

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News May 17, 2022

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at [bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com) to let me know you didn't get your copy.

**Newsletter online.** This newsletter and previous editions are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: [www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca) and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html>. Both groups are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association> and <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver>

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

**The 2022 Army Gala. CANCELLED. New Date:- May 6, 2023, at the Sheraton Wall Centre**  
**Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters**

**May 18** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting- Mess will be open, bring your own lunch  
**May 23** 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner  
**May 25** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting- Mess will be open, bring your own lunch  
**May 26** Coast to Coast Toast  
**June 01** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting- Mess will be open, bring your own lunch

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

Hope all is well with you and yours.

Finally, the news we have been waiting for: **"Public Health Restrictions due to Covid-19 have been eased"**

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

#### **Organized gatherings and events**

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

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

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess dinner has been scheduled for**

**1800 for 1900hrs May 23 2022.**

Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. To purchase tickets or to confirm you have prepaid please contact HLCol Don Foster @ [dgfooster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfooster60@gmail.com)

Hope to see you on May 23, 2022.

Ubique,  
Don Foster HLCol

## **Canadian Trainer Watches Efforts Pay Dividends in Ukraine**

*Stephen J Thorne Legion Magazine May 11, 2022*



*Ukrainian armoured troops on operations.  
Ministry of Defense of Ukraine/flicker.com*

Corporal Brian Tite, a Canadian signals specialist, served two tours training Ukrainian soldiers in the kind of technologies that are now contributing to their stout defence against invading forces from

Russia. The International Peacekeeping and Security Centre near the western city of Lviv was his home and office for more than a year in 2019 and 2021. It was destroyed March 13 by Russian cruise missiles; 35 people were killed and 134 wounded. “It’s very sad because we probably knew some friends who were still working there,” Cpl Tite said in an interview with *Legion Magazine*. “We hope everybody’s OK over there but, yes, the base we were working on...was hit.” Defence Minister Anita Anand described the withdrawal as a “temporary measure.” Ottawa pulled about 260 Canadian troops out of Ukraine less than two weeks before Russian forces invaded on Feb 24. The decision came after the UK and the US ordered their own soldiers out, effectively suspending Operation Unifier, a training mission begun in 2015 after Russia annexed Crimea.

The \$890-million project trained more than 30,000 Ukrainian defence and security personnel at the centre in Yavoriv, near the Polish border about 50 kilometres west of Lviv, and in a dozen other locations throughout the country. In a tweet, Defence Minister Anita Anand described the withdrawal as a “temporary measure.” A DND statement suggested the decision did not signal the end of the commitment. “Force protection is the top priority for our training mission, of which operational security is a key component,” it said. “Thus, while we can confirm we have relocated some of our forces outside of Ukraine, we will not discuss numbers, locations or future intentions.” Cpl Tite, 24, a native of Lachute, Que, spent his days around computers. He ate and slept at the centre where he worked and occasionally ventured into the city by chartered bus along with American, British and Swedish colleagues and their Ukrainian trainees. They also played football and Frisbee during off-hours. [Putin] claimed the West was “preparing for the invasion of our land, including Crimea.” He said the Ukrainians were engaged, quick learners. “Right

now, I'm pretty sure they're using [the skills they learned] on the front lines." "We don't know what would have happened if we didn't do that, but I'm pretty sure we made a difference," he said. "They were very receptive and really appreciated the training we gave them."

If anything, the invasion has exposed humiliating shortcomings in Russian military technology and the quality of its forces, their structure and command. More than 180,000 Russian troops poured across the borders of Ukraine in February. They were immediately mired in supply-chain issues and soon started encountering heavy losses at the hands of Ukrainian defenders armed with drones, missiles and other technologies, much of it supplied by NATO members. The security of Russian communications has been woeful. Ukrainian intelligence has routinely intercepted unencrypted radio, telephone, and other chatter between enemy soldiers, revealing critical morale issues among the rank and file. According to what Ukrainian intelligence claims is an intercepted call made recently by a Russian soldier, 25,900 invading troops have been killed in the fighting. Ukraine authorities had put the figure at 22,800; Britain estimated 15,000. *The New York Times* reported Washington had provided intelligence that a dozen Russian generals have died. An investigation of public records by the independent Russian newspaper *Mediazona* claimed Russia has lost more than 300 officers, almost a third of them among senior ranks of major and above.



*Anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine.*  
/WIKIMEDIA

The *Kyiv Independent* reported on May 8 that Russia had lost 1,130 tanks, 2,741 armoured personnel vehicles and 509 artillery systems, along with 1,961 vehicles and fuel tanks, 199 planes, 156 helicopters, 92 cruise missiles, 12 vessels, 179 multiple-launch rocket systems and 360 unmanned aerial

vehicles. No single incident highlighted the challenges Russia is encountering more than the April 14 sinking of the missile cruiser *Moskva*, flagship of its Black Sea fleet. As many as 250 of the ship's 560-member crew are believed to have been killed after it was struck by two Ukrainian Neptune missiles. After his army's attempts to take the capital of Kyiv were turned back, Russian President Vladimir Putin shifted the focus of Moscow's "special military operation" to the strategic east, where his forces have been engaged in grinding battles in and around the industrial hub of Mariupol in Ukraine's contested Donbas region.

The Russian offensive has been marked by what appear to be gross violations of international war crimes law, including the indiscriminate use of heavy weapons, looting, rape and executions of hundreds of Ukrainian civilians in occupied areas. Investigators have uncovered several mass graves in areas won, looted, then abandoned by Russian troops. Western leaders, including US President Joe Biden, have called for Putin to face a war-crimes tribunal. In a speech at the May

9 parade celebrating the Soviet Union's Second World War victory over Nazi Germany, the Russian president claimed the West was "preparing for the invasion of our land, including Crimea." "Defending the Motherland when its fate is being decided has always been sacred," he said in an 11-minute address, delivered 75 days into an invasion that was expected to last a few days. "Today you are fighting for our people in Donbas, for the security of Russia, our homeland. "The death of every soldier and officer is painful for us. The state will do everything to take care of these families." NATO-led training appears to be influencing the course of the conflict. The parade reportedly involved 11,000 troops, half the number who marched at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration two years ago. The number of vehicles involved was a fraction of the usual. A seated Putin watched the march past in 9 C weather with his legs under a heavy blanket. His health, both mental and physical, has been the subject of scrutiny. It's believed he has Parkinson's disease and is slated for cancer surgery.

Canada and other NATO countries have avoided direct military involvement in Ukraine, a non-member state which was seeking to join the alliance before Russia invaded. Putin has raised the spectre of nuclear war if NATO entered the arena. But, along with its NATO allies, Canada has stepped up arms shipments, which have already included artillery pieces and ammunition, light-armoured vehicles, M72 rocket launchers and hand grenades. During a May 8 visit to Kyiv and environs during which he met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada would further boost military assistance, including 18 drone cameras, small arms, ammunition, money for demining and C\$15-million worth of satellite imagery. Canada was also imposing new sanctions on "40 Russian individuals and five entities, oligarchs and close associates of the regime in the defence sector, all of them complicit in Putin's war." Trudeau added Canada would reopen its Kyiv embassy. NATO-led training, much of it designed to distance Ukrainian forces from top-down, Soviet-era military doctrine and put more decision-making power into the hands of junior and non-commissioned officers, appears to be influencing the course of the conflict as Russian forces doggedly stick to old ways.



*Canadian forces participate in airborne operations during Rapid Trident 2011.*

*US Army Europe/flickr.com*

Cpl Tite worked with administrators from multiple organizations to ensure they could perform their increasingly challenging jobs and to do so to NATO standards in a secure environment free of leaks or other compromises. He said many of the Canadians would have preferred to stay and help, but that wasn't their call. "It happened and we didn't have any control over it other than we were trying our best to help them." A Canadian soldier who identified himself only as Nathan told *The Walrus* that he and some of his compatriots came into the program with a degree of arrogance, assuming the underfunded Ukrainians wouldn't know what they were doing. Starting with a lesson on how to operate a firing range practice, he said it was soon evident the Ukrainians were mostly not keen on rudimentary education; they wanted teachings that applied to the war they

had already been fighting for years. “We kind of realized that writ large, the Ukrainian army doesn’t need to learn those things,” he told the magazine. “They’re an old army. They’ve got experience in multiple wars. A lot of the soldiers we were training there were at war in 2014, 2015, 2016.”

## **Russia Fires World’s Biggest Laser Guided Mortar Round in Ukraine**

Huge Smel’chak laser-guided mortars are being lobbed at Ukrainian fighters still holed up in the Azovstal steel plant. *Emma Helfrich/Joseph Trevithick The War Zone May 13, 2022*



An image has emerged online reportedly showing that Russian forces are now using 2S4 Tyulpan 240mm mortars, the largest weapons of this general type in service anywhere in the world, to fire laser-guided rounds at the Azovstal steel plant in the southern port city of Mariupol. The news comes just days after Ukrainian fighters inside the complex insisted surrender was not an option. The self-propelled 2S4 mortar, which uses a modified tracked chassis based on the one used for the Krug (SA-4 Ganef) surface-to-air missile system, first entered service with the Soviet

Army in 1975. A crew of nine typically operates a single one of these weapons, with four crew members riding on the self-propelled mortar itself and the other five following behind in a support vehicle. The Tyulpan – Russian for ‘Tulip’ – possess relatively limited range and have a low rate of fire of only around one round per minute. This is in large part due to the massive rounds they fire.

*A 2S4 self-propelled mortar in the foreground, with a Tor-series surface-to-air missile system in the background. Wikimedia Commons*

Historically, the 2S4s have typically been used to fire unguided 290-pound or 500-pound high explosive rounds, the latter of which has a range-extending rocket booster. It can engage targets out to around 6



miles with standard ammunition and 11 miles away when using the rocket-assisted type. In the 1980s, the Soviets developed a laser-guided round, called Smel'chak, for the 2S4, which has a maximum range of 5.7 miles.



*An example of a Smel'chak laser-guided 240mm round for the 2S4 self-propelled mortar. CAT-UXO*

An autoloading system feeds rounds into the mortar from two drum-type magazines, which can hold a total of 40 standard high-explosive projectiles or 20 long-range rocket-assisted ones at a time. It's unclear how many laser-guided shells can be loaded into the system at once. The 2S4 has a small onboard crane to hoist rounds into its magazines. When fired, the barrel emanates an ominous bell-like ring. The round seen in the picture at the top of this story reportedly being fired at the Azovstal complex is clearly a laser-guided Smel'chak, which has a

completely different shape compared to the unguided ammunition for the 2S4. Smel'chak was originally designed to be employed in conjunction with a forward artillery observer who would use a portable laser designator to "paint" the target. Other platforms equipped with laser designators, such as drones, could conceivably perform this function, as well.

*Wikimedia Commons*

Exactly why the Russians might be employing Smel'chaks in their ongoing siege of the Azovstal steel plant, which is located in the southern port of Mariupol and is known to be the last stronghold of Ukrainian forces in the city, is not entirely clear. At this point, Russian



ground forces are basically knocking on Azovstal's front door and are known to be conducting near-constant air and artillery strikes on the complex using unguided munitions with virtual

impunity. However, the complex sits on top of a maze-link tunnel network that has been helping to shield the defenders from these bombardments. The value of a laser-guided munition to target specific weak points or even try to seal tunnel entrances and exits could be a tactical motive for explaining the recent utilization of these rounds. The extremely close proximity of Russian forces

to the facility also means the Tyulpan's limited 5.7-mile range with this munition is essentially a non-issue.

*A view of the Azovstal plant as the Russian army has taken control of Ukraine's besieged port city of Mariupol except for the Azovstal plant on April 22, 2022. Leon Klein/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images*



*May 12, 2022 image of the heavily battered Azovstal steel plant. Maxar*



*May 12, 2022 image of the heavily battered Azovstal steel plant. Maxar*



This is also just an interesting development given that Russia has been said to have an ever-dwindling stock of precision munitions of any kind. In addition, several sanctions imposed by the United States and its allies have strangled Russia's ability to restock weapons of various types, especially advanced systems that require specialized electronic components. With that in mind, it had hardly been surprising to hear that the Russian military was primarily striking Azovstal with unguided munitions by the end of April. Russia's unrelenting assault has raged on despite the fact that most of the Russian ground forces have been redirected North to meet the demands of more urgent offensives, with a small number of battalion tactical groups remaining insistent on overtaking the plant. With the Ukrainian military claiming that they will jump on any possible opportunity to carve an exit path out of the Azovstal steel plant, perhaps the Russians are using the precision munitions they have left in an attempt to prevent that evacuation from happening.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

**Wednesday Lunches** - Slowly but surely, our numbers are growing for the weekly Vancouver Artillery Association lunch in the Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury. The doors open at 11:00 for coffee and cookies. Bring your lunch, or order it delivered from one of the many restaurants in the neighbourhood. We'll set some tables with tablecloths and let's compare what you found to dine on. Bring a few friends! Need to get away from your desk in the Orderly Room or at Brigade for an hour? Need to renew an acquaintance from your former service with the Army? Drop on in for a casual lunch experience. All ranks welcome. (We'll still set up our Zoom connection for those that can't make it <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6)

**Depart with Dignity – Captain Rob Wishnicki CD** - Well, wasn't that a party? It sure was a great opportunity to see some faces from the past! Check out the photos here! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/dwd-wishnicki.html>

**Depart with Dignity – Captain George Dempsey CD** - Celebration will be held at Bessborough Armoury on 28 May 2022. Anecdotes, messages, etc can be sent to Sergeant Donato Calogero at [donato.calogero@forces.gc.ca](mailto:donato.calogero@forces.gc.ca). Have you got photos from George's career that have not made it to the pages of the Vancouver Gunner? Send them to [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

**Yearbook Update 2022 – Former Sergeant Colin Parkinson** - Colin has donned a Navy uniform! Congrats! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20227765575>

**15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA Centennial Dinner at the Teahouse** - The date for the dinner is fast approaching! After two years of postponements due to COVID, the date is now final - 23 May 2022! Did you know that there are still tickets available for this event? \$150.00 per person. Did you know that the event is open to all ranks? Did you know that it is open to members of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (serving and retired) plus all its friends and family? That's right, if you want to dine with the Gunners - now's your chance! Contact Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster [dgfoster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com) and order your ticket today before they're all sold out. **Sold Out now.**

**Bombardier Nick Parrotta** - Sad news has been received that former Bombardier Nick Parrotta passed away May 2020. Nick was a school friend of Sergeant Donato Calogero and they joined 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment together in December 1982. Our sympathy goes out to Nick's family and friends. End of Mission. Stand Easy. See more here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/obituaries-2020.html>

**Yearbook Update 2022 - Suzanne Veuger** - The obituary for Suzanne Veuger has been placed in the 2022 Yearbook page. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/passing-of-suzanne-veuger>

**Ukraine Conflict – Update** Additional footage of artillery activity in the Ukraine conflict currently underway. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict9948937>

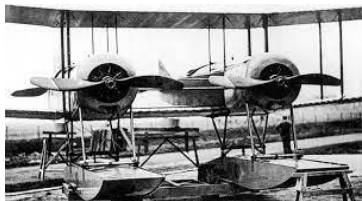


**The Regimental Museum is now open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Masks are required as is proof of vaccination. Please help keep our soldiers safe and do not attend if you feel the slightest symptom of illness. Our zoom channel will also be open from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6.**

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

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

**Last Week: The Blackburn Aeroplane and Motor Company TB** (or Twin-Blackburn) was a



twin-fuselage seaplane design, intended for anti-Zeppelin operations. As the name suggests, it a twin-engine seaplane. However, it was more unusual in that it had two separate fuselages, each with its own engine. The two fuselages were joined together by a 10 ft span centre section forward, with a tailplane to the rear. The huge upper wing was some 15

ft wider than the lower with the upper tip extension being braced by a triangular 'king post' mounted above the outboard struts. The type was built against a 1915 Admiralty Specification, calling for a 'long-range night interceptor to counter the Zeppelin threat'. The design was originally intended to use a pair of 150 hp Smith engines - an American design that promised light weight and low fuel consumption. In the event however, it proved unsuccessful in trials with the result that eight of the nine Blackburn TB aircraft were finally powered by 100 hp Gnome Monosoupape engines. The last aircraft varied even further by receiving two 110 hp Clerget rotary engines. The first Blackburn TB (1509) was completed in August 1915, and it was joined by another pair (1510) and a Clerget-powered aircraft (1517) for trials at RNAS Isle of Grain during 1916. Initially, the aircraft was found to be too flexible, causing the aileron wires to slacken which resulted in a much-reduced lateral control. This problem was soon remedied however, and the aircraft flew successfully, albeit with a modest performance, due to the lower-than-intended power available. The Pilot sat inside the starboard fuselage with the Observer sat in the port fuselage and with nothing other than hand signals, there was no means of communication between the two crew. This proved to be a distinct disadvantage during night operations.

The sole armament on the Blackburn TB was the carriage of Ranken incendiary darts, intended to penetrate an airship envelope, setting fire to the gas within. Unfortunately, with the reduced power available and fuel capacity limiting it to just four hours endurance, there was only sufficient payload to carry 70 lb of the steel darts. Seven aircraft were sent to RNAS Killinghome in 1917, but they did little flying before being broken up in August of that year. The remaining two aircraft (1511 and 1512) were delivered to store at RNAS Crystal Palace, where they too were broken up in July 1917.

**This Week:** Over the years, many vehicles have entered, and left military service. Some you have known, such as the legendary deuce-and-a-half, or even the Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) trucks of our parent's time (and maybe yours, too). In fact, the latter could still be seen in civilian service in places such as Burma (Myanmar) until the early 2000s, often re-bodied and used as busses.

Even in ultra-modern Singapore, your author was surprised to see one in use as a drilling rig in 1996. It had been brought in from Malaysia by a contractor. When I chatted with one of the Tamil workers, he agreed that it was a most ancient lorry, “Maybe over twenty years old!” he exclaimed. Sadly, in those days we didn’t have cameras in our pockets all the time, so I was not able to immortalize that possibly now scrapped piece of history.



Not so this week’s mighty vehicle. It was photographed for posterity in a green and distant land, and a fine-looking piece of kit it was, looking quite military in its armour and camouflage. Some of you might recognize the basis of this juggernaut and be aware of the owner from the licence plate, but I don’t think too

many will know the weapon mounted on its bed. Nor will many be able to guess what it was used for. However, you have surprised us before. We were thrilled when one young lad was able to tell the military tale of McVitie’s biscuits, so maybe you can relate to us the story of this Mad Max-like wheeled monster.

If you can, please let the editor know by electronic post to Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or similarly to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Cheerio!

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

Did you hear how hard it is to get a job as a sword-swallower? It’s a cutthroat competition.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Never go into a fight empty-handed!

### **Quotable Quotes**

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing. - *John Powell*

## 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. **Zoom lunch meetings will continue for those unable to attend the Mess for lunch.**

<https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6

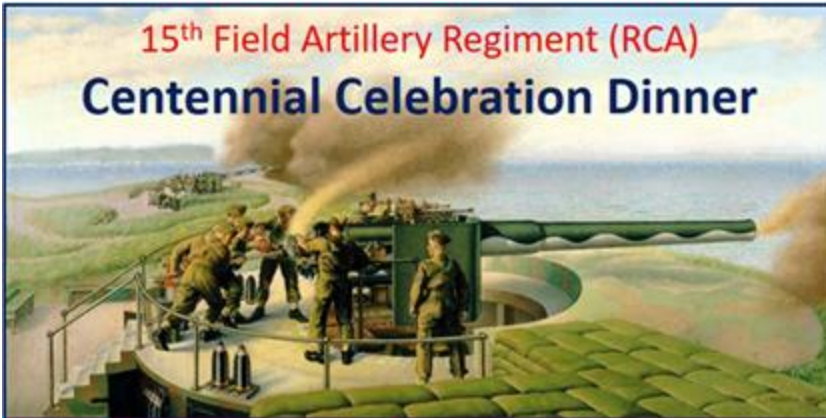


Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their

teams together in a frictionless environment to 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.

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



Monday 23 May 2022  
18:00 for 19:00 hours  
at  
**The Teahouse in Stanley Park**  
7501 Stanley Park Drive  
\$150.00  
RSVP to [dgfooster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfooster60@gmail.com)



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

## Timings

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



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

## The Coast to Coast Toast



## **The Coast to Coast Toast**

### **in Celebration of Artillery Day**

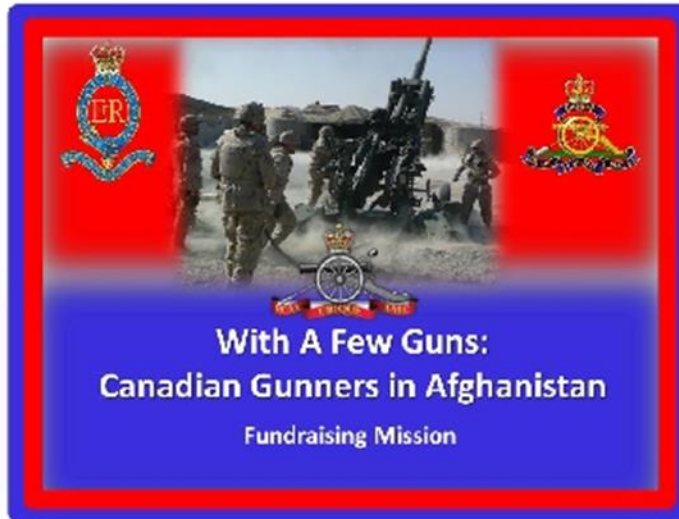
The RCA Association will be hosting a Coast to Coast Toast on Artillery Day on 26 May at 7pm ET.  
More details to follow.

**Register now!**

<https://rcaa.member365.com/public/login/event/c9572257fdd219820a2bbc264e0575472adb07e2?do=signup>

## 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



Comméoration 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.

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



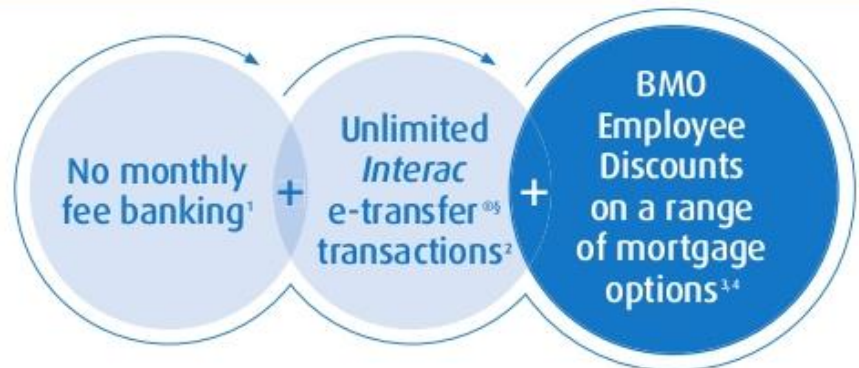
# Bank of Montreal

The official bank of the Defence Community

Our strategy is simple –  
**Do more for you.**



BMO is proud to be the official bank of the **Canadian Defence Community**, and to provide exclusive offers to you.



## Mortgages

- BMO employee discounts on a wide range of mortgage options<sup>3,4</sup>
- Flexibility to move or break your mortgage through the Integrated Relocation Program<sup>5</sup>
- 130-day mortgage rate guarantee – the longest of any major bank in Canada<sup>6</sup>



## Bank Accounts

- Save money with a Performance Plan chequing account with no monthly fees<sup>1</sup>
- Unlimited *Interac* e-transfer<sup>5,6</sup> transactions<sup>2</sup>
- OnGuard<sup>®</sup> Identity Theft Protection Service at no charge<sup>7,8</sup>
- Keep the same accounts no matter how many times you relocate
- Access to CreditView<sup>®</sup> – the free, instant way to get your credit score<sup>9</sup>



## Lines of Credit

- BMO employee discounts on unsecured and secured personal lines of credit<sup>3</sup>
- Student line of credit with preferential pricing and flexibility<sup>10</sup>

## Credit Cards



- Choose the BMO Support Our Troops CashBack<sup>®\*\*</sup> or AIR MILES<sup>®†</sup> MasterCard<sup>®‡</sup>
- No annual fee<sup>11</sup>
- Support Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services with every purchase you make
- Visit [bmo.com/sot](http://bmo.com/sot) to find out about the welcome offers



# Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

### Who is eligible for the CDCB Program?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Scan the QR code to get more information.



<sup>1</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included for free in your Bank Plan. <sup>2</sup>The monthly Plan fee may still apply. Other transaction fees may apply if you have a Bank Plan that does not include unlimited everyday banking transactions. A cancellation fee may still apply when you cancel the transaction. Interac e-transfer<sup>11</sup> transactions are subject to maximum transfer dollar amounts. Applications and the amount you can borrow are subject to meeting BMO's usual credit criteria. <sup>3</sup>Some conditions may apply. These special offers are not available for the 5-year or 10-year BMO Smart Fixed Mortgage or a Homeowner Realign. To qualify for the CDCB special rates on 5-year fixed and 5-year variable rate mortgage, you must have a Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account (Chequing Account) with a CDCB Performance or Premium Plan, and set up the Chequing Account as the funding account for the BMO Mortgage, and have one (1) recurring direct deposit into the Chequing Account. <sup>4</sup>Some conditions may apply. <sup>5</sup>We guarantee your interest rate for the selected fixed rate mortgage type and term for up to 130 days from the rate guarantee start date. If the mortgage is not funded within the 130-day period, the interest rate guarantee expires. Applicable to residential mortgages only and subject to Bank of Montreal standard lending criteria for residential properties. Longest rate guarantee of any major bank as of November 18, 2020. <sup>6</sup>Plan, transaction, service and product fees may still apply. You're eligible for OnGuard<sup>10</sup> if you are a BMO customer who has a lead account with one of the following Bank Plans: Performance Plan, Premium Plan, Platinum Plan or Employee Plan. In addition, to qualify for OnGuard, you must be a Canadian resident who has reached the age of majority for your province or territory, and you must be registered for BMO Online Banking and/or Mobile Banking and you must have a valid email address on your BMO profile and your lead account must be in good standing. Customers with an eligible Bank Plan with the Kids or Teens discounted banking program do not qualify for OnGuard. All account holders of a lead account with an eligible Bank Plan qualify for OnGuard<sup>10</sup> provided they meet the above eligibility requirements. If you switch your lead account to an ineligible Bank Plan, then you will no longer qualify for the OnGuard<sup>10</sup> service. <sup>7</sup>The lead account is the one you designate to pay any fees required by your Bank Plan, for example, your monthly Plan fees and transaction fees. <sup>8</sup>OnGuard<sup>10</sup> retail value is \$155.88 annually (charged at \$12.99 per month). <sup>9</sup>OnGuard<sup>10</sup> is provided by Sigma Loyalty Group and Interactions Inc. Sigma Loyalty Group and Interactions Inc. terms and conditions can be found at [www.bmo.com/onguard/516conditions](http://www.bmo.com/onguard/516conditions). <sup>10</sup>CreditView<sup>11</sup> is a service provided to you by TransUnion. Using this service does not impact your credit score. This service is being made available to you as a customer of BMO ("Bank of Montreal") at no additional charge. <sup>11</sup>You must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant enrolled in a Canadian or non-Canadian post-secondary school or university. Co-signer may be required. Subject to credit availability and verification of identity. <sup>12</sup>Ongoing interest rates, interest-free grace period, annual fees and all other applicable fees are subject to change. Cash advances include balance transfers, cash-like transactions and Mastercard cheques. Visit your branch, call the Customer Contact Centre at 1-800-263-2263, or visit [bmo.com/rates-fees](http://bmo.com/rates-fees) for current rates and fees. <sup>13</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included in the Performance Plan. Some non-BMO ATMs may charge you a convenience fee. The convenience fee is not a BMO fee and is added to the total amount of your withdrawal. You are responsible for the convenience fee that may be applied to your transaction.

<sup>14</sup>Registered trademark of Bank of Montreal. <sup>15</sup>Interac e-Transfer is a registered trademark of Interac Inc. <sup>16</sup>OnGuard is a service of Sigma Loyalty Group. OnGuard<sup>10</sup> is a trademark of Sigma Loyalty Group Inc. Identity Guard<sup>17</sup> is a registered trademark of Interactions Inc. <sup>18</sup>CreditView is a trademark of TransUnion LLC. <sup>19</sup>MasterCard is a registered trademark, and the circles design is a trademark of Mastercard International Incorporated. Used under license.