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Wednesday Lunches Some big changes coming to our lunches. Those of you who attend lunches fairly regularly will know that the Mess considered laying off the bartender, Steve, and using one of the officers as a volunteer bartender to reduce costs. They are not going to do that. Instead, the price of the lunches will be raised to \$20, **effective Oct 12**, and most of the increase will be used to cover the bartender's wages. At the moment, all the lunch ticket money goes to Mrs Lum and these days, many people have cut back on alcohol, especially if they are driving, so bar profit has decreased to the point where it doesn't even cover basic expenses. On top of that, the Mess guarantees Mrs Lum 25 diners and, if we drop below that number, the Mess must make up the difference. \$20 is still a very reasonable price for the excellent meal being served. Anybody who has attended will attest to the fact that the quality of the meal is top notch and you get soup, salad, main course, dessert, cheese and crackers and coffee/tea for that \$20 – you won't find a better meal or deal anywhere else in town. Jacket and tie required, equivalent for ladies.

Navy lunch – 26 Oct: Guest Speaker is Surgeon Commander John Blatherwick RCN (ret'd), who will talk about Canada's Awards and Decorations.

Britannia's Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914

Barry Gough will be holding a book launch of his book on Thursday, October 6, 2016 – 1830 to 1930hrs at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. See poster at the end of the newsletter. *Note- Late Night Thursdays at the VMM are 'entry by donation.'*

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars Details to follow in future editions

- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
- Dec 3 - St Barbara's Day Special Guest night. See invitation at end of newsletter
- Dec 11 - Christmas Tea
- Jan 1 - New Year's Levée
- Feb 11 - Regimental reunion dinner

World War 2 - 1941

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

Oct 5th: While the three panzer groups rush deep into the Soviet rear, Von Kluge's 11 infantry divisions of 4th Army stave in the Soviet front lines around Yelna.

Oct 6th: Kleist's panzers reach the Sea of Azov, cutting off 100,000 Soviet soldiers. The front near Vyazma and Bryansk (captured this day) is crumbling and 600,000 Soviet troops are in danger of encirclement. However, heavy rains have just begun and the unpaved roads of Russia will soon turn to thick glutinous mud.

Oct 7th: Vyazma is captured by Hoth's panzers and four Soviet Armies are in the pocket.

Oct 8th: The Wehrmacht starts to slip 600,000 Soviets into captivity in Vyazma and Bryansk – while the panzers orient themselves towards Tula, Kaluga, Rzhev and Kalinin in the drive on Moscow. Meanwhile, the first heavy rains of the Russian autumn have set in and the roads are turning to a ribbon of quagmire.

Oct 9th: Roosevelt asks Congress to relax more sections of the Neutrality Act.

Oct 10th: Zhukov is brought from Leningrad to Moscow to take overall command of the Army Fronts defending the city, while specifically taking over Western Front from Konev - 2nd Panzer Group takes Mtensk, about 110km south of Tula.

VAC Minister Reaffirms Government's Commitment

Committed to supporting medically releasing members of the Canadian Armed Forces

OTTAWA, Sept. 27, 2016 - The Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, today issued the following statement:

The Prime Minister gave us a clear mandate to serve Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans and their families. I can tell you in no uncertain terms that I believe in my responsibility as Canada's Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. On behalf of all Canadians, I will make sure their service to Canada is recognized and honoured, and provide new career opportunities, make it easier for Veterans to access services—including mental health services—and do more to support the families of Canada's Veterans. This means the gap between National Defence and Veterans Affairs must be closed, and I am working with my colleague, the Minister of National Defence, to reduce complexity, overhaul service delivery, and strengthen partnerships between Veterans Affairs and National Defence.

The Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada are committed to honouring those who have selflessly served this country. We will do so by continuing to take substantial steps to

finding solutions that will improve the health, well-being and financial security of Canadian Veterans and their families.

Considerable work has been completed to streamline and simplify the transition from service in the Canadian Armed Forces. For example, Enhanced Transition Services is about Veterans Affairs Canada engaging earlier with releasing Canadian Armed Forces members and their families, as early intervention is one of the critical components of a successful transition. This joint VAC/CAF initiative has been launched at all 24 integrated personnel support centres, and it has:

- contributed to increased awareness among Canadian Armed Forces case managers about the importance of more coordinated pre-release early applications for Veterans Affairs Canada benefits;
- allowed Veterans Affairs Canada case managers to engage earlier with releasing Canadian Armed Forces members; and,
- led to more efforts to streamline the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces release process that will further facilitate Veteran Affairs Canada's early involvement in the transition process.

We recognize that there is more to be done. We are working diligently with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence to fulfill our common core goal of a Seamless Transition. Together, the Department of National Defence, Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada are continuing to address issues of mutual interest and concern. "We are working to further improve the current service delivery model to provide a standard approach that will eliminate barriers to a successful transition for all releasing members. I look forward to discussing the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces Ombudsman's recommendations with my colleagues, stakeholders and other Canadians.

Liberals Mulling Long-Overdue Moves On Military Procurement File

Michael Den Tandt September 25, 2016



*A partially built Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship at Irving Shipbuilding's Halifax Shipyard.
Irving Shipbuilding Inc*

Big moves are afoot on the federal military procurement file – and not a moment too soon. Of the dizzying array of rusted-out Canadian Forces gear that must be replaced with varying degrees of urgency, two big-ticket items have dominated; new ships for the Royal Canadian

Navy and Coast Guard, and new fighters for the Royal Canadian Air Force. On both fronts, according to a senior defence industry source, the Liberal government is gearing up for moves it hopes will break the logjam. “They’re now where the former government was in June of 2015,” said the source. “Basically there’s a realization that what they’ve been doing isn’t working.”

On tap are an open, international competition for the new fighter jet, nominally including the controversial F-35 despite the Liberal campaign pledge to rule it out, and a re-apportioning of some of the furthest-off planned naval and Coast Guard shipbuilding, perhaps to a contractor or contractors overseas. Both moves are long overdue. The selection and purchase of a jet to replace the 1980s-vintage Boeing CF-18s has been stalled since the former Conservative government’s sole-sourced purchase of 65 Lockheed-Martin F-35s went awry in late 2012, due to concerns over ballooning life-cycle costs, and the lack of an open competition. During last year’s federal campaign, the Liberals pledged to scrap the F-35 deal once and for all, buy a less costly plane and re-apportion any savings to shipbuilding. There was speculation last spring that a purchase of Boeing Super Hornets was in the offing, which quickly sputtered after the Liberals were accused by the opposition of seeking to engineer their own sole-sourced fighter purchase.

Meantime, at the Irving yard on the East Coast and Seaspan’s shipyard in Vancouver, work continues on a series of Arctic patrol boats and small Coast Guard vessels, respectively. Construction of a new fleet of naval frigates, two mammoth naval supply ships and a large three-season icebreaker for the Coast Guard is still some years off, given current building schedules. In a recent interview, Jonathan Whitworth, Seaspan’s chief executive, said the first of four smaller vessels for the Coast Guard is on target to be completed next year, with two more coming in 2018. He said he was unable to provide a schedule for completion of any further planned work by Seaspan, including the two supply ships and the three-season icebreaker, all much larger than anything the company has built to date. Whitworth referred questions about Seaspan’s longer-term federal work to a pending federal procurement review, which he said he expects to see by year-end.

In the early going of the Trudeau government indications were that, beyond finding a new fighter (anything other than the F-35 to fulfill their election promise) not much would change on the procurement front, particularly with respect to the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy unveiled by the Tories in the fall of 2011. The waters were further muddied by the accession of Dominic LeBlanc, a member of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s inner circle, to the post of Fisheries Minister, nominally responsible for the Coast Guard. LeBlanc, because of personal ties to the Irving family, has recused himself from dealings with federal shipbuilding. Industry insiders have expected the absence of an active minister’s hand on the Coast Guard rebuild would further slow decision-making. But the cabinet defence procurement committee, chaired by Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr, has apparently come around to the view that the status quo will not stand. It may have been spurred in this by numerous reports, including one last week from the Commons defence committee chaired by Liberal MP Stephen Fuhr, raising alarms about the rapid buildup of Russian military power in the Arctic.

An open competition for the fighter jet procurement would necessarily include the F-35. But the statement of requirements, which likely will not be finalized until after the defence review currently under way is complete, may de facto preclude one plane, or several. The perennial likely competitors include Boeing's Super Hornet, Dassault's Rafale, The Eurofighter Typhoon and Saab's Grippen, as well as the F-35. The timing of any aircraft rollout will be of the essence: The 77 CF-18s now flying are being refurbished to extend their lives to 2025. But that date is a hard cap, because of life-cycle expiry of the air frames.

On the shipping side, the emerging thinking is that the current amorphous delivery timeline on the two supply ships and three-season icebreaker is too far off to be acceptable. Seaspan is deemed to have its hands full now with the four smaller Coast Guard vessels that are first in line to be built. A similar view was reached by senior figures in the former Conservative government, before it fell. Should part or all of the supply-ship and large-icebreaker work go elsewhere, the Western shipyard would likely be given an additional round of contracts on smaller Coast Guard cutters, which also will need to be replaced in the medium term, the senior industry source suggested.

War Studies Suggest Concussions Leave the Brain Vulnerable to PTSD

Jon Hamilton September 26, 2016 NPR



Charles Mayer, 30, of San Diego survived an IED attack while serving in Iraq in 2010, but has suffered from complications including PTSD. Stuart Palley for NPR

There's growing evidence that a physical injury to the brain can make people susceptible to post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies of troops who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have found that service members who have suffered a concussion or mild traumatic brain injury are far more likely to develop PTSD, a condition that can cause flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety for years after a traumatic event. And research on both people and animals suggests the reason is that a brain injury can disrupt circuits that normally dampen the response to a frightening event. The result is like "driving a car and the brake's not fully functioning," says Mingxiong Huang, a biomedical physicist at the University of California, San Diego. Scientists have suspected a link between traumatic brain injury (TBI) and PTSD for many years. But the evidence was murky until researchers began studying troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

What they found was a lot of service members like Charles Mayer, an Army sniper from San Diego who developed PTSD after finishing a deployment in Iraq. In 2010, Mayer was on patrol in an Army Humvee near Baghdad when a roadside bomb went off. "I was unconscious for

several minutes," he says. So he found out what happened from the people who dragged him out. The blast fractured Mayer's spine. It also affected his memory and thinking. That became painfully clear when Mayer got out of the Army in 2012. "Two weeks later, I started school," he says. "And a simple math equation like 120 times 7, where I previously would do that in my head very easily, I all of a sudden couldn't do that." And Mayer had a bigger problem. His time in Iraq had left him with an uncontrollable fear of improvised explosive devices, or IEDs. "When I would walk down the street, I would walk away from trash piles because that's often how they would hide IEDs," he says. "I stayed away from large crowds."

Mayer's fear was not only disturbing, it was disabling. "I would get severe panic attacks to the point where I would have to go to the hospital," he says. "I would feel like I'm actually having a heart attack." Eventually, Mayer went to a Veterans Affairs hospital for help. An exam confirmed that he had PTSD. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have produced thousands of Charles Mayers. First they got a concussion from a bomb blast. Then they got PTSD. "We had people who were looking very miserable when they came back," says Dewleen Baker, a psychiatrist at UCSD and the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Baker kept asking herself: Was the PTSD just from the emotional trauma of combat? Or did a concussion alter the brain in a way that amplified fear and anxiety? "I could easily diagnose the PTSD," she says. "But I found it very, very difficult to tease apart the contribution of traumatic brain injury." So Baker and a team of researchers began studying more than 1,600 Marine and Navy service members from Camp Pendleton, in San Diego County, Calif. The service members had been assessed before deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan, and then again three months after returning. "At one point we got this battalion that went to Helmand province in Afghanistan, and literally 50 percent of them were complaining of blast exposures and symptoms," Baker says. "I got concerned."

Baker had reason to worry. The study found that troops who experienced a traumatic brain injury were twice as likely to develop post-traumatic stress disorder. But why? There was no easy way to answer that question in people. But several years ago some answers began to emerge from animal studies. In one experiment, a team of scientists at the University of California, Los Angeles compared healthy rats with rats that had experienced a traumatic brain injury. All of the rats received a type of behavioral conditioning known to induce fear. They found that fear response learned by the animals that had experienced a TBI was much greater than it normally would be, says Michael Fanselow, a psychology professor at UCLA and an author of the study. Next, the team looked at cells in the amygdala, a part of the brain that takes sensory information and decides whether to be afraid. They found changes that would amplify the animal's response to a frightening experience. "And we think that that's the way TBI has of increasing your susceptibility to post-traumatic stress," Fanselow says. If brain injuries really do change the brain's fear circuitry, there should be some way to detect that change in people, says Baker. So Baker teamed up with her colleague Mingxiong Huang, the biomedical physicist. Huang has been using a technology that measures electrical activity in the brain. It's called magnetoencephalography, or MEG. Huang and a team of researchers used MEG to scan

the brains of 84 people who had experienced a brain injury. Some of the participants were service members, some were civilians.

Those scans found abnormal signals coming from the brains of people who'd had a concussion. And the location of those abnormal signals suggested that there was too much activity going on in the amygdala and not enough in an area that normally tempers emotional reactions. The result is a brain that is "like a car with no brake," Huang says. To learn more about the brain circuitry involved in both TBI and PTSD, Dewleen Baker is expanding her earlier study of Marines. She plans to scan the brains of about 200 combat veterans, including some with both TBI and PTSD. And Baker will have help from a researcher with a personal stake in the project: Charles Mayer, the former soldier whose college career was interrupted by PTSD. After getting treatment, Mayer was able to finish his undergraduate degree in December. Then Mayer, who is now 30, started looking for a job that would let him study the problems that had affected his own brain. "I looked up the psychiatrists that were doing research that I really cared about, and Dr. Baker was definitely up there," he says. And Baker hired him. Their research will focus on veterans. But the findings could also help identify civilians who've suffered a brain injury that could make them vulnerable to PTSD.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The following pages were updated over the last week. Were you in attendance at any of the events? Did we get the information correct? Have you got a story that you might wish to share? Some additional photographs? Contact Leon Jensen at LeonJ1@hotmail.com

Wainwright Exercise 1956	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1956.html
Recruiting slides 1972	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1972.html
Officers' Mess Dinner 1974	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1974.html
Ft Lewis 1976	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1976.html
Blair Cup 1977	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1977.html
Change of RSMs Parade 1983	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1983.html
Remembrance Day 1984	http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1984.html

Who is it?



Last Week: This photo was taken on Kiska by Lt Larry Marrier of the 24th FD Regt in 1943. The gun, which is still in situ, is a Japanese naval 12cm dual purpose gun, emplacement for coastal and ack-ack use.

This Week: This week, we are taking a journey back to the early days of World War II, in the Dominion, when people listened to "The Happy Gang" and waved the Union Flag. People always say, "Things were simpler then", but I suspect that the same phrase was uttered by that generation of the one preceding it, and on, and on, back to that of my earliest ancestor, Throg. He was the first in our family to speak (and was severely beaten because of that).

So, here are two perfectly-kitted out officer wallahs, compleat with binocular cases, pistols, box respirators, and all the most fashionable '37 pattern webbing available. They wear their field service caps at a proper angle, and are warmly, if a bit heavily dressed in great coats and gloves. I have no doubt those are of proper officer brown, as are the boots. What I don't know much about is the vehicle in front of which they stand. You will recall from a previous quiz that our army was equipped with a variety of civilian and militarized-civilian automobiles, some of which made it to the UK. This one, however, is in sunny Windsor, ON, and comes from the album of long-time member, Major Ted Edmonds (how many of you remember his regalia store?).



So, dear military auto buff, what is this car, and what can you tell us of its history? Is this the one used by the CDS to smuggle liquor from Quebec to Ottawa (and what's that behind it)? Answer please to the editor, or to the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Happy motoring!

From the 'Punitenary'

Having many good cookbooks makes a lot of sense. They contain such stirring events.

Murphy's Other Laws

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Quotable Quotes

Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with Vision is making a positive difference. - *Joel A. Barker*

WO Mike Meehan's new book

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ARMY RESERVES IN
THE POST-WAR YEARS (1945-1950)**

A comprehensive review of the 1946 victory parade in Vancouver, the post-war re-organization of the reserves. The difficulties of recruiting in a booming economy. The mobilization of the reserves to combat the raging Fraser River in the flood of 1948. Local courses. The summer concentrations to re-qualify the officers and Senior NCOs after the Second World War. The use of Armoury in the post-war period. A tribute to the late Captain B. Amos.

Includes interviews with reservists, data sourced from fourteen Canadian newspapers, B.C., city and regimental archives; fully referenced and indexed, 129 pp.

Price \$15 prepaid by November 1st, by cheque or money order, made payable to:

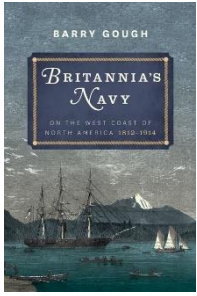
Mr. M. Meehan at 55 Bamford Court, Victoria, B.C. Canada V9B 0N7

Mailed copies after November 11, including postage add \$7.75 in Canada and \$13.00 in USA, both of these via letter mail. International small package air, add \$20.

Prepaid copies will be distributed at the Senior NCOs Mess of the 15th FD Regiment on November 11, 2016, between 12:00 Hrs. and 14:00 Hrs.

Britannia's Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914

by [Barry Gough](#)



CDN\$ 32.95

"[Gough's] research...has been thorough, his presentation is scholarly, and his case fully sustained."—
The Times Literary Supplement

The influence of the Royal Navy on the development of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest was both effective and extensive. Yet all too frequently, its impact has been ignored by historians, who instead focus on the influence of explorers, fur traders, settlers, and railway builders. In this thoroughly revised and expanded edition of his classic 1972 work, naval historian Barry Gough examines the contest for the Columbia country during the War of 1812, the 1844 British response to President Polk's manifest destiny and cries of "Fifty-four forty or fight," the gold-rush invasion of 30, 000 outsiders, and the jurisdictional dispute in the San Juan Islands that spawned the Pig War. The author looks at the Esquimalt-based fleet in the decade before British Columbia joined Canada and the Navy's relationship with coastal First Nation over the five decades that preceded the Great War.



Book Launch: Thursday, October 6, 2016 – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. *Note- Late Night Thursdays at the VMM are 'entry by donation.'*

Join friends and colleagues for a talk, Q&A session, and book signing with Dr. Barry Gough, author of *Britannia's Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914*. You will be pleased to get your hands on this new and expanded edition of Barry's 1971 classic study of the Royal Navy in the North Pacific. Through a turbulent century from 1812 to the First World War, Britain gained imperial supremacy over the vast Pacific region by means of foreign trade and the unrivalled power of its navy. Key to this policy of expansion was the naval station at Esquimalt. From a small, protected anchorage at the southern end of Vancouver Island, the base would grow to play a central role in the consolidation of British Columbia and the defence of British interests from Victoria to Hawaii to Hong Kong. In this new book, Canada's most distinguished maritime historian brings fresh insights to an overlooked chapter of BC history and weaves a fascinating story of diplomacy, nationhood, and colonial conquest in the age of sea power.

Canadian historian Barry Gough has published more than eighteen books to critical acclaim, including *The Northwest Coast: British Navigation, Trade and Discoveries to 1812*; *Juan de Fuca's Strait: Voyages in the Waterway of Forgotten Dreams*; *First Across the Continent: Sir Alexander MacKenzie*; *Fortune's a River: the Collision of Empires in Northwest America*, and *Pax Britannica: Ruling the Waves and Keeping the Peace before Armageddon*, winner of the 2015 Mountbatten Literary Award. He is past-president of the British Columbia Historical Federation and lives in Victoria.

St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night – 3 Dec 2016



*The Commanding Officer
LCol B.A. Purcell, CD
and the Officers
of
15th Field Artillery Regiment
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery*

*request the pleasure of your company
at their annual*

**ST BARBARA'S DAY
SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT**

*to be held at the
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC*

*on
Saturday, the Third of December, 2016*

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

Dress: Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations

RSVP by 23 November 2016 with payment

Tarif: \$ 105 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received (\$95 if received by 9 November 2016). There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

*Payable to "Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt"
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7*

If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 7 and 10pm.

*Questions to VPMC: Capt Isaak Skuce
mess15rca@gmail.com*

Chinese Canadian Military Museum – Battle of Hong Kong Anniversary



The **Chinese Canadian Military Museum** invites you to join with us ... and retired Senator Vivienne Poy ... as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong with the launch of our new exhibition.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Chinese Canadian Military Museum
2nd Floor, 555 Columbia Street, Vancouver

17:00 p.m.

Learn more about the dark days and years for Hong Kong. Discover the inspiring stories of a few Chinese Canadians who played a role during the battle, the occupation and the liberation of this strategic British colony.

A private reception will follow.

RSVP:

rsvp-hongkong@ccmms.ca

BCR 133rd Regimental Birthday

133rd Regimental Birthday All Ranks & Guests Gala



Hosted by:

All Messes

of

*The British Columbia
Regiment*

(Duke of Connaught's Own)



All friends of the Regiment are welcome and invited to attend!

- Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2016
- Time:** Reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
DJ and Dancing immediately after dinner
- Location:** The Drill Hall - 620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC
- Dress:** Black Tie/ Mess Kit
- Price:** \$70/person
- RSVP:** via email to Maj Adam McLeod (PMC Officers' Mess)
adammcLeod@gmail.com
(please advise of any dietary restrictions)
- Payment:** Cheque payable to: "BCR Officers' Mess"
Attn: PMC Officers' Mess
620 Beatty St
Vancouver, BC V6B 2L9

****No cancellations after September 24, 2016****

This event is open to all and you may bring a guest.



The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
Vancouver Branch

Third Annual Black Tie Dinner

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

Cash Bar at 6:00 pm ▲ Dinner at 7:00 pm



The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, BC
Tel: 604-224-1344

\$100 per person

Includes two glasses of red or white wine

*Dress is black tie, highland dress or mess kit. Miniatures & decorations.
Evening dress for ladies.*

For further information contact Carl Larsen
604-817-0563 ▲ heraldryvancouver@gmail.com



Taste of Thailand Curry Lunch



Hosted by:
*The British Columbia
Regiment
Officers' Mess*

Coordinated by:
*The BC Regiment
(DCO) Association*



- Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2015
- Time:** 11:45 am - 1:30 pm
(bar opens at 11:45am)
(lunch starts at 12:25pm)
- Location:** Officers' Mess - The BC Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC
- Dress:** Business Attire (jacket & tie, ladies similar)
- Price:** \$30/person (\$5 discount for those that confirm attendance by October 22, 2015)
- RSVP:** For more information or to register, please e-mail Charlotte Yen at corporate@hplaw.ca
(Please advise of any dietary needs with your RSVP)

Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door
Cheques are payable to: The BC Regiment (DCO) Association
No cancellations after October 22, 2015

NEXT PLANNED LUNCH: Thursday, November 26, 2015



CHINESE CANADIAN MILITARY MUSEUM ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Pink Pearl Restaurant, 1132 East Hastings St., Vancouver

18:00 Registration and Reception | 19:00 Dinner

Tickets: \$70 per person

Help celebrate a successful year in which we launched two new exhibitions. Hear the incredible story of a Chinese Canadian secret agent who operated in occupied Hong Kong and free China during the war. Learn how you can be part of our plans for 2017: Canada's 150th birthday and the 70th anniversary of Chinese Canadians winning the right to vote.



RSVP today:

rsvp2016@ccmms.ca | 604.818.5458 (call after 6:00 p.m.)



Vimy 2017 Project

Friday 4 Nov 2016

Bay Street Armoury

Attached is an invitation to attend the 4 Nov 2016 fundraising luncheon in support of the Fifth (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation. The buffet luncheon will be in the Currie Room of the Bay Street Armoury at 1200h. The Officers' Mess will open at 1130h.

The fundraising focus of this luncheon will be our "Vimy 2017 Project". This Project is part of a Canada-wide Gunner initiative as described below.

In 2014 BGen (Ret'd) Ernie Beno (Honorary Colonel of 7th Toronto Field Artillery Regiment RCA) recognized that within the RCA Family there is great interest in a Vimy Tour in 2017, to include serving members as well as retired Gunners. The tour will include Vimy, Normandy, Dieppe and other Canadian Army sites and will take place from 1 April to 10 April 2017.

Our Fifth (BC) Foundation fully supports this Project and our aim is to fund the participation of up to five serving members of the 5th in 2017. The luncheon on Friday, 4 Nov, is one of several fundraising events and your participation and support is encouraged.

The guest speaker at our 4 November luncheon will be Alan McLeod; a respected and experienced lecturer. His topic will be "Canada's War Memorials – Remembering the Fallen".

The cost of the luncheon event is \$75 per person and each participant will receive a \$50 charitable tax receipt from the 5th (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation. Military and civilian guests are all welcome.

The Foundation also offers a group/corporate ticket at \$350. The \$350 includes a group of five as well as a participant from the 5th. A charitable receipt of \$200 will be provided.

This is one of several fundraising priorities of the Foundation. Our five current priorities are:

- Vimy 2017 Project (Gunner to Vimy)
- Support to our Cadet Corps
- Scholarships and/or bursaries
- Band uniforms and accoutrements
- Support to unit activities

To reserve – www.eventbrite.ca/e/remembrance-week-luncheon-for-vimy-tickets-27400310065

For further information please contact:

Scott Wisdahl at (250) 794-7495 Scott.wisdahl@gmail.com

Stu McDonald at (604) 886-6847 ssmcd2@gmail.com

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Stu McDonald

President – Fifth (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation

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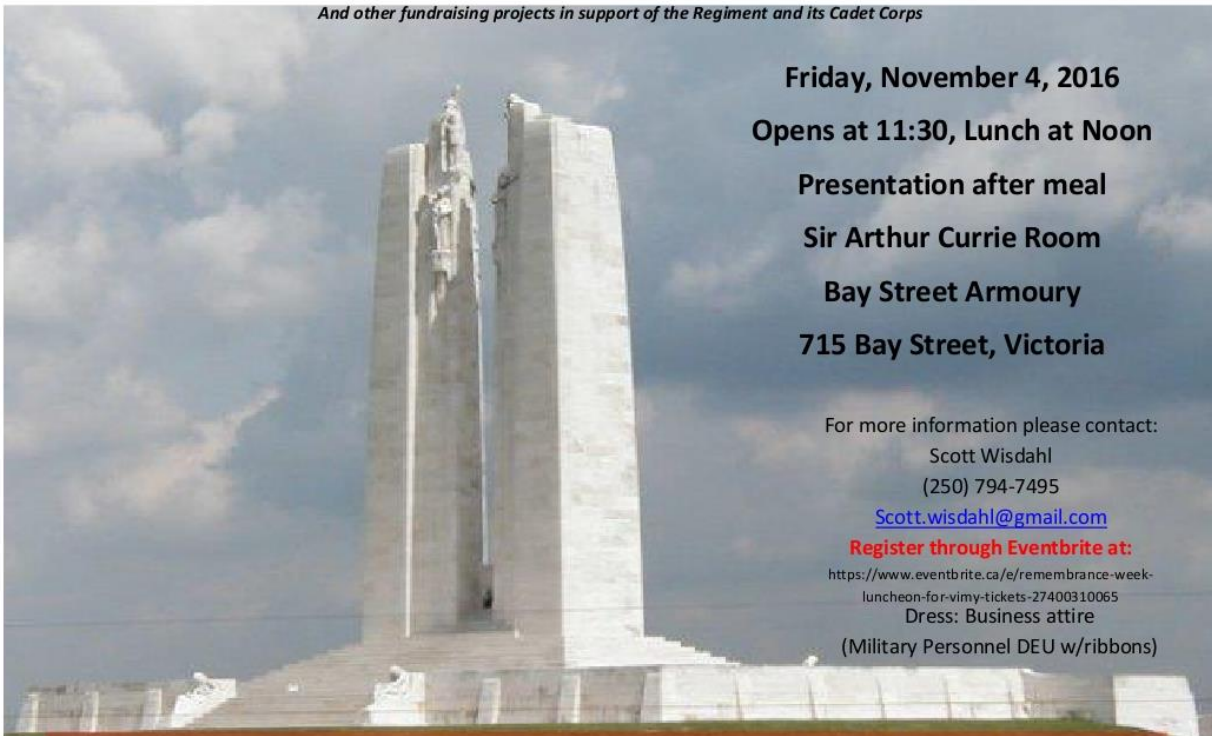
Fifth (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation



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Veterans' Week Fundraising Luncheon Supporting the "Vimy 2017 Project"

And other fundraising projects in support of the Regiment and its Cadet Corps



Friday, November 4, 2016

Opens at 11:30, Lunch at Noon

Presentation after meal

Sir Arthur Currie Room

Bay Street Armoury

715 Bay Street, Victoria

For more information please contact:

Scott Wisdahl

(250) 794-7495

Scott.wisdahl@gmail.com

Register through Eventbrite at:

[https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/remembrance-week-](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/remembrance-week-luncheon-for-vimy-tickets-27400310065)

[luncheon-for-vimy-tickets-27400310065](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/remembrance-week-luncheon-for-vimy-tickets-27400310065)

Dress: Business attire

(Military Personnel DEU w/ribbons)

**Remembering the Fallen -
Canada's War Memorials**

**Presented by:
Alan McLeod**

Admission: \$75

(Includes a \$50 charitable tax receipt)

Corporate rate \$350 (5 spots plus sponsor one soldier)

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LEGION MARCHERS NEEDED



2016 Salute to Veterans & Military Valour Presented by BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion

How would you like to see the field up close? March with us at the 2016 Salute to Veterans and Military Valour Presented by the BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.



Half-time Show at the BC Lions Home Game – 4pm, Nov. 5TH (vs Saskatchewan Roughriders)

- Pipe & Drum Bands, Colour Parties, Veterans, Canadian Forces, Cadets, First Responders & members of Veterans Organizations will be marching.
- Marchers must be in uniform.
- Veterans who are unable to march: limited seating in military vehicles will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All Marchers, Bands and Colour Party Members watch the game for free! Family, friends and co-workers get an exclusive ticket offer of \$30, tax included. \$3.00 from each ticket will go to the Poppy Fund to help Veterans in need. Marchers enter at the East Entrance, no later than 3:30pm.



For more information:

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Ticket Offer for Veteran Family & Friends:

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