

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PRESIDENT**

Our Annual General Meeting has come and gone. A special thank you to all who hung in there and stayed to the end of the Meeting. Well done!

Some Key Points:

We are pleased to officially welcome two new Vice Presidents – Phil Dean (VP Bursaries) and Eric Thomson (VP Special Projects)

The GCC Executive will be reviewing options regarding the position of President.

We are still looking for a GCCPP (Garrison Community Council Project Person) to look into and report on some initial steps that the GCC can undertake in regarding diversity and inclusion.

We are prepared (once again) to host a GCC General Meeting in person and on Zoom on March 8, 2023. Full details of the Hybrid Meeting will be sent out before the Meeting.

Our Newsletter is our communication link with our members and the greater community.

The selection process in the GCC Bursary Programme for 2022 is complete and all of the bursaries are now in the hands of the recipients.

I wish to once again thank each member of the Executive for their help, patience and understanding in 2022. It was personally a challenging year for me.

As an Association, we need to be ready, willing and able to advocate on behalf of our Reservists whenever the need arises.

President
Tom Dean

2022 GCC Bursary Award Winners



S2 Grace Park,
HMCS Prevest



S3 Shiyao Li,
HMCS Prevest
Colonel Tom
Lawson Award



Corporal Jane Gristey,
4RCR, Colonel Bill
Pettipas Award



A/SLt Peter Jinson
HMCS Prevest
Dr Don Bondy
Award

Bursary Presentation at HMCS Prevest

On 15 February at a formal parade at HMCS Prevest in London, Geoff Hutton, Chair of the GCC 2022 Bursary Programme, accompanied by Phil Dean and Eric Thomson, presented Bursary Awards to A/SLt Peter Jinson and S2 Grace Park. It was noted that a third Bursary Award had been won by S3 Shylo Li who was unable to be present. In addition to the bursary, A/SLt Jinson was presented with the Dr Don Bondy Special Award while S3 Shylo Li received the HCol Tom Lawson Special Award. The Commanding Officer, LCdr Paul Hong, expressed his appreciation to the GCC for conducting the Bursary Program. The winners would benefit from the \$1,000 bursaries as they are students at Western University. He said that he will support the 2023 GCC Bursary Programme within his ship.

Bursary Presentation photos by VP Eric Thomson



Bursary Presentation at Wolseley Barracks

A week later a similar award presentation was made at the 4th Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Wolseley Barracks, during the unit's parade night. Again Geoff Hutton, Phil Dean, and Eric Thomson, presented the Bursary Award. Cpl Jane Gristey was the recipient. She also received the Col. Bill Pettipas Special Award. LCol Brett Griffiths, the Commanding Officer, thanked the GCC for conducting the Bursary Programme. He said that the 2023 GCC Bursary Programme will be encouraged within 4 RCR.

Bursary Presentation photos by VP Eric Thomson



2022 GCC Executive

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| President | Tom Dean |
| Past President | Geoff Hutton |
| Vice President | Mike Leatham |
| VP Communications | Kevin Patterson |
| VP Bursaries | Dr. Phil Dean |
| VP Special Projects | Eric Thomson |
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Connections Editors

Tom Dean - President
 Kevin Patterson - VP Communications
 All GCC screenshots provided by Gary Nash.

Congratulations

Two members of the GCC recently recognized with the Peggy Sattler MPP (London West) Community Recognition Award.

Carolyn Scott nominated by The May Court Club of London

Tom Dean nominated by the Optimist Club of Byron.



THANK YOU

The GCC thanks its 2022 sponsors of the GCC Bursary Programme:

- General Dynamics Land Systems - Canada
- Militex Coatings Inc.

GCC February AGM Meeting



Speaker: Dr. Els Peeters
Physics and Astronomy at
the University of Western
Ontario

Els is an astrophysicist at
Western University. She
holds an MSc degree in
Physics from the Catholic
University of Leuven and a
European MSc in Astronomy
and Astrophysics. She
obtained her Ph.D. in
Astronomy at the University
of Groningen in the
Netherlands. She then spent
several years at the NASA
Ames Research Center and
the SETI Institute before
becoming professor in the
department of Physics and
Astronomy at the University
of Western Ontario. Her
research focuses on star
formation and interstellar
gas and dust in the Milky
Way and nearby galaxies.



The exciting new science
with the James Webb
Space Telescope

Els Peeters

Western Institute for Earth & Space Exploration

SETI

February 8, 2023



Take-home message

JWST science is exciting, fun, and ground-braking

Canadian contribution and impact is gigantic



Canada's contribution to JWST

René Doyon

CSA ASC

FGS
Guiding camera

NIRISS
Near IR Imager + Slitless Spectrograph



Piccadilly Lights screen in London

The New York Times

TRUMP INTENDED TO SEND HIS MIB TO HONGKONG COURT

Midwest Race Against Flight Pulling Shows

For DeSantis, A Stunning New Peek Into the Ancient Cosmos

New York Times Square

<https://www.planets.net/2022/01/12/james-webb-spectrum-of-clear-sky-exoplanet-wasp-96b/>
<https://www.google.com/imgs/lookup/2022/celebrating-the-legendary-photos-of-the-universe-from-james-webb-15-2022-01-15>
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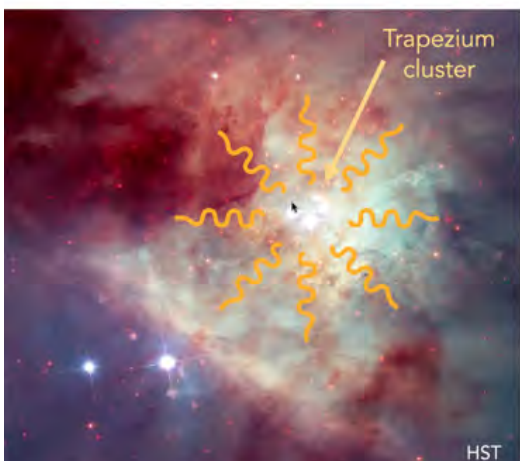
GCC February AGM Meeting

JWST peers through the dust to witness the formation of stars

Hubble JWST (NIRCAM) JWST (MIRI)



Orion Nebula: young and hot influencers



Radiation of young stars interact with the cloud in which the stars were born

- This influences:
- the formation of stars and planets
 - how galaxies age



Thanks to Els Peeters for her informative presentation and to everyone who attended the AGM.

2023: The Naval Reserve Centennial

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Pritpal Thind, HMCS Prevo

Throughout 2023, sailors from coast to coast are celebrating the 100th year of the Naval Reserve's presence, contributions, and service to Canada. The Naval Reserve is one of the three formations of the Royal Canadian Navy and consists of over 4,000 sailors in 24 Naval Reserve Divisions across Canada.

The Naval Reserve, as it is known today, came into being as the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) on January 31, 1923 due to the efforts of Rear-Admiral Walter Hose. Rear-Admiral Hose had foreseen the utility of a naval reserves from his experience with the excellent seamanship skills of Royal Navy Reservists from Newfoundland during World War I. RCNVR had modest beginnings but went on to provide approximately 77,000 men and women out of the 95,000 total sailors in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Nearly 1,800 Naval Reservists lost their lives in service during World War II.

This year, His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Prevo, a Naval Reserve Division in London, Ontario will celebrate the Naval Reserve Centennial with Londoners, as will the rest of the Naval Reserve Divisions in their respective communities. At the national level, many events are taking place to commemorate the centennial such as the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa in May, Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax in June, Freedom of the City Parades in major cities across Canada in September, and rededication of the Naval Reserve Monument in Ottawa in October.

Locally, HMCS Prevo will also take part in the Battle of the Atlantic Parade on the 7th of May 2023, and Freedom of the City March followed by an Open House in the fall of 2023. The Freedom of the City March will be the first that London has seen in 25 years. These events will strengthen the historic ties that HMCS Prevo has with City of London.

Historically, HMCS Prevo has maintained a strong community presence in London with its numerous contributions. HMCS Prevo came into being in 1938 and found home at the Carling Block at Richmond Road & Carling Avenue. During World War II, HMCS Prevo contributed significantly towards the war effort, training over 4,480 officers, men, and WREns (Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service) for service. From 1943 to 1945 HMCS Prevo operated as an English Language Training school for French recruits.



HMCS Prevo moved to its present location of 19 Becher Street in 1957. Current HMCS Prevo Naval Reservists carry on this proud tradition of service into the future.

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Naval Reservists come from all walks of life to serve primarily on a part-time basis while also having civilian jobs and responsibilities. Naval Reservists train during evenings, on weekends, or over summer breaks in a variety of occupations such as Marine Technicians, Naval Combat Information Operators, Naval Warfare Officers, Port Inspection Divers, Logistics Officers, Boatswains, and Financial Services Administrators, to name a few.

Naval Reservists not only contribute to security and sovereignty of Canada by providing personnel and resources for domestic safety operations at home and defence missions abroad, but also form a connection between the Royal Canadian Navy and the communities across Canada, including the landlocked provinces.



The sailors of HMCS Prevost and members of the Naval Reserve throughout Canada look forward to celebrating this remarkable year with their communities.

CDS visits London

Lt(N) Andrew McLaughlin, PAO 31 CBG

We were proud to host General Wayne Eyre, Chief of the Defence Staff and Chief Petty Officer First Class Gilles Grégoire, Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer at Wolseley Barracks on February 9, 2023.

They held a town hall-style discussion with Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Navy members from local Naval Reserve unit HMCS Prevost and troops from the London Garrison, including nearly one hundred from 31 Canadian Brigade Group.

Several individuals' efforts were recognized with coins, and our guests enjoyed a base tour and lunch with local Command Teams and senior staff.

"[It's] always energizing to engage with our members and recognize their dedication and professionalism. Keep up the good work!" said the CDS following the visit.



Photos by Bdr Julia Currie

Armoured Crews training at Wolseley Barracks

Lt(N) Andrew McLaughlin, PAO 31 CBG

As our Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC) units transition from a reconnaissance mission to Armoured Cavalry doctrine, 31 Canadian Brigade Group (31 CBG) continues to train and qualify dozens of soldiers on the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) and its advanced systems.

To this end, 31 CBG Battle School's Remote Weapons System (RWS) course 0250 has been utilizing the vehicle maintenance areas at Wolseley Barracks in London on weekends.

Candidates from our Armoured Cavalry units, the 1st Hussars and the Windsor Regiment, RCAC are being trained on the maintenance and effective operation of the RWS on the TAPV.

This system combines advanced optics for reconnaissance and targeting with a 40 mm Automatic Grenade Launcher and coaxial C6 machine gun for fire support and defensive missions.

The course will advance to the field portion in the coming weeks, where these Troopers will engage simulated targets on a live firing range at 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford.

Photos by Sgt Gomes, 1st Hussars



Government Confirms F-35 Deal



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Canada is confident that the F-35 represents the best fighter jet for our country at the best price for Canadians. During the finalization phase of the procurement process, the US government and Lockheed Martin with Pratt & Whitney successfully demonstrated that an agreement to purchase the F-35 fighter jets meets Canada's requirements and outcomes, including value for money, flexibility, protection against risks, performance and delivery assurances.

"Canada is our friend and a close ally. Their decision to procure almost 90 jets underscores the value of the incredible F-35 Lightning II," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Mike Schmidt, program executive officer, F-35 Joint Program Office. "The F-35 is the best in the world, providing unmatched interoperability to America, Canada and the additional 15 nations that have selected the fighter. It is a global game-changer. Through power-projection, the F-35 is at the tip of the spear for deterrence. Its forward presence will continue to ensure that potential adversaries choose diplomacy over armed conflict."

"We are honored the Government of Canada has selected the F-35, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian defence industry to deliver and sustain the aircraft," said Bridget Lauderdale, Lockheed Martin's vice president and general manager of the F-35 program. "The selection of F-35 strengthens allied airpower in Canada, North America and around the world."

The F-35 strengthens Canada's operational capability with its allies as a cornerstone for interoperability with NORAD and NATO. As a critical node in the 21st Century Security mission space, the F-35 gives pilots an advantage against any adversary and enabling them to execute their mission and come home safe.

"Together with our Canadian industry partners, we are honoured by this selection and the sustainment of critical jobs that will continue to equip Canadian workforces with advanced skills," said Lorraine Ben, chief executive, Lockheed Martin Canada. "The F-35 program yields tremendous economic benefits for Canada's aerospace and defence industry, and we look forward to continued growth."

This announcement is also excellent news for Canadian businesses and workers in the Canadian aerospace and defence sector. The acquisition and initial sustainment of the F-35 project has the potential to contribute over \$425 million annually to Canada's gross domestic product and close to 3,300 jobs annually for Canadian industry and value chain partners over a 25-year period (direct and indirect). In addition, there will be substantial investments made in National Defence infrastructure renewal at various bases across Canada that will include many Canadian construction and site maintenance companies. Canadian industry will also have significant sustainment opportunities related to the Canadian fleet. Opportunities are expected in areas such as airframe and engine depots, as well as in training and in maintenance of components over the life of the fleet.

This important agreement will deliver the most modern and advanced equipment, and ensure the protection of our country in the years to come.



A wooden mock-up of the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II in Canadian Forces markings at the Classic Air Rallye, Canada Aviation and Space Museum, Rockcliffe Airport, Ottawa Ontario, Canada

GCC January Meeting



Speaker:
John Mombourquette

John is a history teacher and retired administrator at the London District Catholic School Board and Fanshawe College. The son of a Canadian Army/RCAF veteran (1942-1976), John served in the regular navy and was a captain in 4RCR (1976-1994). John has published several articles on local London history, and is a past president of the London & Middlesex Historical Society, a past director on the Museum London board, and current Chair of the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum Board. John and his partner Anna-Marie are in the process of launching their life coaching and equine therapy business.

THE EARLY DAYS OF LONDON'S ARMY TRADITION 1793-1888

Presentation to the Garrison Community Council, January 11, 2023

By John Mombourquette

- ▶ Lt. Governor John Graves Simcoe's vision for London, UC
- ▶ The social impact of the War of 1812
- ▶ The 1837-38 Rebellions and the Imperial Garrison
- ▶ The Militia Reforms of 1855
- ▶ The Fenian Raids 1866-1871
- ▶ The departure of the Imperial Garrison and the establishment of Wolseley Barracks



As the British regulars charged up the ravine they fanned out, with Captain James Lewis Borden leading the Royal Scots against the north-eastern corner of the American fortification. Borden was severely wounded by a gunshot to the upper thigh "just three yards" from the top of the ravine. This artist's interpretation of the "charge up Battle Hill" was created in consultation with the author.



Training for Winter Warfare, and another Arctic Operation

Lt(N) Andrew McLaughlin, PAO 31 CBG

Our units have again ramped up their Cold Weather Operator training at various local and regional training areas including Wolseley Barracks, 4th Canadian Division Training Centre Meaford, CFB Borden, Garrison Petawawa, and Canadian Forces Range Training Area Burwash.

In addition to the winter warfare mission set that all Canadian Army soldiers must be ready to execute, we're also in the final days of preparation for yet another deployment of the 4th Canadian Division Arctic Response Company Group (ARCG), led by 31 CBG's Grey and Simcoe Foresters and including many troops from London and across our Area of Responsibility.

The ARCG will deploy from London International Airport on March 11, 2023, sending a reinforced Platoon element to operate under Joint Task Force North, and relieve the Royal Canadian Dragoons in forward positions near Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.

The Operation NANOOK-NUNALIVUT mission will include austere patrolling and reconnaissance with live-fire weapons ranges and tactical maneuvers.

The recent success of our ARCG on named Canadian Armed Forces operations demonstrates that we're ready to respond to missions in Canada and around the world, in any terrain, and that we maintain winter warfare capabilities that are hallmarks of Canadian Army readiness and expertise.

Photos by Lt(N) Andrew McLaughlin, ARCG, and Essex & Kent Scottish.



GCC November Meeting



Speaker: Renée Davis

Renée Davis is the Historian of Military Heritage for the Department of National Defence's Directorate of History and Heritage. She is the Project Manager for a new book underway regarding the history, customs, traditions, and culture of the Canadian Armed Forces, she is one of the principal researchers for the Canadian Casualty Identification Program, and she manages the Canadian Forces' War Artists Program. She completed both her Undergrad and Masters degrees at the University of Ottawa in history.

The Canadian Casualty Identification Program

Quick Facts:

- Over 27,000 Canadian soldiers from 20th century wars with no known grave

Two types of Cases:

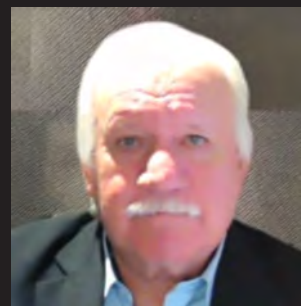
Identification of Remains

- 41 ongoing cases
- 35 identified

Identification of Graves

- 42 ongoing cases
- 11 identified

Casualty Identification Review Board



Directorate of History & Heritage



- Mandated to preserve and communicate Canada's military history, and foster pride in our military heritage
- We have an extensive library and archive that is open to the public in Ottawa, ON
- Responsible for History, Customs & Traditions of the CAF



The History of Casualty Identification



Grids were used by Survey Officers on maps (as seen above) to mark the estimate for how many bodies were buried in each sector

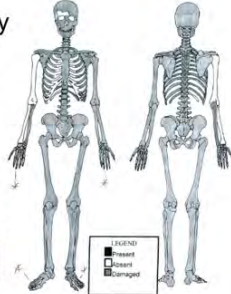
Remains were located in a variety of ways; sometime battlefield burials were marked (such as below), and other times it was a matter of looking for churned earth, discoloration of soil or grass, rat holes, etc.



GCC November Meeting

Identification of Remains Cases

- Human remains are located
- Canada is informed of the discovery
- Artifacts and the remains can help lead to a faster identification



Age: 30-35
Height: 5'6" - 5'8"

Identification of Graves Cases

- External Researchers notice partially identified headstones
- They submit their research to CWGC and Canada
- Exhaustive research is conducted by both entities
- Cases rely entirely on archival documentation

We **CANNOT** exhume



Unknown Unknown Canadian Partially Identified Canadian Identified Canadian

Most Recently Identified Cases



CSM David Parfitt
Identification of Grave confirmed in Nov 2019
Headstone Rededication to take place in Spring 2023



Pte Harry Atherton
Identification Disc Found with Remains in 2017
Burial Ceremony to take place in Spring 2023



LCpl Morgan Jenkins
Identification of Grave confirmed in Nov 2019
Headstone Rededication on 28 Sept 2022

How Can I Know?

- Watch the news for announcements of identifications
- On Facebook and Twitter follow:



@NationalDefence



@milperscom



@CanadianForces

- Watch livestreams of burial and headstone rededication ceremonies (CAF's FB Live feed)



Every Member should be a GCCPP
(Garrison Community Council Project Person)



New Years Levee at HMCS Prevost

On Sunday, January 1, 2023 GCC members had the opportunity to attend the Levee at HMCS Prevost. Meeting everyone face to face was a welcome change to online meetings. Below are some photos from that event.



Who Can Participate in the GCC? All Of Us!

The Garrison Community Council is open to any individual, or organization representative wishing to participate in any activity to raise awareness of and support for the local military community - past and present.

TOP FRAUDS AFFECTING SENIORS

FROM CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre would like to remind the public of the top fraud types affecting seniors (60+):

Extortion: Extortion happens when someone unlawfully obtains money, property or services from a person, entity or institution through coercion. SIN Scam: Consumers are receiving recorded messages about their Social Insurance Number (SIN) being linked to fraudulent or criminal activity. The fraudsters are claiming to be different federal government agencies.

Romance: Fraudsters use every type of dating or social networking site available to contact their victims. Their accounts are created using photos stolen from legitimate people. Their background stories often mimic the victim's and they are often in the military, work overseas, or are successful business people. They quickly profess their love to gain their victims' trust, affection, and money.

Service: These frauds often involve offers for telecommunications, internet, finance, medical, and energy services. In addition, extended warranties, insurance and sales services may also fall under this category.

Bank Investigator: Fraudsters call consumers claiming to be a financial institution or a major credit card provider. To prove the legitimacy of the call, the fraudsters often ask the consumer to end the call and immediately call the number on the back of their card. The fraudsters then inform the consumer that they are investigating unauthorized activity on their account.

Prize: Consumers are informed that they are the winner of a large lottery or sweepstake even though they have never purchased a ticket or entered to win. Prior to receiving any winnings, the victim will be asked to pay a number of upfront fees. No winnings are ever received.

Emergency: Any phone call or email from someone claiming to be a friend or family member who is in some kind of trouble and requires money immediately.

How to protect yourself

- *Never assume that the phone numbers appearing on your call display are accurate.*
- *No government agency will contact you and tell you that your SIN is blocked or suspended, nor will they threaten you with legal action.*
- *No government or law enforcement agency will demand an immediate payment or to submit all of your money for investigation.*
- *No government or law enforcement agency will request payment by Bitcoin, a money service business, or gift cards (ie. iTunes, Google Play, Steam).*
- *How to recognize the CRA fraud: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/security/protect-yourself-against-fraud.html>*
- *Verify any incoming calls with your credit card company by calling the number on the back of the card. Be sure to end the original call and wait a few minutes before dialing.*
- *Never provide any personal or financial information over the telephone.*
- *Only a credit card company can adjust the interest rate on their own product.*
- *Research all companies and contractors offering services before hiring them.*
- *Financial institutions will never ask for assistance from the public for internal investigations.*
- *If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, please contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.*



GCC's Mission to build a greater understanding, support and appreciation of Canada's military.

Our three fundamental tenets are **Support, Assist and Connect.**