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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings to all serving and retired members. This ends off the New Year with exercises in Nov and dinners, awards and promotions. Unfortunately, at the time of posting we did not receive the 44 Engr Sqn Solider Appreciation Dinner write up & photos. To all those members on deployment, we wish you the best over the holiday and for a safe return home.

Chimo,

Bill Wenman
President

HONOURS AND AWARDS



Maj Kwok, OC 6 ES and MWO Park, SSM 6 ES flanking LCol Piers presenting Cpl Crossman his second bar to the CD on 30 October 2025



Cpl Amiri was presented his CD 4 Dec 2025 by LCol Piers, CO



Cpl Foley was promoted on 13 November 2025 by OC 6 ES Maj Kwok and SSM MWO Park.



Cpl Geiser 6 ES FSA in the OR was promoted to Cpl 4 Dec 2025 by LCol Piers CO

EXERCISES

EX RIBBON RAFTER 21-23 November 2025

Sixty shooters from 6 and 54 ES along with a small number of pers from 15 Fd RCA completed C7 PWT3 at VOKES Range. Five plus one re-shoot PWT3 serials were completed over the course of the weekend. All but one pers from 15 Fd RCA passed. This was in addition to one

serial of PWT1 that was needed to qualify 2 members and officially allow them to complete their BMQ. A C9 night shoot was completed along with several serials of CBRN/gas hut training.



Ex SAPPER CRUCIBLE 21-23 November 2025

Five additional 44 ES pers were qualified on C7 PWT3 and various C7 practices at CASINO Range. Dismounted training included patrols, engineer recce, defensive obstacle builds, and a casualty scenario using notional drones to exercise combat medic skills. There was a large focus on battle procedure, preparations, and rehearsals.



Pte Asmakov pictured in the foreground, C7 Range, 44 ES - Ex SAPPER CRUCIBLE





REMEMBRANCE DAY



6ES participated in the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Victoria Park in North Vancouver. This year's contingent was lead by Officer Commanding Major Patrick Kwok, CD and Master Warrant Officer Hans Park, CD. Other participants in the parade included the members of the various cadet corps, North Vancouver RCMP, and the City and District of North Vancouver Fire Departments. The parade was lead by the J.P. Fell Pipe Band. The ceremony was well received and very well attended by local residents. A reception was hosted at the J.P. Fell Armouries with the public invited to attend.



2025 Remembrance Day Ceremony at All Sappers Memorial Park

The 2025 Remembrance Day ceremony at All Sappers Memorial Park in Vedder Crossing, BC began with a procession at 10:30 a.m. from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #295 on Vedder Road.

The local community, veterans, families, and organizations gathered together at the park to commemorate those who served.

The official ceremony included the traditional elements of laying wreaths, speeches, the national anthem, and a moment of silence. Youth cadets participated, standing motionless in tribute at the monument for about an hour.

All Sappers Memorial Park at Vedder Crossing is a key memorial site for the Royal Canadian Engineers and Canadian Forces, making the ceremony especially meaningful for the local community with ties to military engineering units and veterans. The event is one of several Remembrance Day ceremonies held in the Chilliwack area, but the Vedder Crossing ceremony draws particular attention for its association with the region's military presence and heritage.

The year 2026 will see a major event at All Sappers Memorial when a re-dedication of All Sappers cenotaph will take place on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its original dedication by the Governor General in July 1946



Hundreds gathered at the cenotaph in downtown Trail for Remembrance Day services. As per local tradition, the names of the city's dead from multiple wars were read aloud one-by-one. Cenotaph Guards are Cpl Judah Redding on the right (Facing out) and Cpl Garth Johnson (Left side back view) and the Cenotaph Guard is MCpl Derrick Horney. (Greg Nesteroff photo/Vista Radio)



MCpl Buckley lays the wreath for the Unknown Soldier with Cpl Johnson in background as Cenotaph Guard



44 ES Det Cranbrook marked Remembrance Day with a ceremony at the Cenotaph and Wall of Honour in Rotary Park on Nov. 11, 2025

SAPPER'S CUP



6ES in North Vancouver hosted the 2nd annual Sapper's Cup today which is a high school wrestling tournament. Special thanks to 6ES members Capt Murseli, Capt Sidhu, Cpl Ong, Cpl Dutka, Pte Geen, and Pte McDonald-Newton who assisted. Extra special thanks to Sgt Irvine and MCpl Hansra who came out from RHQ to support as well. 4 teams from West Vancouver,

North Vancouver, Vancouver College, and a team from Abbotsford. Approximately 70 youths competed.

SOLDIERS' APPRECIATION DINNER

Unfortunately, due to Hwy 1 being flooded it was decided to have separate dinners of 6 ES and 54 ES.

6 ES Awards Presented At The SAD



10 regimental coins were presented by the CO



Fd Tp member of the year - Cpl Price



Jr NCO of the year - MCpl Ledoyen



Cpl of the year - Cpl Dutka



Spr of the year - Cpl Ong



Sp Tp member of the year - Cpl Little

54 ES Awards Presented At The SAD



Top Shot: Cpl Gidney



Top Spr/Cpl: Cpl Rodgers



Top MCpl/Snr NCO - MCpl Carney



Most Dedicated: Cpl Cole and Cpl Dean



RSM Award: MCpl Hansra

CANADA HOUSE

<https://www.facebook.com/CanadaHouseLaMaisonDesCanadiens>



A new plaque was dedicated and placed on our Wall of Remembrance today, in memory of the members of the 6th Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers who fought and died on June 6th.

We will remember them! 🇨🇦🇨🇦🇨🇦🇨🇦



Une nouvelle plaque dédiée et posée aujourd'hui en mémoire des morts de la 6th Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers le 6 juin 1944.

Nous nous souviendrons d'eux ! 🇨🇦

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 Memorial 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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