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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all, as we close out the training year from Sep 2024 to Jun 2025, it is quite amazing to see all the events and exercises that 39 CER was involved in. I would like to thank all the contributors to the newsletter and Achim for putting it all together month after month. It is truly appreciated by all who read it. On behalf of the Directors, I wish you all the best over the summer.

Chimo,

Bill Wenman
President

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Capt Sidhu received his SSM for his deployment to Germany in support of OP UNIFIER (NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine) 7 June 2025. He was deployed from Oct 2024-Jan 2025.



Capt Sidhu being presented his SSM by CO 39 CER LCol Piers



Capt Steeves received his parting gift from the CO yesterday. Capt Steeves was the RSSO and Adjt from 03 July 2023 until 14 July 2025.

D-DAY DINNER

39 CER commemorated the D-Day Landings with a Regimental Dining In on Saturday 7 June 2025 at the Lt. Col. J.P. Fell Armoury, home of 6 ES, the current iteration of the original 6 Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers.



Our notable guest was WW II veteran Harry Greenwood.

OPp GRANITE II 23 May 2025

<https://operation-granite-ii.info/>



Operation GRANITE II, planned for July 2026 in Chilliwack, is a commemorative event being organized by the CMEA, the Retired Sappers Association, and the Royal Canadian Legion. It will mark the 80th Anniversary of the All Sappers Cenotaph in Chilliwack, BC, that is the principal CME and central to our history and heritage.

The event is scheduled for the weekend of July 17-19, 2026. It is intended to be a major reunion and celebration, likely the last significant gathering in what was the "Home of the Engineers" from 1942 to 1998. The format includes:

- Registration and a Meet & Greet on Friday
- A Rededication and a Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Saturday, followed by a Gala Dinner
- Optional church and group memorial services on Sunday morning, concluding with a farewell brunch
- Historical displays, kit sales, and a videographer capturing personal interviews and stories throughout the event

The organizing committee aims to reconnect thousands of people who served in Chilliwack, honour their history, and pay homage to those who have passed. The event has received financial support from the CMEA to help launch the event.

Operation GRANITE II is a significant military heritage reunion and commemorative event centred on the Canadian Military Engineers' legacy in Chilliwack, planned for mid-July 2026.

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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