

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News April 12, 2022

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**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** (see Poster section at end for details)

**The 2022 Army Gala. CANCELLED. New Date:- May 6, 2023, at the Sheraton Wall Centre**

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters**

**Apr 13** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting  
**Apr 20** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting  
**Apr 21** OP UNIFIER Web Event  
**Apr 22-23** Order of St George Investiture  
**Apr 27** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting

## 15 Fd Officer's Mess General Meeting 13 April 2022

Next Wednesday, 13 April, there will be an Officers' Mess meeting immediately following dismissal (2200hrs). In addition to the usual mess reports (Treasurer, Wines Member, etc), it is also my intention to hold elections for a new mess committee. It has been several years since our last meeting, but I intend to make this meeting short and simple in order to bring everyone up to speed on our financial picture and allow a new committee to begin transitioning as soon as possible (with assistance from the former committee).

Associate members are welcome to attend

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner

Hope all is well with you and yours.

Finally, the news we have been waiting for:

## **"Public Health Restrictions due to Covid-19 have been eased"**

Note:- This does not apply to Armouries yet. The Army works to its own schedule, and we will announce here when the Armoury reopens.

### **Organized gatherings and events**

Indoor or outdoor gatherings and events can happen at full capacity. Dancing is allowed.

- [Proof of vaccination](#) required for entry (12+)
- [Masks required](#) at indoor events, including when dancing

Upon receiving this update, the Teahouse Restaurant has confirmed they will offer full capacity for our event.

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess dinner has now been scheduled for 1800 for 1900hrs May 23 2022.**

Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. To purchase tickets or to confirm you have prepaid please contact HLCol Don Foster. email [dgfoster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com)

Hope to see you on May 23, 2022.

Ubique,  
Don Foster HLCol

**Mess Update:-** With the possibility of the Messes opening soon, we checked with Mrs Lum about her return as caterer. Unfortunately, she has decided to retire so we are looking for a new caterer for Mess events including Wednesday Lunches. Anyone know of any good candidates?

## **Order of St George Investiture**

The Order of St George Investiture takes place at 1 pm in New Westminster at Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Formal Dinner follows in the evening at the Sheraton Guildford. Website registration link: <https://orderstgeorge.ca/vi2022/>

The full pipe and drum band of the Seaforth Highlanders will be performing and also the Band of the Royal Westminster Regiment! Over 25 postulants will be invested at Holy Trinity Cathedral with an entourage of military and civilian VIPs from BC, Ontario and Western USA. The Hon Kerry Lynn Findlay, PC MP will also attend along with a number of local politicians and high profile military guests. It should be a great evening of camaraderie!

## **Canada is Failing to Teach its Military History**

If the present enrolment trends continue, Canadian history will go the way of Latin and disappear. *JL Granatstein The Hub April 6, 2022*

The teaching of Canadian history in the nation's universities is in trouble. Course enrolments have been and are continuing to fall dramatically and the numbers of history majors have collapsed. This, it is said, is true in all areas of historical study, not least in the history of Canada.

Why? First, there are few jobs for history graduates. A sensible student will opt for business or IT or law where they might even be able to make a living from their studies. But there are likely many additional reasons and one surely is that historians have been working for decades to turn their discipline away from narrative and towards theory. Narrative tells a factual story while theory posits an abstruse rationale for what did or did not occur. The theorists prevail. Another reason is that the woke Canadian historians, now apparently the majority in the profession, have turned away from national history. The York University history calendar ungrammatically says it all: “Our courses focus on the thematic areas of indigeneity, culture, gender, social, political, environmental and sexuality.” There are no “great men” any longer in Canadian history, no formative events worth studying. The world wars, the fights over compulsory military service that divided French and English Canadians, the struggles for independence from Britain and the United States—these no longer matter very much in today’s lecture courses and seminars. As an academic friend puts it, Canada’s history is becoming the history that dares not speak its name.



*Curator Lindsey Sharman speaks about Second World War silkscreens, that brightened the living quarters of Canadian soldiers, on display at the Founders’ Gallery at The Military Museums in Calgary, Alta., Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015. Jeff McIntosh/The Canadian Press.*

I am a Canadian military historian with an interest in politics, foreign and defence policy, and biography. Thirty years ago, I wrote a book called *The Generals* that examined the nation’s military leaders in the Second World War. This combined my interests in what I think of as socio-political military history. Who were the military’s leaders and where did they come from? What did they do and why did they do it? How did they build the army from a few handfuls of men into a force that enrolled, trained, equipped, and led three-quarters of a million men and women to victory? And how did they deal with the politicians directing the war effort? My colleagues, it’s fair to say, thought my book was all guns and no butter. Nonetheless, Canada’s Second World War remains an extraordinary story, one that deserves remembering, one that should be taught to students. A few universities and institutions still teach this kind of history. The University of Calgary has a cadre of military historians led by David Bercuson; Wilfrid Laurier University, its program shaped by Terry Copp, had Roger Sarty and still has Mark Humphreys; the University

of New Brunswick has a small military history program; several other universities have one or rarely two military historians. The Royal Military College in Kingston, as might be expected, has several military scholars, most notably Doug Delaney, and the Directorate of History and Heritage at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa has more, as does the Canadian War Museum where Tim Cook, the most published and popular of Canada's practising military historians, is Director of Research.

In most of the universities, however, no one any longer teaches Canadian military history. At the University of Toronto, there is no one, at York none. After Desmond Morton's death, McGill has no military historian; UBC and the universities of Alberta and Saskatchewan have none. Francophone universities are similarly averse. Despite this, there is still much publication in Canadian military history. The University of British Columbia Press, with the War Museum, has for twenty years run the fine series "Studies in Canadian Military History" that has published more than fifty seminal works. The University of Toronto Press and McGill-Queen's University Press publish military titles regularly, and trade publishers such as Harper Collins and Dundurn do so as well. There is the online journal *Canadian Military History* and the Royal Canadian Legion's magazine that are devoted to this nation's military story. And on wartime anniversaries, the media give much space to military stories. The university history departments by deliberate choice are the ones missing the boat.

The curious thing is that there are still undergraduate students who want to take military history courses. They certainly did and do at Wilfrid Laurier and Calgary. Could this help resolve the shortage of bums in seats in history classes? At a lunch some time ago with a now-retired department chair, I suggested he should offer a few military history courses. He agreed it might be good for enrolments, and he duly asked his Canadianist colleagues. They flatly said no: no warmongering, no guns, no. Teaching military history might imply approval of war and was simply beyond the Pale, even if it would attract undergraduates. Despite this sad situation, graduate students still want to do research on Canadian military history. If they get their PhDs, however, there are no jobs for them as scarcely a university is willing to hire them no matter how capable they may be. If they are lucky, they might get a job in Britain or the United States or here as an archivist or in the policy directorate at National Defence. But they will not likely be teaching because their putative departmental colleagues won't have them.

It's not as if wars no longer occur, it's not as if Canada might not be caught up in fighting overseas, and it's not as if there might not be lessons from the past that could be of use to present governments and citizens. This neglect is curious, as Margaret MacMillan noted in *War: How Conflict Shaped Us*, because we live in a war-weary world, and we need to study war's causes, its horrors and glories, and its effects on our ancestors and our present lives. We need more research, in other words, not removing the study of war from history curricula. It is sadly only the short-sighted prejudices of the tenured historians who prefer to teach their increasingly arcane subjects to the interested few that stop military history from being taught. Soon it won't matter—if the present enrolment trends continue, Canadian history will go the way of Latin and disappear or at best be attached to another department struggling to survive.



## Starstreak Missiles Now in the Hands of Ukrainian Troops

The UK Ministry of Defense has confirmed that Ukraine is ready to use the high-velocity missiles in combat against Russian aircraft. *Thomas Newdick The War Zone March 28, 2022*



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Ukraine is poised to introduce a new ground-based air defense system to its war against Russia's invasion forces, with the announcement that the British-supplied Starstreak main-portable air defense system, or MANPADS, is "ready to be used imminently." Once fielded in

combat, the Starstreak will be the latest addition to a growing armory of similar systems used by the Ukrainian Armed Forces, which we examined in detail in this past feature. However, Starstreak — also known as the High-Velocity Missile (HVM) — incorporates several unique features for a weapon of its class and merits further examination. News that the Starstreak was about to be deployed by Ukraine was provided yesterday by UK Defense Secretary Ben Wallace, interviewed by *The Mail on Sunday*. Wallace confirmed that the first Ukrainian troops had been trained on the system, which was now in their hands, and that the United Kingdom was meanwhile "doing more than pretty much anyone else" to help Ukraine's efforts to defeat the invasion forces.

*A soldier from 12 Air Assault Battery, 12 Regiment Royal Artillery, points out an enemy target ready for the High-Velocity Missile (HVM) shoulder launcher to fire.*

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It emerged earlier this month that the United Kingdom was going to provide Ukraine with an undisclosed number of Starstreaks, when the British Army's Col Graham Taylor, the commander of 7 Air Defense Group, declared that British troops were being deployed to a secret location somewhere in Eastern Europe to teach Ukrainians how to operate the MANPADS. The captions to photos released by the UK Ministry of Defense suggest that the location was in Poland. Col Taylor noted at the time that the missile has the ability to cause "catastrophic" damage to low-flying enemy fighter jets and helicopters, in particular, which have been the main Russian Aerospace Forces assets used in the conflict so far. The Starstreak missile is designed to be launched from land, sea, or air platforms, although in practice only land-based versions have been fielded operationally. On land, the missiles can be launched from the shoulder, in traditional MANPADS style, they can be integrated within portable stand-type Lightweight Multiple Launchers (LML) that carry three ready-to-fire rounds, which can be mounted on light vehicles. They can also be provided as box-type launchers for integration on armored vehicles. In use with the British Army since 1997, this service employs

crew-served versions of the weapons, as well as mounting the missiles on Stormer tracked armored vehicles. The Stormer has eight ready-to-fire rounds, 12 reloads, and a roof-mounted targeting package including an infrared sensor.



*A Stormer fighting vehicle firing a Starstreak HVM during an exercise at the British Army Training Area Suffield (BATUS), Alberta, Canada.*

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While the British Army has stated that only the individual shoulder-launcher variant has been provided to Ukraine, *The Times* reports that both shoulder-launcher and LML types have been supplied. Either way, both offer characteristics of lightweight and portability that make them suitable for use in urban environments, too. The first key to Starstreak's capability is its guidance system. Most MANPADS fire heat-seeking missiles — first, the missile's infrared seeker head needs to become locked onto the target's heat signature, before it's launched and then autonomously homes in on it, in a 'fire and forget' mode. Depending on the age of the missile, certain heat-seeking MANPADS will also require some time for the seeker to cool down before it can lock on. In contrast, the Starstreak uses laser-beam-riding guidance, in which the operator fires the missile as soon as a target is detected in the optically stabilized sight. Line-of-sight is then maintained throughout the engagement process. The aiming unit projects two laser beams onto the target, with sensors on the missile calculating the relative positions until impact. The intensity of these laser beams is low enough that, the manufacturer claims, the targeted aircraft won't be able to detect them.

Overall, this guidance method is more accurate than traditional laser guidance, in which the target is 'painted' with a single beam. The twin-laser approach is more resistant to maneuvering targets that could otherwise break the laser lock. At the same time, unlike infrared guided MANPADS, the Starstreak cannot be spoofed by flares or other heat sources. Unlike most air defense missiles, it's effectively immune to countermeasures, including the latest L-370 Vitebsk (exported as the President-S) directional infrared countermeasures (DIRCM) found on many Russian Aerospace Forces helicopters.



*The Starstreak HVM in its Light Role Missile (LML) version with the British Army.*

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Another advantage is that smaller targets can be engaged (as long as the operator can see them through the sight), including those with infrared signatures that might be insufficient for a heat-seeking missile to track. In another break from MANPADS tradition, it's not a single missile with a traditional warhead



that's guided onto or very near the target before detonating. Instead, three tungsten darts are released from the missile body, which contains the rocket motor, during the end-game terminal portion of the attack on the target.

*A Starstreak HVM.  
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The velocity of these darts, also known as ‘hittiles,’ is such that the Starstreak can destroy not only targets in the air also heavily armored targets on the ground if the need arises. The darts have small control surfaces at the front to ensure they are steered into the target, via the projected laser matrix. They fly in ‘formation’ with a separation of around 5 feet. The speed with which the missile itself then closes in on the target — up to 2,000 mph — gives it little chance of escape within a very brief engagement window, or ‘unmasking time.’ “Anything traveling at Mach 2.5 kinetically is going to have some serious impact,” Col Taylor told *The Times* during a firepower demonstration in the United Kingdom. (The missile’s manufacturer, Thales UK, puts the Starstreak’s top speed at more than Mach 3).



*Air Defense Troop from 30 Commando Royal Marines carrying out live firing with the Starstreak at the Marine Air Ground Combat Training Centre at 29 Palms, California.  
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Regardless, the Starstreak has ‘end-game’ speed in excess of typical MANPADS, like Russia’s prolific Strela family or the American FIM-92 Stinger, the latter of which has a typical maximum speed of around Mach 2.2. Once they have penetrated the target, the darts also explode, each one carrying a fragmentation warhead. This approach is also said to reduce the risk of collateral damage, a consideration when using the weapon against ground targets. As mentioned above, the types of targets the Starstreak was designed to defeat include lower-flying fixed-wing fighters and late unmasking helicopter targets — pop-up threats that offer little time to successfully engage. At the same time, the missile was tailored to have a longer range than comparable MANPADS, being able to hit targets out to 3.4 miles or more, a little longer than the 3 miles for the Stinger. The British Army credits the Starstreak with an engagement ceiling of 3,280 feet. All in all, the capabilities of the Starstreak do mean that it stands out among the very many MANPADS types now available. The missile may well also have a significant psychological effect on the pilots that face it. Ukrainian air defenses have already exacted a heavy toll on the Russian Aerospace Forces. The prospect of a missile that cannot be countered by traditional means may well be an especially alarming one. As

Thales states, “The unique characteristics and the exceptional speed of Starstreak pose a significant challenge to adversary pilots who are unlikely to have sufficient time to react once an engagement begins. This, in conjunction with the inability to jam the missile, has a huge impact on the human consciousness of pilots and a highly disruptive effect on mission planning and execution.” Whether that plays out or not is questionable, but there is no shortage of reports suggesting that the invading Russian forces, in general, are suffering from low morale.



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The provision of the Starstreak is also indicative of the relative merits of

supplying Ukraine with advanced and unfamiliar weapons systems, a topic we have discussed at length in the recent past. In contrast with Soviet-era air defense equipment, Ukrainian operators required intensive training on the Starstreak before they were able to declare it ready for combat. As Ukraine pushes for more arms from NATO and other allies, the question of the sophistication of certain weapons systems, and the training required to use them becomes more pressing. Indeed, despite signing off on the transfer of the Starstreak, UK Defense Secretary Ben Wallace noted that “the real focus of effort has to be helping the Ukrainians either refurbish or locate Russian or Soviet equipment that is already in their inventory.” However, with the invasion forces becoming steadily more bogged down, and with questions over the scope of the Kremlin’s campaign, there are also already signs of increasingly desperate tactics employed by the Russian Aerospace Forces to counter Ukraine’s existing air defenses. Adding Starstreak onto the battlefield will only make this an even more hazardous operating environment for Russian airpower.

## **End of an Era.**

The US military is trading its tiny Tabasco bottles for powdered hot sauce in MREs.

*Max Hauptman Task & Purpose Mar 31, 2022*



*Say farewell to these  
(Photo via Wikimedia  
Commons).*

Coming soon to an MRE near you: powdered hot



sauce. New batches of the field rations will contain the only way to enliven everything from chili mac to cheese tortellini in a powder form. As Julie Smith, senior food technologist for the Army's Combat Feeding Division, told Stars and Stripes, that means those instantly recognizable miniature Tabasco bottles will be phased out by 2024. It's one of many changes that was approved for the next generation menu of MREs — short for Meal, Ready to Eat — in February. While the miniature Tabasco bottles may be iconic, having seasoned (or soured) many meals while in the field, the powdered stuff is simply lighter and cheaper.

And while troops in focus groups and questionnaires consistently ranked hot sauce favorably, researchers – whose job included sifting through discarded MREs – found that when it came to the miniature bottles, that love may have been more symbolic than practical. “We had a lot of unopened bottles of hot sauce,” said research psychologist Wendy Johnson. Tabasco has been a staple of military rations for decades, dating back to 1966, when the company's CEO Walter McIlhenny began distributing a pocket C-ration cookbook that came with a two-ounce bottle of the product. “Your product has always been in demand by troops in the field,” wrote Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf in a 1991 letter to the McIlhenny Company. “I have enjoyed spicing up my own rations with your pepper sauce for many years.” In 1992, the Department of Defense officially added the ½ ounce bottles to the MREs. It isn't the first time they've been on the culinary chopping block, though. In 2011, they were replaced with a ketchup-style packet. The tiny bottles made one more return in 2019, though, after the military's source for those packets stopped making them. For those who prefer their Tabasco in a liquid rather than solid state, don't fret. The Combat Feeding Division is still researching better ways to deploy liquid hot sauce.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

### **OP UNIFIER Presentation**

The RCA Association has another web event schedule for 21 April at 1600 Hrs. Register through the website <https://rca-arc.org/> After the presentation there will be some social time to mingle on Zoom with Gunners from other parts of Canada.

### **Ukraine Conflict Updates**

Poor loading of a self-propelled howitzer.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict7130756>

### **Museum Office**

Trying out a new layout in the office.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/museum-office>

### **Corporal Helmcken Diary 23 to 30 Apr 1918**

Gunner Helmcken has come down with a severe illness after firing a new type of gas shell. Is it the effective of the gas? Or the flu? <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/helmcken-diary.html>

**With the relaxing of provincial COVID restrictions, we have been given permission to work on administratively in the museum on Wednesdays with a small crew. The Museum is still not open for visitors yet but we'll keep you posted and we'll try and link up the VAA Virtual Lunch from that location at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> . Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

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

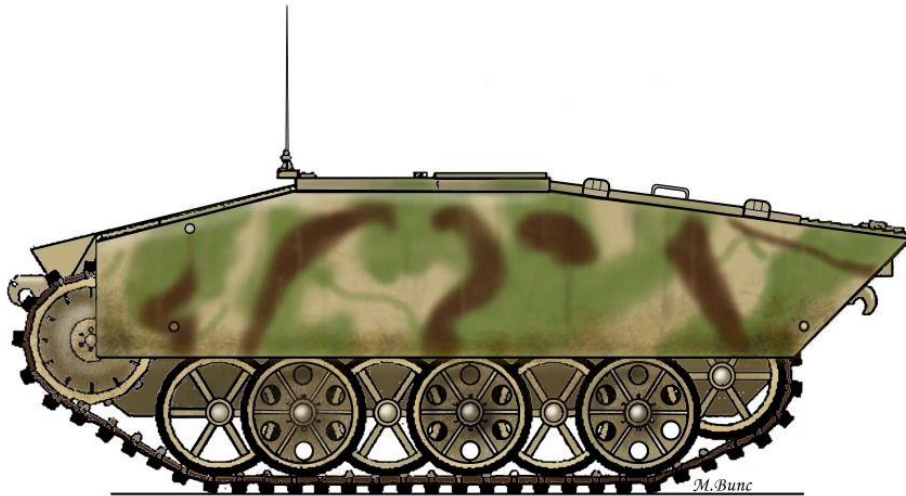
**Last Week:** The **Piaggio P.119** was an Italian experimental fighter of World War II. It had a



relatively novel layout, with a "buried" radial engine mounted mid-fuselage. Only a single prototype was built before the Armistice between Italy and the allied armed forces, which ended the project. The P.119 was a cantilever monoplane, constructed completely of metal, with a conventional wide undercarriage. It had a forward-mounted cockpit, with the weapons mounted just behind the three-bladed

propeller. It had advanced construction for the time, with many removable panels for internal inspection. The number of components were reduced to a minimum, and also standardized, to make construction as easy as possible. No other Italian aircraft was so advanced in these details. The P.119 was powered by a 1,119 kW (1,500 hp) Piaggio P.XV RC 45 radial engine located behind the cockpit. Air intakes for cooling were fitted under the nose. The propeller was a 3.3 m (10 ft 10in) diameter Piaggio P.1002 driven by a shaft running under the cockpit. A further development was planned with a Piaggio P.XV RC 50, giving 1,230 kW (1,650 hp) at takeoff and 1,099 kW (1,475 hp) at 5,000 m (16,400 ft) altitude, with a planned maximum speed of 630 km/h (390 mph) maximum speed but never implemented.

The aircraft had a 330 l (90 US gal) fuel tank in each wing, and a 340 l (90 US gal) tank in the fuselage, giving a total of 1,000 l (260 US gal), a 2½ times greater capacity than that of a Bf 109 or a MC.205. Overall weight of the aircraft was quite high, but the wing was wide, with a 13 m (43 ft) wingspan. The surface area was almost 28 m<sup>2</sup> (300 ft<sup>2</sup>), giving a wing loading of around 150 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The wing was built on a single spar which also supported the engine, and a semi-spar/semi-monocoque skin. The armament was concentrated in the nose; a 20 mm Breda cannon with 110 rounds and four 12.7 mm (0.5 in) Breda heavy machine guns with 2,000 rounds. The Breda gun was more powerful than the German 20 mm MG 151 but had a lower rate of fire. There was also provision to install another four 7.7 mm (0.303 in) Breda machine guns in the wings with 1,200 rounds in total. An anti-tank version was proposed with a Breda 37 mm (1.46 in) gun, but not built. The machine was flight-tested, but it was found that firing all the weapons produced excessive vibration. A landing accident slightly damaged one wing on 2 August 1943. One month later, the armistice with the Allies brought an end to the project.



**This Week:** This week we return to the earth, and to crawling things, as we have been told that half our readership, that is four people, have a land element background, as one used to say in “Unification Speak”. The sad events in Ukraine have shown us how tracked vehicles are still highly relevant on

the modern battlefield, going places where their wheeled counterparts fear to tread, no pun intended. It has also reminded us of the plethora of variants upon the same theme. Given that many of the machines we see have their origins in the 1960s, and even earlier, it is no surprise that they come in so many variations and models.

The same was true to a lesser degree in the past, when the life span of any military weapon or vehicle was quite short compared to that of a modern piece of kit. After all, our pilots of the RCAF are flying fighters that are considerably older than they are. Such would have been unthinkable in the two world wars, where models came and went as quickly as certain armies have scandals (well, one in particular).

Our object of the week fits into the latter case, not the scandals, but the brevity of use. It may remind you of something similar, but that it is not. What it is, and what it was used for is up to you to tell the world. Please do so by contacting the world’s spokespeople, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)).

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

What do you get if you cross a racehorse with a giraffe? Something that wins a lot of races by a neck.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Those who are most moral are farthest from the problem.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. – *Mark Twain*



## 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/710845848>

**Password:- Ubique**



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## **OP UNIFIER Web Event - Register Now**

The **RCA Association** proudly invites you to register for our next Web event to be held on **21 April 2022 at 7pm ET.**

### **Op UNIFIER – Canada’s Defence and Security Mission in the Ukraine**

Our guests **Commanding Officer 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel S.A. Heer, MSM CD and Major Scott Hawke** will focus on Op UNIFIER through rotations 10 and 11 covering some of the challenges and successes prior to recent invasion of Russia.

Canada’s contribution to the defense and security mission in the Ukraine since the first boots were on the ground (September 2015) have been well received by the host nation. Training together has presented many opportunities to learn from each other with strong emphasis on the Rotational Training Brigades (RTBs) prior to deploying to the Joint Forces Area (JFO) and Canadian assistance in positive NATO accreditation.

### **You won't want to miss this event!**

► **Stay with us after the main event for some time to reconnect with old friends.**

**Register now!**

**L’Association de l’ARC** vous invite à vous inscrire à un événement Web **qui aura lieu le 21 avril 2022 à 19 h (HE).**

### **Op UNIFIER – Mission de défense et de sécurité du Canada en Ukraine**

Nos invités, **la commandante du 2e Régiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, la lieutenant-colonelle S.A. Heer, MSM CD et le major Scott Hawke** se concentreront sur l’Op UNIFIER à travers les rotations 10 et 11 couvrant certains des défis et des succès avant la récente invasion de la Russie.

La contribution du Canada à la mission de défense et de sécurité en Ukraine depuis les premiers déploiements sur le terrain (septembre 2015) a été bien accueillie par le pays hôte. S’entraîner ensemble a présenté de nombreuses occasions d’apprendre les uns des autres, en mettant fortement l’accent sur les brigades d’entraînement par rotation (BER) avant le déploiement dans la zone de forces interarmées (OFI) et l’aide canadienne en accréditation positive de l’OTAN.

### **Ne manquez pas cet événement !**

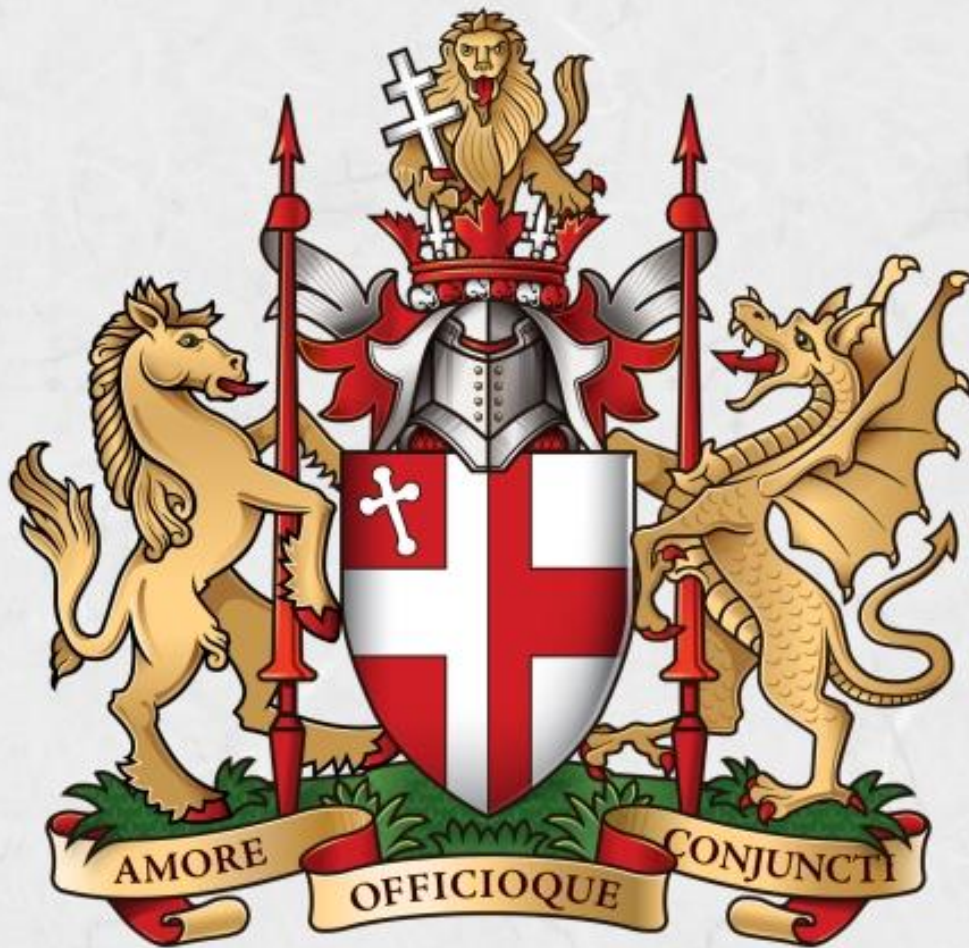
► **Restez avec nous après l’événement principal pour renouer avec de vieux amis.**

**Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!**





# The Order Of St. George



## Investiture Vancouver 2022

April 22-23, 2022  
Holy Trinity Cathedral

**The Order of St. George**

**The Grand Prior of Canada and The Americas**  
The Chevalier Charles Hill, KGCStG  
Requests the Pleasure of Your Company  
At a Ceremony of Investiture  
To be held over the Weekend of  
Friday, the 22nd and Saturday, the 24th of April 2022

**Hotel Venue**

Sheraton Guildford  
15269 104 Ave.,  
Surrey, British Columbia V3R 1N5  
855-516-1090  
Registration: Friday, April 22nd 2022  
3:30pm

**Meet and Greet**

Sheraton Guildford  
15269 104 Ave.,  
Surrey, British Columbia V3R 1N5  
Barnston Room  
Friday, April 22nd 2022  
6:30pm to 7:00pm  
Cash Bar

**Dress**

Business/Blazer & Tie, Insignia & Medals

## Investiture

Saturday, the 23rd of April 2022  
Holy Trinity Cathedral,  
514 Carnarvon St, New Westminster  
Seating: 12:30pm | Service: 1:00pm

### Dress

Dress (Postulants): Formal (Morning Dress, National Uniform or Mess Kit, or Business), Medals  
Dress (Members): Fighting Habit, Insignia

## The Order of St. George Investiture Banquet

Sheraton Guildford Hotel  
15269 104 Ave.,  
Surrey, British Columbia V3R 1N5  
Guildford Ballroom  
Reception 6:30pm  
Dinner 7:30pm  
Cash Bar

### Dress

Formal (Black/ White Tie, Business), Insignia & Miniatures

Dinner Tariff: \$140 Per Person

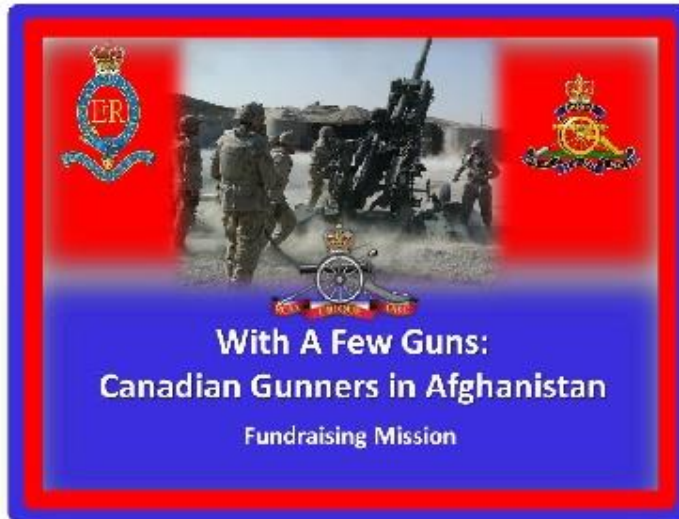
RSVP by March 31st 2022

Registration:  
Meet and Greet  
Investiture Ceremony  
Investiture Banquet

Telephone queries: (236) 880-3624



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# The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner



Monday 23 May 2022  
18:00 for 19:00 hours

at

The Teahouse in Stanley Park  
7501 Stanley Park Drive  
\$150.00

RSVP to [dgfoster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com)



## Timings

- 18:00 – Guests arrive
- 18:15 – Plaque unveiling
- 18:30 – 105mm Howitzer salute
- 18:45 - Presentations
- 19:00 - Dinner

Major General Albert Bruce Matthews, CBE, DSO, ED  
Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery  
Unveils the original commemorative plaque on  
16 October, 1966 at Ferguson Point



Photograph showing a group of men at unveiling of Memorial at Ferguson Point in Oct 1966. Pictured (L-R): Warrant Officer Class II R. Guttridge, Lance Bombardier Elboim, [unidentified], [unidentified], Brigadier R.T. Dumoulin, Lieutenant Colonel N.D. Elsdon, Lieutenant Colonel A.M. McGavin, General Sir Charles Loewen, Lieutenant Colonel W.S. Jackson, Major General A.B. Matthews, Lieutenant Colonel G.F. Blythe, Colonel G.M. Platt, Lance Bombardier D. Davidson, Sargeant R. Thompson, [unidentified], Warrant Officer Class I P. Smith.



# 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.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE BY JOINING THE CYPRUS 2024 FACEBOOK GROUP** [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

**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.

**PLUS D'INFORMATIONS ET MISES À JOUR SONT DISPONIBLES EN REJOIGNANT LE GROUPE FACEBOOK CYPRUS 2024** [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)





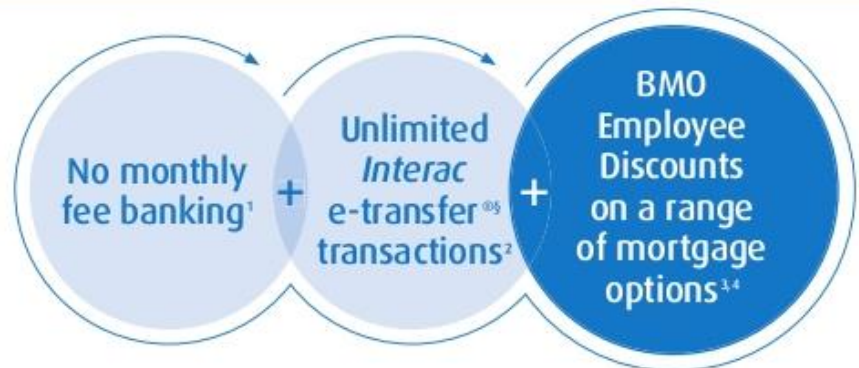
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- Visit [bmo.com/sot](http://bmo.com/sot) to find out about the welcome offers



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB) Program?

BMO and Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services have teamed up to offer the CDCB Program to eligible members of the defence community and their families.

### Who is eligible for the CDCB Program?

Program benefits are exclusive to regular force personnel, reserves, recruits, military families, Veterans and retirees, as well as Department of National Defence (DND) and Staff of the Non-Public Funds civilian personnel, the RCMP and the Canadian Coast Guard.

### Can BMO help me if I am relocated or deployed?

One way BMO can help is by covering your prepayment charges when you are relocated or deployed through the Integrated Relocation Program, and have to move or break your mortgage.

### How does Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) get funded by the BMO Support Our Troops MasterCard<sup>®</sup> program?

BMO pays royalties to CFMWS each quarter. CFMWS uses the royalties to fund the Support Our Troops National Summer Camp Programs and more.

### How can I get help with home financing?

Visit a branch, find a Mortgage Specialist at [mortgagelocator.bmo.com](http://mortgagelocator.bmo.com) or call 1-866-548-7490 or collect from overseas at 514-877-7738 to get help with home financing.

### How much can I save in bank fees with the CDCB Performance Plan Chequing Account?

You can save \$191 each year in monthly plan fee, \$120 each year with 5 non-BMO ATM withdrawals included each month, and \$155 each year in Identity Theft Protection at no charge.<sup>12</sup>

### How can I contact BMO to learn more about the CDCB Program?

- Visit any BMO branch
- Call 1-866-548-7490
- International customers can call collect at 514-877-7738
- Find us on Social Media

Visit us in branch or at [bmo.com/cdcb](http://bmo.com/cdcb) to learn more.



Scan the QR code to get more information.



<sup>12</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included for free in your Bank Plan. <sup>1</sup>The monthly Plan fee may still apply. Other transaction fees may apply if you have a Bank Plan that does not include unlimited everyday banking transactions. A cancellation fee may still apply when you cancel the transaction. <sup>2</sup>Interac e-transfer<sup>®</sup> transactions are subject to maximum transfer dollar amounts. <sup>3</sup>Applications to qualify for the CDCB special rates on 5-year fixed and 5-year variable rate mortgage, you must have a Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account (Chequing Account) with a CDCB Performance or Premium Plan; and set up the Chequing Account as the funding account for the BMO Mortgage; and have one (1) recurring direct deposit into the Chequing Account. <sup>4</sup>Some conditions may apply. <sup>5</sup>We guarantee your interest rate for the selected fixed rate mortgage type and term for up to 130 days from the rate guarantee start date. If the mortgage is not funded within the 130-day period, the interest rate guarantee expires. <sup>6</sup>Applicable to residential mortgages only and subject to Bank of Montreal standard lending criteria for residential properties. Longest rate guarantee of any major bank as of November 18, 2020. <sup>7</sup>Plan, transaction, service and product fees may still apply. <sup>8</sup>You're eligible for OnGuard<sup>™</sup> if you are a BMO customer who has a lead account<sup>9</sup> with one of the following Bank Plans: Performance Plan, Premium Plan, Platinum Plan or Employee Plan. In addition, to qualify for OnGuard, you must be a Canadian resident who has reached the age of majority for your province or territory, and you must be registered for BMO Online Banking and/or Mobile Banking and you must have a valid email address on your BMO profile and your lead account must be in good standing. Customers with an eligible Bank Plan with the Kids or Teens discounted banking program do not qualify for OnGuard. All accountholders of a lead account with an eligible Bank Plan qualify for OnGuard<sup>™</sup> provided they meet the above-eligibility requirements. If you switch your lead account to an ineligible Bank Plan, then you will no longer qualify for the OnGuard<sup>™</sup> service. <sup>9</sup>The lead account is the one you designate to pay any fees required by your Bank Plan, for example, your monthly Plan fees and transaction fees. <sup>10</sup>OnGuard<sup>™</sup> retail value is \$155.88 annually (charged at \$12.99 per month). <sup>11</sup>OnGuard<sup>™</sup> is provided by Sigma Loyalty Group and Intersections Inc. Sigma Loyalty Group and Intersections Inc. Terms and conditions can be found at [www.bmo.com/onguard/SIGconditions](http://www.bmo.com/onguard/SIGconditions). <sup>12</sup>CreditView<sup>™</sup> is a service provided to you by TransUnion. Using this service does not impact your credit score. This service is being made available to you as a customer of BMO ("Bank of Montreal") at no additional charge. <sup>13</sup>You must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant enrolled in a Canadian or non-Canadian post-secondary school or university. Co-signer may be required. Subject to credit availability and verification of identity. <sup>14</sup>Ongoing interest rates, interest-free grace period, annual fees and all other applicable fees are subject to change. Cash advances include balance transfers, cash-like transactions and Mastercard cheques. Visit your branch, call the Customer Contact Centre at 1-800-263-2263, or visit [bmo.com/rates-fees](http://bmo.com/rates-fees) for current rates and fees. <sup>15</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included in the Performance Plan. Some non-BMO ATMs may charge you a convenience fee. The convenience fee is not a BMO fee and is added to the total amount of your withdrawal. You are responsible for the convenience fee that may be applied to your transaction.

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