



## Vancouver Artillery Association News



## RUSI News Vancouver

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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 serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

<b>Dec 05</b>	Last lunch of 2018
<b>Dec 06</b>	15 Fd Band Christmas Concert BCR Christmas Fundraiser Luncheon
<b>Dec 09</b>	CO's Christmas Tea
<b>Jan 01</b>	New Years Levée – 1100hrs in the Officers and WO & Sgts Mess
<b>Jan 08</b>	First lunch of 2019
<b>Jan 26</b>	78 <sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner

The **Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir** is holding a series of Christmas Concerts throughout the lower mainland over the next few weeks. See posters at the end of the newsletter.

**Holiday Stand down** - The Unit will stand down from Dec 9 - Jan 7. Last lunch will be Dec 5 and the first lunch of 2019 will be Jan 8. Note: Although we encourage members to bring their significant others to our lunches, the last lunch of the year has traditionally been the lunch that attendees bring their significant others, and other guests, to. If you plan to do this, please let me know ASAP so I can give numbers to Mrs Lum

### World War 2 – 1943

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

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup>:** The new 8<sup>th</sup> Army Offensive begins across the Sangro River, as 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Division cuts through the badly shaken defenders of 65<sup>th</sup> Division. The Start of the Tehran Conference,

as Churchill and Roosevelt meet Stalin – on one of the very few occasions the Soviet leader ever left the USSR.

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>:** 8<sup>th</sup> Army pushes north from the Sangro, taking some villages. Australian troops capture some ground after exploiting their victory at Finschafen.

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>:** The next commandant of the US Marine Corps is announced – General Vandergrift. A lodgment is secured by 8<sup>th</sup> Army on the high ground north of the Sangro and 5<sup>th</sup> Army makes some headway in its divisionary offensive. Major Günther Rall makes his 250<sup>th</sup> kill (all of them in a Me-109); he will go on to be awarded the Knights Cross with Oak leaves and Swords. He will also survive the war and finish his flying career as a Generalleutnant in the West German Air Force, with many friends among his erstwhile enemies.

**December 1943:** Eisenhower's Big New Promotion "*A thing of orchestrated hell—a terrible symphony of light and flame.*" -Edward R. Murrow, part of a 17-minute radio broadcast about his flight in a RAF Lancaster on a bombing mission over Germany. 3 Dec 1943 General 1943: The RAF and USAAF each drop about 12,000 tons of bombs on various targets this month.

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>:** P-51B Mustangs make their operational debut in a fighter sweep over Belgium – this extraordinary fighter has the range to start escorting bombers for the duration of their missions over German airspace and will severely deplete the Luftwaffe's strength in the coming year. In Italy, 5<sup>th</sup> Army gears up for an offensive over the Rapido and towards Monte Cassino.

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Army (now with X British Corps as well as US II and US VI Corps) inches towards Monte Camino while 8<sup>th</sup> Army continues to slog north from the Sangro. The Soviets launch a new attack near Kremenchug. The Australians on New Guinea capture Huanko on the Huon Peninsula.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:** A lucky strike for the Luftwaffe – a bomb dumped on Allied shipping in Bari hits an ammunition ship, and the resulting explosion destroys 18 ships and 38,000 tons of supplies – some casualties result from the Mustard Gas carried aboard the ammunition ship. The Soviets are pushing near Gomel, Rogachev and Cherkassy. In Italy, X British Corps is almost atop Monte Camino, and II US Corps is atop Monte Maggiore. 8<sup>th</sup> Army liberates San Vito, but 26<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division has launched a counterattack on the New Zealanders.

*Essential Reading: While chemical weapons use in the Second World War was limited (saving in the gas chambers of the death camps), most armies maintained stockpiles that were kept frequently far forward in case deterrence failed. It would take a fair amount of detective work to find the 1966 official history of the US Chemical Warfare Service, and other countries might have similar volumes somewhere. For the US service look for BE Kleber and D Birdsell The Chemical Warfare Service in Combat.*

## **Great Escape Pilot's Rare Spitfire Discovered Intact**

Found on Norwegian mountain 76 years after being shot down by Nazis. Ultra-secret aircraft used in RAF's extraordinary espionage missions convinced Hitler's forces UK had clandestine base in Scandinavia *David Keys Archaeology Correspondent @davidmkeys*

A long-lost Second World War spitfire flown by a pilot who was part of the “Great Escape” has been found almost entirely intact on a Norwegian mountain – 76 years after it was shot down by Nazis. The discovery is the first time for more than 20 years that a substantially complete and previously unknown Spitfire from this period has been found anywhere in the world. Its pilot was captured and ultimately executed by the Nazis for taking part in the war’s most famous prisoner-of-war breakout, immortalised in classic movie *The Great Escape*. Of substantial historical importance, the find highlights a normally ignored aspect of the Second World War – the RAF’s ultra-secret aerial wartime espionage missions.



*Alastair Gunn on the wing of a Spitfire at RAF Benson in 1941 (Gunn family)*

Between 1939 and 1945, more than 500 specially modified ultra-lightweight long-range Spitfires were built – mainly in Reading and Aldermaston, both in Berkshire. The planes were made for use by

the RAF’s Photographic Reconnaissance Unit (PRU). They were sent on highly dangerous secret missions to photograph enemy ships, troop movements, manufacturing facilities, railways and dams. Unarmed, stripped of all their armour plating and armoured windscreens and without even a radio, they had extra fuel tanks – and had four times the range of a conventional Spitfire. On average, each PRU Spitfire had a life expectancy of just 14 weeks. Many were shot down over the North Sea in the first three years of the war – and have therefore never been located. Others, flying at great height (up to 42,600 feet) were shot down over France and Germany in 1944 and 1945. But, because they crashed from a substantial altitude, they were almost always entirely destroyed on impact. The substantially complete Spitfire discovered in Norway is therefore an extremely rare and unusual find.

*Inside Vincent’s Coachworks, Reading, where a predominantly female workforce produced Spitfires during the Second World War (Pitcher)*



After 11 months of detailed research, the long-lost aircraft was located and identified by a Sussex-based Spitfire historian and restorer, Tony Hoskins, with help and information from local people, on a mountainside, 56 miles southwest of Trondheim. The location is remote – and normally covered by deep snow for 80 per cent of the year. Despite being mainly intact, the aircraft had to be extricated piece by piece from the bog in which it was submerged before being carried down the mountain. The secret operation the plane had been involved in was typical of the thousands of similar missions the RAF's PRU flew throughout the war. Spitfire AA810 had taken off from Wick in Northern Scotland at 8.07am on 5 March 1942. Piloted by Scotsman, Alastair "Sandy" Gunn, it then flew 580 miles across the North Sea to Faettenfjord on the Norwegian coast. Gunn's mission was to photograph the famous German battleship, the *Tirpitz* which was sheltering in that fjord.



*Alastair Gunn on the tail of  
Spitfire R7056 at RAF Benson  
(Gunn family)*

Winston Churchill was desperate to keep an eye on the battleship, because she posed a potentially lethal threat to British arms supply convoys on their way to Russia.

Accurate intelligence on *Tirpitz*'s movements was therefore crucial to

Britain's efforts to bolster the Soviet Union's ability to fight Nazi Germany. Gunn's secret operation was the 113th such mission to try to monitor the German battleship – and the first to be successfully intercepted by the Luftwaffe. Because the round trip from Britain to Norway was around 1,200 miles, the Nazis believed that the British spy planes were incapable of clocking up that mileage without landing to refuel. They therefore wrongly convinced themselves that the British had established a secret airfield somewhere in German-occupied Norway, or even in neutral Sweden. Shooting one of the British reconnaissance aircraft down would not only disrupt British military espionage – but might yield information as to where this imagined secret airfield was.

Spitfire AA810 was shot down by two Messerschmitt 109 fighters. An archaeological excavation of the plane has revealed it was hit by 200 machine gun bullets and 20 rounds of cannon fire. Before it hit the ground at around 20 degrees, its engine had stopped and its starboard side and nose and cockpit were both ablaze. Because of its shallow angle of impact – and because the ground, on the side of a mountain, was covered in deep soft fresh snow – the aircraft survived relatively intact. Gunn, who had facial and other burns, had succeeded in

bailing out. Local Norwegian civilians found him and discussed with him the possibility of him escaping over the mountains to Sweden. But he did not know how to ski, and it would have been a 110-mile long trek across very difficult terrain. Gunn therefore decided against the idea – and made the fateful decision to surrender to the Germans. He then walked down the mountainside to a local village where German troops found him. He was then flown to Oslo and then to Frankfurt, where he was interrogated by German military intelligence for four weeks.



*Inside the Vickers Assembly Hangar  
at RAF Henley-on-Thames (Darren Pitcher)*

Gunn was then sent to a POW camp, Stalag Luft 3 (in what is now Poland), where he participated in the Second World War's most famous PoW breakout – the Great Escape (March 1944). So furious

was Hitler over the escape attempt that he ordered that a majority of the escapees should be executed. Gunn was shot by Gestapo executioners in April 1944 – along with 49 other RAF fliers – including 11 Spitfire pilots.

*The battleship Tirpitz survived until November 1944  
when it was sunk by the RAF off Tromsø, Norway.*

Spitfire AA810 was discovered embedded in a mountainside peat bog. After careful excavation and meticulous on-site recording, its component pieces were carefully packed into boxes and driven back to the UK.

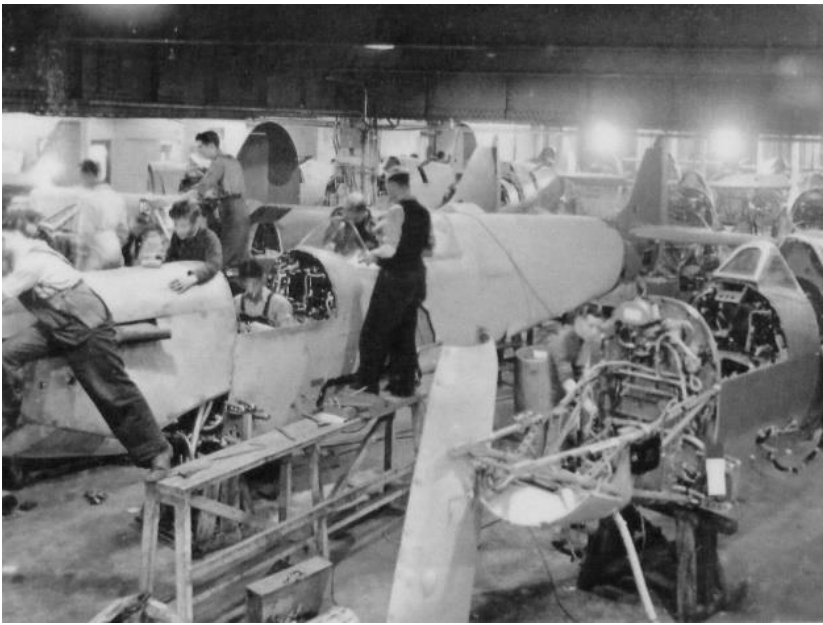
Around 70 per cent of the aircraft had survived the crash and the subsequent 76

years in a peat bog. Key parts of the fuselage and wings will now be reassembled and combined with parts from other Spitfires to ensure that by 2022 (exactly 80 years after it was shot down), AA810 will fly again. Reconstruction work on the plane will start in Sandown, Isle of Wight, next month. It will be the first time ever that a wartime-crash-recovered PRU Spitfire will have been reconstructed to flying condition. Excavating, recovering and reconstructing AA810 is costing at least £2.5m – and is being part-funded by a Cambridgeshire-based craft beverage distiller – Spitfire Heritage Gin (G&Ts were apparently the Spitfire pilots' preferred



tot) – and a Hampshire-based aerospace consultancy called Experience Tells. “Rebuilding this iconic aircraft is a homage to Alastair Gunn and the other brave men who flew her,” said Mr Hoskins.

His research has revealed that in its 22-week operational life, the plane had at least seven pilots – including the Welsh champion jockey and 1940 Grand National winner Mervyn Anthony Jones, and the Indian-born English motor racing star – of partly Armenian-origin – Alfred Fane Peers Agabeg. Both lost their lives flying missions for the PRU, as did two of the others. The archaeological excavation of Spitfire AA810 has also shed fascinating new light on how the German army searched the crashed spy plane for intelligence information. They appear to have systematically removed all three F24 cameras and the negatives they contained – and also, in vain, combed the aircraft for documents and maps – items that PRU pilots never flew with.



*Spitfire fuselages under construction in Vincent's garage (Darren Pitcher)*

The film stock Gunn and his PRU colleagues used on their secret espionage missions was produced by Kodak in Harrow, northwest London – but, in recent years, it has emerged that

a Kodak factory in Switzerland appears to have been supplying the Germans with identical or similar stock. A TV documentary on the discovery and recovery of Spitfire AA810 will be broadcast, as part of the *Digging for Britain* archaeology series, on BBC4 on Wednesday 28 November. Mr Hoskins will publish a book (*Sandy's Spitfire*) on the aircraft and its pilots in March next year, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Escape, the event which led to the execution of Gunn. Alongside the Spitfire restoration programme, he is also launching a ground-breaking education scheme to enable hundreds of 14- to 18-year-olds over the coming decades to start learning aircraft restoration engineering skills. “The aim of the Spitfire AA810 restoration project is not just to ensure that this iconic aircraft flies again 80 years after it was shot down – but also to launch a long-term programme to ensure that 21st-century youngsters can begin to learn crucial aviation-related engineering skills,” said Mr Hoskins. “The plane’s last pilot, Alastair Gunn, had been studying engineering before he joined the RAF – so the new education programme is being named after him.” The Alastair Gunn Aviation Skills Program will be launched next year, initially as an integral part of the project to restore the aircraft. Alastair Gunn was one of 74 PRU pilots who lost their lives on secret Norwegian missions during the Second World War.

# **Old Transport Planes to Fly to the Original D-Day Drop Zones**

David Cenciotti *The Aviationist* November 24, 2018



*More than 30 Douglas C-47 Skytrain and Dakota will retrace their flights from Britain to the original D-Day Drop Zones in Normandy, France. Two thirds will be coming from North America.*

On Jun 5 2019, a big flyover will take place in the skies over Normandy, France, to celebrate

the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. On that day, seventy five years since the Allied Invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe began its then-uncertain journey to free an enslaved continent, more than thirty Douglas C-47 Skytrain and Dakota transport planes will retrace their flights from Britain to pass over original D-Day Drop Zones in Normandy, France and release paratroopers, each dressed in period uniform and operating an authentic, WWII-style parachute. This airborne armada will be part of Daks Over Normandy, a historic salute to the Greatest Generation, the Allied citizen-soldiers who fought and bled for the freedom of their fellow countrymen, and for those of other nations then under the iron boot of fascist rule.

Here's how we described the C-47 Skytrain in a previous article about this legendary aircraft: *WWII Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Most vital to our success in Africa and Europe has been the jeep, the 2½-ton truck and the C-47 Dakota." The Douglas C-47 Dakota is perhaps the most mundane, least exciting but quietly elegant and ruggedly stalwart aircraft of the last century. Simple and utilitarian, the aircraft was quickly designed in 1935, even more quickly manufactured in numbers exceeding 10,000 planes across a staggering 72 different versions. She flew roles as varied as attack aircraft, electronic warfare, intelligence gathering, transport, VIP flight and nearly every other mission an airplane can perform short of breaking the sound barrier.*

Most of the C-47's that flew in WWII wore a flat olive drab cloak of paint hastily applied at an assembly plant that churned out Dakotas as quickly as they could. They were airborne pick-up trucks. In late May and early June of 1944 almost all of them in Europe sprouted wide, garish black and white stripes on their wings and fuselage; invasion stripes in anticipation of D-Day. C-47s and Dakotas will be arriving from across Europe to take part in Daks Over Normandy, but the largest contingent will be coming from North America, flying the same 'Blue Spruce' ferry route used to cross the North Atlantic during WWII. All of these aircraft will be flying together for mutual support under the banner of The D-Day Squadron, which is coordinating the effort to bring these American-based Douglas transports to Europe.



*The jump at Thunder Over Michigan Airshow in 2017 was billed as one of the largest reenactments of a WWII airborne operation anywhere. C-47's from around the world took part (Image credit: Tom Demerly)*

Many details about the effort to prepare the 75th Anniversary event, are included in an article by

Richard Mallory Allnutt titled The D-Day Squadron: “The D-Day Squadron is a part of the Tunison Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity which owns and operates a Douglas C-47 Skytrain, amongst a number of other WWII-era aircraft. The Tunison Foundation’s C-47, nicknamed Placid Lassie, was built in 1943 in Long Beach, California by the Douglas Aircraft Company. The aircraft was Army Air Force order number AC- 20669 and cost \$109,683. The contract number (or serial) number was 9926. On Jul 26, 1943, it was turned over to the US Government and assigned the military registration number 42-24064, the serial number used by the aircraft in US Army service during WWII. Ed Tunison, the Foundation’s namesake, was Placid Lassie’s radio operator for much of the war, including two flights on D-Day when they flew from RAF Aldermaston in UK with the 74<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron in the 434<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group. Placid Lassie’s first sortie of June 6, 1944, took place in the early hours before dawn. They towed a CG-4A glider filled with troops and equipment to ‘Landing Zone E’. The second, much later op’, was for them to bring gasoline to the French coast. They actually landed on a temporary airstrip laid out by field engineers earlier in the day!”

*C-47 Placid Lassie during a photoshoot with people dressed in WWII period uniform. (Image credit: David S. Jones).*



Placid Lassie will be one of roughly two dozen immaculately maintained C-47s joining the D-Day Squadron for the flight from America to Europe to take part in the week-long Daks Over Normandy celebration during the spring of 2019. Daks Over Normandy will kick off in England at historic Duxford Airfield in Cambridgeshire, where the

Skytrains and Dakotas will be based from June 2nd through June 5<sup>th</sup>. On June 5, the fleet will then head across the English Channel to recreate the airborne D-Day Crossing. They will land at Caen Carpiquet Airport in Normandy, France, where they will remain until June 9. Each day will be filled with special events and commemorations, and it is bound to be a deeply moving spectacle, especially for those who take the time to meet some of the WWII D-Day veterans who will be on hand to reminisce and mingle with visitors. Noteworthy, the crossing will not take place on the actual D-Day date June 6, because a No Fly Zone will be enforced over the Landing Zones for the celebrations attended by many VIPs.

This point about the endeavor is particularly important: *“Understandably, the logistics for such an undertaking as Daks Over Normandy will require intense preparation, not to mention significant financial resources. The D-Day Squadron, largely run by volunteers, depends upon the generous contributions, both large and small, from donors who understand the value of educating our populace about the compelling history of the Greatest Generation and WWII. Learning of the courage and self-sacrifice that so many of these men and women exhibited will help keep their stories and spirit alive in the hearts and minds of all who witness them. But perhaps more importantly, it will hopefully inspire future generations to better understand their own role in society, and of the need to work together towards a better future, much like the Greatest Generation themselves. This is why The D-Day Squadron needs your support. All funds raised will go towards the safe passage of the American C-47 fleet to Europe.”*

To help the D-Day Squadron make history and promote the legacy of the Greatest Generation, please visit [www.ddaysquadron.org](http://www.ddaysquadron.org).

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Have you signed up to sponsor a CO's staircase portrait? Check out the status here: <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/cos-portraits-update1279874>

Here's the latest website updates:

1962 officers at home <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1962.html>

2013 Regimental fanout <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/fan-out.html>

2013 promotions <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2013.html>

2013 Soldiers' Christmas Dinner

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/soldiers-christmas-2013.html>

2014 Commanding officers' final round <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/18-pounder.html>

2015 Commanding Officer's Hour <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/cos-talk.html>

2018 18Pounder update <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/18-pounder.html>

Regimental Pet update <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/pets.html>

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

## Who Is It

**Last Week:** Canadian officers inspect French 240-mm gun Model 1893-1896, on St Chamond railway mounting in October 1917, in one of a series of startling images from the First World War which have been brought to life after being colourised by graphic artist Frédéric Duriez. Aka 24 cm Kanone (E) 558 (f) or 24 cm Kanone (E) Model 93/96 (f) after an ownership change in WW2.



**This Week:** This week's quiz photo comes to us via the excellent Vancouver City Archives, who, like many other repositories of photographic history, have digitized much of their collection and made it available on-line. This has made the task of researchers easier on one hand, as they no longer need to spend hours in a musty vault deep beneath the ground and can



now spend even more hours in a darkened room at home. On the other hand, finding subjects is a bit hit and miss when the archivist hasn't labelled the photo the way you would. Your author has noticed some certain lack of knowledge of military life in the captions on a few photos here and there. However, we can all help the archives people out by supplying them with more information on the images in their care. This week's one is a good example. I'm sure some of you already know who the distinguished gentleman in the middle is; you might even have met him once. But who are the salty types escorting him? The caption does not mention them. More importantly, although the caption gives the location as the PNE, there is nothing said about what exhibit this is. It certainly isn't the Super Dogs or the Pig Races. It looks futuristic and a bit Dan Dare (or Buck Rogers, if you were raised on American comics). What is it? Let us know as much as you know by contacting 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)). To infinity, and beyond!

## From the 'Punitary'

What was the cow doing in the front yard? Mooing the grass!

## Murphy's Other Laws

The probability of anything happening is in inverse ratio to its desirability.

## Quotable Quotes

Sometimes, a majority simply means that all the fools are on the same side. *Claude McDonald*



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia  
Founded 1919

## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

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

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

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

RSVP for lunch numbers please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or phone o r text  
778-227-8203 by 1600 hrs  
Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2018



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## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM (EVENING SESSION)

Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2018

Wardroom  
HMCS Discovery  
1200 Stanley Park Drive  
Vancouver, BC.

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

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

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



**“Naval Security Team Cconception to Present”**

RSVP please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net) or phone or text 778-227-8203

## 15 Fd Artillery Regimental Band Christmas Concert – 6 Dec

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and  
Naval Officers' Association of BC, in partnership with

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

# Santa's Journey

*a Christmas concert*



DECEMBER 6TH 7:30PM

VANCOUVER PLAYHOUSE, 600 HAMILTON STREET

### TICKETS

\$20 adults

\$10 seniors/students/children

Available at the door and at  
[santas-journey.eventbrite.ca](https://santas-journey.eventbrite.ca)

Proceeds donated to local charities  
ISS of BC, MOSAIC and SUCCESS



## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION

**You are invited to the**

### **2018 Annual Christmas Fundraiser**

**When:** Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Time:** 11:30 AM – Doors Open

**Lunch:** Served from 12:15 PM to 12:45 PM  
Followed by Silent Auction and Raffle

**Where:** The Drill Hall  
Home of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO)  
620 Beatty Street  
Vancouver, BC

**Tickets:** \$35.00 if confirmed by December 1, 2018  
\$40.00 if confirmed December 2 to December 6, 2018  
Please note, cancellations after December 5, 2018 will be invoiced

**Menu:** Turkey - With all the trimmings!

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- **Silent Auction!**
  - **The usual valuable lucky prize draws!**
  - **If you can't attend, a donation will be welcomed.\***
  - **Funds raised help us to fund Association Bursaries, Commemorative events, support of five cadet corps and numerous other projects of The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust.**
  - **Enjoy great company, good food and have fun while helping a worthy cause.**

**RSVP by Wednesday, December 5, 2018 to:**  
Charlotte Yen at 604-630-4585 or e-mail to: [corporate@hplaw.ca](mailto:corporate@hplaw.ca)

**\* Please send any cheques to: The BC Regiment (DCO) Association Charitable Trust  
c/o #208 – 1899 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 5T1**



*The Commanding Officer*

*LCol Pierre Lajoie CD*

*invites you to his*

# *Annual Christmas Tea*

*to be held on*

*Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018*

*in the*

*15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Officers' Mess*

*commencing at Two o'clock in the afternoon*

Dress: Jacket & Tie

Cost: \$ 20 per person at the door

Please sign up at the Bar !!

Email [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) BY NOV 30  
to have your party added to the bar list



Fort Fraser Garrison



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

## Garrison Burns Supper

to be held in

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

Saturday, 26 January 2019

1800hrs for 1900hrs

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

**RSVP to [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or 604-522-5766**

**ASAP! (before 19 January)**

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you there

*James Barrett, Maj.*  
Officer Commanding



# VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR

## Sounds of Christmas

Adults \$30 , Seniors \$28, Students \$15

**Wed Nov 28th, 7:30 pm**

with Burnaby Central Secondary School,  
Chamber "A" Choir

**Michael J Fox Theatre,  
7373 McPherson Ave**

**Tickets: [vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca) or call 604 878 1190**

**Sat Dec 1, 2:30 pm**

with North Surrey Secondary School Choir Polaris

**White Rock Baptist Church  
1657 140th St. White Rock**

**Tickets: [bpt.me/3656481](http://bpt.me/3656481)**

**Brownpapertickets 1 800 838 3006  
Tapestry Music, White Rock 1335 Johnston Rd.**

**Sat Dec 8, 7:30 pm**

with Magee Secondary School Choir

**Shaughnessy Heights United Church  
1550 West 33rd Ave, Vancouver**

**Tickets: [bpt.me/36564586](http://bpt.me/36564586)  
Brownpapertickets 1 800 838 3006**

A small service charge will be applied by brownpapertickets.





Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir & Winter Harp

*present*

# Sounds of Christmas

Harps, flute, violin, choir. Pure Christmas Magic

*Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2:30 pm*

Massey Theatre, New West

Tickets at [ticketsnw.ca](http://ticketsnw.ca) Or 604-521-5050

Good \$25, Better \$31, Best \$36

Excludes service charges by theatre





**VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR**

# **Sounds of Christmas**

**Fri Dec 7, 7:30 pm**

with Argyle Secondary School

Senior Concert Choir, Chamber Choir & Senior Vocal Ensemble

**Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Ave.**

**Tickets: [nvrc.ca](http://nvrc.ca)**

**Box Office 604 984 4484**

**Adult \$34, Senior \$30, Student \$15**

**Price includes all service charges**





**VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR**

# **Sounds of Christmas**

**Sat Dec 15, 2:30 pm**

With WJ Mouat Secondary School Choir

**Abbotsford Arts Centre  
2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford**

**Tickets: [chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://chilliwackculturalcentre.ca)  
Box Office 604 391 7469**

**Adults \$33, Senior \$31, Student \$17**

Price includes all service charges.

