



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News July 24, 2018

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Newsletter on line. This newsletter, and previous editions, are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: www.vancouvergunners.ca and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html> . Both groups are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association> and <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver>

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.

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

- Aug 3-5** Abbotsford Agrifair -VAA with FAT and 25pdr
- Aug 10-12** Abbotsford Airshow - VAA with FAT and 25pdr
- Aug 18** Steveston Train event – VAA with FAT and 25pdr
- Aug 26** Gunner Golf on August 26 on Vancouver Island (see poster at end of newsletter).
At Ardmore Golf Course - in Saanich
Play golf and support the 5th (BC) Artillery Regiment Foundation by forming a Foursome ("Gun Detachment") or joining with others as an Individual ("Gunner") or by making a donation ("In Direct Support").

World War 2 – 1943

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

July 25th: The US 25th Division is committed to New Georgia (where the 43rd and 37th are already busy). Mussolini is arrested on leaving a meeting with the King and Marshal Badoglio chosen to form new government. The British 9th and US 78th Divisions land in Sicily; where the American drive in the north is meeting resistance while British and Canadian troops close in on Agira.

July 26th: Badoglio forms his new Italian government, swears allegiance to the Axis and starts looking for ways out of the war. American troops resume the offensive on New Georgia. American P-38 Ace Ira Bong downs four Japanese fighters over Lae New Guinea (he will eventually have 40 kills – making him America’s all time lead fighter ace).

July 27th: The RAF’s major raid on Hamburg kills 40,000 when 2,300 tons of firebombs are showered on the city –igniting a literal firestorm, a tornado of flame in the heart of the city. Radar-spoofing ‘Window’ tinsel strips are continuing to baffle Luftwaffe radars and night fighters. There is heavy fighting around the Sicilian cities of Agira and Nicosia.

July 28th: The Japanese evacuate the Aleutian island of Kiska (The Americans don’t “notice and will shower the island with 1,300 tons of bombs between now and the August 15th Landings). In the Solomons, American troops continue to gnaw at the Japanese defences on New Georgia while US aircraft sink two Japanese destroyers off Rabaul. In Sicily, US troops capture Nicosia while the Canadians take Agira.

July 29th: The third big raid on Hamburg drops yet another 2,300 tons of bombs. Ernie Bevin, the UK Minister “of Labour, orders women under 50 to register for war-work. In Russia, III Panzer Corps stages an inconclusive attack near Taganrog.

July 30th: Catenanouva is taken on Sicily and the garrison on the Egadi Islands off Sicily’s west coast surrenders.

July 31st: The 45th US Division takes Santo Stefano in Sicily. Private Rodger Young assaults a Japanese machine gun post to allow his platoon to withdraw and regroup on New Georgia. Despite being twice wounded by bursts from the weapon his diversion allows the rest of his platoon to escape without loss but costs him his life. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

New Commander for the Canadian Army

Ottawa – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces. July 16, 2018



General Johnathan Vance, Canadian Chief of Defense Staff, Lieutenant- General Paul Wynnyk, outgoing Commander of the Canadian Army, and Lieutenant- General Jean-Marc Lanthier, incoming Commander of the Canadian Army perform an inspection of the parade during the Canadian Army Change of Command ceremony at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario on July 16, 2018.

Photo: Ordinary-Seaman Camden Scott, Directorate of Army Public Affairs ©2018 DND/MDN

Today on Parliament Hill, Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier assumed his new position as Commander Canadian Army from Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk. The ceremony was presided over by General Jonathan Vance, Chief of the Defence Staff. Before his appointment as Commander Canadian Army, Lieutenant-General Lanthier was the Chief of Programme. Lieutenant-General Wynnyk will assume the duties of Vice Chief of the Defence Staff. The Canadian Army is the land component of the Canadian Armed Forces and is the largest of the three Command Elements. The Canadian Army prepares soldiers who are well-led, well-trained and well-equipped to protect Canadians and Canadian interests domestically and abroad. “Under Lieutenant-General Wynnyk’s leadership, the Canadian Army has stood ready to defend the interests of Canadians at home and abroad. I commend his unwavering commitment to his soldiers and to Canada. I also wish Lieutenant-General Lanthier all the best as he assumes command of the Canadian Army. I am confident that he will serve our Army with professionalism and distinction.” Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence said, “I would like to congratulate Lieutenant-General Wynnyk on his new role, and thank him for his commitment and strong leadership as Commander Canadian Army for the last two years. I applaud his efforts to strengthen the Army Reserve and his dedication to ensuring our soldiers receive the best possible training to meet the demands of any operation. I would like to congratulate Lieutenant-General Lanthier on his appointment as Commander Canadian Army, and I have every confidence in Lieutenant-General Lanthier’s abilities to lead Canada’s Army into the future.”

General Jonathan Vance, Chief of the Defence Staff stated, “I am extremely honoured to be provided with such an incredible opportunity to command the Canadian Army and lead its proud soldiers. I look forward to building on the hard work and success of Lieutenant-General Wynnyk to ensure the Canadian Army is poised to achieve excellence in all it does.” “It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as Commander Canadian Army, and to work alongside the exceptional and professional military men and women who serve and sacrifice to protect and defend our nation and its Allies. I thank each and every one of our soldiers, our civilians and their families for what they do in support of Canada and all Canadians.” said Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier, Commander Canadian Army.

Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier has served in a variety of command and staff appointments including command of the 2nd Canadian Division/Joint Task Force (East) and the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre; as well as Director of Land Requirements and, most recently, as Chief of Programme. His numerous operational deployments include three to the former Yugoslavia; two to Afghanistan, one where he served as the Commanding Officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team; and one to Haiti where he was the Canadian Deputy Commander of the Joint Task Force. Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk has served in a variety of domestic and international appointments. Before assuming command of the Canadian Army in 2016, he was the Commander of Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. The Change of Command ceremony took place at Parliament Hill and included a 100-soldier marching and band contingent comprised of members of the Ceremonial Guard drawn from the Governor General’s Foot Guards, The Canadian Grenadier Guards and several other units. Displays of

military equipment were showcased during the event. Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier, along with becoming the Commander of the Canadian Army, will also become the new Defence Team Champion for Indigenous Peoples. This position has been held by the Commander Canadian Army for over ten years.

The Canadian Army is the largest element of the Canadian Armed Forces and consists of:
23,500 full-time soldiers in the Regular Force;
19,000 part-time, volunteer soldiers in the Reserve Force;
5,000 Canadian Rangers who serve in sparsely settled northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada; and
3,000 civilian employees who support the Army.

This Weird Fighter Got the First Air-to-Air Kill of the Korean War

Brad Howard July 9, 2018



At some point during the tail end of World War II, a creative engineer at North American Aviation looked at the P-51 Mustang and wrote a memo to his boss stating that if one Mustang was amazing, then two Mustangs merged together by steel and rivets would be possibly the greatest thing to fly, ever. With one cockpit devoted to radar and the other to flying, the F-82 Twin Mustang — nicknamed “double trouble” — was born. What they didn’t know was that the Twin Mustang was destined to cement its place in history over the

skies of Korea. The F-82 was an aircraft born in the wrong era. The German fielding of the Messerschmitt ME-262 at the Second World War’s close signaled the dawn of the jet-powered fighter. As the Korean War started, Air Force jets like the F-80 were replacing the F-51D Mustangs and F-82s that had



become the core of the Air Force fleet. But there were still three squadrons of F-82s stationed in Japan. Their radar-housing double fuselage gave the 5th Air Force an all-weather capability that would come in handy as the cold war turned hot.

On June 27, 1950, five F-82s were performing a high-stakes escort mission for Air Force transports evacuating civilians out of Seoul. The North Korean Army had barreled across the border on the 25th and put the city in its crosshairs. Although the US-aligned South Koreans had fighting spirit, they lacked tanks and air support, which the North had in abundance. It was



rapidly apparent to the United States that Seoul would fall and fall fast. Evacuations began by sea and air, with F-82s providing protection. A flight of Soviet-built Yak-11s and La-7s appeared near Kimpo Airfield to intercept the evacuating transports. Lt William G Hudson and his radar operator Lt Carl Fraser jumped into the furball,

shooting down a Yak-11 and cementing their F-82 as the first American aircraft to get an air-to-air victory in Korea.

The F-82 continued to fight on in the conflict until 1952, when the final Twin Mustang was sent out for rear-guard duty in Alaska. The introduction of advanced jet fighters like the MiG-15 signaled the end of the prop fighter era, and the skies over Korea were soon filled with F-86 Sabers and MiG-15s engaged in a deadly ballet of atomic age acrobatics. But by then, the F-82 Twin Mustang had already cemented its place in Air Force history on that day over Seoul.

The US Navy's New Anti-Ship Missile Scores a Hit at RIMPAC

- but there's a twist. *David Larter 20 July 2018*



*A product image demonstrates the Naval Strike Missile being fired from a truck.
(Kongsberg)*

WASHINGTON — The US surface fleet's brand-new anti-ship missile was used as part of the barrage of rockets and missiles that put an end to the landing ship tank *Racine* on July 12 during the Rim of the Pacific exercise, but it wasn't shot by the Navy. The US Army shot the Naval Strike Missile from the back of a truck using its Palletized Load System in a demonstration that

is likely to raise eyebrows in China. The missile, a joint venture between the Norwegian company Kongsberg and Raytheon, was fired from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Barking Sands, Hawaii, at the former USS Racine, which was floating 55 nautical miles north of Kauai, Hawaii. Joining the US Army was the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force, which fired Mitsubishi's Type 12 surface-to-ship missile. The Navy inked a contract with Raytheon to start buying the NSM for its littoral combat ships and likely its future frigate. The Army's shot successfully detonated on target, according to US Pacific Fleet officials. The shots dovetail with a concept that the Army and the JGSDF have been developing, known in some circles as "archipelagic defense," which in essence calls for the use of ground forces to deny Chinese forces free movement through the theater by deploying anti-ship and anti-air missiles throughout the island chains that pepper the Asia-Pacific region.



Deploying ground forces armed with anti-ship and anti-air missiles throughout islands, while leaving those forces open to attack, complicates what many analysts see as China's goal of exercising de facto military control of 1.7 million square miles of the East and South China seas. In a 2015 article in *Foreign Affairs*, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments analyst Andrew Krepinevich argued that deploying ground forces to the first island chain (a region that refers to a line

of islands that runs from Japan's southern tip through the East and South China seas) could change China's game plan. "If Washington wants to change Beijing's calculus, it must deny China the ability to control the air and the sea around the first island chain, since the PLA [People's Liberation Army] would have to dominate both arenas to isolate the archipelago," he wrote. "The United States must also integrate allied battle networks and strengthen allied capabilities — both of which will help offset the PLA's efforts to destabilize the region's military balance. By and large, those goals can be achieved with ground forces, which would not replace existing air and naval forces but complement them."

The concept has gained traction in some circles, but the Army has been touch-and-go on the notion as it balances security concerns in Europe, said Jan van Tol, also an analyst with CSBA. "Archipelagic defense has some merit to it, and there was initial excitement when we started talking about this a few years ago, but it has seen less emphasis recently, especially as the Army is focusing more in Eastern Europe," he said. The former head of all US forces in the Pacific, Adm Harry Harris, told a conference audience in Hawaii in 2016 he wanted the Army to think about ways of using its High Mobility Artillery Rocket System and 155mm Paladin artillery to

target ships from land. “One thing I can tell you: The question of the role of land forces in ensuring access to, and maneuver in, shared domains is something the US and our friends, partners and allies must address,” he said. "Not only as a matter of security, but also a matter of economic prosperity. ... Our adversaries get this. “If we get this right, the Army will kill the archer instead of dealing with all of its arrows.”

Vancouver Artillery Association with the Museum’s 25pdr

At the Abbotsford Fair.



The ‘detachment’ L-R: Leon Jensen, Doug Loney, Bob Mugford, Don Foster.

We successfully fired two shots on Saturday. However a final shot on Sunday was a misfire although the primer was fairly struck. We are investigating and learning more about the process. See story below.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Here’s the latest additions to the website. Have you got any photos or stories to share?

The Vancouver Gunners at the Aldergrove Fair 2018

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

Beer and Pizza with 3 former Sergeants Major! <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

The 68th Overseas Depot Battery Canadian Field Artillery in 1917

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1917---68-depot.html>

The 68th Overseas Depot Battery Canadian Field Artillery in 1917

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1916---68-depot.html>

Military Medal additions Gunner Albert Edward Halladay, MM and Acting Bombardier Allen Erastus Hagar, MM <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mm.html>

Want to join our shoe box club? Put your old photos in a shoe box with//without a sheet of paper with descriptions, drop the shoe box off at Bessborough Armoury c/o Colonel (ret'd) Leon Jensen. I'll scan them and place them on line in the appropriate yearbook.

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

Who Is It



Last Week: This photo shows a B Company M2 of the 194th Tank Battalion. The Company was detached from after training at Fort Lewis, Washington and, when the other companies of the battalion were sent the San Francisco for transport to the Philippine Islands in September 1941, B Company was sent to Alaska as part of a buildup of troops.

The **M2 light tank**, officially **Light Tank, M2**, was an American pre-World War II light tank which saw limited use during World War II. The most common model, the M2A4, was equipped with one 37 mm (1.5 in) M5 gun and five .30 cal M1919 Browning machine guns. It was originally developed from the prototype T2 tank built by Rock Island Arsenal, which had a Vickers-type leaf spring suspension. The suspension was replaced by the superior vertical volute system in the T2E1 series of 1935. This was put into production with minor modifications as the M2A1 in 1936, with ten produced. The main pre-war version was the M2A2, with 239 produced, becoming the main tank in the US Army infantry units in the pre-world-war-II period. The Spanish Civil War showed that tanks armed only with machine guns were ineffective. This led to the M2A4 with a 37 mm gun as the main armament. A total of 375 were delivered, the last ten as late as April 1942.

Its only combat use in American units was with the US Marine Corps 1st Tank Battalion during the Pacific War in 1942. However, it is believed that M2A4s served in Burma and India with the British 7th Hussars and 2nd Royal Tank Regiment during their engagements with the Imperial Japanese Army's 14th Tank Regiment. The M2A4 light tank led to the development of the M3 Stuart (AKA 'Honey') light tank and the M4 Tractor artillery prime mover. The M3 Stuart saw widespread use throughout the war.

This Week: In the annals of military history there are many stalwart figures, and we will feature a few of them over the next while, some Canadian, others not, but all connected to our national story. We sincerely regret that we cannot feature living persons, so the editor is to be left out, much as we'd like to feature him, especially now that his beard (he fancied himself a pioneer, or maybe even a naval type) is gone. Also gone, and, sadly somewhat forgotten, is this handsome fellow. Gazing wistfully into the future, now our past, he sports a fine centre-part in his luxuriant blonde hair, and an even finer, Kitchener-esque moustache, once the mark of a fine, professional soldier. He is nattily attired in the uniform of an officer of means, but his

rank may not be what you think, as pips and crowns were used slightly differently when this photo (coloured with oils) was taken.



His professionalism was rather rare at that time, at least in the country of his birth. Were one to wish a career in the armed forces, one would certainly not stay in one's native land back then, and would instead seek fame and fortune by joining the Imperial Forces of the crown. He did not (well, most of the time he didn't), yet he was able to find that which many of his generation sought.

So, who was he? Our one hint is that his name could be considered suitable for someone of his nationality, even if another animal has long taken credit for representing all furry friends of that country. Please send your thoughts to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd. redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Thank you.

From the 'Punitenary'

Why did the M&M go to school? Because he really wanted to be a Smartie

Murphy's Other Laws

New systems generate new problems

Quotable Quotes

The key to change is to let go of fear. *Rosanne Carter Cash*

ABBOTSFORD AGRIFAIR 2018

August 2018 will mark the 108th Abbotsford AGRIFAIR.

A lot has changed in the past 108 years!

Family dynamics have changed – no longer is the nuclear family considered the “norm”. Now there are blended families, working parents, co-parenting, an entire generation who values volunteerism and community participation. This is the family of today and Agrifair is an integral part of enriching family life in our diverse and inclusive community. *Community* neighbors are coming closer together, feeling the need to be a part of something bigger, something important. Agrifair takes the role of community leader very seriously and celebrates our past and embraces the future through fun, family events and education. People are bombarded with so much negativity in the world - day to day and minute to minute, Agrifair’s board of directors and staff felt that after celebrating Canada’s 150th last year – we still have reason to celebrate!

We invite you to celebrate Family and Community with us at Agrifair 2018, August 3-5. We are deep in the planning stages of 2018 that will include new attractions, more entertainment while still maintaining affordable pricing for families and our community. Partnering with so many amazing attractions such as the Dock Dog Show, the **Demolition Derby** in the motor sports arena including the **FMX Bike Riders** and a brand new competition, the Logger Sports Show in conjunction with the **Laughing Logger** entertainment show. Expanding on our agricultural program and adding to the **Country Horse Classic** show with a new Dog & Pony addition. Our Family building will continue to improve and add fun for both young and old, including our free **Family Relief Room**. Don’t miss our edu-entertainment areas through out the fair grounds. And so much more proving we are the best little country fair on earth!!

We acknowledge the financial assistance of the province of BC.

FAIR HOURS & GATE PRICES

GATE PRICING

10 and under FREE

One Day Adult \$12/day

One Day Student \$10/day

One Day Senior \$10/day

3 – day weekend wristband \$18 (in & out gate privileges)

1 entry parking pass \$5 (no in & out privileges)

3-day parking pass \$30 (in & out privileges - limited availability)

GATE HOURS

Admission Gates open at 10:00am and close at 10:00pm

The Fair is open from 10:00am and closes at 11:00pm

FAMILY PETS

Although we appreciate you want your pets to have as much fun as you – only Guide Assistance pets are allowed on site.

If you require more information please call 604-852-6674 or email agrifair@telus.net

The Vancouver Artillery Association will be attending with the FAT and 25pdr and we are looking for volunteers to help staff the display. Note that members of our display team are admitted to the Agrifair free. If you are available, please contact me at bob.mugford@gmail.com

Abbotsford Airshow - Schedule of Events

***PLEASE NOTE: Performance times are approximate and subject to change without notice. Only select performers are listed below. For full lineup, please see our 2018 Performers page. ***

Friday Aug 10, 2018

Time	Twilight Show
15:00	<i>Gates Open</i> Static Display, Exhibit Area and Concessions Open
16:30	US Navy Blue Angels
17:40	Opening Ceremonies & Anthems
18:00	Canadian Forces Snowbirds
19:30	<i>Static Display Closes</i>
20:30	CF-18 Hornet Twilight Demo
21:45	Fireworks Finale
22:30	<i>Gates Close</i>

Saturday & Sunday Aug 11 & 12, 2018

Time	Full Day Shows
09:00	<i>Gates Open</i> Static Display, Exhibit Area and Concessions Open
10:45	Opening Ceremonies & Anthems
11:00	Flying Events Begin
14:00	US Navy Blue Angels
15:00	CF-18 Hornet Demo
15:45	Canadian Forces Snowbirds
16:30	Flying Events End
17:00	<i>Static Display Closes</i>
18:00	<i>Gates Close</i>

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ALL ABOARD!

AT THE STEVESTON INTERURBAN TRAM

- Dates: August 18, 2018
- Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Location: [Steveston Interurban Tram](#)
- Address: 4011 Moncton Street, Richmond, BC V7E 3A8
- Price: Free
- [Website](#)

DETAILS

All Aboard! is your ticket to discover Richmond's transportation heritage. Richmond's transportation past and present rolls into the Steveston Interurban Tram. Explore Tram Car 1220 and the surrounding site filled with guest transportation experts, live music, children's crafts and activities and more

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Fifth (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation and the Vancouver Island Artillery Association



4th Annual - Drive for Victory

9-Hole, Texas Scramble at Ardmore Golf Course

Supporting the Foundation's programs

Fundraising projects in support of the Regiment and its Cadet Corps

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Meet 3:30 Start 4:00

Ardmore Golf Course

930 Ardmore Drive, Sidney, BC

(250) 656-4621

Register at Eventbrite (see below)

Or, for more information please contact:

Stu McDonald (604) 886-6847 ssmcd2@gmail.com

Dress: Golf attire Collared shirt, no jeans

9 holes of golf followed by dinner: choice of steak, chicken, salmon or ribs
Secret Score Wins \$200

Come support the Foundation in its support of serving soldiers
and the Cadet Corps
and

An opportunity for fellowship with other Island Gunners and their supporters

Admission: \$300 a foursome Individuals \$80
(dinner only \$25) - or make a donation at Eventbrite

Register at Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fourth-annual-drive-for-victory-foundation-and-viaa-golf-tournament-tickets-47700940798?ref=estw>

Charitable donation receipts will be provided for a portion of each admission fee or donation.

Canadian Charity Number 88894 5664

To Register go to:-

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fourth-annual-drive-for-victory-foundation-and-viaa-golf-tournament-tickets-47700940798?ref=estw>



Op UBIQUE 2019

Gunners Return to Normandy, 75 Gunners to Normandy's 75th and the 75th Anniversary of D-Day 31 May to 10 June 2019

Gunners and Friends of Gunners

Aim

The aim of this program is to unite the Gunner community while studying and commemorating important aspects of the history, heritage and legacy of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Mission

To conduct an “Artillery” Battlefield Study of Normandy and France in conjunction with celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Background

- June 6th 2019 will see a major celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the success of Allied landings on the beaches of Normandy, June 6th 1944. The D-Day Landings marked the beginning of the operations that liberated France and Northern Europe. As with other milestone years, the D-Day ceremonies in 2019 will include many major events, attended by large crowds, including Canadian, British, American and other Allied nations, and numerous dignitaries including Royalty and Heads of State.
- Canadian Gunners played a major role in the liberation of Normandy, and the 75th Anniversary of D-Day affords an outstanding opportunity for Canadian Gunners to remember and celebrate their past, and allow the younger generation to learn about our wonderful history.
- The “Pilgrimage to Vimy” program of April 2017 demonstrated the interest and enthusiasm that Gunners have for their history and heritage, in that 100 Gunners (++) trekked through the battlefields of France 100 years after the Battle of Vimy Ridge. We can do it again, in Normandy.

Overview

- **RCA Senate supports this Project and would like all RCA units to participate**
- 75 Serving Members is the target (75th Anniversary of Normandy)
- The trip is open to retired Gunners, partners, friends of Gunners, etc. (as with Vimy 100) – first come, first served
- Leadership by BGens (Retd) Beno and Patterson
- The designated Senior Serving Officer is Major Richard Gratton
- Travel company is Merit Travel, Kingston – Brian Cruikshank
- BGen Dave Patterson is the lead Historian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 May Travel to Paris	1 June Drive to Arras Hotel Arras
2 June Vimy Hill 70 Hotel Arras	3 June Drive to Normandy, Dieppe and Pegasus Bridge Hotel Caen	4 June Juno Beach day Beny Cemetery Hotel Caen	5 June D+1 Day Carpiquet and Abbaye d'Ardenne Hotel Caen	6 June D-Day 75 at Juno Beach Centre Hotel Caen	7 June Verrières Ridge Falaise gap Hotel Caen	8 June Unveil Gunner Monument at Point 67 Hotel Caen
9 June Omaha Beach Hotel Caen	10 June Rtn to Canada					

Itinerary

Day 1 – 31 May ...Depart Canada for Paris.

Day 2 – 1 June ...We arrive in Paris, meet our buses and then drive to Arras where we will settle into our hotels and explore this beautiful city, completely rebuilt after the First World War.

Day 3 – 2 June ... Today we will visit the Vimy memorial and the battlefields surrounding it, as well as Notre-Dame de Lorette, the largest French war cemetery and the Ring of Remembrance.

Day 4 – 3 June ... We depart Arras and head for Normandy. On our way to Caen we will stop at Pegasus Bridge to see the Airborne Museum and tour the battlefields of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion

Day 5 – 4 June... This is our day on the beaches at Juno. We will visit the landing sites and also the impressive Juno Beach Centre, where the memorials to the Gunner support to the landings have been placed. We will end the day with a visit to Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery.

Day 6 – 5 June ... We head beyond the beach to look at the controversial battles of D+1 as well as the bitter struggle for Carpiquet Airfield. We end the day at the sombre garden of the Abbaye d'Ardenne.

Day 7 – 6 June ... This is the day for the 75th Anniversary ceremonies at the Juno Beach Centre. A sun hat, patience, and lots of water will be required!

Day 8 – 7 June ... We head south of Caen to the two-week battle for Verrières Ridge and then follow the path of the Canadian Army as it closed the Falaise Gap.

Day 9 – 8 June ... This day will be the big event for the Gunners as we dedicate the Artillery Memorial to the Normandy Campaign at Point 67 on Verrières Ridge.

Day 10 – 9 June ... A bonus trip will take us to visit the American beach at Omaha as well as the impressive American cemetery there.

Day 11 – 10 June ... We will depart early to make flights from Paris that will return us to Canada.

Costs

Tour Price (Land Only)

CAD \$4200 – (per person, Double occupancy) (single supplement: \$1572 – limited availability)
CAD \$3800 (per person 2-5 per room) for Serving Military Members (single supplement \$1100 – very limited ability)

Accommodation options at \$4100 and \$4000 are available in limited numbers.

Departure costs from major airports (Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, etc.) will be determined based on demand

\$750 per person deposit on booking

Key Dates

- Booking and Down payment (\$750) – **Please do so ASAP**
- 14 September, 2018 – Cut-off date for Booking and Down payment (Units, please act ASAP upon return in Fall)
- 07 December 2018 – Non-refundable deposit of \$1,500
- 07 March 2019 – Final Payment
- 07 March – Security Clearance for Access to Juno Beach
- 31 May – Depart Canada

Bookings and Payment

Contact Brian Cruikshank: BCruikshank@MeritTravel.com 1-866-341-1777 #3375

Unit Participation

Honoraries and Commanding Officers are requested to advise BGen Beno of their unit's participation. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

Note that there are modest funds available to support units that cannot raise money locally.

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Good Shooting! UBIQUE!

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