



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Sept 10, 2019

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**Wednesday Lunches** - We need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. The Mess serves a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others and friends. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

**NOTE: There will not be a lunch on Sept 11. Mrs Lum will be out of town.**

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

- Sept 11** **NO LUNCH TOMORROW-** mark your calendars! Mrs Lum away.
- Sept 18** Celebration of Life for LCol Drysdale at Langley Event Centre 13-1400hrs
- Sept 20** 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders whiskey tasting
- Sept 28** **RUSI Vancouver Inaugural Annual Dinner – RSVP by Sept 18!!!**  
Very slow response for the dinner to date. Please get replies in ASAP!
- Oct 04** Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019

## World War 2 – 1944

*John Thompson Strategic analyst - quotes from his book "Spirit Over Steel"*

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>:** The start of the Octagon Conference in Quebec over strategic objectives, Churchill and Roosevelt are in attendance with their staffs. A major assault begins on Le Havre by I British Corps while Dijon is liberated as troops from southern France link up with US 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. British troops enter Holland and cross the Meuse-Escaut Canal. American troops of 1<sup>st</sup> Army enter German territory near Trier.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>:** Le Havre is liberated after its 12,000 man trapped garrison surrenders to I Corps (UK). The Germans evacuate Mytilene and the exiled Greek government moves to southern Italy from Cairo. The US Carrier raid on the Philippines shifts its attacks to the airfields on the

Visayas, destroying some 200 Japanese aircraft. The USS Sealion torpedoes the Kachidoki Maru (once the SS President Harrison) off the Philippines but is unaware that over a thousand Australian and British POWs are in the cargo hold: 450 Japanese civilians, 300 wounded Japanese soldiers and 350 POWs go down with the ship; the remainder are rescued by the Japanese the next day. Tanks do not like going into build-up areas unescorted, particularly since light anti-tank weapons have proliferated. In an assault on German defences at Noroy le Bourg in France, 2Lt Raymond Zussman of the US Army's 756<sup>th</sup> tank battalion dismounts and leads his tanks on foot; eventually going forward alone with a carbine and grenades into the occupied village. He accounts for 18 German dead and 92 prisoners, winning the Medal of Honor.

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>:** The US Navy starts prepping the beaches for landings on Peleliu and Anguar. The US Third Army takes Neufchateau. The Soviets finally allow Allied supply drops into Warsaw now that the Polish Home Army is incapable of liberating the city. Romania signs an armistice with the USSR that includes reparations of \$300 million and cedes territory to the Soviets. 8<sup>th</sup> Army finally clears the German defences off the Coriano and Germmano Ridges. Noor Inayat Khan was a young Sufi Muslim woman from a princely Indian family and a pronounced pacifist who recognized Nazism for what it was and sought out opportunities to fight it. Her skill with radios and command of French got her dropped into France as an SOE agent to work with the resistance in June 1943. It was soon clear that the Germans were highly effective in shutting down SOE radio links in France that summer, but she refused the opportunity to be returned to Britain. She was captured in October 1943 and the frail young Indian woman put up such a fight that the Sicherheitsdienst (SD) rated her as a dangerous prisoner. In captivity, she escaped once and spent months shackled; proving to be a stubborn interrogation subject. She is murdered this day with a bullet to the head in Dachau. Noor Inayat Khan is posthumously awarded the George Cross and the French Croix de Guerre with a Gold Star.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>:** Soviet troops enter the Warsaw suburb of Praga but do not move forward to aid the beleaguered remnants of the AK in the city's core. 8<sup>th</sup> Army resumes its offensive and reaches the Marano River. The highest casualty rates in the infantry are usually among junior officers as 2Lt Thomas W Wagle of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division demonstrates at Monte Frassino in Italy. He takes over command of an infantry platoon that has just lost their officer in an assault up a terraced hillside towards three stone houses held in strength by the Germans. After he rallies the men, he naturally leads them through a hail of bullets over the stone walls of the terraces and subsequently into each of the garrisoned houses. At the end, he is found mortally wounded at the top of the cellar steps in which 36 German soldiers are found taking shelter. He has demonstrated courage and leadership, as junior officers must, but his award of the Medal of Honor is posthumous.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>:** 28 Lancasters bomb the Tirpitz by radar alone and one good hit is obtained. The French order the arrest of all Vichy ministers. An unopposed landing as made on Morotai in the Moluccan Islands, but the same is not true for the US 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division landing on Peleliu where a vicious defence awaits them. In France, US 7<sup>th</sup> and French 1<sup>st</sup> Armies come under Eisenhower's command, US troops liberate Maastricht, Eindhoven, Nancy and Epinal. 8<sup>th</sup> Army

crosses the Marano River. The Second Quebec Conference and Churchill-Roosevelt summit concludes. There is no easy way to earn the highest awards for courage but there is one quick way. In the savage fighting on Peleliu, Corporal Lewis Kenneth Bausell of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines hurls himself on a Japanese hand grenade thrown in the middle of his squad as they clustered to complete the destruction of a pillbox. His selfless action results in the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>:** The Soviets drive on Riga and Tallinn, and capture Sofia in Bulgaria – imperiling German forces in Greece and southern Yugoslavia. US Marines start to encounter the nightmarish defences the Japanese have built on Peleliu’s coral ridges but have to assault across the flat open ground of a defended airfield to reach them. A general strike begins in Denmark. Soviet generosity – 2 light machine guns and 50 pistols are air-dropped to the remaining Home Army units in Warsaw. Polish troops from the Soviet controlled 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Army are now in the vicinity of Warsaw and make frequent attempts to connect with the Home Army insurgents but these mostly fail due to a lack of support; and the commander of the Poles, General Zygmunt Berling, is relieved of his command for failing to control his men.

*Essential Reading: The Warsaw Rising of 1944 is the other bookend of the Polish tragedy that began in 1939 with the Nazi-Soviet Pact. Once again, the Germans did most of the dirty work and the Soviets let them, while the Western Allies could only offer token support. One of the best English language histories of the rising is Andrew Borowiec’s aptly titled Destroy Warsaw! Hitler’s Punishment, Stalin’s Revenge.*

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>:** Market-Garden begins. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne takes the Maas Bridge at Graves and the 101<sup>st</sup> gets theirs at Veghel and Son. The British 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne in Arnhem run into elements of a recuperating SS Panzer Corps, but one battalion gets to the northern end of the Arnhem Bridge over the lower Rhine. US 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division lands on Anguar against light resistance. Over 5,000 Jewish labourers from the copper mines and labour camp at Bor in Hungary are marched off towards southern Germany; nine are still alive when liberated at Buchenwald next April. Adolf Hitler experiences a mild heart attack. Among the British paratroopers who reach the Arnhem Bridge is Lt John Hollington Grayburn. Cut off and at the centre of attention for an SS Panzer Corps, these Paratroopers are in for a terrible ordeal. In the next four days, as the Paras in Arnhem refuse to yield, one of the bravest and most stubborn of them all is Lt Grayburn, constantly encouraging and leading his men without food, sleep, or respite from his two wounds. He is killed on the evening of the fourth day and receives a posthumous Victoria Cross.

## **Canada’s Stopgap Supply Ship MV Asterix**

Ship ‘pumped a lot of gas’ during 500-day deployment *Aaron Beswick 27 Aug 2019*

Three hundred and fourteen thousand kilometres later, the MV Asterix is home. Canada’s leased supply ship has returned to Halifax after a first deployment that saw it spend 500 days at sea. The 182.5-metre German-built container ship owned by private company Federal Fleet Services was converted by Quebec’s Davie Shipyard to provide interim fleet support to the

Royal Canadian Navy until two planned replacements for the decommissioned Protecteur class can be launched. The first of those is scheduled to be launched in 2023 from the Seaspan Marine Corporation yard in Vancouver. “We pumped a lot of gas,” said LCdr Trent Nichols, commanding officer of the MV Asterix’s naval replenishment unit. Nichols arrived in Halifax aboard the MV Asterix, having joined her in Brisbane, Australia, for the voyage home. Though the ship was gone for nearly two years participating in missions and exercises in the Pacific, off Korea, the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf, its crews were constantly changing. “We could not expect anyone to be gone for 500 days,” said Nichols. In a first for the Canadian navy, the ship has a mixed civilian and military crew.



*HMCS Regina and NRU Asterix conduct a replenishment at sea during an operation in the Pacific in March 17. The Asterix, which is being leased by the Royal Canadian Navy until replacements for the Protecteur class are in service, is back in Halifax after 500 days at sea. - Cpl Stuart Evans / Borden Imaging Services*

Federal Fleet Services has an office in Halifax and kept it staffed with 36 Canadian civilian mariners, including a captain, throughout the mission. “The key thing for us was achieving 100 per cent availability,” said Spencer Fraser, chief executive officer of Federal Fleet Services. “We didn’t have a single down day for the navy.” Both crews were rotated out throughout its long voyage. “There was a learning process,” said Nichols. “There are navy ways to do things and civilian ways to do things, but it’s been a homogeneous relationship.” The MV Asterix will only be tied up in Halifax for two weeks before participating in NATO exercise Cutlass Fury in September off Nova Scotia. Then it’ll be back to the Davie Shipyard in Quebec. “It’ll be a tune up – you put her back in the garage and see what needs fixing,” said Nichols.

## **Quebec Gunner's Lost WW2 Backpack to Come Home**

74 years after WW II Italian campaign, Quebecer's lost backpack to come home.  
*Elysha Enos, Valeria Cori-Manocchio · CBC News · Jul 26, 2019*

An Italian collector of Second World War memorabilia who found a backpack belonging to a Canadian infantryman who fought alongside Allied forces in the Italian campaign became obsessed with finding its owner. Now he has. British helmets and German ID tags are typical items in Lorenzo Campus's collection of Second World War memorabilia from Italy, but when he found the backpack of a Canadian soldier, he became obsessed with returning it to the man or his descendants. Unlike other war memorabilia Campus finds in his native Tuscany, a region in central Italy that includes the cities Florence and Pisa, he felt this bag was special.

Written on it was: 470L8, P.E., St. Laurent. He guessed St. Laurent had to be the area the man was from, and P.E., his initials. Other Italian collectors were enlisted to help research the man's identity and where he may have ended up. Despite not knowing his name, they were convinced he must have fought in Italy in 1944 and likely survived the war to return home. What happened to him after that, however, remained a mystery. Lorenzo Campus said returning the backpack had special significance to him. It's rare to find a piece of war memorabilia that can be traced to a particular soldier and finding a backpack with clues to a man's identity fueled Campus's desire to return it to him or his family. It made the 23-year-old think of his grandfather, who fought in the Second World War as an Alpino — a member of the Italian mountain warfare corps. "If a collector gave me something of his, I'd be very happy," he said.



*Via Skype, Italian memorabilia collector Lorenzo Campus, 23, shows the Second World War backpack he has been trying to learn more about. (CBC)*

Campus initially got the backpack from a fellow collector in August of last year. Growing frustrated by his year-long quest to find the bag's owner, Campus was ready to give up and send it on to a Canadian museum, so at least it would be back in Canada. But first, he contacted CBC Montreal for help. CBC got to work, contacting half a dozen government agencies and military historians. It was at Library and Archives Canada that we hit the jackpot: The identification number on the pack turned out to have one wrong letter. However, Campus found another, slightly different, number on the backpack, and that one allowed archivists to quickly identify the soldier as a gunner named Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent. Because Saint-Laurent had been dead for more than two decades, Library and Archives Canada was able to release more details of who Saint-Laurent was and what became of him. Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent was born in 1919 in Matane, Que., on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, 400 kilometres northeast of Quebec City. His father died when he was nine years old, leaving his mother with eight children she couldn't support. Placed in an orphanage, he went to work at the age of 13. He enlisted in the war effort in 1941, joining the Royal Canadian Artillery's 57<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment as a gunner, shooting down German aircraft.

*Paul-Étienne Saint-Laurent grew up in an orphanage in Matane, Que. He later enlisted to fight in the Second World War, eventually ending up on the front lines of the Italian campaign. This photo was taken in London. (Submitted by the Saint-Laurent family)*



By 1944, he had transferred to the Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, known as *le Vingt-deuxième*, or, in English, as the Van Doos. Historian David O'Keefe said that toward the end of the war, gunners like Saint-Laurent weren't as critical to the war effort, since there weren't as many German aircraft left in the skies. However, on the front lines, the Allied forces had suffered heavy losses and "desperately needed reinforcements," O'Keefe said. Converted

into infantrymen, many gunners fought in the Italian campaign — Allied operations in and around Italy from 1943 to 1945. As a member of the Van Doos, Saint-Laurent would have faced some of the heaviest combat Canadians have ever seen. "The fighting in Italy was more like you would have seen on the Western Front in World War One ... extremely muddy, extremely hilly, and extremely difficult," O'Keefe said. According to records unearthed by Library and Archives Canada, Saint-Laurent returned home in December 1945 and was discharged a month later. The federal government was offering jobs to veterans, in appreciation of their years of service, and Saint-Laurent accepted a government job, moving to Ottawa. He got married, and his five children were born in Ottawa and Hull, Que. Saint-Laurent's daughter, Francine Saint-Laurent, who lives in Montreal, was the first in the family to hear about her father's backpack. "It's like I'm dreaming," she said. "I never heard about this incredible story."



*Francine Saint-Laurent remembers her father as a special man who always looked at the positive side of life and who loved his family dearly.*

*(Valeria Cori-Manocchio/CBC)*

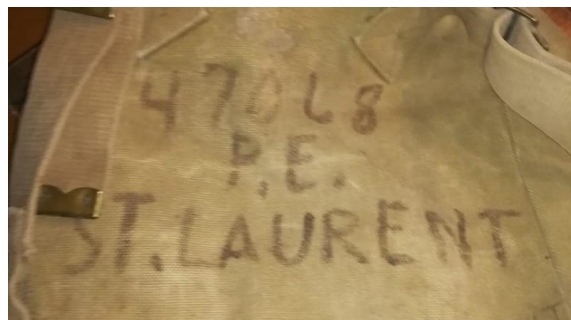
Her father died in 1993, but Francine guesses he would have likely cried to see the backpack again. Thinking back to her childhood, she remembers finding lilacs far from the family home on a sprawling, rural property and telling her father how much she loved them. Soon after,

she said, he found the plant, uprooted it and transplanted it beneath her bedroom window. "He was a beautiful person," she said. Her father was always smiling, she said, and playing practical jokes on people. He rarely spoke about the war, but when he did it was in the most positive terms he could muster describing the beautiful cities he got to see and the friends he'd made. She remembered him mentioning little asides and basic facts — like that he'd served in Italy and France — but that's about it. "He lost some friends, and it was very hard for him," she said. "He told me once he saw a young boy, dying — the same age as him, around 21. The last word he said was 'Mama,'" Francine recalled. Now, in place of the stories about the Van Doos, the family has the backpack, which will be passed down through the generations, she said. After learning about it Thursday, Francine contacted Campus to express her family's appreciation. "It would have been easier for him to throw it in the garbage," she said.

*The words 'St. Laurent' threw Campus off in his search, as he thought it referred to where the soldier was from.*

*It turned out to be his last name.*

*(Submitted by Lorenzo Campus)*



Luckily, if anyone would keep it out of the trash it would be Campus, who plans on writing a book about the young soldiers who fought in Tuscany during the Second World War. Campus is overjoyed to know the family has been found, and he can send them a piece of their history. "I never thought it would happen. It's a dream for me,"

he said. There are still unanswered questions, however. "Why was he separated from his backpack in the first place?" asked historian O'Keefe. A soldier is responsible for every item they carry and there would have been an inquiry into what happened. "He wasn't injured," O'Keefe said. "Was it stolen? He lost it?"

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

No update this week.

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

## **VIA Rail Discount for Veterans**

VIA is offering a 40% off the best available fares in Sleeper Plus class onboard the Canadian (Toronto-Vancouver train) —for qualifying members of the Canadian Armed Forces, National Defence civilian personnel, veterans, and their immediate families. The offer ends on September 23, 2019. For details see:- <https://www.viarail.ca/en/canadian-forces>

## **Who (or What) Is It?**



**Last Week:** Yes, if this looks familiar, we have had this in the quiz before but didn't realize that until the newsletter had been sent out. The Huot (or Huot-Ross) Automatic Rifle. In 1916, the Canadian Expeditionary Force was desperately short of light machine guns. Since the Ross rifle had finally been

taken out of service, there were large numbers of surplus rifles. That year, Joseph Huot, an engineer from Richmond, Quebec, adapted the Ross' straight-pull bolt action. His sample model, which shared 33 parts with the Ross Mark III, had a gas piston parallel to the barrel, which moved a sleeve on the bolt backward, operating the action. To absorb excess energy, the bolt was buffered. The entire mechanism was sheathed in sheet metal. Huot copied the cooling system from the Lewis Gun, then standard in British Army service. It fed from a 25-round drum magazine. He filed Canadian patents; #193724 on 8 March 1917 (granted 4 November 1919) and #193725 on 13 November 1917. Early in September 1916, he approached the government to licence-produce the weapon, meeting with a Colonel Matyche on 8 September, and was hired by the Government Small Arms Experimental Department. The Dominion Rifle Factory (formerly the Ross rifle factory) built a finished version of the design, under the supervision of Assistant Inspector of Small Arms Major Robert Mills of the Seaforth Highlanders. It was tested at Quebec City on 12 November 1916, with a second 650-round trial of an improved version on 15 February 1917.

The war ended before it entered service, and the idea was dropped. Four specimens are known to exist (2015). Serial # 1 - The Army Museum at the Halifax Citadel, Nova Scotia. Serial # 2 - The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Museum and Archives, Vancouver, British Columbia. (This was Colonel Blair's personal souvenir and is complete with the stripper clip and heavy leather carrying/shipping case. Shipping company stickers on this case indicate that this is one

of the Huots taken overseas for testing.) Serial # 4 - Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, Ontario. Serial # 5 - Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, Ontario. Serial # 3 has not been located and it is uncertain how many were built.

**This Week:** As a wee lad, I was much taken with science fiction, both written and that spoken on radio or presented on screen. One of my earliest recollections is listening to “X Minus One” being broadcast on an American station that my grandfather’s massive radio in Moncton could pick up. Visually, I ate up the various morally corrupting comic books that I later encountered in elementary school in Winnipeg. “Blackhawk” and Classic Comics’ “War of the Worlds” are both imprinted on my brain’s hard drive.



So, it is no wonder that the science fiction-like aircraft of the early post-war period also captured my interest and imagination. Just the other day I watch, on YouTube, a newsreel of the 1949 Farnborough Air Show. That humanity went from the canvas,

string, and wood “Wright Flyer” to the revolutionary jets of that air show, in just 46 years, is truly astounding. However, if you were to travel back from 2019 forty-six years to 1973, you would see many of the aircraft that are still flying today, such as the mighty Jumbo Jet.

All that brings us to this week’s quiz. Presented below is a very science fiction-like aeroplane (well, the ‘plane’ parts seem rather minimal). It’s obviously a jet, but, dear reader, what is it? What was its unusual purpose? Did you ever see one? Have you one in your garage? If “yes”, to any of these questions, please contact the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Look to the stars!

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

What is a tree’s favorite drink? Root beer!

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

If enough data is collected, a board of inquiry can prove anything.

### **Quotable Quotes**

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference. - *Tom Brokaw*



**15<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY RCA  
&  
THE 78<sup>th</sup> FRASER HIGHLANDERS  
IRISH WHISKEY TASTING AND FUND RAISER**

**ARE YOU A PROUD GUNNER? A PROUD HIGHLANDER WHO SUPPORTS OUR HOME AT THE BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY? AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER WHO WANTS TO STAND TALL AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE AIMS OF THE REGIMENT DURING ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR IN 2020?**

**WAIT NO LONGER!**

**All profits raised by the 15th Field Regimental Society and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison will go towards supporting the 15 Field Centennial Projects next year in 2020.**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend an Irish Whiskey fund raising and whisky tasting event. There will be food, draw prizes, and music.

For the Full 'Whiskey Fleet', Tickets are **\$55.00** per person by Credit Card, Cheque, or by exact change, otherwise your \$60 in bills will be gratefully accepted towards our good cause. Bernard Rowe, who will be relieving you of your burden of carrying cash, will meet you at the front door and will be most appreciative. For those who are driving, or prefer the options from the No-Host bar, you pay a meager **\$25.00**. **Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet! Bring guests!**

Dress is business casual. Kilts and highland dress, of course, are most welcome.

**DATE:** Friday – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TIME:** 1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

**LOCATION:** 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7

**DO NOT MISS OUT!**

**TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:** Major James Barrett  
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*Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day  
and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 'Royal' Designation*

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*BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC*

*on*

*Saturday, the Twenty-Eighth of September 2019*

*at*

*six thirty for seven o'clock in the evening*

**RSVP by 18 September 2019**  
to [RSVP@rusivancouver.ca](mailto:RSVP@rusivancouver.ca)

Send payment to:  
Treasurer, RUSI Vancouver  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6J 3C7

**Dress:** Business Formal (Mess Dress Optional)

**Tariff:** \$50 per person  
Make cheques payable to: RUSI Vancouver

*Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Vegetarian – please indicate choice on RSVP*

# Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019



## **Naval Association of Canada National Conference 2019**

Sponsored by the Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia

**0800 – 1630 October 4, 2019**

### **BCIT Marine Campus**

265 West Esplanade

North Vancouver, British Columbia

## **Agenda**

**0730 – 0830 Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**0830 Opening and Recognition of NOABC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**0845 Canada and the Pacific (Strategic Situation)**

**Canada-China Relations: Predatory, Promising or Problematic**

Dr. James Boutilier (Special Advisor to the RCN Commander Maritime Forces Pacific)

**China's Campaign of Influence and Intimidation in Canada**

Jonathan Manthorpe (Author and Journalist)

**The National Security Context for Canada's Relations with China**

Richard Fadden (Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada, Deputy Minister of National Defence, and Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service)

**Q&A Session on the Strategic Situation in the Pacific**

Panel of speakers above

Moderated by Senator Yuen Pau Woo

**1115 The Challenges and Roles for the Navy**

**The Royal Canadian Navy in the Pacific and the Strategic Vision of the RCN: "Ready to Help, Ready to Lead, Ready to Fight"**

Rear-Admiral J.R. (Bob) Auchterlonie, OMM, CD, RCN (Commander Maritime Forces Pacific)

## 1200 Lunch

### 1245 Naval Reserve – International Perspective

#### **RCN Reserve Priorities, Plans and Challenges**

Capt (N) Alan Offer, CD, RCN (Deputy Commander Naval Reserves)

#### **Royal Navy Reserve Experience and Future Plans**

Cmdre Martin Quinn, ADC, RN, Commander Maritime Reserves

#### **US Navy Reserves and Future Plans**

TBA

#### **Q&A Session on Challenges and Roles for Navy Reserves**

Panel of speakers above

Moderated by Cmdre David Craig, CD, RCN (Ret'd)

### 1500 Marine Industry

#### **Seaspan: RCN Joint Support Ship Program**

Cory Zachrisson, Seaspan

#### **Association of BC Marine Industries (ABCMI)**

Dan McGreer, BAsc (Nav Arch), Principal Naval Architect, Vard Marine, Inc., Secretary, ABCMI

### 1615 Closing Remarks

Conference includes continental breakfast and light lunch

The charge is \$85.00 per person

Please register by 20 September using the form below

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### NAC National Conference 2019

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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