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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

The **2023 Army Gala. May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre www.militarygala.ca

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

Mar 15 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.

Mar 22 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.

Barrington Walker - Laurier Centre - Critical Histories of Blackness in Canada(on Zoom)

Mar 29 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.

Mar 30 Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon. **For details see poster section.**

Apr 08 The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service. **For details see poster section.**

15 Fd Officers' Mess Lunch and RUSI Presentation – 7 Mar 2023



Our second lunch was another great success. 45 people attended to enjoy roast beef, gravy, vegetables, dessert, tea and coffee. We are working on another lunch in April, but no date decided on yet. Watch the newsletters for more details. Following the lunch, LCol Carr, the speaker arranged by RUSI Vancouver, provided an excellent presentation on the activities of the CTAT and the associated activities leading to the deployment. A thorough Q & A followed to conclude a presentation on a very important and timely subject.

Dining Out of Retiring SHC Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister

By the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Patrons' Corps. 11 March 2023.

Edited from the BCR Weekly News



The Dining Out of former Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister was celebrated in fine form by the Patrons' Corps of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada in the Anderson Room and the Officers' Mess at the Seaforth Armoury.

Head table guests included Major General Rob Roy MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support, Colonel Scott Raesler, 39 Canadian Brigade Group Commander, the Commanding Officer of the Seaforths, Lieutenant Colonel Kent Wickens, former Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister and his wife Pat, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Christy Clark and 39 CBG Padre, Major Julie Lees. It was a full agenda with Grace by Padre Lees, an excellent dinner followed by the Loyal Toast, speeches by the Head Table guests and Colonel Paul Ursich, and a closing speech by the guest of honour, former Honorary Colonel Rod Hoffmeister.



HCol Rod Hoffmeister and HLCol Don Foster

75 people attended the dinner which featured the playing of the Regimental Pipes & Drums of the Seaforths. Congratulations Colonel Rod for your many years of dedicated service and commitment to your Regiment and to the CAF! Kudos to the Seaforth Patrons Corps, David McDonald, Chair of the Patrons' Corps and MC for the evening, for their exemplary work and recognition of a great Seaforth!

DND and CAF Open Public Consultations

on updates to Canada's defence policy to all Canadians

Ottawa - National Defence/Canadian Armed Forces March 9, 2023

Today, the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces announced that they are launching public consultations with all Canadians on the *Defence Policy Update* (DPU), announced in Budget 2022. The DPU will build on Canada's current defence policy, *Strong, Secure, Engaged* (SSE) and will enable the Canadian Armed Forces to meet any threat in the changed global security environment. Canada's defence policy – SSE – launched in 2017, is our 20-year plan to provide the Canadian Armed Forces with the capabilities, equipment and culture needed to anticipate and respond to threats and protect Canadians.

While SSE correctly identified the trends shaping the global security environment, the geopolitical landscape has changed significantly since 2017, and an update is clearly necessary. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has changed the threat landscape, as have increased cyber threats, Russian and Chinese military modernization, the increased presence of non-traditional actors in conflict, the acceleration and intensification of climate change, and Canadian Armed Forces' increased role in domestic crisis response. To ensure the Canadian Armed Forces' effectiveness in responding to these threats, we must continue to focus on building lasting, positive culture change in the military. For these reasons, the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces are conducting a review of SSE to ensure that we can continue to be ready, resilient, and relevant to meet any threat in this changed global security environment.

Given the security challenges we face, we seek to recruit and retain more Canadian Armed Forces members, and to ensure that they feel protected and respected when they wear a uniform. We will continue to move forward on the Directive for CAF Reconstitution, Retention Strategy, and other new recruitment initiatives announced this past year, as well as the ground-breaking culture change recommendations from former Supreme Court Justice Louise Arbour that Minister Anand has directed DND/CAF to deliver on.

This review of Canada's defence policy is being undertaken as we continue to move forward on, and build upon, our already-announced defence priorities. Protecting Canadians will always be the most important mission of the Canadian Armed Forces. In 2022, we announced an investment of \$38.6 billion to modernize NORAD over the next 20 years. We are strengthening our Arctic security through joint exercises, six new Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships and enhanced surveillance and intelligence capabilities that we continue to acquire under SSE. The Canadian Armed Forces has also been increasingly involved in domestic missions in response to COVID-19, forest fires and floods – supporting communities across Canada whenever called upon. As climate change continues to threaten Canada and the world, the review will examine the capabilities needed to protect Canadians in the years ahead – all while DND/CAF works to reduce its own impact on the environment.

The DPU will also build on Canada's significant defence contributions to European Allies and partners, including the training of over 35,000 members of Ukraine's security forces through

Operation UNIFIER since 2015, donations of military aid to Ukraine valued at over \$1 billion, and regular flights to transport this aid within Europe. Under Operation REASSURANCE, Canada has been active on land, air and sea to bolster the security of NATO's Eastern Flank. This work will continue in earnest, including with the support of the \$8 billion over five years in new defence spending allocated in Budget 2022. The DPU is also being undertaken as Canada increases its presence in the Indo-Pacific through its recently announced Indo-Pacific Strategy, which augments Canadian Armed Forces' presence in the region with more training, exercises, and the deployment of an additional naval frigate. The Canadian Armed Forces also continues to contribute to United Nations Peace Operations globally and remains ready to respond to international emergencies with capabilities such as the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).

Over the past number of months, Department of National Defence officials, members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Minister of National Defence have been working with partners to identify the challenges that the DPU must address, and the means to get us there. We are now looking forward to welcoming further input from the Canadian public and stakeholders on our next steps.

These consultations include:

- A new [web platform](#), through which all Canadians can provide comments and feedback in response to the DPU's areas of focus;
- Roundtable discussions with Canadian industry leaders and Canadian defence and security companies;
- Roundtable discussions with Canadian defence and security experts, including academics;
- Input from Members of Parliament and Senators;
- Discussions with Indigenous communities and leaders, as well as other levels of government; and,
- Continued high-level talks with NATO Allies, NORAD officials, Five Eyes representatives, and international partners – many of which are also undergoing similar review processes.

Industry, experts, governments, Indigenous partners, civil society organizations, Parliamentarians, and all Canadians are invited to provide their comments, including on the following five themes:

- Supporting our people;
- Building organizational capacity;
- Maintaining and adapting the essential capabilities of the Canadian Armed Forces;
- Upgrading continental and Arctic defences; and
- Capabilities needed for modern conflict.

This input will be crucial to updating Canada's defence policy, and to ensuring that our country is prepared to respond to new and emerging threats in the current geopolitical landscape – all while creating economic opportunities and jobs for Canadians. These engagements will complement the Minister of National Defence and senior DND/CAF officials' ongoing

conversations with industry partners, defence and security experts, Parliamentarians, Indigenous communities, and international allies and partners, about building a modern 21st century military that can respond to the security challenges of today and into the future. They will also build on the extensive, multi-year consultations that DND/CAF undertook to inform *Strong, Secure, Engaged*, their consultations with a wide range of partners in the lead-up to the release of Canada's NORAD modernization plan and recent, targeted engagements with partners on the DPU. Our forthcoming engagements will be held with industry, experts, governments, allies, Parliamentarians, Indigenous partners, and the Canadian public through a variety of fora to make sure we get this right.

Ukrainians Blow Up Russian Flamethrower Rocket Launcher

When Russian troops got stuck in a minefield near Vuhledar, they deployed a 'flamethrower' rocket launcher. The Ukrainians blew it up. *David Axe Forbes Staff Feb 18, 2023*



*A TOS-1A the Ukrainians captured last year.
Via Social Media*

Desperate to break through Ukrainian defenses around Vuhledar, a major strongpoint in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region, the Russian army deployed at least one of its precious TOS-1A thermobaric rocket launchers. The Ukrainians blew it up. *Dramatically*. A TOS-1A is a 24-pack of 220-millimeter "flamethrowing" rockets mounted on a tank chassis. Hit a TOS-1A, and it's likely to explode in a billowing fireball and scatter flame and rocket-parts in all directions. That's exactly what happened on or before Valentine's Day, when the Ukrainian army's 72nd Mechanized Brigade struck a TOS-1A outside Vuhledar. As Ukrainian cameras recorded from the sky and the ground, the Russian launcher burst like a giant firework.

The 72nd Mechanized Brigade's destruction of the TOS-1A may have thwarted yet another Russian assault on Vuhledar, a town with a pre-war population of just 14,000 that lies a couple of miles north of Russian-held Pavlivka, 25 miles southwest of Donetsk in the Donbas region. Along with Bakhmut and the free towns near Russian-held Kreminna, Vuhledar is one of the main targets of Russia's ongoing winter offensive. None of the attacks are making much progress, but the assault on Vuhledar might be the most disastrous for the Russians. In just one bloody, chaotic day two weeks ago, the Russians lost 30 or more armored vehicles around Vuhledar. Their losses only deepened in the following days. The Russians have deployed at least three brigades

around Vuhledar, and it seems two of them—the 40th and 155th Naval Infantry Brigades—are on the edge of combat-ineffectiveness.

Ukrainian mines—buried along the main approaches to Vuhledar and also scattered from above by special, American-made artillery shells—have inflicted many of the casualties. But for the Russians, merely crossing the minefield isn't enough. On the far side of the mines, the Ukrainians have dug earthworks and built bunkers. If the Russians are acting rationally, it was these fortifications the TOS-1A was targeting on or before Valentine's Day. Thermobaric munitions such as the TOS-1A fires are uniquely destructive. They burst over their targets and spread a fuel vapor before exploding. The blast ignites the fuel and creates a pressure wave that's twice as powerful as that from a conventional artillery shell. "A fuel-air explosive can have the effect of a tactical nuclear weapon without residual radiation," Lester Grau and Timothy Smith explained in a 2000 article in *Marine Corps Gazette*.

Thermobarics are uniquely suited to breaking fortifications. "Since a fuel-air mixture flows easily into any cavities, neither natural terrain features nor non-hermetically sealed field fortifications (emplacements, covered slit trenches, bunkers) protect against the effects of fuel-air explosives," Grau and Smith added. "If a fuel-air charge is fired inside a building or bunker, the cloud is contained and this amplifies the destruction of the load-bearing components of the structure." The Russians deployed the basic TOS-1—a less heavily-armored precursor of the current TOS-1A with 30 rockets instead of 24—in combat in Afghanistan's defiant Panjshir Valley in the 1980s and reportedly again in Chechnya in 2000, both times to devastating effect. Later, the Russian, Syrian and Iraqi armies used TOS-1As against rebels and militants. Azerbaijan apparently deployed TOS-1As in its brief, bloody campaign against Armenia in 2020. For the current war, the Russians seem to have deployed to Ukraine the majority of their roughly 50 TOS-1As. The Ukrainians have destroyed at least one of the 45-ton launchers and captured four others—and have fired at least one captured launcher back at the Russians. It's unclear exactly how many TOS-1As the Russians have left. Regardless, they were willing to risk at least one of the precious vehicles escalating their assault on Vuhledar. A TOS-1A can cost up to \$7 million to build.

After losing scores of tanks and fighting vehicles and potentially hundreds of troops trying to cross that minefield and break the Ukrainian defenses around Vuhledar, the Russians clearly are getting desperate. And maybe a bit sloppy. The TOS-1A is a powerful weapon, but a vulnerable one. Its unwieldy rockets range just two miles, meaning a launcher must close to within range of enemy tank guns before it can open fire. It's a dangerous proposition for the launcher's three-person crew. In Soviet doctrine, a TOS-1 deploys with tanks as escorts. "Doctrinally, the TOS-1 was envisioned to decimate a large area, by charging ahead, while under the protection of tanks, launching its rockets in rapid succession (all [24 or] 30 rockets in 7.5 seconds), and then returning to the rear for rearmament and redeployment," Grau and Charles Bartles explained in their definitive *The Russian Way of War*. It's not clear the Russians are sticking to that doctrine. It seems there were no escorting tanks in sight when the Ukrainians blew up that TOS-1A outside Vuhledar. Which, of course, might be *why* the Ukrainians were able to hit the thermobaric launcher.

CAF Creating More Inclusive Eating Environment

Mishall Rehman Canadian Family Magazine March 12, 2023



PO1 Randy Dumas, 36 Service Battalion in Halifax Nova Scotia, serves a bowl of chili for lunch from a mobile kitchen, to feed participants of Exercise FRONTIER SENTINEL 2015 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on October 14, 2015. Photo by: WO Jerry Kean, 5 Canadian Division Public Affairs.

Kosher, Halal, vegetarian or vegan menus may be available to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members in the near future thanks to an initiative to create a more “inclusive eating environment” within the military. “CAF Food Services recognizes the existing diversity and inclusion gaps within food services support that hinder full inclusion within the CAF. STRAT J4 Food Services is committed to working towards addressing these gaps in order to create an inclusive eating environment while ensuring CAF nutrition performance standards are met,” stated CANFORGEN 022/23 announcing the changes. These changes will affect both the combat ration program, as well as kitchens across CAF bases. “CAF Menu 2023 has been adapted to reflect Canadian cultural diversity and provides a plant-based entree to support lacto-ovo, vegetarian and vegan diners,” stated the CAF announcement.

A new CAF menu will be implemented across the CAF Static Feeding Operations by April 17, according to the CANFORGEN. “CAF Menu 2023 has been adapted to reflect Canadian cultural diversity and provides a plant-based entree to support lacto-ovo, vegetarian and vegan diners,” stated the CAF announcement. Additionally, Halal and Kosher meat options will be available for members through the kitchen. Members are encouraged by the CAF to reach out to kitchen



managers beforehand to ensure preferences are available. The CAF is also looking to test out inclusive boxed meal standards in some locations this year. Additional feature, a more inclusive combat ration provision for plant-based, Halal, and Kosher options. An inclusive CAF nutrition standard was approved last summer, and policy revisions in the Food Services Manual are now available.

A CAF dietary preferences trial will be conducted throughout this year to help the CAF better identify military members’ menu preferences. The trial will be conducted via monitor mass, joining instructions, food service requisitions, and surveys. In addition, monitor mass will allow CAF members to use a dietary preference tab to choose their preferences from Kosher, Halal, Lacto-Ovo vegetarian or vegan. “The intent is to provide an easier alternative to CAF members in order to enable timely food services support to CAF dietary preferences,” reads the

CANFORGEN. The program will be implemented in phases over the next few years. For questions or more information, CAF members can reach out to STRAT J4 Food SVCS/Feeding requirements manager Maj KT Van Muyen at 613-904-6285.

Logistik Unicorp Set to Assume Charge Canadian Forces Supply Depot

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Logistik Unicorp is set to assume charge of the Canadian Forces Supply Depot to supply Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members with operational clothing and footwear. “Building on the success of the previous non-operational clothing experience, OCFC2 (Operational Clothing and Footwear Contract) and Logistik Unicorp will assume

Canadian Forces Supply Depot function in support of regular clothing operations and supply,” CANFORGEN 174/22 noted. The change would apply to all CAF members, reservists, rangers, search and rescue, firefighters and cadets. In addition, Logistik will not only supply operational clothing and footwear but also selected equipment. “Clothing stores will continue to order supplies through DRMIS, receive goods from LU instead of CFSD, and continue in this capacity throughout the duration of the contract,” stated the CANFORGEN.

Plans are in the works to make an online ordering catalogue available to CAF members in Fall 2024. Items will then be available to order for direct delivery to their home address. The exact items that will be part of this catalogue have not been revealed yet. “With this convenient and modern service, OCFC2 will see a significant improvement of wait times in clothing stores across Canada,” promised the CAF in the CANFORGEN. In-person service at clothing stores will continue even with the supplementation of an online catalogue. Questions can be directed to +DSSPMclothing-vetementsdapes@adm dsspm@ottawa-hull.



The Great (German) Escape of WW2

On this day, 10th March 1945. 67 Germans tunneled out of a prisoners of war camp at Bridgend, Glamorgan, Wales, United Kingdom; all were captured within a week, including two who were caught by an unarmed girl working with the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

From the outset, those in charge at Island Farm were acutely aware of the risk of escape by the prisoners and the potential risks that an escape would pose. Sabotage of vital war work was feared as the camp was within a mile of the munitions factory which employed 39,000 and in the heart of industrial south Wales which was so crucial to the war effort. Their fears were well founded. In January 1945, a tunnel was discovered and though the camp commander and guards realised

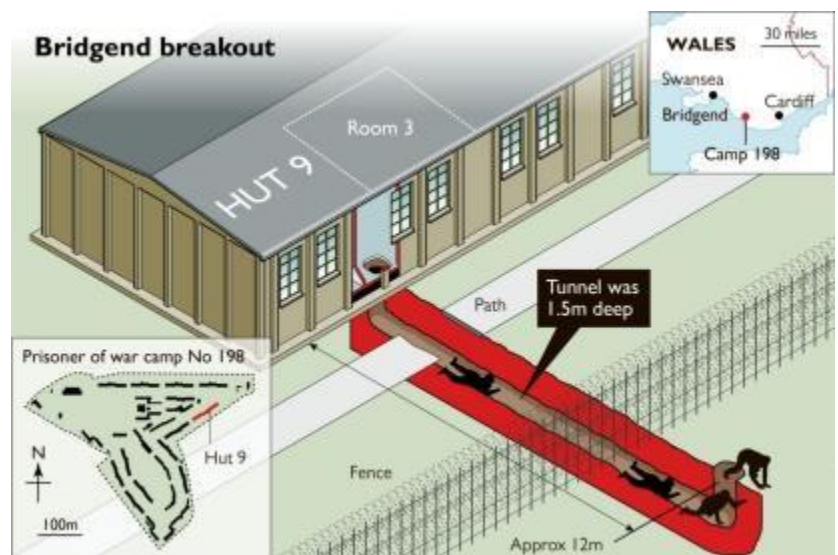
that it was likely to be a diversionary tunnel, they failed to find the other. It was through this second tunnel, with its entrance in Hut 9, that the officers made their escape in March 1945.



On 10 March, the German soldiers gathered in the hut to make their way through the tunnel in a bid for freedom. A constant flow of men passed through the tunnel throughout the night, emerging into a newly ploughed field just beyond the camp perimeter. It was a moonless night which provided the escapees with additional cover while making their initial escape. One group of four were aware of a doctor's car that was parked on a nearby road each night and had decided to take it for their escape.

However, its battery was flat, and the men had a great deal of trouble starting it. As they attempted to start the car, four guards from the camp approached on their way from the pub. Having had a few too many, they did not realise as they helped push-start the car and waved them on their way, that they had helped the four Germans in their escape!

At around 2.30am, the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh man had just left the tunnel and were crouching in the field when they were spotted. One man was shot by the guards, and it appears that, in the confusion, one of the guards fell down the tunnel hole which caused much amusement to the escapees in the nearby trees and gave away their positions. Around 11 men were captured there and then and for a while the camp guards and commander believed that all the prisoners were accounted for. Indeed, it seems that unless the two prisoners had been captured at a nearby police station, the camp authorities would have been none the wiser that over fifty prisoners were on the run.





Soon the alarm was raised and forces and authorities across South Wales were hunting for the escaped prisoners. Some were captured quite soon after their escape but others travelled much further; two, for example stowed in the back of a lorry which, after five days, arrived in Hampshire. From there, they intended to make their way to Southampton and stow aboard a ship, but they were captured climbing out of the lorry. At the end of the week, all the escaped prisoners had been accounted for. The exact number of escapees is uncertain as the figure today stands at 67, though newspapers at the time reported that 70 were missing. Whatever the actual figure, what is certain is that this

escape was the largest of its kind in Britain and is a story which rivals that of the men of Stalag Luft II and the 'Great Escape.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Yorke Island Adventure

Yorke Island Trip confirmed for April 21-24. Anyone want to share in the adventure?

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

15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum and Archives Society 2023 Annual General Meeting

Due to the proliferation of the common cold of some of the Museum Directors, the AGM was held at 1000 hours on Wednesday, 8th March 2023 via Zoom. Record of discussion will be posted when completed.

Domestic Operations bar on the Special Service Mission

Have you checked out the petition for the Domestic Operations bar on the Special Service Mission? It is up to 106 signatures. Only non-serving members are allowed to sign. Talk with your family. <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

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: Operation Cottage was the name for the US/Cdn invasion to liberate Kiska Island. It started in Aug 1943 until Dec. 1943. The First Special Service Force (The Devil's Brigade) was part of the invasion force but they were pulled out after the island was recaptured and sent to Italy. This picture shows the 24 Fd Regt RCA using US tractors to tow their 25pdrs.

This Week: Many of you are aware of the plethora of videos on YouTube and other platforms showing Ukrainians using drones to drop grenades on Ivan Ivanovich, and Ivan flying missiles into hospitals and apartment blocks. Both are sad examples of the total waste of lives in this unnecessary war. Nonetheless, for those of us with an interest in military materiel, there is much to study.

Naturally, given the lack of military background that most reporters and correspondents have, understandable in these days of very small professional armies, there has been much in the way of overgeneralizations, and outright errors in that which we see on our screens. Drones are not new to warfare, having been first designed in the Great War. Nor are missiles anything new, having their origins a thousand years ago in China, and most famously noted by our southern neighbours who sing of “the rockets’ red glare”, referring to the justly-deserved pounding they received from the Royal Navy in the War of 1812.



That brings us to this week’s image. It is of a type of bomb, but one that differs from most of its generation, and one that foreshadowed most of those used today. You have two tasks. The first is to identify the piece of ordnance, and the second is to guess how its use indirectly affected our once mighty Royal Canadian Navy. It is a bit circuitous, but more fun than asking whose head is on the US Lincoln penny.

So, turn on those little grey cells (the ones in your head, not on it), and send your answers to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or to the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Straighten up and fly right!

From the ‘Punitary’

Why did the student take some math questions to the gym? He had to reduce some fractions.

Murphy’s Other Laws

Any weapon's rate of fire is inversely proportional to the number of available targets.

Quotable Quotes

If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you’ll find an excuse. *Ryan Blair*

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

LCL Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon 30 March 2023



Situation

It is time again for the Left Coast Lancers **BIG** Spring luncheon. This will be the usual format with sit down dining and exhilarating conversation. The menu is confirmed, inflation is a fact as we increase the price to \$38.00 per person from our previous fee of \$35.00. We will continue with Covid Protocols as part of our ongoing vigilance.

I will not venture into the mine field of current affairs, suffice to say the world is fraught with problems (ever has it been so) but on this occasion we will gather, exchange platitudes and do what the LCL does best, have a luncheon with no speeches.

Please see the attached formal invitation.

Execution

Convene at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, Sidney BC at 1130hrs, we will meet the ferry at Swartz Bay to collect the Main Land contingent. The Moreuil Wood Luncheon is an All Ranks function and spouses are more than welcome.

Timings

1130–1400hrs 30 Mar 2023
Meet Ferry on arrival TBC

Dress

Dress of the Day, Crew Suit or Black Coveralls are quite acceptable; however, we encourage jacket and tie, the tie design left to individual preference.

Signals

Ack.

David Scandrett
LCL Operations Officer and Maitre de
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Left Coast Lancers Luncheon

30 March 2023
1130-1430hrs

At

Sidney North Sannich Yacht Club
Swartz Bay, British Columbia, Canada

You and your guests are most cordially invited to attend the 105th commemoration of the Battle of Moreuil Wood and a gathering of Royal Canadian Armoured Corps personnel, serving and retired, attached and those who are friends of all things Armoured.

The Battle of Moreuil Wood

Dress

Regimental Blazer and tie
Recommended

Tariff

\$38.00 pay at the Bar

RSVP

DAVID SCANDRETT

30 March 1918

On that auspicious Saturday, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lord Strathcona's Horse (royal Canadians) and the Fort Garry Horse supported by the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery conducted the last great cavalry charge of World War One.

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.

Arrive between 1020 – 1040 hrs – Parking available free on site.
Service starts at 1045 hrs.

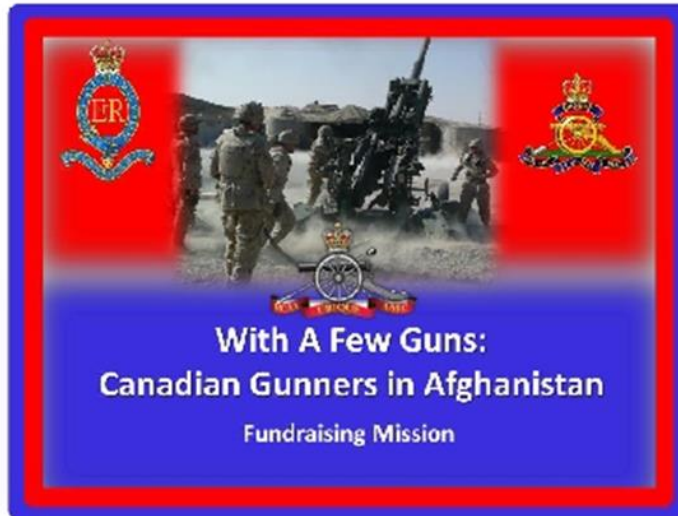
Light refreshments will be served following the service at the Mountainview Cemetery Hall of Remembrance where washrooms are also available.

RVSP: barrettjd007@gmail.com 604-916-1766

Mountainview Cemetery
5455 Fraser Street
Vancouver, BC V5W 2Z3
Entrances off Fraser Street & 41st Avenue.

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

To Donate:

Go to: <https://rca-arc.org/>

Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

Then donate to: RCAA Donation "With a Few Guns"

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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