



**Vancouver Artillery  
Association News**



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## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Mar 26, 2019**

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future 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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**Wednesday Lunches -** We need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. The Mess serves 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 and friends. 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.

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| <b>Mar 27</b> | NOABC Speaker lunch - Captain Dwight Merriam, USN (Ret)   |
| <b>Mar 28</b> | Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon 2019                      |
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| <b>Apr 27</b> | 15 <sup>th</sup> Fd Senior NCO's Mixed Dining In          |

## **Next in the RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series!**

**You are invited: Canada's Role in the WW 2 Bomber Command Campaign**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **April 10** from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** at the Officers Mess, Bessborough Armoury for an informed, historical presentation on Canada's critical participation in the World War Two Allied bomber campaign. Providing the analysis will be well-known military historian, **Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.**

Col Maxwell served more than 40 years in the Canadian Forces including directing NORAD intercept missions against Soviet and later Russian air incursions in Alaska as an AWACS commander and later, at NORAD HQ in Colorado Springs during the first Gulf War. He then joined NATO HQ in Brussels where he was responsible for bringing former Iron Curtain countries into NATO air defence and modernizing NATO Command and Control and the alliance's Missile Defence initiative.

The RUSI Speaker Series is free, everyone is welcome, and a no-host bar will be available. Please confirm you will attend on **April 10** by sending an RSVP e-mail to: [LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM).

**When: Wednesday, April 10 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**

**Where: Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11 Avenue, Vancouver.**

RUSI Vancouver thanks the Commanding Officer of 15Fd (RCA) Regiment and the Officers Mess for their cooperation.

## **World War 2 – 1944**

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

**Mar 27<sup>th</sup>:** British torpedo boats destroy a German coastal convoy off Vado in Italy. Kamenets-Podolski is taken by 1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Front. Slim pulls in 2<sup>nd</sup> UK Division as a reserve for the Kohima/Imphail front. The Convoy JW-58 leaves Iceland for Murmansk, when it arrives on April 5<sup>th</sup>, it will have made history: Not one ship will be lost, but 3 U-boats and a number of German aircraft will be.

**Mar 28<sup>th</sup>:** After a long and fierce struggle, the Black Sea naval anchorage of Nikolayev is back in Soviet hands.

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>:** Troops from 1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Front cross the Prut River and nose into the foothills of the Carpathians. 31<sup>st</sup> Japanese Division cuts the road between Kohima and Imphail, but Slim plans on supplying Imphail by air anyway.

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>:** Hitler sacks Manstein and Kleist from command in the Ukraine over their refusal to abide by his 'stand-fast' orders forbidding retreat; Model takes command in the North Ukraine, Schoerner in the South and Lindemann replaces Model as head of Army Group North. US troops occupy Pityilu Island in the Admiralties. The submarine USS Tullibee sinks with all but one of its crew, apparently the victim of one of its own torpedoes which malfunctioned and ran in a circular track.

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>:** Task Force 58 hits a Japanese anchorage on Palau Island but sink no warships (all of which scampered off previously). The RAF raid on Nuremburg suffers the worst proportion of losses it has sustained in a single raid since 1939: 96 out of 795 planes are lost and 70 come home damaged with much of the credit going to recent improvements in German night fighters

with Lichtenstein radars. Admiral Mineichi Koga -- Yamamoto's replacement as chief of Japan's Combined Fleet – goes missing with his transport aircraft too; it flew into a storm front and did not emerge.

**April 1944:** The Japanese at the Gates of India *“The struggle has developed into a fight between the material strength of the enemy and our spiritual strength. Continue in the task till all your ammunition is expended. If your hands are broken fight with your feet. If your hands and feet are broken use your teeth. If there is no breath left in your body, fight with your spirit. Lack of weapons is no excuse for defeat.”* -Lt Gen Renya Mutaguchi, 15<sup>th</sup> Japanese Army, ordering his starving diseased troops to compensate for his acute logistic failures in the offensive aimed at Kohima and Imphail (quote in Harries and Harries ‘Soldiers of the Sun’)

**General:** British-based Allied heavy bombers will dump 76,500 tons of bombs this month, mostly on rail targets, while medium bombers drop about 9,000 tons on rail targets in Belgium and France. Allied heavy bombers in the Med concentrate their efforts on Romania. The British Indian Ocean Fleet is reinforced by three Escort Carriers and the French Battleship Richelieu.

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>:** TF58 finishes its attack in the Carolines; in three days, they have lost 26 aircraft but destroyed 150 and sunk 130,000 tons of shipping. Two more islands in the Admiralties are occupied by US forces. Another group of German forces are pocketed near Skala in the Ukraine. April Fools Day is no joke for the Swiss town of Schaffhausen, which is mistakenly bombed by US bombers, killing 50 people and wounding 150.

**Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Soviet troops enter Romania around Chernovatsy. Japanese troops sever the road between Imphail and Kohima.

## **Search and Rescue Capability a Perfect Fit for Army Reserve**

CANADIAN ARMY: Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs MARCH 11, 2019

Esquimalt, British Columbia — Members of the Canadian Army Reserve can now add Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR) to their expanding list of mission tasks. The first round of training has already taken place at the four ARes artillery units – in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax – that have been selected to house the LUSAR capability. The addition of LUSAR to the ARes is just the latest development in the Canadian Army's ongoing Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) initiative. StAR is an effort to boost ARes recruitment and improve retention by, among many other things, broadening the variety of mission tasks available to ARes units.

Mission tasks encompass a wide range of significant and specific Canadian Army functions, including LUSAR. Examples of other mission tasks include Arctic Response Company Groups, Territorial Battalion Groups, Infantry Platoons, Assault Pioneers, Mortars, Influence Activities, Long Haul Trucking, and Light Engineer Bridging. Each ARes unit will be assigned the resources required to train and employ soldiers in their unit's specific mission task. Glenn

Cooper leads the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt in British Columbia. In charge of training the ARes teams, he noted that it is the complexity of LUSAR that makes it an ideal fit for the Army's part-time force. Unlike Reservists, he explained, full-time soldiers in the Regular Force generally move to new postings every three years, which would make retaining the required skills much more difficult. "So, the longevity of the Reserve units is ideal for this capability."



*Members of 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery received training in Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR) in November 2018. Army Reserve units right across the country are receiving the training, which will enable them to be effective partners to civilian experts in search and rescue when called upon to assist in disaster response.*

*Photo: Captain Graeme Kaine, 39 Canadian Brigade Group Public Affairs. ©2018 DND/MDN Canada.*

A LUSAR team's tasks include reconnaissance and hazard evaluation in disaster-affected areas. The smallest of the three search-and-rescue models, LUSAR teams differ from their medium and heavy counterparts in terms of size – they consist of 18 to 30 personnel versus 30 to 70 for a medium team, and 70 to 120 for a heavy team. "All three work together," Mr Cooper explained. "You get the light team out quickly so they can do the search and recon portion. By the time the medium and heavy teams start arriving, that portion is done. Then the work sites are already prioritized, and the others can get to work more quickly." A hazardous materials awareness course is a prerequisite to the training. "That's just to identify that there's a product, identify it as hazardous and know how far to remove their members or the public away from that to keep them safe," Mr Cooper explained. "They are not dealing with the material or trying to contain it."

*Reservists in British Columbia recently received training in Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR). It is one of many new mission tasks recently given to Reserve units, which are uniquely positioned to provide support to civilian authorities in responding to domestic emergencies such as earthquakes, which are of particular concern on the west coast.*



*Photo: Captain Graeme Kaine, 39 Canadian Brigade Group Public Affairs. ©2018 DND/MDN Canada*

LUSAR teams also include medics whose primary role is to aid team members in distress, though they will also assist with civilian casualties where necessary. The practices and training standards involved are governed by civilian bodies, with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada being the lead agency. A LUSAR team would be called into action only when provincial governments formally request military assistance for disaster response. So far, Mr Cooper said, Reservists have been an enthusiastic training audience. “I think, coming in, they were apprehensive. By the end, the majority were asking, ‘How can I get more training?’ It’s taking them way beyond anything they ever thought they would do. There’s no perfect way to do any type of rescue. You’ve got to think on your feet, and it does challenge people.”



*Members of 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery are pictured with civilian partners who helped train them in Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR) in November 2018. Reserve artillery units across the country are being trained in this capability which will enable them to bring their unique skills to bear in supporting civilian organizations in the response to domestic natural disasters.*

*Photo: Captain Graeme Kaine, 39 Canadian*

*Brigade Group Public Affairs. ©2018 DND/MDN Canada.*

Major Pawel Dudek is Desk Officer for the LUSAR capability at 39 Canadian Brigade Group (39 CBG) in Vancouver. 39 CBG encompasses 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, where the LUSAR capability for Western Canada is based. Maj Dudek received training from Mr. Cooper and his team back in 2006, before LUSAR was added to the list of Reserve mission tasks. “The training that’s being provided by Glen and his crew is very valuable because it’s very realistic,” he said. The foundational soldiering skills that all Reservists bring to the table are a good fit for LUSAR operations, Maj Dudek added, and a strong complement to the civilian practitioners that they will work alongside when called upon. “When you add on the LUSAR skills, you have a very capable and very disciplined Reserve Force that’s being welcomed with open arms by the civilian practitioners. What we lack is something they can provide, and we can provide what they lack. So, I would say it’s a very symbiotic relationship.”

## **China’s New Patented 'Magnetized Plasma Artillery'**

*Michael Peck, The National Interest     March 18, 2019*

China claims to be developing "magnetized plasma artillery." The Chinese military recently published a notice inviting researchers to devise a weapon that sounds like a sort of electromagnetic rail gun—which uses magnetism instead of gunpowder to fire shells—that several nations are developing. But actually, deploying railguns has been hampered by the size

of the weapon and especially the vast amount of electrical energy needed to propel a shell to speeds of greater than Mach 7. For example, despite years of research and vast sums of money, the U.S. Navy appears less than optimistic about fitting railguns on its warships. But Chinese scientists believe that magnetized plasma artillery will be so light and energy-efficient that it can be mounted on tanks. "The notice invites tenders for a theory-testing and a launch system for magnetized plasma artillery," said China's state-owned Global Times. "Although the weapon sounds as if it comes from a sci-fi movie, it will probably not shoot high-energy plasma but ultra-high velocity cannon shells." But how exactly does magnetized plasma artillery work? Global Times helpfully noted that a Chinese-approved patent is available on Google Patents.

Here is the text of the patent:

*The invention discloses magnetized plasma artillery. A magnetic field is arranged in an artillery body pipe, the direction of the magnetic field points to an artillery port along the direction of an axis of the artillery body pipe, the magnetic field strength is gradually reduced from an inner wall of the artillery body pipe to the axis of the artillery body pipe, and the gas in the artillery body pipe can be ionized into the plasma for forming a plasma sheath layer on the inner wall of the artillery body pipe under the action of the magnetic field while the artillery is launched. The magnetized plasma sheath layer formed on the inner wall of the artillery body pipe of the magnetized plasma artillery has stress anisotropic characteristic and has thermal insulation function, and then, the radial force for the artillery body pipe is greatly reduced, the driving force for the bullet is greatly improved, the heat resistance of the artillery body pipe is greatly improved and the service life is prolonged.*



*A PLZ-83 152mm self-propelled howitzer system attached to a brigade under the PLA 81st Group Army fires at mock target during a round-the-clock live-fire training exercise at an artillery training base in north China in late September 2018.*

*Photo: eng.chinamil.com.cn*

In other words, the magnetized plasma layer protects the gun barrel from wear and heat and allow the projectile to achieve a higher launch velocity. Chinese military analyst Wei Dongxu told Global Times that the new technology "would extend the range of a conventional 155-millimeter self-propelled howitzer from 30 to 50 kilometers [19 to 31 miles] to 100 kilometers [62 miles]. The plasma layer might also reduce friction between the barrel and rounds, making the weapon more accurate." Dennis Killinger, a professor emeritus of physics at the University of South Florida, called the idea "intriguing." "The idea seems possible," he told the *National Interest*. "My main question is what is the lifetime of the plasma and is it sufficient during the launch time inside the barrel." It is also a different approach than a railgun. "I don't think that you can think of it as an offshoot of the classic railgun technique since the railgun is more a

linear motor (moving mag field) approach using a fixed stator (i.e., bullet) similar to the linear accelerators used for the newer roller coasters. This new, patented technique uses a plasma which interacts with the magnetic field and serves as a liner for the barrel."

## **The Awesome AMX 13**

France's Post-WWII Tank Design Features an Oscillating Turret and is Still Used Today

*Nikola Budanovic Apr 28, 2018*



*Israeli AMX 13*

*Photo by ימית –  
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The tank is a resilient and devastating war machine, and a key element in many conflicts throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. To break the deadlock of trench warfare in the western front during the WWI, the concept of tank battle was developed. Britain and France simultaneously and separately developed the first tanks during the WWI. The name 'tank' was adopted for the British 'land ships' in 1915 to maintain the secrecy of the armored vehicles. In an effort to fool the enemy spies, British army propagated the myth that they had been building 'mobile water tanks'. The world saw tanks in battle for the first time on September 15, 1916, when British Army deployed these armored land ships during the Battle of the Somme. Throughout 20<sup>th</sup> century, tanks have played a dynamic role for the army and it has seen fierce and devastating action. It is a strong mobile weapon platform with a large caliber rotating cannon capable of preventing enemy vehicles from advancing. From the Battle of the Bulge in WWII to the 1981 Battle of Dezful during the eight yearlong Iran-Iraq war, tanks performed as the most significant offensive weapons around the world.

*Close view of an oscillating turret.*



Following the fall of France in 1940, the country's development of armored vehicles was suspended for a period that lasted throughout WWII. France probably had the best tank designs in Europe before the War, but it was reduced to the puppet state of Vichy France after occupation by the Germans. As the war ended, the French military felt the need to continue its pre-war tradition of tank designs and immediately started the development of several models. In 1946 they produced a preliminary drawing of the Char 13t-75 Modèle 51, or what would later be known as the AMX 13 tank. Its name derived from its original weight which was 13 tons. Probably the most innovative part of the tank is its oscillating turret made of two hinged parts to which the

gun is fixed, and the entire upper turret changes elevation. This provides high gun placement, smaller turret size and simpler fitting of an autoloader. The AMX 13 employed a loading system fed by two six-round magazines. On the other hand, the autoloader system proved to be unreliable, which led to the unpopularity of the design. The AMX 13 was intended as a light tank suitable for air transport, as its role was to serve as a fire support vehicle for paratroopers.

In 1948 a first prototype was running, and in 1953, the tank entered production. Armed with a 75 mm gun, a machine gun, and smoke grenade dischargers, it was intended to provide immediate cover after airborne insurgency. It had light armor (10-40 mm thick) which was designed to reduce the weight of the tank and improve its speed and mobility. The AMX tank was capable of developing a speed of 37 mph (60 km/h). It was established as the light tank of the French Army. The AMX 13 went on to produce more than a hundred different variants, some of them included self-propelled guns, anti-aircraft systems, APCs, and ATGM versions. The tank was tested in action during the Suez Canal Crisis in 1956 as part of the 2nd Foreign Cavalry Regiment. It also participated in some operations during the Algerian War for Independence, but due to the nature of the conflict – in which the Algerians used extensive guerilla methods – the tank found itself of little use.



*An Israeli AMX 13 on display next to a Sherman tank;*

*Bukvoed – CC-BY SA 3.0*

The tank also performed poorly as part of the Pakistani arsenal during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, which cemented its reputation as no match for the main battle tanks of the time. Nevertheless, the AMX 13 has been modernized numerous times and continues to serve in the armies of 11 countries

which include Argentina, Cambodia, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Nepal, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kuwait, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. It was exported to other countries, such as Israel, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Pakistan, and many others. During the Six Day War, 400 AMX tanks were part of the IDF (Israel Defense Force) armored units. It became evident the tank was too lightly armored and armed to perform any other purpose apart from support and reconnaissance.

## **Military, Retired Military & Emergency Services offers and Discounts**

### **Ski Packages for Whistler Blackcomb**

Whistler Blackcomb offers several types of ski pass packages for military, veterans and emergency services personnel, some of which are also good at other Vail Resorts facilities.

See poster at end of newsletter for details on this offer and others.

## Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The update is rather sparse again this week as your President is still working on the website for The Royal Canadian Artillery Association. My membership cleansing project team includes the Colonel Commandant, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Editor and a Past President. The task would be completed much faster if more volunteers came forward. Looking to be part of a membership committee?

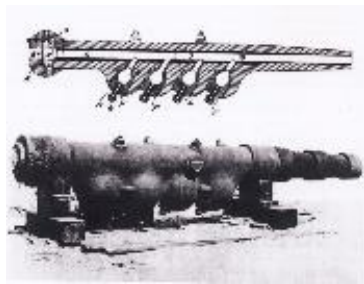
There was some more work done on the 18 pounder and you can find some photos posted on the 2019 yearbook page. [www.vancouvergunners.ca/2019.html](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2019.html)

Your president has also received his nomination package for October 2019. Send me an email if you live in Langley and want to get involved in an exciting period of the political cycle.

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

## Who Is It

**Last Week: James Richard Haskell** was an American inventor chiefly remembered for his



invention (with Azel S Lyman) of a multi-charge gun which was intended to increase muzzle velocity by detonating additional propellant charges behind the projectile or shell as it moved up the gun's barrel and was a distant ancestor of the World War II German V-3 "supergun" and Gerald Bull's Project Babylon guns. In 1855 Haskell began experimenting with multi-charge guns in partnership with Azel S Lyman, who originated the idea of applying successive charges of gunpowder to accelerate the velocity of a projectile.

Haskell and Lyman reasoned that subsidiary propellant charges, spaced at intervals up the barrel of a gun in side chambers and ignited an instant after a shell had passed them, could increase the muzzle velocity of a projectile. The result: the "Lyman-Haskell multi-charge gun", which they constructed on the instructions of the US Army's Chief of Ordnance. It did not resemble a conventional artillery piece; the barrel was so long that it had to be laid on an inclined ramp, and it had pairs of chambers angled back at 45 degrees let into it. It was test fired at the Frankfort Arsenal at Philadelphia in 1880 and was unsuccessful; due to faulty obturation, the flash from the original propellant charge bypassing the projectile and prematurely ignited the subsidiary charges. The best velocity that could be obtained from it was 335 metres per second (1,100 ft/s), much worse than a conventional Armstrong Gun of the same period. Lyman and Haskell abandoned the idea, though it was apparently briefly raised again in Britain during World War I.

**This Week:** The 1930s, especially the early part of that decade, was a time of financial difficulty for everyone, but especially for our armed forces. Summer training for the militia was restricted, and even cancelled in some cases. Pay not only did not rise, it fell, and recruitment was at a standstill. It was not until the rise of tensions in Europe in the second half of the decade that things began to return to normal. However, years of cutbacks led to severe shortages in all manner of clothing and equipment, with some units receiving only partial



supplies. Such was the case for the fabled Duke of Burnaby's Own Highlanders (The Spuzzum Rifles), whose sole uniform item of issue, thanks to a fire in their armoury, consisted of sporrans, kindly donated by the Honourable and Ancient Order of Alba (Women's Division).

This week's photo, from the museum archives, shows one such sun-burnt warrior, proudly parading in his regimental regalia at the summer training camp at Sarcee, Alberta in 1937. As sunscreen had not yet been developed, there was a very high sick parade rate that summer, and a high mortality rate in later years from skin cancer.

The question for our historical sleuths is simple: what current regiment wears an identical sporran? A bonus point would be to identify this fine example of Canadian military might. Send your answers either to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or the author, John Redmond [johnd. redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net). Make sure

your SPF is at least 30.

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

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

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

If the rear echelon troops are really happy, the front-line troops probably don't have what they need.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them. -  
*Washington Irving*



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia  
Founded 1919

### **Luncheon Speaker's Series organized by NOABC**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 W 11th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Presentation starts at 1300 hrs

## **Captain Dwight Merriam, A Lifetime of Service**

Topics at this presentation will include:

- ☐ His Service in Vietnam
- ☐ Recent Developments in the U.S. Navy
- ☐ Importance today of the citizen-soldier

### **Speaker's biography**



Captain (Retired) Dwight Merriam of Connecticut served 31 years from 1968 to 1999 as an Officer in the United States Navy, Surface Warfare. Seven of these years were active service, including three Vietnam deployments, and his remaining 24 years were in the Reserves. As a Commander, he commanded Personnel Mobilization Team 101 responsible for mobilization of 80,000 Navy reservists and retirees. His last command, as a Captain, was of the augmentation unit of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

Captain Merriam will speak first on his service in Vietnam, then on recent developments in the U.S. Navy, and finally on the importance today of the citizen-soldier.

In civilian life, Captain Merriam, a graduate of Yale Law School, is a nationally recognized land use lawyer and planner. He recently retired after 40 years from a 225-lawyer firm at age 70, as required by its partnership agreement, and has taken up a solo law practice.

Captain Merriam has four children, including his daughter U.S. Federal Magistrate Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam who he notes, with a father's pride, also graduated from Yale Law School.

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**If you plan to attend the lunch and presentation please respond to David Reese  
by Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**At either [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or call him at 778-227-8203 so that he can advise the caterer.**

# **Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon 2019**



## **WEST COAST SPRING BLACK HAT LUNCHEON**

### **BATTLE OF MOREUIL WOOD LUNCHEON 2019**

**ALL SERVING MEMBERS, RETIRED, FRIENDS, SPOUSES AND FAMILY OF THE RCAC  
ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE MOREUIL WOOD LUNCHEON TO  
COMMEMORATE THE BATTLE ON 31 MARCH 1918**

**THE LUNCHEON WILL COMMENCE AT 1100HRS AND CONCLUDE AT  
APPROXIMATELY 1400HRS TO MEET FERRY SCHEDULES**

**28 MARCH 2019**

**AT**

**SIDNEY NORTH SAANICH YACHT CLUB  
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NORTH SAANICH,  
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

#### **DRESS**

**SUGGESTED- JACKET AND TIE**

#### **TARIFF**

**\$35.00**

#### **RSVP**

**DAVID SCANDRETT - [SCAND@SHAW.CA](mailto:SCAND@SHAW.CA)**

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# 15 Fd Regimental Band at KPUWS – March 29, 2019



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## KPUWS 2018-19 CONCERTS

### THURSDAY

**Oct 18, 2018**

#### *Vision for a New Season*

KPU Wind Symphony

**Music Director:** Dr. Scott MacLennan

**Music by:** Rossini, Persichetti, Gillingham,  
Dello Joio, & Ticheli

**With special guests:** Langley Fine Arts  
School Wind Ensemble

**Conductor:** Mark Lainchbury

### FRIDAY

**Feb 8, 2019**

#### *Friends and Family*

KPU Wind Symphony

**Music Director:** Dr. Scott MacLennan

**Music by:** Sousa, Erickson, Chance,  
Grainger, & Milhaud

**With special guests:** Fleetwood Park  
Secondary Senior Concert Band

**Conductors:** Colleen Sheridan & Adam Gough

### FRIDAY

**Nov 30, 2018**

#### *Colourful Shades*

KPU Wind Symphony

**Music Director:** Dr. Scott MacLennan

**Music by:** Estacio, Whelan, MacKay,  
Ticheli, & Lovrien

**With special guests:** Earl Marriot  
Secondary Senior Concert Band

**Conductor:** Ryan Rutley

### FRIDAY

**Mar 29, 2019**

#### *Contemplation and Celebration*

KPU Wind Symphony

**Music Director:** Dr. Scott MacLennan

**Music by:** Vaughan Williams, Whitacre,  
Sparke, Handel, & Yagisawa

**With special guests:** Band of the 15th Field  
Artillery Regiment

**Conductor:** Cheryl McHugh

*Programs are  
subject to change.*

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# **Annual RCAF Anniversary Dinner – 30 March 2019**



## **AIR FORCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Since 1920*

### **NOTICE**

**ANNUAL RCAF ANNIVERSARY MESS DINNER**

**SATURDAY, 30 March 2019,**

**1800 HOURS**

**AT**

**THE POINT GREY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

**LOCATED AT 3350 SW MARINE DRIVE, VANCOUVER**

**A MESS DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF THE 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**

**AND**

**THE 79<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN**

- \*\*\* Dress: Formal - Mess Kit, Tux or Dark Suit - miniature medals should be worn  
Ladies - cocktail dress
- \*\*\* Cost: \$ 85.00 per person(includes wine and port)
- \*\*\* Reception: 1800 Hours (no host bar)
- \*\*\* Dinner: 1900 Hours - Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & all the trimmings
- \*\*\* Guest of Honour: Roddy MacKenzie - His topic will be RAF Bomber Command in WW II

Please bring your spouse and guests to this event. Names are needed please for the seating plan.

If you have not been phoned by your phoning committee contact by March 25<sup>h</sup>, please phone the Secretary, Jerry Vernon, at (604) 420-6065 or advise him at [jevernnon@telus.net](mailto:jevernnon@telus.net). If your plans change later, also please advise us of this, for catering purposes. No shows are no-nos!!

Payment by cheque is most appreciated by the Treasurer, both for security and accounting reasons.

Note that our finances continue to be in good order, and we have been able to hold the Mess Dinner price to \$ 85, the same as it was in 2017 and 2018, despite a small increase in our cost.

## Vimy Day Commemoration



*You are invited to attend*

### **The Vimy Day Ceremony & Army Cadet Parade**

**Mountain View Cemetery**

**5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC**

*Commonwealth War Graves Section*

**10:15 am – Sunday - April 7, 2019**

The Vimy Day Commemoration is sponsored by RUSI Vancouver with support from Veterans Affairs Canada and Mountain View Cemetery.

# 5th Regiment Band - Spring Concert

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The Fifth BC Artillery Regiment Foundation presents the



**Band of the  
5th (BC) Field Regiment,  
Royal Canadian Artillery**

Master Warrant Officer Daniel Moses, Bandmaster

*in its*

**20th Annual**

*Spring*

*Concert*

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**2:00 p.m.**

*at the*

Dave Dunnet Community Theatre  
at Oak Bay Secondary School  
2121 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria

GENERAL ADMISSION BY CASH DONATION



Donated proceeds will go to the  
Fifth BC Artillery Regiment Foundation





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## **RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER**

### **SERIES**

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Wednesday, 10 April 2019  
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Officers Mess – Bessborough Armoury

Subject: “*Canada’s Role in the WW2 Bomber Command Campaign*”



Speaker: Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.

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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**RSVP TO [LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM)**

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver with the cooperation of

LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer,  
15Fd Regiment RCA and the Officers Mess.  
Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver.

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess MIXED DINING IN



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

*Cordially invite you  
to their*

### **MIXED DINING IN** **Saturday, 27 April 2019**

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

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

RSVP required by 17 Apr 19  
to Sgt Woods  
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Vancouver BC V6J 2C7  
Email: [brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca](mailto:brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca)  
Telephone: 604-666-4876

Dress  
Mess Kit/Formal  
Couple: \$100.00  
Single: \$60.00

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Military, Retired Military & Emergency Services Discount

### **Daily Lift tickets**

2018/19 Fixed rate of -

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Discount is valid for:

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- Retired US and Canadian Military.
- Police, Fire and Ambulance Services; (Canadian and US only for non-military)
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- Search and Rescue agencies
- Transit Police

Immediate family members are also eligible

- Includes: member, spouse and immediate dependents
- No cousins, aunts/uncles, grandparents etc.
- Member must be present
- One discount per transaction (cannot have different transaction for each family member) and must be purchased with 1 payment

**Discounted season passes** for military and retired military for the 2019/2020 season are also available. See:- <https://www.epicpass.com/pass-results/military.aspx> See the 'Canadian Military Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page' for verification requirements and other information:- <https://www.epicpass.com/info/canadian-military-faqs.aspx>

### **'Support the Troops' Offers and Discounts**

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<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/support-the-troops.html>

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