



## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Feb 20, 2018**

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

Feb 21	VAA day. Museum open in the evening
Feb 22	Launch of CASIS
Feb 28	NOABC Speaker Lunch. <i>Speaker: - Alan Snowie</i>
Mar 02	15 Fd & Fraser Highlanders Whisky Tasting
Mar 16	Celtic Celebration – Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Gun Camp

### **World War 2 – 1943**

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

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>:** 43<sup>rd</sup> US Division makes an unopposed landing on Banika and Pavuvu in the Russell Islands of the Solomons. Convoy ON-166 now has a chance to run into a wolf-pack in the Mid-Atlantic black hole.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Rommel's stroke in Tunisia ends as the Allies rush reinforcements in; Rommel notes that the American troops learn quickly and that their artillery was already very good; the American Army also quickly adopts the British system of forward air control after witnessing its use today. The Soviet spearheads have outstripped their fuel and ammunition supplies, and Manstein's counteroffensive in the South is just beginning despite being outnumbered by 7:1. The extraordinary Soviet sniper Vasily Zaytsev is made a Hero of the Soviet Union for his exploits and contributions to the defence of Stalingrad. Between October 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1942, he killed an estimated 225 Germans in Stalingrad, including 11 snipers. An injury to

his shooting eye has sidelined him and he will now spend the rest of the war training more snipers.

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The Germans capture Sumy and Lebedin near Kharkov, while Manstein's panzers are smashing up Soviet troops near Barvenkovo.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>:** In addition to Panzerarmee Afrika, Rommel is given command of 5<sup>th</sup> Panzer Army and 1<sup>st</sup> Italian Army – all now combined as Army Group Afrika.”

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:** Convoy ON-166 comes under Allied aircover, minus 14 ships of 85,000 tons and the Germans are missing a U-Boat.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>:** Elements of 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer Divisions bounce off the British at Medjez el Bab; while Montgomery is urgently trying to build a supply system so that he can have more than just two divisions facing the Mareth line.

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>:** Manstein's troops have cleared the Soviets from a line from Lozovaya to Kramatorsk.

**The War Diary of C31 L/Sgt Charles D Phelan, A Battery, RCHA 1939 - 1945**  
*Edited by BGen (ret'd) Robert P (Bob) Beaudry CD*

**Chapter 48. Leave in Glasgow and London, Waiting for the Big Move, VJ Day**

**5 - 6 Jun 1945.** We grabbed a quick breakfast and left by truck to 1 Cdn Corps Transit in Nijmegen. We wangled a second breakfast which was quite good. The camp was well set up with canteens, showers, barber shops, and a good band. After a nice dinner, we marched about two miles to the station to board our train. In Brussels we halted for a supper of tea and sausage rolls. We arrived in Calais at 0330 hrs, where there was a large camp next to the station. We had breakfast and five hours of sleep. We left after lunch for the nearby docks to board a ferry packed with troops. We docked at Folkestone at 1500 hrs and at the train station we were sorted into trains based on our destination. We pulled out at suppertime.

**7 Jun.** We reached Glasgow at 0600 hrs, where I caught a train to Ayr. There I set out to find my brother Don. At the air station HMS Wagtail, I went to the office and asked for Don. He was finally located and when he came in, I was flabbergasted! My kid brother towered over me and was twice my size. After some wrangling he finally got some leave and we went to his comfortable living hut. Then we went by train to Glasgow and booked beds at the Y. My “little” brother picked up two girls and we went to a show. It showered all evening.

**8 – 10 Jun.** Showers pretty well all the time. We took in some shows, went rowing out at Loch Lomond, walked around, and visited the museum.

**11 Jun.** I saw Don off at the station and then caught a train to London.

**12 – 16 Jun.** I reached London at 0700 and went to the Beaver Club for breakfast, then booked in at the Lexham Gardens YMCA. I spent the next few days visiting the Birds in Bow and the Scott-Wilsons in Shortlands, as well as visiting the usual sights, including Hyde Park and Fleet Street, and taking in some shows. I spent some time looking for a good photography book, and finally found an American book which covered just about all I wanted. \*

**17 - 18 Jun.** Took my kit and had dinner at the Beaver Club, after which I took the train back to the coast. Spent the night at the transit camp in Folkestone, and in the morning, we crossed over to Calais on the ferry, followed by the long tiresome trip by train back to Nijmegen.

**19 Jun.** There were no vehicles waiting in Nijmegen, so after waiting till noon, Dave Lahey and I decided to set out on our own. We got a lift to Utrecht with a leave party vehicle, caught a second ride to Rotterdam, and got a ride through the city on a horse and cart. As we got to the edge of the city we saw all our guns moving past as they were going to be turned in. After a couple of short lifts, the 2i/c picked us up and drove us to the Bty billets. We found that nearly all the small arms had been turned in, as well as tech stores and the guns. Many of the men have been shifted around and many have left the Regt. The men are being reallocated according to their Military Districts in Canada, and most of the Pacific ones have already left.

**20 -22 Jun.** Not much going on. I visited my barber friend again, and did a tour as Orderly Sgt. Three more of the COF (Cdn Occupation Force) left for Canada.

**23 Jun.** We moved a few miles to an area not far from Zeist. A large empty tavern promptly became the Offrs and Sgts Messes. The remainder of the Bty slept in tents in the woods.

**24 Jun.** Worked on clothing deficiency lists. Three guns were brought back to the Bty to be used in a big parade in the near future.

**25 Jun.** Church parade at RHQ. It seemed odd to have Mass in the open again. I caught a liberty truck to Utrecht in the evening and went to the “Stork Club”, a WOs and Sgts club. It was a swell place, and with lot of girls there, we did a lot of dancing.

**26 – 29 Jun.** Two more left for Canada on rotational leave, and two on repatriation draft. Clothing replacements arrived and were handed out. Went to the Club or to the Mess in the evenings. There are various rumors about who goes when on rotational leave. I had 198 points at the end of March, when the points system ended, but I don’t seem to be getting far. 1 Fd Regt RCHA was represented by a composite Bty at a big parade in Amsterdam in honor of Prince Bernhard’s birthday. Though we are “right of the line”, we were last in the parade, except for the Dutch Underground.

\* (Editorial Note): Charlie’s interest in photography led to his career as a professional photographer in Kingston, ON, after his release from the Military.

**30 Jun – 2 Jul.** Quiet. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Davis and I went to Amsterdam. The WOs and Sgts Club there was directly across from the Royal Palace. There were hundreds of flags and streamers, and the store windows all had patriotic displays. We finally took root in a large Cabaret, where there was an excellent band and plenty of dance partners.

**3 – 4 Jul.** Quiet again. Maj O'Flynn is alleged to have said that we will be leaving for England around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and after about 15 days there we will embark for Canada.

**5 Jul.** Six more men left on repatriation draft. We had the first of a series of lectures on Rehabilitation by Lt Hepburn. In the afternoon I was interviewed by a special Rehabilitation Officer who is visiting the Regt. He offered a lot of advice and seemed very helpful. I got a glimpse at a nominal role which indicated that I would remain and be repatriated with the Bty. I raised a loud squawk and was told that a Survey Sgt had to be included in the Bty group. Why? It looks as though I've had it!

**6 – 8 Jul.** Two more rehabilitation lectures. Sgt Bedwell and 3 men left on repatriation draft.

**9 -13 Jul.** Quiet. We were greatly disappointed when the CO, Col HE Brown, vetoed our plans for a Sgts' party. To add insult to injury, he gave no reason. As our plans had started weeks ago with Maj O'Flynn's approval, and as the officers already have had a number of parties, we were considerably burnt up. The CO won't get much cooperation from us in the future!

**14 -16 Jul.** We lost every Bty officer and got eight new ones. Maj Muir is the new BC. I imagine there will be changes made – for the worse! Cross postings between Arty Regts in the Div took place. Large numbers of our old pals left, and many strange faces took their places. The latest rumor is that we will move within a couple of weeks, and that the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth will each make four trips to Canada.

**17 – 25 Jul.** The expected bull started, with Bty parades, inspections by the BC, and route marches every day. Did two tours as Orderly Sgt. Bill Henley and I were detailed to look for eggs. We loaded a 15 cwt truck and set out. We averaged 1 egg for 3 cigarettes, 5 eggs for a bar of soap, 2 eggs for a lb of flour, and 25 eggs for a lb of coffee. We returned with 541 eggs.

**26 Jul.** Lt Gen Simonds was supposed to visit. We got everything tidy, but he didn't show up.

**27 -29 Jul.** Capt Clemence and 7 men left on repatriation draft. We only have three Sgts in the Bty for Orderly Sgt, so we get a shift every third night. Also, if there is a Liberty truck to Utrecht, one of us has to go. To make things worse, our new crop of officers seem to have no use for junior NCOs, so we the Sgts find ourselves in charge of minor details that should be supervised by Bdrs and L/Bdrs. Thank God the war is over! We heard the Regt may move to Nijmegen as the first lap for the trip home on about 7 Aug.

**30 Jul.** A message from Dwight D Eisenhower announced that he was relinquishing Combined Command, and wishing us all well. Eight more men left for home.

**31 Jul – 6 Aug.** Fairly calm period. I was part of the section doing the war diary relating to the Regt. 1 Fd Regt RCHA had 55 killed, 14 died of wounds, and 198 wounded. Awards received were 1 OBE, 1 DSO, 1 MBE, 6 MCs, 2 Bars to the MC, 2 MMs, 1 GM, and 9 MiDs. Our casualties were pretty light compared to the infantry. \*\*

**7 Aug.** Yesterday may turn out to be a turning point in the whole course of humanity. An “atomic bomb” was dropped on Hiroshima, a Japanese city of 318,000 people. It is believed the whole city was wiped out. All day the radio carried reports as to the potential use of atomic power.

**8 Aug.** Went on another egg-hunting trip for the Bty, and returned with 590 eggs, in exchange for cigarettes, flour, coffee, sardines, etc. Heard Russia declared war on Japan.

**9 Aug.** A second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki today. Our move to Utrecht is delayed to 26 Aug – what a disappointment!

**10 -13 Aug.** Quiet. News that Japan is ready to capitulate. Got a letter from my brother Don saying he was getting a leave home. Lucky boy!

**14 Aug.** At midnight it was announced that Japan had officially surrendered. We had been expecting it. Thank God the war is over! Here’s hoping it will be the last World War. The next one might wipe out the world, with the developments in planes, rockets and bombs, to say nothing about atomic weapons.

**15 – 18 Aug.** We had the usual parades despite the “declaration of peace”. Quite a bit of rain. I went to the Mess or the Club in Utrecht in the evenings, except when I was Orderly Sgt.

**19 Aug.** Div Arty Church Parade in the morning. After Mass, Brig Zeigler spoke briefly about the good work we had done and wishing us a successful re-entry into civilian life.

**20 -22 Aug.** Plans got under way for a Bty party to be held on 23 Aug.

**\*\***(Editorial Note). Including the Bars, of the eight MCs awarded to officers while serving with 1 Fd Regt RCHA in Italy, seven of the eight were awarded to FOOs. The MCs were written up by coy and bn commanders, reflecting not only the gallantry and heroism of these FOOs, but also how well infantry commanders recognized the invaluable and dangerous work they did in providing them with constant artillery support. Of the six MMs awarded (not two as recorded by Sgt Phelan), five of the recipients were part of an OP crew. Data from Maj GD Mitchell, MM, **RCHA – Right of the Line**, pp 105 to 247

**23 Aug.** Busy all day working on the Bty party. I was in charge of a truck that brought back some girls from Utrecht. We rented the Café Polle in De Bilt. We had a fairly good orchestra, and waiters to serve Belgian beer, coffee, cakes and ice cream. Nearly the whole Bty attended and a good time was had by all. At midnight I returned my truckload of girls to Utrecht.

**24 Aug.** Preparations all day for the move tomorrow. Drizzle of rain did not dampen our spirits as we at last seem to be getting started on our way home.

## **Army Reserve Offers New Full-time Summer Employment Program**

*Krysthle Poitras and Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs Feb 16, 2018*



*Gunner Brittany Heatherington is an Ontario reservist who deployed to southeastern Baffin Island as part of Operation NANOOK 09. The Army Reserve offers a multitude of experiences and is introducing a Full Time Summer Employment program.*

*Photo: 2Lt Dave Bowen. ©2017 DND/MDN Canada.*

Ottawa, Ontario — The Canadian Army Reserve (ARes) is already well-known for giving youth valuable work experience and steady employment but is going a step further still. 2018 will mark the start of a Full-time Summer Employment (FTSE) program in the ARes, through which new recruits will be guaranteed full-time summer work for the first four years of their service. This is an ideal opportunity for students, who will now have reliable, predictable income to support their educations while exploring the wide range of trades that make the ARes an integral part of Canadian Army operations. “FTSE gives our new soldiers the opportunity to explore stimulating careers in the Army Reserve, including non-combat careers that could potentially relate to their field of study,” said LCol Sonny Hatton, who is in charge of implementing the FTSE initiative nationally.

FTSE is not just good news for students, though. A number of instructor and support jobs will also be allocated to those who have joined the ARes since 2015. “Reservists in their first four years, who so desire, can expect to be employed for the whole summer where they will primarily participate in individual training and various summer tasks typical of the ARes, such as participation in exercises and ceremonial duties,” LCol Hatton explained. “All while earning a very decent wage and gaining valuable work experience.” “Our recruiters work with local units to offer opportunities to potential recruits that match their interests and can greatly expand their experience, knowledge and future employability after they finish high school, college or university. The ARes also creates opportunities to obtain valuable on-the-job-training, to network and gain references in the technical trades.” The ARes is a highly skilled and diverse workforce with a wide range of employment opportunities – and not all of them are combat roles. The ARes also needs engineers, cooks, mechanics, and communications and information systems specialists, to name just a few. “For a musician, the ARes is a unique opportunity,” said Corporal Thomas Argent, a young Reservist who has been part of the Governor General’s Foot Guards (GGFG) for nearly three years.



The GGFG is an Ottawa-based Reserve infantry unit that also supports official ceremonies in the nation's capital, where members can be seen in their distinctive scarlet tunics and bearskin hats. "A lot of my musician friends are going from gig to gig just to make ends meet, and it seems a little stressful for my liking," Cpl Argent added. "Even as a part-time Reservist, I was able to make good money just playing in the band. I've also been given a lot of opportunities to work in different places, including administrative roles, public duties on Parliament Hill, and in a music library." The ARes offers opportunities to serve Canada in a meaningful way in an equal-opportunity work environment – one that is stable, but has flexible work arrangements. Reservists are vital to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and members of the ARes can volunteer to deploy on short notice, particularly in domestic operations, such as fires, floods and ice storms. For example, in 2017, Reservists supported provincial authorities in responding to an ice storm in New Brunswick, forest fires in British Columbia, floods in Quebec and Ontario, and provided shelter to asylum seekers in Quebec. Many more have deployed on international operations to Ukraine, Latvia, Kuwait and other places where the CAF is engaged in operations abroad.

2018 also marks the 20th anniversary of one of the largest Canadian natural disasters and peacetime deployments of troops in Canadian history: thousands of Reservists responded to the 1998 ice storm that affected Ontario and Quebec. During the crisis, Reservists provided shelter and medical care, and assisted in the restoration of the power grid. The FTSE program is offered from May 1 to August 31. For more information, visit your local unit as soon as possible and talk to a recruiter or visit the [Canadian Army Reserve Summer Jobs](#) web page.

## **Government Turns to Private Firm to Find Jobs for Veterans**

But a retired Lieutenant-General says veterans still have questions about the service

*Murray Brewster CBC News Feb 12, 2018*



*Cpl Harry Smiley, left, and Cpl Gavin Early, right, take down the Canadian flag for the last time in Afghanistan on Wednesday March 12, 2014. The federal government has hired a new private company to help veterans find jobs as they retire to civilian life. (Murray Brewster/Canadian Press)*

The Liberal government has quietly awarded a contract worth nearly \$10.3 million to an Ontario company intended to help soldiers make a smoother transition into civilian work after leaving the military. The decision to hire Agilec, made in December but not announced publicly, displaces the non-partisan charity Canada Company, which has been doing the work for a number of years. Right now, 7,000 former and serving military personnel are registered with Canada Company. Of those, the charity is actively working with 1,500 to find them jobs within its network of 300 private sector companies. Agilec will take over the work on April 1 and there's uncertainty in the veterans community about what that will mean — especially for those already in the current system. The decision comes as MPs on the House of Commons veterans committee study the issue of post-service transition. Veterans Affairs Canada confirmed the

contract was awarded to Agilec in a statement to CBC News. A department spokesman expressed confidence that the company, headquartered in Oshawa, Ont., will provide services based upon "individual needs." It's not clear how much experience the company has in dealing with military members, or whether its services will extend beyond career counselling and resume-writing to offering members solid contacts with potential employers.

Veterans Affairs spokesman Marc Lescoutre said the aim of the overall government program is to "highlight" the unique skills military members can offer employers. He said that the company's "services would be provided by qualified career counsellors who have a deep understanding of military life and culture." He did not describe the company's qualifications for the work or detail how much it's prepared to do to line veterans up with civilian employers. A spokeswoman for Agilec declined comment and referred all questions back to the federal government. Agilec used to operate under the name Northern Lights Canada and rebranded itself in late 2015. It has done a lot of work for Ontario's Liberal government, according to provincial records, and also has held several federal contracts. It also did some human resources work for National Defence under its former name, according to federal records. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government has been taking a political pounding over issues related to veterans. Lately, it has come under fire because of a lawsuit filed by veterans who were injured in Afghanistan over the issue of lifelong pensions. Trudeau recently defended his government's decision to fight the lawsuit, claiming that the veterans involved "are asking for more than we are able to give right now." The fact the government has said so little about this new contract worries some observers. Retired LGen Walter Semianiw said veterans signed up with Canada Company are wondering how they will be affected — and they're getting little information from Agilec and the government. "I would have hoped, as a veteran, we would have been given the details of what this new company is going to do from the government," said Semianiw. Making sure veterans have jobs and a steady income post-service is a key element in tackling both the homeless crisis among ex-soldiers and the mental health issues that can lead to suicide, said Semianiw, who served as a senior official in Veterans Affairs. "Transition is the most important piece of this puzzle," he said. "The consequences of not getting it right can be immense."

Canada Company was one of three companies to bid on the contract. The charity's CEO, Blake Goldring, would not comment on the contract award itself. He said his organization, which has found jobs for 3,000 veterans, will ensure a seamless handover to Agilec. "We are committed to doing the right thing for all our members and employer partners," he said, adding his company has been in touch with Agilec to offer resources and tools to ensure things go smoothly. "We're going to make sure nobody gets left in a lurch." The Liberal government has struggled with the problem of connecting veterans with jobs. Just prior to the last election, Anna Gainey, president of the Liberal party, cited the online job-hunting service Monster Canada as a tool the federal government could use to help veterans find work. "We believe that a military skills translator can be an effective and valuable tool in helping veterans transition to civilian life," Gainey wrote on Oct. 6, 2015, in a letter obtained by CBC News. "Armed Forces members are some of the most highly trained, professional members of our society, and tools



like a military skills translator can help them to determine how to translate the skills they already possess and determine which skills they need to build upon to successfully transition to civilian life." Gainey stopped short of making a firm commitment and the highly innovative proposal — which would have used software to match veterans with suitable civilian jobs — eventually was dropped.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

A very busy week on the Regimental website with the following updates.

The Regimental Birthday party 2018 was a great success and pictures from Ex CAUSTIC SHOCK. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

The Military Ball in 2010. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2010.html>

New pictures have surfaced from the 2007 Junior Ranks Ball at the Seaforth Armoury. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2007.html>

The Military Ball in 2004. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2004.html>

The PNE in 2009. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2009.html>

Remembrance Day 1999. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1999.html>

The boat cruise to Bowen Island in 1998. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1998.html>

Remnants of Artillery in Stanley park from 1994. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1994.html>

Additional photos from Lady Soames visit in 1989. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1989.html>

The time we parked an M109 in Bessborough Armoury. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1987.html>

The Point Grey Fort in 1974. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1974.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:** This quiz caused a little confusion amongst the Gunner readers as many thought, because it used Arty colours, it was an Arty tac sign. The patch is for the 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Division (1942 - 1945). The division, headquartered on Vancouver Island, was tasked with the preparations for the invasion of Japan and contributed units and sub-units to the Kiska operation. The last GOC was Major-General Hardy Nelson Ganong CBE, EDV (of the famous chocolatier family). He served in WWI and in the inter-war Militia with the Carleton and York Regiment and, as CO, led the Regiment overseas as the first Canadian military unit to ship to England for battle duty.



**This Week:** We continue our series of quizzes with more in the army vein. This photo comes from the vast archives of the regimental museum but does not depict gunners of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA. Alas, this order of dress was never worn by the current unit, although our plucky sons of the Empire did so in the distant past in other units. In fact, until the much-celebrated era of Unification in the late 1960s, brought upon the three services by the very popular Minister of National Defence, Paul Hellyer, praise be unto him, the uniforms of the Canadian Army were much the same as those of the Imperial Forces, just not as well-tailored. These lads, and they are probably all male, given that in the Victorian Era women were not integrated into life as they are now, are from the Royal Horse Artillery, proudly standing around a gun of the latest pattern, designed to strike terror into the hearts of enemies of the Empire. Which leads us to one of our two questions this week: what is that gun? Does it look a little bit familiar? Do you have one in your basement or garage? We'd like it, thank you.



Our second question relates to something these stalwarts all have in common: moustaches (the ginger chap's one is not very visible, but it's there). Why was it that so many gunners sported moustaches in the past? Of course, all Victorians had them; even the Queen/Empress had a

tiny one when she was older, but so did many of our lads when I was a nipper, before Paul Hellyer shaved them off. If you know the answer, send it to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com), or, if he can't be found, the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). For a bonus point, who was the last CO of 15<sup>th</sup> Field to have one?

### **From the 'Punitenary'**

Where does a fish go to borrow money? The loan shark!

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

The hidden flaw never remains hidden.

### **Quotable Quotes**

The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things. - *Henry Ward Beecher*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday 08 February 2018  
Simon Fraser University  
Metro Vancouver, BC, CANADA

## **Launch of CASIS (Vancouver)**

Thursday 08 February 2018  
Simon Fraser University  
Metro Vancouver, BC, CANADA

The Vancouver division of the Canadian Association of Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS) launched last month. CASIS (Vancouver) brings West Coast representation and perspectives to Canada's premier association for professional and academic advancement of security and intelligence studies. Through round table meetings and monthly discussions on matters of strategic security, intelligence and law enforcement CASIS (Vancouver) directly influences decision makers.

Candyce Kelshall, President of CASIS Vancouver office "The Canadian association for security and intelligence studies' West coast presence enhances the continuing development of a strategic security and intelligence community in Vancouver. We hope to engage practitioners, law enforcement and researchers and to provide a monthly home for lively debate and critical engagement with ongoing national security initiatives and global strategic security concerns."

The Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies is a nonpartisan, voluntary organization established in 1985. Its purpose is to provide informed debate in Canada on security and intelligence issues. A distinguished board of directors comprised of professionals of national and international reputation and status oversee the operations of the association.

Please join us for our next event Thursday, 22 February 1800-1930 PST at  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Mountain Blusson Hall Room 10011 for

*"Contemporary Conflict and the Five Generations of Warfare"*

CM Kelshall

As seating is limited, pre-registration is required with priority to CASIS members. Membership is open and currently includes academics, government officials, journalists, lawyers, former intelligence officers, students and interested members of the public committed to the study of intelligence services.

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# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE STUDIES-VANCOUVER

## WHEN

Every third Thursday

## WHERE

**BLUSSON HALL ROOM 10011**

SFU, Burnaby Mountain

## WHAT

MEMBERS ROUNDTABLES, DISCUSSIONS AND BRIEFINGS WITH  
EXPERT GUEST PRESENTERS

## WEB ADDRESS

[www.casisvancouver.ca](http://www.casisvancouver.ca)

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academic advancement of security and  
intelligence studies**

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## CONTACT

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## MEMBERSHIP

\$20 Student

\$40 Police, military

\$40 Public service

\$70 General

## SPEAKERS ON:

Contemporary conflict

Law enforcement

Fifth generation warfare

Hybrid criminal activity

Arctic Security

Energy Security

China and Russia

NATO and Canada

Intelligence Affairs

Middle East

Narco crime

Transnational gangs

Identity based conflict

Terrorism

*SAPERE AUDE*



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia

Founded 1919

## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Officers Mess  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC.

1130 am bar open  
1200 noon lunch  
1 pm speaker  
4 course hot lunch  
\$20 per person

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

*Speaker:-Alan Snowie*  
*“Bi-Planes over Vimy 100 Anniversary &*  
*Bi-Planes Over Canada - Canada150”*

RSVP for lunch numbers please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or phone o r text  
778-227-8203 by 1600 hrs  
Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2017



# **15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA & The 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders Fund Raiser and Scotch Tasting Night**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend our annual fund raising and whisky tasting event at the historic Bessborough Armoury. There will be food, draw prizes, and music. Did we say whisky?

Tickets are **\$55.00** per person for those sampling a selection of six excellent Whiskys, or a meager **\$25.00** if you are only having beer, wine, or soft drinks from our No-Host Bar. Credit Cards, or Cheques please, to make things easier for Bernie who will be at the door.

**Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet!**

Dress is business casual. kilts, and highland dress, of course, are welcome.

**DATE:**

**Friday – March 2<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**TIME:**

**1800 hrs – 2300 hrs**

**LOCATION:**

**15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7**

**DO NOT MISS OUT!  
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:**

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# Artillery Day 2018



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

The intent of the Artillery Day Gun Camp 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)