

The BC Region AGM Report

Warm Greetings to all from the west coast.

The year in review does have a few highlights to mention and the promise of more to come in 2019.

At the beginning of the year we were contacted by Mr. Fred Kwok, the Chairman of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver. They had planned to host a WWII Historical Exhibition honoring the Chinese Canadian veterans and the role of our own "C" Force Hong Kong veterans in the far east. It is still their plan to do so but it appears a typhoon nixed their schedule.

They were on target to receive some artifacts and memorabilia but the roof was ripped off the Coastal Defense Museum by the latest typhoon. This will delay the timeline for the exhibition but has not dampened their enthusiasm to highlight the Hong Kong story. We look forward to helping them out in any way possible in the New Year.

In August:

A small group of our HKVCA family travelled to Quebec city to witness the Re dedication festivities for the newly rebuilt armoury.

I took the opportunity to research some Royal Rifles documents and take an inventory of what they had salvaged from the devastating fire.

The following week-end I hosted a St Patrick' s High school display of "The Defence of Hong Kong". It was a very well attended function (1200 plus attendees).

Later on an HKVCA commemorative plaque was dedicated to the memory of five Royal Rifle soldiers who attended school there. They are:

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| Patrick Commerford | E22816 |
| Charles FitzPatrick | E30684 |
| John FitzPatrick | E21822 |
| John Kelso | E29815 |
| William G Tuppert | E22892 |

We Will Remember Them

December

Remembrance ceremonies in BC were well attended. In Victoria we are always grateful to have the presence of our HK Veteran Gerry Gerrard, RCCS at all our functions. Way to go Gerry, 97years young!

There are two plaque unveiling s in December. One on the 10th in Kelowna, and the other on the 12th in Penticton.

We also take a moment to reflect on the passing of BC resident Catherine Penny, widow of Don Penny (RCCS) on March 3.

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very
Happy Holiday and a Prosperous New Year.