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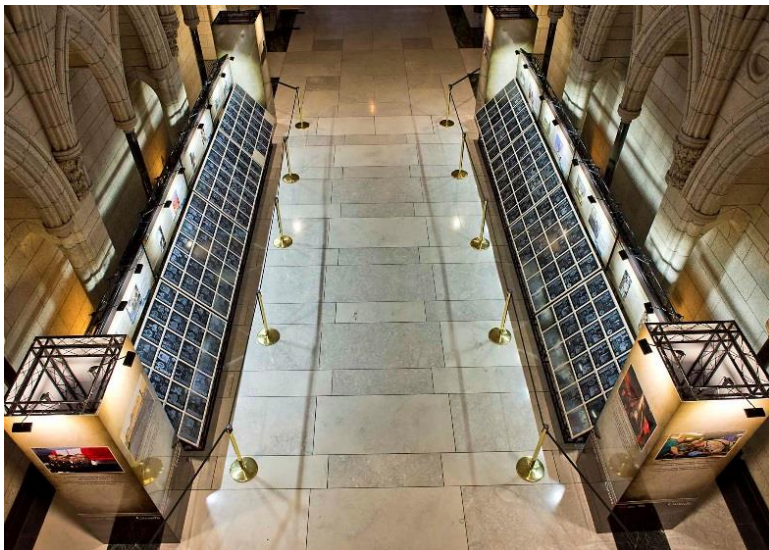
### Wednesday Lunches

The Mess dress requirements for Wednesday lunches is Business Casual. Business casual can best be described as our 'summer dress'. Minimum requirement is an open neck button up shirt with dress pants or slacks (no blue jeans, pls), Ladies is the equivalent. Of course we never discourage the wearing of jackets and ties. Guests are always welcome.

Attendance was down through June so we remind members that Lunches will continue through the summer. Put down your gardening gear for a couple of hours and come join us. We always take a short break over the Christmas period, otherwise they keep going except when Mrs Lum decides to take a holiday or if the Mess or Armoury are shut down for military requirements.

### Afghanistan Memorial Vigil

The Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces are marking more than 12 years of service in Afghanistan. One of the ways the DND/CAF are commemorating the service of Canadian personnel in through an Afghanistan Memorial Vigil. The Vigil commemorates 158 CAF personnel, a Canadian diplomat, a DND contactor, a Canadian journalist embedded with the CAF, and more than 40 US Armed Forces members who were under Canadian command during operations in Afghanistan. The plaques were formerly part of the Kandahar Air Field cenotaph, which was a memorial structure for Canadian soldiers to commemorate their fallen comrades while deployed in Afghanistan. The rest of the cenotaph is in storage awaiting a permanent home. The Afghanistan Memorial Vigil remembers and honours those who have fallen in Afghanistan and acknowledges the bravery, dedication, valour and professionalism of all members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have served in Afghanistan and supported the mission.



*Ottawa, Ontario, 14 November 2013 – The Afghanistan Memorial Vigil on display in the Hall of Honour on Parliament Hill. Photo: Master Corporal Shilo Adamson, CJOC (PA)*

The AMV began its trek across Canada on 4 May and end in Ottawa on 12 November 2014. The Afghanistan Memorial Vigil will be open for public visits at the Vancouver Convention Centre from July 29 to August 2, 2014.

## **National Education Consortium launched May 30 in Calgary.**

Calgary, May 30, 2014 Canada Company and six post-secondary institutions from across the country have partnered to facilitate the transition of military service personnel into the civilian workforce. British Columbia Institute of Technology, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, triOS College, Fanshawe College, the Marine Institute and Vanier College have established a consortium with a purpose to recognize military training and service as credit toward post-secondary credentials. Canada Company has a mission to support the members of the Canadian military and their families. Initiatives include providing post-secondary education for children of the fallen, providing summer camp experiences to the children of deployed CAF members and providing funding to a myriad of programs that will benefit serving and honourably released members. In partnership with Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada, Canada Company will facilitate assisting Veterans, Reservists and transitioning members gain meaningful civilian employment through the Military Employment Transition program.

Each institution will establish credits based on existing institutional and provincial guidelines. The consortium aims to establish educational pathways into post-secondary credentials to recognize military training and experience as prior learning credit.

“Fanshawe College is proud to support the Military Employment Transition program.” says Peter Devlin (Lieutenant General, Ret) President, Fanshawe College. “Working with Canada Company and the Coalition has been both a pleasure and an honour as we collectively help our valued military service personnel transition into the Canadian workforce. The consortium of academic institutions is creating an historic partnership to create pathways for our service men and women to gain post-secondary credentials while recognizing their prior learning, training and experiences from military service. As a supporter of the MET program, I can attest that this program has the potential to transform lives and unlock potential.”

Canada Company with the support of Department of National Deference and Veterans Affairs Canada is set to host the second MET conference in Calgary May 29 and 30 to bring together members of the MET coalition whose goal is to hire 10,000 Veterans by 2023. This conference will not only share challenges and best-practices with some of the over 100 Employer Partners but also introduce a great opportunity for our registered transitioning military members to network with and conduct informational interviews with representatives from these Military-friendly employers. The conference also serves as the official announcement of the consortium.

# **The Canadian Forces Judge Advocate General is Not Even a Judge**

*By Michel Drapeau Defence Watch Guest Writer Published: June 30, 2014*

*Ottawa lawyer and retired Canadian Forces colonel Michel Drapeau writes that full transparency is required in making non-judicial appointments such as that of the Judge Advocate General.*

In April, a fellow blogger noted that in Canada the Judge Advocate General (JAG) is not a judge! That's a fact. At least, not since 1998 when following a major restructuring of the National Defence Act the Office of the Chief Military Judge was created. Since that time, the Chief Military Judge sits at the apex of the Canadian military justice system having jurisdiction over all military and civilian personnel subject to the Code of Service Discipline which includes the JAG. Since then, our JAG has been relegated to the role and functions of a legal advisor whose duties are somewhat akin to those performed by several of his colleagues serving at Justice Canada.

Why is the JAG paid on a judge's scale? As pointed out by retired Justice Gilles Létourneau, ironically the legacy term "Judge" in the title of the JAG – which was imported to Canada from Britain with the remainder of our military justice system at the turn of the last century – allows the current office holder who is not a judge to be paid the salary of a judge of a Superior or Federal Court. This was something which was confirmed by the external Military Judges Compensation Committee in its December 2012 report to then Defence Minister Peter MacKay; the committee noted that the JAG's pay was indexed to "that of federal court judges". In Canada federally-appointed judges are paid \$300,800 annually while a Chief Justice and an Associate Chief Justice are paid \$329,000. For sake of comparison, the Compensation Committee confirmed also that the "Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) [was] paid \$327,000." What will be of interest to the military community, is that the JAG is, at the very least, the second best paid officer in the Canadian Forces.

In the meanwhile, the pay of our most senior component commanders such as the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Commander of the Canadian Army and the Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who are all serving at the rank of lieutenant-general, is capped at \$252,804 which is just a shade over the salary of the Minister of National Defence set at \$240,000.

The Governor-in-Council (GIC) appointments such as that of the JAG are made on the recommendation of a cabinet minister in accordance with the relevant statutory authority or enabling statute. Normally, compensation for the more than approximately 500 full-time and 1,900 part-time GIC appointments such as a Deputy Minister or other appointees for service with and within over 200 agencies, boards, commissions and Crown Corporations are normally published in the applicable Order-In-Council which specifies such things as the tenure of the appointment as well as the terms and conditions for their remuneration. However, quite exceptionally and quite inexplicably, the salary level and the consequential benefits paid or to be paid to the JAG (severance pay, special retirement plan, business travel entitlements, leave entitlements, insurance plans benefits, relocation provisions) have not been made public and

hence, until this is done, his appointment, salary and benefits cannot benefit from a modicum of public scrutiny.

Even though, in accordance with the terms of Standing Order 110 (1) of the House of Commons, the Government is required to table copies of all Order-in-Council appointments to non-judicial posts and that these are automatically referred to the standing committee with overseeing the organization to which the individual has been appointed, the committee has limited powers. It may call the appointee to appear before it to answer questions respecting his or her qualifications and competence to perform the duties of the post to which he or she has been appointed but it has no power to revoke the appointment or to give their judgment as to the qualifications or competence of the nominee. It has also no power to review or comment on the rank and salary level of the appointment to ensure that taxpayer-funded appointments are done in a publicly accountable manner.

## **Our Veterans Need a New Voice**

*By Paul Manson*

Canada's veterans are very much in the news these days, with a growing perception that the men and women who served our nation in military uniform are not being well-treated by their government. The recent demonstration on Parliament Hill by veterans caught the public's attention, as did several articles and interviews, some of them very critical. These have reinforced the impression that veterans are not happy these days. It's not an exclusively Canadian problem. Note for example that the chief of Veterans Affairs in the U.S. resigned a couple of weeks ago over problems with the treatment of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Here in this country a relatively small element of the veteran's community has frequently attacked the Veterans Affairs department, primarily over alleged failures in the medical treatment and financial compensation of disabled military personnel, particularly those suffering from PTSD or other debilitating injuries. The Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), the Hon. Julian Fantino, has been subjected to heavy criticism over these and other issues. To be sure, the record of both conservative and liberal governments over the past few decades has been less than perfect. Our military's heavy involvement in the Afghanistan War has obviously raised the temperature of the debate. Like all wars, this one took a heavy toll on those who were engaged in the conflict, and this has reminded Canadians that the nation has a solemn obligation to care for those who suffered through service in harm's way. Back in 2006 the government introduced a New Veterans Charter in an attempt to articulate the obligation in practical terms, but not all of it was deemed satisfactory. This dissatisfaction led to a comprehensive review of the Charter by the Parliamentary Committee on Veterans Affairs, whose report has now been published to mixed reviews, with various veterans' organizations claiming that the committee's findings and recommendations do not go far enough.

This raises an interesting point. Historically, going back to the aftermath of the First World War, the Royal Canadian Legion has been the dominant voice of Canadian veterans. In recent

decades, however, with the passing of so many Second World War veterans, the Legion's numbers have declined dramatically. Furthermore, fewer than one-third of their members today have seen military service, and the percentage continues to decrease. Meanwhile, dozens of new veterans organizations have appeared on the scene. Although all of these, in representing specific groups of veterans, have a legitimate role to play, the net result has been a serious dilution of the collective influence of veterans at large. Against this background a few small militant groups, in going public so forcefully with their criticism and demands, give the impression that they speak for all veterans.

But many of today's veterans – perhaps the great majority – are uncomfortable with some of the rhetoric that has dominated recent headlines. One reason is the growing feeling that the aggressive approach may very well be counterproductive, because of a risk that it might alter the positive image that the Canadian public holds of its veterans, which in turn could influence government support for the community. More to the point, unduly antagonizing the officials of VAC can scarcely lead to a productive working environment in the search for solutions to current problems.

Given the weakening of the Legion's once dominant position and the proliferation of veterans organizations, there is a need for some form of overarching new structure, perhaps under the leadership of the Legion, which would draw together the many and varied groups that exist today. Unfortunately, recent attempts in this direction have not been successful, but the need remains. The entire veterans community must come together from time to time to debate the really important issues of the day, thereby building a strong consensus on how these should be resolved. Only then can veterans speak convincingly and forcefully, yet constructively, in seeking solutions from the government of the day.

Although some veterans may not agree, there is a strong case for establishing a powerful collective voice in this way. It provides the basis for a firm yet co-operative dialogue with the government, for the benefit of all Canadian veterans.

It's a move whose time has come.

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## **7th Fleet Tests Innovative Missile Defense System**

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GUAM (NNS) -- US 7th Fleet and the Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC) tested how radar-absorbing, carbon-fiber clouds can prevent a missile from detecting and striking its target, June 21-25. The Navy tested these manmade clouds, called maritime obscurant generator prototypes, to assess their tactical effectiveness for anti-ship missile defense. The systems and tactics were tested under a variety of at-sea conditions using assets from the US Army, Navy, and Air Force to evaluate how the radar-absorbing, carbon-fiber clouds can protect naval assets as part of a layered defense.

Adm Robert L Thomas Jr, commander US 7th Fleet, kicked off the multi-ship experiment in Guam. "Pandarra Fog is example of the quick-turn integrated technical and tactical development the Fleet is doing to master electromagnetic maneuver warfare and assure access



of joint forces," said Thomas. "Pandarra Fog showed the value of quickly bringing together scientific and joint forces to tackle our hardest warfighting problems," said Antonio Siordia, US 7th Fleet's science advisor. "This isn't just smoke or chaff, this is high tech obscurant which can be effective against an array of missile homing systems."

A shipboard device generated the carbon-fiber particles which were suspended in a cloud of smoke. These clouds can absorb or diffuse radar waves emanating from the

seekers of incoming missiles and potentially obscure friendly ships from those missiles. The experiment demonstrated how maritime obscurant generation can be a key enabler of offensive maneuver of the Fleet despite the global proliferation of anti-ship cruise and ballistic missiles. "We are developing a layered approach using a full spectrum of active and passive capabilities to give us the advantage," said Capt. David Adams, who leads the 7th Fleet Warfighting Initiatives Group. "It is not just about the technology, but also practicing how the Fleet will employ these emerging capabilities." "A defense in depth approach has a lot of advantages. Not only do we know the smoke is effective, it adds a level of uncertainty and unpredictability to the equation," said Adams.

In addition to having a significant level of effectiveness, the systems are relatively inexpensive when compared to other countermeasures and can be tactically employed through typical Fleet maneuvers. The materials are environmentally friendly and sized to maximize operational effectiveness. "Our initial assessment is the testing was very successful in terms of tactical employment, usability and cost-effectiveness." said Adams.

## **Pearl Harbor Survivor Receives Final Honors at USS Utah Memorial**

*7/3/2014 Mass Communication Spec 2nd Class Diana Quinlan, Navy PA Support Element West Det. Hawaii*

PEARL HARBOR (NNS) -- The ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Chief Warrant Officer John W Welton, US Navy (ret), were placed in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a ceremony on July 2. Among those in attendance were Welton's children Robert Welton, Sharon Chamberlin and other family members. Capt

Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, provided remarks as the guest speaker, and Lt Richard Tiff, a chaplain with Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, provided the benediction.

"It is another beautiful day in paradise," said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, who spoke at the ceremony. "Perfect for honoring an American Hero. Today [Welton] would have been 96 - Happy Birthday John!" Welton was born in Roseville, California, and joined the Navy in September of 1936. His career begun in the Asiatic Fleet, now known as the 7th Fleet, and later he was stationed in Pearl Harbor aboard the destroyer USS Sicard (DM 21) on the day of the 1941 Japanese attack. Welton went on to serve throughout World War II and participated in numerous battles and campaigns all over the pacific theater, advancing his military career from enlisted ranks of Chief Petty Officer to Chief Warrant Officer. He retired in December of 1953 with multiple awards including World War II Victory, China Service, American Area Campaign, and Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with two stars and others. "John never wavered in faith or spirit, not on that dreadful day in infamy, nor in the remaining years to come," said Scruggs. "His work ethic and a great attention to detail would serve John well and would separate his Navy career from most in his rate. An officer highly respected by his peers, the enlisted men and the senior officers he served with."

Military honors included a gun salute and the presentation of the burial flag to the family by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard. During the presentation of the flag, Robert and his sister Sharon joined hands and held them for the duration of the ceremony. "I understood that it was a fantastic ceremony, but there is no way to put in words - it was so much more than I have imagined," said Robert. "Today would have been my dad's birthday, and I cannot think of a better way to honor him." Robert also added, "Everybody wants to know how they will be remembered, and it is truly an honor to see someone in my family to be recognized in this way - our dad. It was overwhelming - an unbelievable experience, far more special than I would have imagined."

Welton is one of the many Pearl Harbor Survivors who joined his shipmates at USS Utah Memorial as their final resting place. "Chief Warrant Officer John Welton, you have permission to come aboard," said Scruggs. "God bless you and your shipmates who rest here and those who have gone before us to secure the freedoms we so dearly enjoy today." Survivors of the USS Arizona are accorded the same privilege and their remains are deposited on that ship with the same ceremony.

## **The Somme - From Defeat to Victory**

**Next on TV: July 15 at 2000hrs - Cable 5/HD 230**

The Battle of the Somme is acknowledged as the worst disaster in British military history. More than 20,000 soldiers fell on the first day. But there was more to the Somme than senseless slaughter. This documentary shows how the lessons learned during the Somme ultimately led to Allied victory in the war.

**Who is it?** **Last Week:** We only got a couple of replies on this picture of an Artillery Cadet Corps being inspected in Bessborough Armoury. We confirmed the the Inspecting Officer is Brig A Bell-Irving OBE who commanded some of the Anti Aircraft guns around London during the war and was an Hon Col of the 15 Fd in the late 60s. Everyone is wearing the old style ‘Kings’ crown on badges and insignia so the parade had to occur around 53-55.



**This Week** This week’s photo is not from our collection; rather, it comes via a young lad, Stu MacDonald, who found it in the on-line section of the City of Vancouver Archives, a most interesting resource. This just goes to show that not all youngsters waste their computer time on FaceTube. The photo at first glance appears to be of American troops manning Bofors 40mm ack-ack guns. However, upon a second viewing, it is obvious that the soldiers are Canadian, not only from their superior soldierly bearing and absence of chewing gum, but also from the battledress and ’37 Pattern webbing. Their sleeves sport a diamond-shaped divisional patch, and the tabs have RCA-type slip-ons. However, as the original is in black-and-white, and the image cannot be enlarged sufficiently, the details are unclear.



The information from the archives states, “Men firing a bofors (sic) 40 mm ack-ack anti-aircraft gun (!) at University Point, 1943”. As there is no “University Point”, we have to guess the location as being somewhere around Jericho or Locarno, given the evidence of a road and willow trees.

So, our questions this week are: what unit is this, where is it, and what breed of dog is that facing the

wrong way? Educated guesses to the editor, or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Our thanks as always.

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

We went to the petting zoo the other day and saw a sheep scratching itself. Turns out it had fleece.

### **Murphy’s other Laws**

Under any conditions, anywhere, whatever you are doing, there is some rule under which you can be charged.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Some of the best lessons we ever learn are learned from past mistakes. The error of the past is the wisdom and success of the future. - Dale E. Turner



## **Lower Mainland MFRC Newsletter**

The July edition is now available at:

<http://www.familyforce.ca/sites/MainlandBC/EN/Documents/07Jul14News.pdf>

## **The Quarterly Newsletter from the Last Post Fund**

The July edition is now available at:

<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1116045723540-11/Bugler+-+July+2014.pdf>

## **Residence of the Governor General at the Citadelle of Québec.**

### *Come and Explore the Residence of the Governor General at the Citadelle of Québec!*

OTTAWA—This summer, Their Excellencies the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston invite the public to discover the governor general’s second official residence at the Citadelle of Québec, which is located in the heart of the historic District of Old Québec. “Sharon and I invite you and your family to discover our residence at the Citadelle of Québec,” said the Governor General. “Steeped in history, this site, which overlooks the St. Lawrence River and sits high atop Cape Diamant, is a remarkable heritage attraction. Join the thousands of visitors who come every year and see what it has to offer!”

### **Visit the Residence of the Governor General**

Visitors are invited to discover the history, architecture and art collections of this magnificent residence. They can also explore the State rooms, where the Governor General fulfills his official duties, welcomes dignitaries and honours Canadians. Guided tours are free of charge.

Tour Schedule: From June 24 to September 1: Daily, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **A Historic and Modern Residence**

For nearly 250 years, the City of Québec was the political capital and place of residence of the colony’s governors. After Confederation in 1867, Rideau Hall, in Ottawa, became the new official residence of the governor general of Canada. In 1872, Lord Dufferin decided to re-establish a residence for the governor general in the old capital, a tradition dating back to the beginning of New France.

Today, the furnishings and works of art found throughout the residence pay tribute to Canadian artists and enrich the value of the residence’s heritage. The marriage of period furniture and contemporary artwork creates a décor that reflects the country’s history and its various artistic and cultural traditions.

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You may also visit our website at [www.gg.ca/visitus](http://www.gg.ca/visitus).**

*The governor general's residence is located within the Citadelle of Québec, atop Cape Diamant. Because the Citadelle is a working residence and an active military base, visitors may enter only when accompanied by a guide and are not permitted to wander freely around the premises. Scheduling for all activities is subject to change without notice due to official events.*

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