



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News May 1, 2018

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at [bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com) to let me know you didn't get a copy.

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**Wednesday Lunches** - We serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. **Note: NO lunches on June 20 and 27. Mrs Lum is on vacation.**

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

May 07	LGen Whitecross – Women in International Security
May 06	Battle of the Atlantic Sunday
May 09	RUSI Vancouver AGM - Patrick Denis presentation
May 16	RUSI Van presents Patrick Denis talk on 'Reluctant Warriors'
May 12	BC Military Gala
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Artillery Demonstration Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event 47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
June 02	15 Fd Regt Cadet Corps Annual Review and Dinner
June 03	Walk for Veterans
June 20	<b>No lunch</b>
June 27	<b>No lunch</b>

## World War 2 – 1943

*John Thompson Strategic analyst - quotes from his book "Spirit Over Steel"*

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** US 1<sup>st</sup> Division captures Mateur in Tunisia, but the Germans have cobbled together another defence line in front of it. An aircraft accident claims General Andrews, and General Denvers is selected as the new chief of American forces in Europe. Henryk Iwański is a righteous man and so is his brother and their sons – they first made their way into the Warsaw

Ghetto to support the Jewish uprising on Apr 27<sup>th</sup> and have fought alongside the desperate rebels. Henryk makes several trips to bring arms and ammunition, but he loses his brother and two of his sons. Today he leaves the ghetto with several other combatants and hides them. His efforts later bring him the award of Virtuti Militari and being named Righteous Among the Nations, but his dislike of the Communists also brings slander from them for his actions at this time.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** The Soviets capture another brace of villages in the Kuban Peninsula. Djebel Bou Aoukaz is back in British hands, thanks to General Horrocks – now commanding V Corps.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Horrocks stampedes over the remnants of 15<sup>th</sup> Panzer on his drive towards Tunis, while the Americans and Free French start closing in on Bizerta, Ferryville, Protville and Pont du Fahs.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** The defence of Tunisia is failing fast as Allied troops liberate Tunis and Bizerte. The British withdraw from Buthidaung in the Arakan. The US lays a major mine belt around New Georgia which immediately claims three Japanese destroyers.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Axis forces attempt to withdraw up Cape Bon in Tunisia, but 6<sup>th</sup> British Armoured Division is creating havoc right in the middle of their retreating columns.

## **The Reinvention of Gunner Adam Jones**

Andrew Duffy Ottawa Citizen April 4, 2018



After his military career was halted by a training accident that left him with a traumatic brain injury, Gunner Adam Jones wasn't sure who he was anymore. Jones had grown up in a military family with a tradition of continuous service that dates to the American Revolutionary War. He didn't consider any other career after high school: He applied to the Canadian Forces for three consecutive years until gaining a place with Ottawa's 30th Field Artillery Regiment in 2012.

"I said to the recruiter, 'I don't care how you get me in, just get me in,'" says the now 26-year-old from Barrie, Ont. "I always felt drawn to the military." His career, however, did not unfold as he had envisioned. During a July 2013 training exercise, Jones fell awkwardly from an elevated cargo net on an obstacle course at Camp Meaford. He broke his hand in the two-storey fall and strained his neck. But Jones

was so keen to return to active duty that he didn't report his concussion symptoms, which included headaches and memory problems. He was back with his unit within weeks. "I had this attitude of 'Suck it up and soldier on,'" he says. "That was my driving force." So he carried on. That is, until he fell while marching in an Ottawa parade square in May 2014 — Jones isn't sure what happened — and struck his head. He went into a concussive seizure.

Jones was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury. For three months, he had difficulty balancing, walking and speaking; his memory was impaired; he couldn't concentrate enough to carry on a linear conversation, perform basic math or spell common words. Jones saw a parade of doctors, physiotherapists, speech pathologists and other specialists, but his recovery was slow. He was depressed by his sick-leave "MELs:" the regularly issued list of Military Employment Limitations that told him he couldn't handle firearms or explosives, that he couldn't take part in drill or unit exercises. "That list haunted me for a long time," he says. "It was a reminder of all those things I used to do that I wasn't allowed to do." In the summer of 2014, a medical officer delivered the news: Jones would never return to active military service. Dr. Robert Riddell told Jones he needed to start thinking about what he would do with the rest of his life. "Good can come from this," Riddell assured him. "There are other ways to serve." At just 22 years of age, Jones had a hard time accepting that his military career was over. He considered joining the French Foreign Legion. But Jones ultimately embarked on a dramatically different path: He enrolled in classical studies at Carleton University, picked up the cello and joined a ballet class.

After the American Revolutionary War, about 3,000 Blacks who had fought on the losing British side were transported from New York State to Nova Scotia. Most were former slaves. One of them was Samuel Jones, who settled on some farmland in Truro, N.S., in an area known as "The Marsh." There, for generations, the Joneses would carve out a place for themselves as farmers and soldiers. One would be decorated for valour at Vimy Ridge. In June 1916, Jeremiah Jones lied about his age — he was more than 50 — to enlist in the Canadian Army. The following April, during the momentous Battle of Vimy Ridge, Jones volunteered to attack an enemy machine-gun nest that had pinned down his unit with blistering fire. Alone, Jones crept near enough to lob a grenade at the enemy position and brought back the surviving Germans as prisoners. Injured at Vimy and again at Passchendaele, Jeremiah Jones was discharged in 1918 and quietly returned to his family in Truro. It wasn't until 50 years after his death, in 2010, that he was awarded the Canadian Forces' Distinguished Service Medallion for his heroism at Vimy Ridge. His great, great grandson, Adam Jones, was at the ceremony where the honour was presented. "I got to see how much that meant to the family. It happened at an age where it really resonated with me," Jones said. It also steeled his determination to pursue a military career.

At his doctor's urging, Gunner Adam Jones enrolled part-time in Greek and Roman Studies at Carleton University in September 2014. He had an affinity for history, and he needed something new on which to focus. "I had to stop mourning the end of my career. I had to be actively working toward something else," he says. Social scientists call it "role exit:" leaving one

identity-defining position for another. Such transitions require people to leave behind the values, routines and expectations of one institution and adopt those of another. For soldiers going to university or college, role exit can be a particularly difficult challenge since they're moving from warrior to student, from barracks to campus. For Jones, the first few months at Carleton only deepened his depression. He felt adrift among the river of young students, and out of place in classrooms. He missed the camaraderie of his fellow soldiers, their sense of shared purpose, the structure of their days. At Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Ottawa, Jones shared his discontent with his social worker, who argued that the problem didn't reside with the school, but with him. She suggested he was being lazy, and that he needed to push himself. Although slighted at first, Jones took her message to heart. The problem was that all of the things he really enjoyed were now denied him: He couldn't box or ski or play hockey. Since all contact sports were off the table due to his brain injury, he sought out new ideas. His physiotherapist told him that ballet was among the most physically demanding forms of exercise still available to him. On the internet, he learned that string instruments were considered exceptionally difficult to learn as an adult. And although Jones had no real interest in ballet or music — "I'm not a musical or creative person at all," he says — he aspired to their challenge, and threw himself into both pursuits with military gusto.

In early 2015, he rented a cello and took lessons with three music instructors in different parts of the city. At the same time, Jones enrolled in beginner ballet classes at both Carleton and the University of Ottawa. For good measure, he also took up rowing. "That's how the reinvention started," he says now. "When I was attacking a problem like that, I felt the same thing I felt when I was soldiering: I was motivated again. I felt like I was in a struggle. "I didn't have the sergeant yelling at me, but I had that same voice in my head: 'You must do this. This is hard, but you must push through.' It felt really good because it felt like I had a purpose again." "I didn't have the sergeant yelling at me, but I had that same voice in my head: 'You must do this. This is hard, but you must push through.' It felt really good because it felt like I had a purpose again."

Jones set a demanding schedule. In cello, he went from learning how to hold the instrument to playing music by ear. In ballet, he began with a simple balance manoeuvre but would graduate to pliés and pirouettes. "My approach to all of these things, I kind of just attack them with persistence: set a schedule, make a routine, consistently work the problem. I know that makes me a very uninspired musician or dancer, but it worked for me." It was the same approach he had used to learn the skills of an artillery soldier: how to move, load, aim and fire a howitzer. Rowing eventually began to dominate his schedule of extracurricular activities. He went quickly from recreational rowing to competitive and joined the university's varsity team. Last summer, he competed at the Invictus Games for injured soldiers as a rower and sprinter. Before he was injured, Jones liked to describe himself as "just a grunt in the army doing army things." Several years into his university career, however, he had started to think of himself as a student, athlete and artist. "I realized that although they were different from what I had done before, music, rowing and dance were extremely challenging mentally and physically," he says. "They've

really helped in my recovery — and helped me find a new identity.” And while that identity is still taking shape, Jones believes he has now arrived on his new mission in life.

While at Carleton, Jones has served in the Canadian Forces military unit that supports injured soldiers, which has allowed him time to prepare for his official medical release in May. That moment will mark the beginning of his new life as a civilian. “A traumatic brain injury strips away who you were — and that was really hard for me to accept,” Jones says. “I can no longer derive my entire self worth from being a soldier.”

But, almost four years after his accident, Jones believes he has arrived upon an important new mission: to ease the transition of other soldiers and veterans marching into university.

Last year, he launched the Carleton University Student Veterans Association, the first such support group for soldiers and veterans in Canada. It’s modelled after Student Veterans of America, a 10-year-old non-profit group that now has 1,500 chapters at colleges across the United States. Jones’ organization is dedicated to helping veterans understand all of the programs, services and financial aids that are available to them as students. (The Canadian Forces, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Soldier On Fund and the Royal Canadian Legion all offer special support programs and bursaries.) “It took me about three years to figure out all of the disparate programs and services,” he says. “It was really hard for me, so I asked myself, ‘How do I make it easier for the next guy?’” The club — it now has about 40 members at Carleton — is also designed to ease the social isolation that many veterans experience in university, and help them transition to campus life. “In the military, you are basically issued friends along with your boots,” Jones says. “You work together, eat together, sleep in the same room. But on campus, that doesn’t happen. You’re really on your own.” “In the military, you are basically issued friends along with your boots,” Jones says. “You work together, eat together, sleep in the same room. But on campus, that doesn’t happen. You’re really on your own.” Jones has received calls and emails from student veterans across the country and wants to take his organization national in order to serve them. He calls it his new mission: “I’ve been helped a lot to get to this point, and I feel like my driving force now is to help other people. I feel like that’s the best way for me to make a difference.” Jones still suffers headaches and remains sensitive to noise and light; he experiences bouts of depression and short-term memory issues. He hopes to graduate from Carleton in 2020. “People who meet me now are shocked because I’m not the person I was,” he says. “At first, that was devastating because I felt tremendous loss for the person I was, but now I am really happy with who I am.”

## **Cross Honouring Canadians of Vimy Ridge Battle Returns to Toronto**

Rare 101-year-old relic put back on display at museum dedicated to 48th Highlanders in St. Andrew's Church. *Amara McLaughlin · CBC News · Apr 22, 2018*

A 101-year-old battlefield cross inscribed with the names of 57 Canadians killed in the Battle of Vimy Ridge returned to Toronto Sunday. The wooden cross was hanging on display in a museum dedicated to the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders regiment in the basement of St Andrew's Church in the city's downtown core. The rare relic made the voyage back to France last year where it

stood tribute to Canada's war dead at the new visitor's centre — a short distance from the iconic limestone twin pillars at the Vimy Ridge memorial.



*This historic Celtic-style battlefield cross honouring Canadian soldiers killed in action during the Battle of Vimy Ridge was brought back from France earlier this month.*

*(Keith Burgess/CBC)*

*The wooden cross has the names of 57 Canadian soldiers etched onto it.*

*(Nahlah Ayed/CBC)*



The large regimental Celtic-style cross of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion (48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders) was raised on the battlefield, shortly after the assault on Vimy Ridge started on April 9, 1917. Etched on its surface are the names of 57 Canadian soldiers, most from the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, who were killed in the first hours of that assault. Although there were other wooden crosses fashioned by regimental carpenters to mark the makeshift mass graves for soldiers killed in action, this is one of the very few to survive one of the world's most hideous conflicts. Since the First World War, the relic has also crossed the ocean three times. Its return to Toronto was both a homecoming and a reunion for many Canadians who it helped connect with the stories of relatives and memories buried by the passage of time.



*The large regimental Celtic cross of the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders) marked one of two graves for soldiers killed in action 101 years ago on the battlefield near Vimy Ridge.*

*(Submitted)*



the eastern edge of the ridge, which meant advancing over a longer distance, and through more German lines than other Canadian units. Despite their quick advance, this meant heavy casualties. The regiment suffered 265 casualties during the assault. The cross was brought over to Canada in 1923 by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and had been on display for years in the regimental museum in Toronto, until it returned to France on loan for the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Here's the latest updates:

Band at Freedom of the City parade Prince George 2018

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

Group Photo and story on Caustic Shock 2001 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2001.html>

Armoury Tour 2000 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2000.html>

Remembrance Day 1997 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1997.html>

Shilo Ex 1961 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/shilo-1967.html>

Recruiting Film & officers' Mess antics 1961 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1961.html>

National Survival training in 1959

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/national-survival-1959.html>

43HAA photos from 1958 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1958---43rd-haa-regt-rca.html>

43HAA photos from 1957 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1957---43rd-haa-regt-rca.html>

43HAA photos from 1954 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1954---43rd-haa-regt-rca.html>

Fraser River Floods in 1948 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/floods---1948.html>

Messages about Capt Thrussell returning home in 1943

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1943.html>

Unexploded ordnance in Kitsilano in 1938 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1938.html>

Group Photo 1922 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1922.html>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** 6-inch Mk VII gun installed at Point Grey battery (#2 position). #2 position has been incorporated into the BC Museum of Anthropology. The concrete emplacement is still there in the museum but covered in carpeting with a Bill Read Jade sculpture sitting in it. We managed to save the #1 position -but for how long – the museum recently announced plans to expand out to take over the #3

position. A shame that an institute dedicated to preserving the past has destroyed an important historical site to do so. No one really knows what happened to the guns and mounts although many CD guns were sold to countries around the Mediterranean, like Greece and Turkey, in the 1950s.

**This Week:** From time to time our staff sort through the immense amount of correspondence our central quiz office receives and come up with suggestions for future subjects. Such is this week's photo, courtesy of a young reader originally from Richmond, BC. This object might not appeal to gunners, but it should hold some fascination for the more erudite infanters amongst you, if that isn't an oxymoron. It is a firearm of a type I can guarantee very few of you have ever seen. Not to brag, but I have not only seen one, but have held one in my trembling, ageing arms. That is appropriate, as this is an aged arm, so to speak.



So, foot sloggers, and your friends, what is this item? Can you tell us, and at the same time tell us how it relates to this plucky Dominion of ours? I will give you a hint, but a bit of a roundabout one. It is distantly related to the greatest minister of militia/defence we ever had (in his opinion, not necessarily in mine). Got it? If so, send your answers to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Tight lines and happy shooting!

### **From the 'Punitary'**

What do you call a big pile of kittens? A meowntain.

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

Nothing is ever accomplished by a reasonable man.

### **Quotable Quotes**

The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed. - *Nicolas Chamfort*

# LGen Whitecross – Women in International Security



## WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

WITH LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHRIS WHITECROSS,  
COMMANDANT OF THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE.

**MONDAY, MAY 7**  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Doors at 4:30pm

Segal Graduate School  
of Business, Room 1200  
500 Granville St  
Vancouver, BC.

Don't miss a keynote speech on leadership and women in international security with Lt.-Gen. Chris Whitecross, Canada's highest ranking female officer and first female Commandant of the NATO Defense College. Join the SFU NATO Field School for a post-event reception with refreshments and a cash bar.

Lt.-Gen. Whitecross has been designated as a member of the G7 Advisory Council on Gender Equality and led the Canadian Armed Forces Strategic Response Team on Sexual Misconduct. She has been recognized twice as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and deployed with NATO and the UN.

REGISTER  
[womenintlsecurity.eventbrite.ca](http://womenintlsecurity.eventbrite.ca)

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## Battle of the Atlantic Sunday – May 6

### Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

*'The longest battle of World War Two'*

Plan to Attend the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Parade

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:00 am

Sailors Point Memorial Waterfront Park

North Vancouver, BC.

*Sponsored by the Commanding Officer, HMCS Discovery*

*The Vancouver Naval Veterans Association*



## 2018 British Columbia Military Gala – 12 May



The 39 Canadian Brigade Group and 39 Combat Engineer Regiment request the pleasure of your company at the annual BC Military Gala.

This year we will be acknowledging the diversity of the Canadian Armed Forces and celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stand Up of the 39 Combat Engineer Regiment.

Location: Sheraton Wall Centre - 1088 Burrard St, Vancouver BC  
Dress: Mess Kit / Black Tie  
Timing: 1800 for 1900 Hours  
Date: Saturday, May 12th, 2018  
For more information: <http://militarygala.ca>  
For tickets: <http://militarygala.ca/get-tickets/>

## Artillery Day 2018



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The  
**Vancouver Artillery Association**  
is hosting an  
**Artillery Demonstration**  
on  
**Saturday, 26 May 2018**

The intent of the Artillery Demonstration is to deploy artillery detachments in public areas throughout the Lower Mainland of British Columbia where artillery units have had a presence today and in the past.

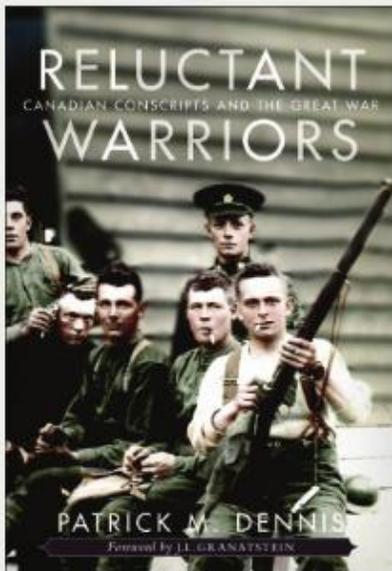
Do you own artillery ordnance that could be part of this display?

Contact Leon Jensen OMM CD for additional details – [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

# RUSI Vancouver hosts Patrick Denis' talk on 'Reluctant Warriors'

## AUTHOR TALK and BOOK SIGNING

Wednesday  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Jacketed Hardcover | \$39.95

Published by UBC Press in association with the  
Canadian War Museum



Patrick M. Dennis is an adjunct associate at the  
Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and  
Disarmament Studies.

**Book sales and signing will follow the talk.**

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the end  
of World War One join RUSI Vancouver for  
a special presentation by

**Patrick Dennis**

author of

**RELUCTANT WARRIORS**  
Canadian Conscripts and the Great War

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

The 15th Field Officers Mess  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11 Avenue  
Vancouver

Hosted by Royal United Services  
Institute Vancouver.

"Patrick Dennis has corrected the story that I and others told for so  
long."

— J.L. Granatstein, from the foreword

"Dennis's book adds significantly to our understanding of Canada  
and the First World War – in particular, the experiences of tens of  
thousands of men who served their country less than willingly dur-  
ing the conflict and the vital contributions they made to the great  
victories of the Canadian Corps in France and Belgium from August  
to November, 1918."

— Daniel Byers, author of *Zombie Army: The Canadian Army and  
Conscription in the Second World War*



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## **Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event**

**Where: Macaulay Point Park**

**When: May 26, 2018 -**

**10:00AM to 2:00PM**



The Fifth Annual Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event will take place on Saturday May 26 at Macaulay Point Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guided tours will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and will be led by local historian Jack Bates, from the Organization for Preservation of Canadian Military Heritage. New interpretive signage was installed at the site during 2017 Canada 150 celebrations, and pamphlets featuring a map of the area and historical background were also printed.

The buildings and gun emplacements at the historic site will all be numbered and indexed to a handout. The event will also feature members of the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association with their encampment, the Esquimalt Archives, and Toad Hollow Photography. The Esquimalt Lions will provide a cash only BBQ, serving up their famous hamburgers and hot dogs with proceeds going back into the community.

## 47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Captain Vancouver Sea Cadet Corps is looking for people who were cadets with the Corps to come to the dinner. Link to ticket sales

page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/47-captain-vancouver-100th-anniversary-alumni-dine-in-tickets-43300539078>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/47CaptVanAlumni/>

47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver Staff  
& the Navy League Branch - Greater Vancouver Area  
Request the pleasure of your company and guest(s) to the

*100th Anniversary Alumni Dine In*



Saturday May 26th 2018

1845 for 1930hrs

HMCS DISCOVERY

1200 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver BC

No-host bar

Tariff Early Bird: \$75.58 per person / \$86.29 per person after 30 Apr

Mess Dress or Formal/Black Tie Optional (Ladies Equivalent)

RSVP by 21 May:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/47-captain-vancouver-100th-anniversary-alumni-dine-in-tickets-43300539078>

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*Of*

*2472 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment*

*Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps*

*Cordially invite you to the*

*65<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review*

*Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018*

*ACR Dress: DEU/ Business attire*

*Mess Dinner Dress: Mess kit/Business attire*

*Parade Timings: 1430 for 1500 Hours      Mess Dinner: 1730 for 1800*

*Mess dinner tariff: \$60.00*

*Please book your free tickets for the review, and purchase mess dinner places, at*  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/65th-annual-ceremonial-review-and-3rd-annual-mess-dinner-tickets-45007287007>



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## **First Annual Walk for Veterans – June 3**



# **First Annual CANADIAN WALK FOR VETERANS**

**June 3rd 2018**

**Victoria  
Vancouver  
Edmonton  
Ottawa  
Kingston  
Fredericton  
Halifax  
St. John's**

When you walk in the Canadian Walk For Veterans you lend your voice to a collective declaration by Canadians across this country who pay tribute to the men and women who have served in Canada's military and sacrificed to provide us all with a safe and secure homeland. This is an opportunity to get to know veterans in a fun, informal way and walk shoulder to shoulder with those that stand on guard for thee. We are all pioneers on this inaugural Canadian Walk For Veterans and we unite to create a legacy of justice, fairness, and equity for Canada's military veterans for generations to come.

Donations raised will go toward funding the Equitas class action lawsuit and advocacy that significantly influences the policies, benefits, and actions that shape a veteran's destiny. Our long-term goal for the Canadian Walk for Veterans is to make it an annual event that takes place in every major city across the country and to raise the financing necessary to create a new veterans organization that will build trust and inspire the veteran community to come together and speak with one voice.

Please invite your family, friends, and co-workers and all military and veterans. Register at:

<http://www.equitasociety.ca/walk-for-veterans/>

**3 June 2018 0845hrs**

**Lafarge Park, Coquitlam**

**Check in at Wingrove Way near the Amphitheatre**

