



## **Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Mar 7, 2017**

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a 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. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies

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

- Mar 11/12** - The Sky's No Limit — Girls Fly Too! 2017
- Mar 17** - Vancouver Welch Men's Choir at Christ Church Cathedral
- Mar 30** - Conference sponsored by the Canadian International Council Vancouver
- Mar 31** - Blair Rifle Range Plaque unveiling
- Apr 09** - Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Battle
- Apr 01** - SHC 100<sup>th</sup> Vimy Memorial Dinner
- Apr 11** - Battle of Vimy Ridge talk by Keith Maxwell

## **World War 2 - 1942**

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

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>:** Admiral Stark is appointed chief of the Atlantic Fleet while King adds his former duties as Chief of Naval Operations to his own as CinC of the Navy. The Japanese are in control of almost all Java, and General Ter Poorten agrees to surrender his 100,000 troops on the Island as the Dutch government scampers out to safety.

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>:** Lexington and Yorktown launch raids on the Japanese at Lae in New Guinea.

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>:** "I shall return"; after protesting Roosevelt's orders that he leave, MacArthur departs Luzon and his troops are transferred into Wainwright's command. The British cruiser Naiad is sunk by U565 in the Mediterranean. Stillwell is given command of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Chinese "Armies" in central Burma.

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>:** Tirpitz is back in her lair, having failed to intercept PQ-12. The first US “Seabees” (their legendary naval construction battalions) are humming as they turn Noumea in New Caledonia into a base for subsequent operations in the South Pacific. The Japanese Imperial Guards Division lands on Sumatra.

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>:** US troops begin to arrive in Australia in some numbers.

## **RCAF Airman Who Survived a Nazi Death Camp Passes Away**

*Joanna Calder* News Article / February 23, 2017



*Edward Carter-Edwards speaks with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during the dedication of the Bomber Command Memorial in London, England, on June 28, 2012.*

*PHOTO: Getty Images, via Zimbio*

Edward Carter-Edwards, who survived the notorious Nazi death camp Buchenwald, died February 22, 2017, in Smithville, Ontario. His funeral will be held on Monday, February 27. Sergeant Carter-Edwards was a wireless air gunner on a Halifax Mark III bomber when it was shot down over occupied France in 1944. He made his way to Paris, but was picked up by the Germans, imprisoned and eventually shipped by cattle car to Buchenwald: five long days under brutal conditions. He and other airmen should have been sent to a prisoner of war camp but his captors refused to believe that he was an Allied airman and instead accused him of being a spy and saboteur. “The thing that frightened us the most,” he said in a video posted on the “Lost Airmen of Buchenwald” Facebook page, as he described his arrival at Buchenwald, “was this tall chimney with smoke belching out of it. And the only way to get out of Buchenwald was through the chimney.”

Sergeant Carter-Edwards was one of 168 airmen—including 26 Canadians—wrongfully imprisoned in the concentration camp. While there, he fell sick with pneumonia and pleurisy, which ordinarily would have been a death sentence as there was no medical treatment for those who were sick; the prisoners got better or they died. In fact, anyone who was considered too sick was hastened to his end with fatal injection. According to Nathan M. Greenfield in his book *The Forgotten: Canadian POWs, Escapers and Evaders in Europe 1939-1945*, one of the reasons that Sergeant Carter-Edwards survived was that “at night, the orderlies ‘submerged’ the Canadian delirious with fever; that is, they moved him bed to bed so that the Doktor would not recall him from the day before and order his death.” In

addition, a French doctor who was also a prisoner used a syringe to extract fluid from Sergeant Carter-Edwards' lungs. Eventually, Sergeant Carter-Edwards and all but two of the Allied airmen (who died of illness in the camp) were transferred out of Buchenwald to Stalag Luft III prisoner of war camp on November 28, 1944, through the intervention of members of the Luftwaffe. "Somehow, the German Air Force—who was our enemy in combat but strictly comrade-in-arms—found out there was 166 allied airmen in Buchenwald," he recounted in a video posted on the Veterans Affairs Canada website. "Our enemy, who was German Air Force and maybe even shot some of us down, saved our lives, saved their lives . . . they found out after they got out that five days later we would all have been hung on the meat hooks below the crematorium by stringing piano wire around our necks and hanging them on these meat hooks. We would have all been strangled to death. That was the orders that came down from Buchenwald."

For many years, Edward Carter-Edwards didn't speak of his experience in Buchenwald because, simply put, no-one believed him. But in 1988 the International Red Cross confirmed, from its investigation of German records, that he had been committed to Buchenwald by the SS, treated several times in the infirmary, and transferred to Stalag Luft III. In his later years, Edward Carter-Edwards became a tireless speaker about his war experiences and the dangers of intolerance. At the end of his talks and speeches, Edward Carter-Edwards would often sing Vera Lynn's beautiful song, "*We'll Meet Again*":

*We'll meet again*

*Don't know where, don't know when.*

*But I know we'll meet again*

*Some sunny day.*

God speed, Ed, from all of us at the Royal Canadian Air Force, and we'll see you again some sunny day.

## **CF Prepping for Megathrust Earthquake on the West Coast**

'We've planned for that, but there's a saying in the military no plan survives first contact with the enemy' *Deborah Wilson, CBC News Feb 21, 2017*



*Canadian Forces Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) team members responded to the Nepal earthquake in 2015 (CBC)*

The Canadian Forces already have plenty of experience providing relief from natural disasters around the world. That work includes responding to earthquakes and typhoons in countries such as Nepal, Haiti, and the Philippines in recent years. But military officials are also preparing to respond to major disasters close to home — including 'The Big One' — the megathrust quake that could strike the West Coast at any time. This week, Canadian



Forces members from Kingston, Ont., are on Vancouver Island training for deployment with the Disaster Assistance Response Team which responds to international crises. Royal Canadian Navy Captain Steve Jorgensen is the Esquimalt-based officer in charge of implementing the domestic disaster response plan called "Operation Panorama." He spoke with *On the Island* host Gregor Craigie:

*A New Zealand Urban Search and Rescue worker walks through the central business district during a search of earthquake damaged buildings in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2013.*  
(Mark Baker/Associated Press))



***What types of disaster does the military predict it might have to deal with?*** - We've all planned for the full spectrum of disaster, from a small earthquake in a remote area of British Columbia to a massive earthquake in our worst case scenario that devastates Victoria and Vancouver. We've also planned for floods, forest fires, air and maritime disasters.

***After an earthquake, how soon could the military be ready to launch into action?*** - Immediately. Local commanders are authorized without any further orders to do what they can in their immediate area to prevent loss of life and reduce suffering. Immediately after the devastation, Armed Forces members of course are going to personally make sure their family members are safe. (Then) they report into their units and the units take stock of who they've got and then those units report in to the headquarters.

***What kinds of things can you help with if asked?*** - It could go from a small unit assisting with clearing debris to heavy equipment. The most important asset are the people. These are Canadians who live in the community here on Vancouver Island and they're able to dig in and assist going door to door...we've got 5,000 to 6,000 Canadian Armed Forces members, regular and reserve forces, here in the province.

***If there's a devastating earthquake and buildings are collapsing, would you anticipate that your own assets would be damaged?*** - Certainly with the worst case scenario ... where the devastation is throughout Victoria and Vancouver, obviously we've not immune to that, we've planned for that, but there's a saying in the military that no plan survives first contact with the enemy. This is because of all the intangibles and the unknowns and the limited warning we'll get in the case of an earthquake.

***What about a tsunami? Would the navy have a specific plan for helping its own members and assets and also the civilian population?*** - Obviously if the earthquake hits here in Victoria, Vancouver, in all likelihood there's going to be a tsunami very shortly thereafter. So probably the ships that are in port aren't going to be able to get out to sea to avoid it. If it's a tsunami that comes from an earthquake further away and depending on what the prediction is and how much warning we get, we would try to sail the fleet. We've got something we call disaster pack-up kits. So, we would make sure the ships take these disaster

pack-up kits, get out and then they can reach remote areas or come back to Victoria if they had to, to assist in the recovery.

## **CF Troops in Iraq Mount Pressure on ISIL at Syrian Border**

Role shifts from defence to offence. *Lee Berthiaume, The Canadian Press | February 21, 2017*



*A Canadian Forces door gunner keeps watch as his Griffon helicopter goes on a mission, Feb. 20, 2017 in northern Iraq. The Canadian Press/Ryan Remiorz*

ERBIL, Iraq — Canadian special forces have shifted their operations in northern Iraq to put pressure on ISIL in places outside the strategic city of Mosul — including along the border with Syria. The objective: To figure out the good guys from the bad so Iraqi military forces and coalition aircraft can attack. High atop a rocky hilltop Monday, two Canadian soldiers sat in a makeshift bunker located more than a kilometre behind the frontline between Kurdish forces and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. One bearded soldier looked through a high-powered viewfinder, scanning the small community that lay below, while the other took notes. A camera sat between them in case something interesting appeared.

When the first Canadian soldiers arrived in the country in September 2014, their mission was to help train the Peshmerga to stop and hold back a confident and, until then, undefeated ISIL horde. That was the first phase of the now nearly two-and-a-half-year-old mission, before ISIL lost the upper hand. Now, flying by helicopter from Erbil, the Kurds' capital in Iraq, to the Mosul Dam, one can see the barricades of dirt and defensive positions that helped the Peshmerga stop ISIL from overwhelming northern Iraq. The trenches and stone buildings hastily constructed during that period two years ago lie abandoned today, as the war — and Canada's role in it — shifted from defence to offence.

Kurdish forces, supported by the Canadians, kicked off a long-anticipated attack to free Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, from ISIL in October. But the Kurds and their Canadian comrades stopped short of Mosul, as planned. Instead, they shifted to fighting the extremist group in other ways and let the Iraqi military enter and clear ISIL from the city. Briefing reporters on Monday at Camp Erable, the Canadian military camp in Erbil, a special forces officer said the mission has turned toward identifying and monitoring potential ISIL targets in the region. That includes keeping tabs through optical sights and other means, on "key enemy movement corridors" between Iraq and Syria as well as areas inside and immediately outside Kurdish territory. The officer said such monitoring helped locate ISIL forces inside a large town that was sidestepped during the early parts of the Mosul offensive and

needed cleaning up. It also means a decline in the number of times Canadian soldiers have actually fired their weapons in recent months, the officer said, as potential targets are relayed to the Iraqis and coalition for destruction. The special forces officer, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, said the nature of the Mosul offensive had meant Canadian troops often found themselves in situations where they were required to fire. That isn't the case now, he said, adding that Canadian soldiers are specifically told to set up in locations where such circumstances are unlikely.

The Canadians continue to work with the Peshmerga. At the hilltop encampment, a number of fighters from the Kurds' elite Zeravani stood guard on the perimeter while others relaxed inside. In fact, the special forces officer said his soldiers have started working on a program that will train some Kurds to take on the role of instructors themselves. Capt. Dhyab Mohammed Omar, commander of the Peshmerga fighters, praised his Canadian comrades and the contribution they had made in helping the Kurds fight ISIL. "We are always honoured to have them at our positions," he said. "It was my wildest dream to work with the Canadians. Having them show up and help us, we would die for them." It was my wildest dream to work with the Canadians. Having them show up and help us, we would die for them." While much of the attention surrounding Canada's mission in northern Iraq has been focused on the role being played by the special forces, they aren't operating alone. Roughly 150 Canadian troops are stationed in Erbil, including a helicopter squadron, logistical staff, and medical personnel, all in support of the special forces mission and broader coalition fight against ISIL.

Four Griffon helicopters from Canadian Forces Base Valcartier ferry troops and equipment from Camp Erable to the special forces troops in the field every day, zipping low like dragonflies over fields, around hills and past isolated communities to avoid enemy fire. "The challenge here is the more (power) wires and the weather during winter," said Maj Mathieu Bertrand, commander of the helicopter squadron. "We had some fog. But generally, the weather is good." Meanwhile, a Canadian military hospital located within Camp Erable's small footprint, which itself is part of a larger coalition base dominated by the U.S., stands ready to provide aid to those wounded in battle. While the hospital, whose personnel hail from CFB Petawawa, has treated more than 100 patients for various injuries, LCol Richard Morin said only 13 had received battlefield wounds. None were Canadian. "The predominance of cases we're getting are emergency department-type casualties or patients that you would get when you get over 5,000 military troops all in one place," he said. The hospital has also treated a handful of ISIL fighters who were wounded and detained by coalition forces, which Morin said falls in line with the laws governing war. "We actually understand even in conflict, there are rules that you need to follow that respect the dignity of life," he said. "That's what makes us different."

The entire effort is underpinned by logistical personnel, led by LCol Dominique Dagenais, who are responsible for Camp Erable and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Dagenais said the biggest challenge he faces is ensuring new personnel get their Iraqi visas in time to replace those who are nearing the end of their deployments. The Iraqi government has in the past dragged its feet when it comes to Canada's mission against ISIL, including delaying deployment of the military hospital and signing off on a plan to arm the Kurds.



## **Canadian Army Will Upgrade 50 Calibre Rifles**

But no plans to buy new ones. David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen February 14, 2017



*DND photo.*

Defence company representatives were briefed last year on what the Canadian Army is calling the C-22, a new .50 calibre weapon. There is interest, they were told by Army officers, of purchasing 96 of these new weapons. But hold on. That was last year. These days those plans are not proceeding. Canadian Army spokeswoman Krysthle Poi-

tras explains in an email to Defence Watch: “Presently(sic), there are no plans to purchase the C-22; the Canadian Army’s only .50 caliber weapon is the C15. However, it is being updated to the C15A1 variant, which means we are replacing the original fiberglass stock with a modular aluminum chassis. An additional 25 C15A1 will be acquired from Colt Canada to bring the fleet from 71 to 96 systems. Canadian Army infantry units and combat schools will be the main users.”

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Check out the latest updates!

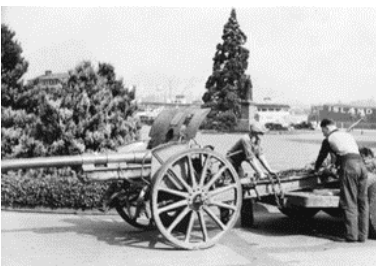
Remembrance Day 2016 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2016.html>.

CO’s Parade 1990 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1990.html> Fort Lewis Exercise 1991 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1991.html>

Have you got a story that you might wish to share? Some additional photographs? Contact Leon Jensen at [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)

## **Who Is It**

**Last Week:** This photo was taken in front of the BC Legislature Building in Victoria in 1942. You can see the statue of Queen Victoria in the back-ground. The gun in the picture was one of the WW1 ‘war prize’ weapons distributed throughout BC after the war. It is a 7.7 cm Feldkanone 16 and it is being towed away to the wartime scrap metal project, which saw most of these war prizes melted down to assist the war effort. Bessborough had two similar guns mounted out front that met the same fate.



**This Week:** Our photo vaults may be vast, but occasionally we delve into other sources, as we did last week. This photo comes to us via another archive, one which we will not name as that would give away the ‘game’, so to speak. The pointy, khaki object in the right of the photo is the object of our attention, not the nattily dressed chap on the left, alluringly posed with one leg tantalisingly poised on the gun platform. However, if you know who he is, let us know. If he’s your late Uncle Mel: our apologies.



The pointy thing’s location is not, as far as we can tell, in the Prairies. Where it is, is up to you to tell us, as is the type of ordnance pictured. Note that there is printing visible on the inside of the shield. If you want to know what it says, let us know and we can send you a more detailed image.

Furthermore, should you possess a sweater such as worn by our attractive model, well, you should be very embarrassed. Send your ideas to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com), or to the author, John Redmond [johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net). Finally, the author must admit that he does possess a similar sweater knitted by his mum many moons ago.

### **From the ‘Punitenary’**

How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little boogie in it.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

The only time suppressive fire works is when it is used on abandoned positions.

### **Quotable Quotes**

The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom. *Isaac Asimov*



## The Sky's No Limit — Girls Fly Too! 2017

Again, we'll be making world history as the largest single outreach event of its kind! Over 15,000 participants of all ages from many communities around BC, Washington and beyond are expected. Families welcome! Our annual events in celebration of the week of International Women's Day change lives. Females of all ages and their families gather from far and wide for a truly unique mission of discovery. Our events are fun, hands-on and completely free to ensure there are no barriers to participation. This is thanks to agency, industry and community partners. One of the unique attractions at our events are the free flights for female first-time fliers. The first flight experience is so incredibly amazing that we just have to share it! It's often the catalyst that is needed to inspire interest in Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence. The opportunities are endless.

# Hey Girls COME WITH US Abbotsford International Airport

**Sat/Sun March 11-12, 2017  
9:00 am to 5:30 pm at  
Abbotsford International Airport**

**Females of all ages - come find out what's behind the fence,  
in the sky and under the hood at the airport!**

- FREE flights for female first-time fliers of any age - previous airline flights excepted. Advance registration required for flights.
- Be amazed by hands-on activities and tactical displays from Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence - Space too!
- Fun for the whole family! FREE!

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**For more information:**

[www.girlsfly2.ca](http://www.girlsfly2.ca)

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Phone: (604) 210-4033



# CELTICFEST

PRESENTS



## THE VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR



ONE OF CANADA'S LARGEST MALE VOICE CHOIRS

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

**690 Burrard St. Vancouver (at Georgia)**

**With Guest Artists Tim Fanning (Piper)  
and Julie Begg (Clarinetist)**

**VWMC Music Director Jonathan Quick  
and Pianist Karen Lee-Morlang**

**Premium Seating \$40, General \$30,  
Seniors and Students \$27**

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**[vwmc.ca](http://vwmc.ca) (no fees) or call 604-878-1190  
or from choir members**

**Easy access via Skytrain and Canada Line**



# A NEW PACIFIC NEXUS:

## CANADA, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA

**March 30 (Thu) 2017**

**Venue** The Law Courts Inn  
4th Floor - 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver

**Time** 7:30AM – 1PM

**Cost** \$60 regular  
\$45 members  
\$35 students  
\$25 students (members)

**Register Here**

### Learn About

1. Trade agreements in Asia and the Americas.
2. Opportunities offered in trade and investment.
3. Emerging policies.
4. The future of the economic relationship between these regions.
5. Security among the regions.

### Objectives

- To help the business community to understand how to take advantage of a shifting global demand, policy changes and investment opportunities in various markets.
- To strengthen Canada's strategic position as an international hub between Asia and Latin America.

### Who Should Attend

- Asian, Canadian, U.S. and Latin American government officials
- Members of the consular community
- Policymakers and investors
- Business owners and entrepreneurs
- Professionals interested in international trade
- Academics and students

### About the Organizers

The Canadian International Council (CIC) is an independent council with the aim to strengthen the Canadian role in international affairs. It caters to the academic, diplomatic and business communities on a global issue.

ExpoPlaza Latina (EPL) is a platform connecting organizations in Asia and Latin America to business opportunities. A program conceived by Latincouver that offers a series of events with educational and networking opportunities.

### How to Attend

☎ 604.566.0999

✉ [EPL@latincouver.ca](mailto:EPL@latincouver.ca)

🌐 [ExpoPlazaLatina.ca](http://ExpoPlazaLatina.ca)



## **Blair Range Ceremony**

**You are invited to join us in unveiling a plaque to  
commemorate the history of the  
Blair Rifle Range.**

Between 1922 and 1968 the Blair Rifle Range was used by the Canadian government to detain unemployed men and for military training purposes.

The site serves as a reminder of Canada's experiences in the Great Depression of the 1930s and its legacy of activism, protest and the birth of national social programs. It also symbolizes the mobilization that occurred during World War 2 and the military presence in the Seymour area.

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

**5 pm**

**Mary Hunter Hall**

**Parkgate Community Centre**

**3625 Banff Court, North Vancouver**

**Please RSVP: [info@labourheritagecentre.ca](mailto:info@labourheritagecentre.ca)**

**604-419-0400**

**by March 24, 2017**

*Light refreshments will be served.*

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**Deep Cove  
Heritage Society**

*This project was funded in part by Heritage BC through the Heritage Legacy Fund.*



The President of  
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Regimental Association  
cordially invites you and your guests to the:

## 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Vimy Memorial Service and Seaforth Reunion Dinner

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017

The Seaforth Armoury, 1650 Burrard Street, Vancouver BC

Reception at 1500 hrs Vimy Memorial Service at 1600 hrs

Reunion Dinner 1700 hrs

Tickets \$60.00

\$35.00 for currently serving Seaforths

Dress is DEU No. 1A or semi-formal

Parking available at venue

### Purchase Tickets Online at:

[www.picatic.com/vimy100](http://www.picatic.com/vimy100)

For general inquiries, please contact

Email: [shocvimy2017@gmail.com](mailto:shocvimy2017@gmail.com)



***Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy***

***Sunday, April 9, 2017***



*You are invited to attend*

**The Vimy Day Ceremony & Army Cadet Parade**

**Mountain View Cemetery**

**5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC**

*Commonwealth War Graves Section*

**10:30 am - Sunday April 9, 2017**

***Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be in attendance***

*Please gather or be seated no later than 10:15 a.m.*

***The Vancouver Vimy Day Committee***



**Winston Churchill Society of BC**  
**Evening with Churchill**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge**

2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, Canada's major success in WWI in which all four Canadian Divisions, consisting of 48 Battalions each of approximately 1000 soldiers, attacked simultaneously. As you may know, one of these Battalions was the Seaforth Regiment commanded by Brigadier General JA Clark, one of the founders of your firm.

To commemorate this success, our Churchill Society is organizing a presentation by Colonel Keith Maxwell (Ret'd) on the Battle of Vimy Ridge in the Main Ballroom of the Vancouver Club on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. We invite you and your wife to attend as our guests and we would like you to thank our speaker, Colonel Maxwell. There will be a brief reception in the Ballroom beforehand with beer and wine, as well as cheese and crackers being served and the presentation will start at 5:45 ending by 7:00.

Colonel Keith Maxwell OMM CD BA is a lecturer in military history and a member of our Society and has published various articles on WWI and WWII. He will be focusing on the role in this action by various individuals in a leadership role from British Columbia, including Brigadier Generals Clark and Odlum.

Also, we welcome your partners and staff to attend and we should appreciate it if you would have the attached notice forwarded to them. Costs for such attendees will be \$35.00 per person and they should respond as instructed in the notice.

Colonel Maxwell will be introduced by Debra Hewson, President and CEO of the investment firm Odlum Brown founded by Brigadier General Victor Odlum who also commanded one of the other BC Battalions, now known as the BC Regiment. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 604 926 5696 and [brooke3@shaw.ca](mailto:brooke3@shaw.ca).



**Churchill Society of British Columbia**  
**PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL**

***PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:***

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge***

**With guest speaker, Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell**

Please join us on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 to welcome our guest speaker Keith Maxwell, a member of our Society. He will address our Society on the ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge***.



To note the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Churchill Society of British Columbia is sponsoring an historical presentation of this notable achievement by the Canadian Corps in April 1917. The presentation will cover the mobilization and development of Canada's Army in the First World War and the training and experience that prepared it for such a notable achievement. The presentation will look at the Vimy Ridge operation in the larger context of the British Army Spring Offensive of 1917, known as Second Battle of Arras. It will also look at how the battle tied in to the coordinated Allied strategy for the spring of 1917 that culminated in the disastrous Nivelle Offensive by the French Army later in the month.

Vimy was the only time that all four Canadian Divisions attacked simultaneously and virtually every one of the 48 Battalions in the Corps saw action. The Corps captured a large swath of France including Vimy Ridge itself, providing observation and dominance of the Douai Plain, the heartland of France's coal and iron mining area that could no longer be exploited by the occupying Germans. The role of a number of British Columbians, both in senior posts and as notable fighting soldiers will be emphasised to bring the personal aspects of the battle into focus.

Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD is the presenter for this event. Colonel Maxwell retired from a 41 year military career in 2009 and spent his last sixteen years in Belgium assigned to NATO.

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017; Wine & Cheese starts at 5:00 pm, Program from 5:50 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Main Ballroom, The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.

**Cost:** \$25 each for a Member of the Society, \$35 each for a non-Member  
\$40 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member  
(The ticket cost includes one beverage ticket per attendee for 1 glass of wine or beer, or for 2 soft drinks. Additional drinks can be purchased from the bar)

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at [aprilaccola@hotmail.com](mailto:aprilaccola@hotmail.com), or by mailing the attached form.

I look forward to seeing you on April 11. Please feel free to send this notice to any interested parties.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary  
Churchill Society of British Columbia



*Churchill Society of British Columbia*  
PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

**CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF BC EVENT REGISTRATION REPLY FORM**  
**FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:**

**\$25 for a Member of the Society**

**\$40 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member**

**\$35 each for a non-Member**

**Dress Code: Business Attire**

Attendees: (Family) Myself: ☐ Spouse/Partner: ☐ Immediate Family Member: ☐

Name of Spouse, Partner or Immediate Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): I will be bringing a guest at a cost of \$35 extra per guest ☐

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque Enclosed (payable to "Churchill Society of BC"): Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would prefer to have my Vancouver Club account # \_\_\_\_\_ debited

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE NO LATER THAN 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

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