

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 12 Sept 2023

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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Sept 13** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
Sept 20 **First lunch in Mess** for fall schedule – after lunch Col Maxwell presents '*D Day and the Encounter Battle*' in the lecture room
Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
Sept 27 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
Sept 30 78th Fraser Highlanders - Plains of Abraham Dinner
Oct 04 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
Oct 12-14 RCA Association Annual General Meeting - Ottawa
02 Dec **Save the date! 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbaras's Day Dinner**

Wednesday Lunches Resume

Lunches resume on Sept 20. We still have not acquired a permanent caterer, so the future schedule has not been fixed. Lunch will be followed by a presentation on '*D Day and the Encounter Battle*' in the lecture room by RUSI President Keith Maxwell.

See poster section for details

Remembering the Forgotten Battle - Operation Medak Pocket

Mishall Rehman Canadian Military Family Magazine 6 Sept 2023



Colonel James Calvin, who led Canadian forces at the Battle of Medak Pocket in the former Yugoslavia, speaks to the news media following his return to Canada and his promotion to full colonel.

Image courtesy of DND

It's been 30 years since a few hundred soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), were catapulted into a combat scenario in the middle of a peacekeeping operation. *(Ed note:- This battle group also had a number of*

Reservists attached, including at least two from 15 Fd Arty Regt). For a few days in September 1993, the battle group was deployed to the Balkans to demilitarize an area mainly around Croatia in a mission that would come to be known as Operation Medak Pocket. At that time, Operation Medak Pocket became the largest military battle for Canadian troops since the Korean War. Yet, relatively, it was given little attention until recent years. The breakup of the former Yugoslavia in 1991 caused a great deal of tension amongst the vying factions looking to grab their own piece of land. "Croatia and neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina saw particularly bitter violence. Months of fighting killed hundreds of civilians. Troops chased many thousands more from their homes. The international community had moved to curb the fighting, and Canadian Armed Forces members were part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) mission in the region to help restore peace," stated the Veterans Affairs Canada remembrance page. Peace remained fragile, and the region remained volatile until a breaking point came on Sept 9, 1993.

A Canadian armoured carrier, in United Nations markings, patrols a road in the former Yugoslavia during peacekeeping operations there in the early 1990s. Image courtesy of the DND.



Nearly 875 soldiers from PPCLI were sent to Sector South in Croatia to disarm factions and create buffer zones. However, soon after they arrived, tensions boiled over, and 2nd Battalion soldiers were in the crossfire. LCol James Calvin and his troops were faced with heavy fire in Croatia in an area known as Medak Pocket. The fighting continued for several days until a ceasefire agreement was arranged on Sept 13. However, this ceasefire would not hold, and CAF Members were again met with heavy fire on Sept 15. Four Canadians were wounded during this fighting. It became evident that the Croatians would not back down from

fighting. And so, LCol Calvin decided on a different tactic. He gathered international reporters to witness the scene and put pressure on the Croats. It worked. The Croats backed down, and the CAF was able to continue to advance.



The soldiers of Charlie Company in front of their headquarters in early 1993. In August, they would move to Croatia's south and later take part in Canada's largest battle since the Korean War.

Photo Courtesy of Maj (Ret'd) Bryan Bailey.

Although the members of the 2nd Battalion fought heroically, their efforts went unrecognized until nearly ten years later. Finally, in 2002, they were awarded the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation. Although Canada at large may have forgotten the battle, the soldiers who were part of this mission could never forget. Many returned home with Operational Stress Injuries such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. According to VAC, in 2002, when the 2nd Battalion PPCLI was recognized for their efforts, then governor-general Adrienne Clarkson said, “Your actions were nothing less than heroic and yet your country didn’t recognize it at the time. “Now I hope that the Canadian people will celebrate you for what you did, for what you represent, for how you have contributed to the pride we have in being Canadians.”

Canada Takes Delivery of first CC-330 Husky aircraft

Skies Magazine September 6, 2023

The first of nine CC-330 Husky aircraft — the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) version of the Airbus A330 MRTT, based on the civilian A330-200 — has arrived in Canada. The aircraft, 330002, landed at Ottawa International Airport (CYOW) on Aug 31. The new CC-330 fleet will replace the RCAF’s current fleet of aging CC-150 Polaris aircraft in the strategic tanker transport

capability (STTC) role. In July, the Canadian government awarded Airbus Defence and Space with a \$3.6 billion contract for four new Airbus-built A330 MRTTs and the conversion of five used A330-200s to the MRTT configuration. The contract is part of Canada’s STTC project, which determined in 2021 that Airbus’s A330 MRTT bid was the only one that met the RCAF’s

requirements. Among the five used A330-200s, two were acquired by Canada in July 2022 for US\$102 million. A year later, three more were purchased for \$150 million US. The aircraft were all previously operated by Kuwait Airways and acquired through International AirFinance Corporation.



The first CC-330 Husky arriving in Ottawa (CYOW) on Aug 31, 2023. Lawrence Glew Photo

DND Image

While the five aircraft were formerly used for commercial operations, four will be converted to the full MRTT configuration — alongside four brand-new A330 MRTTs — capable of troop and cargo transport, aeromedical evacuation, and air-to-air refueling. The initial CC-330 delivered to Canada (330002) will be utilized for secure transport of high-ranking government officials. This particular aircraft wears a white Canadian government livery, while the remaining eight jets will receive an operational grey livery. According to government officials, 330002 could be converted to a tanker at a later date, if needed. Following its arrival in Ottawa, the first CC-330 will “continue its acceptance and retrofit activities,” according to the Canadian Armed Forces. All five of the used A330-200s are to receive a “limited retrofit” to bring them to the standard of a new A330-200. The fleet of nine CC-330 Huskies is to be powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 700 engines. While 330002 is expected to enter service this fall in its VIP transport role, a second CC-330 will join the aircraft shortly and will also operate in a transport role until it is able to be converted into the MRTT configuration. The other three used A330-200s are to be delivered to Canada in the summer of 2024. According to the federal government, the RCAF is expected to receive the first MRTT converted aircraft by 2025. The four brand-new A330-200s will be assembled by Airbus at its Toulouse, France, site, and will enter the MRTT conversion line in Getafe, Spain, in mid-2025. The RCAF is expected to take delivery of both new and used MRTT aircraft (CC-330s) in 2027. The fleet of nine CC-330

CC-330 HUSKY

Range: 13,900 km (10 ton payload)
Service ceiling: 13,000 m
Passengers: 250+
Fleet size: 9

2 Flight crew
1 Air Refuelling Operator
8 Cabin crew

First deliveries
Commercial configuration: 2023
Multi-roles configuration: 2027

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT
• Maximum payload of up to 45 tons, combining passengers and 37 metric tons of cargo.

AIR-TO-AIR REFUELLING
• 111,000 kg of fuel;
• Capable of refuelling a minimum of 6 RCAF fighter aircraft over the Atlantic in a single leg.

AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION
• Minimum of 6 ambulatory patients, 2 critical care patients, 8 non-critical care patients, 24 Aeromedical Evacuation crew members and 144 passengers.

STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TRANSPORT
• One aircraft configured for VIP transport.

ADDITIONAL ACQUISITIONS: simulators and infrastructure

aircraft is to be operated by 437 Transport Squadron out of 8 Wing Trenton, Ont. — as is the case with the current Polaris fleet. The RCAF is still deciding on bases for eight of the aircraft, while the VIP transport aircraft will operate from CYOW.

British Forces to Get New Rifles Designed in the US

Andrew Chuter Defense News Sep 7, 2023



Royal Marine Commandos join a full tri-service and Commonwealth rehearsal on the runway at RAF Odiham on April 30, 2023, in Odiham, England, in preparation for the coronation celebrations of King Charles III.

(Photo by Rob Pinney/Getty Images)

LONDON — The British military is turning to the ArmaLite rifle to boost the lethality of some of its specialist forces, according to a deal announced Sept 7. An initial £15 million (\$19 million) order for 1,620 KS-1 weapons has been placed by the British, with options to procure up to 10,000 systems at a total cost of £90 million over the next decade. The weapons will initially be fielded by the British Army Special Operations Brigade (ASOB), but Royal Marine Commandos are also in line to get the weapon as part of a wider modernization of their capabilities. To be known as the Alternative Individual Weapon System, or L403A1, in British service, the weapons will be manufactured in the United States by Knights Armaments, but assembled in the UK by Macclesfield, northwest England-based arms company Edgar Brothers.

The British company is responsible for sourcing and assembling the sub-systems that make up the weapon. British Army Ranger regiments are scheduled to start receiving the new rifle by the end of the year. The L403A1 is the latest variant of the SR-16 ArmaLite assault rifle fitted with a muzzle signature reduction system and an improved optical sighting system developed by Vortex Optics of Wisconsin. The magnified optic enables users to engage threats from greater distances while the signature reduction system helps mask the weapon from detection. The weapon replaces the SA80/L85 series of rifles and Colt Canada L119s currently used by the Rangers and elements of the Royal Marines. British Army program official Lt Col Gareth Davies said the new L403A1 weapon is a significant step up in capability. “It offers a marked increase in lethality, and the system includes one of most capable day sights currently available. Importantly the weapon system will be further enhanced by our newest generation of night optics, with which the ASOB are already equipped,” he said. Purchase of the weapons comes as the British are in the early phases of a program, known as Project Grayburn, to replace thousands of SA80 rifles used by the military.

US Army Scraps Abrams Tank Upgrade

unveils new modernization plan. *Jen Judson Defense News Sep 6, 2023*



US Army Sgt Ryan Duginski performs a tank remote-fire procedure to ensure firing capabilities function at Bemowo Piskie Training Area, Poland.

(1st Lt Christina Shoptaw/US Army)

WASHINGTON — The US Army is scrapping its current upgrade plans for the Abrams main battle tank and pursuing a more significant modernization effort to increase its mobility and survivability on the battlefield, the service announced in a statement Wednesday. The Army will end its M1A2 System Enhancement

Package version 4 program, and instead develop the M1E3 Abrams focused on challenges the tank is likely to face on the battlefield of 2040 and beyond, the service said. The service was supposed to receive the M1A2 SEpv4 version this past spring. The SEpv4 will not go into production as planned, Army Under Secretary Gabe Camarillo told Defense News in a Sept 6 interview at the Defense News Conference in Arlington, Virginia. “We’re essentially going to invest those resources into the [research and] development on this new upgraded Abrams,” he said. “It’s really threat-based, it’s everything that we’re seeing right now, even recently in Ukraine in terms of a native active protection system, lighter weight, more survivability, and of course reduced logistical burdens as well for the Army.”

The Abrams tank “can no longer grow its capabilities without adding weight, and we need to reduce its logistical footprint,” Maj Gen Glenn Dean, the Army’s program executive officer for ground combat systems, said in the statement. “The war in Ukraine has highlighted a critical need for integrated protections for soldiers, built from within instead of adding on.” Ukraine’s military will have the chance to put the M1 Abrams to the test when it receives the tanks later this month. The country is fighting off a Russian invasion that began nearly two years ago. The M1E3 Abrams will “include the best features” of the M1A2 SEpv4 and will be compliant with modular open-systems architecture standards, according to the statement, which will allow for faster and more efficient technology upgrades. “This will enable the Army and its commercial partners to design a more survivable, lighter tank that will be more effective on the battlefield at initial fielding and easier to upgrade in the future.” “We appreciate that future battlefields pose new challenges to the tank as we study recent and ongoing conflicts,” said Brig Gen Geoffrey Norman, director of the Next-Generation Combat Vehicle Cross-Functional Team. “We must optimize the Abrams’ mobility and survivability to allow the tank to continue to close with and destroy the enemy as the apex predator on future battlefields.”

Norman, who took over the team last fall, spent seven months prior to his current job in Poland with the 1st Infantry Division. He told Defense News last year that the division worked with Poles, Lithuanians and other European partners on the eastern flank to observe happenings in Ukraine. Weight is a major inhibitor of mobility, Norman said last fall. “We are consistently looking at ways to drive down the main battle tank’s weight to increase our operational mobility and ensure we can present multiple dilemmas to the adversary by being unpredictable in where we can go and how we can get there.” General Dynamic Land Systems, which manufactures the Abrams tank, brought what it called AbramsX to the Association of the US Army’s annual conference in October 2022. AbramsX is a technology demonstrator with reduced weight and the same range as the current tank with 50% less fuel consumption, the American firm told Defense News ahead of the show. The AbramsX has a hybrid power pack that enables a silent watch capability and “some silent mobility,” which means it can run certain systems on the vehicle without running loud engines. The tank also has an embedded artificial intelligence capability that enables “lethality, survivability, mobility and manned/unmanned teaming,” GDLS said. The Army did not detail what the new version might include, but GDLS is using AbramsX to define what is possible in terms of weight reduction, improved survivability and a more efficient logistics tail.

The Army awarded GDLS a contract in August 2017 to develop the SEpv4 version of the tank with a plan then to make a production decision in fiscal 2023, followed by fielding to the first brigade in fiscal 2025. The keystone technology of the SEpv4 version consisted of a third-generation forward-looking infrared camera and a full-sight upgrade including improved target discrimination. “I think the investment in subsystem technologies in the v4 will actually carry over into the upgraded ECP [Engineering Change Proposal] program for Abrams,” Camarillo said. “However, the plan is to have robust competition at the subsystem level for a lot of what the new ECP will call for, so we’re going to look for best-of-breed tech in a lot of different areas,” such as active protection systems and lighter weight materials. For instance, the Army has kitted out the tank with Trophy active protection systems as an interim solution to increase survivability. The Israeli company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems develops the Trophy. But since the system is not integrated into the design of the vehicle, it adds significant weight, sacrificing mobility. The Army plans to produce the M1A2 SEpv3 at a reduced rate until it can transition the M1E3 into production. The M1E3 is expected to reach initial operational capability in the early 2030s, the Army said. “As longer-range threats increase in both lethality and survivability, the M1E3 Abrams will be able to defeat those threats,” the statement said.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Officers' Mess Autumn Clean Up Night - Fri 8 Sep 2023

A very successful evening that saw a small team dust and wipe down all the furniture, clean the main floor area plus the bar and kitchen floor. The team also cleaned the bar including wiping down the main bar fridge. The kitchen area was also decluttered. Only one batch of dishes were washed as the industrial dishwasher was not operable. A big shout out to Carrie, Catherine, Doug

and Tony for stepping up to the task. The Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess was pleased to find the Officers' Mess so clean as they used it on Saturday night for their Annual Dinner.

Royal Canadian Navy at Yorke Island

The Association President has received a nice letter from the RCN outlining that a Seabed Intervention System team aboard the HMCS Edmonton conducted a side scan survey in the Yorke Island area. Although the survey results were less than optimal, the team did find evidence of a suspected wreck site in the area where Gunner Brunt's skiff had sunk. They may be back in the spring of 2024. One of the 85VICS caught HMCS Edmonton while it was docked at Campbell River.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/royal-canadian-navy-at-yorke-island>

Yorke Island Building Sale

The tender for the purchase of existing buildings at the York Island Battery was posted 20 May 1946 with a closing date of 28 May 1946. It would be interesting to find the tender file to determine the prices and the "use to which the building or buildings or materials contained therein will be used".

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

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants Mess Dinner

The Mess brought back their Annual Dinner after a lengthy hiatus due to COVID. The dinner marked the dining out of CWO Rob Garrett, WO Goran Kurtagic, Sgt Dave Scott and Sgt Adam Coleman. A great meal was enjoyed by all in the Officer's Mess after the pre-dinner reception in the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Great to see some past members present including Al Yelland, Richard Van Slyke, Tony Gee, Clay Harmon, Darwin Harmon and Darren Kostinuk.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/warrant-officers-and-sergeant-mess-dinner>

Yakima 2013

The Regiment deployed to the Yakima Firing Centre in April accompanied by members of the police Military Liaison Unit which was conducting interagency training with police services from the US and Canada. Photos are from Sergeant Jason Hiscock, Calgary Police Service whose grandfather Lance Bombardier Henry James Skilton was coincidentally a member of the 31st Battery, 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regiment, during World War II.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yakima-2013>

Point Grey Battery Autumn Clean Up

Is it time to scrape some moss at Point Grey? Clean up the gun stores room? Add some QR codes? Send me an email if you're interested president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Wednesday Lunch

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBlMlMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1> or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784> or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0 (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero)

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The first submarine - rowed along the Thames in 1624! The first practical



submarine was demonstrated in the Thames in the 1620s, the product of an ingenious Dutchman who caught the eye of King James I. Its power depended upon human effort in the form of underwater rowers. Though Leonardo da Vinci toyed with the idea, the first serious discussion of a “submarine”—a craft designed to be navigated underwater—appeared in 1578 from the pen of William Bourne, a British mathematician and writer on naval subjects. Bourne

proposed a completely enclosed boat that could be submerged and rowed underwater. It consisted of a wooden frame covered with waterproof leather; it was to be submerged by reducing its volume by contracting the sides. Bourne did not actually construct his boat, and Cornelis Drebbel (or Cornelius van Drebel), a Dutch inventor, is usually credited with building the first submarine. Drebbel had been invited to live in England by James I. Initially housed at Eltham Palace, Drebbel worked there at the masques - events that were performed by and for the court. He entertained and astonished the court with his inventions and optical instruments.

Cornelius Drebbel’s submarine was based on Bourne's design of an underwater rowboat which Drebbel then built while working for the Royal Navy. It was water-proofed with greased leather and powered by rowers pulling on oars that protruded through flexible leather seals in the hull. Snorkel air tubes reached above the surface with floats so that rowers could breathe, which allowed the boat to be submerged for several hours. Drebbel ended up building 2 successful submarines between 1620 and 1624 and his third ship was demonstrated in front of King James I and thousands of Londoners. It successfully navigated at depths of 12 to 15 feet below the surface and stayed submerged for three hours, traveling from Westminster to Greenwich and back.

Despite consistently successful tests, his invention never aroused the Navy’s interest enough to use it in combat, and the idea foundered, to re-emerge much later in history. After various escapades around the courts of Europe, Drebbel himself sank into near-poverty, ending his days running an ale house in England. A modern replica of his submarine, built for the BBC in 2002, is usually on display in Heron Square, Richmond, Surrey.

This Week: Our researchers have been busy with our technicians to come up with more and varied quiz objects for you, our well-read, erudite readers. The recent coup d’état in Upper Lower Leutonia has led to the opening of the previously secret archives of that unique Communist monarchy. This has proven to be manna to archivists all over the world, especially as most Leutonian documents were written on edible paper until recently.

However, our weekly object is not an aeroplane of the Royal People's Air Force of Upper Lower Leutonia. It is, nonetheless, as modern as anything flown by the RPAFULL, although it lacks the single-bladed propeller strangely favoured by that force. It has an enclosed cockpit, retractable undercarriage, and sensible biplane design, ensuring short take-off and landing, as well as aerial agility.



Dating it may be difficult, given that nations such as the aforementioned Leutonia are still equipped with similar steeds, due to fiscal restraints, but it doesn't appear to be in the same league as cutting-edge American designs. Keen-eyed readers (those under 90, of which we have a few) will note that our clever technicians have done what young people call "Photo-shopping" to disguise the nationality of this elegant knight of the air. Your task is to identify it and contact our long-suffering editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the hard-working, under-paid author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Thank you.

From the 'Punitary'

What did the Doctor say to the patient that told him he had swallowed some holiday decorations. Ah.... you've got tinselitis.

Murphy's Other Laws

Enthusiasm can only go so far on the battlefield.

Quotable Quotes

Jump, and you will find out how to unfold your wings as you fall. *Ray Bradbury*

Wednesday Lunch – 20 Sept 2023

Lunch and presentation at **Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt, Bessborough Armoury**

Lunch starts at 1200hrs. Presentation at 1330hrs

Presentation:- ‘*D Day and the Encounter Battle*’ by RUSI President Keith Maxwell

Dress is business attire.

The Canadian Army was assigned one of five beaches to be captured by assaulting amphibious forces on D-Day, the opening day of the Battle of Normandy. It was the 3rd Canadian Division’s baptism by fire. The assault on the beaches and the following five day encounter battle with the 12th SS Panzer Division was studied by Staff and Defence Colleges for decades. The presentation will focus on the dedication and sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers in this, the first step leading to the final defeat of Germany eleven months later.



Colonel (retired) Keith Maxwell joined the Canadian Army (Militia) in 1968 at the age of sixteen. He transferred to the regular Canadian Army in 1970. He was deployed to the streets of Ottawa and Montreal during the FLQ Crisis in 1970. Colonel Maxwell transferred to the Air Force in 1977 serving in NORAD at North Bay, Ontario, Tacoma, Washington, Oklahoma City, Winnipeg, Anchorage and at HQ NORAD in Colorado Springs where he was and Assistant Command Director in the Command Post providing strategic and tactical early warning of SCUD missile launches from Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War. In 1993 he was posted to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium and later joined the NATO International Staff in Brussels, Belgium. Col Maxwell has a history degree from the University of Manitoba and is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Staff School, the US Air Force Air War College and the Canadian Forces Senior Defence and Security Studies Program. Col Maxwell was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in 1989 while serving at Alaskan NORAD Region. He has served on the executive of RUSI Vancouver for many years and is currently the President.

Lunch menu:-

- Roast beef (there will be a Vegetarian option)
- Mashed potatoes
- Vegetables
- Dessert

Cost will be \$35 per person. **Reservations and payment in advance is required.**

Those wishing to attend must RSVP HLCol Don Foster @ dgfooster60@gmail.com

Prepayment for lunch tickets required by **Sept 18, 2023**. E-transfer may be made to: 15rcal100th@gmail.com If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements in advance with HLCol Don Foster. There will be no cash or credit card option available at the door.

For further information, contact HLCol Don Foster at (604)809-6242 or dgfooster60@gmail.com or – Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell at (604) 865-0612 or kdm Maxwell@gmail.com



The RCA Association invites all members*, serving and retired, to join us for its
Annual General Meeting
October 12-14, 2023

Not a member of the RCA Association yet? [Join Us now!](#)

This year we will be hosted by 30th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA at Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa.

Events surrounding the RCA Association AGM include:

Thursday 12 October, 2023 – Proposed Social/Cultural Program

- NDHQ Afghan Memorial Visit (Carling Campus)
- [Pepper Pod](#) Brief (location TBC, possible Carling Campus)
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- Canadian War Museum (Free to Veterans, and/or National Artillery Memorial)

Friday 13 October, 2023 – Annual General Meeting (in the afternoon), followed by an evening Meet and Greet (19:00)

Saturday 14 October, 2023 – Annual General Meeting and Presentations by distinguished speakers, followed by a Mixed Special Guest Night Dinner.

*All serving members of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery are members of the RCA Association.

**The Annual General Meeting is for RCA Association members only, however, other members of the Regimental family are welcome to attend the Mixed Special Guest Night and other events surrounding the meeting.

***All presentations on 13-14 October will be broadcast via MSTeams for those who can't participate in person. **Registration is required.**

L'Association de l'ARC invite tous les membres*, actifs et retraités, à se joindre à elle pour son Assemblée générale annuelle du 12 au 14 octobre 2023

Vous n'êtes pas membre de l'Association de l'ARC ? [Adhérez dès maintenant !](#)

Cette année, nous serons accueillis par le 30e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC au parc d'artillerie Morrison, à Ottawa.

Les événements entourant l'AGA de l'Association de l'ARC comprennent :

- Visite du QGDN au Mémorial afghan (Campus de Carling)
- Briefing sur [le Pepper Pod](#) (lieu à confirmer, possiblement sur le campus Carling)
- Musée canadien de la guerre (gratuit pour les anciens combattants)
- et/ou Mémorial national de l'artillerie

Jeudi 12 octobre 2023 - Activités sociales/culturelles proposées

• **Vendredi 13 octobre 2023 - Début de la partie formelle de l'AGA (après midi), suivi d'une réception d'accueil (19h00),**

• **Samedi 14 octobre 2023 - Assemblée générale annuelle et présentations, suivies d'un soirée d'invités spéciale mixte.**

*Tous les membres actifs du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne sont membres de l'Association de l'ARC.

**L'assemblée générale annuelle est réservée aux membres de l'Association de l'ARC, cependant les autres membres de la famille régimentaire sont invités à assister à la soirée d'invités spéciale mixte et à d'autres événements entourant l'assemblée.

***Tous les événements et présentations du 13 et 14 octobre seront diffusés via MSTeams pour ceux qui ne peuvent pas participer en personne. **L'inscription est obligatoire.**

Cliquez sur le lien ci-dessous pour les instructions administratives et l'agenda de l'AGA.

<i>Click the link below for administrative instructions and AGM Schedule.</i>	
Register now!	Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!
The Royal Canadian Artillery Association 10 Lancewood Crescent, Brampton, Canada ubique@rca-arc.org	

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

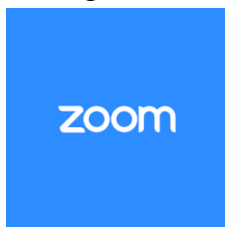
No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all – especially those who attended our Wednesday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

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link:-

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBIMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1>

or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784>

or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 **and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0** (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero)



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headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

Attendance at this meeting is falling off. If you haven't been on for a while, we miss you so come back and join us.

St Barbara's Day Dinner Saturday, 2 December 2023. Save the date!

1800 hrs for 1900 hrs - to be held at 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a formal invitation from the Commanding Officer LCol A.W. Grieve, CD, and the Officers of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment to attend our annual St Barbara's Day Dinner.

Dress will be Mess Kit or formal attire, with decorations.

When the formal invitation is sent, it will contain RSVP information, the tariff, and payment options.

78th Fraser Highlanders, Fort Fraser Garrison, Commemorative Mess Dinner



The Officer Commanding the Garrison requests the company
of all Members Officers, Miladies and Guests
at the

Battles of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

Saturday, 30 September 2023 - 1830 for 1930

The Officers' Mess, Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, V6J2C7

Prime Rib roast dinner buffet

Payment at the door by cash, cheque or credit card.

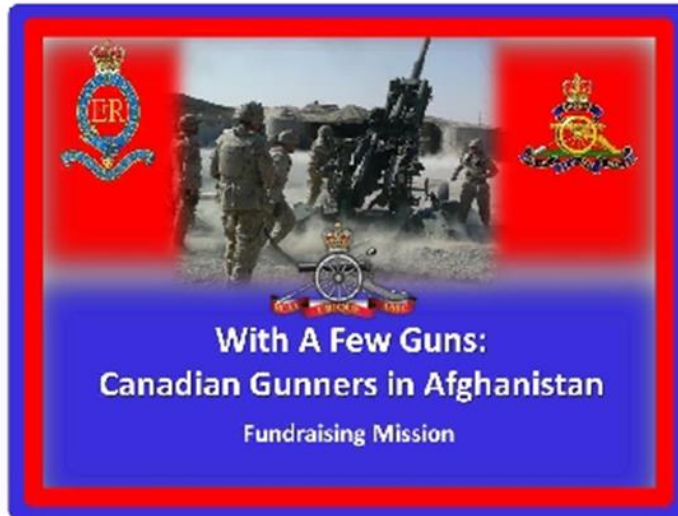
Dress: Regimental Scarlets, Highland Evening Dress, Business Attire

Tariff: \$70 per person

RSVP to Adjutant Lt John Hooker jobarb100@gmail.com or at 604-
522-5766 by Tuesday, 26 September please

With a Few Guns

“With a Few Guns” Calling For Support! Donate Now!



With a Few Guns will be an accounting of the contribution Canadian Gunners made to operations in Afghanistan from initial deployment in 2002 until withdrawal in March 2014. The book will not be an “official history” but will tell the story of the approximately 3,000 Gunners who served in Afghanistan, Regular Force and Reserves, in any and all positions, in any and all functions, as well as the stories of commanders and supported arms, and Gunner families.

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

We are launching this fundraising initiative to cover expenses and get the book published, while keeping the price affordable. *With a Few Guns* is being written with the backing of the RCA Association, and all donations will be eligible for a tax receipt. Any monies donated in excess of what is needed will remain with the RCAA for support to the causes as espoused by the RCAA.

Our MISSION is to raise \$75,000 (+)

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

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Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



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 50th 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.

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