



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Nov 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 <u>bob.mugford@gmail.com</u> 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: <u>www.vancouvergunners.ca</u> and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <u>http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html</u>. Both groups are also on Facebook at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association_and</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver</u>

Wednesday Lunches - We serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Attendance has been down recently. Most of our regular attendees, who are retired, are slowly fading away and the next generation seems, by and large, to be too busy to attend. 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.

- See poster Vancouver Welch Men's Choir Christmas Concerts
- Nov 29 NOABC Lunch Speaker Douglas Bancroft Remotely Operated Platform for Ocean Sciences (ROPOS)
- Dec 2 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbara's Dinner
- Dec 10 CO's Christmas Tea
- Dec 13 Last Lunch of 2017
- Jan 01 New Years Levee
- Jan 10 First Lunch of 2018

World War 2 - 1942

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

Nov 29th: British paras drop in on Oudna in Tunisia, but Allied forces at Djedeida fall back under German pressure. Churchill tells the Italian people to either revolt against Mussolini or face an Allied invasion. Pilot Officer Rawdon Hume Middleton's 29th operational mission at the controls of his Stirling bomber was over Turin, and they arrived late just before midnight and took very heavy flak damage. Middleton himself has fragments in his limbs and torso, his right

eye is hanging out of his socket and his jaw is broken. The aircraft isn't in much better shape, but Middleton tells the crew he will get them back to safety in England. After four agonizing hours, he is over the English coast and directs his crew to bail out as neither he nor the Stirling are capable of handling a safe landing and only five minutes of fuel remains. Five of his crew bail out, but two stay with him to try to talk Middleton into a forced landing. He refuses and the last two bail out over the English Channel (which they don't survive). Middleton dies when the plane crashes into the sea. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Nov 30th: On New Guinea, US troops near Buna make significant gains. The leading British brigade in the Arakan reaches Bawli Bazaar. The German raider Thor is destroyed by fire in Tokyo Harbour. Another night battle develops as the Tokyo Express makes its usual night run. Technically, an American victory because the Japanese supply run is aborted, the IJN only loses a destroyer while the US loses a heavy cruiser and three others are badly damaged. Strengthening German defences in Tunisia force an Allied fall back to a line from Sedejane to Bou Arada.

December 1942: The Panzers Display Defensive Resilience Too.

Along the upper Don, the sun rose on a ghastly scene. The bitter cold had claimed tens of thousands of Italian soldiers who paused to sleep during the night. These victims now sat by the road in what appeared to be comfortable positions, liked bored spectators at a Roman arena, as their countrymen scurried by. Giant snowflakes began to collect on their coats and faces; soon they were covered completely. The corpses became road markers for the living. -William Craig describing the Italian retreat in southern Russia in Enemy at the Gates.

General: The RAF drops 3,000 tons of bombs on various German and occupied cities, and the US bomber fleet adds another 370 tons. The U-Boats claim the larger share of 330,000 tons of shipping losses this month, sinking some 60 ships.

Dec 1st: Admiral Darlan announces that he is the head of the French Government, Gasoline rationing is introduced in the US, and the British government lays the foundations of its postwar welfare system. The German/Italian build-up in Tunisia continues despite the British swap of a destroyer in combat for four Italian merchant ships and an escort; three other Italian convoys abort their trip.

Dec 2nd: Strange doings in a squash court at the University of Chicago – something about piles and chain reactions seems to be getting those secretive egghead physicists all excited. **Dec 3rd:** Allied troops fall back from Djeideida and Teboura as 10th Panzer launches a series of attacks.

Dec 4th: Admiral Tanaka leads 10 destroyers in a supply run for Guadalcanal. Things are getting dicey in Tunisia, the Allied lunge across Algeria into Tunisia wasn't fast enough and the Germans have rushed in enough reinforcements to hold and stage counter-attacks of their own. As a British infantry brigade delays 10th Panzer Division, they are desperate to keep German

airpower off their heads and Wing Commander Hugh Gordon Malcolm leads a hasty attack on the German airfield near Chougui with a squadron of light bombers. He has gambled successfully on bad weather before, but his attacking force runs into a swarm of Me-109Gs just as they start the attack. The squadron takes severe losses, and among them is the plane piloted by Wing Commander Malcolm. For his leadership of the past several days, and his gallant sacrifice, he posthumously receives the Victoria Cross.

Dec 5th: On New Guinea, a strong US attack on Buna falters in the teeth of a strong Japanese defence.

The War Diary of C31 L/Sgt Charles D Phelan, A Battery, RCHA 1939 - 1945

Edited by BGen (ret'd) Robert P (Bob) Beaudry CD

Chapter 36. Into Reserve, Naples, Salerno Rest Camp, and Pompeii

<u>5 Jun, 1944</u>. Quiet all day. Rumor has it that Canadians with four years service who have been through the Sicilian and Italian campaigns will get a leave to England, and if shipping space permits, to Canada. I have me doubts, but sure could use a leave to Canada! 1800 hrs. Sitrep. There are only four German units on our front. Their withdrawal was practically a rout. However, three German divisions are moving into Italy from France. Our forward elements have passed through Rome and are across the Tiber. In the evening we were informed that 1 Cdn Corps is now in reserve and is going to a concentration area.

<u>6 Jun</u>. Second Front opened in Western Europe! Morale jumped even higher than it has been for weeks as we listened to the announcements over the radio and passed the news flashes on to the rest. At 1900 hrs we moved off on Route 6 at a very good speed.

<u>7 Jun</u>. We reached a concentration area about 0330 hrs and bedded down. Breakfast was at 0800 hrs and a recce of Sgts-Maj went out immediately after. After dinner we moved to a Bty area a few miles farther on. The camp is a fairly good one a few miles from Piedmonte Alife. We are in a small grove on a small hill. We pitched our tents, carefully placing them in line with a wire as a guide. Ain't war hell? According to the officers we will be here about six weeks, but there are lots of rumors about a move before then. Unfortunately, there is no water near the camp and we have to rely on the services of a water truck. Show in the evening at RHQ – "The First of the Few".

<u>8-10 Jun</u>. Maintenance on the guns and equipment every day. Show at RHQ every evening – "Reunion in France", "Stormy Weather", and "By Hook or by Crook". Indented for new kit.

<u>11 Jun</u>. Sunday. Rev Capt McManus celebrated Mass for the three Fd Regts in a picturesque setting under olive trees overlooked by green hills. Showers in the afternoon. The guns left to be calibrated.

<u>12 Jun</u>. Quiet day. Swim in the afternoon.

<u>13 Jun</u>. Things are getting organized now. Leaves have begun to a rest camp in Salerno and day trips to Naples and Pompeii. Baseball schedules are posted and there are swim parades every afternoon. Movies are shown nightly at RHQ by Mr Pitts, a K of C supervisor.

<u>14 - 16 Jun</u>. Quiet and very hot. Most of the time is spent bluffing people into believing that we are busy. Saw the show "They Died with their Boots On".

<u>17 Jun</u>. Went on a day pass to Naples. The town is crowded with well-dressed fairly friendly people. A huge service club is operating in the Royal Palace which is magnificent. Huge marble stairs, spacious rooms, and marvellous frescos on most of the walls and ceilings. There are lunch rooms, dining rooms, and many tables on the terraces with tea, cakes, ice cream, and lemonade. Clubs for Canadian, American, and French troops occupy other large buildings and provide the same services on a smaller scale. Got back in time to see the show "The Keeper of the Flame".

<u>18 -19 Jun</u>. Rain both days. Many of the tents are swamped. My pup tent is OK.

<u>20 Jun</u>. Guns and skeleton crews went out on scheme with the infantry.

21 - 23 Jun. Quiet. Swimming and watching movies in the evenings.

<u>**24 Jun**</u>. Went out with Capt Saunders to look over a mortar range for the infantry. We are to conduct a course for infantry officers on target indication.

<u>25 Jun</u>. Award of 1939-43 Star entered in my pay book.

<u>26 -27 Jun</u>. Worked on mortar range with WNSR the first day, and with the C&YR the second.

<u>28 Jun</u>. Worked with R22R. Little difficulty as several spoke good English. At 1900 hrs left on recce with Lt Doe. The Regt is going to Rest Camp for 48 hours. We drove for two hours to "Palm Beach", some miles north of Naples. We reported in and were shown our area. Went for a moonlight swim.

<u>29 Jun</u>. The Regt arrived at 1000 hrs and settled in. The Camp stretches for two miles along the beach. Our tents are pitched haphazardly about 50 feet from the shore. A Sally Ann Canteen is set up in two marquees. Meals are served by cooks from the School of Cooking. Unfortunately, I don't think they are graduates. RCMP provide the only guard, and the only parades are for meals. Spent the next day in the water and lazed around.

<u>1 Jul.</u> Regt pulled out at 1000 hrs to return to camp.

<u>2</u> Jul. Sunday. Went to Mass in Melfi Cathedral, a half hour from camp. A good choir sang the Mass which was attended by about 200 Canadians and 100 civilians. Free lemonade and biscuits before the show "Tornado" at night.

<u>3 Jul.</u> I was offered a 7-day pass to Salerno and decided to go.

<u>4 Jul</u>. Got 4400 lire from the paymaster, and 22 of us left by truck for Salerno. We reached the Rest Camp about 2300 hrs and settled in. Yanks next door were celebrating the 4th of July.

<u>5</u> Jul. Had a good breakfast and took a stroll to get my bearings. The Camp is very big and well organized, and is sub-divided into sections. Each section has a clubroom, with the usual services. A good NAAFI canteen served the whole camp. There were also hot and cold showers and a QM store. Meals, served by Italian waiters, were quite good. In the afternoon I got a ride to Salerno. It was a fairly large town, but 90% of it was out -of-bounds. Many landing crafts were anchored in the harbor, and for miles along the shore. Why? Who knows? I got back to camp in time for supper, and saw the movie "The Battle of Stalingrad", which was excellent. Lazed around for the next two days.

8 Jul. Hitch a ride to Pompeii. I joined up with some other soldiers and we engaged a guide to show us through the ruins of ancient Pompeii. The ruins showed signs of having been very extensive and artistic, even after having been buried for so many years. Some very fine marble carvings were still intact. After visiting the ruins, I visited the modern "Sanctuary of Pompeii", a very large and beautiful Cathedral. At the side of the church is a 260-foot steeple of granite and marble. The belfry contains 11 bells, the largest weighing 5 tons. A marvellous view is afforded from the top.

<u>9-11 Jul</u>. I spent the time lazing around, swimming, writing letters, reading, sleeping, and going to movies.

<u>12 Jul</u>. All good things must come to an end, and at 0830 we started back to the Regt by truck. Looking back on my leave, I actually didn't do much, other than seeing the ancient city of Pompeii. But I felt fine, relaxed and rested. I'll probably be fairly contented for a while now. However, I hope we won't be out of action too long. I'd rather be doing something. At least when we are in action it seems that we are doing something about getting the war finished and that eventually, we will get back home.

Soldier Fled Remote Outpost — and Headed Toward the Action

Jack Knox / Times Colonist November 11, 2017

It's not uncommon for soldiers to desert in wartime. Oak Bay's Noel (Bach) Parker-Jervis might have been the only one to run toward the action. So keen was he to get overseas during the Second World War, he bolted from his post on a remote islet off Vancouver Island and headed for England. Parker-Jervis is 96 now, long retired from his job as an English professor

at the University of Alberta. He still lives in his own house, but his knees are shot. So is his hearing. "I've got gunner's deafness," he says. As for his eyes, they never were any good, which is how be came to be stuck guarding seals and cedars on Yorke Island at the south end of Johnstone Strait.

The tale goes like this: An 18-year-old Vancouver boy, he signed up as soon as the war broke out in 1939. "I hoped to go overseas," he said this week. Alas, his eyesight was deemed too poor for that. Instead, he was consigned first to a three-gun coast artillery unit at Point Grey, staving off the less-than-likely Nazi invasion of the University of BC, then to Yorke Island, staving off an attack by lord knows whom. Canada wasn't even at war with Japan at that point. No matter how hard he tried — "Every time they asked for volunteers, I volunteered" — Parker-Jervis couldn't persuade the army to send him to Europe. So, he took matters into his own hands. While home in Vancouver on leave, he left a note for his mother that read "Don't worry about me, I'll be fine" and boarded a train to Halifax. There, he signed on as a coal trimmer on a cargo ship as it crossed the U-boat-infested Atlantic to England. "I thought that was the only way," he says. "I had no fear that I would be punished severely. I was trying to go toward the war, not away from it." He did, however, expect more punishment than he got.

In London, he found his friend John Acland, whose uncle was a high-placed British general. The general was persuaded to send the Canadian military authorities a letter saying something like "I'm interested in the case of Gunner Parker-Jervis. I would be grateful if you would inform me as to his disposition." Maybe it was that note. Maybe it was the circumstances of Parker-Jervis's flight. Maybe it was the interest of the newspaper reporters who heard the strange case of the Canadian soldier who had surrendered to the Military Police. Whatever the reason, instead of being thrown in the stockade, Parker-Jervis was shipped to a holding unit for artillery personnel. "I was astounded." In the end, he got what he wanted. In 1943 he was sent into action in Italy, bad eyes or not. ("By that time, they didn't care if you had glasses as thick as a bottle.") He was at Ortona, the Liri Valley, Ravenna and river crossing after heavily defended river crossing as the Canadian Army chewed its way up the Italian boot. He made the trip in an anti-tank tank — that is, an open-turreted armoured vehicle whose weaponry included a rearmounted .50-calibre machine gun whose muzzle flash would come right down on his head when hammering away at targets to the front. "That's the one that gave me my deafness," he says now.

When they could, the Canadians would shelter in farmhouses whose sturdy masonry offered protection from shellfire, though that didn't help on the night when, as Parker-Jervis was crawling into his blankets, a thumb-sized piece of shrapnel came screaming in and smacked him on the butt so hard that it knocked him over. The blow left a massive, multi-coloured bruise reminiscent of the sunset-hued behinds of North African baboons, which earned him the nickname him Baboon. Parker-Jervis liked the Italians he met and, like many soldiers, tried to slip the hungry population Canadian rations when he could. Ditto for when the 1st Canadian Corps was sent from Italy to northwest Europe after D-Day. "Canadian mess lines were always full of Dutch children." He still eats the bully beef that was a staple of the Canadian Army. He

wasn't the only one with a taste for it: Parker-Jervis has a funny tales about trading several cases of the stuff for a US Army jeep that the Americans subsequently declared lost in action. What isn't funny, though, is the rest of it, the stories he skirts around — the terrible times, the loss of friends, the loss of youth. We shouldn't forget that on Remembrance Day, shouldn't forget the teen who deserted toward the war, shouldn't forget the million other Canadians who chose to march there.

New Honorary Colonel for the Canadian Army Named.



Paul Hindo, a top ranking international executive, has been appointed as the next Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army. "I would like to offer my personal thanks to Honorary Colonel Goldring for his distinguished service to the Canadian Army for the past six years. His dedication to and passion and

support for the members of the Canadian Army will be sorely missed. I would also like to offer a warm welcome to the Canadian Army's newest Honorary Colonel, Mr. Paul Hindo. I am certain he too will prove to be a worthy ambassador for the Canadian Army," said Minister of National Defence, Harjit Sajjan, who made the appointment.

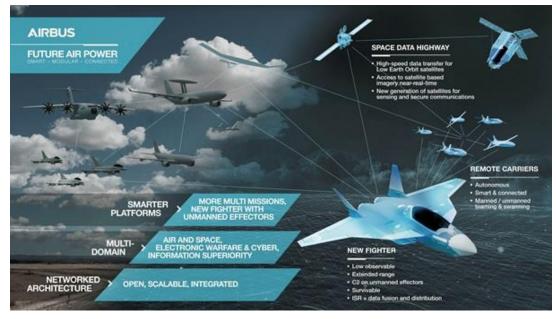
Hindo is a Canadian immigrant who was born in Iraq and immigrated to Montreal in 1972. Hindo has become a prominent member of the Ottawa and international business community. He spent 20 years working as a real estate agent at Cushman & Wakefield before joining the Nautical Lands Group where he also sold real estate. In 2013 his focus switched to the commercial real estate industry. He is also well known for his philanthropic efforts in the local community. Prior to this appointment, Hindo served as the honorary colonel of The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, since 2009. He has also been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration for his service as a Primary Reservist with The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. In his new role, which he will assume Dec. 1, Hindo will be responsible for fostering esprit de corps throughout the Army; advising the Commander of the Canadian Army on matters of significance to the Army, including Army charities, organizations and memorials; liaising with Army units; and strengthening the Army's relationship with major stakeholders. He will also participate in various ceremonial events to raise awareness of the work the Canadian Army and its soldiers carry out. It has been a big year for Hindo, as earlier this year he won \$22 million with Lotto 649. Hindo assumes the role from Honorary Colonel Blake Goldring. Goldring was the first person to ever hold the title of Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army. He served for a total of 12 years, six as the honorary colonel of the Canadian Army and six as the honorary colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canada. Goldring is credited

with strengthening the Canadian Army's relationship with stakeholders and encouraging esprit de corps amongst the Army's members. Goldring is also the founder of the non-profit organization Canada Company that supports military members and their families, with a special focus on transition.

"My heartfelt thanks to Honorary Colonel Goldring for supporting the Canadian Army for 12 years, six of them as Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Army. He has steadfastly and routinely proven himself to be an enthusiastic and tireless advocate for the men and women who serve in the Canadian Army. His support to Canada's military personnel and their families both at home and abroad continues through his work as founder and Chairman of Canada Company. I am confident that Honorary Colonel Hindo will represent the Canadian Army with the same high level of energy and dedication," said LGen Paul Wynnyk, Commander Canadian Army. Appointing influential Canadians in honorary military positions has been a practice of the Canadian government for over a century. The Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy also have similar programs. World-renowned musician and composer Loreena McKennitt currently serves as the RCAF's honorary colonel while the RCN has a number of honorary captains including businesswoman and TV personality Arlene Dickinson.

Airbus Reveals Future New Fighter Concept

Gareth Jennings *HIS Jane's International Defence Review Summary & Analysis:* Looks half F-22, half F-35.



Airbus Defence and Space (DS) has revealed a New Fighter concept that could serve as a potential replacement for the Eurofighter Typhoon and Dassault Rafale in the 2040-timeframe. Speaking at the IQPC International Fighter conference in Berlin

on 8 November, the company's head of strategy, Antoine Noguier, disclosed that the manned New Fighter would be part of a family of systems known as the Future Combat Air System (FCAS).

"Germany and France have taken the decision to develop a new combat aircraft to maintain sovereign and European capabilities. We see the Future Combat Air System as being a family of systems composed of manned and unmanned platforms that need to operate in a collective and collaborative way. We see a great future with the current [Eurofighter] platform, and we are developing the New Fighter also as a key element of this Future Combat Air System," Noguier said. Airbus first revealed details of its FCAS work for the German Bundeswehr in mid-2016, at which time it was being pitched as a potential successor to the Luftwaffe's Panavia Tornado fleet. However, given the compressed timelines involved in that particular effort (the service needs to field a replacement in 2025 in time for a 2030 out-of-service date), the FCAS in general and the New Fighter in particular is now being seen more as a potential replacement for the Eurofighter Typhoon, which is due to be retired from German service in about 2045. Given the collaborative arrangement agreed between Germany and France earlier this year on the development of a future European fighter aircraft, the New Fighter is also envisaged as a Rafale replacement for the French Air Force.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The website updates are a little slim this week as your website manager ran out of time! Additional photos from the Ceremony of Life for Constable John Davidson have been placed on line. <u>http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2017.html</u>

There's been a new recruiting poster produced and placed on line by 42 RCA. We've reproduced it on our 2017 page. <u>http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2017.html</u>

We've also developed a new calendar page. Help me keep it up to date with any events that I might have missed. <u>http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/calendar.html</u>

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

<u>Who Is It</u>



Last Week Not too much information on this picture. All we can say is that these Ladies are members of the Woman's Royal Air Force (WRAF) and are in front of a Leyland, Terrier, 6x4 3 Ton Lorry. Unfortunately, we don't know any of their names.

This Week We are sometimes accused of ignoring our Jolly Jack Tar friends. Nothing could be further from the truth, as we have nothing but admiration for the Senior Service. Anyone who can put up with what they have over the past 50 years (green uniforms, lack of funding, etc.) has to be made of stern stuff. However, our treasure trove of photos is, regrettably, from an artillery museum, so; depictions of things that float are rare in that environment. Nonetheless, we sailor on, sometimes relying on friends or obscure publications for photographic treasures. Such is the case this week. The photo is from a long-forgotten propaganda magazine, found in the collection of one of our ancient professors, now, sadly, teaching in that classroom in the sky. We have scanned the photos that were in this publication, and present one for the naval types upon which to ponder.



It depicts half (or possibly more; Jane's is not available at the moment) of the entire riparian fleet of a country most of you won't recognize (first hint), sailing on the waters of a large northern river (second hint), just near a city whose population now differs significantly from what it did back then in the 1930s (third, and final hint). A word of warning: this fleet did not distinguish itself when push came to shove. So, mates, lay off that pusser rum for a minute, and think. Can you tell us the name of this country, and something of these less-than-mighty warships? If you can, we will be mightily impressed.

Send your ideas to the editor, <u>bob.mugford@outlook.com</u> or to the author, John Redmond (<u>johnd._redmond@telus.net</u>).

From the 'Punitentary'

Where does a fish go to borrow money? The loan shark!

Murphy's Other Laws

Never let go of what you've got until you've got hold of something else.

Quotable Quotes

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. - e e cummings

Christmas Tea



The Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

Lieutenant Colonel JPP Lajoie CD

invites you to his

Annual Christmas Tea

to be held on

Sunday December 10th 2017

in the

15th Field Regiment Officers' Mess

commencing at Two o'clock in the afternoon

Dress: Jacket & Tie, equivalent for ladies Cost: \$20 per person at the door Please sign up at the Bar!!

If you can't make it in to sign up, email me at <u>bob.mugford@gmail.com</u> with name and number attending and I will add you to the list.

Note:- the Mess does not mail out invitations to this event.

Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir SOUNDS of CHRISTMAS

Thurs, Nov 30th, 7:30pm Downtown Vancouve with Burnaby Central Secondary School Chair and guest fiddler Cam Wilson St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church Corner of Burrard/Nelson Streets Tickets from www.vwmc.ca

Sat, Dec 2nd, 2:30pm White Rock

with Johnston Heights Secondary School Choir and guest fiddler Cam Wilson White Rock Baptist Church, 1657-140th Street Tickets at www.vwmc.ca or Tapestry Music 604-538-0906

Sun, Dec 3rd, 2:30pm New Westminster with Winter Harp at Massey Theatre*, 735 8th Ave. Tickets only from www.ticketsnw.ca 604-521-5050

Where to Buy Tickets:

Online: vwmc.ca (no fees) In person: from any choir member By phone: VWMC 604-878-1190 From theatre box offices

At the door

Wed, Dec 8th, 7:30pm North Vancouver with Argyle Secondary School Choir and guest fiddler Cam Wilson Centennial Theatre*, 2300 Lonsdale Tickets only from Box Office 604-984-4484

Thurs, Dec 16th, 7:30pm Vancouver with Magee Secondary School Choir and guest fiddler Cam Wilson Shaughnessy Heights United Church 1550 West 33rd Ave. Tickets at www.vwmc.ca

Ticket Prices: \$29 \$27 \$12* Adult SENIOR STUDENT with ID.

MASSEY THEATRE* Good \$28.50, Better \$34.50, Best \$39.50 (includes fees) CENTENNIAL THEATRE* \$32, \$29, \$12 (includes fees)

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CONCERTS

CHRISTMAS

ANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR One of Canada's Largest Male Voice Choirs

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The Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel J.P.P. Lajoie, CD and the Officers of 15th Field Artillery Regiment The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company at their annual

ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT

to be held at the BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

on Saturday, the Second of December, 2017 at six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening

Dress. Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.

<u>Tariff.</u> \$105 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received (\$95 if received by 15 November 2017). There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 1900 and 2200. RSVP by 22 November 2017 with payment

Payable to "Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt" 2025 West 11th Avenue Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

<u>Questions</u>. To VPMC, Captain Andrew Peters mess15rca@gmail.com



THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO) ASSOCIATION

You are invited to the

2017 Annual Christmas Fundraiser

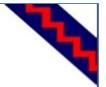
When:	Thursday, December 07, 2017
Time:	11:30 AM – Doors Open
Lunch:	Served from 12:15 PM to 12:45 PM Followed by Silent Auction and Raffle
Where:	The Drill Hall Home of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) 620 Beatty Street Vancouver, BC
Tickets:	\$35.00 if confirmed by December 1, 2017 \$40.00 if confirmed December 2 to December 7, 2017 Please note, cancellations after December 7, 2017 will be invoiced
Menu:	Turkey - With all the trimmings!

- 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 Friday, December 1, 2017 to: Charlotte Yen at 604-630-4585 or e-mail to: <u>corporate@hplaw.ca</u>

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





The 15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum

will be meeting to discuss the

Proposed 5 Year Museum Operating Plan

on

Wednesday 29 November 2017

at 13:00 hours Are you interested in joining our Museum Society and joining the discussion? Membership \$15.00

Visit the Museum at 10:00, join us for lunch at 12:00 Meeting starts at 13:00 (jacket and tie for the luncheon; casual attire for the meeting at 1300)

