

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 16 May 2023

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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

#### Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- May 17** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting  
**May 18** **Thursday** lunch at the Mess. Speaker Roddy MacKenzie:-  
*Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph*  
**May 24** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting  
Coast to Coast Toast celebrating Artillery Day (see posters)

#### **Thursday (not Wednesday) Lunch – May 18, 2023**

Lunch will consist of Roast Beef (Sirloin Tip), mashed potatoes (with gravy), mixed carrots and peppers with a small selection of desserts. The bar will be open as usual. Lunch will be restricted to 30 attendees. (If there is a good response that limit may be raised to 40.)

Lunch starts at **1200hrs**, and Roddy MacKenzie's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1315hrs**. Cost will be \$25 per person. **Reservations and payment in advance is required.**

#### **SOLD OUT!!! Thanks for your support!**

For serving and retired personnel of 15 Fd – **Sgt Brenda Morris, former Chief Clerk** in the Regimental Orderly Room and now the same for 74 Comms, is moving back to Labrador in June. Thank you for all your hard work for the Regiment and Association. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours. She will be at the May 18 lunch.

## **2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program Call Letter**

The call letter for 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program for families of currently serving CAF members and CAF veterans for the 2023/24 academic year can be found in the poster section. Key details are:

- minimum of 75 scholarships available, ranging between \$500 and \$5000 in value;
- registration/application window is from 1 May to 20 July 2023; and
- applications must include:
  - three-part essay;
  - a letter of reference;
  - most recent academic transcript;
  - proof of enrollment from the academic institution; and
  - a point form list of volunteer/civic engagement activities.

Program registration, additional program details, and eligibility criteria are included in the attached letter or at the following link:

<https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/Scholarships>

The website also provides information and links to various other scholarship and bursary opportunities.

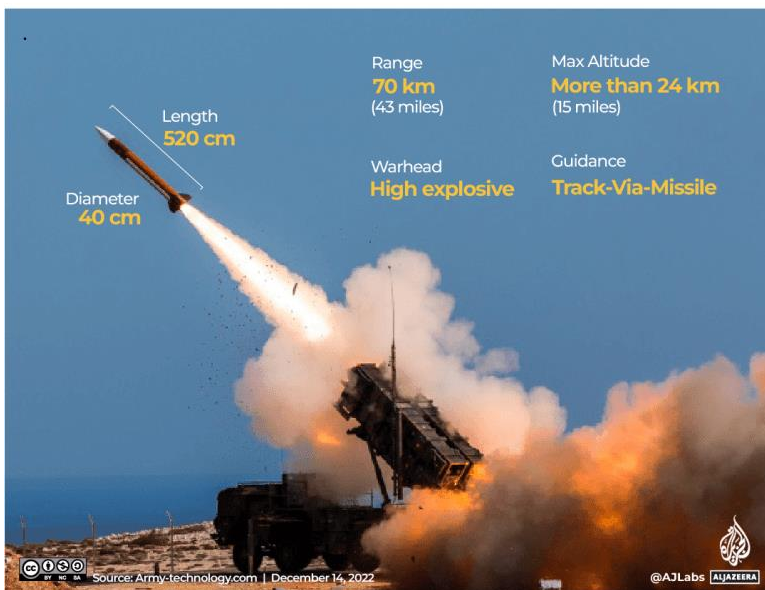
## **Ukraine Downs Russian Hypersonic Missile with US Patriot System**

*Air-launched ballistic missile that can reach speeds of up to Mach 10 is capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads.* Al Jazeera and News Agencies 6 May 2023

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

### **The Patriot weapon system**

The Patriot weapon system is a long-range, all-altitude, all-weather air defence system to counter tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and advanced aircraft. It is made by the US and is also used by some of its allies.



Ukraine says it downed a Russian hypersonic missile over the capital Kyiv using a newly acquired US Patriot defence system in what would be a first in its ability to intercept one of Moscow’s most modern weapons. The Kinzhal missile is one of the latest and most advanced Russian weapons. Its military says the air-launched ballistic missile has a range of up to 2,000km (1,250 miles) and flies at 10 times the speed of sound, making it hard to intercept. A combination of hypersonic speed and a heavy warhead allows the Kinzhal to destroy heavily fortified targets, such as underground bunkers or mountain tunnels. “I congratulate the Ukrainian people on the historic event. Yes, we shot down the ‘unique’ Kinzhal,” Ukrainian Air Force

Commander Mykola Oleshchuk said in a Telegram post on Saturday. “It happened during the

nighttime attack on May 4 in the skies of the Kyiv region.” It was the first time Ukraine is known to have used the Patriot missile defence system.

Oleshchuk said the Kh-47 was launched by a MiG-31K aircraft from Russian territory and was shot down with a single Patriot missile. The Ukrainian military has previously admitted lacking assets to intercept the supersonic weapon. The Kinzhal, which means “dagger” in Russian, is one of six “next generation” weapons unveiled by President Vladimir Putin in 2018 when the Russian leader boasted it cannot be shot down by any of the world’s air defence systems. The air-launched ballistic missile can reach speeds of up to Mach 10 (12,350 kilometres per hour) and is capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads. The Thursday air raid came a day after Russia accused Ukraine of a failed attempt to assassinate Putin in a drone attack on the Kremlin citadel in Moscow and threatened to retaliate. Moscow has since accused Washington of involvement in allegations denied by both Ukraine and the United States. Ukraine took its first delivery of the Patriot missiles in late April. It has not specified how many of the systems it has or where they have been deployed, but they are known to have been provided by the US, Germany and the Netherlands. Germany and the US have acknowledged sending at least one system, and the Netherlands has said it provided two, though it is not clear how many are currently in operation. Ukrainian troops have received the extensive training needed to be able to effectively locate a target with the systems, lock on with radar, and fire. Each battery requires up to 90 personnel to operate and maintain.

Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov said he first asked for Patriot systems when visiting the US in August 2021, months before Russia’s full-scale invasion but seven years after Moscow illegally annexed Ukraine’s Crimea peninsula. He has described possessing the system as “a dream” but said he was told by US officials at the time it was impossible. The Patriot was first deployed by the US in the 1980s. The system costs about \$4m per missile, and the launchers cost \$10m each, according to analysts. At such a cost, it was widely thought Ukraine would only use the Patriots against Russian aircraft or hypersonic missiles. The Patriot system is one of an array of sophisticated air defence units supplied by the West to help Ukraine repel a months-long Russian campaign of air raids that have targeted critical infrastructure, power facilities and other sites. Hundreds of civilians have been killed in the attacks that Russia stepped up in October ahead of winter. The raids failed to cripple the power grid but caused sweeping power cuts and other outages. Russia denies targeting civilians. The Ukraine air force on Saturday said it shot down eight Iranian-made Shahed-136 drones launched by Russia on the eastern and southeast Ukrainian regions in an overnight attack.

## **UK Sending Long-Range Weapons to Ukraine**

Storm Shadow missiles: UK sending long-range weapons to Ukraine, defence secretary confirms Sky News understands some of the missiles are already in Ukraine. Ukraine has long been calling for such weapons, but the US and other countries have been unwilling to supply them in case strikes inside Russia lead to escalation. *Tim Baker SkyNews 11 May 2023*

Secretary Ben Wallace has confirmed. The UK is sending long-range missiles to Ukraine, Defence. The minister said that Storm Shadows missiles will be provided to Ukraine's military.

Sky News understands that some of the missiles are already in Ukraine - with Mr Wallace saying the projectiles "are now going into or are in the country itself." Ukraine has long been calling for such weapons, but the US and other countries have been unwilling to supply them in case strikes inside Russia lead to escalation. Storm Shadow is a long-range, air-launched cruise missile developed by British Aerospace and a French company, which carries a 450kg conventional warhead to a range of up to 200 miles (300km). Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr Wallace said: "The donation of these weapons systems gives Ukraine the best chance to defend themselves against Russia's continued brutality, especially the deliberate targeting of Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, which is against international law. "Ukraine has a right to be able to defend itself against this." He added that the missiles would be for use "within Ukrainian sovereign territory". Missiles being launched into Russia would raise the likelihood of a greater Russian reaction.



*British forces used Storm Shadows in the Iraq in 2003*

In response to reports the deal had been done, Moscow said the move would require an "adequate response from our military". Mr Wallace said he

would not give in-depth details of the capabilities of Storm Shadow - but said: "These weapons will give Ukraine new capability, members should recognise that these systems are not even in the same league as the Russian AS-24 killjoy hypersonic missile," or "even the Kalibr cruise missile with a range of over 2,000 kilometres, roughly seven times that of a Storm Shadow missile". The deployment of the Storm Shadow cruise missiles mark a significant step-up in the capabilities of arms the UK has sent to Ukraine.

The missile has a strike capability of nearly 200 miles (300km) - meaning it would potentially allow Ukraine to hit further into Russian territory. The missile weighs 1.3 tonnes and is just over 5m long. It is launched from the air, and in theory can be used from Ukraine's Soviet-made jets. UK-owned Storm Shadow missiles are made in Stevenage by MBDA. Each cruise missile costs an estimated £2m. The Storm Shadow was originally developed as a project between the UK and France in the early 1990s. It was used in Iraq in 2003, while France, Italy and the UK used it in Libya in 2011. The missiles have also been used to bomb Islamic State targets in Syria and Iraq. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has pleaded with Western nations for these types of missiles for months - but the requests have been denied, especially by the US. In his speech, the defence secretary laid out some of the ways Russia had been attacking Ukraine - including allegations it had used white phosphorous. He said that using such weapons - "which burn at 800C" - is in contravention of "protocol three of the Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons".

# The British Columbia Annual Military Gala

Sheraton Wall Centre Vancouver 6 May 2023 - Original story in BCR Newsletter by Jim Barrett edited for this newsletter by Bob Mugford.

*(Apologies for the red tint in some of the pictures. The Venue lit the room with red lights during the event)*

*15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment  
RCA Band and the  
Seaforth Highlanders  
Pipes and Drums  
performed at  
BC Military Gala on  
6 MAY 2023*



*L-R: Former HCol 15 Fd, Judge Bill Rodgers;  
HLCOL 16 Fd Don Foster;  
Acting Director of  
Music, 15 Fd Band (and who was in charge of  
the music arrangements for the Gala),  
WO Nathaniel Senff and  
CO 15 Fd, LCol Nick Watts.*

## *Pipe Major Seaforth Highlanders of Canada*

After a three year hiatus due to COVID, the Annual Military Gala returned in fine form and was a very well-attended (423 attendees) and a successful event with an enjoyable reception, a delicious dinner, excellent music by The Band of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment and The Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, speeches by Major General Rob Roy MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support and Colonel Scott Raesler, Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, traditional toasts (The King by Brigadier General Nic Stanton, Director General Army Reserve, The President by RMR Honorary Colonel



Tom Newell and The Fallen by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) David Whittier. Military Marches acknowledging the unit affiliation of the attendees.



*The Grand March was perfectly orchestrated by LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, President of the BCR Association and former CO 15<sup>th</sup> Fd.*

*15 Fd Hon LCol Don Foster with wife Susan on his right arm and her Worship Linda Buchanan Mayor of North Vancouver, on his left*



*Commanding Officer LCol Nick Watts With partner Monique*



15<sup>th</sup> Field Regt had two tables at the Gala, one hosted by HLCol Don Foster, the other by 15 Fd 2i/c (and soon to be CO), Maj Andrew Grieve.

*39 CBG Hon Cols & Former HCols*

The Gala continues to support the Soldiers' Wellness Programs at 39 CBG. Many thanks to this year's Lead Sponsor of the Gala, **BMO**, Sponsor, **Kopar Administration Ltd**, Supporters, **St Hebertus Estate Winery** and **Kingswood Capital Corporation**. BCR Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Diamond was the major driving force behind this year's very successful Military Gala, hosted by 39 CBG.....many thanks to Bill and his Team.....congratulations!



## Vancouver Gunners Website Update

### **Coast to Coast Toast 24 May 2023 at 1600 Hrs Pacific**

Hear some interesting words from the Colonel Commandant, Director RCA, Regimental Colonel and Director RCA, NCM. Meet up online with Gunners from across Canada.  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/coast-to-coast-toast-24-may-2023-at-1600-hrs-pt>

### **Change of Command Ceremony – 27 May 2023 at 1230 Hrs**

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA will be performing a Change of Command ceremony on 27 May 2023 at 1230hrs. Please RSVP by 24 May 2023 to the Adjutant.  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/change-of-command-invitation>

### **Artillery Day Celebration Party – 27 May 2023 at 1800 Hrs**

Here's an opportunity to connect with some former and current serving members of the Regiment.  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/artillery-day-celebration-party>

### **Yorke island - 21-24 April 2023**

Another 12 photos have been added to this Yorke Island page. Feeling an urge to go there and shovel some more dirt out of the basement. Anyone else interested?  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-21-24-april-2023>

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: The Ushakov ULPL** an airplane/submarine. In 1934, a Soviet engineering student,

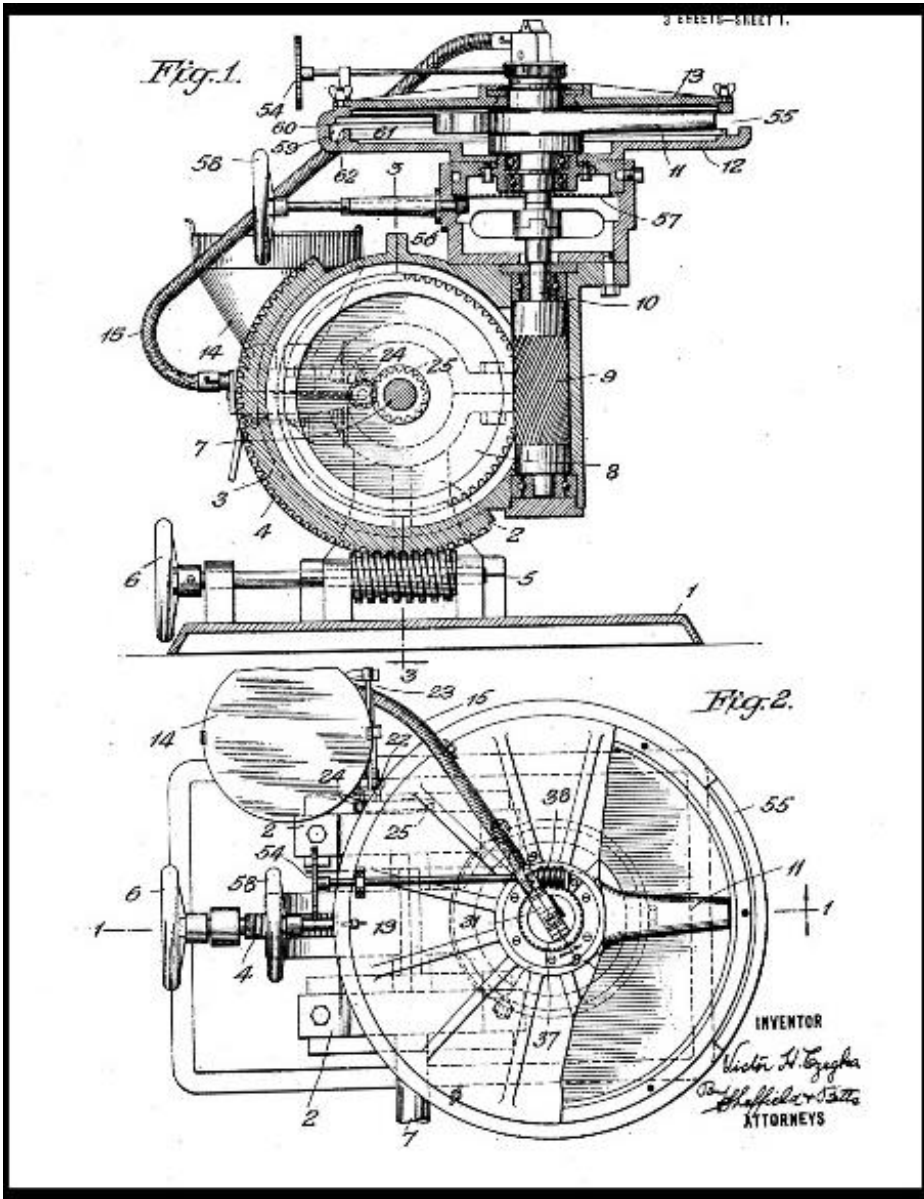


Boris Ushakov, proposed a design for a submersible aircraft that would scout for ships and then fly ahead and submerge itself to ambush them. The design had three engines, conning tower, periscope and could fire torpedoes (of which it carried two). It would submerge itself by flooding its fuselage and would use electrical power to propel itself when underwater.

The craft would take off and land like a normal seaplane. However, the craft was viewed as being too heavy by the Soviets to be useful and was never produced.

*I, foolishly, told John that no one would get this quiz. Within an hour of publication, I got the first of around a dozen replies – all correct! Glad I didn't make a bet! Well done readers. Ed.*

**This Week:** Military equipment comes and goes with budgets, needs, white papers, and the priorities of the endless chain of ministers and chiefs of the defence staff. Some items seem to be in the supply pipeline forever, such as the near-century-old .50 cal heavy machine gun that replaced the not-quite-so-old Vickers gun. Even the current-issue C7 rifle is getting on, originating in an American design of the 1950s, and having seen almost 40 years of service with



us. However, sometimes kit is issued for a very short period, and is then relegated to museums. Who amongst our readers remembers No 4 (Garrison) dress? It was, admittedly, and attempt to smarten up our soldiers, but lasted only a few years, and barely made it to any Reserve units. The combat brassiere of twenty years ago was a big bust, not making it into the system. As such, it joined failed items, such as the armoured shovel, favoured by Sir Sam Hughes, and just about no one else.

This week's photo is of a similar innovative, yet failed item. Sadly, it is not Canadian, just to give you some hint. It appears to be quite cumbersome, and over-engineered, but that is the case with many things military. Another hint is that, in spite of

looking like some kind of pump, its sole purpose was to render the enemy incapable of living. In that regard, it did work. However, we leave it up to you to tell us more. What was it? What became of it? Does it have any legacy? Send your ideas to the innovative editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the now-obsolete author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Have fun.

### From the 'Punitary'

How did the book talk to its friends? By text.

### Murphy's Other Laws

The brass knows how to do it by knowing who can do it and uses them.

### Quotable Quotes

One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say. *Will Durant*



## 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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get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company 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.

## Coast to Coast Toast Invitation for Artillery Day

## /Invitation au Toast d'un océan à l'autre pour le Jour de l'artillerie



**Register now!**

**Register now for the Artillery Day Coast to Coast Toast Wednesday, 24 May at 7pm ET.**

We will be joined by:

- Brigadier-General (Ret'd) D.A. Patterson MSM CD, Colonel Commandant
- Colonel K.L.A. Bouckaert OMM CD, Director RCA
- Colonel D.W. Grebstad CD, Regimental Colonel
- Colonel S.A. Heer MSM CD, Director RCA (NCM)

The Regimental Colonel will announce the winners of The Colonel Geoffrey Brooks Memorial Essay Competition

Following a toast to His Majesty, King Charles III and to The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, breakout rooms will be open for Gunners everywhere to connect.

**The Coast to Coast Toast - Come for the Toast, Stay for the Fellowship!**

**Inscrivez-vous maintenant!**

**Prévoyez vous joindre à nous le mercredi 24 mai à 19h (HE) pour le Toast d'un océan à l'autre de la Journée de l'artillerie.**

Nous serons accompagnés par :

- Le brigadier-général (retraité) D.A. Patterson MSM CD, colonel commandant
- La colonelle K.L.A. Bouckaert OMM CD, directrice de l'artillerie
- Le colonel D.W. Grebstad CD, colonel régimentaire
- La colonelle S.A. Heer MSM CD, directrice des militaires du rang

Le colonel régimentaire annoncera les gagnants du concours de rédaction commémoratif Colonel Geoffrey Brooks.

Après un toast à Sa Majesté, le roi Charles III et au Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne, les salles de réunion seront ouvertes pour permettre aux artilleurs de partout de se rencontrer.

**Le Toast d'un océan à l'autre - Venez pour le toast, restez pour la camaraderie !**



24 April 2023

Le 24 avril 2023

Distribution List

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2023 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR  
FAMILIES OF CURRENTLY SERVING  
CANADIAN ARMED FORCES  
MEMBERS AND VETERANS

PROGRAMME DE BOURSES D'ÉTUDES  
D'APPUYONS NOS TROUPES DE 2023  
POUR LES FAMILLES DES MEMBRES  
ACTIFS ET DES VÉTÉRANS  
DES FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES

1. This letter announces details of the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program available to families of currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and veterans for the 2023/24 academic year. This program is made possible through Support Our Troops, the official charitable cause of the CAF Community. Support Our Troops is supported by donations from individual Canadians, contributions from third party events and external organizations and proceeds from the sale of Yellow Ribbon merchandise. This Program is intended to complement but not duplicate other scholarship programs offered to the CAF Community.

1. La présente a pour but de vous faire part des détails entourant le Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 offert aux familles des membres actifs et des vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) pour l'année scolaire 2023-2024. Ce programme existe grâce à Appuyons nos troupes, l'œuvre de bienfaisance officielle de la communauté des FAC. Appuyons nos troupes est financé au moyen de dons versés par des particuliers au Canada, de revenus générés par des activités organisées par des tiers, de la vente d'articles arborant le ruban jaune et de contributions d'organisations de l'extérieur. Ce programme vise à compléter et non à offrir en double d'autres programmes de bourses d'études destinés aux membres de la communauté des FAC.

2. This year (2023) represents the ninth year of the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program whereby eligible families of currently serving members of the CAF, families of veterans and bereaved families may qualify to receive a scholarship. At this time, a minimum of seventy-five (75) scholarships are available, ranging between \$500 and \$5000 in value.

2. Cette année (2023) marque la neuvième année du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes grâce auquel des familles endeuillées ainsi que celles des membres actifs et des vétérans des FAC peuvent être admissibles à une bourse d'études. À ce stade-ci, un minimum de soixante-quinze (75) bourses d'études variant de 500 \$ à 5000 \$ seront décernées.

3. Registration for the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program will open on 1 May 2023 at

<https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/Scholarships>

4. Applications must be submitted by 20 July 2023 and are to include:

- a. three-part essay;
- b. A letter of reference;
- c. Most recent academic transcript;
- d. Proof of enrollment from academic institution;
- e. A point form list of volunteer/civic engagement activities.

5. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and recipients of a Support Our Troops Scholarship will be announced in September 2023.

6. Members of the CAF Community looking for additional financial support related to post-secondary education are encouraged to learn more about [Student Lines of Credit](#) and to [book an appointment](#) with a lending expert from BMO Bank of Montreal.

3. Nous accepterons les demandes dans le cadre du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2023 au

<https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Obtenir-du-soutien/Bourses-d-etudes>.

4. La date limite de soumission d'une demande est le 20 juillet 2023, et celle-ci doit comprendre :

- a. Une dissertation divisée en trois parties;
- b. une lettre de recommandation;
- c. le relevé de notes le plus récent;
- d. une attestation d'inscription à un établissement d'enseignement;
- e. une liste en style télégraphique des activités de bénévolat/d'engagement communautaire.

5. Un comité de sélection examinera les demandes, et les noms des récipiendaires d'une bourse d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes seront dévoilés en septembre 2023.

6. Les membres de la communauté des FAC qui désirent obtenir du soutien financier supplémentaire afin de poursuivre des études postsecondaires sont priés de se renseigner sur les [marges-crédits aux étudiants](#) et de [prendre rendez-vous](#) avec un expert en matière de prêts de la BMO Banque de Montréal.

7. In addition to the scholarships identified above, Support Our Troops also administers and distributes bursaries from the annual interest generated from the George and Helen Vari Foundation Education Bursary Program. Active members of the CAF who meet eligibility criteria may apply. For more information, please visit: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. CFMWS welcomes other donations and contributions to help deliver and expand the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program. Persons interested in this regard are encouraged to visit the Support Our Troops at <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Give-Support> for more information.

9. I ask for your support in ensuring that the contents of this letter are widely distributed.

7. En plus des bourses mentionnées ci-dessus, Appuyons nos troupes administre et distribue aussi les bourses en fonction des intérêts annuels que génère le programme de bourses d'études de la Fondation George et Helen Vari. Les membres en service actif des Forces armées canadiennes admissibles peuvent en faire la demande. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez visiter:

<https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. Les SBMFC invitent toute personne intéressée à verser un don en vue d'assurer la prestation du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes et d'en élargir la portée. Les personnes intéressées sont invitées consulter le site d'Appuyons nos troupes au <https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Apporter-du-soutien> pour en savoir plus.

9. Je vous demande votre appui pour veiller à ce que la présente soit distribuée à grande échelle.

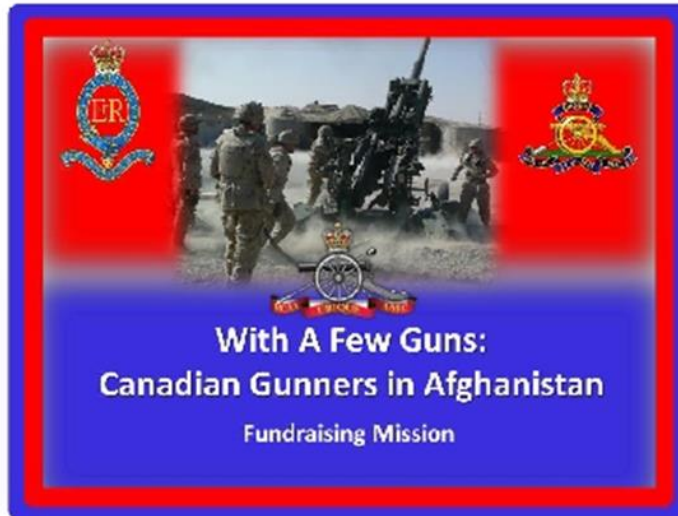
Le chef de la direction des  
Services de bien-être et moral des Forces canadiennes



Ian C. Poulter  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services

## 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](mailto: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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 war.*



**WHAT** - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

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

**WHEN** - November 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**QUOI** - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

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

**QUAND** - Novembre 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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