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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 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 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. **Note: NO lunches on June 20 and 27. Mrs Lum is on vacation.**

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

May 09	RUSI Vancouver AGM
May 16	RUSI Van presents Patrick Denis talk on 'Reluctant Warriors'
May 12	BC Military Gala
May 23	15 Fd Regt change of RSMs parade
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Artillery Demonstration
	Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event
	47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver 100 th Anniversary Dinner
June 02	15 Fd Regt Cadet Corps Annual Review and Dinner
	39 CER Change of Command
June 03	Walk for Veterans
June 20	No lunch
June 27	No lunch

World War 2 – 1943

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

May 10th: Hitler orders preparations to begin for operation Citadel, the reduction of the Kursk salient. Mass surrenders begin in Tunisia as organized resistance crumbles entirely.

May 11th: The US 7th Division and the Joint American/Canadian Special Service Force land on the remote Aleutian island of Attu to encounter hostile terrain and the Japanese aren't friendly either. With the dismal failure of the Arakan offensive, Generals Irwin and Lloyd are relieved of their commands of XV Corps and 14th Army.

May 12th: Von Armin surrenders at Tunisia, but Mussolini hopes (vainly) that the Italians will fight on. More US Navy cruiser/destroyer strikes take place in the Solomons. The Anglo-American Trident Conference on the invasion of France in 1944 begins in Washington.

May 13th: The fighting in Tunisia ends with the capture of some 250,000 POWs (half of whom are German); the North African campaign is over. The American and Canadian landing on Attu is being contained due to the weather, the terrain and even the badly outnumbered Japanese.

May 15th: The French National Council for Resistance formed. William Slim appointed as commander of 14th Army, the British Imperial army in Burma whose ranks contain men of every complexion and religion. The Soviets decide to dismantle the Comintern, to reassure their Allies that the Soviets have no expansionist plans. The Germans launch a small attack in the Leningrad sector, which quickly bounces off the defences. Some progress is made by the Americans on Attu.

Reservists Wanted to 'Fill in the Gaps' at Gagetown

Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs May 4, 2018



Canadian Army soldiers participate in Exercise COMMON GROUND II 2016 at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown on November 16, 2016. Units based at Gagetown are always prepared to move on short notice and that high tempo means the support of Army Reservists is invaluable.

Photo: Cpl Peter Ford, Tactics School, 5th Cdn Div Support Group Gagetown ©2018 DND/MDN Canada.

Oromocto, New Brunswick — Canadian Army (CA) Reserve Force members may only serve part-time, but officers from one of the Army's busiest centres say their help is both very much needed and highly valued. 5th Canadian Division Support Base (5 CDSB) Gagetown, located in Oromocto, New Brunswick, is home to both 4 Engineer Support Regiment (4 ESR) and 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA (4 Regt (GS)). While other CA units enter a state of high readiness every three years, following two years of individual and collective training to prepare, these two are tasked with roles that are unique in the CA as a whole. As a result, there is high demand on members to support exercises and operations across the country and around the globe, so they must stay constantly at the ready. They and other CA 'enabler' units – which perform in-demand supportive functions such as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance – were recently consolidated at 5th Canadian Division, where they will all report to the newly-formed Canadian Combat Support Brigade (CCSB). Captain Joseph Bennett, 4 ESR's

Operations Officer, says this requirement for a constant state of readiness presents considerable challenges that Reservists help overcome. “We provide the bulk of the leadership, the planning, and the soldiers to react to any type of event in Atlantic Canada,” he explained. “We frequently have people who are supporting tasks or going on courses all across the country, so when we’re ordered to deploy, it can be a challenge to ensure we have the resources we need. This is where Reservists can come into play - to fill those gaps.”

In 2017 alone, Capt Bennett added, 4 ESR assisted provincial officials after ice storms struck northeast New Brunswick, were on standby to respond to any serious incidents in the region on Canada Day and stood ready to respond to flooding in Quebec. “There were engineers supporting that from Quebec,” he said. “However, it seemed the scope might grow so we had a troop of Reservists come to e with us. We never ended up deploying to Quebec, but we had about 25 to 30 Reservists here for about a week doing our training, helping us get our kit ready, and being ready to react and provide more assistance if it was needed.” Captain Leah Sullivan is Operations Officer for 5 CDSB’s Technical Services Branch, which is charged with providing logistical support to the base’s units and training schools. Supporting high readiness units means Tech Services feel many of the same pressures. Also, those demands have grown further still in the last year as 5 CDSB has taken on the additional responsibility of supplying both Regular and Reserve Force activities right across Atlantic Canada and not just on the base itself. “The job is getting bigger, but we aren’t getting more positions in order to deal with it,” said Capt Sullivan. “Right now, we’re analyzing how much can we do with what we’ve got and what we need to do in order to meet the demand.” From the Tech Services perspective, she added, Reservists provide valuable, direct support on the base during the summer. “The summertime period is really the heaviest period for training through the schools and so we usually ask for Reserve augmentation during that time to fill in some gaps.”

Beyond that, Capt Sullivan said she anticipates the Army’s ongoing Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) effort, which is expanding the number of mission tasks available to Reservists, will have a positive effect. This includes training in long-distance trucking. Though the impact of this will be less direct, Capt Sullivan noted, it will help ease the burden. “Any time someone needs tractor trailer support right now, they either need to contract it or come to us,” she explained. “Whereas if they have that capability for themselves, that alleviates tasks that we would otherwise action. That’s the Reserve Force helping themselves.” Strong, Secure, Engaged, Canada’s Defence Policy includes measures to ensure the Reserve Forces are able to deliver full-time capabilities through part-time service. Those measures include adding 1,500 new personnel and more closely integrating the Regular and Reserve Forces by expanding the mission tasks carried out by Reservists.

US Army Successfully Demos Laser Weapon on Stryker In Europe

Jen Judson April 2018

WASHINGTON — The US Army successfully demonstrated a laser weapon integrated onto a Stryker combat vehicle in Europe over the weekend, but the service acknowledges range

limitations there are holding back exercising its full capability and training. Col Dennis Wille, the Army G-3 strategic program chief for US Army Europe, told an audience March 21 at the Booz Allen Hamilton Directed Energy Summit in Washington, that over the weekend the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment supported by the 7th Army Training Command and the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, conducted a live-fire engagement of the 5-kilowatt Mobile Expeditionary High Energy Laser (MEHEL) demonstrator at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany. “The 2nd Cavalry troops successfully engaged a dozen commercial-off-the-shelf drones during this live event and all members of the team, from operators to acquisition, learned many valuable insights into how to conduct this training,” Wille said.



*A MEHEL-equipped Stryker shot small UAS out of the sky using a 5-kW fiber laser over the weekend at Grafenwoehr training area in Germany.
(C. Todd Lopez/Army News Service)*

But while the demonstration was successful, in order to ensure proper range safety, all engagements had to be below-the-horizon, “which limits the realism embedded in the

training,” Wille said. “Above-the-horizon would have impacted aviation corridors for a few hundred kilometers around Grafenwoehr,” he added. And due to the risk to eye safety, Wille said, the scenario was limited. “We recognize the need for a viable scenario where we can combine a live-fire engagement with other maneuver forces in the field,” he said. The 2nd Cavalry and the 7th Army Training Command’s initial recommendations following the demonstration is to focus on developing high-fidelity simulation devices and software that allow for combined maneuver training while maintaining eye safe practices, according to Wille. “Developing better simulation techniques will apply to all electronic warfare technologies and not just directed energy,” he noted. And while the demonstration is still fresh, Wille said he anticipated there would be a quick push among NATO and other partner nations to work with the United States to develop better training range complexes in Europe that can accommodate directed energy weapon systems. “This is extremely new and so I know that there will be many efforts to try and find locations where above-the-horizon becomes a standard place to do that,” Wille said. “Today there are not very many places on the planet where we can put this in a field environment where it is a standard capability instead of a new experimental capability so we have a lot to learn on that.”

It was just under two years ago that US Army Europe identified gaps in electronic warfare capability in Europe and acknowledged the need to rapidly advance directed energy capability. Not even a year after sending operational needs statements back to the Pentagon, the acquisition community began to deliver a small number of capabilities into the hands of assigned Brigade Combat Teams which immediately implemented them in field environments, according to

Wille. US Army Europe has since learned many lessons on how to operate electronic warfare capabilities, to include directed energy, in Europe — primarily involving getting permission from host nations and figuring out how to operate in an electromagnetic spectrum used not just for military applications but for ordinary, every day civilian purposes, Wille said. The MEHEL system will participate in the Joint Warfighting Assessment later this spring in Europe. It was first put to the test at Fort Sill where it knocked down 12 drone targets during the Manoeuvre Fires Integrated Experiment in the spring of 2017. Lasers on Stryker have a promising future. The Army is eyeing directed energy for a Manoeuvre-Short Range Air Defense capability for Stryker and is determining whether it can field a laser weapon on a SHORAD system within five years. Also in Europe is a counter-unmanned aircraft system capability — the C-UAS Mobile Integrated Capability or CMIC — that is a companion system to MEHEL, which defeats small, slow UAS through radio frequency directed energy rather than through lasers, according to Wille. It is also installed on a Stryker vehicle.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Here's the latest updates:

The 9 Pounder Rifled Muzzle Loader arrives <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

Remembrance Day 1996 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/remembrance-day-1996.html>

Fort Lewis live fire exercise 1978 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/ft-lewis-1978.html>

Group Photo Yakima 1977 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1977.html>

Commanding Officers' Cufflinks <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1968.html>

43rd Anti-Aircraft regiment RCA 1946 to 1959

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/43rd-aa-puzzle.html>

Group photo 1941 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1941.html>

Soldiers' play in 1938? <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/soldiers-play.html>

68th Depot Battery Football team <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1918---68-depot.html>

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

Who Is It

Last Week: The Huot Machine Rifle: A Ross Conversion

Ian McCollum July 17, 2013

The first serious automatic weapon considered for military service in Canada was the brainchild of Joseph Alphonse Huot, a machinist and blacksmith from Quebec. Born in



1878, Huot was a large and strong man (not surprising for a blacksmith), standing 6'1" tall and weighing in at a muscular 210 pounds. His personality included a great patience and ability to focus and work day and night – but also unfortunately a great deal of trust in other people, which would not benefit his business career.



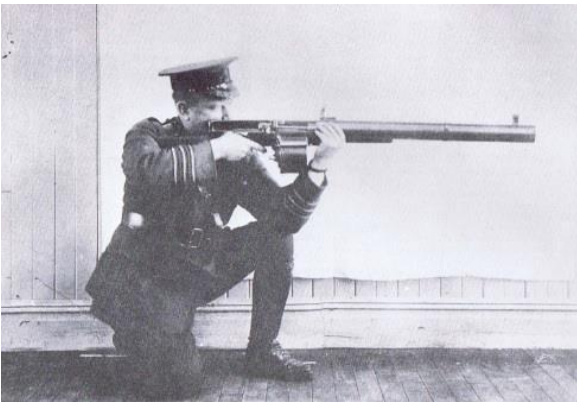
Joseph Alphonse Huot (1918)

Huot began his work by experimenting with a small .32 caliber semiautomatic rifle (we don't know any other details about it) as a hobby project, but when World War I broke out his interest in the gun became more serious. He applied his ideas to a Ross straight-pull rifle (at the time the standard issue arm of the Canadian infantry) and worked with a single assistant from mid-1914 until the end of 1916 perfecting his design. His work resulted in a pair of Canadian patents, numbers 193,724 and 193,725 (unfortunately, neither text nor images from either of these are available through Canada's online patent archive). The idea, in broad strokes, was to mount a gas piston off the left side of the barrel. This would tap gas from the barrel near the muzzle and use it to drive a rod which was connected to the bolt of a Ross rifle. Since the Ross was a straight-pull design to begin with, this sort of conversion was mechanically fairly straightforward (although the devil is always in the details of getting it to run smoothly and reliably). In addition to the basic operating piston, Huot designed a ratchet and linkage that would positively index the next round in the drum magazine each time the weapon was fired, thus eliminating the need to rely on a tensioned spring to feed ammunition. He also effected a copy of the Lewis gun's cooling mechanism, using the muzzle blast to pull cool air through the large barrel shroud and over a radiator assembly built around the barrel. Up to September 1916, Huot had been working in a friend's shop perfecting his design, and on September 8th, 1916 he met with a Colonel Matyche in Ottawa. He was hired on the spot as a civilian mechanic for the Small Arms Experimental Department, and while this would ensure continued work on his gun it also spelled disaster for any hopes of financial benefit from his work.

Huot's private work developing the gun had been quite good, and his original model was demonstrated to military officials in December 1916. An improved version was demonstrated again on February 15, 1917, firing 650 rounds. This demonstration was good enough for the Master-General of Ordnance to request an extended trial, which took place on March 5th and 6th (just two weeks later). This test went through no fewer than 11,000 rounds of ammunition – not a trivial test by any means. At this point, it seems that bureaucracy took over, and the next development in the gun's story would not come until the Standing Small Arms Committee saw the gun tested again in October 1917. That test led them to send Huot and Major Robert Blair (Assistant Inspector of Small Arms in Quebec and for whom Blair Range was named) to England for trials there to have the weapon approved by the British military. They left in late November, arriving in England in early December 1917, and the first tests at Hythe were undertaken on January 10th 1918, with a second round in March. These tests pitted the Huot

against the other machine rifles available at the time; the Lewis, Farquhar-Hill, and Hotchkiss. The tests and demonstrations continued until early August 1918, although the Huot was formally rejected by the British military on April 11, 1918.

When compared to the Lewis, the Huot was found to be very competitive. It was better at snap-shooting from a trench, and faster to bring into action. Except for overly-thick cartridge rims, the Huot was faster to clear all types of malfunction than the Lewis, and it was simpler to disassemble. Testing at Enfield in April and May went for 10,000 rounds (which thoroughly trashed the Huot's barrel; it was found to be keyholing after 6,000 rounds). The Huot was found to be less accurate than the Lewis, although this is probably at least partly due to the sights being attached to the barrel shroud, which was found to have rattled its rivets loose over the course of testing. Lastly, the testers at Enfield complained about the shape of the butt making it difficult to get a good grip on the weapon (not surprising, given the bulk and location of the action cover). Overall, the Huot had 33 parts directly interchangeable with the Ross M1910 rifle, plus 11 parts that had to be modified from the rifle and an additional 56 parts that had to be made from scratch. So why was the weapon rejected despite such promising test results? Simple – it wasn't sufficiently better than the Lewis to justify the expense of retooling production and retraining soldiers. And, of course, once the war ended the existing supply of Lewis guns was suddenly far more than would be needed by a peacetime Army, and there was no need to look for additional such arms.



Major Robert Blair with a Huot
(photo from Seaforth Highlanders Museum)

Sadly, Huot's personal fortune suffered pretty dismally from the endeavor as well. Any agreement for royalty payments from Canada was contingent upon the gun's formal acceptance, so when it was rejected he was left with just the salary he had been paid as an employee.

The roughly \$35,000 investment he had made in the project was left to him to repay (although Huot fought this, and eventually did receive payment of \$25,000 in recompense – but only in 1936). His first wife had died days after childbirth in 1915, and he remarried after the war, fathering 5 children with his wife Marie and working as a laborer and eventually city works foreman in Ottawa. He lived until June 1947, continuing to tinker and invent, but never again reaching as close to success as he came with the Huot Automatic Rifle.

Technical Specs

Caliber: .303 British

Magazine capacity: 25 rounds (could be altered for belt feed)

Weight (loaded): 33.25 pounds (15.1kg)

Rate of fire: 470 rounds/minute

This Week: This week's photo comes, once again, from the archives of a major West Coast city, famous for its beaches and real estate prices. One thing it isn't all that famous for is its military history, not that it has none. Rather, the laurels awarded the city's finest units have all been in connection with activities overseas, save for one hushed up incident: the amphibious assault of the city by forces unknown, in a year of mystery.

Hence, we present to you one of the few surviving photos of that unknown event (hidden from the public for years, but now revealed here for the first time!). Three landing craft are approaching one of our fine beaches, which is defended by a line of riflemen, prone and



covered in sunscreen (on the right of the photo). One enemy craft has been hit, and is burning. We shudder to think of the havoc that could be wrought upon our innocent, tofu-loving civilian population by these evil fascists. However, it would appear that Johnny Canuck triumphed on that long-forgotten day, otherwise we'd all be speaking Lower Slobovian, or some similar gibberish.

So, have you any further information on this event? Did it actually happen the way we've described it? Who were those blood-thirsty invaders? Send your ideas to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitentary'

Why can't you hear a Pterodactyl go to the bathroom? Because the "P" is silent.

Murphy's Other Laws

A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on

Quotable Quotes

Fear is the mother of foresight. - *Thomas Hardy*

2018 British Columbia Military Gala – 12 May



The 39 Canadian Brigade Group and 39 Combat Engineer Regiment request the pleasure of your company at the annual BC Military Gala.

This year we will be acknowledging the diversity of the Canadian Armed Forces and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Stand Up of the 39 Combat Engineer Regiment.

Location	Sheraton Wall Centre - 1088 Burrard St, Vancouver BC
Dress:	Mess Kit / Black Tie
Timing:	1800 for 1900 Hours
Date:	Saturday, May 12th, 2018
For more information:	http://militarygala.ca
For tickets:	http://militarygala.ca/get-tickets/

Artillery Day 2018



Artillery Day 2018



The
Vancouver Artillery Association
is hosting an
Artillery Demonstration
on
Saturday, 26 May 2018

The intent of the Artillery Demonstration 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.

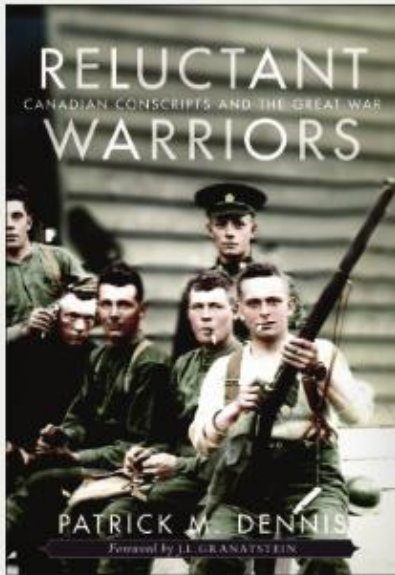
Do you own artillery ordnance that could be part of this display?

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

RUSI Vancouver hosts Patrick Denis' talk on 'Reluctant Warriors'

AUTHOR TALK and BOOK SIGNING

Wednesday
May 16th
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Jacketed Hardcover | \$39.95

Published by UBC Press in association with the
Canadian War Museum



Patrick M. Dennis is an adjunct associate at the
Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and
Disarmament Studies.

Book sales and signing will follow the talk.

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the end
of World War One join RUSI Vancouver for
a special presentation by

Patrick Dennis

author of

RELUCTANT WARRIORS
Canadian Conscripts and the Great War

Wednesday, May 16th
1:00pm - 2:00pm

The 15th Field Officers Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11 Avenue
Vancouver

*Hosted by Royal United Services
Institute Vancouver.*

"Patrick Dennis has corrected the story that I and others told for so long."

— J.L. Granatstein, from the foreword

"Dennis's book adds significantly to our understanding of Canada and the First World War – in particular, the experiences of tens of thousands of men who served their country less than willingly during the conflict and the vital contributions they made to the great victories of the Canadian Corps in France and Belgium from August to November, 1918."

— Daniel Byers, author of *Zombie Army: The Canadian Army and Conscription in the Second World War*



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Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event

Where: Macaulay Point Park

When: May 26, 2018 -

10:00AM to 2:00PM



The Fifth Annual Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event will take place on Saturday May 26 at Macaulay Point Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guided tours will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and will be led by local historian Jack Bates, from the Organization for Preservation of Canadian Military Heritage. New interpretive signage was installed at the site during 2017 Canada 150 celebrations, and pamphlets featuring a map of the area and historical background were also printed.

The buildings and gun emplacements at the historic site will all be numbered and indexed to a handout. The event will also feature members of the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association with their encampment, the Esquimalt Archives, and Toad Hollow Photography. The Esquimalt Lions will provide a cash only BBQ, serving up their famous hamburgers and hot dogs with proceeds going back into the community.

47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver 100th Anniversary Dinner

Captain Vancouver Sea Cadet Corps is looking for people who were cadets with the Corps to come to the dinner. Link to ticket sales

page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/47-captain-vancouver-100th-anniversary-alumni-dine-in-tickets-43300539078>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/47CaptVanAlumni/>

47 RCSCC Captain Vancouver Staff
& the Navy League Branch - Greater Vancouver Area
Request the pleasure of your company and guest(s) to the
100th Anniversary Alumni Dine In



Saturday May 26th 2018

1845 for 1930hrs

HMCS DISCOVERY

1200 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver BC

No-host bar

Tariff Early Bird: \$75.58 per person / \$86.29 per person after 30 Apr

Mess Dress or Formal/Black Tie Optional (Ladies Equivalent)

RSVP by 21 May:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/47-captain-vancouver-100th-anniversary-alumni-dine-in-tickets-43300539078>

*The Commanding Officer, Officers and Cadets
Of*

2472 15th Field Artillery Regiment

Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Cordially invite you to the

65th Annual Ceremonial Review

Saturday, 2nd June, 2018

ACR Dress: DEU/ Business attire

Mess Dinner Dress: Mess kit/Business attire

Parade Timings: 1430 for 1500 Hours Mess Dinner: 1730 for 1800

Mess dinner tariff: \$60.00

Please book your free tickets for the review, and purchase mess dinner places, at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/65th-annual-ceremonial-review-and-3rd-annual-mess-dinner-tickets-45007287007>



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Change of Command – 39 CER



39 Combat Engineer Regiment

invites you and your guest to a ceremony where

Colonel D.R.A. Awalt, CD

Commander 39 Canadian Brigade Group

will mark the

Change of Command

between

Lieutenant Colonel Cameron McLean, CD, PChem,

and

Lieutenant Colonel James Julien, CD

And

Change of Appointment

between

Chief Warrant Officer Terrance Haley, CD

and

Master Warrant Officer Charles Rochlow, CD

At 13:00, 2 June 2018, to be held at

Lieutenant Colonel James Pemberton Fell Armoury, North Vancouver, BC

All guests are invited to a short reception following the ceremony

The LCol J.P. Fell Armoury is located at 1513 Forbes Ave, North Vancouver, BC.

Dress: DEU 1A, business attire for civilians

*RSVP to Captain Grant Greaves by 15 May 2018 at (604) 858 1011 ext 1403 or via
e-mail at grant.greaves@forces.gc.ca*

Please be seated by 12:45

The DDay dinner is being held later that evening. For tickets please email

DDayDinner2018@gmail.com

First Annual Walk for Veterans – June 3



First Annual CANADIAN WALK FOR VETERANS

June 3rd 2018

Victoria
Vancouver
Edmonton
Ottawa
Kingston
Fredericton
Halifax
St. John's

When you walk in the Canadian Walk For Veterans you lend your voice to a collective declaration by Canadians across this country who pay tribute to the men and women who have served in Canada's military and sacrificed to provide us all with a safe and secure homeland. This is an opportunity to get to know veterans in a fun, informal way and walk shoulder to shoulder with those that stand on guard for thee. We are all pioneers on this inaugural Canadian Walk For Veterans and we unite to create a legacy of justice, fairness, and equity for Canada's military veterans for generations to come.

Donations raised will go toward funding the Equitas class action lawsuit and advocacy that significantly influences the policies, benefits, and actions that shape a veteran's destiny. Our long-term goal for the Canadian Walk for Veterans is to make it an annual event that takes place in every major city across the country and to raise the financing necessary to create a new veterans organization that will build trust and inspire the veteran community to come together and speak with one voice.

Please invite your family, friends, and co-workers and all military and veterans. Register at:

<http://www.equitasociety.ca/walk-for-veterans/>

3 June 2018 0845hrs

Lafarge Park, Coquitlam

Check in at Wingrove Way near the Amphitheatre