



## Van Arty Assoc and RUSI Van Members News May 13, 2014

### Wednesday Lunches

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

Just a reminder to attendees:- remember to deposit your lunch tickets in the receptacle when you pick up your soup/salad. More importantly, if you bring guests please make sure they turn in their tickets.

*People often ask me where I get my information for this newsletter. I have a small cadre of intrepid 'reporters' on my contact list and they constantly feed me items they think useful. My biggest job is deciding which are best for publication. Many thanks to all of them. I won't name them in case I forget someone but they know who they are. Keep the stories coming.*

### Canada's D-Day Tribute Campaign

What is it? Canada's D-Day Tribute is an effort organized by the Juno Beach Centre Association in Canada to honour those Canadians who fought and died on D-Day. The goal of the campaign is to create a moving display of 359 tribute markers – one for every Canadian who died on D-Day – emphasizing the gravity of Canada's sacrifice, while at the same time supporting the operational costs and educational programming of the Juno Beach Centre. The markers are made of Canadian maple, and are roughly 2 inches by 4 inches by 36 inches tall with a plaque installed on the top indicating the soldiers name, hometown, and regiment, as well as the name of the sponsor or sponsoring organization. They will be installed in May 2014, and remain on public display as a memorial throughout the anniversary year until November 11, 2014. "The Juno Beach Centre helps us remember and appreciate not just the incredible valour of June 6, 1944, but that of all Canadians on land, in the air, and at sea during World War II. Canada's D-Day Tribute Campaign is an opportunity for Canadians from coast-to-coast to honour the sacrifices made 70 years ago and pay tribute to the men who made them. D-Day was a pivotal moment in Canadian history and we commemorate the Canadians who were part of that extraordinary achievement." – General Rick Hillier (Ret'd), Patron, Juno Beach Centre Association.

*(See poster at end of newsletter. A donation form is available. Email me at [bob.mugford@shaw.ca](mailto:bob.mugford@shaw.ca) ) The RSM, CWO Dempsey, is spearheading a drive to sponsor a marker from 15 Fd. Anybody wishing to contribute can see him, or myself, to make a donation.*

# **South-West Asia Theatre Honours**

Ottawa, Ontario 9 May 2014

In March 2014, Canada's operations in Afghanistan, the longest armed conflict in Canadian history, drew to a close. Over the past 12 years, more than 40,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen served in the South-West Asia region in the largest deployment of Canadian troops since the Second World War.

Canada is committed to recognizing the dedication and sacrifice made by Canada's men and women in uniform who took part in the conflict in Afghanistan. To this end, on May 9, 2014, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that eligible units of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Special Operations Forces that participated in the South-West Asia theatre of conflict have been bestowed with the "Arabian Sea" or the "Afghanistan" Theatre Honour.

Theatre Honours are a type of Battle Honour given to publicly recognize a Canadian Armed Forces unit for successful participation in a theatre of armed conflict. Such honours have been awarded after every major conflict in which Canada has been engaged.

## **PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF THEATRE HONOURS**

The process for the creation of Theatre Honours is the same for all types of Battle Honours. Following the end of a conflict, the Canadian Armed Forces begins the process of determining battle nomenclature (theatres, campaigns, battles, etc.) in order to create the specific Battle Honours for that conflict. Afterward, the eligibility criteria for awarding each of those honours is then determined. Each of these steps ultimately leads to approval by the Chief of the Defence Staff, who then forwards them to the Governor General, the final authority for the creation of Battle Honours and the eligibility criteria for each. The third step in the process is the allocation of the Battle Honours to individual Canadian Armed Forces units by the Chief of the Defence Staff.

## **ALLOCATION CRITERIA**

### **"Afghanistan" Theatre Honour**

- Units of the Royal Canadian Navy will be granted the Theatre Honour "Afghanistan" if their cumulative contribution of personnel reached a minimum of 20 per cent of the strength of the originating unit in the geographical area of Afghanistan.
- Units of the Canadian Army will be granted the Theatre Honour "Afghanistan" if their cumulative contribution of personnel reached a minimum level of 20 per cent of the effective strength of the originating unit in the geographical area of Afghanistan.
- Units of the Royal Canadian Air Force will be granted the Theatre Honour "Afghanistan" if they deployed within the air space of Afghanistan.
- Units of the Canadian Special Operations Forces will be granted the Theatre Honour "Afghanistan" if they deployed within the land space of Afghanistan and their cumulative contribution of personnel reached a minimum level of 20 per cent of the effective strength of the originating unit in the geographical area of Afghanistan.

The following BC Canadian Army units will be receiving Theatre Honours for Afghanistan:

The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)

The British Columbia Dragoons

The Rocky Mountain Rangers

The Royal Westminster Regiment

The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)

## **UBIQUE Motto**

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers and Joint Task Force 2 do not carry individual battle honours, but instead use the motto "UBIQUE," meaning "everywhere."

To see the full list go to:

<http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2014/05/09/south-west-asia-theatre-honours#sthash.qTp19lzY.dpuf>

## **Battlefield Tour Opportunity 12-14 September 2014**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Manning of the Guns at Yorke Island.

Here is your opportunity to join the Officers & Gunners of 15 FD RCA as they return to commemorate the manning of the guns at Yorke Island in August 1939.

Departure of the tour will be from the Bessborough Armoury at 6 PM on Friday, 13 September 2014, with transportation to Yorke Island on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> to attend a dedication ceremony at the gun position, BBQ lunch, tour of the island, and a reception in the evening at the Village of Sayward Royal Canadian Legion. After an overnight stay at Sayward, the tour will return by ferry to the armoury on the afternoon of 14 September 2014.

There will be options for those who wish to stay overnight with the troops on Yorke Island, with the remainder being quartered in Cabins at a nearby resort.

There are a few openings left for this trip. Interested parties can email me for a tour application form.

## **Three Canadians lead the watch for new flashpoints in Ukraine**

*Matthew Fisher Published: May 6, 2014*

KYIV, Ukraine — After being in Odessa when more than 40 people were burned, suffocated, beaten or shot to death in fighting between pro-Russian and pro-Ukrainian mobs last week, a Canadian-led team of multinational military observers returned Tuesday to southern Ukraine to resume their appraisal of the shaky security situation there. While the deployment of several dozen Canadian infantrymen to Poland, and six CF-18 Hornet fighter jets and a frigate to places

in or near eastern Europe have received attention in Parliament and from the media, the only Canadians with combat boots on the ground in Ukraine have been three army officers from the Ottawa-based Directorate of Arms Control Verification, who work here under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The Canadians and the other six members of their team were to have replaced a German-led team in eastern Ukraine. But when those soldiers were taken hostage by pro-Russian separatists, the Canadian-led mission, which was here at the invitation of the Ukrainian government, switched its focus to the south.

*Canada's only boots on the ground in Ukraine are part of a Canadian-led multinational group of observers*



*tasked with monitoring the military situation in southern Ukraine on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The mission is under the command of LCol Gary Hardwick (left). The other Canadians on the 9-man team, which includes soldiers from France, the US and Moldova, are Maj Angus Matheson (centre) and Maj RJ Martin (right). (Matthew Fisher/Postmedia News)*

“We were glad to see our German colleagues and the German-led team were freed,” said LCol Gary Hardwick of Hamilton, On. Because of what happened to them, “obviously we need to consider the security situation and operate closely with our Ukrainian colleagues and Ukrainian forces in determining where we operate every day.” With not one but two red maple leaf patches on their left arms, the Canadians — as well as six soldiers from Moldova, France and the US — have been tasked by the OSCE, whose 57 member countries include Russia, with surveying a vast swath of territory across the south. Many Ukrainians believe that Russia’s intent is to occupy this strip of land to establish total control from Crimea, which it swallowed in March, to a Russian-speaking enclave in neighbouring Moldova. If Russia was to do this, Ukraine would lose all access to the Black Sea. The Canadians regularly conduct such work in eastern Europe as well as the Caucasus and Central Asia. But because of the chaos that reigns in parts of Ukraine, this mission was different. “Typically we are focused on inspections of military units looking for

very specific things,” Hardwick said of what was his fifth visit to Ukraine over the past four years. “This mission is wider in scope.”

In the convoluted diplomatic parlance favoured by international bodies, the Canadians are part of Vienna Document 2011 (VD11) mission. Their job is to spot unusual military activities such as mobilization of troops, particularly near borders, and to ensure a continuous international military presence. The team receives no direction from Ukrainians, but the host nation has been responsible for the observers’ security and accompanies them on their travels. The other Canadians with Hardwick are Maj RJ Martin of Pembroke, On, who is in Ukraine for the 10th time, and Maj Angus Matheson of Sydney, NS. All of them are veterans of the war in Afghanistan.

With tensions high and the Canadian government having staked out a strong pro-Kyiv position, there is a high level of oversight and co-ordination from Ottawa, with daily contact, Martin said. With the Germans having returned home on Saturday after being freed, Hardwick’s team were the only foreign military observers now in Ukraine. But there are 150 civilian monitors from 20 of the 57 countries who are part of an entirely different OSCE mission. Their numbers are to double in the next few weeks and perhaps grow to 500 this summer. “Many days they cannot go out now because of security concerns and this has been very frustrating for them,” said the OSCE’s Ukraine spokesman, Michael Bociurkiw, of Sidney BC, who was sent here by the Canadian government.

“They have been having trouble moving around because of a proliferation of checkpoints within a triangle that includes Donetsk and Slavyansk. Access is important to be able to see who is doing what and what weapons they have.” One of the problems the OSCE has encountered is that few Ukrainians know who it is or what the group, which operates by consensus, does.

“It is very important that people understand this and our objectives, but it has been hard to get through all the noise and the breaking news,” he said. “We look every day to establish trends through day-to-day gumshoe work on such things as allegations of human rights abuses to the number of buildings that have been occupied and checkpoints established. What we have been reporting daily lately is a worsening situation, or more escalation. We can measure this by the number of flash reports that we send out. They are more frequent.”

The Canadian-led military team has no contact with the OSCE’s civilian observers. Because its report was still being prepared for OSCE, Hardwick said “it is hard to get into a lot of what we do. We get out there on the ground to observe and report it up. We’ve met with the regional government and all security forces and have visited local army units, police, border guards and naval installations.”

# 15 Field Artillery Regiment Change of Command Ceremony



The Commanding Officer  
And  
all ranks of  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery  
request the pleasure of your company at the  
Change of Command ceremony

between

Lieutenant-Colonel Kent Wickens, CD

and

Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Purcell, CD, AdeC

To be held on

25 May 2014, at 1400 hours

at

Bessborough Armoury, 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver BC.

Guests are asked to be seated in the Armoury by 1345 hours.

Reception to follow in the Officers' Mess

Dress:  
DEU No.1A or business attire

RSVP  
the Adjutant at  
[Wayne.Baxter@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Wayne.Baxter@forces.gc.ca)

## **Tablet Technology to Aid Maintenance Airmen**

*By Staff Sgt. Kenny Holston, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs / Published May 06, 2014*

### **SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFNS) --**

A 10-member pilot test team assigned to Air Combat Command's directorate of logistics set up shop at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., April 28, to work with 20th Maintenance Group Airmen testing the use of iPads to view maintenance technical orders.

Senior Master Sgt. Ed Dierkens is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the pilot test team who said his crew is set up for an eight-week test to determine whether or not the iPads can replace more expensive tough books and still provide maintainers the vital information they need.

Technical Order manuals are used by all Airmen who perform any type of maintenance on equipment or aircraft. Technical orders provide maintainers with step-by-step instructions as they carry out their duties. Currently, electronic TOs are loaded onto ruggedized laptops, but suffer from frequent crashes and very limited battery life. The iPads hold the same information, have significantly longer battery life and don't require a CAC log on. This last feature saves significant time when checking out the tool prior to beginning a shift. Dierkens said the iPads have the ability to provide an all in one device that weighs just over a pound and a half, with superior battery life and the ability to connect the Airman working on the aircraft to the rest of the production chain, ultimately reducing wait times. For now, Dierkens said the iPad test is only being conducted across ACC and could forge the way for the rest of the Air Force if proven effective and efficient. "If all goes well, Shaw will receive an additional 292 iPads. After Shaw is complete we will equip the rest of ACC on an operational need," said Dierkens. Senior Airman Matthew Leke is a tactical aircraft maintainer who said that beyond durability and increased proficiency, the iPads will also help with communications and productivity

"The iPads make it a lot easier to get hold of an expediter," said Leke. "You no longer have to wait for them to come into view and flag them down. You can just put their name in the chat and send them a message." The collaboration application includes texting and chat room type capabilities, allowing multiple individuals to monitor specific activities around the maintenance group, in addition to providing a longer battery life for the TO viewer. "The value of these tests is to prove iPads can replace the very costly tough books as a TO while simultaneously enabling maintainers to collaborate," said Dierkens.

One of the overall Air Force benefits is an approximate reduction in eTool procurement by \$2.4 million annually, continued Dierkens.

More than 15 training sessions were conducted for approximately 275 personnel on operating procedures for the iPads, allowing Airmen to become familiar with them before using the technology during real-world maintenance operations.

"Initial training was provided prior to the iPads being issued," said Leke. "However, for someone who has never used an iPad or iPhone it's a little bit tougher to get used to."

One key question, initially brought up by the maintainers, was the durability of the iPad and whether or not the technologically advanced tool would withstand the beating over time.

“There have been zero broken iPads so far,” said Dierkens. “Initial feedback is very positive.”

## Who is it?



**Last Edition.** No one was able to identify anyone in the picture. The picture was probably taken in the late 40s or early 50's

**This Week** This week's photo is a sad one. The death of anyone is to be regretted, but more so that of a young person. This image is one of several showing the funeral of someone who is assumed to have been a cadet, due to the fact that the



pallbearers and many others are such. Most, but not all, wear the badge of the RCA. The date of this photo is unknown, but close examination of the licence plate of the hearse in another photo shows the number “50”, written vertically on the right side of the plate, so it can be assumed that the date is around 1950.

The records we have with the photos are scant, so we have no information at the moment as to whose funeral it was, or the tragedy that resulted in the ceremony. Can you help us? Answers, as always, can be sent to the editor, or

to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)).

## From the ‘Punitary’

Studying earthquakes rocks, but sometimes it is not always what it is cracked up to be.

## Murphy's other Laws

*(For those of you that remember slideshows)* In any slide presentation, at least one slide will be upside down, backwards or both.

## Quotable Quotes

When I'm working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong.

- R. Buckminster Fuller



# Canadian Lifeboat Institution Dedication Ceremony



The Board of Directors of the Canadian Lifeboat Institution (CLI)  
Cordially invite you and a guest to attend the Dedication Ceremony of the  
***Fraser Lifeboat***

To be held at Imperial Landing, off Bayview Street, in Steveston

***Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 11:00 AM***

Please arrive by 10:45. A light reception, with a no host bar, will be held following the ceremony.

Please RSVP by May 10th, 2014 to 604-275-0323, or email [mpfreeman@shaw.ca](mailto:mpfreeman@shaw.ca)

The Fraser Lifeboat is a 47', all weather, Tyne Class Lifeboat acquired from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in the United Kingdom for service here in search and rescue and accident prevention.

CLI is a registered charity (#88999 8977 RROOO1) supported entirely by donations and exceptional volunteers.

[www.canadianlifeboatinstitution.org](http://www.canadianlifeboatinstitution.org)



## Vancouver Aviation Show 2014

Show website: [www.VancouverAviationShow.com](http://www.VancouverAviationShow.com)

Saturday October 18, 2014

Hours 10:00am- 5:00pm / Richmond Rod & Gun Club Auditorium

7891 Cambie Rd. (Cambie & River Road, Richmond)

\$4 admission / Tables \$45 + PST/GST

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### Richmond Rod & Gun Club auditorium



auditorium.

We have finally confirmed the date and venue for this year's show. Unfortunately the folks at Oakridge Mall were not willing to provide their auditorium. So we had to find a new place. The new location is the Richmond Rod and Gun Club

The Richmond Rod & Gun Club auditorium is located 50 yards west of the Aberdeen Station in Richmond on Cambie Road (at River Road), close to all amenities, food, the airport, and there is plenty of free on site parking and street parking.



To book your table for this year's show visit the [website](#), complete the [table registration form](#) and mail it in along with your check. We also now accept payment in bitcoin as shown on the [website](#).



Please visit the show's [facebook page](#) for news and updates. You can [LIKE](#) the page and indicate if you will be attending the show.

SLIDE SHOW: If there is enough interest, this year we plan to have a Saturday evening slide show and pizza night, after the show end. Tickets will cost \$7 to cover the cost of pizza and drinks, we'll be selling tickets at the show, or you can pre-pay your tickets with your table rental. The slide show will run fro 7 pm until 10 pm.

We always enjoy hearing from our show attendees, and look forward to hearing from you!

If you have a question ... please contact me any time.

Henry Tenby, organizer

[www.VancouverAviationShow.com](http://www.VancouverAviationShow.com)



*Henry Tenby*



## Canada's D-Day Tribute Campaign

JUNO  
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On June 6, 1944, D-Day, **359 Canadians** were killed in action on the beaches of Normandy.



70 years later, the Juno Beach Centre commemorates their sacrifice by installing **359 Tribute Markers** – one for each fallen soldier – on Juno Beach.

These men came from communities across Canada. Honour a soldier and show your support for the Juno Beach Centre. **Sponsor a Tribute Marker today.**

### How to Help:

Get together with your family, community, or organization to sponsor a tribute; or, make an individual donation in honour of Canada's fallen.

### Why are we doing this?

To raise awareness of the role Canada played in the D-Day Landings and to honour those who lost their lives. In addition to ensuring the placement of the tributes in time for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, the funds raised through this initiative will help to pave the way for future commemoration and educational programming at the Juno Beach Centre.

For more details, visit [www.junobeach.org/tribute](http://www.junobeach.org/tribute) or contact Jen Sguigna at [jsguigna@junobeach.org](mailto:jsguigna@junobeach.org) or by phone toll-free at 1-877-828-JUNO (5866).

### SPONSOR A TRIBUTE

Individual D-Day Tributes can be sponsored for a minimum of \$500.

Each sponsor will receive a tax receipt for their donation, as well as recognition on the marker and on the Juno Beach Centre's website.

### MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL DONATION

Donations can also be made in the name of a veteran or family member and every donor will be recognized on our website.

Contributors will receive a tax receipt for their donation (minimum \$25).

*Remember Today.  
Remember Always.*

