



The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery
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Fields of Fire Tours, C&E Museum and Merit Travel
are proud to host the
Pre-Tour Presentation 1730 - 2030 hours, 16 February 2017
Military C&E Museum 95 Craftsman Blvd, CFB Kingston

**Fields of Fire
Battlefield Tours**



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'Retour à Vimy' – 'Return to Vimy'
Voyage d'étude du champs de bataille – Battlefield Study Tour
1 à 10 avril – 1 to 10 April 2017
-100 ans de souvenir – 100 Years of Remembrance-

Happy 150th Birthday Canada!

To many, Vimy Ridge is where Canada 'became a nation.' 100 years later, the sacrifices in Flanders Fields, will be remembered. At the invitation of the RCA, the C&E Branch will join its comrades in arms in a 200-strong contingent of Gunners, Signallers, Air & Navy Communicators, families and friends, and le retour à Vimy. Guided by Fields of Fire Tours and Merit Travel, the contingent will visit iconic World War I sites – Vimy, Hill 70, Beaumont-Hamel, Ypres – plus recount Canadian actions in the Second World War at Juno Beach and Dieppe. <https://cmcen.ca/heritage/ce-commemorative-battlefield-study-tour-1-10-april-2017/>

Hill 70 has become known as the 'forgotten victory,' but now taking its place in Canadian history. An ambitious project, led by the Governor General, is the construction of an inspiring monument and memorial park on Hill 70, terrain donné par la Ville de Loos. The C&E Branch is sponsoring a commemorative tree and marker. Hill 70 was significant for gunners, signallers and airmen alike; with the innovative use of the Royal Flying Corps spotter aircraft with new wireless radio technology to direct fire. <http://www.hill70.ca/>

We are honoured to have the Hill 70 Project Team to provide an overview of the project, and a distinguished Canadian historian, Dr. Douglas Delaney, to present an account of the battle and its meaning to Canada.



Vimy Ridge will also be remembered in Kingston, with a Freedom of the City Parade and Vimy Gala hosted by Base Kingston and Home Station Schools and Regiments.

This program will be of interest to those 'Returning to Vimy,' the wider military community and the public – anyone wishing to learn about the legacy of a century ago!



Welcome all!

Evening Program

1730 **Welcome to the Museum** **Karen Young, Museum Manager**

- *Please visit the Museum, refreshments available (in designated area)*

1800 **Introduction and Welcome** **Major Brigitte Allaire
Deputy Commandant CFSCE**

- *Welcome to the C&E Home Station & Museum*

1805 **Overview of 'Return to Vimy' Battlefield Tour** **BGen David Patterson
Fields of Fire Tours**



- *Review of the study tour itinerary and questions*

1825 **Hill 70 Project Overview** **LCol (Ret'd) Doug Green, Warren Everett
Hill 70 Project Team**

- *Insight to the project, as the tour will not be able to visit Hill 70 on 8 April as hoped*



1835 **Refreshment Break**

1845 **Keynote Speaker** **Dr. Douglas Delaney
Royal Military College**



- *The Significance of Hill 70 and its Strategic Impact*

1930 **Closing Remarks and Thanks** **LCol (Ret'd) Bob Taylor**

- *Please enjoy the Museum and your colleagues*

2030 **Museum to close** **Museum Manager**

- A **special thanks to Merit Travel** for sponsoring the food and refreshments.
- Please donate to the **Military C&E Museum Foundation** (at the door or <http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/>) to help the Museum 'tell the stories' of 150 years of Canadian military heritage.



Biography of Keynote Speaker – Douglas Delaney, CD, BA, MA, PhD, FRHistS, Professor

A retired infantry officer with more than twenty-seven years of service in the Canadian Forces, Dr. Doug Delaney also holds a doctorate in War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC).

His military career began when he entered Royal Roads Military College at Victoria, British Columbia in 1983. Four years later, he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC) at Kingston Ontario in 1987 with BA (Honours) in History. Commissioned into Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) as a Second-Lieutenant, he served for four years with the Third Battalion of his regiment at Victoria, B.C, where he held appointments as rifle platoon commander, Intelligence Officer and Company Second-in-Command. In 1991, Captain Delaney was posted to the Canadian Airborne Regiment at Petawawa, Ontario, where served as a rifle platoon commander in 2 Airborne Commando and as a reconnaissance platoon commander. From 1993 to 1996, he was a staff officer (plans) at First Canadian Division Headquarters. In 1996, he returned to regimental duty with 1 PPCLI, where he held the posts of Adjutant and Company Commander. In 2000, after finally completing his MA in War Studies through part-time study at RMC, then-Major Delaney returned to his *alma mater* to pursue a doctorate in War Studies, which he completed in 2003.

Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Delaney's military qualifications include Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff Course, Combat Team Commander, Combat Intelligence Officer, Basic Parachutist, and Military Freefall Parachutist. He has completed three operational tours of duty: Cyprus (1988), Somalia (1992-1993) and Kosovo (1999).

Since 2002, he has been a professor of history at RMC, where he lectures on Canadian military history, strategic studies, and the Second World War. He is a past Head of the Military and Strategic Studies undergraduate program (2004-2006) and a former Chair of war Studies (2007-2012). His first book, *The Soldiers' General: Bert Hoffmeister at War* (2005), won the 2007 C.P Stacey Prize for the best book on a Canadian military history topic and his second book, *Corps Commanders: Five British and Canadian Generals at War, 1939-1945*, was published in 2011. Some of his other publications include "Army Apostles: Imperial Officers on Loan and the Standardization of the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Armies, 1904-1914", *War in History* (2016); "Mentoring the Canadian Corps: Imperial Officers and the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918." *Journal of Military History* (2013); "A Quiet Man of Influence: General Sir John Crocker." *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, (2007); "Cutting, Running, or Otherwise? The U.S. Decision to Withdraw From Somalia." *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (2004); "Churchill and the Mediterranean Strategy: December 1941 -- January 1943," *Defence Studies* (2002). His current book project, *Imperial Armies: Britain and the Land Forces of the Dominions and India, 1902-1945*, is under contract with Oxford University Press.



- **For planning purposes, those wishing to attend RSVP to:**
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