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Wednesday Lunches - We need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. The Mess serves a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others and friends. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

Apr 10 RUSI Speaker - Canada's role in Bomber Command during WW2
Apr 14 5th Regiment Band - Spring Concert
Apr 27 15th Fd Senior NCO's Mixed Dining In
May 04 NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner
May 14 2019 Army Gala

Next in the RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series!

You are invited: Canada's Role in the WW 2 Bomber Command Campaign

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **April 10** from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** at the Officers Mess, Bessborough Armoury for an informed, historical presentation on Canada's critical participation in the World War Two Allied bomber campaign. Providing the analysis will be well-known military historian, **Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.**

Col Maxwell served more than 40 years in the Canadian Forces including directing NORAD intercept missions against Soviet and later Russian air incursions in Alaska as an AWACS commander and later, at NORAD HQ in Colorado Springs during the first Gulf War. He then joined NATO HQ in Brussels where he was responsible for bringing former Iron Curtain countries into NATO air defence and modernizing NATO Command and Control and the alliance's Missile Defence initiative.

The RUSI Speaker Series is free, everyone is welcome, and a no-host bar will be available. Please confirm you will attend on **April 10** by sending an RSVP e-mail to: LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM.

When: Wednesday, April 10 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Where: Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11 Avenue, Vancouver.

RUSI Vancouver thanks the Commanding Officer of 15Fd (RCA) Regiment and the Officers Mess for their cooperation.

World War 2 – 1944

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

Apr 10th: The Japanese have completely surrounded Kohima and Imphail – and to compound the miseries for all the poor bloody infantry on both sides, the Monsoon rains kick in a month early. Odessa has fallen after a vicious fight, but not before the Germans evacuate over 24,000 men by sea; meanwhile, the Romanian Army in the Crimea is crumbling – as are their border defences at home.

Apr 11th: Kerch is back in Soviet hands, and they also make a series of attacks elsewhere in the Crimean Peninsula. In a raid over Germany, Lieutenant Edward S Michael is the pilot of a B-17 which has been singled out for attention by enemy fighters and is badly hit – as is Lt Michael himself. The plane drops out of formation with, among other things, a fire in the bomb-bay where some of the incendiary bombs have been ignited. He directs his crew to bail out and seven do so, but his co-pilot is also badly wounded, and the navigator's parachute has been riddled by the enemy's fire. Despite his wounds and blood loss, Michaels brings the B-17 back over England, coming to a crash landing (no landing gear, flaps, or airspeed indicator; and with jammed bomb bay doors and a jammed ball turret), but all three men are safe. He is awarded the Medal of Honor.

Apr 12th: The Germans begin the evacuation of 67,000 men from the Crimea, shipping them to Romania.

Apr 13th: The German and Romanian defence on the Crimea collapses onto Sevastopol. Ovidiopol, at the mouth of the Dniestr, falls into Soviet hands. The Australians take Bogadjim in New Guinea.

Apr 14th: The first British successes at Kohima and Imphail; as the encirclement of 161 Indian Brigade is lifted. General Nikolai Vatutin dies as from the injuries he received February 29th from Ukrainian partisans.

Apr 15th: The long fight for Tarnopol is over and the city is in Soviet hands. The ‘armoured count’, Generalmajor Hyazinth Graf Strachwitz von Gross-Zauche und Camminetz, achieves the full award of the Knights Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds for his many exploits as a panzer leader with the 1st and 16th Panzer Divisions and in the Grossdeutschland Division. Der Panzergraf is bold beyond the ordinary and famed for his devastating counterattacks – he survives the war, as does one of his two soldier-sons.

Apr 16th: The Soviets take Yalta on the Crimea, while crossing the Dneistr on both sides of Tiraspol. UK 2nd Division links up with 161 Indian Brigade outside of Kohima.

Veterans Affairs Canada Launches Juno75 Campaign



George Chow (15 Fd Artillery Regiment's last surviving WW2 veteran) and Bdr Mark Magtibay

On Friday, Veterans Affairs Canada launched a campaign to mark the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy by sending a pair of combat boots on a cross-country journey. The ceremony was held in the main hall of Pacific Central Station in Vancouver, British Columbia and began with the singing of O Canada. Soon thereafter, the flag party and pipe band accompanied the pair of boots into the building, where they were placed on a pedestal next to the podium. The Juno Beach Centre Association, represented by Board member HLCol Don Foster, the son of a D-Day veteran, and staff member Scott Entwistle, assisted VAC by organizing the attendance of seven of our

Legacy of Honour (LoH) veterans for this launch. George Chow and Norm Kirby (two D-Day veterans) addressed the crowd and the other LoH veterans in attendance were Harry Greenwood, Jaye Edwards, Hugh Buckley, and Ed Peck. Unfortunately, George Flynn sent his regrets at the last minute. Their stories can be found on our website at

<https://www.junobeach.org/legacy-of-honour/>

The Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, thanked the veterans for their courage and sacrifice, and those who “left family and friends behind and ... travelled halfway across the world to defend our freedom, our democracy and our peace.” As you can see by the media releases (links below) Norm Kirby and George Chow did a great job of speaking on behalf of all Second World War veterans for this important commemoration. Following speeches by the VIPs, the boots were escorted out of the terminal by four members of the Canadian Armed Forces and were placed on the train. A reception followed, in which the assembled veterans gathered around a conference table to share stories and sign posters for the young cadets who were present, as well as anyone else who was interested.

*HLCol Don Foster, Norm Kirby and
Gen (Ret'd) Walt Natynczyk, CMM MSC CD,
Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs*



The veterans all appreciated the symbolism of the initiative. Although the main focus of the commemorations this spring will be focused on Normandy, ceremonies like these make for a great way to connect the experiences of Canadians overseas with those at home, just like these train stations were often the connection between Canadians at home and those serving overseas during the war. The reception afterwards was a great success, and the cadets present were able to have meaningful conversations with the veterans, as well as to come away with a souvenir they will cherish forever. The veterans were delighted to have the younger generations there, and to share their stories with them.

<https://theprovince.com/news/local-news/combat-boots-representing-d-day-soldiers-begins-cross-country-trek-from-vancouver/wcm/e2473daa-52b8-40ec-8e3a-34d39b48921e>

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.4358709>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/combat-boots-begin-cross-country-journey-to-honour-75th-d-day-anniversary-1.5077584>

<http://www.rcinet.ca/fr/2019/03/29/debut-des-premieres-commemorations-du-75e-anniversaire-du-jour-j-de-la-seconde-guerre-mondiale/>

<https://lactualite.com/actualites/2019/03/29/ottawa-prepare-le-75e-anniversaire-du-jour-j/>

<http://www.45enord.ca/2019/03/voyage-en-train-traversant-canada-pour-commemorer-75e-anniversaire-jour-j-et-bataille-normandie/>

Russia Revamps Arctic Military Base to Stake Claim on Region

Russia has made reaffirming its presence in the Arctic a top goal

Vladimir Isachenkov · The Associated Press · Apr 04, 2019



In this photo taken on Wednesday, a Russian soldier stands guard in front of a Pantsir-S1 air defence system on Kotelny Island, part of the New Siberian Islands archipelago located between the Laptev Sea and the East Siberian Sea, Russia.

(Vladimir Isachenkov/Associated Press)

Missile launchers ply icy roads and air defence

systems point menacingly into the sky at this Arctic military outpost, a key vantage point for Russia to project its power over the resource-rich polar region. The base, dubbed Severny Klever (Northern Clover) for its trefoil shape, is painted in the white, blue and red colours of the Russian national flag. It has been designed so soldiers can reach all of its sprawling facilities without venturing outdoors — a useful precaution in an area where temperatures often plunge to -50 C during the winter, and even in the short Arctic summer are often freezing at night. It's strategically located on Kotelny Island, between the Laptev Sea and the East Siberian Sea on the Arctic shipping route, and permanently houses up to 250 military personnel responsible for maintaining air and sea surveillance facilities and coastal defences like anti-ship missiles. The Russian base has enough supplies to remain fully autonomous for more than a year. "Our task is to monitor the airspace and the northern sea route," said base commander Lt Col Vladimir Pasechnik. "We have all we need for our service and comfortable living."

Russia is not alone in trying to assert jurisdiction over parts of the Arctic, as shrinking polar ice opens fresh opportunities for resource exploration and new shipping lanes. The United States, Canada, Denmark and Norway are jostling for position, as well, and China also has shown an increasing interest in the polar region. But while US President Donald Trump's administration has seen the Arctic through the lens of security and economic competition with Russia and China, it has yet to demonstrate that the region is a significant priority in its overall foreign policy. The post of special US representative for the Arctic has remained vacant since Trump assumed office. Russia, however, has made reaffirming its presence in the Arctic a top goal, not least because the region is believed to hold up to one-quarter of the Earth's undiscovered oil and gas. Russian President Vladimir Putin has cited estimates that put the value of Arctic mineral riches at \$30 trillion. The move has alarmed Russia's neighbours, analysts say.

"In Russia, the northern sea route has been described as a bonanza with lots of potential of economic development," said Flemming Splidsboel Hansen of the Danish Institute for International Studies. "And that's why there is a need for military capacity in the area. It is likely meant as defensive, but it is being interpreted by the West as offensive." Kristian Soeby Kristensen, a researcher at Copenhagen University in Denmark, said the problem of Russian hegemony in the Arctic was most obvious to Norway. "Norway is a small country whose next-door neighbour is mighty Russia, which has placed the bulk of its military capacity right next to them," Soeby Kristensen said. "Norway is extraordinarily worried."



Russian troops conduct training with a Bastion missile launcher. (Vladimir Isachenkov/Associated Press)

In 2015, Russia submitted to the United Nations a revised bid for vast territories in the Arctic. It claimed 1.2 million square km of Arctic sea shelf, extending more than 650 km from the shore. As part of a multi-pronged effort to stake Russia's claims on the Arctic region, the Kremlin has poured massive resources into

modernizing Soviet-era installations there. The military outpost on Kotelny Island fell into neglect after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, but a massive effort to build a new base began in 2014 and took several years. A group of reporters brought to the island by the Russian Defence Ministry on Wednesday were shown Bastion anti-ship missile launchers positioned for a drill near the shore and Pantsir-S1 air defence systems firing shots at a practice target. The Russian military has kept Western media from visiting its Arctic facilities, so the trip offered a unique opportunity to watch the Russian expansion up close. A big radar dome looms on a hill overlooking the coast, underlining the base's main mission of monitoring the strategic area. In contrast with drab, Soviet-era facilities, the pristine new base features spacious living quarters, a gym and a sauna. Putin's words about the importance of the Arctic for Russia dot the base's walls, and a symbolic border post sits in a hallway. Soldiers at the base say they are proud of their mission despite the challenging Arctic environment. "Proving to myself that I can do it raises my self-esteem," said one of the soldiers, Sergei Belogov. "Weather is our enemy here, so we need to protect ourselves from it to serve the Motherland." Extreme cold and fierce winds often make it hard to venture outside, and even winterized vehicles may have trouble operating when temperatures plunge to extreme lows and even special lubricants freeze.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to Putin in December that the military has rebuilt or expanded numerous facilities across the polar region, revamping runways and deploying air defence assets. He said renovation works were conducted on a long string of Arctic territories. The expanded infrastructure has allowed the Russian military to restore full

radar coverage of the nation's 22,600-kilometre Arctic frontier and deploy fighter jets to protect its airspace. The military also has undertaken a cleanup effort across the region, working to remove tens of thousands of tons of waste from the Arctic territories, most of it rusty fuel tanks left behind by the Soviet military. The Russian soldiers share the island with polar bears, arctic foxes and wolves. Officers said that, soon after the base opened, curious bears regularly prowled near its walls, sometimes even peering into its windows. On some occasions, soldiers had to use a truck to spook away a particularly curious bear wandering nearby. Soldiers interviewed at the base said they marveled at the area's wildlife and its majestic Arctic landscapes. "The nature here is extremely beautiful," said Navy Lt Umar Erkenov, who came from southern Russia. "Meeting a polar bear is an experience that fills you with emotions. We have established friendly ties with them from the start. We don't touch them; they don't touch us." He said he's missing his wife and daughter, whom he can only see during his leave period once a year but is proud of his mission. "Few people do their job under such conditions," he said. "I feel proud that I'm here with my unit, doing my duty and protecting the Motherland."

Saab's Ultra-Lightweight Camouflage Screen

Saab Solutions April 2019



Saab has won a contract to produce multispectral static camouflage systems for the Canadian Army. The contract contains a Woodland version Ultra-Lightweight Camouflage Screen (ULCAS).

Military operations often require flexible camouflage that can be used for a number

of different objects and situations while still delivering reliable protection against advanced sensors. The Ultra-Lightweight Camouflage Screen (ULCAS) is an advanced multispectral camouflage net that provides unrivalled signature protection for vehicles and other objects in static positions. ULCAS has multispectral properties not seen in any conventional camouflage net and provides protection against reconnaissance as well as sensors working in relevant parts of the electromagnetic spectrum. Being multispectral, the screen makes multiple or single layers of conventional camouflage products for different requirements virtually redundant. Due to its non-snagging properties, its service life is increased substantially in comparison with conventional nets.

ULCAS has outstanding multispectral properties and provides protection against detection in relevant parts of the electromagnetic spectrum. The product has a three-dimensional surface structure and is made up of two layers of textile material. A garnish layer is quilted on a backing to give the net its “non-snagging” properties. This gives the advantage of a long life expectancy and facilitates the rapid deployment and removal from the camouflaged object. The dimensions and shape of the camouflage net can be tailored according to customer requirements. ULCAS weighs no more than 250 g/m² and operational temperatures are in the range of -20°C – +80°C for both storage and use. The camouflage net has high chemical resistance and withstands exposure to petroleum, oil and lubricants.



ULCAS pattern and colours are designed to imitate the colour scheme of each intended environment. The patterns and colours can be tailored according to customer requirements. A randomised pattern is used in order to avoid symmetrical shapes in the nets and to improve the visual camouflage

performance. ULCAS also has a surface material designed for low gloss. The thermal infrared properties are adapted to obstruct thermal reconnaissance and reduce the risk of detection in all climate conditions. ULCAS thermal properties also provide protection against other threats such as target acquisition systems and heat seeking missiles. Pigments used in the ULCAS pattern are carefully chosen and adapted to match the near-infrared reflection of vegetation, rocks and soil in the intended environment. ULCAS near-infrared capabilities significantly reduce the risk of being detected by sensors such as night vision devices.

ULCAS has radar properties not seen in any other camouflage net and provides protection against radar reconnaissance and homing missiles in the range of 1–100 GHz. The radar characteristics of the net can be customised depending on operational environment and customer-defined threats. Telescopic support poles are available as accessories. The extendable poles are made from glass fibre and can be customised for each environment. Aluminium or steel ground stakes are available for ground fixation. The camouflage net and accessories can be delivered in a cover bag containing all the parts needed. This makes regular use of the system much easier and protects the system during transportation and storage. Deliveries of the order are scheduled to take place this year.

Military, Retired Military & Emergency Services offers and Discounts

Ski Packages for Whistler Blackcomb

Whistler Blackcomb offers several types of ski pass packages for military, veterans and emergency services personnel, some of which are also good at other Vail Resorts facilities.

See poster at end of newsletter for details on this offer and others.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Still looking for ideas for Artillery Day, Sunday 26 May 2019.

And another Brigade Sergeant Major has been sponsored! Check out the progress on this page. Have you sent me your sponsorship request? Warrant Officer Class I James Watson is next on the list.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rsms-wall-update>

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/regimental-sergeants-major-project.html>

The Regimental Band played with the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Wind Symphony.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/kwantlen.html>

More photos were added to the Juno Beach D-Day event.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/boots.html>

Some of the Centennial glassware has now arrived! There's still time to order yours.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/centennial-glasses-sitrep>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at

president.vcgunners@gmail.com

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The **Supermarine Stranraer** was a 1930s flying boat designed and built by the



British Supermarine Aviation Works company principally for the Royal Air Force. It entered operations in 1937 and many were in service at the outbreak of the Second World War undertaking anti-submarine and convoy escort patrols. It was withdrawn from operational service in March 1941 but continued to serve in a training capacity until October 1942. In addition to the British-built aeroplanes,

the Canadian Vickers company in Montreal, Quebec, built 40 Stranraers under licence for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The RCAF Stranraers served in anti-submarine and coastal defence capacities on both Canada's Atlantic and Pacific coasts and remained in service until 1946. Following their withdrawal from military service, many Canadian Stranraers were sold off to fledgling regional airlines and they served in commercial passenger and freighter operation well

into the 1950s. The only complete Stranraer remaining is now in the RAF Museum London, at the former Hendon Aerodrome.

This Week: For this week's photo, we are beholden to a young(ish) civilian member of our mess who has an interest in khaki things that make a lot of noise. We encourage the other two or three readers to similarly send us photos of interesting, dangerous devices. At first glance, this seems to be a still from an episode of the Buck Rogers epic "Armageddon 2419 A.D.", or some other early science fiction masterpiece ("Flesh Gordon" suddenly springs to mind, and then is lost as I wonder where I put my keys). The evil aliens are about to bombard Earth with radioactive gas, causing Buck's friend, Wilma Deering, to lose her clothing, and....oops! That's the other movie, again.



In fact, these mighty things are not alien, at least in that definition. They are, however, "alien" in the other definition, as in "enemy ____". But, dear reader, which aliens, and what are they? We

leave identification to you and will patiently await your educated and erudite answers. Send them to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Murphy's Other Laws

The Cavalry doesn't always come to the rescue.

Quotable Quotes

The achievement of one goal should be the starting point of another. *AG Bell*



JOIN US
RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER
SERIES

Wednesday, 10 April 2019
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Officers Mess – Bessborough Armoury

Subject: “*Canada’s Role in the WW 2 Bomber Command Campaign*”



Speaker: Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

RSVP TO LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver with the cooperation of

LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer,
15Fd Regiment RCA and the Officers Mess.
Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver.

5th Regiment Band - Spring Concert

Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

Spring Concert

Pte Harry McGuire
5th (BC) Field Regiment



Calling all military music aficionados. The Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, is presenting its 20th Annual Spring Concert at 2 p.m. at the Dave Dunnet Theatre (in Oak Bay High School, 2121 Cadboro Bay Rd., Victoria) on Sunday April 14.

The Band of the 5th has been a fixture of the Victoria community since the earliest years of the city's establishment. The oldest continually operational military band west of Thunder Bay, the Band of the 5th can trace its lineage back to the Victoria Volunteer Rifle Corps in 1864; remember, Victoria was only incorporated as a city in 1862.

Today, the Band is the only army brass and reed band on Vancouver Island and currently consists of serving members of the Canadian

Armed Forces Primary Reserve and by civilian volunteer associates.

The 20th Annual Spring Concert promises to be a fun and engaging afternoon of music. With compositions by Johann Strauss (Jr. and Sr.), Gustav Holst, Alfred Reed, John Williams, and many others, the adept musicians of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment will explore a variety of musical styles with graceful proficiency, under the baton of Master Warrant Officer Daniel Moses.

Of course, as is always the case at the Band's concerts, classic military marches will be featured with prominence and performed with great vigour.

Admission is by donation. Proceeds will go to the Fifth BC Artillery Regiment Foundation.

The Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment, RCA is currently looking for new members. If you are a capable musician that is interested in joining a band that is active within the community, you are encouraged to attend the Spring Concert and visit the Band's website: www.5fieldband.ca.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess MIXED DINING IN



The Regimental Sergeant-Major
Warrant Officers and Sergeants
of 15th Field Artillery Regiment,
Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

*Cordially invite you
to their*

MIXED DINING IN
Saturday, 27 April 2019
Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs

To be held in the
Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 17 Apr 19
to Sgt Woods
2025 West 11th Ave,
Vancouver BC V6J 2C7
Email: brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca
Telephone: 604-666-4876

Dress
Mess Kit/Formal
Couple: \$100.00
Single: \$60.00

NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia
Founded 1919

*The President and Directors of
The Naval Officers' Association of
British Columbia*

*request the pleasure of your company and guest(s)
at dinner.*

*We shall commemorate the 74th anniversary of
The Battle of the Atlantic
on*

Saturday May 4th 2019

1830 for 1930

HMCS DISCOVERY

1200 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver

Guest of Honour

Commodore Angus Topshee, OMM, MSM, CD

Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific

*Cost: \$85.00 per person
Mess Dress or Black Tie
(Ladies Equivalent)
Decorations (Miniatures)*

RSVP on or before Thursday April 24th 2018

by using the attached reservation form.

(Please note that there will be a \$12.00 surcharge per guest for each late registration after the April 24th cut off with roast beef as the meal)

NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF BC
RESERVATION FOR THE BATTLE OF ATLANTIC MESS DINNER
Saturday, May 4th 2019 at HMCS DISCOVERY, 1200 Stanley Park Drive (1830 for 1930 hrs)

Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Affiliation (i.e. military unit, civic organization): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ and E-mail: _____

Members/Guests:

Accompanied By:

Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.	First Name	Last Name	Meal Selection *	Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.	First Name	Last Name	Meal Selection *

*Menu: Canadian Angus Prime Rib Eye of Beef OR Santa Fe Chicken Breast OR Wild Mushroom Stuffed Canneloni Vegetarian, wild mushrooms, avocado, tomato, onion and feta cheese with chili lime cream sauce. CHOOSE ONE PER GUEST

1. Roast Beef 2. Chicken 3. Canneloni Vegetarian

- Meal tariff - \$85.00. Cheque Money Order (Bank Draft) or etransfer accepted. Many regrets but we cannot accept credit cards.
- Please make your Cheque, Bank Draft or Money Order payable to the Naval Officers' Association of BC.
- Etransfers to bluesalt@shaw.ca – code word is Horatio Nelson
- Please e-mail and/or deliver this form by regular mail and your cheque to the address below:

Mark Fletcher
21-4630 Lochside Drive
Victoria BC V8Y 2T1
250-727-2642 (landline)

- If you mail this form and cheque and are unsure that it will arrive by Thursday, April 24th 2019, please advise Mark Fletcher ASAP

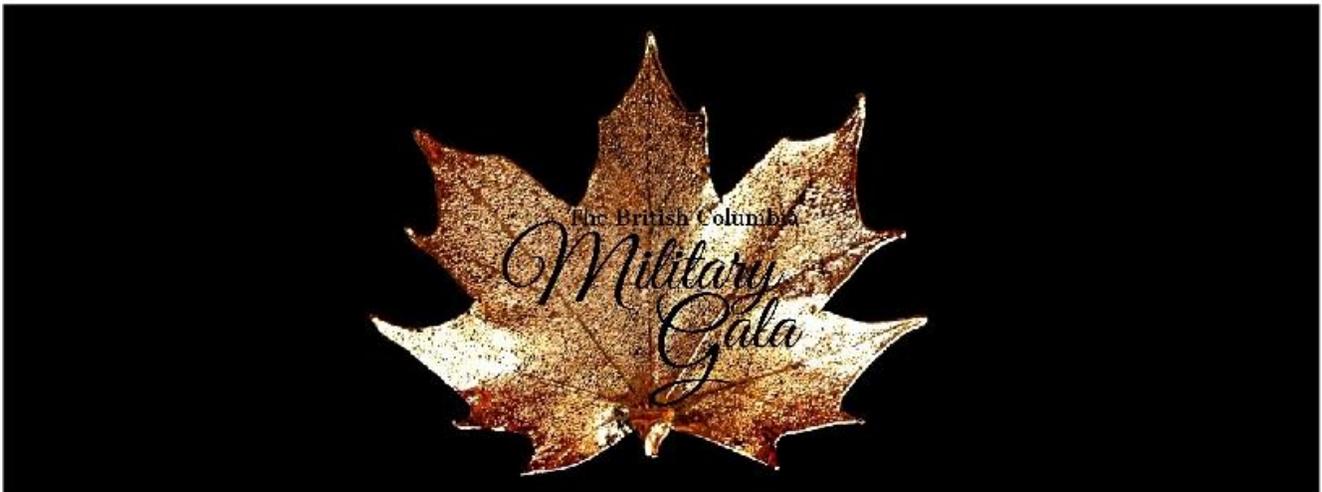
2019 Army Gala

Imagine the euphoria of a post-war return to family and friends...

The Military Gala has celebrated this reunion and togetherness since 1946.

Initially conceived as a victory celebration by Army officers, the Gala has expanded to include the entire military family, friends and corporate supporters. Sparkling cocktails and a three course dinner lead to new surprises every year, but the traditions continue with the Grand March, historic toasts and live regimental music.

Want to know more? Dress in your best and come along—you're invited!



Saturday May 11, 2019



Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver

Doors at 1800h, Dinner at 1900h

Association/unit tables of 8 or 10 for \$1,475

For more information contact HCol Bill Diamond at Bill@39CER.ca

Single tickets \$155 at www.militarygala.ca



Advance purchase wine tokens \$26



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Invitation to Ft Rodd Hill event – 17 May 2019

Below is an invitation to an event at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites on May 17th, recognizing two Hometown Heroes from British Columbia, as well as a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Please extend this invitation to your members and their families.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Royal Canadian Navy Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, as well as nearly 500 young students from the area will be among those taking part in this ceremony. Also on hand to pay tribute will be Second World War era military vehicles with re-enactors, a Royal Canadian Navy patrol frigate, and a flyover by a vintage aircraft.

The event will be held under a large canopy tent and will take place rain or shine.

Please RSVP no later than May 10, 2019.

The two Hometown Heroes honourees are:

Commander Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, RCN (ret'd)

Trevor Shuckburgh arrived in Victoria in 1940 to join the Navy as an Ordinary Seaman at age 17. He took part in Operation Neptune on D-Day aboard the frigate HMCS *Teme* and four days later survived a collision during a nighttime engagement with a U-boat when his ship was nearly cut in half by a friendly escort carrier. Two months before war's end as a Petty Officer aboard *Teme*, he earned a Commander-in-Chief Commendation for his actions in helping save the frigate from sinking when the 20 metre stern section was blown off during a torpedo attack. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Commander. He lives in Victoria.

Mrs. Alice Adams, WRCNS (ret'd)

A resident of Victoria, Alice Adams was one of the 50,000 Canadian women to serve in uniform during the Second World War. She joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and, as a "WREN," trained at Galt, Ontario, in 1942 joining the first class of Wireless Telegraphists (W/T). She became a

member of the Canadian Naval Intelligence Service and was drafted to open a station at Coverdale, N.B., which intercepted and recorded German naval messages to safeguard convoys. Adams then learned to transcribe Japanese coded messages and was posted to Victoria, B.C.

Hometown Heroes is an initiative of Parks Canada that honours ordinary citizens, both military and civilian, who contributed to Canada's wartime efforts. *We will remember them...*

Vous trouverez ci-dessus, une invitation à un événement le 17 mai aux lieux historiques nationaux Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard, soulignant deux Héros de chez nous de la Colombie-Britannique, ainsi qu'une commémoration du 75^e anniversaire du jour J et de la bataille de Normandie. Prière d'acheminer cette invitation à vos membres et leurs familles.

Le lieutenant-gouverneur de la Colombie-Britannique, le commandant des Forces maritimes du Pacifique de la Marine royale canadienne, ainsi que près de 500 jeunes étudiants de la région seront parmi ceux qui participeront à la cérémonie. Des véhicules militaires de la Seconde Guerre mondiale avec acteurs de reconstitution historique, une frégate de patrouille de la Marine royale canadienne et un survol d'un aéronef d'époque seront également sur place pour rendre hommage.

L'événement se tiendra sous un grand chapiteau et aura lieu beau temps mauvais temps.

Veillez confirmer votre présence avant le 10 mai 2019.

Les deux Héros de chez nous qui seront honorés sont :

Capitaine de frégate Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, MRC (à la retraite)

Trevor Shuckburgh est arrivé à Victoria en 1940 pour rejoindre la Marine en tant que matelot de 3^e classe à l'âge de 17 ans. Il a participé à l'opération Neptune le jour J à bord de la frégate NCSM *Teme*. Quatre jours plus tard, il a survécu à une collision accidentelle lors d'un affrontement nocturne avec un sous-marin allemand lorsque son navire a été presque coupé en deux par un transporteur d'escorte britannique. Deux mois avant la fin de la guerre, en tant que Maître de 1^{re} classe à bord du *Teme*, il a reçu une Mention élogieuse du commandant en chef à l'intention des unités pour avoir aidé à sauver la frégate du naufrage lorsque la section arrière de 20 mètres a explosé lors d'une attaque à la torpille. Il a pris sa retraite de la Marine avec le grade de Capitaine de frégate. Il vit à Victoria

Madame Alice Adams, SFMRC (à la retraite)

Résidente de Victoria, Alice Adams était l'une des 50 000 Canadiennes à servir en uniforme pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Elle s'est jointe au Service féminin de la Marine royale canadienne et, en tant que "WREN", a suivi une formation à Galt, en Ontario en 1942, rejoignant la première classe de télégraphistes sans fil (T/SF). Elle est devenue membre du Service canadien du renseignement naval et a été appelée à ouvrir une station à Coverdale, au Nouveau-Brunswick, qui a intercepté et enregistré des messages de la marine allemande afin de protéger les convois. Adams a ensuite appris à transcrire des messages codés en japonais et a été posté à Victoria, en Colombie-Britannique.

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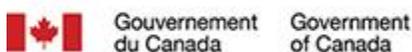
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Héros de chez nous :

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**Friday
17 May 2019**

**Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse
National Historic Sites
603 Fort Rodd Hill Road
Victoria, BC V9C 2W8**

**vendredi
17 mai 2019**

**Lieux historiques nationaux
Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard
603, chemin Fort Rodd Hill
Victoria (C-B) V9C 2W8**

**Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m.**
followed by a reception and
historic military programming

**Ouverture des portes à 9 h 30
Début de la cérémonie à 10 h 30**
suivie d'une réception et programmation
historique militaire

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