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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



The May General Meeting

**Wednesday
9 May**

**Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' / Officers' Mess
Beaver Hall, Wolseley Barracks**

Meet & Greet 11:15

Lunch 11:30



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.

General Meeting 12:00

Speaker

Dr. Sylvain Leblanc
Cyber Security

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*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 Saylor on 519 851 0730 or e-mail us at garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com



... or just come to a meeting





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Dr. Sylvain Leblanc

Dr. Sylvain Leblanc, CD, BSc, MEng, PhD, PEng, is an Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario.

Graduating from RMC, Sylvain (Sly) Leblanc served for 23 years as a Signals Officer with the Canadian Army. He served with the Special Service Force, including the Airborne Regiment Battle Group and a variety of strategic and tactical communications units.

His research interests are in computer security and computer network operations specializing in Network Counter-Surveillance Operations, Vulnerability & Security Assessments and Cyber Education. He is involved in research projects with the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre, Defence Research and Development Canada - Ottawa's Cyber Operations and Signals Warfare Section and Canadian universities (Queen's, University of Ottawa, Concordia, École polytechnique de Montréal). He also served on the Board of Directors of the SERENE-RISC Smart Cyber Security Network. Dr. Leblanc collaborates with the Director Cyber Force Development with whom he works on Cyber Policy Conceptual Development and with the Canadian Army's Land Cyber Mission Assurance Program.





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

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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
Royal London Military Institute Mixed Formal Dinner	15 May	at HMCS Prevost
HMCS Haida Ceremony	26 May	Hamilton
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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NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
ASSOCIATION NAVALE DU CANADA

Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner HMCS Prevost

Ahoy 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

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.





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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

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. For information, contact the Secretary at 519-681-1655 or visit the website www.rlmi.ca



The Veterans Classic Golf Tournament 2018

Vimy Branch 145

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>

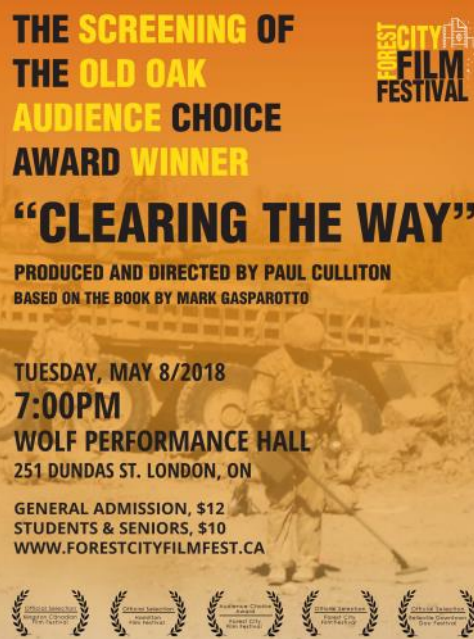


Clearing The Way

Tuesday 8 May 2018

7:00 pm

Wolf Performance Hall





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The Garden Party

Wednesday 20 June 2018

1600- 1800

HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher St, London

This event is by invitation only

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. HMCS Prevost will partner with 31 Canadian Brigade Group and the Garrison Community Council to host the 2018 Garden Party.

Regenerating the Garden Party has been a challenging task for the GCC who is the lead organizer. There are significant constraints - the reduction of CFB London, particularly the Officers' Mess, the challenges of securing fiscal support and sponsorship, and the space limitations of the venues. These constraints dictate a much reduced event from what some of you may have known in the past and what we would like the Garden Party to become. The largest impact is a limitation in numbers - we simply cannot invite everyone that we would like. Every GCC member will be invited, but we are unable to allow spouses and partners as has been the traditional custom.

This is the first Garden Party in many years. Let's get through the first year as a team and hopefully we will be able to build on it's success.



Colonel Chris Poole
Commander
31 Canadian Brigade Group



LCdr Jeremy Breese
Commanding Officer
HMCS Prevost



Doug McAndless
President
Garrison Community Council

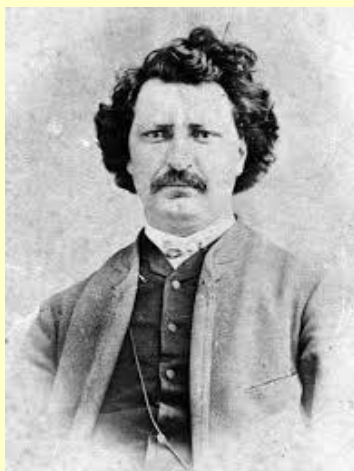
The GARDEN PARTY is back!



This Month in Our History



1 May 1938	Canadian Army	The Tank School is moved to Camp Borden from London and renamed Canadian Armoured Fighting Vehicles School (CAFVS).
2 May 1885	Canadian Militia	Canadian Militia and Permanent Force soldiers battle Riel's forces at the Battle of Cut Knife during the North-West Rebellion.
4 May 1910	RCN	The Canadian Navy, later the Royal Canadian Navy, is authorized after Royal assent is given to the Naval Service Act of Canada.
5 May 1945	World War II	General Foulkes accepts the surrender of German forces in the Netherlands at Wageningen. Two days later all German military forces surrender to the Allied Forces in Europe.
8 May 1967	Canadian Armed Forces	The Canadian Forces Reorganization Act is given Royal assent and begins the unification of the separate Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force.
15 May 1660	La Nouvelle-France	Dollard-des-Ormeaux et ses compagnons sont tués par des Iroquois pendant qu'ils défendent un fort au Long Sault.
19 May 1951	RCN	Approval is given for the Royal Canadian Navy to begin work on the first Canadian military hydrofoil, <i>HMCS Bras D'Or</i> .
19 May 1951	RCAF	No. 410 begins receiving <i>Sabre</i> fighter aircraft, becoming the first Canadian squadron to fly these fighters.
21 May 1917	The Great War	The Imperial War Graves Commission (now the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) is established by Royal Charter.



Louis Riel

The Battle of Cut Knife Creek





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From the President

The April meeting at *HMCS Prevost* was well attended with 32 members and 31 guests. It was a pleasure to have many of the ship's crew sit in with us. A heartfelt thank you to LCdr Jeremy Breese, Commanding Officer *HMCS Prevost*, for hosting the GCC!

Growing our numbers is an ongoing and key focus for the Garrison Community Council. We were most pleased to welcome two new members – **Grant Hopcroft** and **Joe Ruitenbeek**. Tom Dean, our 2nd Vice President is forging ahead with recruiting initiatives and reminded us that the best way to get a new member is to ask some body. I urge you to get out there and ask. With a smile of course.



Cdr Sean Batte introduced the Honoured Veteran for April, LCdr (retd) Dawn Herniman. She has made an outstanding contribution to Canada as her service record shows. Some of us were lucky enough to have a few words with Dawn at the end of the meeting.

We were very fortunate to have LCdr Paul Smith as the guest speaker. With skilled rhetoric, Paul took the audience through his voyages to Canada's Arctic and showed us wonderful photos of the North, including one of the former Prime Minister Steven Harper with him on the bridge of *HMCS Kingston*. Using modern technology, they had been searching for evidence of the **Franklin Expedition** when one of the crew spotted something in the water that turned out to be Franklin's second ship *HMS Terror*. As Paul noted, sometimes human effort can do what technology cannot. His tales then took us to the warm Caribbean waters catching drug runners and then on to Africa. The photos of his crew with the children of Sierra Leone were amazing

and clearly showed us that the Royal Canadian Navy's African mission was more than just about seafaring. It was a wonderful presentation and I only wish that more people could have enjoyed it. It was my great pleasure to present LCdr Paul Smith with a GCC Certificate of Appreciation.

There are a lot of events for May and ones like the Battle of the Atlantic weekend at *HMCS Prevost* are not to be missed. See you at our May General Meeting.

Doug McAndless



Doug McAndless, President (left) officially receives *The President's Gavel* from outgoing President Doug Acton.



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April's Speaker LCdr Paul Smith



Doug McAndless, GCC President presents LCdr Paul Smith a *Certificate of Appreciation* for his outstanding presentation.

LCdr Paul Smith opened his presentation by saying that he was more of a story teller than a presenter. Such was our good fortune. We were treated to a thoroughly captivating story of the Royal Canadian Navy's involvement in our Arctic, the Caribbean and Africa. The Canadian contribution to security operations in the African Continent, along with other Western nations, is helping to make significant headway in strengthening the capabilities of naval forces in several African countries in their effort against piracy and smuggling.

And how many of us knew of the historical connection between **Halifax** and **Freetown** in Sierra Leone commemorated by the plaque on *The Cotton Tree* thanking Nova Scotia for their part in settling Freetown?

April's Honoured Vet LCdr Dawn Herniman

In conversation with Dawn afterwards, she was heard to say, "I've never done anything in the normal way." Her varied and energetic career certainly attests to that. She enrolled at HMCS Prevost as a Naval Communicator, reclassified 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.

It was an honour and a pleasure to have Dawn with us for our meeting and to acknowledge her service to Canada.



(left to right) Cdr Sean Batte, LCdr (retd) Dawn Herniman, Doug McAndless

Photo: Dave Barton



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The GCC Executive



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

Know Your Executive

We thought it would be good to let you know about your executive. Below and over the next few issues, two or three at a time, here are a few words about them, their duties and their thoughts about the GCC.

Doug McAndless, President

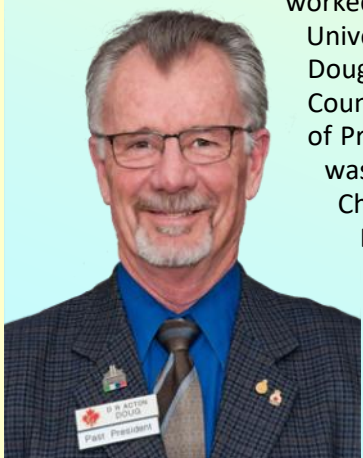


Doug is a retired educator who taught in London as a teacher, vice-principal and principal. Served a president of OPSMTF locally, OPSTF provincial and OTF. He joined the Militia in the late 50's and retired in 1986 after serving as CO of 22 Service Battalion and The Elgin Regiment. He then served as HLCOL of 31 CER (The Elgins) until 2015. He was active in athletics and coached minor hockey for many years. He has been married for 63 years.

The President directs and coordinates all GCC activities through delegated Sub-Committees and individuals. He is responsible for the overall direction of the GCC and representing the GCC at meetings and functions as required.

Doug: "I am hoping to encourage more military members to join and share their experience with a wider range of civilians in the next year. A new location for our lunch meetings which will accommodate a larger audience I believe is needed. We also must try to encourage military and civilians from outside the city of London to truly represent 31 Brigade, the Navy and the Air Force."

Doug Acton, Past President



Doug is a retired educator who worked for the London Board and the Thames Valley District School Board as a teacher (elementary and secondary), vice-principal, and principal. Upon retiring from the Board, he did supply principal work for the Board, worked for the Ministry of Education as a Student Achievement Officer, and worked at Western University Faculty of Education as a Faculty Advisor for student teachers. Organizationally, Doug held several offices with the local OPSTF (Honorary Life Member), The Ontario Principal's Council (Founding Member, President, Honorary Life Member), and the Canadian Association of Principals (Board Member). Doug graduated from the Royal Military College in 1974 and was on the Supplementary Reserve List until it was discontinued. He was President and Chair of the Board at the Jet Aircraft Museum and currently, along with his wife, Marti, is Director of the Education Program which they developed (thanks GCC Starbase).

The Past President chairs the Bursary Committee and the Nominations Committee. He is also a member of the Garden Party Committee.

Doug: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my participation on the GCC Executive. As Past President, I hope to be able to provide continuity and context to Executive deliberations as we address future directions."



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Our Newest Members Joe Ruitenbeek and Grant Hopcroft



(left to right) Doug Acton, Tom Dean, Joe Ruitenbeek, Grant Hopcroft and Doug McAndless

Photo: Dave Barton



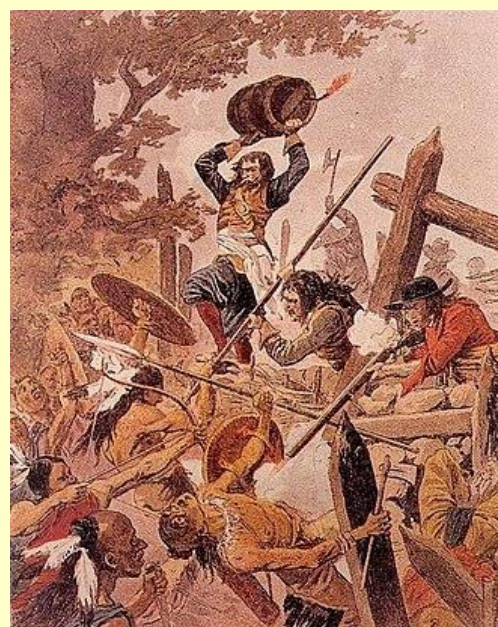
The GCC Newsletter

Submissions and suggestions are welcome from our members at any time. Information about upcoming events is always appreciated. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive with an e-mail to:

garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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

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



Adam Dollard des Ormeaux
lance un baril de poudre sur les
assaillants



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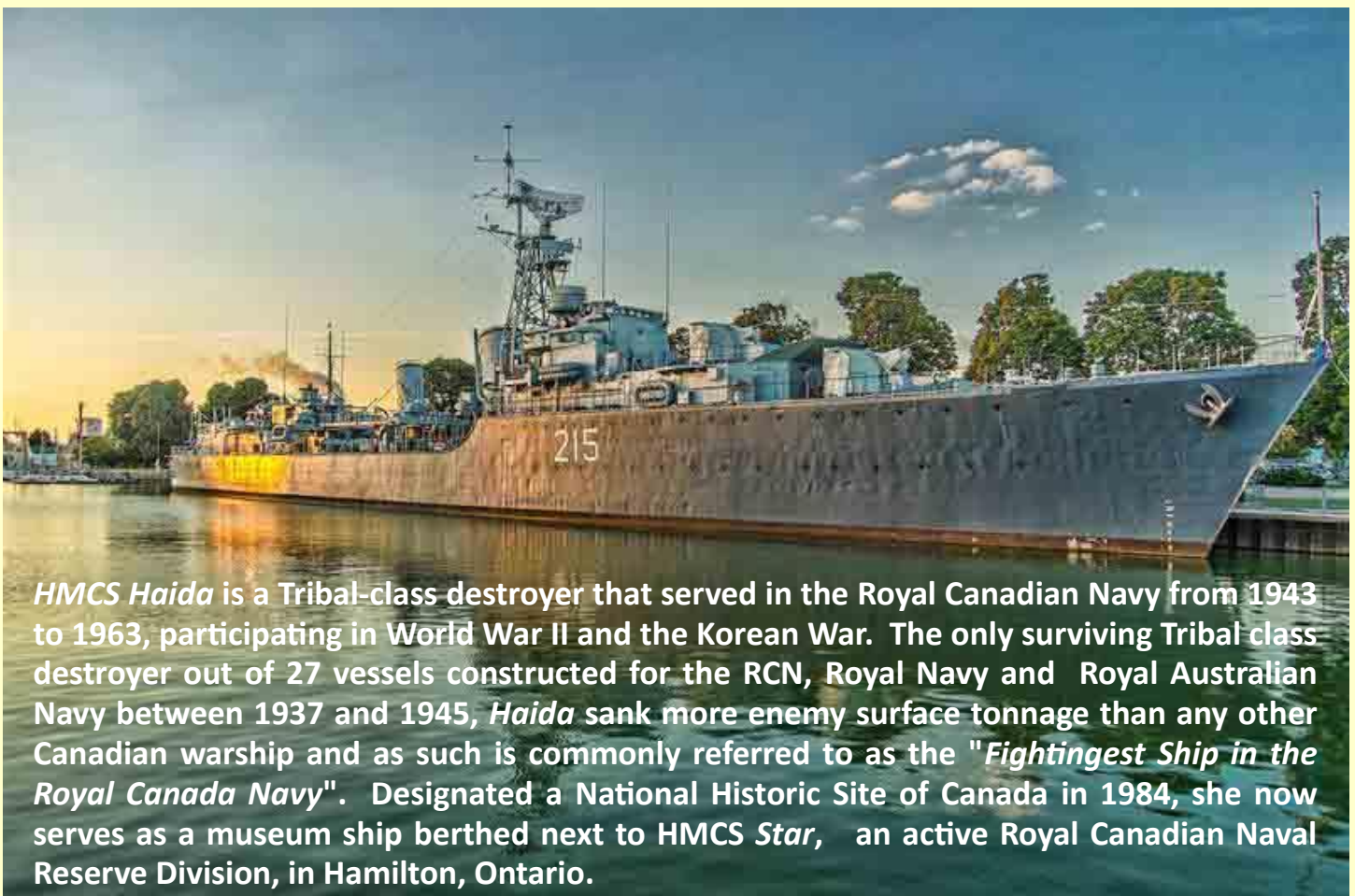
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HMCS Prevost Will Participate in the HMCS Haida Ceremony



HMCS Haida, the world's last Tribal Class Destroyer, will be designated the **Honourary Royal Canadian Navy Flagship**. An event celebrating this designation will take place **Saturday May 26th** in Hamilton, Ontario at *HMCS HAIDA* (<http://www.hmcshaida.com>). Multiple Naval Reserve Divisions will participate in this ceremony, including HMCS YORK, HMCS STAR, and HMCS PREVOST. Parks Canada is coordinating the event and information is at <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/haida>.



HMCS Haida is a Tribal-class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1963, participating in World War II and the Korean War. The only surviving Tribal class destroyer out of 27 vessels constructed for the RCN, Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy between 1937 and 1945, *Haida* sank more enemy surface tonnage than any other Canadian warship and as such is commonly referred to as the "*Fightingest Ship in the Royal Canada Navy*". Designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1984, she now serves as a museum ship berthed next to *HMCS Star*, an active Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Division, in Hamilton, Ontario.



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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



1st Hussars Change of Command

The 1st Hussars held a Change of Command parade on April 21, 2018 at Wolseley Barracks in London, Ontario. This ceremony saw the formal passing of command of the Regiment from incumbent Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Scheid to the incoming Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Allan Finney.

Reviewing Officer Colonel Christopher Poole, 31 Canadian Brigade Group (31 CBG) Commander and Acting Brigade Regimental Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer

Mark Delarosbil inspected the Honour Guard. Colonel

Poole oversaw the transfer of command signified by the signing and witnessing of the Command Scrolls.

These formal documents confer command of the Regiment upon the designated commander and acknowledge the dutiful transition is complete.



(left to right) LCol Bernie Sheid, CWO Mark Delarosbil, Col Chris Poole, HCol Barry Hogan, CWO Tim Park, LCol Allan Finney





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(left to right) Guidon Sergeant Major MWO Colin Jenkins, LCol Allan Finney, HLCOL Barry Hogan, LCol Bernie Sheid

The 1st Hussars is a Primary Reserve Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment of the Canadian Army. As part of 31 Canadian Brigade Group, the Regiment is based in London and Sarnia and provides the Brigade with highly motivated and trained armoured soldiers. The 1st Hussars has a long and storied history that includes the D-Day landings as well as more recent peacekeeping operations and support to the Afghan mission.

While formal documents are legal in significance, the true symbol of transfer of the Regiment is the passing of the Guidon from the outgoing commander to the incoming.

The Regimental Guidon is the most sacred symbol of a Commonwealth Regiment. Bestowed by the Sovereign, its origins lay in French Cavalry regiments mounted on horseback, and it is emblazoned with selected battle honours from the Regiment's history.



(left to right) Guidon Sergeant Major MWO Colin Jenkins, LCol Allan Finney, HLCOL Barry Hogan, LCol Bernie Sheid

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1st Hussars website: <http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/1-hussars/index.page>

Maintaining and Developing the Arctic Response Capability

By SLt Andrew J. McLaughlin, PAO, 31 CBG



Photo: SLt Andrew McLaughlin

Approximately 235 soldiers deployed to the Canadian Armed Forces Training Centre (CAFATC) in Resolute, Nunavut from February 4-17 for NOREX 18 to test mobility, sustainability and survivability. The training scenario: Responding to a military aircraft crash in the Arctic.

Sergeant Kyle Bezemer, an Army Communication and Information Systems Specialist from 31 Signal Regiment, operates a field radio during NOREX 18 near Resolute, Nunavut on February 1, 2018.



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Even soldiers with multiple deployments found the exercise rewarding. *"Travelling to an area most people will never see is an opportunity I always jump at."* Master Corporal Michael Lawrence said during his fifth trip north of 70.

"Not many people get the chance to go to the Arctic." said nineteen-year-old Corporal Rebecca Craddock, a Reservist from the Grey and Simcoe Foresters. *"Up here, you need to work as a team just to survive."*

Throughout the exercise, Reservists, Regular Force troops and Rangers learned and practiced arctic survival and winter warfare skills together – including live-fire ranges, constructing snow shelters, erecting and inhabiting arctic tent groups, and operating survival equipment on foot patrols and long snowmobile missions.

Sharing best practices and lessons-learned were key to mission success. *"Training and mentoring go hand-in-hand with the challenges that come with [Arctic operations]."* said Sergeant Kyle Bezemer of 31 Signal Regiment, Hamilton. *"An exercise like NOREX forces us to learn from each other."*



Photo: SLt Andrew McLaughlin

Sgt Jeff Valente of 3RCR teaches Arctic field craft on February 1, 2018 at the Crystal City training area, located just outside Resolute, Nunavut.

Corporal Rebecca Craddock, an infantry soldier from Phelpston, Ont. with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, operates a Light Over Snow Vehicle (LOSV) towing a medical sled during NOREX 18 in Resolute, Nunavut, on February 4, 2018.

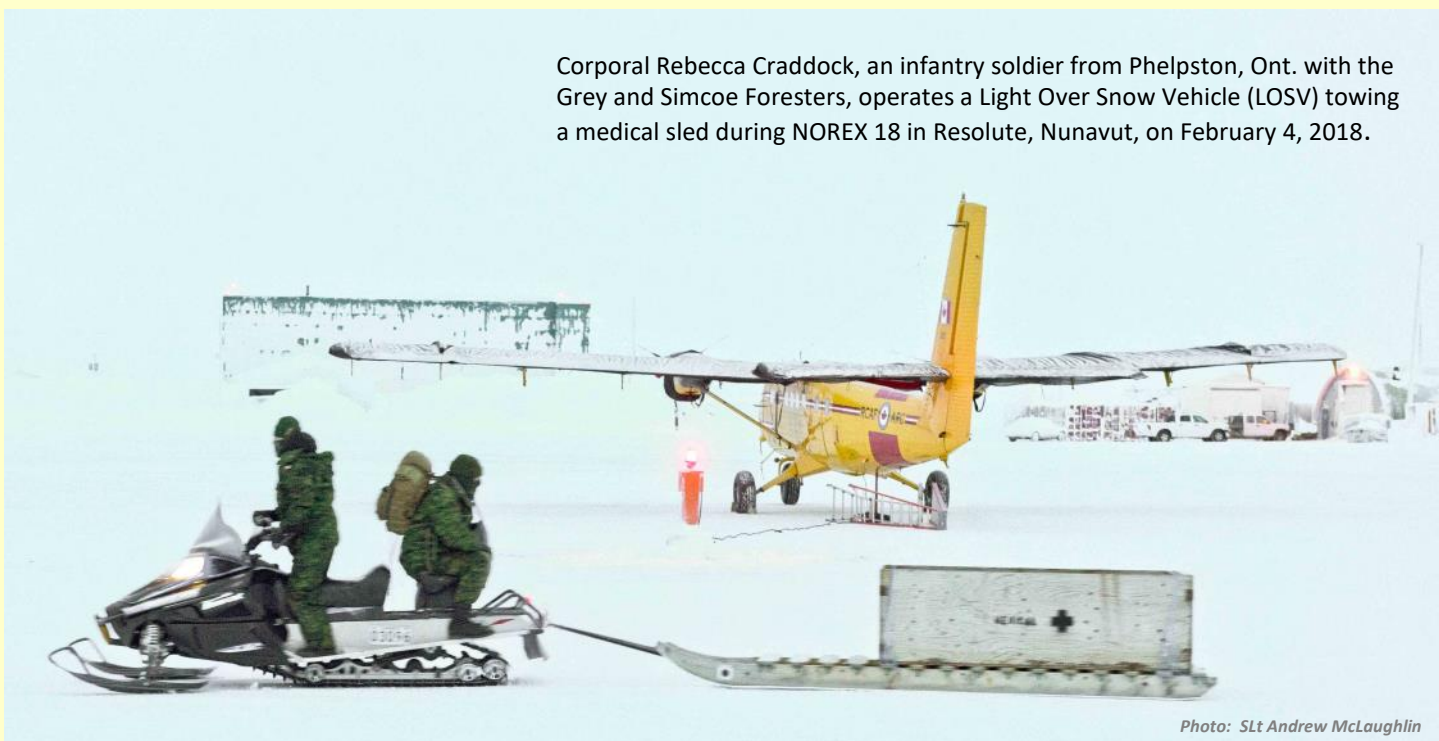
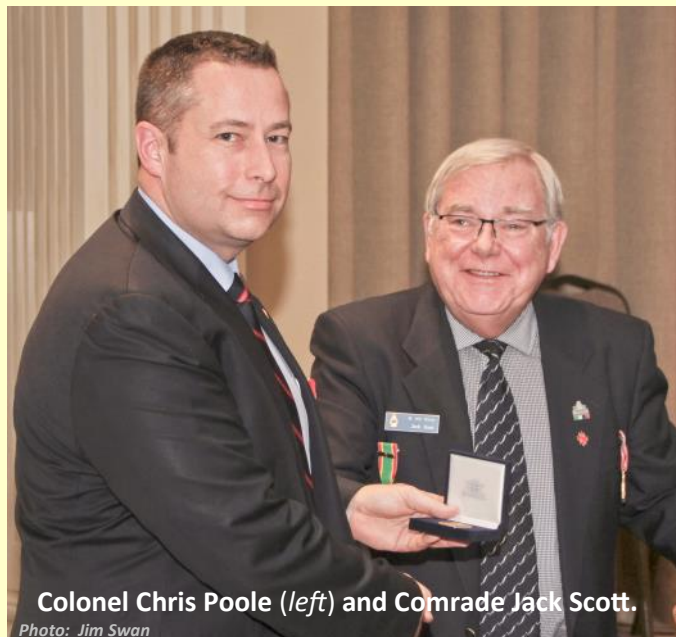


Photo: SLt Andrew McLaughlin



RECENT EVENTS



The Vimy Dinner 6 April



The Vimy Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held its semi annual dinner meeting on the Friday preceding the 101st anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The keynote speaker, Colonel Chris Poole, Commander 31 Canadian Brigade Group, spoke of ***“Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada’s Defence Policy”***. Colonel Poole was presented the Armistice centenary commemorative coin by comrade Jack Scott.

And not so recent ...



LT GEN Foulkes accepts
the German surrender.

5 May 1945

