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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.

Nov 24	78 Fraser Highlanders - Feast of St. Andrew Dinner
Dec 01	St Barbara's Day Dinner
Dec 05	Last lunch of 2018
Dec 06	15 Fd Band Christmas Concert
Dec 09	CO's Christmas Tea
Jan 01	New Years Levée – 1100hrs in the Officers and WO & Sgts Mess
Jan 08	First lunch of 2019
Jan 26	78 th Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner

Holiday Stand down - The Unit will stand down from Dec 9 - Jan 7. Last lunch will be Dec 5 and the first lunch of 2019 will be Jan 8.

World War 2 – 1943

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

Nov 21st: The second wave in Tarawa lands and takes heavy casualties, but by the end of the day, the Marines start to make some headway off their beach. 9th Australian makes gains near Sattelburg on New Guinea and the Germans consolidate their new hold on Zhitomir. An American celebrity gossip columnist broadcasts the story of Patton's face-slapping incidents to the US public.

Nov 22nd: The Japanese defences on Tarawa start to crumble. British troops finally secure a deep lodgment on the far bank of the Sangro. Roosevelt, Churchill and Chang Gaishek meet in Cairo for a three-day conference.

Essential Reading: China was one of the major allies and Chang Gaishek was – insofar as it was possible – the leader of that turbulent and fractured nation. It is far too easy to dismiss China as being tangential to the war, but it is where the war began and ended. One of the essential books on China and the Second World War that any decent collection should have is Keith Sainsbury's The Turning Point: Roosevelt, Stalin, Churchill, and Chiang Kai-Shek, 1943. The Moscow, Cairo and Tehran Conferences.

Nov 23rd: On Tarawa, the Marines lick their wounds—they have won, but at the cost of 1,009 dead and 2,101 wounded, 17 Japanese soldiers and 129 Korean Labourers are POWs and the sole survivors of a garrison of 4,836. Makin Island is also secure, for about 200 casualties, but the escort carrier USS Liscombe Bay is sunk by a submarine with the loss of 687 sailors including Seaman Dory Miller, the Black sailor who won the Navy Cross for his work with a machine gun during the Pearl Harbor Raid.

Essential Reading: Tarawa was captured at a stiffer price than the atoll might have been worth, and one of the first to accept the point was General Holland “Howlin’ Mad” Smith of the US Marine Corps. Coral and Brass is an early recollection from any WW-2 commander, being published in 1948, and Smith had things he wanted to say, especially about Tarawa.

Nov 24th: The Germans make a push eastward beyond Zhitomir back towards Kiev. The Japanese bounce off the Marines in Bougainville.

Nov 25th: A new Soviet offensive begins near Gomel. 14th Air Force raids Formosa for the first time – destroying 42 Japanese aircraft on the ground. Captain Arleigh Burke takes five USN destroyers against five IJN destroyers near Bougainville; three of the Japanese warships are sunk. 9th Australian Division captures Sattelburg in New Guinea after a stiff nine-day battle with the Japanese 20th Division.

Nov 26th: The Soviets liberate Gomel. A British transport off Algeria is hit with a glider bomb and 1,000 men are lost. Hitler is given a demonstration of the Messerschmitt 262 Jet Fighter prototype, and being his usual self, pronounces it to be just the sort of aircraft the Reich needs to resume bombing England.

Russia's Dry Dock Accident

Russia's biggest dry dock has completely sunk and it's debatable if it has anything that could fully replace it anytime in the foreseeable future. *Tyler Rogoway Oct 30, 2018*

A day after Russia's massive PD-50 drydock suddenly sank underneath the country's only aircraft carrier, the *Admiral Kuznetsov*, as it was receiving a long-awaited overhaul in frigid

Murmansk, just how big a deal this may end up being for the Russian Navy is becoming clearer. The dry dock, which is the largest of its kind in Russian hands, appears to have sunk at first on a steep incline before it disappeared totally beneath the water's surface. Russian officials are now saying that it could be many months before it is raised from the seabed 160 feet below and that doing so would be a very tedious and delicate operation. That's *if* they decide to salvage it at all. Regardless, PD-50 services all types of vessels that make up Russia's most powerful fleet, including its largest submarines. So, leaving it out of action for years, or even losing it altogether, would be a major hit for the Northern Fleet and the Russian Navy's overall readiness.



The incident supposedly occurred as the result of an electrical interruption during a refloating operation for the *Admiral Kuznetsov*. The hulking floating apparatus' pumps were stuck on, rapidly filling its ballast tanks. Some 60 people had to escape from the sinking dry dock, many of which ended up in the water. In total, some 70 people were evacuated from the port facility. As it stands now,

four people were injured in the process and one remains missing—a senior mechanic. It's worth noting that the near-freezing waters near Kola Bay would give someone just a matter of minutes to get to a dry place before succumbing to hypothermia.

Rumbling into the Past

The incredible story of a First World War armoured car and the man who rode in it. Frank Worthington, father of Canada's tank corps, remains a legend in army circles.

Murray Brewster · CBC News Nov 10, 2018



*Michael Miller, Canadian War Museum technologist, takes a 1913 model Autocar Armoured Car for a spin.
(Murray Brewster/CBC)*

The restored 1913 model Autocar Armoured Car CBC News



It's a road trip 100 years in the making. People gathered in Mons, Belgium, this weekend to witness celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War will get a glimpse of an authentic piece of weapons technology history. An armoured vehicle that took part in the first victory parade following the end of the war — on Nov. 11, 1918 — will roll over the cobblestones once again on Sunday. It's a 1913 model Autocar Armoured Car and it fought with the Canadian Machine Gun Corps. The vehicle, which has been in the Canadian War Museum's collection for decades, was painstakingly put back into working order by the gallery's restoration team. The vehicle has been kept in pristine condition since it was acquired; the major hurdle in its restoration involved replacing portions of the carburetor last summer. The restoration team's first challenge was to track down a service manual. "I had no documentation, mechanical documentation, on this," said Michael Miller, the War Museum technologist who led the restoration team. "A museum, a private auto museum in the States, their curator generously sent me a photostat of a beautiful 1916 manual."

Known as "the father of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps," Frank Worthington joined the Canadian Army at the outset of World War I. He went on to organize the Canadian tank corps in the Second World War. (CBC)



It was more than enough information because the basic design did not change between 1913 and 1920, he said. At the outbreak of the First World War, wealthy entrepreneur and journalist Raymond Brutinel approached the Canadian government with a plan to raise and equip a motorized machine gun brigade. Eventually, 20 vehicles were acquired in the U.S., but years of trench warfare limited their utility — until the Imperial German Army began to collapse and the war became mobile again. "In the last hundred days of the war, when they were out of the trenches, it saw a lot of service," said Miller, who noted the bullet holes in the armoured skin of the box-like vehicle, which only had a top speed of 40 kilometres per hour. The vehicle survived, in part, because of the efforts of one of the men who rode in it: Frank Worthington, a Canadian second lieutenant (later a major-general). Worthington is a legend in Canadian Army circles. He won the Military Medal for actions at Vimy Ridge in April 1917, while serving with the machine gun corps. Known as "Fighting Frank" and "Worthy" to his men, Worthington is credited with organizing the Canadian tank corps in the Second World War. He used the armoured car for war bond drives in the 1940s.



November 1918. A Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade armoured autocar, armed with Vickers machine guns, and what appears to be a Lewis gun on the front, is on parade through the streets of Mons. (Canadian War Museum archives)

His high public profile during those years — he appeared on the cover of Maclean's magazine at

one point — was due in part to the loving efforts of his wife, who wrote a book about his exploits. "I remember him as hugely fun. A bit wild. He was very creative and inventive," his granddaughter Linnet Fawcett told CBC News in an interview. (Worthington's grandkids knew him as 'Pico'.) She remembers him vividly and was present at his 1967 funeral, which was the last time the armoured car was used. A memorial park is named after him at Base Borden in Ontario, but Fawcett said she remembers more than the public figure. "The man we knew really had nothing to do with the military man," she said. "My mother really wanted us to not know that man. She wanted us to know just a normal person."

That "normal person" Fawcett remembers was a typical frumpy grandfather in many ways, who wrestled and told amazing tales. Many of the extraordinary and hair-raising adventures with which he regaled his grandchildren were drawn from his early life as an orphan in Mexico, where his half-brother was a mine boss and (reputedly) was gunned down by the notorious Mexican revolutionary and outlaw Pancho Villa. At various points in his early life, Worthington was a mercenary in Nicaragua and Mexico and a gunner in Cuba. He also spent time in jail. At the outset of the First World War, he tried to make it back to Scotland, his birthplace. He ended up in Montreal, joined the Canadian Army and never looked back. Fawcett remembers an extraordinarily warm man, who sent loving, even silly, notes to his children and grandchildren. That gulf between the public man and the private man was particularly important to Fawcett's mother, who always seemed uncomfortable in the spotlight. She told her children: "You knew him as a man. you knew him as a person and those are things to remember ... what a person is." Fawcett said her grandfather would be pleased to learn his armoured car is still running 100 years later.

Liberals Appoint a New Veterans 'Ombudsperson'

Murray Brewster · CBC News · Nov 14, 2018



LCol Craig Dalton, chief of staff for Task Force Kandahar, tells reporters that Canada has given command of Kandahar city to the U.S., Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Kandahar. The Trudeau government is tapping Dalton, who previously served in Afghanistan and commanded Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick, as Canada's new veterans' ombudsman. (Bill Graveland/THE CANADIAN PRESS)

Canada has a new veterans ombudsman — or rather (to use the Liberal government's preferred title), a new veterans 'ombudsperson'. The appointment of Craig Dalton was announced late Wednesday by Veterans Affairs Minister Seamus O'Regan, who thanked the outgoing ombudsman, Guy Parent, after his five-year term ended on Sunday. Dalton served 25 years in the Canadian Army, which included a stint as the commander of the provincial reconstruction team in Kandahar and later as chief of staff for Task Force Kandahar. More recently, the retired colonel and former artillery gunner was the provincial deputy minister of Family and Social Services on Prince Edward Island. Dalton is the third person to hold the post, which was

created by the former Conservative government in 2007 to answer a rising number of complaints about government services coming from the veterans community. The first ombudsman, retired colonel Pat Stogran, made waves on the way out the door in 2010 by accusing Veterans Affairs of "penny-pinching" on the backs of former soldiers. He was replaced by Parent, a former chief warrant officer of the military, whose term was extended for three years just before the Conservatives were voted out of office in 2015. The Liberal government asked him to step aside the following year. Parent refused and served out his term. An investigation by the ombudsman's office, released last week, uncovered a \$165 million accounting error at Veterans Affairs stretching back to the early 2000s. The mistake involved the indexing calculation of disability awards and benefits. It was Parent's last report.

The Liberal government intends to reimburse veterans for the missing funds, beginning in 2020. The use of the title 'ombudsperson' is an attempt by the federal government to embrace gender-neutral language. The government issued a directive earlier this year to front-line staff at Service Canada, who answer questions from the public about services such as social insurance and Old Age Security, to begin conversations by using gender-inclusive language. That caused an uproar in the House of Commons, where the Conservative Opposition described the department's policy as "ridiculous." Ombudsman is Swedish for "legal representative." There has been debate in recent years over whether it needs a gender-neutral form, and what form it might take. Some jurisdictions, including some provinces and universities, have embraced the term 'ombudsperson' or simply 'ombud'. Earlier this year, Global Affairs adopted the term when it created the office of Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise, tasked with investigating allegations of human rights abuses linked to Canadian corporate activity abroad. CBC News' language guide encourages the use of "terms that do not exclude either sex," but the title 'ombudsman' is still used for the office that investigates complaints against the broadcaster

Remembering a Soft-Spoken Farm Boy from Alberta

Dave Birrell

In early 1943 the Allies needed a hero and something to celebrate. Britain, Canada, and other members of the Commonwealth had been at war for three and a half long years and although the tide seemed to be slowly turning, Bomber Command was still the only offensive punch that was capable of making itself felt within Hitler's European fortress. The story of the raid on the dams of the Ruhr Valley is well known. The creation of the specialized bouncing bomb by the brilliant Barnes Wallis, the special squadron—617 Squadron—whose aircrew was hand-picked by Guy Gibson to deliver it, and the successful low-level attack by 19 specially modified Lancasters that breached the dams has been thoroughly documented in books and the highly acclaimed 1950s movie. It is an enduring tale and few stories of the Second World War stand out so prominently as that of the Dambusters. Wing Commander Guy Gibson has been described as dashing, tenacious, and a born leader. Awarded the Victoria Cross following the raid, the accompanying citation stated that his "personal courage knew no bounds" and that "he has shown leadership, determination and valour of the highest order". Air Marshal Sir Arthur

Harris, commander of Bomber Command, wrote that "his personal contribution towards victory was beyond doubt unsurpassed".



As Remembrance Day approaches, we honour those who served—and continue to serve—in the Canadian Armed Forces. As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the famed Dambusters Raid, it's fitting we remember a "soft-spoken" farm boy from Alberta who was navigator for Wing Commander Guy Gibson, the commanding officer of 617 "Dambusters" Squadron, during the raid.

Gibson's navigator—the lead navigator on the Dams Raid—was Torger Harlo Taerum, a farm boy from southern Alberta. Gibson described his "great pal" as having, "a soft Canadian accent" and "probably the most efficient navigator in the squadron". Harlo Taerum's father emigrated from Norway and established a farm near Milo, Alberta, 70 kilometres northeast of Nanton. Tragically, he drowned when Harlo was ten years old. Despite playing a major role on the family farm and in the raising of his two younger brothers and sister, the young Harlo Taerum excelled at school, the newspaper reporting that he "obtained the highest number of passes during a single term since the school's inception". Taerum's father often spoke to him about his beautiful homeland. His mother recalled that "when Norway was invaded by the Germans and reports began to filter through of the manner in which his father's people were being treated, Taerum enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force". He began training at No 1 Air Observers Training School at Malton, Ontario, in February 1941. Harlo "Terry" Taerum went on to train at No 1 Bombing and Gunnery School at Jarvis, Ontario, and completed the advanced air navigation course at Rivers, Manitoba. Like many young aircrew, he was honoured to have his "wing" presented by Air Marshal Billy Bishop, VC. Taerum crossed the Atlantic as the navigator of a Lockheed Hudson. Captain HC Moody was the pilot and the non-stop flight was completed in a record-breaking time of 10 hours and 44 minutes from Gander, Newfoundland, to Prestwick, Scotland. Taerum began operations with No 50 Squadron, flying Hampdens, on January 2, 1942. He gained wartime experience rapidly, his logbook recording being "caught in searchlights", "severely hit by flak" and, on March 25, "crashing at Rose Vedne".

In March, the squadron began flying Manchesters. Assigned to the squadron's conversion unit, Taerum spent time as a navigation instructor and continued to fly operations, but now in Lancasters, including two missions to Berlin with Flight Lieutenant Harold "Mick" Martin.

Australian Mick Martin is said to have been a magnificent pilot, who had gained a reputation for his skill at low flying at night. It was likely because of these skills that he was chosen by Gibson and it is thought that Martin, in turn, may have recommended Taerum to Gibson. To have been hand-picked to be Gibson's navigator is likely the greatest compliment that could have been paid to a Bomber Command navigator. At dusk on May 16, 1943, Taerum recorded the take off for the dams raid at 9:40 p.m. The winds were stronger than anticipated as the Lancasters roared over the North Sea at the lowest possible altitude. Taerum found himself off the planned route when the coast was reached. Gibson wrote: "We pulled up high to about 300 feet to have a look and find out where we were, then scrambled down on the deck again as Terry said, 'OK—there's the windmill and those wireless masts. We must have drifted to starboard. Steer new course -095 degrees magnetic and be careful of a little town that is coming up straight ahead'." The navigation now was partly in the hands of the bomb-aimer who was using a special roller to identify features such as railway lines and canals and to avoid high-tension lines. When all was ready, Gibson manoeuvred into position to attack. Taerum's duty as the aircraft approached the dam was to make sure the aircraft was at the required altitude of 60 feet (18.29 metres) and he took his position at the Perspex blister on the starboard side of the cockpit. As they approached the dam he switched on the two spotlights mounted under the aircraft at 00:25 and began giving directions to Gibson: "Down-down-down". After the two spotlights converged into a single spot on the water: "Steady-steady".

Following the raid, Taerum was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by the Queen Elizabeth, wife of King George VI, at Buckingham Palace. In letters to his mother he wrote of the attention he was receiving. "One morning they woke me up and told me that I had been awarded the DFC. Later I had the ribbon sewn on my tunic. Can you imagine me strutting around town with it afterwards; We were just about mobbed for autographs; We were ordered back to our stations to meet the King and Queen. I was really lucky because I was introduced to both of them. The Queen is most charming and gracious. It was really quite a day." Following these days of glory, Taerum and the other members of the squadron returned to operations. In September 1943, Gibson travelled with Winston Churchill to Quebec City on a highly publicized visit to North America. Gibson travelled across Canada, visiting British Commonwealth Air Training Plan facilities "so the men in the camps may be inspired to follow his example".

His visit to Calgary was front-page news; he was welcomed by Mayor Andrew Davison and there were march-pasts, a parade, and newspaper and radio interviews. While in Calgary, Gibson met Mrs. Hilda Taerum, Terry Taerum's mother. "Terry is a great boy and a great navigator. He got the whole squadron to the dam," Gibson told her. Mrs Taerum said that meeting Gibson was "one of the proudest and happiest times of her life." On September 17, 1943, Taerum and three other members of Gibson's Dambusters crew were killed when their Lancaster was shot down at low level while attacking the Dortmund-Ems Canal. Hilda Taerum learned that her son had been reported missing less than a week after Gibson's visit. A year later, Terry's 18-year-old brother was killed on his sixth operation when his Lancaster was shot

down over Holland. Flight Lieutenant Taerum is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Germany. He was only 23.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Have you signed up to sponsor a CO's staircase portrait? Check out the status here:

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/cos-portrait-update>

Your editor has been busy learning about framing portraits and ran out of time to post new updates on the website. Your editor is also ramping up for another run for Parliament. Go ahead and ask me how that journey is doing. Here's a few updates to tide you over until next week.

Wallace Trophy 1958 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1958---43rd-maa-regt-rca.html>

2018 Remembrance Day <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/remembrance-day-2018.html>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at president.vcgunners@gmail.com

Who Is It



Last Week: These 4 ships were RN C-class destroyers that were sold to the RCN in the 1930s. HMC ships Fraser, Ottawa, Restigouche, and St Laurent, in Vancouver for the Royal visit in May 1939. On May 29, 1939 the Royal Party departed for Victoria on the CP Passenger ship SS Princess Marguerite escorted by these St Laurent Class Destroyers and by aeroplanes of the RCAF. When the war started Marguerite was used as a troop transport in the Mediterranean where she was torpedoed and sunk while taking troops to Cyprus Aug 17, 1942 with the loss of 55 lives. We can't see the pennant numbers or make out the ship crests so we can't tell which is which however, another picture showing a side view identified the outside rear ship at the St Laurent.

This Week: This week marks a return to the solid land, and to large, noisy, steel thingies. Few could be noisier than this week's behemoth, which is, obviously, a railway gun of substantial size. Of course, the readership of this internationally-acclaimed newsletter will say, given their deep knowledge of rail-based ordnance, that the Germans in the Second World War had one that was much larger. However, it was, even in the most charitable evaluation, a total failure, tying up men and materials, and not actually hitting anything at which it was aimed. Nonetheless, it is a great subject for model makers.

This gun, however, was capable of hitting targets, and was well and truly tried in the war in which it won its honours. The nation that fielded this gun was that which deployed more rail

guns that any other power on earth, even though some other nations have gleaned more fame for their artillery pieces.



So, dear reader, can you tell us about this gun? In which army and war did it serve? Was it as effective as I have stated? And, if you easily know all that, then can you name the chap fourth from right? I'll bet you can't. Send your answers to our dear editor, (bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Happy shooting!

From the 'Punitary'

How do you kiss a flower? With your tu-lips.

Murphy's Other Laws

Everyone has a scheme that will not work.

Quotable Quotes

Power is like being a lady... if you have to tell people you are, you aren't. *Margaret Thatcher*



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia
Founded 1919

MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday November 28th 2018

Officers Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC.

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

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

No Speaker
(Special Guest appearance following night
at HMCS Discovery See separate poster)

RSVP for lunch numbers please to dreese@telus.net or phone o r text
778-227-8203 by 1600 hrs
Sunday November 25th 2018



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia
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MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM (EVENING SESSION)

Thursday November 29th 2018

Wardroom
HMCS Discovery
1200 Stanley Park Drive
Vancouver, BC.

7pm – 8pm
Social Afterwards
Bar will be open afterwards and snacks available

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

Speaker
Lt (N) Kay van Akker CD
Executive Officer Naval Security Team



“Naval Security Team Cconception to Present”

RSVP please to dreese@telus.net or phone or text 778-227-8203

Fort Fraser Garrison

Please join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland at our annual

Feast of St. Andrew

Mess Dinner

Saturday, 24 November, 2018

in the Officers' Mess, 15th Field Regiment RCA

2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

1800hrs for 1900

RSVP by 19 November to jobarb@shaw.ca

In the spirit of the season the garrison collects donations of toys, gift cards and cash for those less fortunate than we; please help out.



Proceeds of our Christmas Bottle Raffle will go to support the Union Gospel Mission's food program.

Mr. Richard Mackie, noted author and professor of both history and historical geography will speak to us about interactions between the Scots and First Nations people in early British Columbia

Tariff: \$65.00 per person. *RSVP requested [<jobarb@shaw.ca>](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or 604-522-5766

Dress: Highland Evening Dress, Mess Kit or Business Attire.
Ladies equivalent.

yours aye,

James Barrett CD, Major
Officer Commanding the Garrison



St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night



The Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Colonel J.P.P. Lajoie, CD
and the Officers
of
15th Field Artillery Regiment
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company
at their annual

ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT

to be held at the
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

on
Saturday, the First of December, 2018
at
six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening

Dress. Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.

Tariff. \$100 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received. There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 1900 and 2200.

RSVP by 22 November 2018 with payment

Payable to "Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt"
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Questions. To VPMC, Lieutenant Chris Purdon
mess15rca@gmail.com

15 Fd Artillery Regimental Band Christmas Concert – 6 Dec

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA
and
the Partita Choir from
the Vancouver Bach Children's Choirs
present

Santa's Journey

a Christmas concert



December 6th, 2018
7:30pm

Vancouver Playhouse
600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver

Admission \$20 (reg)/\$10 (senior/youth)

See santas-journey.eventbrite.ca
for tickets and more info



The Commanding Officer

LCol Pierre Lajoie CD

invites you to his

Annual Christmas Tea

to be held on

Sunday December 9th 2018

in the

15th Field Artillery Regiment Officers' Mess

commencing at Two o'clock in the afternoon

Dress: Jacket & Tie

Cost: \$ 20 per person at the door

Please sign up at the Bar !!

Email bob.mugford@outlook.com BY NOV 30
to have your party added to the bar list



Fort Fraser Garrison



I request the company of our Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

Garrison Burns Supper

to be held in

The Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury,
15th Field Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, 26 January 2019

1800hrs for 1900hrs

Dress: Scarlets, Highland Evening wear, Black Tie or Business Attire
Tariff: \$78 per Person

RSVP to jobarb@shaw.ca or 604-522-5766

ASAP! (before 19 January)

Places will be allocated on the sequence (date & time) of RSVP emails received
at jobarb@shaw.ca

Members have priority, but please RSVP soonest as this event is
usually oversubscribed.

Looking forward to seeing you there

James Barrett, Maj.
Officer Commanding