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CWO Robert Talach, 31 BDE SM, and his son Dominik meet Santa Claus at the SW Ontario Military Family Resource Centre Children's Christmas Party, 25 November at HMCS Prevost.

Navy winners of the GCC bursaries. (L-R) NCdt Jia Liang, OS Joseph Mostowich, LS Tricia Higgins, OS Matthew Napiwotzki. (absent: LS Vanessa Booth). See Pages 8-9.

Mons City Hall, evening Canadian ceremonies, 10 November 2018, Mons, Belgium. Photo: Dutch photographer Nick Mol, © Fotoshootwo100.com

The GCC Newsletter

Submissions and suggestions are welcome and information about upcoming events is especially appreciated. Please contact any of us with an e-mail to:

garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com

FROM THE EDITOR

This Newsletter is not only the last one for 2018 but also the first one for 2019; a double tap! We may not see much of each other until mid-January so it's a nice time to replenish our GCC batteries. The Snowbirds can enjoy the read while sipping fruity drinks with umbrellas.

November was a special month for the military, for many countries and for everyone who cares. And this time of year, families shine more brightly and help remind us that service families are part of the military too. This issue hopefully captures some of that. A salient event for the GCC each year is awarding our student bursaries and we are pleased to introduce you to the winners in this issue.

I hope everyone will enjoy all the Season has to offer. See you next year .. especially if you are keen to get involved with our Newsletter.

Dave Barton

You are most welcome to join us

Like reading this Newsletter? Perhaps you have attended a meeting as a guest, enjoyed our monthly speaker and had a chat with some of the members.

The GCC holds monthly lunch meetings that include guest speakers on a range of topics such as military history, current issues and subjects of topical interest.

For a membership application, contact our Secretary, Beth Sayler on 519 851 0730 or e-mail us at

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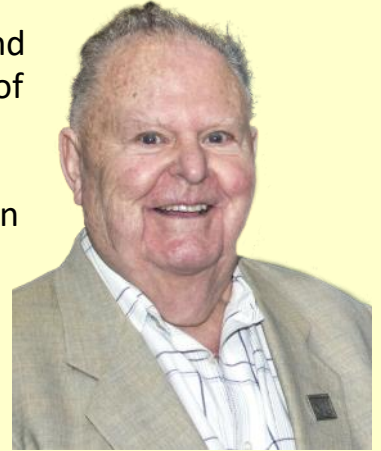
*... or just
come to a meeting*





From the President

I am delighted with the growth in our membership and having welcomed so many guests during the past couple of meetings. A big “*thank you*” to our membership man on the Executive, Tom Dean, who has done an excellent job of creating several initiatives that have resulted in new Members. Our growth has given us a new but welcome challenge for 2019 – finding space for everyone! In February we will hold the **Annual General Meeting** at the 427 Wing building out by the Airport. Lots of room and an Air Force flavour to start the year off. We will also hold a meeting at HMCS Prevost a bit later to keep the “sea breeze in the air” so to speak.



As the new season dawns, we very much want to see a few members put their hands in the air for an upcoming vacancy on the Executive at the 3rd VP position. While there is flexibility in assigning tasks to Executive Members, this position normally looks after the Newsletter. I’m sure Dave Barton would be more than happy to get someone involved with helping out. I believe that the GCC Newsletter has, since last Spring, helped our recruiting and raised the GCC profile by increasing the number of readers. I can but hope that our efforts this past year has touched many non-members who will now join us. A sincere thank you must go to Geoff Hutton for the marvelous speakers we have had and the upcoming ones now on the calendar. We have all thoroughly enjoyed this aspect of the GCC.

As our 2018 year is rapidly drawing to a close and we have experienced some of that “White Stuff” already, I believe it is time to remember our friends and family over this Holiday Season. There is much festivity and joyful celebrations but we must all remember to act responsibly and respect all. It is my sincere pleasure to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we all greet each other at our next meeting on January 9th.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of the Executive and the Board for their very fine work throughout the past year. I have appreciated their support as I gradually learned how the GCC works.

Doug McAndless



The GCC Executive

President: Doug McAndless

1st Vice President: Geoff Hutton

2nd Vice President: Tom Dean

3rd Vice President: Dave Barton

Past President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Doug Acton

Beth Sayler

Barry Graham





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The January General Meeting Wednesday 9 January

Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' /Officers' Mess

Beaver Hall, Wolseley Barracks

11:15

Meet & Greet

11:30

Lunch



Please remember to advise your attendance in advance to **Beth Saylor** by e-mail (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.

12:00

General Meeting

Speaker

Battery Power Developments

Dr. Xueliang (Andy) Sun

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 11:15

427 (LONDON) WING, 2155 CRUMLIN RD, LONDON, ON N5V 3Z9

GCC Executive Nominations 2019

The GCC Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, 13 February 2019. A primary function of the AGM is the election of the slate of Executive Officers for the year. Any organization is only as strong as its Members and those who step forward to help serve and lead.

If you have an interest in serving in this capacity, please consider putting your name forward. You can talk to any member of the Board for context about Executive involvement or you can contact me directly at dougacton@rogers.com. I will be presenting a list of candidates to the Board at the 02 January 2019 Board Meeting. For your further information, you can access our Constitution at <http://www.gcclondon.ca/further-information.htm>

I look forward to hearing from interested Members.

Doug Acton, Past President

Chair, Nominations Committee

Advanced Materials for Clean Energy

Dr. Xueliang (Andy) Sun



Dr. Andy (Xueliang) Sun is a Full Professor and senior Canada Research Chair (Tier I) for the development of nanomaterials for clean energy, at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He received his Ph.D in Materials Chemistry at the University of Manchester, UK, in 1999. Then, he worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the University of British Columbia, Canada, during 1999-2001. He was a Research Associate at the National Institut de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS), Quebec, Canada, during 2001-2004. Dr. Sun joined as an Assistant Professor the University of Western Ontario in 2004. He was awarded tenure and promoted Associate Professor in 2007 and Full Professor in 2012.

Dr. Sun's research is focused on advanced nanostructured materials for energy conversion and storage including fuel cells and Li batteries. Dr. Sun is an author and co-author of over **340** refereed-journals (e.g. Nature Communications, Advanced Materials, J. Am. Chem. Soc., Angew. Chem., Adv. Fun. Mat., Energy & Environmental Science) with citations of over **18,500** times and **H-index of 69**. He edited 3 books and published **16** book chapters as well as filed eleven US patents. He has given more than **120** plenary/keynote/invited talks in international conferences, symposia and workshops. Dr. Sun is actively collaborating with industries and government labs such as Ballard Power Systems, General Motors, Lithium Phostech Inc., 3M, and China Automotive Battery Research Institute Co.. He also serves as an Editor-in-Chief of "Electrochemical Energy Review" under Spring-Nature and an Associate Editor for Frontier of Energy Storage (2013-present). Dr. Sun received various awards such as Early Researcher Award (2006), Canada Research Chair (2007, 2013) and University Faculty Scholar Award (2010), Western Engineering Prize for Achievement in Research (2013), Fellow of The Royal Society of Canada (2016), Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering (2016) and Award for Research Excellence in Materials Chemistry Winner from Canada Chemistry Society (2018) and Award of Merit of the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (2018). Dr. Sun is a Vice-Chairman of our Board Committee in the International Academy of Electrochemical Energy Science (IAOEES).

Website: <http://www.eng.uwo.ca/people/asun/default.htm>

Alessandro Volta (1745-1827) invented the first battery in 1799.





Dues are Due!

Yes, it is that time of year to support the Garrison Community Council by a prompt payment of your annual membership dues to our Treasurer, Barry Graham.

Amount - \$100.00

Cheque payable to: Garrison Community Council
(Receipt provided if requested)

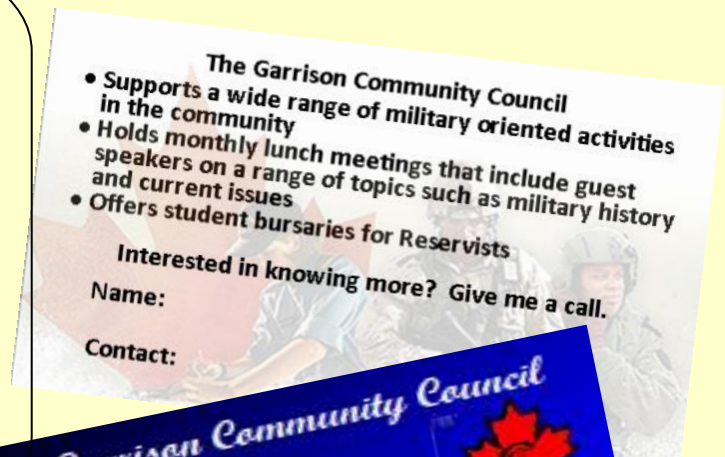
Please forward payment to:
Garrison Community Council, London and Region
c/o 31 CBG, HQ, Wolseley Barracks
701 Oxford Street East
London, ON N5Y 4T7

Note: If your cheque does not have your name on it, please attach a note identifying yourself. If your address, phone no. or email address has changed, let us know. If you prefer to pay in person, bring your cheque or cash to our next meeting.



From Membership Mutt

- See Tom Dean if you are not carrying some of our advert cards
- And in the New Year .. Go hard to get new members
- There is space available at the GCC Luxury Hotel for those who haven't paid their membership dues.



The Sayings of Chairman Mutt

Every organization thrives on new members



The November Meeting



The New Member BGen (retd) Gary O'Brien



Doug McAndless, Gary O'Brien, Tom Dean



Doug McAndless presents Ian Haley with his Honoured Veteran Certificate while Gerry Treble stands to.

The Honoured Veteran LtCol (retd) Ian Haley

We were delighted to be joined by LtCol Allan Finney and the 1st Hussars Cavalry Troop - Andy Thompson, Melanie Prosser, Ted Gough and Jiggs Gough. In September the Troop rode the route of the Last 100 Days to Mons. (November Newsletter.)

The 1st Hussars Mounted Troop



Doug McAndless presents Jonathon Vance with a Certificate of our appreciation for a most outstanding presentation of The Last 100 Days.

The Speaker - Professor Jonathon Vance

It has been said that a Napoleonic soldier would have known the tactics of the first four years of The Great War; a modern soldier would know those of the Last 100 Days. The combined arms and coordinated movements practiced by the Canadians and Australians yielded outstanding success and heralded a new age in the conduct of operations. Professor Vance gave us a very comprehensive understanding of the closing days of The Great War. It was especially poignant as he included several experiences of young soldiers from our region.

GCC Student Bursary Recipients 2018

It is our great pleasure to introduce the GCC Student Bursary winners for 2018.

One of the principal outreach programs of the GCC is the Student Bursary Program. Funded by GCC Member dues and a generous donation from **General Dynamics Land Systems**, GCC awards selected members of local Primary Reserve Units a bursary to support their post-secondary education.

This year's class was selected from 20 applicants across six local units. Four of the five Navy winners were presented with their Bursary at a parade in front of their Ship's Company at HMCS Prevost on 21 November (*Leading Seaman Vanessa Booth was absent overseas*). Pte Jacky Wu received his award at 31 Service Battalion Headquarters, Wolseley Barracks on 29 November. Corporal Wilson-Hodge's presentation will follow in December with the 1st Hussars in Sarnia.

One Bursary is named for GCC Founding Member *Colonel Tom Lawson*. The recipient makes a strong contribution to charitable work in the community. For his work with Toys for Tots, this year's winner of the **Colonel Tom Lawson Award** is Corporal Nicholas Wilson-Hodge of the 1st Hussars. Congratulations!

We thank all applicants for partaking in the process. It was an outstanding and worthy group. Thanks to Commanding Officers and staff of all units for their support of the program and endorsement of applicants. Congratulations, recipients. All applicants are a credit to the Forces and to their individual units.



HMCS Prevost (L-R) NCdt Jia Liang, OS Joseph Mostowich, Doug Acton, LS Tricia Higgins, OS Mathew Napiwotski. Absent: LS Vanessa Booth.

Doug Acton, Past President
Chair
Bursary Selection Committee



Doug McAndless presents Pte Jacky Wu, 31 Svc Bn with his bursary win.



Doug Wilson-Hodge, Manager, Corporate Affairs, General Dynamics Land Systems-Canada hands a cheque for \$5,000 to GCC President Doug McAndless to support our Bursary Program.

GENERAL DYNAMICS
Land Systems-Canada



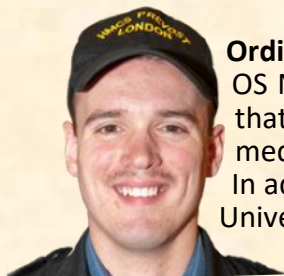
Corporal Nicholas Wilson-Hodge 1st Hussars

Winner of the Colonel Tom Lawson Award

Cpl Wilson-Hodge is currently in his third year of an undergraduate degree in Health Sciences at Western University where he was named to the Faculty Dean's Honor List for the 2017-2018 academic year. Cpl Wilson-Hodge hopes to pursue a graduate or professional degree in the health care field. Currently, he acts as a driver in A Squadron Headquarters, 1st Hussars, as well as one of the regiment's training NCOs. For the past two Holiday seasons, he has enjoyed volunteering for a cause close to his heart, the Toys for Tots campaign, headquartered at HMCS Prevost in London.

Ordinary Seaman Joseph Mostowich HMCS Prevost

Before arriving to London, Joseph began his post secondary education and military career in Calgary. There he assisted the Calgary Military Family Resource Center with their Finance and Audit Committee and participated in the Calgary Garrison Hockey League playing for the Tecumseh Blues. After spending last summer with Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic, Joseph transferred to the University of Western Ontario to complete his degree in Economics. He intends to leverage his education to be a more analytical and therefore effective sailor.

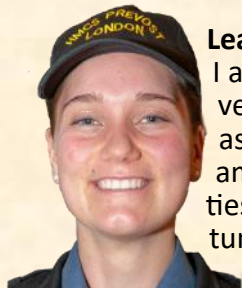


Ordinary Seaman Matthew Napiwotzki HMCS Prevost

OS Napiwotzki is currently completing a Bachelor of Human Science through Athabasca University that focuses on a major in Human Science and a minor in Psychology. His intention is to pursue medical school to begin a long-term career goal as a Medical Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition, he is working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Practice through Royal Roads University. While studying, he is currently working in a security position with St. Joseph's Health Care London. As well as being a member of HMCS Prevost, he volunteers as an Emergency Response Team Responder with the Canadian Red Cross.

Private Jacky Wu 31 Service Battalion

A second year business student at the University of Western Ontario. There he is deeply involved in several clubs including the Western Investment Club. Back at his unit, he is a Financial Services Administrator which allows him to utilize knowledge from university to enhance his ability serve his unit. At the same time, the military gives him opportunity to bring a real-life context to his learning. After university, Jacky plans to pursue a career in finance while continuing to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Leading Seaman Tricia Higgins HMCS Prevost

I am in my 3rd year at Brescia University for an Honors Specialization in Nutrition and Dietetics. I am a very active member within my Brescia community. For the past two years I took on a leadership role as a peer mentor and helped the first-year students transition into university. Within the reserves, I am now trade qualified as a Human Resources Administrator. I appreciate all the amazing opportunities the military has offered me to enhance my skills and abilities. This school year I seized the opportunity to take extra shifts at HMCS PREVOST to help in ships office and continue to build my knowledge.

Leading Seaman Vanessa Booth HMCS Prevost

Leading Seaman Vanessa Booth is a part-time student at Brescia University College, working towards a Major in Sociology. LS Booth has been a member of HMCS PREVOST for over three years now, and is currently employed on a full-time basis as a Human Resources Administrator. Once graduated, she hopes to either transition to Logistics Officer or begin a civilian career in the field of statistics.



Naval Cadet Jia Liang HMCS Prevost

In addition to being an Intelligence Officer at HMCS Prevost, NCdt Liang is currently an undergraduate student at Western University, pursuing a double major in Financial Economics & Psychology. Upon graduation, he plans to explore full-time opportunities with the Navy as he postulates that the military offers hands-on leadership experience that cannot be found at an early stage in people's careers in the corporate world. Additionally, he is also currently working towards the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation as he intends to be an investment professional in the finance industry after his career with the Navy.



HMCS Prevost



Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Greidanus, as Range Safety Officer, is monitoring the range set up at 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford Ontario on October 26, 2018.

Training in Meaford

By SLt Chris Niesel

Sailors of HMCS Prevost participated in a NAVRES Exercise Training Schedule (NRETS) shooting range activity over the weekend of October 26-28. The training activity took place at 4th Canadian Division Training Centre (4 CDTC) in Meaford Ontario. In attendance were members from various Naval Reserve Divisions (NRD's) throughout Ontario. Priority was given to members needing to re-qualify for their C9A2 shooting qualification. HMCS Prevost was by far the most represented NRD at the event, with a total of 17 sailors in attendance.

After checking into our accommodations on the evening of the 26th of October, we got a good night's rest before having to wake up early the next day. Following reveille at 0700h, we tucked into an outstanding breakfast at the Mess before getting ready to for an action-packed day of shooting. The first activity was the C9A2 Immediate Action and Stoppage lecture at the weapons vault behind the accommodations building.

Following this required lecture, everyone was transported to the outdoor range and the setup began. PO1 Greidanus, the Range Safety Officer, took charge and ensured everything was set up in a ship-shape fashion. While the boatswains were getting the C9A2 rifles ready, Lt(N) Eric Blay got the ammunition organised. He had to ensure everything was prepared for the various shooting relays which were to follow upon completion of setup.

Over the course of the morning, we expended over 1,200 rounds of 5.56 NATO ammunition, giving everyone the chance to bring their C9A2 qualification up to date whilst also providing for a fun and exciting learning environment.

Following the thrilling live fire relays in the morning, everyone was driven back to the base compound to take part in a .50 caliber refresher. PO1 Greidanus arranged for two Browning M2

machine guns to be available along with their fixed mounts so that everyone could experience ship like conditions. Able Seaman (AB) Ryan Romaniuk considers the training as “highly beneficial for both professional and team development, as it will hone the skills required for both the .50 caliber machine gun and the C9. The 50 cal requires three people - loader, gunner and communicator.

Following the team building exercise of .50 caliber drills, all members took part in clearing up the



Lt(N) Eric Blay (left) and crew check their ammunition prior to the live shoot.

Photo: SLt Chris Niesel

range and the simulators so that the next day would allow for a quick departure. The weekend was a great success with everyone gaining or renewing their C9 qualification. The plan for next year will be to ensure that individuals who received training for the .50 caliber machine gun will be able to put it into practice on live fire drills.



Photo: SLt Chris Niesel



50 cal

C9A2



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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

EXERCISE SERVICE WARRIOR 18

By 2Lt Cavan Hesketh, 31 Service Battalion

This year's annual Exercise SERVICE WARRIOR took place at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden, November 16-18, 2018. It provided 31 Service Battalion (31 Svc Bn) unique and realistic training based on a Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) scenario, while also practising basic Combat Service Support (CSS) skills. The Primary Training Audience (PTA- the soldiers developing and maintaining skills during the training scenario) arrived on the night of November 16 to form Admin Company (Admin Coy) in Forward Operating Base 'A' (FOB A).



Photo: Maj Catherine Wollocombe

They immediately began conducting battle procedure, and on the morning of November 17, a reconnaissance of Camp Blackdown (one of CFB Borden's training areas) was conducted, followed by the evaluation of suitable hide positions and a tactical road move. Unlike most exercises, the hide established at Camp Blackdown was in the middle of an urban environment and the scenario included distressed civilians requesting help from members of Admin Coy. Once the hide was established and a defensive perimeter put in place, Admin Coy began conducting DOMOPS tasks which included Vehicle Checkpoints (VCPs) and presence patrols.

Throughout the day the scenario progressed to include a local population that had become more desperate for supplies like food and water. Presence patrols reported civilians had begun looting buildings within Camp Blackdown and were more aggressive towards the PTA on patrol. The scenario continued to escalate until Admin Coy decided to perform another move out of Camp Blackdown to reduce the likelihood of their stores being looted by civilians. Headquarters Platoon (HQ PI) moved back to FOB A while Maintenance Platoon (Maint PI) and Supply & Transport Platoon (S&T PI) moved to alternate locations within 31 Svc Bn lines, linking up with the other elements there.

Additional presence patrols were conducted into the evening by Maint PI and S&T PI, while they established and defended their individual hides, followed by all of the elements consolidating back into FOB A, concluding the tactical exercise. Overall, this exercise provided valuable, scenario-based DOMOPS training for all personnel, who also practised core CSS skills such as establishing and defending hides. 31 Svc Bn trains regularly for scenarios like this and others, in order to remain ready to support Canadians here at home, and to augment Canadian Armed Forces missions around the world.

EXERCISE NOBLE SKYWAVE 2018

By SLt Andrew McLaughlin, 31 CBG PAO

31 Signal Regiment participated in a unique international communications exercise October 30-31, 2018.



Exercise NOBLE SKYWAVE 2018 (Ex NS 2018) invited communicators across the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Canadian Forces Affiliated Radio System (CFARS), Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS), 5 EYES community and other NATO players to compete against one another in a spirit of friendly competition. In addition, Ex NS 18 provided an excellent

opportunity to refresh High Frequency (HF) operator skills and capabilities.

The exercise saw voice and data links between domestic and international teams using HF sky-wave propagation and involved a wide range of CAF Regular, Reserve, or Auxiliary Force units from Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Australia, and New Zealand .

31 Signal Regiment is a reserve Communications unit in 31 Canadian Battle Group (31 CBG), located in both Hamilton and London Ontario. The Regiment provides expedient and reliable wired and wireless communication, using advanced voice and data systems to Canada's military. 31 Signal Regiment was the 1st Wireless Detachment Unit in Canada, providing radio communications during the first and second World Wars, going through several name changes.

Within the regiment, there are various opportunities for new members to explore. From radio operators to line system specialists, 31 Signal Regiment is always looking for dedicated, intellectual, and fit personnel to join the Regiment. Primarily, new members parade every Thursday night (Sept-Jun) and one or two weekends a month. For the first few years, new members are required to conduct their trades training during the summertime (June-August), learning new skills that will be utilized during the part-time training year and on Exercises and Operations.

11 NOVEMBER WOLSELEY BARRACKS

Photos: Capt Michael O'Leary, 31 CBG,





REMEMBRANCE 2018

31 CBG REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



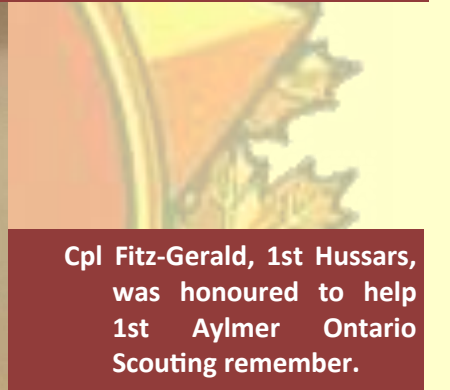
Pte Jacky Wu, 31 Svc Bn, helped students remember at Catholic Central High School in London. (see Page 8)



Second Lieutenant Caitlin Billingsley of 4 RCR spoke to the 1st Wellesley Girl Guides about what Remembrance means to soldiers like her.



Warrant Officer Dave King, 31 CBG HQ spoke to the 2nd Tillsonburg Scouts about what Remembrance means to soldiers like him.



Cpl Fitz-Gerald, 1st Hussars, was honoured to help 1st Aylmer Ontario Scouting remember.



Capt Smith 1H, Royal Canadian Dragoons remembered with fine young Canadians at St. Josephs Catholic School in Fergus.



December and January in Our History

1814			The Treaty of Ghent is signed by British and American diplomats formally ending the War of 1812.
24 December			
1915	WW I		The poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae is published in Punch Magazine. John McCrae dies of pneumonia near Boulogne, France on 28 January 1918.
8 December			
1917	WW I		A huge explosion in Halifax harbour destroys the naval facilities and much of the city. Deaths were estimated at 2,000 and wounded at 9,000.
6 December			
1923	RCN		The Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve are established.
31 January			
1941	WW II		Oberleutnant Franz von Warrna flieht aus einem Zug in der Nähe von Smiths Falls, ON (23.-24. Januar 1941) und kehrt nach Europa zurück: Er gilt als der einzige Axis-Kriegsgefangene aus Kanada, der den Atlantik überquert.
23 January			
1957	UNEF I		HMCS Magnificent arrives in Port Said with the main body of the Canadian contribution in troops and materiel to the United Nations Emergency Force controlling the Israeli-Egyptian border.
11 January			
1967	RCAF		Wing-Commander R.A. White, Aerospace Engineering Test Establishment, sets a Canadian altitude record of 100,110 feet, in a CF-104 Starfighter interceptor. The aircraft's engine shut down on its ascent when there was no longer enough oxygen to run it. "Bud" White had to restart it on the way down!
14 December			
1973	Vietnam		Canadian Forces aircraft airlift 115 Canadian personnel to South Vietnam for peacekeeping duties.
27-30 January			
1991	Gulf War		Canada provides a field hospital to the British armoured division during the Gulf War.
15 January			
30 January			At the Battle of Babiyan a CF-18 Hornet attacks and causes irreparable damage to an Iraqi warship. It was the only CF-18 credited with an official victory during the Gulf War.





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Upcoming Events

Garrison Community Council

General Meeting	9 January 2019	Wolseley Barracks
Annual General Meeting	13 February 2019	427 Wing

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South Western Ontario Military Family Resource Centre	December Calendar is on Page 18 (January calendar not available at time of publication)	
Royal London Military Institute Christmas At Home 1600h - 1800h	10 December	HMCS Prevost
CFB London New Year's Day Levee 1200h - 1600h (times unconfirmed as of 2 Dec)	1 January 2019	Officers & WO/Sgts Mess, Wolseley Barracks
31 Combat Engineer Regiment (The Elgins) Levee 1100h	1 January 2019	Officers' Mess St Thomas
HMCS Prevost/RLMI/RCL (Vimy) Levee 1100h - 1400h Blazer/business attire/DEU. Full size medals	1 January 2019	HMCS Prevost

The President of the Royal London Military Institute

Cordially Invites You
and Your Guests to a
Christmas At Home

to be held at
HMCS PREVOST
19 Becher Street, London N6C 1A4
on Monday, December 10, 2018
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Tariff: \$20.00

Dress: Semi-Formal/Christmas
RSVP by December 5, 2018

Please reply to: RLMI, 303 Conway Drive, London, Ontario N6E 3J7. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary, Gail Sneddon - glsnedon@rogers.com or 519 681 1655



**And a RLMI gentle reminder
Membership renewals are due
31 January 2019**

\$25 please

The Levee

The word *levee* originated in the *levée du soleil* of King Louis XIV (1643–1715). It was his custom to receive his male subjects in his bedchamber just after arising, a practice that subsequently spread throughout Europe. In Great Britain and Ireland it became a formal court reception given by the sovereign or his/her representative in the forenoon or early afternoon. In the New World colonies the levee was held by the governor acting on behalf of the monarch. It was in Canada that the levee became associated with New Year's Day. The fur traders had the tradition of paying their respects to the master of the fort on that day. The first recorded levee in Canada was held on January 1, 1646, in the Chateau St. Louis by Charles Huault de Montmagny, Governor of New France from 1636 to 1648. In addition to wishing a happy new year to the citizens, the governor informed guests of significant events in France as well as the state of affairs within the colony. In turn, the settlers were expected to renew their pledges of allegiance to the Crown.



Is Dave Fitzsimmons' recipe a closely guarded secret?



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 H: Holiday Cookie Exchange L: Toronto Christmas Market
2 W-Children's Christmas Party	3 	4 	5 H-Festive Urn Workshop L: Christmas Open House	6 	7 	8 Teen Christmas Dinner
9 L-A Visit with St. Nicholas at FPV \$10/person	10 	11 	12 L: Sticky Floors Open House 11am-1pm	13 	14 	15 L W H-Frankenmuth Extravaganza
16 	17 	18 	19 L: WW 9:30am-11:30am 	20 	21 	22
23/30 	24/31 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day 	27 	28 	29

Windsor Events

Dec 2: Children's Christmas Party Cost \$15.00/child, Ages 0-12yrs, Register with Erin.Jordan@forces.gc.ca or call 519-254-2535



London Events

Dec 1: Toronto Christmas Market \$15/person (admission included) Coach Bus From London Leaves MFRC at 11:00am, Leaves Toronto at 8:00pm

Dec 5: 11:00am-1:00pm Christmas Open House Potluck Luncheon, No Cost, "Open to everyone" Call Kym to confirm attendance & food.

Dec 9: 11:00am 'A Visit with St. Nicholas' \$10/person at Fanshawe Pioneer Village Includes 3 pancakes and 1 or 2 sausages.

Dec 12: 31 Cnd. Brigade Group "Sticky Floors" Open House 11:00am-1:00pm

Dec 15: Frankenmuth Extravaganza, COST: \$20 for transportation, breakfast extra contact Emilie to register, ext: 5029

Dec 19: Wonderful Wednesday Coffee Morning 9:30-11:30am

Hamilton Events

Dec 1: 10:00am-2:00pm or until Cookies are sold! Military Family Holiday Cookie Exchange \$10 for TIN. SWOMFRC Hamilton Satellite office 650 Catherine St. North

Dec 5: 7:00pm-9:00pm "Festive Urn Workshop" Includes instruction & materials at Sheridan Nurseries, 100 Elmsdale Kitchener, ON \$35/person

Caregiver Zone-Supporting
Care-givers of Veterans in Canada
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Recent Events

Official Dedication Ceremony for London's LAV III Monument

9 November 2018

Photos: Cpl Cody Black 31 CBG



In April 2016 the City of London Council directed Administration to submit a joint application with The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum to the Canada Company's LAV III Monument Program. This program provided 33 de-militarized replica light armoured vehicles to communities across Canada, in recognition of over 40,000 soldiers who served in Canadian peace-keeping missions including the conflict in Afghanistan. The London community has significant connections to the LAV III Monument Program. The LAV IIIs used by the Canadian Army were built by General Dynamics Land Systems in London. To turn the demilitarized vehicles into monuments, the turrets and hulls have been welded by Fanshawe College students at local company Militex Coatings. The LAV III monument is owned by the City of London and is on permanent loan to The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum.

11 November 2018

GCC Display at Centennial Hall After the Ceremonies



Jan Delaney and Doug McIndless show the flag for the GCC

At the Canadian Club of London - 22 November 2018

The GCC sponsored a table at the Canadian Club of London. This was a special day when Grade 12 secondary school students from Catholic Central High were invited as guests to hear a speaker of interest. Doug Acton and Tom Dean were there.

We were treated to an excellent presentation by Ted Barris on his book, *The Dam Busters*; Canadian airmen and their raid against dams deep inside Germany. The students at the GCC table were intelligent and articulate and have contributed many hours to volunteer projects in London. The students appeared captivated by the talk. The Canadian Club of London and the supporters of the day such as the GCC, put into action their concern about educating our young people about the history of Canada's military men and women.

Canadian Ceremonies at Saint Symphorien, near Mons, Belgium 10 November 2018

