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**Spring is
almost here!**



We are a Museum!!

You may or may not have known that the Vernon Cadet Camp Museum (VCCM) started out as a satellite museum to the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives (GVMA). All artifacts in the museum were either personally owned or property of the GVMA, Well not anymore.

Last month the VCCM became an independent museum. We now own our artifacts or have loan agreements with the owners.

Exciting times for our little museum!



What a year we are planning. As spring comes to the Okanagan, we are beginning work on a number projects: cleaning up the museum and updating and organizing the displays

Our tour season will begin mid May. All tours are based on staff availability and are

weather dependent.

[Book a tour](#)



HISTORY

Check out our new pages on the web site. We have started to add different history pages. Help us add to these pages by sending in your units history. Our goal is to have every cadet unit across Canada represented in our history pages.

[Help us by sending us your unit's history.](#)

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Corps or Squadron memberships



The Vernon Military History Society is happy to announce that we are now offering cadet corps and squadrons memberships. With these memberships units will have opportunity to post information in our now monthly newsletter. Will be able to update their units history page, and purchase items at the kit shop for a much lower cost.

Corps or Squadrons Memberships



Tracks to the Trenches

*Canadian Railway Troops in the Great War
(1914-1919)*



DAVID R. P. GUAY

We have increased our book selection at the kit shop. Have a look.

[Kit Shop](#)

This months featured cadet is
BRIGADIER GENERAL (Retired) R.R. ROMSES,
OMM, CD, MA

FORMER COLONEL COMMANDANT ROYAL
CANADIAN ARMY CADETS



Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Romses grew up in Lethbridge, Alberta and began his military service as an army cadet in 1966. He attended Vernon Army Cadet Camp for two summers, in his second summer he was selected as the Cadet Parade Commander. In winter 1970 he placed first on the Alberta Master Cadet exams and as a result participated in a summer cadet exchange to Barbados. Following this activity he was commissioned as a Lieutenant with the Cadet Services of Canada and worked with the 2296-18th Field Regiment RCA Cadet Corps. He also instructed at the Banff National Army Cadet Camp for two summers. In 1972 he was accepted into the Regular Officer Training Plan and following graduation from the University of Lethbridge commissioned in 1975 as a Lieutenant with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI).

General Romses commanded at various levels including: the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Canada's Special Forces unit – Joint Task Force Two, Canadian Forces Base Calgary, Commander Land Force Atlantic Area (now called 5 Canadian Division), and Commander Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London, England).

His international experience included two United Nations Cyprus tours, a posting with the 3rd Battalion British Parachute Regiment, service whilst CO 1PPCLI with both the Allied Command Europe (ACE) Mobile Force and NATO Composite Force, completed a NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) tour as Canadian Contingent

Commander in Bosnia, was Chief of Staff of the Multinational Stand-by High Readiness Brigade for United Nations operations (SHIRBRIG) in Denmark, completed a United Nations tour in Ethiopia and Eritrea as the Force Chief of Staff, and whilst Commander CDLS (London) he was accredited as Canada's Defence Attaché to both the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

General Romses completed his duties in London, England and then retired from the Canadian Forces effective 1 April 2009 and lives in Lethbridge, Alberta. He is currently a Governor of the Southern Alberta Commissionaires, a Director of the Alberta History and Heros Foundation and 702 Wing RCAF Association, and Chairman of the Lethbridge Military Museum Committee. He has also served previously as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, President of the Army Cadet League of Canada (Alberta), a Director of the Last Post Fund (Alberta), and President of the Lethbridge United Services Institute.

Brigadier-General Romses has both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree, and was honoured as the University of Lethbridge Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2005.

BGen (ret'd) Romses said 'Cadets had a profound positive impact on me in my youth and helped develop attributes which have allowed me to succeed as I've transitioned through life.'



Adjutant General L. R. Peterson makes inspection round on jeep with Col. D. N. D. Dewar, former commander, Pacific region and Cadets.

Cadet R.R. Romses as the parade commander.

(Maj Cam LeBlond Photo)



Maj Tweeten and Col Johnston presenting BGen (ret'd) Romses with photos at the 2011 grad parade.

(Wayne Emde Photo)



BGen (ret'd) Romses inspecting the troop at Vernon Cadet Training Center while the Colonel Commandant of the RCAC

(Wayne Emde Photo)

If you or someone you know should be featured as the cadet of the month contact the [Operations Manager](#).

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