



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Apr 2, 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 06** 'They Shall Not Grow Old' Screening at the Rio Theatre
- Apr 07** Vimy Day Commemoration Mountain View Cemetery
- Apr 10** RUSI Speaker - Canada's role in Bomber Command during WW2
- Apr 14** 5th Regiment Band - Spring Concert
- Apr 27** 15th Fd Senior NCO's Mixed Dining In
- May 04** NOABC Battle of Atlantic Dinner
- May 14** 2019 Army Gala

'They Shall Not Grow Old' Screening

The Rio Theatre notice

We've added a final, encore screening of Peter Jackson's captivating World War 1 documentary 'They Shall Not Grow Old' to our calendar on **Saturday, April 6**. This screening will include the 30-minute long "making of" featurette, which appears at the end of the film. Minors welcome in the balcony. Tickets available at www.riotheatretickets.ca

Next in the RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series!

You are invited: Canada's Role in the WW 2 Bomber Command Campaign

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **April 10** from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** at the Officers Mess, Bessborough Armoury for an informed, historical presentation on Canada's critical participation in the World War Two Allied bomber campaign. Providing the analysis will be well-known military historian, **Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.**

Col Maxwell served more than 40 years in the Canadian Forces including directing NORAD intercept missions against Soviet and later Russian air incursions in Alaska as an AWACS commander and later, at NORAD HQ in Colorado Springs during the first Gulf War. He then joined NATO HQ in Brussels where he was responsible for bringing former Iron Curtain countries into NATO air defence and modernizing NATO Command and Control and the alliance's Missile Defence initiative.

The RUSI Speaker Series is free, everyone is welcome, and a no-host bar will be available. Please confirm you will attend on **April 10** by sending an RSVP e-mail to: LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM.

When: Wednesday, April 10 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Where: Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11 Avenue, Vancouver.

RUSI Vancouver thanks the Commanding Officer of 15Fd (RCA) Regiment and the Officers Mess for their cooperation.

World War 2 – 1944

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

Apr 3rd: For the price of four Barracuda torpedo bombers and their crews, Tirpitz is put out of action for three months.

Apr 4th: De Gaulle sidelines General Giraud while adding some Communists to the National Liberation Committee. German counterattacks near Kovel keep the Soviets out of the Kolomya Passes through the Carpathians. The Japanese 31st Division enters Kohima, but the town is of no benefit to them so long as the British/Indian troops are perched atop the high ground overlooking the Naga village – and the vast stores of food, medicine and fuel the Japanese relied on are nowhere in sight. The British, however, while expecting the Japanese at Imphail, have not got Kohima as ready as they should.

Apr 5th: Malinovsky's Front cuts the rail-link to Odessa.

Apr 7th: The Japanese encircle 161 Brigade near Kohima. Being encircled, however, is no longer traumatizing the British... they're planning on it; but this still means the relief force will have to fight their way to Kohima.

Apr 8th: The German pocket near Razdelnaya is wiped out; 4th Ukrainian Front begins a massive assault on 17th Army in the Crimea; Zhukov and Konev's Fronts continue to advance into Romania and advance guards even reach the Slovakian frontier. At Kohima, the Japanese have dug in a machine gun close to a company position of the Royal West Kents and are proving dangerous; so Lance Corporal John Pennington Harman dashes out with a grenade and carries the machine gun back as a trophy. The next morning, when five Japanese soldiers are digging in a new pit, Harman dashes out again on a solo excursion and eliminates them with his rifle and bayonet. As he returns from this foray, another machine gun inflicts a mortal wound on him. Harman's Victoria Cross is a posthumous award.

UN, Canada at Odds Over Restrictions on Promised Military Plane

The United Nations is pushing back against restrictions Canada wants to put on the use of a military transport plane it promised to deploy in Africa.

The Canadian Press *Lee Berthiaume* *Mar 27, 2019*



OTTAWA — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau first announced in November 2017 that Canada would send a C-130 Hercules to Uganda as part of a larger package of pledges to the UN. The idea at the time was for the plane to ferry troops, equipment and supplies from the UN's logistics hub in Entebbe to different peacekeeping missions around the region. Multiple sources say the offer of the plane came as a surprise to the UN, and the plan has run into

numerous snags as Canadian, Ugandan and UN officials wrangle over the details. One UN official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivities, says Canada recently provided a list of conditions about where and when the plane can be used. Those included a stipulation the plane only fly in daylight and only between Entebbe and five locations that, according to the UN official, either don't have any peacekeeping units or are easily accessible by road.

As a result, the UN told Canada the arrangement did not meet its needs. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan spokesman Todd Lane would not comment specifically on the concerns raised by the UN, but both sides say they continue to talk about the aircraft. "We continue to be in discussions with the UN on how we can deliver on this pledge in a way that best fits the UN's current requirements," Lane said in an email. News of the back-and-forth comes just ahead of a

major peacekeeping summit in New York Friday, the first since Canada hosted a similar gathering in Vancouver, where Trudeau pledged the Hercules plane. It also coincides with the UN pressing Canada to extend its mission in Mali by two-and-a-half months to prevent a gap in lifesaving medical evacuations. Canada has eight helicopters and 250 peacekeepers in Mali providing medical evacuations to injured UN troops and workers. Operations are due to end on July 31, though Romanian replacements won't arrive until mid-October. Both episodes speak to the UN's apparent frustration with Canada, said University of Montreal peacekeeping expert Jocelyn Coulon, who served as an adviser to then-foreign affairs minister Stephane Dion. "What I can't understand from the Canadian government is why it is so complicated to negotiate with the UN," Coulon added in an interview from France. "Canada seems to be dragging its feet every time the UN is asking something, and it doesn't seem to be complicated with NATO when you have to provide troops and material for Latvia or even to renew our commitment in Ukraine."

The Trudeau government announced last week that it was extending Canada's military missions in Ukraine and Iraq by several years but has yet to respond to the UN's request on Mali. The problem is that there's no champion for peacekeeping at the top levels of government, said Walter Dorn, a peacekeeping expert at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. That extends to Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, who Dorn said are preoccupied with Russia and the US, while defence chief Gen Jonathan Vance has been very particular about where to send troops. "So, it just leads to all these delays."

Canadian Army Reserve Full Time Summer Employment

Backgrounder / March 13, 2018 / Project number: 18-0083

In accordance with Commander Canadian Army direction and in line with Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada's Defence Policy, the Canadian Army (CA) will offer full-time summer employment to Reservists in their first four years with the Army Reserve (ARes) commencing in 2018. Because the ARes is a vital enabler to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and key to force readiness in regional, domestic and international operations, in 2015, the federal government directed the Department of National Defence (DND) and the CAF to strengthen the Primary Reserves (PRes). The result is a plan to increase and sustain the strength of the PRes. Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) is a detailed strategy to achieve this goal. It includes recruiting initiatives, unit taskings, and an analysis of funding allocation. The CA recognizes the valuable contribution of its ARes to the success of the CA and is committed to ensuring the ARes grows and develops as part of the CA team. The StAR strategy outlines 12 Lines of Effort (LoEs). Full-Time Summer Employment (FTSE) is one of the most important of these in supporting the Commander's intent to optimize the ARes. The aim is to initiate an FTSE program for the ARes as one of the means of ensuring the long-term health and strength of the ARes. Sustained and stable employment is a key reason why young Canadians seek out the ARes in the first place. StAR is a comprehensive program to enhance the ARes, including

recruiting additional troops, assigning specific mission tasks, synchronizing training, providing appropriate equipment and matching the right funding. At its core, StAR is about “Operationalizing” the CA Reserve Force. The end result is a Full-Time Capability from a Part-Time Force. The Government is ensuring the success of FTSE through long-term funding commitments as outlined in Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada’s Defence Policy.

What are the benefits of working in the Army Reserve?

The ARes is a professional and integrated force achieving operational excellence at home and abroad. It offers a variety of exciting employment opportunities with flexible work schedules. It also offers opportunities to develop a career, receive professional development and growth, get new and unique work experience, get on-the-job training, achieve work-life balance, gain new life skills, have an opportunity to serve our country and be part of something bigger, all while earning competitive salaries.

What if I’m a student?

The ARes is also an interesting choice for students. As a Reservist, some of the benefits to students are receiving financial support for education, flexible work schedules during the school year with full-time summer employment, an opportunity for real-life work experiences in their field of study and to build their resumes.

Where can I apply to join the Army Reserve and FTSE?

The FTSE program is offered from May 1 to August 31. For more information, visit your local unit as soon as possible and talk to a recruiter or visit the [Canadian Army Reserve Summer Jobs web page](#).

General Burnside

The Swashbuckling Union General Who Pioneered Sideburns

War history Online Shahan Russell Apr 28, 2018

These days soldiers can wear beards, with some restrictions – these sideburns would probably not be allowed today in the CF.



Burnside (seated in the middle) with the 1st Rhode Island Brigade at Camp Sprague, Rhode Island in 1861.

What do a rifle, various railroads, the American Civil War, the Franco-Prussian War, the National Rifle Association, and sideburns have in common? Here is the answer. Ambrose Everett Burnside was a man with a flamboyant sense of style. He was born on May 23, 1824, in Liberty, Indiana. He attended

Liberty Seminary for priests, but such a future was not for him. Instead, he apprenticed to a tailor, a match made in heaven as he had a flair for grooming. He eventually became a partner in the business. Burnside developed facial hair rather early; possibly to make up for his balding head. He also developed an interest in military affairs, perhaps due to his expertise in fashion and obsession for grooming. He attended the US Military Academy in 1843 graduating four years later, 18th out of 47. He received a commission as a brevet Second Lieutenant with the 2nd US Artillery. Then he went off to join the Mexican-American War, arriving too late for the fight. Burnside was transferred to the 3rd US Artillery to protect the mail routes between Nevada and California. In 1849 in Las Vegas, New Mexico an Apache arrow found his neck. In December 1851, he was a 1st Lieutenant and in October 1853, he quit the military to develop the Burnside carbine and founded the Burnside Arms Company.

In 1858 he ran for a Congressional seat in Rhode Island. He lost by a landslide. Worse, a fire destroyed his factory. He then became the treasurer of the Illinois Central Railroad. It was while there he became close friends with George Brinton McClellan; the man who would become his commanding officer. In 1861, the American Civil War broke out. Burnside returned to the military as a Brigadier General in the Rhode Island Militia. It was he who created the 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiment, becoming its Colonel and arms supplier. From there he moved on to command the Brigade of the Department of Northeast Virginia which saw action at the First Battle of Bull Run in July. Despite his shining bald head and impressive sideburns (a fashion named after him), they served with no distinction. By August 1861 he was training the new Army of the Potomac. From September until July 1862, he led the naval operation along the North Carolina seacoast. They blockaded some 80% of Confederate shipping until the end of the war. It was also he who led the successful Burnside Expedition which destroyed the Confederate fleet in 1862. His victories at Roanoke Island and New Bern were also among the first significant Union victories in the Eastern Theater. He was now a Major-General.

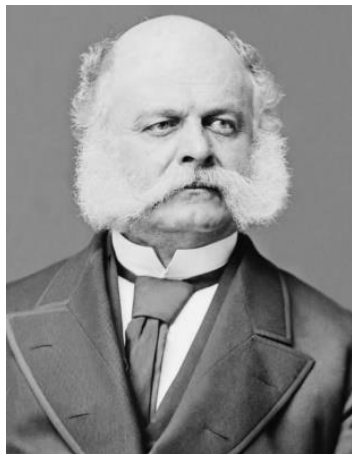


Union General Burnside (mounted) in 1862.

Unfortunately, it all went downhill after that. McClellan lost the Peninsula Campaign which left President Abraham Lincoln fuming. He asked Burnside to take over. Out of respect for his friend, Burnside refused. Major General John Pope then lost at the Second Bull Run. Again, the President asked Burnside to take over, but Mr Sideburns again said “no.” Instead, he took command of the Right Wing of

the Army of the Potomac and set off for the Maryland Campaign's Battle of the South Mountain. His strict observance of protocol and inadequate reconnaissance resulted in the slow attack and crossing of a bridge at the Battle of Antietam. Although a Union victory resulted, it was tactically inconclusive. Worse, it was the deadliest single-day battle in American history. McClellan was removed. Burnside was again asked to take over and again refused. He was advised Major General Joseph Hooker would be offered the job. Burnside disliked Hooker, so he reluctantly took the up the offer.

Lincoln then ordered him to take Richmond, Virginia – the Confederate capital. The result was the Battle of Fredericksburg which ended with a disastrous Union loss. Mr Sideburns tried to make up for it by launching more assaults with even more losses, earning a new name; the Butcher of Fredericksburg. He tried to resign, but his offer was turned down. In January 1863, he went after Confederate General Robert E Lee. It was bad timing as the snow had turned to rain and it became known as the Mud March. They never even got close to Lee. He again offered to resign. Lincoln refused but handed command over to Hooker. Burnside was instead put in charge of the IX Corps responsible for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. Being quiet states, it was thought he could do no harm there. They were wrong. Those states had long profited from trade with the South, saw nothing wrong with slavery, and were, therefore, anti-war and anti-Lincoln. Burnside's response was to prosecute anyone who spoke out against the regime and threaten them with either banishment or jail. The situation came to a head in May



1863 when Ohio Congressman Clement L Vallandigham held an anti-war rally. Burnside sent him to prison. When the *Chicago Times* criticized the war, Mr. Sideburns closed them down. Burnside had gone too far. Lincoln ordered the newspaper to be reopened.

Senator Burnside in 1880, the year before his death

Shortly after, Lincoln ordered him to take Knoxville, Tennessee. Burnside had secured the railroads around the city by mid-June, then attacked and occupied it in mid-August. Mr Sideburns fought in other battles until the Siege of Petersburg, which started out well. On July 30, 1864, Union forces detonated a mine outside the city, creating a crater and gap in its defenses. However, poor communication and contradictory orders from various commanders led to the slaughter of a company of Burnside's men. On August 14, General Ulysses S Grant ordered Burnside to go on "extended leave." He then worked for various railroads, did three one-year stints as the Governor of Rhode Island, tried to mediate between the French and Germans during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, and became the first President of the National Rifle Association in 1871. He later became the Senator for Rhode Island in 1874 and again in 1880, proving himself to be more capable in peace than in war; and memorable for his sideburns.

Military, Retired Military & Emergency Services offers and Discounts

Ski Packages for Whistler Blackcomb

Whistler Blackcomb offers several types of ski pass packages for military, veterans and emergency services personnel, some of which are also good at other Vail Resorts facilities.

See poster at end of newsletter for details on this offer and others.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Artillery Day 2019 is on a Sunday this year. Have you got any great ideas that the Vancouver Artillery Association should start planning to do?

- Ask White Rock if we can come out and paint their 25 pounder on that day?
- Organize an Artillery Practice Camp?
- Organize a visit to all the positions manned by 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade RCA?

Another Brigade Sergeant Major has been sponsored! Check out the progress on this page. Have you sent me your sponsorship request? Warrant Officer Class I Willard Purdy is next on the list.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rsms-wall-project>

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/regimental-sergeants-major-project.html>

Battery Sergeant Major George Chow was in the news! www.vancouvergunners.ca/2019.html

Sergeant Ken Keene remusters to the Air Force! <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/keene.html>

Some of the Centennial glassware is now enroute! You can still order yours.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/centennial-glasses-sitrep>

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

Who (or What) Is It?



Last Week: Well, if you were wondering, yes, this is our April Fools entry. We are pretty sure we know the identity of this man, but we will not reveal it to protect the guilty, even though he passed away many years ago. We do know that he was a ‘Gunner’ all his military career, so the question is ‘why is he wearing a Seaforths Sporrán?’. He also appears to be at a field training camp so even if there were Seaforths in attendance why is it a dress sporran? Somebody was having fun!

This Week: Have you ever searched your local civic archives? Many are now fully digitized,



and are easily searchable on-line. This one, for the Brylcreem Boys (and Girls....but what's the gender-neutral term? Persons of Brylcreeminess?), is from the City of Vancouver Archives, and shows the latest aeroplane being considered as a replacement for the CF-18, or, maybe not.

Those who wear a particular shade of blue, sport fetching moustaches, and engage in incomprehensible banter will know this stately ship of the air, as it was common on this formerly-wet coast, in both the armed forces, and later civilian versions. So, rather than ask a simple question regarding its name, we'd like to know where the last one in Canada was moored, and what became of it. Search your brain cells, please.

Once your search engine has worked, send the answers to the editor, Bob Mugford bob.mugford@outlook.com, or to the author, John Redmond johnd.redmond@telus.net. Finally, a big thanks to those who didn't complain about our April Fool's edition, especially the makers of sporrans, none of which were harmed in the writing of the column.

From the 'Punitary'

Why was Cinderella such a bad field hockey player? Her coach was a pumpkin.

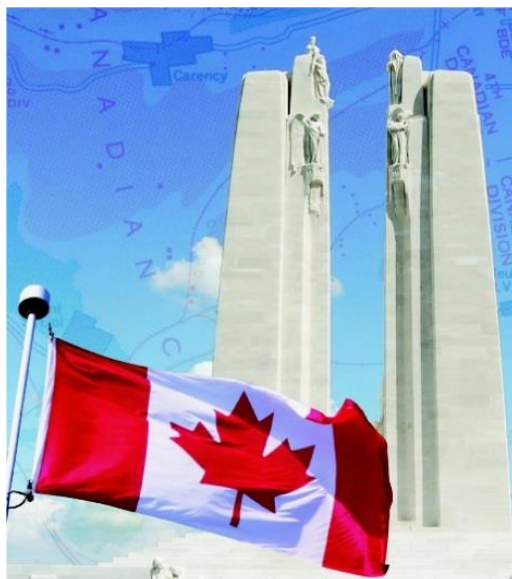
Murphy's Other Laws

The tough part about being an officer is that the troops don't know what they want, but they know for certain what they don't want.

Quotable Quotes

Man is so made that when anything fires his soul, impossibilities vanish. - *Jean de La Fontaine*

Vimy Day Commemoration



You are invited to attend

The Vimy Day Ceremony & Army Cadet Parade

Mountain View Cemetery

5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC

Commonwealth War Graves Section

10:15 am – Sunday - April 7, 2019

The Vimy Day Commemoration is sponsored by RUSI Vancouver with support from Veterans Affairs Canada and Mountain View Cemetery.



JOIN US
RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER
SERIES

Wednesday, 10 April 2019
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Officers Mess – Bessborough Armoury

Subject: “*Canada’s Role in the WW2 Bomber Command Campaign*”



Speaker: Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

RSVP TO LHCCATHCART@GMAIL.COM

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver with the cooperation of

LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer,
15Fd Regiment RCA and the Officers Mess.
Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver.

5th Regiment Band - Spring Concert

Canada  National Defence / Défense nationale

The Fifth BC Artillery Regiment Foundation presents the



**Band of the
5th (BC) Field Regiment,
Royal Canadian Artillery**

Master Warrant Officer Daniel Moses, Bandmaster

in its

**20th Annual
Spring
Concert**



**Sunday, April 14, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

at the
Dave Dunnet Community Theatre
at Oak Bay Secondary School
2121 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria

GENERAL ADMISSION BY CASH DONATION

 Donated proceeds will go to the
Fifth BC Artillery Regiment Foundation

 **LOOKOUT**
NAVY NEWS



Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess MIXED DINING IN



The Regimental Sergeant-Major
Warrant Officers and Sergeants
of 15th Field Artillery Regiment,
Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

*Cordially invite you
to their*

MIXED DINING IN
Saturday, 27 April 2019

Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs

To be held in the
Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 17 Apr 19
to Sgt Woods
2025 West 11th Ave,
Vancouver BC V6J 2C7
Email: brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca
Telephone: 604-666-4876

Dress
Mess Kit/Formal
Couple: \$100.00
Single: \$60.00

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

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



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Ski Package for Whistler Blackcomb

Military, Retired Military & Emergency Services Discount

Daily Lift tickets

2018/19 Fixed rate of -

\$107.00 CAD/day for teen/adult/senior, \$54.00 CAD/day for a child (age 5-12).

Discount is valid for:

- Active duty, reservists, retirees and Dept of Defense civilians across all branches of military, all countries;
- Retired US and Canadian Military.
- Police, Fire and Ambulance Services; (Canadian and US only for non-military)
- E-Comm 911
- Search and Rescue agencies
- Transit Police

Immediate family members are also eligible

- Includes: member, spouse and immediate dependents
- No cousins, aunts/uncles, grandparents etc.
- Member must be present
- One discount per transaction (cannot have different transaction for each family member) and must be purchased with 1 payment

Discounted season passes for military and retired military for the 2019/2020 season are also available. See:- <https://www.epicpass.com/pass-results/military.aspx> See the 'Canadian Military Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page' for verification requirements and other information:- <https://www.epicpass.com/info/canadian-military-faqs.aspx>

'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>