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Celebrating 100 years "United in Service" 1920 - 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maj (Ret'd) Mark Soehner, CD, B.A. (Hon), MBA



Greetings to the Membership on the 100th Anniversary of our Institute. On 26 May 1920, like-minded Alberta Veterans of the Great War chartered the Alberta Institute here in Calgary.

Over the past 100 years, Institute Members were trained and ready to deploy serving in the regular and reserve forces. Today we have a Membership of those who served in the home front and conflicts of WWII, Korea, Bosnia, Congo, Afghanistan and various other UN and NATO missions.

I am equally pleased to see the strength in our Membership of those related by blood or belief to those who served.

I look forward to Fall 2020 when we can meet again under normal situations in the Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess at Mewata Armoury, and toast to the 100th Anniversary of our Institute, and to our Membership present and past.

Annual General Meeting Update

The RAUSI Annual General Meeting was held 16 April 2020 using Zoom. I believe we had 54 in attendance. The meeting was hosted by Vice President Steven Gasser.

Elected as Director for a one year term was David Usherwood and for a two year terms were Paul Bury, Kent Griffiths, Joe Howard, Tom O'Sullivan and Bill Schultz.

The Board has been organized with Committee Chair persons:

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Joe Howard

<u>Programs Committee</u> – Paul Bury,

<u>Communications</u> Committee – Kent Griffiths,

<u>Memberships Committee</u> – Eppo van Weelderen,

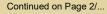
and

Governance Committee – Ross Wickware

Appointed and confirmed as Secretary Treasurer is Joe Howard.

Steven Gasser remains as Vice President, and I, Mark Soehner am the President.









Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess (CGOM)



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PADRE'S CORNER by Rev Maj (Ret'd) Lloyd Northcott, CD, B.A., M.A.



My brochure on the Royal Canadian Air Force in Calgary SW got back from the printer after being

locked down for almost 3 months.

The idea is to put it on the rack at the entrance to The Military Museums so people can do a self-guided tour.

My plan to lead a Jane's Walk of RCAF Station Lincoln Park in May was (new word) "pandemicked" away.

Vimy Day ceremonies and Anzac Day ceremonies, where I am the Padre, were

also cancelled. All the Veterans' Associations which I serve as Padre are shut down for the time being.

The former Aircrew Association of Southern Alberta continued to meet informally until mid-March, as did The Calgary Naval Veterans Association.

The latter, also known as The Corvette Club, retains its clubhouse on the Stampede Grounds in the hope of reopening sometime after August.

Perhaps Aircrew will gather once again when Horton Road Legion reopens, but meetings could pose a danger to the older members.

The near future for

ceremonials is not bright. When members pass there is no service.



We wonder about Peacekeepers' Day ceremonies in August and even Remembrance Day ceremonies this Fall.

Zoom works for the RAUSI Board Meetings, but not so well for fellowship at the bar afterwards.

The seniors' home where I live is still in lock down, until it becomes safe to let us out. It may be a long time before I can come out to do Padre duties. God be with us in this time of many challenges, filling us with faith, hope and love.

SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON SERIES UPDATE by Director Dave Usherwood



The RAUSI Luncheons and Socials are now part of the **RAUSI Board Programs** Committee. For everyone's information and a great addition to the Board is MGen (Ret'd) Paul Bury as a Director on the Board and also the Chair of the Programs Committee. It is my pleasure to be part of this team.

How things can and do change. The March through June scheduled luncheons were canceled due to COVID-19 and that was unfortunate. However. we have been hard at work and have tentatively

scheduled the following under new guidelines from the Board. This includes the direction that all events will no longer receive any subsidy from RAUSI and must be financially self-supporting. Be advised that the Social Programs Sub-Committee is exploring alternative venues, having no-cost parking, with a cash bar in place, and reasonably priced good food.

What has been tentatively planned subject to COVID-19 restrictions are:

💮 September 25th an evening Meet & Greet RAUSI Social, with finger food and a cash bar. Locations being considered to include the Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess or other suitable locations. Invitations to attend to be released after Labour Day.

🎡 October 16th a RAUSI

luncheon and speaker event. Speaker and location of this event to be announced after Labour Day. Catering costs to be covered by the cover charge.

November 20th a RAUSI luncheon and speaker event. Details to be announced and posted well in advance. Catering costs to be covered by the cover charge.

n December 11 the annual RAUSI Luncheon and Christmas Social. Details to be announced and posted well in advance. Catering costs to be covered by the cover charges.

Looking forward to resumption of social activities at some point in the fall.









CENTENARY DINNER 1920 - 2020

The Royal Alberta United Services Institute invites all Members and their guests to attend a dinner to celebrate the Institutes Centenary.

> The dinner will be held on Friday 9 OCTOBER 2020

> > At 1800hrs for 1900hrs.

At The Ranchmen's Club in Calgary



Tariff is \$150.00 per diner. Dress Black Tie

Capacity is limited to 100 diners.

Please RSVP with payment to Ms. Carmen Lawson at rausi@telus.net to reserve your seats,

UPCOMING RAUSI AND RELATED EVENTS

- All planned events are subject to change due to COVID 19 Precautions
- All in person Board Meetings are cancelled until further notice, will be done remotely by Zoom
- The RAUSI Office is closed until further notice, the virtual office is open email and phone still work
- From now until the fall at The Military Museums 'They Never Talked About It: Untold Stories WWII' Exhibit, check TMM article in this newsletter for timings
- 3 August Heritage Day
- 9 August Peacekeepers' Day Ceremonies in Garrison Green, to be confirmed
- 7 September Labour Day
- 15 September RAUSI Meet and Greet
- 9 October Centennial Dinner, Ranchman's Club (mark your calendar!)
- 12 October Thanksgiving
- 16 October RAUSI Speaker's Luncheon
- 11 November Remembrance Day
- 20 November RAUSI Speaker's Luncheon
- 30 November RAUSI Bursary application submission deadline
- 11 December RAUSI Annual Christmas Luncheon

VETERAN SERVICES



Veterans Affairs Canada

<u>Veteran Affairs Canada Disability Reassessments</u>. If you are in receipt of Disability benefits and an assessment decision has been completed for your condition, you are able to request a Reassessment if you feel that the condition(s) have worsened over time.

There are conditions to requesting a reassessment including the requirement for new medical evidence.

If you feel that your pensioned conditions have worsened contact Veterans Affairs Canada for more information at 1-866-522-2122 or http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/.



Alternatively, you can contact the Royal Canadian Legion at 1-877-534-4666 or http://www.legion.ca.



41 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP (CBG) UPDATE by Col Mike Vernon, CD Commander, 41 CBG



Operations LASER (pandemic response) and LENTUS (domestic operations)

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March and the natural disaster season, 41 CBG established Local Response Forces (LRF) in five Alberta cities, and the brigade stood-up its Territorial Battalion Group (TBG) under the command of LCol Ryan Palmer (Calgary Highlanders) and CWO Troy MacGillivray (King's Own Calgary Regiment). Over 460 army reservists volunteered for full-time Class-C service beginning in early April, ready to deploy where and how they might be needed to assist.

While remaining largely at home in order to stay healthy and avoid spreading the virus, these soldiers completed a variety of relevant online training to prepare for potential tasks. This included radio and voice procedure, COVID-19 Awareness, talking-through tactical drills relating to their potential employment, and a Duty Officer course. Roughly 230 of the soldiers also completed basic wildland firefighter training in Edmonton and Wainwright. This was accomplished within the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

Reserve Summer Training

Ultimately, we were not required to assist in the same manner as in Eastern Canada, with soldiers working in long term care facilities, for example. So now the brigade is transitioning to conduct probably its most complex Reserve Summer Training (RST) period ever 2 July-30 August. The TBG leadership is establishing a Brigade Battle School at CFB Wainwright for nearly 500 instructors and students. The emphasis will be on individual



training for junior leaders and recruits.

To overcome the challenges presented by the pandemic, a dozen courses will be individually isolated in course "bubbles" and confined to base for the duration of the training, in order to strictly limit the possibility of contamination.

Changes of Appointment

Due to the pandemic, several changes of appointment have been conducted in a low-key manner that limits personal exposure. On 23 May at Debney Armoury in Edmonton LCol Kent Miller assumed command of 41 Combat Engineer Regiment from LCol Scott Long, and LCol Mike Fawcett relinquished command of 41 Signals Regiment to LCol Steve Flavel. That same day, CWO Mike Parchewsky (Regimental Sergeant Major of 41 Signals Regiment) passed the pace stick to his successor, CWO Andrew MacAlister. Earlier in April, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment also conducted a change



LCol Miller (right) replaces LCol Long (left) as CO of 41 Combat Engineer Regiment at Debney Armoury on 23 May 2020. (CWO Stamp looks on in the background)

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41 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP (CBG) UPDATE

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of appointment where CWO Mark Denney assumed the role of RSM from CWO Jay Reinelt.

Mortar Platoon Returns

Amid all this upheaval, the 50 members of the 41 CBG Mortar Platoon have been serving with the Canadian-led Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia. The platoon is comprised of

soldiers from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, the Calgary Highlanders, and 20th Independent Field Battery.

Created in accordance with the new mission tasks assigned to the Army Reserve, this is the first example of such a platoon completing a deployment. The platoon trained closely with NATO partners, including live fire mortar drills and patrolling exercises. We are extremely proud of their commitment and performance, and were pleased to welcome them home on 15 June.



Members of the Mortar Platoon on deployment in Latvia.

The Commander of 41 CBG, Col Vernon, addresses soldiers of the Mortar Platoon after their arrival in Edmonton on 15 June



Fortune Favours the Bold

THE CALGARY HIGHLANDERS UPDATE

by Capt David Peabody, Adjutant, The Calgary Highlanders



The Calgary Highlanders remained busy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Soon after the country went into isolation the

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) requested volunteers for Operation LASER, the CAF response to prepare for a potential call for assistance from civil authorities. Nearly 70 members of the Regiment volunteered, with the unit's Commanding Officer, LCol Ryan Palmer being placed in charge of 41 Canadian Brigade Group's task force.

Prior to the isolation stand-down, the unit conducted monthly training

exercises aimed at improving soldier skills and achieving Battle Task Standards in marksmanship and patrolling. As well, the Calgary Highlanders ran a Basic Machine Gunner course, qualifying 18 soldiers on the C6 machine gun.

Most recently, the Mortar Platoon returned from Latvia. This was a composite platoon made up primarily of Highlanders and members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment with support from 20th Independent Field Battery and PPCLI. The platoon had a successful tour, demonstrating the capacity of the reserves to generate and deploy a highly valued combat capability. During their time in Latvia, the Mortar Platoon participated in multiple training exercises, proving their proficiency in delivering effective fire support.

Other members of the Highlanders completed deployments or remain deployed in other theatres including the Ukraine, Iraq, and Kuwait.

Due to COVID-19, Cadets and the Museum have stood down temporarily. The Military Museums, including The Calgary Highlanders Museum and Archives resumed operations on 15 June with reduced hours - 1000hrs to 1600hrs, with a special window of visitor access specifically for seniors from 0900hrs -1000hrs each morning. No volunteer museum staff have been recalled yet.

Significant promotions within the Regiment: Lt J.M.R. Hill to Capt and WO J.P.M.G. Chagnon to MWO. Congratulations!







THE MILITARY MUSEUMS (TMM) UPDATE

by 2Lt Ashley Fournier-Montalvo, CD Communications & Marketing Coordinator



The Military Museums Reopens its **Doors to the Public**

The Military Museums has opened its doors to the public on June 15, 2020 with reduced hours from 10am to 4pm while accommodating seniors' visitation hours from 9am to 10am. The Museums' has also opened its doors to the current exhibit 'They Never Talked About It: Untold Stories WWII' shown in The Founders' Gallery with dates extended into Fall 2020. The exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

'Untold Stories WWII' draws from the lived experiences of Second World War veterans who are still with us today, many being long-term volunteers at The Military Museums.

The exhibit details Canada's wartime involvement across multiple continents and campaigns, featuring 40 personalized stories from Second World War veterans. Many of the personalized stories are from veterans who have repressed their experiences during the war and are now sharing their memories for the first time the exhibit. Among these first-hand accounts and oral

histories. 'Untold Stories WWII' features artifacts, artworks and historical accounts collected by the seven museums and the University of Calgary's Founders' Gallery. Artworks featured in the gallery are produced by both Allied and Axis powers include POW art by Maxwell Bates and a series of original propaganda artworks from the Reichstag that are exhibited publicly for the first time since the fall of Berlin.

The exhibit is one of the last official events for Calgarians to recognize the contributions of our Second World War veterans. As the opening dates for 'Untold Stories WWII' were pushed due to The Military Museums' temporary closure during the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope to draw the public's attention towards the 75th anniversary of VJ Day - Victory over Japan Day on August 15, 2020, the date which heralded the end of the Second World War.

The Military Museums has implemented safety measures for all visitors and museums staff in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. During your next visit to The Military Museums we ask that you follow the procedures below:

Upon entry, please sanitize your hands. Hand sanitizing stations are positioned throughout the museum.

- As per the Alberta guidance, please stay home if you are ill and seek testing if you suspect to have COVID-19.
- The first line of defence is physical distancing. We ask all visitors to please remain 2m apart.
- Self Screening we ask that all visitors to follow the Alberta Health Services guidelines and regularly complete the Self-Assessment.
- Self Isolation it is important that we all practice this safety measure to keep the rest of the community safe. Please follow the guidelines provided by the Alberta Health Services.
- Anyone who appears to be unwell during their visit will be asked to leave and call Alberta Health Services for further screening.

We are very excited to be open again and have everyone back!

Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page @themilitarymuseums and visit our website

www.themilitarymuseums.ca for up to date information on our events and museum operations.



They Never Talked About It: Untold Stories WW II

FOUNDERS' GALLERY The Military Museums, Calgary, thru fall 2020





Check online for hours themilitarymuseums.ca





41 SERVICE BATTALION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

by LCol Peter J. Boyle, CD Commanding Officer, 41 Service Battalion



With the recent ongoing pandemic, COVID-19, the Canadian Armed Forces mobilized response task forces across Canada under Operation LASER. Over 24,000 service members stepped up to the call to be prepared to assist efforts with pandemic response.

The 41 Territorial Brigade Group (TBG) was generated as a reaction force within Alberta to assist with tasks in relation to either COVID1-9 or in response to more traditional domestic operations, such as forest fires or floods in the areas of westcentral Canada.

Over 60 Members from 41 Service Battalion volunteered themselves for Op LASER. A wide range of troops including cooks, clerks, mobile support equipment operators, supply technicians, weapon technicians, and vehicle technicians were required. All members were transitioned to Class C contracts in support of the mission. The Battalion was tasked to force generate an Administration Company (Admin Coy) in support of the 41 TBG, which was employed under the command of 41 Canadian Brigade Group.

In efforts to prepare for a possible deployment at a moments notice in response to any request for assistance, Admin Coy had to rapidly conduct preparations, but at the same time, ensure the force protection of all personnel. Admin Coy members had to adjust to rapidly changing orders and comply with strict precautionary measures within their daily lives. Troops had to constantly adapt to the ongoing

pandemic situation and overcome challenges of the social distancing restrictions, which changed the status quo of conducting business.



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Armouries were only operating on critical staff manning and troops were ordered to train at home conducting online Defence Learning Network Courses and other assigned mandatory training. Admin Coy had to mobilize a fleet of vehicles, prepare and load all essential field stores and equipment, and prepare work-up training to troops for Op LASER. Admin Coy successfully set the conditions allowing it to deploy in support of the 41 TBG at a moment's notice.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

- 🎡 Canadian Geographic exploration of the Erebus wreck from the Franklin expedition https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/artifacts-retrieved-erebus-wreck-reveal-snapshot-life-doomed-ship
- Senior's Discounts https://dealhack.ca/blog/canadian-senior-discounts
- 🎡 Royal Canadian Navy Vessels in Service and Vessels in Development Poster http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/assets/NAVY Internet/docs/en/rcn fleet poster eng lowres.pdf
- 🎡 Canadian Army Bases and Units overview with links to specific regions http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/about-army/bases-units.page
- 🎡 Royal Canadian Air Force Map detailing Bases, Units and Aircraft http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/rcaf-map.page
- 🎡 Air Canada retires its last Boeing 767 aircraft after 38 years of service https://canadianaviationnews.wordpress.com/2020/06/03/flying-into-the-sunset-air-canadas-last-boeing-767operates-final-passenger-flight-on-june-2-2020/
- 🎡 The RCAF purchase 2 new Bombardier Challenger 650 aircraft https://www.burnabynow.com/feds-sign-105-million-deal-with-bombardier-for-two-new-challenger-jets-1.24147914
- Billy Bishop http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=billy-bishop-canada-s-first-air-force-victoriacross-winner%2fkae634wf&MvBriefArticleId=3227







HOMES FOR HEROES FOUNDATION UPDATE

by David Howard, President, Homes for Heroes Foundation



Homes For Heroes Foundation www.h4hf.ca is proud to announce that City of Edmonton Council approved the land re-designation for the second Homes For Heroes village to be built in the community of Evansdale (153rd Ave NW and 94A St NW).

On June 9, Council met to review the project and upon recommendation from the City of Edmonton Planning Department approved the project to move forward. This is a great achievement by our charity, the citizens of Edmonton and our supporters across Canada. We can now move forward with our plans to build this tiny home community featuring 20 homes, a resources center, onsite counsellor's office, and full wrap around support services for our Veterans having a difficult time transitioning back to civilian life. We are so thankful for the support given to us and our Canada Veterans by the businesses and citizens of Edmonton. So many stepped forward to lend their support for this village to be built in their community and we are thrilled we are now able to deliver for them. Edmonton is proud of those

that have served, and this ruling is a fitting example of this pride.

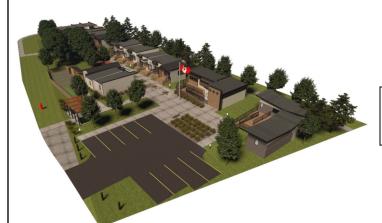
"Serving your country sometimes comes at a cost to the individual service member. This Homes For Heroes initiative is one way the community at large can stand with their veterans to give them a helping hand in their time of need. They are deserving of our support "stated Malcolm Bruce CEO Edmonton Global and Retired Lieutenant Colonel PPCLI.

Homes For Heroes Foundation www.h4hf.ca was developed in response to the growing number of Canadian Armed Forces members returning to civilian life who are now facing crisis. Thousands of Veterans are currently living on the streets in Canada and are having a challenging time integrating to civilian life. Homes For Heroes mandate is to build tiny home villages with full wrap around support services across Canada and end the issue of homelessness among our Canadian Veterans. Homes For Heroes first village opened in Calgary in November of 2019. The program has already seen success with tenants already graduating and 8 of the 15 current tenants working full time and all tenants working on their individual programs towards recovery.

We are convinced that we have a model that could end homelessness among those that have stood on

guard for Canada. What we need now is for more cities like Calgary and Edmonton to identify lands in their municipality for us to build on. With more than 5,000 veterans experiencing homeless across Canada there is a need for this project. Veterans Affairs Canada have been a tremendous partner in the Calgary project as we expect them to be in Edmonton, but this is a big problem. One that needs the partnership support of local the governments, provincial government, the federal government, local businesses, individuals, and our charity. Together we are stronger and together we can send a message to those that sacrificed for us that we got their six." stated David Howard, President and Co-Founder of Homes for Heroes Foundation.

Homes for Heroes Foundation is proud to be selected as one of the charities receiving the funds from Calgary Heart Beats a Live Stream Charity Concert designed to support five Calgary charities and the local economy due to COVID-19,through online donations. The virtual event will take place on Saturday June 27 and will feature special performances by Calgary born musicians Paul Brandt, Loverboy, Lindsay Ell, Tate McRae, Kiesza, and Reuben and The Dark. www.calgaryheartbeats.ca The virtual concert aims to raise \$1 million dollars to support five local charities.



Second Homes For Heroes village to be built in the community of Evansdale (153rd Ave NW and 94A St NW) Edmonton AB.



RAUSI MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Col (Ret'd) Eppo van Weelderen, CD RAUSI Director and Chair, Membership Committee



The role of the Membership Committee is to attract new ordinary and associate members, and inform retention activities within the Communications and Programs Committees.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 16 April 2020, the Institute's Bylaws were recommended to be

amended to merge the Associate Membership classifications of "41 Canadian Brigade Group" and "Garrison" into simply "Garrison". The Bylaws were also recommended to be amended to allow all serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces members to become either Ordinary or Associate-Garrison Members (noncommissioned members had been inadvertently excluded from Ordinary membership). The Membership Form 2020 was updated accordingly and is appended to this newsletter.

We thank the members that responded to Membership Survey in May. The response rate was 46% (74 out of 160 invitations emailed) and we thank you all for your honesty and thoughtful comments. The Board and Committees are utilizing your responses to tweak our current plans for the balance of this year and creating the plans for 2021.



Lastly, your continuing support of the Institute is very important, and we encourage everyone to renew your membership and renew early for 2021. We also encourage Members to promote the Institute to your friends and colleagues. The updated Membership Form 2020 is downloadable on-line or can be requested directly from Ms. Carmen Lawson, our Office Administrator.at rausi@telus.net.



RAUSI PROGRAMS COMMITTEE UPDATE

by MGen (Ret'd) Paul Bury, OMM, CD RAUSI Director and Chair, Program Committee



I trust everyone is staying safe as we all deal with this COVID-19 pandemic. I realize that this has caused significant issues and frustration for many of our members. That said, we are all looking forward to the day when our lives, and the RAUSI programming, can become more involved, personal, and interactive.

I was recently honoured to take the lead for the RAUSI Programs Committee, and as such, this is my first update to the membership. We have taken the last few months to review RAUSI's programs with many of our members and have discussed what the membership views as important going forward. Not surprisingly, the membership confirmed that events such as the speaker series and monthly socials, along with defence & security focused webinars are desirable. Additionally, a number of our members asked that we work with other like-minded organizations in order to coordinate efforts when seeking VIP speakers.

The RAUSI Directors have heard the member's views and have included these in all our program discussions. Specifically, your views on the event locations, available parking and start times were considered.

As we work to secure event locations, I would like to re-

assure the RAUSI membership that all Alberta Health Services guidelines and policies pertaining to COVID-19 will be followed, and at no time, will the membership be put at risk.

Additionally, many of our members are anticipating the launch of the annual RAUSI bursary program. This will continue uninterrupted with all the details coming out under a separate email in the next few weeks.

After several months of being isolated, we are all looking forward to spending the summer months re-engaging with family and friends. Stay safe and enjoy the summer; I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Programs Committee







THE CANADIAN ARMY COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE: AN UPDATE

by Col Tod Strickland, CD Commandant CACSC



Preparing Leaders in a COVID-19 Environment

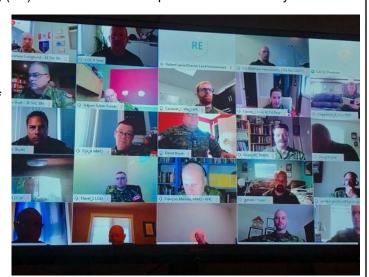
It is likely not hyperbole to assert that the impacts of COVID-19 were not originally anticipated to be as significant or wide-ranging in Canada as they have proven to be. That the pandemic has similarly impacted the Canadian Army, and the training system, is a surprise to no one. However, our mission continues, forcing the Command and Staff College to modify its procedures and methods, adapting training so that the next generation of unit command teams and staff officers continue to be able to meet the demands of our

In March of this year, the difficult decision was taken to delay the conduct of the Army Operations Course (AOC), for Regular Force Captains, and to adapt course delivery along the lines of an Emergency Remote Training (ERT) framework. This is different from true Distance Learning (DL)

methodologies in that ERT is done to meet an immediate need. while DL is done deliberately to meet the needs of specific learning outcomes. ERT can be thought of as first aid; DL, in this metaphor, is akin to surgery. AOC will recommence this fall, and realign itself with the "normal" training calendar.

The creativity shown by both students and staff has been noteworthy, improving not only our training methods, but also showing some of the possibilities offered by





A WEBEX seminar from the PRes Unit Command Team Course

While this was adaptation on the fly.

LCol Andrew Godefroy and Col Strickland Conduct a WEBEX seminar on Informal Professional Military Education

being done, the decision was also taken to continue delivering the Primary Reserve **Army Operations** Course (PRAOC), while modifying its delivery so that students and staff would not have to concentrate for training weekends. This course, being primarily delivered by DL methods, has given us multiple lessons and allowed for a certain amount of

technology. We would not have witnessed these lessons if we had not been forced to adjust because of the exigencies imposed by operating in a persistent COVID-19 environment.

Recently, permission was given to conduct the focussed residency portion of PRAOC this July. This affords another opportunity to examine how we train and educate our people. Concentrating in a COVID-19 context provides unique challenges to how we conduct classes and exercises.

The necessity of maintaining social distancing, wearing non-medical masks, and tracking who we come in contact with are all realities that we have to face as we work to both protect our people whilst educating them.

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THE CANADIAN ARMY COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE: AN UPDATE

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For this next iteration of in house training we are going to be making use of training bubbles (a form of group isolation), sequestering the students to the confines of Fort Frontenac, and implementing contact protocols to limit potential exposure.

All these measures impact how we train, but critically, they allow training to continue.

At the time of writing, the College is conducting its first entirely web-based Unit Command Team Course for the Primary Reserve.

Taking place over five days, with over 80 students and a wide range of guest speakers, the course is proving a great means to enable interaction between

the newest command teams of the Canadian Army and the Army leadership, without risk to anyone.



BGen Kelsey briefing the PRes Unit Command Team Course

Conversely, training in this way has limited the social interaction that enables command teams to be successful.

There is much that can be learned from working in a COVID-19 environment, and continuing with the necessity of ensuring our next leaders and commanders are well prepared to meet the demands of their positions.

One lesson that needs to be internalized is that we need to be able to change how we do things when the context demands it. Our challenge is in ensuring that we do not let the demands of the moment over-ride the necessity to train as we fight, and that we do all we can to ensure that when

we create the new-normal we keep the aspects of our methodologies that enable us to be successful in the long

ALBERTA DRIVER'S LICENCE REGULATIONS FOR AGING DRIVIERS

Did you know, once a driver turns 75 years of age they must have an assessment completed by their doctor prior to renewing their licenses? This is repeated at age 80 and again every 2 years thereafter. Doctors can use a cognitive assessment test from an assortment of approved testing tools.

Details on this assessment process and other issued related to Aging Drivers in Alberta are fully addressed in a 5 page Q&A document from the Government of Alberta website: https://www.alberta.ca/information-for-aging-drivers.aspx











RAUSI GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

by LCol (Ret'd) Ross Wickware, CD, RAUSI Director and Chair, Governance Committee



I would start by stating that I consider it a tremendous honour to be a member of the Royal Alberta United Services Institute (RAUSI), it is in our Country's best interest to embrace the views and thoughts provided by those who have, those who continue to serve and those like-minded Canadians who believe in this great Country of ours.

Formed by the Officers who returned from World War 1, their vision remains with us today, bolstered by the next generations of veterans from WW 2, Korea, Viet Nam, peacekeeping, peace support and most recently veterans from our combat in South Central Asia and the Middle East.

This Institution has greatly enriched the lives of our esteemed veterans and families over the years and Canada needs us more than ever. I suggest we must look to our past in order to assist us in achieving our aims into the future.

The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) is the world's oldest and the UK's leading defence and security think tank. Its mission is to inform, influence and enhance public debate on a safer and more stable world. RUSI is a research-led institute, producing independent, practical and innovative analysis to address today's complex challenges.

Since its foundation in 1831, founded by the Duke of Wellington, RUSI has relied on its members to support its activities. Together with revenue from research, publications and conferences, RUSI has sustained its political independence for nearly two centuries. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II is RUSI's Patron.

As we are now into our 100th year of

operations in Alberta, let's consider how we can positively influence the Institute's programs and goals over the next 100 years.



Please get involved, support the excellent Speakers' Presentations that will recommence soon. Take part in our activities, provide the Board with your support through direct, open communication and do not hesitate to provide helpful thoughts and ideas. Help us move the Royal Alberta United Services Institute into the next Century, together we are United through Service.

Editor. LCol (Ret'd) Wickware is the Chairman of the RAUSI Governance Committee and is in the process of reviewing all issues within the Institute regarding governance including the Institute By-Laws.

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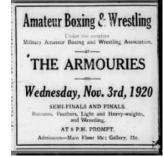












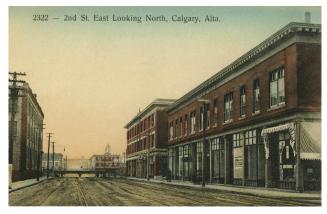




CALGARY 1920 AND 2020























DATES IN HISTORY

- **₩** 1 July 1997 – China regains sovereignty of Hong Kong
- **SSS** 3 July 1608 - Samuel de Champlain establishes Quebec City
- **6** 7 July 1937 – Japanese forces invade Beijing in the Sino-Japanese War
- **S** 8 July 1950 - General Douglas MacArthur named commander-in-chief, UN forces in Korea
- **6** 8 July 1997 - NATO invites the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland to join the alliance in 1999
- **1** 9 July 1947 - Princess Elizabeth and Lt Philip Mountbatten's engagement announced
- 15 July 1914 1st ship transits the Panama Canal **1**
- ∰ 19 July 1545 – King Henry VIII's HMS Mary Rose sank
- 20 July 1944 Hitler slightly wounded in an assassination attempt **S**
- ₩ 25 July 1944 – The first jet fighter used in combat (Messerschmitt 262)
- **S** 1 August 1834 – Slavery abolished throughout the British Empire
- **S** 4 August 1956 – Elvis Presley releases "Hound Dog"
- ₩. 7 August 1930 - Richard Bedford Bennett becomes 11th Prime Minister of Canada, defeating incumbent Mackenzie King
- **S** 10 August 1628 – Swedish warship Vasa sinks in Stockholm
- **S** 13 August 1918 – BMW established in Germany
- **S** 17 August 1896 – Gold is discovered on Klondike River
- **S** 20 August 1882 – Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" debuts in Moscow
- ₩ 22 August AD79 – Pompeii buried by Mt Vesuvius
- **S** 25 August 1346 – Battle of Crecy, English Longbow prevails over the French
- **EB** 31 August 1880 - Kandahar captured by the British in the Second Anglo-Afghan War 1878-1880
- ₩ 1 September 1990 - Toronto Argonauts beat BC Lions 68-43 for the highest combined score of 111 in CFL history
- **1** 3 September 1188 - Richard I ("the Lionheart") is crowned at Westminster
- **1** 6 September 1886 – Queen Victoria establishes the Distinguished Service Order (DSO)
- **%** 9 September 1950 – Soap rationing ends in the UK
- **EB** 14 September 1812 – Napoleon's Grande Armée reaches Moscow
- **EB** 16 September 1993 – 2 PPCLI engage Croatian forces in the Medak Pocket
- **1** 18 September 2001 – Mr. Dressup (Ernie Coombs) dies
- **₩** 22 September 2006 – F-14 Tomcat retires from the United States Navy
- **1** 29 September 1758 – Lord Nelson born
- **S** 30 September 1949 – Berlin Airlift ends after 277,000 flights







VETERAN SERVICES - HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY



What is the Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) Assistance Service?

The VAC Assistance Service is a counselling and referral service, available 24/7 through a toll-free number to veterans, former RCMP members, their families and caregivers. The VAC Assistance Service is a voluntary and confidential service delivered through a nationwide team of mental-health professionals.

When you phone, you will speak to a mental-health professional who will ask you questions to determine your needs and your location, and then match you up with a local mental-health professional for face-to-face counselling. There is no cost for the services provided.

What types of counselling are available? The VAC Assistance Service can provide up to 20 sessions of counselling in a number of areas, including work-related issues, health concerns, family/marital problems, psychological difficulties and other problems in which the well-being of veterans, former RCMP members, their families and caregivers is affected. Bereavement services are also available.

You can reach the VAC Assistance Service by calling 1-800-268-7708. For the hearing impaired, dial 1-800-567-5803 (TDD).

If you know someone who could benefit from the Assistance Service please pass on the phone number.

WELCOME TO MY VAC ACCOUNT

A simple and secure way to do business online with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)

With My VAC Account you can:

- learn about VAC benefits and services
- apply online for VAC benefits and services
- upload documents to support your applications
- track the status of your applications
- view a summary of your benefits
- sign up for direct deposit or change your banking information
- connect directly with VAC staff through secure messaging
- update your personal information



You can register for My VAC Account if you are a Veteran, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) member or a Family member directly in receipt of benefits from VAC.

To register for My VAC Account, go to http://www.veterans.gc.ca/myvacaccount

First, establish a username and password through one of our Sign-In Partners (like your on-line banking), or through the Government of Canada's GCKey.

Then, if you have done business with VAC in the past you will need - your VAC file number or CSDN ID, and verify your identity.

If you are new to VAC you will need - your service or regimental number, and basic personal information to create your account.

For any assistance during registration please call 1-866-522-2122





VALOUR CANADA UPDATE by Aaron Curtis (Valour Canada)

Valour Canada's spring has been unlike any other. We, like most everyone, were caught off guard and have had to change many of our planned events. We continue to operate and are trying to stay agile as the future unfolds.

Valour Canada **History & Heritage** Scholarship

Commencing this year Valour Canada will be annually presenting an award to eligible post-secondary aspiring Canadian high school students. The aim of Valour Canada's History and Heritage Scholarship (VCHHS) is to support Canadian students in their college or university pursuits in an engaging, thought-provoking, and memorable manner. The student who creates the best essay and video response to the



Souviens, and Valour Canada are proud to present Veterans' Voices/ Voix de Veterans, a digital exhibit that recognizes the Canadian efforts on D-Day and during the Second World War. The exhibit traces the journey of 12 Canadian veterans from the Royal Canadian Navy, the army, and the Royal Canadian Air Force, who liberated Normandy and France from Nazi oppression during the summer of 1944.

to support creation of new educational documentaries and to receive notifications when a new video is posted.

Youth Education Program for Museums

Valour Canada's Character of Canadian Military History (CCMH) program is currently on hold for the summer months. Looking ahead to the autumn and assuming that Canada is back to some semblance of normal by then, we intend to make free presentations to students, cadets, guides/scouts, etc., in the following locations:

Ontario: Oct. 1 (Thu) – 10 (Sat)

Nova Scotia: Oct. 19 (Mon) - 21

(Wed)

Alberta: Oct. 25 (Sun) - Nov. 21

(Sat)

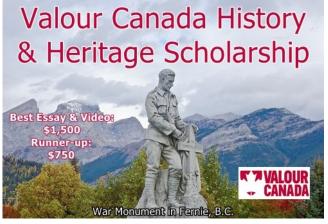
British Columbia: Nov. 22 (Sun) - 28

(Sat)

Please contact us if you'd like to discuss this opportunity: aaron.curtis@valourcanada.ca

To help us continue educating young Canadians about Canada's military history, please consider becoming a member or making a donation. Connect with us at:

contact@valourcanada.ca



provided question will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to be put towards their post-secondary education. The runner-up will receive a \$750 scholarship. The deadline for submissions is JULY 15. Visit our VCHHS page to view this year's essay question and to read more about the scholarship contest.

Veterans' Voices: An Online **Exhibition**

The Juno Beach Centre, Je Me

Royal Roads' **Documentary Video** Relaunch

Over the past few years Royal Roads University has created over 30 Canadian war history and heritage documentaries. For the remainder of 2020 these videos are relaunching on Valour Canada's YouTube page.

Please become a channel subscriber





CONNECTING **CANADIANS** TO THEIR MILITARY **HERITAGE**





IDENTITY THEFT



Information technology continues to advance by leaps and bounds, bringing with it whole new ways to work, to shop and to amuse ourselves. But with new opportunities come new risks. Identity theft is becoming an increasingly popular crime in Canada.

Nobody wants to see this happen to them, or to someone they love. Not only can identity theft be costly, stressful and confusing for its victims, it can take them a long time to return their lives back to normal.

Now, the good news: You can protect yourself. Here are seven tips to help you shield yourself and your family from online identity thieves:

Tip 1: Never provide personal information over the telephone unless you initiate the call.

Don't surrender more information than you have to. You can never tell where it might end up.

Tip 2: Avoid mail or telephone solicitations disguised as promotions or surveys.

Scam solicitations often try to lure you in by offering instant prizes or awards – and asking you to surrender personal information so you can claim them. Don't be fooled.

Tip 3: Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery.

Identity thieves can cull useful information from your mail – if you give them the chance.

Tip 4: Avoid keeping a written record of your bank account, PIN number(s), Social Insurance Number and computer passwords. And never, ever keep that kind of information on your person, in your wallet or handbag.

Tip 5: Sign all credit cards when you receive them.

A blank card is a blank cheque to the wrong person.

Tip 6: Cancel credit cards you don't use and keep a list of the one you use regularly.

If you're not keeping regular tabs on a credit care account, you may not notice unusual or unexplained charges right away.

Tip 7: Shred or otherwise destroy pre-approved credit card applications, credit card receipts, bills and related information when you no longer need them.

Such documentation can be a gold mine to identity thieves. Get to it before they do.



Follow these simple rules and you can rest assured that you – and your identity - are being kept safe.

This article is provided by Johnson Inc. More information about Johnson at www.johnson.ca

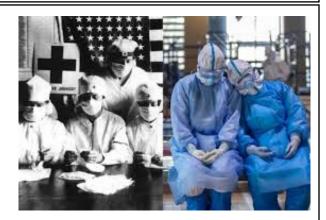
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COVID - 19 ADVISORY



Dear Members

With the current COVID-19 pandemic impacting our city and the recent communications from Alberta Health Services, your Board of Directors wanted to reach out and take the opportunity to remind everyone of safety precautions and social distancing that can help to limit viral spreading.

The Alberta government says the risk for Albertans to get COVID-19 could change in the coming weeks or perhaps months. Public health measures are in place to quickly identify potential COVID-19 cases and prevent the infection from spreading. Please refer to the following AHS website for further information

https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/ COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx

We understand that this is a stressful time of uncertainty for many and we hope that everyone remains healthy. Firstly, we wanted to remind members of **general** quidelines that have been recommended by AHS:

PREVENT THE SPREAD



- If you or anyone in your household experience any symptoms, such as cough, fever, shortness of breath (i.e. those resembling a cold), everyone is directed to stay at home, away from others and self-isolate.
- Wash your hands well and frequently.
- Cough/sneeze in to a tissue.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently
- Practice social distancing (finger-tip to finger-tip).

ALL travellers returning to Alberta from outside Canada on or after March 12th are required to self-isolate immediately, for 14 days, and monitor for symptoms.

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

If you have symptoms, like a dry cough, fever, fatigue or difficulty breathing:



- Stay home, do not go to an ER or clinic.
- Take the COVID-19 self-assessment online at mvhealth.alberta.ca. https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/ COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx
- Call Health Link 811 for instructions and testing.

COMMON SENSE

After touching door handles, elevator buttons, vending machines, shopping cart handles, touch screens or other common area surfaces, we recommend that you wash your hands or use sanitizer as soon as possible.



https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx







BURSARIES - APPLICATION DATE EXTENSION

by Maj (Ret'd) Steven D. Gasser, CD Bursary Committee Chair

Due to COVID-19 the Bursary submission date has been extended to 30 November 2020.

RAUSI offers two annual bursaries of \$2,000 each to full time students registered in or attending any recognized post-secondary academic institution.

These bursaries are available to children or grandchildren of members of the RAUSI, members of Reserve Units of the Canadian Armed Forces, members of a Cadet Corp, members of RAUSI or a Canadian resident whose home address must be located within a 110 km radius of Mewata Armourv.



An applicant will not be considered if he/she has already been accepted by a Service College, or is in receipt of a Service Scholarship. One bursary only will be awarded to any one person.

The Bursary application form is available at https://www.rausi.ca/info/bursary. Requirements include:

- (a) A short letter (two hundred to two hundred and fifty words) giving an objective evaluation of your involvement in and contribution to the following, as appropriate: high school, community, Reserve Force, Cadet Organization; and finally, your goals in life;
- (b) Proof of registration / admission to a post-secondary academic institution;
- (c) A copy of your most recent academic transcript; and.
- (d) A letter of recommendation from your academic institution, person of authority or Commanding Officer.

Consider all the requirements before submitting, incomplete applications will be rejected. Send the completed application with attachments to:



Bursary Committee Chair, RAUSI, at the address below by close of business 30 NOVEMBER 2020

The Royal Alberta United Services Institute Mewata Armoury 801 - 11th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2P 2C4

RAUSI COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

by Maj (Ret'd) Kent Griffiths, MMM, CD, RAUSI Director and Chair, Communications Committee

The institute is looking for a new Web Master!

If you are experienced and interested in taking on this task please contact Kent Griffiths at kentgriffiths@shaw.ca.



HOME ABOUT MEMBERS EVENTS RAUSI INFO CONTACT

This is a screen shot of the home page of the RAUSI Website https://www.rausi.ca/



Carmen Lawson on leave December 15th, 2020 till January 15th, 2021

COVID-19 - Information for Veterans

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COVID 19 ADVISORY

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RAUSI OFFICE CLOSURE



Coronavirus Covid - 19

Closure notice

The RAUSI office is closed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Emails to rausi@telus.net, telephone and fax services are being monitored.

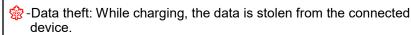
More information as it becomes available will be circulated to members and posted at www.rausi.ca.

JUICE JACKING

Juice jacking - is a type of cyber-attack involving a charging port that doubles as a data connection, typically over USB. This often involves either installing malware or surreptitiously copying sensitive data from a smart phone, tablet, or other computer device.

Types of juice jacking:

There are two ways by which juice jacking works:





🎡 -Malware installation: As soon as the connection is established, malware is sent to the connected device. The malware will remain on the device until it is identified and then removed by the user.

Countermeasures, one should take to prevent juice-jacking

Never use a free USB port or charging cable. Carry your own charging adapter and cable whenever you're travelling. This would save you from being at the disposal of crackers at the public charging stations.



It is advisable to invest in a power bank that can be used in case you can't find an empty wall socket.

Switch your phone off if you are using a charger/adapter that is not yours, especially in public places. This allows the power to travel to the phone without having any data transit taking place. There is a one way flow hence no data flows out of the device.

Use Charge Only USB cables in public places. The charge only cables only charge a device and do not allow data transfers. It is a two conductor cable, hence stops malicious people from juice jacking.

Do not accept the request to allow the cable to be used for data transfer. In case only a data cable is accessible, 'cancel' the request to transfer data hence blocking the data flow and allowing it to only charge.









CALGARY GARRISON OFFICERS' MESS INFO

Mess Commanding Officer: LCol Ryan Palmer, CD



President Mess Committee: TBA

Vice-President Mess Committee: Lt Stefan Sabo-Walsh

Mess Manager: David Clarke

e-mail: mewatamessmanager@forces.gc.ca

Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess, Mewata Armoury, 801-11th St SW, Calgary, AB, T2P 2C4



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Carmen Lawson Leave a message



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IN MEMORIAM



Major (Retired) Kim **GRANT**, CD Raytheon Corporate Member of RAUSI On 30 March 2020 in Calgary, AB

Captain (Retired) Massimo NOVATI, CD King's Own Calgary Regiment (RCAC), Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

and past Royal Alberta United Services Institute member on 17 June 2020 in Calgary, AB, age 61 Originally from Hull, QC







The Royal Alberta United Services Institute

2020 Application for Membership

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