



The
GARRISON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
London and Region

www.gcclondon.ca

July 2018

Summer Newsletter



The Garden Party



In This Issue

The President's Page	3
September Meeting	3
September's Speaker	4
The Garden Party	5
GCC Affairs	8
Cpl Andrew Knisley to Invictus	10
Our Military History	11
The Navy	12
The Army	14
Upcoming Events	17
Recent Events	20

Front Cover: Lynn Coates and Heather Broadhead are all smiles at the Garrison's first Garden Party in many years.

Back Cover: The memorial to The Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel, France. The words are from the plaques at the memorial.

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



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our first ever **Summer Newsletter** for July to September. We've made it a bit "magazine-like" so hope you enjoy the read and that it keeps the GCC in your minds during our summer break. It covers a bit over three months so there is a lot in there. Summer is a busy time for the Navy and the Army and we've included as much as we can to let you know what is going on.

In the last few weeks we have been working on an initiative to distribute the **Newsletter** beyond our membership and into the Community as well as reaching a little further into the military. Our aim is to raise the profile of both the GCC and our service personnel in London. We want to encourage awareness amongst those in the region who have had little or no involvement with the Canadian military so far. Here's hoping new readers will enjoy the **Newsletter** and give a thought to coming around for a closer look.

Have a safe and fun summer.

Dave Barton

The GCC Newsletter

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

garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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



From the President

Canada Day reminded us that summer weather is always on our minds as it certainly was on mine the morning of the Garden Party as the threat of rain hovered over us. But not to be ... nature smiled and we enjoyed a marvellous day for the

first military garden party in London for a long time. For many years this annual occasion was a major event in bringing together the civilian and military community in London. That being one of the key aims of the Garrison Community Council, we are delighted to see its revival. For this we owe a heartfelt thank you to Beth Saylor and her committee for making it happen. The support from HMCS Prevost for the venue was outstanding.

It was wonderful to see the Navy, the Army, the Air Force and the Community gathered together, albeit we only just scratched the surface of the last, so a bit short of what we wanted. If we elect to go forward next year and beyond and reach further into the Forest City, we must have a critical look at how we could achieve this. I envisage the GCC taking the lead in concert with our partners, HMCS Prevost and 31 Canadian Brigade Group. If we press on, it will be crucial for each of you to consider how you could get involved. Please give it some thought.

The summer is a relatively quiet time for the GCC but not so for the military in our region. As you enjoy the days of summer, give a thought to the hundreds of young men and women from London who are spending their days on training courses, recruiting activities, attachments to regular units and ships, deployments and large training concentrations. All so they can serve our country.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September. And bring along a new member.



Doug McAndless



The September General Meeting Wednesday 12 September



**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 ***Detective Constable Robert Fraser***

Money Laundering



Money Laundering

Detective Constable Robert Fraser



Robert Fraser is a Detective Constable with the London Police Service currently seconded to the RCMP London Financial Crime Unit (formerly known as the Integrated Proceeds of Crime Unit). He has an Honors Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education both from Western University.

After completing Basic Constable training in December 2000, D/C Fraser spent several years in Uniform Patrol. In 2007, he spent a year as a member of the Traffic Management Unit. For the past 9 years, D/C Fraser has been serving in the Criminal Investigation Division in various roles. The first 5 years in CID were predominately in the Fraud Section with short secondments to Major Crime and Sexual Assault.

For the last 4 years, D/C Fraser has been integrated with RCMP members and an OPP officer in the RCMP Financial Crime Unit, which has a mandate to investigate profit motivated crime (predominately drug trafficking and fraud) and money laundering offences. A significant component of these investigations involves identifying offence related

property and proceeds of crime which the unit endeavors to seize, restrain and ultimately have forfeited. D/C Fraser has investigated a number of cases in which the suspects have utilized money laundering on national and international scales to disguise their criminal profits.





By Beth Sayler, GCC

The Battle of Atlantic Memorial was on one side and the Thames River on the other. With a light sprinkle to keep the set-up crew cool, the team at HMCS Prevost got the event rolling and made sure everything was ship-shape.

As 1700hrs rolled around you could see the grounds start to fill with uniforms of all units and ranks. The turn out from Wolseley Barracks was wonderful and of course the Navy was there in full attire along with a strong presence from GCC. However, attendance from London's Civilian community was lacking. If this event is to continue, the challenge will be to bring the community and military together to the benefit both. I hope that those who attended had a wonderful time, reminiscing with old acquaintances and building new connections.

Thank you to everyone from GCC who helped and to Wolseley Barracks for your support. My sincere gratitude goes out to HMCS Prevost for all your involvement, before during and after the event.

With everyone pulling together the Garden Party was resurrected.







THE GARRISON COMMUNITY COUNCIL London and Region

www.gcclondon.ca

The GCC Executive



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

Know Your Executive

We thought it would be good to let you know about your Executive. Below are the 2nd VP, the Secretary and the Treasurer with a few words about them, their duties and their thoughts on the GCC.

Tom Dean, 2nd Vice President Tom and his wife, Ruth, have three children and five grandchildren. After 42 years of practice, he retired as a London lawyer at the end of 2015. Tom has a long volunteer involvement with Optimism as a Past President of the Optimist Club of Byron and as a Past Governor of the Midwestern Ontario District. He has presented seminars at several international conventions. For many years, he has been active in the Byron United Church as an elder, trustee and Alpha leader. He is a past chair of the London Family Court Clinic which deals with children and families involved in the justice system.



Tom enjoys being part of the GCC and is now the 2nd Vice President in charge of membership.

Tom: *“The GCC has a dedicated membership base who are interested in a variety of military related matters. I believe that in London and area there are other men and women who would enjoy being members. We need to recognize and make known the interesting speakers that we have and the exceptionally informative newsletter that we send out. If every member invited one new person to come to a meeting, what an increase in membership would follow!”*

Beth Saylor, Secretary Beth, works for the Western Fair District as their Community Programs Manager. This involves liaising with different community organizations as well as operating their Volunteer program, running the Rise 2 Fame Youth Talent Search, helping to organise different shows which include the new Veterans’ Classic plus other activities as they come along. She is a proud honorary member of the 1st Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit Ortona and an active member of the Vimy Legion. Outside of work, Beth has been known to pick up and rescue our 4 legged best friends. Fur and slobber are part of the décor in her house.



As Secretary she records all minutes, checks and replies to all correspondence, sends out all emails and other bits and pieces that may come along.

Beth: *“It is an honour to be part of a group of volunteers that represents all different components of London with the same vision of showing respect, dedication and commitment to the Canadian Forces.”*

Barry Graham, Treasurer

Barry was born in London and educated at Lady Beck Public School, Knollwood Park Public School, and London Central Collegiate where he joined the #9 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. Subsequently he joined 3RCR (London & Oxford Fusiliers) as a Private and rose in rank to Staff Sergeant and was then commissioned. He proceeded through the officer ranks and commanded 4RCR from 1979 to 1982. He served a further 10 years with the Elgin Regiment. Barry worked at the Ford Motor Company, St Thomas Assembly Plant in the Material Handling Department for 30 years, retiring in 1997. After retirement he attended Western University and graduated in 2005 with an Honours degree in Political Science. He continues to take interesting courses.

He belongs to the GCC, RLMI, RCR Association, and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem. He is treasurer of the first three listed as well as the Auditor of the National RCR Association. He also is a member of the Vimy Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Barry has three children, Jo-Anne, Jennifer, and Matthew and seven grandchildren.



June's Speaker - Dr. Robert Mercer on Artificial Intelligence



Are the machines getting smarter than us? Will they take over? Should we be worried? Such thoughts hovered in our minds as we heard Dr. Bob Mercer tell us what is going on in the world of artificial intelligence.

Illustrated by several examples, he took us from the early developments to today. Early days still but we now have robots that walk like us (almost), talk like us (almost) and you can have a conversation with them.

One example showed an articulated robot girl as a display model in a Japanese store window that looked and acted so life-like, it would be hard to discern her from a human. In Germany, there is a firm that delivers pizza using self-driving vehicles. The examples of the current self-driving vehicle technology that Bob showed us left little doubt that these will soon be the norm. A job as a truck driver will not be a good career choice.

The pace of development is exponential. In the years ahead, us humans will have to think and work hard to make sure the machines are serving us and not the other way around, yes? An unidentified new member replies, "I'll be back."



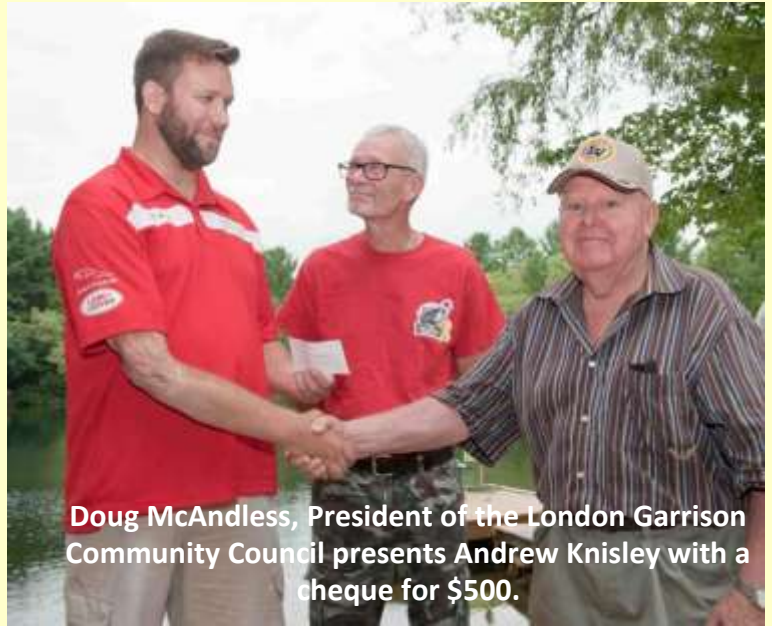
Jan Delaney thanks Dr. Bob Mercer with our almost man-made Certificate



The GCC Supports Corporal Andrew Knisley's Participation in the Invictus Games

A London lad will represent Canada as part of the 40 person Canadian team at the *Invictus Games* in Sydney, Australia, 20-27 October 2018. Corporal (retired) Andrew Knisley will compete in Wheelchair Rugby, Wheelchair Basketball, Swimming and Cycling. He will do this without his right leg and only partial use of his right arm.

Andrew grew up near Wolseley Barracks where his father Ken still lives. In 2007 he enlisted in 1 RCR and was based in Petawawa, where he resides. He deployed to Afghanistan the next year as part of the training team for the Afghan Police near Kandahar. On 19 January 2009, a remotely detonated IED changed his life. After completing rehabilitation in Ottawa, he returned to Petawawa for the remainder of his career.



Doug McAndless, President of the London Garrison Community Council presents Andrew Knisley with a cheque for \$500.



Ruth Belbeck, Andrew Knisley, Ken Knisley and Doug McAndless

He is a strong advocate for other wounded soldiers. He competed in the *Targa Newfoundland* rally with another severely wounded infantryman, finished first in their class and raised over \$100,000 for *Soldier On*. The annual *Sh!t Happens Fishing Derby* in Dorchester raises funds for military causes and Andrew's father and sister Ruth in St. Thomas are very involved. On 21 July, the GCC presented Andrew with a cheque for \$500 to assist his preparation for the Games. Athletes are responsible for providing their own equipment and Andrew tells us this will most certainly help him acquire the proper bicycle for the competition.

Should you wish to support Andrew, you may contact Ruth Belbeck at cricket98@hotmail.com



Garrison Community Council Student Bursaries

The major Community Outreach undertaking of the GCC each year is the awarding of Student Bursaries. Serving members of the **Primary Reserve Units** in the GCC footprint who are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program are eligible to apply.

Each bursary is **\$1,000**, and may be used for any educational expense. Funding for these bursaries comes from GCC Member Dues and from the generous donations of sponsors (Thank you **General Dynamics Land Systems!!**) More information and Application Forms are available on GCC website at: <http://www.gccclondon.ca/outreach.htm>

Application Information and Posters will be distributed to eligible units. Deadline for submission, **via email only**, of completed applications including all documentation is **Friday 12 October 2018**.

We appreciate the service of all members of the Primary Reserve.

July, August and September in Our History

- 1 July 1916 WW I The Royal Newfoundland Regiment is almost wiped out at the Battle of Beaumont-Hamel. On 1 July 2001 the Beaumont-Hamel Visitor Centre in France is opened. (*back cover, words from scrolls at the monument*)
- 5 July 1950 Korea HMC Ships *Athabaskan*, *Cayuga* and *Sioux* sail from Esquimalt, British Columbia, to join the United Nations naval forces operating in Korean waters. On 24 September 1955, *HMCS Sioux* returns to Esquimalt after her third tour; the last ship of the RCN to return from the Korean conflict.
- 2 August 1945 Army The prefix "Royal" is granted for the Canadian Armoured Corps by the King. The Canadian Armoured Corps was authorized on 13 August 1940. (The RAC was formed in 1939. "*Royal*" given to the *RNZAC* in 1947 and the *RAAC* in 1948)
- 5 August 1914 RCN Two submarines, later designated CC-1 and CC-2, are purchased for the Royal Canadian Navy by the Premier of British Columbia in Seattle, Washington.
- 8 August 1990 Canada The prime minister announces that the army would replace the police on the barricades at Oka. Oka ended on 26 September.
- 15 August 1940 RCAF Sqn Ldr E. A. McNab is the first pilot of the RCAF to shoot down an enemy aircraft.
- 9 September 1914 WW I The Royal Canadian Regiment sails from Halifax to relieve the 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, of garrison duty in Bermuda.
- 13 September 1759 Canada Battle of the Plains of Abraham.
La bataille des Plaines d'Abraham
- 16 September 1993 United Nations A fierce fight between 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and Croat forces in the Medak Pocket, Croatia (15-16 Sep). Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Calvin was the CO of 2PPCLI BG.





HMCS Prevost

July and August 2018

By Lt (N) Jamie Hutton, RCN

The summer period, from June through August, is typically a slower time of the year for most Naval Reserve Divisions, however at HMCS Prevost this summer has been quite the opposite. We have been very busy preparing some of our members to deploy on **Operation Impact** in Kuwait, as well as to Latvia as Headquarters staff for **Operation Reassurance**. The Battle of the Atlantic Memorial has been host to a few events, such as the GCC's Garden Party and our local recruitment center's Regular Officer Training Plan swearing in ceremony where high school students who will be attending the Royal Military College were sworn in.

Orca (PCT 55)



Additionally, our Command team has been planning a regional training event in Esquimalt BC, where three Orca Class training Vessels will be used to train sailors in seamanship, ship handling and damage control in late July and early August.

HMCS PREVOST Co-op course Announcement

The new Navy High School Co-op in London Ontario will connect HMCS Prevost and the Naval Reserves with the community in a way that has not been done before. We are looking at expanding our Co-op to 3 to 4 High Schools in the local area, providing up to 4 proposed credits on completion of Basic Military Qualification. Co-op credits will only be assigned when a student has successfully completed all 3 modules. We plan to commence our first Co-op program in February of 2019, and will be working with High School Co-op coordinators to ensure that students will be prepared for every step of the process. Students must be able to complete all of the required steps of the recruitment process to be eligible for the Co-op program.

The aim of the program is to connect London High School students with the RCN in a way that hasn't been done here before. Students will have the opportunity to earn credits while gaining valuable, life-long experience and boosting their resume/networking options.

A strong, engaged Royal Canadian Navy needs new and innovative strategies to recruit the next generation of sailors. This program will enable students to prepare financially for post-secondary education and give them options for further employment on a part-time or full-time basis with the RCN.



HMCS Oriole Port Stanley 20-23 July



Tom Dean

Gerry Treble



Doug Acton & Barry Graham



Beth Saylor



Dave Barton
Crew, Swiftsure Race, 1968

On July 20th to 22nd **HMCS Oriole**, the RCN Tall-ship, was alongside in Port Stanley as part of the RCN's Great Lakes tour. **HMCS ORIOLE'S** visit was particularly special this year, as it is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the **Navy League of Canada**. This sailing vessel is the oldest commissioned ship in the Royal Canadian Navy and also the longest serving. She was launched in 1921. She was acquired by the RCN for service in WWII then returned to private ownership. She was reacquired and commissioned on June 1952. Though she spent much of her Navy life on the West Coast, her home port is now Halifax.

On the Friday afternoon, some of the GCC mob had a chance to look over the ketch and talk to the ship's company. After a good poke around, we just managed to dodge a huge thunderstorm and head for cover in Legion Branch 410 across the street where we continued to mingle with the crew.



Heather Broadhead



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 QS SUMMER LARC 2018

By SLt Andrew McLaughlin



31 Signal Regiment (31 Sig Regt) was proud to participate in the Summer Field Day (SFD) on June 23-24, 2018. Amateur radio clubs from across Canada and the United States participated in the annual SFD to exercise their High Frequency (HF) equipment and capabilities at 427 (London) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association.



B Troop worked closely with the London Amateur Radio Club (LARC) to develop interoperability between 31 Sig Regt and the amateur radio community and its Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). Our soldiers were happy to assist and train with the LARC and provide support to the LARC operators while improving interoperability with a longstanding community partner.

31 Signal Regiment is a reserve Communications unit in both Hamilton and London. They provide expedient and reliable wired and wireless communications to the Canadian Army using advanced voice and data systems. They are hiring motivated, dependable Canadians with a passion for technology and communications.



Photos: Sgt Ens, 31 CBG HQ



Photo: 31 Svc Bn

31 Service Battalion Soldiers Train Hard for IRON WARRIOR 18 6-7 September in Petawawa

By SLt Andrew McLaughlin, PAO, 31 CBG

This gruelling 50km fitness and skills competition is held annually at Garrison Petawawa and is a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) endurance race with participants wearing combat pants, boots, unit T-shirts,

and carrying 40lb rucksacks. The team is trained, like all CAF members, to maintain their healthy lifestyles in order to respond quickly to emergencies across Canada and around the world. Teams from outside the CAF challenge for the title as well, with past participation from the Ontario Provincial Police, U.S. Army and other military and service organizations.

The competition is in four parts:

- a. Forced march with rucksack for 32 km;
- b. Canoe portage with rucksack for 4 km;
- c. Canoe for 8 km; and
- d. Final forced march with rucksack for 6 km.



Basic Military Officer Qualification

A recently-qualified group of young officers describe how they, in order to become better people, soldiers and leaders, had to learn to become better followers during their Basic Military Officer Qualification course at Wolseley Barracks.

It's hot outside in May but the classroom atmosphere is filled with a chilly sense of anticipation. Our group of young Army Reservists files into seats before a panel of seasoned instructors. Now we will move our training as soldiers and as leaders into the next phase and take our experience to a new level.

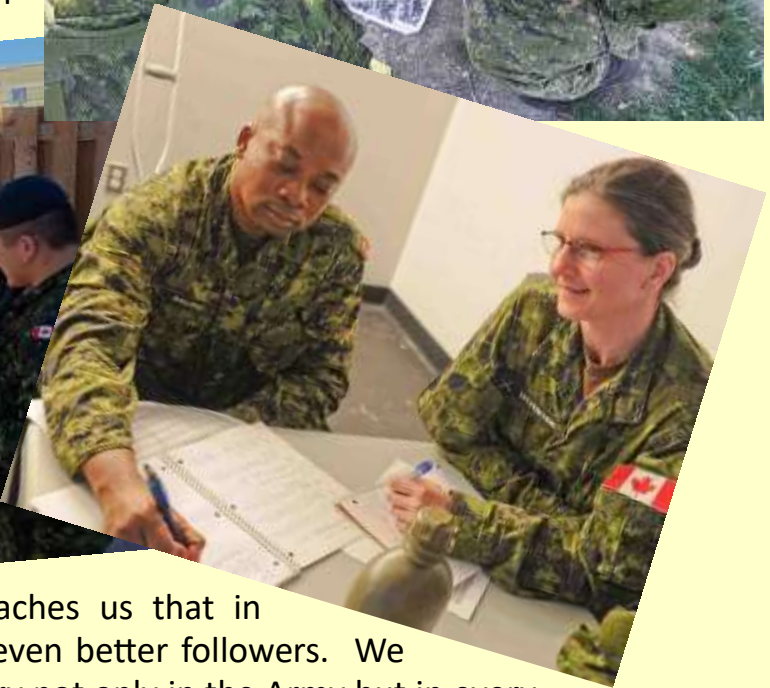
Day One starts with the staff asking us, the Army Reserve Basic Military Officer Qualification (BMOQ) candidates, to talk about our previous courses and include these in our autobiography assignments. While the question itself is genuine, it is amusing as most of us have only completed our Basic Military Qualification. We look at what we have done and most do not think what we have accomplished is worth mentioning compared to our instructors or our future subordinates.



BMOQ Module 2 isn't the most challenging work we will do in our careers, yet there is a lot of information crammed into seven days. It is a compendium of learning, across subjects such as the 16 steps of Battle Procedure, SMESC operational planning format (Situation, Mission, Execution, Ser-

vice/Support, Command and Signals), Concepts of Operations (Con Ops), the principles and laws of warfare, issuing and receiving orders, and participating in regular routines including physical training, marching, cleaning equipment and rifles and all of the other duties of every soldier. The staff treats us with respect and dignity, and trust us to be on time and ready for instruction. In this trust, the staff further instils in us that we are capable of many things, including the responsibility of military leadership.

This course about becoming a leader by being organized, attentive, and grasping the "big picture." The course develops the



person and teaches us that in order to be competent leaders, we have to be even better followers. We grow as soldiers, developing skills that we will carry not only in the Army but in everyday life - time management, organization, multi-tasking, giving and receiving instructions, leadership and working as part of an integrated, functional team.

The diversity amongst the candidates is amazing and reflects the different backgrounds, perspectives, qualities and attributes that abound in the Canadian culture. We all respect each other and are able to consolidate ideas, experiences and thoughts to work together and accomplish tasks. We don't always agree but we do work for and with each other in pursuit of mission success on every task. No one is left behind because of our the comradery and the loyalty we have to one another.

We profoundly respect the Corporals, Master Corporals and Sergeants who have been committed to their troops and this country far longer than any of us. As we learn, we are becoming more aware of the big picture; Gaining from the experiences of our instructors. We will put these into practice as officers.

As we move through our careers in the Canadian Army, we will certainly take what we have learned on this course with us. We will do this as people, as soldiers and above all else, as Army officers, with us much more than just another important experience to add to our short biographies.

Photos: Captain Karl Fitzgerald-Sloman & Sub-Lieutenant Andrew McLaughlin. 31 CBG HQ





THE GARRISON COMMUNITY COUNCIL London and Region

Upcoming Events

Garrison Community Council

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

London and Region (and one in Australia)

South Western Ontario Military Family Resource Centre	<i>August Calendar is on Page 19</i>	
Royal London Military Institute Cocktail Party	10 September	HMCS Prevost
1st Hussars Cavalry Troop in WWI Battlefields - The Pursuit to Mons	12-25 September	12-25 September
The Royal Canadian Regiment and The RCR Association - Peshawar, Afghanistan	14 September	Victory Legion
The Rotary Club of London - President's Cup Golf Tournament	19 September	The Oaks Golf Course
GCC Field Trip	26 September	CCPV
The Canadian Centre for Product Validation		2555 Bonder Road
The Veterans' Classic	19 October	Western Fair District
Contact Beth Saylor for details 519 438 7203 x381 bsaylor@Westernfairdistrict.com		
The Invictus Games - Cpl Andrew Knisley https://www.invictusgames2018.org/	20-27 October	Sydney, Australia



Royal London Military Institute

The 2018 Annual RLMI Cocktail Party for members will be held Monday 10 September 1600hrs-1800hrs in the Wardroom at HMCS PREVOST. Invitations will be sent out mid-August; new members are welcome ! Annual RLMI membership dues are \$25.00 with new member initial dues being \$40.00, which includes a RLMI lapel pin, a name tag and dues for one year. Please note the change of meeting and event nights to Mondays with these timings:

Meet and Greet: 1900 hrs
Presentation: 1930 hrs

The first General Meeting for the Fall will be Monday 1 October 2018 at HMCS PREVOST. Please see the RLMI website <http://www.rlmi.ca/> for other dates and contact information.



CCPV
Canadian Centre for
Product Validation

GCC Field Trip
Wednesday 26 September
THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR PRODUCT VALIDATION

It didn't happen in May but it's back on so **mark your calendars**. The time will be 1700 hrs but this remains to be confirmed. More information will be provided in a separate flyer and the September meeting. Visitors will need to register. CCPV Website: **<http://www.ccpv.ca>**



The Rotary Club of London *The RCL President's Cup* 19 September 2018

The Rotary Club of London has been *supporting projects* both in our community and abroad *for over 100 years*. Many of our initiatives have been enjoyed by thousands in our local community as well as international visitors. In our effort to continue to support our community and make it a better place to live, learn and play we are asking you to come out for a fun filled day at one of our finer private golf courses. All funds raised from this Golf Tournament will go into our Local Community Projects.

For further information and to register, please contact:

Heather Broadhead
519 619 0927
heather@bfg-inc.ca



The Oaks Golf Course



The 1st Hussars Cavalry Troop Follows The Last 100 Days

By LCol Allan Finney, Commanding Officer 1st Hussars

The 1st Hussars Cavalry Troop will be travelling to France in September to attend the 100th Anniversary events taking place in France and Belgium. This event has been in planning for two years and is culminating in a fascinating horse ride from the city of Cambrai through Valenciennes to the city of Mons. This ride, organized by the International Cavalry Association, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the end of The Great War, with 100 riders from around the world, covering 100 km in a period of 7 days, in period uniforms.

The 1st Hussars will be taking 15 personnel over, 10 of which will be riding, the remainder as ground staff. Seven of the riders are from the 1st Hussars and three will be from the LdSH (RC) mounted troop; all will be riding on horses rented from stables in France.

The route we will be taking is the same route the Canadian Corps during the 100 days campaign, otherwise known as the Pursuit to Mons. For the Troop it is a great honour for all volunteers as we will be taking part in a ceremony on the 1st day in the town of Iwuy. This small town, not well known to many Canadians, is the location of the last Canadian cavalry charge. The Canadian Light Horse, of which B Squadron was from the 1st Hussars, charged German positions, taking some casualties but ultimately saving many soldier's lives. The original charges took place on 10 and 11 October, 1918. The other great honour is that as the ride enters the city of Mons the 1st Hussars Troop will lead the parade into the city. Much like it did 100 years ago.

If you would like to support The Cavalry Troop in this endeavour with a funding donation, please contact LCol Allan Finney at 519 660 5275 x5361

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 L-WW	2 L-Softball Game L-Ribfest	3 H-Festival of Friends L-Ribfest	4 W-Island Unplugged Music Festival August 4-5 L-Ribfest
5 H-Festival of Friends L-Ribfest	6 Civic Holiday All Locations Closed L-Ribfest	7	8 L-WW W-Windsor Pride Fest	9 L-Softball Game	10 L-Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	11 H-Family Day Picnic W- Fort Fun Ctr L- Family Day @ East Park
12 L-Goderich Celtic Roots Festival W-Comber fair	13 L-Adventure Camp	14 L-Adventure Camp	15 L-Adventure Camp L-WW	16 L-Adventure Camp L-Softball Game	17 L-Adventure Cmp H-Cactus Festival W-Chaps & Spurs Country Festival	18 H-PC Cooking Class L-31CER Family Day
19 H-Arts-Fest	20	21	22 L-WW L - Mindfulness Workshop	23	24 W-Corn Festival	25 W-Corn Festival
26 W-Corn Festival	27	28	29 L-WW	30 L-Softball Game	31	

Hamilton Events

Aug. 3-5: Festival of Friends
www.festivaloffriends.ca
Aug. 11: Military Family Summer Picnic
10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Includes all you can eat
BBQ Lunch @12:30pm with Private Animal
Show.
Location: Safari Niagara
Cost: \$15.00 per person —2 and under
FREE
Aug. 17-19: Dundas, ON Cactus Festival
www.dundascactusfestival.ca
Aug. 18: PC Cooking Class for
Military Families 6-8pm at PC Cooking
School, Zehrs Paisley Road, Guelph
ON, Cost: \$30.00/person
Aug. 18-19: Arts-fest
www.artsfest.ca
Every Monday to Friday: Summer Camp
across the city of Hamilton
Aug. 25: Mindfulness Matters Series # 1
9:30am-2:30pm, Royal Canadian Legion,
Branch #60 Burlington, ON. Two hour
workshop, catered lunch, interactive activity,
Free

London Events

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wonderful Wednesdays
August 2: SWOMFRC Softball Game Nelson Park @ 6:30 pm
August 2-6: London Ribfest at Victoria Park
August 9: SWOMFRC Softball Game Kiwanis Park @ 6:30 pm
August 10-12: Goderich Celtic Roots Festival
August 11: Family Picnic at East Park Golf Gardens. Registration is at
11:30am, lunch and activities at noon
August 16: SWOMFRC Softball Game Kiwanis Park @ 6:30 pm
August 18: 31 CER Family Fun Day
August 22: Mindfulness 101 6:30-8:00pm No Cost
August 30: SWOMFRC Softball Game St. Julien Park @ 6:30 pm

Windsor Events

August 4-5: Island Unplugged Festival
<http://theislandunplugged.org/tickets>
August 8-12: Windsor Pride Fest
<https://www.wepridefest.com/festival/schedule/>
August 10-12: Comber Fair
<http://comberfair.on.ca/>
August 11: Fort Fun Centre Family Day Event
August 17-18: Chaps & Spurs Country Festival
<https://www.chapsandspurs.com/home>
August 24-26: Tecumseh Corn Festival
<http://www.tecumseh.ca/residents/tourism-and-events/corn-festival/entertainment>

Hamilton: Donna Pickering
905 972 4000 x6623
Donna.Pickering@forces.gc.ca

London: Brenda Willsie
519 660 5366
Brenda.willsie@forces.gc.ca

Windsor: Erin Jordan
519 254 2535
jordanlmfrc@gmail.com

Caregiver Zone-Supporting
Caregivers of Veterans in
Canada

<https://caregiverzone.ca/#1/forefront/home>

Contact Deborah Smith for information
regarding services for Veterans and their
families.

Deborah.Smith2@forces.gc.ca
519-660-5275 x5005



THE GARRISON COMMUNITY COUNCIL London and Region

Recent Events



The Veterans Classic Golf Tournament 2018

Thursday 7 June 2018
Forest City National Golf Club



The Parkwood Veterans

The Veterans' Classic Golf Tournament is a major, annual fund raiser to support our veterans. Proceeds benefit the **London Military Family Resource Centre, Parkwood Institute Veterans' Care Program** and the **Vimy Branch 145 Royal Canadian Legion**.



Heather Broadhead, Jan Delaney & Linda Lustins with LGA (Liquid Golf Assist)



- Betty King
- Gail Sneddon
- Barry Graham
- Brian Harris
- Eileen Robertson
- Beth Saylor
- MWO Wayne Rutter (serving veteran)
- Rick Phillips
- Bob Waring
- Our Piper





Dave Hayward, VST Hamilton Signals Association in the HMCS Haida Radio Room One explains communications to a visitor.

The Hamilton Signals Association Vintage Signals Team

The Vintage Signals Team (VST) of the Hamilton Signals Association participated in the Amateur Radio Annual Field Day on June 23rd, 2018. This event, organized by the Amateur Radio Relay League and Radio Amateurs of Canada draws 40,000 Amateurs to set up transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate Amateur Radio's science, skill and service to communities across the country. The Field Day helps prepare amateurs for real emergencies and is a training

ground for newly certified operators. The objective is to work as many stations as possible on any and all Amateur bands and learn how to operate in abnormal situations and conditions.

The Canadian Military recognizes the value of Amateur Radio and supports a Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System. Regular and Reserve Signals Units, such as 31 Signal Regiment often participate in The Field Day. The VST was given permission to use the Radio Room One of the RCN Tribal Class Destroyer, HMCS HAIDA, now a National Historic Site, in Hamilton Harbour. VST made radio contacts throughout South-West Ontario.



Hamilton Decoration Day Memorial Service 10 June 2018

Decoration Day is a Canadian tradition that began in Hamilton and the Niagara Peninsula during the 19th century. Families would gather and place living floral tributes on veterans' graves and on war memorials as a symbol of respect and hope.



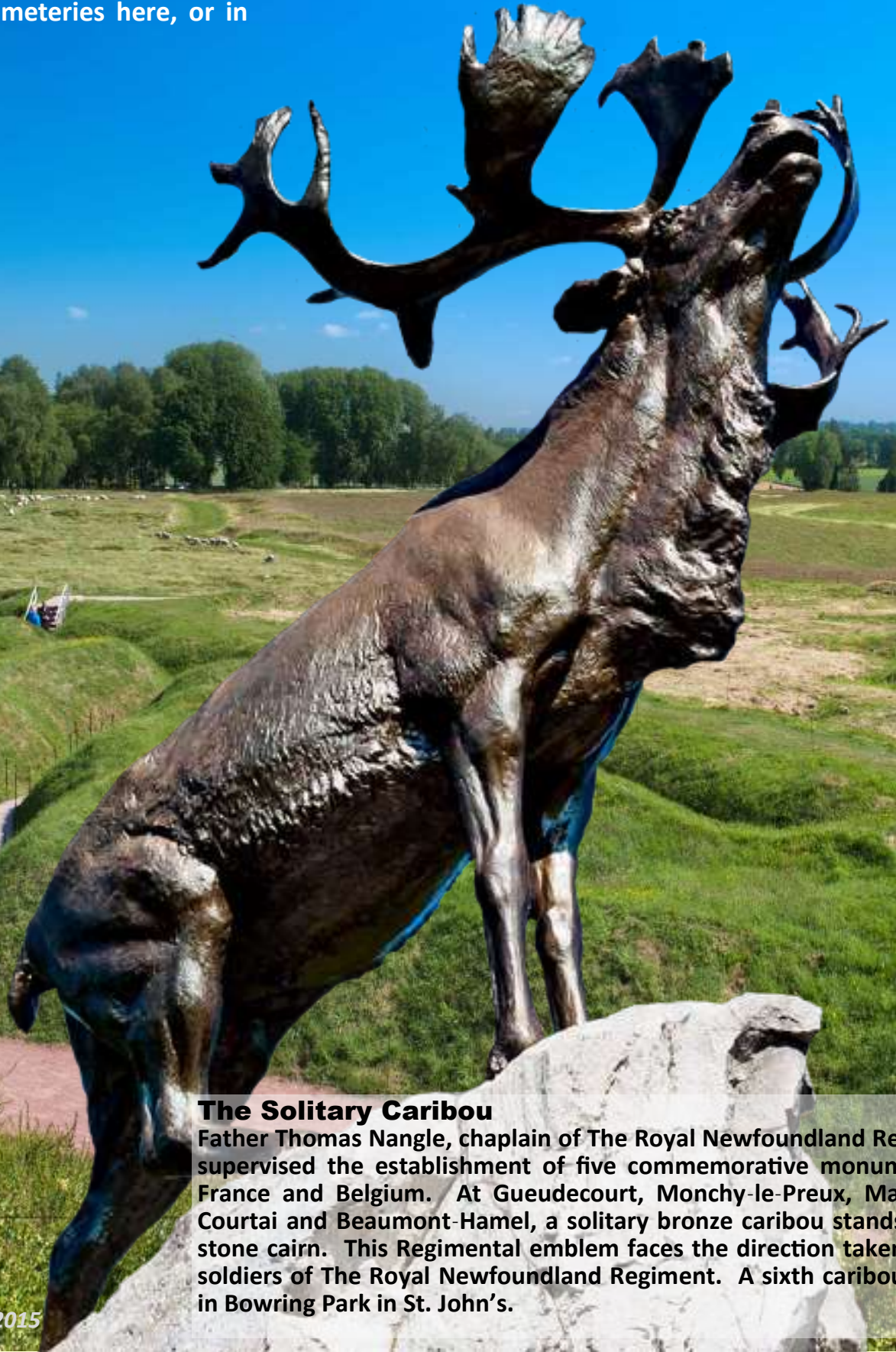
In 1931 the Government of Canada proclaimed November 11th as the national Remembrance Day. However, Decoration Day, Canada's first day of remembrance, has been maintained in Hamilton thanks to the efforts of the Hamilton Veterans Committee and the local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In memory of those Hamiltonians who paid the ultimate sacrifice, multiple graves in Hamilton Cemetery were decorated by the local cadet corps.



The Spirit of the Place

In this 30 hectare memorial dedicated to all Newfoundlanders who participated in The Great War, St. John's landscape architect R.H.K. Cochius evoked the Newfoundland landscape by introducing plant material native to Newfoundland. Cochius, in contrast to his contemporaries, preserved the field of battle so that younger generations would be better able to understand what happened at Beaumont-Hamel. With so many of the dead never found, it is a sacred place, a place of meditation. Those who were found lie in the three formal cemeteries here, or in others nearby.



The Solitary Caribou

Father Thomas Nangle, chaplain of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, supervised the establishment of five commemorative monuments in France and Belgium. At Gueudecourt, Monchy-le-Preux, Masnières, Courtaai and Beaumont-Hamel, a solitary bronze caribou stands atop a stone cairn. This Regimental emblem faces the direction taken by the soldiers of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment. A sixth caribou stands in Bowring Park in St. John's.