

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Vancouver, Branch – Spring Fleet Luncheon

Noon – Sunday, 03 May 2009

Beatty Street Drill Hall – 620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC.

We are pleased to invite members, spouses, families and friends of the UELAC, Vancouver Branch to our annual Spring Fleet celebration, which will be held at the Beatty Street Drill Hall in Vancouver.

The **Beatty Street Drill Hall** was built from 1899 to 1901 as the headquarters of The British Columbia Regiment Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles. It is Vancouver's oldest surviving drill hall. The structure, with massive three and a half feet thick walls, is an A-listed heritage building.

The Regimental Museum of the BC Regiment (DCO) is housed in the building, with displays dating back to 1883, including uniforms, weapons, medals, and a large collection of photographs documenting the regiment's (and the Drill Hall's) history. A piece of artillery is dedicated in the name of Pauline Johnson, descendant of Sir William Johnson, through his wife, Molly. I know there are other undiscovered Loyalist connections through members of the Drill Hall.

Lt. Colonel Steacey, President of the Museum is our featured guest speaker. He will give us a history of the regiment and be our guide through the museum along with Major Dick Grady and Captain Gerry Couling.

Our branch is honoured for the opportunity to host this year's Spring Fleet at the Drill Hall. It seems a fitting atmosphere to honour not only our ancestors but also those of our current generation who stand for this fine Dominion of Canada.

The Drill Hall is located between Dunsmuir and West Georgia Street.

Ample (pay) parking is located directly across the street. The parking entrance is accessible from Cambie (one block west) or from Georgia).

The Stadium Skytrain station is steps away.



For more information about the Beatty Street Drill Hall, visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatty_Street_Drill_Hall
For more information about the UELAC, visit: UELAC.org or Vancouver Branch at: uelac.org/vancouver

MENU

Our luncheon will be a hot and cold appetizer buffet featuring the following items:

Hot Hors d'oeuvres

Cold Tray

Assorted Sandwiches (includes vegetarian)

Deli Wrap

Vegetable wrap (vegetarian)

Smoked Salmon on Rye Bread

Vegetable & Dip (vegetarian)

Fresh Fruit Tray

Pickle and cheese Tray Bacon Wrapped (Shrimp, Scallop and Imitation Crab)

Mini Sausage Rolls with honey mustard sauce

Mini Yorkshire pudding with Roast Beef

Assorted Mini Quiche (includes vegetarian)

Mushroom turnover (vegetarian)

Cocktail Meatballs

Breaded Shrimp

Deep Fried Wonton with Sweet and Sour Sauce

Vegetarian Spring roll (vegetarian)

Sweets

Coffee, Tea

and a

CASH BAR

(aka no-host bar; attendees pay for their drinks)

R.S.V.P. before April 30 to: vancouver@uelac.org

Mail cheques (payable to UELAC Vancouver Branch) c/o Gwen Dumfries, 908 Park Drive, Vancouver, BC V6P 2J4

Cost per adult: \$22 Cost per child (under age 12): \$9

Payment will also be accepted at the door (cheque or cash only). Last minute guests are welcome but let us know if you can. A guard will be posted at the front door. We ask everyone to sign our guest book / register.

Period appropriate (Loyalist attire) is requested.

Wear comfortable shoes to tour the hall.