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## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Feb 4, 2020

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 your 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. 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.

**Feb 08** BCR Whiskey Tasting

**Mar 6** 78FH & 15 Fd Whiskey Tasting

### World War 2 – 1945

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

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>:** The German pocket near Colmar is sliced in half, and V Corps of 1<sup>st</sup> US Army drives towards the Schawammenauel Dam on the Roer. Soviet troops assault the encircled city of Poznan, while 1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian and Belorussian Fronts push west from the Oder. XI Corps has cut across the Baatan River and is moving to add to the encirclement of Manila. The Communists in Greece agree to another amnesty provided that they turn in their arms in within a week... they won't. 2Lt Robert M Viale is leading a platoon in the 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division against the outer defences of Manila. In tackling three machinegun emplacements in a built-up area defending a bridge, he is badly wounded knocking out the first two. Seeking a way to attack the third, he and some of his men become mixed up with some Filipino civilians in a building immediately behind the remaining emplacement. He prepares a grenade and climbs up to a window, but his wounded arm is unable to retain the grenade and it slips from his grasp. He shields his men and the civilians from it by smothering the grenade with his own body. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>:** Soviet forces push out of the Oder bridgehead to the southwest of Breslau. IV Corps of 5<sup>th</sup> Army takes Galliciano in the Serchio Valley in Italy. The burly and much scarred Major General Max Sachsenheimer is a popular officer among his men; many of them are themselves the much-battered remainder of the 17<sup>th</sup> Division. Today, Sachsenheimer is awarded the Swords to append to his Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves and ordered to defend Breslau by Hitler to the 'last man and the last bullet.' Good officers don't take suicide orders well and six days from now Sachsenheimer will lead the last of his 1,400 men on a breakout from the city, getting 800 of them to safety. He survives the war.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>:** Schmidt is taken in V Corps' advance on the Roer, while elements of 3<sup>rd</sup> Army enter Germany east of the Our River. More small bridgeheads are made over the Oder near Kustrin and Furstenberg by Soviet troops.

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian and 2<sup>nd</sup> British Armies begin the Rhineland offensive, jumping off from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne's old LZ near Nijmegen; the aim is to secure the crossing sites on the Rhine. Hitler orders the evacuation of what is left of the Colmar Pocket, drawing the forces there back across the Rhine. 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry and 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry break into Manila's suburbs. The Germans in East Prussia are largely reduced to three pockets around Konigsberg and Keilengebeil. Mikhail Petrovich Devyatayev is a night Soviet fighter ace who had been shot down and captured in July 1944. The usual German practice is to send Soviet officers to Death Camps, but he swaps uniforms with a dead POW and is sent to a forced labor detail near Peenemunde where the Germans are working on their missile projects. While there, he observes V1 and V2 tests and production. Today, he and 10 other prisoners steal a Heinkel 111 bomber and he flies it back to Soviet lines. However, while he and the other escapees deliver intelligence about the V1 and V2 programs, Stalin era paranoia ensures that he is sent (after a spell in a penal battalion) to Soviet Labour Camps. He is released in 1953 and is finally given the award of his Hero of the Soviet Union medal in 1957.

*Essential Reading: A Canadian infantry battalion commander in the Second World War, the well decorated Denis Whitaker cooperated with his wife Shelagh Whitaker to produce a first-rate history of the Rhineland Campaign. Like his earlier work on the Scheldt campaign; 'Rhineland: The Battle to End the War' is definitely not a memoir but a good and true account of the entire campaign. Both books are well worth acquiring for any library on the war.*

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>:** Colmar is now completely secure, and Army Group G is on the east bank of the Rhine. 3<sup>rd</sup> US Army plus the Anglo-Canadian forces in the Rhineland all make gains today. 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne starts fighting into Manila's suburbs. U864 – carrying a ballast of mercury as well as technicians and machine-parts for Japan (*This was in then news recently as it is feared that the sub's mercury cargo is leaking - Ed*)-- is torpedoed and sunk off Norway by the British submarine HMS Venturer: What makes this encounter unusual is that it was only time in the Second World War where one submerged submarine is known to have sunk another submerged sub.

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>:** The 9<sup>th</sup> Army's contributions to the Rhineland offensive will be delayed, the Germans have opened the floodgates on the Roer; meanwhile the Germans attempt a counterattack with their last intact panzer divisions in the West around Cleve and Materborne. Elbing falls into Soviet hands. Just another corpse in Dachau, which has seen so many, but there is a lustre to Giovanni Palatucci. He goes to his death secure in the knowledge that he has helped save over 5,000 Jews while working as a police official in Fiume, Italy. He destroyed the records of the city's Jews, issued them with false IDs and money and sent them into his uncle's care in the far south of Italy. After the Germans took over the administration of Fiume, he even transferred the safe pass to Switzerland given him by a friend to his Jewish fiancé. Palatucci is named Righteous Among the Nations.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>:** By the end of the Yalta Conference it is evident that Stalin regards the British as a spent force and has been taking advantage of an ailing Roosevelt. Konev's troops start to break out of their Oder crossing points near Steinau, while Breslau is being menaced by advancing Soviets. Gellert Hill in Buda finally falls to a three-pronged Soviet assault, and the Soviets look to be about to capture Castle Hill as well – so that night a mass breakout is mounted, and enormous casualties ensue but about 700 will make to German lines in Austria. Cleve is taken in the Rhineland offensive, but traffic congestion is proving to be an enormous problem. US 3<sup>rd</sup> Army's VIII Corp takes Prum. Generalmajor Gerhard Schmidhuber dies in the defence of Budapest. The holder of the Knight Cross with Oak Leaves, this German panzer commander is held to have willingly overlooked the efforts of Raoul Wallenberg and in 2007 was reported by a Hungarian newspaper to have prevented the liquidation of a Jewish ghetto that was in the path of a Soviet advance. Two other generals who hold the same medal die in Budapest today as well.

## **Valentines for Vets**

Many of our veterans live alone in long-term care facilities. This Valentine's Day, they'd love to hear from you. It would mean so very much to them.

Valentines for Vets  
Commemoration, Distribution Unit  
125 Maple Hills Avenue  
Charlottetown, PE C1C 0B6

## **Iron Man Suit to Fall Short of its Goals**

Stew Magnuson 2/6/2019

After six years of work, Special Operations Command's goal to develop an "Iron Man suit" to protect commandos during raids has fallen short and won't be fielded as envisioned, SOCOM's senior acquisition official said Feb 6. The idea for the tactical assault light operator suit (TALOS) sprung from former SOCOM Commander Adm William McRaven, who announced the campaign at the 2013 National Defense Industrial Association's Special Operations Forces Industry conference. He wanted more protection for the first special operator to go through a door during raids. The "Iron Man" suit — as it was more popularly known — would protect

against bullets and blasts and have enough power for it to operate untethered. McRaven set August 2018 as the deadline for the first working prototype and received \$80 million for the first four years of development. The command last year announced that the first working prototype would be delivered a year late. SOCOM Acquisition Executive James Smith at this year's SO/LIC conference in Arlington, Virginia, said the first prototype will be delivered later this year, but it would not be what was hoped. "I would ask you all to remember that the original goal for USSOCOM — Adm. McRaven's original goal — based on an operator going through a door in a hostage rescue and being shot in a place where his body armor plate could not save him — was, 'can we increase the survivability of the first person going through a door when they know they are going to be facing a funnel fire?'" Smith said: "It's not ready for prime time in a close-combat environment."



*Illustration: Scott Rekdal*

Nevertheless, a lot of technologies the command “is very excited about” have emerged as spinoffs from the program, including lighter body armor, increased weapon stabilization, a visual augmentation system that projects information onto goggles and the exoskeleton itself.

While it is not ready for the mission McRaven envisioned, Smith said when the final prototype is delivered this year, it will be the best exoskeleton in the Defense Department. “It will not be something that our operators would feel comfortable putting on a close-combat environment today. So, moving, shooting, communicating in the face of enemy fire, not quite there yet,” he said. However, it could be used in other missions such as logistics and during long-distance marches. The lower half of the exoskeleton is particularly robust, he said. One operator put on the legs and was able to run a four-minute mile. “This operator could not run a four-minute mile before that,” he added. Smith said there was some early pushback from Congress and the office of the secretary of defense. Both said the command was attempting something “out of reach.” That, he admitted, turned out to be the case. “I think we have pushed physics as far as we are going to get in the near term.”

Army Col Joel Babbitt, program executive officer for SOF warrior, said TALOS has spun off several technologies that are under his purview. “We are leveraging the vast majority of that technology,” he said at the conference. The funding is in place to bring about nine technologies derived from TALOS to the command’s various components for them to integrate, Babbitt said. “There are a lot of success stories coming out of this, but you’re not going to hear about it under the banner of TALOS. You’re just going to see a lot of cool stuff coming to SOCOM over the next few years,” he added. While TALOS was never a formal program of record, the science and technology push to develop its underlying technologies will continue, Smith said. “We're not going to stop looking for better body armor, better situational awareness, better lethality. ...

We're going to keep looking at all those things.” The program also resulted in SOCOM trying several different acquisition strategies for the first time, he said. It did its first prize challenges, its first rapid prototyping events and first hackathons. It brought in vendors that had never worked with the U.S. military before, he said. "One of the partners on the exoskeleton had never worked with DoD before. That part worked. We also got a little backlash I think from a congressional optic and a DoD optic: 'What is SOCOM trying to do? This technology is out of reach.' ... So we got a little bit of a yin and a yang. We got some positives out of it and we also got a little bit of a backlash," Smith said.

A SOCOM spokesman later sent this statement to National Defense. "Joint Acquisition Task Force TALOS is an applied science, research and technology development effort at U.S. Special Operations Command. This year, the JATF continues to deliver TALOS subsystems in a controlled lab environment and will deliver the Mark-5 prototype. The full prototype delivery, originally scheduled for 2018, was delayed by a year due to the complex subsystem interdependencies associated with the exoskeleton, but the prototype does not fall short. It will demonstrate how far USSOCOM has come in the development of an integrated combat suit despite reaching the limitations of physics and technological maturity. "Throughout development, the subsystem capabilities were tested and evaluated for transition. (As mentioned today) Several capabilities continue to be developed, tested and transitioned into programs of record. A few need further development, testing and evaluation, and some are not being transitioned. "Technology transitions are determined by the level of maturity of the technologies associated with each subsystem, a viable means to transfer it, and special operator interest as shown by a requirement." For the TALOS prototype to transition into a program of record, it must meet these criteria.

## **SB>1 Defiant Supercopter**

Will be the fastest helicopter in the world.

*War History Online George Winston Dec 30, 2019*



*Photo Credits: Sikorsky and Boeing*

Lockheed Martín and Sikorsky have unveiled their very different concept for a military helicopter – the SB>1 Defiant. According to a statement from Sikorsky, the new aircraft is designed to fly twice as fast as today’s conventional helicopters while boasting “advanced agility and manoeuvrability.”

The craft is designed for a crew of four and has a cabin which can carry 12 combat-ready troops or eight medevac litters. There are plans for an alternate version which will share many of the same features, like the fly-by-wire drivetrain but will have a different fuselage and more armor. This variation will be more of an attack ship. The two firms jointly announced that the new helicopter will meet the Army’s needs for attack and assault missions while servicing the



Marine's "long-range transportation, infiltration, and resupply missions." They called the capabilities of the new vehicle "unmatched" for the needs of the US military.

In a video clip, the SB>1 Defiant was shown cruising at 250 knots and hovering at 6,000 feet. The rotor blades are foldable and ridged. They are designed to create less downwash when coming down to the ground to pick up troops or supplies. The cabin size is another improvement over the Blackhawk. The

Blackhawk can carry 11 troops while the Defiant can carry 12 comfortably. Retired Marine Major Frank P Conway was Sikorsky's experimental test pilot for both the SB>1 Defiant and the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor. He said that the main benefits of the new helicopter are the increased speed and range and the improved manoeuvrability and agility. In his words, the SB>1 Defiant is a "hot, sexy aircraft."

Sikorsky is a division of Lockheed Martin. They are partnering with Boeing on the SB>1 Defiant and on the Future Vertical Lift Medium. The cruising speed of the Defiant is over 100 miles-per-hour faster than the UH-60M Blackhawk. The Blackhawk has a top speed of 183 miles-per-hour. The Defiant will also have increased power to carry more cargo than average helicopters. Lockheed has not released payload capacity or range numbers at this time.



The firm is, however, bragging about their new foldable, ridged composite rotor blades that create less downwash close to the ground. They also tout the pusher propeller and active rudder which allows pilots more stability when hovering while boosting acceleration and deceleration in flight.

*With its dual rotors and rear pusher propeller, it certainly looks the part of a new breed of military aircraft.  
Credit: Sikorsky and Boeing*

Boeing claims to have delivered over 2,200 AH-64 Apache helicopters to the US military and to defense forces around the world. As of July 2016, the aircraft had accumulated more than 4.2 million flight hours since the first AH-64 was delivered to the US Army in 1984. The Sikorsky Blackhawk is used in 29 countries around the world and has been in use for 40 years in different variations. There are over 4,000 Blackhawks in operation today. The US Army has the most with over 2,000 in their fleet.



## New Suppressor Relies on WWI One Technology

US Special Operators could use this new suppressor that relies on WW1 technology.

*Matthew Cox, Military.com January 23, 2020*



*The new 240 FVS Machine Gun Suppressor attached to an M24 machine gun that Radical Firearms displayed on the floor of SHOT Show, January 22, 2020. (Military.com/Matthew Cox)*

LAS VEGAS -- Radical Firearms has unveiled its new machine-gun suppressor, which was recently selected to be evaluated under a Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) program. The new 240 FVS Machine Gun Suppressor, tailored for the M240 machine gun, is designed to

drastically exceed special-operations forces' performance requirements, Mel Miranda, marketing director for military and law enforcement sales at Radical Firearms, said at SHOT Show 2020. The 3D-printed 240 FVS suppressor can handle up to 1,500 rounds of continuous M240 fire, far exceeding the JSOC suppressor requirement for 600 rounds of continuous fire, Miranda said. It runs 250 to 300 degrees cooler than other suppressors on the market, said David Spector, chief operating officer for Radical Firearms. "It creates an open flow of air, so that as you are shooting this weapon with a 1,000-round belt, you can go into a firefight and not melt the suppressor," Spector said. "You will melt the barrel down before you melt the suppressor."

Officials from the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Crane, Indiana division tapped the 240 FVS for future evaluation at the Special Operations Forces Warrior Operational Requirements Discussion Symposium (SWORDS) in Tampa, Florida, in early November, Spector said. "They have approached us and requested the suppressor for testing," he said. The 240 FVS operates on the same principle as the 1906 Lewis, a light machine gun that saw extensive use during World War I, Spector said. "It creates a high-pressure shock wave in the machine gun itself and pulls air through it to cool the machine gun," he said. "This is an air-cooled suppressor; it's based off the Lewis Gun." That type of technology has been abandoned for years; Spector explained. "Firms have gone to more robust materials ... and they think that they can defeat heat. Well, heat is a booger," he said. "Additive manufacturing allows you to ... eliminate traditional machining, and it's kind of the sky's the limit."

Spector admits that the 240 FVS is "actually pretty heavy" at four pounds, but he is confident that it outperforms other suppressors on the market. "When we have done testing ... some of these other cans that say 'they breathe and do things' -- they actually run really hot and they start melting," he said. The 240 FVS is designed to form what is known as the Venturi effect, which creates a vacuum for heat and pressure. "Whenever a round passes through the barrel to the suppressor, an explosion occurs right at the beginning of the suppressor," Spector said. "What

we do with this suppressor is we stop back pressure on the barrel and the bolt by creating a secondary channel which ... vents out of the front," he said, explaining how the suppressor forces cooler air through with each round fired. "With this, you have air channeling over the entire suppressor, pulling that heat away from the suppressor," Spector said.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Wow! Wasn't that a weekend? We lost a few attendees due to the landslides in the Fraser Canyon, but we'll catch up with them at future events. The rest of us had a great time at the Meet and Greet, the Band performance at UBC, the Open Rehearsal night, Coast Artillery tour, Equipment Display and the massive Birthday Party! A hearty thanks to all the organizers that put the show together. It was really appreciated by a lot of people! Check out the photos as they roll in on the Birthday page <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/birthday-party-2020.html> and the 2020 Year book page <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2020.html>

We've got some quizzes floating around out there. Try your hand at researching online and reaching out to your buddies! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/quiz-time>

Part of the weekend involved pictures from Yorke Island and Regimental group photos. Thanks to some keeners in the crowd we've gotten a lot more names for our history. I'll be placing them online as I sort through them. Please help out by checking them for accuracy and forwarding any names you might have.

The Band at the Ottawa 2012 Fortissimo –  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20122242162>

Regimental Group Photo 2007 –  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20075874950>

Change of Command photos 2014 –  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/change-of-command-2014.html>

Captain Rob Wishnicki in Afghanistan 2013 photos are starting to be uploaded -  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/wishnicki.html>

WO Rick Tennant on the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course prior to deployment have been added - <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/afghanistan-2009.html>

24 Hour Relay for kids 2004 & 2005 <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/24-hour-relay.html>

The Van Slykes were mentioned in the newspaper in 2005 -  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2005.html>

The Regiment in the newspaper in 1950 - <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1950.html>

In the news in 1948 - <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1948.html>  
Keep those stories, names, calendar events and pictures coming!  
[president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)



## Who (or What) Is It?



**Last Week:** The Great Eastern Ramp resides at the Canadian War Museum. The CMP (previously owned by Capt Colin Stevens) is a 15-cwt “Old Bill” (sans engine to reduce the weight) which is no longer up in his perch. The British Mk IV “Great Eastern Ramp” Used 1945 Technical Data (Chamberlain, Peter and Ellis, Chris. The Churchill Tank. London. Arms and Armour Press, 1971.) Gross weight: 41.8 tonnes (46 tons) Weight (basic ramp): 4.54 tonnes (5 tons) Weight (rear ramp): 1.8 tonnes (2 tons) Length (basic and flying ramps): 7.6 m (25 ft) each Length (rear ramp): 3.96 m (13 ft) Total bridge length: 18.4 m (60 ft 5 in) History The Great Eastern Ramp, which was based on the Churchill tank chassis, was designed to cross or climb horizontal and vertical obstacles.

*Model of GER at CWM display showing the ramp set up to clear a vertical obstacle.*

*Model by Major (Ret'd) Don Allen, CD, BA,  
8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)*



The tank carried a main ramp, which could be sloped upwards from the rear of the tank to a height of about 6 metres (20 feet) at the front. A second “flying” ramp was attached to the front of the main ramp by hinges. The flying ramp was stowed by folding it back on top of the main ramp. Hinged to the rear of the main ramp was a third short ramp that reached the ground. This was normally stowed sloping upwards at a 45-degree angle at the back of the tank. To deploy the ramp, the tank was driven as close as possible to the obstacle. The rear ramp was lowered to the ground. Then groups of 3-inch rocket motors lifted the rear of the flying ramp, swinging it up and over to the front. Other vehicles could then drive up the ramps to cross the obstacle. The Great Eastern could also span an 18-metre (60-ft) gap. The prototype was built on a Churchill Mark I hull. When initial trials were successful, another ten vehicles were built using Churchill Mark IV chassis with the heavier Mark VII suspension units fitted to take the 48-ton weight. Two vehicles were delivered to the 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division in North-west Europe early in 1945 but were never used in action. The CWM Great Eastern Ramp has the main ramp in the stowed state and is missing the support brackets to angle the ramp up from the rear. The rear ramp has been detached from its hinges and laid flat on top of the flying ramp. The vehicle was one of two sent to Canada for trials in 1945. It was found in a Kempville, Ontario, scrap dealer’s lot and donated to the museum.

*Information from the Heavy Equipment Fact Sheets for Canadian War Museum Guides and Interpreters Second Edition - By Doug Knight*

**This Week:** This week we once again free ourselves from the mud and dirt of earthly vehicles and soar skyward with the Brylcreem boys and girls (or, as some wags call the current air element, the “chair force”). As has been noted before, the pace of change in certain technologies varies with time. Who remembers the “Pentium” progress with computers in the 1990s? Every six months the speed of personal computers seemed to double, and much was

written about these advances. Have you seen anything about that in the last ten years? Not likely, unless you subscribe to obscure trade publications. Similarly, aircraft underwent immense changes in the first fifty years of their development. The differences between the original Wright Flyer of 1903, and, say the YB-49 of 1948 are, to say the least, astounding. Now, look back the same number of years from today, back to 1975, and many of the aircraft flying then are still doing so today, usually with crew who were not even born in that bell-bottomed year.



Inevitably, there have been some dead ends off the highway of progress. The road signs to these exits might read “Betamax”, “Aerocar”, “Laserdisc”, or even “Zeppelin”. However, at the time, the future labelling as a dinosaur of technology was not imagined. Such was the case with this week’s photo. It is the business end of a

futuristic flying machine of a friendly (most days) power. I seemed like a good idea at the time, but, sadly, was not to enter service, as it was overtaken by other developments. So, dear reader, can you identify this Buck Rogers-like aeroplane? What was particularly unusual about it? Send your ideas to the Pentium-filled editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com)), or the hand-cranked author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Straighten up and fly right!

### **From the ‘Punitentary’**

What do you call a bee that lives in America? A USB.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why. - *Bernard Baruch*

# Regimental Whiskey Tasting

*Hosted by:*



*The British Columbia  
Regiment  
Officers' Mess &  
Sgts' & WOs' Mess*



**Date:** Saturday, February 8, 2020

**Time:** Bar Open from 6:30pm - Late.  
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.

**Location:** Upstairs Messes of the British Columbia Regiment  
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

**Dress:** Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)

**Price:** \$60/person (Includes 5x Full Measures of Whiskey)

**\*\*For those not partaking in the Whiskey Tasting, the option of a \$20/person donation to the Unit Fund is available.**

**RSVP:** Tickets are available by presale only  
on a first-come-first-served basis!

For more information or to purchase tickets, email:  
Maj Adam McLeod, at "adamcleod@gmail.com"

Payment via e-transfer, no cash sales at the door.  
No cancellations after January 24, 2019

**15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA  
&  
The 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders**

**Annual 2020 Fund Raiser and Whisky 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, music, and 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 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**TIME:** 1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

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

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

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All profits raised by the event will be equally shared between the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regimental Society and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison in support of their activities.

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations upon request.