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MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Meet and Greet: Wednesday 14 May 2014 -11:30 hrs (lunch service begins)

(Please bring a guest)

Meeting Start: 12:00 hrs

Speaker: Chief Brad Duncan, London Police Services: Current Issues

Lunch Menu: Chef's Choice of Soup/Crackers
Turkey Pot Pies with Garden House Salad &



Signature Dressing
Assorted Premium Sandwiches on Artisan Buns
Coffee
Dessert

Speaker For 14 May 2014 GCC Meeting

Our speaker for the GCC meeting on 14 May is Chief Brad Duncan of the *London Police Services* who will speak on the topic "Current and Emerging Issues for Policing". Chief Brad Duncan has been with the London Police Service for 34 years and was sworn in as Chief of Police on August 3, 2010. Prior to his appointment, Chief Duncan held portfolios both as the Operational, and Administrative Deputy Chief. Chief Duncan is committed to creating an inclusive community and developing a policing organization that reflects London's rich diversity. He continues to be an advocate for the use of technology to facilitate the operational and administrative needs of policing. He has been a member of many community board and committees, the most recent include the Fanshawe Board of Governors and the London Middlesex United Way Cabinet.



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Chief Duncan has an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University, is a graduate of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police College, Executive Development Course, has a diploma in Police Management Studies from the University of Western Ontario and the Ontario Police College, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. He is a recipient of the RCMP Commissioner's Commendation for his work in major case management. On May 22, 2008 he was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Services by her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada. He is also the recipient of the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Please join us at 11:30 am on Wednesday, 14 May when the lunch service begins. The meeting begins as usual at 12:00 hrs.



London's National Day of Honour Program- 1:15 pm Friday 9 May 2014

"London welcomes home our Afghanistan War Veterans ... and remembers our fallen." GCC members are receiving an email regarding details of this event to be held at the *Cenotaph* in *Victoria Park*; you may also find details of the local event by viewing the link: www.CelebrateCanada.info/DayOfHonour.htm





(left photo) Gary Willaert , Executive Director of the **London Military Family Resource Centre** presents GCC President Jan Delaney with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the GCC's support for military families through the London Military Family Resource Centre.

(right photo) GCC President Jan Delaney officially welcomes Captain (ret'd) Ron Patrick and LCol Dan McLean, Chief of Staff , **31 Canadian Brigade Group** who also serves as Garrison Advisor to the GCC.

Speaker Roster- 2014

Below is the program planning for the remainder of 2014.

11 June 2014	Territorial Battalion Groups- Roles and Responsibilities	L Col Joe Robinson
10 September 2014	COS 31 CBG – Present & Future Plans	LCol Dan McLean
8 October 2014	Royal Canadian Navy and Naval Reserve Update	LCdr Iain Findlater
12 November 2014 (Speaker and AGM)	WW II - Canadians in the Battle of Ortona	LCol Joe Murray





The War Underground: Presentation on Tunnelling

Thanks again to Joseph Chiasson, WW I: Re-enactor, for his presentation to the GCC on 09 April 2014. Joe also presents on a number of subjects including the underground war and has re-enacted the American Civil War, War of 1812 and World War One. Recommended reading/sources, both books and websites, are noted on the next page. The list is not conclusive by any means but it is a start if you wish to explore this topic further.



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Recommended Reading/Resources

[Beneath Flanders Fields: the Tunneller's War 1914-18](#), Peter Barton, Peter Doyle and Johan Vanderwalle

[War Underground: The Tunnellers of the Great War](#), Alexander Barrie

[Underground Warfare 1914-18](#), Simon Jones

[Military Mining 1914-19](#), Institute of Royal Engineers

[Crumps and Camouflets: Australian Tunnelling Companies on the Western Front](#), Damien Finlayson

[Beneath Hill 60](#), Will Davies

<http://www.lochnagarcrater.org/index.html>

<http://www.tunnellersmemorial.com/>

<http://homepage/ntlworld.com/neii.ashworth/Index.html>

<http://ww.w.pluginstreet-archaeology.com/>

<http://www.laboisselleproject.com/>

http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/02/020152_e.html [go to the search page and type in the word tunneling and you will be sent to the war diaries of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Canadian Tunnelling Companies]



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Garrison Community Councils Blog

Please note the link below * that leads to information from a number of Garrison Community Councils including our own. GCC Niagara started the blog initially as a diary for GCC Niagara's activities and content now includes information about Historical Projects such as Project Ojibwa and the Vimy Gun Restoration in Niagara. The site fosters sharing and efforts by GCCs to reach out and connect with their respective communities as well as other groups. Kevin Patterson, who also serves as our own GCC's web coordinator, became involved in this initiative and has been adding links and information in order to build the website/blog. The sharing of information among GCCs supports the work of all GCCs and can assist GCC members and others to be more informed and aware of GCC and CF activities.

* <http://garrisoncommunitycouncil.wordpress.com/>



Veterans Hiring Act Introduced

The Government of Canada recently introduced the *Veterans Hiring Act*. This initiative builds on previous legislation, as well as commitments made in Economic Action Plan 2014, to ensure more of Canada's men and women in uniform have access to meaningful careers when their military service has ended.

Qualified Veterans who have at least three years of military service will be given preference in advertised, external hiring processes for five years after the date of release. Additionally, Veterans and CAF personnel with at least three years of military service will be allowed to participate in advertised, internal hiring processes for a period expiring five years after their release date.





International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers has two purposes:

- to honour the memory of the UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives in the cause of peace;
- to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage.

Since the first UN peacekeeping mission was established in 1948, more than 3,200 military, police and civilian personnel have lost their lives in the service of peace as a result of acts of violence, accidents and disease.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS 29 MAY

GCC Honouring Veterans Initiative

The GCC executive is continuing to develop the implementation process for the *Honouring Veterans* initiative for the Garrison Community Council (London and Region). The *Honouring Veterans* initiative is designed to acknowledge the service of individual Canadian Forces (CF) and RCMP veterans as well celebrate our rich military heritage, both past and present, while continuing our traditions of Remembrance. The *Honouring Veterans* initiative supports the GCC's mission to focus on building a greater understanding of the Canadian Forces within the civilian community. The executive is finalizing the processes for nominations, collecting names, and selecting potential veterans to be recognized.

This list of significant military dates (see May's below) serves as background for the honouring veterans initiative. Military Spouse Day (May 7) and Armed Forces Day (May 15) have been included although it appears that these days are only celebrated in the U.S. (at this time). The list of significant military dates in May below is not conclusive and is for reference only.



Some Significant Military Dates in May

First Sunday in May (04 May 2014)	Battle of the Atlantic	The Battle of the Atlantic lasted 2,075 days and was the longest campaign of the Second World War. It pitted Allied navies against German and Italian naval forces, especially submarines, in a battle to safeguard the essential flow of shipping between North America and Europe.
05 May	Liberation of the Netherlands	Canadians complete the liberation of the Netherlands- 1945



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07 May	Military Spouse Day	Military Spouse Day is celebrated on May 7 (in the U.S.) as a day to honor military spouses for the support they give to their own and to other military families, to honor their contributions to their communities, and to acknowledge the sacrifices they make in support of their country. It was first observed in 1984.
09 May See page 2 of this newsletter re local event details	National Day of Honour 	Commemorates the strength and the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan, and recognizes and supports the friends and families of the fallen.
08 May	V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day)	V-E Day is the anniversary of the German unconditional surrender in 1945, ending World War II in Europe.
15 May	Armed Forces Day	Armed Forces Day has been in existence each year on May 15 in the U.S. since 1947 as a day of combined celebration and honour (for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces).





Leaders of Sea, Army and Air Cadets: Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC) Officers

Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC) Officers are dedicated members of our community who work with youth in their spare time by providing them with a dynamic and structured program. The CIC consists of approximately 7,800 commissioned officers whose primary duty is the safety, supervision, administration and training of over 52,000 Cadets.

CIC officers are members of the Canadian Armed Forces and belong to the Cadet Organizations Administration and Training Service (COATS). This sub-component of the Reserve Force consists of officers and non-commissioned members who, by the terms of their enrolment or transfer, have undertaken as their primary duty the safety, supervision, administration and training of Cadets or Junior Canadian Rangers.

CIC officers serve in the sea, land or air elements and receive specialized training to prepare them for their duties as youth leaders. Many of them are former graduates of the Cadet Program who wish to give back to their community. Others consist of former Regular Force members, interested parents or members of the community at large.

CIC Officers work with cadets an average of one night per week and one weekend day per month, with additional time devoted to organizing and planning activities. Many of them also spend their summers instructing cadets at one of the 23 cadet summer training centres or accompany cadets on competitions, expeditions or foreign exchange visits. CIC officers instruct cadets on the wide variety of skills and knowledge that is contained in the cadet program. They also provide coaching and mentorship and become role models for our youth.





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To become a CIC Officer, a candidate must undergo in a series of suitability interviews and meet the following criteria:

- Be between 18 and 64 years of age;
- Hold a secondary school diploma or equivalent;
- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Meet specific screening requirements common to organizations working with youth;
- Meet specific Canadian Armed Forces medical standards.

The majority of CIC Officers devote years of their lives to the Cadet Program, providing Canadian youth with challenging opportunities that are second to none. Working with cadets is a serious commitment that requires our leaders to give their best on a daily basis. CIC Officers become role models and mentors for cadets who expect their help and support as they expand their horizons in their quest to become our leaders of tomorrow.

Although most CIC officers pursue their interest in the Cadet Program for the intrinsic rewards which come from working with youth, CIC at the local Corps/Squadron level are eligible to receive a maximum annual salary of 25 days pay. Additional pay is available for attendance on training courses, summer employment and other activities. Many CIC Officers choose to volunteer a large amount of additional time to the program.





31 Canadian Brigade Group Commander's Column: An Informal View of the Brigade's Activities

May 2014 - This short article, normally penned by a member of the Brigade staff, will offer a casual look at ongoing activities in 31 CBG. Written with an intent to avoid heavy use of military lexicon, acronyms and abbreviations, the Commander's Column supports information sharing to groups with diverse backgrounds and will, hopefully, offer a less formal view of the Brigade overall, or the examination of specific issues or events. I welcome suggestion of topics you would like to see covered in these columns.

B.A Millman, Colonel, Comd



Units of 31 Canadian Brigade Group are now starting to wind up their training year and incorporating all of the new individual skills and qualifications in confirmatory training exercises. The possibility of executing cooperative exercises between units, complemented by improving weather, provides some of the best training our Reserve soldiers receive. In April, we saw an excellent example of this involving soldiers from the 4th Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (4RCR), the Essex and Kent Scottish (EK Scot), 31 Combat Engineer Regiment (31 CER) and 31 Signal Regiment (31 Sig Regt). With 4RCR as the lead unit and 31 CER providing waterborne transportation among other capabilities, Exercise ROYAL HUNTER was a valuable training experience for soldiers to work with their peers in other units and see first-hand the skills and equipment they can bring to battle. The exercise included the use of helicopters from 400 Tactical Helicopter Squadron from Toronto and 31 CER's inflatable assault boats. The company-sized raid took place

in the vicinity of John E. Pearce Provincial Park near Wallacetown, Ontario, using both provincial and privately owned land with the generous support of the property owners.

The jointly conducted raiding operation was led by a reconnaissance team of infantry and engineer soldiers inserted by helicopter. This was followed by the main force of over 100 soldiers which were landed by assault boats on the nearby shoreline to conduct the operation. The challenge of combining planning requirements and training objectives, as well as operating with soldiers of other units with their unique equipment and skill sets, is valuable training but it is also an equally valuable retention vehicle. Soldiers want to be challenged at every stage of their careers, and new and interesting experiences are the best way to do that.

In May, the National Day of Remembrance will be held on 9 May 2014. With events being planned at national and local levels, we can expect to see soldiers from 31 CBG participating in a number of ceremonies led by the federal government and communities. Even considering the challenges of availability for many Reserve members who are active in civilian careers and educational commitments, we expect to see the Brigade as fully engaged as possible in these events. Soldiers representing 31 CBG units will be included among those parading on Parliament Hill for the national commemoration event.

In London, commemorative events are being planned for conduct both at the London Cenotaph in Victoria Park and at The RCR Memorial in Wolseley Barracks. I would encourage you to watch for further details on both of these events and to attend one of them if possible.





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Also in May, 31 CBG will be supporting the 2014 Mastercard Memorial Cup Hockey Tournament which will be held in London from 15 to 25 May 2014. Fans of the sport may have already noticed a military connection with the Memorial Cup; their 2014 logo incorporates an icon of Wolseley Hall and The RCR Regimental Memorial. The tournament will be promoting the military connections to its origins, and there will be considerable military support to the Tournament this year. 31 CBG units, as well as HMCS Prevost, will provide much of the locally generated military presence throughout the Tournament. While all of the local units will have opportunities for supporting tasks during the Memorial Cup, 31 Service Battalion will have a key function in cooking for the Charity Breakfast on Sunday, 18 May. Support from outside 31 CBG is being coordinated by Canadian Armed Forces staff in Ottawa, but local fans of hockey and of the Canadian Army will certainly have a chance to meet our Brigade soldiers at a number of the events during the Tournament.

The National Day of Remembrance and the military connections to the Memorial Cup both reflect upon the high esteem in which we hold the history and achievements of the Canadian Army. Whether it be our recent history in Afghanistan, or our legacy back to the First World War and beyond, such opportunities to connect these past markers of service with our soldiers today are worthy of ongoing promotion. To celebrate our military history, we are lucky to have two local units represented in London military Museums; those of the 1st Hussars and the Royal Canadian Regiment. For those of you with friends and family coming to London, perhaps in town for the Memorial Cup, I encourage you to take them on tours of these Museums, and also through Wolseley Barracks where the architecture denotes a variety a stages in the life of the military in London.





Atlantic Region News - Arctic Divers in their Depth

The Combined Dive Team, made up of 18 members from the Fleet Diving Unit (FDU-A) Atlantic and four Combat divers from 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group have “broken the ice” in Gascoyne Inlet, Nunavut as part of Operation NUNALIVUT 2014.

“A considerable amount of planning has gone into this operation, we have brought in everything necessary to ice dive for a protracted period of time, including a recompression chamber. It’s great to see dive operations progressing in such a positive manner with consolidated teamwork and effort,” says Chief Petty Officer Second Class Larry Lyver, FDU(A).



One of the main challenges to diving in Arctic water is dealing with the logistics of transporting the equipment we need to an austere site. Also, weather is often very unpredictable, which can cause transport plans to change on a moment’s notice. The thickness of the sea ice is also a factor; the team had to cut through five feet of ice to access the water. The CC-177 Globemaster III Strategic Airlift used to move troops from their home base to the area, combined with the flexibility of the ski-equipped Twin Otters from Yellowknife-based, 440 (Transport) Squadron were key enablers for the Combined Dive Team. “I’m personally very excited to have the Combined Dive Team operating out of Gascoyne Inlet. The training they are doing right now allows not only for the Clearance and Combat divers to share best-practices in diving, but also for Joint Task Force



(North) to continue to grow and shape Operation NUNALIVUT to best fit the operational objectives of the Canadian Armed Forces,” said Lieutenant-Colonel John St. Dennis, Task Force NUNALIVUT Commanding Officer.

Operation NUNALIVUT ran the entire month of April. The Combined Dive Team continued to conduct operations until the 21st of April and then transitioned into preparing to return to their respective home units at the end of the month.

Search and Rescue Aircraft: Royal Canadian Air Force

The Royal Canadian Air Force flies a large inventory of aircraft, many of which are new or completely modernized. These range from huge transport aircraft to helicopters to fighters to patrol aircraft and more. They are used to carry out a multitude of roles at home and abroad, in peace and in conflict, all in support of the RCAF’s mission of providing relevant, responsive and effective air power to meet the defence challenges of today and into the future.

Search and rescue (SAR) aircraft are used to support the “national search and rescue (SAR) objective [which] is to prevent loss of life and injury through search and rescue alerting, responding and aiding activities” (National Search and Rescue Manual, 1998). They may be fixed-wing or rotary wing aircraft and some of the aircraft used in SAR roles, such as the Griffon helicopter and H-model Hercules, may also be configured for use in other roles. As well, any RCAF aircraft may be used to support the SAR mission, if available and appropriate. (See the CH-146 Griffon below and other aircraft on the next page.)





Search and Rescue Aircraft: Royal Canadian Air Force (continued)



CC-115 Buffalo



CC-138 Twin Otter



CC-130 Hercules



CH-149 Cormorant





Annual Garden Party- Wednesday, 04 June 2013 4pm – 6 pm

A formal Invitation including details are to follow re the Commander's Annual Garden Party- 31 Canadian Brigade Group in conjunction with the Eldon House Board of Directors at *Eldon House* 481 Ridout Street North, London, Ontario, N6A 2P6

1st Hussars Museum

The 1st Hussars Museum, located at 1 Dundas Street in London, will begin opening on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm beginning on April 19th and will be open every Saturday until November 8th. The Museum has applied for a grant from the Government of Canada to hire two summer students in order to allow the Museum to be open Monday to Friday during June, July and August. In addition, the building will be open on holiday Mondays from May to October and Remembrance Day, again from 1-4 pm. As this year is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Great War and the 70th anniversary of D Day, please take consider taking some time to visit the museum.





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2014 GCC EXECUTIVE

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REMINDER RE WEDNESDAY 14 May GCC MEETING

Chief Brad Duncan, London Police Services, will speak to the Garrison Community Council on the topic of *London Police Services: Current and Emerging Issues for Policing*.

... please also plan on attending on 11 JUNE 2014 when our guest speaker will be LCol Joe Robinson speaking on the topic of *Territorial Battalion Groups : Roles and Responsibilities*.

