

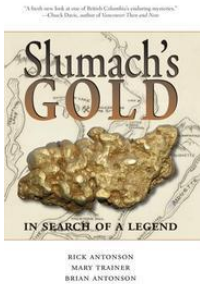
Van Arty Assoc and RUSI Van Members News June 3, 2014

Wednesday Lunches

The Mess has downgraded the dress requirements for Wednesday lunches to Business Casual. Business casual can best be described as our 'summer dress'. Minimum requirement is an open neck button up shirt with dress pants or slacks (no blue jeans, pls). Of course we never discourage the wearing of jackets and ties.

Just a reminder to attendees:- remember to deposit your lunch tickets in the receptacle when you pick up your soup/salad. More importantly, if you bring guests please make sure they turn in their tickets. At the moment we are **STILL** missing tickets 10 & 13 - please check your pockets and with any lunch guests you brought in the last couple of weeks. Please let us know if you have these tickets.

Lost gold mine of Pitt Lake. June 11th The book *Slumach's Gold* chronicles what is possibly Canada's greatest lost-mine story. It searches out the truth behind a Salish man's hanging for murder in 1891 and tracks the intriguing legend about him that grew after his death. It was a legend that turned into a drama of international fascination when Slumach—the hanged criminal—was mysteriously linked to gold nuggets "the size of walnuts." The stories claimed that Slumach had placed a curse on a hidden mother lode to protect it from interlopers and trespassers just before he plunged to his death "at the wrong end of a five-strand rope." Although many have attempted to find Slumach's gold over the past 100 years, following tantalizing clues that are part of the legend itself, none have succeeded—or have they? Brian Antonson will tell all at this presentation which will start after lunch (at 1330hrs) on June 11th



Not Your Grandfathers' Chinook

Canada's new CH-147F Chinooks of 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, extensively modified for demanding operating environments, are the most advanced aircraft of their kind.

This article is way too big for this newsletter so, to view, go to:

<http://skiesmag.com/news/article/21501#.U4SMn3amU40>

Air Canada Announces New Checked Baggage Policy

Canadian and US military personnel and veterans get up to three bags free - May 29, 2014

Effective immediately, members of the Canadian and US military will benefit from an enhanced baggage allowance whenever they travel on a flight operated by Air Canada, Air

Canada rouge or Air Canada Express. Eligible active and retired members of the Canadian and US military are entitled to up to three pieces of checked baggage, each weighing up to 32 kg (70 lb) each. Flights operated by other airlines on behalf of Air Canada are not eligible for this discount.

After completing their check-in, eligible customers are invited to see an airport agent to have their baggage fee waived, upon presentation of military identification.

Special Service Medal Bar Created

Governor General Announces Creation of the Expedition Bar to SSM

DAVID PUGLIESE Published on: June 2, 2014

OTTAWA—His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the creation of the EXPEDITION bar to the Special Service Medal (SSM). The SSM and the new bar will be awarded to Canadian Armed Forces members for honourable service performed outside Canada, while participating in or providing direct support on a full-time basis to approved operations.

“Canadian Armed Forces members who proudly serve our country merit our recognition and gratitude,” said His Excellency. “I am pleased that the new EXPEDITION bar will provide formal recognition of the valued contributions of the women and men who offer critical support while deployed overseas, and who participate in the success of a number of missions.”

The SSM was created in 1984, and has always been issued with a bar that specifies the service being recognized; each bar has its own eligibility criteria. The EXPEDITION bar is being introduced to ensure an inclusive and consistent recognition for a broader spectrum of overseas service and was especially designed to fill a gap where certain missions were not eligible for recognition.

Wreckage of Avro Anson from WW2 Found on Vancouver Island

DAVID PUGLIESE Published on: May 30

VANCOUVER – More than 70 years after a Second World War aircraft disappeared on a training flight over BC, the wreckage has been found and four servicemen have been identified. The BC Coroners Service says what was left of the Avro Anson was discovered last October by a logging crew working on a remote mountainside near Port Renfrew, BC, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The site is barely 50 kilometres west of the Sidney airport, where the twin-engine propeller aircraft took off on Oct. 30, 1942.

Human remains were found at the scene, but bad weather prevented recovery at the time. Officials with the coroner’s service and DND returned to the heavily-forested mountainside on May 5 and removed, analysed and identified the remains. Canadian military officials and Britain’s Ministry of Defence have contacted surviving family members, and plans for an interment ceremony are under discussion.



Clearance Diver and EOD technicians MS Kenneth Jones and PO2 Shawn Goodine use a chain saw and pick to remove a large downed tree at the site of the Avro Anson aircraft crash on May 6, 2014. (DND / Cpl Brandon O'Connell)

The remains of four airmen from the crash of a Second World War training aircraft in British Columbia were recovered during a collaborative operation with the British Columbia Coroners Service. The four airmen, one from the Royal Canadian Air Force, Sergeant William Baird, and three from the Royal Air Force, Pilot Officer Charles George Fox, Pilot Officer Anthony William Lawrence, and Sergeant Robert Ernest Luckock, were conducting a navigation training exercise aboard the Avro Anson L7056 aircraft in October 1942 when they failed to return from the mission.

DND and the CAF are working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre in the UK to plan for an interment ceremony, in consultation with the airmen's relatives, to provide the airmen with a final honoured and appropriate resting place in a Commonwealth War Graves plot.

First world war diaries reveal 'sports' played in the trenches

Games programme' including pillow fights and other diversions among documents now published on line

Pillow fights, wheelbarrow races, and wrestling on mules were among entertainments arranged by officers to maintain morale among British troops in the trenches during the first world war, according to a sports day programme dated 31 October 1914 – among more than 700 digitised war diaries made available online by the National Archives. Other "company sports" designed to take minds off the battles included blindfold squad drill, blindfold driving, tug of war, a boat race, and a high jump. Daily training programmes regularly included sports and football after routine exercises which included gas drill, gun drill, squad drill, and pack saddlery.

One diary includes a detailed pencil drawing of British and German trenches just a field apart. The position of dead horses, pigs and dogs, and of a "dead Frenchman" are neatly indicated. Photographs show how trenches should and should not, be laid. The papers include a meticulous scale drawing of a trench tramway. Inventories include numbers of picks, pairs of gloves, barbed wire, wire cutters, and shovels available. Among the documents is an account of the first day of the battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916 by Brigadier W R Ludlow of the 8th Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Printed on Ludlow's account of the battle is "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori" (How sweet and honourable it is to die for one's country), which became the title of a Wilfred Owen poem, perhaps his best known work. "There was not a vestige of cover between the German trenches and our own," Ludlow wrote. "On looking at the position to be attacked from our first line of trenches marked with a board, 'Old British Line' it seemed an impossibility for any troops to attack successfully, and well might the officers say as they strung over the top: 'We are in for it this time, by Jove!'" .

He added: "The distance between the successive waves of the advance was 100 yards, and eye-witnesses have described it as being just like an advance on an Aldershot field day".

A German counter-offensive led to the battalion suffering 90% casualties. Ludlow concluded: "Well may Warwickshire and the City of Birmingham be proud of their fine discipline and glorious sacrifice, which have added another immortal page in the history of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. "William Spencer, military records specialist at The National Archives said: "Now that this latest batch of unit war diaries is online, people all around the world can read the official army accounts to discover more about the troops on the Western Front". The diaries include accounts of more successful battles, such as 46th (North Midland) Division breaking the Hindenburg Line, in September 1918 as well as failures and casualties in key battles, notably those on the Somme in 1916.

The Last of The Fallen

After almost 100 years British WWI prisoners of war who died in German captivity finally have their graves marked with headstones

British prisoners of war who died in German camps in the First World War have finally been honoured with proper war graves. Thirty-nine servicemen who were held in the Heilsberg prisoner camp were commemorated in a ceremony today at the site, which is in modern-day Poland. The men, some of them just teenagers, were buried in a common grave after they died from disease and mistreatment while incarcerated.



Ceremony: The dead were memorialised by a gun salute from Polish soldiers

Political unrest in the region, which was behind the Communist Iron Curtain for decades, meant that families of the men struggled to have their graves properly recognised. Instead, their names were put on a memorial plaque in Malbork, about 75 miles away. But now the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

arranged for the ceremony at Lidzbark cemetery, where 39 white headstones were dedicated to the servicemen buried there.

British Ambassador Robin Barnett and local governor Artur Jankowski led the ceremony, and 39 schoolchildren held grave lanterns lit by candles at each of the headstones. Information about the dead was collected by the Western Front Association, a British non-governmental organization that preserves the memory of World War I soldiers, and by Pauline Page-Jones, an amateur historian from Llanfyllin, Wales, where one of the prisoners was from.

Finding the Fallen

At the end of the Great War, nearly two million soldiers were missing, presumed dead. Almost a century later, the battlegrounds of France and Belgium are surrendering their secrets. This five-part series follows a team of archaeologists, historians and forensic experts as they work to identify unknown soldiers and finally lay them to rest. Each episode focuses on an archaeological dig at the site of a major battle. Clothing, personal effects, ammunition and army issue equipment all form part of the puzzle. From evidence of the first WWI trenches to the identification of a soldier in Hitler's regiment, the series uncovers hidden details of combat and the heartbreaking personal stories that go with it.

- **Knowledge Network.** Tuesday evening at 2000hrs, starting Jun 3rd.

Episode 1- June 3rd **Ypres 1914 - The First Trench**

At Ypres, a team of archaeologists, historians, and forensic experts discover evidence of the first trenches of the Great War - mere scrapes of earth that would evolve into complex lines of trenches that if placed in a single line would encircle the Earth. In the process they unearth the partial remains of three German soldiers, who fought and died here.

2 – June 10th **Serre 1915 - Brothers in Death**

Serre in Northern France was an infamous German stronghold in the Great War. Thousands died, many of them buried where they fell. The remains of three soldiers are discovered here by the team and they determine that one was British and the other two are identified as German.

3 – June 17th **Loos 1915 - The Underground War**

Tunnels and craters in the heart of a French coalfield hide horrors from World War I. More than 50,000 British soldiers were killed or wounded here in a battle that moved underground. The team is here to excavate the lip of a gigantic crater that was created by a massive underground explosion..

4 – June 24th **Beaumont Hamel 1916 - the Wounded**

The team travel to the front lines of the Battle of the Somme, a sector known as Beaumont Hamel, looking for evidence of what happened that day. They uncover medical supplies that lead to the location of what may have been a front line medical post - a hub of chaos on that fateful day.

5 – July 1st **Passchendaele 1917 - Drowning in Mud**

In Northern Belgium lies the site of the infamous battle of Passchendaele, fought in 1917, a place where man and beast drowned in a churning sea of mud. As the team unearth the remains of a complex trench system, they discover one of the first modern wristwatches - a technological innovation that was born of war.

US Army Selects New Camouflage Pattern

May 23, 2014 | by Matthew Cox



The US Army is quietly putting the word out to commands that it is replacing its current Universal Camouflage Pattern with a pattern the service has owned for more than a decade. The Army's senior leadership has selected Scorpion, a pattern similar to MultiCam that was developed around 2002, according to a source with knowledge of the decision. Sgt. Major of the Army Raymond

Chandler III has been briefing senior sergeants major throughout the Army about the new pattern for the Army Combat Uniform, but details are still limited.

The Army was poised to announce the results of its multi-year camouflage improvement effort nearly a year ago, but congressional language in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2014 called on the Pentagon to put an end to the services branding their ranks with unique camouflage uniforms. The Army has been considering replacing UCP with Crye Precision's MultiCam -- a pattern that has demonstrated consistent performance in multiple tests and was selected in 2010 for soldiers to wear in Afghanistan. Army officials even tried to buy the rights to MultiCam but rejected Crye's figure of \$25 million, according to Caleb Crye, owner of Crye Precision. Army officials also balked at paying for "printing fees" the company receives on MultiCam -- a small figure that amounts to about one percent of the 20 percent price hike uniform companies want to charge the Army for MultiCam, according to Crye. In addition to Crye, the other finalists in the Army's Phase IV camouflage testing included ADS Inc., teamed with Hyperstealth, Inc.; Brookwood Companies Inc.; and Kryptek Inc. And, ironically, in March 2013 the Army decided to drop the fifth finalist -- a government pattern developed at the Army's Natick Soldier Systems Center. The pattern, known as Scorpion, was too similar to one of the industry submissions, Army officials said. It's similar to MultiCam because Crye developed the pattern with the Army for its Objective Force Warrior program in 2012. He later made small adjustments to the pattern for trademark purposes and called it MultiCam.

The unique blend of greens, browns and tans has been a favorite of Special Operations Command for almost a decade. The Army selected MultiCam in 2010 as the clear winner over several other patterns to issue to soldiers deploying to Afghanistan. It's unclear when the Army will set a wear-out date for the UCP or start issuing uniforms printed in Scorpion. Once contracts are awarded, it can take up to 20 weeks for the raw fabric to be printed in Scorpion, inspected and cut and sewn into uniforms, according to Kyli Hanson, program manager for Army Combat Uniforms for Blue Water Defense -- one of the US military's primary uniform manufacturers. "It's not an instantaneous change," said Hanson, who had not heard of the decision. She did say, however, that since Scorpion is similar to MultiCam, uniform companies will likely be able to use the same color Velcro, buttons and zippers.

Army to Issue Bug-Proof ACUs in 2013

Aug 29, 2012 | by Matthew Cox



Soldiers who have spent any time in the field know that chiggers, ticks and other biting critters can burrow into unspeakable places on the body, spread disease, and generally destroy any chance for personal comfort. In an effort to win the war on bugs, Army equipment officials have decided to issue insecticide-treated uniforms to every new soldier entering the Army starting next year. The move is part of a plan to replace standard Army Combat Uniforms with new ones that have been

pecially treated with permethrin, a potent insecticide known as a synthetic pyrethroid that's been a key ingredient of the Defense Department Insect Repellent System for two decades. "There is going to be a requirement for all soldiers to have permethrin-treated Army Combat Uniforms," said Lt. Col. Eugene Wallace, product manager for Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The ACU-P effort is scheduled to begin this fall when the new uniforms will become available for current soldiers to purchase at Military Clothing Sales stores, Wallace said. Soldiers have worn permethrin-treated uniforms for decades, but past methods have been ineffective at protecting them from insect-borne diseases and in some cases caused skin irritations, officials at Program Executive Office Soldier said. Soldiers and units often treat uniforms with permethrin, using what's known as the Individual Dynamic Absorption Kit, a process that involves soaking uniforms in a bag of permethrin. In 2007, the Army began looking at alternative treatment methods after Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker said the IDA kits often under-coated uniforms with permethrin and left soldiers vulnerable to illness such as Leishmaniasis, a skin disease transmitted by infected sand flies, according to PEO Soldier officials. More than 4,000 soldiers were infected with the condition between 2003 and 2009, officials said. In some cases, these individual treatment kits result in the permethrin being too concentrated on random sections of the uniforms. This led to contact dermatitis and other skin rashes, according to PEO Soldier officials.

Treating uniforms with permethin at the factory level provides consistent coverage that's strong enough to kill crawling insects but safe for everyday wear, PEO Soldier officials said, adding that Schoomaker approved treatment method in 2008. In addition, agencies such as the National Academy of Science-Committee on Toxicology, the Food and Drug Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration maintain that "soldiers who wear uniforms treated with permethrin at doses approved for factory treatment (fabric impregnation

concentration of 0.52 percent weight of permethrin/weight of fabric) are unlikely to experience adverse health effects,” according to a March 2010 memo from Army Public Health Command. Soldiers deploying to the warzone have been wearing flame-resistant ACUs that have been factory treated with permethrin for the past two years. Since the reported number of tick-borne and mosquito-borne disease cases in the U.S. continues to increase, the Army wants to ensure that every soldier is outfitted with ACU-Ps, uniform officials said. “These permethrin-treated uniforms provide the best protection available today,” Wallace said. Permethrin is a “key component of the DoD Insect Repellent System -- that’s what we have tested it to, and it works.”

The Army intends to start outfitting new trainees with four sets of ACU-Ps as part of their basic clothing bag issue beginning early next spring, Wallace said. All soldiers will eventually be required to wear ACU-Ps, but uniform officials have not set a wear-out date for standard ACUs, Wallace said. The ACU-P is not scheduled to cost more than the current ACU, which averages about \$89 a set, he said. PEO Soldier officials claim the new uniforms require no special laundering and the treatment should last for the life of the uniform. Soldiers will still have to wear insect repellent on exposed skin areas for complete protection, Wallace said, but wearing the ACU-Ps should solve the problem of biting insects in the field. “If you are in a pretty nasty environment where you’ve got a lot of ticks and chiggers ... you will be more effective at completing your mission,” Wallace said.

D Day – Before and After

Another item that can’t go in the newsletter. See pictures of D Day activities and the same spots today. Got to: <http://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/before-after/d-day/index.html>

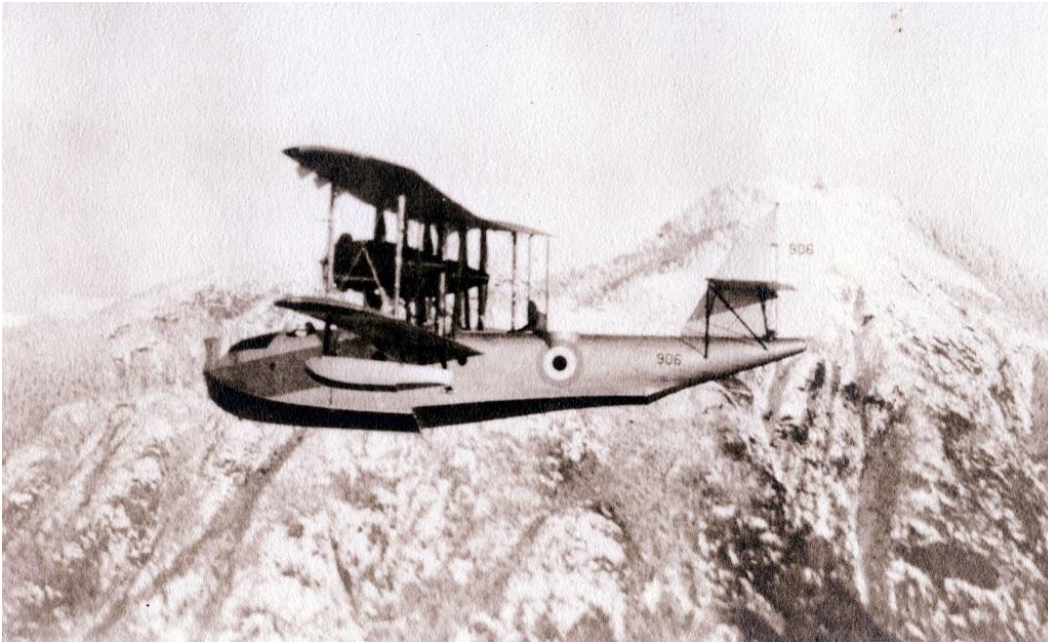
Lower Mainland MFRC Newsletter

The June edition is now available at:

<http://www.familyforce.ca/sites/MainlandBC/EN/Documents/06Jun14News.pdf>

Who is it?

This Week Our Fly Boy/Girl friends have shown particular enthusiasm when one of their winged vehicles is included in this quiz. So, to honour them once again, we present this flying machine, of obvious pre-war vintage, and of aquatic bent. It is from our collection, and comes with some other photos not directly related to the Regimental history, such as ones of Jerusalem and the Levant in World War One. Some research is necessary to see if an early serving member was also involved in the Great War in the Middle East.



So, aviators and aviatrixes, can you give us any information on this aeroplane and its service? Is this too easy for some of you, or a challenge? Answers, musings and complaints can be sent to the editor, and the former to the writer, John Redmond

(johnd._redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother phoned to see how he was, a nurse said 'No change yet'.

Murphy's other Laws

Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.

Quotable Quotes

For many people, one of the most frustrating aspects of life is not being able to understand other people's behavior. – *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Battlefield Tour Opportunity 12-14 September 2014

75th Anniversary of Manning of the Guns at Yorke Island.

Here is your opportunity to join the Officers & Gunners of 15 FD RCA as they return to commemorate the manning of the guns at Yorke Island in August 1939.

Departure of the tour will be from the Bessborough Armoury at 6 PM on Friday, 13 September 2014, with transportation to Yorke Island on the morning of the 14th to attend a dedication ceremony at the gun position, BBQ lunch, tour of the island, and a reception in the evening at the Village of Sayward Royal Canadian Legion. After an overnight stay at Sayward, the tour will return by ferry to the armoury on the afternoon of 14 September 2014.

There will be options for those who wish to stay overnight with the troops on Yorke Island, with the remainder being quartered in Cabins at a nearby resort.

There are a few opening left for this trip. Interested parties can email me for a tour application form.



Vancouver Aviation Show 2014

Show website: www.VancouverAviationShow.com

Saturday October 18, 2014

Hours 10:00am- 5:00pm / Richmond Rod & Gun Club Auditorium

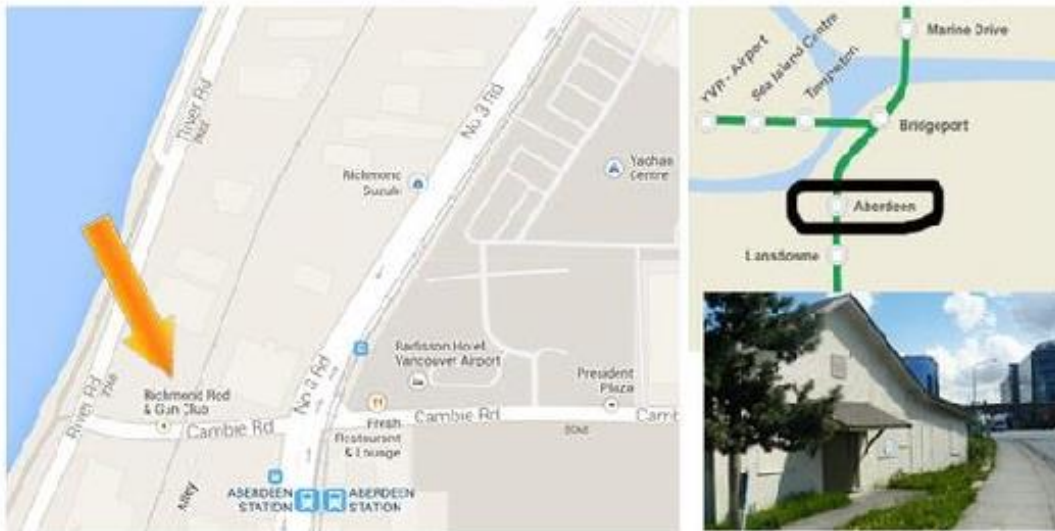
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Richmond Rod & Gun Club auditorium



auditorium.

We have finally confirmed the date and venue for this year's show. Unfortunately the folks at Oakridge Mall were not willing to provide their auditorium. So we had to find a new place. The new location is the Richmond Rod and Gun Club

The Richmond Rod & Gun Club auditorium is located 50 yards west of the Aberdeen Station in Richmond on Cambie Road (at River Road), close to all amenities, food, the airport, and there is plenty of free on site parking and street parking.



To book your table for this year's show visit the [website](#), complete the [table registration form](#) and mail it in along with your check. We also now accept payment in bitcoin as shown on the [website](#).



Please visit the show's [facebook page](#) for news and updates. You can [LIKE](#) the page and indicate if you will be attending the show.

SLIDE SHOW: If there is enough interest, this year we plan to have a Saturday evening slide show and pizza night, after the show end. Tickets will cost \$7 to cover the cost of pizza and drinks, we'll be selling tickets at the show, or you can pre-pay your tickets with your table rental. The slide show will run fro 7 pm until 10 pm.

We always enjoy hearing from our show attendees, and look forward to hearing from you!

If you have a question ... please contact me any time.

Henry Tenby, organizer
www.VancouverAviationShow.com



Henry Tenby



Canada's D-Day Tribute Campaign

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On June 6, 1944, D-Day, **359 Canadians** were killed in action on the beaches of Normandy.



70 years later, the Juno Beach Centre commemorates their sacrifice by installing **359 Tribute Markers** – one for each fallen soldier – on Juno Beach.

These men came from communities across Canada. Honour a soldier and show your support for the Juno Beach Centre. **Sponsor a Tribute Marker today.**

How to Help:

Get together with your family, community, or organization to sponsor a tribute; or, make an individual donation in honour of Canada's fallen.

Why are we doing this?

To raise awareness of the role Canada played in the D-Day Landings and to honour those who lost their lives. In addition to ensuring the placement of the tributes in time for the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the funds raised through this initiative will help to pave the way for future commemoration and educational programming at the Juno Beach Centre.

For more details, visit www.junobeach.org/tribute or contact Jen Sguigna at jsguigna@junobeach.org or by phone toll-free at 1-877-828-JUNO (5866).

SPONSOR A TRIBUTE

Individual D-Day Tributes can be sponsored for a minimum of \$500.

Each sponsor will receive a tax receipt for their donation, as well as recognition on the marker and on the Juno Beach Centre's website.

MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL DONATION

Donations can also be made in the name of a veteran or family member and every donor will be recognized on our website.

Contributors will receive a tax receipt for their donation (minimum \$25).

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