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Presents

A gracious invitation from the Royal Canadian Military Institute for members of
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RCMI Military History Night

Join us and the members of the RCMI on Thursday, February 15

**Learning the Lessons of the Crimean War:
Florence Nightingale, Statistics and Army Reform**

with

Dr. Lynn McDonald
University of Guelph

The Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Avenue, Toronto

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Buffet dinner 1800 – \$49 plus HST+service fee*
Lecture 1900 for 1930 – no charge

RSVP: Hans Bathija, Events Chair, email: events@freemenlondon.org

* Payment for buffet dinner due at event



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Separate reservations must be made for dinner and lecture.



Lynn McDonald is a professor emerita at the University of Guelph. She is the editor of the 16-volume Collected Works of Florence Nightingale and co-founder of the Nightingale Society. She is a former MP, when she authored the groundbreaking Non-smokers' Health Act of 1988, the first legislation in the world to establish smoke-free work and public places.

Prof McDonald's talk is "Learning the Lessons of the Crimean War: Florence Nightingale, Statistics and Army Reform." She will review the key facts about the war, including its high death rate, mainly from disease. She will also show how the British,

but not the French, managed to bring down their high death rates. The lessons they learned in the course led to major reforms in army administration post-war, reduced death rates in peace-time hospitals and barracks, and (which is more known) the foundation of the first nursing school in the world and the spread of professional nursing throughout the world.

The presentation will continue on to discuss how Nightingale's good results were used in the next major war, the American Civil War—Civil War Roundtable members take note!

For reservations contact Susan Cook susan.cook@rcmi.org at 416-597-0286 ext 111

Florence Nightingale was the 2nd woman to have received an Honorary Freedom of the City of London

