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## APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

### The April General Meeting

**Wednesday  
11 April**

**HMCS Prevost  
19 Becher Street**



Meet & Greet **11:15**

Lunch **11:30**



Please remember to advise your attendance in advance to **Beth Saylor** by e-mail ([garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com)) or phone (**519 851 0730**) by **11:00 am** the **MONDAY** prior so *The Catering Company* can provide sufficient sandwiches for purchase.

General Meeting **12:00**

Speaker

***LCdr Paul Smith***

***Royal Canadian Navy Operations in Africa***



LCdr Paul Smith and Lt(N) Linda Coleman stand with members of the Mozambique Navy who participated in *CUTLASS EXPRESS 2018* in Maputo, Mozambique.





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## LCdr Paul Smith Royal Canadian Navy

Had it not been for a high school friend telling him about the naval reserve's summer youth employment program back in 1986, LCdr Paul Smith may not have joined the Navy. Paul Smith was born in Lionel Town, Jamaica. He grew up in North York, Ontario. He finished his general military training in the summer of 1987 and rose up the ranks to LCdr in 2010. He studied sociology at Dalhousie University.



Maritime Operations Centre  
Maputo, February 2018

LCdr Smith, RCN assessor for **Exercise CUTLESS EXPRESS** (CE18), was the Task

Force Commander during the *HMCS Summerside* and *HMCS Moncton* deployment to Western Africa in early 2017. Their mission was to foster relationships and maritime security capacity building in the Gulf of Guinea region, as well as participate in **Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS** 2017.

The RCN's contribution to CE18 this year included strategic engagements with Mozambique and Tanzania to promote maritime security capacity building at the Tanzania and Mozambique Maritime Operations Centres. Sent as advisors, the RCN members provided support and mentorship on maritime security awareness, passing on Canadian expertise in this field. The sessions ran from January 31 to February 8, 2018, and briefings from the RCN included topics such as Law of the Sea, the RCN's role in search and rescue and boarding operations.

LCdr Paul Smith, Commanding Officer of *HMCS Summerside* greets Lieutenant-General John Edson Milton, Chief of Defence Staff, Sierra Leone, February 2017



Photo: Ottawa Citizen



HMCS Summerside

U.S. Africa Command sponsors the **EXPRESS** series of engagements. From January 26 to late April 2018, *HMCS Kingston* and *HMCS Summerside* are deployed to West Africa. During the deployment, the ships will take part in U.S. Naval Forces **Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS** 2018.





## Upcoming Events

### Garrison Community Council

General Meetings	9 May	Wolseley Barracks
	13 June	Wolseley Barracks
<i>No meetings in July or August</i>		
	12 September	Wolseley Barracks
	10 October	Wolseley Barracks
	14 November	Wolseley Barracks

### London and Region

Royal Canadian Legion Vimy Dinner	6 April	Mocha Temple
London Military Family Resource Centre	<i>The LMFRC April Calendar is on Page 5</i>	
The Souterrain Impressions Exhibition	9 April	St John House <i>See Page 6</i>
Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner	5 May	HMCS Prevost
Battle of the Atlantic Sunday	6 May	HMCS Prevost
<i>Clearing the Way</i>	8 May	Wolf Performance Hall <i>See Page 8</i>
Royal London Military Institute Mixed Formal Dinner	15 May	at HMCS Prevost
Veteran's Golf Tournament	7 June	Forest City National Golf Club
Garden Party	20 June	at HMCS Prevost



*The listing includes events by organisations other than the GCC.  
Event information is shown on the pages that follow.*



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## In Earlier Aprils

### La Nouvelle-France 3 April 1669

Le roi Louis XIV ordonne au gouverneur de la Nouvelle-France d'organiser des compagnies pour l'entraînement militaire au Canada; il s'agit de la naissance officielle de la milice canadienne.

The Great War	9 April 1917	The assault on Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Corps commences. At Vimy Ridge, Lance-Sergeant Ellis Sifton of the 18th Battalion, C.E.F., cleared an enemy machine-gun emplacement. For his actions Lance-Sergeant Sifton earned the Victoria Cross. The next day, Private John Pattison of the 50th Battalion, C.E.F. at Vimy Ridge threw hand grenades into the German emplacement, killing and wounding some of the enemy. Before the five remaining defenders could recover, Private Pattison charged the position and overcame them to earn the Victoria Cross.
RCAF	1 April 1924	The Royal Canadian Air Force is organized with both an Active and a Reserve Force of aircraft and personnel.
World War II	30 April 1943	The Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, Royal Canadian Navy, takes over control of all shipping movements in the western North Atlantic under the title of Commander-in-Chief Canadian North West Atlantic.
The Korean War	8 April 1951	The 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry advances over the 38th Parallel to Minongdae in Korea.
RCAF	11 April 1954	Squadron Leader R.G. Christie covers the nearly 4,000 kilometre distance from Vancouver to Ottawa in a record-breaking 3.46 hours in a CF-86 Sabre fighter aircraft.
RCN	11 April 1962	The Government of Canada announces plans to build eight frigates and purchase three submarines.
Canadian Army	1 April 1989	Private Heather Erxleben is the first woman to graduate from the infantry course at Wainwright. She was posted to 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.



## The Vimy Dinner

Join the Vimy Legion for our semi-annual dinner meeting.

**6 April 2018**

**Mocha Temple**

**468 Colborne Street, London**

Time: 1800 Reception, 1845 Dinner

Dress: Military uniform / Regimental blazer and tie / Business suit / Full sized medals

Information and tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vimy-branch-145-legion-spring-2018-dinner-tickets-43931264595>







# April 2018

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 30th & April 2nd

LMFRC is closed for  
Good Friday & Easter

### April 20th

Teen Night-TBA

### April 27th

PA Day

7:30am-4:15pm

Cost: \$25.00/child

Email

Shannon.Kisslinger@forces.gc.  
ca or call 519-660-5275 x5002

### Summer Adventure Camp

July 9-13, 2018

\$125.00/wk. per child

Age 6-12 yrs.

519-660-5275 x5002

August 13-17, 2018

\$125.00/wk. per child

Age 6-12 yrs.

519-660-5275 x5002

Schedule is currently being  
produced and will be available  
to view by May 4/18.

### Strength Behind the Uniform

Dinner April 7, 2018

6:30pm-8:30pm

LMFRC Multi-purpose Room

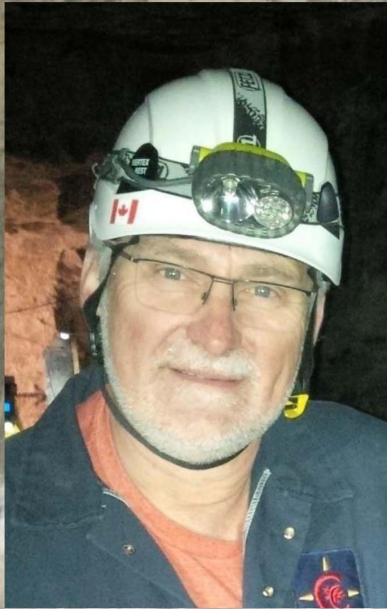
Contact Bev Robbins x5027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Easter Monday LMFRC is closed	3	4 Coffee Morning Little Troopers Playgroup	5	6	7 Strength Behind the Uniform Dinner 6:30pm- 8:30pm
8	9	10	11 Coffee Morning Little Troopers Playgroup	12	13	14
15	16 Camp Maple Leaf Meeting In the Multi-purpose Room 12:00noon	17 Staff Meeting 10:00am	18 Coffee Morning Little Troopers Playgroup	19	20 Teen Night	21
22	23	24	25 Coffee Morning Little Troopers Playgroup	26	27 PA Day	28
29	30					



For more information, please contact Brenda Willsie at 519-660-5366 or by email: [brenda.willsie@forces.gc.ca](mailto:brenda.willsie@forces.gc.ca)

Visit [www.CAFconnection.ca](http://www.CAFconnection.ca) or <http://facebook.com/London> for information, and connect with other mil. families.



# The Souterrain Impressions Exhibition

Following a year at Vimy Ridge France, the Souterrain Impressions Exhibition returns home to London. See the entire exhibition and meet Canadigm's Executive Director, Zenon Andrusyszyn. Special performance of "Souterrain" by songwriter and performance artist Robert Friesen.

**Monday, 9 April 2018**

**St. John House, 741 King Street, London ON**

**6pm Exhibition**

**7pm Robert Friesen performance of  
"Souterrain",  
Zenon Andrusyszyn presents  
"Canadigm's Souterrain Impressions"**



**Register <https://canadigm2018.eventbrite.ca>  
Donations Appreciated**







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ASSOCIATION NAVALE DU CANADA

## Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner HMCS Prevost

**A**hoy Wardroom members! Mark your calendars - this year's **Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner** will be hosted by the Naval Association of Canada (London Branch) and be held right here in Prevost in the Wardroom. **1900 cocktails for 1930hrs dinner, Saturday 5 May 2018**, the night before Battle of the Atlantic Sunday.

All Prevost members and their spouses/partners are welcome to attend. Friends of the Navy are also very welcome! You do not have to be a member to buy a ticket. The \$55 tariff will include a catered 3 course dinner, a glass of wine, port and likely sherry/champagne or prosecco. Any extra money will be donated to our beautiful Battle of the Atlantic Memorial, as always! Get together a group of friends and plan for a fun night!

Tickets are now available on **Eventbrite** and seating will be limited. Buy your tickets early. Please go to the **Eventbrite** website shown below. Any additional questions can be addressed to Lt(N) Haydon-Batte, NAC (London Branch) President.

**Saturday 5 May  
7:00 PM  
HMCS Prevost Wardroom  
19 Becher Street  
London, ON N6C 1A4**

**Tickets \$55**

[www.eventbrite.ca/battle-of-the-atlantic-mess-dinner-hmcs-prevost-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.ca/battle-of-the-atlantic-mess-dinner-hmcs-prevost-tickets)



## Battle of the Atlantic Sunday HMCS Prevost

**Sunday 6 May  
10:00 AM  
HMCS Prevost  
19 Becher Street  
London, ON N6C 1A4**

Guest are requested to be seated by 09:45.

All are invited to a reception in the Wardroom after the Ceremony.







# **THE SCREENING OF THE OLD OAK AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNER**

## **“CLEARING THE WAY”**

**PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY PAUL CULLITON**

**BASED ON THE BOOK BY MARK GASPAROTTO**

**TUESDAY, MAY 8/2018**

**7:00PM**

**WOLF PERFORMANCE HALL**

**251 DUNDAS ST. LONDON, ON**

**GENERAL ADMISSION, \$12**

**STUDENTS & SENIORS, \$10**

**[WWW.FORESTCITYFILMFEST.CA](http://WWW.FORESTCITYFILMFEST.CA)**





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## Royal London Military Institute

Mixed Formal Dinner  
Tuesday 15 May 2018  
HMCS PREVOST

Timings: 18:30, Dinner 19:30  
Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit  
Cash Bar

*Invitations will be sent by the RLMI after 17 April 2018*

Royal London Military Institute (RLMI) membership consists primarily of serving and retired members of the Canadian and Commonwealth Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and retired or serving members of Allied Forces. Membership is also offered to interested and distinguished citizens who have not served in the Armed Forces.

The RLMI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1930 hrs at HMCS PREVOST from September to June, with general meetings held from October to April, with the exception of December. Distinguished speakers present topics ranging from current events, modern military practices, military or regional history, to relevant economic and political trends. We welcome guests to our RLMI meetings. New members are always welcome. To join RLMI, contact the Secretary at 519-681-1655 or visit the website [www.rlmi.ca](http://www.rlmi.ca)

Vimy Branch 145 of the Royal Canadian Legion presents ...



## The Veterans Classic Golf Tournament 2018

Join veterans, their families and friends for a fun day on the links.

**Thursday 7 June 2018**  
**Forest City National Golf Club**

Information and tickets at :  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/veterans-classic-golf-tournament-2018-tickets-37359707892>







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## *The Garden Party*

*The Commonwealth has a long tradition of Garden Parties and Canada is no exception. Inspired by the Garden Parties held at Buckingham Palace, for more than 100 years many Governors General, Lieutenant-Governors and Garrison Commanders held Garden Parties, inviting the leaders and prominent citizens of their constituencies.*

*Wolseley Barracks has a long tradition of inviting political, business and institutional leaders to the annual Garden Party where they could mix with the military staff. This was a process that fostered and strengthened links between the military and civilian communities. In London, the event has been dormant for some time but this year it is born again.*



The Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, 20 June 1887  
-painting by Frederick Sargent (1837-1899)

*The other significant military establishment calling London home is HMCS Prevost who will partner with 31 Canadian Brigade Group and the Garrison Community Council to host the 2018 Garden Party.*

*See the GCC website at <http://www.gcclondon.ca/pdf/The-Garden-Party.pdf>*

**Wednesday 20 June 2018**

**1600- 1800**

**HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher St, London**

*The event is by invitation only*



**Colonel Chris Poole**  
Commander  
31 Canadian Brigade Group



**LCdr Jeremy Breese**  
Commanding Officer  
HMCS Prevost



**Doug McAndless**  
President  
Garrison Community Council

# *The GARDEN PARTY is back!*

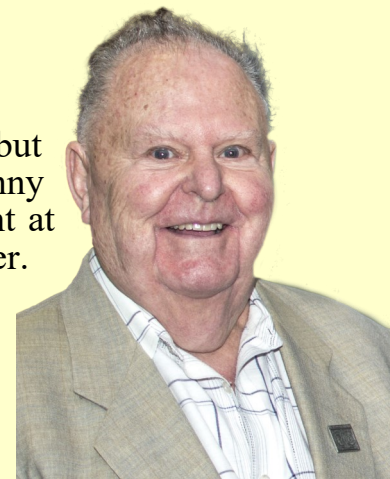




## From the President

Hi All, Well I'm back from the "Sunny South" but unfortunately, I could not bring any of the "sunny warm weather" back with me. My welcome by the Members present at the March meeting was very warm and blew the chill from the weather.

The March meeting was well attended with more than thirty members and three guests in attendance. The new lunch process went very smoothly thanks primarily to Barry Graham who looked after the money and the draw tickets and also to Beth Sayler who tabulated the numbers. Thank you to all who remembered to phone in and order your lunch.



The Speaker Col Patrick Dennis was introduced by Paul Webb and delivered a most interesting and unique historical documentation of "Conscripts" in the First World War. I found it most interesting and wish that this type of knowledge could be provided to a much larger audience particularly of the Secondary and University population. I was honoured to thank Col Dennis and was fortunately able have a brief conversation with him following the meeting. A special thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Geoff Hutton for making the necessary arrangements.

The business of the Council was a bit limited as some members are away or had been away for holidays. We had a couple of new Members present but we were lacking the name tags so we will do the "formal" introduction in April. There was no "Honoured Veteran" and we hope this will be resolved in April. Geoff gave a quick review of up coming speakers and our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tom Dean presented some very good ideas on Membership pointing out that ALL Members must work hard and be encouraged to spread the work and the aims of the organization and to promote the GCC. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Dave Barton urged Members to provide ideas and articles for the next News Letter. Gerry Treble filled in for our Secretary Beth Sayler. Our Treasurer Barry Graham provided the financial report and conducted the draw of the "lunch tickets" for the prize which was a copy of the speaker's book, "Reluctant Warriors, Canadian Conscripts in the Great War"

We received updates on the 31 CBG from LCol Martin Anderson, CO 4RCR and Lt(N) Cody Black gave an update on HMCS Prevost and extended an invitation to attend the "Battle of the Atlantic" festivities to be held May 5 & 6.

Our next meeting will be held at Prevost on 11 April 2018. We hope to see there.

Doug McAndless  
President  
Garrison Community Council



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## The GCC Executive



<b>President:</b>	Doug McAndless	<b>1st Vice President:</b>	Geoff Hutton
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Tom Dean	<b>3rd Vice President:</b>	Dave Barton
<b>Secretary:</b>	Beth Sayler	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Barry Graham
<b>Past President:</b>	Doug Acton	<b>Garrison Advisor</b>	LCOL Dave Fearon

Your thoughts and suggestions on what we do and how we do it are most welcome at any time. Input from everyone is a key ingredient to a vibrant organisation. Please feel free to contact any member of the Executive with your ideas.

## Honoured Vet for April LCdr Dawn Herniman

The RCN Veteran is ***LCdr Dawn Herniman*** (retired). She enrolled at HMCS Prevost originally as a Naval Communicator, remustered Maritime Surface and Sub-surface Officer before Component Transfer to the Regular Force. Her service has included a tour in Afghanistan, Sky Hawks Team member, PSO for SOF and is a specialist on conduct after capture.





## March's Speaker

**Colonel (Retired) Patrick M. Dennis, OMM, CD**



**Doug McAndless, GCC President (left) presents Colonel (Retired) Patrick Dennis, OMM, CD a Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent presentation.**

### **RELUCTANT WARRIORS: CANADIAN CONSCRIPTS AND THE GREAT WAR**

It is quite possible that a fair few of us had not been aware of neither the significant contribution made by Canadian conscripts nor the inaccuracies that have pervaded the histories regarding this phase of the Great War. Colonel Dennis gave us a clear and substantive perspective on the conscription issue. Starting with personal examples from his own family, he captured our attention and then went on to expand the subject to touch on all aspects of Canadian conscription. Convinced the subject needed a thorough analysis, his research dispelled the myths that the conscripts did not make a significant contribution to the war effort. A detailed examination of the troop numbers in the infantry tells a different story. Without the conscripts, the Canadian Army could not have pursued The Last 100 Days as effectively as it did. The story of Canadian conscription in the Great War is told in his book, *Reluctant Warriors: Canadian Conscripts in the Great War* (University of British Columbia Press in co-operation with the Canadian War Museum, 2017).

The lucky winner of our draw received an autographed copy of Colonel Dennis' book.

## **The GCC Newsletter ... about us, for us and by us**



Submissions and suggestions are welcome from our members at any time. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive with an e-mail to [garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com) Information about upcoming events is particularly appreciated. Be sure to also have a browse of our website at [www.gcclondon.ca](http://www.gcclondon.ca)

Take photos of your events and send them in with a short write-up. We'll put them in the Newsletter.

Submissions for the monthly Newsletter should reach Dave Barton, 3rd VP by the third week of the month previous.





## Membership

**The SECRET of getting a new member will be revealed at this month's Meeting.**

How many members have you introduced to the GCC?



## The New Lunch

Our new lunch arrangements worked just fine last month. Everyone got a feed and we had only one sandwich left over (*which was promptly purchased much to Mutt's dismay*). A big thank you to everyone who responded to indicate their attendance.



After handing over his lunch money to Barry, Tom makes his sandwich and salad selection.



## 31 Canadian Brigade Group

*These short articles, normally penned by members of the Brigade, offer a casual look at 31 CBG. Written without heavy use of military lexicon, acronyms and abbreviations, they support information sharing to groups with diverse backgrounds and will, hopefully, offer a less formal view of the Brigade, or the examination of specific issues or events.*

C.W. Poole  
Colonel  
Comd 31 CBG

## Windsor Support Company 31 Service Battalion

*by Lt Jeffrey Little*



Windsor Support Company of 31 Service Battalion has been extremely busy in the past few months due to our participation in numerous training and operational activities. Since New Year, WSC has directly participated in two unit level exercises, and has sent members to form a part of the Unit's contribution to ***Ex Arrowhead Precept***, a 31 Brigade wide computer simulation exercise. In addition, Windsor has personnel supporting numerous ongoing training courses including a Basic Military Qualification course and a **Medium Support Vehicle System** Driver's course.

The main effort for the Company is the preparation to provide support to 31 Territorial Battle Group on ***Ex Arrowhead Calm*** and ***Ex Arrowhead Shield***. *Ex Arrowhead Calm*, the final confirmation exercise prior to the start of the Regional Summer Training period in May and *Ex Arrowhead Shield* is the week long exercise at the end of the summer. The Company has many members signed up for the Full Time Summer Employment (FTSE) program. Under this Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) program, members indicate their availability and the Army matches them with tasks such as training, providing support to a training course or skills maintenance.

The Company also has members who are engaged



**Medium Support Vehicle System**

DND photo





in global operations. One member has just returned from a Technical Assistance Visit in Latvia and five more members are slated to depart for Latvia in July as part of **Op Reassurance Roto 10**. In addition, WSC has a senior officer who is deployed to South Sudan with the United Nations on **Op Soprano**. In April 2017 WSC sent 7 members to **Op Lentus** to provide assistance to the areas of Quebec affected by flooding.

Overall, Windsor Support Company along with 31 Service Battalion, has been quite busy providing first class support to 31 Brigade, 4 Canadian Division, and the Canadian Armed Forces.

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## Full Time Summer Employment

*by Capt Mike O'Leary*



The Canadian Army continues to press forward with advertising in social media and elsewhere with the message that Full Time Summer Employment (FTSE) can be found in the Army Reserve. 31 Canadian Brigade Group (31 CBG) is preparing for its role in what could be one of the busiest summers for Canada's Reserve Force in recent history.

A full summer of employment? Sounds pretty simple, right? A single contract for any interested soldiers, and for the

NCOs and officers available to support the program, for their period of availability up to four months. Easy, one-stop, administration. But that's just on the surface.

Behind that simple offer is a depth and complexity of coordination that will be a full summer of challenges for the staff in the headquarters and at the units to manage. Similar to past years, training ranging from basic military training to advanced leadership courses will still be run throughout the Army. Individual training, the training of officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, will be the primary intent of FTSE. Wherever possible, the employment of available Reservists will be attending or supporting the conduct of these courses. Ceremonial duties





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performed by Reserve soldiers from across the country, such as the Ceremonial Guard, will still be executed. In the gaps around all of these opportunities will be a need to create and run training and tasks that will benefit both the participants and the army as a whole.

The first challenge for the staff, at Brigade and in the units, will be coordinating the movement of personnel to meet their dates and timings for courses and other commitments. Training that can fill in the gaps in in each individual soldier's employment period will also need to be coordinated and conducted. Anyone committed to the summer's employment, or any part of it, could find themselves engaged as participant or staff wherever they are needed.

It is not the intent to have soldiers simply return to home locations between tasks and courses, and while there conduct busywork to fill their days. Remaining on contract, and available and equipped to be employed anywhere they Army needs them, they may find themselves, for example, off to another training location to be employed for a few weeks supporting course training, or to a rifle range to complete their annual mandatory training lectures and personal weapon qualification.

The Army's challenge this summer, and therefore 31 CBG's challenge, is to ensure that a full summer of employment is a full summer of meaningful employment. The challenge for participants will be to carry that commitment to be available through to a commitment to make the most of whatever training, tasks and opportunities are placed in their paths.

Does this mean that every day for every soldier will be worthy of turning into a recruiting video? Hardly; and neither is that a realistic expectation. Anyone who has experienced the military's training system knows that some days you're the training audience, and some days you're the training aid. But we also know that after the quality of instruction, there are few things more important to a good training experience than the commitment to duty of the soldiers supporting that training, whether it be in administrative roles or more active engagement with the trainees. Duty comes in many forms, and soldiers who are busy with meaningful employment find themselves rewarded by their experiences.



*Pro Aris et Focis*



## RECENT EVENTS

### The London Military Family Resource Centre

#### ***International Women's Day - 7 March 2018***

LMFRC staff were thrilled with this year's International Women's Day event, held March 7 at Wolseley Barracks. Speaker **Paula Morand** (*that's her jumping up behind the staff with raised arms!*) enthralled the audience when she shared her personal story and challenged the 76 listeners to **'Dream Big, Be Bold'**.

Event participants enjoyed networking in the morning, as they visited information tables and packed their own 'resiliency tool-kits', then indulged in a delicious lunch in the Junior Ranks Mess. After lunch, LCol Dave Fearon, Chief of Staff 31 CBG, spoke briefly about CAF initiatives that promote equity for women. Then Paula entertained the group with a high-energy and impactful presentation.



31 CBG and LMFRC celebrate International Women's Day. (left to right) Brenda Willsie, Deborah Smith, Paula Morand, Shannon Kisslinger and Kym Wolfe



The LMFRC celebrates International Women's Week annually with military families, CAF

members, and civilians who work with the military. This year's event was co-sponsored by 31 Canadian Brigade Group.

### The Polish Combatants Association

#### ***Poles in Redcoats - 11 March 2018*** ***Polish Soldiers Who Fought in the War of 1812***

An attentive and interested audience listened to the little-known story of the Polish Soldiers who fought with the De Watteville Regiment, part of the British Army, during the War of 1812. This regiment distinguished itself at the Battles of Oswego and at Fort Erie. After the War of 1812 ended, some of the Polish soldiers made their way west with Lord Selkirk and helped to establish the Red River Colony (present-day Winnipeg).



Some even made their way to St. Paul in Minnesota and helped to establish that community. This fascinating history was presented by Stan Skrzyszewski, historian and poet, at the Polish Combatants' Association hall in London. It is part of the ongoing work of the Combatants' Association in commemorating Veterans, no matter in what era of history they served.



**Stan Skrzyszewski**