservation of our Corps history.

Our collective history is important. It celebrates those that have gone before us and in celebrating our history we are, in effect, their living memory. Our physical artefacts are housed at the Canadian Tank Museum, the CFB Borden Museum, and the Armoured School. Those records that can be digitized, have been digitized and will be shared on our digital platform – a project that will come to fruition this year in celebration of our 85-year history. Getting to this point has been a journey that began before I was appointed Director RCAC in 2016 some of the detail of which follows below as crafted by a key figure in all of this – Allan Halfper.

In the mid-1960s, the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association (Cavalry) established a museum in Camp Borden, Ontario, birthplace of the Canadian Armoured Corps and then home of the Corps School. The sparkplug for that project was the founder of the Corps, Major-General (Retd) F.F. Worthington (known to all as Worthy). The RCAC School Commandant, Colonel S.V. Radley-Walters (commonly known as Rad) provided one of the school's H-huts for the museum and the staff to run it. Every regiment in the Corps and the Armour School, along with many veterans and friends of Worthy and Rad contributed their precious photos, documents, maps, and artefacts to the project.

Following the unification of the armed forces, Worthy's Museum was incorporated into a larger Canadian Forces Base Borden Museum along with the museums of several other Army Corps and that of the Royal Canadian Air Force. This centralised museum exhibited only a tiny fraction of this huge, combined collection. The remaining artefacts were stored in two aircraft hangars dating from the Great War.

Over the following decades, the stored artefacts were subjected to multiple moves; many of the historical items were damaged or lost. Eventually the need for space forced the Borden Museum to begin to discard this material.

Members of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association (Cavalry) made multiple trips to Borden to sift through the material and salvage what they could of the history of the Corps.

These salvaged and restored remnants of the Worthington Collection require a climate-controlled archival storage facility. This was provided initially in Petawawa (courtesy of the Royal Canadian Dragoons) and now they are safely stored in Oshawa thanks to the generous support of the Ontario Regiment (RCAC).

While Worthy's Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Museum no longer exists, much of the collection will once again be available through the digital archive. With modern digital technology, the various documents, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, maps, movies, audio tapes, vehicles, and weapons in this archive, can be once again viewed by Canadians.

The digital archive is a project that has been shepherded along by Luc Petit and Allan Halfper with a company called Surface Impressions. With the first 1,000 of the more than 100,000 digitized artefacts curated for what is called the Worthington Collection, the platform has been tested and will soon be available to all. It is one heck of an undertaking to say the least and we are looking for help from interested parties to help curate (add the meta data/description and context) to the remaining 99,000 artefacts of the collection. If you know anyone with interest in participating in this effort within the Kingston-Brockville-Ottawa area, please do let me know so that we can put their energy to work on this exciting platform.

The platform was developed with the aim of hosting the digital archives of all of our regiments. In essence, each regiment will be able to host their own digital collection as a separate entity. This comes at no additional costs to units as it is funded in part by the fees for which you are invoiced annually. More detail will be shared at the Corps Conference.

Centennial commemoration planning

Michael McNorgan, our Corps Historian rightfully reminded us that Monday, 13 August 2040, is a date that is simultaneously distant and close. Distant in absolute terms, but close when one considers the amount of time available to properly recognize its significance for the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC). It is, of course, the Corps' centennial. As he so eloquently reminded us:

A centennial is a special anniversary. For a person, or an institution, to have survived for 100 years is an achievement worthy of celebration. The place, time, and method of celebration can be varied to suit circumstances, but a significant marker of the occasion is called for.

Whatever form of commemoration is chosen, it will cost money. Although the Corps centennial is fifteen years in the future, it is not too soon to start on a financial plan to raise the funds required, as well as to consider potential objectives without the need to make rushed decisions because of time constraints.

A number of facts are already apparent. The first is that if the Corps does not commemorate its own anniversary, no one else is going to do it for us. Second, the current leadership of the Corps will not be presiding over the event. However, if the current leadership does not establish a concept of operations and set up a financial base to sustain the plan, the Corps leadership of 2040 will not have the planning time, or the financial resources, to carry out anything but a token observation of the event.

Your Executive Committee will explore commemoration options for the consideration of Council at the Corps Conference. If you have ideas that you might like to share, both for commemorative projects and fundraising, please let me know.

Update your calendar

· Armour Board (AKA Corps Conference) – Hosted by the RCH, it is scheduled to take place 30 May – 1 June at St-Jean Sur Richelieu. More details to be promulgated as they become available.

- Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament – 18 July at the Garrison Golf and Country Club in Kingston. Contact hsmgt411@gmail.com to have your name put on the mailing list so you do not miss the opportunity to register.
- RCAC BBQ in Perth – 19 July at the Legion in Perth. Don't miss out. It hasn't rained during one of these BBQs in years...
- 7th Annual Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament – 9 August at the Oromocto Golf Course. Contact rebecca@spartanwarriors.ca to register.
- Cavalry Luncheon – At RCMI Toronto is scheduled to take place 10 April 2026.

Shareables

Chuck Oliviero, Michel Maisonneuve, John Boileau, and our Corps Historian Michael McNorgan are four of the many Corps authors that I shall endeavour to bring to your attention in these updates. While their works are many, I will not list them all here. Instead, I will draw your attention to recent work and provide more fulsome coverage of their work and that of many more on the modernized website that we hope to roll out later in the year.

- Charles (Chuck) Oliviero – Chuck gave a presentation at RUSI Vancouver Island on the subject of the relevance of the Main Battle Tank in modern warfare. You can watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/@rusi-vi8335/videos>. For more from Chuck, visit <https://theenlightenedsoldier.com/home/>
- Michel Maisonneuve – Michel was interviewed by Choi FM in early December. It can be accessed in its entirety at the following link: <https://radiox.com/podcast/crise-de-leadership-au-canada-le-gouvernement-nous-amene-dans-la-mauvaise-direction-avec-du-progressisme-extremiste/>
- John Boileau - John is a major contributor to The Canadian Encyclopedia (<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/author/john-boileau>) and has written several entries on Corps topics: personnel (Radley-Walters and VC recipients Dunn, Richardson, Flowerdew, Currie), units (RCD, LdSH (RC), 12e RBC) and equipment (Valentine, Sherman, Centurion, Lynx, Leopard 1 & 2).
- Michael McNorgan – As our Corps Historian, Michael has co authored a number of our regimental histories as well as: *The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps: An Illustrated History* with John Martinson. Michael has written capsule biographies (thumbnail sketches) of key Corps leaders: MGen F.F. Worthington, BGen S.V. Radley-Walters, and BGen R.P.M. Brutinel, that will be shared in this and subsequent updates. For now, please enjoy a short read about MGen Worthington.

I wish you all good health and look forward to your lively engagement in the Corps Conference at the end of May!

Worthy!
Dyrald

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
“TOP SUBBIE AWARD”
LIEUTENANT DAVID LIU
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
9 APRIL 2025**



Congratulations to Lieutenant David Liu on being presented the “Top Subbie Award” by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, at a brief ceremony held in the Regimental Museum during the regular weekly parade night on Wednesday, 9 April 2025.

Very best wishes to Lieutenant Liu from the entire Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

Editor’s Note: The “BCR Junior Officer Award” Trophy was originally presented and donated by the former Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan H. Gagne, on 18 November 2005.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
39 SERVICE BATTALION - FAUST DINNER**

**COLONEL SHERMAN ARMOURY - RICHMOND, B.C.
12 APRIL 2025**



The Faust Dinner, hosted by the Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, CD, and the Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Bergan, CD, was held on the parade square of 39 Service Battalion on Saturday evening, 12 April 2025. The well attended event included many members of the community, civilian and military, and several special guests, including: The Honourable Steven Point, OC, OBC, Special Guest Speaker, the Honorary Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Stephen Klimczuk-Massion, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 39 Service Battalion, Alexa Loo, Chief Superintendent, Richmond Detachment of the RCMP, Dave Chauhan, Richmond Fire & Rescue, Assistant Deputy Chief Trevor Northrup, Commander (Ret'd) King Wan (President of NABC), and Steve Ko, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280).





The evening's extensive program featured the play throughout the evening by a quartet from the Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, the piping of Corporal Richy Zhi, RCEME, an excellent dinner, traditional toasts, short speeches and the playing of numerous Regimental Marches.

In addition, various presentations took place, and recognition was given to the outgoing Regimental Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Will Watkins, and the incoming Regimental Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Beth Brown.





At the conclusion of the dinner, guests were treated to a display of fire baton twirling outside the armoury.



Pre and post dinner receptions were held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess and the Officers' Mess.





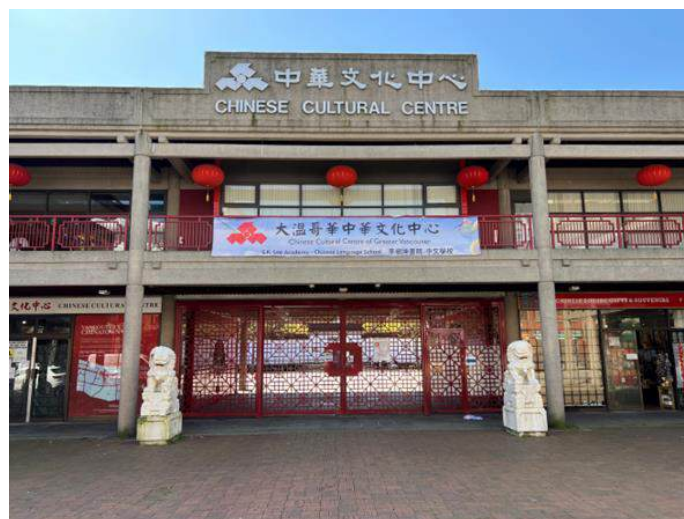
Regimental Family members in attendance included Captain, the Reverend Young Tae Choi, Padre, Captain Pat Taylor, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Romano Acconci, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) John Nosotti and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne. Our congratulations and best wishes to our friends at 39 Service Battalion for such an exceptional evening.

Concordia Victrix!

Ted Hawthorne, Regimental Secretary

Photo credit to Steve Ko, with thanks!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN HONOUR OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE END OF WORLD WAR II
CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF GREATER VANCOUVER
16 APRIL 2025**





The Award Presentation Ceremony conducted by The Honourable Yuen Pau Woo, Senator, was hosted by the Organizing Committee in Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the WWII Victory, ANAVETS, Pacific Unit #280 and Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver and was held at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver, on Wednesday morning, 16 April 2025.



The programme included: Introductions by the Master of Ceremonies; Opening Remarks by John Zhang, Chairman of the Organizing Committee; an Address by Senator Woo; Remarks by Commander (Ret'd) King Wan, RCN; Steve Ko, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 and Fred Kwok, President of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver; Commemorative Plaque Presentations by Senator Woo to three surviving WWII Veterans of Chinese descent, Gordon Quan attending via Zoom from Victoria, and Victor Wong and Charlie C.Q. Lee, in their absence, and in conclusion, the presentation of Commemorative Plaques by Senator Woo to John Zhang and Steve Ko and by Fred Kwok to King Wan.





Many photos and a brief reception followed the conclusion of the ceremony.



A most enjoyable luncheon was held at Floata Seafood Restaurant on Keefer Street, after the reception.



Friends of the Regimental Family, representing other organizations, included the President of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society, Retired Judge Randall Wong, and Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance. Former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regimental Family.

Photo Credit to the President of ANAVETS, Steve Ko, along with our thanks!

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
ST JULIEN MONUMENT
22 APRIL 2025**



From Luke Vandenbusche

On the 22nd of April 2025, the annual ceremony for the remembrance of the Battle of St Julien, was held at the Vancouver Corner's Canadian War Monument.





In attendance representing the BCR Association and the Regimental Family was Mr. Luke Vandebusch, who provided us with these photos including one taken of him at the Menin Gate in Ieper (Ypres).

Thank You Luke!

Up the Dukes!

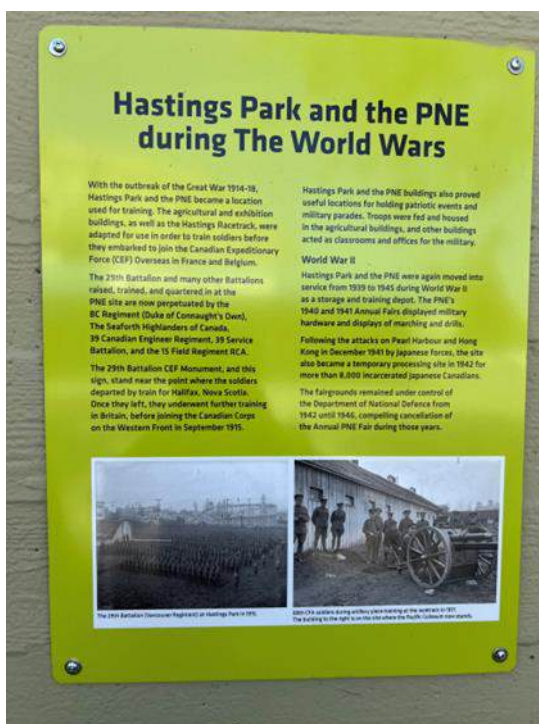
**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF SAINT JULIEN
24 APRIL - 4 MAY 1915
PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
VANCOUVER, B.C.
24 APRIL 2025**



On the 110th anniversary of the Battle of St. Julien, Second Battle of Ypres, the service and sacrifice of the members of our Great War Battalions were remembered in the early afternoon of Thursday, April 24th at the 29th Battalion (Vancouver Regiment) CEF Memorial in front of the Pacific Coliseum at the PNE.



A moment of silence was observed, and the Regimetal Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, placed a wreath and a candle of remembrance at the foot of the memorial on behalf of the Regimetal Family.



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

Up the Dukes!

BUGLE-MAJOR CHRIS AHERN RECOGNIZED BY HIS OLD COLLEGE FOR HIS SERVICE



**MARITZBURG COLLEGE
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION**



History at College

Chris attended Maritzburg College, starting in 2nd Form in 1986 and matriculated in 1990, with Mr. Dudley Forde as Headmaster. During that time, Chris was very involved in the cadet band, starting on the bugle and then moving on to the trumpet. The cadet band, run by Mr. Hugh Tarboton, represented the school at various events and participated in an annual Natal Cadet Band competition as well as the annual College Cadet Review. Cadet band players were called upon to play at Flag Raising, a ceremony held every Tuesday morning before school in front of Clark House. We played in assemblies, churches, funerals, Remembrance Days and even on the hill of Isandlwana as part of a production commemorating the Battle of Isandlwana.

In 1989, Chris was promoted to drum major and led the College Band in a parade through the streets of Pietermaritzburg. As drum major, during the annual Cadet Review, he had the responsibility of leading the band and calling parade commands for B and C companies. In addition to the full band competing in the Natal Cadet Band competition, Chris competed individually in 1989 as a trumpeter and was awarded first place, earning the certificate of "Best Trumpeter in Natal", for which he received Honours for representing College on a provincial level. Chris went on to play as a volunteer in the Natal Carbineers Band under the direction of Mr. George Jefferson, while attending university.



British Columbia Regiment Battlefield Tour 2023

Chris moved to Vancouver in 2002. He joined the British Columbia Regiment Band that year as a volunteer and has played trumpet with the band continuously since then. In 2017, he was appointed as the Bugle Major for the BC Regiment, with the responsibility of sounding the Last Post, Reveille and other bugle calls at the various functions of the Regiment.

In 2023, he was asked to join the Regiment on a Battlefield Tour of prominent WWI and WWII Canadian battlefields in Europe. This was a tremendous honour and privilege, sounding the Last Post at several sites in Belgium and France, including Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Beaumont-Hamel (Battle of the Somme) and Juno Beach.



Members of the regimental family held key positions including former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, acting as the Master of Ceremonies, Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Barrett CD (Retired), reading the Act of Remembrance and Commitment to Remember, although done without the use of a microphone, it was clearly heard by everyone present. Jim's brother Captain, the Reverend Gordon Barrett (Retired), read the sermon, and Pipers Rosalie MacDonald and Corporal Ricky Zhi (39 Service Battalion) offered a first-rate performance. Someone who drew immense positive attention was Bugle Major Chris Ahern, who unexpectedly arrived at the ceremony in a Second World War "Bren Gun" carrier driven by Mr. Cameron Black, immediately followed by Cameron's twin brother Sean, driving another carrier. The ceremony was filmed by Global Television who featured Chris in their program several times.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL PRESENTATION**

**TERRY BEECH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT &
MINISTER OF CITIZENS' SERVICES OF CANADA
BURNABY, B.C.
7 FEBRUARY 2025**

The Regimental Family is pleased to announce that Bugle Major Chris Ahern, of The British Columbia Regiment Band Society, has been presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by Terry Beech, Member of Parliament, Burnaby North-Seymour, in a brief ceremony held on Friday afternoon in the Minister's Constituency Office on Hastings Street in Burnaby. Also in attendance were the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment and Band Governor, Bill Diamond, and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

On behalf of the Regimental Family, congratulations Bugle Major Ahern on receiving this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your service and dedication to the community and to the Regimental Family! Up the Dukes!

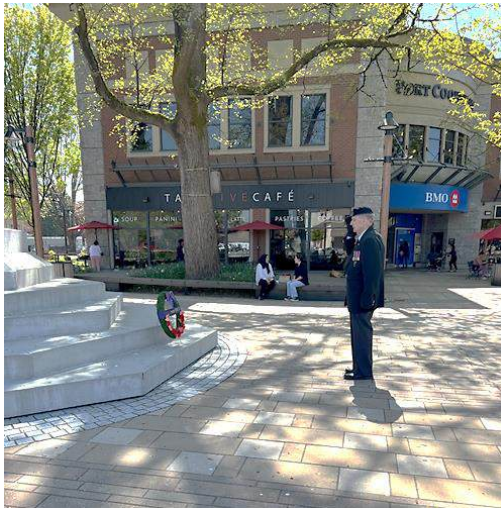


Editor's Note: Well Done, Bugle-Major Ahern!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ANZAC MEMORIAL DAY
VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL
PORT COQUITLAM, B.C.
25 APRIL 2025**



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 Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, placed a Regimental Wreath and a Candle of Remembrance on behalf of the Regimental Family at the foot of the Memorial during a brief ceremony in the early afternoon of Friday, 25 April 2025.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
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Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
 CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE
 74th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GAPYEONG, SOUTH KOREA
 THE BATTLE OF GAPYEONG KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
 DEREK DOUBLEDAY ARBORETUM
 LANGLEY TOWNSHIP
 25 APRIL 2025**



제7회 가평전투 기념식
 (The Battle of Gapyeong Memorial Ceremony)



일시 : 2025년 4월 25일 오전 11시
 장소 : 데릭 더블데이 수목원 (Derek Doubleday Arboretum)
 주소 : 21177 Fraser Hwy, Langley, BC

주관 : 대한민국 재향군인회 캐나다 서부지회
 Korean Veterans Association, Wester Canada Chapter

The sacrifice, service and dedication of the soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (U.S. Presidential Unit Citation recipient) was remembered on the 74th Anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong ("Battle"), South Korea, on the morning of Friday, 25 April 2024 at the Gapyeong Stone Korean War Memorial in Langley Township in a very well attended special ceremony hosted by the Korean Veterans Association, Western Canada Chapter ("KVA"), emceed by Jayden Eo, Executive Director of KVA, and conducted by Michael Chang, President.



The ceremony was attended by the Consul General of South Korea, Jong Ho Kyun, many elected officials, dignitaries, leaders of the Korean Community, Veterans and students from Langley Senior Secondary School, who pinned poppies on the Korean War Veterans in attendance.



The Ceremony featured a memorable presentation by Dream Nanta (Opening Drum performance), an historical introduction of the Battle by Shaun Francis, PPCLI, the Opening Remarks by President Chang, a Welcome by the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Woo Suk Lee, a Welcome from the Mayor of Gapyeong, by Director Je Wan Ryu, speeches by Consul General Kyun, Tako Van Popta, MP, Bonita Zarrillo, MP, Ann Kang, MLA, and Elenore Sturko, MLA, the recitation of the Role of Honour by Doug Hadley, Past President, RCL, Aldergrove Branch, Presentations by President Chang and in conclusion, a special performance by the Port Moody Youth Ensemble.





The Regiment was acknowledged in the introductory greeting and Regimental Secretary and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne placed a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Family with our good friend and colleague Richard Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, Burnaby Division, St. John Ambulance.



We will remember them!

Notes: The ceremony was attended by a special guest, Lt Adam Carter, KStJ, KStG, FRSA, FSAScot, from the Niagara Region in Ontario. Lt. Carter is with St. John Ambulance, Ontario, and is also an Officer with 87 Eagle Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, and a first aid instructor with the Canadian Armed Forces. Photo credits to Michael Chang and Richard Liu, with our thanks.

ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE INVESTITURE CEREMONY – CASCADIA 26 APRIL 2025



The Order of Saint George was founded in Hungary on St George's Day 23rd April 1326. In the United Kingdom, the Order has been active for 400 years and more recently in Canada and the United States of America. In Canada, the Order of St. George is a chivalric order whose Mission, together with its charitable arm, The Order of St. George Foundation, is **“to better the health and well-being of members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans and their families, and to support the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Programmes.”**

The most recent induction of new chevaliers into the order was held on the 26th of April 2025 at New Westminster's historic Holy Trinity Cathedral. This Anglican cathedral is the third to be constructed on the site since the first was erected by the Royal Engineers under the command of Col Moody back in 1860.



Grand Prior Chales Hill & Allan Plett

A Meet & Greet had been arranged at the Executive Inn on North Road in Coquitlam for Friday, and a morning breakfast preceded the Saturday Ceremony. The investiture Chair was retired LCol James Barrett, CD, KStG and the Grand Marshall was Chevalier Allan Plett, CD, KStG.



The ceremony commenced with a Fanfare played by the BCR Brass & Reed Trumpeters led by Bugle-Major Chris Ahern. The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada provided pipes and drummers for the event, and the New West Army Cadets provided a Colour Party for the ceremony. Reverend Stephanie Sheppard commenced the service with a welcome following the arrival of the 29 new members of the order.



A fanfare announced the arrival of the Sword Bearer, Chevalier Charles Hill, Grand Prior of the Order of St George, Chevalier Allan Plett, Deputy Grand Prior of the Order of St George, The reverend Gordon Barrett, Dean of the Cascadia Priory, and Chevalier Barry Drews, Prior of Cascadia.



Many of the postulants are well known, including Martin Cronin, Former British Consul-General to Western Canada, Former HCol Ted Hawthorne, Former HCol and retired Judge, William Rodgers, Mr Don Hewson, Past President of Canada Company and Former H Col 19 Wing Comox, Retired Master Bombardier Brian Smith, CD from 15 FD Band RCA, and retired LCol Douglas Slowski, plus many other outstanding members of the community from policing and military service.

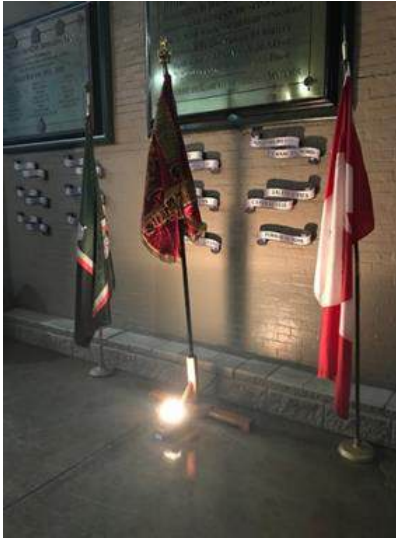


Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the Order held a Dinner at the Executive Inn in Coquitlam.



Congratulations to the new members of the Order of St George and our thanks to all of you for your ongoing support to Cadets and Veterans in Canada.

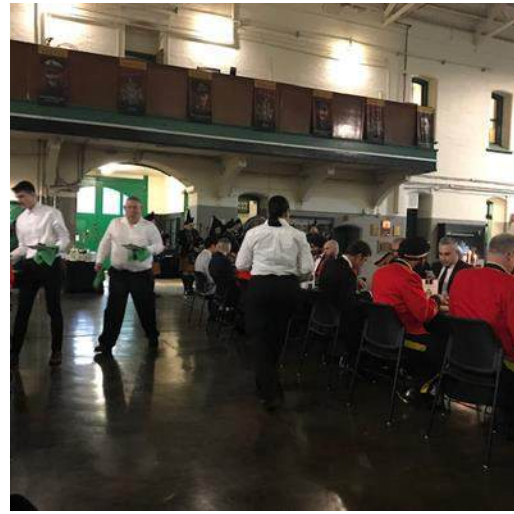
**BCR (DCO) OFFICERS' MESS ANNUAL
BATTLE OF ST JULIEN DINNER
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, BC
26 APRIL 2025**



The annual St Julien mess dinner was held on the floor of the Historic BCR Drill Hall on a clear evening in Vancouver on Saturday, the 26th of April 2025. During the Reception the Regimental Museum was opened for guests and manned by Bill Whalen and his son, James.



In attendance were many former commanding Officers of the Regiment, the BCR Association President, and many other guests from other units in the Brigade and the Regimental family. Capt Dil Pangalia and Major Jim Blomme from our home BCR Cadet Corps 2290 attended. Mr. Sean Millington from the BC Lions Alumni, wearing two Grey Cup Rings, was a special guest at the dinner. With the guidance of the PMC, Major Tom Clackson, the dinner progressed well. Padre Chris Papas gave grace.



Our guests were entertained by both BCR Association Bands. Our Brass and Reed Band played throughout the meal portion and for the toasts, and our Vancouver Irish pipes & Drums played a rousing set of Irish Pipe Tunes finishing with Killough.



Lt Noval gave the Loyal Toast, The Fallen was given by Capt Attalaoui, HMCS Vancouver (our allied ship) by Lt Carnevale, and our Allied Regiment, The Rifles, by 2Lt Chan. Finally, an excellent toast to the Regiment was given by Maj Greg McCullough.



The Consul General of the Netherlands spoke at length on the 80th Anniversary of the Netherlands and the ceremony to be held on the 4th of May. Other speakers included HCol Farid Rohani, Col Peter Bell, and our Commanding Officer, LCol Adam Brown.



Catering for the event was by ONO Catering from Vancouver and the wines were from Abbotsford's Cannon Estate Winery.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES D. BARRETT, CD (RET'D), GUEST SPEAKER
30 APRIL 2025**



Congratulations to The Naval Association of B.C. ("NABC") for hosting a highly successful reception, luncheon and excellent presentation by Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, which was held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, 30 April 2025. As billed, Jim spoke on the topic of "the 80th anniversary of WW2...the Pathway to victory in the West...breakout from Normandy to the Liberation of The Netherlands."



The comprehensive presentation was very well received by the full house and was followed by an extensive Q & A Session. The Master of Ceremonies, King Wan, thanked Colonel Barrett for his most informative and outstanding presentation, complete with slides. King presented Jim with an autographed copy by Bob Mackay's submarine thriller, "Terror on the Alert".



Special guests in attendance included Shawn Wade, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Bob McKay, author of "The Forgotten: A Novel of the Korean War" and Roddy MacKenzie, author of "Bomber Command, Churchill's Greatest Triumph".



The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee preceded the reception and luncheon and was held in the Chartroom.



Kudos to NABC for an outstanding reception, luncheon and presentation.



VE Day Re-Explored:
Canadian Perspectives on
Democratic Legacies



FREE ONLINE TALK
SATURDAY, MAY 3
1PM EST
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JUNO BEACH CENTRE

Hear them tell their stories



LEGACY OF HONOUR
L'HONNEUR EN HERITAGE

As we mark 80 years since the end of the war, fewer Veterans are around to tell their stories. Many of our **Legacy of Honour** Veteran interviews share stories of being in Europe when victory was declared.

Hear [Norm Kirby](#) share his experience of greeting Dutch children on their liberation day; [Joe Segal](#) speak about being in Germany when news broke the war was over; [Roly Armitage](#) tell the story of meeting Freddy Heineken, the Dutch brewer who became a lifelong friend.



For Earth Day 2025 we announced our latest initiative to help climate change by participating in the reforestation of the Cerisy National Forest — **Trees for Canadian Heroes**. This project combines remembrance work and environmental action by offering to contribute to the financing of wooded islets in the Cerisy forest, in tribute to a Canadian soldier or regiment who fought for freedom.

Our first donor to this program, Virox Technologies, chose to sponsor this initiative because they know part of honouring the legacy of our Veterans is by making a more sustainable planet for future generations.



Calling all knitters! [Cast On! Cast Off!](#) has adapted iconic Second World War knitting patterns and is donating all proceeds from sales to the Juno Beach Centre. **Check out the patterns on Ravelry!**

[Get the Patterns](#)

Shop the Juno Beach Centre Giftshop from home!



POPPY SEEDS PACKAGE

CA\$4.00

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Ladies Poppy Juno T-Shirt

CA\$27.00

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Lapel Pin - D-Day Juno Beach

CA\$8.50

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\$20 Fine Silver Collectors Coin
(Battlefront Series)

CA\$130.00

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
PROMOTION OF PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER CORMIER TO OFFICER CADET
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
30 APRIL 2025**



Congratulations to Officer Cadet Christopher Cormier on his promotion to Officer Cadet. Officer Cadet Cormier was promoted by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, at a brief ceremony held in the Officers' Mess during the regular weekly parade night on Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

Very best wishes to Officer Cadet Cormier from the entire Regimental Family!

Up the Dukes!

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC
80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION DINNER
HMCS DISCOVERY
2 MAY 2025**



Lieutenant-Commander Jeff Baxter, the Commanding Officer of HMCS Discovery, hosted the well-attended Annual Battle of the Atlantic Dinner held on the parade square of HMCS Discovery on Friday, 2 May 2025.





The programme for the evening included a reception, delicious dinner, excellent music by the Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, traditional Naval Toasts, and an address by the Commanding Officer who acknowledged the tremendous service and sacrifice of the personnel of the RCN, RCAF and Merchant Navy during the longest continuous battle of the Second World War.





Regimental Family Members attending were Captain Erik Giajnorio and Lindsay Woolvett, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) John Nosotti, Steve Ko, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.





Friends of the Regimental Family attending included, Commander Bryan Price, Commander (Ret'd) King Wan, President of The Naval Association of B.C., NABC Director Lieutenant-Commander (Ret'd) Mark Fletcher, Coach Mike Roselli, Vancouver College Alumni and Roddy MacKenzie.

It was a grand evening enjoyed by all! Bravo Zulu!

Special thanks to Steve Ko, President, ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280 and Roddy MacKenzie for some superb photos!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY
AND ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
PINK PEARL CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
VANCOUVER, B.C.
3 MAY 2025**



The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings at Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant in Vancouver on Saturday morning, 3 May 2025. The meetings were well attended and detailed updates were provided to all members.



The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by the President, Steve Ko, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong. A special presentation from Dominion Command was made to past President King Wan by Steve Ko.



Special Guest Speaker, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, spoke on the topic of "the 80th anniversary of WW2...the Pathway to victory in the West...breakout from Normandy to the Liberation of The Netherlands."





The comprehensive presentation was very well received by the full house and was followed by a Q & A Session. The Master of Ceremonies, King Wan, thanked Colonel Barrett for his most informative and outstanding presentation, complete with slides.



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



Liberation of the Netherlands 1945 – 80th Anniversary
5 May 2025

**REMEMBRANCE DAY (KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS)
80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS
“A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”
JOY OF FREEDOM MEMORIAL - MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY
VANCOUVER, B.C.
4 May 2025**





The annual National Day of Remembrance Ceremony for the Kingdom of the Netherlands was held at the newly erected “Joy of Freedom” Memorial (Liberation of the Netherlands) at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, in the late morning of Sunday, 4 May 2025.



The very moving commemoration ceremony, marking the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands was hosted by the Consulate-General of the Netherlands, in Vancouver, Consul General Sebastiaan Messerschmidt, and the Dutch-Canadian Liberation Society.



As stated by Consul General Messerschmidt:

“...each year on this day, we pause in collective reflection to commemorate the lives lost during the Second World War and in conflicts around the world since. It is also a day when we stand united in gratitude—particularly towards the Canadian Armed Forces, whose courage and sacrifice played a decisive role in the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945. Their legacy endures not only in the freedom we cherish but also in the deep and lasting bond between our nations. This ceremony is an expression of our enduring appreciation and respect for those who gave so much for the peace and freedom we are able to enjoy today. Following the national two minutes of silence at 11 AM, wreaths will be laid in tribute of the fallen soldiers and citizens, and messages of remembrance will be shared by dignitaries.





During the wreath laying segment of the program, BCR wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, for the BC Regiment, and by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, for the Regimental Association.

We will remember them!



Editor's Note: Photo credits to Steve Ko, President, ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No.280, with thanks!

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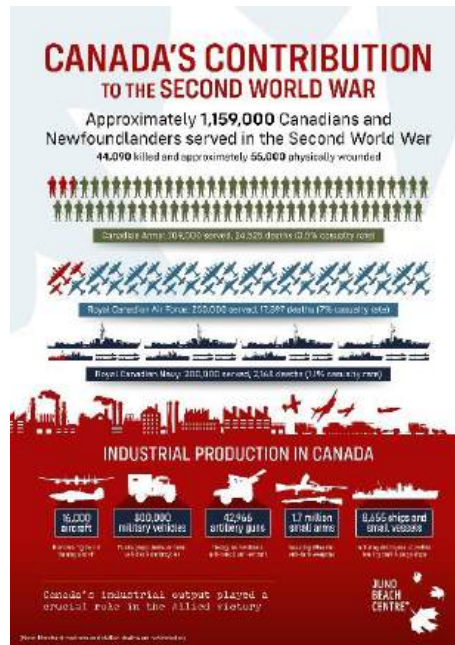
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Military personnel and civilians celebrating V-E Day on Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario

May 8, 2025 is the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, marking the defeat of Nazi Germany. On this day 80 years ago, celebrations erupted across Allied nations whose peoples welcomed in a period of peace and liberty. Today we celebrate this victory and commemorate the nearly 45,000 Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure freedom and democracy.

A snapshot of Canadian contributions to the Second World War



It's hard to capture the breadth and depth of contributions made by Canadians to the Second World War. Over 9% of Canadians served in uniform in the war effort. **Explore our new infographics** that share how Canada shaped the war through service, industrial production and ensuring a prosperous transition back to peacetime for Veterans and their families.



[Explore the Infographics](#)



Over the weekend, Alex Fitzgerald-Black presented “VE Day Re-Explored: Canadian Perspectives on Democratic Legacies.” This fascinating talk examined the pivotal contributions made by Canada in ensuring Victory in Europe in May 1945, and its role as a western ally in establishing democratic values that have endured to this day. Thanks to all who joined us!

Watch the recording, now on YouTube!

[Watch Now](#)

The Return to Peace



After Germany surrendered in May 1945, war was over in Europe but much remained to be done before peace could be restored. War was still waging in the Pacific. Meanwhile, there were 280,000 soldiers in Great Britain and throughout Europe who had to be brought back home. Parents, spouses, children, were anxious to see their family members again. The men and women who served would have to settle into a new reality of civilian life.

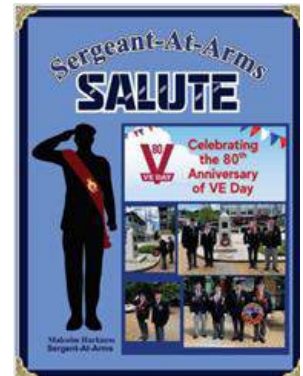
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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY 80th ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, UNIT 119 PORT MOODY, B.C. 8 MAY 2025



The service, dedication and sacrifice of the soldiers of the 28th Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment) and all Allied Units were remembered on the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at the

Memorial of The Royal Canadian Legion, Unit 119, in Port Moody, on a lovely spring morning, Thursday, 8 May 2025.



A Regimental Wreath and a Candle of Remembrance were placed at the foot of the Memorial on behalf of the Regimental Family, by the former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Hawthorne, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Malcolm Harkness.



Legion members and Colour Party, Tom Warwick and Rick Schmidt, were on site to share in the Act of Remembrance.

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Thank you for your great hospitality and support, Unit 119!

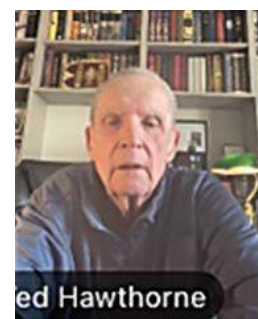
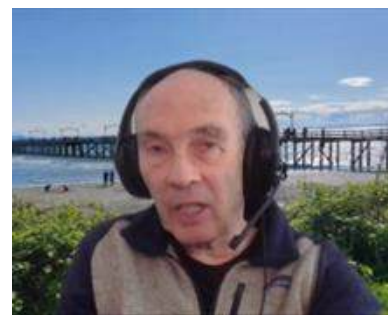
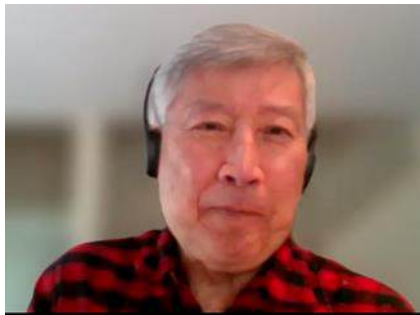
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
12 MAY 2025**



The Naval Association of British Columbia (“NABC”) held a Special Board Meeting of the Executive Committee in the early afternoon of Monday, 12 May 2025, via ZOOM.



The meeting was well attended and dealt with the many planning issues for NABC's upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, 28 May 2025.

Congratulations to President King Wan and the Executive Committee for their ongoing service and dedication!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MILITARY GALA
SHERATON WALL CENTRE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
10 May 2025**





The very successful BC Military Gala was once again held at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver and featured an enjoyable reception, a delicious dinner, excellent music by The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA and The Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, speeches by Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group (and presentation with Brigade Sergeant-Major Tony Harris, CD), Brigadier-General Paul Ursich, CD, Deputy Commander, 3 Canadian Division, traditional toasts and Military Marches acknowledging the unit affiliation of the attendees.



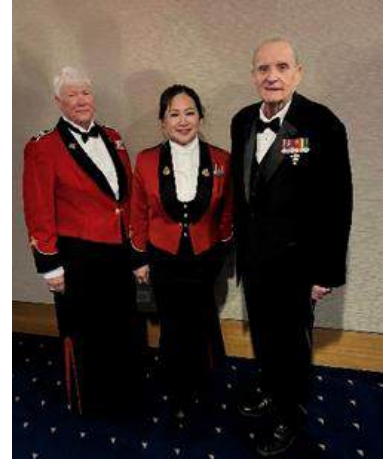




The Gala continues to support the Soldiers' Wellness Programmes at 39 CBG by donating the net proceeds realized from the event. Many thanks to Colonel Paul Lindsay, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, for hosting the Gala, Bank of Montreal for being the Presenting Sponsor and Canada Company for being the Gold Sponsor for this year's event. A Dessert Show and Dancing followed to complete the memorable evening. The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) was this year's Recognized Unit.



The Military Gala was well supported by the Regimental Family with four tables and was represented by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and President of the Regimental Association, Lt-Col (Ret'd) Jim Barrett.



Many thanks and congratulations to our very own Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond and his team for their excellent work in making this year's event such a success, with approximately 425 guests attending.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
COMMANDING OFFICER'S PARADE
STAND DOWN PARADE
THE DRILL HALL
VANCOUVER, B.C.
14 MAY 2025**



The evening's busy programme included a well-attended CO's Parade, marking the end of the training year, and featured the recognition of a number of our soldiers for their outstanding service and dedication.





The evening's Honours and Recognition Programme included the following:



Promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer – Sgt. Galang

The following individuals were presented with awards:



HCol Reid Trophy: Lt Liu



LCol A.F. Lungley Trophy (Top Armoured Soldier): Corporals Birzneck and Piche



Sgt Mark Salesse Drill Cane (Top Master Corporal): MCpl Symes

Sgt Pierangelo Dalmagro Trophy (Top Senior NCO): Sgt Law



Pte Walter Stevenson Memorial Trophy (Top Instructor): MCpl Ksor



Couture – Van Heerden Trophy and Roman Helmet (Most Physically Fit): MCpl Zhang

7th Bn Association – BCR – Marksperson Trophy (Top Shot C7): Tpr Coombes



At the conclusion of the Recognition Segment, the Operations Warrant, WO Gerri-Anne Davidson, presented a crystal decanter to the Regiment as her departure gift after four years of service as OpsWO and was presented with a plaque from the WOs' & Sgts' Mess by WO Bryan Copp.



The CO's Parade was commanded by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, with the 2IC, Major Tom Clackson, and the Parade Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Arnold Matibag also on parade.

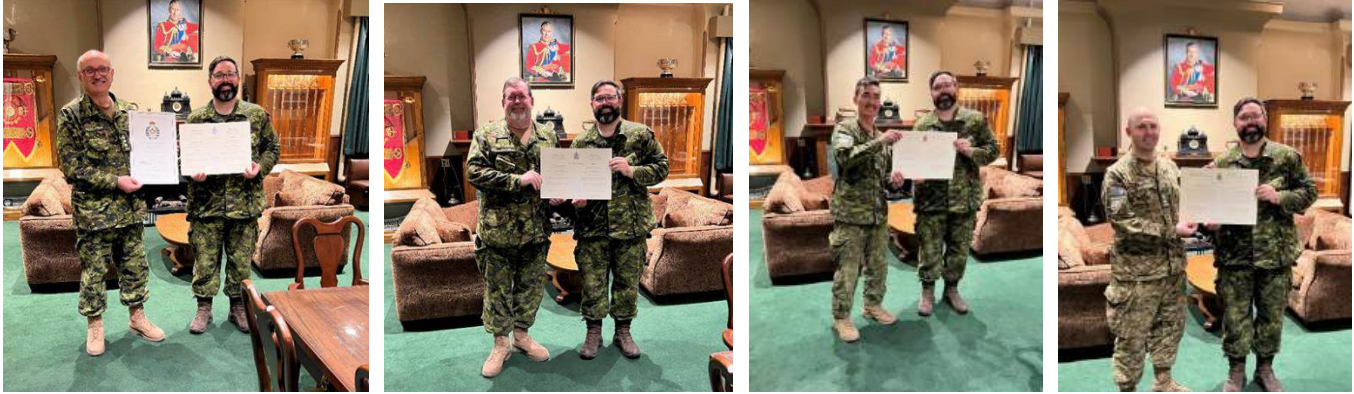


Special guests included the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Farid Rohani, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond, the Padre, The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

At the conclusion of the Recognition Segment of the parade, the Commanding Officer delivered his closing remarks, the RSM took a few minutes to remind everybody that, with the arrival of summer, all members should ensure that they are set for their courses and for training and the Honorary Colonel and Padre provided a few closing comments.

After the completion of the parade, A and B Squadrons held O Groups, after which the evening's programme was then concluded. The CO's Parade was preceded by the Commanding Officer's regular O Group.

A very busy evening indeed and a good CO's Parade! Congratulations to all those members, receiving recognition and our very best wishes to all of the soldiers of the Regiment from the entire Regimental Family!



At the end of the training evening, in the Officers' Mess, the Commanding Officer presented Crown Appointment Scrolls to Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond, Commission Scrolls to 2 Lt Chen and Lt Braverman and a Pennant (call sign 29) to Major Tom Clackson, for his service as the Officer Commanding B Squadron.



Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ST. JOHN AMBULANCE CHARITY GALA
“STARS OF THE NIGHT”
HYATT REGENCY VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER, B.C.
16 MAY 2025**

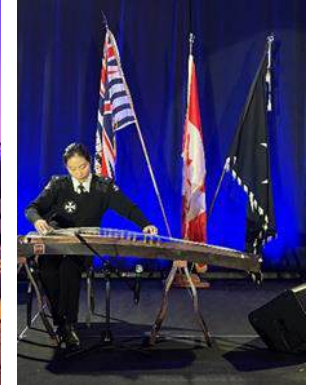


This year's Gala, "Stars of the Night" highlighted "the people and programmes making a tangible difference in communities across B.C. and Yukon" and will help expand lifesaving initiatives, recognize outstanding contributions, and empower the next generation of leaders dedicated to building a safer, healthier future."



The evening saw amazing recognition of the exceptional service and dedication of many individuals and groups, including the St. John Ambulance Cadets who took part in the very successful Asia Pacific Youth Competition held in Hong Kong last July. The Gala was a complete success with an excellent dinner thoroughly enjoyed by so many friends and colleagues, estimated to be 450 guests.





Honorary Colonel Farid Rohani and the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, were honoured to represent the Regimental Family, and to be recognized in the Opening Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies. Colonel Rohani and Ted were seated at a table with friends of the Regimental Family, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, Richard N. Liu, Honorary Brigade Division President, SJA, Commander (Ret'd) King Wan, President of the Naval Association of B.C., Steve Ko, President of ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, Piper Caroline Ng and Theresa Mew, Vice President of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society.







Congratulations and well done to our friends at St. John Ambulance.

Photo Credit: Richard N. Liu, MStJ, with thanks!

BCR ASSOCIATION – VANCOUVER REGIMENT PIPES & DRUMS PERFORM AT BC LEGISLATURE AND AT VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES 17-18 MAY 2025

On a Saturday which started out damp, the skies cleared and shined on Victoria and the festivities at both the BC Legislature and on the Victoria Highland Games, which are the longest continually held games in North America, held for over 163 years.



The Vancouver Regiment (Pipes and Drums) pplayed on the lawns of the BC Legislature on the Saturday afternoon, and followed up with a performance at the Victoria Games at 4 pm on the Sunday, also playing in the massed bands performance.



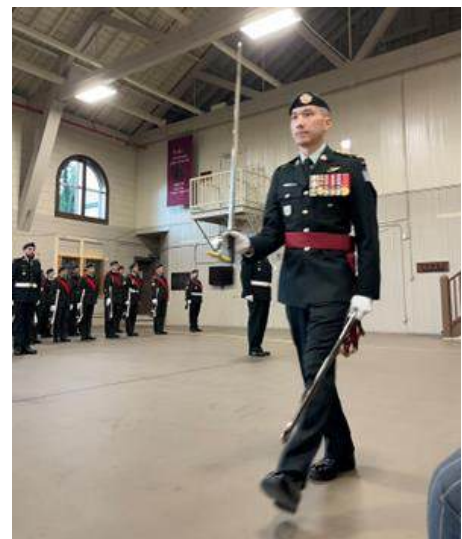
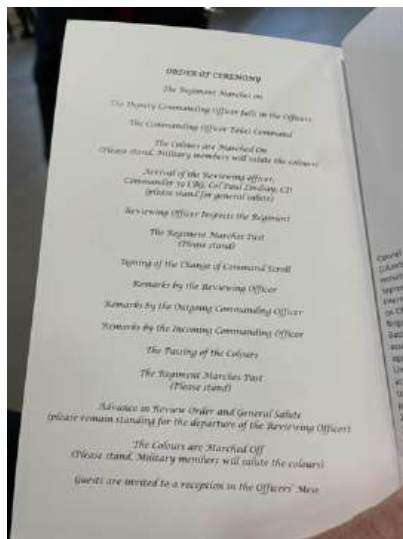
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
PRESENTATION BY THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DUKE OF
CONNAUGHT'S OWN) MUSEUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL SAINT JULIEN MESS DINNER
THE DRILL HALL - VANCOUVER, B.C.
26 APRIL 2025**



On Saturday evening, 26 April 2025, the BCR Museum was opened for tours by the guests of the Officers' Mess during the annual Saint Julien Mess Dinner, held on the Parade Square of The Drill Hall. The Museum was manned by President Bill Whalen and Museum Member Peter Whalen. During the course of the evening, President Whalen and Director Romano Acconci presented a framed photo of the Prince of Wales and General Currie inspecting the 29th Bn CEF in 1919 to Bob Hanna, son of Robert Hanna, VC, of the 29th Bn CEF.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHANGE OF COMMAND
THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT
FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GREG CHAN, CD, AdeC,
TO LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CLINT UTTLEY
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
21 MAY 2025**



I am pleased to share the report of our good friend and colleague, Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade President, St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon, as follows:

“This evening, I joined Brigade Cadet Commissioner Raymond Chow for the Change of Command Ceremony held at The Royal Westminster Regiment Armoury. The Change of Command Ceremony included inspection, The March Past, the signing of the scrolls, remarks and the Passing of the

Colours by Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Chan, CD, AdeC, to Lieutenant-Colonel Clint Uttley. The Reviewing Officer was Colonel Paul Lindsay, CD, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group. Wonderful to see so many friends attending, especially from St. John Ambulance. Congratulations to Lieutenant-Colonel Chan on a successful command”.



Note: The Regiment was well represented at the Change of Command by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Arnold Matibag, the Operations Officer, Captain Jermy McBride, the Honorary Colonel, Farid Rohani, and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Bill Diamond.





Friends of the Regimental Family in attendance, included, Honorary Colonel Derral Moriyama, 39 Signal Regiment, Honorary Colonel George Salmis, The Royal Westminster Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Anh Foort, Commanding Officer of 39 Service Battalion, with her Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Mike Bergan.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
MEMORIAL DAY
SAINT JULIEN SQUARE - VANCOUVER, B.C.
26 MAY 2025**



On this Memorial Day in the United States, the service and sacrifice of our Fallen allies of the US Armed Forces were remembered by the Regimental Association.



A Candle of Remembrance and Wreath were placed at the foot of the Memorial, a moment of silence was observed, and the Act of Remembrance was recited by the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

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Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
28 MAY 2025**



The Naval Association of British Columbia (“NABC”) held its Annual General Meeting of members in the late morning of Wednesday, 28 May 2025, at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.



The new Board of Directors were duly elected by the membership for the 2025 – 2026 term of office and Officers appointed by the Board of Directors, as follows:

- President - Sergio Calado
- 1st Vice President – Ted Hawthorne
- 2nd Vice President – Mark Fletcher
- Secretary - John Nosotti
- Treasurer - Arthur Hastings

Past President King Wan is ex-officio a member of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the By-Laws of NABC.



Congratulations to the newly elected Directors and Officers of NABC and thank you for your on-going service to our community, both military and civilian!



The Annual General Meeting was followed by a delicious luncheon with camaraderie all around!

Note: Photo credit to Steve Ko, President, ANAVETS, Pacific Unit No. 280, with thanks.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
SEASPAN, VANCOUVER SHIPYARDS
TOUR OF JOINT SUPPORT SHIP, HMCS PROTECTEUR
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.
28 MAY 2025**



Members of the Naval Association of British Columbia (“NABC”) were given a first class tour of the Seaspan, Vancouver Shipyards facility, on Wednesday afternoon, 28 May 2025.



Seaspan is building large non-combat vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Navy (“RCN”) under Canada’s National Shipbuilding Strategy (“NSS”). The tour group was escorted by members of the RCN and were provided with a thorough onboard tour of HMCS Protecteur, the longest naval vessel ever constructed in Canada, and a walk by tour of the future HMCS Preserver, the fifth ship designed and built by Seaspan under the NSS.

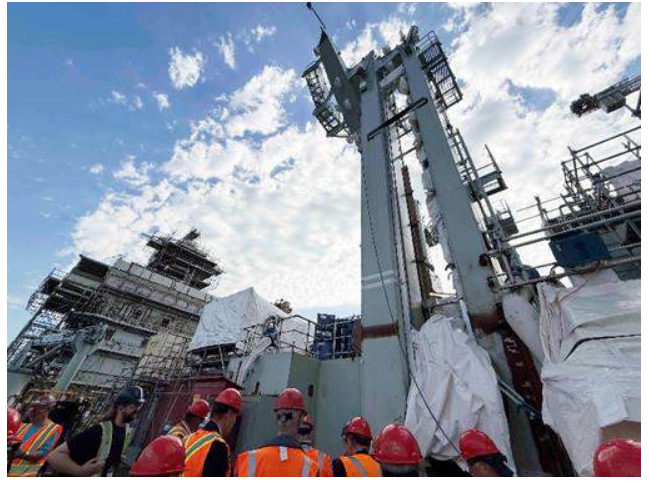


As stated in Seaspan's information posting:

“Seaspan Shipyards is proud to be Canada’s long-term, strategic shipbuilding partner for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy under the NSS. The NSS is a nation-building effort to create a sustainable Canadian shipbuilding industry, secure long-term job opportunities and build the next generation of ships for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS–related work, Seaspan Shipyards is leading the redevelopment of our domestic shipbuilding industry on the West Coast and delivering on the promise of ships built in Canada, by Canadians.”

“The two Joint Support Ships, HMCS Protecteur and HMCS Preserver, will replace the former Protecteur-class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment vessels. In addition to providing critical at-sea replenishment, these multi-purpose warships will also be capable of seamlessly integrating with any Canadian or allied naval task group and will significantly extend the range and endurance of these groups through the provision of fuel, ammunition, aviation support, food, spare parts, exercise and gym facilities, and medical and dental care.”







The NABC Tour group was advised that work to prepare HMCS Protecteur for sea trials is progressing and the ship is scheduled to be delivered to the RCN at the end of 2025.

Our many thanks to Seaspan and our three RCN Tour Guides, Lt (Navy) Isaac Main, Lt (Navy) Cody Loyster and Lt (Navy) Allen Wan, for the most informative and thorough tour!



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - 2025 ANNUAL CADET PARADE
THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ARMOURY
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
31 MAY 2025**



The 2025 Annual Cadet Parade, hosted by the St. John Ambulance, B.C. Yukon Brigade, was held at the Armoury of The Royal Westminster Regiment in the morning of Saturday, 31 May 2025.



The Guest of Honour, Deputy Brigade Commissioner, Tara Chan, OstJ, was in attendance as the Reviewing Officer.



The Parade celebrated the achievements of the over 200 Officers and Cadets of St. John Ambulance of the Brigade, from across the Lower Mainland, during their training year. The Parade was very well attended with friends, family members and supporters of the St. John Ambulance Family, including BCR representation by the Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.



The programme for the afternoon featured a Class of 2025 Group Photo, the singing of “O Canada”, the Parade March On, a Land Acknowledgment and Welcome, the formal arrival of the Guest of Honour and her introduction as the Inspecting Officer, a General Salute, an Inspection by Deputy Brigade Commissioner Chan, a March Past, an Opening Prayer and Remarks, Leadership Promotions and Presentation of Awards (Promotions and Service Medals), the St. John Ambulance Hymn, Benediction and Closing Prayer, “God Save the King”, an Advance in Review Order and Closing Remarks and Dismissal. An enjoyable reception followed the parade.





Congratulations and great work by our friends at St. John Ambulance. A very special acknowledgement to the Master of Ceremonies, Raymond Chow, Brigade Cadet Commissioner, and Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade President, St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon and their Team, the Parade Commander, Divisional Superintendent, Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Chan, CD, AdeC, and the 637 Arrow Squadron Air Cadets RCACS Band, for their exceptional contribution to the success of the Parade



Note: Photo credit to Richard N. Liu, MStJ, Honorary Brigade President, St. John Ambulance BC/Yukon, with thanks!

3300 BC REGIMENT (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW GOBINFD SARVAR SCHOOL (FLEETWOOD) – SURREY 29 MAY 2025



On the 29th of May the first of the five BCR Cadet Corps celebrated it's 13th Annual Ceremonial Review, in Surrey, BC at their local headquarters on a evening parade.



An excellent turnout of parents, community supporters, BCR Association Members, as well as representatives from the RCSU (Pac.), Captain Dickson, and the Army Cadet League were on hand to

watch 55 cadets from the corps put on an excellent parade. The special guest and Reviewing Officer for the parade was Mr. Mike Baker, the Regional Manager for Sinclair Supply.

The Commanding Officer of 3300, Capt Karm Nagra was well supported by his staff and senior cadets in putting on an excellent ACR. Captain Harminder Palak, acted as the MC for the evening. Also in support were Civilian Instructors, Christian Dickson and Jasleen Mangat. From the Army Cadet League (BC) was Capt Marting Hilmer, CD (Ret'd) and Mrs Cathy Bach, the National Army Cadet League President. BCR Association President, LCol (R) Jim Barrett and Vice-President, Scott Hamilton attended along with the Corps BCR Association Representatives, Graydon & Sandra Young, and Major (R) Roger Prouse and Louise Prouse. Former Commanding Officer of 3300, Major Jim Blomme, CD attended and presented the trophy named after him. The Support Committee for 3300 was also well represented by the Chair, Mrs. Palvinder Kundan, Lakhjit Sarang and others.

Following the Review of the Cadets and March Past the award winners for the year were announced by the MC. Congratulations to:



Top Green Star Cadet: L/Cpl Joshua Johnson



Top Red Star: L/Cpl Zohar Setia



Top Silver Star: Sgt Lin Shan



Top Gold Star: Sgt Vanessa Lau



Master Cadet: MWO Mehakdeep Mangat



Top Shot: Sgt Swara Apte



Best Dressed Cadet: Cpl Anthony Brown



Most Improved Cadet: Sgt Jazaiah Gaskin



Major Blomme Award: Sgt Aaron Cyril



Bhai Kanhaiya Award: L/Cpl Kirt Kaur Sohal



Acknowledgement was made of all the cadets who participated in the Cyber Challenge during the past training year and CyberTitan Coins were presented to CWO IkJot Chauhan, WO Asmita Malhotra, Sgt Jason Pan, Sgt Lin Shan, L/Cpl Dhyani Patel, and L/Cpl Joshua Johnson.



A scholarship for \$500 was presented to MWO Mehakdeep Mangat and the Sullivan Heights Dental Scholarship of \$500 to WO Asmita Malhotra. A presentation was given to the 3300 Cadet RSM, CWO Inkjot Chauhan and the Army Cadet League Service Medal was awarded to Sgt Sheron Mall.



Bars to their cadet medals were presented to cadets who reached significant milestones in their service. WO Yuvrai Brar received his 5 year Bar, MWO Mangat her 6 year bar and CWO Chauhan a 7 year bar.



The Royal Canadian Medal of Excellence was awarded to WO Asmita Malholtra and the Lord Strathcona Medal to CWO Inkjot Chauhan.



A special acknowledgement was given to CI Dickson, who recently as married and is leaving for Saskatchewan to pursue his education. Phil Edge, the photographer was acknowledged as well for over a decade of volunteering as the corps photographer.





Mr. Glen Wilson from the RCL Whalley Branch presented a cheque to the corps for \$5,000, and a League President's coin was presented to the City of Vancouver Representative by Cathy Bach. The evening ended with a reception for the cadets and guests.



Congratulations on an excellent parade and wrap up to the training year.

2781 BC REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) RCACC ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW POWELL RIVER – TIMBERLANE BARRACKS 31 MAY 2025



On a day of variable weather, the Staff and Cadets held their Annual Ceremonial Review in Powell River at Timberlane Barracks. The Parade was moved inside to the Drill Deck and just prior to the ceremony the sun came out for the remainder of the day.

The twelve Cadets were well supported by their parents and supporters, including staff from the other cadet corps and representative from the RCSU North Island. WO Jacob Reimer acted as the Corps SSM for the parade.







Major Tylere Couture, an experienced CIMIC Officer, attached to the BC Regiment attended as the Reviewing Officer. Officer Candidate, Diane Sheldon acted as MC. The CO of 2871 BCR, Captain Caroline Visser acted as escort to the Reviewing Officer. CI Chris Reimer assisted with the awards programme. LCol (R) Jim Barrett, representing the BCR Association and who is also attached as a CI to the Corps, assisted with the programme as needed. A cheque for \$4,000 was presented by the local Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Following the parade, the cadets showed off the displays that they had prepared on their own, which ranged from demonstrations of Drill, camping equipment, to a demonstration on the indoor air Rifle range under the supervision of RSO Sheldon.

June

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
81ST ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY
CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 119 - PORT MOODY, B.C.
6 JUNE 2025**



The service, dedication and sacrifice of the Canadian Armed forces and our Allies during the D-Day Landings and the ensuing Battle of Normandy were remembered on the 81st Anniversary of D-Day at the

Memorial of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 119, in Port Moody, at 11:00 in the morning on a sunny Friday, June 6th.



The Ceremony of Remembrance was conducted by the Master of Ceremonies, Sergeant-at-Arms, Malcolm Harkness. The morning's Program featured the singing of "O Canada", a Salute to all those who served in The Battle of Normandy, a Flag Protocol by Rick Schmidt of the Unit's Colour Party, and the recitation of the Act of Remembrance by Tom Warwick.



Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial by Linda Genie and Sergeant-at-Arms, Malcolm Harkness, on behalf of Branch 119, by former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Regimental Secretary Ted Hawthorne, on behalf of the Regimental Family, and Kaarina Campbell, in memory of her father, Alan Campbell, late of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, B Company, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.



The memorable Ceremony concluded with the singing of “God Save the King”, followed by the Dismissal of the Parade by the Sergeant-at-Arms.



A reception followed in the Branch premises.

**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.**

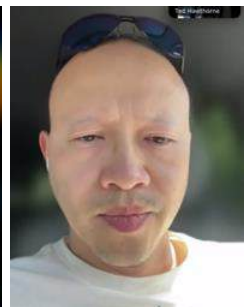
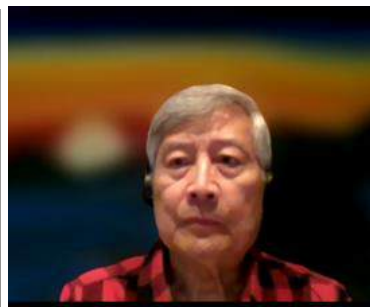


Thank you to RCL Branch 119 and its members for the wonderful support and hospitality!

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND
ANAVETS, PACIFIC UNIT NO. 280
7 JUNE 2025**

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society (“CCMMS”) and ANAVETS, Pacific Unit # 280 (“ANAVETS”), held their respective regular monthly business meetings via ZOOM this morning. The meetings were well attended and detailed updates (financial, numerous special projects, events and administrative) were provided to all members.





The meeting for ANAVETS was chaired by the President, Steve Ko, and the meeting of CCMMS was chaired by the President, Judge (Ret'd) Randall Wong

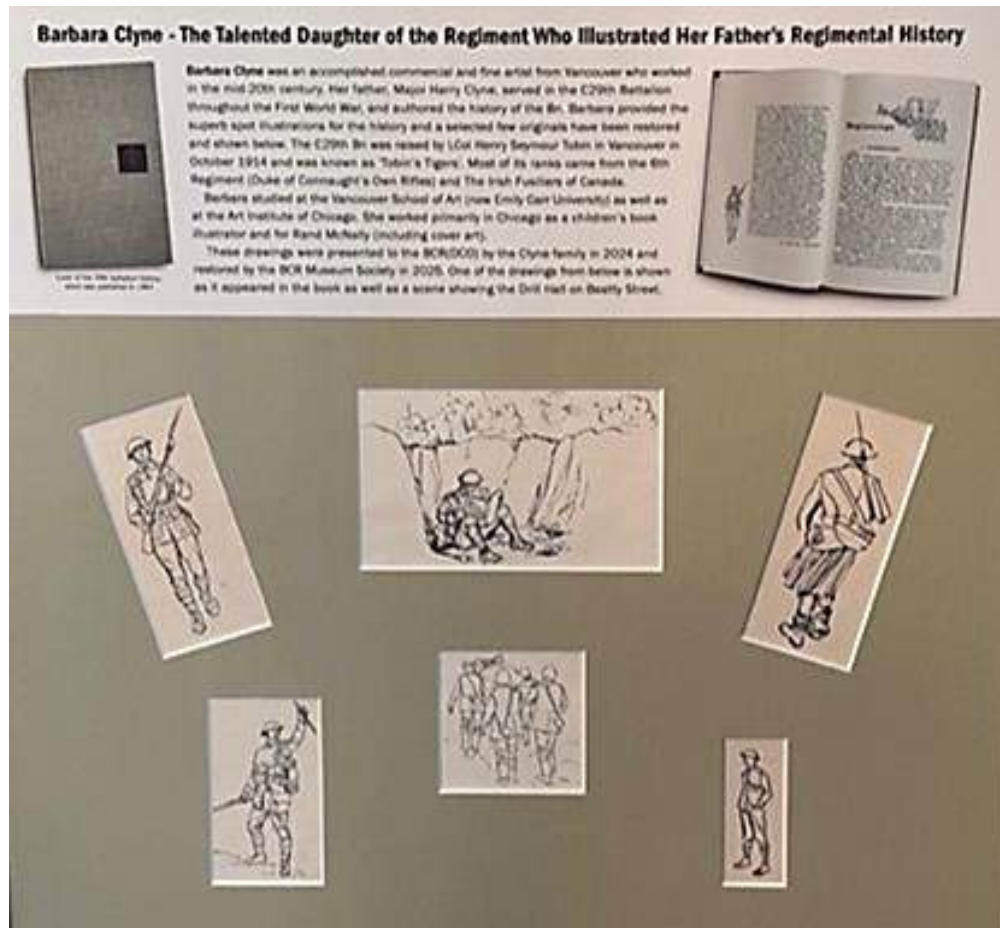
Thank you ANAVETS and CCMMS for your continuing service and dedication to our veterans and to the community!

**LT-COL JOHN NOSOTTI, CD (RETIRED)
CDS COMMENDATION
7 JUNE 2025**



On behalf of the Executive and all members of the BCR Association, Congratulations to our member, John Nosotti and his recent award for his long service as both a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and his support to the Army Cadet Programme. John is also a former CO of our BCR (Irish Fusilier) Cadet Corps in Richmond.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
PRESENTATION BY
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) MUSEUM SOCIETY
BARBARA CLYNE - "A DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT & HER ART"
8 JUNE 2025**



As Regimental Secretary, I am pleased to pass along the following report received from Lieutenant-Colonel Romano Acconci, CD (Ret'd), Director at Large of The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society (the Regimental Museum"), as follows:

"In 2024 the Clyne family gifted six hand drawn pen and ink sketches to the Regimental Museum. These sketches were expertly drawn by Barbara Clyne, depicting scenes from WW1, and in particular, illustrations reflecting the history of the 29th Battalion, (Vancouver), CEF - nicknamed, 'Tobin's Tigers' after their famous Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Tobin, DSO.

Barbara was professionally trained at what is now Emily Carr University of Art and Design and the Art Institute of Chicago. She worked in Chicago in the late 1940s, and through the 1950s, as a Children's book illustrator (including cover art), primarily for Rand McNally.

Two of these sketches can be found in the history of the 29th Battalion, (Vancouver), CEF, entitled 'Vancouver's 29th', by Maj Henry R. N. Clyne, MC, published in 1964. Major Clyne served through WW1 with the 29th Battalion, (Vancouver), CEF. Barbara was Henry Clyne's daughter.

Our Regimental Museum determined that these original sketches are a very important aspect of the Regiment's cultural history, and as such, decided to have them professionally restored and arranged for display to a wider audience.



The task was taken up by Colin Fenby, (a former BCR Officer and now a member of our Regimental Museum), who resides in Toronto. Colin had the sketches expertly restored to near original condition by a Toronto gallery that specializes in art restoration to museum standard.



The sketches were then matted together in one frame, as they had been when first gifted to our Regimental Museum (the frame utilized museum standard glass). A Text was added at the top section of the display to provide context and a short explanation for future viewers of this display.

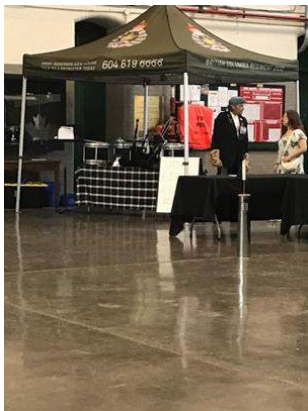
Our Regimental Museum President, Bill Whalen, arranged with Fr. Chris Pappas - our Regimental Padre - to have the sketches displayed in our display case at the narthex of Christ Church Cathedral, where it can currently be viewed. It will remain there until sometime in December.

If you happen to be passing Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Vancouver, and you have a moment, drop in and have a quick look at Barbara Clyne's sketches."

**2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC
ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW
THE DRILL HALL – VANCOUVER, BC
8 JUNE 2025**



At the historic BCR Drill Hall, 2290 British Columbia Regiment (101 Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps held an excellent Annual Ceremonial Parade on a very warm day.



On parade were 45 cadets supported by Adult Staff, including helpers from 3300 BCR, Capt Karm Nagra and Captain Harminder Palak. Staff from 2290 included former Cadet RSM Rob Ernie, OCdt Phan Le, Major Jim Blomme, Capt Jordon Laing, Lt Roger Wong, Ms. Keisha Lui, and BCR Association President and BCR Cadet Governor, LCol Jim Barrett (Ret'd) who was the OPI for 2290's Marksmanship Programme. Commanding Officer of 2290 BCR, Capt Dil Pangalia and the entire cadet corps did an excellent amount of work in preparation for the parade with extensive displays and demonstrations for the attendees.



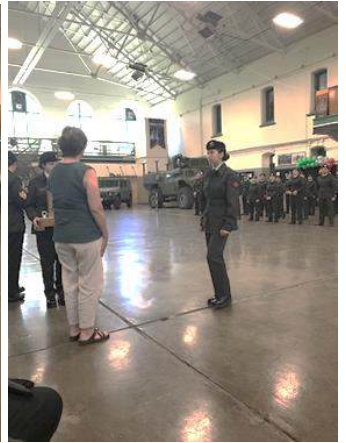
The 2290 Support Chair Mr. Nyal Wilcox, and Secretary, Mrs. Thea Wilcox and Treasurer, Sandy Macmillan, Chuck Davies, and the rest of the Support Committee did an excellent job.

Also in support were soldiers of the BCR (DCO) who opened up several vehicles and did displays and talks with the cadets covering CAF familiarization and then interacted with all the attendees following the ACR allowing them access to the vehicles.

Cadet Regimental Sergeant-Major, CWO Calvin Adams took command of the cadet parade from MWO McMillan, and it was quite clear to everyone that the cadets had their uniforms well prepared and their drill and steadiness on parade in their No. 1s on a hot day was excellent. Cadet Correspondent, Sgt Tiffany Adams, and OCdt Phan Le took many photographs in support of the event.

Honorary LCol Bill Diamond, BCR was the reviewing Officer, and Capt Ken Russell represented the RCSU (Pac.) HQ for the parade. Mr Graham Menzies was on had the represent the Army Cadet League of Canada (BC Branch). Many other members of the Regimental family were present, including, Major Roger & Louise Prouse, Mr. Graydon & Sandra young, Mr. Scott Hamilton (Vice-Pres BCR Assoc.), and Mr. Matt Dolan, former Pipe-Major of the BCR Association Irish Pipes & Drums. Mr. Chuck Davies, CD was on hand to present the Keegan Award and the Support Committee cheques to the departing cadets.

Numerous awards were given during the ACR recognizing the top cadets at each star level, including top cadets in marksmanship, Best Recruit, Best Junior NCO and Best Senior NCO and a number of memorial trophies, including the Al Keegan (and Agnes) Award for Esprit de Corps, the Jimmy Fung Memorial Award, the Alexander Malczynski Trophy for Citizenship, the Lt John Karmazinuk Award Adventure Training, and the Major Dil Pangalia Award for Dedication. The Royal Canadian Medal of Excellence was presented as well as the Lord Strathcona Medal.





Following the presentations, the Reviewing Officer, HLCol Bill Diamond addressed the cadets and the attendees, followed by Mr. Nyal Wilcox, and the CO, Capt Dil Pangalia.



Once all the presentations and speeches concluded the Cadets marched off and then commenced with their dynamic displays followed by inviting the attendees to join them at their display stations. A highlight was a simulated casualty during their confidence course demonstration in which the PA System and radios announced the arrival of a medevac helicopter (A small one lowered by OCdt Le from the rafters followed by the First Aid Team and the treatment and recovery of the 'injured' cadet. In this case, no report of injury needed or required! Well Done!



Keeper trophies were handed out to the deserving cadets following the parade. Also, a number of 'mugging out' gifts were given to four cadets having left, or, leaving the programme this summer at the age of 19. A special highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of two Charles III Coronation medals. One to C/RSM Adams and the other to our MC, Ms. Keisha Liu. Congratulations to both recipients.



Our congratulations to Capt Pangalia, Staff, Support Committee, and especially the Cadets for an excellent ACR and our best wishes for the summer training period.

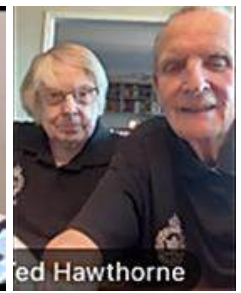
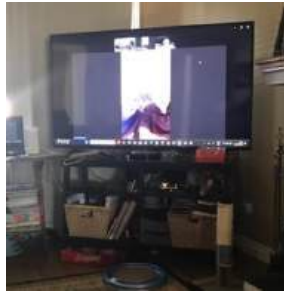
**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION
THE BARRETT BUNKER
8 JUNE 2025**



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 via ZOOM this evening:

- Jim Barrett - President
- Scott Hamilton - Vice President
- Patricia Barrett - Treasurer
- Sandra Young – Secretary
- Gayle Hawthorne – Director
- Ted Hawthorne – Director
- Don McGovern – Director
- James Norman – Director
- Graydon Young - Director.

Kudos to Jim and Patricia Barrett for their gracious 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!

2381 BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (IRISH FUSILIERS) RCACC 62ND ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 14 JUNE 2025



On a cloudy morning in Richmond, BC, at the Col Sherman Armoury, 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) RCACC held their annual ceremonial review in front of Parents and guests. On parade were 71 smartly turned out Cadets supported by their Officers and Support Committee members.

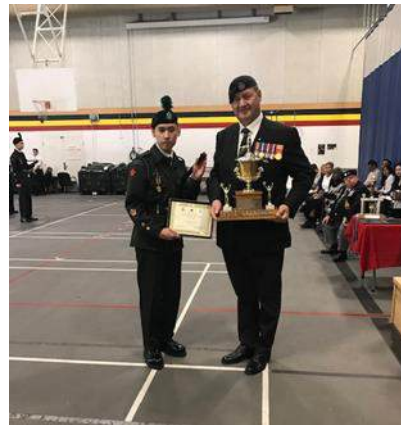
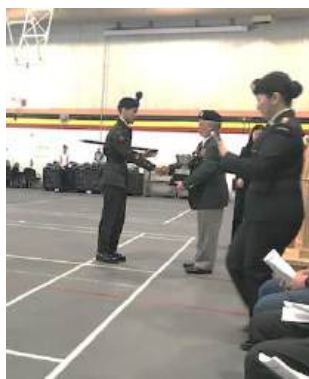


The Reviewing Officer was Major Greg Fowler the Air Area Elemental Officer for BC Lower Mainland. Joining the Air Cadet movement in 1989, Maj Fowler became a member of the Cadet Instructors Cadre in 1997 prior to completing his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Northern BC and has held a number of positions in the local air cadet squadrons prior to commanding 655 RCACS in Richmond from 2018 to 2022.

Major Fowler was welcomed by Cadet Regimental Sergeant-Major Zakary Haas-Hachim and conducted a review of the four Troops drawn up on the parade. The reviewing team included former CO of the Corp, LCol John Nosotti, CD (Ret'd), LCol James Barrett, CD Barrett (Ret'd) BCR Association President and BCR Cadet Governor, Maj Roger Prouse, CD (Ret'd) and Mrs Suman Reddy from the Army Cadet League (BC Branch).



Following the inspection and march past, the Awards and Presentation portion of the programme took place.





The Reviewing Officer and Capt Berthiaume as acting CO addressed the Cadets, Guests and Parents.



Following the 'Marching Off' of the cadets a reception was held following an excellent Drill Team Demonstration by the cadets.



Well done to all of the staff of 2381 BCR, including CO Capt Raven McCallum, 2IC Capt Michael Berthiaume, CI Daisy Law, Capt Flora Yu, CI Edwin Yip, Civilian Volunteers Lisa Law, Sgt Kyle Dayal, CD (Ret'd) and Tyler Yue. The Support Committee is also to be congratulated, Chair: Danny Wang, Mr Eric

Yue, Mr. Duy Nguyen, Matthew Lin, Dang Nguyen and Michelle So. A special thank you to Lt Roger Wong who acted as the MC for the ACR and who kept the audience informed and the parade on track.

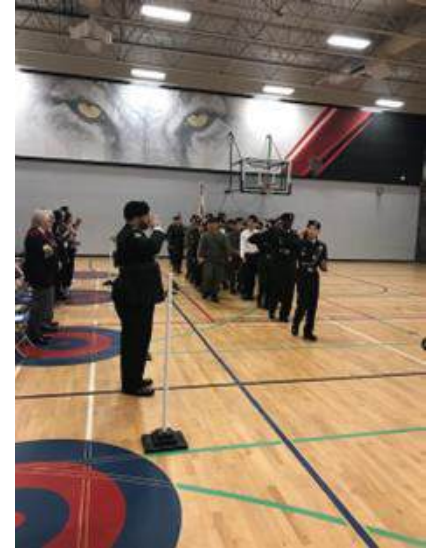
Up the Dukes!

**2827 BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) RCACC
ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW
ECOLE KWAYHQITLAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
PORT COQUITLAM
14 JUNE 2025**



At 1300 hrs on Saturday the 14th of June, 2025 the Annual Ceremonial Review of our Port Moody Cadets was held in the gymnasium of the school where 37 cadets were on parade in front of guest, Officers & Staff of the Cadet Corps and their parents who turned out in good numbers.





The Reviewing Officer was Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Brown, CD, Commanding Officer of the BC Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). In attendance was LCol Jim Barrett, BCR Association President, Mr Scott Hamilton, Vice President and Mr Don McGovern Director of the BCR Association, both former soldiers of the Regiment and whose fathers served in the 28th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia) in WW II. Capt Dil Pangalia Represented the RCSU HQ and is also the CO of 2290 BCR. Also in attendance was Mrs Suman Reddy from the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch.





Following an inspection of the Cadets by the Reviewing Officer and Party, the Cadets conducted a fine 'March Past' and then the trophies and awards were presented.



LCol Brown spoke to the cadets, guests and parents and was followed by the Commanding Officer of 2827, Capt Jiri Motak, CD, who thanked all his staff, the Support Committee and the cadets for putting together an excellent training year. The Chair of the Support Committee made an impassioned request to the parents attending to consider joining them in the fall as part of their committee.





Following the 'Advance in Review Order' and the departure of the Reviewing Officer, The cadet rifle drill team put on a demonstration for the LCol Brown, once he had changed into CADPAT as he was headed back to the Vancouver Airport to receive BCR Soldiers returning from deployment to Latvia.

A very good reception was held in the cafeteria prior to the cadets and parents departing.

Congratulations to Capt Jiri Motak, Capt Dean McLennan, Lt Tiffany Liu, Lt Patrick Wong and Volunteer Johann Terblanche. Not forgetting 2Lt Mark Dailey who was unable to attend the parade.

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
SCOTFESTBC: THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HIGHLAND GAMES
TOWN CENTRE PARK, LAFARGE LAKE,
COQUITLAM, B.C.
20 – 21 JUNE 2025



The **ScotFestBC** is an annual event featuring athletic competitions, including the ReMax Scottish Heavy Events, highland dancing, live music, bagpiping, drumming, whisky tasting, kids activities (Gaelic Games, Stories and Songs) and much more.





It is truly a family friendly event and lots of fun. This year's 128th British Columbia Highland Games took place on Friday and Saturday, 20 and 21 June 2025, on the shores of Lafarge Lake at Town Centre Park in Coquitlam.





The Gun Crew of the Fort Fraser Garrison, 78th Fraser Highlanders, fired the opening salvo on Friday evening at 6:30 pm to officially open the Highland Games and another opening gun at noon on Saturday.





The Frasers also provided demonstrations on musket firing at their booth situated on the north side of the venue in close proximity to the Whiskey School. Regimental Association President, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, commanded the Gun Crew and the Frasers in the course of their duties. Chris Hoskin is the Drum Major of the BCR Pipe Band and John Hooker's two son's have both served with the Regiment. Other Regimental Family members in attendance were Captain Jiri Motak, Commanding Officer of 2827 BCR (Port Moody) RCACC and Regimental Secretary, former Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne.

Thanks to Paul Keenleyside for the additional photos.

Up the Dukes!

A VISIT TO GOLD RUSH TRAIL CEMETERYS BILL & LAURA WHELAN JUNE 2025



Editor's Note: Bill is a retired Lieutenant of the BCR And RCMP member and President of the BCR Museum Society. We thank Bill for bringing our attention to these past veterans of the CEF and some who served in the 29th Battalion (Tobin's Tigers) which is one of our perpetuated battalions.



My wife and I decided to take a trip to Barkerville, following the Gold Rush Trail. As we made our way north, we stopped at some of the layover stations along the way, such as Yale, Ashcroft, Soda Creek and Fort Alexandria. We found that there were a significant amount of World War One and Two veterans buried at these locations. Some of the more interesting included:

Ashcroft Cemetery

Private J. Stowell 5th Battalion CEF (North Saskatchewan Regiment):

He was born on the Isle of Man in 1870 and worked as a miner in Merritt, BC. He enlisted in August 1914 and stated he was born in 1873. The examining doctor advised "Looks somewhat older than his stated age." Serving in France in 1915, at the age of 45, he received a gunshot wounds to his shoulder and back and shrapnel in his eyes.

Private Martin Muir who served with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers (Royal Scots Borderers)

Barkerville Cemetery

Private J. Stepina 202 Battalion CEF (South Alberta Light Horse):

He was born in New York City and joined up while he was living in Edmonton. He was an experienced steam engineer and so was quickly transferred to the Forestry Corps, where his skills could be used.

Private George Shaw 67th Battalion CEF (Canadian Scottish):

He was a miner from Stanley, BC (not far from Barkerville). He served in the trenches with the 67th then was returned to Canada with Shell Shock but remained serving until wars end.



Private Joseph Andre 10th Battalion CEF (Royal Winnipeg Rifles):

He was born in Quebec but was living in Lumby, BC working as a blacksmith when the war started. He saw combat with the 29th Battalion (British Columbia Regiment) then returned home to be discharged from the 2nd Battalion British Columbia Regiment.



Private Dell Quesnel whose headstone is inscribed with "BC Regiment":

He was a farmer, born in Quebec. He also served in the 29th Battalion in France then returned home to be discharged from the 2nd Battalion British Columbia Regiment.

Private Theodore Mahon 16th Battalion CEF (Canadian Scottish):

He was born in Barbados and working as a bank clerk prior to enlisting. He received gunshot wounds to both legs in 1915, then was shot in the hand in 1918.

Two other headstones stood out in the Barkerville cemetery:

Trooper William Nuttall of the Imperial Yeomanry, who served in South Africa and Private First Class Frank Cushman who served with the United States Marine Corps in World War Two.



**3300 BC REGIMENT (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC
YEAR END PICNIC AT DERBYS REACH REGIONAL PARK (LANGLEY
TOWNSHIP)
14 JUNE 2025**

The 3300 BC REGIMENT (BHAJ KANHAIYA) RCACC held their year-end picnic at Derby's Reach Regional Park in the Township of Langley on Saturday June 14, 2025 with approx. 70-80 people attending between cadets and officers, Capt Martin Hilmer, CD (Ret'd) from the ACLC, support committee members and spouses and parents.

It was a perfect day; the weather was not too sunny and hot and there was no rain. The Cadets and guests filled their day with playing badminton, walking/hiking the trails, hanging out by the water, and at the picnic area talking with one another and enjoying good food.





Lunch consisted of Indian cuisine; Samosa, Vegetable Manchurian Balls, Railta Sauce w/rice, and salads, along with the traditional pizza and fruit, cookies, brownies and banana bread.



We hope everyone had a great time and hope to see everyone in Sept.

Up the Dukes!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE – VANCOUVER SOCIETY
2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24 JUNE 2025**



The 2025 Annual General Meeting of the members Royal United Services Institute–Vancouver Society was held on ZOOM in the afternoon of Tuesday, 24 June 2025. Accordingly, RUSI, Vancouver is pleased to announce the election of directors and the appointment of officers of the following members:

- 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/appointment and thank you for your ongoing service and dedication!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON, SERGEANT DAVID STEVERDING
VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
25 JUNE 2025**



Congratulations to The Naval Association of B.C. for hosting a highly successful reception, luncheon and excellent presentation by Sergeant David Steverding, Vancouver Police Department, held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Wednesday, 25 June 2025. As billed, Sergeant Steverding spoke on the topic of “Squad Productions Society – Providing for Drug and Gang Prevention for Youth”.



The presentation was very well received and was followed by a Q & A Session. The Master of Ceremonies, President Sergio Calado, thanked Sergeant Steverding for his most informative presentation.





Special guests in attendance included Ron Harrison, John MacLean, Mark Fletcher, John Elliott, Bob Mackay, Larry Fournier, Christopher Hebb, Peter Millar, Dan Brown, King Wan, and John Nosotti.



The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee preceded the reception and luncheon and was held in the Chartroom.

Kudos to NABC for an outstanding reception, luncheon and presentation.

For more information on the “Odd Squad”, you can check out their website at:

Odd Squad Productions Society – Film & Education and Physical Literacy
<https://www.oddsquad.com/>

BCR ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP

BCR (DCO) PATCHES AVAILABLE FOR SALE



A limited number of BCR Patches are available. Size is 4" by 4" and price is \$25. Payment by e-transfer to Kitshop@DukeaBear.com. Please include your name and mailing address with the e-transfer. We will not be repeating this design, so if interested, order before we are sold out.

The blazer crest and buttons are available through Claymore Clothiers in Vancouver. These items can be purchased online and shipped to you at home.

The BCR Kit Shop is your source for the following items for sale:

1. Mini Guidons – estimated cost is \$130.00 – in stock.
2. **NEW:** BCR cap badge on cuff links, pens and pocket watch.
3. **NEW:** BCR flag (36" x 72") - \$150.00
4. **Regimental Ties:** \$45.00
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To place an order, and confirm items are in stock, please e-mail KitShop@DukeABear.com

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Mini-Guidon \$130



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 2023.
May they Rest in Peace knowing they are not forgotten

WO GWEN MATHIESON, CD 24 May 1937 – 11 December 2024

Gentlemen:

On behalf of my sister, Leslie, and my brother Tom, I regret to inform you that our mother, Gwen Mathieson, passed away on 11 December 2024.

It was not unexpected, but it was sudden, and with the constraints of the holiday season, we were unable to publish an obituary as soon as we would have liked. An obituary was published in the Toronto Star this past Saturday (11 January), and I have attached a pdf file of the source document used for the print version. It has also been added to Legacy.com with a guestbook, although I regret that we were not able to include the RCAC crest as nicely as we did in the newsprint version.

Mom kept up with the Regiment via "The Duke" and "The BCR News" and maintained a keen interest in the activities of the current serving unit as well as the wider Regimental Family. Although many of our mother's contemporaries have passed on, I am certain some remain who will remember her.

Gwen was very proud of her service with the British Columbia Regiment. I had the job of securing her coveted personal valuables following her passing. Included in this small collection which she had hidden away for safe keeping was her BCR cap badge. In her heart she was always a Duke.

We like to think that somewhere out there she's enjoying one heck of a Regimental reunion and that our father, Irv - already holding court in the Mess, had a drink waiting for her.

Regards,
Kim, Tom and Leslie Mathieson

Up The Dukes!



WARRANT OFFICER GWEN I. MATHIESON, CD (RET'D)

Gwendolyn Irene "Gwen" Mathieson, born May 24, 1937, in Ottawa, Ontario, passed away at her home of 50 years in Toronto on December 11, 2024.

Gwen was predeceased by husband, Irvine "Irv" — devoted to each other, they were a team for over 55 years. Missing her are daughter, Leslie (Kevin); son, Tom (Jan); daughter, Kim (John); and grandchildren, Jake and Mackenzie.

Gwen was the last surviving child of Lorne Atwood Green and Helen Norrine (Eleanor) Chase. She was predeceased by brother, John and sister-in-law, Gloria Green, of Shawville, Quebec; and her beloved sister, Lorna Gibbs of Vancouver, with whom she was very close. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Stuart (Marilyn); and sister-in-law, Sheila (Gordon), with whom she kept in regular contact (all of British Columbia); and nieces and nephews across North America.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Gwen grew up surrounded by family - at various times, the family home included her maternal grandparents, aunts and uncles and "cousin," Ferdie Chapman. She attended church at St. Patrick's Basilica on Kent Street and school with the nuns at St. Patrick's Girls School. During the Second

World War, her mother worked as a riveter while her father served overseas with the Army Medical Corps. Gwen would recant the story of his homecoming — a trip to the train station to meet a stranger in a uniform named "Dad." Times were tough, but there were happy memories of early life in Ottawa; sharing "drippings" from the local fish and chip shop with her siblings, winter carnivals, fishing with Mom and Dad at Hog's Back and a special trip to Bangor, Maine, to see her mother's family, riding all the way in the open air of a rumble seat in the back of the car.

Gwen first started working for the military as a civilian in 1954 when her father was posted to Camp Borden in Ontario. When her father was transferred to Vancouver, British Columbia, Gwen moved with her parents. In 1957, she left her civilian employment with the army, and following in the footsteps of her father, joined the military. In 1958, as a member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps she joined the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) as the Regiment's first female chief administrative clerk, a position usually held by male regular force NCOs.

Gwen found a home with the BC Regiment. It was here she met Irv, an officer serving in the Regiment. They broke fraternization rules and were married in 1961. The arrival of children didn't take away time from the Regiment, it just meant there were three more Mathiesons running around the Beatty Street Drill Hall. Gwen and Irv would say their time with the Regiment were some of the happiest in their lives.

1974 saw a job transfer for Irv and the family moved from Vancouver to Toronto. It was a difficult decision and transition for all. In the army of the east, Gwen and Irv joined the Queen's York Rangers. A happy memory from the Ranger days was a trip to re-enact the Battle of Brandywine, the entire Regiment attended along with their families. The husband and wife team in the same regiment did not endure with the Rangers and Gwen transferred to District Headquarters. In 1981, she transferred to the Supplementary Reserve, ending her time in uniform, but the friendships from those days endured until the end of hers.

Gwen found use for skills honed in the military in the business world. She worked for a temp agency, enjoying the variety, and then found new goals and objectives by working in sales for Cougar Electronics, Aritech and Arius in security and fire safety. She relished the challenge and competitiveness of sales work until Irv convinced her to join him in retirement. Having worked since her teen years, the absence of "work" would be another adjustment. The remedy was to hit the road.

There were battlefield tours in Europe with the BC Regiment, cruises with friends, and they enjoyed wintering in Port Charlotte for many years. The route back home was often circuitous and could take them anywhere from Tijuana to Alaska, and in the times before cell phones, their children would wonder where they were and if they were ever coming home. The arrival date often crept closer to the start of golf season in Ontario. Of their car trips, The Four Corners and the Grand Canyon were favourites, but their most cherished trips were to British Columbia, driving through the mountains back "home" to visit with family and friends. Their love of being on the open road is evident; several map books with routes taken and notes were carefully preserved.

Gwen joined Irv in curling with the RCMI and golf at CFB Borden, where she had started out so many years before. Both activities involved old friends, and some very good new friends were made along the way. The annual Sampson golf tournament and Armoured Corps barbeque were rarely missed. In her later years, Gwen golfed locally with "The Golden Eagles," a group of ladies who became quite close, supporting each other in good times and bad. She continued these activities into her eighties, stopping when her health declined.

Grandchildren provided for great new adventures, weekend sleepovers, trips, bicycling by the lake, camping at Killbear (at the motel nearest to the park) and birthday dinners were favourite activities, as was the annual street party with neighbours. Playing Bocelli and Brightman's "Time to Say Goodbye" at almost full volume on the car stereo is a cherished memory. Five foot tall, Nana could always be counted on to have

one of the loudest cheering voices in the rink. She marked the children's growth spurts in pencil on the door frame in her kitchen, sulking just a bit when they overtook her in height, and trying to catch up by standing on her tiptoes. The marks on the frame are still there. In later years, she would become a trusted confidant for her grandchildren, always there to take the call, lend an ear - and quick to offer an opinion.

It was hard to keep up with Gwen — in rifle regiment style, she always seemed to be marching on in double time and was famous for her 3 a.m. emails. She could be contrarian for sport, and she relished the verbal joust. She was fun and she fully approved of the occasional bout of silliness, so long as the work was done first.

Tenacious and fiercely independent, there was no quit in Gwen. It was a trait she hoped to pass on to her children. It is one we will do our best to emulate.

In her memory, if you have a Regimental affiliation, Gwen would want you to support your Regimental Trust Fund. If you are a civilian, she would want you to support a cause close to your own heart. And never, ever quit.

Love you forever, Mom, we'll see you in every sunset.

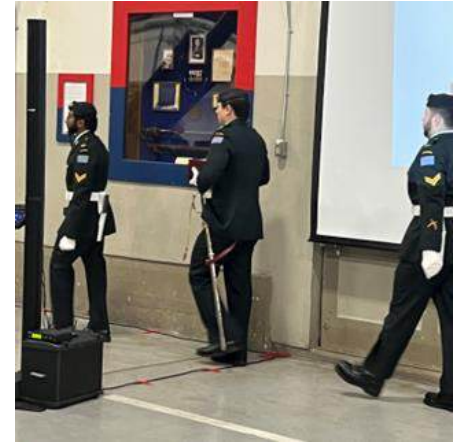
I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still remains.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
A SALUTE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE
BRIGADIER-GENERAL WILLIAM (BILL) T. WICKETT, CD (RET'D)
15th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, RCA
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
VANCOUVER, B.C.
24 FEBRUARY 2025**



Many family and friends remembered the passing of our good friend and colleague, Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Bill Wickett, at a Celebration of Life Ceremony held in the early afternoon of Monday, 24 February 2025, on the Parade Square of 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Bessborough Armoury in Vancouver.



The Order of Service featured Opening Remarks and Prayer by Padre, Captain Michael Vuorensivu, the arrival of the Funeral Gun Carriage with Doug Loney and Bob Mugford, the arrival of the Honour Guard, led by Captain Sean Lafferty, The Salute, the Military Eulogy and Story Telling, by Captain Donald Lamb, an Open Microphone segment, the Closing Prayer by the Padre, The Last Post, by Bugler, Sergeant Bianca Toledo, a Moment of Silence and The Lament, the Official Flag Presentation by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Grieve, to Mrs. Shirley Wickett, and the official conclusion of the Salute and Celebration of Life with the Piper, Master Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Colin Norris, leading the Honour Guard to the Officers' Mess.







A reception followed the ceremony in the Officers' Mess where the Padre gave a brief Devotional Commentary and Bill's son, Michael, remembered some Family Reflections.



A strong presence of the Military Community was in attendance along with many family and friends. We will remember him!

TROOPER GERALD BIGGAR
2290 BCR (101 DCOR) RCACC & BC REGIMENT (DCO)



We are saddened to learn of the passing of Gerry Biggar, who served as a 50s Duke”, received from Jim Stevenson (“Beale”), FYI. Gerry was one of the four SSM of 2290 BCR with Jack Drake, Terry Bride and Jim Beale. Gerry also served in the Regiment under the Young Soldiers’ Training Programme.

We will remember him!

Editor’s Note: It appears that the obituary may have listed his Regiment of service incorrectly, but it is possible he may have served in both the BCR and R West R.

Gerald “Gerry” Biggar Obituary

Gerald "Gerry" Biggar
November 29, 1942 - May 5, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Gerry Biggar on May 5, 2025, at the age of 82. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Savannah, children Brandi, Jamie, Guy and Karlee, and stepson, Jonathan Rosen.

Born and raised in Steveston, Gerry was a proud and passionate member of his community for his entire life. As a teenager, Gerry was affectionately known as the "mayor" of Richmond Teentown, organizing Friday night dances and proclaiming himself the greatest rock and roller in the Northwest. He graduated from Richmond High School and began his working life selling auto parts before moving on to Canada Cement and Lafarge.

Gerry was involved in Army Cadets in his youth and was very proud of serving in the Westminster Regiment. He diligently rode the train to the armouries in Vancouver every week and he later joined the Reserves in adulthood. When his children reached the age of 12 years old, three of the four joined cadets and he gave his time as an active member of the parent committee.

Gerry eventually found his calling in real estate, where he combined his keen business sense with a deep desire to help others. After earning his real estate license, he joined the Block Brothers team and spent many successful years helping people find their dream homes. He earned a reputation as an honest and caring realtor who truly listened to the needs of his clients.

In the late 1980s, when the government put out a call for proposals to develop the Steveston Waterfront, Gerry saw an opportunity to create something meaningful for the community. He assembled a team, submitted a successful bid, and brought his vision to life. Steveston Landing officially opened in the summer of 1990 and remains a cherished part of the community to this day.

Though Gerry continued working in real estate, his heart remained at Steveston Landing. Alongside his beloved wife Savannah, he co-owned and operated Shady Island Seafood Bar & Grill for 20 years, creating a warm, welcoming place that became a local favourite. They retired from the business in 2019.

During these years, Gerry and Savannah discovered a love of cruising, traveling halfway around the world together and collecting stories and memories wherever they went.

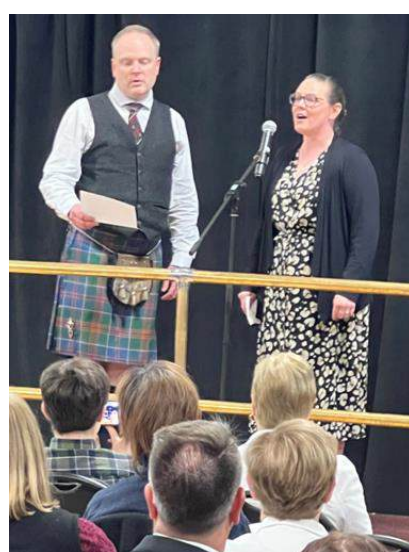
Gerry was always drawn to the energy of a good celebration. When Richmond announced it would host a Tall Ships festival, Gerry was among the first to get involved, eager as ever to be where the action was and help make it a success.

Gerry's Funeral Service will be held on Friday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 4451 Williams Road, Richmond, with a Celebration of Life to follow at Richmond Funeral Home. All who knew Gerry are warmly invited to attend and share in remembering his remarkable life. To leave messages of condolence, please visit richmondfuneral.ca.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
COMMANDER ROBERT HENRY MCILWAINE, CStJ, CD (RET'D)
HMCS DISCOVERY - VANCOUVER, B.C.
16 JUNE 2025**



Many family and friends remembered the passing of our good friend and colleague, Commander (Ret'd) Bob McIlwaine, at a Celebration of Life Ceremony held in the early afternoon of Monday, 16 June 2025, on the Parade Square of HMCS Discovery in Vancouver.



The Order of Service featured Opening Remarks, a Bagpipe Prelude, a Prayer and Scripture reading by Archdeacon Ronald Harrison, The Naval Hymn, Speakers, Commander (Ret'd) King Wan, Chief Petty Officer, 1st Class (Ret'd) Harry Fong, Commander (Ret'd) Brian Cook, and Mary Stewart McIlwaine, the singing of "Will Ye No Come Back Again" by Marina and Edward McIlwaine, the Blessing by Archdeacon Harrison and the conclusion of the Service with the playing of "Bugler, Sound the Alert!"



A delightful reception followed the ceremony with ample time for family and friends to mingle and reconnect.





Ted Hawthorne with the many 78th Fraser Highlanders in attendance. Bob McIlwaine served as the OC of the Ft Fraser Garrison for two terms and was a longstanding member.

A strong presence of the Veterans' Community was in attendance along with many family and friends.

We will remember him!





ASLEEP

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

Editor's Final Note:

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of The Duke, which covers off all the activities engaged in by the BC Regiment and our Regimental Family from 1 January until the end of June 2025. 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 admit and correct.