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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

- Aug 02** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
- Aug 09** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
- Aug 11** August Social Event – No location picked yet.
- Aug 16** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.

## Vard Marine Inc Introduces an Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel

Designed for the Future Requirements of the Royal Canadian Navy.

*Vanguard Staff June 4, 2023*



*VARD Vigilance Offshore Patrol Vessel*

Vard Marine Inc., a subsidiary of Fincantieri, unveiled the Vigilance Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) at CANSEC 2023 in partnership with Heddle Shipyards, Thales Canada, SH Defense, and Fincantieri S.p.A., forming the

esteemed Team Vigilance. Together, these collaborative entities possess extensive and remarkable expertise in naval ship design, both in Canada and globally. They excel in integrating combat and offboard systems, employing modular payload systems, and providing life-cycle solutions. This formidable collaboration ensures that Team Vigilance can meet the requirements

of any naval operator within and beyond this domain. Derek Buxton, Vice President Business Development, Vard Marine Inc., said: “With our experience in designing modern multi-mission OPVs such as the RCN’s AOPS and the USCG’s Heritage Class Cutters, and the vast, aligned, experience of our Team Vigilance partners, we stand ready to support the Government of Canada throughout the ongoing conception, development, delivery, and deployment of their future offshore patrol vessel program.” Tailored precisely to suit the future fleet of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vigilance achieves an optimal balance among flexibility, adaptability, and size, while retaining the cost advantages associated with VARD’s renowned naval designs throughout its life cycle. The vessel has been meticulously designed to undertake demanding sovereignty missions at a high operational tempo, engineered to be deployed globally and establish forward bases in foreign territories.

Vigilance offers an affordable and forward-thinking solution that effectively fulfills crucial operational needs through a combination of inherent capabilities and modular features. It enables core naval missions such as intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, safeguarding subsea infrastructure, countering mine threats, preserving resources, and conducting maritime interdiction operations. The integration of the CUBETM plug-and-play mission module and payload handling system ensures Vigilance’s readiness for the future, allowing it to accomplish diverse missions regardless of the assigned tasks. These new ships are intended to meet the projected future demands outlined in the second pillar of the Government of Canada’s National Shipbuilding Strategy. They will replace the Kingston Class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels and will be entirely designed, constructed, and outfitted within Canada, symbolizing a significant commitment to domestic shipbuilding. Vigilance empowers the sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve with state-of-the-art tools to safeguard Canada’s vital interests both at home and abroad.

## **Rare Czech Engineering Vehicle Shows Up on Both Sides of the Ukraine War**

*David Axe Forbes Staff Jul 27, 2023*



*A Czech army VT-72B.  
Czech Army Photo*

The VT-72B is an oddity: an armored engineering vehicle based on a T-72 tank, minus its turret and gun, and briefly manufactured in the former Czechoslovakia in the late 1980s and early 1990s. East Germany acquired a few copies, as did India, but for the most part the VT-72B was *Czech*—until Czechoslovakia split up in 1993 and the ARVs cascaded to the successor states: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Neither country’s army still has any of the 46-ton, two-crew engineering

vehicles in its active inventory, although the Czech army *does* operate a handful of newer VT-72Ms. It's unclear exactly what the Czechs and Slovaks did with their old VT-72Bs. But somehow copies of the ARV wound up on both sides of Russia's wider war on Ukraine.

It's obvious why the Ukrainians and Russians would want the VT-72Bs: both armies are losing tanks and other armored vehicles by the hundreds as the wider war grinds into its 18<sup>th</sup> month. It often is possible to repair an immobilized vehicle, but only *after* engineers recover it from the battlefield—a task that usually first requires an ARV crew to tow the vehicle to safety. To that end, a diesel-powered VT-72B boasts a winch, a 19-ton crane and a dozer blade for stability. It's in the same class of vehicle as the German Bergepanzer, British Challenger ARV and American M-88. Recovering irreplaceable ex-German Leopard 2A6 tanks, ex-Finnish Leopard 2R mine clearers and ex-American M-2 fighting vehicles, Ukrainian Bergepanzers have helped to mitigate the cost of a disastrous attempt by the Ukrainian army's 47<sup>th</sup> Brigade to cross a Russian minefield in southern Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Oblast on June 8. The brigade left behind more than two dozen of its best vehicles. It wasn't until weeks later that the Ukrainians had advanced far enough past the minefield that the engineers in the Bergepanzers could begin their recovery work.

Both the Czech Republic and Slovakia, as NATO members, are supporters of a free Ukraine and have provided combat vehicles to Kyiv's army. It seems the Czech Republic supplied a few VT-72Bs to Ukraine around 2014, the year Russia first invaded Ukraine. Some of those ARVs still are in action. It's much less clear how Russia got VT-72Bs. The Russian army operates a wide array of recovery vehicles—hundreds of them—based on tank and fighting-vehicle chassis. It wasn't widely known that the Russian army had VT-72Bs until one of the aging ARVs appeared alongside some other old combat vehicles on a Russian train, bound for Ukraine, in a video that circulated online on Wednesday. That the Russians are activating every old ARV they can locate at some Siberian vehicle park should come as no surprise. Since widening their war on Ukraine in February 2022, the Russians have lost around 300 engineering vehicles that independent analysts can confirm. That's a *lot* of engineering vehicles—far more than most armies have in their entire inventories.

## **Western Armour Struggles Against Russian Defences**

*Jonathan Beale* BBC Defence correspondent, southern Ukraine. 27 July 2023



*Tanks hit by Russian mines are either being quickly repaired or scavenged for parts. Image Source, Moose Campbell/BBC*

The general in charge of Ukraine's stuttering counter-offensive in the south has said Russian defences are making it difficult for military equipment, including Western tanks and armoured vehicles, to move forward. Gen Oleksandr Tarnavskiy says his forces are

struggling to overcome multi-layered minefields and fortified defensive lines. "That is why most of the tasks have to be performed by troops." He says Russia's military has displayed "professional qualities" by preventing Ukrainian forces from "advancing quickly". "I don't underestimate the enemy," he adds. Latest unconfirmed reports from the US suggest the main thrust of the counter-offensive has begun. The Institute for the Study of War says Ukrainian forces appear to have broken through "certain pre-prepared Russian defensive positions". But so far there's little evidence that Western supplied tanks and armoured vehicles have been able to tip the balance decisively in Ukraine's favour.

*Russia released footage of tanks it said it had destroyed in the early days of the offensive.  
Image Source, Russian Ministry of Defence*



Several Leopard tanks and US Bradley fighting vehicles were damaged or destroyed in the first days of the offensive, near the city of Orikhiv. Ukraine's 47<sup>th</sup> Brigade, which had largely been trained and equipped by the West to try to break through Russian lines, were soon stopped in their tracks by mines and then targeted by artillery. Russia released multiple videos of the incident claiming Ukraine's offensive had already failed. In reality it was an early setback rather than a decisive blow. We visited the same brigade's outdoor workshop, hidden in a forest behind the front line, where they are now trying to repair more than a dozen armoured vehicles - most of them US Bradleys. They first arrived unscathed but now bear the scars of battle. Broken tracks and buckled wheels - the tell-tale signs that several have hit Russian mines. Serhii, one of the engineers, says: "The faster we can repair them, the faster we can get them back to the front line to save someone's life." But he also admits that some are beyond repair and will have to be either scavenged for spare parts or "returned to our partners" to be rebuilt.



*Maksym, a tank commander near the front line, says Russian lines are defended by rows of minefields.  
Image Source, Moose Campbell/BBC*



*Ukrainian drone pilot Doc says Russia is increasingly using remote-controlled mines to slow them down.  
Image Source, Moose Campbell/BBC*

While Western armour has provided Ukrainian troops with better protection, it has not been able to punch through the rows of Russian mines - one of the biggest barriers for Ukraine's advance.

Travelling the southern front, we also saw British supplied Mastiff armoured vehicles damaged and destroyed. The 47<sup>th</sup> Brigade is now using some of its older, Soviet-era tanks to clear minefields. But they too can't escape the explosives hidden in the ground, even when fitted with specialist mine-clearing equipment. Nearer the front line, tank commander Maksym showed us his recently damaged T-64 tank. It's been fitted with two rollers on the front to deliberately set off the mines. He lost one of the rollers the night before as he was trying to clear a path for troops. "Normally our rollers can withstand up to four explosions," he says. But the Russians, he adds, have been laying mines on top of each other to destroy their mine clearing equipment. "It's very hard because there are too many mines," Maksym says, adding that there were often more than four rows of minefields in front of the Russian defensive lines. It's been painful to watch the battle unfold for Doc and his drone reconnaissance team from Ukraine's Volunteer Army.



*Gen Oleksandr Tarnavskiy - Slow or not, the offensive is taking place and it will definitely reach its goal.*

*Moose Campbell*

Doc, his call sign, took part in last year's successful offensive on Kherson. But he says this time it's proving to be much tougher. For the first time in the war, he says, soldiers are being injured by mines more than artillery: "When we go forward we meet minefields everywhere."

Doc shows me a video he recently filmed from one of his drones while Ukrainian troops advanced towards a Russian trench. There's a massive explosion as soon as the soldiers enter. The trench was empty but rigged with mines. Doc says Russian forces are now using remotely controlled mines. "When our soldiers get to the trenches, they push a button and it blows up, killing our friends." He says he's seen the tactic being used over the past two weeks and calls it "a new weapon". There is a military logic to Ukraine's offensive in the south. It's seen as key to dividing Russian forces and reaching the occupied cities of Melitopol and Mariupol - all the way to Crimea. But the focus on this axis means that Ukraine is also now attacking Russian defensive lines where they're strongest.

Gen Tarnavskiy, in charge of Ukraine's south offensive, said his forces were doing "hard and painstaking work". He said, "any defence can be broken but you need patience time and skilful actions". Ukraine was slowly wearing down their enemy, he said. Russia didn't care about losing men, and recent changes in their military leadership "means everything is not OK", he added. He insisted that Ukraine had yet to commit its main strike force.

"Slow or not, the offensive is taking place and it will definitely reach its goal," he says. I ask Gen Tarnavsky how we can judge whether it's a success or a failure? He smiles and replies: "If the offensive were not successful, I wouldn't be talking to you now."

Areas of Russian military control in Ukraine



Source: ISW (21:00 GMT, 20 July)



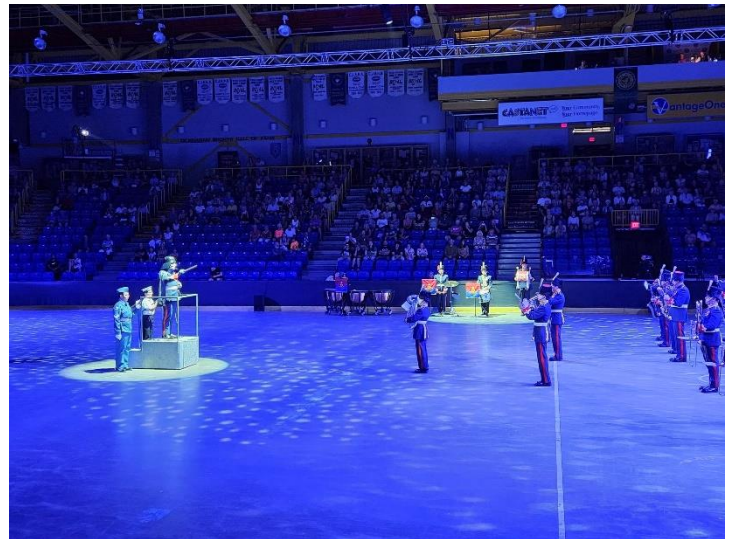
# Okanagan Military Tattoo Wraps Up Its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Performance

*Chelsey Mutter Vernon News Jul 31, 2023*

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Okanagan Military Tattoo wrapped up in Vernon on Sunday. Performers say it was a chance to showcase their skills and meet new people. “It's been long, but it's been wonderful,” explained performer Randy Watts about the weekend. “I made new friends, I've met a lot of people, and am actually having a great time.” The tattoo showcased pipers, drummers, cadets, dancers, and more. Rod Booth, a piper with the RCMP pipe band, said this was a particularly exciting performance for members of the RCMP as it celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. “It's also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCMP tartan, the tartan that we wear with our uniform with the iconic red surge jackets ... and anniversary of the creation of the RCMP pipe bands. There are eight RCMP pipe bands across Canada,” explained Booth. Performers said Vernon crowds brought great energy to the showcase, helping to pump performers up.



The 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regimental Band was one of the groups involved in the Tattoo and put on a stellar performance. One of their favourite tunes is the Star Wars Theme and the Band played it with the Director dressed in a Darth Vader helmet and cloak and conducting with a Lightsaber.



Event organizers say Vernon is a particularly significant place to hold the tattoo because of the city's long history with the military through the Department of National Defense. The term “tattoo” evolved from a European tradition, dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when Low Country innkeepers would yell 'doe den tap toe,' meaning 'turn off the taps' as the fifes and drums of the local regiment marched through the town signalling the soldiers to return to their quarters.” The Okanagan Military Tattoo is Western North America's only military tattoo, and this year's theme was Unite the World. The producer of the event, Norm Crerar, says next year they plan to change things up a bit, but the changes are still being ironed out. This year saw the introduction of large screens to better show audience members' performances. Screens also allowed historic footage to be shown during the showcase.

## Canadian Veterans Remember the Korean War

*'We take pride in what we accomplished'. Sharif Hassan The Canadian Press Jul 24, 2023*



*Bill Black, left, and Eung Bum Choi are shown in this combined image. Black still gets letters and cards thanking him and other Canadian veterans for their service in the Korean War. Choi, is a retired South Korean colonel who now lives in Canada.*

*The Canadian Press*

Bill Black still gets letters and cards thanking him and other Canadian veterans for their service in the Korean War. Quite a few of those notes from South Koreans have arrived lately at the Korea Veterans Association, where Black is president of an Ottawa chapter, as the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice in that conflict approaches. More than 26,000 Canadian Armed Forces were deployed to assist South Korea after it was invaded by North Korea in 1950 and 7,000 more followed to help with peacekeeping after the armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. Black was part of the peacekeeping contingent. He worked on a navy destroyer assigned to patrol South Korean waters and says it remains an honour to have served. "We take pride in what we accomplished there, all of our Canadian veterans who served in Korea take pride," the 89-year-old Canadian veteran says. "We sort of slap ourselves on the back that we were there to contribute, to aid them."

Canada lost 516 soldiers in the Korean War, according to figures from the federal government, making it the third deadliest conflict fought by the country. Black was deployed to South Korea in 1954, about six months after the armistice was signed. The war – which is still technically ongoing – had devastated the country, he recalls. "It was appalling," he says, recalling seeing "starving" residents and many whose lives had been completely upended by the conflict. "We saw the orphans in the streets ... I felt very sad." Black says he hoped the contribution of US-led troops, including himself, could bring relief to the war-weary country. Decades later, and after making two visits back to the country, he says he's proud of how far South Korea has come.

The war began after the North Korean army conducted a large-scale offensive operation to gain control of South Korea on the morning of June 25, 1950. Three days after crossing the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel – which divided the Korean Peninsula into two countries after the Second World War – the invading army seized control of the South Korean capital of Seoul. South Korean forces then regrouped and built a defensive line south of the Han River, waiting for the US military and other forces to come to their aid. In response to the invasion, the United Nations founded a military command, led by the US, which included the forces of 15 other countries, including Canada. Five

additional countries provided military medical assistance. The command aimed to push the North Koreans, who were backed by the Soviet Union and China, out of the south. The bloody conflict, which lasted for three years, reduced Korean cities to rubble and took millions of lives, according to some estimates.

Eung Bum Choi, a retired South Korean colonel who now lives in Canada, remembers waking up to loud calls on the streets asking South Korea military personnel, many of whom were on weekend leave, to go back to their units when North Korean forces crossed the border into the south early on a Sunday. “(North Koreans) secretly prepared for invasion into the south for quite some time,” Choi, now 92, says in an interview at his residence in Mississauga, Ont., where he and his wife live. “South Korea was very poorly equipped and not prepared for any such all-out war.” The war entirely altered the course of Choi’s life, he says. He was training to become a teacher but enlisted in the army after the invasion – he stayed on in the military even after the fighting ended. While in the military, Choi says he heard stories of the Kapyong Valley battle during the war when Canadian forces, despite being outnumbered and outgunned, averted a massive attack by thousands of enemy soldiers.

The battle, which took place in April 1951, saw 10 Canadian soldiers killed and 23 wounded, while casualties on the opposing side were far higher, according to the Canadian government. “Korean people remember how bravely Canadian troops fought against North Korea,” Choi says. Claude Charland, who was a lieutenant when he was deployed to South Korea from Canada in 1951, says the sacrifices made by the Canadian Forces were worth it. South Korea’s postwar reconstruction efforts transformed the country into an economic and military power in east Asia and around the world, he says. “They were one of the few countries who have received a lot of support to reconstruct their country and have not misused the funds,” Charland, a retired colonel, says. Charland, who has returned to Korea three times as part of a South Korean government program inviting foreign veterans to visit, says he volunteered to go to Korea as a young officer despite his mother’s initial opposition. His platoon was ambushed in his first mission, he says, and five of his fellow soldiers were wounded. But the time served in the country was invaluable, he says. “My experience in Korea, made me grow from a young man to a much wiser man.”

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

After a great week on Sicily, we have returned to the mainland of Italy with a stop at the Moro River and the Sangro River War Cemetery.

### **Catania War Museum**

A couple of nice artefacts! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/catania-war-museum>

### **Sangro River War Cemetery**

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/sangro-river-war-cemetery>

### **Agira Canadian War Cemetery**

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/agira-canadian-war-cemetery>



## Yorke Island Adventure

The boat is starting to fill up for both the one day adventure and the 4 day dirt digging adventure. Check out the details and send me an email. [President.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:President.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-2023>

## Yorke Island Master Gunner's Residence

Did you know that you can now donate online for the Master Gunner's Residence project through the RCA Association? Check it out here.

<https://rca.member365.com/publicInj/fundraisingCampaign/makeDonation/UpNB6CaTJDQznJlsGLD9Jw>

## August Social Event

Have you got plans for Friday, August 11? How about getting together with some other Gunners and talk over some new and old stories. Bring your partner. We'll have returned from Italy two days prior and should have some great stories to tell as will many others. More details to follow.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/social-event-friday-11-august-2023>

## Wednesday Lunch

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link:- This is a new 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:** This is a Swedish tank. The **Landsverk L-30**.



*The sole L-30 (strv fm/31) prototype has been preserved. It was exhibited at the Swedish Armour Museum in Axvall between 1969 and 2007, then on being moved to the collection of the new Swedish Tank Museum Arsenalen, where it is displayed today.*

The Landsverk L-5 was one of the first tanks designed by the Swedish industrial company Landsverk. It was first produced in 1929 as a series of experimental wheeled-and-tracked vehicles utilizing the wheel-cum-track system. It never entered service and the prototype remained uncompleted, but the concept was revived in the Landsverk L-30 design a few years later.

**Landsverk L-30** (Swedish Army designation: *stridsvagn försöksmodell 1931*, abbr. *strv fm/31*, "tank trial model-1931") was a Swedish late interwar era medium tank constructed by AB Landsverk for the Swedish Army between 1930 and 1935, featuring welded armour joints and a "wheel-cum-track system", allowing for interchangeable wheeled and tracked propulsion. The L-30 was based on the Landsverk L-10, a conventional fully tracked tank, but added to the design by featuring deployable wheel propulsion in addition to its tracks (a so-called "wheel-cum-track system"), the

idea being that wheeled and tracked propulsion could be interchanged depending on the travel surface: road/terrain. The wheel-track suspension design was quite ingenious, and wheels/tracks could be interchanged in less than a minute, even while on the move. Beyond the wheel-track suspension, it was almost identical to the Landsverk L-10 design, featuring an advanced all-welded construction, using periscopes for visibility rather than view slits. The L-10 design was the first the first tank produced to feature an all-welded construction. While the L-30 prototype was unarmed, the production design featured a turret mounted Bofors 37 mm anti-tank gun L/45 (*37 mm kanon m/34*) and two Browning M1917 machine guns (*6.5 mm kulspruta m/14-29*), one coaxial mounted in the turret and one flexible mounted in the hull. The hull had 8–14 mm (0.31 in – 0.55 in) of armour.

**This Week:** Our photos for this column come from the vast library of RUSI, housed deep underground at an undisclosed facility disguised by a volcano. Almost all the photos are of real machines, but sometimes the quality, such as with anything Soviet, is not up to today’s 8K standards. Such is the case with this week’s item, as existing photos are few, and not too clear. So, we present a photo of a scale model of our weekly puzzle. This photo makes it very clear that the operator sat in a chair on the right, with his or her back resting against a pylon supporting the forward rotor. The engine or engines appear to be under the rear rotor. This makes the device a flying machine of the helicopter variety. If you are from the southern United States, you may refer to this aircraft as a “heeliocoptah”.



Identifying this little ship may be difficult, as it bears no resemblance to anything else in the sky, and has no national nor corporate markings. Indeed, it appears to have a unique shape, one determined, possibly, by its intended function. All we can tell you is that it was built, and did fly. However, by whom, and when is up to you to tell us. If you know,

please contact the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Thank you.

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

Why did the doctor tell his patient he would have to stop tap dancing? Because he was trying to examine him.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of dangerous amateurs.

### **Quotable Quotes**

We seek the truth and must endure the consequences. - *Charles Seymour*

## 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=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBlMlMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1>

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

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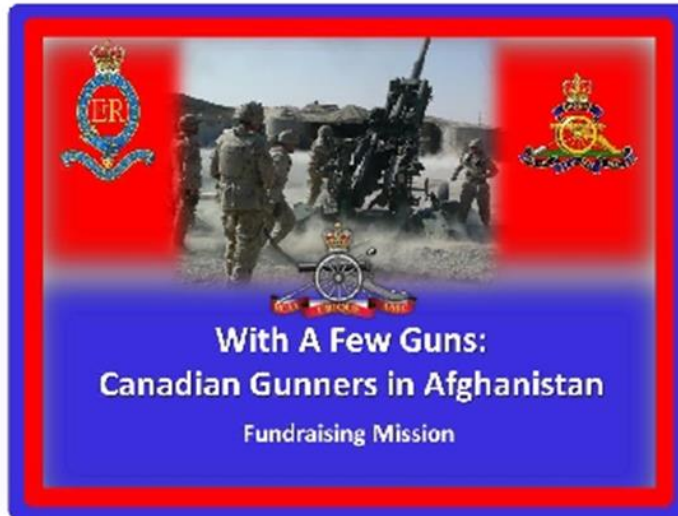
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Invite 2 friends! We have room for 100! See you on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice.

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.

## 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.

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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.

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Questions may be directed to: [WithAFewGuns@gmail.com](mailto:WithAFewGuns@gmail.com)

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Scroll down to: **Donate**

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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.

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