

# SOMM TIMES

TO PRESERVE, HONOUR, PERPETUATE AND EDUCATE  
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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**SOUTHERN ONTARIO MILITARY MUSTER**  
**AUGUST 16-17, 2014**  
**9AM-4PM EACH DAY**  
**ESSEX CENTRE, ESSEX, ON**





**COME AND EXPERIENCE HISTORY**

Opening Ceremonies on Saturday at 10 a.m.  
Honouring Our Afghan Veterans

Living History Displays, Military vehicles, Vendors  
View encampments - talk to re-enactors  
Vendors inside Essex Twin Pad Complex - Rink A  
Vehicle Roll Past, WWII trench tours, WWII Battle Re-enactments  
Canadian Forces Displays - Army, Navy & Air Force Cadets  
**ESSEX MEMORIAL SPITFIRE ON DISPLAY IN ARENA!**




**\$ 5.00 ADULT ADMISSION**  
**\$ 2.00 CHILDREN 6-17**  
**FREE CHILDREN 5 & under**  
**FREE TO ALL VETERANS**

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS**















**ESSEX MEMORIAL ARENA GROUNDS - 60 FAIRVIEW AVENUE WEST, ESSEX, ONTARIO**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [www.militarymuster.ca](http://www.militarymuster.ca)  
or call 519-945-8648 Email: [somm.militarymuster@gmail.com](mailto:somm.militarymuster@gmail.com)

**COUNTING DOWN**



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**DAYS !!!**

It's that time of year again. The pressure is on, confirming attendees, arranging transport of vehicles, preparing layouts of the arena and grounds, preparing exhibits and attending to loose ends.

Thank you to those who make this show possible ... our small but amazing core of people who are dedicated to Honouring Veterans and preserving history.



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**ESSEX AND COMMUNITY HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY (ECHRS)** - A new partner this year - Welcome and thank you.

**DAN DUPUIS - CO-OPERATORS** - A new partner this year - Welcome and thank you.

**DR. ERICH TENZER** - Thank you for your continuing support.

**DPM INSURANCE GROUP - ESSEX** - Thank you for your continuing support.



## WHAT'S NEW?

KEVIN McMAHON IN THE WW1 TRENCH

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that we received written approval from Veterans Affairs Canada on June 27, 2014 and the Southern Ontario Military Muster has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant to assist with the eligible expenses to organize the 2014 Southern Ontario Military Muster.

*This grant helps with the costs associated with a portion of the transportation of large military vehicles, the arena rental, field rental, transit and shuttle for the Veterans, and shelter for the Veterans including tents and tables.*

The Southern Ontario Military Muster is very grateful for the support given to us by Veterans Affairs Canada to Honour Veterans, display vintage military vehicles, share history and educate the public in our community.

### WEBSITE - [www.militarymuster.ca](http://www.militarymuster.ca)



The Donate Button is on the home page and on several of the tabs. It is a safe and convenient way to donate. Please consider a donation to help us continue and expand our annual show.

#### Vendors/Re-enactors/Vehicle Owners:

Hurry, hurry, there is still time to complete your application.

Re-enactors are encouraged to fill out their form before arrival. Makes registration quick allowing more time for you to set up. Remember to fill in ALL the required fields and submit to us.

For all applications - If you do not receive a "thank you for submitting your form" message after submitting, then you did not fill in ALL the required fields. Try again, there will be red highlights in the missing fields.

### VETERAN BIOGRAPHIES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

Veteran biographies are always needed for our website gallery. In the past few days we have received some great local stories and pictures.

*As part of our Essex Memorial Spitfire project, we are looking for the biographies of the Essex County Airmen. There will be a separate RCAF/RAF page on the website and a Book of Remembrance is also planned.*

*The website will soon be updated with the permission form and military biography data sheet that we require before publication.*

*Share your stories and memories with us so we can preserve them forever.*

Our commemorative program this year covers World War I, World War II and Afghanistan. You will meet Veterans who play and played an important role in their families and their community at large. These biographies will be available on the website in September in the Veterans Gallery.



Veterans Affairs  
Canada

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Canada

# SOMM IN THE COMMUNITY



**JUNE 21/14 - ECHRS MILITARY OPEN HOUSE, ESSEX**



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**JUNE 22/14  
ADMIRAL HOSE DEDICATION  
HEAVENLY REST CEMETARY  
WINDSOR**



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**JULY 13/14 - ESSEX FUN FEST PARADE, ESSEX**

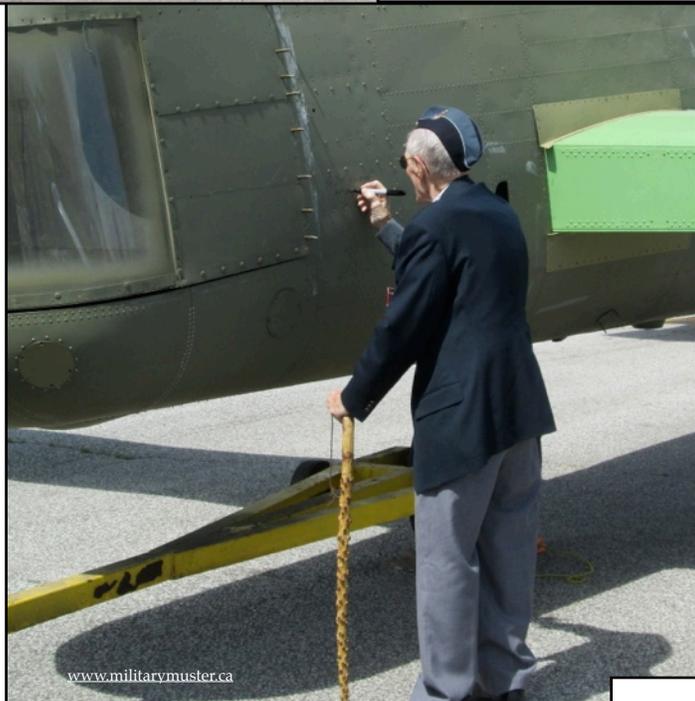
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**JULY 5/14 - SIGN THE BOMBER EVENT, CH2A - WINDSOR AIRPORT**

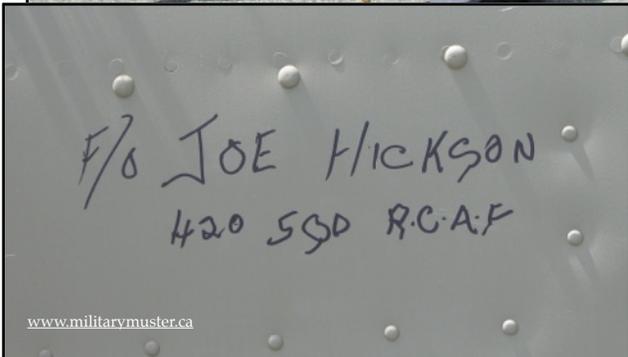
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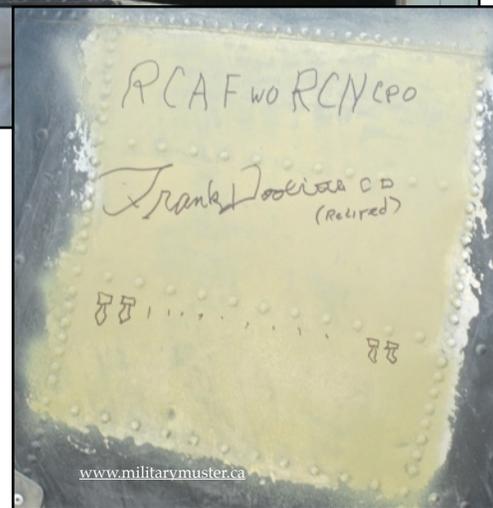


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**RCAF VETERANS - JOE HICKSON  
(ON LEFT)  
AND FRANK DOOLITTLE  
(ON RIGHT)  
SIGNING THE  
WINDSOR LANCASTER BOMBER  
FM 212**



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## EVENT CALENDAR

### AUGUST

**AUG 9**

#### **NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS' DAY**

Throughout Canada, in each and every year, the ninth day of August shall be known as "National Peacekeepers' Day". Since 1956, 164 Canadian Forces peacekeepers have lost their lives while keeping the peace around the world in over 66 missions. On August 9, 1974, nine Canadian forces peacekeepers were killed when their plane was shot down by a surface-to-air missile while en route from Beirut to Damascus.

**AUG 16-17**

#### **SOUTHERN ONTARIO MILITARY MUSTER - ESSEX**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm. daily  
Opening Ceremonies, Saturday, August 16 - 10:00 am - Honouring Afghan Veterans.

**AUG 30**

#### **ESSEX MEMORIAL SPITFIRE PASTA FUNDRAISER - RCL BRANCH 201 - ESSEX**

Tickets available from committee members - \$15, Doors open at 6 pm, serving dinner until 8 pm. Cash Bar. Entertainment by The House Party Band, Todd Porter "Anything Bows" and The Rock Farm Band.

### SEPTEMBER

**SEPT 7**

#### **DEDICATION OF UN PEACEKEEPERS/AFGHAN MONUMENT - REAUME PARK, WINDSOR**

Located at Pilette Road and Riverside Drive East - Charlie Brooks Peace Fountain - more details to follow.

**SEPT 14**

#### **2nd ANNUAL ANDREW GRENON RIDE - RCL BRANCH 261 - LESPERANCE AND TECUMSEH**

1st Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit (Verrieres Ridge Unit) host a 125 km scenic poker ride. Proceeds to Wounded Warriors Canada - visit their Facebook Page: Verrieres Ridge for more details.

**SEPT 20**

#### **TROT WITH THE TROOPS - WINDSOR**

Organized to raise funds for the London Military Family Resource Center & the Regimental Association, a 5 km, 10 km walk/run for all ages and 1km children's dash will be held. Run begins at the Tilston Armoury, 4007 Sandwich Street. Runners will run past the Vietnam War Memorial and return along Sandwich Street to the Tilston Armoury. After the race, the participants and public are welcome to tour the Armoury, enjoy post-event music and refreshments and meet members of the Essex and Kent Scottish, the Regimental family and the Pipes and Drums. See website for more details.

[http://www.trotwiththetroops.com/Windsor\\_Site/Windsor\\_Race\\_Home.html](http://www.trotwiththetroops.com/Windsor_Site/Windsor_Race_Home.html)

**SEPT 21**

#### **DEDICATION OF THE ESSEX MEMORIAL SPITFIRE - 'SPITFIRE PARK' - ESSEX**

To dedicate and consecrate in memory of those who built, flew and died in Spitfires and to all the Essex County Airmen. Tentatively scheduled for 2 pm with reception to follow at RCL Branch 201. More details to follow.

**SEPT 21**

#### **BATTLE OF BRITAIN CEREMONY - JACKSON PARK, WINDSOR - 2pm**

More details to follow.

If your group or organization has an upcoming event, please send us the details and we will be happy to announce it in the next issue.

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

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### 2014 SOUTHERN ONTARIO MILITARY MUSTER SHOW UPDATE

For those of you who attended last year, there will be some changes. To avoid confusion, there will be one main admission as we will be using the new Twin Pad arena - Rink A for our vendors - larger and closer to the show.

Children's activities have been planned including a face painter, a scavenger hunt and an obstacle course.

There will be some new vendors and displays as well as four new SOMM exhibits, some of which were inspired by our two scrapbook finds in the past year. These collections must be seen by the public and will be featured in future editions of the SOMM Times newsletter.

There will be an exhibit celebrating the 90th anniversary of the R.C.A.F. and the career of F/O Gordon Hobbs.

The scrapbook of George T. Lee, which was given to the SOMM, is a treasure which documents his time with the Essex Scottish between 1939-1944. An exhibit about the Essex Scottish has been created from these pages. Lee was a prisoner-of-war after Dieppe. His photos and correspondence have been added to our personal collection of photographs from other prisoner-of-war camps to create a unique exhibit.

The final exhibit focuses on civilian life during the war. Items include ration cards, recipes, patterns and newspaper ads from the Essex County area.

Unfortunately, the shipping of the Essex Memorial Spitfire replica plane has been delayed and it will not arrive in time for the show.

Just added - there will be three poster exhibits from Windsor's Community Museum. Windsorites on the Western Front; Windsorites supporting the war at home; and the multicultural influence on Windsor's war effort.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the SOMM has been given permission to play "the Ric-A-Dam-Doo" written by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance at our opening ceremonies.

Admission: Adults - \$5.00, Children and Teens - 6-17 - \$2.00, Children - 5 and under - FREE, Veterans - FREE.

## TO ALL VETERANS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE