



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Jan 22, 2019

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 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 need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. The Mess serves a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others and friends. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

- Jan 26** 78th Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner
- Jan 29** Roddy MacKenzie 'Bomber Command' presentation at Churchill Society
- Feb 1-3** Yorke Island event
- Feb 02** 15 Fd 99th Birthday Social
Yorke Island visit
JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper
- Mar 01** 15 Fd & 78th FH Scotch tasting

RUSI Speaker Series for 2019

The RUSI Speaker Series will continue in the new year. The first series of lectures took place this past fall on Wednesday's from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We thank the Commanding Officer of 15Fd RCA and the Officers' Mess for their cooperation. The next series will again be held in the Mess from February through April 2019. Timing will remain the same while dates, topics and speakers will be announced early in the new year. Check www.rusivancouver.ca for this

information and other events and activities that are being considered by RUSI Vancouver for 2019 for which members will be invited to be involved and encouraged to attend.

Interested in giving a presentation at one of these events? Contact Cam Cathcart:
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World War 2 – 1944

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

Jan 23rd: Lucas is a bit slow in exploiting matters at Anzio, but Kesselring calms Hitler's fears about a withdrawal, but asks for eight more divisions – which are promptly on the way. Meanwhile, the Germans activate alarm units and assemble four division sized groups, create 14th Army and move to seal off Anzio. Australian troops on New Guinea capture Maukiryo.

Essential Reading: Another of the fine entries from Stackpole Books is the account of German Heavy Anti-tank Unit 653; a regiment that trundled around in some of the heaviest and most cumbersome anti-tank platforms ever deployed in battle. Copiously illustrated and full of recollections, diary extracts and correspondence, the reader gets a very good view of what it was like to fight in Ferdinands, Elephants, and Jagdtigers. One of the campaigns the unit was involved in was at Anzio and the defence of Rome. The author, Karlheinz Munch, first undertook the book as a hobbyist with a fascination for the heavy vehicles and the book was originally published in German for Fedorowicz Publishing.

Jan 24th: 1st and 2nd Ukrainian Armies begin an operation designed to encircle a battered Panzer Corps at Korsun-Sevchenovsky. Slow progress is made in expanding Anzio, and the Rapido River is crossed yet again by US 34th Division near the village of Cairo above Cassino. Private George Allan Mitchell of the 1st Battalion of the London Scottish posthumously wins the Victoria Cross for his actions in a night assault on German positions on Damiano Ridge in Italy. All the officers and most of the NCOs in his company were down, so Pte Mitchell personally leads a number of his fellows in a series of assaults on entrenched German positions, personally killing and wounding many of the enemy.

Jan 25th: Determined Soviet attacks press home at Korsun and at Karasnogvardeisk near Leningrad. Attacks on the Gustav Line continue – making no progress. The Australians reach the top of Shaggy Ridge, overlooking the Ramu valley of New Guinea.

Jan 26th: The French alone are making progress around the Gustav Line around Monte Santa Croce and Colle Belvedere. With another major air attack on Rabaul, the Japanese base is quickly becoming impotent, its harbor is largely empty of ships and hardly any intact aircraft remain on its airfields.

Jan 27th: The Siege of Leningrad is declared to be over as the Moscow-Leningrad rail line is now open once more. It has been 879 days since the first German artillery shell thundered into the outskirts of the city. US 34th Infantry takes Monte Maiola and Cairo, just north of Monte Cassino. Marines on New Britain capture Natamo near Cape Gloucester. Liberia declares war on Germany and Japan. The Western Allies file protests with Japan over the treatment of their POWs.

Jan 28th: Manstein assembles a force out of 8th and 1st Panzer Armies in order to relieve the Korsun pocket. Major General Adelbert Schulz, who had two weeks earlier been decorated with the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds, is killed in the turret of his tank while leading the 7th Panzer Division. He has been with 7th Panzer Division since 1940. Four of the Division's commanders (including Erwin Rommel) received the Knights Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds during the war.

Jan 29th: American aircraft hit six islands in the Marshal Chain. Eight German divisions have hemmed in the landing at Anzio, and the Luftwaffe is busy off shore – sinking a cruiser and transport. US 34th Division continues to grind into the Gustav Line. Hitler slots in Model to shore up Army Group North.

Russia Begins Testing of 'Poseidon' Underwater Nuclear Drone

Russia has started underwater trials of its mysterious Poseidon underwater nuclear drone, sources say, an state-of-the-art weapon that Russian President Vladimir Putin says is invincible. PressTV Dec 26, 2018

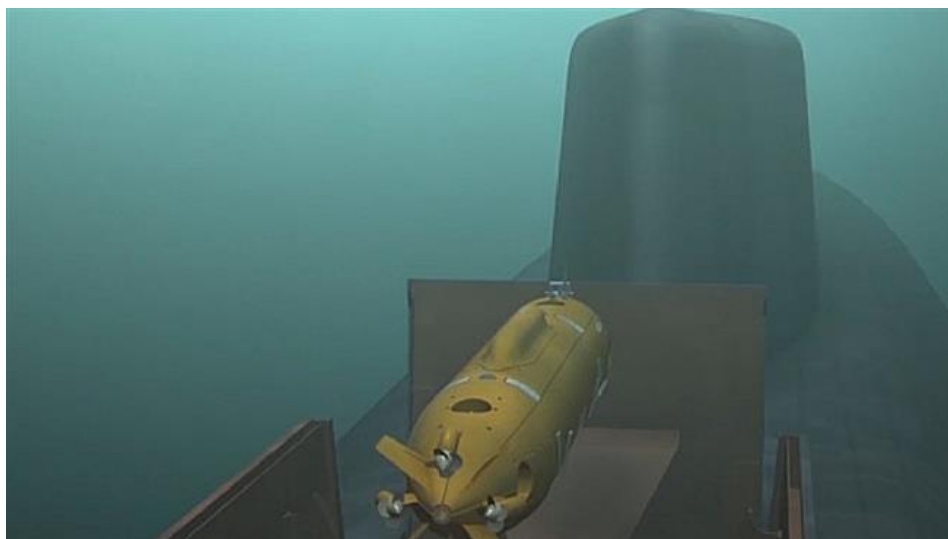


This undated photo by the Russian Defense Ministry shows a 'Poseidon' underwater nuclear drone with an engineer whose face is blurred out alongside the strategic weapon's propellers.

Testing of the strategic weapon's nuclear propulsion system was underway in an undisclosed location under Russia's territorial waters, a source in the Russian military industry told state news agency

TASS on Tuesday. "In the sea area protected from a potential enemy's reconnaissance means, the underwater trials of the nuclear propulsion unit of the Poseidon drone are underway," the source added. The reactor installed in the hull of the nuclear-tipped was undergoing experimental test and more work needed to be done before full-fledged sea trials at this stage, the source noted. Designed to be launched from submarines, a Russian Navy nuclear-powered submarine moved the drone around for the purposes of the test, the source added. The drone is included in Russia's state armament program for 2018-2027 and the Poseidon is expected to enter service before the program ends, the source added.

Putin unveiled the Poseidon, previously known as the Status-6 Oceanic Multipurpose System, in his state-of-the-nation address to the Russian parliament in March, saying it had rendered the NATO military alliance's US-made missile defenses "useless." Back then, Putin said the program sought to develop a nuclear-powered unmanned underwater vehicle that could destroy enemy infrastructural facilities, aircraft carrier groups and other targets using both conventional and nuclear warheads. According to earlier reports by TASS, the Poseidon could carry nuclear warhead with a yield of up to 2 megatonnes, enough to wipe out naval bases and other coastal military facilities. Russia is planning to modernize its strategic and conventional weapons in reaction to US President Donald Trump's threats to withdraw from the Soviet-era Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, which bans the two sides from developing land-based missile systems ranging from 310 to 3,400 miles.



*A graphic illustration of a Poseidon on board a Russian nuclear submarine.
(Russian Defense Ministry photo)*

Moscow has also accused the Trump administration of ignoring offers to renew the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which was signed in 2010. The Trump administration has acknowledged the existence of the Poseidon in its Nuclear Posture Review, a report that calls for development of smaller tactical nuclear weapons as a deterrence against Russia's growing influence.

Russian Military Increasingly Consists of Seriously Undermanned Units

Paul Goble Jan 2019



Moscow has dramatically increased the number of divisions and brigades in its Armed Forces even as it has reduced the total size of its uniformed personnel. The result, independent Russian military analyst Aleksandr Golts says, is the return of the "paper divisions" that were characteristic of the last years of the Soviet Union (Openmedia.io, December 20, 2018). In such Soviet units, officers

were in place but not the enlisted men who would have the experience and unit cohesion to make the military an effective fighting force. Now, Golts continues, the situation is even worse because junior officers will be forced to work *de facto* as non-coms (non-commissioned officers) and soldiers will not have the opportunity to master increasingly high-tech weapons systems.

By the end of 2019, Moscow will have formed 40 new brigades and divisions while cutting the size of its military. Thereby, the kind of “paper divisions” that plagued the authorities in the past—units that sound impressive but in fact are hollow shells incapable of performing their tasks—are being created yet again, the analyst says. The reason this is happening, the military observer argues, is that Russia has entered a new cold war against the United States, whose military budget is almost 20 times the size of Russia’s. As a result, Moscow has no possibility of responding except by creating these “paper” units.

At the end-of-the-year meeting of the defense ministry collegium, a session that Vladimir Putin attended as the supreme commander, Russian efforts looked impressive: the military announced it had formed ten new brigades and divisions this year and plans to form another 11 in 2019, bringing the total of new units created since 2014 to about 40 ([Mil.ru](#), December 18, 2018). But despite the formation of these new units, Golts points out, the size of the Russian Armed Forces “not only has not grown but is declining.” Since 2015, the number of professional soldiers has not increased; and the size of the draft quota in 2018 compared to the previous year was smaller by 14,000 men ([Openmedia.io](#), December 20, 2018).

Like in Soviet times, these new units are being staffed by officers. “Such regiments and divisions formed 80 percent of the Russian army before the [former defense minister Anatoly] Serdyukov reforms; and they were absolutely incapable of performing their mission,” as anyone could see from the Chechen wars and the military conflict with Georgia. Despite that failed past, “now ‘paper divisions’ evidently are returning. And with them low military preparedness,” Golts continues.

But that is hardly the only problem that the December meeting called attention to. Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu spoke about having met all his plans for rearming the military. But a comparison of his promises from a year ago with what he is saying now shows that this has not happened. “In 2018,” Golts says, “the forces were supposed to receive 203 planes and helicopters.” In fact, they obtained 126. Long-range aviation was supposed to acquire six new planes; it received five. The navy was supposed to gain 35 new ships; it took possession of only 25. Promised refits were delayed. And so, “in the best case,” the Russian military fulfilled only about 70 percent of its goals.

These shortcomings are probably why Putin and Shoigu are holding such high-level meetings so frequently: they cannot count on the system to meet its goals and so are moving to take direct

hands-on control of the situation. But they, too, appear to be under some illusions about what is possible given budgets. And they still regularly talk about developing “miracle” weapons.

Golts points out that “the leader of the state is not required to know everything, but someone has told him some obvious nonsense.” The Kremlin leader appears to think that the United States wants out of the short- and intermediate-range missile restrictions—imposed by the bilateral Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty—because of cruise missiles on ships and planes. However, that simply is not true. Rather, the US is concerned about Russia’s land-based 9M729 Novator system. Moscow has put more of them into operation because it is “much cheaper” to install land-based rather than air- or sea-based ones ([Openmedia.io](https://openmedia.io), December 20, 2018). Putin’s remarks about the INF during last month’s defense ministry collegium represent a confirmation of US charges rather than a refutation ([TASS](https://tass.com), December 18, 2018).

This meeting of the defense ministry collegium was clearly intended to give Russians “the certainty that their security is under reliable protection. I fear,” Golts concludes, that “for an attentive reader, the effect produced is just the opposite” ([Openmedia.io](https://openmedia.io), December 20, 2018).

All that said, one should not conclude that the creation of these new and under-equipped paper divisions will make the Russian military wholly ineffective—particularly not against forces of some of Russia’s smaller neighboring countries. But it is important to underscore that those who take Russian propaganda about its military buildup at face value are deceiving themselves—which is exactly what the Kremlin hopes for. The new hollowness of the Russian Armed Forces should encourage observers in the West to similarly question the hollowness of other Moscow claims, instead of falling into the trap that Putin and Shoigu have laid for them.

The CAF Announces New Operational Dress Regulations

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has announced new operational dress regulations for trade and formation badges on the Canadian Disruptive Pattern (CADPAT) uniforms. A CANFORGEN (Canadian Forces General Order) from the Canadian Army Dress and Ceremonial Committee was released this week detailing that all CAF who wear Canadian Army Operational Dress will be permitted to wear badges or patches indicating their units or formations, and skills/qualification badges. The new dress instructions supersede a directive issued in 1986. "Recognizing that the Canadian Army Op Dress is worn by many as the dress of the day, the Army has developed a plan to increase the wear of formation and speciality skill badges on this uniform," stated the CANFORGEN. "These new badging initiatives are intended to increase pride in formation and trade skills/qualifications."

Speciality skill/ Army master occupational badges will be available at CANEX stores and may be worn immediately. They become available based on initial scale of issue of one badge per member. Only badges supplied by the CAF supply system or procured commercially at

CANEX may be worn on the operational dress. Authorized badges shall be worn on the Hook and Loop version of the operational dress as follows:

- the Canada flag on the top left shoulder;
- the Division patches on the top right shoulder, along with the brigade badge;
- on the bottom left arm under the Canada flag, members may wear their authorized speciality skill badges (highly visible) as long as they possess the qualification.

The 5A order of dress, which is the full fighting order, may be worn by all ranks in the Canadian Army while they are engaged in operations or training, however, the division patch and brigade badge will not be worn in this dress configuration.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Regimental Centennial glassware is now on sale! Check out what's available on this page.
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/quartermaster-stores.html>

Here's some more recent updates on the website:

2011 Remembrance Day <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/remembrance-2011.html>

2010 Yakima Live Fire Ex <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yakima-exercise.html>

2008 Remembrance Day <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/remembrance-day-2008.html>

2002 Regimental Wedding <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2002.html>

1998 Police Memorial Day salute <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/police-memorial-1998.html>

1987 Soldiers Christmas Dinner <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1987.html>

1985 Ft Lewis Ex <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/ft-lewis-1985.html>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at
president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Who Is It



Last Week: We are not sure exactly where this picture was taken, although popular opinion believes it was taken at the same San Diego parade as seen in the quiz a few editions back featuring a small tracked vehicle. It shows USMC personnel in an unknown pre-WW2 vehicle with Browning M1921 .50 caliber machine guns on anti-aircraft tripods in the back.

This Week: Our military theme continues this week with a tip of the hat to those brave enough to ride two-wheeled vehicles. As is well-known, to do so risks serious injury or worse. If the good Lord had meant us to ride such contraptions, He would never have given us SUVs. Nonetheless, many a soldier, including my dad, rode these vehicles in both world wars, and survived to tell the tale (often at great length during very long mess dinner, to a captive audience). One can easily see that the rider of this week's quiz motor is a comely lass, possibly not a member of either the CWACs, or of the 1st Russian Women's Battalion of Death, fielded by Kerensky's Provisional Government in 1917. As an aside, I'm not sure what the attraction of joining such a pessimistically-named unit would be, but, then again, I'm not a Russian revolutionary (or, so I say).



So, dear comrades, can you tell us something about the motorcycle our friend is riding? Who used it, where, and when? As a bonus, do you know the connection that the rider has to the 15th Field Regiment, RCA? If you have answers to any of these queries, then send them to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Ride on!

From the 'Punitary'

What do you call someone who keeps talking when no one is interested? A teacher!

Murphy's Other Laws

It works better if you plug it in.

Quotable Quotes

Champions keep practising until they get it right. *Billie Jean King*

Dues 2019

As of Jan 1, memberships dues are payable for 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess Associate Members, Vancouver Artillery Association and the Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society. Details below.

Dues for the **Vancouver Artillery Association** are \$25 payable to the Vancouver Artillery Association. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, Vancouver Artillery Association
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for **RUSI Vancouver** are \$50 (\$25 for students), payable to RUSI Vancouver. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

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Dues for **15 Fd Officers' Mess Associate Members** are \$60, payable to 15 RCA Officers Mess. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

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Yorke Island Visit Feb 2019



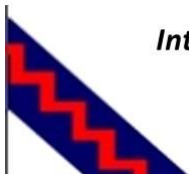
BC Parks Sayward Public Presentation 1 - 3 February 2019

Friday, February 1st (10am – 2pm): Yorke Island field visits, familiarization tour.

Friday, February 1st (6pm – 9pm): Open House and evening presentations from the Heritage Branch, Vancouver Artillery Association, etc.

Saturday, February 2nd (1pm – 4pm): Planning Open House, lunch for volunteers and partner discussions. Display poster/tables, e.g. Campbell River Museum, etc.

Sunday, February 3rd (9am – 3pm): Alternate date for Yorke Island field visits.



Interested? Send an email to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com for details





BC Parks, West Coast Region
Hənłəmdʔi Məkola/Yorke Island Conservancy

February 1st to 3rd, 2019, BC Parks will be hosting community outreach activities in Sayward to present the WWII Heritage Values and develop direction for the Future Management of Hənłəmdʔi Məkola/Yorke Island Conservancy.

Friday, February 1st (9am – 3pm):	Potential Yorke Island Field Visits	Limited space available. Contact BC Parks, David Jack Cell: 250-230-1172 David.Jack@gov.bc.ca
Friday, February 1st (6pm – 9pm):	Heritage Presentations from the Heritage Branch of the Province of BC, the Vancouver Artillery Association, and more	Sayward Heritage Hall (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)
Saturday, February 2nd (10am – 1pm):	BC Parks Conservancy Management Planning - Public outreach at the Sayward Indoor Market	Sayward Heritage Hall (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)
Saturday, February 2nd (2pm – 4pm):	BC Parks Conservancy Management Planning - Public and stakeholder discussions	Sayward Heritage Hall (1257 Sayward Road, Sayward)

For further information please contact:

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78 Fraser Highlanders Garrison Burns Supper



Fort Fraser Garrison



I request the company of our Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

Garrison Burns Supper
to be held in
The Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury,
15th Field Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, 26 January 2019
1800hrs for 1900hrs

Dress: Scarlets, Highland Evening wear, Black Tie or Business Attire
Tariff: \$78 per Person

RSVP to jobarb@shaw.ca or 604-522-5766
ASAP! (before 19 January)

Places will be allocated on the sequence (date & time) of RSVP emails received
at jobarb@shaw.ca

Members have priority, but please RSVP soonest as this event is
usually oversubscribed.

Looking forward to seeing you there

James Barrett, Maj.
Officer Commanding



Churchill Society of British Columbia
PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:

Bomber Command and Winston Churchill
Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Please join us on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 when we welcome special guest speaker Roddy MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie's topic for the evening will be *Bomber Command and Winston Churchill*.



Bomber Command and Winston Churchill is a powerful story which needs to be shared.

Roddy MacKenzie previously spoke to your Society about the relationship between Churchill and Queen Elizabeth II. Now, he's tackling the complex relationship between Churchill and Bomber Command (for which his Dad flew multiple missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

It is grimly noted that one in four of all Canadians who died fighting in WWII were killed in Bomber Command operations.

Winston Churchill was its driving force and inspiration, and what these magnificent aircrew contributed to Allied Victory cannot be overestimated. And yet, even today, Churchill's relationship with Bomber Command is either seriously misunderstood or virtually unknown.

Roddy MacKenzie was born and raised in Calgary. He was educated at the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia, and became the municipal lawyer for municipalities throughout BC. He's a Queen's Scout, with memberships in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Naval Officers Associations, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, the Royal Commonwealth Society, and our Society. He has Life Memberships in Clan MacKenzie and the Monarchist League of Canada. He was awarded the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Roddy is married to Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin, and has four children.

- Date:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Location: The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.
Time: Wine & Cheese starts at 5:00 pm, Program from 5:50 – 7:00 pm
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 redeemable 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, by mailing the attached form, or by going online at www.winstonchurchillbc.org.

I look forward to seeing you on January 29. Please feel free to send this notice to any interested parties.

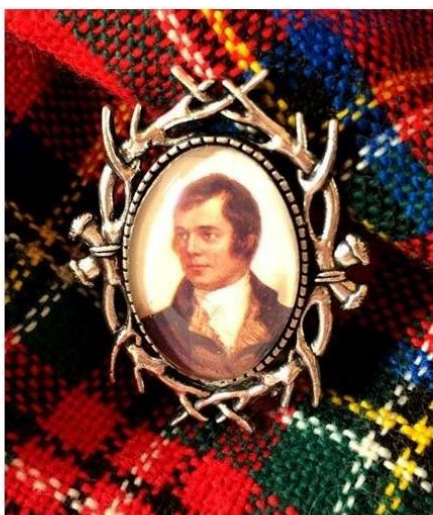
Ian E. Marshall, Secretary
Churchill Society of British Columbia

JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper

J. P. Fell Pipe Band 25th Anniversary Robbie Burns Supper

February 2, 2019

Proudly Associated with 6 Engineer Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers



Tariff: \$60.00 per person
Time: 5:30pm for 6:30pm Dinner
*Location: J.P. Fell Armoury
1513 Forbes Ave, North Vancouver*
*Dress: Mess Dress or Semi-formal
No Minors
Cash only bar*
Website: jpfellpipeband.org
Tickets: events@jpfellpipeband.org

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Saturday, 2nd February 2019

Cocktails: 18:30 for 19:00 hrs

LIVE MUSIC and DJ

To be held at

Bessborough Armoury

2025 West 11th Avenue

Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 3 Jan 19
Capt Dempsey GM,
Email: george.dempsey@forces.gc.ca
Telephone: 604-666-4370

Dress: Casual
Tickets: \$10 single
\$15 couple

15 Fd and 78th Fraser's Highlanders Scotch Tasting

THE ANNUAL 2019 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA & The 78th Fraser's Highlanders Fund Raiser and Scotch Tasting Night

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78th Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend our annual fund raising and whisky tasting event at the historic Bessborough Armoury. There will be food, draw prizes, and music. There will be whisky!

For the Full 'Whisky Fleet', Tickets are **\$55.00** per person by Credit Card, Cheque, or by exact change, otherwise your \$60 in bills will be gratefully accepted towards our good cause. Bernard Rowe, who will be relieving you of your burden of carrying cash will meet you at the front door and will be most appreciative. For those who are driving, or prefer the options from the No-Host bar, you pay a meager **\$25.00**.

Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet! Bring guests!

Dress is business casual. Kilts and highland dress, of course, are most welcome.

DATE: Friday – March 1st, 2019

TIME: 1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

LOCATION: 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7

**DO NOT MISS OUT!
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:**

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All profits raised by the 15th Field Regimental Society and the 78th Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison will go towards supporting the 15 Field Centennial Projects next year in 2020.

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations upon request.

Remembering the Battle of Moreuil Wood

You're invited to join RUSI Vancouver member Bob Mackay to remember the Battle of Moreuil Wood at a presentation being held at Railway Club in Vancouver on Wednesday, January 23rd at 3:00 pm.

On March 30th, 1918, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) engaged the German army at Moreuil Wood in one of the last great cavalry charges in war. It became known as Flowerdew's Charge.

The 100th anniversary last year in France was attended by members of today's Lord Strathcona's Horse and captured by a video. Bob Mackay was also there and next Wednesday, January 23rd will show both the video and his own PowerPoint presentation.

The charge is described in Bob's book "Soldier of the Horse" - the story of his father Tom Mackay, who was Lt Gordon Flowerdew's troop sergeant. Flowerdew was killed in the battle and later awarded the VC.

The Railway Club is on the 2nd floor of 579 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver. There is no dress code, a no-host bar and everyone is welcome.