



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Apr 23, 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.

- Apr 27** 15th Fd Senior NCO's Mixed Dining In
- May 02** BCIT Military Employment Fair
- May 04** NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner
- May 08** RUSI Vancouver AGM - 1300hrs Bessborough Armoury
- May 11** Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Cloverdale
2019 Army Gala
- May 17** Fort Rodd Hill Ceremony
- May 22** Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker
- May 26** Artillery Day - 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Mess Dinner
- Jun 08** 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review

World War 2 – 1944

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

Apr 24th: Things continue to go well at Hollandia and Australian troops (marching from the Huon Peninsula) join in the campaign.

Apr 26th: The British Home Fleet sends six carriers to bag Tirpitz but thanks to fog have to settle for a small consolation prize of three merchant ships off Norway. Australian and

American troops continue to make good progress at Hollandia. Sergeant Norman Cyril Jackson had completed a full tour of 30 missions but volunteered to go out one last time with his old crew on their last mission – taking their Lancaster in a night raid on Schweinfurt. The bomber is shot up by a night fighter and the fuel tank on the starboard wing is on fire. Jackson (already wounded) straps on his chute and crawls out on to the wing with a fire extinguisher in hand; taking burns from the flaming tank and two bullets in the leg when the nightfighter makes another pass. He then falls 20,000 feet to earth with a partly burned and shot-up parachute. He survives his landing and later receives the Victoria Cross.

Apr 28th: Japanese resistance in the Hollandia landing materializes around Aitape. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, dies. A rehearsal for the invasion of France at Slapton Sands at Devon turns into a debacle with an accidental enemy presence as German E-Boats get in among LST landing craft carrying American troops and 946 American servicemen are killed. The disaster is kept secret until August 1944, but the hard lessons of the incident serve to significantly enhance the security of the D-Day landings.

Apr 29th: TF-58 destroys 93 Japanese aircraft at Truk for the loss of 35 of their own.

Apr 30th: The Japanese attacks at Imphail are running out of steam as their men run out of rations, and 14th Army's resistance has been quite robust – the battle is going the way Slim planned it. The commander of the 31st Japanese division at Kohima signals his commander that his unit is incapable of attacking; being members of the Imperial Japanese Army they are still quite prepared to engage in pointless defence to the end.

US Soldiers Are Testing This Bridge-Hauling Armored Vehicle

To get heavy stuff to the fight quicker *Army Times* *Todd South*



Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division move to assault an objective with a Joint Assault Bridge at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

(Spc. Dana Clarke/Army)

Soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas recently ran the new Joint Assault Bridge through operational testing, figuring out what works and what doesn't

before the vehicle is fielded to deploying units. The JAB system is a track-wheeled vehicle that carries and launches a “scissor” bridge, which allows Army mobility augmentation companies alongside armored brigade combat teams to cross over gaps on the battlefield. The JAB will replace a couple of older bridging systems – the Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge and the

Wolverine. Both the Army and Marine Corps will field the system to replace legacy bridging platforms. The older systems can't quite handle the heavier M1 Abrams tanks and Bradley vehicles over time.

The 60-foot long bridge with an estimated three-minute set-up time is expected to improve deployment time. The AVLB takes six minutes to set up, the Wolverine takes three to five, according to officials. The JAB began production in 2016 by Leonardo DRS to replace existing the M60 and AVLB, used extensively in the 2003 Iraq invasion. It's an M1A1 Abrams tank hull with a "hydraulic bridger launch system," according to Leonardo. Engineers from Alpha and Bravo Company, 40th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division will use the JAB vehicle in a realistic tactical scenario, according to an Army release. "We are also collecting data on the reliability, availability, and maintainability of the JAB vehicle, so that we can identify any issues causing malfunctions of hardware failure now, rather than after fielding of the equipment," said Heidi Watts, chief of the Army Operational Test Command's Maneuver Support Test Division. The testing plans began about a year ago, Watts said. Planning so far out ensures the test includes exercises composed of both day and night JAB operations, which equates to providing the most realistic missions and threats," she said in the release. The system is expected to enter "low-rate initial production" this year and, following testing results could begin fielding as soon as next year.

Dutch F16 Makes Emergency Landing After Plane Shoots Itself

JD Simkins Military Times April 2019



An F-16 pilot with the Royal Netherlands Air Force had to make an emergency landing at Leeuwarden Air Base after the US-made plane shot itself with its own rotary cannon. (Robin Utrecht/AFP)

A Dutch F-16 fighter jet flying a training exercise over the

Netherlands scored a direct hit — on itself — when the pilot fired the aircraft's 20mm rotary cannon. Sometimes, even inanimate objects will do anything to get out of training. The Royal Netherlands Air Force pilot was able to make an emergency landing at Leeuwarden Air Base after the plane suffered "considerable damage," according to a report from Dutch state media. At least one round ripped through the jet's exterior, the report said, while munition fragments were also found in the aircraft's engine. "This is a serious incident," Wim Bagerbos, inspector general at the Netherlands Department of Defense, told Dutch media. "We therefore want to fully investigate what happened and how we would be able to avoid this in future." US aviators, of late, have dealt with a boon of aircraft mishaps, most notably incidents involving mid-air oxygen system failures resulting in a spike of reported physiological episodes. But a

plane firing on itself, especially with its own autocannon, is almost unheard of — and impossible.

Thomas W Attridge Jr became the first pilot to do so in September 1956 when, flying as a test pilot for Grumman, the 33-year-old former Navy officer shot down his own F11F-1 Tiger, similar to the variant used by the Blue Angels during the 1960s. At an altitude of 20,000 feet, Attridge entered into a dive while firing the Tiger's 20mm rotary cannon. Continuing the dive all the way to 7,000 feet, Attridge exhausted the gun's ammunition before the plane was hit by what he presumed to be a bird strike. Before long, however, the engine began to fail, and his emergency return to the Grumman airstrip was cut short as he crashed through a thicket of trees just short of the runway. Attridge would survive the crash, with numerous broken bones, and go on to work on the Apollo Lunar Module. The investigation into his crash found that the rounds he fired during the rapid descent experienced enough drag to drastically slow their velocity. As the plane's acceleration increased, it managed to gain on its own rounds before miraculously connecting in mid-air. No definitive explanation for the Dutch F-16 mishap has been provided, but in any event, an American-made plane has made history once again. An investigation remains ongoing.

Two Soviet Nuclear Warheads Still on Arctic Seabed

30 years after Komsomolets disaster. *Thomas Nilsen* April 06, 2019



The "Komsomolets" was a one-of-a-kind Mike-class Soviet submarine sailing for the Northern Fleet.

41 crew members died when the submarine sank on April 7, 1989. Norwegian and Russian researchers will send down an ROV this summer to measure possible radioactive leakages from the wreck. The "Komsomolets" was

likely the most unique submarine ever built for the Soviet navy. With a hull of titanium, the sub could dive to 1,000 meters (3,280 feet), several hundred meters deeper than operational depth for other attack submarines. For the Kremlin, this particular submarine was a proud achievement. The sub was built in the 80s at a time when US President Ronald Reagan was talking Star Wars and how to intercept incoming Soviet missiles with laser from space and when the SOSUS system in the Norwegian Sea was successful in detecting and tracking noisy Soviet subs sailing out to the North Atlantic from its bases on the Kola Peninsula. With the K-278 - "Komosomolets" - Soviet submarine designers believed they had built a weapon diving deeper than SOSUS could detect, bringing a load of deadly plutonium warheads close to the

east coast of the United States without possibly being stopped. A sister vessel of “*Komsomolets*” was already under construction at the yard in Severodvinsk. It could have been a game-changer in the Cold War, giving the Soviet Union an advantage in nuclear deterrence. It all ended in catastrophe on April 7, 1989.



South of Bear Island
Google Map / Barents
Observer

In the morning of that day, sailing at a depth of 160 meters, the crew was looking forward to coming home and meeting their families at the base in Zapadnaya Litsa on the Barents Sea

coast of the Kola Peninsula. “*Komsomolets*” had then been out for week on a voyage testing the submarine’s deep diving capabilities. Like today, such diving tests take place in the waters where the Barents Sea meets the Norwegian Sea, where the depths go from 200 meters to several thousand meters. The waters west from North Cape in the south to the Bear Island in the north. Such diving tests can’t be done in Russia’s part of the Barents Sea because it’s so shallow. At 1103hrs the fire alarm onboard went off. The fire started in the seventh compartment in the rear of the submarine, behind the reactor-compartment. 11 minutes later the vessel surfaced. Attempts by the crew to extinguish the flames were futile. The fire caused several short circuits in the electrical system and the emergency systems to the single-nuclear reactor onboard were triggered, shutting down the reactor.

The submarine lost power and started to run out of compressed air. By 1700hrs buoyancy and stability were lost and the crew started to evacuate to life rafts of which there were too few. The life rafts that were lowered floated too far away for the crew to reach. Only one raft was is one rector with uranium fuel and other radioactive isotopes like Cesium-137 and Strontium-90. More worrying, two of the torpedoes in the forward part of the wreck are tipped with a plutonium warhead. “This is the only nuclear submarine wreck in Norwegian waters and radioactive leakages from the wreck are being measured.” says Inger Margrethe Eikermann, head of the Tromsø department of the Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority. available but was hardly afloat. At 1708hrs the submarine sank to the bottom. The men in the water were left hanging on to the raft. Not all managed the cold. One by one they disappeared.

At 1829hrs, the Soviet cargo ship “*Aleksandr Khloystsov*” came to the rescue. 25 freezing cold survivors were lifted out of the water from the half-floating raft. 41 of the crew died. The Mike-class program was cancelled; submarine number two was never completed. Today, the “*Komsomolets*” still rest on the seabed at a depth of 1,680 meters (5,512 feet) some 180 km south of the Bear Island. On board the wreck is one reactor with uranium fuel and other radioactive isotopes like Cesium-137 and Strontium-90. More worrying, two of the torpedoes in the forward part of the wreck are tipped with a plutonium warhead. “This is the only nuclear submarine wreck in Norwegian waters and radioactive leakages from the wreck are being measured.” says Inger Margrethe Eikemann, head of the Tromsø department of the Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority.



Inger Eikemann with the Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority's Tromsø section.

Photo: Thomas Nilsen

In the early 1990s and in 2007, Russian scientists detected small radioactive leakages at “*Komsomolets*”, including the isotope Cesium-137 from a pipe near the reactor compartment. Later Norwegian expeditions to the site have not measured any radioactivity, but unlike the Russian expeditions in the early 1990s which went down with a MIR mini-sub, the Norwegians have not been down deep with a submarine. This summer, a new expedition will try to find answers to worries about radiation leakages. In July, the research vessel “*GO Sars*” will sail north with the ROV “*Ægir 6000*”, a vessel equipped with both cameras and remote operated arms to take samples. The voyage to the wreck-site this summer will, in addition to the Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, be joined by Russian scientists from the Research and Production Association Typhoon and the Kurchatov-institute as well as the University of Bergen. Plutonium-239, used in warheads, has a half-life of 24,000 years.

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – 11 May 2019

Dear Canadian Veterans Association,

My name is Joon Sohn and I am from student-led organization Hold High the Torch at École Salish Secondary. We are hosting a **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday May 11, 2019, 11:00am - 2:00pm at École Salish Secondary (7278 184 St, Surrey, BC V4N 5V2).**

We want to honour our local veterans, active-duty military personnel and their spouses/caretakers by treating them to a complimentary lunch with great food, activities, prizes, and live entertainment provided by Pat Chessell. The Keynote Speaker will be The Honourable Yonah Martin, Senator from BC. It is a grateful opportunity for Surrey/Langley residents to

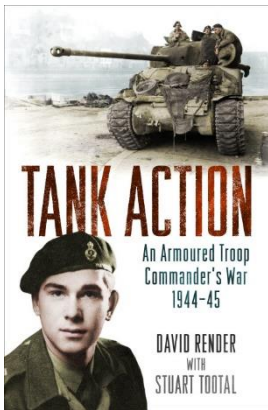
show our appreciation for those who served our nation and fought for our freedoms. Attached is an invite poster.

We are asking for your help to promote this event among our local veterans who are associated with your organization. We understand many of our older veterans aren't online, so if you could simply provide us the names and phone numbers of those who are interested in attending - that would be amazing. They are welcome to phone (778) 388-4746 as well. Online registrations may be done on EventBrite - cloverdaleveteransappreciationluncheon.eventbrite.ca.

Kind regards, Joon Sohn

New Book - Tank Action

A gripping account of the Second World War, from the perspective of a young tank commander. *David Render and Stuart Tootal*



In 1944, David Render was a nineteen-year-old second lieutenant fresh from Sandhurst when he was sent to France. Joining the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry five days after the D-Day landings, the combat-hardened men he was sent to command did not expect him to last long. However, in the following weeks of ferocious fighting in which more than 90 per cent of his fellow tank commanders became casualties, his ability to emerge unscathed from countless combat engagements earned him the nickname of the 'Inevitable Mr Render'.

In *Tank Action* Render tells his remarkable story, spanning every major episode of the last year of the Second World War from the invasion of Normandy to the fall of Germany. Ultimately it is a story of survival, comradeship and the ability to stand up and be counted as a leader in combat.

\$15.99 at Apple Books.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Still looking for ideas for Artillery Day, Sunday 26 May 2019.

Check out the new details for our Battlefield Tour for 2020. Sign up today if you're interested. France and Belgium with a dozen or two fellow gunners!

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/battlefield-tour-2020.html>

If you're a Veteran you've been invited to a Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday 11 May 2019. Check out the information here <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/veterans-appreciation-luncheon>

BC Heritage Awards to Vancouver Artillery Association!

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20191737081>

Don't forget to order your Regimental Centennial Glasses before they're all sold out!

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/quartermaster-stores.html>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at

president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The **M65 Atomic Cannon**, often called **Atomic Annie**, was a towed artillery piece built by the United States and capable of firing a nuclear device. It was developed in the early 1950s, at the beginning of the Cold War, and fielded by 1953 in Europe and Korea. Picatinny Arsenal was tasked to create a nuclear capable artillery piece in 1949. Robert Schwartz, the engineer who created the preliminary designs, essentially scaled up the 240mm shell (then the maximum in the arsenal) and used the German K5 railroad gun as a point of departure for the carriage. (The name "Atomic Annie" likely derives from the nickname "Anzio Annie" given to a German K5 gun which was employed against the American landings in Italy) The design was approved by the Pentagon, largely through the intervention of Samuel Feltman, Chief of the



Ballistics Section of the Ordnance Department's Research and Development Division. A three-year developmental effort was begun.

M65 Atomic cannon at the United States Army Ordnance Museum (Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD)

Picture taken by Mark Pellegrini, on June 12, 2007

The project proceeded quickly enough to produce a demonstration model to participate in Dwight Eisenhower's inaugural parade in January 1953.

The cannon was transported by two specially

designed tractors, both capable of independent steering in the manner of some extra-long fire engines. Each of the tractors was rated at 375 hp, and the somewhat awkward combination could achieve speeds of 35 miles an hour and negotiate right angle turns on 28 ft wide, paved or packed roads. The artillery piece could be unlimbered in 15 minutes and then returned to traveling configuration in 15 minutes more and had an effective range of 20 miles. On May 25, 1953 the Atomic Cannon was tested (codenamed Grable) at Nevada Test

Site (specifically Frenchman Flat) as part of the Upshot-Knothole series of nuclear tests. It resulted in the successful detonation of a 15 kt shell (warhead W9) at a range of 7 miles. This was the first and only nuclear shell to be fired from a cannon.

After the successful test, there were at least 20 of the cannons manufactured at Watervliet and Watertown Arsenals, at a cost of \$800,000 each. They were deployed overseas to Europe and Korea, often continuously shifted around to avoid being detected and targeted by opposing forces. Due to the size of the apparatus, their limited range, the development of nuclear shells compatible with existing artillery pieces (the W48 for the 155mm and the W33 for the 203mm), and the development of rocket and missile based nuclear artillery, the M65 was effectively

obsolete soon after it was deployed. However, it remained a prestige weapon and was not retired until 1963.



This Week: This week, we introduce Number One in our new series, “Stout Chaps of the Empire”. We look forward to featuring many of our famous soldiers in this series; General Sir Arthur Currie springs to mind, possibly even the editor, if he only gains more weight. In fact, one wag has suggested that most of his current regiment qualify for the first adjective. It is thus welcoming that the armed forces of our Dominion continue to reflect the population which they defend. Of course, the word “stout” has different meanings. As a person of racialized Irishness (to use current terminology), it is a noun, referring to a liquid much loved by my people. However, in the case of our subject in the portrait, it refers to one who is “strong, brave, resolute, courageous” (OED). Such was this man, as what he did could not lead to corpulence.

So, here he stands, proudly dressed in his uniform, and bewhiskered, as suits his time and place. Your task is to identify him. Please give

him a name (his real one; not “Arty McArtyface”). Tell us to what unit he belonged, and, as a bonus, what activity it was that ensured that, as long as he served, he did not gain weight that was not needed for the defence of the Dominion. Send your answers to our stout (brave) editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@outlook.com), or to the stout-loving author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Slainte!

From the ‘Punitary’

What can you hold in your right hand that you cannot hold in your left? Your left elbow.

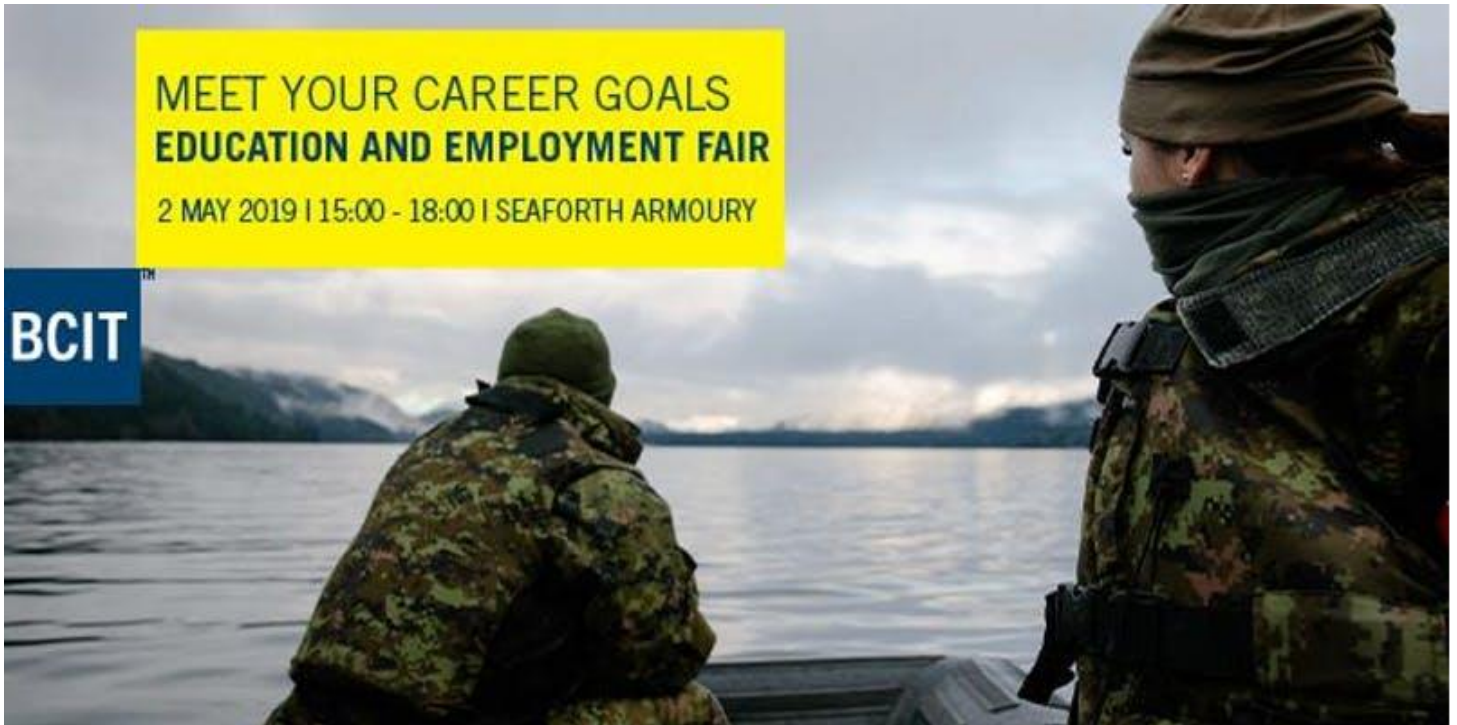
Murphy’s Other Laws

In crises that force people to choose among alternative courses of action, most people will choose the worst one possible.

Quotable Quotes

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible. -
Arthur C Clarke

BCIT Military Employment Fair



‘Support the Troops’ Offers and Discounts

Most of these require presentation of a military ID or CFOne card, see these websites: -

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/support-the-troops.html>

<https://cfappreciation.ca/everyday-discounts>

NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner



**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 74th anniversary of

The Battle of the Atlantic

on

Saturday May 4th 2019

1830 for 1930

HMCS DISCOVERY

1200 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver

Guest of Honour

Commodore Angus Topshee, OMM, MSM, CD

Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific

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

RSVP on or before Thursday April 24th 2018

by using the attached reservation form.

(Please note that there will be a \$12.00 surcharge per guest for each late registration after the April 24th cut off with roast beef as the meal)

**NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF BC
RESERVATION FOR THE BATTLE OF ATLANTIC MESS DINNER
Saturday, May 4th 2019 at HMCS DISCOVERY, 1200 Stanley Park Drive (1830 for 1930 hrs)**

Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____
 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Affiliation (i.e. military unit, civic organization): _____
 Contact Phone Number: _____ and E-mail: _____

Members/Guests:

Accompanied By:

Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.	First Name	Last Name	Meal Selection *	Rank/Rank(Ret'd)/Mr./Mrs./Ms.	First Name	Last Name	Meal Selection *

***Menu: Canadian Angus Prime Rib Eye of Beef OR Santa Fe Chicken Breast OR Wild Mushroom Stuffed Canneloni Vegetarian, wild mushrooms, avocado, tomato, onion and feta cheese with chili lime cream sauce. CHOOSE ONE PER GUEST**

1. Roast Beef 2. Chicken 3. Canneloni Vegetarian

- Meal tariff - \$85.00. Cheque Money Order (Bank Draft) or etransfer accepted. Many regrets but we cannot accept credit cards.
- Please make your Cheque, Bank Draft or Money Order payable to the Naval Officers' Association of BC.
- Etransfers to bluesalt@shaw.ca – code word is Horatio Nelson
- Please e-mail and/or deliver this form by regular mail and your cheque to the address below:

Mark Fletcher
 21-4630 Lochside Drive
 Victoria BC V8Y 2T1
 250-727-2642 (landline)

- If you mail this form and cheque and are unsure that it will arrive by Thursday, April 24th 2019, please advise Mark Fletcher ASAP

RUSI Vancouver 2019 AGM

NOTICE

of the

97th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE –VANCOUVER SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the

Royal United Services Institute – Vancouver Society (the “Society”) will be held at 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, on **Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 2019**, at 1300 hours, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and approve the report of the Directors of the Society and the financial statements of the Society for the period ended the 31st day of December, 2018.
2. To fix and determine the number of directors.
3. To elect directors for the ensuing year.
4. To fix and determine the annual membership dues.
5. To ratify, confirm and approve all acts, deed and things done by the proceedings of the directors and officers of the Society on its behalf since the last Annual General Meeting of the Society.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED at Burnaby, BC this 8th day of April, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Robert E Mugford

Secretary

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – 11 May 2019



HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

Cloverdale Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday May 11, 2019

11:00am - 2:00pm

École Salish Secondary

Honouring our veterans and active-duty military personnel
with a complimentary luncheon! Great activities, speakers
and live entertainment await. Register below:

CLOVERDALEVETERANSAPPRECIATIONLUNCHEON.EVENTBRITE.CA

2019 Army Gala

Imagine the euphoria of a post-war return to family and friends...

The Military Gala has celebrated this reunion and togetherness since 1946.

Initially conceived as a victory celebration by Army officers, the Gala has expanded to include the entire military family, friends and corporate supporters. Sparkling cocktails and a three course dinner lead to new surprises every year, but the traditions continue with the Grand March, historic toasts and live regimental music.

Want to know more? Dress in your best and come along—you're invited!



Saturday May 11, 2019



Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver

Doors at 1800h, Dinner at 1900h

Association/unit tables of 8 or 10 for \$1,475

For more information contact HCol Bill Diamond at Bill@39CER.ca

Single tickets \$155 at www.militarygala.ca

Advance purchase wine tokens \$26



Brought to you by 39 CBG

Invitation to Ft Rodd Hill event – 17 May 2019

Below is an invitation to an event at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites on May 17th, recognizing two Hometown Heroes from British Columbia, as well as a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Please extend this invitation to your members and their families.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Royal Canadian Navy Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, as well as nearly 500 young students from the area will be among those taking part in this ceremony. Also on hand to pay tribute will be Second World War era military vehicles with re-enactors, a Royal Canadian Navy patrol frigate, and a flyover by a vintage aircraft.

The event will be held under a large canopy tent and will take place rain or shine.

Please RSVP no later than May 10, 2019.

The two Hometown Heroes honourees are:

Commander Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, RCN (ret'd)

Trevor Shuckburgh arrived in Victoria in 1940 to join the Navy as an Ordinary Seaman at age 17. He took part in Operation Neptune on D-Day aboard the frigate HMCS *Teme* and four days later survived a collision during a nighttime engagement with a U-boat when his ship was nearly cut in half by a friendly escort carrier. Two months before war's end as a Petty Officer aboard *Teme*, he earned a Commander-in-Chief Commendation for his actions in helping save the frigate from sinking when the 20 metre stern section was blown off during a torpedo attack. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Commander. He lives in Victoria.

Mrs. Alice Adams, WRCNS (ret'd)

A resident of Victoria, Alice Adams was one of the 50,000 Canadian women to serve in uniform during the Second World War. She joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and, as a "WREN," trained at Galt, Ontario, in 1942 joining the first class of Wireless Telegraphists (W/T). She became a member of the Canadian Naval Intelligence Service and was drafted to open a station at Coverdale,

N.B., which intercepted and recorded German naval messages to safeguard convoys. Adams then learned to transcribe Japanese coded messages and was posted to Victoria, B.C.

Hometown Heroes is an initiative of Parks Canada that honours ordinary citizens, both military and civilian, who contributed to Canada's wartime efforts. *We will remember them...*

Vous trouverez ci-dessus, une invitation à un événement le 17 mai aux lieux historiques nationaux Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard, soulignant deux Héros de chez nous de la Colombie-Britannique, ainsi qu'une commémoration du 75^e anniversaire du jour J et de la bataille de Normandie. Prière d'acheminer cette invitation à vos membres et leurs familles.

Le lieutenant-gouverneur de la Colombie-Britannique, le commandant des Forces maritimes du Pacifique de la Marine royale canadienne, ainsi que près de 500 jeunes étudiants de la région seront parmi ceux qui participeront à la cérémonie. Des véhicules militaires de la Seconde Guerre mondiale avec acteurs de reconstitution historique, une frégate de patrouille de la Marine royale canadienne et un survol d'un aéronef d'époque seront également sur place pour rendre hommage.

L'événement se tiendra sous un grand chapiteau et aura lieu beau temps mauvais temps.

Veillez confirmer votre présence avant le 10 mai 2019.

Les deux Héros de chez nous qui seront honorés sont :

Capitaine de frégate Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, MRC (à la retraite)

Trevor Shuckburgh est arrivé à Victoria en 1940 pour rejoindre la Marine en tant que matelot de 3e classe à l'âge de 17 ans. Il a participé à l'opération Neptune le jour J à bord de la frégate NCSM *Teme*. Quatre jours plus tard, il a survécu à une collision accidentelle lors d'un affrontement nocturne avec un sous-marin allemand lorsque son navire a été presque coupé en deux par un transporteur d'escorte britannique. Deux mois avant la fin de la guerre, en tant que Maître de 1re classe à bord du *Teme*, il a reçu une Mention élogieuse du commandant en chef à l'intention des unités pour avoir aidé à sauver la frégate du naufrage lorsque la section arrière de 20 mètres a explosé lors d'une attaque à la torpille. Il a pris sa retraite de la Marine avec le grade de Capitaine de frégate. Il vit à Victoria
Madame Alice Adams, SFMRC (à la retraite)

Résidente de Victoria, Alice Adams était l'une des 50 000 Canadiennes à servir en uniforme pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Elle s'est jointe au Service féminin de la Marine royale canadienne et, en tant que "WREN", a suivi une formation à Galt, en Ontario en 1942, rejoignant la première classe de télégraphistes sans fil (T/SF). Elle est devenue membre du Service canadien du renseignement naval et a été appelée à ouvrir une station à Coverdale, au Nouveau-Brunswick, qui a intercepté et enregistré des messages de la marine allemande afin de protéger les convois. Adams a ensuite appris à transcrire des messages codés en japonais et a été posté à Victoria, en Colombie-Britannique.

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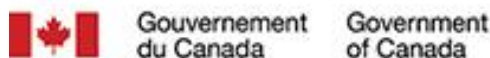
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a le plaisir de vous inviter à une cérémonie
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à la bataille de Normandie il y a 75 ans et les

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in uniform

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Canadiens et Canadiennes
en uniforme

Friday
17 May 2019

Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse
National Historic Sites
603 Fort Rodd Hill Road
Victoria, BC V9C 2W8

vendredi
17 mai 2019

Lieux historiques nationaux
Fort Rodd Hill et du Phare-de-Fisgard
603, chemin Fort Rodd Hill
Victoria (C-B) V9C 2W8

Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m.
followed by a reception and
historic military programming

Ouverture des portes à 9 h 30
Début de la cérémonie à 10 h 30
suivie d'une réception et programmation
historique militaire

Dress:
Business attire, uniforms and medals

Code vestimentaire :
tenue de ville, uniformes et médailles

Please RSVP to pc.commemorations.pc@canada.ca
by Friday, 10 May

For questions: 819 420 9312

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Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker – 22 May



Churchill Society of British Columbia

PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

PRESENTS THE ANNUAL BANQUET:

Churchill, Walking with Destiny

with guest speaker, **Andrew Roberts**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Please join us on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 to welcome our guest speaker Andrew Roberts. He will address our Society on *Churchill, Walking with Destiny*.



Winston Churchill had a powerful lifelong sense that he was walking with Destiny. Where did he get that sense from? How did it affect the decisions he took? Drawing on a wealth of new sources, Andrew Roberts will answer these central questions about where Churchill drew his drive and inspiration.

Professor Andrew Roberts received a first class honours degree in Modern History at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, from where he is an honorary senior scholar and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). He is a Visiting Professor at the War Studies Department at King's College, London and the Lehrman Institute Lecturer at the New-York Historical Society.

He has written or edited nineteen books, including, *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*, *The Storm of War: A New History of the Second World War*, *Masters and Commanders: How Four Titans Won the War in the West, 1941-1945*, *Waterloo: Napoleon's Last Gamble* and *Napoleon: A Life*, winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for biography and a finalist for the Plutarch Award. His books have been translated into 22 languages and he appears regularly on radio and television around the world. Based in London, he is an accomplished public speaker and has delivered the White House Lecture, as well as speaking at Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Princeton and Stanford Universities, and at The British Academy, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Sandhurst, Shrivenham and the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Location: The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.
Time: Reception and Cash Bar starts at 5:45 pm, Dinner in Grand Ballroom at 7:00 pm
Cost: \$160 each for a Member of the Society, spouse, partner or an immediate family member
\$180 each for a non-Member (*includes wine with dinner*)

Please note the dress code is black tie or mess kit (or business suit and tie)

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at aprilaccola@hotmail.com, by mailing the attached form, or online at www.winstonchurchillbc.org. I look forward to seeing you on May 22.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary
Churchill Society of British Columbia

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Churchill Society of BC Event Registration Reply Form

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

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\$180 each for a Non-Member

I will attend I will be bringing a guest \$ _____ Cheque Enclosed

I am a member of the Vancouver Club and would prefer to have my account # _____ debited

GUESTS: Spouse Attending - Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Special Meal Required Yes _____

I would like to reserve a table of 6 or 8 guests (Note: only few tables of 10 upon request)

(Please print names)

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Please make your cheque payable to the **Churchill Society of BC**

WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE BY May 15, 2019

NOTE: WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT CANCELLATIONS WITH LESS THAN 48 HOURS NOTICE.

FAILURE TO GIVE SUCH NOTICE SHALL REQUIRE MEMBERS TO PAY THE COST OF THE EVENT. REGISTRATION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

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