

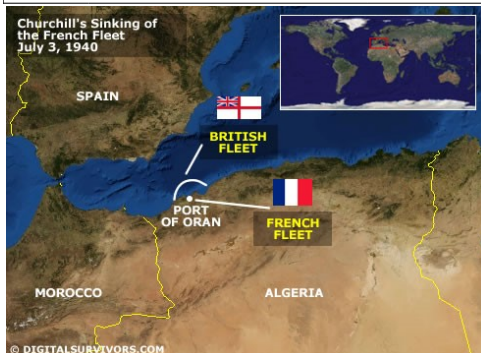


INTERNATIONAL CHURCHILL SOCIETY  
CANADA



**“AN EVENING WITH WINSTON CHURCHILL”**  
COME AND JOIN US — AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!  
PROGRAM:

**“CHURCHILL’S DEADLY DECISION”**



IN THE SUMMER OF 1940 WINSTON CHURCHILL FACED A TERRIBLE DILEMMA. FRANCE HAD JUST SIGNED AN ARMISTICE WITH HITLER, BREAKING A SOLEMN VOW NOT TO MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE. THE POWERFUL FRENCH FLEET WAS THUS VULNERABLE TO BEING ASSIMILATED IN THE NAZI FORCES.

CHURCHILL, AFTER GIVING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES, WHICH WERE REJECTED, MADE A DECISION WHICH HE SAID WAS “THE MOST UNNATURAL AND PAINFUL IN WHICH I HAVE EVER BEEN CONCERNED...BUT NO ACTION

WAS EVER MORE NECESSARY FOR THE LIFE OF BRITAIN AND FOR ALL THAT DEPENDED ON IT.”

OVERRULING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF SIR DUDLEY POUND, THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY FIRST SEA LORD, HE GAVE THE ORDER TO DESTROY THE FRENCH FLEET!

WE WILL BE SHOWING A BRILLIANT 60 MINUTE FILM WHICH DESCRIBES THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO CHURCHILL’S DECISION; THE ACTION ITSELF, AND THE REPERCUSSIONS. ONE OF WHICH WAS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT’S REACTION: “THESE GUYS ARE SERIOUS!” FDR ENACTED THE “DESTROYERS FOR BASES” AGREEMENT AND LATER “LEND LEASE” WHICH WERE ESSENTIAL FOR ENABLING THE ALLIES TO WITHSTAND THE AXIS ONSLAUGHT.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ENGROSSING EVENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE YOUR VOTING ON — “WAS CHURCHILL RIGHT?”

**PLACE:** ROYAL CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE, MEDALS ROOM, 426 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, TORONTO. TEL. 416-597-0286

**DATE:** THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2020

**TIME:** 6.30 P.M. FOR SANDWICHES, SNACKS, COFFEE (NOT DINNER)

**DRESS:** BUSINESS OR BUSINESS CASUAL

**COST:** \$45 PER PERSON — CASH BAR

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