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The Garrison Community Council



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FROM THE EDITOR

The GCC enjoyed a very full November - a presentation from Lieutenant-General Coates, bursary awards, a most excellent talk on the Paris Peace Treaty and, most importantly, Remembrance Day and associated events. So, a few more pages in the GCC part of the magazine this time.

This issue covers the two months that take us through the holiday season and into 2020. That, by coincidence, is a salient number as we are working towards a "clear vision" for the GCC as we progress towards incorporation and the benefits that it will bring us. So, as we cast off from the Annual General Meeting in February with the course plotted, we'll trim the sails and get underway.

I hope that you are comfortable with the style and form of our newsletter so we'll keep that "steady as she goes". The other significant media aspect of our organisation is the website. The one we have now is dated and does not serve us as well as it should. Developing a new one, in concert with our excellent website manager, is on my To Do list so I hope by the second half of the year you will see some changes. (And yes, "hope" is a valid project management tool.) As always, suggestions and offerings from you will be welcome.

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Dave Barton

You are most welcome to join us

Like reading The Connection? Perhaps you have come to 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



... or just come
to a meeting



On the Front Cover

Our visit from LGEN Christopher Coates, Deputy Commander NORAD held at 427 (London) Wing, RCAF Association. **Left to right** - Gus Cameron, Director 427 (London) Wing; Mayor Ed Holder, Mayor of London; LCDR Derek Niles, Commanding Officer HMCS Prevost; LGEN Coates; Geoff Hutton, President of the GCC; Rene McKinnon, VP Western Region, RCAF Association.

And the question was asked and answered - NORAD will be tracking Santa again this year! (We hope Santa's insurance covers satellites.)



The General Meeting

Wednesday 8 January

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



Meet & Greet **11:15**

Lunch **11:30**

Please advise your attendance to Beth Saylor by e-mail (garrisoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com) by **11:00 am** the **MONDAY** prior so we can arrange sufficient lunches. *You also need to indicate whether you want a wrap or a sandwich.*

General Meeting **12:00**

Speaker

Allan Eaton

Special Investigations Unit



Allan Eaton studied political science, law and European history at Carleton University and the University of Toronto, and from 1975 until 1984, led civil, criminal and regulatory investigations with three of Canada's largest law firms in Ottawa and Toronto. Between 1984 and 1989, he was employed in Europe by a private Canadian NATO-aligned intelligence organisation . In 1990, Allan returned to Canada and provided investigative services for counsel appointed by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, investigating insurance fraud and medical malpractice, and from 1993-2000 was a Medical Inspector/ Ontario Police Commission Special Constable with The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

In 2001 Allan was appointed as an Investigator/Peace Officer with the Ontario Special Investigations Unit where he continues his role as a Lead Investigator of incidents of serious injuries, deaths and sexual assault allegations in cases involving the police. He was an acting investigative manager in 2010 following the G20 summit in Toronto, and more recently in the same role when the mass shooting occurred on Danforth Avenue in Toronto in July 2018.

Allan was a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer with the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve as the Pipe Sergeant and Acting Pipe Major of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's).

In 2011 he received the United Nations Order of Humanitarian Merit for supporting the Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations Collaborative Intergovernmental Scientific Research Institute focusing on civilian oversight of police.

In 2017, Allan was appointed Chevalier of the Star of Honour of Ethiopia (M.S.E.) for assisting His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie and the Crown Council of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C. in their intergovernmental relations with Canada and the United Kingdom.





From the President

As we do not meet in December, our next gathering will be in January. In the meantime, there are a number of things that your Executive are doing and will be doing in preparation for the remaining months of the 2019-2020 GCC fiscal year.

As seen on pages 8-9, our Bursary Programme for 2019, chaired by Past-President Doug McAndless, is concluding. The recipients truly appreciate the awards and will make good use of the money as they progress through their tertiary education programmes.

Under the leadership of Tom Dean and with the assistance of Past-Presidents Jan Delaney and Jack Scott, the GCC is moving forward in our plan to convert the organisation into a Not-for-Profit (NFP) corporation. As you will appreciate, the task requires a great deal of attention and diligence. As required by Ontario Statute, the necessary Objects or purposes of the GCC NFP have been drafted and are being scrutinised by the Executive to make certain that the Objectives reflect what we do and plan to do.

Concurrent with the work to establish the NFP, the Executive is developing a draft Budget for FY 2020. As with all budgets, we are trying to accurately estimate our expected income revenue and forecast our anticipated expenditures. With respect to the former, we will aim to seek additional sources of income, especially for the purpose of being able to increase the value and number of the GCC Bursaries. At the same time, we are striving to have the best value for money for our other expenditures. In that regard, each proposed expenditure is being subjected to close scrutiny for utility and value. As an aside, we would like to be able to have some membership events of a social nature.

Both the NFP and the Budget documentation will be presented in draft form at the 8 January Meeting for your consideration prior to seeking your approval at the 12 February Meeting, the date of AGM. It is asked that each member mark 12 February so that you will be able to attend the AGM to participate in the review of the advanced work on the NFP as well as to approve, or not, the Provisional 2020 GCC Budget. Please remember that the Budget deals with your collective money. Because of the amount of information that needs to be presented to you for your approval, the Executive has agreed that there will not be a Speaker at the February Meeting.

With respect to Speakers, the January Speaker is Mr Allen Eaton from the Special Investigations Unit of the Ontario Solicitor General's Office of the Ontario Government. This is an organisation that is unique and deals with incidents involving the police services of Ontario.

The Christmas Holiday Season is now upon us. All the members of the Executive, extend to you and your families our best wishes for a joyful Christmas and a bountiful New Year. As an aside, please spare a thought for those who possibly are not as fortunate as we are at this time of year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Geoff

The GCC Executive

President: Geoff Hutton

1st Vice President: Tom Dean

2nd Vice President: Dave Barton

3rd Vice President: Randy Harden

Secretary: Beth Saylor

Treasurer: Barry Graham

Past President: Doug McAndless



NORAD and the Defence of Canada and the United States

A Presentation by

Lieutenant-General Christopher Coates RCAF

**Deputy Commander North American Aerospace Defense Command
4 November 2019**

We were most fortunate to host LGen Coates and hear, first hand, how Canada and the United States jointly share the responsibility for defence of our Continent. NORAD has been with us for more than 60 years and in that time we have gone from Soviet bombers, then ICBMs and now live in an age where Russia and China are capable of attacking with kinetic and non-kinetic means, above and below the nuclear threshold. The threat includes a wide range of cyber-attack and goes well into the space above. The terrorist threat cannot be dismissed either. North America is no longer a sanctuary. It is good to know that there is an organisation like NORAD watching over us. LGen Coates' presentation was certainly a highlight of the year for the GCC.

For an aerospace presentation such as this one, it was appropriate that it was held in an Air Force environment. We were very appreciative of the support from 427 (London) Wing, RCAF Association for their venue and assistance in making this all happen. The Secrets of Radar Museum also contributed to organising this event. It was a fine example of three organisations working together to achieve a successful outcome. We had over eighty attendees. After the presentation, people had the opportunity to mingle with our VIP guests and enjoy a pleasant lunch. Thank you everyone who helped put this together. The positive reviews are still coming in.





Remembrance Day 2019

The GCC Wreath was laid at the Cenotaph by Geoff Hutton, GCC President. Bill Pettipas, assisted by Tom Dean, 1st Vice President laid the wreath at Wolseley Barracks.



The Cenotaph



"I think it's really important to remember the sacrifices that were made by a lot of men and women for Canada. We have gotten to a point in our society where a lot of our freedoms are taken for granted . . . and it's really important we can at least set aside a few minutes, one day a year to remember the contributions they made for us."
Retired Canadian Armed Forces major Jack Scott

Wolseley Barracks



Photo:
HMCS Prevost



Candlelight vigil in Victoria Park

Photo: RSCC Courageous

Photo:
Capt (retired) Mike O'Leary



In the lead up to Remembrance Day in Australia, a pigeon was stealing poppies from the **Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier** at the **Australian War Memorial** in Canberra and making a nest out of the flowers in the alcove of a stained glass window. Each day the pigeon was flying down to take poppies, carefully crafting the nest in an alcove above the stained-glass window of a wounded Australian soldier.

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Student Bursaries 2019



Dave Barton, GCC



MCpl Preston Kennedy
1st Hussars

LtCol Allan Finney
CO 1st Hussars



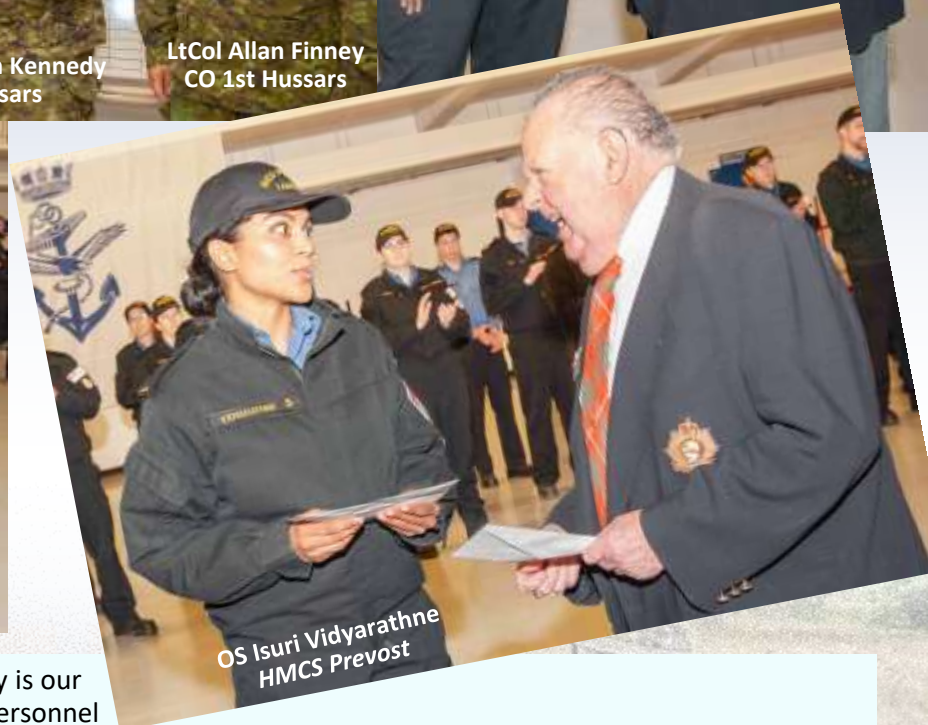
OS Arin Abraham
HMCS Prevost

Doug McAndless, GCC



PO2 Tina Renaud
HMCS Prevost

LCdr Derek Niles
CO HMCS Prevost



OS Isuri Vidyaratne
HMCS Prevost

A major activity in our support to the Canadian military is our bursary program. Eligible Primary Reserve service personnel enrolled in a post-secondary education program may apply for a bursary of \$1,000 to assist them in their studies. Funding for the program is supported by donations from industry and for 2019, \$5,000 was provided by General Dynamics Land Systems - Canada. Supplemented by GCC, we awarded seven bursaries this year.

(Editor: The presentations to Pte Tarunveer Kohli and Signaller Hannah Nazar will be made on 7 December with photos to follow in the next issue of The Connection.)



OS Caroline Guo
HMCS Prevost



Christine Quinlan, General Dynamics Land Systems-Canada, presents a cheque for \$5,000 to Doug McAndless, Chairman Bursary Program and Geoff Hutton, GCC President.



I am **Master Corporal Preston Kennedy**. I have served with the First Hussars as an Armoured Crewman for 8 years. My role in the Army Reserve is to train new recruits to build their skills for them to succeed in their careers. When I am not training with the Army, I am enrolled in the Mechanical Technician – Tool and Die program at Fanshawe College. It is my goal to learn skills that will enable me to produce fine, precise works to support local industry and to develop my skills as a craftsman. As students and soldiers, we are fortunate to have the support of the Garrison Community Council and therefore I would like to thank them for their generosity.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Tina Renaud is a member of the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS PREVOST. Tina has served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 21 years as a Human Resources Administrator. She is also involved with outreach to our Veterans at Parkwood Institute and committed to school visits during Remembrance Day ceremonies. I am currently enrolled as a part-time student at King's College University where I am studying for a degree in Thanatology. This is the study of grief, death and dying. It is my hope to use this degree as a way to help others during my military career and onwards in my next career.



Private Tarunveer Kohli, 1st Hussars, London is a 3rd year student at the University of Western Ontario, specializing in finance. He aims to work in the field of finance as a consultant or project manager on an international scale. Wherever these amazing opportunities take him, he is content when he is enabling the betterment of society. Within the Reserves, he serves as a Financial Services Administrator where he is responsible for the financial management services that are carried out in all environments; including, in the field, at sea, in UN and isolated posts. He also actively contributes to the community by volunteering as the Vice President for the Sikh Students Association and tutoring children in French & Mathematics.

Ordinary Seaman Isuri Vidyaratne is in her third year in Computer Science with a minor in Software Engineering. She has a degree in Biomedical Science with a minor in Chemistry. Isuri is an Intelligence Operator at HMCS Prevost and a Team Leader at the Innovation Strategy Team at HMCS Prevost. She works part-time as a website and database designer, graphic designer and tutor. She values diversity in education and hopes to integrate her technical knowledge in Cyber Security and Medical fields, contributing to the security of Canada.



Ordinary Seaman Arin Abraham is currently completing her degree in an Honours Specialization in Neuroscience at the University of Western Ontario (UWO). At HMCS Prevost, Arin is an Intelligence Operator, contributing her collection efforts to RCN operations around the globe. She also works as a Team Lead in the Innovation Strategy Team (IST) developing her project management skills. At UWO, she is a Research Team Lead at the Sensory Perception Lab where she investigates multisensory learning deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorder and the President of ALS Western, a student-run initiative aimed at raising awareness on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, a fatal neurodegenerative disease. Arin values collaboration in the workplace and in the near future, hopes to become a military physician within the Canadian Armed Forces.

Signaler Hannah Nazar is currently completing the Pre-Service Firefighter Program at Lambton College, Sarnia. She has an undergraduate degree from Brock University and is an active member in her community. She has been in the Army Reserves since 2018 with 31 Signals Regiment in Hamilton and has applied for a career as a Fire Fighter in the Canadian Armed Forces. She is currently attached to the 1st Hussars Sqn in Sarnia while completing her firefighting studies. She enjoys reading and volunteering in her community. She values the unique and challenging experiences the Reserves and after her studies, hopes to go on her first deployment.



Ordinary Seaman Caroline Guo is a second-year student working towards dual degrees in engineering and music performance at the University of Western Ontario. After graduation, she hopes to obtain her professional engineering licence and potentially apply her engineering skills towards her naval reservist career. She credits her training in the reserves for building her teamwork and leadership skills which she uses to give back to the school and the London community.



GCC Notes

Canada's military is more than just our sailors, soldiers and air force personnel. It is also their families. Their spouses and children lead lives that demand

more than most of us experience in civilian life - the time apart from loved ones, moving homes and the challenge of pursuing careers. Organisations like the South Western Ontario Military Family Support Centre are there for our service personnel and the GCC is proud to support their efforts in every way we can. We are delighted to present a cheque for \$500 to the SWOMFRC at our November meeting. To see what the Centre does, have a look at their calendar on Page 22.



Geoff Hutton, GCC President, presents a cheque for \$500 to Malvin Wright, Director SWOMFRC.

November's Speaker - Jonathon Vance The Treaty of Versailles

Jonathon Vance's presentation on the Treaty of Versailles completed our trilogy of the Great War history. Over five months the world leaders gathered for discussions that would shape the next century and beyond. Try as some visionaries might, the desire for revenge and reparation was the dominant theme and set the stage for what followed only two decades later.



Tom Dean thanks Jonathon



Canadian Club of London – Speakers Luncheon Series

On Tuesday 12 November, Gerry Treble and Bill Pettipas attended the GCC sponsored table with students from Westminster Secondary School in London. The speaker was Major-General David Fraser (Retired) who commanded **Operation Medusa**, the Canadian led operation in Afghanistan that was the largest Canadian Army battle since Korea. It was the most significant land battle ever undertaken by NATO.

Welcome to the end of 2019 and the start of 2020

2020 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Garrison Community Council – London and Region.

As we enter into our 20th year what is more appropriate than to invite a guest and possible new member to attend our interesting and topical meeting set for January 2020.

The “experts” in not-for-profit voluntary organisations point out that the new year is a good time to ask people out to a meeting as it is in January when we plan for the new year. Take a moment and speak to that friend, neighbour, relative or co-worker and bring that person to a meeting. (Remember to order a sandwich or wrap for your guest). You may have friends through other organisations that have shown an interest in the Canadian military, past and contemporary. Explain how the GCC can be a way for them to expand their knowledge base and have a good enjoyable time doing it.

The GCC has a need for a steady influx of new members. We need them for their ideas and for their willingness to assist us in helping to meet the goals of the GCC.

You cannot get a new member if you do not ASK!



Dues are Due!



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

Amount - \$100.00

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

Please forward payment to:

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

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.



And
Just
Prior
to

None of this makes sense !



The November Meeting

I've already written my letter so please, please tell me that NORAD will be tracking Santa this year !

I was going to ask that.

I want to know too.



The General's Presentation



The NAVY



HMCS Prevest

HMCS Margaret Brooke Launch

By SLt Chris Niesel, HMCS Prevest

On Nov 10, 2019, at the Halifax Shipyard the Royal Canadian Navy's (RCN) second Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS), the future HMCS *Margaret Brooke*, was launched. The launching of the second out of six AOPS marks a significant milestone in the Royal Canadian Navy's revitalization, as part of Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy.

At just over 103 meters long, HMCS *Margaret Brooke* was transitioned from Halifax Shipyards land facility to a submersible barge on Nov 8, 2019, to ensure a safe transition for the formal launch in Bedford Basin. Currently the vessel is alongside the pier at Halifax Shipyard where workers are preparing the ship so that the official handover to the Royal Canadian Navy can be completed later next year.

Presently HMCS *Margaret Brooke* and HMCS *Harry DeWolf* are both awaiting successful completion of their respective sea trials. HMCS *Harry DeWolf* is anticipated to be handed over early in 2020 as its sea trials are expected to be finished at the end of November.

HMCS *Prevost's* own Lt(N) Scott Patchett is currently posted to CFB Halifax as part of the initial core



HMCS Margaret Brooke atop of the submersible barge awaiting the official launch in Bedford Basin on 10 Nov 2019.

crew, that will take part in the long anticipated handover of HMCS *Harry DeWolf*. Lt(N) Patchett is very excited to be able to act as one of the first reserve Bridge Watch Keepers that will have the chance to deploy on international operations with Canada's newest warship.

Inside the Halifax Shipyard's compound are the RCN's next two AOPS – HMCS *Max Bernay* and HMCS *William Hall* – which are presently undergoing construction, with the former expected to be moved outside in spring of 2020. The National Ship Building Strategy was created so that Canada's current fleet of ships can be augmented with newer and more modern variants.

Over the ensuing decade, a total of six AOPS, including two for the Canadian Coast guard and fifteen Canadian Surface Combatants which are slated for the RCN are expected to be built as part of the National Ship Building Strategy. Aside from building the next generation of ships for the Royal Canadian Navy, Halifax Shipyard is also servicing operational Halifax Class frigates, with HMCS *Charlottetown* presently undergoing extensive upgrades.

HMCS Prevost - Remembrance Day



HMCS Prevost Executive Officer – LCdr J.P. Barrette marching HMCS Prevost's ship company towards London's Cenotaph for the 2019 Remembrance Day Ceremony.



LCdr Derek Niles and CPO2 Kevin Van Arnhem paying respects to the fallen sailors and soldiers during London's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Leading Seaman Ryan Romaniuk guarding the London Cenotaph on Nov 11, 2019 at the Victoria Park.



The ARMY



31 Canadian Brigade Group

The images and narratives provided here offer a glimpse into the world of 31 Canadian Brigade Group, with a central focus on the London Garrison's activities. Provided with the goal of keeping the GCC membership informed as to what the Army in Southwestern Ontario is up to, we offer these accounts in an effort to cover our events, our exercises, and our contributions to operations domestically and around the world. We are a dynamic formation with a diverse and growing number of soldiers, whose service to their community goes beyond their military occupations and their units' activities. We hope you enjoy their stories, as they are an inextricable link to the community we share.

*Joe Robinson
Colonel*

Commander, 31 Canadian Brigade Group



31 CBG Training More (and more) TAPV Operators

By Lt(N) Andrew McLaughlin, PAO, 31 CBG

With several Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles (TAPV) now operational in London and Windsor, 31 CBG is escalating its training program; qualifying dozens of local soldiers on the new machines and the cutting edge technology they employ, and preparing them for real-world missions.

Over the weekend of November 23-24, 2019, the 1st Hussars and Windsor Regiment, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC) travelled to 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford to conduct TAPV Remote Weapons System (RWS) Operator and Driver courses. The brand new TAPVs are now in service with these two units, and with this type of training, their soldiers now receive the same qualifications that their Regular Force counterparts do.

"The ability to get our Army Reserve soldiers qualified on these vehicles – that are in service in both the Regular Force and Reserve Force – allows enhanced flexibility for their employment in all roles in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and the Canadian Armed Forces." says Captain Ken Pichie, Operations Officer of the Windsor Regiment.

The TAPV is a wheeled combat vehicle that conducts reconnaissance and surveillance, security, command and control, and armoured transport of personnel and equipment. The vehicle is highly mobile and provides a very high degree of protection for its crew.

Crews operating the TAPV on the exercise fired both the 40 millimetre C16 Automatic Grenade Launcher and the C6 General Purpose Machine Gun for the RWS Operator component, while the TAPV driver candidate course saw student drivers completing driving on tracks and trails – both on

and off road – within the training area. Both training components utilized the TAPV's advanced imaging, targeting and navigation technology, which can be used day or night and in a variety of challenging environmental conditions.

Upon completion of these courses, the soldiers of both the 1st Hussars and Windsor Regiment will be fully qualified in the position of TAPV RWS Operator and/or TAPV Driver, and be able to fulfill the armoured roles within their units, and – critically – serve as replacements for Regular Force personnel; anywhere in the world. *"They will be ready to go; whenever, and wherever they're needed,"* Pichie said.



Remembrance Day In 31 CBG

Photos: OS Blake Newbold, HMCS Star, University of Guelph (of 11 Fd Regt), Capt (retired) Mike O'Leary





The CADETS

A Busy Fall for Our Cadets

By Lt(N) Terri-Leigh Saunders, RCSU(C) Unit PAO

Fall is always a busy time for Royal Canadian Sea, Air and Army Cadets across southwestern Ontario. In November many Corps and Squadrons participated in overnight vigils at Cenotaphs in various cities and towns on the evening before Remembrance Day. This has become a tradition for many units over the past number of years to safeguard the monument while also honouring those who have fallen. For our Cadets, this is just one of many ways they give back to their communities.

As the Cadets settle into their 2019-2020 training year, outdoor fall training is winding down and team training is now in full swing for many of the various disciplines including biathlon, marksmanship, effective speaking, band and drill.



Kitchener Armoury Vigil – As a secondary location, junior Cadets from 80 K-W Spitfire Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Kitchener gain experience by standing watch over the Afghanistan LAV Monument at the RHFC Armoury in Kitchener. Photo: James Tellier



Waterloo Cenotaph Vigil – Cadets from Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 94 Warspite and 530 Havoc Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron participate in the overnight vigil at the Cenotaph in Waterloo, ON. Photo: Capt A. Scannell

Cadets enjoy these opportunities to learn new skills and while some may strive for excellence, others simply enjoy the activities. By competing in regional competitions, Cadets can earn opportunities to move on to compete at both the Provincial and National levels.

Many Cadet units also use this time of year to host Mess Dinners. Incorporated into their training to learn more about military history and tradition, these dinners are often held at Legions and other service clubs and happily supported by Veterans. Sometimes Veterans will even be invited to join a unit as a guest speaker or honoured guest. In the spirit of the season, many units observe the tradition of the youngest Cadet trading places with the Commanding Officer. While often used as an opportunity to celebrate Christmas, in the spirit of inclusion and diversity, some units also have Cadets who observe other holiday traditions teach their fellow Cadets about



Rockwood Remembrance Day Service - CPO1 Ryan Patterson from RCSCC Ajax in Guelph participated in the Rockwood Remembrance Day Service. Photo: Lt(N) Sue Patterson

theirs. It's a great, dynamic opportunity to broaden one's horizons.

Fun Fact...The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada is a fantastic supporter of Cadets in southwestern Ontario. By kind permission of their Commanding Officer, LCol Steve Coe, FOUR Cadets units have a home within the RHFC's two facilities in Kitchener and Cambridge. We thank you the RHFC for their generous support the youth in their community.



RCSCC Courageous – Sea Cadets in London participate in the annual Remembrance Day parade. Photo: Courtesy of RCSCC Courageous.

December & January in Our History

1813	16 December	War of 1812	British troops capture Fort Niagara from the Americans and burn the village of Lewiston, N. Y. The Treaty of Ghent, signed on 24 December 1814 by British and American diplomats, ending the War of 1812.
1837	7 December	Army	Skirmish between Patriots and Militiamen at Montgomery's Tavern near Toronto.
1865	22 December	RN	The Royal Navy destroys an aboriginal village near Fort Rupert, B.C.
1883	21 December	Army	The Royal Canadian Dragoons are organized as the 'Cavalry School Corps'. The Royal Canadian Regiment is organized as the 'Infantry School Corps'.
1919	19 January	Bolsheviks	Battle at Shenkursk between Bolsheviks, Allied and Canadian forces including the 68th Artillery Battery.
1941	8 December	WW II	The United States, Great Britain and other nations declare war on Japan.
1954	5 December	Korea	Andy MacKenzie, a fighter pilot, is released from imprisonment in China a year and a half after the armistice.
1955	24 December	The World	The first tracking of Santa Clause. After 1 December, keep tabs on the ol' boy - https://www.noradsanta.org/
1957	11 January	UN	HMCS Magnificent arrives in Port Said with the main body of the Canadian contribution in troops and materiel to the UN Emergency Force controlling the Israeli-Egyptian border.
1961	28 December	RCAF	The first Bomarc missile squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, No.446 Surface/Air Missile Squadron is formed at North Bay, Ontario.
1973	27 January	Vietnam	Canadian Forces aircraft airlift 115 Canadian personnel to South Vietnam for peacekeeping duties.
1991	15 January	Gulf War	Canada provides a field hospital to the British armoured division during the Gulf War.





Upcoming Events

Garrison Community Council

No meeting in December

General Meeting	8 January	Wolseley Barracks
Annual General Meeting	12 February	Wolseley Barracks

London and Region

RLMI Christmas & Festive Season At-Home Special	9 December	HMCS Prevost
427 (London) Wing	Closed 14 Dec - 10 Jan	
RCR Association Regimental Birthday Lunch	21 December	Victory Legion 1100h
HMCS Prevost , 31 CBG, RLMI, GCC combined Levee	1 January	HMCS Prevost
RLMI Meetings	13 January 10 February	HMCS Prevost 1930h

The RLMI in January



An Evening with Major, The Reverend Canon Frederick George Scott CMG, DSO, FRSC. Join us for our January meeting where our distinguished guest will speak to us on his life and times up until the end of The Great War. Canon Scott is a Minister of the Anglican Church, Padre, Poet and author of "The Great War As I Saw It."

Nick Wells portrays Major, The Reverend Canon Frederick George Scott a distinguished Canadian Padre of the Great War. He speaks in the first person .

Levee

This year's Levee is a combined function by the Navy, the Army, the RLMI and the GCC. It will be hosted at **HMCS Prevost**. All GCC members are cordially invited.

1 January 2020

1100-1400

HMCS Prevost

Suite or Blazer with medals

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 21st Century Skills Workshop 	3	4 Christmas Open House 	5	6	7
8 A Visit With St. Nicholas  Promoting Connection & Mental Wellness Series #2: CONNECTION	9	10	11 Wonderful Wednesdays Workshop Self-Compassion Break	12	13	14 London teen Christmas Party 1:00pm—5:00pm T.B.D
15	16	17	18 Wonderful Wednesdays Coffee Connection 	19	20	21
22	23	24 Closed from noon on December 24th until January 2, 2020	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31				

London Events

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

Dec 4: Christmas Open House . **No morning Session . Join us for our annual holiday social. There will be music, munchies, mocktails and merriment to spark the holiday season! Time: 11:30 AM—1:30 PM Please RSVP to Kym Wolfe at 519-660-5275 x5432 or kym.wolfe@forces.gc.ca

Dec 8: A Visit With St. Nicholas. **Families are invited to a Visit with St. Nicholas. Enjoy a hot pancake breakfast, followed by a baked gingerbread man to decorate for dessert. Hop aboard a horse drawn wagon for a beautiful winter ride around the Village and visit a selection of buildings preparing for Christmas. Of course, the day would not be complete without a visit with St. Nicholas himself. Time: 11:00 AM Cost: \$7.00 / person. Location: Fanshawe Pioneer Village

Dec 11: Wonderful Wednesdays— WORKSHOP ***Self-Compassion Break” . A healthy way to deal with holiday stress Time: 9:30 AM—11:30 AM

Dec 18: Wonderful Wednesdays—Coffee Connection. Time: 9:30 AM—11:30 AM

*****Great Stocking Stuffer Gift*** Join us on January 31st, 2020 for the “Salute to the Troops and their Families” at the London Knights Hockey Game . Tickets: \$20.00 (reg \$26.50) . Party Suite**

Hamilton Events

Contact Donna Pickering

P: 905-972-4000 x 6623

London Events

Contact Brenda Willsie

P: 519-660-5366

Windsor Events

Contact Erin Jordan

P: 519-254-2535 x 4501

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