



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Oct 16, 2018

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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. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

- Oct 27** 15<sup>th</sup> Fd WO & Sgts Mess Annual Dinner
- Nov 03** CCMMS Anniversary Dinner
- Nov 07** Dominique Boulais CWGC – Commissions work maintaining graves, memorials
- Nov 10** With Glowing Hearts Concert – Delta  
Commemoration event in the Veterans section of Mountain View Cemetery
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day  
With Glowing Hearts Concert – New Westminster
- Nov 14** RUSI Speaker Series - “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”
- Dec 01** St Barbara's Day Dinner

**New Event** Dominique Boulais from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will give a post lunch talk on the work of the CWGC restoring and maintaining war graves and supporting commemorative events at those sites. Nov 3 1300-1400

## **World War 2 – 1943**

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

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>:** The Kriegsmarine's last commerce raider (with 17 ships to its credit), Michel, is torpedoed by USS Tarpon off Japan. The Soviets bust open German defences near Kremenchug and cross the Dnieper near Gomel. Three Japanese barges burst out of the early morning darkness to raid the shore facilities supporting US troops at Finschafen, New Guinea. The 19 year old Private Junior Van Noy is manning a machinegun post on the water's edge and stands firm, even when his loader is wounded. He is dangerously exposed but fires continuously and with deadly effect. The Japanese land within 10m of his gun pit and he is repeatedly wounded but holds fast until his death. By the time this happens, half of the raiding force is dead and the roused US troops are equal to the task of rapidly finishing off the rest. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>:** US VI Corps makes advances in Italy, reaching Dragoni and liberating Gioia. The Soviet Army captures Melitopol during heavy fighting.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Americans stage a major air raid on the Japanese airfields on Bougainville. In Italy, the Germans pull back from Dragoni just before the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> US Divisions attack. Manstein is frantic in trying to delay Soviet attacks long enough for the troops at the Bend of the Dnieper to escape.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>:** Japanese carrier aircraft from six carriers are sent to shore up the defences of Rabaul. VI US Corps continues to clear the Voltorno valley of German rearguards. There are heroes, and there are heroes who are among the bravest of the brave. Irena Sendler is arrested by the Germans this day and sent to Warsaw's Piawak Prison with a death sentence. A bribe from her friends later saves her life and secures her release. Her jailers take pains to beat her unconscious and break all her limbs before dumping her naked in the snow of a nearby park – but it would take more than this to deter her from her work and she returns to it as soon as her battered body permits. For her constant efforts since 1939 to save Polish Jews, including smuggling 2,500 children out of the Warsaw Ghetto she is later named Righteous Among the Nations and eventually awarded Poland's highest civilian award, the Order of the White Eagle.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>:** Admiral Sir John Cunningham takes over from the long-standing Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham as Commander of the RN in the Mediterranean (the two are not closely related, but Sir Andrew's brother is General Sir Alan Cunningham, who led the liberation of Ethiopia). The latter, one of Britain's great fighting admirals, is appointed First Sea Lord. Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, first Sea Lord from Oct 1939, dies after a long illness three weeks after resigning his office.

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Armies are struggling hard to advance in Italy against mud, floods and Germans; there are probes and attacks all up and along the entire front line.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Fierce fighting continues as the Soviets close on the Dnieper. A British light cruiser and a destroyer are sunk in a naval action in the Channel when they run into the escorts for a blockade runner. US aircraft sink destroyer and five ships in raids on Rabaul.

## **BC Veteran's Licence Plate Eligibility**

Executive Summary of Final Report from BC Ministry of Attorney General.

Between July 23 and September 4, 2018, the Ministry of Attorney General (“the Ministry”) sought feedback from British Columbians about whether they believed the eligibility criteria for the Veteran’s Licence Plate (VLP) program should be expanded to include law enforcement – specifically Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers. The issue of eligibility criteria was raised with the Ministry in 2017 by the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Dominion Command and RCMP Veterans’ Association, who requested that the program’s current definition of “veteran” be expanded to make regular-duty RCMP officers eligible for VLPs. The British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association (BCVCA), the organization that administers the VLP program, strongly opposed any changes to the current definition. Over the course of the six-week engagement, 4,386 British Columbians from around the province submitted their feedback via an online survey, with an additional nine responses received via email.

Individuals from the police and the Armed Forces made up an equal proportion of all respondents who completed the survey, with approximately a quarter of respondents identifying as either being (or having previously been) a police officer with no Armed Forces background (26%), or as being (or having previously been) in the Armed Forces with no policing background (27%) An additional 6% of respondents have a background in both policing and the Armed Forces.

Overall, respondents strongly favoured (63% in favour, 36% oppose) keeping the eligibility criteria the same and not expanding it to include RCMP or other police officers. With the exception of respondents who indicated having a policing background, all other respondent groups opposed broadening the criteria. Now that the results have been considered, and in line with feedback from respondents, government has announced there will not be any changes made to the eligibility criteria for the VLP program at this time.

*Note that anyone who serves on UN or NATO operation under command of the Canadian Armed Forces as a member of the RCMP, municipal police, or Correctional Services of Canada, is eligible for Veterans licence plates.*

*Thanks to all the individuals and groups that sent letters to the Attorney General. They helped greatly in achieving this result.*

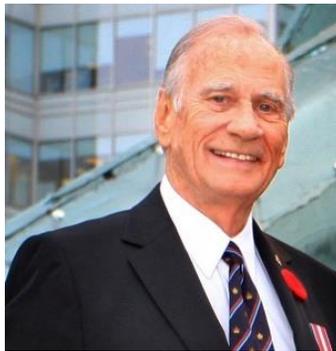
*To view the full report, go to:- <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/121/2018/10/Veterans-Licence-Plate-Engagement-Report.pdf>*

## **RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series**

**Mark Your Calendar** All Welcome

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 5 to 7 pm.**

**Topic: “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”**



**Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver**

The RUSI Speaker Series continues on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** with “*Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord*” when Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver, tackles the topic.

The **November 14<sup>th</sup>** presentation is the last in the 2018 RUSI Speaker Series of stimulating and informative presentations on current affairs and military history. We hope to start a new series in the new year.

Join us at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 14**, in the Officers Mess at Bessborough Armoury, 2015 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. A no-host bar will open, and light snacks will be available. The event will conclude at 6:50 pm.

## **The Carl Gustaf Is Getting Yet Another Lethal New Upgrade**

Jared Keller T&P on Facebook October 9, 2018

Just over a year after announcing a handful of major upgrades to its arsenal of shoulder-fired M3 Carl Gustaf recoilless rifle, the legendary weapon is getting yet another lethal booster shot in the form of some deadly precision-guided munitions. Reporting from the annual Associated of the United States Army military-industrial kegger in Washington, D.C., Army Times offered

up a glimpse of brand-new laser-guided munitions engineered by Raytheon for the 84mm M3 Multi-Role Anti-Armor Anti-Personnel Weapon System (MMAAWS). The laser-guided Gustaf munition offers “a multi-target warhead capable of defeating bunkers, concrete, light skinned vehicles and armored personnel carriers and has a range of nearly 2,000 meters,” Marine Corps Times reports, noting that the precision round provides flexibility for service members to fire from enclosures without fear of back blast.

The new round is just the latest upgrade to the iconic system. The M3A1 variant developed by Swedish Carl Gustaf godfather Saab Dynamics AB offers a titanium shell designed to reduce system weight and length. The M3A1 variant also offers the capability to fire off multiple salvos of specialized rounds — like, say, Raytheon’s laser-guided munition — in a departure from the one-and-done weapons like the AT-4 anti-tank system.



*Raytheon's precision-guided Carl Gustaf recoilless rifle shell*

The new round comes as the Army is making good on its pledge to make the Gustaf a fixture of every infantry squad. The service tripled its annual budget request for the recoilless rifles over last fiscal year, complete with an explicitly approved acquisition objective (AAO) of 2,460 total through fiscal 2023. The Army has increasingly pivoted to two theaters that seem well suited for the M3E1: Eastern Europe, where service members are increasingly fielding the Gustaf (and low-cost AT-4 the M3E1 is partially designed to replace) to deter Russian aggression; and the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan, where the system has spanked militants sporadically since at least 2012. While the Army and Marine Corps are currently eyeing the Carl Gustaf for extra firepower among infantry squads — the latter for the first time in its history — a Raytheon representative told Army Times that only U.S. Special Operations Command has an open requirement for a precision-guided Carl Gustaf round at this time. Something tells me that they won't be the only ones for long.

# **This Advanced Night Vision Goggle is Headed to Army and Marine Units**

Todd South 10 Oct 2018

An as-yet identified unit will be the first to field an advanced, binocular night vision goggle that incorporates day/night optics and thermal and targeting capabilities, all in one package, by this time next year. Speaking at the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting this week, three leaders tied closely to work on improving soldier lethality shared details of the goggle's development and timelines. Brig Gen Anthony Potts, who leads Program Executive Office Soldier, said that 10,000 pairs of the Enhanced Night Vision Goggle-Binocular, or ENVG-B, will be fielded to Army units starting next fall and through 2021. The specific unit to first receive the new goggle has not been identified, but it will be a close combat-focused unit, likely infantry or cavalry scouts. The Marine Corps is scheduled to receive 3,100 systems over that same period, Potts said.



*The Army's new Enhanced Night Vision Goggles-Binocular uses wireless technology to merge the weapon sight with day/night vision, thermal and augmented reality to the soldier's view. (BAE Systems)"/>The Army's new Enhanced Night Vision Goggles-Binocular uses wireless technology to merge the weapon sight with day/night vision, thermal and augmented reality to the soldier's view. (BAE Systems)*

But first, in the coming months, some Army units will get an immediate upgrade with the ENVG-III, which has some of the same capabilities but in a monocular setup. While the day/night optic and thermal vision is an advance over much of the night vision being sported by soldiers now, the key change is the Rapid Targeting Acquisition feature. This is a wireless connection between the soldier's weapon and the vision device that allows the shooter to line up the target via the weapon sight camera. Soldiers can shoot from the hip, around corners and in other novel ways not available with current systems. And early data is proving promising, officials said. Brig Gen Dave Hodne, director of the Army's Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team and Infantry School commandant, shared results of recent ENVG-B testing on the range. Shooters using the ENVG-B saw 100 percent improvement with M4 carbine qualification, 300 percent improvement on detecting targets, and a 30 percent to 50 percent decrease in time to

employ their weapon. Previous estimates about fielding the device suggested fielding was more than three years away. Part of the reason fielding has been sped up is the additional funding and top leader prioritization of the program, which officials say makes an immediate impact in marksmanship and lethality.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Weekly updates for [www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca)

1915 General Order No 103a

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1915---31st-bty-8th-bde-cfa.html>

1925 General Order No 82 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1925.html>

1938 General Orders No 95 & 139 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1938.html>

1939 General Orders No 118 & 124 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1939.html>

1958 Newspaper Clippings <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1958.html>

1959 Regimental merger <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1959.html>

1961 Newspaper clippings <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1961.html>

1963 HLCol FR Graham Funeral <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1963.html>

1965 Most Efficient Artillery Unit award <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1965.html>

1993 Promotion Sergeant George Lenis <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1993.html>

2007 Military Ball <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2007.html>

2010 Regimental Wedding, Ride to Live <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2010.html>

2014 Remembrance Day – Ottawa <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2014.html>

2015 Remembrance Day – Ottawa <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2015.html>

2016 Book review – Bill Graham memoir <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2016.html>

Military Medal – Brigadier Percy Tees <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mm.html>

Distinguished Flying Cross – Lieutenant Claude Wilson

[www.vancouvergunners.ca/honours-and-awards.html](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/honours-and-awards.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:** The vehicle is a 1946 Cadillac Fleetwood sedan flying the flags of the Lieutenant Governor of BC who was visiting the troops fighting the floods in the Fraser Valley in 1948. The LG was Charles Arthur Banks. He was a mining engineer who was one of the founders in 1926 of the Vancouver based international mining company Placer Development Ltd, which became Placer Dome Inc. in 1987 after merging with Dome Mines Ltd.

**This Week:** Ahoy, mateys! We were overwhelmed with responses to our last naval-themed quiz, and were over-joyed, until we realized that we had posted a navel, not naval photo. In any case, thanks to those who recognized Millicent Throgmorton-Lipschitz, Miss Bessborough Armoury and Miss HMCS Discovery of 1962. That dual honour was a first and, so far, only. Those wanting a non-pixilated version of the photo may contact the model herself at Happy Rest Seniors' Home in White Rock.



So, having corrected our spell checker, here is this week's photo. It is of a mighty ship, steaming majestically under the welcoming span of a well-known local landmark and late-afternoon parking lot. From the lack of luxury condos in the background, we can be sure that this was taken in more primitive, less prosperous days. Now, to our

multiple questions. First and foremost is the simple question: what ship is this? Bonus points are given for the year. Secondly, what is the connection between this ship and a recent quiz? And, thirdly, can you see anything in this photo that might link to the history of 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA? We hope to hear from you, both navel, and naval enthusiasts. Send your answers to Bob Mugford, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) the esteemed editor, or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Happy sailing!

### **From the 'Punitentary'**

What do you get when you cross a 4-leaf clover with poison Ivy? A rash of good luck.

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

Fools rush in where fools have been before.

### **Quotable Quotes**

One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present. - *Golda Meir*

WO Mike Meehan's new book

# **A HISTORY OF THE RESERVES IN THE TIME OF THE KOREAN WAR (1950-1954)**

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**Prepaid copies will be distributed at the Senior NCOs Mess  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> FD Regiment  
on November 11, 2016, between 12:00 Hrs. and 14:00 Hrs.**

Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society  
Fundraising Dinner  
November 3, 2018

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1998  
2018  
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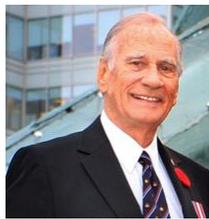
## **RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER**

### **SERIES**

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**14 November 2018 - From 5:00 to 7:00 pm**  
**Officers Mess - Bessborough Armoury**

**Subject: "Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord"**



**Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver**

### **Upcoming Topics & Speakers**

This is the last presentation for 2018  
Presentations will restart in the new year

**RSVP NOT REQUIRED**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver in cooperation with LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer, and the President and Members of the Officers Mess.

Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2C7

**The Regimental Sergeant-Major  
Warrant Officers and Sergeants  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery**

*Cordially invite you  
to their*

**ANNUAL MESS DINNER**

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs**

*To be held in the*  
**Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC**

RSVP required by **12<sup>th</sup> October** 2018  
to the Unit Chief Clerk (*Sgt Woods*),  
2025 West 11th Ave,  
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Email: [brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca](mailto:brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca)  
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Ticket price: \$60.00  
Cheque payable to *15<sup>th</sup> Field  
Warrant Officers' and  
Sergeants' mess*. Pay at the  
door or mail in payment

**With Glowing Hearts – Music & Songs of Remembrance**

**The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir &  
The Band of the 15th Field Regiment**

**With Glowing Hearts  
Music & Songs of Remembrance**

**Saturday, November 10th, 2:30 pm**

**South Delta Baptist Church**

**1988 56 Street, Delta, BC**

**Tickets for Saturday  
go to [vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca)**

**Or [bpt.me.3600992](http://bpt.me.3600992)**

**Or Call 1-800-838-3006**

**Or from any Choir Member**

**Sunday, November 11th, 2:30 pm**

**Massey Theatre**

**735 8th Ave. New Westminster**

**Tickets for Sunday  
go to [vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca)**

**Or [masseytheatre.com](http://masseytheatre.com)**

**Or call 604-521-5050**

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