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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all, as 39 CER closes down for the summer training, exercises and deployments, we take time to thank everyone involved with training the Canadian Army in these times where there appears to be shortages everywhere. This issue covers the D-Day dinner held at 6 Engr Sqn Armoury and an update on Op Granite.

Chimo,

Bill Wenman
President

HONOURS AND AWARDS



Cpl Crestani (ret'd) received his CD on May 2 at the 6ES year end BBQ

D-DAY DINNER

Hosted by the Commanding Officer, LCol Piers, 39 CER held its annual D-Day Dinner to commemorate the heroic actions of the 6 Field Company on Juno Beach. Attached to the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, their critical mission was to clear beach obstacles, dismantle booby traps, and blow minefield gaps so advancing tanks and infantry could push inland. In total, the unit suffered 26 casualties.



The J.P. Fell Pipes and Drums performing for our enjoyment.



LCol Vickie Ferg holding her gift from 39 CER with her two challenge coins (39 CER and 39 Sigs Regt) inset into wood taken from the former Sleese Creek Demolition Range bridge and milled by RSM Batch. LCol Ferg started off in 39 CER and rose to be the OC 54 ES before being selected to command 39 Sigs Regt.

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

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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