

## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Nov 6, 2018**

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

**Newsletter on line.** This newsletter, and previous editions, are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: [www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca) and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html> . Both groups are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association> and <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver>

**Wednesday Lunches -** We serve 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. 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.

- Nov 07**      Dominique Boulais CWGC – Commissions work maintaining graves, memorials  
Remembrance Day Concert – 5<sup>th</sup> Field Band in Victoria
- Nov 10**      With Glowing Hearts Concert – Delta  
Commemoration event in the Veterans section of Mountain View Cemetery  
Peacemaking and Chaplains – Brentwood Presbyterian Church
- Nov 11**      **Remembrance Day**  
With Glowing Hearts Concert – New Westminster
- Nov 14**      RUSI Speaker Series – Speaker Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver  
Topic: “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”
- Nov 24**      78 Fraser Highlanders - Feast of St. Andrew Dinner
- Dec 01**      St Barbara's Day Dinner
- Jan 26**      78 Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner

## **World War 2 – 1943**

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

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>:** There is fierce fighting on Bougainville and 100 Japanese aircraft attack USS Princeton and Saratoga, to no effect.

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>:** General Giraud and four others resign from the Committee of National Liberation, although Giraud remains in command of Free French Forces. The Americans expand their bridgehead on Bougainville and 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division arrives to reinforce the Marines. Soviet forces push west towards Zhitomir from Kiev. Indian troops liberate Castiglione in Italy.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>:** An Allied convoy off Oran is hit by a large Luftwaffe raid, losing three merchant ships and a tanker. A US Carrier raid on Rabaul results in the loss of 70 Zeros in aerial combat, and damage to an IJN light cruiser and a destroyer. Near Mignano Italy, PFC Floyd K Lindstrom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division is part of a machinegun squad supporting an assault on a rocky hill. The assault is checked by a strong German counter-attack and most of the US troops retire to their starting position. Lindstrom and his section hold and become the focus of the Germans' attention. A German machinegun underpins their attack, and Lindstrom is unable to engage it, so he scoops up his own machinegun and climbs uphill under fire to get his weapon in a better position. Still unable to hit the German machine gunners behind their cover, he runs forward with a pistol, kills them and takes "their machinegun back to his own squad. They use it to considerable effect although Lindstrom braves the German fire once more to retrieve more of their ammunition for the captured gun. For his actions in defeating the German counter-attack, Lindstrom is awarded the Medal of Honor, but is killed in action in 1944 before receiving the medal.

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>:** Soviet troops enter the key railway junction city of Zhitomir. Forces from 22<sup>nd</sup> Division land on Leros to attack the British and Italian troops there. The last of the Japanese carrier aircrews transferred to Rabaul are evacuated. In the last month, 121 of their 173 planes have been destroyed, as have almost the very last of Japan's most skilled pre-war naval pilots.

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>:** The first heavy bombing raid on Tarawa. More US troops land on Bougainville and the Soviets complete the capture of Zhitomir.

**Essential Reading:** *John Weeks who later often partnered with Ian V Hogg was just as much as an expert when it came to small arms. He is the author of another of the many excellent Ballantine reference books that came out in the 1960s and '70s and Infantry Weapons remains a solid well-balanced technical history of the small arms in use during the Second World War.*

## **CWGC Presentation – 1300hrs 7 Nov 2018**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission presentation by Dominique Boulais, the Commemorations and External Relations Manager for Canada, will consist of a brief history, a description of our fundamental principles and its mandate and worldwide responsibilities; it will describe the responsibilities of the Commission's Canadian Agency within the Americas while emphasising its work in BC. It will also explain the importance of commemoration and the discovery of remains.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter on 21 May 1917. Its duties are to mark and maintain the graves of the forces of the Commonwealth who

died in the two world wars, to build and maintain memorials to the dead whose graves are unknown, and to keep records and registers. The Canadian Agency of the Commission is responsible for fulfilling the Charter tasks in the Americas (including the Caribbean). This includes the care of 20,400 War Dead commemorated in 3,350 cemeteries and on ten memorials.

## **Mountain View Ceremony – Nov 10 & 11**

**A Special Tribute on the 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War  
Mountainview Cemetery – Vancouver, BC  
November 10<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** Mountainview Cemetery

5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver \*(Beside 33rd Ave, on the South side)

On Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> our 24-hour commemoration of the Great War Armistice will begin with a special ceremony at 3:00pm. We will place 6,000 hand made Poppies at the graves of 4,000 veterans who are interred at Vancouver's Mountainview Cemetery. Each poppy represents a serviceman or women from British Columbia that died in the First World War. Our commemoration will continue with the lighting of 100 candles. The event will then become an all-night solemn vigil with uniformed sentry standing guard amongst a field of poppies and sacred presence of 4,000 veterans. Our tribute to our fallen will culminate on November 11<sup>th</sup> with a small informal gathering to remember. The commemoration is expected to end on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

*Project co-ordinator: Celinda 604-999-8289 & Guy Black 778-887-4402 Email: Korea19501953@yahoo.com*

## **RUSI Vancouver 2018 Speaker Series Continues on November 14**

You're invited to join RUSI Vancouver for the presentation ***“Canada & the Great War: Unity and Discord”*** by Cam Cathcart, President of RUSI Vancouver on Wednesday, November 14. When Britain declared war on Germany in August 1914 it sparked a conflict known as the Great War. Then, Canada declared war on Germany a few days later. By the time World War One ended in 1918, Canada suffered heavy losses, leading to a conscription crisis that transformed a unified country to one of discord.

On Wednesday, November 14 join us at 5:00 pm in the Officers Mess at the Bessborough Armoury, 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver. The presentation begins at 5:30 pm followed by a question and answer session. The event will conclude by 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. An RSVP is not necessary.

***“Canada and the Great War: Unity and Discord”*** on November 14 will be the final presentation in the RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series for 2018. The next series will begin in early 2019.

## **In Flanders Fields**

Lieutenant-General (retired) LWF Cuppens CMM CD Nov 2018



The Remembrance period is upon us—how will you remember? Already Legion members are busy distributing poppies and Remembrance activities are taking place across Canada. At ceremonies we shall all hear the words from John McCrea’s “In Flanders Fields”. For me one line has particular meaning “If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep though poppies grow in Flanders fields”. I consider that the politicians behind our defence and foreign policy have broken faith with those who died for freedom.

Several years ago, Preston Manning wrote an OPED titled “Sleepless in Flanders fields”. I will quote a few excerpts from it—“The problems lie deeper than the political policies that have starved the Canadian military of money, equipment and personnel”—the government’s spin doctors may call it prudence, the diplomatic may call it timidity, but men who placed their lives on the line for freedom’s sake would call it by a harsher name: cowardice in high places.” He concludes “Will John McCrea and his companions continue to have their sleep disturbed, or will they finally rest in peace in Flanders fields?” As I have written before, our military remains starved for funds to train with, for equipment to make them capable, and recruitment to attract those who believe in the cause of freedom. Recall the lifetime long Sea King replacement project; recall the ill-fated fighter replacement project—draft tenders documents are now out for review; recall the lengthy replenishment ship replacement project that continues; recall the pilot shortage that continues; recall the life-long pensions for veterans; recall the complaints by veterans about the length of time to address disability concerns; recall the complaints about SISIP claw back; recall the shortage of mental health professionals to aid serving and released veterans; and recall our new defence and security policy that took two years to build and the “no results thus far” outcome. Governments come and go but faith has been broken. Promises have been many, but delivering on these promises eludes those in political charge. Robert Service says it so well in one of his poems: “a promise made is a debt unpaid”. We remember—how will you remember?

## **Soldier Who Led Raid to Thwart Nazi Atomic Program Dead At 99**

Norwegian Commando Led Daring Raid *Jared Keller T&P on FaceBook October 26, 2018*

The Norwegian resistance fighter who led a detachment of commandos on a daring mission to derail Nazi Germany’s efforts to engineer the first atomic bomb will finally rest easy in the halls of Valhalla. Lt Joachim Ronneberg, who at the age of 23 led a cadre of soldiers on a stealth mission to sabotage a critical Nazi-controlled hydroelectric plant in Operation Gunnerside, has died at 99, the New York Times reports. He was the last surviving member of the nine-man team that, on Feb. 28, 1943, parachuted into the snowy wilderness on a mission to disable to equipment dedicated to the production of heavy water, a crucial yet scarce component of the

German atomic program that had previously survived a failed sabotage attempt by British soldiers. And it was one hell of a mission, as Timothy Jorgensen previously wrote:

*The Vemork plant clung to a steep hillside. Upon arriving at the ravine that served as a kind of protective moat, the soldiers could see that attempting to cross the heavily guarded bridge would be futile. So under the cover of darkness, they descended to the bottom of the ravine, crossed the frozen stream, and climbed up the steep cliffs to the plant, thus completely bypassing the bridge. The Germans had thought the ravine impassible, so hadn't guarded against such an approach. The Norwegians were then able to sneak past sentries and find their way to the heavy water production room, relying on maps of the plant provided by Norwegian resistance workers. Upon entering the heavy water room, they quickly set their timed explosives and left. They escaped the scene during the chaotic aftermath of the explosion. No lives were lost, and not a single shot was fired by either side.*



*Soldiers in uniform, from the left: Knut Haukelid, Joachim Rønneberg, and Jens Anton Poulsson shaking hands with King Haakon VII of Norway in February 1948.*

*Wikimedia Commons/Oslo Museum*

“There were so many things that were just luck and chance,” Ronneberg told the New York Times in 2015. “There was no plan. We were just hoping for the best.”

Ronneberg and his team of saboteurs became national heroes to their countrymen, and with good reason. Thanks to Operation Gunnerside, the German atomic program was stymied beyond repair, allowing the United States to develop the atom bomb first and bring the war to a close without a full-blown invasion of the Japanese home islands. But despite an ongoing historical debate over the threat posed by the German atomic program, Operation Gunnerside remains one of the lesser-told stories of heroism from World War II. As the New York Times notes, even Ronneberg himself didn't fully understand the impact of the stealth operation until the end of the war. “The first time I heard about atomic bombs and heavy water was after Americans dropped the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” he told the Times in 2015. “Then we started to understand our raid and why,” that the German atomic effort could have ended up with London “looking like Hiroshima.” But even then, Ronneberg knew the mission was a matter of life and death. As Jorgenson previously wrote, Norwegian Royal Army Colonel Leif Tronstad left the soldiers with an unusual message when he handed out their suicide capsules. “I cannot tell you why this mission is so important,” he said, “but if you succeed, it will live in Norway's memory for a hundred years.”

Rest easy, Ronneberg. You earned it.



# George Vujnovich Leader of Daring World War II Rescue

Torsten Ove McClatchy Newspapers May 01, 2012



*George Vujnovich in 2010*

*Credit Uli Seit for The New York Times*

In 1944, as head of the Office of Strategic Services in Bari, Italy, George Vujnovich guided a team of agents who worked with Yugoslav guerrilla leader Draza Mihailovich to airlift more than 500 airmen from a makeshift runway carved on a mountaintop in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia. The World War II air rescue mission, "Operation Halyard," was relatively obscure until the 2007 release of "The Forgotten 500," a book by Gregory Freeman. "We didn't lose a single man. It's an interesting history. Even in Serbia, they don't know much about it," Vujnovich told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 2008, when he accepted an award from the OSS Society. The son of Serbian immigrants, Vujnovich was born in Pittsburgh in 1915. After high school, he received a scholarship to study at the University of Belgrade, where he met his future wife, Mirjana Lazich.

In 1941, he witnessed the bombing of Belgrade by the Germans. He and Mirjana fled to Budapest, Hungary, then Turkey and Jerusalem and finally to Cairo as Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps approached. In Egypt, Vujnovich found a job with Pan American Airways, which sent him and his new wife to a U.S.-controlled air base in Ghana. When the U.S. entered the war and militarized Pan Am, Vujnovich was commissioned into the Army and transferred to an air base in Nigeria, where he became base commander. Because of his experience in Yugoslavia and service as an air officer, OSS recruited him to help resistance forces in the Balkans. After training in Virginia, he was sent to Bari, Italy. There he orchestrated "Operation Halyard."

In the summer of 1944, US bombers attacked the Romanian oil fields in Ploesti that supplied the German war machine. They flew from Italy and across Yugoslavia to get there, but many were shot down. About 1,500 crewmen bailed out over Serbia and were taken in by local villagers and protected by Mihailovich's forces. Vujnovich devised a plan to get them out, which included secretly building an airfield without any tools, and assembled a team of Serbian-speaking agents to parachute in and lead the effort. "I taught these agents they had to take all the tags off their clothing," Vujnovich told the New York Times in 2010, when he received the Bronze Star for his efforts. "They were carrying Camel and Lucky Strikes cigarettes and holding US currency. I told them to get rid of it. I had to show them how to tie their shoes and tuck the laces in, like the Serbs did, and how to eat like the Serbs, pushing the food onto their fork with the knife." The team jumped on Aug. 2, 1944, met with Mihailovich and got to work directing the airmen to build the airstrip. It was only 700 feet long, barely enough for the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force's C-47s to use, but between Aug. 9 and Dec. 27, the rescuers spirited 512 airmen to freedom under the noses of the Nazis. After the war, Vujnovich settled with his wife in New York City and pursued a career as an independent aircraft parts supplier. He retired in the 1980s and sold the business but continued to work as a consultant until he was 92. Vujnovich died April 24 at his home in New York City. He was 96 and had spent most of

his life running an aircraft supply business in the city's borough of Queens and living quietly in its Jackson Heights neighborhood.

## **Cyber-Savvy Reservists Help Secure the Canadian Army's Digital Battlespace**

*Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs November 2, 2018*



*Soldiers in uniform, from the left: Knut Haukelid, Joachim Rønneberg, and Jens Anton Poulsson shaking hands with King King Haakon VII of Norway in February 1948 Wikimedia Commons/Oslo Museum*

Ottawa, Ontario — The Canadian Army Reserve is building a force of members with skills relevant to fighting in the digital domain alongside their Regular Force counterparts – and is not having to look very far to find them. “It’s coming from the ground up,” explained Colonel Mark Parsons of the Army’s Directorate Land Command and Information, which is implementing the Cyber Mission Task Pilot Project. The pilot project’s aim is to marshal Reservists whose day jobs involve the kind of knowledge needed to counter viruses, worms and other cyber threats that are increasingly part of the modern battlespace. “Reservists are great because they bring a lot of skill sets from their civilian employment that we don’t have a hand in developing,” Col Parsons said. “They may be infantry, artillery or signallers, but they’re not putting their technical skills to work in their Reserve roles. So, what we’re trying to do is marry those up.”

The first Cyber Protection Teams will stand up in early 2019. The ultimate goal is to have a cyber unit in each of the Army’s four Divisions. *Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada’s Defence Policy* was released last year and includes direction to keep pace with developments in this area. In fact, Col Parsons explained, cyber is just the latest evolution of the kind of work Signals units have been doing within the electromagnetic spectrum for decades. Where their main concern has historically been about tactical electronic warfare practices, such as blocking an adversary’s use of radio signals, the focus is now shifting towards countering threats to the many electronic networks that keep militaries moving. “When you look at our armoured platforms, for example, you’ve got three different aspects: communications systems, vehicle electronics and the weapons systems. All of those are different aspects of a network that aren’t connected to each other but have vulnerabilities we need to understand, prevent and defend.” An informal network of cyber-savvy Reservists already exists in several Reserve units, Col Parsons noted. In larger city centres particularly, members with the related skills have self-identified and created cyber clubs.

“What we’re trying to do is to put a little bit of rigour behind that. To sort of say, ‘let’s give you roles and responsibilities related to the things that interest you that actually have a return on investment for the armed forces.’” The search for cyber professionals will not be limited to major urban areas, however. “We’re initially focusing on some of the larger centres,” he said.

“Because we know that’s where you’re going to get the greatest number of people who already have those kinds of skill sets. We will start in the bigger areas, and then we’ll see where the next steps lead us.” The Cyber Mission Task initiative supports one of the 12 lines of effort that make up the Canadian Army’s Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) initiative. Mission Tasks are specific areas of expertise that will be assigned to units. Part-time soldiers in the Reserve have skills learned in their civilian lives that can enhance Army expertise while providing opportunities to integrate Reservists into operations at home and abroad. In addition, expanding the range of mission tasks that are available to Reservists increases the potential for attracting new Reservists and retaining those who have already joined. “We know there’s a lot of people out there who have cyber skills,” Col Parsons said. “Why not get them involved in doing things that interest them? That’s another way to attract and retain good people.”

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

The following information has been added to the [www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca) website.

2018 Honorary Colonel out and about, WO Senff gets coined in Norway, DMusic promotion, Sgts Mess Dinner <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2012.html>

2018 LUSAR Training <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/lusar-training.html>

2012 Fortissimo <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/fortissimo-2012.html>

1977 Chilliwack Dry deployments

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/chilliwack-dry-deployments.html>

1977 Milcon <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/milcon-1977.html>

1977 Chilliwack range Ex <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/chilliwack-1977.html>

1977 Blair Cup <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/blair-cup-1977.html>

1948 Vancouver Coast Regiment RCA authorized

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1948---vancouver-coast-regt-rca.html>

1938 The Regiment in the news <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1938.html>

1918 Canadian Expeditionary Force Routine Order

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/85th-battery-cfa.html>

1916 15th Brigade CFA heads off to Petawawa

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1916-15th-brigade-cfa.html>

Notable Character addition <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/massey.html>

Military Medal Addition – Gnr Tully <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mm.html>

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

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** This photo comes from the City of Vancouver Archives and shows Lieutenant HO Mock, RNVR, bravely showing his back to the enemy, with gun battery at Stanley Park above Siwash Rock in August of 1914. Four guns of the Naval 4" QF pattern (of the Mk III type) were



mounted for defence of Vancouver, two at Stanley Park, and two guarding the northern entrance to the Salish Sea. We know that all of them must have come from Esquimalt and at least two of them came off of HMS/HMCS Shearwater. The Canadian navy operated the guns, which were manned by naval reservists, from August 1914 until June 1915. Afterward, the navy no longer deemed the city in danger of an attack and decommissioned the guns.

**This Week:** These days, fully-tracked vehicles tend to be limited in civilian life to bulldozers and the oil patch. However, the militaries of the world have been keen on such crawly things since at least the Great War. As a tiny army brat, I remember climbing over Sextons and Achilles parked behind a fence in Camp Shilo with my other diminutive buddy, until escorted to my dad's office by some moustachioed CProC chaps. We were told it was dangerous to do so and given some Oh Henry bars to make sure we couldn't fit through the gap in the fence anymore. Ever since, I've had a particular attraction to such motorized monsters.



Well, this week's monsters are more of the "Hello Kitty" variety, and wouldn't scare too many people, not even tiny tots, who, in any case, are no longer allowed free range. The palm trees show us that this cannot be Canada, land of the pine, while a close look at the uniforms of the crew should tell you keeners what country, indeed, what organization once

drove these cute caterpillars. So, can you tell us what they are? We have no clue. Send your clues to the editor, clued-in Bob Mugford, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or the clueless author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)).

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


What does a worm do in a cornfield? It goes in one ear and out the other!

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

Only a mediocre person is always at his best.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can. *Paul Tournier*



*"The students put on a military tribute that was second to none and if you were here on that day and did not have a tear in your eye, I suspect you're not telling the truth."*

-Don Strank, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292

# REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

**November 7** 7:30pm

Dave Dunnet Theatre  
at Oak Bay High School

presented by the **Canadian College of Performing Arts** and  
**The Band of the 5th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery**  
in partnership with the **District of Oak Bay**



**TICKETS BY DONATION AT THE DOOR**

Proceeds to support the Military Family Resource Center,  
the Oak Bay Public Art Fund, and the Canadian Heritage Arts Society.

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# WINGS

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## *Veteran* **APPRECIATION LUNCH**



*November 10th & 11th* **11AM-2PM**

\*Offer applies to one complimentary lunch item off the WINGS Lunch Fare menu available from 11am-2pm. One lunch item per recognized Veteran. Guest must present a valid Veteran ID, Canadian Armed Forces ID or come in uniform to redeem this offer. Only valid on dates and times stated above. Not valid with any other offer.

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# 6,000 Red Poppies for Remembrance Veterans and Peace

6,000 British Columbians died during the First World War



Image by Canadian War Artist Mary Riter Hamilton

## Mountainview Cemetery

November 10<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm to November 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm



## Peacemaking and Chaplains – 10 Nov

# PEACEMAKING AND CHAPLAINS THEN AND NOW

A Colloquium on the Legacy and the Prospects

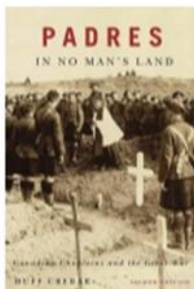
Sat, Nov 10, 2018 — 9:30am – 4:00pm

Brentwood Presbyterian Church  
1600 Delta Ave, Burnaby, BC



- 9:30-10:00 Gathering & Introductions
- 10:00-12:00 George Fallis & the Chaplains, 1914-1928
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 Chaplains & Peacemaking in Our Times
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-3:45 Reflections on the day – led by Brian Fraser
- 3:45-4:00 Wrap Up

Few people in Canada know as much about the work and legacy of chaplains in the Canadian armed forces as Dr. Duff Crerar. We are honoured that he has agreed to be our primary resource person for the first Fallis Foundation Colloquium on peacemaking in our times. Dr. Crerar will do two 30 min presentations that will provoke conversations among participants on the possibilities of peacemaking in our times. The event is free and includes lunch.



Tracing the growth of the Canadian Chaplain Service from its chaotic and controversy-ridden early days to its maturation as an efficient field force, Duff Crerar highlights both the role of the Service on the battlefield and the personal experiences of the chaplains. Refuting the widely held view that chaplains serving overseas were cloistered from front-line realities, Crerar describes the padres' experiences in camps, hospitals, and on the battlefield. He examines how they maintained their faith in the face of death and destruction, and explores the bonds forged between chaplains and troops.



**Duff Crerar** taught Indigenous, social and military history at Grande Prairie Regional College prior to his retirement in 2013. He helped to organize an oral history project among First Nations and Métis in the Peace River region and has co-edited a book on Treaty 8. He spent 25 years consulting with the Royal Canadian Chaplain Service and was called upon frequently to provide expert advice and education for the service. He is an elder at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ.

*This colloquium is presented by The Fallis Foundation.  
We are a not-for-profit society seeking to collaborate with others  
to preserve and enhance the peacemaking legacy of the Rev Dr. George Fallis.*





# **JOIN US**

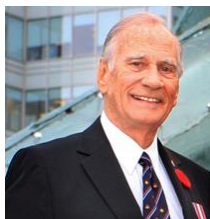
## **RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER**

### **SERIES**

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**14 November 2018 - From 5:00 to 7:00 pm**  
**Officers Mess – Bessborough Armoury**

**Subject: “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”**



**Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver**

### **Upcoming Topics & Speakers**

This is the last presentation for 2018  
Presentations will restart in the new year

**RSVP NOT REQUIRED**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver in cooperation with LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer, and the President and Members of the Officers Mess.

**Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society**  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2C7

**With Glowing Hearts – Music & Songs of Remembrance**

**The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir &  
The Band of the 15th Field Regiment**

# **With Glowing Hearts**

## **Music & Songs of Remembrance**

**Saturday, November 10th, 2:30 pm**

**South Delta Baptist Church**

**1988 56 Street, Delta, BC**

**Tickets for Saturday**

**go to [vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca)**

**Or [bpt.me.3600992](tel:6043600992)**

**Or Call 1-800-838-3006**

**Or from any Choir Member**

**Sunday, November 11th, 2:30 pm**

**Massey Theatre**

**735 8th Ave. New Westminster**

**Tickets for Sunday**

**go to [vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca)**

**Or [masseytheatre.com](http://masseytheatre.com)**

**Or call 604-521-5050**

**Excludes Service charge by theatre \***

**Tickets Adult \$30\* Senior \$28\* Student \$15\***



**Share the emotion and the joy. Join us to remember.**



## Fort Fraser Garrison

Please join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland at our annual

# *Feast of St. Andrew*

## **Mess Dinner**

**Saturday, 24 November, 2018**

**in the Officers' Mess, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA**

**2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC**

**1800hrs for 1900**

**RSVP by 19 November to [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca)**

*In the spirit of the season the garrison collects donations of toys, gift cards and cash for those less fortunate than we; please help out. Proceeds of our Christmas Bottle Raffle will go to support the Union Gospel Mission's food program.*



Mr. Richard Mackie, noted author and professor of both history and historical geography will speak to us about interactions between the Scots and First Nations people in early British Columbia

Tariff: \$65.00 per person. \*RSVP requested [<jobarb@shaw.ca>](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or 604-522-5766

Dress: Highland Evening Dress, Mess Kit or Business Attire.  
Ladies equivalent.

yours aye,

James Barrett CD, Major  
Officer Commanding the Garrison





# St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night



**The Commanding Officer**  
*Lieutenant Colonel J.P.P. Lajoie, CD*  
and the Officers  
of  
15th Field Artillery Regiment  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery  
  
*request the pleasure of your company*  
*at their annual*

## **ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT**

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

*on*  
*Saturday, the First of December, 2018*  
*at*  
*six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening*

Dress. Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.

Tariff. \$100 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received. There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

*If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 1900 and 2200.*

*RSVP by 22 November 2018 with payment*

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

Questions. To VPMC, Lieutenant Chris Purdon  
*mess15rca@gmail.com*



Fort Fraser Garrison



I request the company of our Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

## Garrison Burns Supper

to be held in

The Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury,  
15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, 26 January 2019

1800hrs for 1900hrs

Dress: Scarlets, Highland Evening wear, Black Tie or Business Attire  
Tariff: \$78 per Person

**RSVP to [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or 604-522-5766**

**ASAP! (before 19 January)**

Places will be allocated on the sequence (date & time) of RSVP emails received  
at [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca)

Members have priority, but please RSVP soonest as this event is  
usually oversubscribed.

Looking forward to seeing you there

*James Barrett, Maj.*  
Officer Commanding