

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Mar 6, 2018

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

Mar 16	Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir – ACT in Maple Ridge
Mar 17	Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir – Christ Church Cathedral
Mar 18	BCR St Patrick's Day Party
Apr 07	BCR St Julien Dinner
Apr 18	Seely Luncheon – Swartz Bay
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Gun Camp

World War 2 – 1943

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

Mar 7th: Hoth's 4th Panzer Army, spearheaded by three SS Panzer Divisions, makes good progress in their drive on Kharkov.

Mar 8th: The Germans add a fourth rotor to their Submarines' enigma machines. Otakar Jaroš, a Czech officer who fled in 1939 and fought for Poland and then the Soviet Union, is defending a frozen river crossing at the village of Sokolovo near Kharkov. His company of exiled Czechs is almost annihilated in their defence, but they hold it long enough to deny the crossing to attacking Panzergrenadiers and the 14 tanks with them. He is posthumously made a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Mar 9th: Rommel leaves Africa (never to return) to beg Mussolini and Hitler for more troops. The Japanese air assets on New Guinea begin a series of offensive actions aimed at Wau. The SS Corps has been fighting brilliantly to recapture Kharkov, while the Soviets' 25th Guards

Division has been winning laurels for itself in the defence of nearby Taranovka against LXVIII Panzer Corps.

Mar 10th: Leclerc's men defeat a German attack to the southeast of Mareth. Chennault is promoted and his forces in China are to become the basis for 14th Air Army. Chindit columns cross the Irrawaddy in Northern Burma.

Mar 11th: Lend-Lease is extended for another year with \$9 Billion in appropriations attached. The SS Corps starts hacking its way into Kharkov.

Mar 12th: While ferocious fighting continues around Kharkov, the Germans retreat opposite Moscow and Vyazma is back in Soviet hands.

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

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

Chapter 50. The Final Tribute, Epilogue

On 6 Oct, 1950, Memorial Tablets commemorating the members of the RCHA who gave their lives during the Second World War were unveiled in a simple ceremony. The bronze tablets bearing the names of the dead were added to the sides of the RCHA memorial in Kingston City Park. The path leading to the Monument was lined by an honor guard and by a good number of ex-RCHA personnel. Prayers were read by one of our old C of E padres, the well-liked Honorary Major GD Johnston, MBE, and the names of the fallen were read aloud as a silence fell over the assembly. Our thoughts sped back to the days of strife as the well-remembered names were read, one by one. The tablets were unveiled by one of our wartime commanders, His Excellency Viscount Alexander of Tunis, KG, GCB, GOMG, CSI, DSO, MC, Governor-General of Canada.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Brig J.N. Lane, DSO
Capt R.A. Donald
Capt F.W. Drewry, MC
Capt W.H. Howarth
Capt E.H. Lambert
Capt T.W. Turner
Capt F.W. Wiggins
Lt H.J. Bedell
Lt G.P. Damer
BSM W.J. McLeod
Sgt M.J. Daggitt
Sgt A.D. Graham
Sgt W.J. Hunter
Sgt W.L. Igglesden

Gnr A.R. Carswell
Gnr A. Dack
Gnr H.F. Dash
Gnr W. Flis
Gnr M.F. Hinds
Gnr H.J. Leach
Gnr K.E. Luhta
Gnr S.J. Marshall
Gnr A.F. Macdonald
Gnr D.J. Mingay
Gnr W.J. Muchmore
Gnr D.L. Murphy
Gnr D.D. MacMillan
Gnr B.E. McKinney

Sgt W.C. Knapton
Sgt R. Long
Sgt J.E. Tisdale
L/Sgt M.H. Lambert
Bdr R. Boon
Bdr J. Davidson
Bdr F.J. Stevens
L/Bdr W.E. Mann
L/Bdr L.E. Millard
L/Bdr E. Miller
L/Bdr A.J. Ridlington
L/Bdr K.W. Simmonds
L/Bdr R.F. Taylor
Gnr G.F. Adams
Gnr C.P. Bailey
Gnr M. Boisvert
Gnr W.A. Bownes
Gnr C.E. Benedict

Gnr P. Richard
Gnr E.R. Rink
Gnr A.S. Rushlow
Gnr C.W. Sadler
Gnr A.W. Scott
Gnr B.M. Smith
Gnr H. Schultz
Gnr C.R. Sweet
Gnr G.F. Szocs
Gnr M.C. Tweedley
Gnr I.L. Vince
Gnr N.R. Waitt
Gnr A.J. Warrener
Gnr J.V. White
Gnr L.A. Williams
Gnr S.E. Wilson
Gnr A. Witherall
Gnr W.R. Zubek

Epilogue by BGen (retd) Bob Beaudry

So ends L/Sgt Charlie Phelan's account of his service to the guns with A Bty, 1 Fd Regt RCHA, for six years and two months during WWII. Most of that service was as a Technical Assistant at the troop and battery command posts. Charlie's War Diary covered 300 pages. I had the rewarding task of editing his diary, reducing it so that it could be published, three or four pages at a time, within a 12 rather than a 24-month period by the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver News. I thank Charlie's oldest son Christopher for permission to do that editing and allowing it to be published, and Bob Mugford for publishing the War Diary every week in his newsletter.

I tried to use Sgt Phelan's own words as much as possible and did my utmost to maintain the substance of his exploits and viewpoints. You will have noticed that Charlie very often listed, sometimes sarcastically, what was on the menu for various meals. It reflected the importance to the soldiers of being provided with good warm meals, as true today as it was 75 years ago. I eliminated many pages by reducing the details of those menus; in England that was quite easy, as it was nearly always various combinations of hardtack, bully beef, stew, and tea. I also did not repeat all the long messages from GOCs at various levels, limiting these reports to a line or two to describe the occasion and the content. I did not copy the nearly hour by hour recordings of Charlie's activities while on various leaves, including only enough to situate his exploits and to reflect his interest in and appreciation of historical and significant sites. What I tried not to edit to any degree was the time spent in action in Italy.

Charlie was very observant. There are not many other 19-year-old gunners with barely three months service who would take the time to notice and record the names of seven ships

that were part of the naval convoy that carried his draft from Halifax to England. He displayed a tremendous devotion to duty, getting by with very few hours of rest for weeks on end, plotting fire plans and barrages, working out “Meteor” messages, recording long lists of DFs and HF, amending target records after frequent moves, and forever going on recce. As a bombardier tech, he often went on recce without a troop officer, laying out the troop position on his own. In the troop CP, he often acted as the GPO, giving out fire orders and taking on the associated responsibility. He was always ready with the first aid kit, rushing out to the guns during enemy shelling to tend to any wounded, and narrowly escaping being hit by shrapnel a number of times. He went to church on Sundays whenever possible, and was very grateful for completing his service without ever being wounded.

Charlie conscientiously kept notes for his diary, noting the times of all the events of the day, often down to the minute. His matter-of-fact description of activities were very informative and one could easily extract from them a list of lessons learned. Gun pits and slit trenches, for example, were a must to protect against counter bombardment. They saved lives, offering safety against the shrapnel from shells that often landed within a few feet of the guns. In fact digging parties at times went forward with the recce so that gun pits would be ready on arrival. The importance of night training is brought out by all the night firing and the numerous night moves by the guns and even by recce parties. His account of engaging targets for hours at a time, often throughout the night and all day, indicated the efficient supply and dumping of large quantities of ammunition. On one occasion, 21,000 rounds of HE and smoke were fired by 1 Div Arty in support of a Brigade attack. Charlie describes how he worked for seven hours on the task table, until 4:00 o’clock in the morning, got a few minutes of sleep, then was up again to fire the first serial 45 minutes later. B Troop fired over 1000 rounds on that fire plan. The continuous firing during the Italian campaign meant that any rest was disturbed by the sound of the guns, not to mention the explosions of enemy shelling. Charlie describes how soldiers killed in action were usually temporarily buried on the spot within an hour or two. He also indicated that the wounded were always quickly evacuated, and how he and other gunners knew how to administer first aid and morphine. He mentions how church services, the delivery of mail, and services provided by organizations such as the Red Cross, the NAAFI, the K of C, and the Canadian Legion were of paramount importance to the soldiers.

I hope junior officers in particular read this diary over the last year. Unlike most military histories, these pages did not dwell on tactical or strategic plans. It was a day to day description of what it was like to be an OR in training, then in action, at the guns and in the CP, with all the training, the boredom, the comradeship, the close calls, the stress, the heroism, the mud, the moves, the tons of ammunition, and the smell of cordite. I thoroughly enjoyed bringing L/Sgt Phelan’s account of his WWII service in 1 RCHA to the readers of the Vancouver Artillery Newsletter. As Charlie said: “I hope that this account of the personal viewpoint and activity of an ordinary gunner will be of interest”. It was to me.

Charlie, thank you for sharing your story. As you ordered to the guns at 0900 hours on 7 May, 1945: “Cease Fire. Stand Down”.

There have been lots of WW2 memoirs published by officers and all are interesting, but we very seldom see one written by someone at the working end of the battlefield. Sgt Phelan's diary has given us a look at the battlefield from his vantage point. It is a great read and it has been a privilege and a pleasure to pass it along to you. I can add little to what Bob Beaudry has written above. One thing I can add is that Charlie often states that he went off on a recce for a new gun position and offhandedly mentions that the recce party 'dug gun pits'. It sounds easy but the Gunners on my mailing list know well how much work is required to do that, especially when you know the guns are on the way.

Many thanks to Bob Beaudry for his hard work editing Charlie's story, leaving me little to do but cut and paste. Thanks too, to Christopher for allowing us to publish this story.

Bob Mugford

Unexploded Mortar Found Near North Vancouver Trails

Brent Richter / North Shore News Mar 1, 2018



Canadian Soldiers drill with a three-inch mortar, similar to the one found on the Blair Rifle Range this week.

photo supplied, National Archives of Canada

Explosives detection contractors have found a three-inch mortar shell on the former Blair Rifle Range lands. The province, which co-owns the land just north of Mount Seymour Parkway, is taking over its administration for recreational trail use but the Department of National Defence announced last month that contractors with its unexploded explosive ordnance program or "UXO" would be conducting a sweep, looking for anything potentially deadly left behind from its days as a military training range. They found the three-inch mortar on

Monday. "As part of our regular UXO safety procedures, the area was secured immediately and access restricted to ensure public safety," a statement from the Department of National Defence read. According to the department, a military ordnance disposal team was due on-site Thursday to "assess and safely dispose of the item."

Initially, DND officials said their records indicated the range was only ever used for rifle and pistol training but out of "an abundance of caution," contractors would be on site from Feb. 18 to March 3. That may now be extended. "As a result of this find, we will be assessing whether additional site work is needed to ensure the area remains safe for community use. We will

continue to provide updates to local residents if anything of concern is found, as well as final results once the investigation is complete,” the statement read. The department has done surveys of the land in the past that turned up no UXO but since those searches in 1977 and 1995, there have been advances in technology used to hunt for explosives, according to National Defence. “Mapping, location, and record keeping techniques were often very limited at the time that military training took place at the former Blair Rifle Range, and this information was recorded and filed away in a period before computers existed,” the release stated.

Explosives technician Bob Canning leads a survey crew equipped with metal detectors through the former Blair Rifle Range lands in Seymour.

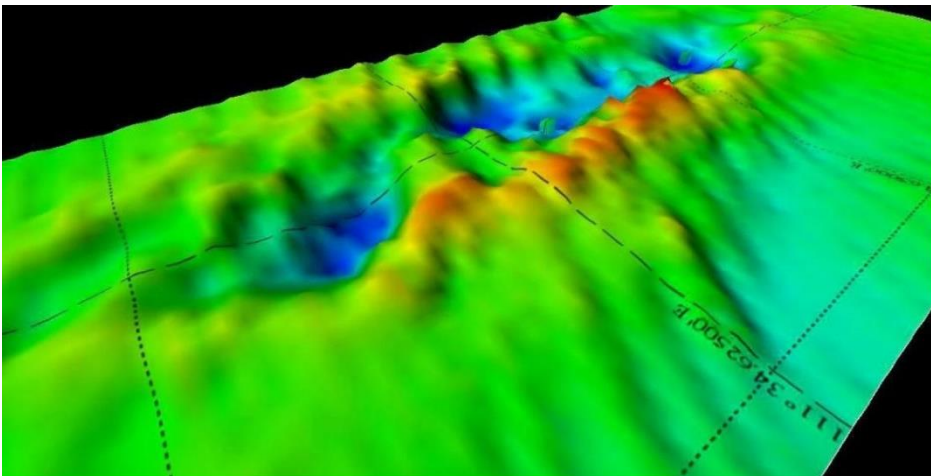
*file photo Mike Wakefield,
North Shore News*



Donna Sacuta, a local historian who published a history of the range in 2015, said it’s a case of “I told you so.” Sacuta had interviewed members of the Royal Westminster Regiment who said they did grenade and mortar practice there. “That had been the rumour from a number of people. I think they will probably need to do a closer look,” she said, adding the defence department should probably also do a better job of keeping the community apprised of what’s going on in the survey. “The dog walkers use that range extensively. I don’t want to be alarmist but there could be way more there than we realize.”

Shipwrecks 'Vanish' After Plundering by Illegal Scavengers

Tom Metcalfe, Live Science Contributor | November 22, 2016



A 3D sonar scan of the remains of British warship HMS Electra, one of several war wrecks in the Java Sea thought to have been plundered by metal scavenging operators.

Credit: nswwrecks.info

Illegal salvagers have plundered at least six World War II shipwrecks near

Indonesia for scrap metal, including the wreck of an American submarine that has now

"completely vanished," according to investigators. The damaged wrecks include three Dutch and two British warships sunk by Japanese forces after the Battle of the Java Sea in February 1942, and the American submarine USS Perch, which sank in the Java Sea in March 1942 after being damaged in an attack on Japanese destroyers. The scale of damage to the historic shipwrecks was discovered early this month by an international team of divers and underwater survey specialists, sponsored by a Dutch naval memorial society, the Karel Doorman Fund. The fund had hoped to capture video footage of the Dutch shipwrecks in preparation for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Java Sea next year. The Dutch wrecks were almost intact when they were rediscovered by amateur divers in 2002, but the latest expedition found only holes in the seabed where many of the wrecks once lay. "It was shocking," Jacques Brandt, president of the Karel Doorman Fund, told Live Science. "As the representative organization of the next-of-kin [of the ships' crews], it was a big blow to us, as we considered those ships as being war graves under the sea and they clearly should not be tampered with." The survey team reported that the wrecks of two of the Dutch warships — the HNLMS De Ruyter and the HNLMS Java — appear to be missing. A large part of a third wreck — the HNLMS Kortenaer — is also missing.



The wreck of the Dutch cruiser HMNL De Ruyter has disappeared from the floor of the Java Sea. Investigators think it was broken up for scrap by illegal salvage operators.

Credit: Koninklijke Marine

They also reported that two British war wrecks in the area — the HMS Exeter and the HMS Encounter — have been almost entirely scavenged for scrap metal, and that the wreck of the USS Perch has "completely vanished."

The Java Sea survey report has now been turned over to the Dutch defense ministry, which is in charge of protecting the nation's naval wrecks, Brandt said. "It is a very serious offence if the wrecks have been deliberately removed, but before we make that conclusion the authorities will have to make further investigations," he said. The Dutch defense minister made a statement to members of Parliament last week, noting the destruction reported by the expedition to the Java Sea wrecks. Britain's defense ministry also issued a statement in response to the expedition's report, condemning the damage and desecration done to the wrecks and suggesting that illegal metal salvagers are to blame. Under international agreements, naval vessels remain the property of their governments after they sink, and it is illegal to disturb or salvage them without official permission, said marine archaeologist Innes McCartney, a visiting research fellow at Bournemouth University in the United Kingdom. But a "perfect storm" of high metal prices and a lack of enforcement has resulted in many wartime shipwrecks being broken up for scrap metal by illegal salvagers, especially in the Asia and Pacific regions, he said. "There has been

anecdotal evidence for an abundance for years that shipwrecks in the area of the Battle of the Java Sea have been getting hammered by salvage companies," McCartney told Live Science. "From my standpoint it's incredibly frustrating. We will now never be able to archaeologically study the Battle of the Java Sea — it's gone, it's lost to us forever."

Suspicion surrounding the destruction of the Java Sea war wrecks has fallen on a number of salvage ships operating in Southeast Asian waters, McCartney said. They include a Mongolian-flagged salvage barge that was photographed last year taking metal from a popular scuba diving wreck near Singapore, according to Underwater Photography Guide News(UWPG News). Illegal salvagers are also thought to be responsible for recent damage to the wrecks of the British warships HMS Repulse and HMS Prince of Wales, which were sunk by Japanese aircraft near Malaysia's Tioman Island in 1941, and the illegal salvage of a Dutch submarine wreck, the HNLMS O-16, in the Gulf of Thailand in 2012, reported the New Strait Times. The US Navy reported last year that the wreck of the American cruiser USS Houston, which sank in February 1942 in the Sunda Strait, southwest of the Java Sea, with around 650 sailors and marines onboard, had also suffered "unauthorized disturbance of the grave site." McCartney said the salvage barge photographed near Singapore last year appeared to be equipped with a large crane and a 5-ton "drop chisel," which is designed to cut a shipwreck apart. "What they're doing is just dropping it down on the wreck, chopping the wreck into manageable pieces, and then using that crane to haul it on board," he said. Similar equipment was used by some Dutch salvage operators in recent years to remove especially valuable metals, like brass, from British shipwrecks that were sunk at the Battle of Jutland in the North Sea in 1916, McCartney said. Although researchers have identified and documented the salvage firms responsible for much of the damage to the Jutland wrecks, so far the Dutch authorities have taken no action, he said.

Radio beacons and satellite radar technology now make it possible to track salvage ships in the same way that many fishing trawlers are now tracked to prevent illegal fishing, McCartney said. Salvage ships that are seen to linger over known shipwrecks, or that exhibit other suspicious behavior, can be flagged automatically and inspected when they reach port, he said. McCartney also noted that a growing number of countries have agreed to mutually protect shipwrecks in their waters under the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage. But, several leading countries — including the U.S. and the U.K. — have not ratified the convention, out of concern that it will be too difficult or expensive to enforce, he said. McCartney said, however, that modern methods of enforcement are mostly electronic, and don't require sending warships to physically protect the shipwrecks. "The legal framework is there, and the technological framework is there — it just requires the countries of the world to get on and do it," he said.

Another story reported that, in recent years, in what has been called the world's biggest grave robbery, dozens of warships sunk in the waters of south-east Asia have been plundered en masse. Data and analysis collected by naval historians and wreck divers who surveyed the sites found that at least 40 second world war-era vessels have completely or partially vanished —

along with them the remains of up to 4,500 people. One reason the salvaging has gone wholesale that is the ships are a source of “low background steel” – produced before the first atomic bomb was detonated in 1945. Virtually radiation-free, low-background steel is used in sensitive medical and scientific instruments and these old sunken warships are among the few remaining sources.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Another busy week on the Regimental website with the following updates.

New photos from Wainwright in 1966 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1966.html>

The 1980 Yearbook has been updated. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1980.html>

Several new events in 1982 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1982.html>

The 92/93 UNFICYP page has been updated with new pictures.
www.vancouvergunners.ca/unficyp.html

Shilo Exercise in 1996 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1996.html>

The Netherlands Band tour in 1996 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/netherlands-tattoo-2006.html>

The new road construction in front of Bessborough in 2006
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2006.html>

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

Who Is It

Last Week: I don't usually mention any names in these answers, but I was surprised by the first answer received, sent by Colin Stevens, a military historian well known around the lower mainland, that came in before I had even finished sending out the newsletter. The Bartini Beriev VVA-14 was a wing-in-ground-effect aircraft developed in the Soviet Union during the 1970s. Designed to be able to take off from the water and fly at high speed over long distances, it was to make true flights at high altitude, but also have the capability of "flying" efficiently just above the sea surface, using aerodynamic ground effect. The VVA-14 was designed by Italian-born designer Robert Bartini in answer to a perceived requirement to destroy US Navy Polaris missile submarines. Production versions were planned to be VTOL but only two regular take off prototypes were built and flown before the project ended and the aircraft never went into production.



This Week: Several readers (well, one, actually, which is almost 50% of the readership) have asked why I don't feature military medals in this column. Well, this week we prove that we will do anything to please the masses. The more mature of you might remember the days when every soldier, NCO, WO, and officer older than you had a rows and rows of ribbons. On parades when medals were worn, the clink of those gongs (these were pre-court mounted days) was enough to deafen even gunners. Then came the 70s and 80s, and those veterans retired, to be replaced with generals wearing a single CD with bar. Things have come full circle, and we now see younger service men and women wearing more than the minimum. In fact, sometimes they wear decorations or medals that we can't recall having seen before.

This week's photo is of one. It's neither Canadian, nor Commonwealth, so fits the category "foreign". As such, permission to wear this (after the Canadian ones), must be granted by the authorities: the Directorate of Honours and Recognition, a department of NDHQ.



Five Canadians have been granted this permission (one posthumously), all since 2009. The recipients are also all officers. I haven't seen the citations, but think they were well-earned. So, dear reader, what is this? From what nation does it hail, and, as a bonus, can you identify the Canadians entitled to wear it, and why? I'd be very interested in the last question, given that I already know the answers to the others. Send your musings to the esteemed editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the less-esteemed author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). And no, it's not a KCB (known as "the King Calls Back" to those in the know). Nor is it a CMG ("Call Me God"). Yes, those are real orders; no, I have neither.

From the 'Punitentary'

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

Murphy's Other Laws

Every solution breeds new problems.

Quotable Quotes

Everything's got a moral, if only you can find it. - *Lewis Carroll*

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE STUDIES-VANCOUVER

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Every third Thursday

WHERE

BLUSSON HALL ROOM 10011

SFU, Burnaby Mountain

WHAT

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BC Regiment Association

invites you to the



St. Patrick's Day Party

Where: BC Regiment Drill Hall
620 Beatty St, Vancouver

When: Sunday March 18, 2018

Time: 13:00hr – 17:00hr
(Meet & Greet 13:00hr,
Lunch 13:45hr)

Cost: \$20 RSVP by March 12

RSVP: Sandra Young 604-543-0368 or
sandymay@shaw.ca

Prize for St. Patrick's Day best dressed

Lunch: Irish Stew, Salad, Buns & Dessert

Door prize giveaways

Lucky Draw prize raffles: \$20 arm's length or 3 tickets for \$5
50/50

The Canadian Club of Vancouver Honours the Order of Canada & Order of British Columbia Recipients with the Governor General of Canada

Raymond Greenwood, President of the Canadian Club of Vancouver and Robert D. Watt, Co-chair of the Order of Canada/Order of British Columbia event cordially invite you to a very special luncheon on Thursday, March 22, 2018 to honour the 2017 Order of Canada and Order of British Columbia recipients. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, will be the keynote speaker.



Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. The Order of British Columbia was established on April 21, 1989, to recognize those persons who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Province or elsewhere.

Julie Payette is known for being an astronaut, engineer, scientific broadcaster and corporate director.

From 1992 to 2013, Ms. Payette worked as an astronaut and flew two missions in space. She also served many years as CAPCOM (Capsule Communicator) at NASA's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas, and was Chief Astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency.

She is well respected for her work in developing policies to promote science and technology. From 2011 to 2013, she worked as a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and was appointed scientific authority for Quebec in the United States. Between July 2013 and October 2016, she served as Chief Operating Officer of the Montréal Science Centre.

Ms. Payette has produced several scientific outreach short programs on Radio-Canada and was a member of McGill University's Faculty of Engineering Advisory Board. She served on the boards of the Montréal Science Centre Foundation, Robotique FIRST Québec, Drug Free Kids Canada, and the Montreal Bach Festival. She was a long-time member of the board of Own The Podium, a granting organization dedicated to high performance sport in Canada, and was recently appointed to the International Olympic Committee Women in Sport Commission. She has served on the Board of Directors of Développement Aéroport Saint-Hubert de Longueuil and of the National Bank of Canada.

A member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and a fellow of the International Academy of Astronautics, she obtained an International Baccalaureate from the United World College of the Atlantic in the United Kingdom, a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from McGill University and a Master of Applied Science in Computer Engineering degree from the University of Toronto. In addition, Ms. Payette has completed certificate programs in corporate governance and cybersecurity and holds a commercial pilot license.

Ms. Payette has received 27 honorary doctorates, and can converse in six languages. She is an Extraordinary Companion of the Order of Canada, Extraordinary Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Commander of the Order of Merit for Police Forces, head of the Canadian Heraldic Authority and a Knight of the Ordre national du Québec.

Date

Thursday, March 22 2018

Time

11:30 am to 1:45 pm

Location

Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC

Rates

Members: \$85.00 (plus GST)

Non-members: \$95.00 (plus GST)

Table of 8: \$680.00 (plus GST)

Registration Deadline – March 16 at 5:00pm.

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or call us at 604 688 8260.

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30 March 1918

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THE FORT GARRY HORSE SUPPORTED BY
THE ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY
CONDUCTED THE LAST GREAT CAVALRY CHARGE OF WORLD WAR ONE

The Seely Luncheon will commence at 1100hrs and conclude at approximately

1400hrs to meet ferry schedules

18 April 2018

AT

SIDNEY NORTH SAANICH YACHT CLUB
SWARTZ BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dress

REGIMENTAL BLAZER AND TIE

Tariff - \$35.00

OUR INTENTION IS CAMARADERIE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION.

RSVP

DAVID SCANDRETT - SCAND@SHAW.CA

BCR St Julien Dinner



*The Commanding Officer
and Officers of
The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)
Request the Pleasure of Your Company at the Annual
St. Julien Dinner
to be held at The Drill Hall
on Saturday, April 7th, 2018*

*Dress: Mess Kjt / Black Tie
Timings: 1900 for 1930 Hours
Tariff: \$100 (Cheques Made Out to the "BCR Officers' Mess")
RSVP: With Enclosed Reply Card, or
Via email to the PMC, Maj Adam McLeod at: adammcLeod@gmail.com*

Artillery Day 2018



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**The
Vancouver Artillery Association
is hosting a
Gun Camp
on
Saturday, 26 May 2018**

The intent of the Artillery Day Gun Camp is to deploy artillery detachments in public areas throughout the Lower Mainland of British Columbia where artillery units have had a presence today and in the past.

Do you own artillery ordnance that could be part of this display?

Contact Leon Jensen OMM CD for additional details – president.vcrgunners@gmail.com