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February is Air Force month in the GCC

The Front Cover:

On 23 **February** 1909, the **Silver Dart** was the first powered flight in Canada at Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

The Royal Canadian Air Force Golden Hawks. Established in 1959 to help celebrate 50 years of flight in Canada and the 35th Anniversary of the RCAF, they disbanded in February 1964.

A helmet from the **Desert Cat Squadron**, comprised of 409, 421 and 439 Sqns, that fought in the Gulf War in 1991 and flew 56 bombing missions in February.

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

While there is not a large RCAF presence in our region, we are well aware that the "light blue" is an essential part of our military and that is the theme for this issue. Be sure to carry our airmen and airwomen in your thoughts as you savour the atmosphere at 427 (London) Wing at our Annual General Meeting.

We've added two new parts to the Newsletter. Firstly, The Cadets, and we hope to receive regular submissions from them. And note that their first photo is Air Force. Secondly, a bit called *Images* where Members are asked to send in photos of historical interest.

A heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Executive and best wishes to the new Executive for the coming year.

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

garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com





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The Annual General Meeting Wednesday 13 February





Annual General Meeting 11:00

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Lunch Following the AGM

Please remember to advise your attendance in advance to **Beth Sayler** by e-mail (*garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com*) or phone (519 851 0730) by 11:00 am the MONDAY prior so we

can arrange sufficient lunches.

February General Meeting 12:00

Speaker

Colonel Pierre Viens Royal Canadian Air Force

The Canadian Armed Forces in NORAD

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 11:00 427 (LONDON) WING, 2155 CRUMLIN RD, LONDON, ON N5V 3Z9

All Members are encouraged to attend. The Agenda will include:

- Report from the President and Sub-Committee Chairpersons
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers

At the present time, we still have two vacancies on the Executive slate for the upcoming year. Please consider service on the Executive. To inquire further, contact me soonest at dougacton@rogers.com or 519-673-8666.

The AGM will be followed by lunch (*Please be sure to order yours ahead of time in the usual manner*) with our General Meeting starting at 1200hrs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Acton, Past President Chair, Nomination Committee



Colonel Pierre Viens Royal Canadian Air Force

Deputy Commandant of the Canadian Forces College

The Canadian Armed Forces in NORAD

Colonel Pierre Viens joined the Canadian Forces through the Regular Officer Training Plan in June 1981. After graduation from the Royal Military College of Canada in 1986, he went on to earn his navigator wings at the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

During his career, Colonel Viens accumulated more than 2,000 hours of flying time with several postings to 405 (Maritime Patrol) Squadron in Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Here he worked in many capacities including senior appointments as Mission Commander and Flight Commander. Other

postings were to 14 Software Engineering Squadron, where he worked as programmer-analyst, Project Manager, Software Configuration Manager, and Engineering Resource Manager.

Colonel Viens' international service includes a seven-month deployment to Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in support of the International Security Assistance Force (Afghanistan) and a posting to North American Aerospace Defense Command Headquarters (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For his contributions to NORAD, Colonel Viens was awarded the US Joint Service Achievement Medal, the US Joint Service Commendation Medal and the US Meritorious Service Medal.

Colonel Viens has a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering from the RMCC and two Masters' Degrees; one in Acoustical Engineering and one in Electrical Engineering, both from Pennsylvania State University. He is a graduate of both the USAF Air Command and Staff College and the USAF Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Colonel Viens was an Assistant Professor in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at RMCC. At the Canadian Forces College, he has worked as the Deputy Director of Curriculum, Head of the Department of International Affairs and Security and, finally, as the Chief of Staff and unit

Commanding Officer.

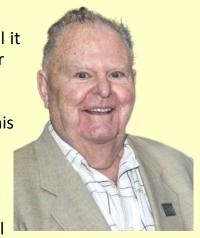
From July 2015 and July 2017, Colonel Viens was the Commandant of the RCAF W/C William G. Barker VC Aerospace College in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He most recently served at the Canadian Defence Academy Headquarters in Kingston as Director for Professional Development.

Colonel Viens was appointed Deputy Commandant at CFC in July 2018.

From the President

As these are my final words to the Membership, I feel it is my place to sincerely thank the Members of my Executive for their tremendous support during the year. Without their help I would not have survived!

I will start with the Past President, Doug Acton who gave generously of his time and background knowledge to assist me in making plans throughout the year. Doug also was the chair for the board to select the recipients of GCC's bursary program. This year there were twenty applicants so it was a major undertaking. He and his wife, who "pitched-in" and helped with the lunch room, assisted in so many ways. Thanks to both of you for all your help.



Secretary, Beth Sayler mailed and forwarded so many agendas, minutes and e-mails that it has been impossible to keep tabs on them all. You also provided much support to the Past President and the Board in the selection process for the bursaries. All this was done while being very busy at your professional job. Thank you very much for all your help.

Treasurer, Barry Graham has looked after the money, books and budget with great care and efficiently. I have appreciated his effort with great respect and thanks.

3rd Vice-President, Dave Barton who took over the Newsletter and did a "FANTASTIC" job. My first task upon joining the Executive was the newsletter and I was not good at it. I required a vast amount of help to even get anything out. Dave, you have blown me away and a number of persons to whom I have forwarded copies of said newsletter. Thank you on behalf of all members of the GCC. You did an outstanding job!

2nd Vice-President, Tom Dean who was responsible for Membership and again you did a wonderful job of finding new members and raising the awareness of the GCC within the community. Tom, thank you very much.

1st Vice-President, Geoff Hutton who has worked at finding some outstanding speakers and put together many excellent meetings. You are working diligently preparing for the next year of GCC and checking a number of new ideas and working on expanding the role of the organization. I thank you very much, Geoff for all your hard work and wish you well in the coming year.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all the Members of the Garrison Community Council for their participation and support during the past year. I hope that you have enjoyed the efforts of your Executive and look forward to 2019 with anticipation.

Doug McAndless

The GCC Executive

President: Doug McAndless **Secretary:** Beth Sayler

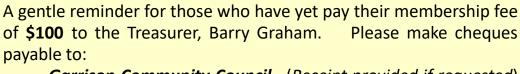
1st Vice President: Geoff Hutton **Treasurer:** Barry Graham

2nd Vice President: Tom Dean **Past President:** Doug Acton

3rd Vice President: vacant



For Some ... Dues are Now Past Due

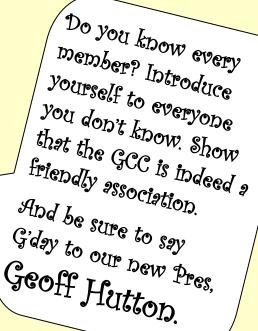


Garrison Community Council (Receipt provided if requested) and forward to:

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

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.







GCC Bursary Winner

Jerry Treble of the GCC, gives Corporal Nicholas Wilson-Hodge his Student Bursary Certificate and a cheque for \$1,000. The award was presented at the 1st Hussars Festive Dinner at the Sterritt Armoury in Sarnia on 8 December 2019.

See the December-January Newsletter for the full article on the GCC Bursary Program.





The January Meeting

Dr. Xueliang (Andy) Sun Advanced Materials for Clean Energy

There is no more pressing concern than meeting the relentless and growing need for energy and the means to create, store and distribute it without harming our home planet. For that, we must turn to science. We were most fortunate to have *Dr. Xueliang (Andy) Sun*,

one of Canada's leading scientists for the development of advanced technologies for energy research, speak to us at the January General Meeting. Dr. Andy walked us through the technology of fuel cells that generate clean energy with only water as the by-product and also the latest developments in battery technology for storing



electricity and making it available where it is needed. The efficiency of battery technology is advancing steadily and it was fascinating to hear where the latest research it taking us. Thanks to his presentation, many of now have a better understanding of the energy resource issue and the way ahead that we must strive to follow.



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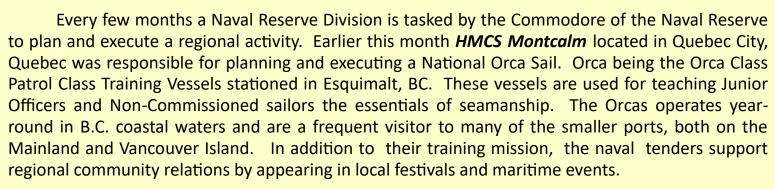


The NAVY

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National Sail in British Columbia

By SLt Chris Niesel



Over the training weekend in Esquimalt, sailors of different trades and qualification levels were flown in to crew the Orca vessels. The minimum manning requirement for taking an Orca to sea is a crew of five - one Orca-Class Engineer, an Officer In Charge and three Boatswains. For the training weekend, the vessels carried their full compliment of 24. This gave the maximum value for participation and training. Throughout the weekend various activities took place to ensure the completion of the new Reserve Training Requirements (RTR).





A/SLt Lucas Beaton as Second Officer of the Watch aboard **Grizzly 60** whilst transiting through the Strait of Georgia.

Each military trade in the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve has key training that needs to take place in a specific period of time, which, upon completion holds validity for a set period. Over the course of a training year, Reserve Units are tasked with ensuring that their members are meeting these RTR so that if individuals want to deploy, they are able to. This training weekend at sea was specifically designed to allow members to be able to complete certain RTR that can only be signed off at sea; ergo the focus was more hard sea trade oriented than support trade.

Over the weekend many activities took place that allowed for both a fun and exciting sail for all members involved. Naval Warfare Officers were able to complete their annual training requirements which involved the application of "Rules of the Road" or more correctly the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, navigation and use of electronic navigation equipment, specifically using the ECPINS (Electronic Chart Precise

Integrated Navigation System) which uses a range of sensors to determine a Ship's position on the water.

Boatswains were able to complete a variety of activities such as Man Overboard drills, crane operations, anchoring and use of the ship's zodiac. Man Overboard drills require that the dummy casualty is taken out of the water and placed into the launched zodiac within a five-minute time frame (this is the fleet standard as set by Sea Training). This drill is one that involves almost every trade on board since it requires a lot of personnel. The Boatswains and the Mar-Techs will ensure that the zodiac and personnel are ready to deploy once the Officer of the Watch -- a Naval Warfare Officer -- has brought the ship to rescue stations.

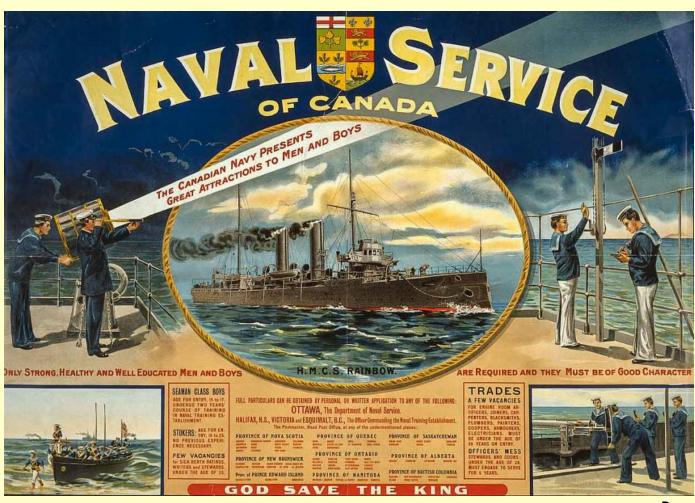
Once at rescue stations, the Officer of the Watch will then order the let go of the zodiac so that the boatswains manning it are able to retrieve the floating dummy. Man Overboard drills are inherently dangerous since it requires the use, and launch of the zodiac whilst the ship is still moving. Outside factors such as wind and rain may affect the safety and ability to launch the zodiac, which will require the Officer of the Watch to make a judgment call. However, since this is just a drill every precaution is taken so that no personnel is injured.

The weekend was a great success, Junior Naval Warfare Officer Acting-Sub Lieutenant (A/SLt) Lucas Beaton recommended "that everyone, regardless of their trade, should sign up for an Orca Sail. You will be pushed beyond your current skill set and it allows you to better understand what other hard sea trades do."

Launching *Orca 55*'s Zodiac outside Esquimalt Harbour.

The first Royal Canadian Navy recruiting poster in Canada. They were issued to Canadian Post Offices on 1 **February** 1911.







The ARMY

31 Canadian Brigade Group

These articles, normally penned by members of the Brigade, offer a casual look at 31 Canadian Brigade Group. 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 examination of specific issues or events.

C.W. Poole Colonel Commander, 31 Canadian Brigade Group

Your All-Star Hero: MCPL Stephen Giza 31 Svc Bn



No way," said Giza when NHLPA member and player ambassador, Jake Gardiner, introduced himself and the campaign to the veteran via a surprise phone call. "I didn't even know I was nominated!"

Master Corporal Stephen Giza has given 15 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces. Upon learning he was one of four veterans selected to attend the

2019 All-Star Weekend – and true to the selfless reputation detailed in MCpl. Giza's nomination – he was more excited for giving the experience to his special plus-one.

"No way" said Giza when NHLPA member and player ambassador, Jake Gardiner, introduced himself and the campaign to the veteran via a surprise phone call. "I didn't even know I was nominated!"

"I read your incredible story, and on behalf of the players and the NHLPA, I'm excited to tell you that you and your son will be attending the 2019 NHL All-Star Game." said Gardiner, the longtime supporter of military personnel and Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman. "Congrats on winning and thank you for your service. It means the world to us." "That's amazing." said an elated MCpl. Giza. "I don't even know what to say. I can't thank you enough."

24 January. This is the third of a four-part series highlighting the NHLPA and UHL 2018-19 All-Star Hero campaign, which through the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund, recognizes military personnel and their families for their services. Today's story spotlights Master Corporal Stephen Giza of the Canadian Forces. (This article is produced by the NHLPA.)



To this day, the resident of **London**, Ontario, continues to inspire young soldiers with his words and actions – just one of the qualities that moved his wife, Lisa, to submit his story for the All-Star Hero campaign.

During his time as a Vehicle Technician, he has completed several Canadian and International Operations. He served in Afghanistan in 2007 as one of the lead vehicle recovery technicians. During that tour, he was struck by 2 IEDs on two separate occasions, the second of which had him medically repatriated with serious lower extremity injuries.

For his selfless service and bravery, he received one of the mostprestigious honours, The Sacrifice Medal, for his actions during wartime under enemy contact. He also received the Army Commanders Commendation and a wound stripe for his injuries.

Giza, who has conducted numerous Canadian operations, has deployed to Canada's most northern inhabited base, CFS Alert (Nunavut) and also to Eureka, Iqaluit. In 2015, Giza deployed to Ali Al Salem Kuwait where he completed a six-month tour of duty.

Throughout his military service, Giza has earned a reputation as an outstanding soldier who continually puts mission before self, and a dedicated leader who



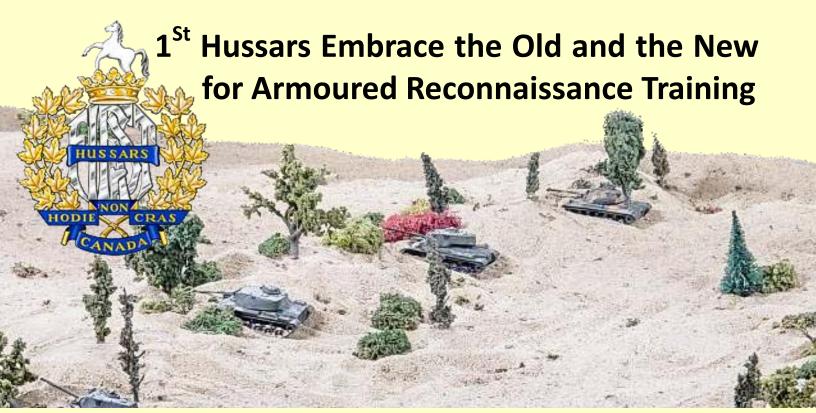
has instilled the same ethics and values in his own subordinates.

UHL founder/president and decorated U.S. Army serviceman Shane Hudella, who was also on the call, also took note of Giza's commitment to his country.

"We've had an incredible amount of amazing stories from all over North America, including yours." Hudella told Giza. "We thank you for sharing it with us."



You can follow MCpl Giza's story and 2019 NHL All-Star experience on social media by following @NHLPA on Twitter or Instagram, and tracking #YourAllStarHero.



By SLt Andrew McLaughlin, 31 CBG PAO

The 1st Hussars (1H) of #LdnOnt held training exercises on Thursday January 10 and the weekend of January 19-20, 2019. They used tried-and-true methods and reinforced the old with the new, using virtual simulations to provide follow-on lessons to the rudimentary sand tables.

Sand tables are a form of training aid that have been employed for millennia – in some form – used to rehearse tactics and ensure plans are disseminated down the ranks prior to battle. Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Jenkins and MWO Knight utilized this tested method on 1H's training night of Thursday January 10. They made use of a sand table to demonstrate to the troops how an armoured squadron works during delay operations. Delay operations use tactics in which a force under pressure trades space for time by slowing down the enemy's momentum and inflicting maximum damage on them without becoming decisively engaged.

"The sand table is a valuable tool that Armoured Recce uses to train for vehicle movement.", says Sergeant Adam Dart, Troop Warrant of 1st Troop. "They are quick and easy to set up and allow the



flexibility to train for a wide variety of armoured operations. We can engage the students with clear visualization and invite them to participate in classes in a manner that PowerPoint presentations can't."

The unit followed up on this traditional training by using more high-tech simulators to practice these and other manoeuvres. "We were at 4th Canadian Division HQ at

Denison Armoury on Saturday using the Governor General's Horse Guards' Virtual battle Simulators.", said Dart. The weekend training, named **Exercise VIRTUAL HUSSAR**, also included a stop in Brantford, training with 32 Canadian Brigade Group's 56 Field Regiment, RCA in the Indirect Fire

Trainer, which provided realistic training with artillery systems that support armoured combat operations.

"As an armoured squadron, we are often in situations where we are calling for indirect fire, and due to the amount of ground we cover it is usually up to us to send corrections



to the Forward Observation Officers, as they are often not in a position to see where the rounds land", said the Sergeant. "It's also important that all ranks are familiar with how to call for an indirect fire mission. Many times it will be the Troopers and Corporals who are sending the fire mission.".

Whether it's utilizing long-time training aids like sand tables to illustrate the terrain and rehearse complex armoured tactics or using computer-based virtual reality, these Canadian Army Reservists stand to benefit from learning both the old way, and the new way.

Thank you to 32CBG, 56Fd and GGHG for a great training experience! We stand Strong, Proud, Ready together!





The CADETS

CADET STORY TELLERS

By Lt Darius Soo Lum



Photo: Lt Darius Soo Lum, Unit Public Affairs Representative, © 2018 DND-MDN Canada

The Cadet Program is a provider of some of the most unique and challenging opportunities for youth in Canada. There are cadets flying gliders, sailing with the Royal Canadian Navy and climbing glaciers. All cadets have a story to tell but who will be telling them? Cadets themselves, in fact.

The *Cadet Correspondent Workshop* for cadet corps and squadrons was first held in London, Ontario at the Regional Cadet Support Unit (RCSU) London Office at Wolseley Barracks from 18-24 November 2018. Eighteen air, army and sea cadets from Southwestern Ontario participated in this workshop which aimed to teach them how to tell their own story and those of their peers. They learned techniques in writing articles for publication in print media as well as social media for their local newspapers or their unit Facebook or Twitter pages. They also learned basic

photography skills to compose compelling photos. They even learned how to interview others using questioning techniques and got to practice being interviewed on camera.

Leo You from 530 Waterloo Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron learned more than he had imagined he would, "There were so many big take away moments for me. I think the tips for social media success was the most important for me."

With qualified Public Affairs staff guiding them, these cadets will be amongst the first in Ontario to put these communications skills to use for the benefit of their own cadet corps and squadrons. Even further, wherever in Ontario that cadets are carrying out fun, unique and challenging activities, guaranteed there will be a Cadet Correspondent there taking photos, making videos, and telling the world about the Canadian Cadet Organizations.

The Cadet Program is open to all youth between the ages of 12-18 with a focus on teaching leadership, citizenship, and promoting physical fitness. To find the local unit in your area, visit **www.cadets.ca** and click on "**Find Us**".

For more information:

Captain Nicole McKay Public Affairs Officer Regional Cadet Support Unit Central Tel: 705-424-1200 ext 7045

Email: Nicole.mckay@forces.gc.ca



February in Our History

1690 14 février 1884 29 February	Novelle France Army	Une force commandée par Nicolas D'Ailleboust et Jacques Le Moyne de Sainte-Hélène attaque le village fortifié de Schenectady. The 5th Battalion, "Royal Scots" were designated the 5th Battalion, "Royal Scots of Canada" (now The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada).
1909 23 February 1959 23 February 2009 22 February	Silver Dart	The Silver Dart lifted off and flew 800 metres at an altitude of 3-9 metres at speed of 65 kilometres per hour. The aircraft was the first powered, heavier-than-air machine to fly in Canada. Royal Canadian Air Force volunteers build and fly a reproduction of the Silver Dart in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary. Another replica, built by the Aerial Experiment Association, makes five flights at Baddeck Bay.
1911 1 February 1915 4 February	RCN WW I	The first recruiting posters for the RCN are issued to post offices throughout Canada. Lieutenant W.F. Sharpe is killed at Shoreham, England, during a training flight, becoming the first Canadian military aviator killed in war.
1948 8 February	RCAF	The RCAF Flyers win the Olympic gold medal and World Amateur ice hockey championships during the Olympic winter games in Switzerland.
1959 17 February	RCAF	The Cabinet officially cancels production of the Avro Arrow.
1964 7 February	RCAF	The RCAF aerobatic team, the Golden Hawks is disbanded.
1968 1 February	CAF	The Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, and the Royal Canadian Air Force were unified into a single organization, the Canadian Armed Forces.
1991 February	Gulf War	Desert Cat Squadron carries out 56 bombing missions during the Gulf War.





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Upcoming Events

Garrison Community Council

Annual General Meeting 13 February 427 Wing

General Meeting 13 March **Wolseley Barracks**

General Meeting 10 April Wolseley Barracks

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South Western Ontario Military February Calendar is on Page 18

Family Resource Centre

Military Night London Knights vs Barrie Colts

RLMI Meetings & Activities

1st Hussars Dinner Fundraiser Contact: Pat O'Hagan 519 680 1334

1 February **Budweiser Gardens** 1930h

11 February **HMCS Prevost HMCS Prevost** 11 March 8 April **HMCS Prevost**

13 May Mixed Formal Dinner

6 June Tour

5 May The Springs

310 Springbank Drive



RLMI Tour #34 Thursday, 6 June 2019



- Canadian Historical Aircraft Association / **Aviation Museum**
- Route 42 Diner at the Windsor Airport
- Pelee Island Winery, Kingsville
- Wayside Dining Lounge, Buffest Dinner, **Talbotville**

Cost is \$75 per person. Contact the RLMI for details.



FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Family Information Line					1 L: London Knights Military Appreciation Night	2 H: Mental Health First Aid 8:30-4:30
3 H: Mental Health First Aid 8:30-4:30	4 Staff Huddle 8:00am-9:00am	5	6 L: WW 9:30 am-11:30am	7 L/W/H: How To Use LinkedIn To Better Your Career Cycle	8	9 H: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre COST: \$20/PERSON W:2nd Annual Hock-
10 L: Tubing at Boler Mountain L: Valentines Day	11 Staff Huddle 8:00am-9:00am	12 W: The Chef Next Door Cooking Class 6:30 pm—9:00 pm COST: \$45/PERSON	13 L:WW 9:30 am-11:30am	14 Contenting of Sound	15	16 H: Medieval Times Dinner & Tourna- ment
17	18 FAMILY DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	19 L: Parent/Teen Night TBD	20 L: WW 9:30 am-11:30am	21 H: "Where It All Begins" Time: TBD	22	23 H: MM Series #5 9:30am-2:30pm Royal Canadian Legion
24	25 Staff Huddle 8:00am-9:00am	26 L: Parent/Teen Night TBD	27 L: WW 9:30 am-11:30am	28 Disney On Ice Budweiser Gardens See Bev For Details	"You're Not Alone" Access Immediate Mental Health Assistance by calling	"Like" us on Face- book www.facebook.com/

London Events

Feb 1: London Knights Hockey 7:30pm start
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27: Wonderful Wednesdays Coffee Morning 9:30 am-11:30 am
Feb 7: How to use LinkedIn to be visible, present your best self and uncover opportunities—Career Cycles; Ipm; Language: English (Slides offered in French) Registration: http://bit.ly/WIOWMSess6

Feb 10: Valentines Day Cooking for Parents/Kids Location: Superstore (Oxford/Gammage) Time: 11:00am-1:00pm Contact Emilie.Dudman@forces.gc.ca

Feb 10: Join the SWOMFRC for a fun evening of tubing at Boler Mountain. (689 Griffith St London ON) Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm (Please arrive 15 minutes before your start time) Cost:\$5.00 per person which includes a hot chocolate and cookie (payment must be received in order to hold your spot). The final date to register is February 4th (payment must be received in order to hold your spot). Must be a minimum of 42 inches in height to ride – no exceptions. Helmets are mandatory and are provided Children 5 & under not recommended No ski boots or hard toed boots allowed. Only one person on each tube! A maximum of 2 tubes are allowed to go down the hill depending on the weather conditions.

Feb 12: Deployment Dish 6-9 pm The Factory, 100 Kellogg Lane
Join us for a Virtual Reality experience (activity to be determined—this is NOT virtual gaming), Followed by food and conversation in the Factory

café/bar.

Dish up the discussion - our topic for the evening (since it's Valentine week): things we LOVE about the Military Family Lifestyle.

Subsidized by the MFRC - includes Ihr VR experience (depending on #s, you will either get your own headset or share with one other person).

Appetizers/snack foods served.

For ages 18+. Priority will be given to families and their members who are touched by deployment, including frequent 'revolving door' absences from home due to military duties as well as those whose loved ones are preparing for deployment, are currently deployed, or have returned from a deployment within the past 2 years. Please identify what kind of family separation you have experienced.

Feb 28: Disney On Ice Call Bev at 519-660-5275x5027

For information on Hamilton and Windsor Events - please contact the respective Event Coordinator

Hamilton Events Contact Donna Pickering P: 905-972-4000 x 6623 E: Donna.Pickering@forces.gc.ca

London Events Contact Brenda Willsie P: 519-660-5366 E: brenda.willsie@forces.gc.ca

Windsor Events Contact Erin Jordan $P: 519-254-2535 \times 4501$ E: Erin.Jordan@forces.gc.ca

Caregiver Zone-Supporting Care-givers of Veterans in Canada http://caregiver.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 *Events subject to change*



IMAGES

This month we've starting a new Section in the Newsletter where we ask our Members to send in photos from "back-in-the-day" that depict the Canadian military, either from their personal experience or significant and interesting events. Photographs from our Region are particularly welcome. A line or two giving the date, place, event and people would be nice if possible.

This Section has the potential to illustrate our military heritage and in particular, London and region. But ... we need the good stuff to come in from our Members to make it work. We'll take as many as you can send us.

Ron Dawson writes in:

"It was a highlight in my life. The following July, I was at stage one of a trial balloon called "Command Contingent" and I trained at the Royal Canadian School of Infantry in Valcartier Quebec. Stage two followed at Camp Borden where I graduated and achieved Ist Lieutenant status. My Commission was the last one ever signed by Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada."

Conadian Fusiliers (M.G.), lest night become Second Linutenant Ronald Dawson, when he received his first pip, signifying commissioned rank, from Brigadier H. A. Sporling, D.S.O., C.B.E., commanding officer of Western Ontario Military Area. Lt.-Cel. George Fowcett, commanding officer of Conadian Fusiliers is at left. Lt. Dowson was farmerly officer commanding Army Coder Corps at Central Collegione Institute and later joined the enlisted ranks of the Fusiliers.

18 January 1949

The caption reads:

CADET OFFICER TO RESERVE FORCE OFFICER

-- Sgt Ronald Dawson of the Canadian Fusiliers (MG), last night became Second Lieutenant Ronald Dawson, when he received his first pip, signifying commissioned rank, from Brigadier H.A. Scarling, DSO, CBE. Commanding Officer of Western Ontario Military Area. Lt-Col George Fawcett, Commanding Officer of Canadian Fusiliers at left. Lt Dawson was formerly Officer Commanding Army Cadet Corps at Central Collegiate Institute and later joined the enlisted ranks of the Fusiliers.