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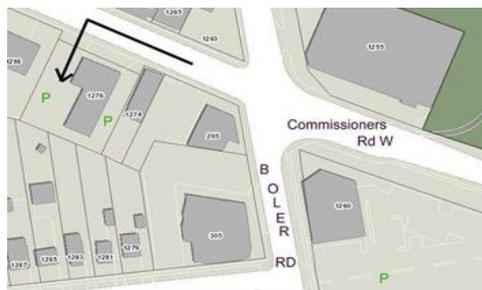
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APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

Please note the details of our next Royal London Military Institute (RLMI) meeting below as well as articles on the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) and Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDA Institute). Also included in this newsletter is general information related to RLMI.

1. Next RLMI Monthly Meeting- Wednesday 15 April, 2015

The next monthly meeting of the Royal London Military Institute will be held at: Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Royal Canadian Legion
McGill Room, Lower Level 1276 Commissioners Road West



Wednesday, 15 April, 2015

Meet & Greet: 1900hrs; Speaker: 1930hrs

Topic - Tet Offensive in Vietnam

Speaker- LCol JW (Scotty) Martin MSM CD

**Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Royal Canadian Legion,
Lower Level, 1276 Commissioners Road, West**



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2. March RLMI Meeting: Western Ontario Battalion: Ypres 1915

RLMI President Fred Sasse (below left) welcomed members to the Wednesday, 18 March 2015 RLMI meeting at the Byron Legion. Dr. Don Bondy (below centre) presented on the topic “Western Ontario Battalion at Ypres 1915” with the assistance of members Richard Shaftoe, Mike Steele (both below right) and Gerry Treble.



The Ypres presentation included the reading of diaries as well as background on the writing of In Flanders Fields at Ypres by Col John McRae. Twenty-nine members attended the March RLMI meeting. Thank you for supporting RLMI!

3. RLMI CONSTITUTION

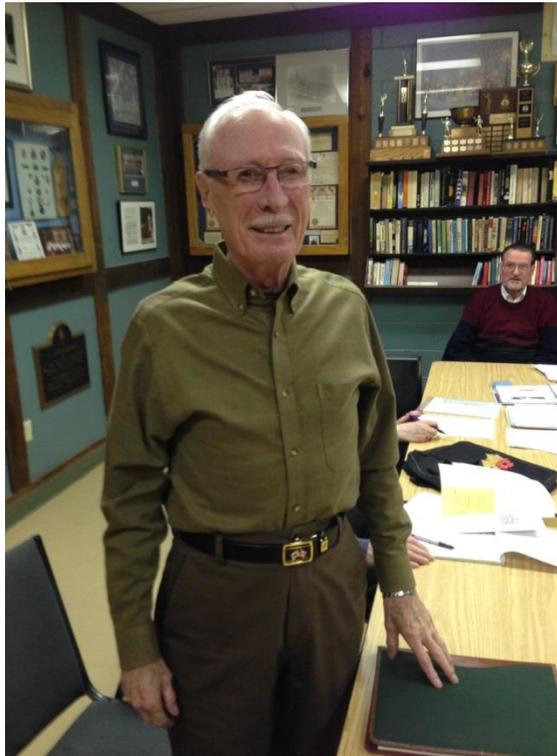
The Institute was previously named Military Institute M.D.1 and was incorporated under the Companies Act of The Province of Ontario by Letters Patent dated the Ninth day of November AD 1933. The name changed to London United Services Institute on the Ninth day of April AD 1951. The current name, Royal London Military Institute, was adopted January 1999 when permission to use the Royal Prefix was granted. The abbreviated name is RLMI.



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LCol J.W. (Scotty) Martin, MSM, CD at the recent RLMI executive meeting showed members a special belt he received as a gift by members of the Korean community in London. Scotty, as well as being RLMI Director (cadets), serves many organizations including the Korea Veterans Association of Canada.



**KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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South Korea Flag

The flag of Republic of Korea or South Korea is also known as Taegeukgi. The ensign has three segments - a white field; a blue and red taegeuk in the middle; and black three-letter figures, one in every angle of the ensign.



The common layout of the ensign also originates from the conventional application of the tricolor emblem (yellow, blue, and red) by the people of Korea, from the initial phases of the chronicles of Korea. The white field stands for "purity of the people." The Taegeuk symbolizes the source of all objects in the universe. Collectively, they stand for an uninterrupted progress in eternity.

Conventionally, the trigrams are associated with water, fire, wood, earth, and metal – the fundamental elements. This concept has parallels with the four conventional elements of the West.



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4. Conference of Defence Associations (CDA)

The **Royal London Military Institute (RLMI)** is a member of the Conference of Defence Associations (<http://www.cdacanada.ca/en/>). The Conference of Defence Associations was established in 1932 to study the problems of defence and security and to promote the efficiency and well-being of Canada's Armed Forces. More than 75 years later, the CDA is still the leading national voice on those original issues which have expanded to include national sovereignty, individual liberty and freedom, and developments around the globe which affect the peace and security of Canada.

The CDA is the oldest and most influential advocacy group in Canada's defence community, representing 52 associations from all parts of the country. The CDA expresses its ideas and opinions with a view to influencing government security and defence policy. It is a non-partisan, independent, and non-profit organization.

The objectives of the CDA are:

- Consider the problems of national security;
- Assist the Government of Canada in placing these problems before Canadians;
- Co-ordinate the activities of member associations in matters of common interest affecting all Branches and Services of the Canadian Forces;
- Make recommendations to the Government of Canada through the Minister of National Defence, various Parliamentary Committees and other appropriate channels.
- Promote the efficiency and well-being of the Canadian Forces.





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5. Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDA Institute)

The **Conference of Defence Associations Institute** is a charitable and non-partisan organization whose mandate is to provide research support to the **Conference of Defence Associations** (CDA) and promote informed public debate on national security and defence issues. The CDA Institute fulfils its mandate through the following activities:

- **Vimy Award** – this Award recognizes one Canadian who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values. The **Ross Munro Media Award**, offered annually by **CDA**, is given to a journalist who has made an outstanding contribution to the general public's understanding of Canadian security and defence issues. Recipients of the Vimy Award, and the Ross Munro Award are honoured at a gala held annually in November at the Canadian War Museum.
- **Ottawa Conference on Defence and Security** – Canada's highly acclaimed debate on defence and security issues is held annually in Ottawa.
- **Annual Graduate Student Symposium** – This seminar, held at the Royal Military College of Canada brings together Canada's brightest young minds from across the country to present papers on security and defence issues.
- **Publications** – On a regular basis, the Institute publishes major studies, the **Vimy Papers**, and **ON TRACK**, a leading defence quarterly.
- **Roundtables** – Some twenty roundtables are held on an annual basis on topics related to defence and security. These are conducted under the **Chatham House Rule**.
- **Speaking Engagements** – By invitation, prominent speakers address current events attended by leaders of military and defence institutions.

For further information on the Conference of Defence Associations Institute, follow the link: <http://www.cdainstitute.ca/en/> .



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The following information is also available on our website <http://www.rlmi.ca/> :

Who We Are

RLMI is primarily an association of officers and ex-officers of the Canadian Forces formed for the purpose of:

- **keeping its members informed on current military affairs and developments;**
- **supporting the Canadian Forces (Regular Force and Reserve) in the preservation of their traditions and the development of their capacity to fulfill their roles; and**
- **acting as a link between the CF and the general public so that the role and requirements for adequate armed forces can be enhanced and better understood.**

RLMI supports the military interest of Canadian youth through prizes to the many Cadet Corps located in the western Ontario region.

Membership

Membership consists of serving and retired officers from the Canadian and Commonwealth Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and retired or serving officers of Allied Forces. Membership is also offered to interested and distinguished citizens who have not served in the Armed Forces or did not hold a commission.

Annual membership dues are \$25.00 New members initial dues are \$40.00 (includes RLMI lapel pin, nametag and one year's dues).



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Membership in RLMI confers access to other Institutes in Canada and the Commonwealth. Some Institutes operate their own club with dining and/or accommodation facilities. Enquiries about reciprocal privileges should be made to a member of the executive.

Meetings

RLMI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1930 hrs at the Royal Canadian Legion, Byron-Springbank Branch 533. The year is from September to June, with general meetings held from October to April, with the exception of December. Distinguished speakers present topics ranging from current events, modern military practices, military or regional history, to relevant economic and political trends.

The September meeting is a Cocktail Party for Members and guests. An annual Mixed Formal Dinner is held in May for Members and guests. An annual Mixed Formal Dinner is also held in December for Members and guests. The annual Garden Party (sponsored by the RLMI and other organizations) takes place in June. We offer interesting tours to Ontario military museums, sites of historic interest and other interesting events.

Members are invited to the annual New Year's Day Levees at HMCS PREVOST, 427 (London) Wing, AFAC, the Royal Canadian Legion, Byron-Springbank Br 533 and other Legions in London and area.

Guests

We encourage and welcome guests to our meetings.

Application Forms

To apply for membership, follow the link:

http://www.rlmi.ca/RLMI_Application_Form_Fillable.pdf



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6. Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Next regular meeting (see page 1 for details)
Meet & Greet: 1900hrs; Speaker: 1930hrs

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Mixed Formal Dinner-RLMI Members and Guests 1830hrs for 1930hrs

Dress: Black Tie / Mess Dress /Business Suit

Tariff: \$55.00

**Location:Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Royal Canadian Legion
1276 Commissioners Road, West
Upper Level- Cloakroom,
Lower Level - Cocktails,
Upper Level - Mess Dinner**

Sunday, 7 June 2015

**Tour- HMCS Ojibway (Payment was due 17 March, 2015)
08:15 to 17:30 (see <http://www.rlmi.ca/Events.html>)**



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History

The United Services Institutes had their origin in 1831 when the then British Prime Minister, the Duke of Wellington, founded the Naval and Military Library and Museum in London for the study and advancement of professional knowledge in the Armed Services. This became the Royal United Services Institute.

An inaugural meeting to establish a United Services Club for Upper Canada was held at York, U.C. on Monday October 7, 1833 by a number of military and naval officers. They believed there were about 400 officers in the Province who would decidedly support the club. The governor gave his sanction to it. Dr. William (Tiger) Dunlop and Colonel Light presided at the meeting.

The history of the Royal London Military Institute (RLMI) dates back to 1927. In November of that year, the London Garrison Officers' Association was formed with Lt.Col. E. H. Chesham, VD, as President, with the express aim of "centralizing all collective activities of the London Garrison in one organization so as to give continuity of policy and direction." The membership of the Association included all officers of the permanent and non-permanent Militia, and its executive was not composed solely of serving service personnel.

In October 1933, a request was made to N.D.H.Q. to re-organize the Association into Military Institute M.D.1, with membership to include not only the Association officers but also officers from other centres in the District. The actual changeover took place on 9 November 1933 with the granting of the Letters Patent, the first President of Military Institute M.D. 1 being Lt.Col W. T. Lawless, DSO.



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Both the London Garrison Officers' Association and Military Institute M.D. 1 supported such activities as the annual Garrison Ball and dinner and evening meetings at which prominent speakers spoke on topics of military significance.

When the Second World War began, the Institute gradually ceased to function. However, in 1942, Col J. B. Ware, DSO, VD, who had been President from 1937 to 1939, undertook to try to put some life into the organization. In this, he was successful, although there was considerable difficulty throughout the war years in obtaining speakers. By 1949, the function of the Institute had undergone some change, and control had become transferred from serving officers to retired officers. It was decided that it should be a tri-service organization with members open to all serving and retired officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Its name was changed to the London Defence Forces Institute, the President being Lt.Col. J. M. Pocock, OBE, ED.

In 1950, a further change of name became necessary in order to conform to provisions of Canadian Army Policy Letter No. 60 (DMT). Accordingly, a Constitution was drawn up for the London United Services Institute, membership being open to all officers and ex-officers of the permanent or Reserve Naval, Military and Air Forces resident in Western Ontario. The first President of the L.U.S.I. was LCDR T. F. Owen, RCN(R) who was called to special duty soon after his appointment. CDR. F. R. K. Naftel, RCN, succeeded him in October 1950.

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