

39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all, a few promotions are included in this newsletter. As we all know leadership in the Army and the Engineers is critical resource and it is a pleasure to see these members moving forward. 44 Engineer Squadron held an exercise on the 24-26 Oct weekend. There are few photos included. I did get some time with the CO and go over the health of the Regiment and discuss ways in which the Association could possibly support the Regiment. It was very good discussion with lots of ideas. I will end off the introduction with a request for everyone to put July 17-19 2026 in the calendar for OP GRANITE.

Chimo,

Bill Wenman
President

PROMOTIONS



Flanked by Capt Helmer-Smith A/OC and Sgt Wenman A/SSM, Spr Anderson was promoted on 7 September 2025



Flanked by Capt Helmer-Smith A/OC and Sgt Wenman A/SSM, Spr Wesman was promoted on 7 September 2025



Flanked by Capt Helmer-Smith A/OC and MCpl Hoyt, MCpl Horn was promoted on 21 September 2025



Flanked by Capt Helmer-Smith A/OC and MCpl Hoyt, Sapper Wagg was promoted on 21 September 2025



Flanked by Capt Helmer-Smith A/OC and Sgt Wenman A/SSM, Capt Smith was promoted on 16 October 2025



Maj Helmer-Smith was promoted on Ex VIGILANT SAPPER by LCol Piers CO

EXERCISES

Ex SAPPER DESTROYER – 24 - 26 October 2025

6 and 54 ES conducted a joint exercise consisting of abatis and craters.



Ex VIGILANT SAPPER (44 ES) – 23-26 October 2025

Troops from Trail and Cranbrook conducted training on C6 GPMG, C9 LMG, C7 rifle, CBRN defense drills and Shotgun



Members of 44 ES preparing for CBRN drills.



PARKING

On Monday 20 October 2025, The City Of North Vancouver approved exemption from city parking fees for veterans displaying BC Veterans licence plates.

OP GRANITE II

<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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