

39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all, the first article covers the flexibility of 39 CER in getting our Sappers qualified on the C6 and C9. The Sappers were truly everywhere. This is a great article. The D Day in North Vancouver is right around the corner. Save the date, Saturday 1 June. Up and coming in the fall is the 75th anniversary of 44 Engineer Squadron. The celebrations in Trail BC on Saturday 5 October. See more details below.

Chimo,

Bill Wenman
President

EXERCISES

1 CER Gun Camp

During the month of March, 39 CER was involved in the Brigade Training Event, Ex COUGAR RAGE. This exercise was initially intended to be a Brigade concentration in Wainwright, Alberta, however, due to fiscal and ammo constraints, the engineer branch was decentralized to Chilliwack to run their own training during this time. 39 CER's main effort during this time was to qualify junior members on heavy weapons packages as part of RQ Sapper supplemental Mod

7. 39 CER leveraged opportunities within the Brigade and Division to send members on gun camps where they could fire C9 and C6. This included the 1 CER Gun Camp (10-22 March 2024) in Edmonton and Ex SCOTTISH SHOOTER (9-10 March 2024) led by the Canadian Scottish Regiment in Nanaimo. The 1 CER Gun Camp saw six members of 39 CER attend and fire C6 and C9. Six members of 39 CER attended the C Scot R Gun Camp. Other activities that 39 CER participated in during Ex COUGAR RAGE were: Royal Westminster Regiment C9 range at Vokes Range in Chilliwack (8x members), 39 CBG C22 train the trainer course (2x members), 39 CER grenade range (15x members qualified) and a tactical demolitions exercise at Slesse Range that included participation from qualified Basic Assault Pioneers from the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

Photos below are from the 1 CER Gun Camp.





D-Day Dinner



*The Commanding Officer of 39 Combat Engineer Regiment
&
Regimental Sergeant Major*

- and -

*Officer Commanding of 6 Engineer Squadron
&
Squadron Sergeant Major*

Cordially invite you and a guest to our

2024 D-Day Mixed Dining-In

*To be held at the Lt Col J.P. Fell Armoury
1513 Forbes Avenue, North Vancouver*

On Saturday, the 1st of June 2024

Reception at 1800 hrs followed by a plated dinner at 1900 hrs with choice of

New York Striploin | Chicken Limone | Wild Mushroom Risotto(v)

Dress

Mess Dress or DEU 2B (ribbons) | Civilian Black Tie

Tickets available by advance reservation and payment only – no walk-ins

Please RSVP by May 17, 2024 via email to: DDayDinner@39CER.ca.

We ask that serving and retired members include their Regimental affiliation.

Please indicate your meal choice and dietary restrictions with RSVP.

\$110 per guest

Payment due by May 17, 2024 via e-transfer to Museum@39CER.ca and using the password “ddaydinner”
or via cheque payable to

“6FES Museum Association” delivered to 1513 Forbes Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M 2Y4

44 ES 75th ANNIVERSARY

The planned timeline for the 75th anniversary events will be scheduled from 1 April 2024 to 1 April 2025. The primary focus will be Saturday 5 October 2024 at Trail BC. Other events, such as formal visits to the Cities of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks will be scheduled that fits in with the Squadron and those Municipalities. A proposed Freedom of the City with Cranbrook is under review.

The 75th Anniversary of 44 ES in Trail has been scheduled for Saturday 5 October 2024.

Saturday key events are planned as follows:

1100hrs – Re-confirmation of the Freedom of the City – Trail

1200hrs – 1500hrs – Open House – Static displays, refreshments, snacks, etc.

(VIP visitors meet with Regimental and Squadron Command Team and Key Staff)

1400hrs – 6 Fd Band and Trail Pipes & Drum

1800hrs – Mixed Dining in – Formal (Mess Kit or appropriate formal clothing)

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Our Board member David Blake-Knox Maj (Ret'd) (blake_knoxd@hotmail.com) has offered his services to assist individuals in submitting claims to Veterans Affairs. David has had success in navigating the bureaucracy in submitting his own claims and those of others.

MEMBERSHIP

For those wishing to become members of 39 CER Association, a membership form can be acquired from: membership@39cer.ca

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