



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Sept 3, 2019

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**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.

**NOTE: There will not be a lunch on Sept 11. Mrs Lum will be out of town.**

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

- Sept 08** Battle of Britain Parade
- Sept 11** **NO LUNCH NEXT WEEK- mark your calendars! Mrs Lum away.**
- Sept 20** 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders whiskey tasting
- Sept 28** **RUSI Vancouver Inaugural Annual Dinner – RSVP by Sept 18!!!**  
Very slow response for the dinner to date. Please get replies in ASAP!
- Oct 04** Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019

## World War 2 – 1944

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

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>:** The 11<sup>th</sup> British Armoured Division (the point of the Allied advance) liberates Antwerp before the Germans can demolish its port facilities – an important achievement but they fail to cross Albert Canal. Antwerp can handle enough tonnage to keep the Allied Armies on the continent in full supply, but the Canal and the Scheldt Estuary need to be secured first. Far to the rear of the weary 11<sup>th</sup> Division, Lille, Louvain, Malines and Etaples are liberated. The USSR agrees to a ceasefire with Finland, in return for a return to the 1940 frontiers and reparations; the Germans hurriedly start evacuating Finland. The Soviets are bludgeoning their way through the Carpathian Mountains, taking Brasov and Senaia.

*Essential Reading: The 1944 campaign to open Antwerp was largely conducted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army in the worst conditions encountered during the war in Northwestern Europe. The British War Correspondent RW Thompson described them in his 1967 history of the campaign The 85 Days with a stunning prose that has the power to horrify even now, wondering at the infantry who went forward hip deep in a flooded landscape in October where every square metre of dry ground was mined and covered by pre-sighted weapons.*

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>:** Liberation day for Namur and Charleroi as Hitler puts Rundstedt back in command of Germany's forces in the West. In three days of fighting around Mons, the famed US 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division encircled and captured a pocket of 9,000 Germans. In Italy, the 8<sup>th</sup> Army butts into strong German defences north of the Gothic Line while US IV Corps liberates Lucca. The USSR declares war on Bulgaria which promptly surrenders, being entirely unready to fight its traditional ally or face the consequences of a Soviet conquest. Meanwhile, the governments-in-exile of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg agree on the Benelux Customs Union which later forms the foundation of the European Union. PFC Gino J Merli of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division is near Sars la Bruyere in Belgium when his company retreated after being overwhelmed in a German counterattack. Merli stayed at his machinegun to cover their withdrawal. As the Germans overran him, he feigned death -- even when prodded with a bayonet -- then popped up to fire on them again. He repeated this ruse once more (sustaining another bayonet jab and was still at his post this morning when the Germans asked for a truce just as his company was about to counter-attack. He wins the Medal of Honor. Afterwards, like many men who have achieved distinction for deeds in battle, he becomes better known for his humanitarian activities.

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:** Liberation day for Ghent, Courtai and Armentieres as well as Chalons sur Saone while the German garrisons in Calais and Boulogne are isolated. The Soviets reach the Yugoslavian frontier at Turnu-Severin. Britain relaxes its blackout rules and ends compulsory training for the Home Guard. All 16 Carriers of T-58 hit Palau. Ypres is also liberated by the 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division. The Belgian city was the epicenter of four years of fighting on the Western Front in WW1 and 300,000 British and Imperial/Commonwealth war dead alone fell during five major battles and innumerable smaller actions around the city from 1914 until 1918. After the Menin Gate was consecrated as a cenotaph to the 90,000 men without known graves, the Ypres Fire Brigade began a daily ceremony (every evening at 8:00 PM), blowing the Last Post for the missing dead. This rite was forbidden during the German occupation but tonight -- as the last gunfire ebbs away from the liberation of their city -- the firemen resume this duty. They perform it still.

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>:** British and US troops cross the Albert Canal near Antwerp, opening the campaign to clear the Scheldt Estuary so that Antwerp's port can be used. Negotiations between the Home Army in Warsaw and the German commander there allow some 20,000 civilians to be evacuated. Technician 5<sup>th</sup> Class Robert D Maxwell of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division is one of four manning an observation post near Besancon, France when they are attacked by a platoon of Germans who have infiltrated through the forward companies of his battalion. Maxwell inspires the quartet to resist, though they are only harmed with pistols, and a firefight ensues. When a grenade is

thrown among them, Maxwell jumps on it and is badly wounded, but shields his comrades from its worst effects. He survives to receive the Medal of Honor.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>:** The first V-2 ballistic missile lands in Paris with two more launched towards London - the 'militarization of space' has begun. It is Liberation Day for Liege (US VII Corps), Besancon (US VI Corps), Nieuport and Ostend (1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Army). The British, Canadians and Poles of 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Italy hammer away on the German defences on the Gemmamo and Coriano ridges. As the 8<sup>th</sup> US Infantry Division closes up on the German defences at Brest, France, PFC Ernest W Prussman leads a squad in an assault on a German strong point that just unmasked itself on the flank of his company. His aggressiveness yields him six prisoners and a machinegun but then he is mortally wounded by a concealed German rifleman, whom he kills with a grenade before succumbing to his death blow. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** Bruges is liberated by the Canadian Army while Free French units liberate Beaune, Le Creusot and Autun in southern France. Heavy rain slows the Allies in Italy. Twelve US Carriers attack Japanese airfields on Mindanao.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>:** US troops (1<sup>st</sup> Army) enter Luxembourg, British and Canadian troops attack German garrisons in Le Havre and Zeebrugge. Eisenhower agrees to Montgomery's Market Garden plan. In Italy II US Corps starts advancing into the mountain passes north of Florence.

## **Dedication of the RCA Memorial at Point 67 on Verrières Ridge**

WW2 Veteran Robert Spencer



*L to R: Sub-Lieutenant Ryerson Fitzpatrick, Charles Davis, George Chow, the Col Comdt, BGen James Selbie, Robert Spencer, Mayor of St Martin de Fontenay Martine Piersiela*

First thing on the morning of Saturday, 8 June 2019, we left our accommodation at Deauville, drove south from Caen through the village of Fleury-sur-Orne, and then

climbed the northwestern edge of the kidney-shaped Verrières Ridge to reach the high Point 67. It was the same route over which I had moved with the guns of the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, seventy-five years earlier. Shortly after 0900 hours on 8

August 1944, at the start of the major advance in Operation *Totalize*, we departed an insecure start line just south of Cormelles, a southern suburb of Caen. We moved across battle-scarred slopes under fire, incurring casualties en route, and reached our first gun position for the operation, located on a hillside just north of Rocquancourt, a village located south of Verrières Ridge. On arrival we began to deploy the guns but came under heavy mortar fire, which no doubt targeted the columns of smoke created by the engineers, who had volunteered to use explosives to help us dig gun pits in the hard, chalky soil. From there, we provided strong support for the advance which, in the end, contributed to the successful closing of the Falaise Gap.

It is at the storied location of Point 67 that the Royal Canadian Artillery Association chose to erect a memorial to the gunners of the Battle of Normandy. The site is already the location of a major monument to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Infantry Division and includes memorials to the units that fought on Verrières Ridge. The new Artillery monument consists of a 25-pounder gun, manufactured in Canada, that saw action with the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery during World War II. It was the same type of gun that my regiment had used in Normandy to such good effect. It now stands on the edge of the summit of Point 67, from which there is a panoramic view of the former battlefields spread out below.



*L to R:- HLCol Don Foster 15 Fd, Robert Spencer, Maj Nick Watts 2 I/C 15 Fd.*

The dedication of the memorial was a special Artillery event that coincided with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Normandy. At the ceremony I was accompanied by five other World War II gunners: Bill Anderson, Roland Armitage, George Chow, Charles Davis, and Albert Roy. We were all part of the Veterans Affairs Canada delegation marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of D Day and the Battle of Normandy.

Others in attendance included Lieutenant General (retired) The Honourable Roméo Dallaire, Brigadier General (retired) Ernie Beno, Colonel Commandant Brigadier General (retired) James Selbie, and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster, as well as local French dignitaries and representatives from different Canadian Artillery units. At the outset of the ceremony the 25-

pounder was guarded by four gunners and its barrel was flanked by Canadian and RCA flags draped on the gun's shield. The weather, which was a changing mixture of sun, wind and light rain showers, contributed to the atmosphere.

BGen Selbie spoke eloquently of the service of the Artillery, noting that the memorial was a reminder of the human cost of battle. I was honoured to be invited, along with Charles Davis, to take part in the memorial's unveiling, which involved removing the flags on the gun shield to reveal its English and French dedication plaques, and then to fire one of two L5 pack howitzers. The other L5 was fired by Albert Roy. Following the formal ceremonies, I very much enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with currently serving gunners of all ranks. I am grateful for the continued link with the RCA through BGen Selbie, BGen Beno and HLCol Foster. While I had participated in a number of moving Government of Canada and local French events earlier in the week, the Artillery ceremony made me feel like I was among family. As the dedication plaques indicate, the monument will stand as a constant reminder of the contribution of the RCA to the Battle of Normandy and of the 463 gunners who made the supreme sacrifice.

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## **Quebec Gunner's Lost WW2 Backpack to Come Home**

74 years after WW II Italian campaign, Quebecer's lost backpack to come home.

*Elysha Enos, Valeria Cori-Manocchio · CBC News · Jul 26, 2019*



*Via Skype, Italian memorabilia collector Lorenzo Campus, 23, shows the Second World War backpack he has been trying to learn more about. (CBC)*

An Italian collector of Second World War memorabilia who found a backpack belonging to a Canadian infantryman who fought alongside Allied forces in the Italian campaign became obsessed with finding its owner. Now he has. British helmets and German ID tags are typical items in Lorenzo Campus's collection of Second World War memorabilia from Italy, but when he found the backpack of a Canadian soldier, he became obsessed with returning it to the man or his descendants. Unlike other war memorabilia Campus finds in his native Tuscany, a region in central Italy that includes the cities Florence and Pisa, he felt this bag was special. Written on it was: 470L8, P.E., St. Laurent. He guessed St. Laurent had to be the area the man was from, and P.E., his initials. Other Italian collectors were enlisted to help research the man's identity and where he may have ended up. Despite not knowing his name, they were convinced he must have fought in Italy in 1944 and likely survived the war to return home. What happened to him after that, however, remained a mystery. Lorenzo Campus said returning the backpack had special significance to him. It's rare to find a piece of war memorabilia that can be traced to a particular soldier and finding a backpack with clues to a man's identity fueled Campus's desire to return it to him or his family. It made the 23-year-old think of his

grandfather, who fought in the Second World War as an Alpino — a member of the Italian mountain warfare corps. "If a collector gave me something of his, I'd be very happy," he said.

Campus initially got the backpack from a fellow collector in August of last year. Growing frustrated by his year-long quest to find the bag's owner, Campus was ready to give up and send it on to a Canadian museum, so at least it would be back in Canada. But first, he contacted CBC Montreal for help. CBC got to work, contacting half a dozen government agencies and military historians. It was at Library and Archives Canada that we hit the jackpot: The identification number on the pack turned out to have one wrong letter. However, Campus found another, slightly different, number on the backpack, and that one allowed archivists to quickly identify the soldier as a gunner named Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent. Because Saint-Laurent had been dead for more than two decades, Library and Archives Canada was able to release more details of who Saint-Laurent was and what became of him.



*Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent grew up in an orphanage in Matane, Que. He later enlisted to fight in the Second World War, eventually ending up on the front lines of the Italian campaign. This photo was taken in London.  
(Submitted by the Saint-Laurent family)*

Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent was born in 1919 in Matane, Que., on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, 400 kilometres northeast of Quebec City. His father died when he was nine years old, leaving his mother with eight children she couldn't support. Placed in an orphanage, he went to work at the age of 13. He enlisted in the war effort in 1941, joining the Royal Canadian Artillery's 57<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment as a gunner, shooting down German aircraft. By 1944, he had transferred to the Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, known as *le Vingt-deuxième*, or, in English, as the Van Doos. Historian David O'Keefe said that toward the end of the war, gunners like Saint-Laurent weren't as critical to the war effort, since there weren't as many German aircraft left in the skies. However, on the front lines, the Allied forces had suffered heavy losses and "desperately needed reinforcements," O'Keefe said. Converted into infantrymen, many gunners fought in the Italian campaign — Allied operations in and around Italy from 1943 to 1945. As a member of the Van Doos, Saint-Laurent would have faced some of the heaviest combat Canadians have ever seen. "The fighting in Italy was more like you would have seen on the Western Front in World War One ... extremely muddy, extremely hilly, and extremely difficult," O'Keefe said. According to records unearthed by Library and Archives Canada, Saint-Laurent returned home in December 1945 and was discharged a month later. The federal government was offering jobs to veterans, in appreciation of their years of service, and Saint-Laurent accepted a government job, moving to Ottawa. He got married, and his five children were born in Ottawa and Hull, Que. Saint-Laurent's daughter, Francine Saint-Laurent, who lives in Montreal, was the first in the family to hear about her father's backpack. "It's like I'm dreaming," she said. "I never heard about this incredible story."



*Francine Saint-Laurent remembers her father as a special man who always looked at the positive side of life and who loved his family dearly.*

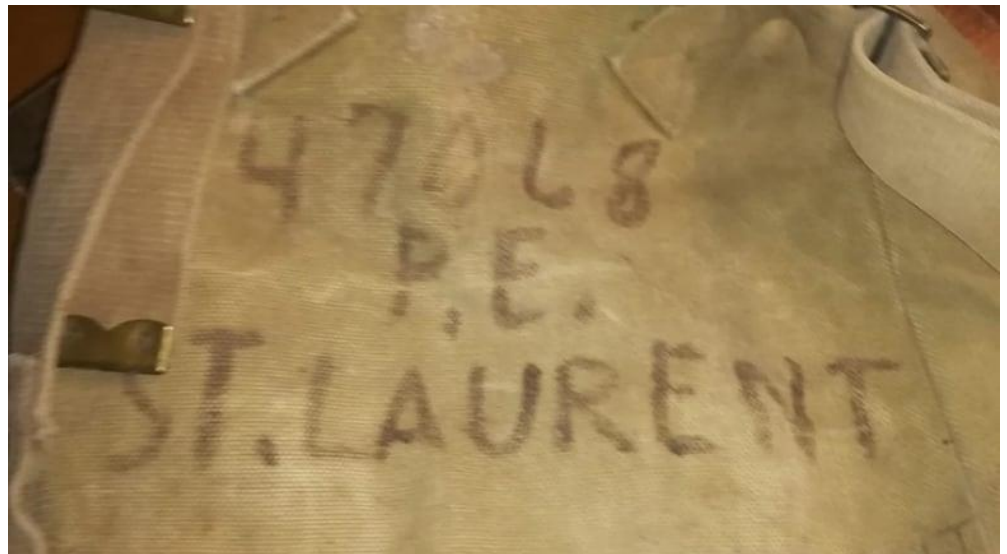
*(Valeria Cori-Manocchio/CBC)*

Her father died in 1993, but Francine guesses he would have likely cried to see the backpack again. Thinking back to her childhood, she remembers finding lilacs far from the family home on a sprawling, rural property and telling

her father how much she loved them. Soon after, she said, he found the plant, uprooted it and transplanted it beneath her bedroom window. "He was a beautiful person," she said. Her father was always smiling, she said, and playing practical jokes on people. He rarely spoke about the war, but when he did it was in the most positive terms he could muster describing the beautiful cities he got to see and the friends he'd made. She remembered him mentioning little asides and basic facts — like that he'd served in Italy and France — but that's about it. "He lost some friends, and it was very hard for him," she said. "He told me once he saw a young boy, dying — the same age as him, around 21. The last word he said was 'Mama,'" Francine recalled. Now, in place of the stories about the Van Doos, the family has the backpack, which will be passed down through the generations, she said. After learning about it Thursday, Francine contacted Campus to express her family's appreciation. "It would have been easier for him to throw it in the garbage," she said.

*The words 'St. Laurent' threw Campus off in his search, as he thought it referred to where the soldier was from. It turned out to be his last name.*

*(Submitted by Lorenzo Campus)*



Luckily, if anyone would keep it out of the trash it would be Campus, who plans on writing a book about the young soldiers who fought in Tuscany during the Second World War. Campus is overjoyed to know the family has been found, and he can send them a piece of their history. "I never thought it would happen. It's a dream for me," he said. There are still unanswered questions, however. "Why was he separated from his backpack in the first place?" asked historian O'Keefe. A soldier is responsible for every item they carry and there would have been an inquiry into what happened. "He wasn't injured," O'Keefe said. "Was it stolen? He lost it?"

## Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

No update this week.

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

## VIA Rail Discount for Veterans

VIA is offering a 40% off the best available fares in Sleeper Plus class onboard the Canadian (Toronto-Vancouver train) —for qualifying members of the Canadian Armed Forces, National Defence civilian personnel, veterans, and their immediate families. The offer ends on September 23, 2019. For details see:- <https://www.viarail.ca/en/canadian-forces>

## Who (or What) Is It?

**Last Week:** So, what connects the Star Wars Storm Troopers to the Canadian Army? It's the E11 Blasters they carry. The E-11 blaster rifle props used in *A New Hope* and *The Empire Strikes Back* were built from a British-made Sterling Mark 4 L2A3 sub-machine gun. The Sterlings used in both productions were provided by British film armourers Bapty & Co. For the filming of *Return of the Jedi*, ILM used Sterling copies manufactured by MGC (Model Gun Corporation). The scopes used on E-11 props were World War II tank scopes, most notably the M-38 (but also M40 and M19), used in *A New Hope*.



*An E-11 pictured with a Sterling submachine gun from which it was designed*

To give the actors something to react to and to give rotoscoping artists timing reference when animating blaster bolts, the E-11 rifle props in the original trilogy—which were still fully operational firearms—were loaded with blank cartridges that were then fired to provide a practical effect. Because of this, expended 9mm casings can be seen ejecting from the props in several scenes in *A New Hope*, particularly during the assault on the Death Star's detention level. This can also be seen briefly in a closeup of Lando firing one in *The Empire Strikes Back*. Kenner produced a full-size toy version of this rifle as part of its first *Star Wars* toy line in 1977. The toy was called a "3 position laser rifle." Kenner (and later, Hasbro) re-released this blaster rifle (without the folding stock on the original 1977 toy and in different colors due to changing laws in the United States dealing with toy and imitation firearms) on numerous occasions throughout the *Star Wars* toy line's history.

**This Week:** This week we take a break from journeys to exotic locals, and return to that most expensive of cities, Vancouver. This week's photo, taken by the late Gordon Croucher, who some of you might remember as a prolific cataloguer of local military life, was sent to us by a young enthusiast, Colin MacGregor Stevens of Richmond, a large shopping mall and driving





—Gordon Croucher photo

school to the south of Vancouver. The photo shows a friendly lad of Canada's best Infantry regiment (mine!) assisting a youngish lass with a large and rather dangerous looking device. (Please ignore the fact that his closeness to the woman violates many current DND directives). Now, in my day, we used a true man's firearm, the fabled FN, as well as other fun, but noisy, devices, such as the 3.5 inch rocket launcher. With the latter, we fired at clapped out armoured vehicles (now treasured museum exhibits) in a manly fashion by not wearing any hearing protection. Ah, those were the days. Hmmm. You didn't hear me? What? I can't hear you, either!

Well, we would love to hear your answers to the question of the week: what is that device being shown

the lass by the laddie? Shout your answers (he's a gunner, after all) to Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com)) or to the author, Private John Redmond, SHC ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)).

### **From the 'Punitary'**

Why did the balloon go near the needle? It wanted to be a pop star

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

Professionals are predictable, but the world is full of dedicated amateurs

### **Quotable Quotes**

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer. - George S. Patton

## Battle of Britain Parade



**AIR FORCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION  
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### **BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY PARADE**

**1:00 PM - Sunday, 8 September 2019**

**Stanley Park Air Force Garden of Remembrance**

*(Adjacent to Pavilion and Transit Loop)*

**Parade preceded by brunch at the Stanley Park Pavilion at 11:30 AM.**

*Brunch tariff: \$40.00 (no host bar). Blazer, tie and medals.*

*Please RSVP Brunch to [Jevernon@telus.net](mailto:Jevernon@telus.net) or at 604 420 6065*

**Parade Guest speaker: Philippe Sutter, Consul General of France in Vancouver.**

**Parade Reviewing Officer: Honorary Colonel Dianne McCurdy, 442 Squadron.**

**15<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY RCA  
&  
THE 78<sup>th</sup> FRASER HIGHLANDERS  
IRISH WHISKEY TASTING AND FUND RAISER**

**ARE YOU A PROUD GUNNER? A PROUD HIGHLANDER WHO SUPPORTS OUR HOME AT THE BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY? AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER WHO WANTS TO STAND TALL AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE AIMS OF THE REGIMENT DURING ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR IN 2020?**

**WAIT NO LONGER!**

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

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend an Irish Whiskey fund raising and whisky tasting event. There will be food, draw prizes, and music.

For the Full 'Whiskey Fleet', Tickets are **\$55.00** per person by Credit Card, Cheque, or by exact change, otherwise your \$60 in bills will be gratefully accepted towards our good cause. Bernard Rowe, who will be relieving you of your burden of carrying cash, will meet you at the front door and will be most appreciative. For those who are driving, or prefer the options from the No-Host bar, you pay a meager **\$25.00**. **Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet! Bring guests!**

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

**DATE:** Friday – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TIME:** 1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

**LOCATION:** 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7

**DO NOT MISS OUT!**

**TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:** Major James Barrett  
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E-Mail: [barrettjd007@gmail.com](mailto:barrettjd007@gmail.com)

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations upon request.



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and the Directors  
of*

# Royal United Services Institute Vancouver Society

*request the pleasure of the company of you and your guests*

*at our*

## **Inaugural Annual Dinner**

*Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day  
and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 'Royal' Designation*

*to be held at*

*BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC*

*on*

*Saturday, the Twenty-Eighth of September 2019*

*at*

*six thirty for seven o'clock in the evening*

**RSVP by 18 September 2019**  
to [RSVP@rusivancouver.ca](mailto:RSVP@rusivancouver.ca)

Send payment to:  
Treasurer, RUSI Vancouver  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6J 3C7

**Dress:** Business Formal (Mess Dress Optional)

**Tariff:** \$50 per person  
Make cheques payable to: RUSI Vancouver

*Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Vegetarian – please indicate choice on RSVP*

# **Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019**



## **Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019**

Sponsored by the Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia

**0800 – 1630 October 4, 2019**

**BCIT Marine Campus**

265 West Esplanade

North Vancouver, British Columbia

### **Agenda**

**0730 – 0830 Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**0830 Opening and Recognition of NOABC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**0845 Canada and the Pacific (Strategic Situation)**

**Canada-China Relations: Predatory, Promising or Problematic**

Dr. James Boutilier (Special Advisor to the RCN Commander Maritime Forces Pacific)

**China's Campaign of Influence and Intimidation in Canada**

Jonathan Manthorpe (Author and Journalist)

**The National Security Context for Canada's Relations with China**

Richard Fadden (Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada, Deputy Minister of National Defence, and Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service)

**Q&A Session on the Strategic Situation in the Pacific**

Panel of speakers above

Moderated by Senator Yuen Pau Woo

**1115 The Challenges and Roles for the Navy**

**The Royal Canadian Navy in the Pacific and the Strategic Vision of the RCN: "Ready to Help, Ready to Lead, Ready to Fight"**

Rear-Admiral J.R. (Bob) Auchterlonie, OMM, CD, RCN (Commander Maritime Forces Pacific)

## 1200 Lunch

### 1245 Naval Reserve – International Perspective

#### **RCN Reserve Priorities, Plans and Challenges**

Capt (N) Alan Offer, CD, RCN (Deputy Commander Naval Reserves)

#### **Royal Navy Reserve Experience and Future Plans**

Cmdre Martin Quinn, ADC, RN, Commander Maritime Reserves

#### **US Navy Reserves and Future Plans**

TBA

#### **Q&A Session on Challenges and Roles for Navy Reserves**

Panel of speakers above

Moderated by Cmdre David Craig, CD, RCN (Ret'd)

### 1500 Marine Industry

#### **Seaspan: RCN Joint Support Ship Program**

Cory Zachrisson, Seaspan

#### **Association of BC Marine Industries (ABCMI)**

Dan McGreer, BAsc (Nav Arch), Principal Naval Architect, Vard Marine, Inc., Secretary, ABCMI

### 1615 Closing Remarks

Conference includes continental breakfast and light lunch

The charge is \$85.00 per person

Please register by 20 September using the form below

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### NAC National Conference 2019

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Registration form:** by post to L. Fournier, 2970 Altamont Cr., West Vancouver, BC V7V 3C1

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