



**Vancouver Artillery  
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## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Apr 30, 2019**

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

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

- May 02** BCIT Military Employment Fair
- May 04** NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner
- May 08** RUSI Vancouver AGM - 1300hrs Bessborough Armoury
- May 11** Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Cloverdale  
2019 Army Gala
- May 17** Fort Rodd Hill Ceremony
- May 22** Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker
- May 26** Artillery Day - 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Mess Dinner
- Jun 08** 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review  
39 CER D-Day Mess Dinner

## **World War 2 – 1944**

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

### **May 1944: Spring in Italy**

*"We Polish soldiers / For our freedom and yours / Have given our souls to God / Our bodies to the soil of Italy / And our hearts to Poland."* -Memorial plaque at the Polish military cemetery near the foot of Monte Cassino.

**General:** Just over 8,000 tons of bombs are dropped on Germany, but 86,000 tons are showered all over Northern France – hitting railway yards, bridges, etc. Numerous small naval clashes occur all over the French and Dutch coasts as MTBs and E-Boats duke it out for supremacy.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Seven US Battleships bombard Ponape in the Carolines.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Admiral Toyoda replaces the late Admiral Koga as chief of the combined Japanese fleet.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meat rationing eases in the US, steaks and some beef cuts remain controlled but almost everything else isn't. Captain John Neil Randle is with the Royal Norfolk at Kohima. As his battalion strives over two days to clear the Japanese off a nearby ridge, Captain Randle takes over a failing assault and rallies it to a successful conclusion, personally retrieves all the wounded lying outside his new perimeter and undertakes a dangerous reconnaissance for the next evening's assault. During this assault on the early hours of May 6<sup>th</sup>, he is mortally wounded in an assault on a heavy Japanese machinegun bunker but pitches a grenade through the firing aperture and then lies across it to seal it as his last conscious act. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** The Germans have evacuated 40,000 men, but the rest of those in Sevastopol will have to be withdrawn under the guns of a close siege as the Soviet's massive bombardment of the city commences.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Troops from US 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division occupy Cape Hopkins Airfield on New Britain. Supported by SOE agents, the Resistance fingers a massive German ammunition depot for a highly effective air raid at Michenon France; as the guards flee the resulting conflagration, they run into ambushes laid by the lurking guerrillas.

## **Israel Inks Deal with Elbit for Advanced Artillery of the Future**

*Defense News Weekly Seth J Frantzman 18 April 2019*



*The Israel Defense Forces wants a cannon with a high rate of fire and a 155mm, 52-caliber barrel capable of firing at a range of about 40 kilometers. (Claudiad/Getty Images)*

JERUSALEM — Israel has signed a deal that will further its plans to deploy “artillery of the future,” the Ministry of Defense announced. Israel's future artillery effort could solve operational challenges the country faces in the north, potentially in Syria, Lebanon and Gaza. It also represents a commitment to investing in its ground forces in future conflicts. Retired Gen Udi Adam, the director general of the MoD, signed a deal with Elbit Systems for the development and acquisition of “advanced artillery systems to replace the existing ones” fielded by the Israel Defense Forces, the ministry announced March 27. “This is one of the largest and most complex procurement plans in the

history of the ground forces,” the ministry added. The system is expected to be deployed over the next decade.

Israel has carried out initial tests of the technology and identified engineering challenges. “The next stage of development has begun: prototype production and preparations for serial production,” the ministry noted. According to a high-ranking retired officer with knowledge of this technology, the decision is no small matter. After the Second Lebanon War, he said, the need to improve Israel’s artillery wasn’t a priority, but now “as big and strong as the Air Force is, the ground forces need close support in immediate time in all-weather conditions.” The challenge is finding a system that is more accurate and efficient than the aging M109 155mm howitzers that are a backbone of the military. Israel previously considered Elbit’s ATMOS (Autonomous Truck Mounted Howitzer System), a 155mm self-propelled howitzer, for the gun. And according to local daily Globes, in 2017 Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel Military Industries, and German firms Krauss-Maffei Wegmann and Rheinmetall jointly pitched a system to Israel’s MoD for a program worth about \$800 million.

KMW and Rheinmetall make the Panzerhaubitze 2000 advanced artillery system that can fire 10 rounds a minute and has seen action in Afghanistan. However, Israel has shown a preference toward locally produced systems. The IDF wants a cannon with a high rate of fire and a 155mm, 52-caliber barrel capable of firing at a range of about 40 kilometers. Israel experimented with a system called Sholef in the 1980s. The deal signed last month represents Israel’s next attempt to produce an indigenous system, building on the experience of South Korea’s K9 Thunder, Sweden’s Archer artillery system and the American-made XM2001 Crusader, which was never operational. The high-ranking retired officer described the “artillery of the future” as a third-generation, fully automated system that incorporates the latest technology in command, control, communications, computers and intelligence. “The advanced system will be capable of automatic charging and laying,” the ministry said in its announcement. “The system automatically selects, depending on the mission, the type of shell, detonator and required fuse, automatically loading.” In other words, such capability reduces the number of soldiers needed to operate the system. The retired officer added that having an advanced automated system without soldiers in the turret of the vehicle would be unique. Israel’s artillery corps is already making use of the newest technology, combining cannons with missiles, rockets and UAVs, and taking lessons learned from the 2014 Gaza War, such as the need for precision in urban combat. That tech includes systems such as IAI’s Top Gun, the Tammuz missile and Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System.

## **New US Coast Guard Strategy for Arctic Highlights 'Projecting Sovereignty'**

As China, Russia look north. *The Washington Post* Dan Lamothe April 22, 2019

The Coast Guard's new strategy for the Arctic calls for upgrading ships, aircraft and unmanned systems there, an effort to make sure the United States is "projecting sovereignty" into an increasingly contested region, the service's top officer said. Adm Karl Schultz, the commandant of the Coast Guard, said in an interview that the shift is a "little bit different," although existing Arctic efforts will continue. "Before, it was a peaceful, safe, secure Arctic collaboration," he

said. "None of that goes away. We want the Arctic to be a peaceful place where we work to cross international lines here with partner nations that share interests in a transparent fashion. But I think if you're looking around at what's going on in the Arctic, I would say it's maybe trending in a slightly different direction. This will pivot with a little more focus on projecting."



*Ice floes and fog surround the US Coast Guard Cutter Healy in the Arctic Ocean on July 29, 2017. The cutter is the largest icebreaker in the Coast Guard and serves as a platform for scientific research.*

*Bonnie Jo Mount/The Washington Post*

The 48-page document is being released amid concerns in Washington about actions by both China and Russia in the Arctic. It comes as the Defense Department, at the direction of Congress, prepares its own new Arctic strategy that is due to be provided to lawmakers in June. China, despite its geography, has declared itself a "near-Arctic state," has begun building icebreaker ships and has said it wants to build a "Polar Silk Road" in which goods can be delivered from China to Europe through the Arctic Ocean as ice in waterways diminish. Russia also has increasingly focused on the Arctic, expanding its fleet of icebreakers to more than 40, reopening Cold War-era military bases above the Arctic Circle and making plans to deploy anti-aircraft missiles on some of them. The Coast Guard, as part of the Department of Homeland Security, is unlikely to have the primary role if open conflict ever broke out in the Arctic. But the service highlights in its new strategy a perceived need to "retool existing concepts of operation to maximize the impact of more capable assets," presumably from the Defense Department. "The Service will make integrated operations with joint service, interagency and allied partners a critical element of current and future strategic and operations plans," the Coast Guard strategy says.

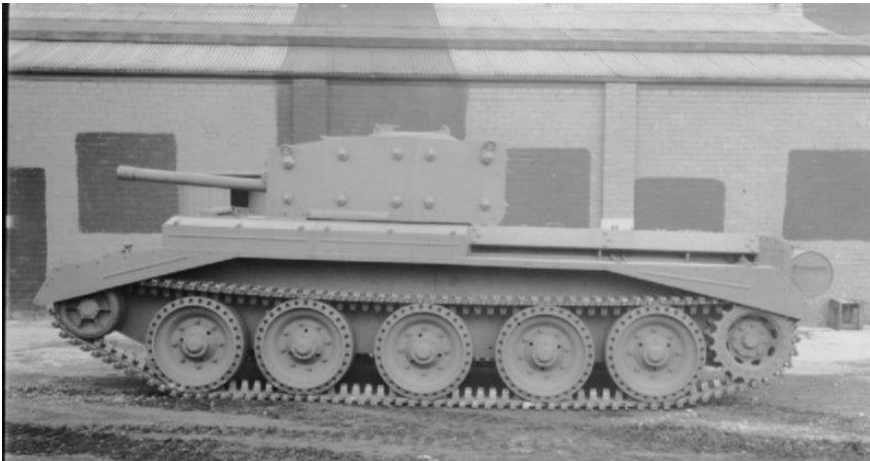
The Coast Guard currently has only two surface ships capable of sailing in icy parts of the Arctic, and the Navy has none. President Donald Trump and Congress approved \$655 million to begin building the first of what the Coast Guard sees as a new fleet of up to six polar security cutters, but the service also highlights a variety of other needs it sees in the region, especially improving limited communications networks. The strategy commits to holding the line against "competitors" who do not respect "international order." "A key element of the strategies of our competitors is to engage in activities that weaken the international order that underpins a free and open maritime domain," the strategy says. "They do so under a cloud of ambiguity that makes it difficult to mount an effective or timely response to such activities. Clear and universally held norms, coupled with transparency, can dissipate that cloud." The document does not use the phrase "climate change," a politically sensitive issue given Trump's open skepticism of it. But the strategy does highlight how "reductions in permanent sea ice have exposed coastal borders and facilitated increased human and economic activity" in the Arctic.



The warming of the Arctic has led to longer and larger windows of reduced ice conditions," the strategy says. "From 2006 to 2018, satellite imagery observed the 12 lowest Arctic ice extents on record."

## **The Cromwell Tank: The Fastest British Tank of WWII**

*War History Online   Ruslan Budnik   Mar 17, 2019*



*Cruiser Mk VIII Centaur I (A27L)*

The tank Cruiser MkVIII "Cromwell" is a British medium cruiser tank used during the Second World War. It was named after the leader of the English Civil War Oliver Cromwell. In Britain's

military lists, the Cromwell tank was designated A27M. By the end of 1942, the British leadership was aware of the threat from the new German tanks that had appeared on the fronts. To combat them, it was necessary to create a cruising tank which could go up against the German Panthers and Tigers to a decent degree. However, talks about the development of Cromwell and Centaur date back to 1940, codenamed A23 and A24. The British military were conscious that the Crusader tank would become obsolete and so were seeking a future replacement. Vauxhall Motors Limited submitted the A23 for consideration, which was a scaled down version of the A22 Churchill tank. Nuffield Mechanizations and Aero Limited offered up the A24 which was heavily based on a Crusader design and had a Liberty V-12 engine. It was hoped that, since it was based on a previous design, it could be put into production quickly.

*Tank, Cruiser, Mk VIII, Cromwell (A27M).*

*Photo: Mike1979 Russia CC BY-SA 3.0*



Leyland Motors Limited, in conjunction with The Birmingham Railway Carriage and Wagon Company (BRC&W) presented a tank that was considered similar to Nuffield's A24. In early 1942, the Mk. VIII Centaur had been created, but this tank design was abandoned as not fit for purpose due to the unreliability of the engine. It was suggested that a new Rolls-Royce engine be fitted, but Nuffield was not prepared to redesign the A24 for the new engine. Consequently, in October 1942, taking the Centaur layout scheme as a basis, Leyland presented a new cruiser tank to the military department, called the Cruiser Mk. VIII Cromwell. In early 1943, the new tank with its Rolls-Royce Meteor engine was put into production at factories in the cities of Birmingham and Coventry. During the

period of serial production, Cromwell was repeatedly upgraded, and 4016 copies were released. In all, 3066 A27M Cromwell were built, and adding 950 A27L, the entire A27 class was 4016 tanks strong. Cromwell has a classic layout. The crew consists of five people. Initially, the frame was made of riveted construction, but later welding was used. The boxy turret sat above the central fighting compartment, isolated both from the engine and front compartments. A bulkhead with access holes separated the hull gunner and the driver from the fighting compartment. A second bulkhead separated the fighting compartment from the transmission and engine compartment.

Cromwell was heavier than the Crusader. This was thanks to the reinforced armour which, depending on the version, reached a thickness of 3 to 4 inches (76-100 mm). However, Cromwell compensated for the increased weight with a powerful Rolls-Royce Meteor engine. This was a version of the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin aircraft engine which was installed in Lancaster, Spitfire, and many other aircraft of the Second World War period. The V-shaped 12-cylinder Meteor was one of the most reliable engines mounted on a British tank. Thanks to this engine, Cromwell can be called one of the high-speed British tanks during World War II. Engine power was up to 600 horsepower, which made it possible for tank to the maximum speed of 40 mph (64 km/h). By the time the Mk. III was being produced, the main armament consisted of a QF 6 pounder gun (57 mm). Cromwell Mk. IV and Cromwell Mk. V were armed with a 75mm QF 75 gun. Modifications of Cromwell Mk. VI and Cromwell Mk. VIII were armed with a 95-mm howitzer and belonged to the class of assault tanks.



*Rolls-Royce Meteor engine, ex-Comet, in eau de nil, at the Parola Tank Museum.*

*Photo: Ohikulkija CC BY-SA 4.0*

The first tests were conducted in August-September 1943 in the UK. Cromwell proved to be more reliable in contrast to the older brother of the Centaur, but both tanks lagged behind the American Sherman. Test Leader Major Clifford noted that he would not want to manage the A27L Centaur tank unit due to its unreliability and

numerous service personnel. According to him, the Cromwell could have become a valuable fighting vehicle, but in its present form at the time, it could only be considered as a prototype requiring further refinement. Cromwell participated in the hostilities of the Second World War in Western Europe as well as in North Africa. It saw its first fighting in the Battle of Normandy in June 1944. The tank was in service with the reconnaissance regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, Guards Armoured Division, 1<sup>st</sup> (Czechoslovakian) Independent Armoured Brigade Group as part of the First

Canadian Army, 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division and others. In Western Europe, it was given reconnaissance missions due to its high speed and low profile, which made it harder to spot.



*Cromwell VI with type F hull, showing driver's side-opening hatch and turret storage bins.*

The most significant drawbacks of the Cromwell were weak firepower and insufficient armor. Under certain conditions, the tank was able to compete with the German Panther, although it couldn't penetrate its frontal armor. However, the Cromwell was relatively weak in front of the heavy Tiger tanks. In the battle of the French town of Villers-Bocage on June 13, 1944, German heavy Tiger tanks led by Michael Wittmann defeated the British convoy with minimal losses. The main part of the British forces were Cromwell tanks.

After the war, the Cromwell took part in the Korean War with the 8<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Irish Hussars and the 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment. In the 1955, the tank was retired in favor of newer tanks. After the war, the Cromwell was provided to various countries around the world such as Israel, Austria, Jordan, Finland, and the socialist countries of Poland and Czechoslovakia. As part of the Jordanian and Israeli armies, the Cromwell took part in the Six-Day War but was inferior in all respects to newer tanks at that time. Under the Lend-Lease program, six Cromwell tanks were delivered to the Soviet Union. However, there is no information about their combat use on the Eastern Front.

## **Feds to Again Underspend on New Military Kit, Threatening NATO Target**

*The Canadian Press   Lee Berthiaume   March 4, 2019*

OTTAWA -- The federal government will invest billions of dollars less in new military equipment than promised this year, raising concerns about the readiness of the Canadian Forces and the prospect that Canada will fall short on another NATO spending target. The Trudeau government in 2017 released a defence policy that included dramatic increases in the amount of money to be spent on new aircraft, ships, armoured vehicles and other military equipment each year for the next two decades. The investments are considered vital to replacing the Canadian Forces' aging fighter jets, ships and other equipment with state-of-the-art kit. Yet while the government is on track to invest more in new equipment for the second year in a row, budget documents show the Defence Department will still fall short more than \$2 billion on the government's plan to spend \$6.5 billion.

The government spent \$2.3 billion less than planned last year, largely because of delays in projects such as the government's huge plan to buy new warships, though also because some things ended up costing less than expected. The department's top civil servant, deputy minister Jody Thomas, told a House of Commons committee last week that about \$700 million was because some projects came in underbudget and other "efficiencies, so we didn't need that money." But Thomas acknowledged the department was to blame for some of the other



underspending and industry has also faced challenges in delivering on projects -- though she said it shouldn't be a surprise there have been some problems given the number of projects underway. "There are going to be some slowdowns by us," she said, adding: "If money isn't moving quite quickly enough because of a problem with a particular supply chain, a particular supplier, a contract, the way we've defined a project, we work with industry to try to resolve that." Still, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan acknowledged to the same committee that while the government is spending more on military equipment than previous years, "we need to get enough people to be able to handle the volume of projects. We need to get better at that." Defence officials have previously blamed a shortage of procurement experts for some project delays and cost overruns. That shortage was created by successive cuts to the department starting under the Liberals in the 1990s and continued under the Conservatives earlier this decade.



*A Canadian flag on a shoulder tab of a member of the Canadian Armed Forces' CADPAT uniform in this file photo. (Lars Hagberg/The Canadian Press)*

While the fact the department saved money on some projects was seen as a positive development, Conservative defence critic James Bezan said he is nonetheless concerned that hundreds of millions of dollars in promised new investments aren't being realized. "Despite the explanation that was given by officials at committee, we still feel projects are falling behind, promises are going to be broken and ultimately the Canadian Armed Forces will not get the equipment that it needs in a timely manner," Bezan told The Canadian Press. "The whole idea that they're finding efficiencies is good news. But at the same time, those dollars should be getting re-invested in other capital projects that aren't off the books yet." Thomas did not say which projects will be affected by the underspending. And the underspending doesn't just mean delivery of some promised equipment will be delayed, said defence analyst David Perry of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute; it also threatens Canada's ability to meet a key NATO spending target.

All members of the military alliance agreed in 2014 to spend two per cent of their gross domestic products on the military within a decade -- a commitment that has since taken on new importance with U.S. President Donald Trump's demanding all NATO allies spend more. While Canada has long resisted that target and the Liberal defence policy shows spending only reaching 1.4 per cent of GDP by 2024-25, the Liberal government has said it will achieve another NATO target to direct 20 per cent of defence spending to new equipment. "So the military is not getting re-equipped as fast as intended when the defence policy was published," Perry said in an interview. "And we had basically reassured NATO that we were going to really do a good job at spending on recapitalization, and we're not nearly as far ahead as we should be on that."



## **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – 11 May 2019**

Dear Canadian Veterans Association,

My name is Joon Sohn and I am from student-led organization Hold High the Torch at École Salish Secondary. We are hosting a **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday May 11, 2019, 11:00am - 2:00pm at École Salish Secondary (7278 184 St, Surrey, BC V4N 5V2).**

We want to honour our local veterans, active-duty military personnel and their spouses/caretakers by treating them to a complimentary lunch with great food, activities, prizes, and live entertainment provided by Pat Chessell. The Keynote Speaker will be The Honourable Yonah Martin, Senator from BC. It is a grateful opportunity for Surrey/Langley residents to show our appreciation for those who served our nation and fought for our freedoms. Attached is an invite poster.

We are asking for your help to promote this event among our local veterans who are associated with your organization. We understand many of our older veterans aren't online, so if you could simply provide us the names and phone numbers of those who are interested in attending - that would be amazing. They are welcome to phone (778) 388-4746 as well. Online registrations may be done on EventBrite - [cloverdaleveteransappreciationluncheon.eventbrite.ca](http://cloverdaleveteransappreciationluncheon.eventbrite.ca).

Kind regards, Joon Sohn

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Still looking for ideas for Artillery Day, Sunday 26 May 2019.

WOs' & Sgts' Mixed dining In <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mixed-dining-in.html>

Regimental Wedding 2018 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2019.html>

Don't forget to order your Regimental Centennial Glasses before they're all sold out!  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/quartermaster-stores.html>

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

## **Who (or What) Is It?**



**Last Week:** This was Cpl WZ Hall, the first recruit to No 5 Company, BC Brigade of Garrison Artillery (the predecessor of the current 15 Field Artillery Regiment) in Vancouver when it was stood up in the 1890s. According to Major Matthews, the local antiquarian of days gone by, Hall walked from home in New Westminster to training parades held at the Imperial Opera House on Pender and Abbot however,

the Interurban service between Vancouver and New Westminster started in 1891 so he probably took the tram and just walked from the terminal in Vancouver. *Note: Originally, the Royal Artillery had corporals but, in 1920, the rank was abolished in the Royal Artillery; bombardiers became the equivalent and acquired the normal two chevrons.*

**This Week:** This week, we get a little more serious than in the past few issues of this immensely popular column. Our attention is drawn to this splendid looking soldier, be-medalled and decorated in a manner that reveals years of honourable service to the Crown. As can be



guessed by the style of the print, this image dates from a rather distant age, before the current fad for smiles that mirror those of used car sales persons ( I am glad the RSMs and GSMs of my youth are no longer here to view some of the portraits of their modern counterparts). Our ability to reproduce photos has also considerably improved over the years, and, I'm happy to say, so has the way we, the military and civilian worlds, treat people such as this week's officer and gentleman.

At the time this picture was published, this soldier was the toast of the Empire. However, shortly afterwards, he was dead, and not in combat. Nonetheless, it might be said that he was a casualty of a certain kind of war, one that seems to be over in Canada, but not in other nations. So, who was this tragic figure, and why and how did he die? If you know, send your response to our esteemed editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com)), or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd. redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)).

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

What is worse than a worm in your apple? Half a worm in your apple!

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

In case of doubt, make it sound convincing.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Honor is not the exclusive property of any political party. - *Herbert Hoover*

## **BCIT Military Employment Fair**



### **‘Support the Troops’ Offers and Discounts**

Most of these require presentation of a military ID or CFOne card, see these websites: -

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

<https://cfappreciation.ca/everyday-discounts>

# **RUSI Vancouver 2019 AGM**

## **NOTICE**

of the

### **97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of the

## **ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE –VANCOUVER SOCIETY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the

**Royal United Services Institute – Vancouver Society** (the “Society”) will be held at 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC, on **Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019**, at 1300 hours, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and approve the report of the Directors of the Society and the financial statements of the Society for the period ended the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2018.
2. To fix and determine the number of directors.
3. To elect directors for the ensuing year.
4. To fix and determine the annual membership dues.
5. To ratify, confirm and approve all acts, deed and things done by the proceedings of the directors and officers of the Society on its behalf since the last Annual General Meeting of the Society.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED at Burnaby, BC this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Robert E Mugford

Secretary



Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – 11 May 2019



HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

# **Cloverdale Veterans Appreciation Luncheon**

**Saturday May 11, 2019**

**11:00am - 2:00pm**

**École Salish Secondary**

Honouring our veterans and active-duty military personnel  
with a complimentary luncheon! Great activities, speakers  
and live entertainment await. Register below:

[CLOVERDALEVETERANSAPPRECIATIONLUNCHEON.EVENTBRITE.CA](http://CLOVERDALEVETERANSAPPRECIATIONLUNCHEON.EVENTBRITE.CA)

## 2019 Army Gala

Imagine the euphoria of a post-war return to family and friends...

The Military Gala has celebrated this reunion and togetherness since 1946.

Initially conceived as a victory celebration by Army officers, the Gala has expanded to include the entire military family, friends and corporate supporters. Sparkling cocktails and a three course dinner lead to new surprises every year, but the traditions continue with the Grand March, historic toasts and live regimental music.

Want to know more? Dress in your best and come along—you're invited!



**Saturday May 11, 2019**



Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver

Doors at 1800h, Dinner at 1900h

Association/unit tables of 8 or 10 for \$1,475

For more information contact HCol Bill Diamond at [Bill@39CER.ca](mailto:Bill@39CER.ca)

Single tickets \$155 at [www.militarygala.ca](http://www.militarygala.ca)



Advance purchase wine tokens \$26



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## **Invitation to Ft Rodd Hill event – 17 May 2019**

Below is an invitation to an event at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites on May 17th, recognizing two Hometown Heroes from British Columbia, as well as a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Please extend this invitation to your members and their families.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Royal Canadian Navy Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, as well as nearly 500 young students from the area will be among those taking part in this ceremony. Also on hand to pay tribute will be Second World War era military vehicles with re-enactors, a Royal Canadian Navy patrol frigate, and a flyover by a vintage aircraft.

The event will be held under a large canopy tent and will take place rain or shine.

**Please RSVP no later than May 10, 2019.**

The two Hometown Heroes honourees are:

### **Commander Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, RCN (ret'd)**

Trevor Shuckburgh arrived in Victoria in 1940 to join the Navy as an Ordinary Seaman at age 17. He took part in Operation Neptune on D-Day aboard the frigate HMCS *Teme* and four days later survived a collision during a nighttime engagement with a U-boat when his ship was nearly cut in half by a friendly escort carrier. Two months before war's end as a Petty Officer aboard *Teme*, he earned a Commander-in-Chief Commendation for his actions in helping save the frigate from sinking when the 20 metre stern section was blown off during a torpedo attack. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Commander. He lives in Victoria.

### **Mrs. Alice Adams, WRCNS (ret'd)**

A resident of Victoria, Alice Adams was one of the 50,000 Canadian women to serve in uniform during the Second World War. She joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and, as a "WREN," trained at Galt, Ontario, in 1942 joining the first class of Wireless Telegraphists (W/T). She became a member of the Canadian Naval Intelligence Service and was drafted to open a station at Coverdale,

N.B., which intercepted and recorded German naval messages to safeguard convoys. Adams then learned to transcribe Japanese coded messages and was posted to Victoria, B.C.

Hometown Heroes is an initiative of Parks Canada that honours ordinary citizens, both military and civilian, who contributed to Canada's wartime efforts. *We will remember them...*

Vous trouverez ci-dessus, une invitation à un événement le 17 mai aux lieux historiques nationaux Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard, soulignant deux Héros de chez nous de la Colombie-Britannique, ainsi qu'une commémoration du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du jour J et de la bataille de Normandie. Prière d'acheminer cette invitation à vos membres et leurs familles.

Le lieutenant-gouverneur de la Colombie-Britannique, le commandant des Forces maritimes du Pacifique de la Marine royale canadienne, ainsi que près de 500 jeunes étudiants de la région seront parmi ceux qui participeront à la cérémonie. Des véhicules militaires de la Seconde Guerre mondiale avec acteurs de reconstitution historique, une frégate de patrouille de la Marine royale canadienne et un survol d'un aéronef d'époque seront également sur place pour rendre hommage.

L'événement se tiendra sous un grand chapiteau et aura lieu beau temps mauvais temps.

**Veillez confirmer votre présence avant le 10 mai 2019.**

Les deux Héros de chez nous qui seront honorés sont :

**Capitaine de frégate Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, MRC (à la retraite)**

Trevor Shuckburgh est arrivé à Victoria en 1940 pour rejoindre la Marine en tant que matelot de 3<sup>e</sup> classe à l'âge de 17 ans. Il a participé à l'opération Neptune le jour J à bord de la frégate NCSM *Teme*. Quatre jours plus tard, il a survécu à une collision accidentelle lors d'un affrontement nocturne avec un sous-marin allemand lorsque son navire a été presque coupé en deux par un transporteur d'escorte britannique. Deux mois avant la fin de la guerre, en tant que Maître de 1<sup>re</sup> classe à bord du *Teme*, il a reçu une Mention élogieuse du commandant en chef à l'intention des unités pour avoir aidé à sauver la frégate du naufrage lorsque la section arrière de 20 mètres a explosé lors d'une attaque à la torpille. Il a pris sa retraite de la Marine avec le grade de Capitaine de frégate. Il vit à Victoria  
**Madame Alice Adams, SFMRC (à la retraite)**



Résidente de Victoria, Alice Adams était l'une des 50 000 Canadiennes à servir en uniforme pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Elle s'est jointe au Service féminin de la Marine royale canadienne et, en tant que "WREN", a suivi une formation à Galt, en Ontario en 1942, rejoignant la première classe de télégraphistes sans fil (T/SF). Elle est devenue membre du Service canadien du renseignement naval et a été appelée à ouvrir une station à Coverdale, au Nouveau-Brunswick, qui a intercepté et enregistré des messages de la marine allemande afin de protéger les convois. Adams a ensuite appris à transcrire des messages codés en japonais et a été posté à Victoria, en Colombie-Britannique.

Héros de chez nous est une initiative de Parcs Canada qui rend hommage aux citoyens ordinaires, tant militaires que civils, qui ont contribué aux efforts du Canada en temps de guerre. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux...

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## **Parks Canada Agency**

cordially invites you to attend a ceremony  
honouring those who fought in the  
Battle of Normandy 75 years ago and our

## **L'agence Parcs Canada**

a le plaisir de vous inviter à une cérémonie  
pour rendre hommage à ceux qui ont participé  
à la bataille de Normandie il y a 75 ans et les

## **Hometown Heroes:**

Canadian men and women  
in uniform

## **Héros de chez nous :**

Canadiens et Canadiennes  
en uniforme

**Friday**

**17 May 2019**

**Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse**

**National Historic Sites**

*603 Fort Rodd Hill Road*

*Victoria, BC V9C 2W8*

**vendredi**

**17 mai 2019**

**Lieux historiques nationaux**

**Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard**

*603, chemin Fort Rodd Hill*

*Victoria (C-B) V9C 2W8*

**Gates open at 9:30 a.m.**

**Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m.**

followed by a reception and  
historic military programming

**Ouverture des portes à 9 h 30**

**Début de la cérémonie à 10 h 30**

suivie d'une réception et programmation  
historique militaire

**Dress:**

Business attire, uniforms and medals

**Code vestimentaire :**

tenue de ville, uniformes et médailles

Please RSVP to [pc.commemorations.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.commemorations.pc@canada.ca)  
by Friday, 10 May

For questions: 819 420 9312

SVP confirmer votre présence avant le  
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Pour toute question : 819 420 9312

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# **Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker – 22 May**



*Churchill Society of British Columbia*

**PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL**

***PRESENTS THE ANNUAL BANQUET:***

## ***Churchill, Walking with Destiny***

**with guest speaker, Andrew Roberts**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Please join us on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 to welcome our guest speaker Andrew Roberts. He will address our Society on *Churchill, Walking with Destiny*.



Winston Churchill had a powerful lifelong sense that he was walking with Destiny. Where did he get that sense from? How did it affect the decisions he took? Drawing on a wealth of new sources, Andrew Roberts will answer these central questions about where Churchill drew his drive and inspiration.

Professor Andrew Roberts received a first class honours degree in Modern History at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, from where he is an honorary senior scholar and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). He is a Visiting Professor at the War Studies Department at King's College, London and the Lehrman Institute Lecturer at the New-York Historical Society.

He has written or edited nineteen books, including, *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*, *The Storm of War: A New History of the Second World War*, *Masters and Commanders: How Four Titans Won the War in the West, 1941-1945*, *Waterloo: Napoleon's Last Gamble* and *Napoleon: A Life*, winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for biography and a finalist for the Plutarch Award. His books have been translated into 22 languages and he appears regularly on radio and television around the world. Based in London, he is an accomplished public speaker and has delivered the White House Lecture, as well as speaking at Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Princeton and Stanford Universities, and at The British Academy, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Sandhurst, Shrivenham and the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
**Location:** The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.  
**Time:** Reception and Cash Bar starts at 5:45 pm, Dinner in Grand Ballroom at 7:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$160 each for a Member of the Society, spouse, partner or an immediate family member  
\$180 each for a non-Member (*includes wine with dinner*)

**Please note the dress code is black tie or mess kit (or business suit and tie)**

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at [aprilaccola@hotmail.com](mailto:aprilaccola@hotmail.com), by mailing the attached form, or online at [www.winstonchurchillbc.org](http://www.winstonchurchillbc.org). I look forward to seeing you on May 22.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary  
Churchill Society of British Columbia



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**Churchill Society of BC Event Registration Reply Form**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$180 each for a Non-Member

☐ I will attend    ☐ I will be bringing a guest    ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque Enclosed

☐ I am a member of the Vancouver Club and would prefer to have my account # \_\_\_\_\_ debited

**GUESTS:**    ☐ Spouse Attending - Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special Meal Required ☐ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to reserve a table of 6 or 8 guests (Note: only few tables of 10 upon request)

*(Please print names)*

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Please make your cheque payable to the **Churchill Society of BC**

**WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE BY May 15, 2019**

**NOTE: WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT CANCELLATIONS WITH LESS THAN 48 HOURS NOTICE.**

**FAILURE TO GIVE SUCH NOTICE SHALL REQUIRE MEMBERS TO PAY THE COST OF THE EVENT. REGISTRATION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

**Email:** aprilaccola@hotmail.com

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





*The Commanding Officer of 39 Combat Engineer Regiment*

*&*

*Regimental Sergeant Major*

*- and -*

*Officer Commanding of 6 Engineer Squadron*

*&*

*Squadron Sergeant Major*

*Cordially invite you to our*

## *2019 D-Day Mess Dinner*

*To be held at the Lt Col J.P. Fell Armoury  
1513 Forbes Avenue, North Vancouver*

*On Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2019*

*Reception at 1800 hrs followed by dinner at 1900 hrs*

*Dress: Mess Dress or Black Tie*

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**Tickets available by advance reservation and payment only – no walk-ins**

Please RSVP by May 29, 2019 to Capt Chris Beneteau via email to: [DDayDinner2019@gmail.com](mailto:DDayDinner2019@gmail.com)  
and we ask that serving and retired members include their Regimental affiliation

If applicable, please indicate dietary restrictions with RSVP

Tariff \$85 per guest

Payment due by May 29, 2019 via e-transfer to [DDayDinner2019@gmail.com](mailto:DDayDinner2019@gmail.com) or via cheque payable to  
“6ES Combined Mess” delivered to 1513 Forbes Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M 2Y4