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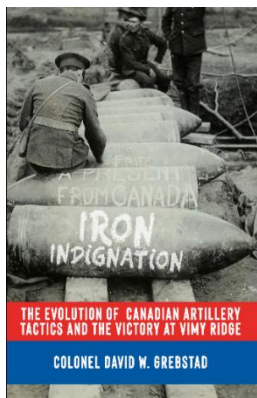
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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

- Apr 05** 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Offrs' Mess open - RUSI Speaker - **Lunch Sold Out!**  
Wed 'Zoom' meeting  
YouTube Discussion - The Vimy Ridge Fire Plan - **For details see poster section.**
- Apr 08** The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service. “
- May 06** The **2023 Army Gala** at the Sheraton Wall Centre [www.militarygala.ca](http://www.militarygala.ca)

## YouTube Discussion - The Vimy Ridge Fire Plan - 5 Apr 1900hrs EDT



In anticipation of the launch of my book "*Iron Indignation*" on 9 April, I will be discussing World War 1 artillery tactics and the fire plan used at Vimy Ridge with historian Brad St Croix on Wednesday 5 April at 1900 hrs EDT. Your network may be interested in viewing live or watching the recorded version later at their leisure. The YouTube link is: <https://t.co/R1JK9YAdqV>

His new book is published by Doubledagger Books entitled: *IRON INDIGNATION: The evolution of Canadian Artillery Tactics and the Victory at Vimy Ridge*. It will be released soon.

Anyone interested in following developments as we lead up to the release of the book, hopefully on the battle's anniversary 9 April, can do so at these locations:

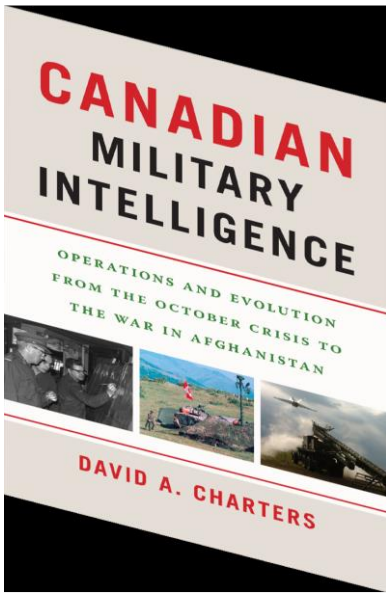
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## Ops and Evolution from the October Crisis to the War in Afghanistan



By David A Charters

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## Canada in the Market For Up to 16 Military Surveillance Aircraft

Military says Boeing's P-8A Poseidon is the only one that meets its needs.

*Murray Brewster · CBC News · Mar 27, 2023*



*Admiral John C Aquilino, commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), alights from a US P-8A Poseidon reconnaissance plane at Clark Air Base, Pampanga province, northern Philippines, on March 20, 2022. (Aaron Favila/The Associated Press)*

Canada is looking to buy up to 16 advanced military surveillance aircraft and has formally requested information and an offer from the US government, the federal procurement department said Monday. The Department of National Defence (DND) and the Royal Canadian Air Force say they have concluded that the Boeing-built P-8A Poseidon is the only aircraft that meets the military's patrol, intelligence, surveillance and anti-submarine needs. A statement issued late Monday by Public Services and Procurement Canada said the letter sent to the US State Department, which determines whether a foreign military sale will go ahead, does not mean the deal is done. "The final decision will be based on the capability offered, availability, pricing and benefits to Canadian industry," the department said. The plan to buy new surveillance aircraft was articulated in the Liberal government's 2017 defence policy. It acquired new urgency last year when Boeing warned the Canadian government that its P-8 Poseidon production line in the US could be shut down by 2025 if additional orders weren't placed. The warning seems to have lit a fire under the Liberal government. The original plan to buy surveillance aircraft did not anticipate the program starting until 2024, with bids being accepted in 2027.

Previous DND estimates have pegged the cost of the project at up to \$5 billion. The department did not release a revised projection on Monday. Citing defence industry sources, the Ottawa Citizen reported last month the deal could be worth up to \$9 billion. Last month, at a Canadian Club event in Toronto, CEO of Montreal-based Bombardier Éric Martel called on the federal government to order an open, fair competition rather than a sole-source purchase. "We're not asking for charity," Martel said. "We're asking to be part of the process."

*Members of the Canadian Forces work on a CP-140 Aurora surveillance plane in the Persian Gulf on Feb. 19, 2017. (Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press)*



Bombardier had been pitching a militarized version of its Global 6500 jet as a replacement for the air force's current CP-140 Aurora, which has been in service doing coastal patrols since the early 1980s. Public Services and Procurement Canada put out a call to industry to replace the Auroras. As part of its submission, Boeing has pointed out that the new Poseidon can operate on a 50 per cent blend of sustainable aviation fuel. The statement on Monday noted that the P-8A "is a proven capability that is operated by several of Canada's defence partners, including all of its Five Eyes allies — the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand — as well as Norway, and South Korea. Germany has also recently purchased this platform." Whenever Canada (or any other country) buys military equipment from defence contractors in the United States, the first step is to ask the State Department's Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program for information. The US Congress must also review and sign off on the deal.

## **RCN Launches 'Experience' Program to Cope With Recruit Shortfall**

Navy rethinking recruitment with one-year contracts. *Richard Raycraft CBC News Apr 01, 2023*



*Sailors attend a change of command ceremony at CFB Esquimalt, in Esquimalt, BC on June 24, 2015. HMCS Calgary is in the background. (Chap Hipolito/The Canadian Press)*

The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) launched a unique, one-year contract recruiting program Friday which allows rookie sailors to sample a military career before committing to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) long-term. "Through the new Naval Experience Program (NEP), the Navy is rethinking the way it attracts, recruits and trains sailors," a Department of National Defence (DND) news release says. "The aim of the program is simple: to reduce the amount of time it takes to train civilians as sailors, to foster the development of sailors who love their work, and to attract those

who enjoy the unique lifestyle that the Navy offers." After NEP recruits sign a one-year contract, they are required to go through an eight-week basic training course before heading to either Esquimalt, B.C. or Halifax for a specialized navy training course. The program is open to those aged 16 to 57, but applicants under 18 need permission from their parents. "After the one-year contract, participants can choose to continue to serve with the RCN, either full-time or part-time, transfer to another element, or leave the RCN," the release said. "For those who stay, they will transfer to a trade and carry on with their naval career; and for those who choose not to continue with the RCN, they will have had an amazing opportunity, and a valuable life experience to add to their resume."

A DND spokesperson told CBC News in an email that the program is unique in the CAF; there is no equivalent program for the army or air force. The department said the program is also unique in that it allows recruits to try different trades before committing to a military career long-term. CAF applicants usually must choose a trade before enrolling in the military. "Life in the Navy can be demanding and challenging at times — it is not for everyone and that's why the new Naval Experience Program gives participants the chance to experience life in the Navy, for one year, no strings attached," Vice Admiral Angus Topshee, the RCN's commander, said in the news release. "The program also allows the Navy to assess the suitability of the new participants and offer them career choices based on their success."

The new program comes as the armed forces faces an acute personnel shortage. Last year, Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Wayne Eyre said the military is 10,000 trained soldiers short of full strength. Eyre told a House of Commons committee last year he's "very, very worried" about the military's staffing numbers. "I am concerned as the threats to the world security situation increase, as the threats at home increase, our readiness is going down within the Canadian Armed Forces," Eyre told the committee. The shortage prompted Eyre to issue a directive making recruitment and retention the military's top priority. The CAF last year drastically changed dress and grooming rules for personnel, a move partly motivated by a need to boost recruitment and retention. The military also opened up recruitment to permanent residents in December 2022. The NEP is also open to permanent residents. But the CAF has come under fire recently over a series of sexual misconduct scandals, including allegations against its top officers, and has faced criticism about its new support benefit to offset high housing costs.

## **The US Army's Next Generation Artillery Shell Has Double the Range**

of its existing precision-guided arsenal. *Jared Keller Mar 31, 2023*



*An Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) prototype. (US Army photo).*

The Army's newest long-range artillery shell has successfully nailed targets at "more than double the range" of the service's existing precision-guided munitions, according to the primary

defense contractor on the project. In a Wednesday statement, British defense giant BAE Systems announced that its concept for the Army's XM1155 Sub-Caliber program — the unique round designed to accompany the Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) system that's a signature modernization priority for the service — had successfully nailed a fixed target “beyond ranges previously demonstrated by other precision-guided projectiles fired from the same type of cannon.” The test, which took place at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and used an Army-designed sabot package fired from the ERCA's 155mm XM907E2 58 caliber cannon, marked the successful deployment of BAE's Sub-Caliber Artillery Long-Range Projectile with Enhanced Lethality, the company's unwieldy name for its XM1155-SC offering. “This successful test confirms our Sub-Caliber Artillery Long-Range Projectile with Enhanced Lethality can defeat long-range targets and advance to follow-on testing out to double the range of existing guided projectile and with sensors to find fixed and moving targets of interest,” Brent Butcher, vice president and general manager of Weapon Systems at BAE Systems, said in a statement.

While BAE spokeswoman Michelle Tiemeyer could not share a maximum distance that the specialized artillery shell reached in the recent test beyond “double the range” of existing precision-guided munitions, the BAE release notes that a technology predecessor to the current XM1155-SC concept, the Extended Range Hypervelocity Projectile (HVP-ER), had hit targets at a range of more than 68 miles (or 110 kilometers) during tests in early 2022. That purported 68-mile range not only far outstrips the maximum range of, say, the precision-guided M982 Excalibur artillery rounds that can slap targets at ranges of 25 to 35 miles (40 to 57 kilometers), but it represents a major increase over the 43-mile range previously achieved by the ERCA cannon using Excalibur rounds during testing at the Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona in December 2020. Originally conceived in 2018 in response to advancements in Russian and Chinese long-range fires, the ERCA itself is an upgraded self-propelled howitzer that leverages the base platform of the currently fielded 155mm M109A7 Paladin system with an experimental cannon and breech assembly, according to a Congressional Research Service report on the Army's long-range precision fires modernization efforts.



*A BAE Systems Sub-Caliber Artillery Long-Range Projectile with Enhanced Lethality concept for the US Army's XM1155 sub-caliber program fired from an Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) during a recent test at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. (BAE Systems)*

But while many Army leaders (and their industry partners) see the ERCA and accompanying next-generation artillery shells as an essential asset in the next big conflict against Russia or China — a prediction borne out by the blistering exhaustion of artillery rounds since the former's invasion of Ukraine last year — not everyone is as sure. In December of last year, Breaking Defense reported House

and Senate lawmakers were questioning the service's ongoing investment in the ERCA, unveiling compromise language for the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act that capped the Army's proposed number of ERCA prototypes to 20 while mandating a production strategy focused on the "comparative cost and value" of building the howitzers from scratch or using existing Paladins. Those limits on the Army's ERCA production sprint followed a scathing Government Accountability Office report the previous June that warned the system had "encountered multiple challenges during the past year, including delays in maturing critical technologies," issues that are "likely to lead to schedule delays ... and may lead to cost growth." Despite this, BAE systems doesn't seem concerned. "We are confident that the projectile is on track to provide the Army the best munitions solution for cannon artillery with a leap ahead capability that will bring a highly lethal, maneuverable projectile to soldiers on the battlefield," said Butcher in a statement.

## **Federal Government Inks Deal to Buy Fleet of F-35 Fighter Jets.**

First of 88 aircraft will not be delivered until 2026. *Murray Brewster · CBC News · Jan 09, 2023*



*Members of the US Air Force F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team prepare to launch Captain Andrew "Dojo" Olson, F-35 pilot, during the Bagotville International Air Show in Quebec on June 22, 2019. ( Staff Sgt. Jensen Stidham/US Air Force/Reuters)*

Canada has signed off on the final contract to buy F-35 jet fighters to replace the air force's aging CF-18s,

Defence Minister Anita Anand said Monday. The final agreement for 88 warplanes — involving the Canadian and US governments and the jet's manufacturer — won't see its first delivery until 2026 and the first F-35 squadrons will not be operational until 2029, senior defence officials said during a technical briefing before the minister's announcement. The project's budget of \$19 billion remains the same as originally forecast by the Liberal government when it signalled the purchase last year. Anand and other government officials are sticking to that projection despite the likely effect of inflation — which has caused budgets for other major programs to rise dramatically. "The F-35 is a modern, reliable and agile fighter aircraft used by our closest allies in missions across the globe," Anand said in a virtual news conference. "It is the most advanced fighter on the market, and it is the right aircraft for our country." A senior defence official, speaking on background, said the F-35 will be purchased in phases and that the first tranche of four aircraft will cost \$85 million US per plane. The deal represents a dramatic turnaround for the Liberal government, which promised not to buy the F-35 and to instead purchase a cheaper jet fighter and use the savings to bolster the navy. The Conservative government under Prime Minister Stephen Harper first announced plans to go with the Lockheed-Martin-built jet in the summer of 2010. The plan was shelved in the face of criticism from both the parliamentary budget officer and the auditor general, who questioned the cost and whether

defence officials had done enough homework on other aircraft that might meet the air force's needs.

*Minister announces \$19 billion investment in new fighter jets*



Defence Minister Anita Anand says the new fleet will include 88 new F35 fighter jets, with the first four aircraft expected in 2026. The F-35 has experienced some high-profile glitches and mechanical problems over the years. A second senior defence official, also speaking on background Monday, said that Canada will get the latest version of the F-35 — Lot 18, Block 4 — which has the most advanced technology. Anand said Monday that, because the government waited to purchase until now, Canada will be buying a proven aircraft that other allies are using now. She said the stealth fighter's technology has evolved to the point where it no longer has issues, and Canadians can be confident the government did its due diligence. "It was a fair and open and competitive process run out of [Public Services and Procurement Canada]," Anand said. "The aircraft has also evolved and matured. Eight countries have declared an initial operational capability. And I want to reiterate that, in addition to ensuring that our country will be protected and our obligations to NORAD and NATO will be maintained, we are also ensuring that economic benefits from this procurement will flow to the Canadian economy." Conservative defence critic James Bezan was scathing in his response to the announcement. He said it took the Liberals far too long to come to the conclusion that the F-35 is the appropriate aircraft and accused the government of engaging in "political games" to avoid embarrassing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "This is a situation where he originally said he would never buy the F-35 and did everything in his power to stop it from actually happening, but at the end of the day, this is the only modern fighter jet that can deliver the capabilities Canada so desperately needs," Bezan said. "And so here we are today, where Justin Trudeau has to eat crow and do what's right for Canada, do what's right for the Royal Canadian Air Force, and do what's right for our NORAD and NATO allies."

The federal government insisted Monday that the deal will add as much as \$425 million annually to Canada's gross domestic product. In a traditional purchase of military hardware, the federal government insists on a dollar-for-dollar reinvestment. In other words, if the value of the contract is \$19 billion, the expectation is that the contractor will return that sum to Canada by buying goods and services here. But the F-35 program is different from other major defence contracts. Canada opted to join the US-led F-35 development program in 1997 and has contributed tens of millions of dollars toward its research and development costs. In return, Canadian aerospace companies have been allowed to bid on F-35 contracts. A senior federal government official — speaking on background at that technical briefing — said that Lockheed Martin has agreed to make targeted investments in Canada as part of the deal. The official did not elaborate on what that means. Alan Williams, a former senior defence official who was among the fiercest critics of the Conservative plan, said he is now satisfied that the government met the due diligence

test on the purchase. He said that what worries him now is the consequence of making the Department of National Defence absorb the cost of the fighter jets and the navy's new frigates at roughly the same time. He said he fears those two procurement deals will eat up a lot of the department's capital budget in the coming years, leaving little room to acquire other necessary capabilities. "I haven't seen any sort of costing laid out where the government sort of says, 'OK, for the next 30 years this is the amount of money in your budget as anticipated to buy, maintain and operate your capital needs,'" Williams said. It's the government's responsibility he said, to demonstrate it has "provided all the money necessary to support not just these two programs, but all the other programs that are currently operational and are coming up. "I have not seen that and I'm dubious that that's doable."

## Vehicle Maintenance Day March 23. 2023



Attendees at the Armoury event included Western Command members Harry Moon, Sean and Cameron Black. From the Museum/VAA - Andrew MacRae, Doug Loney and John Redmond. And from the 85VICS (York Island group), Justin and a friend.

*18 pdr, FAT and 3/4T*



*Andrew MacRae, Doug Loney and Harry Moon*

*The Black brothers.*



The FAT is cleared for running. It was a little reluctant to start but adding fresh gas should solve that. The ¾ ton requires a bit more work. Fresh gas was poured in because the tank was almost dry. It did start briefly and then refused all further efforts to start again. Sean and Cameron Black are going to replace the distributor with a refurbished one and then check out the brake system. They may have to flush the brakes. The recommendation for brake fluid for all vehicles is DOT5 fluid as it is silicone based and does not attract water. DOT3 fluid is alcohol based and does tend to attract water and rust in the brake system. They will need another day to finish the work. We are not to plan another day until they have the distributor done. Sean is very impressed with our ¾ ton. It is the



most original one that he has seen. He really wants to see it on the road again. A short video was shot at the event and posted on the Museum's YouTube site. To view go to [\(110\) 15th Field Regiment, RCA, Museum - YouTube](#)

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

**No updates on the website this week. It could have been the work involved in updating the list of cemeteries for the RCA Association or the latest Lest We forget addition. Or it was simply the fact that the connectivity in the US desert area is terrible. Or the shows in Las Vegas are great (Cirque du Soleil's The Beatles Love Show and Sting at Caesars Palace Colosseum). I will, however, provide you some reminders for upcoming events.**

### **Yorke Island Adventure**

Yorke Island Trip confirmed for April 21-24. Still looking for some adventurous types.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-venture>

### **Domestic Operations bar on the Special Service Mission**

Still looking for signatures from non-serving Canadians only.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/house-of-commons-e-petition>

### **Royal Canadian Artillery Association Membership Cards**

Have you paid your 2023 dues? Find your deceased Gunner to remember from the RCAA [Lest We Forget page](#) and send the name to [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesday from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

## **Who (or What) Is It?**

**Last Week: Nissan 180 military truck from Kiska.** The



Japanese trucks that most people see in the drama are basically props modified from the old C10

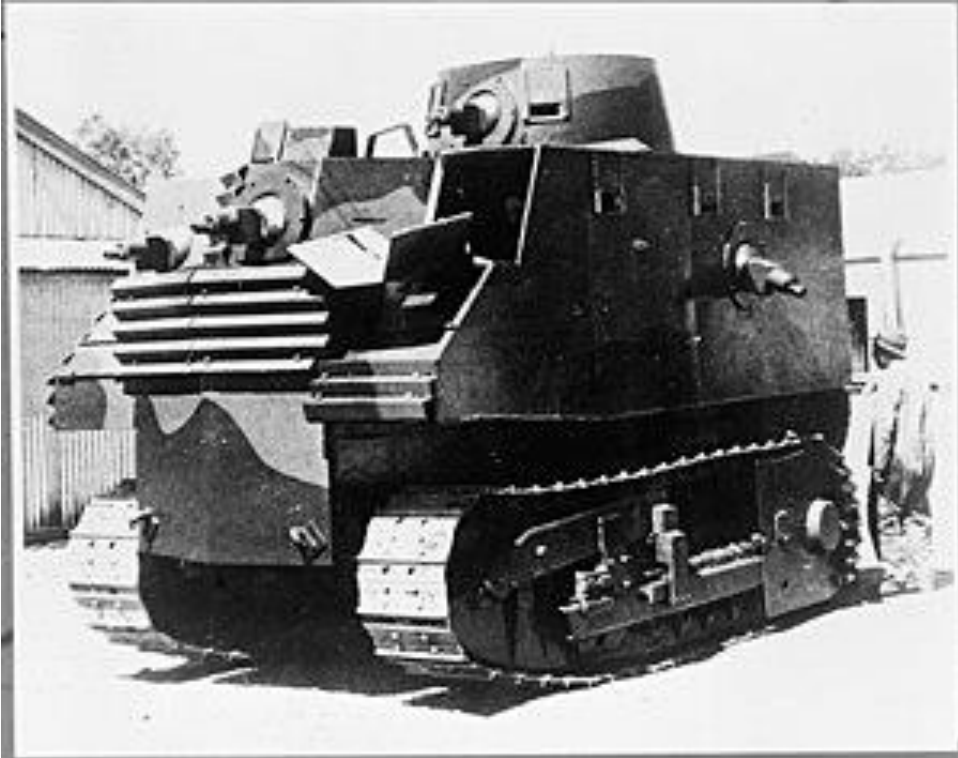


trucks, and the real prototype is this Nissan 180 military truck.

In terms of appearance and interior, the Nissan 180 The truck, to a certain extent, imitates the American Ford V8 truck. It is equipped with an in-line 6-cylinder engine with a maximum power of 83 horsepower and a fuel consumption of 14L per 100 kilometers, which is about 30% less than the German and American trucks at the time. The body is larger, the skin is durable and, in the Japanese military trucks, it ranks third. It was very common in the Southeast Asian battlefield.

**This Week:** Tanks and armoured vehicles have been much in the news as of late, thanks to the predations of Ivan Ivanovich and his hired thugs. The Russo-Ukraine War has shown that, in spite of dire predictions in the recent past (probably influenced more by bean-counters than

military specialists) regarding the death of the tank, they are alive and well, except for those many Russian ones that have lost their tops. In fact, so useful have tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles proven, that the fact that not too many have been built since the end of the Cold War over 30 years ago has led to both the refurbishing of battle-damaged and captured vehicles, and the re-introduction of some that have been in storage for longer than most people have been alive. One only has to go on to YouTube to see trainloads of antique T-54s being shipped to the front by the Russians, where they will undoubtedly serve as coffins for anyone desperate enough to try using them in battle. While Ukraine has used a few antiques in the war, notably T-34s that sat as monuments now being used as decoys and roadblocks, their hope lies more in the anticipated salad of NATO main battle tanks that are soon to be in combat. This is made possible by the ease of transportation from Western Europe of the supplies of war.



Such, however, has not always been the case. Sometimes nations are involved in wars with unexpected foes, leaving them vulnerable to attack in ways that were not previously imagined. Some smaller nations have also been essentially cut off from war supplies, as their own industries were not set up for the manufacture of such deadly tools.

This is where our weekly photo comes in. It is obviously an armoured

vehicle of some type, but one that maybe didn't see much service, if at all. It was, however, remarkable in terms of where it was built, and in the naming of the object. If you know, please share with our readership by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Tanks again!

### **From the 'Punitary'**

Why was the ruler so confused? It couldn't think straight!

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

Beware of an old man in a profession where men usually die young.

### **Quotable Quotes**

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing that you'll make one. -  
*Elbert Hubbard*

## Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all – especially those who attended our Wednesday lunches.**

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

<https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6



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Jose, CA.

Invite 2 friends! We have room for 100! See you on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice.

## BC Military Gala 2023

**BC Military Gala 2023 - SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023**



We are please to provide notice that the annual BC Military Gala is back after a three-year hiatus due to Covid. The ball will be held at Vancouver's Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel. 1800 for 1900hrs.

[www.militarygala.ca](http://www.militarygala.ca)

## **The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service**



### **THE VANCOUVER VIMY DAY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE TO BE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2023**

The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service will be held at the main veteran's burial site located at Vancouver's Mountainview Cemetery located on the South-West area by the Commonwealth Cenotaph.

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Service starts at 1045 hrs.

Light refreshments will be served following the service at the Mountainview Cemetery Hall of Remembrance where washrooms are also available.

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## Canadian Military Intelligence

*Operations and Evolution from the October Crisis to the War in Afghanistan*

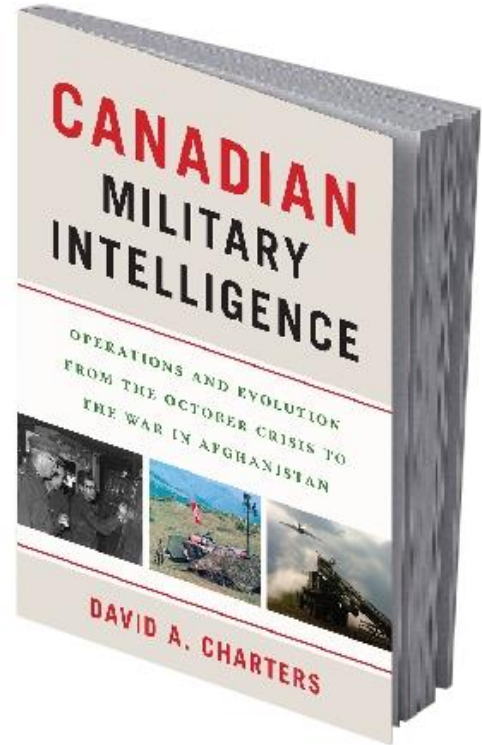
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Part one provides background about the development of Canadian defence policies and military intelligence since the Second World War, describing how the intelligence community adapted to changing intelligence concepts, practices, and technologies—all while coping with frequent reorganizations, insufficient personnel, and persistent underfunding. Part two analyzes case studies to show how intelligence influenced key military operations, from domestic internal security to peacekeeping efforts to high-intensity air campaigns. The cases include the October Crisis of 1970, the 1982 Falkland Islands Crisis, the Gulf War, peacekeeping and enforcement operations in the Balkans, and the war in Afghanistan.

Decades of experience, innovation, and increasingly close cooperation with its Five Eyes and NATO allies allowed Canada's military intelligence to punch above its weight.

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“*Canadian Military Intelligence: Operations and Evolution from the October Crisis to the War in Afghanistan* is a well-written, readable, and comprehensive history of the Canadian military intelligence enterprise. It provides a detailed and accessible account of the challenges and successes of the Canadian military intelligence enterprise from the October Crisis of 1970 to the war in Afghanistan. The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Canadian military intelligence.”

—Asa McKercher, assistant professor of history, Royal Military College of Canada

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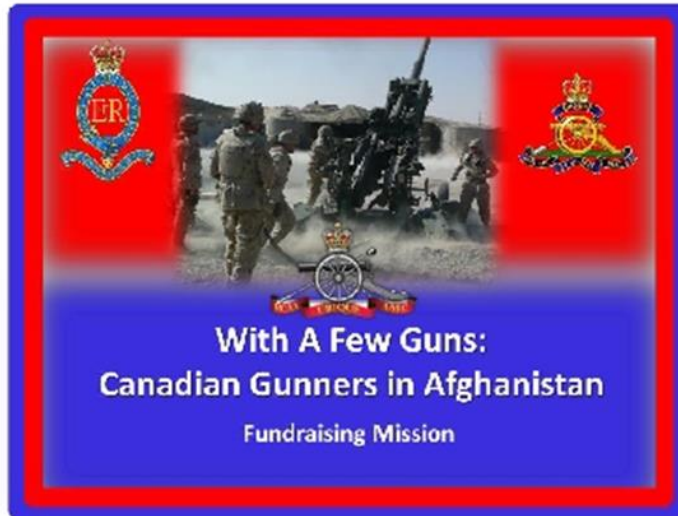
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# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



**Commemoration Chypre 2024**



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## Mission

*...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974.*

*...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 war.*



**WHAT** - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

**GOAL** - to capture the history and stories from those who served in Cyprus with emphasis on the actions that took place during the 1974 war, **A FORGOTTEN WAR.**

**WHEN** - November 2024.

**WHO** - All Cyprus and Canadian Airborne Regiment Veterans and family members.

**WHERE** - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

**COST** - Pay as you go trip with individual costs in the \$5000 to 6000 range. Costs covered will include airfare, hotel with breakfast and expenses such as transportation.

**TRAVEL** - Will be arranged by professional travel agents, with pre and post tour travel options available.

**PROGRAM** - Seven days: three days of battlefield tours, three days of excursions, and one day of Remembrance.

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**QUOI** - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

**OBJECTIF** - capturer l'histoire et les récits de ceux qui ont servi à Chypre en mettant l'accent sur les actions qui ont eu lieu là pendant la guerre de 1974, **UNE GUERRE OUBLIÉE.**

**QUAND** - Novembre 2024.

**QUI** - Tous les vétérans de Chypre, du Régiment aéroporté canadien et les membres de leurs familles.

**OÙ** - Nicosie Chypre, logés à l'hôtel Hilton.

**COÛT** - Voyage à la carte avec des coûts individuels inclus, environ \$5000 et 6000. Les coûts comprendront le billet d'avion, l'hôtel avec petit-déjeuner et les dépenses telles que le transport.

**VOYAGE** - Sera organisé par des agents de voyage professionnels, avec options de voyage avant et après la réunion.

**PROGRAMME** - Sept jours: trois jours de visites du champ de bataille, trois jours d'excursions et une journée du Souvenir.

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