



## THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



**THE CAMERON ASSOCIATION IN CANADA**  
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**ALAN NICOLAS ABRAMSON**

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Alan-Abramson&lc=7392&pid=184283105&mid=7312291>

Alan Abramson was born February 26, 1943 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He grew up in both Winnipeg and Vancouver, Canada, where he spent much time outdoors fishing and pursuing outdoor activities. Joining the Queen's Own Cameron Highlander Regiment at 16 initiated his life-long interest in military history, as well as history in general. At 18, he moved to the US to attend college. Crewing on Alaskan fishing boats in the summers led to his life's passion – owning and operating his own commercial fishing business. Alan and his wife Michelle purchased both a seine permit and set net permits with sites on the Kodiak Bear Refuge at the southwest corner of Kodiak Island. Alan and the family spent half of each year for 27 years fishing salmon and crab – both King and Dungeness. He built the family's cabins in Moser Bay, enjoying the interesting and anachronistic life of making a living from the sea, and traveling



only by seaplane, skiff or boat. The strong friendships forged then have lasted a lifetime. He partnered in a marine fabricating business in Portland, Oregon for several years, and built and ran vessels up to 65' in length. With his wife and son, he traveled widely in Australia, India, Mexico, and Europe. Since 1990 he had resided in Corbett, Oregon, volunteering at several local 501(c)3's. He was a member of the Columbia Grange #267, the Crown Point Country Historical Society, Banzai, and The Military Vehicle Collector's Club of Oregon.

Survivors include his wife Michelle, son Gunnar, cousins David Lindsay, Don Abramson, Rick Abramson, and Heather Freeman and nephew Markus Abramson.

Donations in his name may be made to the Oregon Humane Society, Chintimini Wildlife Sanctuary, or the Crown Point Country Historical Society.

### **FLOYD BOWMAN**

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?old=1017240>

BOWMAN, Floyd Edward - It is with the deepest and most profound sadness that our family announces the passing of Floyd on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in his 94th year. He is now reunited with his wife Marjorie. A resident of Norview Lodge, Floyd was a World War II Veteran who recently received the Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour, was a lifetime member and past Sergeant of Arms, and Poppy Chairman at the Hugh Allen Royal Canadian Legion Branch 158 of Port Dover. He is survived by his sons Bruce (Leslie), Richard (Ann, predeceased), Chris (Marianne), grandchildren Nadine (Matt), Jennifer (Bill), and great-grandchildren Emilie, Curtis and Grace. Predeceased wife Marjorie of 58 plus years was a member of the British Women's Land Army and a war bride. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hugh Allen Royal Canadian Legion Branch 158 in Port Dover on Sunday, May 21st from 1-4 p.m. Private family graveside service will be held at a later date. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all the staff of the Norview Lodge in Simcoe for the care they provided Floyd during his stay. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation or your local Poppy Fund. He will be remembered by his relatives, friends and Legion Comrades. Interment for Marjorie and Floyd will be at the Bayview Cemetery and Crematorium in Burlington, Ontario.

*Editor's Note: Floyd's son Chris is sending me a package containing the video of the ceremony where he was presented with the Legion of Honour. In the meantime here's a bit of a write up about Floyd for you.*

*The Port Dover Maple Leaf's write up about Floyd's Legion of Honour presentation:*

<https://www.portdovermapleleaf.com/floyd-bowman-to-receive-french-legion-of-honour-medal/>

### **RONALD JOHN FORSYTH DAWSON**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244568/DAWSON\\_RONALD](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244568/DAWSON_RONALD)

RONALD JOHN FORSYTH DAWSON November 24, 1933 - March 29, 2017 Our beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the St. Boniface Hospital. Left to mourn are his wife Shirley (nee McCallum); son Ian (Viviana); daughter Susan Tereck (Gord), daughter Colleen Paterson (Bob); and son Malcolm (Karen); plus fourteen grandchildren, Catherine (Jason), John, Meghan (John), Sean, Grace, Ron (Sandra), Tom (Lena), Ivan, Marisa (Adam), Sara, Trevor, Caitilin (Ryan), Colleen (David), Cameron; and fifteen great-grandchildren, Chris, Ryan, Cameron, Ethan, Devon, Ashley, Mikayla, Haley, Jonah, Hanna, Alex, Jack, Adrianna, Riley and Madeline. Dad was born and raised in Winnipeg where he met mother and married at the age of nineteen. He served his city as a member of the Winnipeg Police Service and retired as Patrol Sergeant #155 in 1980. He served his country as a member of the Canadian Forces beginning in 1951 as a Private in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Army Reserve and finishing in 1980 as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserve Cadet Instructors List. He learned to play bagpipes as a young person and played for many years in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums and the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band. In his retirement he played with the Anavet Unit 303 Pipes and Drums. He was an avid shooter as a member of the Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association and the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association. He often won the matches in Winnipeg, then competed on the Manitoba team annually in Ottawa and also made several trips to Bisley, England to compete on the Canadian team. He was an avid snooker and billiard player and could be found several times a week practicing at the Army, Navy and Air Force Unit #1. He was also Bro. Ronald J.F. Dawson 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a member of Millennium Lodge #182. A source of pride and joy were the two cottages he built, with his family, at Long Lake, MB and the days spent enjoying hunting, fishing and nature. He enjoyed this long and healthy life only because, by the grace of God and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, he received the gift of sobriety in 1980. Because of recovery he was able to appreciate and cherish every moment spent with family at various gatherings. Special thanks to Dr. Sharma and staff on 5E and the ICU at St. Boniface Hospital. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Salvation Army. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017 in the John Osborn VC ANAF Unit #1 at 300-1395 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg.

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### **(MONTY) EDWARD HAROLD MONTGOMERY**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244637/MONTGOMERY\\_%20EDWARD](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244637/MONTGOMERY_%20EDWARD)

EDWARD HAROLD MONTGOMERY (MONTY) Edward Harold Montgomery (Monty), passed away peacefully with his daughters by his side on April 4, 2017 at Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the age of 89 years. Monty is survived by his wife of 68 years, Phyllis D. Montgomery (nee Henderson) and his six surviving children, Barbara Wipf (Paul), Edward

"Gar" (Connie), Doug (Donna), Beverly Montgomery-Foster (Fred), Diana Montgomery/Hanslip (Ray), Lloyd Montgomery, and Donnie in Heaven. He has 13 grandchildren, Michael Hunt (Millie), Brad Hunt, and Jackie Hunt (David); Carolyn Brightnose (Dale), Dan Montgomery (Theresa), Michael Montgomery (Carly); Matthew Montgomery (Barbara); Mackenzie, Duncan, and Christina Murta; Joshua, Katey and Eliza Montgomery, as well as 14 great-grandchildren and seven great great-grandchildren. Dad is also survived by his brothers, Don and Bill Montgomery (Joan) and one sister-in-law Evelyn Hjeldness; numerous nieces, nephews, good friends and neighbours. Monty was born in Winnipeg to William and Rose Montgomery (nee St. Germaine) on November 24, 1927. He was raised in Winnipeg's North End during the Great Depression with his three brothers, Bill, Lloyd and Don. During the Second World War his two older brothers joined the Royal Canadian Navy and Dad, eager to serve, convinced his father to let him join up at the age of 16--lying about his age by one year. Thankfully all three brothers came home. In 1947, Dad met the love of his life at a dance hall in Winnipeg, Phyllis Henderson. Mom and Dad married on December 4, 1948. Soon after, the babies started coming, seven in total. In the late 1940s Dad started working with his father in the plumbing business, the beginning of a long successful career. During the 1950s the family moved for a few years to Castlegar, BC and then Coaldale, AB, eventually returning to Winnipeg. In 1962, Dad and Mom bought a brand new home on Knox Street in Assiniboia, where they remained until moving to Deer Lodge Center a few months ago. In addition to his service in the Second World War in the Navy, Dad also served in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlander's Pipes and Drums, first as a tenor drummer, then he was promoted to Drum Major in the 1960's, a post he took most seriously and proudly. He retired from the Cameron's in 1982, and also served as Drum Major in the Khartum Shriner's Pipes and Drums, the Manitoba Pipes and Drums, and, more recently, ANAVETS Unit 283 Pipes and Drums with his daughter Barbara, who remains a piper with the 283. Monty was passionate about life and passed that joy to his children, grandchildren, and really anyone who came in contact with him. He loved his wife, his family, his pets, his hockey, his pipe bands, his work, all his friends and the odd beer or two. Not always in that order, however love was always central to his life and the absolute center of that was Mom. Don't worry Dad we'll take care of her for you, like you always did us. Rest in peace and raise a glass with all those who were waiting for you to arrive to get the party started. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Deer Lodge Center-3W for all their kind and considerate care of Dad for the past few months. We appreciate every kind word, gesture and the tears and hugs you shared with us when Dad took his final sleep. Two-thirds of the Montgomery siblings would like to extend an extra special thanks to our sisters, Bev and Barb, for carrying the heaviest of burdens. No words will be enough to express our thanks and love, and it's fitting you were both there when he passed. A celebration of Monty's (Dad's) life will be held at ANAVETS 283, 3584 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB, on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in Dad's memory can be made to the

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## THOMAS MUNRO

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244588/MUNRO\\_%20THOMAS](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244588/MUNRO_%20THOMAS)

THOMAS MUNRO On Sunday, April 2, 2017, Dad passed away at St. Boniface Hospital, at the age of 87 years, with his loving family at his bedside. Thomas was predeceased by his wife Edith, and is survived by his children: Joan (Barry); Neil and grandchildren Katelyn and Scott; Linda (Chris). He will also be dearly missed by Pat, his partner of 25 years whose devotion and care added to the quality of Dad's life immensely and will never be forgotten; Pat's children, Marcia (Colleen), Rob (Pam), and Tim (Mary) and their children. Dad is also fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews in Scotland, Bahamas and the U.S. Dad was born in Castlehill Barracks, Aberdeen, Scotland on September 15, 1929 to the late Pipe Major Hugh and Mary Jane Munro. He was the last surviving sibling of their family of five sons and four daughters. As newlyweds, Dad and Mom immigrated to Canada and arrived in Winnipeg in April, 1956. They raised their family in the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge neighbourhoods. As a young man, Dad served 12 years with the British army including three years in the Seaforth Highlanders as a scout with the Gurkha Brigade in Malaysia, and with the Middle East Land Forces in a number of countries. After settling in Canada, Dad continued his military service with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders for 14 years. Dad was a tireless volunteer on behalf of veterans and youth sports programs and spent many years as an executive member of the Rockwood A.N.A.F. #303, serving six terms as President. Over the years, he received many volunteer and service awards and was recognized in 2012 with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. One of Dad's legacies is the ANAVETS Cup awarded annually to the champion team of the Winnipeg High School Football League. Dad had a great love for northern Canada, gardening and the outdoors. He was a sports enthusiast and an avid reader. His greatest passion was the game of soccer. He had so many great memories of his involvement as a founding member of the Fort Rouge Soccer Club and promoting soccer in Winnipeg. A celebration of Dad's life will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in Rockwood A.N.A.F. #303, 341 Wilton Street, Winnipeg. Thank you to all the loyal friends at the club whose support and visits meant so much to Dad and Pat. Thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at St. Boniface Hospital for their excellent care during Dad's surgeries and hospital stays. Dad wanted to especially acknowledge home caregivers, Abdul and John for their care and friendship. In lieu of flowers, the family greatly appreciates donations to the Matthew Hower Foundation, 133 Aldershot Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0E2, or a charity of your choice. "We can all take inspiration from Dad's strength, kindness and zest for life." Wojcik's Funeral Chapels &

**RICHARD (ARCHIE) STEWART MOORE**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244494/MOORE\\_RICHARD](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-244494/MOORE_RICHARD)

RICHARD STEWART (ARCHIE) MOORE It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Stewart "Archie" Moore at the age of 86 years on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Richard was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather He is survived by his son Donald (Joy); grandchildren, Lindsay, Kristin and Ryan and great-grandchildren, Easton, Zoe, Callie, Liam and Gray. Richard was predeceased by his loving wife Marguerita and son Richard Jr. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Winnipeg. A longer obituary will follow. THOMSON "IN THE PARK" 204-925-1120 Condolences may be sent to [www.thomsoninthepark.com](http://www.thomsoninthepark.com)

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**(ART) JOHN ARTHUR RUDDOCK**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-246345/RUDDOCK\\_JOHN](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-246345/RUDDOCK_JOHN)

JOHN ARTHUR RUDDOCK 1922 - 2017 John Arthur (Art) Ruddock passed away on May 31, 2017 in Kelowna, British Columbia, just two months short of his 95th birthday. For 71 years Art was the loving husband of Dorothy Alice. He was a wonderful father to Gail, Don, Brian (predeceased), George and Patricia; grandfather to Don Jr., Kelly, Joshua, Stuart (predeceased) Nathan and S. Aileen; great-grandfather to Brendin, Jason, Cameron, Ryan and Emma. During the Second World War, Art served overseas with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. In September 2016, he was recognized by the French government for his involvement in the liberation of France during the war. France awarded Art their highest National Order; the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. Art stepped out of the military briefly when he returned to Canada after the war. Upon re-entering the Regular Forces, he became an Officer, and continued serving until his retirement in 1970. He stayed in the Reserves, ending his military career as a Major. After retiring from the military, Art worked for Winnipeg Cablevision until 1987. At that time Art and Dot headed west to Kelowna, where they have enjoyed their retirement years. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Everden Rust Funeral Services, 1910 Windsor Rd Kelowna on Wednesday June 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Gordon Fletcher officiating. Condolences may be offered by visiting [www.everdenrust.com](http://www.everdenrust.com)

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**HARRY ROSENBAUM**

[http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-245734/ROSENBAUM\\_HARRY](http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-245734/ROSENBAUM_HARRY)

HARRY ROSENBAUM October 23, 1925 - May 6, 2017 "A life well lived" Harry Rosenbaum was a mensch, a good person in every sense of the word. He was kind, gentle, compassionate, generous, humble, witty, social and loving. He left a valuable impression on anyone he met regardless of age. Harry was predeceased by his parents Fanny and Sam, and his brother Joe. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Dora of 67 years. Dora and Harry had a caring marriage in which they encountered an incredible number of friends and kept strong long lasting relationships. Be it their Redwood friends, the Gimli group, the UJPO crowd, numerous choirs they sang in, and all the people they met along the way, everyone would always say how much they loved and admired Harry. Harry was a loving and devoted father to Lin, Norman (Judy), Sid (Harriet); and grandfather to Sam, David and Jessica. He would never miss any of their sports and concerts, he was always a staunch supporter of any of their activities. Harry was proud of his North End roots. He attended St. John's High School where he played football, but left school early to enlist. He was a Second World War veteran serving two years in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany. After his military service Harry became active in the General Monash legion playing bugle in the band and participating in Remembrance Day services up until November 2016. Harry was an electrician by trade and worked for over 50 years. He started with Thompson Electric, which then became State Electric, before venturing out on his own with Lin. Harry did a large amount of work for organizations and friends. He was active in his community and was a key player in getting the Boyd Park Community Centre established. He was inducted into the Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a builder in October 2016. Harry truly lived a full life and left his legacy for all of us to follow. He was a giving man with a zest for living and we are all very lucky to have known him. Thank you to the wonderful and compassionate staff at the St. Boniface Hospital Emergency and 5E departments, as well as Nurse Hazel at Beacon Hill Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice, the Salvation Army or the Museum of Human Rights.

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*Editor's Note:*

*Ed "Monty" Montgomery's Service at #283 ANAF: Former Cameron Cadets Hugh O'Donnell, Doug Roxburgh, & Ken MacLeod got to link up with Don and Rose Morrison. Rose was looking to be back in fighting trim again. Also present were Col Sandy Will and LCol Ken McQuaig to see Monty off. There may have been others present too but the turnout was so great that it was easy to miss even a familiar face in the throng.*

*Tom Munro's Service at #303 ANAF was, I am told, equally impressive. Former Camerons Ron Williams and Duncan M Anderson were front and centre of things.*

**WIDOW'S / WIDOWER'S SUPPLEMENT:** There is income supplement for widows / widowers.



They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and the soldier's regimental number etc. and the spouse's income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/cf-income-support>

**FUNERAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE:** The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program ensures that eligible Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. The Last Post Fund (LPF), a non-profit organization, delivers the program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. To be eligible for the program, Veterans must meet both military and financial criteria.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/funeral-burial>

### \* SICK & VISITING \*

**Gord Coutts** (Korea, Militia) Hugh spoke with Gord on 11 July this year. Gord doesn't get out at all anymore except for visits to his "Local". Which in this case is pretty much the Victoria Hospital. Get by and say hi sometime if you can, you're quite welcome to visit. Call ahead first of course.

**John Johnson** (SWW) –Nothing new of late from Sir John. Hugh hopes to get by soon.

**Piper Bill MacKay** (SWW Cameron P/M) – Ken Smith looked in on Bill before his recent visit to Winnipeg and Bill is doing OK. Ken was going to bring greetings from Winnipeg to Bill soon too.

**Roy Taylor** (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) – Brother Roy hasn't been in touch lately but Hugh will try to call by soon.

**PTSD Help Line:** The toll-free number 1-855-373-8387 will be manned by veterans who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The callers will not be required to identify themselves. See also the Cameron "Links" section of the web page: [Cameron web site "Links" section](#).

### \* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*

Hello, I want to take this opportunity to bring all of you up to speed with what your Association is up to. The concept for the Monument has been agreed upon and we're in the process of putting together some drawings and perhaps most importantly some sort of detailed budget to present to the membership at the AGM in Sept. 2017. You the membership will of course have the final say on whether it's a Go or No Go and back to the drawing board.

### \* VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*

Having recently been elected to the VP position with in the Cameron Association, I am familiarizing myself with the duties and activities that we will be involved with in the coming

months. I have nothing significant to report at this time but I look forward to working with the Association and all its members in the coming year.

Regards

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**\* RECONNECT WITH FORMER CAMERONS \***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the SWW guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

We only have about 54 paid up members at this time. Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys without computers. Many are Second War men but some younger former Camerons who live in areas with poor internet service or dial up, or are just plain happy to be off of the grid.

**Subject: Capt. E.G.A. Smart, M.C.**

3 Apr 2017

Capt. Smart was my Grandfather on my mother's side. He was awarded the M.C. at PASSCHENDELE, and the Bar to the M.C. at Cambrai 1918.

*Editor's Note: Here's link for those of you not up on what the Canadian Corps was up to at that time. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming soon too.*

<https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/firstworldwar/025005-1600-e.html>

Any info you have on his service with the Highlanders would be appreciated.

Thanks....lest we forget....

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**Subject: History of the Cameron Family**

01 July 2017

My Grandmother used to tell me stories about her family, but I have not been able to find out which Cameron's she is related to.

Margrett Cameron is my Grandmother's maiden name, her married name was Margrett Einarson. My grandfather, Einar, was with the US military, and their children were with the Canadian Military. My Uncle Garnet, aka Col. G Einarson, was also CAF and a commander of 14<sup>th</sup> Wing for 20 years. He was known in my family as one of the re-inventors of radar in 1939. He also signed the military info act with the US in the early 1970's for the sharing of classified technology between the two countries, and was given the same rank in the US military and he also served on the top board and/or top brass under the premier of Canada.

But that is enough about the Einarson Family

My Grandmother used to tell me stories of the Cameron Highlanders, and she also stated the Cameron family was also in the Dominion Police as well. What I have been looking for is the name of the Cameron who joined the RCMP From The Dominion Police, He was the first officer to get his gear in the RCMP he received the first gun, first horse and first uniform that was ever supplied by the RCMP, so I would Guess he was first in line to receive his commission when they changed from the Dominion to the RCMP.

Sincerely Yours,

Randy Einarsson

From: Jeff Skea <[jeff\\_skea@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff_skea@hotmail.com)>

Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2017

**Subject: RE: 43rd CEF Archives**

Hello,

I will be visiting Winnipeg next week and was wondering if it would be possible to arrange an appointment to access any Regimental archives you may have. My Great Grandfather, Reginald Betts, served with the original contingent of the 43rd for much of the War and rose to be a Company Sergeant Major before commissioning in 1918.

I would be very appreciative of the opportunity to visit the museum and look through any archives related to the 43rd. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Skea

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From: [wjmurray@shaw.ca](mailto:wjmurray@shaw.ca)

07/07/2017

**Subject: David Lowdon**



I sent the museum some trophies last year that belonged to my Grandfather David Lowdon who was a member of the 179th. I have now discovered some photographs that I thought you might be interested in. Please let me know if you want to have these for display. They are 8 x 11 or larger. That is my Grandfather front left in the first picture.

**\* WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? \***

**BOB BRODIE** (Cold War) – Bob was in Wpg due to a family funeral on 15 may 2017. He's still working in Ottawa and gets out to see Chicken Wings and the gang from time to time.

**JEFF COOK** (Cold War, USMC) – Hugh met up with Jeff on 17 may 2017. Jeff was driving a truck for a living but had to take time off due to lymphoma. Seems the USMC days included some nasty chemical contamination he told Hugh. Get well Jeff and take care !



**Glenn Fedoruk** (Cold War) – Well guess who just recently became and RSM with the Calgary Highlanders ?



**Nipper Guest** – (SWW) – Hugh spoke to Nipper in early July 2017. Nipper is still going strong and has just recently not only finished his biography – he's selling it !

Both your editor and our Association President Steve MacMillan have had a look at his notes and this book ought to be a real Cameron regimental family treasure.

Nipper wants us all to know that \$5 of the \$15 price tag goes to charity. Nipper has no use for organized religion but he absolutely believes in good deeds involving more than kind words. 'Atta boy Nipper !

<https://www.4thfloorpress.com/bookstore/memoirs-and-biographies/no-place-for-a-married-man-with-kid-s-by-nipper-guest/>

*Editor's Note: Yes, my order is in with himself !*

**Lloyd Jones** (SWW) Hugh spoke to Lloyd a few times in late June and early July. Lloyd is doing quite well, still makes the rest of us look like bone idle sorts despite his age, and is a great delight to talk to. A film maker from BC wants to do a piece on his dad and grandfather and wanted to speak to SWW Camerons and guys who grew up in the Interlake and/or near Amaranth like his dad did while granddad was fighting the SWW with the Camerons. Ross Munro is the film maker's name.

**Brian Lowe** (Cold War) – Brian has hit the big time and is now Divisional Sergeant Major with the **Halton Regional Police Service**. Congrats Brian ! It's been a long way to the top from

Dundurn days with WO Vesey's Wunderkind Platoon.

**Brian's response:** *Thanks chum. its not a full time gig, merely ceremonial.....id love it to be full time, but can't convince the Chief we need a drill/deportment honcho on a ft basis.*

Roy MacGillivray (RCR SAS PL 1948, Cameron RSS 1970's) is doing OK. Hugh and Roy have tried on a few occasions to link up for a coffee but so far Roy keeps having to go for a visit to the MIR for something or other. No worries Roy, we'll get together yet !

**Duncan MacDougall** (SWW CanLoan WIA Normandy) is doing well. Hugh and Duncan were chatting the other day about sailing ships and sealing wax. So far Duncan has eluded the Provost Marshall and his lads. Keep up the good work Duncan !

**Vi Miller** (Russ's widow) - Dave Ramesar and his wife had lunch with Vi Miller in mid-May. Dave tells me that she is doing well and asking about the reunion.

**Donny Morrison** (Cold War Cameron and WPS P/M) is doing well and so is his missus, Rose. Donny made it out to several events of late and is no longer as fleet of foot as he was when chasing bad guys with the Police. He is still an excellent source of information about the post war Camerons and in particular about our Pipes and Drums of those times.

**Paul Nemez** (SWW) Hugh tried to get in touch with Paul in but no dice. Hugh plans to try again very soon.

**Bill Naven** (SWW, Post War) Nothing new from Bill lately

**Ken Smith** (SWW) Hugh and Ken had a good visit on 29 June 2017. He brought along his lads who were quite a pleasure to meet. We're hoping that Ken is thinking about coming out for the 2017 Cameron Reunion but we'll have to see a bit closer to the day. He's also going to see about getting us some pictures for the Oatmeal Rag of his investiture into the French Legion of Honour at Branch 229 the Whalley Legion in Surrey, BC.

Ken still visits regularly with fellow Legion of Honour recipient **Piper Bill MacKay** at **George Derby Home**. Bill is also doing ok but isn't up to much travel these days. We bet he'll be thrilled with Ken's special greetings from Winnipeg Bill !

### **KELVIN HIGH SCHOOL VIMY REMEMBRANCE EVENT REQUEST Follow Up**

**Frederick Carsted did the honours on behalf of the Camerons – thanks very much again Frederick !**

Another day, another First World War presentation, this time for Kelvin High School. After a lunch of Maconochie stew, hardtack biscuits and trench cake, the students, staff, and various invited politicians walked by a circuitous route that ran past several houses that had been the homes of Kelvin alumni who were killed during the First World War to end up at the monument to the 44th Battalion CEF in Vimy Ridge Park. There was a wreath laying, and a student played the Last Post and the Reveille on a WW1 vintage bugle.



Frederick wearing the SBR and battle bowler, and brandishing 18 inches of cold steel.

**\* 2016-17 DUES (\$20) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2017 \***

As of any old time you can connect with Association Treasurer **David Gibson** (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$20.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A newer method that can also be used is interact e transfer. Our Treasurer Dave Gibson has not got set up for it just yet but you can also do it through the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell. It works rather like pay Pal for those of you familiar with that service. Here's link to the web page:

<http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

**\* CAMERON ASSOCIATION REPORT \***

**Reminder - Association dues have gone up**

Our membership with authentic Scottish souls will no doubt be horrified to be reminded that



the Association has finally caved to pressure to raise our association dues as of the Membership Year starting in August of 2017. The new subscription (or gouge if you prefer) will be \$20 per year. Those who have paid in advance have been and “grandfathered” and their years paid in advance will stand (Don Steenson, Roy VDB, Rick Bales, et al).

This increase is to help to pay for the things that the Association supports, such as the Cameron Association Trophy, the Oatmeal Rag, and of course for those in town on the day, the Cameron Reunion. Speaking of which...

**\*\*\* Reminder you too can become a LIFE MEMBER of The Association \*\*\***

This was an item added to the agenda at the last AGM by some very forward thinking members of the Association. It would be beyond rude to comment upon their age however I must point out that this is yet another case of our elders and betters displaying flexible thinking.

Short version, any member in good standing of at least 65 years of age will be allowed to buy a Life Membership in the Cameron Association in Canada for \$250 Cdn as of NOW. This money is restricted to being spent on an “as earned” basis, which is to say The Association cannot have a grand party one year and be broke the next. We can only add the \$20 per year of the \$250 to each succeeding year's budget.

**!!! Reminder that The Cameron Reunion date has changed !!!**

The annual Cameron Reunion has a new date as of Stand To Sept 2017. For many decades now the Association has continued to run the reunion on the anniversary of the Dieppe raid. This had the virtues of being easy to remember, being a most appropriate day to remember our veterans both living and dead, and usually having great weather for the Association golf tourney. It had one drawback though by the mid 1990's – it was almost always during the expanded Summer Training Cycle for the troops.

This was less of an issue when our SWW veterans could come out to the Men's Dinner at Christmas but by the early 2000's this was asking a lot of those guys. Our new soldiers rarely or never got to meet the guys who had beat the SS and German Paras and lived to tell about it. Those guys are nearly all gone I'm terribly sorry to say so it's time to shift the date to a more suitable time frame.

The 2017 Cameron Reunion will be on the weekend of the WITG Stand To, 08-09 Sept 2017. It may cause some hiccups but the CO of the WITG is willing to give it a shot in the name of Unit Morale.

Thanks again sir !

**The Cameron Fallen Comrades Memorial - LAUNCHED**

This project has kicked off. It is not a short term project and will require some very serious fundraising efforts. The best guesstimate on costs right now is that this monument at today's prices will run about \$250,000, plus or minus a bit.



On the bright side, one of the changes made after the last federal election was that Veteran's Affairs Canada CAN do a funds matching program up to \$50K according to Pam Shaw of VAC when Hugh spoke to her a few months ago (2017). We have applied for the program but there are no guarantees.

Points to take to heart are:

Previous generations of Camerons have wanted any money spent to benefit the living not the dead, so to speak. There are very few living "Wartime" Camerons now. All of our First War men and most of our Second War men are gone. Our "Peacetime" (Cold War, PKO's, etc) Camerons are mostly looked after one way or the other but none that we are aware of are in actual need of anything other than the odd visit. Our Afghanistan veterans are mostly looked after, or at least the Association is not aware of any in need – but for God's sake let us know if we're missing someone !

Previous generations of Camerons were for the most part working men, not rich men, and have always wanted any memorials to our dead to be sited here in Canada where their children and grandchildren could actually have a chance of visiting them. Before we contemplated building anything on foreign soil (despite very worthy requests from other agencies in places like Dieppe and Normandy) we have looked for a place here in Winnipeg where our "Cameron Regimental Home" is sited. A place in Winnipeg's Vimy Ridge Park has recently been offered by the City of Winnipeg for just such a monument.

No small number of our dead were single men. They have no family left to remember them, no grandchildren to honour their memory. Their names are not recorded anywhere public except the odd school Roll of Honour; or perhaps on a plaque "To Our Fallen" in some ghost town's collapsing kirk like the one Greg Graham rescued at Ardath, SK last year. They are only names on headstones in faraway places. Surely we can do better than that by our own.

The time to honour the Cameron dead of The Somme, Passchendaele, Amiens, Dieppe, Normandy, The Scheldt, and other lesser known hells with more than words and stern faces once a year has come. This is going to be a long grind. The Camerons with connections to money should try to help out and every dollar raised will be needed.

If you call yourself a Cameron be a part of it. They deserve no less.

Donations may be made to:

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Regimental Foundation  
Minto Armoury, 969 St. Matthews Avenue  
Wpg, MB R3G 0J7

Donations of more than \$25 will be issued a tax receipt.

### **Last Post Fund Update**

For those of you who have never heard of this program here are the basics:

**The Funeral and Burial Program** - The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program ensures that eligible Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. The Program is administered by the Last Post Fund, a non-profit organization that has served Veterans since 1909.

The Association had a visit from LCol (Ret'd) Ken Sabatier and two other reps from the local Last Post Fund at our meeting on 05 June 2017. There have been several important changes to who qualifies for the program !

While I will briefly lay out some of the changes here the full details are available at their web site: <http://www.lastpostfund.ca/EN/funeral.php>

“In the case of a **Veteran with a spouse or dependent children** (or both), the combined assets of the couple are considered, excluding the family house, one vehicle and income received during the month of death. All liabilities, including funeral and burial costs, are then deducted. To qualify, their combined net asset value must be \$35,279 (raised from \$12,015 on October 1st 2016) or less.

In the case of a **single Veteran**, if the net value of the estate is not sufficient to pay off all existing liabilities, including the cost of funeral and burial services, the Veteran is deemed to be eligible for assistance. “

As with any government program there is a lot more to it than that – but at least now you have a starting point should you know someone in such a predicament.

### **Cameron Trophy – Manitoba Highland Dance Association**

Association President Steve MacMillan was on hand this year to present the trophy to the winner, or should I say Third Time Winner Jennifer Watt ! It needs to be noted here that she will be going the the Nationals in Charlottetown this year where they hope to have up to 500 competitors.

It needs to be noted that the trophy was in dire need of an upgrade as there were literally no more more spaces for plaques to mark the winners. The Association is currently having a new base attached to make room for another decade or so worth of winners.

### **\* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES \***

The Unit web site is still up running. The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another. We continue to have a few requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so. You can find the web site at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is gone but ALL of the pictures were carefully stored by the Google staff and exist in a new file on Google Photo. The down side is that this new file is accessible only to Hugh at this time. He is still working as time permits to get this information posted again and will post the new link here once it's functional again.

The Cameron Highlanders of Canada Memorial Site, Recording the History of the Regiment, 1914-1919, web site is one that every Cameron should have a look at once during the 100th Anniversary of the Great War. The creator of this site, Mr. J. Stuart McLean has done a great job of helping out the Cameron regimental family. Thanks for sharing your hard work sir !

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com>

Wilfred Laurier University has a page devoted to the Canadian War Diaries of the Normandy Campaign. While not a complete collection at this time (The Fort Garry Horse are missing as are some of the supporting arms and services War Diaries), ours and the rest of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade look to be complete.

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/2nd-canadian-infantry-division/>



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Pte Orr. M.M.'s kit and Military Medal citation. Citation was for events following Passchendaele, 22 Nov 1917. The things that turn up on Facebook are sometimes the stuff that sits in basements.

### \* UNIT EVENTS \*

**Battalion:** The Unit has made it through the period of fiscal restraint and is carrying on with the usual Summer Training Cycle. LCol Moran has graciously permitted the Camerons of the Winnipeg Tactical Group to attend the Cameron Reunion during the same weekend as the Unit Stand To. That means serving Camerons will be able to come out to the Friday night reunion and golf the next day until it's time to enjoy the BBQ steak dinner. I understand that Sgt-Maj Clark and a few other of the stalwarts in the ranks will be encouraging a few new faces to show up. There are some solid sounding rumours that our current CO, LCol Moran will be hanging his hat in the 38 CBG Comd's office next. If so he's certainly earned it !!!

The Unit will be conducting some PD sessions for officers and Sr. NCO's regarding regimental traditions, customs, and so on. Probably a good thing bearing min mind the piece of this article.

In other news, as previously mentioned the Camerons will be seeing a new CO sometime over the next little while. I personally believe that this will prove to be quite an interesting chapter in the unit's history. Some of you will have heard of LCol David Fraser, but for those who haven't I'll be letting him tell his story. I will confirm that his roots with the Canadian and Commonwealth military history do in fact begin with THE Fraser Highlanders of Louisbourg and he still has a wafer thin mint of a King's shilling to prove it. Here's a wee bit of his plan for this Fall and so on. It arrived in early July 2017, so by the time that you are reading this a few things may have already started to happen:

“Just wanted to update you on the reconstitution progress for the Camerons. So far, the QOCH (Bde Tps ) have a SCA, a budget for the unit and it's constituent components, spending authority, and the core of a leadership cadre. An Ops O and Ops WO will be posted in within a week or so.

We have 3 Lines of Operation (LoOs) ,all of equal importance :

LOO1: Conduct, support, and develop ARCG operations;

LOO2: Conduct, support, and develop IA COY operations; and,

LOO3:(the one you're probably most interested in) Reconstitution of the Camerons of Canada. "A" Coy of the Camerons ( the trained Cameron infantrymen ) will remain detached under command of the R Wpg Rif battle group.

"B"Coy ( the newly recruited Camerons ) will revert to Command of the Camerons.

The Camerons will transform into a regional unit, parading primarily on weekends, and will



commence recruiting outside the city in addition to their current recruiting base. The R Wpg Rif and QOCH admin staffs will be brigaded, under the direction, Adjt R Wpg Rif.

Our Chief Clerk, Sgt Peterson, will be our POC for all admin matters. The Tpt and Maint for both units will be brigaded, under direction, QOCH.

The current R Wpg Rif recruiting plan will remain in place until 01Jan18, while the QOCH will create a new plan effective 01 Aug. Both units' recruiting efforts will be brigaded, under the direction of the Camerons. The IA coy has been tasked to provide recruiting sp for the QOCH, as the test case for the Bde. All of this will come out in a FragO later this month, but I wanted to give all interested parties a heads up as to what's been transpiring. Feel free to pass it on." So there you have it from the new CO himself. The recruiting part is not just up to the recruiters anymore, it's up to all of us to get healthy numbers back into the ranks again.

**Pipes & Drums Update:** The P&D have been and continue to be very busy showing the Cameron flag - and not just here in Canada. Our Cameron P&D were THE 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division's lead P&D band for the Vimy 100<sup>th</sup> ceremonies ! That would mean a very big "Job Well Done !!!" to P/M MWO John Dawson and his core of pipers d drummers the next time the next time that you see him. He usually is quite willing to discuss the honour if you're buying the drinks by the way...

They didn't just win a Cracker Jack box draw or have their name drawn from a hat to get such a signal honour either. It was earned the old fashioned way by winning several Pipe Band competitions as previously reported here.

It is now time to pass the word that P/M John Dawson is handing over the P/M duties to Sgt. Dan Locke. John will be going to HQ Coy as the new CSM HQ Coy. On a further note, thanks to funding restrictions out P&D will be limited to military functions only until word comes down otherwise.

On a further note our MB MLA's have not been slow to acknowledge the feat either: The Pipes & Drums are pleased to congratulate our Pipe Major, Warrant Officer John Dawson,



on his formal recognition in the Manitoba Legislature earlier this week. Retired Cameron and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kildonan, Mr. Nic Curry, spoke at length about Warrant Officer Dawson's capable leadership, highlighting his contributions as Pipe Major of the 3rd Canadian Division Pipes & Drums during the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Mr. Curry also congratulated the band on its participation in the 2016 Grade 4 North American Championship win with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

Mr. Curry's full remarks can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XRVUpZxryo&feature=youtu.be>

Thanks to Mr. Curry for his kind words, and here's to many more years of dedicated service from Pipe Major MWO Dawson.



**“A” Company Update:** The Company has been conducting business as usual dispatching troops to the usual courses and tasks while planning for this Fall. The new OC “A” and LCol Moran have had a few chats about training but don't always see eye to eye. No worries there as LCol Moran is in fact a military giant with Medak and a few other grim shows under his belt.

On another note of change MWO James Clark will be moving from CSM “A” to QMSI of the WITG. There will also be a distinct lack of PL Comd's this Fall as Lt. R-R is away in Latvia sorting out NATO's issues.

**Cameron Kit Shop:** Capt Warsza would very much like a reliable person to help out with our



*LCol Moran (L) and OC "A", Maj. Hormann (R)*

Kit Shop sales and so on. Any old Camerons that miss being in the unit lines but not the drill please contact the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag about volunteering.

That's all for now. Ullamh!

**\* REGIMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD NOTES \***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in "interesting times".

The Board continues to try to support all ranks in their various endeavours. The Cameron Cadets Vimy Ridge pilgrimage continues to receive attention. Speaking of which, here's a link for you:

<https://www.gilmore.ca/vacstore/eng/learningresource.aspx>



**\* REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2016-17 NOTES \***

The Regimental Foundation has had several projects up for consideration again, one of which is the memorial to our Fallen Comrades. The Cameron Association with some top notch help from various members of the CO's Advisory Board are putting something suitable together per the notes listed elsewhere in this issue. Your help will be asked for in case you hadn't quite figured that out yet.

At the Foundation AGM this year it was proposed that a percentage of assets be established that can be drawn on for distribution when requests come in. The Foundation has now refined its process for addressing requests. It is a measure to bring control to the timing and size of amounts. 4.5% to 5.5% will be set as a limit for distribution. The Foundation will track the system to ensure that the size of early bequests don't unnecessarily impair commitments that come in later in the fiscal year because Trustees must find a way to avoid drawing from assets !

On behalf of those who really enjoy The Oatmeal Rag, here is a big thank you to all those of you who have donated to the Foundation over the years. It has been well spent on various projects including this newsletter and is very much appreciated !

**\* CAMERON CADETS \***

The cadets are doing very well this year. Some folks say the Royal Canadian Legion is useless and should be killed off. I beg to differ. In their defence I offer:





Recipients of donations from the Fort Gary Legion #90 Poppy Fund presented on 6 June 2017. 407 QOCHoC Cadet Corps received a very generous donation of \$4,000 which was put towards the trip to Vimy in May.

CO Capt Flook presented a video with clips from the trip as well as brief messages from each of our cadets. It was a very emotional and sobering experience for these young men and women. On behalf of the 407 QOCHoC Parent Committee, a sincere Thank You to this Legion for helping make this experience happen for 13 of our Cadets. It's an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

For further information regarding our cadets please visit their official web page and you will see how to sign up for REMIND. This will be a communications tool the Corps uses to notify all concerned of activities, notices, quick information etc.... sign up at: <http://www.407army.ca/>

**\* REGIMENTAL REINFORCEMENTS \***

Congrats from the Cameron Regimental Family to Nic Curry and Ellen Gervino on the arrival of baby Sophia Elvira Currie !!!



On Monday, 10 April 17, at 8am, weighing in at 7lbs 2oz, 21" in length, Ellen Gervino and Nic Curry welcomed Sophia Elvira Curry. Sophia experiencing her first Winnipeg sunrise. No worries Love, Dad'll have you doing Stand To soon enough.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> our favourite Combat Dentist, Gurinder Kler (Cold War), and his lady Rosie Grewal welcomed the newest member of their family into the world: Ms. Kavi Kaur Kler – and already giving Gur a run for his money with all that hair ! And that's his lady, not and old Cameron RSM saying that ! Congrats from all at the Camerons you two !



On a further note Kavi is the first female grand daughter on Kler's side. His mom now has 7 grand kids and Kavi is the first girl. The coincidence with Sgt-Maj Clark's daughter being a first in about 100 years somehow rings a bell. Perhaps it was something DNA altering in those old rations ?

### **\* OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES \***

#### **Rounds Completed:**

##### **VIMY 100<sup>TH</sup>**

Maj (Ret'd) Bill Worden represented the Camerons at the Vimy 100<sup>th</sup> run by Veterans Affairs Canada. As previously mentioned P/M Dawson and many members of our Pipes and Drums were also be there, representing the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, C.E.F. By 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division, C.A.F.

#### **Incoming Rounds:**

##### **DIEPPE RAID 75<sup>TH</sup> - STAY TUNED – WE'RE WORKING ON IT**

This year's commemoration of the Dieppe Raid has been kind of challenging. For all that it's

the 75<sup>th</sup>, it's also at a time when we're almost all out of town or otherwise ridiculously busy. The Oatmeal Rag Editor and Association President have noted that there have been very few volunteers to attend anything run in August so we're not going to make a mockery of the day. Take two minutes on the day to think of them and maybe raise a glass in their honour.

The Association will try to mount something suitable in Sept of 2017.

On a better note LCol Sandy Will has volunteered to be our Cameron representative with the Canada Remembers program in France this year, and the Voxair, 17 wing Wpg's Base Newsletter is doing an article about the Raid. Maj. Ken Smith and possibly a few others out there may get calls from their staff writer Martin Zeilig.

### **ANNUAL CAMERON REUNION**

As previously announced This year the Annual Reunion will take place on the same weekend as the Cameron Stand To. This move is not without regrets but is absolutely necessary for the future health of the Association. The August 19<sup>th</sup> date was and will remain dear to our hearts, as will the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1917 and several other big dates for the Camerons – but the younger generations of serving Camerons are and will remain deployed away from Winnipeg on summer courses, taskings, and so on at that time. They can be hard enough to recruit at the best of times but without any contact it is a foregone conclusion that the Association will fold. This way we have a chance to start planting the seed about joining after they are more settled. Thank you for understanding.

### **Cameron Reunion 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017**

Friday 08<sup>th</sup> Sept Grid: Minto JR's

Time: 1900 for 1930, 2000 hrs Fallen Comrades

Dress: Casual but clean.

Special Instructions:

- Bring your Cameron Association card for 2017-18 or have the **\$20** for your annual membership handy at the door.
- See Don MacDonald re Saturday Golf if you haven't already. See below for details.

Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 Grid: Assiniboine Golf Club on Ness

Time: 1330 for 1400 Tee time for the golfers

1630 for 1700 for the BBQ only crowd

Dress: #4A Recreational (Garrison) or Suitable attire

**Special Instructions: The BBQ dinner is \$25 per head, the Golf & BBQ dinner is \$40 per head.**

Check in with Don MacDonald or Steve MacMillan ASAP to sign up or to pay up. Failing that on the day have your cash in hand and see him pronto !

- Contact info to sign up is:

Don MacDonald's email address: "dmacdona@mymts.net" [dmacdona@mymts.net](mailto:dmacdona@mymts.net)

or call Hugh to arrange to get Don's phone number

**\* LINKS \***

**Before You Go - Information for Reservists to assist their Release from the Canadian Armed Forces**

This site is set up for guys like us. The P Res guys who are trying to figure out just what in the heck is supposed to happen. It is available to guys who are already releasing, are long out, etc.

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services-for-members-reservists/before-you-go.page>

**New generation of vets more welcome at Veterans' Health Centres**

The Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is now welcoming a new generation of veterans.

Up until now, the federal government's strict criteria only allowed men and women who were veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War to move into the veterans side of the long term care facility —and many others across the country.

The rules have begun to change, and a limited number of beds are opening up to peacekeepers and other retired Canadian Forces members. They can now apply to live and receive care with other former soldiers and officers.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/perley-rideau-modern-veterans-1.4040703>

**The Long Shot**

What former CF sniper Rob Furlong is up to these days courtesy of Rob Bonnett

<https://thewalrus.ca/the-long-shot/>

**Do You Know Your AFV's of the World ?**

**The US is looking at a major tank upgrade, but a weapon to counter it is already out there:**

According to [a Haaretz report](#) from the time, Hezbollah antitank teams using RPG-29s managed on some occasions to get through the armor of Israel's advanced Merkava tanks. In other cases, Hezbollah fighters used the RPG-29 to fire on buildings containing Israeli troops, penetrating the walls. "The majority of Israel Defense Forces ground troops casualties, both infantry and armored, were the result of special antitank units of Hezbollah," which used other antitank missiles as well, according to the Haaretz report, published in the final days of the conflict and citing intelligence sources.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/russia-rpg-threat-to-modern-nato-tanks-2017-6>

## **Boko Haram: Behind the Rise of Nigeria's Armed Group**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/specialseries/2016/11/boko-haram-rise-nigeria-armed-group-161101145500150.html>

An investigation into the origins and ideology of the rebel group and its bloody rise.

*Editor's note: Speaking of which...*

### **IS using suicide attacks on 'industrial scale'**

Check out the armour on these things they slap together. These VBIEDs may look like a Max Max movie contraption, and in some respects are just that, but future generations of Cameron officers and NCOs had best start planning on encountering them. 5.56mm and spike belts may not be the correct enough answer.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-39106657>

## **Stay up on your NBCD drills for COIN Lads !**

According to [a report released last November](#) by the UK-based IHS Conflict Monitor, IS is suspected of having used chemical weapons on at least 52 occasions since 2014, with a third of those in areas around Mosul.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-39152075>

## **The job of Britain's "nuclear police" is to protect nuclear power stations from threats.**

Since 2005, every nuclear power station in the UK has had armed protection – the Civil Nuclear Constabulary. But why does such security exist, and what does the job entail?

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170504-the-crucial-role-of-britains-nuclear-police>

## **Light Reading – or Not !**

### ***A National Force: The Evolution of Canada's Army, 1950-2000***

[http://www.ubcpress.ca/search/title\\_book.asp?BookID=299174230](http://www.ubcpress.ca/search/title_book.asp?BookID=299174230)

Peter Kasurak's take on how the Canadian Army evolved and muddled through the period from 1950 – 2000. He retired in 2007 after leading the defence and national security sections of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. He holds a PhD in military and diplomatic history from Duke University and teaches part-time at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

I can tell you that a lot of people who were present for the events listed in this book will have their own take on how things “really happened” back then – but that they'll still be interested in what he has to say about them – especially the issues surrounding Unification and the replacement of “Command” and “Leadership” by “Management” leadership styles perhaps best exemplified by General Boyle.

If, fine Cameron Highlander that you are, you don't like the price of this book but still wish to read it I can highly recommend a good library to borrow this book from....



***White Trash: The 400-year Untold History Of Class In America***

<https://www.amazon.ca/White-Trash-400-Year-History-America/dp/0670785970>

Nancy Isenberg's book has two main virtues in my humble opinion. The first is that it will teach you several very old and very rude words that white people have called each other. NCO's in particular will understand the value of this information. The second thing that it will teach you - if you haven't done a lot of American studies already - quite a bit about American political history. For instance that Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson's time as President of the USA was probably almost as interesting as we are watching down South just now.

Some of you may have a bit of trouble with the socialist bits in this book. I would highly encourage you to work through those bits for at least the first few chapters. You might also skip ahead to the parts featuring Elvis "The King" Presley.

And read the footnotes. Some of those little notes are more fun to read than entire books by other authors !


**\* HISTORICAL NOTES \***



There are still families of First and Second War Camerons asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so.

43rd Bn CEF Camerons of Canada at a 58th Bn CEF funeral or grave site courtesy of Paddy Douglass. The 43<sup>rd</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> attacked side by side at Bellevue Spur, Belgium on 26 Oct 1917 as part of the first phase of the Canadian Corps attack towards Passchendaele.

**"IT WOULDN'T BE AN OATMEAL RAG WITHOUT A WEE JOKE" - RUSS MILLER**



**YOUR  
PROCTOLOGIST  
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