



**Vancouver Artillery  
Association News**



**RUSI News**  
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## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Mar 28, 2017**

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at [bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com) to let me know you didn't get a copy.

**Newsletter on line.** This newsletter, and previous editions, are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: [www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://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.

- Mar 29** - NOABC Speaker Lunch
- Mar 30** - BCR 'Taste of Greece' Lunch
- Mar 31** - Blair Rifle Range Plaque unveiling
- Apr 01** - SHC 100<sup>th</sup> Vimy Memorial Dinner
- Apr 09** - Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Battle - Vancouver
- Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Battle - New Westminster
- Apr 11** - Battle of Vimy Ridge talk by Keith Maxwell
- May 06** - BC Army Gala
- NOABC Battle of the Atlantic Dinner
- May 13** - 15 Field Artillery Regiment Change of Command Parade

## **World War 2 - 1942**

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

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>:** An effective RAF raid with 234 bombers on Lubeck infuriates Hitler into ordering the "Baedeker Raids" on British cities. A Murmansk convoy is engaged, without success, by German surface vessels. British troops in Burma stage an attack to relieve Stilwell's Chinese at Toungoo.

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>:** The Joint Chiefs of Staff carve the Pacific into Nimitz's Pacific Zone and MacArthur's Southwest Pacific Zone.

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>:** The Chinese depart Toungoo with the Japanese in lukewarm pursuit. Admiral Somerville slips his ships out of Ceylon to avoid an upcoming Japanese carrier raid. The

Soviets posthumously award the title of Hero of the Soviet Union to Nina Timofeyevna Gnilitzkaya, a reconnaissance scout with the 383<sup>rd</sup> Rifle Division in the fighting around the town of Krasny Luch. She had been an expert at leading patrols into German occupied villages then suddenly assaulting a house to retrieve prisoners for interrogation. Her mission in December went sour and she was injured as the patrol attempted to withdraw, but fought on until bayoneted.

#### **April 1942: The Maltese Endure**

*"To honour her brave people I award the George Cross to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to a heroism and devotion that will long be famous in history."*

King George VI; 15 April 1942

**General:** The U-Boats continue their frenzy off the Americas and the Allies lose 826,500 tons of shipping across the world this month. Malta's severe pummeling forces the British, Polish and Greek submarines based there to leave and most of its aircraft are destroyed on the ground – which means Rommel gets almost all of his supplies this month. Italy, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Spain add some 51 Divisions to the German Order of Battle in the USSR this month.

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>:** First meeting of the Pacific War Council in Washington. The defenders of Bataan are on quarter rations and 24,000 men are sick; and now the Japanese are attacking again. The Japanese land on New Guinea at Sorong and Hollandia. The submarine HMS Urge sinks the Italian Heavy Cruiser Bande Nere. Douglas MacArthur is a complex figure. The son of a general who won the Medal of Honor in the US Civil War, MacArthur is a highly skilled general and a brave man, but with a penchant for theatrics and an imperial air that disconcerts many Americans. The defence of the Philippines is not his most glorious moment (although this saga deserves more attention than it commonly gets). On the direct – and repeated – orders of the President, MacArthur was withdrawn from the Philippines to Australia to find that no relief expedition is being planned, but that the defence of Australia is his next concern. On this day, Roosevelt also awards the Medal of Honor to MacArthur, making this – among other things – the first award of the medal to the son of another man who won it.

**Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The British Burma Corps falls back from Prome to avoid encirclement.

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Mandalay is bombed as the British withdraw up the Irrawaddy. The Japanese stage a massive attack on Bataan, which the starving defenders are almost incapable of resisting.

**Apr 4<sup>th</sup>:** A PBY Catalina, piloted by RCAF Squadron Leader Leonard Birchall, called the 'Saviour of Ceylon', manages to warn Ceylon of an incoming raid by four battleships and five carriers before being downed and captured by a submarine. Air Commodore Leonard Joseph Birchall, CM, OBE, DFC, OOnt, CD (6 July 1915 – 10 September 2004) had a very interesting career, for a brief summary, look up *Len Birchall* in Wikipedia.

## **Two Canadian WW1 Soldiers' Bodies Discovered in France**

A body discovered in May 2013 has been identified by DND as the remains of First World War soldier, Sgt James Alexander Milne. A second body, discovered a year earlier, remains unidentified at this time. "We are thankful for the efforts of the Institut national de recherches archéologiques préventives and the Service archéologique municipal d'Arras of France, for the support of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and for the ingenuity of the Canadian Conservation Institute, which enabled our officers to identify Sergeant Milne, and to conclude the investigation into the unidentified soldier found at Thélus. We will not forget that these men gave all they had so that a century later, we might live in peace," said MND, Harjit Sajjan. Sgt Milne was born in Gellybrands, Cookney, Kincardineshire, Scotland, on February 10, 1883. He is said to have immigrated to Canada somewhere between 1905 and 1911. An unmarried labourer, Milne enlisted in the CEF in Calgary, AB on Jan. 27, 1915. He is believed to have been killed on April 28, 1917, in relation to an operation against a German position known as Arleaux-Loop. He was 34. Almost a century after his death, an archaeological team from the Institut national de recherches archéologiques préventives discovered his remains in a field on the outskirts of Arleux-en-Gohelle, France. The team was in the area carrying out a mandatory



archaeological survey of the land, which is known to be a battlefield of the First World War.

*Tented camp of the 10th Infantry Battalion at Abeele, Belgium, in May 1916. Sergeant Milne would have been a member of the battalion at this time and lived in this camp.*

*Canada. DND/LAC/PA-000001 (MIKAN no. 3405993)*

The investigation into the second set of remains, discovered seven kilometres away at Thélus, Pas de Calais, France, has been officially concluded by DND and the CAF. The body cannot be identified at this time. However, both maternal and paternal DNA profiles have been obtained with the hope of a future identification. This unidentified soldier was discovered by the Service archéologique municipal d'Arras on September 27, 2012, during an excavation. He was found only with a metal "CANADA" insignia. He is believed to be one of the 3,426 Canadian military members who went missing during the ten-month long military engagement at Vimy. It is estimated that he died somewhere between Nov. 1, 1916, and the end of July 1917. "Like far too many soldiers who fought in France during the First World War, Sergeant Milne gave his life in service to Canada. The unidentified soldier found at Thélus reminds us of the many brave Canadians still missing or buried without a name from this terrible conflict. We will lay them both to rest with the honour which they and their families deserve in return for their sacrifice," said Kent Hehr, Minister of Veteran Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence.

Upon discovery of both bodies, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was notified, and took possession of the remains and artifacts, transporting them to a CWGC facility in Beaurains, France, for safekeeping. "The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is honoured to have assisted in bringing the discovery of Sergeant Milne, and his unidentified countryman, to the attention of his country, and will be honoured again later this year to mark their places of rest with headstones, so that their personal sacrifice may be perpetually remembered," stated BGen (ret'd) David Kettle, Secretary General, the Canadian Agency of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Sgt Milne's family has been notified and continue to receive support from Veterans Affairs Canada. Sgt Milne's body will be laid to rest later this year by his Regiment in a cemetery outside Arleux-en-Gohelle. The unidentified soldier will be laid to rest later this year as well at the Canadian Cemetery No 2, Neuville-St Vaast, France.

## **Digital Live-Fire Has Successful First Trial**



*Sgt Jean-François Boucher confirms firing data with the Digital Gun Management System during a digital live-fire exercise in Gagetown Training Area.*

The Royal Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) recently celebrated the first digitally integrated, live-shoot fire mission trial, showcasing fast

and efficient coordination between the Battery Command Post and the M777 155-mm Howitzers. The ability to conduct digital fire missions is a critical capability, as it allows data to be sent instantly, providing real-time situational awareness to multiple users. Until recently, missions were sent by the originator (the person wanting to strike a target) to the command post by voice, with the message being read back multiple times and constantly double-checked. The message was then input into computer systems manually to calculate the ballistic solution and relayed to the individual guns, again by voice. The time it took to relay the message left room for errors and further delays. With the introduction of the digital fire mission, the data goes from the originator to the command post in fractions of a second. The command post can then verify and transmit the data to the guns, again in mere moments. A secondary benefit to this dramatic increase in efficiency is the ability to share this information with other units and allies on land and sea and in the air, allowing them to assess the information and factor it into their plans. Specifically, for the artillery, this also opens the door to conducting fire missions with coalition partners using similar digital fire mission software to speak to other nations. The RCAS senior leadership watched as members of W Battery, the Instructor in Gunnery Course, and newly qualified gunners achieved an important digitization benchmark using a unique suite of artillery specific software to communicate via a wireless network. This allowed the RCAS to effectively fire multiple 155-mm rounds over several fire missions from the M777. The RCAS will continue to improve its digitization capabilities and advance toward its objectives to modernize artillery training.



# **New Satellite Will Enhance CAF's Communications Capabilities**

*National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces March 20, 2017*



Representatives from the CAF and DND were on hand at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on March 18, 2017, to witness the launch of the ninth Wideband Global Satellite Communication (WGS-9) constellation satellite. A United States Delta IV rocket was used to launch the

WGS-9 from the USAF Space and Missiles System Center in Cape Canaveral. The satellite will aid in meeting CAF strategic satellite communications (Satcom) requirements for many years into the future. “Military operations are increasingly dependent on capabilities based in space,” said Brigadier General Blaise Frawley, the director general space at the RCAF. “The WGS-9 will further enhance a reliable Satcom network and ensure our forces can communicate effectively to enable success on operations.”

Canada contributed \$340 million to the development of the WGS-9 program, which represents the largest financial contribution of the five project partner nations. Canada’s participation was made under the Department of National Defence’s Mercury Global Project, which leverages the capabilities of eight other WGS satellites already in orbit. Canada gained access to the WGS constellation in May 2013 and has used this capability to support the communications needs of several missions around the world. “Canada’s contribution to this effort provides essential communications support for Canadian Armed Forces operations around the world,” noted MND Harjit S Sajjan. “Investing in innovative solutions like the Mercury Global Project will keep the Canadian Armed Forces on the leading edge of defence capabilities, while further enhancing relationships with our international partners and allies.” Mercury Global Project will ultimately access its full allotted bandwidth from the WGS constellation through anchor stations in Shirleys Bay, Ottawa, ON; Great Village, NS; and CFB Esquimalt, British Columbia — all of which are home to the antennas and associated ground infrastructure.

The ability to exchange large amounts of information between headquarters and deployed forces has become critical to modern military operations. This has been demonstrated in support

of NATO missions such as OP Reassurance in Europe and coalition operations such as OP Impact in the Middle East. The Mercury Global Project is an effective way of meeting the CAF's communication requirements for domestic and expeditionary operations. In total, Canada has allocated \$452 million to the Mercury Global Project. This includes the contribution to the ninth satellite acquisition, WGS constellation support, large-scale antennas at three sites in Canada, and strategic deployable terminals. Sharing costs with international partners and allies is a more cost-effective option than building and maintaining a uniquely Canadian satellite system. Besides the United States, which owns and launched the satellite, other international partners involved with the WGS-9 include Denmark, Luxembourg, New Zealand and The Netherlands.

## **Government Promises to Military and Veterans in Latest Budget**

*Government promises a Caregiver Recognition Benefit, expansion of Military Family Resource Centres and a Centre for Excellence on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in budget*

A Caregiver Recognition Benefit, expansion of Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC) and a Centre for Excellence on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder are amongst the concrete promises the Government of Canada is making to veterans and their families in the 2017 Budget, tabled on March 22 by Parliament. However, details still remain vague surrounding the government's promise to bring lifelong pensions back, a promised made to veterans by the Liberal party in the 2015 elections. More details are expected to be released later this year. For now, though, all the government has stated in the 2017 Budget is, "Specifically, the Government will move forward with its plan to fulfill its commitment to re-establish lifelong pensions as an option for injured veterans. This will provide an option for injured veterans to receive their Disability Award through a monthly payment for life, rather than in a one-time payment. This change to the Disability Award is something that the veterans' community has long advocated for, and the Government remains committed to delivering. The Government has made considerable progress in its work to develop the pension for life option and will announce further details this year," read the Budget.

More tangible measures to benefit CAF, veterans and their families, outlined by Finance Minister Bill Morneau include a new Education and Training Benefit for military members transitioning to civilian life. The benefit would provide more money for veterans going to college, university or technical schools after retiring from the military. This program would begin in April 2018 for veterans honourable released on or after April 1, 2006. This program would be an investment of \$133.9 million over six years. In addition, recognizing the integral role families play in the recovery of ill and injured soldiers, the government has proposed a Caregiver Recognition Benefit that would provide \$1,000 in non-taxable monthly benefits paid directly to caregivers. The Budget also proposes to invest \$147 million over the next six years, and \$15 million per year ongoing, to expand access to the Military Family Resource Centres for the families of veterans medically released from April 2018 onwards. Taking mental health in consideration, Budget 2017 also calls for a Centre for Excellence on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Centre would "have a strong focus on the creation and dissemination of knowledge on prevention, assessment, and treatment of PTSD and related mental health

conditions for Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces members.” The investment would be in the amount of \$17.5 million over four years, and \$9.2 million per year ongoing.

Additionally, Budget 2017 also promises that the Government will be eliminating the one-year time limit on vocational rehabilitation for survivors and spouses of deceased veterans, establish a Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund, and a veteran emergency fund for veterans and families that fall into financial hardships and need food, shelter, and medicine. As far as defence is concerned, there is no increase in defence spending in the 2017 budget and the government has, instead, pushed forward \$8.48 billion to 2035.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Salute for the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1986 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1986.html>

Gun Exercise in Albert Head in 1969 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1969.html>

New photos from Captain Noel Dyke’s career in 1994  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1994.html>

New photos from Captain Noel Dyke’s career in 1984  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1984.html>

New photos from Captain Noel Dyke’s career in 1982  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1982.html>

New names added for the reunion in 1983 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1983.html>

New addition to Ian Newby’s collection in 2017. An M109!  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2017.html>

He is always looking for more stories and pictures! Have you got a story that you might wish to share? Some additional photographs? Contact Leon Jensen at [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** This is a picture of 68 Bty driving along the 100 Block East Hastings St in 1917, probably coming from Hastings Park where they frequently went to train. Some of those buildings are still there - notably the building on the corner and the Hotel Regent. 68 Bty was a depot Battery in Vancouver and took in drafts of new soldiers and trained them in all things Artillery before shipping them off to Europe. In the summer of 1918, with the decision made to send troops to Siberia, the Battery training Cadre was shipped to the UK where they proceeded to draft in experienced Gunners before being shipped off to Russia. 67 and 68 were the two Batteries that went to Siberia and they still exist today. 67 Bty is the Depot Battery at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery at CFB Gagetown and 68 Battery is the gun Battery of the 15 Fd Artillery Regiment.

Note that they are driving on the left of the street. BC didn’t change to driving on the right until 1922

**This Week:** This week we take a departure from our recent fare to offer you something completely different. No, it's not from any Monty Python episode you have seen. Rather, as is appropriate for Canada's most popular national quiz, it is an object of mystery. However, those of you with a particular interest in the military history of the West Coast might recognize this thing. We have several questions relating to it.

**Firstly**, what is it?

**Secondly**, what connection has it to Canada?

**Thirdly**, with what RCAF aircraft can one be connected locally?

**Fourthly**, of what was the largest component made? And,

**fifthly**, what did this object utilize in order to reach its target?



So, enough questions and hints. Over to you now. Please send your answers either to the editor, or to the author, John Redmond

([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Domo!

Answers can be sent either to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Thanks for your help.

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

Why did the horse cross the road? To get to the fodder side.

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

Field experience is something you never get until just after you need it.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Puritanism: - The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy. *H L Mencken*





The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia  
Founded 1919

## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday March 29th 2017

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

1130 am bar open  
1200 noon lunch  
1 pm-2pm speaker  
3 course hot lunch  
\$20 per person

Dress – Business attire or blazers slacks tie etc

*This month's topic is:*

*Pacific Northwest LNG Project: Port Development and  
Shipping Safety*

*by*

*Captain David Kyle MM, MBA*

RSVP for lunch numbers please to [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net)  
by Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017.

# A NEW PACIFIC NEXUS:

## CANADA, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA

### March 30 (Thu) 2017

**Venue** The Law Courts Inn  
4th Floor - 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver

**Time** 7:30AM – 1PM

**Cost** \$60 regular  
\$45 members  
\$35 students  
\$25 students (members)

[Register Here](#)

### Learn About

1. Trade agreements in Asia and the Americas.
2. Opportunities offered in trade and investment.
3. Emerging policies.
4. The future of the economic relationship between these regions.
5. Security among the regions.

### Objectives

- To help the business community to understand how to take advantage of a shifting global demand, policy changes and investment opportunities in various markets.
- To strengthen Canada's strategic position as an international hub between Asia and Latin America.

### Who Should Attend

- Asian, Canadian, U.S. and Latin American government officials
- Members of the consular community
- Policymakers and investors
- Business owners and entrepreneurs
- Professionals interested in international trade
- Academics and students

### About the Organizers

The Canadian International Council (CIC) is an independent council with the aim to strengthen the Canadian role in international affairs. It facilitates academic, diplomatic and business communities to discuss global issues. ExpoPlaza Latina (EPL) is a platform connecting organizations in order to explore business opportunities. A program coordinated by LatinCouver that offers a series of events with educational and networking opportunities.

### How to Attend

📞 604.566.0999

✉ [EPL@latincouver.ca](mailto:EPL@latincouver.ca)

🌐 [ExpoPlazaLatina.ca](http://ExpoPlazaLatina.ca)

# March Lunch Taste of Greece



**Hosted by:**  
*The British Columbia  
Regiment  
Officers' Mess*

**Coordinated by:**  
*The BC Regiment  
(DCO) Association*



**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2017

**Time:** 11:45 am - 1:30 pm  
(bar opens at 11:45am)  
(lunch starts at 12:25pm)

**Location:** Officers' Mess - The BC Regiment  
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

**Dress:** Business Attire (jacket & tie, ladies similar)

**Price:** \$30/person (\$5 discount for those that confirm  
attendance by March 20, 2017)

**RSVP:** For more information or to register, please e-mail Charlotte  
Yen at [corporate@hplaw.ca](mailto:corporate@hplaw.ca)  
(Please advise of any dietary needs with your RSVP)

Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door  
Cheques are payable to: The BC Regiment (DCO) Association  
No cancellations after Monday, March 27, 2017

***NEXT PLANNED LUNCH: April 27, 2017***



## **Blair Range Ceremony**

**You are invited to join us in unveiling a plaque to  
commemorate the history of the  
Blair Rifle Range.**

Between 1922 and 1968 the Blair Rifle Range was used by the Canadian government to detain unemployed men and for military training purposes.

The site serves as a reminder of Canada's experiences in the Great Depression of the 1930s and its legacy of activism, protest and the birth of national social programs. It also symbolizes the mobilization that occurred during World War 2 and the military presence in the Seymour area.

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

**5 pm**

**Mary Hunter Hall**

**Parkgate Community Centre**

**3625 Banff Court, North Vancouver**

**Please RSVP: [info@labourheritagecentre.ca](mailto:info@labourheritagecentre.ca)**

**604-419-0400**

**by March 24, 2017**

*Light refreshments will be served.*

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**Deep Cove  
Heritage Society**

*This project was funded in part by Heritage BC through the Heritage Legacy Fund.*





The President of  
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Regimental Association  
cordially invites you and your guests to the:

## 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Vimy Memorial Service and Seaforth Reunion Dinner

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017

The Seaforth Armoury, 1650 Burrard Street, Vancouver BC

Reception at 1500 hrs Vimy Memorial Service at 1600 hrs

Reunion Dinner 1700 hrs

Tickets \$60.00

\$35.00 for currently serving Seaforths

Dress is DEU No. 1A or semi-formal

Parking available at venue

### Purchase Tickets Online at:

[www.picatic.com/vimy100](http://www.picatic.com/vimy100)

For general inquiries, please contact

Email: [shocvimy2017@gmail.com](mailto:shocvimy2017@gmail.com)



***Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy***  
***Sunday, April 9, 2017***



*You are invited to attend*

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

**Mountain View Cemetery**  
**5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC**  
*Commonwealth War Graves Section*  
**10:30 am - Sunday April 9, 2017**

***Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be in attendance***

*Please gather or be seated no later than 10:15 a.m.*

***The Vancouver Vimy Day Committee***



You and your family  
are invited to attend

## **The Royal Westminster Regiment Battalion Parade**

commemorating

## **The 100th Anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge**

at

Queen's Park Stadium  
New Westminster, British Columbia

on

**Sunday April 9 2017**

Guests to be seated by 2:00 pm

**Reviewing Officer:**

**The Honourable Judith Guichon**  
**Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia**

GENERAL ADMISSION SEATING

**THIS IS A FREE PUBLIC EVENT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED - FREE PARKING - EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Dress: Military: Patrol/Service Dress No. 1A with Medals Civilian: Business Suit/Blazer and tie with Medals

Arrive early to enjoy the pre-parade performance by The Royal Westminster Regiment Band.  
Following the parade, meet members and friends, view military displays and visit the Regimental Museum at  
The Armoury, 530 Queens Avenue, New Westminster. No Host Bar.



# **Winston Churchill Society of BC**

## **Evening with Churchill**

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge**

2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, Canada's major success in WWI in which all four Canadian Divisions, consisting of 48 Battalions each of approximately 1000 soldiers, attacked simultaneously. As you may know, one of these Battalions was the Seaforth Regiment commanded by Brigadier General JA Clark, one of the founders of your firm.

To commemorate this success, our Churchill Society is organizing a presentation by Colonel Keith Maxwell (Ret'd) on the Battle of Vimy Ridge in the Main Ballroom of the Vancouver Club on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. We invite you and your wife to attend as our guests and we would like you to thank our speaker, Colonel Maxwell. There will be a brief reception in the Ballroom beforehand with beer and wine, as well as cheese and crackers being served and the presentation will start at 5:45 ending by 7:00.

Colonel Keith Maxwell OMM CD BA is a lecturer in military history and a member of our Society and has published various articles on WWI and WWII. He will be focusing on the role in this action by various individuals in a leadership role from British Columbia, including Brigadier Generals Clark and Odlum.

Also, we welcome your partners and staff to attend and we should appreciate it if you would have the attached notice forwarded to them. Costs for such attendees will be \$35.00 per person and they should respond as instructed in the notice.

Colonel Maxwell will be introduced by Debra Hewson, President and CEO of the investment firm Odlum Brown, founded by Brigadier General Victor Odlum who also commanded one of the other BC Battalions, now known as the BC Regiment. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 604 926 5696 and [brooke3@shaw.ca](mailto:brooke3@shaw.ca).





**Churchill Society of British Columbia**  
**PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL**

***PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:***

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge***

**With guest speaker, Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell**

Please join us on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 to welcome our guest speaker Keith Maxwell, a member of our Society. He will address our Society on the ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge***.



To note the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Churchill Society of British Columbia is sponsoring an historical presentation of this notable achievement by the Canadian Corps in April 1917. The presentation will cover the mobilization and development of Canada's Army in the First World War and the training and experience that prepared it for such a notable achievement. The presentation will look at the Vimy Ridge operation in the larger context of the British Army Spring Offensive of 1917, known as Second Battle of Arras. It will also look at how the battle tied in to the coordinated Allied strategy for the spring of 1917 that culminated in the disastrous Nivelle Offensive by the French Army later in the month.

Vimy was the only time that all four Canadian Divisions attacked simultaneously and virtually every one of the 48 Battalions in the Corps saw action. The Corps captured a large swath of France including Vimy Ridge itself, providing observation and dominance of the Douai Plain, the heartland of France's coal and iron mining area that could no longer be exploited by the occupying Germans. The role of a number of British Columbians, both in senior posts and as notable fighting soldiers will be emphasised to bring the personal aspects of the battle into focus.

Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD is the presenter for this event. Colonel Maxwell retired from a 41 year military career in 2009 and spent his last sixteen years in Belgium assigned to NATO.

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017; Wine & Cheese starts at 5:00 pm, Program from 5:50 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Main Ballroom, The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.

**Cost:** \$25 each for a Member of the Society, \$35 each for a non-Member  
\$40 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member

*(The ticket cost includes one beverage ticket per attendee for 1 glass of wine or beer, or for 2 soft drinks. Additional drinks can be purchased from the bar)*

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at [aprilaccola@hotmail.com](mailto:aprilaccola@hotmail.com), or by mailing the attached form.

I look forward to seeing you on April 11. Please feel free to send this notice to any interested parties.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary  
Churchill Society of British Columbia



*Churchill Society of British Columbia*  
PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

**CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF BC EVENT REGISTRATION REPLY FORM**  
**FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:**

**\$25 for a Member of the Society**

**\$40 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member**

**\$35 each for a non-Member**

**Dress Code: Business Attire**

Attendees: (Family) Myself: ☐ Spouse/Partner: ☐ Immediate Family Member: ☐

Name of Spouse, Partner or Immediate Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): I will be bringing a guest at a cost of \$35 extra per guest ☐

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheque Enclosed (payable to "Churchill Society of BC"): Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would prefer to have my Vancouver Club account # \_\_\_\_\_ debited

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE NO LATER THAN 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

Email: aprilaccola@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: Churchill Society of BC c/o 3550 Westmount Crt, West Vancouver BC V7V 3H1



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia  
Founded 1919

*The President and Directors of  
The Naval Officers' Association of  
British Columbia  
request the pleasure of your company and guest(s)  
at dinner.*

*We shall commemorate the 72nd anniversary of*

***The Battle of the Atlantic***

*on*

*Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*1830 for 1930*

***HMCS DISCOVERY***

*Commodore Jeffery Zwick, OMM, CD*

*Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific*

*Guest of Honour*

*The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC  
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia*

*Cost: \$85.00 per person  
Mess Dress or Black Tie  
(Ladies Equivalent)  
Miniatures*

*RSVP before Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017  
by using the attached reservation form.*





*We're Going...*  
**Are YOU?**

  
*The British Columbia Army Gala 2017*

**VIMY**  
1917 - 2017

Event:	The 2017 British Columbia Army Gala
Date:	Saturday, May 6th, 2017
Location:	The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Armoury
Dress:	Mess Kit or Black Tie, Evening Gown
Tickets:	Website/Facebook details here

For more information, go to the Gala website: -  
<http://bcarmygala.ca/#about-marquee>





The Commanding Officer  
and  
all ranks of

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company at the

Change of Command ceremony

between

Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Purcell, CD  
and  
Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Lajoie, CD

To be held on  
13 May 2017, at 13:00 hours  
At

Gun #1 Museum of Anthropology UBC 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver BC.

Guests are asked to be seated by 12:30 hours

(In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be held at Bessborough Armoury,  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C .V6J 2C7).

Reception to follow in the 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt, RCA Officers' Mess  
in Bessborough Armoury.

Dress:

CF Mbrs- DEU No.1A (Medals)

Civilian- Business attire

RSVP

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