

The Two Thousands



Jean Chrétien was the Prime Minister followed by Paul Martin in 2003 and Stephan Harper in 2006.

Quebec votes against separation in the 1980 Quebec referendum.

The War on Terror and War in Afghanistan began after the September 11 attacks in 2001.

The International Criminal Court was formed in 2002.

A United States-led coalition invaded Iraq, and the Iraq War led to the end of Saddam Hussein's rule as Iraqi President and the Ba'ath Party in Iraq.

Al-Qaeda and affiliated Islamist militant groups performed terrorist acts throughout the decade. These acts included the 2002 Bali bombings in Bali, Indonesia, 2004 Madrid train bombings, 7/7 London bombings in 2005, and the Mumbai attacks related to al-Qaeda in 2008. In addition, there was the 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States, 2004 Beslan school hostage crisis in Russia, The European Union expanded its sanctions amid Iran's failure to comply with its transparency obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and United Nations resolutions.

The Second Congo War (1998–2003) – took place largely in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The widest interstate war in modern African history, it directly involved nine African nations, as well as about twenty armed groups, and earned the epithet of "Africa's World War" and the "Great War of Africa." An estimated 3.8 million people died, mostly from starvation and disease brought about by the deadliest conflict since World War II. Russia invaded Georgia in 2008 in response to Georgian aggression towards civilians and attack on South Ossetia. Both Russia and Georgia were condemned internationally for their actions. The Second Chechen War (1999–2000) – the war was launched by the Russian Federation on August 26, 1999, in response to the invasion of Dagestan and the Russian apartment bombings, which were blamed on the Chechens. During the war Russian forces largely recaptured the separatist region of Chechnya. War in Darfur (2003–2009) – an armed conflict in the Darfur region of western Sudan. Millions of people were displaced from their homes during the conflict. There are various estimates on the number of human casualties with claims from roughly 19,500 civilians to over 400,000.

Mexican Drug War (2006–present) – an armed conflict fought between rival drug cartels and government forces in Mexico.

The greatest loss of life due to natural disaster came from the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake, which caused a tsunami that killed around one quarter-million people and displaced well over a million others. The Sri Lankan Civil War (1983–2009) came to an end after the government defeated the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Over 80,000 people were killed during the course of the conflict.

Hurricane Katrina flooded nearly the entire city of New Orleans. The resulting political fallout was severely damaging to the George W. Bush administration because of its perceived failure to act promptly and effectively.

2000 overthrow of Slobodan Milošević in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia – after Slobodan Milošević was accused by opposition figures of winning the 2000 election through electoral fraud, mass protests led by the opposition movement Otpor! pressure Slobodan Milošević to resign. Milošević was later arrested in 2001 and sent to the Hague to face war crimes charges for his alleged involvement in war crimes of the Yugoslav Wars.

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 2000s



Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen was the Commanding Officer followed by Lieutenant-Colonel Dean Drysdale in 2001. Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Kuhn took command in 2004 followed by Lieutenant-Colonel James Barrett in 2007.

Chief Warrant Officer Mark Jackson was the Regimental Sergeant Major until 2004 when Chief Warrant Officer Rob Wishnicki was appointed. Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Walker took over in 2009.

Vic Stevenson was the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel with Bill Wickett the Honorary Colonel. Peter Veuger was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel in 2004 with John Brownlee-Baker taking over as Honorary Colonel that same year.

The Canadian Forces Decoration was presented to Master Bombardier Rick Tennant CD, Sergeant Andrea Bond CD, Sergeant Brian Holt CD, Sergeant David Urquhart CD, Lieutenant Donald Lamb CD, Sergeant Terry Lysholm CD and Master Bombardier Terry Zhong CD with their first clasp awarded to Major Alfred Woo CD, Sergeant Donato Calogero CD, Honorary Colonel John S. Brownlee-Baker CD, Captain Doug Gayton CD, Sergeant Oliver Young CD, Chief Warrant Officer Robert G. Wishnicki CD and Bombardier Rob Stone CD and a second clasp to Captain Richard Van Slyke MMM CD, Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen CD, Captain Noel RR Dykes, CD, Warrant Officer Ken Surges CD and Corporal Joseph Gauthier, CD.



New Years' Day Levee

A quick view of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess as it looked in January 2000.



Order of Military Merit



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26 May 2000 Captain Richard Van Slyke MMM CD invested as a Member of the Order of Military Merit.

Fraser Valley Dry Deployments



MBdr Rick Tennant

Yakima 2000



LCol Leon Jensen, HCol Bill Wickett



Abbotsford Airshow 2000



Capt Kent Wickens



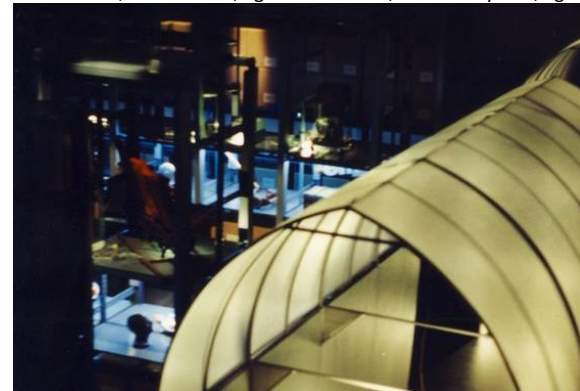
Lt Doug Gayton

Hollywood North

Bessborough Armoury is sometimes sought out as a unique movie set which presents the opportunity for some odd intergalactic visitors.



Capt Jean-Pierre Dorris, new recruit, Sgt Andrea Bond, MBdr Tony Gee, Sgt Benson Lum



Canadian Military Pattern Field Artillery Tractor

The state of the FAT when Bombardier Barry McLeod approached the Commanding Officer to ask for permission to request Millenium 2000 funding for its restoration.



Hong Kong Lunar New Year Celebration

The Band tours Hong Kong with a large contingent of Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Partially funded by Veterans' Affairs, the visit included commemorative events to honour Canadian fallen

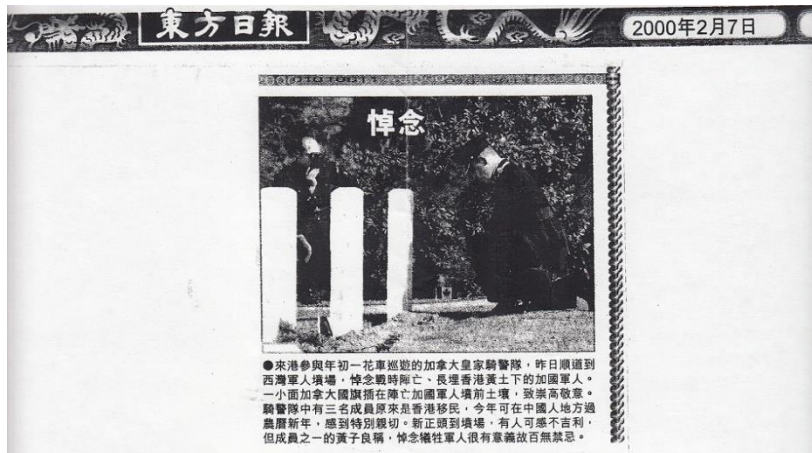


Saint Barbara's Dining In

Commanding Officer presentation for outstanding work organizing the previous year Millennial St. Barbara's. The RCMP present replacement decanters.



LCol Leon Jensen, Lt Doug Gayton



Capt Richard Van Slyke



Sgt Maj Hugh Stewart, Col Leon Jensen, Capt Kent Wickens

Remembrance Day 11 November 2001

After the salute, the guns fall into the parade behind the last unit allowing the salute troop commander the opportunity of paying his compliments as the troop drives past the dais. This first time privilege of joining in at the tail end of the parade was resisted by some on the civic committee as it was seen as a glorification of the military by having weapons displayed on Remembrance Day. For many of the Gunners it is the first time that they have been applauded for their service by such a large crowd.



Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal Parade

The medal parade was combined with the Change of Command.



WO Don Labossiere, MGen Stuart McDonald, LCol Leon Jensen

The following personnel were presented their Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal:

Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen, Captain Jean Pierre Dorris, Captain Brent Purcell, Captain Kent Wickens, Lieutenant Don Lamb, Lieutenant Elizabeth Skuce, Warrant Officer Chris Comars, Warrant Officer Don Labossiere, Warrant Officer Robert Wishnicki, Sergeant Drew Bartlett, Sergeant Ken Chiu, Sergeant Rob Garrett, Petty Officer 2nd Class Dennis Pistun, Sergeant Dave Urquhart, Master Bombardier Darrell Erickson, Master Bombardier Anthonv Gee, Master Bombardier John Meszaros, Master Bombardier James Perkins, Master Bombardier Rick Tennant, Master Bombardier Oliver Young, Bombardier Lisa Abbott, Bombardier Craig Burrige, Bombardier Shane Hall, Bombardier Lani Jakimchuk, Gunner Goran Kurtaqic, Bombardier William Martinez, Bombardier Chris Schulz, Gunner Kendall Shaw, Bombardier Tymothy Spruston





Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2001

Back Row - Bdr Stephan Oulette, Bdr Lyle Erickson, 3, Gnr Clinton Watrich, Gnr Clinton Godsoe, Gnr Pesci, 7, Bdr Adam Coleman, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Bdr Dan Taylor, Gnr Jack Tai, Pte Liane Louangxay, Gnr Georgi Labadze, MBdr Tony Gee, Bdr Glen Campbell, MBdr Oliver Young, Bdr Frank Jang, Pte John El Baghdady, Bdr Conway Hui, Bdr Chris Schultz, Gnr Tyler Neuman, Pte Terry Zhong, Bdr Conrad Skuce, George Lenis, Andrea Bond

Middle Row - Lt Jen McGuire, Lt Don Lamb, Sgt Donato Calogero, MBdr Rick Tennant, Gnr Ken Shaw, Bdr Barry McLeod, Bdr Craig Burrridge, Gnr Peter Thach, Lani Jakimchuk, Gnr Gillian Thomas, Bdr Doug Butler, 41, Bdr William Martinez, Bdr Roy McKenzie, Gnr Sacha Haman-Das, MBdr James Perkins, Sgt Jason Street, Sgt Ian Smith, Lt Charissa Campbell

Front Row - WO Chris Comars, Lt Doug Gayton, MWO Don Labossiere, Capt Kent Wickens, HCol William Wickett, RSM CWO Mark Jackson, CO LCol Dean Drysdale, Capt Jean Pierre Dorris, HCol Vic Stevenson, Capt Brent Purcell, Sgt Brian Holt, Capt Ron Matthews, PO Dennis Pistun

Lieutenant-Colonel Dean B. Drysdale CD



Commanding Officer 2001 - 2004

Taken on strength in 1981 as an Officer Cadet, Lieutenant from 1984 to 1985, promoted Captain in 1985, served in Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke, Le Regiment de Hull, 30th Field Regiment, RCA and 20th Field Regiment RCA, Major from 1992 to 2001, instructed on the Combat Team Commander's course on two occasions and in 1991 was granted the

qualification, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA in 2001, Regional Liaison Officer from 2010 to 2015, completed a BA at Bishop's University, an MBA at INSEAD, and a PHD at City University - London, employed as a Professor of Business Management at Kwantlen University College, consultant in the area of corporate finance, has served as a municipal councillor in the Township of Langley, Conservative candidate in 2015 federal election, deceased 11 Aug 2019

Yakima Live Fire Exercise 2002



Capt Brent Pucell



MBdr Lani Jakimchuk, Sgt Tennant



Saint Barbara's Day Special Guest Night

Another great dinner hosted on the floor of Bessborough Armoury.



Regimental Wedding

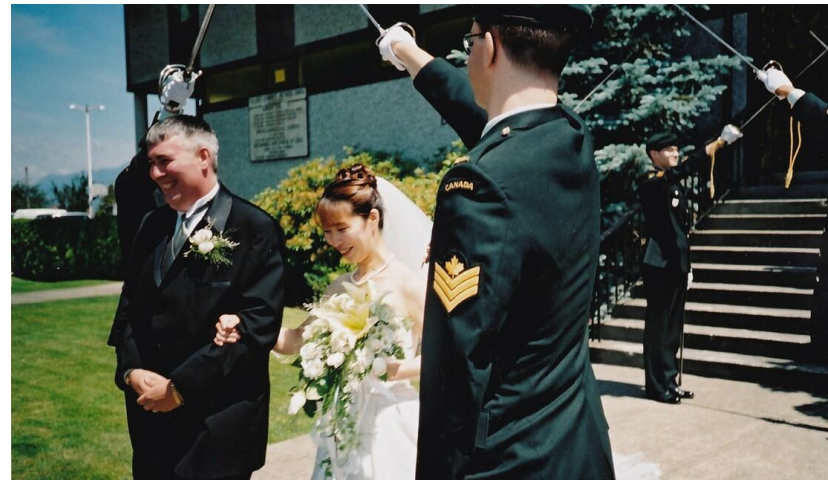
The Regimental Warrant Officers and Sergeants provide a traditional wedding arch for the wedding of Warrant Officer Kevin Walker.



Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal

The Queen's Golden Jubilee medal commemorates the 50th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second to the throne. Recipients in the unit included:

Lieutenant-Colonel Dean Drysdale, Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen, Major James Barrett, Captain Noel Dykes, Captain Richard Van Slyke, Master Warrant Officer Ken Surges, Warrant Officer Cheryl McHugh, Warrant Officer James Tempest, Warrant Officer Kevin Walker, Warrant Officer Robert Wishnicki, Sergeant Ward Blair, Master Bombardier Patricia Kostuk, Master Bombardier Scott Weaver, Bombardier David Jeffs, Bombardier Nathaniel Senff, Bombardier Malcolm Sings, Bombardier Brian Smith, Bombardier Ronald Toth, Bombardier Edward Trovato, Gunner Joseph Foste



15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 2000s



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2002

Back Row - 1, 2, 3, Pte Borhan Jiang, Bdr Doug Butler, 6, MBdr Tony Gee CD, Bdr Dan Taylor, 9, Bdr Jessica Dajko, Bdr Lannie Jakimchuk, Gnr Nicole Tobin, Gnr Ian Ho, Gnr Forystek, MBdr Lisa Abbott, 16, Gnr Kyle Hodgson, 18, Gnr Graeme Greig, 20.

Second Row - Sgt Jason Street, Sgt Ian Smith, Sergeant Brian Holt, MBdr Oliver Young, Sgt David Urquhart, Bdr Lyle Erickson, Bdr Tyler Neumann, 27, Gnr Yuriy Bolgak, Gnr Terry Zhong, Gnr Georgi Labadze, Pte Lysholm, Bdr Conway Hui, Bdr Roy McKenzie, Bdr William Martinez CD, Bdr Adam Coleman, Bdr Godsoe, Gnr James Pecsí, Bdr Barry Macleod CD, Pte Aaron Sutherland, 40, 41, Gnr Shane Milne, Bdr Sacha Haman-Das, MBdr Stephan Oulette, Sgt Andrea Bond CD, Sgt George Lenis CD, Sgt Rob Garrett CD, Sgt Graig Halpin CD, Sgt Rick Tennant CD, Sgt Donato Calogero CD.

Front Row - WO George M. Dempsey CD, 53, MWO Don Labossiere CD, Capt Kent Wickens CD, HCol William (Bill) T. Wickett CD, RSM CWO Mark J. Jackson CD, CO LCol Dean Drysdale CD, Maj Daniel Kuhn CD, HLCOL Vic Stevenson CD, Capt Noel R.R. Dykes CD, Capt Brent Purcell CD, WO Rob G. Wishnicki CD, 64

2000-12



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Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD)

The Canadian Forces' Decoration is awarded to officers and Non-Commissioned Members of the Canadian Forces who have completed twelve years of service. The decoration is awarded to all ranks, who have a good record of conduct. The decoration is awarded to the regular forces, reserve forces, officers of the Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC), Canadian Rangers and holders of honorary appointments in the CF. In 2003 Sergeant Keith Laing, CD was awarded his second bar to the Canadian Forces Decoration.

Band Performance - Bell Centre



St Patrick's Day Parade

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA performed in the St Patrick's Day parade in Reno, Nevada.



Gun Camp Yakima, WA



VR - 57 Conquistadors

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment are flown to San Diego to perform for the VR - 57 Conquistadors gala event.



15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 2000s



Christmas 2003

Back Row - MBdr Ouellette, Gnr Gillis, 3, 4, Bdr Zhong, MBdr Oliver Young CD, Gnr Labadze, Bdr Butler, Gnr Parker, Gnr Ho, Bdr Dan Taylor, MBdr Lisa Abbott CD, Pte Pare, 14, Bdr Craig Burrridge, Bdr Barry Mcleod CD, 16, 17, Gnr Keene, Gnr Greig, Pte Watrich, Sgt Ian Smith CD
Second Row - Lt McGuire, 2Lt Andrew Grieve, Sgt George Lenis CD, 25, 26, Bdr Haman-Das, Shaw, MBdr Adam Coleman, MBdr Roy Mackenzie, Cpl Lysholm, Gnr Hodgson, Bdr Campbell, MBdr Tony Gee, Pte Fleischer, Gnr Forystek, 37, Bdr Goran Kurtagic, Gnr Bolgak, Bdr Martinez, Pte Scott, Pte El Baghdady, Gnr Bolegoh, Cpl Sutherland, MBdr Conrad Skuce, Sgt Rick Tennant CD, Sgt Brian Holt, Lt Evans, 2Lt Conway Hui, OCdt Tai
Front Row - Capt Noel Dykes CD, Sgt Halpin CD, Capt Brent Purcell CD, Sgt Donato Calogero CD, Capt Kent Wickens CD, Maj Daniel Kuhn CD, MWO Rob Wishnicki CD, LCol Dean Drysdale CD, HCol R. Victor Stevenson CD, Capt Richard J. Van Slyke CD, WO Kevin Walker CD, WO George Dempsey CD, Capt Douglas Gayton CD, 64, Sgt Andrea Bond CD

2000-14



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VR-61 Islanders

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA was requested to assist in the change of command ceremony at Whidbey island for the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 61, better known as the VR-61 Islanders.



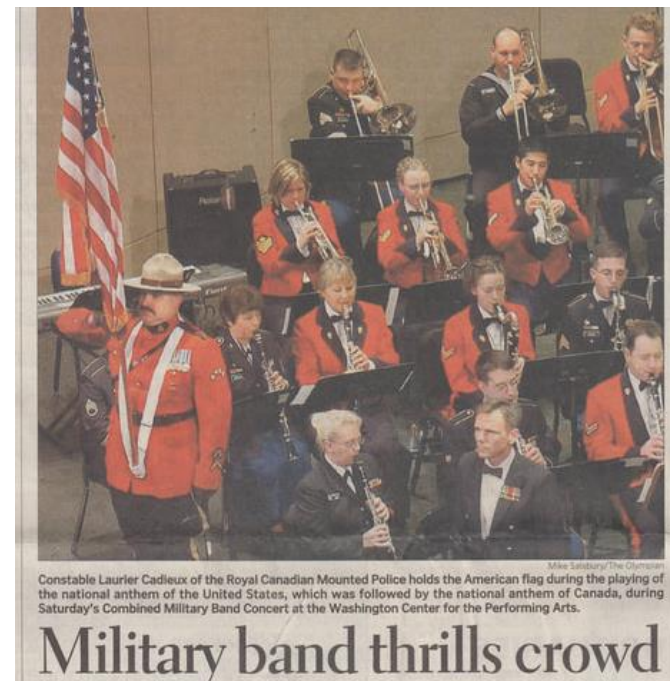
Bdr



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12th Combined Military Band Concert

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA performed in a tribute to Veterans at the Washington Centre for the Performing Arts.



15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 2000s

Military Ball

The Band was the lead for another successful 39 Canadian Brigade Group Military Ball



St Barbara's Day 2003



(Ret'd) Peter Faliszewski, Capt Archie Pell, LCol Leon Jensen, LCol Dean Drysdale

Capt

2000-16



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Operation PEREGRINE

Domestic Canadian military operation that took place between August 3 and September 16, 2003. British Columbia was overwhelmed by over 800 separate forest fires and the provincial government requested federal aid. After receiving a day of basic forest firefighting training from the British Columbia Forest Service, including safety procedures, fire ratings, hose handling, and fire behaviour, the soldiers took to the fire lines.



The Band performs at the Bell Centre



VR - 57 Conquistadors Gala



The Band performs in Reno



Change of Command - VR-61 Islanders



Stanley Park Fort

Major (Ret'd) Vic Stevenson receives a tour of the Stanley Park fort



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39 Canadian Brigade Group Military Ball



Saint Barbara's Dining in



Maj (ret'd) Peter Faliszewski, Capt (ret'd) Archie Pell, LCol Leon Jensen, LCol Dean Drysdale



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2004

Back Row - Penner, Pare, Pecsi,4, Hodgson, Goran Kurtagic, 7,8,9,10,11

Fourth Row - Bdr Macleod, Bolgak, Bdr Rob Stone, Rae, Adam Coleman, Schultz, el-Baghdady, Fleischer, Conrad Skuce,

Third Row - 21,22, Clark, Jiang, Bdr William Martinez, 26, 27, Bdr Dan Taylor, 29, Sutherland, Cpl Lysholm, 32, 33, Bdr Oliver Young, Wong, Ho, 37, Waltrin.

Second Row - Don Lamb, 39, Andrew Grieve, Ryan Brekke, Sgt Ian Smith, Sgt Rick Tennant, Sgt George Lenis, Sgt Brian Holt, Bdr Lyall Erickson, Sgt Ken Chiu, Sgt Rob Garrett, Sgt Andrea Bond, Sgt Halpin CD, 2LT Conway Hui, Helina, Capt Nick Watts

Front Row - WO George Dempsey CD, Capt Doug Gayton CD, Sgt Donato Calogero CD, Capt Kent Wickens CD, HLCOL Peter Veuger, LCol Dan Kuhn CD, MWO Rob Wishnicki CD, HonMaj Grant Smith CD, Capt Brent Purcell, Capt Noel Dykes CD, WO Kevin Walker CD



Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel S. Kuhn CD



Commanding Officer 2004 - 2007

Taken on strength 49th Field Artillery Regiment RCA 1 June 1982, qualified Gunner 31 August 1982, promoted Bombardier 1983, attended Reserve Entry Scheme Officer (RESO) Gaagetown NB Summer 1984, commissioned Second Lieutenant 1 September 1984, promoted Captain 1987, promoted Major 1996, transferred to BC Militia District Headquarters, appointed G1 June 1997,

operational tour Stabilisation Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SFOR) Jun 2000 - Mar 2001, awarded Commanders Commendation Multi-National Division (South West), awarded Chief Of Staff Commendation SFOR HQ, seconded to Veterans Affairs Canada July 2002, transferred 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA January 2003, appointed Second in Command January 2003, awarded Commander Land Force Western Area Letter of Commendation for OP Perigrine, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer April 2004, Deputy Commander 39 Canadian Brigade Group September 2007, awarded 39 CBG Commander's Commendation August 2009, Chief Instructor Reserve Professional Development Cell Land Force Western Area Headquarters September 2009, G55 Plans September 2010, Reserve Capabilities Staff Officer 1st Canadian Division September 2012, BSc Business Administration, Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP), Canadian Forces Command and Staff College.

Awarded Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, NATO Medal for the Former Yugoslavia x 2, Canadian Forces Decoration with one Clasp.

Honorary Colonel John Brownlee-Baker CD



Honourary Colonel John Brownlee-Baker enlisted in the Royal Artillery as a Boy soldier in 1958. In 1960 to 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery as a gun number. The next 14 years saw his rapid promotion through the ranks until, in 1974, he was promoted to Warrant Officer Class I and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of 19 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery at 32, becoming the youngest Gunner Regimental

Sergeant Major since World War 2. Two years later he was posted to the Royal School of Artillery as Garrison Sergeant-Major. In 1978 he left the British Army. During his 20 years with the Royal Horse Artillery and the Royal Artillery he saw service in North and East Africa, Middle and Far East, Rhine Army, both southern and northern flanks of NATO, and in the United Kingdom. He was awarded his Long Service Medal in 1976 and holds bars to the General Service Medal for Radfan, South Arabia and Northern Ireland. He was awarded the Commander in Chief's Commendation during operations in the Radfan Mountains in 1964.

He emigrated to Canada in 1979 and, after a short break from soldiering, joined the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA as a Master Warrant Officer in 1981. A move to Ontario saw him transfer to 10 Field Battery in St. Catharines, and his commission to the rank of Captain as a Troop Commander. In 1983 he returned to Vancouver and 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA. Honorary Colonel Brownlee-Baker assumed command of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment in 1991, a position he held until 1996. He was appointed Honorary Colonel in April 2004.



Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal

The Queen's Golden Jubilee medal commemorates the 50th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second to the throne. This commemorative medal program is now closed. This medal is administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall.

Unit Recipients - Captain Noel RR Dykes CD, Captain Dave Montrose CD, Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen CD, Captain Richard J Van Slyke CD, Lieutenant-Colonel Dean B Drysdale CD, Major James Barrett, CD, Warrant Officer Robert G Wishnicki, CD, James E Tempest, Ken Surges, Warrant Officer Kevin Walker CD

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Peter F.W. Veuger



Born and raised in Utrecht the Netherlands, emigrated to Canada in 1952, opened the first of three businesses he owned on Robson Street in 1956, Honorary Protocol Officer at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, member of the Canadian Force Liaison Council, taken on strength 8 November 2004 as the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA until he retired on 8 November

2010, deceased 1 January 2014.

Awarded Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.

Change of Regimental Sergeants Major

The RSM's Drill Cane is handed over.



LCol Dan Kuhn, CWO Mark Jackson, MWO Rob Wishnicki



Remembrance Day 2004

Take Post!

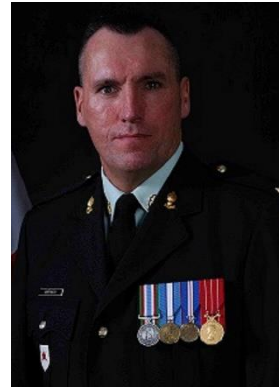


Sgt Ken Chiu, 2, Bdr Ken Hodgson, Bdr Ken Keene, MBdr Oliver Young, Bdr Rob Hill, Bdr Pesci, 8, Bdr Campbell and Gnr Bolgak



MBdr Lisa Abbott

Chief Warrant Officer Rob Wishnicki



Taken on strength as a Gunner in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA 2 April 1987, qualified General Military Training 13 June 1987, qualified TQ1 Casualty Aide 31 July 1988, qualified TQ1 Artillery 11 February 1988, promoted Bombardier 2 April 1989, qualified Combat Leaders Course 8 March 1991, promoted Master Bombardier 9 May 1991, qualified QL4 Artillery Communications 7 May 1992, operational tour with UNFICYP 31 July 1992 to 16

March 1992, qualified QL4 Observation Post Technician 8 March 1993, qualified Artilleryman QL6A 23 Apr 1993, promoted Sergeant 28 October 1993, Qualified Senior Leaders Course 3 November 1995, qualified Machine Gun course 7 July 1995, attach posted to 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery 1995/1996, instructed at The Royal Canadian Artillery Battle School in 1996, awarded Dumoulin trophy for 1996, qualified Artillery QL6B Phase I, II & III 8 August 1997, promoted Warrant Officer 13 September 1997, promoted Master Warrant Officer 2 March 2003, promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major from 2004 to 2009, appointed Brigade Sergeant Major from 2010 to 2013, commissioned from the Ranks as Captain in 2013, Operational Tour Afghanistan OP ATTENTION in 2013.

Awarded General Campaign Star – South-West Asia, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, United Nations in Cyprus, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration with clasp and Corrections Exemplary Service Medal

Canada Day Salute 2004



MBdr Oliver Young, Bdr Dan Taylor

Ex Cougar Salvo 2004



The Regimental Band



Rick Tennant, Sgt Brian Holt



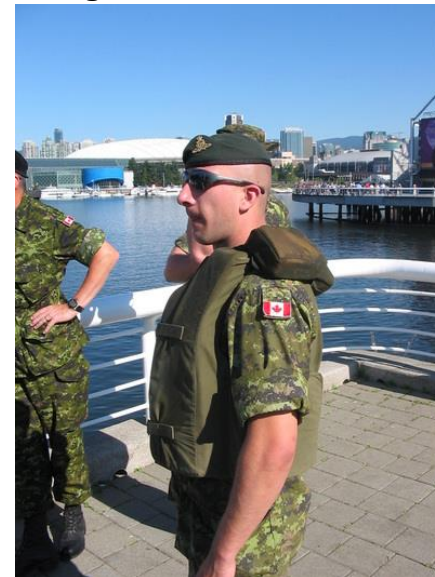
Domestic Operations 2004



Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay for Kids



Dragon Boat Festival 2004



St Barbara's Special Guest Night 2004



Remembrance Day 2005



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2005



Back Row - Sgt Rick Tennant, Sgt Jason Street, MBdr Adam Coleman, Sgt Conrad Skuce, Sgt Graig Halpin , Sgt Ian Smith
Third Row - 7, Sgt Stephan Oulette, 9, 10, 11, 12, Bdr Roy Mckenzie, Cpl Aaron Sutherland, Cpl Wayne Lysholm, 16, Bdr Barry Macleod, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Second Row - WO Joe Shortt, 32, 33, 34, Capt Ryan Brekke, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, MBdr Anthony Gee, 49, Bdr Dan Taylor, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, Bdr Martinez, 59, 60, 61, 62, Capt Nick Watts, Capt Don Lamb, Sgt Ken Chiu, Lt George Lenis, Sgt Donato Calogero.
Front Row - Capt Doug PGayton, Capt Richard Van Slyke MMM, Capt Noel Dykes, MWO Kevin Walker, BGen(ret) W.T. (Bill) Wickett, HLCol Peter Vueger, HCol John Brownlee-Baker, LCol Dan Kuhn, MWO Robert G Wishnicki, Maj James Barrett, Col Leon Jensen OMM, Maj (ret) Victor Stevenson, Capt Pierre Lajoie, Maj Brent Purcell, MWO George Dempsey



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Ex Cougar Salvo 2005



Funeral of Ernest Alvia "Smokey" Smith VC, CM, OBC, CD



Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay



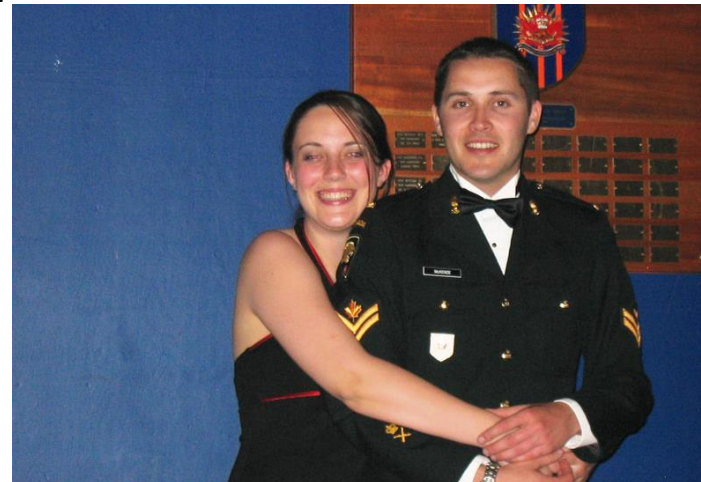
Back row; CWO Rob Wishnicki, 2, Kathy Holt, Alex Wishnicki, Taylor Worrall, Bdr Andrew Dyke, Lt Chad Evans, MBdr Goran Kurtagic, MBdr Adam Coleman, Bombardier Tym Spruston, Bdr Dave Sylka, 12, Bdr Lyle Erickson, 14, Shelley Beyak, Terry Cox.
Front Row – Stephanie Holt, Sgt Brian Holt, Sgt Natalie Pritchard, 21, 22, Mrs Spruston, Bdr Roy Mckenzie



39 Canadian Brigade Group Junior Ranks Ball



Ken Keene and MBdr Tyler Neumann



MBdr Roy Mackenzie

Regimental Museum & Archives



HLCol (ret'd) Vic Stevenson, Capt (ret'd) Keith Brown, Maj (ret'd) John Thomas Redmond



HLCol (ret'd) Vic Stevenson



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2006



Back Row - Sgt Rick Tennant, Adam Coleman, Sgt Jason Street, 4; Sgt Ken Chiu, Sgt Brian Holt, WO Prichard, Capt Nick Watts, MCpl Andrea Bond, Lt Conway Hui, Sgt Rob Garrett, WO McHugh, Sgt Conrad Skuce,
Third Row - MBdr Steve Oulette, Bdr Penner, MBdr Godsoe, Gnr Dan Scott, Cpl Wayne Lysholm, Gnr Bolgak, 20, MBdr Starr Switzer, 22, Bdr Dan Taylor, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, Gnr Pryce, 30, 31, Bdr Wong, 33, 34, 35,
Second Row - Gnr Terry Zhong, 37, 38, Bdr Roy McKenzie, MBdr Oliver Young, 41, 42, 43, Gnr Andrew Dyke, Bdr Kazue Maruyama, 46, 47, MBdr Tony Gee, Bdr Walker, MBdr Goran Kurtagic, 51, 52, Bdr William Martinez, 54, Gnr Hill, Gnr Dave Sylka,
Front Row - Sgt Babich, Sgt Donato Calogero, WO Joe Shortt, MWO Kevin Walker, Sgt Ian Smith, CWO Rob Wishnicki, LCol Dan Kuhn, HLCpl Peter Veuger, Maj Jim Barrett, Maj Kent Wickens, Maj Brent Purcell, Capt Pierre Lajoie, Capt Douglas Gayton, Capt Richard Van Slyke

Remembrance Day



Sgt Ian Smith, Gnr Pryce, Bdr Pesci, Sgt Rick Tennant, MBdr Tony Gee

Temperate Forest



Sgt Ian Smith



OP PALACI - AVCON 2006

Bombardier Ken Keene and Bombardier Kyle Hodgson were tasked on avalanche control at Roger's Pass



British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The Regiment provides a gun to mark the moment of silence.



Capt Doug Gayton, WO Joe Shortt, MBdr Tony Gee, Sgt Ian Smith, Bdrs Ken Keene, William Martinez

Cougar Salvo 2006

Enemy Force!



Bdr Zhong

Netherlands Military Tattoo 2006



St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night

Honoured guest Colonel Commandant



RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, Col Cmdt MGen Jean Arch McInnis, CO LCol Dan Kuhn

Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess

Annual Dinner



HCol John Brownlee-Baker, Bde Comd Col Brent Warne, RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, CO LCol James Barrett



West 11th Avenue Construction



Parade Square Resurfacing



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2006



Capt Doug Gayton, Capt Don Lamb



MBdr Clinton Godsoe, MBdr Stephan Oulette



Christmas 2007

Back Row - 2Lt John Girardi, Sgt Ian Smith , Sgt Jason Street , MBdr Oliver Young , Lt Chad Evans, 2Lt Andrew Peters, 7, Sgt Rob Garrett , Lt Andrew Grieve, Capt Don Lamb , Sgt Adam Coleman, Lt Conway Hui, Capt Douglas Gayton , Sgt Rick Tennant , Sgt Conrad Skuce.

Third Row - Bdr Dan Mazurek, Bdr Dave Sylka, Pte Matt Coles, MCpl Lysholm, Pte Tian Wang, Bdr William Martinez , Pte Evan Huang, Ron Pryce, Bdr Wilfred Lam, Joseph Rozario, Bdr Magda McKenzie , MBdr Tony Gee , Bdr David Pare , MBdr Goran Kurtagic, Gnr Georgi Labadze, Bdr Kyle Hodgson, MBdr Roy McKenzie, 33, Bdr James Pesci, Clinton Watrich

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Front Row - HonMaj Grant Smith , Capt Pierre Lajoie , MWO Kevin Walker , WO George M Dempsey , CWO Rob Wishnicki , Maj Jim Barrett , HCol John Brownlee-Baker , HLCol Peter Veuger, Capt Richard Van Slyke , Maj Kent Wickens , Maj Brent Purcell



Fort Lewis Live Fire Ex



Convoy Ops Exercise



New Year's Day Levee



Sgt Donato Calogero, Sgt Ian Smith, RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, WO Joe Shortt, MWO Kevin Walker, Sgt Rob Garrett, Sgt Rick Tennant

Annual Mess Dinner



Sgt Bruce Rae, Sgt Jason Street, Sgt Rob Garrett, Sgt Rick Tennant, Sgt Donato Calogero, Sgt Conrad Skuce, WO Cheryl McHugh, WO Angus Brady, CWO James Tempest, RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, MWO Kevin Walker, Sgt Ian Smith, Sgt Andrea Bond

Lieutenant-Colonel James D Barrett CD



Commanding Officer 2007 - 2011

Taken on strength as a Private in The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) in 1982, commissioned later that year as a Second Lieutenant, Major from 1996 to 2007, transferred in 2005, appointed Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA from 2007 to 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel from 2008 to 2011. Awarded 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation Medal, Queen Elizabeth II

Golden Jubilee Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration with two Clasps.



Firing first round in Fort Lewis

Change of Command Parade



RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, BSM MWO George Dempsey, Adj Capt Pierre Lajoi, BC Maj Kent Wickens, Outgoing CO LCol Dan Kuhn



RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, Capt Pierre Lajoi



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner



RSM CWO Rob Wishnicki, CO LCol James Barrett, Youngest soldier, HLCOL Peter Veuger



Sgt Oliver Young, Pte Stephan Figueroa, Bdr Yuriy Boldak

Canada Day Salute - 2008





Christmas 2008

Back row - WO Joe Shortt CD, 2, Lt Conway Hui, Chad Evans, Sgt Oliver Young CD, Sgt Rob Garrett CD, Sgt Rick Tennant CD, Sgt Andrea Bond CD, Sgt Conrad Skuce, Sgt Donato Calogero CD, 11, 2Lt Girardi, 2Lt Andrew Grieve.

Fourth Row - MBdr Terry Zhong, Bdr Pesci, Bdr Sylka, 16, Bdr Ken Keene, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Bdr Rob Stone CD,

Third Row - 26, 27, 28, MCpl Lysholm, 30, 31, Bdr William Martinez CD, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37.

Second Row - Sgt Ian Smith CD, 39, MBdr Goran Kurtagic, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, MBdr Dan Taylor CD, 47, 48, 49, 50, MWO Kevin Walker CD.

Front Row - Capt Noel Dykes CD, Capt Iska Scholl CD, Capt Douglas Gayton CD, Capt Nick Watts CD, HonMaj Grant Smith CD, HLCol Peter Veuger, CWO Rob Wishnicki CD, LCol Jim Barrett CD, HCol John Brownlee-Baker CD, LCol Leon Jensen OMM CD, Maj Kent Wickens CD, 63, Capt Don Lamb CD, Capt Yoo, Capt Ryan Brekke



Abotsford Air Show



Bdr William Martinez



Grenade Range - Chilliwack



Sgt Rick Tennant



Sgt Rick Tennant

Yakima Live Fire Ex - 2008



Yakima Live Fire Ex - 2009





Christmas – 2009

Back row - Sgt Conrad Skuce CD, 2, Sgt Clint Godsoe, Sgt Oliver Young CD, MCpl Wayne Lysholm, Sgt Goran Kurtagic, Sgt Tony Gee CD, 2Lt Andrew Grieve, 9, 10, Lt Conway Hui, Lt Chad Evans, 2Lt Rob Helina

Fourth Row - 14, 15, 16, Bdr Kyle Hodgson, 18, MBdr Kazue Maruyama, Cpl Gabriela Fleischer, MBdr Dan Taylor CD, 22, Bdr William Martinez CD, 24, 25, 26

Third Row - Bdr Ken Keene, Bdr Robert Hill, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, MBdr Starr Switzer, Bdr Yuriy Bolgak 36, 37, 38

Second Row - Capt Pierre Lajoie CD, MWO Ken Surges, Sgt Ian Smith CD, WO CA Roberts CD, 43, Bdr Rob Stone CD, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, WO Rob Garrett CD, WO Rick Gardner, Gord Barrett, Capt Ryan Brekke

Front Row - Capt Don Lamb CD, Capt Jim Tempest CD, Maj Brent Purcell CD, HCol Peter Veuger, CWO Kevin Walker CD, LCol Jim Barrett CD, HCol John Brownlee-Baker CD, Maj Kent Wickens CD, Capt Ian Watt, Capt Douglas Gayton CD, Capt Nick Watts CD, 72

Canada Day - 2009



Change of Regimental Sergeant Major Drill Cane



LCol James Barret, CWO Rob Wishnicki, CWO Kevin Walker



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Chief Warrant Officer Kevin E. Walker CD



Regimental Sergeant Major 2009 - 2013

Taken on strength 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA 24 Apr 1980, Corporal in 1984, Master Corporal from 1985 to 1992, Sergeant from 1999 to 2000; Warrant Officer from 2002 to 2004; Master Warrant Officer in 2005; Promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental

Sergeant Major 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in 2009.

Commissioned from the ranks to Captain in 2013

Awarded Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration with one clasp

Pacific National Exhibition 2009



Sgt Nathaniel Senff

JTFP Regional Liaison Officers Programme



LCol Leon Jensen, CWO Rob Wishnicki

Retirement



MCpl (Ret'd) Elizabeth Reid, Capt Noel Dykes

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 2009



HLCol Peter Vueger, RSM CWO Kevin Walker, CO LCol James Barrett, youngest gunner, HCol John Brownlee-Baker



Youngest Gunner, MBdr Dn Taylor, CO LCol James Barrett

