



SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Message from the President



Greetings Seaforths and Regimental Family! As we rapidly approach spring in the lower mainland, our usual busy pace is gearing up to be even busier.

The Regiment has some high tempo training happening soon, and preparation for stand down, as well as launching many new soldiers onto summer courses. It's looking to be a busy summer.

In the near future, we have our annual Vimy Memorial Service and Reunion Dinner on April 2nd 2016. More details below, but I urge everyone who can to attend, and RSVP ASAP to shocvmy2016@gmail.com. This dinner has been a true success in recent years, even while away from our historic home at the Seaforth Armoury. This has been thanks to the tireless efforts of Rick Ciccone and Shannon Johnson, as well as members of the Association both in and out of the executive committee. Well done all.

It is now looking very likely the Seaforth will at last be moving back to the Armoury in September, so that is not only very exciting, it promises an even more expanded role for the Association again. Both as part of the Parade and Tatoo on the occasion of the "change of station", and as we continue to interact with more and more serving Seaforths.

Planning and organizing our VIMY 2017 trip to Europe for the 100th anniversary is ongoing, look for more details below.

I Hope to see many of you at the reunion dinner on April 2nd.

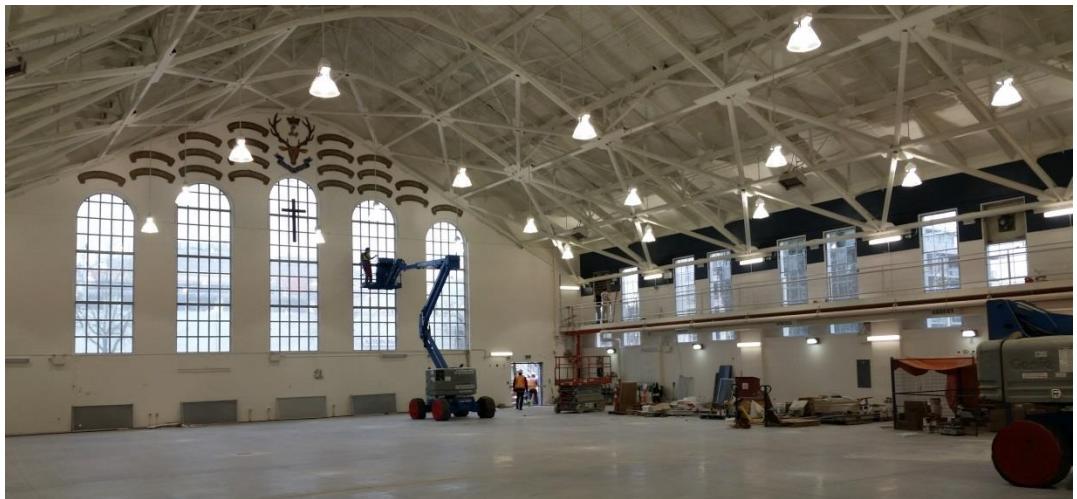
Caber Feidh!

Josh Muir CD

Regimental News

Seaforth Armoury Nears Completion

As the RQMS for the regiment I have had the opportunity to visit the Armoury three times during the construction. There are significant changes such as a new concrete parade square and the transformation of



Parade Square in February as they replaced the battle honours on the south wall.

the lower gym into two levels with a locker room below and a classroom above; and of course the new brigade headquarters looming over it all. I will admit that a couple of times on the last tour I found myself lost in a building that I used to know like the back of my hand. That being said, as I stood on the parade square watching workers put the battle honours back on the south wall, the building started to feel like home again. The change of station parade will take place near the end of September, 80 years and one month after the original opening of the armoury in 1936. The CO and the Pipe Major plan on making this a big event so we will keep everyone posted on dates and what the Association's participation will be as the Seaforths return home. ▪ Patrick Farrell

Upcoming Events

Executive Meeting

16 March 2015

Time: 1800

**Location: Jericho Garrison
Anderson Room**

On March 16th there will be a meeting of the Association Executive Committee. We like to be transparent so all members and prospective members of the Seaforth Regimental Association are welcome to attend. If you would like to present an idea at a meeting, please contact Pat Farrell the Secretary.

Vimy Memorial Service and Regimental Reunion Dinner

2 April 2015

**Location: Bessborough Armoury
1150 West 11th Ave
Vancouver**

The Vimy Dinner is quickly becoming one of the best Regimental events of the year. Over the last few years Rick Ciccone, Chair of the Vimy Dinner Committee, has gone to great lengths to increase attendance and make this event more about the reunion and less about the dinner. The event will start at 1500 with a memorial service to remember our fallen Seaforths, complete with a vigil guard of serving members mounted around the Vimy Cross. There will then be a brief reception at 1600, followed by dinner at 1700. While all the elements of a formal mess dinner are included, the format has been relaxed so that we do not bore our guests. Please feel free to invite a guest to give them a chance to experience the Seaforth family. **We need volunteers to make this event work.** Please contact Rick Ciccone at ciccone.rick@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

The Seaforth Association Annual General Meeting

May 2016

**Location: Jericho Garrison
Conference Room**

The Annual General Meeting will be held this May. Elections will be held for all positions. Only those members who have paid their 2016 association dues will be eligible to run for positions and vote.

If you are interested in nominating someone for a position, please contact LCol(ret) Al Baylis so that he can compile the nominations.

As of last year the committee has three permanent positions, President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations will also be accepted for "Members at Large".

Association News

Time to Renew Your Membership

Only 17 members of the association have renewed their membership dues so far this year. We are currently in the process of setting up online payment through www.seaforthhighlanders.ca but the site is not finished yet so for now dues must still be paid by cheque or cash. Please send renewal cheques to the address on page 5. We really do rely on your dues to fund the operating costs for the Association so **please renew your membership today!**

Destination Vimy 2017

The trip to Vimy Ridge for the 100th anniversary of the battle still has open positions. Currently there are 39 people signed up to go. The trip will cost approximately \$4500.00 including airfare, accommodations, and tours of the battle fields that have been custom designed for the Seaforths. For those of you who have already made the initial deposit, the next installment is \$675.00 and is due by the end of March. For those wishing to secure a position the current amount needed is \$975.00.

Seaforth Hockey Team

The hockey team's first game of the year was back in August, so we are in to our eighth month already, the regular season ends in March. Our record this year has not been as good as it was last season, due in large part to us moving up a division. Currently we are 9-15-1-1 but based on teams moving up and down, we are 7-10-1-1 in our division. The team

this year has seen 17 serving and former Seaforts play with us, as well as members from 39 CBG HQ and a number of lower mainland units.



Recently a contingent of the team went out up to Kelowna to defend our title of Helios Cup champions. This tournament features the Icemen from BATIS in Alberta, the BCDs and some local talent from the area. The Seaforth team won the cup again this year and expect the tournament to be bigger next year, if the planning committee keeps their promise.

All in all this year has already been a tremendous success, having all ranks and skill levels of Seaforts coming out to enjoy the comradery and fun that hockey offers. We will see how we do in the playoffs, which start at the end of March. We would like to thank the Association for helping us by providing uniforms and financial assistance. ▀ Jeff Nicholls

Why not come out to a game? You can follow the Seaforth team and get schedules through the ASHL website:
http://stats.adultrechockey.ca/c-burnaby/ashlburnaby/en/stats/team.php?division_id=79&team_id=8020&season_id=191

Last Post

The Association regrets to announce the passing of the following Seaforts in the last year:

Lloyd William Barrett (98) service in WWII

Orville "Ollie" Hamilton (89) service in WWII and Cold War

Joseph Wilfred Laurier (91) service in WWII

Wayne Bergunder (62) service in Cold War

Harry Ward McDonald (92) service pre WWII



"Having served with you in strange places, in peaceful days and in the stench of war,
it has been my greatest privilege to have known your courage and your brave unselfishness,
to have been your friend."

-Padre Durnford

Name that Seaforth

The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Museum and Archives has hundreds of photos that they have recently digitized. This will help preserve the history of the regiment and make it more accessible. Part of the process is trying to record what was happening when the photos were taken and we need your help identifying the people and events. Can you name these Seaforths:



Who are these two guys manning the C5?



Anybody remember this Ex with HMCS Porte de la Rene?



Can anybody name these formidable Seaforths armed with a .50 Cal and bagpipes?

**Send info about these pictures to
Seaforthassoc@gmail.com**

Regimental Senior Appointments

Colonel-in-Chief

HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Honorary Colonel

HCol Michael Shields

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel

HLCOL Rod Hoffmeister

Commanding Officer

LCol Paul Ursich

Regimental Sergeant Major

CWO John O'Connor

Regimental Association Appointments

President of the Association

Josh Muir

Treasurer

Kent Fabian

Secretary

Patrick Farrell

Directors at Large

Rod Hoffmeister

Rick Ciccone

Padre Neill McRae

Contact Information

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Regimental Association Kit Shop

Email:

Facebook Page: Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Kitshop

Twitter: @SeaforthKitshop

Clothing

Blazer Crests.....	\$30
Baseball Caps Navy Blue.....	\$15
Fishing Hats.....	\$15
T Shirt Blue (Small to XL).....	\$20
Stormtech Jacket (Navy Blue).....	\$40
Regimental Tie, Polyester.....	\$30
Diced Hose.....	\$100
Tartan Hose.....	\$100

Jewellery

Junior Ranks Cap Badge.....	\$15
Cap Badge Officers, WOs, and Sgts.....	\$60
Cap Badge WOs, and Sgts (Sterling Silver).....	\$160
Cap Badge Officers (Sterling Silver).....	\$175
Regimental Ring (Sterling Silver).....	\$75
Seaforth Lapel Pin (Enamelled Blue Shield).....	\$3
Canadian Flag Lapel Pin.....	\$1
Tie Tacks, (Sterling Silver Small).....	\$25
Tie Tacks, (Sterling Silver Large).....	\$30
Ladies Broach.....	\$65
(Sterling Silver Miniature Officer's cap badge on tartan rosette)	

Miscellaneous

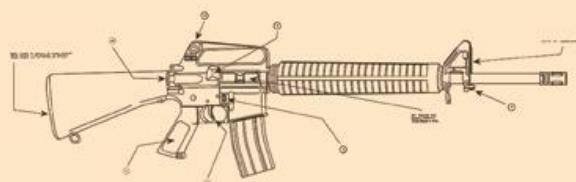
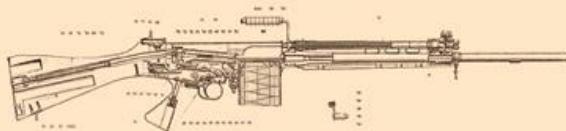
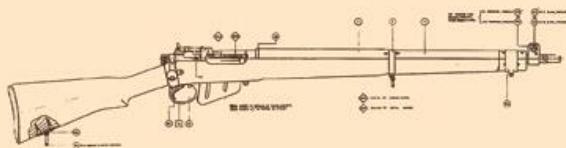
Flask with Engraved Seaforth Crest.....	\$50
Zippo Lighter Engraved with Crest.....	\$40
Ice Buckets, Drum w/Regt. Battle Honours.....	\$20
Seaforth Crest Car Decal for Inside Window.....	\$2
Seaforth Crest Car Decal for Outside of Vehicle.....	\$2
Regimental History (1919 - 1965) by R.H. Roy.....	\$35
DVD Return to Agira Op Husky 2013.....	\$20
Smokey Smith Print.....	\$5
Coffee Mug Stainless steel with crest.....	\$20

Note: All items are subject to availability

**Let us know what you think of the newsletter!
Email us or leave a comment in the Facebook group.**

**SOME THINGS
CHANGE**

**SOME THINGS
DON'T**



ONCE A SEAFORTH

ALWAYS A SEAFORTH

99th Annual

**VIMY
MEMORIAL SERVICE
AND
SEAFORTHS REUNION DINNER**

SATURDAY, 2ND OF APRIL 2016

1500 Hrs: Reception

1600 Hrs: Vimy Memorial Service

1700 Hrs: Dinner

DRESS FOR SERVING MEMBERS IS NO.1A
DRESS FOR ALL OTHERS IS SEMI-FORMAL

BESSBROUGH ARMOURY

2025 W 11TH AVE, VANCOUVER

TICKETS \$50.00

\$25.00 FOR SERVING SEAFORTHS

BAR IS CASH ONLY

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