



**Vancouver Artillery
Association News**



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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 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 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 30** - Conference sponsored by the Canadian International Council Vancouver Branch
- BCR 'Taste of Greece' Lunch
- Mar 31** - Blair Rifle Range Plaque unveiling
- Apr 01** - SHC 100th Vimy Memorial Dinner
- Apr 09** - Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Battle - Vancouver
- Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Battle - New Westminster
- Apr 11** - Battle of Vimy Ridge talk by Keith Maxwell
- May 06** - NOABC Battle of the Atlantic Dinner

World War 2 - 1942

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

Mar 22nd: The Italian fleet intercepts Vian's Malta convoy with the Battleship Littorio, two heavy cruisers, a light cruiser and eight destroyers, yet Vian's grossly outmatched escort beats them off.

Mar 23rd: Vian's success notwithstanding, heavy air attacks to the Malta convoy means that only three merchant ships and 5,000 tons of cargo make it the besieged island.

Mar 24th: Alexander and Chang Gaishek meet to discuss joint command in Burma, while a new Japanese attack near Toungoo leaves the Allies with less to command. The Americans on Bataan are hit after the Japanese were reinforced with more air and artillery.

Mar 25th: German shellfire ignites a blaze aboard the Soviet corvette SK-0121 during the siege of Sevastopol; a Soviet sailor Ian Golubets waves off help as he rolls anti-submarine charges off the burning vessel, saving many lives although the last one explodes on him. He is posthumously made a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Mar 27th: What's left of Chennault's gallant flying mercenaries and the RAF in Burma are evacuated to India. Admiral Somerville arrives in Ceylon to command the British Far East Fleet and General Blamey is home in Australia to command Allied land forces there. German Abwehr and Sicherheitsdienst officers in the Netherlands have reason to be pleased; over the last year they have learned enough about SOE/Resistance communications to be able to convince London that their ersatz traffic is all genuine. With tonight's SOE parachute drop in their hands, they will manage to intercept almost all supply and agent deliveries until late 1943. The USS Atik is torpedoed off Virginia and sinks with all hands, ending the US Navy's flirtation with Q-Ships [heavily armed merchant ships that run alone to entice and sink submarines].

Mar 28th: The British commando raid on St. Nazaire ensures -- at some cost -- that the French port cannot accommodate the Tirpitz; the port had the only dry-dock in Western France that could hold the ship. The key component of the attack is the use of the elderly destroyer HMS Cambeltown as a giant floating bomb against the dry-dock gates. Five men were awarded the Victoria Cross for their deeds this night, but only one of these awards was initiated by a German recommendation. Sergeant Thomas Frank Durrant of No 1 Commando fought the German destroyer Jaguar with his Lewis light machine-gun from a motor launch, refusing two demands for his surrender; he sustained 16 wounds but kept firing until his launch was boarded. He died the next day of his injuries, but the Jaguar's commander Kaptänleutnant FK Paul of the Kriegsmarine and the officers of his ship asked (via Switzerland) that this brave foe receive a posthumous Victoria Cross as his conduct had attracted the admiration of the entire ship.

Vimy Ridge Memorial Cross Restored to Full Fettle for Seaforths

Kent Spencer March 16, 2017

As the 100th anniversary of Canada's victory at Vimy Ridge approaches, the Seaforth Highlanders regiment is doing its bit to preserve a rare memorial cross that was first erected on the site of its bloody battle to take the high ground. The wooden cross is three-metres high and was put up as a memorial on the Ersatz Crater where 206 Seaforths were killed, wounded or went missing on April 9, 1917. For years, the cross was little seen at Seaforth headquarters on Burrard Street in Vancouver, a forgotten relic from a forgotten time, worn out, rickety and tucked away in a closet. But, in recent years, people like museum director Rod Hoffmeister - son of Second World War Major Gen Bert Hoffmeister - have realized the cross is one of the most valuable artifacts the regiment possesses. "For years, it was kind of ignored around the armoury. We never appreciated it for what it was - a significant artifact in our regimental history," he said. It has been restored to full fettle by a Surrey firm that specializes in art conservation, and was presented to the Seaforths in a ceremony at their parade ground

Thursday. “The cross is back in its real place. It’s where it should have been all along,” said Hoffmeister.



Seaforth’s cross is shown in 1917 after it was erected on Vimy Ridge near the site of their battle at Ersatz Crater. Of the 262 men who stormed the high ground April 9, 206 were casualties by day’s end.

Credit: Seaforth Highlanders/PNG

Vimy Ridge was the first time that a four-division body of Canadian troops fought together on the Western Front in the First World War; the action was part of a larger Allied offensive. It was a huge victory following a bloody stalemate. “In those few minutes,” said Canadian Brig Gen. AE

Ross of Vimy, “I witnessed the birth of a nation.” In the four-day struggle, 3,598 Canadians died and another 7,004 were wounded, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia. Casualties were horrific among the 262 Seaforths who charged the hill. Afterwards, the survivors of several Canadian formations put together memorial crosses to mark the occasion and remember their comrades. Material was cobbled together from ammunition crates, bits of wood and even a French newspaper. Names of the fallen were inscribed in black and for several years the cross served as a sentinel on the fields of northern France. The Seaforths’ is one of the few such Canadian crosses to have survived.

Art conservator Tara Fraser painstakingly works on consolidating the white paint at the base of the Seaforth’s cross from Vimy Ridge. Inscriptions list the names of the men who died storming the high ground on April 9, 1917. Credit: Fraser Spafford Ricci Art Conservation / PNG



Surrey art conservator Sarah Spafford-Ricci, who spent five months making sure the paint and boards will last for a long time, said it was probably the most important artifact she’s ever worked on. “We were overwhelmed by what it represents, and it’s 100 years later,” she said. “It’s so sad. A lot of these men were probably

boys 19 years old — the same age as my son. It’s not just pieces of wood. Nothing has ever been so sentimental, historical and important.” The aim was to preserve history, not add lustre. “The Seaforths did not want the cross to look new,” she said.

The process involved consolidating the white paint so it won’t vanish, replacing busted nails and bolstering the structure internally. “We made it stronger and straighter. It’s definitely more healthy because we removed some mould and dead insects,” she said. Through a technique called raking — shining light from the side — she discovered that some of the names of the deceased were covered over when a coat of white paint was added over the original varnish in the 1920s. One mystery presented itself when three bullet holes were discovered on the base and the shells found lodged in the wood. Inspection showed it to be .22-calibre ammunition, nothing like the type that was used in northern France. The experts’ best guess is that vandals took pot shots when the cross was on display for a time at the Mountain View cemetery. The bullets were left inside, because she said, they too are part of the cross’s history.

See video at <http://vancouver.sun.com/news/national/vimy-ridge-memorial-cross-restored-to-full-fettle-for-seaforths>

Government of Canada Increases Financial Support for Veterans

Additional lump sum payment for all Veterans with a disability award.

March 16, 2017 – Ottawa – Veterans Affairs Canada

The Government of Canada is delivering on its commitment to ensure that Veterans and their families are treated with care, compassion and respect. Increasing the financial security of disabled Veterans, is the first foundational step in supporting mental health and well-being. The Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence announced today that, all Veterans with a Disability Award from Veterans Affairs Canada will receive an additional, tax-free, lump sum payment. As announced in Budget 2016, the maximum Disability Award is increasing from \$314,723.89 to \$360,000. This measure comes into effect on April 1, 2017. Intended to recognize the non-economic impacts of a service-related injury or illness such as pain and suffering, the Disability Award is provided on a scale according to the level of disability and is in addition to income support benefits. For those who have already received a Disability Award, no application is necessary to receive the additional lump sum payment. Veterans who received a Disability Award and are getting monthly program benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada, as well as those who received a Disability Award payment within the last two years will automatically get a letter explaining the amount of their additional lump sum payment by mid-April. Any Veterans who received a Disability Award more than two years ago and who are not currently receiving monthly program benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada are encouraged to contact the Department immediately to confirm their address and banking information.

If Veterans would like to manage their information online and receive communication regarding their Disability Award increase along with other benefits and services, they can register for My VAC Account at www.veterans.gc.ca/myVACaccount. Veterans, through this on-line service, will be able to provide information, if required, to expedite the additional lump sum payment. VAC will reimburse eligible Veterans for financial advice on how to manage or invest

the money. Budget 2016 also provided funding for Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) Earnings Loss Benefit (ELB) to increase from 75% to 90% of a Veteran's indexed military salary. This benefit provides financial security by offering income support to Veterans while they are participating in VAC's Rehabilitation Program or until they reach age 65, whichever comes first. In addition, the enhanced benefit is fully protected against inflation. This means that the existing cap of 2% was removed to keep pace with inflation.

Japan Plans to Send Largest Warship to South China Sea

By Tim Kelly and Nobuhiro Kubo | Tokyo Mar 14, 2017

Japan plans to dispatch its largest warship on a three-month tour through the South China Sea beginning in May, three sources said, in its biggest show of naval force in the region since World War Two. China claims almost all the disputed waters and its growing military presence has fuelled concern in Japan and the West, with the United States holding regular air and naval patrols to ensure freedom of navigation. The Izumo helicopter carrier, commissioned only two years ago, will make stops in Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka before joining the Malabar joint naval exercise with Indian and US naval vessels in the Indian Ocean in July. It will return to Japan in August, the sources said. "The aim is to test the capability of the Izumo by sending it out on an extended mission," said one of the sources who have knowledge of the plan. "It will train with the U.S. Navy in the South China Sea," he added, asking not to be identified because he is not authorized to talk to the media. A spokesman for Japan's Maritime Self Defence Force declined to comment.



A helicopter lands on the Izumo, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force's (JMSDF) helicopter carrier, at JMSDF Yokosuka base in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, Japan, December 6, 2016.

REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon/File Photo

Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei also claim parts of the sea which has rich fishing grounds, oil and gas deposits and through which around \$5 trillion of global sea-borne trade passes each year. Japan does not have any claim to the waters, but has a separate maritime dispute with China in the East China Sea. Japan wants to invite Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has pushed ties with China in recent months as he has criticised the old alliance with the US, to visit the Izumo when it visits Subic Bay, about 100 km (62 miles) west of Manila, another of the sources said. Asked during a news conference about his view on the warship visit, Duterte said, without elaborating, "I have invited all of them." He added: "It is

international passage, the South China Sea is not our territory, but it is part of our entitlement." On whether he would visit the warship at Subic Bay, Duterte said: "If I have time."

Japan's flag-flying operation comes as the US under President Donald Trump appears to be taking a tougher line with China. Washington has criticized China's construction of man-made islands and a build-up of military facilities that it worries could be used to restrict free movement. In January Beijing said it had "irrefutable" sovereignty over the disputed islands after the White House vowed to defend "international territories". The 249 metre-long (816.93 ft) Izumo is as large as Japan's World War Two-era carriers and can operate up to nine helicopters. It resembles the amphibious assault carriers used by US Marines, but lacks their well deck for launching landing craft and other vessels. In recent years, Japan, particularly under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, has been stretching the limits of its post-war, pacifist constitution. It has designated the Izumo as a destroyer because the constitution forbids the acquisition of offensive weapons. The vessel, nonetheless, allows Japan to project military power well beyond its territory. Based in Yokosuka, near to Tokyo, which is also home to the US Seventh Fleet's carrier, the Ronald Reagan, the Izumo's primary mission is anti-submarine warfare.

HMCS Athabaskan Paid Off After 44 Years of Dedicated Service

March 10, 2017 – Halifax, NS – Department of National Defence / Royal Canadian Navy



Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Athabaskan was paid off during a ceremony at HMC Dockyard in Halifax today. HMCS Athabaskan, the last of the four Iroquois-class Area Air Defence destroyers, served the Royal Canadian Navy with distinction for more than 44 years. Today's ceremony concludes a significant chapter in RCN history. The Iroquois Class was a made-in-Canada solution to the defence

and security challenges of the Cold War and post-Cold war era of the late 20th Century. They introduced state-of-the-art Canadian sonar technology to undersea surveillance and perfected the combat operations of two large maritime helicopters from each of their flight decks.

HMCS Athabaskan, an area air defence destroyer, served on a number of domestic and expeditionary operations, protecting Canada's sovereignty in the North Atlantic Ocean. She was designed and built for operations in the stormy North Atlantic as a helicopter-carrying, anti-submarine warfare destroyer, enforcing Canadian laws in its territorial waters. She was built in Québec and was the third RCN ship to carry the name. She was commissioned on September 30, 1972, and was, at the time, the most modern anti-submarine warship in Canada.

In 1991-94, *HMCS Athabaskan* underwent a major conversion and was entirely modified to become an anti-air warship. This transformed the warship into a modern area air defence platform with state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, and command and control systems.

Under the auspices of the National Shipbuilding Strategy, the RCN is in the midst of one of the most comprehensive periods of fleet modernization and renewal in its modern history. Despite the retirement of the Iroquois Class and its long-range air defence capability, the modernized Halifax-class Canadian Patrol Frigates, Kingston-class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels, and Victoria-class submarines are the bridge to the future fleet. These platforms will sustain the essential role of the RCN in the defence of our country and protection of sovereignty on three oceans. Moreover, the RCN will continue to provide the Government of Canada globally deployable maritime force options that serve the national interest in defence, security, and capacity building in foreign states and humanitarian aid. It is with great anticipation that the navy awaits the first of the DeWolf-class Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships and a leased solution from industry for the provision of an underway replenishment ship to support the long distance deployments of a navy widely recognized for its global reach and effect. It is the Canadian Surface Combatant, however, that will return the navy to its full potential, just as the Tribal-class destroyers did during their remarkable era of service from 1970 to 2017.

When a ship reaches the end of its commission, it is “paid off”, a term that dates from the days when sailors were literally paid the wages owing them as they went ashore. The Ensign and the Captain’s pennant were hauled down and the ship was usually placed in reserve. Today, the ship’s company gave a last cheer to the ship and marched off for the final time, followed by the Commanding Officer being piped ashore as the commissioning pennant, Jack, and Ensign were hauled down and the port flag hoisted. A fitting tribute to a warship and its sailors who served with distinction.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

No updates this week. Leon is on the road and not always able to get on line. Last I heard he was in Big Pine Key, Florida.

He is always looking for more stories and pictures! Have you got a story that you might wish to share? Some additional photographs? Contact Leon Jensen at LeonJ1@hotmail.com

Who Is It

Last Week: This is a mechanical device for loaders to practice loading drills for Duplex (or Twin) 6-pounder 10-cwt Coast Defence guns. This is probably the one that belonged to 102nd Coast and we think the picture was taken in their hangar at Jericho. Maximum rate of fire was 35 rds per minute per gun, so loading the guns was like a ballet and took much practise. Fort Rodd Hill has one of these mountings and a video showing the guns being loaded by one man with assistants feeding him cartridges from each side.



This Week: This wonderfully evocative photo comes from another archive. The information supplied with it is quite sparse, to say the least. As one can see, it is of an artillery unit, pulling its guns down an urban street. Which urban area it is can be left up to you. Should you, dear eagle-eyed reader, recognize the scene, let us know.



Additionally, aside from the horses and the uniforms, there is a strong visual hint as to when the photo was taken, or at least, before what year it could have been snapped. Look carefully. It's actually quite an obvious hint. Finally, having identified the city, and the approximate date, can you tell us what unit this photo shows? We are all too young to have seen this sight. Answers can be sent either to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Thanks for your help.

From the 'Punitary'

Where do cavemen store their weapons? In the clubhouse.

Murphy's Other Laws

Whenever you lose contact with the enemy, look behind you.

Quotable Quotes

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
Elenore Roosevelt



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia
Founded 1919

MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday March 29th 2017

Officers Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC.

1130 am bar open
1200 noon lunch
1 pm-2pm speaker
3 course hot lunch
\$20 per person

Dress – Business attire or blazers slacks tie etc

This month's topic is:

*Pacific Northwest LNG Project: Port Development and
Shipping Safety*

by

Captain David Kyle MM, MBA

RSVP for lunch numbers please to dreese@telus.net
by Sunday March 26th 2017.

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)

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.

[Register Here](#)

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 works on the academic, diplomatic and business community levels on global issues. ExpoPlaza Latina (EPL) is a platform connecting organizations in order to explore business opportunities. A program developed by the council that offers a series of events with educational and networking opportunities.

How to Attend

 604.566.0999

 EPL@latincouver.ca

 ExpoPlazaLatina.ca

March Lunch Taste of Greece



Hosted by:
*The British Columbia
Regiment
Officers' Mess*

Coordinated by:
*The BC Regiment
(DCO) Association*



Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017

Time: 11:45 am - 1:30 pm
(bar opens at 11:45am)
(lunch starts at 12:25pm)

Location: Officers' Mess - The BC Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

Dress: Business Attire (jacket & tie, ladies similar)

Price: \$30/person (\$5 discount for those that confirm
attendance by March 20, 2017)

RSVP: For more information or to register, please e-mail Charlotte
Yen at corporate@hplaw.ca
(Please advise of any dietary needs with your RSVP)

Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door
Cheques are payable to: The BC Regiment (DCO) Association
No cancellations after Monday, March 27, 2017

NEXT PLANNED LUNCH: April 27, 2017

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

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:

100th Annual Vimy Memorial Service and Seaforth Reunion Dinner

Saturday, 1st 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

For general inquiries, please contact
Email: shocvimy2017@gmail.com



Commemorate the 100th 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



You and your family
are invited to attend

The Royal Westminster Regiment Battalion Parade

commemorating

The 100th Anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge

at

Queen's Park Stadium
New Westminster, British Columbia

on

Sunday April 9 2017

Guests to be seated by 2:00 pm

Reviewing Officer:

The Honourable Judith Guichon
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

GENERAL ADMISSION SEATING

THIS IS A FREE PUBLIC EVENT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED - FREE PARKING - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dress: Military: Patrol/Service Dress No. 1A with Medals Civilian: Business Suit/Blazer and tie with Medals

Arrive early to enjoy the pre-parade performance by The Royal Westminster Regiment Band.
Following the parade, meet members and friends, view military displays and visit the Regimental Museum at
The Armoury, 530 Queens Avenue, New Westminster. No Host Bar.



Winston Churchill Society of BC

Evening with Churchill

100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

2017 is the 100th 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 11th 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.



Churchill Society of British Columbia
PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:

100th 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 **100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge**.



To note the 100th 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, 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

Email: aprilaccola@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: Churchill Society of BC c/o 3550 Westmount Crt, West Vancouver BC V7V 3H1



The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia
Founded 1919

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

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

We shall commemorate the 72nd anniversary of

The Battle of the Atlantic

on

Saturday, May 6th 2017

1830 for 1930

HMCS DISCOVERY

Commodore Jeffery Zwick, OMM, CD

Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific

Guest of Honour

*The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia*

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

RSVP before Tuesday, April 25th 2017

by using the attached reservation form.