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Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at bob.mugford@gmail.com to let me know you didn't get your copy.

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Wednesday Lunches - Lunches suspended until further notice. Everyone stay safe!!

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars (see Poster section at end)

The 2021 BC Military Gala is **CANCELLED. The Sheraton Wall Ctr is booked for Apr 23, 2022**

Aug 09

to **Virtual Remembrance Run in Support of the Juno Beach Centre**

Nov 28

Nov 18 RUSI(NS) - Arctic Continental Defense: Canada and US Perspective

'Wednesday Lunch' Zoom meeting

Nov 25

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Free Parking for Veterans

The City of Vancouver recently approved free parking for 2020-2021 (effective 11 November 2020) for vehicles displaying a Veterans plate. The policy will be reviewed in 2021

Other cities in the British Columbia recognizing the service of our veterans:

City of New Westminster – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for vehicles bearing a “veteran” license plate.

City of Coquitlam – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for vehicles bearing a “veteran” license plate.

City of Port Moody – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for vehicles bearing a “veteran” license plate.

City of Surrey – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for vehicles bearing a “veteran” license plate.

City of Penticton – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for vehicles bearing a “veteran” license plate.

City of Kamloops – Those holding a veteran’s licence plate are allowed to park at pay station locations a maximum of three hours at no charge.

City of White Rock – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for Veterans

City of Richmond – Allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for Richmond veterans, by using an “identification sticker” process.

City of Burnaby – Has not enacted a Veterans free parking By-Law, but allows complimentary parking on a year around basis for Veterans.

Arctic Continental Defense: Canada and US Perspective

RUSI(NS) - Distinguished Speakers 18 November 2020

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia and the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command (NORAD and NORTHCOM) extend an invitation to hear video-conference presentations Wednesday, 18 November 2020 by Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Burke, Director of Operations, Joint Task Force North, and Mr Todd 'Charley' Davis, Chief, NORAD Campaign & Arctic Branch, J5 Strategy, Policy & Plans, NORAD and USNORTHCOM. LCol Burke's talk is titled “Op Nanook: Meeting northern challenges with regional collaboration,” and Mr Davis' talk is titled "NORAD and USNORTHCOM perspectives on Arctic Defense and Security." The speakers will address the importance of collaboration and relationships for protecting northern and Arctic North America. Their bios are attached.

The talk will start at **1 pm Halifax time**, Wednesday, 18 November, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Halifax time. **Registration is required.** There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close of business Sunday, 15 November. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS)/N-NC Distinguished Speakers 18 November 2020 Registration. In addition to your name please also provide your organization.

The event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 16 November.

RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

Please forward this invitation to any whom you think may be interested in attending.

CAH Darlington
Commander, Royal Canadian Navy (retired)
Vice-President, RUSI(NS)

“Last Post” Presents Challenges for Buglers

Jeff Gaye. *Article originally published in the November 14, 2017, issue of the 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, newspaper The Courier*



The focal point of a Remembrance Day ceremony is the two minutes’ silence in honour of those who have died. A bugler sounds “Last Post” to signal the beginning of the silence and “Rouse” to signal its end. For trumpet players, “Last Post” is not especially difficult, at least technically. But its importance, and the conditions under which it is often played, can bring special challenges. Warrant Officer Bruno Godere, of the Canadian Armed Forces Central Band, is an accomplished trumpet player. He has performed extremely difficult music as a soloist and an ensemble player in concert settings around the world. He approached his musical responsibilities at this year’s national Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa with all the attention he would devote to a concert performance. “Whether it’s November 11 in Ottawa, or a smaller gathering at a veteran’s funeral,

‘Last Post’ is always important,” he says. “I begin preparing days in advance. I always practise it to make sure I have it in my mind when it’s time to play.”

Todd Farrell, a civilian volunteer with the 4 Wing Band in Cold Lake, Alberta, says the emotion of the situation presents special challenges. “The hardest ones have been playing at friends’ funerals, or for vets that I have known personally,” he says. Even at a funeral for a stranger, the trumpeter is not immune from the emotion in the room, and that can affect their playing. “It’s a wind instrument,” Mr Farrell says, “so if you’re choking up in any way, that gets broadcast through the horn.” But, he says, the emotional factor can also make for a more meaningful performance. “You have to respect tradition, but the way it’s written allows the player some licence. I’ve been at services where a good ‘Last Post’ had everyone in tears. It’s extraordinarily powerful.” Warrant Officer Godere agrees. He says players will interpret the call differently, but “you have to approach it with sombre humility. It is for all the vets and for their fallen comrades. I try to put some sensitivity into it. Some drama and intensity. It tells a story by itself.”

Playing outdoors in the cold adds to the challenge. The cold air can affect the instrument’s pitch, the moisture in the player’s breath can condense and even freeze in the horn, and the player’s facial muscles can stiffen up. Mr Farrell and Warrant Officer Godere say players have techniques to mitigate the cold, but it remains a trumpet player’s worst enemy. “November 11 had extra pressure because of the VIPs in attendance, the large crowds, the TV cameras, etc.,” Warrant Officer Godere says. “But it was more stressful because of the cold.” “Last Post” was one of many bugle calls soldiers of old had to recognize in camp. Its original purpose was to signal that the duty officer had completed his evening inspection of the camp, and that silent hours had begun. “Rouse” was sounded in the morning to wake the soldiers up. While it has no direct religious significance, the ceremonial sequence of “Last Post” – silence – “Rouse” has parallels to Christian teachings of life, death and resurrection. This complements the Remembrance liturgy

used in British and Commonwealth countries' armed forces. All trumpet players in every military band can expect to play "Last Post" at some time in their careers. While it doesn't require virtuoso talent to play it, it can be hard to play it well and Warrant Officer Godere says no matter the occasion, it's important to play it well. "No 'Last Post' deserves more or less attention than any other," he says.

Guns from Sorel

MacLeans Magazine **August 1, 1941**



*Workmen constructing 25-pounder guns in Sorel, 1941.
Photo by Nicholas Morant. National Film Board of
Canada / National Archives of Canada, PA-174507.*

On July 1, 1941 there was an exciting celebration at Sorel, PQ. A trainload of special guests and the entire population of the city joined in the dedication of the first 25-pounder field gun built in Canada. A surprise was sprung when five other finished guns whizzed out, to join in a six-gun salvo. Back in the spring of 1939, Joseph and Edouard Simard, two French-Canadian contractors, got the idea that a war was coming and decided they ought to do something about it. They heard that the British Government was thinking of placing an order for 100 guns in Canada. They had never built guns, had no gun plant, no gun technicians but they saw no reason why Sorel couldn't build guns. Off they went to London and in due course they returned with Britain's order to make guns.

On August 16, 1939, Sorel Industries Limited, a Simard company, started to build a gun plant from the grass roots up. No gun experts were available in Britain or the United States, so the Simards enlisted the aid of technicians from France's Schneider-Creusot. By April 1940, machines were turning in the plant's first units. In June France collapsed and soon after the French technicians went home. Then the Canadian Government stepped in and enlisted the aid of The Chrysler Corporation of Canada. The Chrysler company, supplied its most expert executives and technical men, assumed the responsibility of getting the plant into operation. Chrysler men actually on the job were put on the Sorel Industries' payroll but the Chrysler company itself received no remuneration.

Today (1941) a brand-new plant which covers fourteen acres is turning out field guns in quantity. It is the only plant in North America which produces guns and carriages complete, less instruments, from scrap iron to the finished weapon. More than three quarters of the working force is French Canadian. The plant is now owned jointly by the Dominion Government and the Simard interests and is managed by Chrysler without fee. All of which is an example of what can be accomplished when French-Canadian enterprise is joined to the technical skill of English speaking Canada. Sorel has turned out to be a bright chapter in our war effort.

Canada Names New Veterans' Watchdog

Nishika Jardine, a retired colonel, named as Canada's new Veterans Ombudsman on Remembrance Day. *Murray Brewster · CBC News · Nov 11, 2020*



Nishika Jardine has been appointed as the country's new veterans' ombudsperson. She served 37 years in the Canadian military before retiring in May 2019. (MacFarlane Photography)

Canada's new top veterans advocate is a woman. Nishika Jardine, a retired colonel who spent 37 years in the military, was quietly named to the post of Veterans Ombudsman Wednesday by the Liberal government. She replaces Craig Dalton, who abruptly resigned the position, earlier this year. Veterans Minister Lawrence MacAulay made the announcement in a written statement following the conclusion of Remembrance Day commemoration events. He said the "core responsibility of the Veterans Ombudsperson is to review complaints and issues related to programs and services delivered by Veterans Affairs Canada and to uphold the Veterans Bill of Rights." Jardine, whose background was with the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), will have her work cut out for her. The veterans' department, despite a massive infusion of cash, is facing an enormous backlog of disability claims, which it has struggled to tame. She also arrives at a time of increasing unrest among former soldiers, sailors and aircrew, some of whom have taken to suing the federal government over its failure to deliver services — or communicate clearly about the programs and services on offer.

Her predecessor, in an interview with CBC News in the summer of 2019, said he believed the mandate of the veterans' ombudsman should be reviewed. Dalton said, after talking to many veterans' advocates and ordinary vets, he'd come to the conclusion that the watchdog's office had lost the trust of some former soldiers and their families. He recommended an independent review that would look at, among other things, whether the ombudsman should report directly to Parliament rather than to the veterans' minister. MacAuley said, at the time, he would consider it, but nothing ever transpired. Jardine retired from the military in May 2019 and joins a growing line of women appointed by the Liberal government to head major institutions.

US Soldiers are About to Get a Brand-New Infantry Assault Buggy

The US Army's new infantry assault buggy will be based on the Chevy Colorado
Jared Keller Task & Purpose Oct 27, 2020

The US Army has been on the hunt for a lightweight battlewagon to ferry infantry squads around the battlefield since 2018. Now, soldiers are finally getting their hands on the service's new infantry assault vehicle of choice. The Army has officially accepted its first batch of Infantry

Squad Vehicles (ISV) — billed as "a light and agile all-terrain troop carrier" designed to carry an infantry squad of nine fully-equipped soldiers — from defense contractor GM Defense, the company announced on Tuesday. Light enough to be sling-loaded from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and compact enough to fit inside a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, the 5,000-pound ISV is based on the Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 midsize truck and fabricated from 90 percent "proven commercial-off-the-shelf parts," according to the company.



*The Infantry Squad Vehicle
(GM Defense)*

GM Defense, a subsidiary of the legendary General Motors, was awarded a \$214.3 million contract in June to manufacture 649 ISVs for the service and, in time, support the production of up to 2,065 vehicles over eight years with additional

authorization. The Army had previously selected GM Defense, an Oshkosh Defense-Flyer Defense team, and a SAIC-Polaris team to develop two prototypes for the ISV program with \$1 million contract awards apiece in the summer of 2018, National Defense magazine reports, with GM Defense. "One hundred and twenty days from contract award to delivery is a significant milestone, and I am very proud of the team for this accomplishment," said GM Defense president David Albritton in a statement. "We're leveraging General Motors' engineering prowess and immense manufacturing capabilities to bring transformative solutions to the military vehicle market," he added. "Our initial success with the ISV shows our commitment to our customer and highlights our unique right to win in the military mobility market." It's unclear which soldiers will be the first to get their hands on the Army's brand new battlewagon, but one thing is certain: if it took soldiers just four days to total a brand new Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, then the ISV is in for a beating of a lifetime.

*GM Defense's submission for the Army's
new Infantry Assault Buggy
(GM Defense photo)*



An arm of General Motors was given a \$214.3 million contract to build the US Army's new Infantry Squad Vehicle, officials announced on Saturday. The US Army Contracting Command—Detroit Arsenal announced the contract going to GM Defense LLC, a subsidiary of General Motors, for the all-terrain troop carrier. GM Defense said the vehicle is equipped to carry a nine-soldier infantry squad throughout

the battlefield, light enough to be loaded from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, and compact enough to fit inside a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The vehicle is based on the 2020 Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 midsize truck and leverages 90 percent commercial off-the-shelf parts. The parts include the Multimatic dual spool-valve dampers and Chevrolet Performance suspension components, according to a news release from GM Defense. “Winning this Army award is well-deserved recognition for the hard work and dedication of our GM Defense team and their production of a fantastic vehicle. We are confident the GMD ISV will meet and exceed all of our customers’ requirements,” said David Albritton, president of GM Defense. “It’s indeed an honor to leverage our parent company’s experience as one of the world’s largest automotive manufacturers to design, build and deliver the best technologies available to the men and women of the US Armed Forces and our allies.” The contract is for 649 vehicles. The Army acquisition objective is 2,065 vehicles, GM Defense said.

Farewell George Chow (1921-2020)

From JBC website| November 12, 2020



A great friend of the Juno Beach Centre left us November 6, 2020... It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Warrant Officer 2nd Class (Ret'd) George Chow, 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, 2nd Canadian Infantry Division. The Juno Beach Centre sends its sincere condolences to his children, family, friends, and the Chinese-Canadian military community. George, who turned 99 on November 5, 2020, was one of approximately 600 Chinese Canadians who served in the Second World War. In 2014, Chow he was awarded the rank of Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour by the French government and was subsequently presented the Medal of Legion of Honour by Consul General Jean-Christophe Fleury of the Consulate General of France.

Read George Chow's letter to his Dutch friends marking the recent 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands:-
<https://www.junobeach.org/from-juno-to-victory-messages-to-the-netherlands-from-canadian-veterans/>

We captured his story in our Legacy of Honour video series, and his testimonial is included among those on Air Canada's in-flight entertainment service this November and December 2020. We are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to capture and share George's story before his passing. George was one of seven Legacy of Honour veterans at Veterans Affairs Canada's March 2019 remembrance



campaign launch for the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. He was also one of 40 veterans present at Juno Beach for the official Canadian ceremony on June 6th 2019. After George's passing, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said in a statement: "his service and legacy has been recognized through numerous war medals, Canadian Forces decorations and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. These awards cannot measure the lasting impact George's service will have on generations of young Canadians. We have lost a trailblazer who broke barriers and showed young children what service, duty and love for one's country is. You may be gone my friend, but you will never be forgotten."



George shortly after completing his Gunnery Training

There are a couple of Yorke Island vets still alive, but George was the last of the WW2 veterans to have served with 15th Field Artillery Regiment after the war. Farewell, George. We will remember.

George Chow (L), Agnes Keegan (C) and Bill Cameron (R) salute while singing the national anthem during the departure ceremony for a pair of combat boots traveling across Canada by train to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. It's the same train trip Chow took over 75 years ago, when he was only 18. (Darryl Dyck/Canadian Press)



George Chow attends the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings at the Juno Beach Centre in June 2019.

George Chow, accompanied by Edmund Wu tours the JBC on June 6, 2019.



Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Remembrance Day 2020 – It was certainly different than any in our history. Check out the salute at Stanley Park. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/remembrance-day-2020>

Gibson's Legion 2020 - Have you run across a former Gunner at a local legion? At a coffeeshop? Snap a photo, write a small story and send it in to your editor. Other Gunners want to know what's happened to their former Gun detachments!

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20207026456>

Vancouver 1943 – The availability of beer was a concern to the local populace due to all the soldiers that were stationed in Vancouver <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1943.html>

Driver Alfred Calder Bell has been added to our list of fallen.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/the-fallen-driver-alfred-calder-bell>

Behind the scenes, we've been adding additional names to our nominal roll. The list is currently at 5,129 names. They will not be forgotten.

VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour.

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?



Last Week: The **Blohm & Voss BV 141** was a World War II German tactical reconnaissance aircraft. It is notable for its uncommon structural asymmetry. Although the Blohm & Voss BV 141 performed well, it was never ordered into full-scale production, for reasons that included the unavailability of the preferred engine and competition from another tactical reconnaissance aircraft, the Focke-Wulf FW189.

This Week: War can bring out the best and the worst in human nature. It can also be far more complex than at first assumed. Were all our service personnel heroes and paragons of military might, and were all the enemy evil slaves of oppression? What of your uncle who deserted and hid in a cave near Spuzzum for most of the war? Or, what of others who found themselves in positions where the choice was between collaboration or a bullet in the back of the head? Yesterday's allies can become tomorrow's collaborators, depending upon who wins. All of the above brings us to church parades, something about which memories range from fondness to whatever the opposite feeling is. Pictured is a kindly-looking cleric who seems to be reviewing

a parade of armed Shriners. He might be waving at someone he recognizes from his congregation. Or it could be an assemblage of fans of the 11th Doctor Who, played by Matt Smith (who often



said, “Fezzes are cool!”). However, I fear there is something far more sinister at play here, but which turns out to be a bit complicated, and resulted in some of the men on parade being on our side.

And that, dear readers, brings us to this week’s quiz questions. Who is the cleric? What is the notorious unit? And why were some of its members awarded for services to the French Republic? All is not as it seems. Send your responses to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Bless you.

From the ‘Punitary’

What did the watermelon say to the cantaloupe? You're one in a melon

Murphy’s Other Laws

The real objective of a committee is not to reach a decision, but to avoid it.

Quotable Quotes

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.
Albert Einstein

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all** – especially those who attended our Wednesday lunches.

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

<https://zoom.us/j/710845848>

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile,



desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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Use the link above on your computer Zoom program or dial in on your phone 778 907 2071 Meeting ID: 710 845 848

Invite 2 friends! We have room for 100! See you on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice.



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1-3 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 18 November 2020
via Zoom (register through RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com)



NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND and UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography

TODD C “Charley” DAVIS

United States Air Force Civilian



Mr Davis is the Chief, NORAD Campaign and Arctic Branch in the Campaign Planning and Initiatives Division of the J5 Strategy, Policy and Plans Directorate, Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM).

Charley and his wife Julie reside in Monument, Colorado. They are very proud of their four children and four grandchildren. Specializing as the lead for NORAD Campaigns and analyst for the Arctic region, he assists in the development of NORAD strategy, policy, plans and requirements for the safeguarding of the United States and Canada through aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning. For USNORTHCOM, he develops strategy and plans for homeland defense, support to civil authorities, and security cooperation with Canada, Mexico and The Bahamas. Prior to this position, Mr Davis retired from the United States Navy in September of 2012 as a CAPTAIN, completing 32 years of naval service. His last assignment was the United States Fleet Forces Command Senior Naval Liaison Officer to Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States

Northern Command from 2008 to 2012.

During this tour he also served as a NORAD/USNORTHCOM Deputy Command Center Director and Emergency Attack Assessor. He began his military career in the United States Navy as a Naval ROTC Midshipman at the University of Washington in 1979, was commissioned an Ensign and entered active duty in June, 1983, and was designated a Naval Aviator upon completion of flight training in May, 1985. Captain Davis has numerous operational tours to include: service in the Western Pacific and SEVENTH Fleet as an SH-3 “Sea King” helicopter pilot aboard the USS Midway (CV-41); a tour in Pensacola, Florida as a fixed-wing flight instructor in the T-34C aircraft; assignment to VQ1 in Agana, Guam as an EP-3 “ARIES” Electronic Warfare Aircraft and Mission Commander, flying reconnaissance missions throughout the Western Pacific and Middle East; a tour as Operations Officer and EP-3 pilot in VQ2 in Rota, Spain, flying missions in the Mediterranean Sea and the Balkans; a joint assignment as a strike planner and Chief, Reconnaissance Plans at United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; a tour and full deployment with Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) as Force Protection Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff for

Information Operations (N6), and service as the Deputy Director and Director, Manpower and Personnel Directorate (J1), North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Captain Davis also served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District New York, the largest and most diverse recruiting district in the nation, covering New York City, Long Island and northern New Jersey. During his career, Captain Davis has flown over 3,500 hours, with over 1,800 hours as an aircraft and mission commander. He holds a Master of Science degree in Organizational Administration from Central Michigan University, is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Canadian Securities Studies Programme at the Canadian Forces College, and is currently an Adjunct Professor in Homeland Security at Colorado State University. In addition, he is a proven subspecialist in Intelligence, and holds the Army's skill identifier for Space Operations, and is an FAA certified civilian flight instructor.

Lieutenant-Colonel S.C. Burke, CD



Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Burke was born in Halifax, NS, and attended Dalhousie University, receiving a degree in mathematics. In 2002 he joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an artillery officer. Lieutenant-Colonel Burke has served in both 1 and 2 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Shilo, MB, and Petawawa, ON. His time included a deployment to Afghanistan as an artillery Forward Observation Officer. Lieutenant-Colonel Burke's service highlights have also included three years in the Associate Deputy Minister (Material) group, involved in the procurement of a new combat vehicle, and significant time at Canadian Joint Operations Command working in the continental plans division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burke was posted to Joint Task Force North headquarters in Yellowknife, NT, as Director of Operations in 2020. Lieutenant-Colonel Burke's military training and education include completion of the Army Technical Staff Program in 2009 and graduation from the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2016.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burke is married and has a teenage daughter. He enjoys reading military history and outdoor activities with his family.

Virtual Remembrance Run in Support of the JBC

August 9 - November 28, 2020



Members of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps participate in a one-mile race as part of a wider I Canadian Corps sports meet in the United Kingdom, 1943 (Canadian Army Newsreel No. 12).



The Juno Beach Centre Association is partnering with VR Pro (<https://www.vrpro.ca/events/Home.html>) for our first Remembrance Run fundraiser! This is a virtual running (or walking) event for participants of all ages.

Registration is available on the Running Room website.
<https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/17167/>

DISTANCES

Click on a logo to register for that distance.



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/applications/?raceId=17167&eventId=50553&vrindex=3>



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/applications/?raceId=17167&eventId=50554&vrindex=3>



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/applications/?raceId=17167&eventId=50554&vrindex=3>

Scroll down to learn about the significance of these distances.

RACE DETAILS

Register now for one of three virtual race distances and receive a race kit including this beautiful, oversized, commemorative medal (pictured below) along with a Juno Beach collector coin, race bib, an imprinted neck gaitor, a Remembrance Day Poppy, and a beautifully printed Juno Beach

D-Day souvenir map, and more! Then, run or walk your event distance of choice anytime between September 1 and November 28, 2020. \$10 from each entry will go to support the Juno Beach Centre honouring those brave men and the sacrifices they made. (Click any one of the race event logos above or the registration button below to register.) Applicants can set up a fundraising page through your Running Room account, after you have registered for the Run.



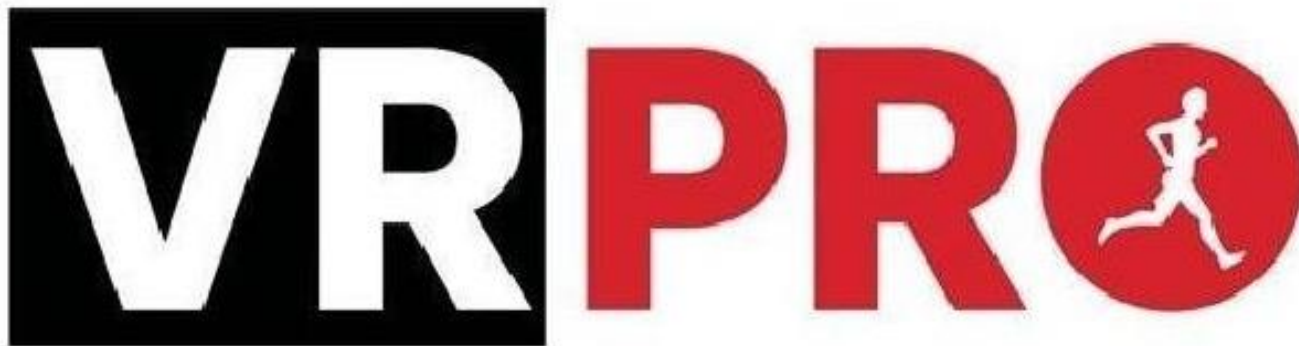
All you need to do is go to the Fundraising tab (at the top of the registration page) and select Raise Funds to set up your fundraising page. Each participant will receive a unique Remembrance Day / Juno Beach commemorative medal. The design features the image of a Landing Craft,

Assault (LCA) manned by Royal Canadian Navy sailors on D-Day approaching Juno Beach with a load of troops. The medal's ribbon is inspired by the France & Germany Star, the campaign medal received by those who landed at Juno Beach and/or served in France, Belgium, Holland, or Germany between D-Day (6 June 1944) and Victory in Europe or V-E Day (8 May 1945).

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REMEMBRANCE RUN DISTANCES EXPLAINED

What is the “Strongpoint 1500m”?

Juno Beach (Normandy, France) was well fortified. Mines, barbed wire, and beach obstacles to Allied tanks and landing craft littered the sands. German machine guns, mortars, and artillery, often positioned in concrete bunkers, overlooked the likely Allied landing areas. Strongpoints in the German-held towns of Courseulles-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer, and Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer dominated the beaches. Courseulles was the most heavily defended area attacked by British and Canadian forces on D-Day. The strongpoints at Courseulles and nearby Graye-sur-Mer contained a dozen concrete machine-gun posts covering a total of six artillery pieces overlooking the beach. Today, the Juno Beach Centre stands on the same ground as *Stützpunkt (Strongpoint) 31*, located on Mike Red Sector of Juno Beach. This shorter distance event (1500m) is for ideal children, older participants, and anyone else who does not want to run or walk the 8k or 21k distances. It is named for the strongpoint and 1500 metre stretch of beach overcome by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the 1st Hussars (6th Canadian Armoured Regiment), and the 6th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers on D-Day.

What is the significance of the “Juno Beach 8K”?

D-Day, June 6, 1944, was among the greatest moments of the 20th century. The landings started the battle to liberate France from Nazi Germany. The Canadians stormed an 8-kilometre stretch of sand featuring coastal villages fortified into German strongholds. Code-named JUNO, some 14,000 Canadian soldiers with hometowns from coast to coast landed here. A further 7,000 British

troops joined them. When you run this fall, you are running in remembrance of every Canadian or Allied soldier who landed at Juno Beach.

Why is it named the “Remembrance 21.1K”?

The total number of troops landed on Juno Beach on D-Day was approximately 21,000. We offer a half-marathon (which is 21.1 kilometres long), in honour of those troops.



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/17167/>

Local entrants who enter any of these events – please send me your ‘Donation’ links and I will put them in this newsletter. – Ed.

Fellow Gunners

I am running/walking a half-marathon to raise money for the Juno Beach Centre. A half-marathon is approximately 21 kilometres and I am running/walking this distance in honour of all 21,000 Allied troops who landed on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. You can support the Juno Beach Centre by pledging in support of me or by registering for this Remembrance Run fundraiser.

To donate and help us achieve our fundraising goal, please go to my fundraising home page at this link:

<https://www.runningroom.com/dashboard/giving/?raceId=17167&eventId=50555&memberId=UDVXZA9pWzoAa1dgUWA%3D>

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