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Wednesday Lunches - Lunches suspended until further notice. Everyone stay safe!!

The 2021 BC Military Gala is **CANCELLED. The Sheraton Wall Ctr is booked for Apr 23, 2022**

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

- Jun 16** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
- Juno Beach Online Historical Tour – See Invitation in Poster section
- Jun 23** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
- Jun 30** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting

With a Few Guns – Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan

The RCAA has commissioned a new book to tell the story of Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan and is requesting assistance from members. See information in the Poster section.

London Ont Reaches “Functional Zero Veteran Homelessness”

Stephen J Thorne June 10, 2021

London, Ont, announced on Feb 16 that it has functionally eradicated veteran homelessness within its boundaries. The municipality partnered with Built for Zero Canada (BFZ-C), a national effort by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness to address the problem in London. BFZ-C monitors the progress of 12 participating cities. It has endorsed London's claim that the city is the first Canadian community to attain “functional zero veteran homelessness” status. The term means the number of veterans experiencing homelessness is less than, or equal to, the number of veterans a community has proven it can house in a month. In July 2020, the city completed a “by-name list” of every known homeless veteran in the community. Using the list of 20 names

and through relationships with organizations serving veterans, the city’s homeless prevention and housing team reduced the number of known veterans experiencing homelessness by 75 per cent in August and September. “The community now aims to sustain those gains.” “It is the direct result of a compassionate community coming together to achieve something truly remarkable,” said Mayor Ed Holder.

The city worked to house and support many of those on the list by collaborating with social service agencies and veterans’ organizations, analyzing real-time data and co-ordinating access. “Achieving a functional end to veteran homelessness means that the community now aims to sustain those gains while working toward absolute zero,” said Marie Morrison of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. Reducing veteran homelessness to absolute zero is difficult. And the problem isn’t going away across the country. Most homeless veterans are adult males and tend to be older than homeless non-veterans. They use shelters at a lower rate than non-veterans; many avoid public recognition or acknowledgment, and they tend to be less likely to seek handouts, according to a report by Employment and Social Development Canada. These homeless vets don’t want to be found; they keep off the beaten track. The House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs reported to Parliament in 2019 that homelessness likely affects 3,000 to 5,000 of the nearly 650,000 veterans living in Canada. It added that Veterans Affairs Canada relies on the efforts of community organizations, “which are the only stakeholders that can restore trust between veterans who are homeless and the public institutions capable of mobilizing the resources needed to help them reintegrate.”

In 2020, The Royal Canadian Legion published a five-year action plan to end veteran homelessness. The strategy aims to work closely with governments to employ research and evidence-based best practices and expand the existing body of knowledge on veteran homelessness. “One thing is certain,” the action plan states, “it is unacceptable for any veteran to face homelessness in Canada.” The BFZ-C effort monitors chronic and veteran homelessness via an online “dashboard” that shows statistics reported by participating communities, including “veteran move-ins”—a count of those who have been housed in permanent and/or long-term housing. Since the campaign started in March 2019, according to the dashboard, 35 veteran move-ins have taken place in the 12 participating cities. Twenty-nine of them have been in London.

German Military Will Leave No Beer Behind

When They Leave Afghanistan. *Jesse Beckett War history Online Jun 11, 2021*

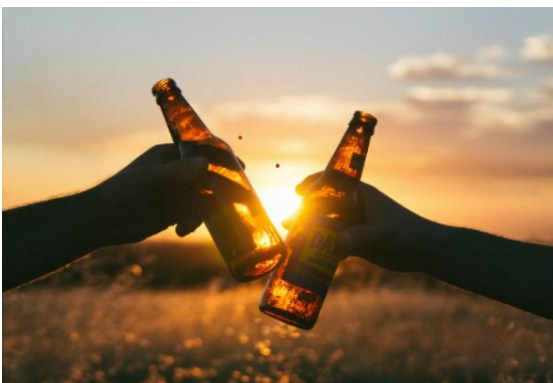


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Germany is following suit with the US and NATO wind-down of large-scale military activity in Afghanistan, with just 1,100 troops left in the nation. This exodus has presented Germany with an odd problem of what to do

with their enormous stockpile of beer. Over the past 20 years, Germany has deployed over 100,000 troops to Afghanistan, but after the announcement in April that the US will have pulled out all of its forces by September 11th, 2021, other nations including Germany have decided to do the same. This has left Germany with the logistical problem of their stockpiles of beer which have supplied their troops over the years. German troops stationed in Afghanistan were given a daily allowance of beer to be consumed at certain times, with each soldier being allotted up to two cans of beer or equivalent beverage per day. The import of alcohol into the country is completely banned except to Camp Marmal, Germany's base in Afghanistan.

Since the US announcement in April, violence in the country has risen, a situation blamed on the Taliban by NATO, who say they have not honored their commitments to reduce bloodshed in the country. The increased level of danger in Afghanistan meant German troops have been banned from consuming alcohol. This ban has not helped to reduce the amount of alcohol in stockpiles, which was already a large amount: over 60,000 cans of beer and hundreds of bottles of champagne and wine. Germany is unable to sell the alcohol in the country, as its sale, possession, and consumption are illegal in Afghanistan. In fact, a citizen who has been discovered consuming alcohol can receive up to 60 lashes of a whip, imprisonment, or a fine. They are also unable to destroy it for environmental reasons. On Monday, a spokesperson for the German military said they have hired a civilian contractor who will take the alcohol back to Germany. This contractor will then sell the alcohol off, which should cover the costs of its transportation. The contractor will have completed their work before the German military has completely withdrawn from Afghanistan.

How US Courts May Make Paid Military Leave as Common as Paid Sick Leave

Davis Winkie Military News 14 April 2021



USERRA cases could one day wind up being heard by the Supreme Court. (Patrick Semansky/AP)

A legal battle is unfolding over paid military leave in courtrooms across the country, as a new wave of class-action lawsuits and court rulings raises a question: are National Guard and Reserve troops entitled to paid short-term military leave under federal law? Reserve component troops are suing their employers across the country, arguing that the courts should interpret the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 to include paid leave as one of the “rights and benefits” protected under the law commonly known as USERRA. Their argument: short-term paid military leave is comparable to other forms of short-term paid leave like jury duty leave or sick leave, therefore employers who offer other paid leaves are violating USERRA if they don't offer paid short-term military leave of comparable length and compensation to the other types of leave. So far, the argument is seeing some success in federal court. That is partially due to how strong USERRA's protections are, said Allen Shoikhetbrod, a partner at Tully Rinckey who specializes in federal employment law. “USERRA...is very service member friendly,” said Shoikhetbrod in

an interview with Military Times. “When you compare it to Title XII of the Civil Rights Act [or] the Americans With Disabilities Act, it is really in favor of the service member. And [USERRA’s] definition of benefits of employment and seniority rights continues to be expanded on.” Some employers have opted to settle these cases and change their military leave policies rather than have a costly litigation fight. Walmart settled a class action suit in January, offering up to \$14 million to approximately 7,000 Guard and Reserve troops who were employed by the corporation. The retailer also updated its HR policies to include short-term paid military leaves of less than four days as part of the settlement agreement, in which Walmart did not admit fault.

Two suits on the topic of paid leave have made it to the federal circuit court level in recent months. Circuit courts are one level below the US Supreme Court. One case, *White v. United Airlines*, is a class action led by Eric White, a United pilot who claimed that the airline should have given him full pay and retirement credit for periods of short-term military leave with the Air Force Reserve since his hiring in 2005. Judge Charles Norgle of the Northern District of Illinois initially ruled against White in 2019 and dismissed the suit, saying in his opinion, “It is contrary to the express language of [USERRA] to hold that a business is required to pay a reservist wages for time not worked.” But in February, the Seventh Circuit reversed the decision on appeal. The Seventh Circuit handles federal appeals for Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. “We find that paid leave falls within the set of ‘rights and benefits’ defined by [USERRA], and so we reverse” the lower court’s decision, said Judge Diane Wood, who wrote the opinion representing the panel. Wood sent the case back to the Norgle of the Northern District of Illinois to determine whether paid short-term military leave is truly comparable to other forms of leave offered by United, though the airline could still appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Reserve Organization of America, which filed a briefing in support of White, celebrated the Seventh Circuit’s ruling and subsequent denial of United’s request to rehear the case in its April membership newsletter. The reserve component advocacy group described it as “great news as it is the case that ROA filed an amicus brief on behalf of White, an ROA member!” In another case currently on appeal to the Third Circuit, *Travers v. Federal Express*, Gerard Travers alleged that FedEx should have paid him for periods of short-term military leave taken between 2006 and 2010 due to his service in the Navy Reserve. The Third Circuit oversees appeals for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands. The Eastern District of Pennsylvania dismissed Travers’ suit last year, with Judge Mark Kearny ruling. “We deeply appreciate Mr. Travers’ service,” said Kearny in his opinion. “But Congress’s words [in USERRA] do not include paying Mr. Travers his regular wages while he is on short term military leave.” Travers and his attorneys appealed the district court’s ruling to the Third Circuit, and oral arguments took place on March 16, after the Seventh Circuit had made its ruling in *White v. United Airlines*. In response to pointed questions from the Third Circuit panel, one of Travers’ attorneys, Jonathan Taylor, leaned heavily on the Seventh Circuit’s rationale in the *White* case. But the Third Circuit is not bound to follow the Seventh Circuit’s logic, and there is a significant chance they could disagree with the Seventh Circuit and uphold the dismissal, according to Shoikhetbrod, the employment law expert. “They’re not mandated to follow another Circuit’s decision,” he said. “So that’s where there’s potential for circuit splits.”

If federal circuit courts were to split on the issue, the Supreme Court is likely to take up the issue, explained Shoikhetbrod. And such a split is becoming likely as more cases reach the circuit level — Shoikhetbrod pointed to *Huntsman v. Southwest Airlines* as a similar class action suit likely to reach the Ninth Circuit in the coming months. “It’s very likely there’s going to be a petition for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court,” said Shoikhetbrod. “And the Supreme Court tends to accept petitions where there are circuit splits. So there is a strong likelihood that eventually one of these cases will end up at the Supreme Court, probably within the next couple of years, if not sooner.” It’s unclear how soon a circuit court split may emerge, though. The Third Circuit will likely take several more months to decide *Travers*, and it could be more than a year until *Huntsman*, or another similar case makes it to another circuit. Employers, attorneys, and business associations are noticing the pattern, though, and some are not waiting for an adverse ruling to begin updating their policies and limit their liability.

Many employers facing similar cases are opting to settle them, said Shoikhetbrod, including Walmart’s settlement earlier this year. “Employers — particularly those in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin — should revisit their military leave policies in light of the Seventh Circuit’s holding,” warned attorney Scott Allen in a *JDSupra* post. “All employers should pay attention to this ruling because class actions and other suits addressing the issue are pending in courts nationwide,” said Epstein Becker & Green lawyers in another post. Congress may also pre-empt the courts by pushing a legislative fix that clarifies USERRA in relation to paid leave, added Shoikhetbrod. “I think eventually Congress is going to take up this issue, and probably make necessary amendments to clarify their position.” But there isn’t anything in the legislative process yet. Regardless of where, when, or how the debate is resolved, though, Guard troops called to most forms of State Active Duty will be left out — USERRA applies only to federal military duty and 14-day or longer periods of SAD linked to a presidentially-declared national emergency or a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act.

Touché – Some of the Snappiest Comebacks in Military History

“Military history is replete with amusing (and concise) responses to ultimatums.”

Military History Now 24 October, 2014



‘Reply of the Zaporozhian Cossacks’ depicts a band of 17th Century Ukrainian cavalymen drafting a sarcastic reply to an Ottoman surrender ultimatum.

Painting by Illya Repin

Caught between a rock and a hard place. That would be an apt description of the Zaporozhian Cossacks of southern Ukraine. Originally a band of serfs who rebelled against Polish and

Lithuanian domination in the 15th century, the wandering clans eventually settled in a vast territory or *Sich* on the lower Dnieper River region. With enemies on all sides, the Zaporozhians spent the next two centuries honing their military skills in a series of wars against Russians, Poles and even Ottomans. In 1676, a massive Turkish army invaded the region, but was repeatedly thwarted by the indomitable Zaporozhians. According to legend, the frustrated Turkish sultan Mehmed IV, sent the Cossacks an elaborately worded ultimatum. The letter established the conqueror's credentials as "brother of the sun and moon," "viceroy of God," and "emperor of emperors," among other things, before eventually getting to the point. "I command you to submit to me voluntarily and without any resistance," the letter concluded menacingly.

The 199-word Zaporozhian reply was nothing if not cavalier. "O sultan," it began. "What kind of knight are you that can't slay a hedgehog with your naked ass? We have no fear of your army. By land and by sea we will battle you... goatfucker of Alexandria. Kiss our asses!" The episode had been immortalized in an 1891 painting by Illya Repin. Dubbed the *Reply of the Zaporozhian Cossacks*, it shows a collection of the Ukrainian warriors laughing uproariously as they help a comrade compose their scathing response to the Ottomans who are camped nearby. The painting took 11 years to complete and was eventually bought by Tsar Alexander III for the then unheard-of sum of 35,000 rubles. It hangs today in a gallery in St Petersburg. While the Zaporozhians' response was certainly memorable, military history is replete with other amusing (and concise) responses to similar ultimatums.

Consider these:

Laconic Wit - The Spartans of Ancient Greece were as famous for their simplistic and disciplined lifestyle as they were for their martial prowess. Not surprisingly, their penchant for austerity also extended into their use of language. In fact, to this day brief statements, observations or particularly dry or biting rejoinders are known as Laconic phrases – this in reference to the Spartan homeland of Laconia. Case in point: At the outset of the three-day Battle of Thermopylae, the Persian emperor Xerxes ordered the vastly outnumbered Spartan and Greek armies guarding the strategic mountain pass to surrender their weapons to him. King Leonidas' response was classically Spartan: *Molon labe* or "Come and take them!" Since then, the phrase, both in English and the original Greek, has been used and reused throughout history. It was frequently invoked by Continentals during the American War of Independence. Greece's 1st army corps still uses the words as its motto. And more recently, firearms enthusiasts in the United States have appropriated the expression as a sort of rallying cry against any and all perceived gun control measure.

More Classical Funnies

A century and a half later, the Spartans would offer an even more succinct reply to an enemy's call to surrender. In the 4th Century BCE, Phillip II of Macedon set about to conquer the whole of Greece. Laconia was one of the few holdouts. As the Macedonians marched towards the city, an emissary warned that Phillip's hoplites would slay all the inhabitants if the Spartans were defeated. The response was the single word: "If". Eventually, Phillip bypassed the city.



*Brevity in the face of the enemy:
"To the German Commander: NUTS!"*

Bastogne Bon Mot – The Spartans would have been delighted by Gen. Anthony McAuliffe’s curt response to the German demands to give up Bastogne during Hitler’s December 1944 Ardennes offensive. When the US 101st Airborne division was surrounded and threatened with “total annihilation” unless it surrendered within two hours, McAuliffe’s response was one word: “Nuts!” Talk about ballsy! The regiment held, the city was relived and “Nuts” became the general’s nickname from that moment on. Even the exhibition hall in Bastogne that commemorates the battle is known as the “Nuts! Museum”.

*José Rebolledo de
Palafox.
(Image source:
WikiCommons)*



Short and Sweet - In 1809, when the French surrounded and cut off the Spanish city of Saragossa, Napoleon’s general on the scene offered an olive branch to the town’s commander, José Rebolledo de Palafox. The invaders sent a cordial message inviting “peace and surrender” to which Palafox shot back a hastily scrawled communiqué promising “war and the knife” instead.



The Battle of Waterloo.
(Image source: WikiCommons)

Wisecracking at Waterloo - Six years later, it would be the French army, or more specifically Bonaparte's Imperial Guard, that provided a memorable if not pithy reply to a British and Prussian demand for surrender in the final minutes of the Battle of Waterloo. Wellington's men, having encircled the exhausted remnants of the emperor's own elite battalion, extended the French one last chance to throw down their muskets. History records that General Pierre Cambronne responded with the famous: "The Guard dies. It does not surrender." However some accounts have shortened the answer to the much more to-the-point: *Merde!* which of course is French for "shit".



A Particularly defiant Greek had just one word for the invading Nazis. "No"

Finally, during the Second World War, the Hellenic leader Ioannis Metaxas famously rebuffed Hitler's threats to allow the German military into Greece with the one syllable answer: "No" or *Ohi* in Greek. The moment is still commemorated in Greece during the annual Ohi Day celebrations.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Yorke Island War Diaries – April and June 1941 have been uploaded. Major Piercy is the Officer Commanding and we're still looking for information on the USS Cavanaugh that was fired upon with some bring to rounds.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/war-diaries---yorke.html>

Yorke Island 2014 – Some more recent photos from Western Command's visit. I've been promised additional photos in the near future.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yorke-2014-west-comd.html>

Yorke Island 2011 – The annual clean up in 2011. Of course, no one has aged in the last ten years. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yorke-2011-85vics.html>

Yorke Island 2010 – There been some additional photos added and a bit of sorting out what was already uploaded. Check out the three pages listed on this page.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-20102731576>

Donations – A few more dollars have been received to help pay for our vehicle gas. Anyone else like to chip in? <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/donations4133294>

Nominal Roll Updates – The As and Bs have been reviewed by Bombardier Halstead. There are 24 more letters of the alphabet to go through. Care to give us a hand?

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/nominal-roll-update3624302>

New Acquisition – 25 Pounder Panoramic Telescope and case has been purchased from an Ontario dealer.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/new-arrival-25-pounder-dial-sight-and-case>

VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour. Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

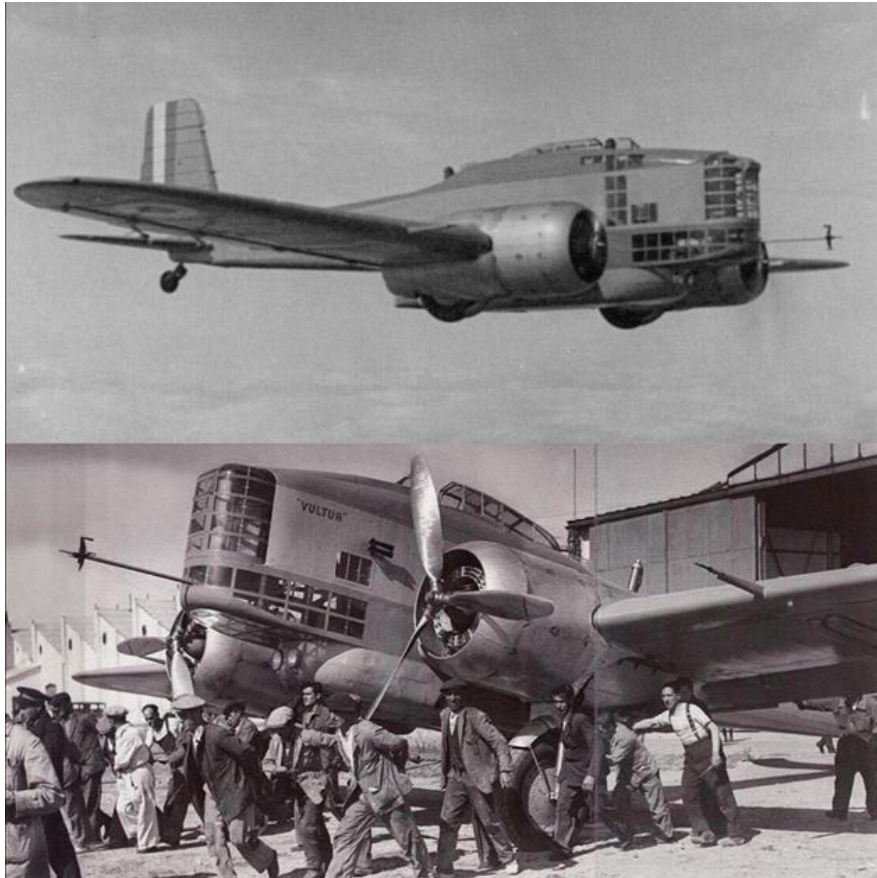
Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The Japanese Cruiser *Aso* off British Columbia. The *Aso* was built in France and launched as the Russian armoured cruiser *Bayan* in 1900. It was renamed after being captured by Japan in 1905. During the First World War, Canada's west coast was protected in part by the Imperial Japanese Navy. Japan had emerged as a major power after winning the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905 and, in 1909, the Japanese cruisers *Aso* and *Soya* visited British Columbia. At the outbreak of war in August 1914, only three obsolete ships and two submarines protected Canada's west coast. Canadians feared that modern German warships in the Pacific might attack merchant ships or bombard cities and towns.



After Japan entered the war on the side of the Allies on 23 August 1914, Japanese ships like the *Aso* were based in Esquimalt and helped patrol Pacific waters.

This Week: We continue our series on streamlined aircraft of the past with one that few have seen before. It is rare in that two ministries were involved in its design, ones that seldom work together. Those departments were the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Air, of an unnamed nation (for, to give you the name, would help you too much). The Ministry of Agriculture had a requirement for mobile greenhouses, whilst that of the Air had one for a



combination reconnaissance/bombing aeroplane. Given that the Great Depression had the whole world in its clutches, with a resultant plummeting in government revenues; it was thought proper and fiscally responsible to combine the two requirements. The end result was this fine flying machine, elegant and capacious.

Sadly, too many chefs do spoil the broth, so this aircraft was not destined to set the world on fire in either an aviation nor a horticultural way. The last example was scrapped only a few years after being built, but part of it is still in use on the grounds of a major petunia-growing business.

So, can you tell us what this machine is? Let us know by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Time to plant those perennials!

From the 'Punitary'

What goes up but never comes down? Your age!

Murphy's Other Laws

Without ammunition, the Air Force is just an expensive flying club.

Quotable Quotes

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin

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.

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With a Few Guns – Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan



“With A Few Guns”






Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan

Author: Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid, CD

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“Avec quelques canons”





Artilleurs canadiens en Afghanistan

Auteur : Lieutenant Colonel (retraité) Brian Reid, CD

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We look forward to seeing you at one of our webinars!

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canadiens et britanniques du Commonwealth qui débarquèrent le jour J en juin 1944 et se sont frayés un chemin à l'intérieur des terres lors de la bataille de Normandie.

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Nous avons hâte de vous voir à l'un de nos webinaires!



**A WOMAN'S TOUCH: SUPPORTING
CANADIAN SERVICEMEN'S RESILIENCE
IN EUROPE, 1943-47**

Sarah Glassford, Leddy Library, University of Windsor

June 16th at 7:00 pm ET (le 16 juin à 19 h 00 h HE)

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**THE AIR SUPPORT ROLLERCOASTER:
CANADIAN SOLDIERS' MORALE IN
NORMANDY**

Alexander Fitzgerald-Black, Juno Beach Centre Association*

July 14th at 7:00 pm ET (le 14 juillet à 19 h 00 h HE)

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“J’IRAI REVOIR MA NORMANDIE”: FRENCH-CANADIAN INFANTRY UNITS IN NORMANDY

Dr. Caroline D'amours, Parks Canada

July 28th at 7:00 pm ET (le 28 juillet à 19 h 00 h HE)

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CANADIAN ARMY OFFICER DISCIPLINE AND MARTIAL JUSTICE, 1944–45

Matthew Barrett, Canadian War Museum

August 11th at 7:00 pm ET (le 11 août à 19 h 00 h HE)

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Geoff Hayes, University of Waterloo

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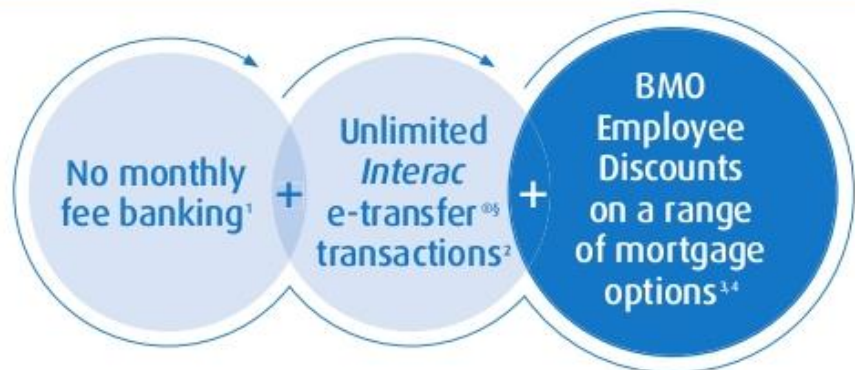
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