



**Vancouver Artillery  
Association News**



**RUSI News**  
Vancouver

## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Jan 29, 2019**

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

**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 need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. The Mess serves a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others and friends. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

<b>Jan 30</b>	NOABC Speaker lunch - <i>New Developments in National Defence Public Affairs</i>
<b>Feb 1-3</b>	Yorke Island event
<b>Feb 02</b>	15 Fd 99 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Social JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper
<b>Mar 01</b>	15 Fd & 78 <sup>th</sup> FH Scotch tasting

## **RUSI Speaker Series for 2019**

The RUSI Speaker Series will continue in the new year. The first series of lectures took place this past fall on Wednesday's from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We thank the Commanding Officer of 15Fd RCA and the Officers' Mess for their cooperation. The next series will again be held in the Mess from February through April 2019. Timing will remain the same while dates, topics and speakers will be announced early in the new year. Check [www.rusivancouver.ca](http://www.rusivancouver.ca) for this information and other events and activities that are being considered by RUSI Vancouver for 2019 for which members will be invited to be involved and encouraged to attend.

Interested in giving a presentation at one of these events? Contact Cam Cathcart: [lhccathcart@gmail.com](mailto:lhccathcart@gmail.com)

## **World War 2 – 1944**

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

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>:** The US Navy continues prepping the Marshall Islands for invasion. The Royal Navy in the Indian Ocean is reinforced by Queen Elizabeth, Valiant and Renown along with the Carriers Illustrious and Unicorn. The British 5<sup>th</sup> Division breaks through the Gustav Line around Minturno to capture Monte Natalie and the 34<sup>th</sup> US Division fends off German counterattacks. The news is less good at Anzio, where all but 6 members of a Ranger Battalion are killed or injured, and the 1<sup>st</sup> UK Division receives a drubbing in its attack. The Brazzaville conference on the future of French Colonies begins. On Bougainville, S/Sgt Jesse R Drowley is in the reserve during a company attack on a well prepared Japanese position. When he sees three members of the assaulting force drop, he rescues two of them when he spots a well concealed Japanese bunker that is inflicting heavy losses on the attacking force. He then directs a tank to the bunker, standing on its deck and directing its fire – despite being badly wounded in the chest and losing an eye – until the bunker is destroyed. He is awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division lands on Roi and Namur in the Marshall Islands. Cairo (to wit, the tiny village a few kilometres from Monte Cassino) is retaken taken by the US II Corps and the Free French are back atop Monte Abate.

**February 1944:** *The German Ordeal in the Korsun Pocket – “Perevozchikov, go on the right. I’ll be in the middle. Arakcheev on the left. We capture this village, or we all die. Chashegorov, go to the Brigade HQ and report it when I’ve captured this village. If I get killed, I want no political officer making speeches at my funeral!”* -Soviet tank officer giving his last orders; cited in Drabkin and Sheremet’s T-34 in Action.

**General:** 35,600 tons of bombs are dropped on Germany; with the RAF mainly focused on Berlin and the USAAF’s 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Armies are mostly oriented on aircraft production. Some 4,800 tons are also dumped on France, mostly over the V-1 sites under construction.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Soviets come within a couple of km of the Estonian frontier at Kingisepp. Roi is almost secure, Namur isn’t yet, but 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry lands on Kwajalein, taking a third of the island on D-Day. US 34<sup>th</sup> Division keeps battering away near Cassino.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Fronts press on German 6<sup>th</sup> Army at Nikopol, while Soviet troops capture Vanakula in Estonia. Allied attacks at Anzio cease. Resistance on Roi and Namur is over, and 3,700 Japanese are dead in exchange for 740 American casualties. Many brave men hurled themselves on grenades to save their comrades, not many survive it. Private Richard K Sorenson of the 24<sup>th</sup> Marines landed on Namur the day before and has been fighting Japanese all night. As resistance ebbs, a Japanese soldier hurls a grenade into the middle of his squad, and Private Sorenson immediately leaps upon it. The grenade detonates causing severe wounds,

but Sorenson lives to receive his Medal of Honor, and dies at 80 years of age in 2004 attended by his children and grandchildren.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>:** US carrier raids hit Eniwetok and US landings are made on Burton Island. The encirclement of the Korsun pocket is announced in Moscow and Hitler has given another “no retreat” order while Manstein is still struggling to break through with inadequate forces.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>:** Hitler pulls 24<sup>th</sup> Panzer out of Manstein’s relief force to route it to Nikopol (it will arrive too late) while the Soviets reach the mouth of the Narva. Kwajalein is secure for 8,700 Japanese dead and 265 (mostly Koreans) have been captured, while 370 Americans are dead and 1,500 are wounded. German attacks force the 1<sup>st</sup> British division to cede some ground at Anzio.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ukraine Front occupies Rovno and Lutsk, while the Germans are flying in supplies to the Korsun pocket (somewhat successfully for now).

## **Royal Canadian Mint Issues Two New Juno75 Coins**

Mike Bechthold PhD, Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre Association writes:-

The Juno Beach Centre Association is happy to share links from the Royal Canadian Mint for two of their new Juno75 designs. The Juno Beach Centre Association worked closely with the Royal Canadian Mint on both these coin designs (as well as the \$2 general circulation JUNO coin which was announced over the holidays). The silver dollar coin closely mirrors our own Juno75 logo, which was its inspiration. Our contribution to this has been acknowledged with a small note near the bottom of the web pages of the two silver dollar designs and includes a link to our website.

[https://www.mint.ca/store/coins/2019-pure-silver-7-coin-proof-set---75th-anniversary-of-d-day-prod3460011?rcmiid=link|categorypage|2019\\_Pure\\_Silver\\_7-Coin\\_Proof\\_Set\\_-\\_75th\\_Anniversary\\_of\\_D-Day/Shop-New\\_Releases\\_&](https://www.mint.ca/store/coins/2019-pure-silver-7-coin-proof-set---75th-anniversary-of-d-day-prod3460011?rcmiid=link|categorypage|2019_Pure_Silver_7-Coin_Proof_Set_-_75th_Anniversary_of_D-Day/Shop-New_Releases_&)

<https://www.mint.ca/store/coins/2019-proof-silver-dollar---the-75th-anniversary-of-d-day-prod3420024?fbclid=IwAR1VwvGAaC7aaDfDnUwVGMrCPLwhM8ThyZPMq4Ox8mzjwHhryMj-gFU1klo>

<https://www.mint.ca/store/coins/14-karat-gold-coin---75th-anniversary-of-the-normandy-campaign-d-day-at-juno-beach---mintage-1200-2019-prod3420022>



## **Mystery D-Day Soldier Featured on Silver Coin ID'd as Nova Scotia Man**

Coin was inspired by footage captured D-Day, but Pte George Herman Baker's identity was determined recently. *David Burke · CBC News · Jan 23, 2019*



*The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled its 2019 silver dollar commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day on Tuesday in Liverpool, NS. The coin was designed by artist Tony Bianco.*

*(The Royal Canadian Mint)*

The Royal Canadian Mint has uncovered the identity of the soldier who inspired its new silver dollar coin, which commemorates the sacrifice of Canadian soldiers on D-Day. A reassuring pat on the

shoulder and a glance back at a fellow soldier. A fleeting act of camaraderie shared between two Canadian soldiers just seconds before they joined their comrades and stormed Juno Beach in France on D-Day. "We felt that that image certainly represented sort of the soldiers of the day. There was a lot of meaning in that image, it's very powerful," said Ian Graham with the Royal Canadian Mint. That moment recorded on grainy black and white film lasted only a second, but it was enough to inspire the design of the Royal Canadian Mint's 2019 proof silver dollar, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. But no one knew the identity of the soldier who was glancing back, until now. Researchers working with the mint have identified the soldier as Pte George Herman Baker of Liverpool, NS. He was a member of the No 3 Platoon, A Company of the North Shore Regiment. He was 20 years old when he headed out to Juno Beach. He survived the war, moved back home and raised a family. Baker died in 2003 at age 80.

*This still taken from video footage of Pte. Baker served as the inspiration for the mint's new coin. (Steve Lawrence/CBC)*

On Tuesday in Liverpool, the mint presented Baker's daughter, Karen McLeod, with one of the coins inspired by her father's image. "I've just been in a daze. I'm overwhelmed," said McLeod. "Proud, and proud of everybody, proud of the men that were there and proud of my father." She said her father was a low-key man who rarely talked about his role in the Second World War. "When they had the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, I



remember him mentioning about the landing and how the soldiers had died. It was awful. You had to walk over people, and you couldn't do anything to help them." Baker carried grim reminders of the war with him. He had shrapnel embedded deep in his shoulder and McLeod remembers pieces of it coming out even years after the war. McLeod said Baker left the war behind and moved on with his life when he returned home. But the image captured of him preparing to land on Juno Beach had a life of its own. And decades later, the mint wanted to find out who the captivating soldier was in the footage.



*Karen McLeod, the daughter of Pte. George Herman Baker, the mystery soldier identified as being on the 2019 silver dollar commemorating the D-Day anniversary, says she's 'proud of the men that were there and proud of my father.'* (Steve Lawrence/CBC)

In the beginning, the only clue the mint had about the soldier's identity came from an interview done with an old platoon chief who thought the soldier might be Pte Baker. Researchers then reached out to the North Shore Regiment that Baker had been a part of. The Regiment searched through its records and found only one soldier with that surname. Since the Regiment is based out of amateur historians, they realized Baker's service number started with an F, which indicated he was probably from either Nova Scotia or PEI. The researchers were able to narrow the scope of their investigation and learned Baker had died in 2003, but a quick internet search revealed he had a daughter. They contacted Karen, who examined the image and confirmed it was her father. She said she was amazed to see the footage. "Not only the discovery of the picture — a whole new discovery of my father. You know, I look at my father in a different light, right, it's a whole new discovery of him."

*McLeod said her father was a good man who always took care of his family.*  
(Steve Lawrence/CBC)

The mint plans to produce 20,000 silver coins. Each sell for \$59.95. McLeod said her father would be honoured by the tribute but embarrassed by all the attention. "He was camera shy," she said. "He would appreciate it and he would be happy about it, but I would probably have to do some talking to get him here." New Brunswick, they searched the area for a Baker but didn't find one. Eventually, with the help of some amateur historians, they realized Baker's service number started with an F, which indicated he was



probably from either Nova Scotia or PEI. The researchers were able to narrow the scope of their investigation and learned Baker had died in 2003, but a quick internet search revealed he had a daughter. They contacted Karen, who examined the image and confirmed it was her father. She said she was amazed to see the footage. "Not only the discovery of the picture — a whole new discovery of my father. You know, I look at my father in a different light, right, it's a whole new discovery of him." The mint plans to produce 20,000 silver coins. Each sell for \$59.95. McLeod said her father would be honoured by the tribute but embarrassed by all the attention. "He was camera shy," she said. "He would appreciate it and he would be happy about it, but I would probably have to do some talking to get him here."

## **“Game Changing” Mast Installation Underway for Submarines**

*Esprit de Corps Peter Mallett January 25, 2019*



*HMCS Corner Brook will become the first Royal Canadian Navy submarine to be equipped with the Universal Modular Mast.*

Her Majesty's Canadian Submarine (HMCS) *Corner Brook* will become the first of the Royal Canadian Navy's (RCN) four Victoria-class submarines to be equipped with a new modern mast system. The submarine is currently stationed in the purpose-built

repair facility dock at Victoria Shipyards as workers from Babcock Canada install the L3 Calzoni Universal Modular Mast (UMM). The system, similar to the one fitted in the United States Navy Virginia-class submarines, was acquired under the United States Foreign Military Sales program. Masts are vital to the functioning of any submarine. In Canada's diesel-powered submarines they provide air supply, communications, radar and periscope capability.

Lieutenant-Commander Darryl Gervis, RCN Deputy Director Submarine Combat Systems, says the new technology puts Canada's submarine program on a new course. "This is a game changer," said LCdr Gervis, referring to the current technological shortfall for Canadian submarines – the lack of a reliable high-speed satellite data link. "What the UMM (when coupled with the Protected Military Satellite Communication (PMSC) antenna) will do is provide near real-time high-speed communications with shore. This will allow for improved picture and video transmission, and quicker transmission of messages, therefore reducing counter-detection opportunities as the submarine will spend less time with its mast out of the water." The new equipment will also include the ability to "plug-and-play" a Communications Intercept Suite antenna that will provide the class that capability. This is because the UMM has two multi-purpose ports, like data ports on a computer. This will enable other antennas and intelligence gathering equipment to be swapped in and out to better suit the needs of a specific deployment or changing technology.

Commander Mike Mangin, Deputy Commander, Operations, of the Canadian Submarine Force, is encouraged by the upgrade and says the UMM with PMSC will truly bring Canadian submarine communications capabilities into the modern era. “It improves the Victoria class as an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform,” said Cdr Mangin. “It increases our utility so much – the upgrades to the comms fit that UMM enables can be compared to using an old dial-up modem to one of today’s high-speed modems.” Corner Brook travelled from its home port of Halifax for the contractor conducted extended docking work period and work is expected to be completed in 2020. Work is expected to begin on the UMM installation in HMCS *Chicoutimi* in 2019, with subsequent work to be performed on HMCS *Victoria* and HMCS *Windsor*. The plan is to have all four submarines retrofitted with the new equipment by 2026.

## **These Moving, Robotic Targets Keep Marines, Soldiers Shooting Sharp**

*Todd South 23 Jan 2019*



*This moving, semi-autonomous robotic target is being tested by the Marine Corps for use on small arms ranges. (Marathon)*

on two all-terrain vehicles and engaged. Through programming, the robots know when they’re being shot at, from where and if one of their compatriots has been hit. They react accordingly. They seek cover, use obstacle avoidance software to keep from running into each other or running over the shooter, should they close the distance. The robots were on display for a shooting scenario at the Sig Sauer range day, part of the annual Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade Show. And an estimated 6,000 Marines over the past year have had a chance to get some more realistic target practice than what they usually see in paper targets and specified, known distances.

*This moving, semi-autonomous robotic target is being tested by the Marine Corps for use on small arms ranges. (Marathon)*

Ralph Petroff, president of the North America branch of Marathon Targets, touts his product as a way to



make century-old ranges modern without rebuilding the whole enterprise. The robots effect goes beyond large fields with open terrain. They can be set up in urban environments and programmed for patterns of movement and move at differing speeds to mimic large crowds in which friendly and unfriendly actors are mixed together. Retired Marine Col Walt Yates, formerly head of Training Systems at Marine Corps Systems Command, now works as a consultant for Marathon. He noted that the Corps has been looking for a better way to do mobile shooting for a decade. The Marathon robots are robust, Petroff said they can withstand calibers up to .338mm range, which packs more punch than all but the .50 caliber in the current service branches' arsenals. The company has received an extension of a few months for further evaluation after the yearlong study recently wrapped up, Petroff said. The study ran from November 2017 through the end of 2018 and took place with Marines at Twentynine Palms, California; Quantico, Virginia; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

## **It Took the Army 4 Years to Field the JLTV**

It Took Soldiers 4 Days to Total One

Jared Keller January 22, 2019



It took four years for the Army to finally start fielding the much-hyped Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, and it took soldiers less than four days to destroy one. Soldiers with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Stewart in Georgia received the first of its 500 JLTVs on Jan 14. A few days later, a photo surfaced on US Army WTF! Moments showing what appeared to be one of the Raider Brigade's brand-new vehicles on its side in the aftermath of a rollover, hood open and parts spilling onto the pavement. Luckily, nobody was injured in the rollover, which occurred during Operator New Equipment Training on the tank trails at Fort Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT public affairs officer Maj Pete Bogart told Task & Purpose on Tuesday. Even better: the JLTV involved in the rollover *doesn't even belong to the 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT*. According to Bogart,

it's a loaner vehicle from Oshkosh sent to Fort Stewart along with the ABCT's current fleet of 8-10 JLTVs explicitly for master drivers and senior NCOs to get a feel for it. "They handle differently than the Humvee, and they handle differently than the MRAP," Bogart said. "There's a level of finding our comfort zones in driving because it's not something we've ever handled before."

Master drivers are currently going through two 40-hour courses spread over five days before the JLTV is fielded on the unit level around the beginning of February, Bogart said. And so far, the reviews are overwhelmingly positive. "The main comment is how smooth the ride is," Bogart said. "When you're hitting bumps, it feels more like a passenger car. [soldiers] are blown away by how smooth it is." "It's really exciting to be the first to try out [the JLTV]," he added. "I came into the Army in 2001, and all we've ever had was Humvees. Our guys are excited for it,

the maintenance and training guys are excited for it ... we're all excited." Beyond the Army, the Marine Corps planned on fielding 69 JLTVs to an infantry battalion with II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. God knows how many of those will survive their first week.

## Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Regimental Centennial glassware is now on sale! Check out what's available on this page.  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/quartermaster-stores.html>

Here's some more recent updates on the website:

1964 Regimental Trophies <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1964.html>

1989 Blair Cup <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/blair-cup-1989.html>

1992/93 Cyprus [www.vancouvergunners.ca/unficyp.html](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/unficyp.html)

2005 WOs & Sgts Mess Dinner <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2005.html>

2010 Freedom of the City Parade

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/freedom-of-the-city-2010.html>

2018 Regimental Birthday <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/birthday-2018.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:** Last week's picture showed a young lady on a Norton WD16H motorcycle. The young lady was the future wife of Arnie Knudsen, a member of 15 Fd/Coast Regt in the 1930s, shown here on the same bike. The pictures were taken in Winnipeg in the 1940s. In 1921 Norton launched the 'Colonial' which was based on the company's Model 16 with higher ground clearance for use on poor quality roads and designated the UK model as the 16H (for 'Home'). A 16H was first offered for military evaluation in 1932. It was found to be suitable and the Norton designers began working with the War Office on a range of developments and modifications. Military orders were placed for the 16H (designated **WD16H**

for War Department use) from 1936 and continued throughout the course of the Second World War, setting a ten-year record for the longest time the War Office procured a single make of motorcycle. A popular despatch machine, the WD16H was also used for training, reconnaissance, convoy control and escort duties. Military Motorcycles left the Norton factory in Army Service Green, Khaki green, Khaki brown or Olive green, depending on colour specified at time of production. 4074 WD16H models were supplied to the CF in 1940 and 1941.

**This Week:** We return again to your favourite colour, khaki, for this week's photo quiz. However, as you can see, some of the vehicles shown might not be of that Urdu-derived word for "dusty". Nonetheless, we can be certain of two things. First, given where they are parked, there will be a good deal of "khaki" on these fine automobiles. Secondly, the plucky defenders of the Dominion shown around these steeds are dressed in that proper-soldier colour. Whether or not they are stealing the tires is another matter that I leave to your imagination.



Our questions are simple this week, as befits a military readership. Who are these well-dress lads? Where might they be, and are you geeky enough to be able to identify the antique sedans featured in the photograph? Send your erudite answers to the equally geeky editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the "otaku" author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Happy motoring (as we have said before)!

### **From the 'Punitenary'**

What is suburbia? Where they tear out the trees - then name streets after them.

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

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm. – *Winston Churchill*



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia  
Founded 1919

Luncheon Speaker's Series organized by NOABC

Wednesday, January 30, 2019  
Officers Mess, Bessborough Armoury  
2025 W 11th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7  
11:30am Drinks, noon lunch.  
4 course hot lunch \$20.00 (cash only)  
Presentation starts at 1300 hrs

**New Developments in National Defence Public Affairs**

The National Defence Public Affairs Office (NDPAO) – Pacific is located in Vancouver and responsible for providing outreach programs and activities for British Columbia. It delivers outreach services that include roundtable discussions, presentations, guest lectures, informal meetings and familiarization trips.

Topics at this presentation will include:

- ☐ Regional Realignment
- ☐ Current Stakeholder Engagement Priorities
- ☐ Strategic Transition of Uniformed Public Affairs Personnel into Information Domain Operations).

**Speaker's biography**

Major (retired) Dan Thomas, CD, joined the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) as a recruit while in his first year at UBC, and commissioned as an Armour Officer (reconnaissance) while studying Political Science. Following graduation, he worked for as a despatcher for seven years with the BC Maritime Employers Association while developing his Army Reserve career. Further civilian experience included EXPO '86, Tourism Whistler, and the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games. In late 1994, his career changed with full-time employment as an Army Reserve Public Affairs Officer - at first locally with 39 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters, and later nationally with the Directorate of Army Public Affairs and other roles. He has supported several Domestic Operations, including APEC '97 (Operation MANDIBLE); the 2003 BC Interior firestorms (Operation PEREGRINE); the 2005 memorial services for Sergeant "Smokey" Smith, VC (Operation VALOUR); and the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Operation PODIUM). International experience includes tasks in Cyprus and Ukraine. He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program at Canadian Forces College, Toronto, and holds a Master's degree in Defence Studies from Royal Military College, Kingston. Following retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces, he worked with Commissionaires BC as Office Manager, and is now the Acting Manager of National Defence Public Affairs Office Pacific.

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**If you plan to attend the lunch and presentation please respond to David Reece  
by Sunday, January 27, 2019**

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

## Dues 2019

As of Jan 1, memberships dues are payable for 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess Associate Members, Vancouver Artillery Association and the Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society. Details below.

Dues for the **Vancouver Artillery Association** are \$25 payable to the Vancouver Artillery Association. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, Vancouver Artillery Association  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

We also make it simpler for members of the Vancouver Artillery Association to pay dues. Just send an Interac e-transfer to [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com). Like we have it written in on our website.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/quartermaster-stores.html>

Dues for **RUSI Vancouver** are \$50 (\$25 for students), payable to RUSI Vancouver. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, RUSI Vancouver  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for **15 Fd Officers' Mess Associate Members** are \$60, payable to 15 RCA Officers Mess. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

## Yorke Island Visit Feb 2019



### BC Parks

### Sayward Public Presentation

**1 - 3 February 2019**

**Friday, February 1st (10am – 2pm):** Yorke Island field visits, familiarization tour.

**Friday, February 1st (6pm – 9pm):** Open House and evening presentations from the Heritage Branch, Vancouver Artillery Association, etc.

**Saturday, February 2nd (1pm – 4pm):** Planning Open House, lunch for volunteers and partner discussions. Display poster/tables, e.g. Campbell River Museum, etc.

**Sunday, February 3rd (9am – 3pm):** Alternate date for Yorke Island field visits.

*Interested? Send an email to [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com) for details*





**BC Parks, West Coast Region**  
***Hən̓əməd̓i Məkola/Yorke Island Conservancy***

**February 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**, BC Parks will be hosting community outreach activities in Sayward to present the WWII Heritage Values and develop direction for the Future Management of Hən̓əməd̓i Məkola/Yorke Island Conservancy.

<b>Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>(9am – 3pm):</b>	Potential Yorke Island Field Visits	Limited space available. Contact BC Parks, David Jack Cell: 250-230-1172 David.Jack@gov.bc.ca
<b>Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>(6pm – 9pm):</b>	Heritage Presentations from the Heritage Branch of the Province of BC, the Vancouver Artillery Association, and more	<b>Sayward Heritage Hall</b> (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)
<b>Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>(10am – 1pm):</b>	BC Parks Conservancy Management Planning - Public outreach at the Sayward Indoor Market	<b>Sayward Heritage Hall</b> (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)
<b>Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>(2pm – 4pm):</b>	BC Parks Conservancy Management Planning - Public and stakeholder discussions	<b>Sayward Heritage Hall</b> (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)

For further information please contact:

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## JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper

# *J. P. Fell Pipe Band 25th Anniversary Robbie Burns Supper February 2, 2019*

*Proudly Associated with 6 Engineer Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers*



*Tariff: \$60.00 per person*  
*Time: 5:30pm for 6:30pm Dinner*  
*Location: J.P. Fell Armoury*  
*1513 Forbes Ave, North Vancouver*  
*Dress: Mess Dress or Semi-formal*  
*No Minors*  
*Cash only bar*  
*Website: [jpfellpipeband.org](http://jpfellpipeband.org)*  
*Tickets: [events@jpfellpipeband.org](mailto:events@jpfellpipeband.org)*

*Join us for an evening of:*

*Pipes and Drums,*

*Scottish Country Dancing,*

*Door Prizes,*

*Silent Auction and a*

*Delicious Buffet Dinner.*

## 15 Field Regt Birthday Fund Raising Social

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

*Cordially invite you  
to their*

**99<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

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**ALL RANKS FUND RAISING SOCIAL**

**(ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS "BATTLE FIELD TOUR 2020")**

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**Cocktails: 18:30 for 19:00 hrs**

**LIVE MUSIC and DJ**

*To be held at*

**Bessborough Armoury**

**2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Vancouver, BC**

RSVP required by 3 Jan 19  
Capt Dempsey GM,  
Email: [george.dempsey@forces.gc.ca](mailto:george.dempsey@forces.gc.ca)  
Telephone: 604-666-4370

Dress: Casual  
Tickets: \$10 single  
\$15 couple

## **15 Fd and 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders Scotch Tasting**

### **THE ANNUAL 2019 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA & The 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders Fund Raiser and Scotch Tasting Night**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend our annual fund raising and whisky tasting event at the historic Bessborough Armoury. There will be food, draw prizes, and music. There will be whisky!

For the Full 'Whisky Fleet', Tickets are **\$55.00** per person by Credit Card, Cheque, or by exact change, otherwise your \$60 in bills will be gratefully accepted towards our good cause. Bernard Rowe, who will be relieving you of your burden of carrying cash will meet you at the front door and will be most appreciative. For those who are driving, or prefer the options from the No-Host bar, you pay a meager **\$25.00**.

**Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet! Bring guests!**

Dress is business casual. Kilts and highland dress, of course, are most welcome.

**DATE:** Friday – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**TIME:** 1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

**LOCATION:** 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7

**DO NOT MISS OUT!  
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:**

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All profits raised by the 15th Field Regimental Society and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison will go towards supporting the 15 Field Centennial Projects next year in 2020.

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations upon request.