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## ***AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER***

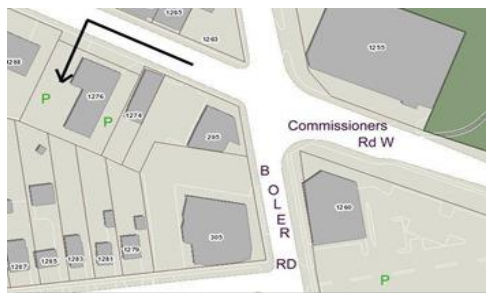
This newsletter is intended to provide information of interest to members of the Royal London Military Institute (RLMI). Please also visit the RLMI website- <http://www.rlmi.ca/>

### **1. RLMI Cocktail Party- Wednesday 16 September 2015**

The annual RLMI Cocktail Party will be held Wednesday, 16 September 2015 from 1600 to 1800 hrs at the Royal Canadian Legion, Byron-Springbank Branch 533 in the Banquet Hall on the upper level. Please note the deadline to RSVP and for payment to *Royal London Military Institute* (use full payee name on cheque please) is Wednesday, 2 September 2015. Cheques are to be mailed to:

RLMI  
333 Hartson Road  
London ON N6H 5B7

Further information including a response form will be sent later in August by mail to members. Please plan on attending in support of RLMI.



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



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## **2. Next Regular RLMI Meeting- Wednesday 21 October , 2015**

The regular October 2015 meeting of the Royal London Military Institute will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2015. Further information will be made available closer to that date.

## **3. RLMI Executive Positions**

Please note that we are seeking volunteers from among our members to serve on the RLMI executive in the positions of *Secretary*, *Speaker Chair* and *Membership Chair*. Contact Bob McDaniel [[rmcdaniel@sympatico.ca](mailto:rmcdaniel@sympatico.ca)] for further information or to indicate your interest.

## **4. Cadet Citizenship Awards**

Below is Cadet Warrant Officer Tade Ankenmann of Stratford receiving his RLMI Cadet Citizenship Award from vice president Gerry Treble. Tade sent an email (see next page) to RLMI expressing his appreciation for the award.





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... email received from Cadet Warrant Officer Tade Ankenmann

*Dear Royal London Military Institute*

*Thank you for the cheque and certificate of recognition awarded to me last night at the annual review of 223 Perth County Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. Your interest and support of cadets is greatly appreciated. It is a tremendous honour, and I am proud to be the recipient of this award. I would also like to thank your representative Gerry Treble for taking the time to present the award in person.*

*Sincerely*

*Cadet Warrant Officer Tade Ankenmann*

## **5. Spring RLMI Mixed Formal Dinner**

The annual spring formal dinner was held at Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Royal Canadian Legion on 20 May 2015 and was attended by 42 members and guests. RLMI President Fred Sasse thanked those in attendance for supporting RLMI through their attendance at events and announced that the fall cocktail party would be held on Wednesday 16 September 2015. We are most grateful to Judy Grunwald, Acting Treasurer and Director-Tours and LCol Armin Grunwald, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (pictured below) who played key roles in organizing the dinner.





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## **6. April 2015 RLMI Meeting: Tet Offensive in Vietnam**

LCol JW (Scotty) Martin MSM CD was our speaker at the April regular RLMI meeting. Pictured below is Dr. Don Bondy expressing appreciation to LCol Martin for his presentation on the Tet Offensive in Viet Nam and about his secondment to the Department of External Affairs and subsequent posting with The International Control Commission.



## **6. CANADIGM GALA DINNER- 18 April 2015**

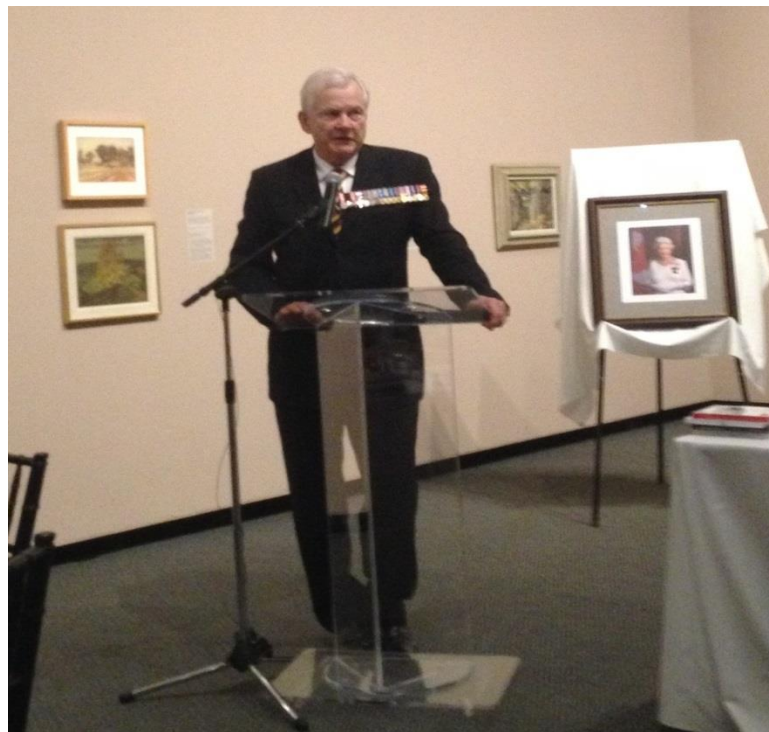
The Canadian Historical Documentation and Imaging Group (CANADIGM) hosted a Gala Dinner and Fundraiser at Museum London this past April. The keynote speaker was Major-General (Ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie. This very successful event had some individual RLMI members in attendance. The dinner celebrated and supported CANADIGM's cross-Canada exhibition, entitled the *Southern Impressions*. The exhibit memorializes the artistic carvings created by Canadian soldiers billeted in underground chalk caves in 1917 near Vimy Ridge. It recreates in 3-D, the soldiers' carvings and tells us something about these brave men who fought for Canada. The exhibition is touring the country from April 2015 to April 2017, the centennial of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.



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CANADIGM is a not-for-profit research group dedicated to advancing public education and awareness of events, artifacts, and sites of historical significance, and to preserving their legacies through advanced documentation technologies and media. It was founded in 2011 and based in London, Ontario. Zenon Andrusyszyn is the Executive Director / Project Leader and the founder of CANADIGM. See Canadigm's website for further information <http://canadigm.ca/>



Major-General (Ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie was guest speaker at the Canadian Historical Documentation and Imaging Group's (CANADIGM) Gala Dinner and Fundraiser at Museum London.



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Dr. Don Bondy, as well as as other RLMI members, were in attendance at the CANADIGM Gala Dinner. In the right background can be seen Major-General (Ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie; in the left background is Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Peter J. Devlin, Fanshawe College President.

## **8. Annual Tour: HMCS Ojibwa, Museum of Naval History, Elgin Military Museum**

On 7 June, members of RLMI, 427 ( London ) Wing, AFAC and guests participated in a tour of HMCS Ojibwa and the Elgin Military Museum. Lunch was provided at the Royal Canadian Legion, Bayham Branch 524, Port Burwell and a buffet dinner at Wayside Dining Lounge in Talbotville.



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A special thanks to Rear Admiral Daniel McNeil and his wife, Kathy, for joining the group at the HMCS Ojibwa and for sharing additional information. The tour was a great success.



Exterior of HMCS Ojibwa, Port Burwell, Ontario.



Medals donated to The Elgin Military Museum, St. Thomas, Ontario.

On the next page is a group photo of the 40 members and guests who participated in Tour No. 29, organized by Judy and Armin Grunwald, Tour Directors of the RLMI and 427 (London) Wing. (Royal London Military Institute [www.rlmi.ca](http://www.rlmi.ca/)) (427 ( London ) Wing [www.427wing.com](http://www.427wing.com)) .

Judy and Armin took them on a tour of the HMCS Ojibwa, inside and outside, lunch at the RCL Bayham Branch 524, tour of Elgin Military Museum, and buffet dinner at the Wayside Dining in Talbotville [www.waysidedining.com/index.php](http://www.waysidedining.com/index.php) . The 40 members and guests were from the Royal London Military Institute, 427 (London) Wing, RCAFA, the Garrison Community Council, [www.gcclondon.ca](http://www.gcclondon.ca) ,the Royal Canadian Legion, Byron-Springbank Branch 533, [www.rclbr533.ca](http://www.rclbr533.ca) , and the Korean Veterans Association.

Rear Admiral (retd) Daniel McNeil and his wife, Kathy, joined the group at the HMCS Ojibwa. Adm McNeil is one of the persons who helped in locating the HMCS Ojibwa in Port Burwell.



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The photo above is taken in front of a life-sized statue of the most famous elephant in the world! Jumbo, “The King of Elephants” was tragically killed when he was struck by a Grand Trunk Locomotive in St. Thomas, Ontario, on September 15th, 1885. In 1985 on the 100th anniversary of Jumbo’s death, the City of St. Thomas dedicated a 38 ton statue as a tribute to the most famous elephant who ever lived.

For more information, see the following websites:

[Http://www.cbc.ca/news/Canada/Hamilton/news/cold-war-sub-leaves-Hamilton-on-last-journey-1.1197912](http://www.cbc.ca/news/Canada/Hamilton/news/cold-war-sub-leaves-Hamilton-on-last-journey-1.1197912)

[Http://thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/99698-hmcs-ojibwa-leaves-this-week-to-become-floating-museum](http://thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/99698-hmcs-ojibwa-leaves-this-week-to-become-floating-museum)

[Http://www.mckeil.com/post/sub-make-final-voyage-through-Welland-canal](http://www.mckeil.com/post/sub-make-final-voyage-through-Welland-canal)

[Http://saoceast.com/blog/?page\\_id=118](http://saoceast.com/blog/?page_id=118)





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## **9. Conference of Defence Associations (CDA)**

“ON TRACK” is the journal of the CDA Institute. The current edition is entitled *Global Strategic Landscape* and has sections on the following: Security Assistance to Africa; Russia and the Ukraine; Marketing Violence; Iraq and Syria. “ON TRACK” can be viewed online at:

[http://cdainstitute.ca/images/on\\_track/On\\_Track\\_20.1.pdf](http://cdainstitute.ca/images/on_track/On_Track_20.1.pdf)

The **Royal London Military Institute (RLMI)** is a member of the Conference of Defence Associations ( <http://www.cdacanada.ca/en/> ).



## **10. RLMI Membership/Guests**

We encourage members to bring guests to our meetings. To apply for membership, please follow the link:

[http://rlmi.ca/RLMI\\_Application\\_Form\\_Fillable.pdf](http://rlmi.ca/RLMI_Application_Form_Fillable.pdf)

## **11. Payments to the Royal London Military Institute**

Our bank, TD Canada Trust, has asked that cheques no longer be made payable to the short form “RLMI” but rather to the full name “*Royal London Military Institute*”. It is indicated that cheques with short forms written on them will be refused by the bank. Your support is appreciated in meeting this requirement.



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## **12. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) Benefits Information**

The VAC website link to “*Veterans Affairs Canada Benefits Browser :Benefits at a Glance*” is available below. The site provides a variety of information relating to services and benefits, Acts and Regulations, as well as other supports.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/resources/benefits/allbenefits>

## **13. Executive Committee 2014-2015**

<b>President</b>	S/L EF (Fred) Sasse CD	<a href="mailto:sassefred-sadie@rogers.com">sassefred-sadie@rogers.com</a>
<b>Past President</b>	Lt R (Bob) McDaniel CD	<a href="mailto:rmcdaniel@sympatico.ca">rmcdaniel@sympatico.ca</a>
<b>A/Secretary, Speakers</b>	F/L DC (Don) Bondy MD	<a href="mailto:dbondy@uwo.ca">dbondy@uwo.ca</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maj BB (Brian) Hall CD	<a href="mailto:bhall@golden.net">bhall@golden.net</a>
<b>1st Vice-President</b>	LCol A (Armin) Grunwald COM MSM	<a href="mailto:agrunwald@rogers.com">agrunwald@rogers.com</a>
<b>2nd Vice-President</b>	Lt GW (Gerry) Treble MED	<a href="mailto:gerrytreble@rogers.com">gerrytreble@rogers.com</a>
<b>Director, Tours</b>	Mrs JA (Judy) Grunwald	<a href="mailto:rlmi@rogers.com">rlmi@rogers.com</a>
<b>Director, Cadets</b>	LCol JW (Scotty) Martin MSM CD	<a href="mailto:lcol.jwmartin@rogers.com">lcol.jwmartin@rogers.com</a>
<b>Director, Kit Shop</b>	Mrs J (Jan) Moore	<a href="mailto:janirich@rogers.com">janirich@rogers.com</a>

## **Reminder Re Upcoming RLMI Events 2015**

### **- RLMI Annual Cocktail Party- Wednesday 16 September 2015**

1600 to 1800 hrs at the Royal Canadian Legion,  
Byron-Springbank Branch 533 Banquet Hall, upper level

### **-Next RLMI Regular Meeting- Wednesday 21 October 2015**

Meet & Greet: 1900 hrs; Speaker: 1930 hrs  
(details to follow)