



**Vancouver Artillery  
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## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Jan 23, 2018**

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a 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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**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

Jan 23	Re-lighting of Burrard Bridge Memorial Braziers
Jan 31	Navy Day – No speaker, <b>Note date change</b>
Jan 25	Navy Speaker at HMCS Discovery
Feb 04	Annual Super Bowl Party at Ian Newby's. Come out and tour facilities.
Feb 17	Regimental 99 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
Feb 21	VAA day. Museum open in the evening
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Gun Camp

### **Dues**

A reminder that dues are payable as of January 1, for members of the Vancouver Artillery Association, RUSI Vancouver and Associate members of the 15 Fd Officers Mess.  
See details at the end of this newsletter.

### **World War 2 – 1943**

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

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>:** The Casablanca Conference winds up with the declaration that the Allied goal is the unconditional surrender of the Axis powers. Manstein asks Hitler to let 6<sup>th</sup> Army surrender, but the Fuhrer feels that the starving, freezing men trapped in Stalingrad should continue to be the instruments of his own willpower. US warships shell New Ireland and US troops on Guadalcanal keep pushing the Japanese back.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>:** Voronezh is liberated and the Stalingrad Pocket is pinched in half. US troops in Tunisia threaten Sfax and Gabes by advancing on Maknassy.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>:** Le Clerc's men reach Tripoli overland from Chad. Rommel endures protests about his decisions from the Italian High Command (and ignores his 'replacement' by Italian General Messe).

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>:** Another shadow falls over Germany – American bombers make their first air raid over the Reich at Wilhelmshaven, 55 set out and 52 come back.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>:** Elements of 2<sup>nd</sup> German Army are cut off east of Voronezh. The Japanese bounce off an Australian detachment at Wau on New Guinea. The Germans widen their mobilization of civilian labour inside Germany.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>:** The late (and unlamented) Heydrich is finally replaced as head of the SD by Ernst Kaltenbrunner. The Soviets continue pushing in the Caucasus and towards Rostov. USS Chicago is sunk by Japanese aircraft off Guadalcanal.; so is the Japanese submarine L1 – but the latter is in shallow water and American divers will soon retrieve its code machines. All Gypsies in the Reich are ordered deported to Auschwitz.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>:** That buzzing sound at Hitler's 10-year anniversary celebrations consists of RAF Mosquitoes, enjoying themselves in a daylight foray over Berlin for the first time ever. The reports of RAF bombing at Hamburg this night will reveal a marked new accuracy – but then the RAF is giving its navigational H2S radar its operational debut tonight. More bad news – the Maykop oilfields are entirely back in Soviet hands; the 17<sup>th</sup> Army can't make it to Rostov and withdraws into the Kuban peninsula, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Army Commander in Stalingrad Palaus gets a promotion to Field Marshal while the Soviets prowl around his HQ. Doenitz becomes CinC of the Kriegsmarine and declares his intention to concentrate all resources on the submarine war. But, 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer is thumping on the Americans and Free French near Faid in Tunisia. The Vichy Regime creates its own Gestapo – called Le Milice Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal stiffens up along the River Bonegi.

## **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 44. Leave in Rome, The Last Days on the Lamone, and Monteppone**

**28 Jan 1944.** Up at 0450 hrs. We left by truck and drove to Rimini. We had lunch at the Railway Canteen and entrained at noon. The train was very crowded, and cold. In a small town along the way, we were issued with a pre-heated can of stew and a huge chunk of bread.

**29 Jan.** After a tiring night, we arrived in Rome at 0545 hrs. Theoretically we were to stay at a rest camp four miles from the city, but everyone headed uptown to the Canada Club. A guide took us to a nice clean house on Via Boschetto. We got two nice rooms, one for Bob Dunning and I, and the other for Jack Erskine and Slim Handford. The owner, Signora Julia Capelliur,

charged us 1050 lire each (about \$10.50) for seven days. It turned out our guide was buying cigarettes for the black market, and he paid us 4 lire per cigarette for our spare British cigarettes. The signora also bought some, and we had a cup of tea to seal the deal. After a shave, haircut, and shampoo at a “barbiere”, we went back to the Canada Club. We had a bite to eat then went via a horse-drawn buggy to the Alexandria Club, a huge NAAFI managed Service Club. The food there was excellent.

**30 Jan.** We arose late, had a cup of coffee, then went to the Alexandria Club for dinner. After dinner we strolled along the Tiber till we reached St Peters. In front of the huge basilica is a vast square with a tall Egyptian obelisk in the centre. As we entered the church, its great size and beauty struck us. We hardly knew where to look first. Huge pillars with gilt stuccos support the vaulted roof. In the centre of the church stands the Papal altar, with a beautiful copula over it. The copula is 405 feet high and 138 feet wide, and is said to be Michelangelo’s finest piece. After a couple of hours looking through the church we were taken to a treasure room where we saw many beautiful ancient vestments, jewels and church decorations. We had spent several hours in the magnificent church and had seen sights which we will always remember and which will always be treasured by us all.

**31 Jan.** Got up late and went to the Alexandria for dinner. Then we set out, and eventually we came to the statue of Victor Emmanuel II, a large and imposing memorial of white stone. A broad flight of steps leads to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (WW1). Above it is an equestrian statue of the King.

**1 Feb.** Same morning routine. In the afternoon I saw several more old ruins.

**2 - 3 Feb.** Went to see an Italian Vaudeville show which was really good. We then went to a different area, and saw amongst other things the ancient Pantheon, a real relic of the old Rome. It is remarkably well preserved, with tall granite columns and marble pavement.

**4 Feb.** We went on a sight-seeing spree after dinner. Our first stop was the Coliseum, which was quite a sight. Though it was completed in the year 89 AD, a great deal of it still stands. It must have been a terrific structure when it was in use. Not far away is the Arch of Constantine, a richly decorated triple arch erected about 312 AD. Then we wandered into the old Forum for a closer look at the pieces of pillars and walls. Then back to the Alexandria.

**5 Feb.** Had a cup of tea with the Signora and left for the Rail Station. The Sgt in charge had drawn emergency rations from the leave centre. Nobody wanted the stuff, so we sold it to black marketers. We left at noon, with a halt for our can of hot stew and bread at 1600 hrs.

**6 Feb.** We reached Rimini at 0800, had breakfast, and were trucked back to the Regt. So ended my leave in Rome, a never to be forgotten experience. At the Bty the lucky ones to get the next leave to Canada were Bdr Willie Ling, Gnr Mead, and Gnr McFadden.

**7 Feb.** Quiet. There is no change along the front and activity is pretty well limited to patrols.

**8-12 Feb.** Had inoculation for diphtheria. Fired one U Tgt on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Rain and lots of mud. All local leaves were cancelled. Maj Brown left to take command of an A/Tk regiment. A great loss to us. Recorded some targets.

**13 - 21 Feb.** Fired one troop salvo, controlled by an Air OP. Many rumors afoot as to where we are going next. All officers were called to RHQ and were severely choked off by the CO. All rumors are to be squashed immediately. I went to a movie at RHQ most evenings.

**22 -23 Feb.** Orders group for officers and Sgts-Major. No information gained from that, but grapevine says a big move is forthcoming.

**24 Feb.** Engaged a DF for several minutes at 1845 hrs. Sitrep at 1910 hrs said the enemy had attacked D Coy of the Edmontons. Our fire was very effective. Re-engaged the DF at 2100 hrs.

**25 Feb.** A British advance party came to look over our position. They will take over from us, and we are to move tomorrow to the south of Ancona. Billets are reportedly good. We will do maintenance and schemes for the first six days. After that is anyone's guess.

**26 Feb.** Reveille at 0430 hrs, and the Bty moved off at 0615 hrs. We had fairly good roads, and reached our area at 1800 hrs. A Bty was billeted in the small village of Montepone, in various houses, while the Bty cooks were set up in a school. We soon settled in. The boys went out to explore, and found exactly nothing, except a good quantity of vino.

**27 Feb.** Maintenance of guns and vehicles, plus personal maintenance. Joe Lazazzera, "Bucky" Buell, "Ding" Bell, and I are looking for a less crowded place. Today was a red-letter day as we had eggs! These are the first in a long time – one at breakfast and two at supper.

**28 Feb.** The four of us moved to a new room at the edge of town, about five minutes from the rest of the troop. In the afternoon there was a controlled stores inspection, and the usual deficiencies were more or less explained as "lost in action". One loss was my tommy gun which went missing along the line.

**1 Mar.** Started a course for four potential Acks. I was stuck with RP (Regt'l Police) duty for the evening shift. I closed the bars at 2100 hrs and rolled up the sidewalks. Quite a 25<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**2 – 3 Mar.** Acks course continued. Had another diphtheria inoculation.

**4 Mar.** Sunday. Market day in the village. I skipped bath parade as my last inoculation nearly knocked me out. When we left our last position, the Regt drew seven days hard rations – bully beef, hardtack, stew, etc. Our QM was right on the bit and bartered these for eggs and steaks. The civvies are eager to buy anything. Unwanted kit gets a good price, and blankets can go as high as 2500 lire (\$25.00). One offered 5000 lire for a complete arty board! Walt Kelly, Bill Lundrigan, John Drady, and "Baldy" Saeger left for leave in Canada.

**5 Mar.** Acks course in morning. The 2 i/c inspected the billets, guns, and vehicles. All went well. In the evening Lt Doe and Lt Hepburn threw a party for the NCOs.

**6 Mar.** Acks course in morning. I mounted the Bty guard for 24 hours. Lots of rumours again, as we repainted all tactical numbers and a serial number, 5B/1, was painted on all the vehicles. A move seems imminent now – I'm betting on England or France. No more mail being accepted, and no incoming mail is expected.

**7 – 8 Mar.** No Acks course. We checked all our equipment and packed most of our kit. Convoy numbers have been chalked on the vehicles. We have removed all patches, medals, unit titles. We are to move early tomorrow.

**9 Mar.** Reveille at 0300 hrs. Loaded the rest of my kit in GB, and the Bty moved off at 0500 hrs. About noon, after about 100 miles, we reached Foligno. The Regt refueled at a large Petrol Station, then we drove to a park in the middle of town. The guns and vehicles were parked there, and the personnel marched to a nearby school. A NAAFI mobile canteen appeared, and we had tea and cakes. During the evening, several crap and poker games got underway. The stakes are Italian money, which nobody knows the future value of. There were some fantastic pots – one I saw contained 80,000 lire (\$800.00). I contributed a little to a small crap game and turned in.

## **Launch of Juno75!**

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster of Canada's 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment invited me to the 15<sup>th</sup> Field's Bessborough Armoury in Kitsilano today for a special event near to my heart, the Launch of **Juno75**. Don's a Director of the Juno Beach Centre Association. June 6, 2019 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the greatest military amphibious invasion in history -- D-DAY 1944. I plan to accompany Don to Normandy in June 2019 for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Juno Beach of that momentous milestone.

June 6, 1944 overflows with superlatives:

- 1) Historians rank June 6, 1944 at Juno Beach in Normandy as the single most important day for Canada in the 20th Century.
- 2) Canada's Army on June 6, 1944 was supported by:
  - (a) 110 ships and 10,000 sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy; and
  - (b) 37 of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 42 operational Squadrons, including 230 RCAF Bombers.
3. D-Day was all-out war to commence the liberation of Europe from the horrendous tyranny of Nazi Germany.
4. Canada's Army at Juno Beach included Canadian Armoured Corps, Royal Canadian Artillery and Canadian Infantry Corps.

5. Canadian Regiments to storm Juno Beach under withering German artillery and machine gun fire included the Canadian Scottish [Victoria BC], the Regina Rifles [now the Royal Regina Rifles], the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada [Toronto], the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa [Machine Guns], the Stormont Dundee & Glengarry Regiment, Regiment de la Chaudiere [Levis Quebec -- founded April 9, 1869], the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment, and the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. In the early fighting that morning, Juno and Omaha were the two bloodiest of the five beaches on D-Day and, while by the end of that day Omaha had by far the highest percentage of those killed, Juno had the second highest percentage.

6. These Regiments were supported by the 7<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment [Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars of Montreal], the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiments, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the 6<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> Hussars] Armoured Regiment, the 10<sup>th</sup> [Fort Garry Horse, Manitoba] Armoured Regiment, the 27<sup>th</sup> [Fusiliers de Sherbrooke Quebec] Armoured Regiment, the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion, and Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.



*Honorary Lt Colonel Don Foster 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne British Columbia Regiment, Karen Miller Juno75 Director Juno Beach Centre Association, George Chow 16<sup>th</sup> LAA Battery and Normandy Veteran, Norman Kirby North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment and D-Day veteran, Honorary Colonel Al De Genova 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Mike Bechthold Executive Director Juno Beach Centre Association*

On June 6, 2003 the Juno Beach Centre opened. It's located on the stretch of Juno Beach stormed by B Company of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Royal Canadian Engineers 6th



Field Company assault team working with them at the appalling cost of the loss of almost three-quarters of its men. In 2019, the Juno Beach Centre will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary. I've visited the Juno Beach Centre. It's marvellous. Funded by donations of 60,000 Canadians but no government money, it's one of the finest facilities of its type anywhere. It's a remarkable articulation of one of Canada's greatest legacies. It's an incredible teaching tool for young Canadians. It tells about Canada before WWII, during WWII and today. While 25% of its visitors are Canadians, most of the remaining 75% are Europeans, many of whom had not visited Canada before coming to the Juno Beach Centre. But to keep up its incredibly high standards, to bring "Canada Today" up to date, and to enrich and expand its programmes and displays while also seriously upgrading its technology to attract and hold the attention of young Canadians, the Juno Beach Centre needs a fresh infusion of several million dollars by a mass of Canadians such as ourselves.

Ten days ago, Mike Bechthold commenced work as Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre. He'd earlier worked at Wilfrid Laurier University. I met Mike for the first time today. I also met Karen Miller, the President of K.I.M. Fundraising Strategists in Toronto. She was introduced today as the "fundraising superstar" who did such marvellous work for last year's Vimy 100 Campaign. Mike and Karen were today's Speakers at our Bessborough Armoury gathering. Mike told us how Garth Webb of 14<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment was so upset by the absence of a meaningful Canadian permanent presence at Juno when he took part in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 1994 that he made creation of the Juno Beach Centre his life's work. The result is magnificent. I shared Garth's disappointment when I first visited Juno Beach. My son Guy MacKenzie and my daughter Mary Anne MacKenzie accompanied me. They were pre-teens. At that time, Canada was virtually invisible at Juno. One lonely WWII tank sat in a tiny square with an explanatory plaque. When I returned in July 2005 with my 14-year-old son Ruairidh MacKenzie, I was thrilled by the Juno Beach Centre. I think one reason it's wonderful is it was created without government money or interference. Mike told us the necessary upgrades and enrichments require upwards of five million dollars.

Then Karen Miller spoke to us. She said the upgrades to be financed by this fundraising are timely because next year's 75<sup>th</sup> will be the last major milestone at which Canada's remaining WWII veterans will be mobile enough to participate. We were blessed today with the presence of two WWII vets, George Chow and Norm Kirby. Norm landed in Normandy on D-Day with the North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment. Karen spoke of the various endowments, projects and programs the Juno Beach Centre has and would like to have. She told us of the 10,000 Canadian students that visited Juno Beach and the Vimy memorial this year for the centenary. Eight young bilingual Canadian students are employed each year at Juno to give tours of the Centre and along the Beach itself. Now WWII bunkers are being excavated on the Beach. They will add further power to what those visiting Juno experience. Karen told us about the Juno Beach LEGACY VIDEO "Take Care of Them" now being created. It concludes by asking our veterans what they want to be remembered for -- what they want their legacy to be. It will cost a million dollars. It will be shown continuously at the Juno Centre. In addition, technology will enable families to add their thoughts when they visit. Karen also spoke of the Juno Beach Centre programs to teach Canadian teachers how to most effectively teach students with passion



about this centrepiece of Canadian history. Three hundred Canadian teachers have been brought to Juno to be educated on site. Teaching guides have been created for use by interested teachers across Canada.

Last year I contacted Superintendent of West Vancouver Schools Chris Kennedy about this. Chris enthusiastically opened the doors of West Vancouver schools to this

important project. I see so doing as being part of his ongoing quest to keep WVan Schools among the best in British Columbia, and in Canada.

And so there you have it -- the launch today of **Juno75**. It's an exciting enrichment of an already remarkable facility and programs on a site of enormous importance to Canadians -- Juno Beach in Normandy. Have a look at its website: [www.junobeach.org](http://www.junobeach.org)



If you have thoughts regarding how to help make **Juno75** a SMASHING SUCCESS, please contact Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster or Executive Director Mike Bechthold through the Juno Beach website shown above.

Yours faithfully, Roddy MacKenzie

## **CF Offers New Drafting and Survey Technician Occupation**

January 15, 2018

A military occupation that has recently been re-established provides a great opportunity to employ highly technical skills that are applied both in the office and in the field, serving the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and other government departments anywhere in the world. This small but exclusive occupation is drafting and survey technician (DS tech), and the CAF is looking for new candidates. DS tech positions have been established at two Royal Canadian Air Force wings (4 Wing Cold Lake, Alta., and 14 Wing Greenwood, N.S.), at two Army bases (Canadian Forces Bases Kingston, Ont., and Gagetown, N.B.), and in Brussels, Belgium. As part of the Military Engineering Branch, DS techs employ leading-edge electronic and satellite equipment to gather precise survey data. From this, they produce essential site plans, charts, architectural drawings and designs using the latest computer aided design (CAD) software. This capability is essential on permanent military facilities, during exercises, and across the full spectrum of deployed operations. This occupation includes non-commissioned members from the rank of private/aviator to sergeant, after which DS techs may enter the construction engineer superintendent (CE Supt) occupation.



The Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) at CFB Gagetown conducts the occupational qualification training-that is, the training that will qualify you as a DS tech-which includes the following topics:

- Planning and conducting land surveys;
- Mathematics related to survey;
- Data and material management;
- Auto CAD software;
- Producing civil designs;
- Producing building systems designs;
- Performing construction stakeouts;
- Producing as-built drawings; and
- Construction engineering common tasks and safety.

Further specialty training may be offered through additional formal courses and on-the-job training. The skills and experience gained by DS techs are closely related to those in civilian technician and technologist positions in the fields of surveying, architectural drafting, and civil engineering. No previous training or experience is required to apply, although Grade 11/Secondary 5 math is a prerequisite. For more information about the drafting and survey technician occupation, check out the information and the video on the recruiting website. If you think a career in the Canadian Armed Forces in this new occupation is the right one for you, visit your local recruiting office or the online recruiting website. For personnel already serving in the CAF, your local personnel selection officer can provide additional details about the opportunities available in this unique and challenging occupation.

## **Who Is It**

**Last Week:** We had a couple of readers who were spot on with there answers and a couple



who were close. The massive weapon in question is a German-manufactured coastal artillery piece (Krupp, Model 1889 355-cm (14-inch) coast defense gun) of a type deployed in the Dardanelles in the First World War, and that caused significant damage (in conjunction with mines) to the Anglo-French fleet that tried to force its way through the strait on 18 March 1915. The Gallipoli landings of April 25th, 1915 followed that failure. The gun is located in the Harbiye district of Istanbul, where

it dominates the entrance to the Turkish Military Museum. The timpani belong to Mehter -the world's oldest military band; they play classic Ottoman marches with historic instruments, and perform at the museum daily in historically accurate Janissary regalia. This picture shows the gun from a different angle, which gives a better idea of its location.

**This Week:** Hello artillery enthusiasts and tracked vehicle fans. Over the years, gunners have sought many ways to alleviate the onerous task of moving guns to and from positions. The



coast and garrison artillery lads of the past has this problem solves, as they simple did not move the guns. However, field artillery has continued to struggle with the task. Initially, oxen were used to pull early guns. As ordnance got lighter, the beast of choice was changed to horses, with mules being used for mountain artillery. In the last century, first steam tractors, then gasoline burning ones were used. The appearance of the first tanks led to the development of self-propelled guns. These are now standard with most armies, although Canada seems to have bucked the trend.

This week's photo of one of those SPGs is a bit of a rarity, and comes to us from a well-known expert on noisy steel objects. The gun might be familiar to those of you with hearing-loss, but the vehicle probably isn't. So, doyens of artillery, what is this beast? Who built it, and what became of it?

Send your musings 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)).

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

Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish.

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

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

### **Quotable Quotes**

The less you talk, the more you're listened to. - *Pauline Phillips*

## **Dues 2018**

Dues for the Vancouver Artillery Association are \$25, payable to the Vancouver Artillery Association. Send to:

Treasurer, Vancouver Artillery Association  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for RUSI Vancouver are \$50 (\$25 for students), payable to RUSI Vancouver. Send to:

Treasurer, RUSI Vancouver  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for Associate Members are \$60, payable to 15 RCA Officers Mess. Send to:

Treasurer, 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

**Superbowl Party** To be held at the International Movie Services compound in Aldergrove Potluck dinner – bring a favourite dish. Starts at 1300hrs. For more information contact Ian at [ims@telus.net](mailto:ims@telus.net) There will be tours of the facility. Come and see the massive warehouse filled with military uniforms and accoutrements and the huge collection of vehicles. Two Russian PSKW-IVs are the latest arrivals.

## **Artillery Day 2018**



# **Artillery Day 2018**



The  
**Vancouver Artillery Association**  
is hosting a  
**Gun Camp**  
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)

## Eastern Air Command

My name is Tim Frieese and I am part of the Education program for Canada's Naval Memorial, HMCS Sackville. During our weeks celebration in the first week of May, of the RCN's involvement in the Battle of the Atlantic, we make the public aware of the role Canada played in defeating the Axis powers and maintaining the constant flow of materials to aid Great Britain in its' struggle against occupation and starvation. Sadly, we do not celebrate one branch of the service that was very important to the victory and that is the role of Eastern Air Command. This year I wish to try to remedy this by having a gathering of sorts to commemorate their achievements and perhaps have a veteran or two, be on hand for the accolades or at the very least, their family members. The problem I am having is trying to locate any EAC veterans, still alive and or in the Halifax area. I was hoping you may be able to spread a little light on the situation by having some knowledge of any veterans still alive and potentially available for our tribute. I appreciate your time in aiding me in my quest and if you are ever in the city of Halifax, I would be honoured to give you a tour of the ship as well as to part take of fine meal. Many thanks in advance, and have a very Happy New Year!

Tim Frieese [timfrieese8@gmail.com](mailto:timfrieese8@gmail.com)



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### MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Officers Mess  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> 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 AT LUNCH THIS MONTH***  
***SPEAKER WILL BE THURSDAY JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 AT DIFFERENT LOCATION***  
***(see second event notice)***

RSVP for lunch numbers please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or phone or text  
778-227-8203 by 1600 hrs Sunday January 21st 2018





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## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM SPEAKER (Please note NO Lunch this day)

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**7:30pm to 8:30pm**

Wardroom  
HMCS Discovery  
1200 Stanley Park Drive,  
Vancouver, BC.

Dress – Business attire, blazers & tie

*Speaker*  
Lt(N) Kay van Akker, CD  
Executive Officer  
Naval Security Team  
RSVP please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or phone or text  
778-227-8203

Liquid refreshments will be served afterwards at the Wardroom bar

RSVP with names of attendees - required for admittance to HMCS Discovery.

## **Ceremonial Relighting of the Burrard Bridge Memorial Braziers**

After several years of discussions and advocacy by RUSI Vancouver with the City of Vancouver, the Burrard Bridge brazier renovations are complete with the installation of modern LED lighting. The invitation to the relighting ceremony is shown below.

These braziers were added to the bridge design by the Architect in Remembrance of WW1 Allied POWs who spent many years in squalid conditions in German POW camps where their only source of warmth in winter were 45-gallon drums filled with whatever would burn.

### **Lighting of the Burrard Bridge Memorial Braziers in Honour of our Canadian Veterans**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm**

This ceremony will take place on the North East Corner of the Burrard Street Bridge at Burrard Street and Pacific Boulevard.



**Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council  
cordially invite you to attend the**

### **LIGHTING OF THE BURRARD BRIDGE MEMORIAL BRAZIER IN HONOUR OF OUR CANADIAN VETERANS**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 4 pm  
North East Corner of the Burrard Bridge  
Burrard Street and Pacific Boulevard**



# Regimental Whiskey Tasting



**Hosted by:**  
*The British Columbia  
Regiment  
Officers' Mess and  
Sgts' & WOs' Mess*



**Proceeds to:**  
*The BCR(DCO)  
Unit Fund*

**Date:** Saturday, February 10, 2018

**Time:** Bars Open from 6:30pm - Midnight.  
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.

**Location:** Upstairs Messes of the British Columbia Regiment  
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

**Dress:** Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)

**Price:** \$55/person (Includes 5x Full Measures of Whiskey)

**\*\*For those not partaking in the Whiskey Tasting, the option of a \$20/person donation to the Unit Fund is available. This includes unlimited soft drinks for the evening.**

**RSVP:** RSVP **MANDATORY**, as tickets are limited!  
For information or to register, please email the PMC of the Officers' Mess, Maj Adam McLeod, at: [adammcLeod@gmail.com](mailto:adammcLeod@gmail.com)

Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door  
Cheques are payable to: "BCR Officers' Mess"  
No cancellations after January 27, 2018