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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.

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

- May 08** RUSI Vancouver AGM - 1300hrs Bessborough Armoury
- May 11** Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Cloverdale
2019 Army Gala
- May 17** Fort Rodd Hill Ceremony
- May 22** Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker
- May 26** Artillery Day - 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Mess Dinner
- Jun 08** 2472 (15 Fd RCA) Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review
39 CER D-Day Mess Dinner

World War 2 – 1944

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

May 8th: Hitler decides to let the remaining troops in the Crimea withdraw and another 37,500 men will be evacuated from minor ports over the next few days but 8,000 of these will die on board their ships due to Soviet submarine and air attacks.

May 9th: Sevastopol falls to the Soviet Army as the remaining German forces retreat to Cape Kersonessky to the evacuation beaches. The Japanese make some ineffectual attacks on the US beachheads at Hollandia.

May 10th: JV Forrestal steps into the shoes vacated by the late Frank Knox and becomes the new Secretary of the US Navy.

May 11th: The skies are clear, and the ground is dry – perfect conditions for a major Allied offensive and preparatory bombardment commences for Operation Diadem as 12 divisions from II US, II Polish, XIII British and the Free French Corps line up to clear a route to Rome through the six German divisions on the Western end of the Gustav Line. Admiral Ozawa starts to draw together heavy elements of the Japanese fleet in the Sulu Sea for the defence of the Marianas.

May 12th: The offensive in Italy continues, with the French taking Monte Faito, the Poles failing to take Cassino and the British making two lodgments on the far side of the Rapido.

May 13th: While the British and Americans make some gains in the assault on the Gustav Line, the Free French Corps are doing splendidly and take Castelforte and reach the edge of the Liri Valley. The Crimea is back in Soviet hands, although 151,500 Germans and Romanians managed to escape by sea and air, 78,000 didn't.

May 14th: French troops in the Cassino offensive capture Ausonia and start to clamber over the Aurunci mountains, prompting a local German withdrawal and aiding the II US Corps' advance. The German Army still has a lot of steel in its spine and will until almost the very end. He is one of the sort of NCOs who make the Wehrmacht what it is; Oberfeldwebel (Sergeant Major) Johann Schwerdfefer of the 1st Battalion 228th Jager-Regiment is a highly experienced soldier. Like most front-line German soldiers, he tends to wear his medals and awards in action: They include two wound badges, the ribbons for the Iron Cross Second and First Class, an Infantry Assault Badge, two Tank Destruction Badges (for destroying enemy tanks at close quarters) and the Knights Cross. Today, for his conduct in the fighting around the escape of 1st Panzer Army from encirclement, he receives Oak Leaves to append to his Iron Cross. Schwerdfefer is also the inspiration for the 'Steiner' character in the 1977 film *Cross of Iron*.

PzH 2000 155mm Self-Propelled Howitzer



The PzH 2000 during firing trials in Germany using Denel Assegai shells

The PzH 2000 (Panzerhaubitze 2000) is the 155mm self-propelled howitzer developed by Krauss-Maffei Wegmann (KMW) together with the main subcontractor Rheinmetall Landsysteme for the German Army. KMW received a contract in 1996 for production of 185 units. The first system was delivered in July 1998 and deliveries for this batch are complete. Rheinmetall (formerly MaK) delivers the complete chassis for all series vehicles. In May 2001, during test firings for the Hellenic Army, the PzH 2000 fired 20 rounds all to ranges exceeding 40km (41.8km

maximum). The ranges were achieved using M2000BB Assegai shells from Naschem/Denel of South Africa, in combination with the Rheinmetall DM 72 modular charge system. In November 2002, in live firings in Sweden, a similar range was achieved with Rheinmetall's new long-range RH 40 BB ammunition, also fired with the modular charge system.

A PzH 2000 howitzer turret has been mounted on the deck of German Navy F124 frigate, Hamburg, as a demonstration of the feasibility of the system for naval applications. The concept is called MONARC and requires a flexible elastic mounting. Total German Army requirement has been reduced from around 450 units to 260. PzH 2000 has also been selected by the Italian, Dutch and Greek Armies. The Greek Army has 24 systems, delivered between July 2003 and June 2004. A German / Italian co-production programme with Consorzio Iveco-Oto Melara is providing the 70 units for the Italian Army. KMW delivered two units in 2002. First deliveries of the remaining 68 from Consorzio Iveco-Oto Melara took place in May 2007. The system entered service with the Italian Army in June 2007 and achieved initial operating capability in October 2008. Final deliveries are scheduled for 2009. The Dutch army signed a contract for the procurement of for 57 units, later reduced to 39 units and deliveries are underway. The surplus 18 units (not yet built) were offered to the Australian Army but were declined.

In September 2006, the PZH 2000 completed its first live-fire combat mission with the Dutch Army in Afghanistan, as part of Operation Medusa. In operations against the Taliban, three PZH 2000 provided fire support at a range of more than 30km. The electrical gun control system, supplied by ESW Extel Systems Wedel, comprises the automatic elevating and traversing drives with semi-automatic back-up, direct laying with electrical instrument control and manual control. The 155mm L52 gun of the PzH 2000 was developed by Rheinmetall DeTec. The barrel length is 52 calibre and chamber volume is 23L. The gun has a chromium-plated barrel and semi-automatic lifting breech block with integrated 32-round standard primer magazine.



The PzH 2000 magazine compartment with the feed mechanism.

The PzH 2000 is equipped with a fully automatic shell loading system with ammunition management system. Gun parameters such as chamber temperature are monitored automatically. The chromium-plated barrel is 8m long and is fitted with a slotted muzzle brake which gives increased muzzle velocity and reduces the level of muzzle flash. The wedge-type breech block is integrated with an exchangeable primer magazine fitted with an endless conveyor for automatic primer transportation, loading and unloading. Rheinmetall DeTec has also developed a six-zone modular propelling charge

system (MTLS), the DM72, which provides for faster handling, less wear on the gun, lower sensitivity to ignition hazards and improved range. In the PzH 2000, up to six MTLs modules form the propelling charge. The maximum range of the L52 gun using the maximum MTLs charges is 30km with the standard L15A2 round and up to 40km with assisted projectiles. The PzH 2000 automatic shell-loading system can handle 60 rounds of 155mm ammunition. The shells are picked up from the back of the vehicle and automatically stowed in the 60-round magazine in the centre of the chassis. The shell-loading system is driven by brushless electric servo motors supplied by MOOG. The automatic shell loading system has pneumatically driven flick rammer and automatic digital control, ammunition supply management and inductive fuze setting. This provides rates of fire of three rounds in under ten seconds and loading of 60 shells by two operators within 12 minutes, including the collation of ammunition data.



The PzH 2000 fire control computer provides full ballistics computation

The gun positioning and laying system is produced by Honeywell Maintal and mounted on the gun cradle. The system automatically determines gun direction, position and elevation above sea level. The integrated global positioning system (GPS) receiver and the vehicle's motor sensors form the hybrid navigation system of the PzH 2000. The firing rate of the PzH 2000 was 12 rounds in 59.74 seconds, and 20 rounds in one minute 47 seconds, during firing tests in October 1997 with an improved autoloader. The muzzle velocity is determined automatically by means of a radar sensor and is used in the fire control computation. The PzH 2000 can use an automatic mode of operation including the data radio link with an external command and control system. The autonomous fire control functions are controlled by an on-board MICROS computer supplied by EADS (formerly DaimlerChrysler Aerospace). Using the automatic mode, target engagements can be carried out by a crew of two. Using the fire control data provided by the ballistics computer, the gun is automatically laid and relayed during the mission.

Various backup modes are available which guarantee system sustainability in case of a component failure. As the lowest backup mode, an optical mechanical backup system is available. The commander has a Leica PERI-RTNL 80 panoramic periscope, which is used in under-armour operations and for target designation in direct laying engagements. PERI-RTNL 80 has day and night vision channels and a laser rangefinder. The gunner is equipped with a Leica PzF TN 80 day and night direct fire sight for direct laying of the gun. The 736kW powerpack of the PzH 2000 is mounted at the front of the hull and consists of an eight-cylinder direct-injection, supercharged MTU MT881 Ka-500 diesel engine with a four-speed Renk HSWL 284 C gearbox. Three fuel tanks provide a 420km cruise range.

In 1942 Warship Evaded the Enemy by Disguising Itself as an Island



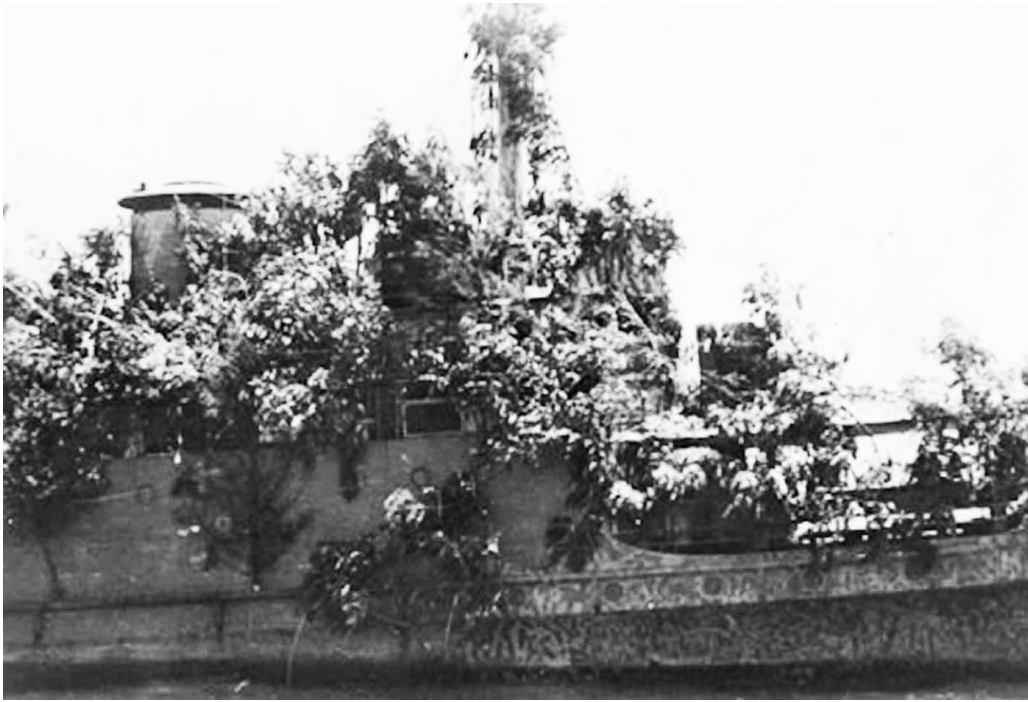
HNLMS Abraham Crijnsen blending with the environment. 1942. (Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons).

In February 1942, in the midst of World War II, the Japanese fleet completely wrecked a combined Dutch-American-Australian-British fleet at the Battle of the Java Sea. This defeat led to

Japanese occupation of the entire Netherlands East Indies. Only four Dutch warships were left in the Dutch East Indies and seeing that there's no way they'll be able to take down the Japanese fleet by themselves, they decided to try to escape to Australia.

There was just one problem: the seas were full of Japanese warships and the skies were swarming with Japanese planes. The chances of sailing through 1,000 miles of hostile ocean to safety were not looking good. Sure enough, all but one of the ships were sunk within days. HNLMS Abraham Crijnsen was the last Dutch warship standing after the Japanese swept the rest of the Dutch fleet. The slow-moving minesweeper vessel could get up to only about 15 knots and had very few guns, boasting only a single 3-inch gun and two Oerlikon 20mm cannons—making it a sitting duck for the Japanese bombers that circled above. However, the HNLMS Abraham Crijnsen was able to successfully escape to Australia because the captain came up with a crazy scheme. He disguised the entire ship as a small island.

Although the Abraham Crijnsen was a relatively small ship, it was still a big object—approximately 55 meters (180 ft) long and 7 meters (25 ft) wide. So, the crew used foliage from island vegetation and gray paint to make the ship's hull look like rock faces. Now, a camouflaged ship in deep trouble is better than a completely exposed ship. But there was still the problem of the Japanese noticing a mysterious moving island and wondering what would happen if they shot at it. Because of this, the crew figured the best means of convincing the Axis powers that they were an island was to truly be an island: by not moving at all during daylight hours. Moving only at night, the ship was able to blend in with the thousands of other tiny islands around Indonesia, and the Japanese didn't notice the moving island.



After eight days, the ship reached Australia and fought with the Allies until the end of the war.

(Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons).

The Crijnsen managed to go undetected by Japanese planes and avoid the destroyer that sank the other Dutch

warships, surviving the eight-day journey to Australia and reuniting with Allied forces. During its operational service under the Australian Navy flag, Abraham Crijnsen detected a submarine, while escorting a convoy to Sydney through the Bass Strait, on 26th of January 1943. Together with the Australian HMAS Bundaberg, they depth charged the submarine. No wreckage of the submarine was found, nor was the kill confirmed, but the ex-minesweeper suffered some damage due to hastily released depth charges; several fittings and pipes were damaged, and all of her centreline had to be replaced during a week-long-dry docking.

After this incident, the ship was finally returned to Royal Netherlands Navy service on 5th of May 1943, even though it spent the rest of the war in Australian waters. It hadn't been in use until 1945, when the ship left Sydney and headed for Darwin, towing an oil lighter and a Dutch K9 submarine that was out of action. In an unfortunate event, the tow cable snapped, and the submarine washed ashore at Seal Rocks, New South Wales. Abraham Crijnsen ended its WWII career just like the ship started it — as a minesweeper that was responsible for clearing mines in Kupang Harbor before the arrival of a RAN force to accept the Japanese surrender of Timor.

The Fallen Thunderbird Pilot Who Helped 'Captain Marvel' Soar

Task & Purpose Jared Keller March 11, 2019

Captain Marvel blasted across movie screens around the world with a blockbuster opening weekend, and the film's directors say they owe a debt of gratitude not just to the Air Force, but to a fallen Thunderbird pilot. Thunderbirds pilot Maj Stephen "Cajun" Del Bagno, one of the many Air Force personnel enlisted to consult on the portrayal of Captain Carol Danvers' aviation chops, was killed in an April 2018 crash at the Nevada Test and Training Range at Nellis Air Force Base just a week after consulting on the movie, according to Air Force Times.

An October report on the fatal accident occurred after Del Bagno lost consciousness due to extreme G-forces while practicing an aerial maneuver with five other elite Thunderbird pilots in his F-16CM Fighting Falcon. "The merger between his positive personality and pilot skills made him a 'perfect fit for the Thunderbirds' mission to recruit, retain and inspire," the report said. "A member of his squadron summed up [Del Bagno] as 'just a beautiful human being.'"



Maj Stephen Del Bagno, Thunderbird 4/Slot Pilot, prepares to march to his F-16 Fighting Falcon during a modified ground show practice at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev, Jan 26, 2018.

(US Air Force/Master Sgt Christopher Boitz)

Del Bagno's death rocked both Air Force community and the *Captain Marvel* film crew. "[Del Bagno] embraced us, wanted so much to teach us about the culture of the Air Force, loved that culture so much, taught us to appreciate it in a way that we wouldn't have otherwise," director Anna Boden told Air Force Times in a February interview. "I just can't explain how meaningful it was. He touched a lot of people on our set in the short time that he got to spend with us ... and it was a very, very, very sad day when we found out and had to let everybody know." *Captain Marvel* star Brie Larson, who portrays Danvers and spent a significant amount of time at Nellis immersing herself in the Air Force's unique culture, posted her own tribute to Del Bagno on Instagram shortly after the accident. "You were a brilliant pilot and an even better person," she wrote. "When you talked about the Air Force; the adventure, the rituals, the community - I felt your passion and purpose ... There is no Carol without you."

Captain Marvel is dedicated to Del Bagno's memory, but his impact on the film extends beyond his work with Boden and Larson. Del Bagno has a brief cameo alongside Danvers during a rambunctious game of Crud ("a fast-paced, alcohol-soaked variant of billiards popular with fighter pilots," per Air Force Times) at her squadron's local bar during a flashback sequence. As for the Thunderbirds, a six-aircraft delta formation performed several flyovers on the Monday before *Captain Marvel's* to both promote the movie and honor Del Bagno. "This flyover is a unique moment to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces who are represented in *Captain Marvel*," Thunderbirds Commander and lead pilot Lt Col John Caldwell said in a statement. "Being part of this event is a tremendous opportunity, and we look forward to demonstrating the pride, precision and professionalism of the 660,000 total force Airmen of the U.S. Air Force over the city of Los Angeles." "Executing this flyover is a fitting tribute to Cajun," Maj Matt Kimmel, who consulted alongside Del Bagno on *Captain Marvel*, added. "He lived to share his passion for aviation with everyone he met and always left you with a smile. We carry his legacy each day and can't wait to make him proud by showing off his US Air Force and his team in his backyard."

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

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

Uncovered another Regimental Sergeant Major! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/regimental-sergeant-major-cook>

Discovered another Military Medal award! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/military-medal-list-update>

Update to the Regimental Sergeants Major wall. Have you sponsored an RSM yet? <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rsms-wall-update7997959>

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

‘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>

CAF Personnel Baggage Policies on Canadian Airlines

https://www.cmfmag.ca/get_away/caf-personnel-baggage-policies-on-canadian-airlines/

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: Major-General Sir Hector Archibald MacDonald, KCB, DSO (4 March 1853 – 25



March 1903), also known as Fighting Mac, was a Victorian soldier. The son of a crofter, MacDonald left school before he was 15, enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders as a private at 17, and finished his career as a major general, a rare example of a British Army general who rose through the ranks on merit alone. He distinguished himself in action at Omdurman (1898), became a popular hero in Scotland and England, and was knighted for his service in the Second Boer War. Posted to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) as Commander-in-Chief of British forces, he committed suicide in 1903 following accusations of homosexual activity.

This Week: We return to the skies this week, yet again, thanks to an air-minded reader of this historic column. We have shown other stream-lined ships of the air in the past, such as the Stranraer, and the Vickers Vancouver, but few have such beautiful lines as this elegant machine. I once had the Airfix 1/72 scale kit of the kite but could never quite get the top wing to line up

with the bottom one, giving the model the appearance of a somewhat cross-eyed biplane. This might have been due to the large amount of glue fumes that I inadvertently inhaled while trying to replicate the past and do my homework at the same time (this being in the distant past). So, dear reader (or readers, if we are lucky this week), can you tell us what this sleek ship is? With whom did it serve, and what was its purpose? Indeed, can you identify the location of the photo? And, who is that chap by the tail?



We know there are keen aviation geeks out there, so get those computers fired up. Send your answers to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@outlook.com), or to the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Keep 'em flying

From the 'Punitary'

What was the farmer doing on the other side of the road? Catching all the chickens who crossed it.

Murphy's Other Laws

When all else fails, read the directions.

Quotable Quotes

It is the set of the sails, not the direction of the wind that determines which way we will go. -
Jim Rohn

RUSI Vancouver 2019 AGM

NOTICE

of the

97th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE –VANCOUVER SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Robert E Mugford

Secretary

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – 11 May 2019



HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

Cloverdale Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday May 11, 2019

11:00am - 2:00pm

École Salish Secondary

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

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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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Invitation to Ft Rodd Hill event – 17 May 2019

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

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

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

Please RSVP no later than May 10, 2019.

The two Hometown Heroes honourees are:

Commander Trevor Cole Shuckburgh, RCN (ret'd)

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

Mrs. Alice Adams, WRCNS (ret'd)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veillez confirmer votre présence avant le 10 mai 2019.

Les deux Héros de chez nous qui seront honorés sont :

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

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

Madame Alice Adams, SFMRC (à la retraite)

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

Héros de chez nous est une initiative de Parcs Canada qui rend hommage aux citoyens ordinaires, tant militaires que civils, qui ont contribué aux efforts du Canada en temps de guerre. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux...

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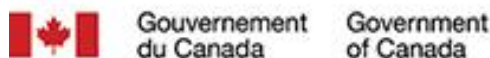
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honouring those who fought in the
Battle of Normandy 75 years ago and our

L'agence Parcs Canada

a le plaisir de vous inviter à une cérémonie
pour rendre hommage à ceux qui ont participé
à la bataille de Normandie il y a 75 ans et les

Hometown Heroes:

Canadian men and women
in uniform

Héros de chez nous :

Canadiens et Canadiennes
en uniforme

Friday
17 May 2019

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

vendredi
17 mai 2019

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

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

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

Dress:
Business attire, uniforms and medals

Code vestimentaire :
tenue de ville, uniformes et médailles

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

For questions: 819 420 9312

SVP confirmer votre présence avant le
vendredi 10 mai à pc.commemorations.pc@canada.ca

Pour toute question : 819 420 9312

Churchill Society Annual Banquet and Speaker – 22 May



Churchill Society of British Columbia

PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

PRESENTS THE ANNUAL BANQUET:

Churchill, Walking with Destiny

with guest speaker, **Andrew Roberts**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary
Churchill Society of British Columbia

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Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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

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

GUESTS: Spouse Attending - Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Special Meal Required Yes _____

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

(Please print names)

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

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

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

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Cordially invite you to our

2019 D-Day Mess Dinner

*To be held at the Lt Col J.P. Fell Armoury
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On Saturday, the 8th of June 2019

Reception at 1800 hrs followed by dinner at 1900 hrs

Dress: Mess Dress or Black Tie

Tickets available by advance reservation and payment only – no walk-ins

Please RSVP by May 29, 2019 to Capt Chris Beneteau via email to: DDayDinner2019@gmail.com
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Tariff \$85 per guest

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