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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

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

Wednesday Lunches Resume

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

[See poster section for details](#)

Five Russian Jets Destroyed by Easily Assembled Cardboard Drones

in Ukraine last week - in prelude to even more unmanned assaults on Putin's bases

- Costing just £2,750 each, the drones have been used by Ukraine since March
- Australian government struck a £16million deal for delivery of 100 per month
- Ukraine has bombarded Russia with a series of drone strikes in recent days

Jack Hardy and Arthur Parashar Daily Mail 31 August 2023

Cardboard drones as easy to assemble as an Ikea flatpack are believed to have destroyed five Russian jets in an attack by Ukrainian forces. An official from Kyiv's security service said four Su-30 aircraft and one Mig-29 fighter jet were hit at Kursk airfield just across the border in Russia. Last weekend's assault, said to have involved 16 drones, also damaged two Pantsir missile launchers and the radar of an S-300 air defence system. A prominent pro-Russian blogger reported that, 'for the first time', cardboard self-assembly drones sold to Ukraine by Australia were central to the operation. The weaponry is called the Corvo Precision Payload Delivery System (PPDS) and was created by Australian manufacturers Sypaq.

DEADLY WEAPON HELD TOGETHER BY RUBBER BANDS

- Easy to assemble
- Launched by hand or by catapult
- Cheap and expendable

■ The drone's material makes it very hard to be detected by radar, as it is not firm enough for the radiowaves to ricochet back to their receiver

■ Materials: Lightweight board frame of 'waxed cardboard' (foldable foam board), propeller unit, avionics, with shape for a hole to be cut for camera

■ Range: Up to 75 miles | ■ Wingspan: 6.5ft

■ Assembly time: Around an hour | ■ Payload: 3kg | ■ Speed: 37mph

■ Package size: 2.5ft in length

■ Reported kills in Ukraine: Four Su-30 fighter jets, a Mig-29 jet, two Pantsir missile launchers and the radar of an S-300 air defence system

SYPAQ
Transforming Strategy into Capability

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Costing just £2,750 each, they have been in Ukraine since March after the Australian government struck a £16million deal for the delivery of 100 per month. Arriving in flatpacks two-and-a-half feet long, they can be assembled in roughly an hour. They are constructed from a lightweight board described as 'waxed cardboard' and have a propeller

and a military-grade navigation system. Incredibly, they are held together in part by rubber bands. The drones, believed to be virtually undetectable by radar, can fly for 75 miles at 37mph and can carry up to 3kg of load. A camera can be installed so they can be used on reconnaissance missions. It comes amid Ukrainian forces bombarding Russia with a series of drone strikes in recent days - with the latest coming late last night. In the early hours of Friday morning, Russian air defence units 'neutralised an unidentified object' in the western region of Pskov - the same region where a Ukrainian drone attack hit military transport aircraft earlier this week. Governor Mikhail Vedernikov posted a video on Telegram showing fire being directed through the air. He said there had been no damage on the ground. On Wednesday, a four-hour wave of drones that Moscow blamed on Ukraine hit Pskov airport - a military airbase that doubles as a civilian airport - near Russia's border with Estonia and Latvia, damaging four Il-76 military transport planes, according to local reports. The airport is about 700 kilometres (400 miles) north of the Ukrainian border.

Confirming the attack on the Princess Olga Pskov Airport, a Russian emergencies ministry source said: 'As a result of a drone attack, four Il-76 planes were damaged. A fire broke out. Two aircraft are engulfed in flames.' Incredible before and after satellite images shared on social media appear to show the destruction of a Il-76 military aircraft. In all, six Russian regions - Pskov, Kaluga, Orlov, Ryazan and Moscow- were targeted in the barrage amid the 18-month war. Footage shared on social media showed huge explosions lighting up the night's sky over the airport that sits 40 miles from the neighbouring Baltic, NATO and European Union states of Estonia and Latvia. The attack forced the closure of Pskov airport, though it reopened on Thursday, according to

Russian transport officials. Normally, Kyiv officials neither claim nor deny responsibility for attacks on Russian soil, though they sometimes refer obliquely to them. But President Volodymyr Zelensky appeared to boast of the Pskov attack on Thursday.

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strikes on Pskov on Friday morning. 'Successful use of our long-range weapons: the target was hit 700 kilometres away!' he said in an online post. Ukraine's Western allies generally forbid Kyiv from using weapons they supply to attack Russian territory, but say Ukraine has a right to carry out such attacks on military targets with its own weapons. The attacks in recent weeks, including several on central Moscow over the past month, have brought the war home to many Russians for the first time after 18 months during which Russia has subjected Ukraine to countrywide air strikes. Russia is also facing the aftermath of a mutiny two months ago by Wagner, a private army that had formed the main attack force of its own winter offensive earlier this year. Wagner's leader Yevgeny Prigozhin and his main lieutenants were killed in an air crash last week. The Kremlin has denied that it was behind the crash. President Vladimir Putin had called Prigozhin's mutiny treason but had promised not to punish him for it. On Thursday Prigozhin's right-hand man, Dmitry Utkin, a neo-Nazi former military intelligence officer whose call-sign Wagner gave the mercenary force its name, was buried at a cemetery near Moscow under heavy guard of Russian military police. Prigozhin was similarly buried on the outskirts of St Petersburg on Tuesday.

Challenger 3 Program Advances After New Gun Shows Its Mettle

Andrew Chuter Defense News Sep 12, 2023

LONDON — The Challenger 3 program has reached another milestone on its way to provide the British Army with a new generation of main battle tanks, contractor RBSL has announced. The Rheinmetall-BAE Systems joint venture says the 120-mm L55A1 smoothbore gun, known as the L55A1CR3 in its British configuration, has successfully completed a series of firing tests. The tests were conducted in April, said the company in an announcement on the eve of the DSEI defense exhibition here, with guns tested and validated prior to delivery to RBSL for integration with the tanks' new digital turret. Earlier in the year, the main battle tank had its critical design review (CDR) approved ahead of schedule and to budget. RBSL received a £800 million (\$1

billion) [contract](#) by the Ministry of Defence in 2021 to deliver 148 substantially upgraded Challenger 2 tanks.



British soldiers sit on a tank as they take part in a training session of British forces and Challenger tanks at the Ministry of Defence (MOD) training base in southern England on Aug 15, 2023.

(Photo by Daniel Leal/AFP via Getty Images)

First deliveries to the British Army are scheduled for 2027, with full operating capability set for 2030. The government shipped 14 Challenger 2s to Ukraine

earlier this year to bolster Kyiv's fight against Russia's invasion. Swapping out the British L30 rifled 120-mm gun for the smoothbore L55A1CR3 is a key element of an upgrade which will also include a fully digitized turret and survivability enhancements. Israeli company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems announced earlier this month it had completed a second phase of integration of its [Trophy active protection system](#) destined for Challenger 3. Structural elements of the Challenger 3 are already arriving at RBSL's Telford factory to build the first prototype vehicle. Last month, the first so-called citadel for Prototype 1 (P1) arrived, which is the steel structure that forms the basis of the first Challenger 3 turret. While it will initially be used in the first trial vehicle, contractors will upgrade the P1 citadel itself to form part of a fully operational Challenger 3. The citadels are built by Rafael-owned, British-based company Pearson Engineering.

RCAF to Participate For First Time in Multinational Exercise in UK

Len Varley Aviation Source News September 1, 2023



Photo Credit: RCAF

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) is set to make its debut appearance at Exercise COBRA WARRIOR 23-2, a multinational live-fly exercise hosted by the Royal Air Force (RAF) at Waddington station in the United Kingdom.

Running from September 4 to 22, 2023, this event will see Canada join the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy and Australia in the exercise involving operational tactics in aerial maneuvers. The RCAF's involvement in Exercise COBRA WARRIOR 23-2 showcases the CF-188 Hornet fighter, supported by a CC-150T Polaris air-to-air refuelling aircraft – the military variant of the Airbus A310-300 aircraft. The participation includes a squadron of seven [CF-188 Hornets](#) from the esteemed 433 Tactical Fighter Squadron, alongside a [CC-150T](#) Polaris aircraft from 437 Transport Squadron. Accompanying these formidable machines are over 140 skilled RCAF personnel, each ready to contribute their expertise to this dynamic training event. Exercise COBRA WARRIOR involves a collaboration of Allied nations. Alongside Canada, other allies such as Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Italy will also participate in this multinational extravaganza. The exercise creates a platform for the exchange of invaluable knowledge, enabling diverse air forces to forge stronger operational ties while collectively developing tactics that transcend borders.

For the RCAF, Exercise COBRA WARRIOR 23-2 at RAF Waddington isn't merely a demonstration of capability; it's also an opportunity to elevate combat proficiency. The exercise will provide a realistic simulation of high-intensity, large-scale air war-fighting operations, further enhancing the RCAF's existing prowess in European airspace. The training becomes all the more vital in a world where readiness to counter air threats is of paramount importance.



Photo Credits: RCAF

Insights from the Commanders

Lieutenant General Eric Kenny, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, emphasizes the significance of exercises like COBRA WARRIOR. He underscores that such endeavors aren't solely about improving individual skills but fostering a sense of unity among allied and partner forces. By practicing diverse tactical combat scenarios, participants prepare for real-world operations where collaborative cohesion can make all the difference.

Major General Iain Huddleston, Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, underscores the relevance of the current security landscape. He points out that Exercise COBRA WARRIOR is an instrumental stepping stone toward safeguarding North American airspace. The exercise

serves as a crucible for strengthening interoperability, building relationships, and developing leadership roles among participating Air Forces.

Key Highlights of Exercise COBRA WARRIOR 23-2

Interoperability Focus: The RCAF will engage in composite air operations in a contested, degraded, and operationally limited environment. This focus underscores the need to function effectively under challenging conditions, enhancing the collaborative capabilities of all participants.

Dual Airbase Operations: The Royal Canadian Air Force's aircraft will operate from both RAF Station Waddington and RAF Station Lossiemouth. This dual operation setup underscores the adaptability of the RCAF personnel and their ability to operate seamlessly in various environments.

Command and Control Expertise: The exercise will see the involvement of four RCAF Air Battle Managers from RAF Boulmer. Their pivotal role is to provide command and control capabilities that enable simulated air combat scenarios, further enhancing the complexity and realism of the training.

Unparalleled Magnitude: As the largest exercise organized by the Royal Air Force, COBRA WARRIOR offers a biannual opportunity for participants to engage in high-intensity large force tactical training. This magnified event ensures that all involved forces are pushed to their limits, facilitating comprehensive skill development.

Integrating Partner Nations: Beyond honing individual skills, the exercise emphasizes the integration of different partner nation platforms. Crews learn to operate in tandem, enhancing interoperability and mission planning. Leadership roles are also assumed, fostering well-rounded expertise.

Military Underestimating Mental Health Risks of Domestic Deployments

Ombudsman says. *Sarah Ritchie, The Canadian Press Sept 6, 2023*



Members of the Canadian Forces prepare sandbags for distribution to residents threatened by floodwaters Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Gatineau, Que. Canada underestimates the risk domestic emergency operations pose to the mental health of responding military personnel, a report from the Armed Forces ombudsman has found.

The Canadian Press/Adrian Wyld

Canada is underestimating the mental health impact domestic emergencies like wildfires and COVID-19 have had on the military reservists who respond to them, a new report says. Gregory Lick, the Canadian Armed Forces ombudsman, said there are also gaps in health-care policies and a shortage of health professionals which put the military's 28,500 reservists at a disadvantage compared to regular force members. Lick's report published Wednesday said that some reservists who tried to get mental health care through the military's health services were turned away because administrative staff were under the mistaken impression that reserve members did not have coverage. "I have accessed military health services in my past and I would never have expected that," said Lick. "That really is a training or understanding issue that can be quickly addressed." Not everything identified in the report is so easily fixed, he said. "In military health services, the same as it is in Canadian society, one of the largest deficits in the resources available for mental health is that lack of people," he said. That means wait times are long for military health services. The report said there is a biased belief that domestic operations have a lesser impact on mental health, and in some cases that has meant the Armed Forces is skipping pre-deployment screenings for reservists. "I was a little bit surprised in terms of the number of times that risk assessments were not done, the amount of waivers that people were given to deploy quickly," he said, though he conceded that "sometimes that has to occur when there's an emergency." The military is being asked to respond to domestic emergencies more often, and the investigation found that about 65 per cent of military members did not get a medical screening for their most recent domestic operation.

Just 38 per cent of the people who said they had a medical screening within the last year were reserve members, and there's no system in place to flag when a health assessment is due. That includes extremely difficult operations during COVID-19, when the military was called in to help in long-term care homes that were overwhelmed by the virus. "They saw something really tragic in those homes. And that was one of the instigators, certainly, in why we looked at this particular issue," Lick said. But being deployed to fight raging forest fires, to evacuate people from danger zones as flames move in, or to rescue people from rising floodwaters also takes a toll. The Canadian Joint Operations Command and Canadian Forces Health System does not track reserve members after they're deployed, and it's less likely that one of their commanding officers will notice if their mental health is suffering. "After a domestic deployment, many primary reserve members are on a part-time schedule and do not interact with their chain of command and peers daily," the report said.

The report calls for a slate of changes to be made by the fall of 2025 including formalizing post-deployment check-ins and strengthening the oversight of mental health screenings. It was virtual care services expanded to provide better coverage for reservists who do not live near a base or wing and for more clear information be made available on what support reservists can access. For reservists who may only have access to the Armed Forces intranet system once or twice a week, Lick said it's particularly important to have benefits information available online. The ombudsman's office began investigating the health and wellness of reserve force members in 2015 and says most of its previous recommendations have not been fully implemented. As a result, there are inconsistent and unclear policies about accessing mental health supports.

Reservists' eligibility can vary depending on their class of employment, and the report found it's not always clear to them or their leadership what they are eligible to receive. Reservists are also only eligible for the Canadian Forces Members Assistance Program if they can "explain how the performance of their military duty relates to their condition," the report said.

Any member can get an assessment and referral from the program, but some care providers and reservists were unaware of that. Lick said it's vitally important for the military to adopt a presumptive entitlement approach for its members, like what some provinces have done for first responders. "Whether it's a police officer, (a firefighter) or perhaps involved in search and rescue, if you have a mental-health issue, you are presumed to have gotten it from that," he said. Between April 2017 and March 2022, 6,124 reservists were deployed in Canada on nine operations. Since then, the military has had to quickly respond to floods, a major hurricane and record-breaking forest fires. "We started this (investigation) before a lot of these forest fires that have really created a huge tragedy across the country," Lick said. "We never foresaw that." "This report has come at a particularly important time."

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Wednesday Lunch – 20 Sep 2023

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Don Foster has arranged another lunch and presentation at the Bessborough Armoury Officers Mess. The lunch starts at 1200hrs with the presentation schedule for 1330hrs. Dress is business attire. Lunch menu:- Roast beef (there will be a vegetarian option), mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Cost will be \$35 per person. Reservations and payment in advance is required. Those wishing to attend must RSVP HLCol Don Foster @ dgfoster60@gmail.com Prepayment for lunch tickets required by Sept 18, 2023. E-transfer may be made to: 15rca100th@gmail.com If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements in advance with HLCol Don Foster. There will be no cash or credit card option available at the door. RUSI President Keith Maxwell will be presentation:- 'D Day and the Encounter Battle'.

For further information, contact HLCol Don Foster at (604)809-6242 or dgfoster60@gmail.com or – Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell at (604) 865-0612 or kdm Maxwell@gmail.com

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/wednesday-lunch-20-sept-2023>

Retirement - Captain Kevin Walker CD

Check out Captain (ret'd) Kevin Walker's retirement message and announcement of his Depart with Dignity Ceremony to be held at the Bessborough Armoury on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 1700 hrs. A request for messages, stories and notes should be forwarded to his Retirement Function Coordinator, Sergeant Donato Calogero, at donato.calogero@forces.gc.ca

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/retirement-captain-kevin-walker-cd>

Yorke Island Master Gunner Residence

The fundraising for the reconstruction of the Master Gunners' Residence at Yorke Island has started with initial donations totaling \$1,500.00. Charitable donations for this project can be made through the Royal Canadian Artillery Association. Have you got some time available next summer to start assembling the project? Stu McDonald and Leon Jensen will be digging through some info at Library and Archives on 10/11 October. Please check out their files online and help us in the search.

https://rcaa.member365.com/publicInj/fundraisingCampaign/makeDonation/XfhUxiheT1_XcJ1gJEUg7g

Check out the Master Gunners' Residence for additional info at

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yorke---officers-quarters.html>

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants Mess Dinner

A group photo of all the serving members at the dinner has been posted. Have you got some photos that I should add to the page? Send them to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/warrant-officers-and-sergeant-mess-dinner>

Point Grey Battery Autumn Clean Up

Who's available for 21 October 2023? We'll scrape some moss, clean up the gun stores room, add some QR codes, grease some hinges. Send me an email if you're interested
president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Wednesday Lunch

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBIMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1> or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784> or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0 (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero)

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The **Gregor FDB-1** was a Canadian biplane fighter, designed in 1938 by Michael Gregor and manufactured by Canadian Car and Foundry. Despite being an advanced and innovative design, incorporating all-metal construction with flush riveting, retractable undercarriage and a sleek shape, the FDB-I was overtaken by events and, after being unable to find a buyer, was lost in a fire in 1945.



Wingspan 8.53 m **First flight** December 17, 1938 **Length** 6.6 m

Manufacturer Canadian Car and Foundry

This Week: We are back to noisy green things this week. As an aside, although these military items are almost universally that colour these days, regardless of nation, they weren't always so clad. Some early pieces were red, even yellow, but that was long, long ago, so only the most

aged of our readers might remember those years. Prior to our guns being painted in their current NATO standard colour, they were Deep Bronze Green, and shiny. In Korea, 1 RCHA made a point of polishing the muzzle brakes and breeches, in addition to making sure the guns shone in the sun (the purpose being to blind the Chinese, no doubt).



During the Second World War Canadian ordnance was often a matt brown shade, akin to khaki, but with colourful tactical signs by the middle years of the conflict. In the between war period, our guns were again shiny bronze green, with nice white lettering that gave important information, including the battery and brigade (which is what regiments were once called). In the latter years of the Great War, many guns were camouflaged in weird and wonderful colours, zig-zag Dazzle pattern, and strips. The reason wasn't to hide them from evil Hun infantrymen; rather it was to hide them from aerial observation by monocle-wearing aviators and balloonists. However, if we go back to the early days of that war, and before, British and Canadian guns were often painted a nice shade of grey called, imaginatively, as the army always is, "Service Grey".

But, this week's object, which may or may not be a gun (we couldn't find a photo showing the pointy bit) is in a glossy pre-aping the USA paint. So, it isn't American. That's about all we can tell you. You must forget the lazy, hazy days of summer, and turn your brains on again, ready for Father Frost, and let us know what you think the military object is. Send those ideas to the editor, Bob "Service Grey Beard" Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the silver-haired author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

What is the problem with kitchen remodelers? They are very counterproductive.

Murphy's Other Laws

If your ambush is properly set, the enemy won't walk into it.

Quotable Quotes

If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future.
Sir Winston Churchill.

*The
Royal Canadian Artillery
Association*



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de l'Artillerie royale
canadienne*

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

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

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

Events surrounding the RCA Association AGM include:

Thursday 12 October, 2023 – Proposed Social/Cultural Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Click the link below for administrative instructions and AGM Schedule.

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

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

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

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

Visite du QGDN au Mémorial afghan (Campus de Carling)

Briefing sur [le Pepper Pod](#) (lieu à confirmer, possiblement sur le campus Carling)

Musée canadien de la guerre (gratuit pour les anciens combattants)

et/ou Mémorial national de l'artillerie

Jeudi 12 octobre 2023 - Activités sociales/culturelles proposées

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register now!

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!

The Royal Canadian Artillery Association
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Brampton, Canada ubique@rca-arc.org

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

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

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

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

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

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



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headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Battles of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

Saturday, 30 September 2023 - 1830 for 1930

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

Prime Rib roast dinner buffet

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

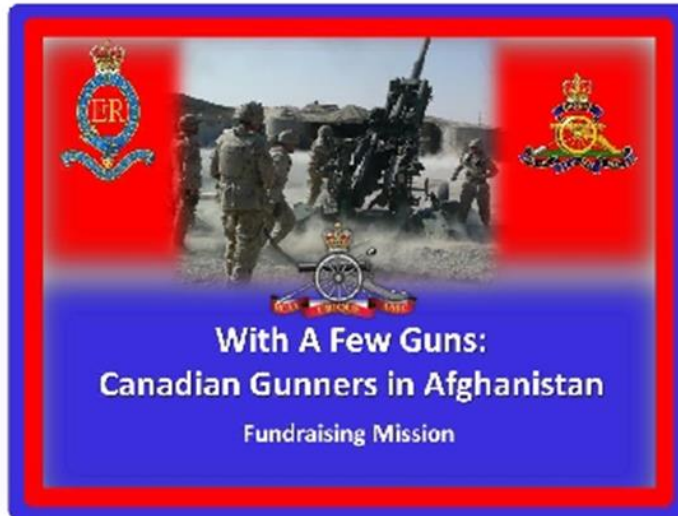
Dress: Regimental Scarlets, Highland Evening Dress, Business Attire

Tariff: \$70 per person

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

With a Few Guns

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



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

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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

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

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

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Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

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Commemoration Cyprus 2024



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Mission

...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974.

...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war.



WHAT - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

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

WHEN - November 2024.

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

WHERE - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

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

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

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

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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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