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President's Comment

Battle of the Atlantic will be celebrated on May 1, 2016

Each year on the first Sunday in May, Canada and its naval community commemorate those lost at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest, largest, and arguably the most complex campaign of the Second

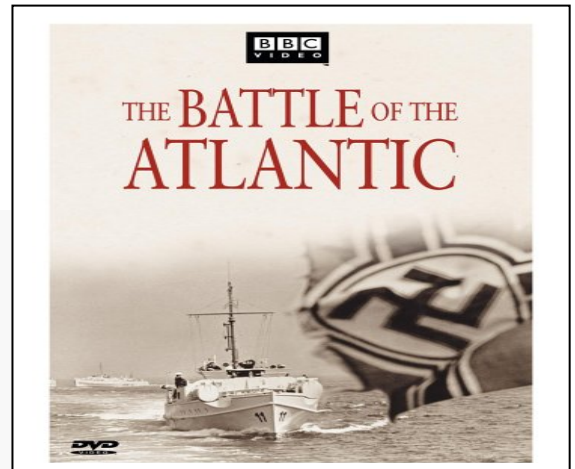
World War. The national ceremony was held at Parliament Hill and included members of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), alongside members of the Merchant Navy. Ceremonies were held across Canada including Halifax, Esquimalt, and the 24 Naval Reserve Divisions to remember and commemorate these gallant sailors and airmen.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the fight for supremacy in the North Atlantic and lasted 2,075 days. It pitted Allied naval and air forces against German and Italian submarines, ships and aircraft whose primary targets were the convoys of merchant ships carrying vital life-sustaining cargo from North America to Europe. Much of the burden of fighting the Battle of the Atlantic fell to the RCN which, at the outbreak of the war, was comprised of only six destroyers and a handful of smaller vessels. By the end of the war, Canada's navy had grown to become the fourth largest navy in the world. During the Battle of the Atlantic, the RCN and RCAF, alone or in consort with other ships or aircraft, sank 73 U-Boats and enemy surface craft. In turn, it suffered 2,210 fatalities, including six women, and lost 33 vessels.

The Battle of the Atlantic officially ended on Victory-Europe Day on May 8, 1945.

2016 Annual General Meeting

The 2016 AGM was held on 22 April, 2016 at the Ramada Hotel, Kingsway. Major (ret'd) Alexander Tsang continued to serve as President and LCol (ret'd) Hans Brink also continues to stay on as Vice President. There are eleven Directors appointed on the Board of Directors. These are; Hon Colonel Ian Taylor – Treasurer; Membership Director/Secretary – Capt John Pinsent; F/F Joe Zasada – Director of Social Media; Director of Media Relations and Symposium Coordinator –



Capt Grant Cree; Director of Mess Activities – Margaret Day; Director of Military Liaison and Anzac Day Celebration – Capt Jason Pascoe; Director of Education -2Lt Gordon Smith; Director of Protocol, Honors and Awards – Mrs. Mary Hunt. Directors at Large – Capt Robert Whitney, Mrs. Kim Whitney, and Capt George Kuhse.



April 22nd, 2016 AGM group Picture, at the Kingsway Ramada Hotel

Chief of Defence Staff, General Vance Visit to Edmonton

The Edmonton United Services Institute is one of the founding organizations of the Edmonton Salutes Committee. During a visit by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Jon Vance in Edmonton on April 15, he met with members of the Edmonton Salutes Committee and spoke on PTSD and mental health. The next day, Gen Vance was one of the guest speakers to speak on the same topic at a public forum. During the evening, Gen Vance was the guest speaker at the Yellow Ribbon Gala dinner that raised \$10,000.00 for the Edmonton Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC Edmonton). For those who are not aware, the MFRC provides many services to members of the military and their family, including mental; health counseling.



Last Post

Virginia Rose Carlson, July 14, 1929 – April 10, 2016. Virginia was a long time member of the EUSDI and was named Director Emeritus in 2005. She will be remembered.



BURY ME WITH SAILORS

I've played a lot of roles in life; I've met a lot of men.
I've done some things I'd like to think I wouldn't do again.
And though I'm young, I'm old enough to know someday I'll die,
and to think about what lies beyond, beside whom I would lie.
Perhaps it doesn't matter much; still if I had my choice,
I'd want a grave, mongst Sailors when at last death quells my voice.
I'm sick of the hypocrisy of lectures of the wise.
I'll take the man, with all the flaws, who goes though scared, and dies.
The troops I knew were commonplace; they didn't want the war;
They fought because their Fathers and *their* Fathers had before.
They cursed and killed and wept...God knows, they're easy to deride...
But bury me with men like these, they faced the guns and died.
It's funny when you think of it, the way we got along.
We'd come from different worlds to live in one where no one belongs.
I didn't even like them all; I'm sure they'd all agree.
Yet I would give my life for them, I know some did for me.
So bury me with Sailors, please, though much maligned they be.
Yes bury me with Sailors, for I miss their company.
We'll not soon see their likes again; we've had our fill of war.
But bury me with men like them till someone else does more.



HUMOUR

A Lieutenant, a Colonel, and a Sergeant Major were all killed in a common disaster, and arrived in Heaven together, where they were met by St. Peter. St. Peter asked them, "What would you like the people on Earth to say about you?" The Lieutenant said, "I would like them to say I was a great family man and an inspiration to my children." The Colonel said, "I would like them to say I was a great military leader." The Sergeant Major said, "I would like them to say "Look! He's moving".



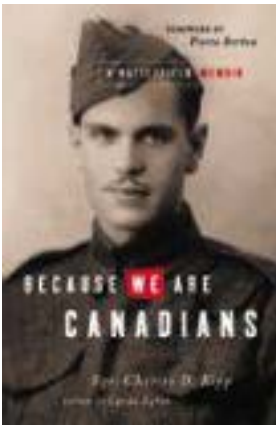
Get trained!



CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Because We Are Canadians - A Battlefield Memoir

Charles Kipp This is the story of one man's war—the memoirs of Sgt. Charles D. Kipp, who served with the Canadian army on active duty in Europe during the bloody days and weeks following D-Day. What makes this work stand out from other Second World War battlefield journals is its unadorned, almost naive sense—a guileless attention to small details, horrific and beautiful, that Kipp recalls from his experiences. First published in 2003, this is a must-read, not only for veterans of the War and military history buffs, but also for anyone who seeks to understand what ordinary soldiers endured during combat. **Politicians and therapist who seek to understand PTSD is a must read.** Charles d. Kipp was wounded nine times during ten months of fighting at the front during the Second World War. After the war, he farmed briefly before being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress syndrome and suffering a second heart attack. He passed away in January 2000



CANADIAN GEAR BV 206



The BV 206 is a special military vehicle designed for use as an all-terrain transport vehicle. It is capable of travel both on and off roads, under almost all conditions and in all climatic extremes. In particular, its large track area allows the vehicle to travel over deep snow and soft ground that would be impassable to almost all other tracked and wheeled vehicles. It is also amphibious, being propelled in the water by its four tracks.

The BV 206 consists of two track-driven cars that are coupled together by a central, articulated steering assembly. Steering is accomplished using hydraulic cylinders that turn the cars relative to each other. There are three main configurations including: personnel/cargo, command post, and anti-tank (equipped with TOW missiles)

BV 206 is scheduled to be replaced sometime in 2017.



What's Out There? Galil Ace Rifle (Israel)



The Galil ACE rifles are the new generation of the famous Israeli Galil assault rifles. The Galil ACE represents full product line of military rifles in world's three most popular calibers (5.56x45 NATO, 7.62x39 M43 and 7.62x51 NATO) made in full spectrum of configurations, from compact carbine and up to long barreled marksman rifle. All Galil ACE rifles feature same basic design, based on combat-proven Galil action, and feature same array of ergonomic enhancements, including ambidextrous controls, adjustable telescoping buttstocks, comfortable pistol grips, integral Picatinny rails etc. The 5.56mm version of the Galil ACE assault rifle is adopted by Colombian army, and is manufactured under the Israeli license by Colombian government-owned factory Indumil

Membership Profile CAPTAIN (ret'd) GEORGE KUHSE, CD, ADC



Captain (ret'd) George Kuhse joined the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Army Cadets in 1973, and subsequently enlisted in 20 Field Regiment, RCA 1975. He attended field artillery training at CFBs Wainwright, Suffield, Dundurn and Shilo and senior leadership training at CFB Edmonton Over time, the work included training across Canada and with the US military as well as two tours with 1 RCHA in Lahr, Germany and a third trip overseas to be attached to 7 Royal Horse Artillery, RHA (British Airborne Battery) in Osnabruck, Germany.

In 1980, he qualified as a basic parachutist with the Canadian Airborne Centre and worked full time at the Canadian Airborne Centre; Tactical Airlift School. He is also trained as a parachutist with US Army. A highlight of his career was to be attached to 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, as operations controller at 'Mile 101' of the Alaska Highway.

Kuhse quickly progressed through the ranks from Gunner to Warrant Officer (Battery Sergeant Major), and then in 1992, commissioning to the rank of Lieutenant, and position as Battery Captain. Soon after his qualifications as an Artillery Forward Observer, and promotion to Captain, he was employed as Battery Commander (BC) of all three Batteries within 20th Field, (the only member to ever do so) and also held office as Regimental Adjutant and Operations and Training Officer.

For 24 years, Captain Kuhse served as Aide de Camp (ADC) and Senior ADC, to six Alberta Lieutenant Governors. For his service to Canada and the community, he was awarded the Vice Regal Commendation, Canada 125, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee & Diamond Jubilee medals, Alberta Centennial as well as the Special Service medal and the Canadian Forces Decoration.

Educated at Grant MacEwan College, University of Alberta, and University of Maryland, Captain Kuhse's civilian career is with the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Transit System (ETS). For 35 years, now as Divisional Supervisor of Bus and LRT Operations. He is known as a subject matter expert and leader of the ETS Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team as well as Incident Command.

As a community leader, Captain Kuhse is now or has been an ongoing volunteer/supporter of a number of charitable organizations including the Edmonton United Services Institute (Director), 20 Field Regiment Senate (Director), US Navy Marines Blue Angels, Canadian Club (Director), Goodwill, and Habitat for Humanity.

After almost four decades of involvement with the Canadian Armed Forces and 20 Field Regiment, RCA, Captain Kuhse retired in 2013. He and his wife Heidi and two grown sons, Christopher and Paul, and enjoy outdoor activities including travel to many countries each year.

Editor' comment: Having served six Lieutenant Governors in Alberta, George was asked if he can share any "juicy tidbits or insider information" about the Lieutenant Governors. Being a true professional and loyalty to the role of Aide de Camp, George could not be prided. A bit more Scotch will have to be poured in the future.

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It is too Late to Sharpen Swords, When the Drums of War are Beating

