

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 21 Mar 2023

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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

The **2023 Army Gala. May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre www.militarygala.ca

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Mar 22** Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Mar 29** Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Mar 30** Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon. **For details see poster section.**
- Apr 05** 15 Fd Offr's Mess open - RUSI Speaker
Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Apr 08** The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service. **For details see poster section.**

RUSI Vancouver Presentation - The RCN Reserve - 100 Years of Service Wednesday, 5 April 2023

RUSI Vancouver, in collaboration with the 15th Field Regimental Society, will hold the next lunch and guest speaker presentation on Wednesday, 5 April 2023. There will be a catered lunch at the 15th Field Regt Officers' Mess, starting at noon, followed by a presentation at 1330 hrs. Our presenter, Commander Bryan Price, CD will speak to us about the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve, who are celebrating 100 years of service this year.

Commander Price enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) in 1993. His time at sea includes sailing in Minor War Vessels and as an Officer-in-Charge of training vessels on the west coast in



operational and training roles. He has extensive experience in domestic operations and has been a member of Joint Task Force Pacific's Regional Liaison Program since 2013, leading that program since 2018. This team is the point-of-contact with Emergency Management BC and the BC Wildfire Service during events such as forest fires, floods and pandemic response. He has also served as a member of the Vice-Chief of Defence Staff's (VCDS) Directorate of Employer Support to build relationships with reservists' civilian employers and educational institutions to ensure they could continue the pursuit of a Reservist military career. Commander Price served as the Commanding Officer of HMCS DISCOVERY on three separate occasions over eight years.

In 2021 Commander Price deployed on OPERATION NEON as Commander TASK FORCE BLUERIDGE based at the United States Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan in enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolutions limiting the import of oil into North Korea. Commander Price was the Deputy Director for the Enforcement Coordination Cell.

He is currently the Chief-of-Staff for the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve Western Region where he is responsible for the oversight of administration, personnel management and training for seven Naval Reserve Divisions in the four Western provinces. He lives in Burnaby, BC.

Wednesday Lunch – 5 April 2023

Lunch will consist of Roast Chicken, mashed potatoes (with gravy), green beans and buns with cake for dessert. The bar will be open as usual. Lunch will be restricted to 40 attendees.

Lunch starts at **1200hrs**, and Commander Price's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1330 hrs**.

Cost for lunch will be \$25 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 **March 30**.

E-transfer may be made to: 15rca100th@gmail.com

If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements with HLCol Don Foster.

There will be **NO** cash or credit card option available at the door.

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 kdmawell@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Bernie!

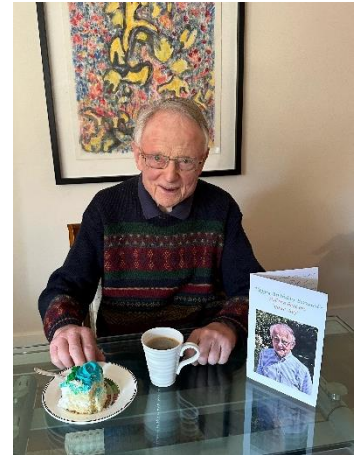
Hope you will be around for many more!



Don and Bernie

Bernie Rowe celebrated his 90th birthday on March 17 (the perfect birthdate for any Irishman!). Bernie first joined the Gunner family early in this century when Lt Col Gayton, the Associate Members Representative for the Officers Mess, invited him to become a member. Since then, he has attended almost every event the Regiment and Mess has held. In 2008 he became a founding Director and first Treasurer of the 15th Fd Regimental Society and, in 2011, a founding Director and first Treasurer of the Vancouver Artillery Association. He stepped down as the VAA treasurer in 2019 and has indicated that 2023 will be his last year as treasurer for the Society. He is also a member of the 15th Fd Museum and Archives Society.

On March 17 HLCol Don Foster dropped in on Bernie at home with a birthday cake and a bottle of Bushmills Black Bush Triple Distilled whiskey to help him celebrate.



2472 15 FD RCA Cadet Corps Winter Indoctrination Training

Jim Barrett Mount Seymour 11 February 2023 Photos by Gord Barrett



LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett briefs cadets on how to wear snowshoes prior to departure on hike.

On a cold and grey morning on Saturday the 11th of February, twelve cadets and three officers from 2472 15 Fd Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (2472 15 FD RCACC) accompanied by retired LCol Jim Barrett, former CO of 15 FD RCA and BCR (DCO) officer, as their winter expert, departed by school bus from the Bessborough Armoury.

On arrival at Mount Seymour in North Vancouver, they disembarked to a cold and lightly snowing environment. Only two of the cadets had any prior experience with snowshoes, so training commenced on how-to put-on snowshoes and how to adjust them to your feet. Discussion also covered basic winter cold weather injuries and the importance of layering of clothing to preserve warmth and how to open your jackets when walking to avoid overheating and how to close up to preserve warmth when stopped.



Cadets and Capt Shawn Wade enjoying Subway lunches during Lunch break.

Following their training and having been issued their lunch, the Cadet proceeded down the Dog Mountain Trail towards their objective near First Lake. The trail was well used and slow going when having to stop to let other groups of hikers pass, but a perfect area was found to stop for lunch. Along the way, cadets were shown points of interest and where to look for wildlife and to be aware of potential avalanche and falling branch risks. Discussion on what to bring with you on a hike to remain safe and the hours for safe hiking and when you have to decide to make your shelter improvised or not and how to use the base of a tree for an improvised shelter were covered.



Cadets enjoying a hillside perch for lunch closely watched by Capt Brendan L'Heureux



Lt Wade briefs cadets prior to return to RV at resort

Wade, and Capt L'Heureux enjoy the warmth of their Muskrat hats. Cadets in background awaiting the warmth of a bus ride home.



With lunch concluded, and a dropping of temperature, the group headed back to their RV point where a debriefing was held including discussion on radiotelephone Nets and communications as well as the importance of safe recreational hiking. As part of the Comms debriefing discussion turned to the importance of amateur radio, its importance in Rescue Operations and how training in amateur radio is a 2472 cadet originated programme with the support of the 15 FD Regimental Trust and HLCol Don Foster. The Bus arrived on time, and everyone agreed that they had a fun day on the mountain. Our thanks to Capt Jiri Motak, Training Officer for organising the training, Lt Wade for his work and doing a fine job as the Officer- in- Charge, Capt (R) Gord Barrett for picking up the rations and to LCol Jim Barrett for conducting the winter indoctrination training. We would be amiss if we didn't note the laughter and general excitement of our adventure in the snow.

WWI Maxim Machine Gun Now Weapon of Choice in Ukraine

If it's not broke, don't fix it. *Nicholas Slayton Task & Purpose Mar 10, 2023*



Calibre Obscura/Twitter

It turns out, Ukrainian forces really like the old-school Maxim machine gun. Or at least the Imperial Russian and later Soviet version of it, the PM1910. Although the Maxim machine gun was originally created

way back in the 1880s, today's war in Ukraine has surfaced a sometimes bizarre mix of weapons and tactics. There are modern drones and troops just as likely to carry tablets as rifles. Mid-century Cold War tanks and armored personnel carriers are taking the field alongside modern rocket systems. Satellite imagery is helping troops endure old-school trench warfare. And Ukrainian fighters have been busting out machine guns that are more than 100 years old. Take for instance this recent video (<https://twitter.com/i/status/1632454588782505988>) of a fighter using an old Maxim, fitted with decidedly modern add-ons such as optics and a suppressor. And if one Maxim isn't enough, why not rig up four into one large anti-drone system? That's what Ukrainian fighters recently did, creating a four-gun turret specifically meant to shoot down Russian drones. And even though the guns are old, it's 2023, so the design was posted to TikTok set to a hip-hop song.

Even with Russia's equipment troubles, it has been steadily deploying weaponized aerial drones, including the Iranian-made Shahed 131. Russia has been using drones for targeted attacks on Ukraine's power grid, but as with much of their offensive efforts, have not been able to integrate them and other weapons systems into a full combined-arms strategy. The drones are still lethal, hence the ingenuity here from the Ukrainian soldiers. In 2020, our friends over at The War Zone noted Ukrainian fighters liked the Maxim in part because it's reliable. It's bulky and needs to be water-cooled to prevent overheating, yes, but outside of that it's accurate, the recoil isn't too intense and it uses the standard 7.62 ammunition still widely available in post-Soviet nations. The gun was kept in production through the end of World War II, even as the Soviet Union was manufacturing newer weapons, meaning it was fairly compatible with other weapons and ammunition feeds. And as the above videos show, it's not too difficult to put modern attachments on.

In fact, many of the modern, internet-enabled, or remote-controlled electronic weapons of war have been struggling in Ukraine. The war itself is highly anachronistic. Although not widespread, Ukrainian forces have access to jamming technology rendering many drones unreliable. Devastated landscapes have brought back trench warfare in places such as Bakhmut. The early lack of heavy armor saw fighters utilize the tried-and-true 20th Century tactic of turning civilian

cars into armed technicals. Given all that, it's not entirely surprising that guns like the Maxim and the PM1910 are still popular despite their age. As the saying goes, if it's not broke, don't fix it.

Russia Desperate for Armour

Digging Up Ancient Soviet Amphibious Vehicles. *Sébastien Roblin Task & Purpose Mar 1, 2023*



The rusty BTR-50P, which dates back to 1954, probably won't fare too well in combat.

Getty Images

Recent photos show Russia is dredging deep into its huge inventory of rusting Soviet armored vehicles to reactivate BTR-50P amphibious armored personnel carriers, which were built over a half century ago between 1954 and 1970. This content is imported from twitter. You may be able to find the same content in another format, or you may be able to find more information, at their web site. It's no mystery why: Russia has lost staggering numbers of armored vehicles in its shambolic invasion of Ukraine. Simply counting those that can be confirmed damaged, abandoned, or captured in photos by late February 2023, that includes nearly 1,800 tanks, 350 self-propelled howitzers, 2,100 infantry fighting vehicles, and 1,100 APCs and other armored fighting vehicles.

An early example is the re-introduction of outdated T-62 tanks to Russian service. But even more critical are losses of heavily armed, but lightly armored BMP tracked fighting vehicles intended to transport mechanized infantry to combat *and* provide heavy fire support. Russia already uses many 13-ton tracked MT-LB multi-purpose vehicles as a substitute armored personnel carrier in second-string units, some converted to carry 23-millimeter cannons. But the French defense review DSI observes on Twitter that Russia supposedly had 2,000 MT-LBs in storage: "That these stocks exist I do not doubt. That they're useable or can be quickly refurbished to operational condition, that's another thing." The 16-ton BTR-50P will be far from ideal in combat, as it's protected only by a half inch of steel armor to the front and 7 to 10 millimeters on the side/rear—vulnerable even to grenade launchers, sniper rifles, and heavy/medium machine gun bullets. Furthermore, onboard troops can only disembark by clambering over the roof, which can be suicidal when under fire. It also lacks modern protection against mines, which have caused heavy losses to Russian armored vehicles.

To be fair, even light armor has value protecting soldiers against shrapnel and small arms fire while transiting to the frontline. Hypothetically, BTR-50s could be up-armed with 23-millimeter cannons similar to those on MT-LBs or converted into remote-control kamikaze vehicles. It's also possible they may be supplied to secondary forces such as pro-Russian separatists and Wagner mercenaries. Theoretically, the BTR-50's amphibious capabilities could be useful for

fording rivers like the Dnieper and the Siverski Donets, which shape the frontlines. In practice, Russian forces have made limited much use of their vehicles' amphibious capabilities, perhaps not trusting the hull seals. Overall, the Soviet military quickly removed BTR-50s from frontline roles as BMP fighting vehicles and wheeled BTR APCs became available. Later production focused on BTR-50PU command vehicles and MTK vehicle designed to employ the UR-67 mine-clearing line charge (MICLIC): rocket-propelled cables full of plastic explosives to clear minefields up to 150-meters deep.

The BTR-50P was the first tracked armored personnel carrier used at scale by the Soviet Union. During World War II, the Red Army lacked indigenous APCs to transport infantry into combat alongside tanks. Instead, submachine-gun armed *tankodesantniki* (tank riders) piggybacked *on* tanks, while American halftracks received via Lend Lease were primarily used in reconnaissance and artillery tractor roles. Post war, the Soviet Union introduced the four-wheeled BTR-40 and six-wheeled BTR-152 armored personnel carriers with middling results before adopting in 1954 a spinoff of the PT-76 amphibious light tank—which itself led an eventful Cold War career, used to attack American special forces bases in Laos and North Vietnam, and in the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, battling Pakistani M24 Chaffee light tanks. The BTR-50P (or Object 750) minimized costs by sharing in common the boat-like buoyant hull of the PT-76 and its 240-horsepower six-cylinder diesel engine, but ditching the 76-millimeter gun turret in favor of a new superstructure with an open-topped troop compartment, which could carry 20 infantry in addition to two crew. Light artillery, anti-tank guns, and mortars could also be transported in and even fired from the open compartment. However, most BTR-50Ps were either unarmed or lightly protected by a 7.62-millimeter machine gun.



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The tracked BTR-50Ps were suitable to accompany tanks off road, and thus served in motor-rifle regiments of Soviet and East German tank divisions. Like the PT-76, they could swim across rivers at a stately 6 miles per hour propelled by two side-hull-mounted waterjets once a trim vane was raised on the front hull and bilge pump activated. As the Red Army was designed to perform a massive lunge from Eastern Europe to the English Channel, crossing the rivers along the way was vital. Ground speed was unimpressive, though, maxing at 27 miles per hour. But while suppressing the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, the Soviets observed the vulnerability of open-topped BTR-152 APCs to ambushes from above. Thus the 1958 BTR-50PK model introduced an armored roof, with hatches to the front and rear roof for disembarkation; it was also sealed against radiation and chemical weapons. In addition to 6,500 BTR-50s built by the Soviet Union, the Czech Republic collaborated with Poland to license-build improved models: the 16.5-ton OT-

62 (Czech) or TOPAS (Poland) with additional side hatches for safer disembarkation, uprated 300-hp engines, slightly thicker armor, and downsized capacity for 16 troops. Some subvariants packed a heavier punch thanks to an added turret armed with a 14.5-millimeter heavy machine gun or an 82-millimeter recoilless gun. Many of the 2,640 OT-62s built were also exported.



BTR-152 knocked out during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

BTR-50Ps saw combat in Cold War-era conflicts including the Six Day War, the Angolan civil war, the Iran-Iraq war, and in Vietnam during a failed night attack on an American base at Ben Het defended by M48 Patton tanks. Later, Hanoi fielded BTR-50s up-gunned with 23-millimeter cannons in offensives targeting South Vietnam and the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. However, the most dramatic use of the BTR-50's capabilities occurred at the onset of the Yom Kippur War on October 6, 1973, when the Egyptian Army launched 1,000 commandoes in its 130th Amphibious Brigade across the Greater Bitter Lake on 74 BTR-50PKs and OT-62s, escorted by 24 PT-76s, reinforced with Sagger anti-tank missile teams. The 30-minute crossing went without a hitch—but the subsequent attempt by one battalion to seize Fort Lituf was held at bay by seven defending M48 Patton tanks. The other battalion raced forward to deploy troops to Mitla and Gida Passes, but ran into the Patton tanks of Israel's 401st Armored Brigade in a confused dusk battle which went poorly for the lighter Soviet vehicles. Ultimately, one of the Brigade's decimated battalions was destroyed in a defensive action, while the other defended Fort Botzer through the end of hostilities.

T-62

Meanwhile, Israel employed its own special unit of captured BTR-50s to infiltrate across the Suez Canal and begin destroying Egyptian air defense batteries—repeating a tactic used in a 1969 raid called Operation Raviv. BTR-50s and OT-62s figured in later conflicts in Lebanon, the Western Sahara, the dissolution of Yugoslavia, Indonesia, Iraq (1991, 2003, and 2014) and Syria.



Some major operators today still include Angola (50), Cuba (200), Egypt (500), Indonesia's

Maine Corps (128, many modernized), Iraq (donated by Iran), Iran (300+, including some Makrans upgraded with 30mm guns), Syria (hundreds), and Vietnam (280). Russia is now apparently rejoining the ranks of these operators. As losses continue to deplete Moscow's operational fleet, look for additional retired Soviet hardware to percolate back into service.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Yorke Island Adventure

Yorke Island Trip confirmed for April 21-24. Anyone want to share in the adventure?

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

Domestic Operations bar on the Special Service Mission

Have you checked out the petition for the Domestic Operations bar on the Special Service Mission? It's only crept up to 109 signatures. We're looking for 500! Let's recognize those that volunteered to fight forest fires in BC, floods in Manitoba and ice storms in Quebec Only non-serving members are allowed to sign. Talk with your family.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/house-of-commons-e-petition>

Royal Canadian Artillery Association Membership Cards

Have you paid your 2023 dues? Find your deceased Gunner to remember from the RCAA [Lest We Forget page](#) and send the name to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Yearbook 2003 Updates

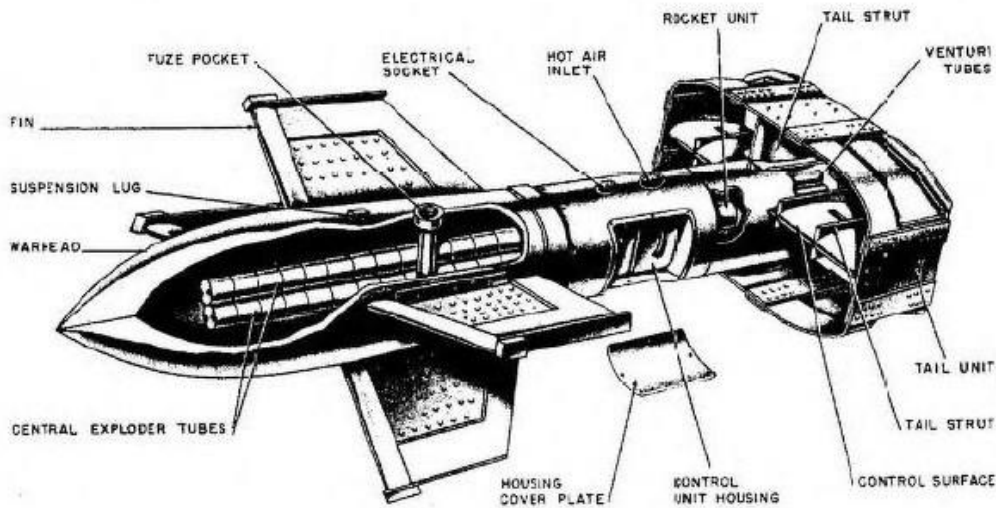
A couple of photos added in the 2003 yearbook. Can you help us with the names?

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20034478780>

Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesday from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: Fritz X was the most common name for a German guided anti-ship glide bomb used during World War II. *Fritz X* was the world's first precision guided weapon deployed in combat and the first to sink a ship in combat. *Fritz X* was a further development of the PC 1400kg) armour-piercing high-explosive bomb, itself bearing the nickname *Fritz*. It was a penetration weapon intended to be used against armoured targets such as heavy cruisers and battleships. The Fritz X was steered by the bombardier in the launching aircraft over a radio link between the aircraft's *Kehl* transmitter and the weapon's *Straßburg* receiver. The bombardier had to be able to see the target at all times, and like the bombs like the operational U.S. Navy's *Bat* radar-homing glide bomb, used against Japan in 1944–45 — were that the aircraft had to be flown toward the target on a steady course and that as the missile neared its target it became possible to misguide by jamming its radio channel. The Fritz X bomb had a flare in the tail so it could be seen from the controlling aircraft for its MCLoS-form guidance to control it properly. The disadvantage with this — in comparison to fully autonomous-guidance glide



The Royal Navy's light cruiser HMS *Uganda* was hit by a Fritz X off Salerno at 14:40 on 13 September 1943. The Fritz X passed through seven decks and straight through her keel,

exploding underwater just under the keel. The concussive shock of the Fritz X's underwater detonation close to *Uganda's* hull extinguished all her boiler fires, and resulted in sixteen men being killed, with *Uganda* taking on 1,300 tons of water. *Uganda* was towed to Malta for repairs. In October 1944, after repairs were completed, HMS *Uganda* was transferred to the RCN as HMCS *Uganda*. Early 1945 found *Uganda* in the South Pacific with the US Fleet. On 4 April 1945, the Canadian government changed the manning policy for all ships deploying to the Pacific theatre. All those heading to the Pacific would have to re-volunteer. Upon volunteering again, the serviceman would be eligible for 30 days leave in Canada before deployment. Controversially this policy change was applied to those already there and *Uganda's* RCN crew were polled by the Canadian government on 7 May 1945 to determine whether they would volunteer for further duties in the Pacific War. Widespread discontent had grown amongst the crew, due to poor living conditions and the lack of a Canadian identity for the ship and the result saw 605 of her crew of 907 refuse to volunteer. The crew of *Uganda* felt that they had volunteered for "hostilities only" (i.e., hostilities against Nazi Germany), but now found themselves fighting a different enemy in a quite different part of the world.

The vote on 7 May was held onboard *Uganda* and 605 crew out of 907 refused to volunteer for continuing operations against Japan. The British Admiralty was furious and said it could not replace the ship until 27 July at the earliest. However, the cruiser continued her deployment in the Pacific throughout June and July while the Naval Staff sought an answer to the problem. An embarrassed Royal Canadian Navy offered to replace *Uganda* with HMCS *Prince Robert*, an anti-aircraft flak ship that was being refitted in Vancouver. *Uganda* took part in several more naval operations until 27 July when she was relieved by HMS *Argonaut* and returned to Esquimalt.

This Week: Think back forty-four years and remember where you were and what you were doing. For many of our readers, that doesn't seem too long ago, even though it is longer than the lifespan of most people in the medieval period (and some poorer contemporary countries). Now think back seventy-six years. That seems like a much longer time, but that is what separates us from the first flight of this beautiful aircraft.



It is hard to believe, but forty-four years before this still-modern looking ship took to the air was the first flight of the Wright brothers' aeroplane, the one that looked like an assemblage of sheets and sticks. What an incredible difference, and what stunningly rapid progress! We still see something similar

to this shape in the skies above us, mainly in the form of airliners, which haven't changed externally since the 1950s (and, yes, we know they don't have shoulder-mounted wings, but that's a minor point). Were you to have boarded an airliner forty-four years ago, in all likelihood, it would have appeared very similar to one you would fly today and might even be the same model. Although the aircraft in our photo is now in museums, its successor is still flying today, and is expected to become the first military aircraft to have a service life exceeding 100 years.

Now, given the erudite quality of our readership, most of you will know what this ship is. So, our question is a bit more than naming it. Can you tell us, by naming this aircraft, what number features three times when seeing this photo? If you can, please direct your answers to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

How does Big Foot tell time? With a Sasqwatch.

Murphy's Other Laws

After the toss, be the one with the pin, not the one with the grenade.

Quotable Quotes

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure. *Colin 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.

<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.

BC Military Gala 2023

BC Military Gala 2023 - SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023



We are please to provide notice that the annual BC Military Gala is back after a three-year hiatus due to Covid. The ball will be held at Vancouver's Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel. 1800 for 1900hrs.

www.militarygala.ca

LCL Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon 30 March 2023



Situation

It is time again for the Left Coast Lancers **BIG** Spring luncheon. This will be the usual format with sit down dining and exhilarating conversation. The menu is confirmed, inflation is a fact as we increase the price to \$38.00 per person from our previous fee of \$35.00. We will continue with Covid Protocols as part of our ongoing vigilance.

I will not venture into the mine field of current affairs, suffice to say the world is fraught with problems (ever has it been so) but on this occasion we will gather, exchange platitudes and do what the LCL does best, have a luncheon with no speeches.

Please see the attached formal invitation.

Execution

Convene at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, Sidney BC at 1130hrs, we will meet the ferry at Swartz Bay to collect the Main Land contingent. The Moreuil Wood Luncheon is an All Ranks function and spouses are more than welcome.

Timings

1130–1400hrs 30 Mar 2023
Meet Ferry on arrival TBC

Dress

Dress of the Day, Crew Suit or Black Coveralls are quite acceptable; however, we encourage jacket and tie, the tie design left to individual preference.

Signals

Ack.

David Scandrett
LCL Operations Officer and Maitre de
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778–245–2800



Left Coast Lancers Luncheon

30 March 2023
1130-1430hrs

At

Sidney North Sannich Yacht Club
Swartz Bay, British Columbia, Canada

You and your guests are most cordially invited to attend the 105th commemoration of the Battle of Moreuil Wood and a gathering of Royal Canadian Armoured Corps personnel, serving and retired, attached and those who are friends of all things Armoured.

The Battle of Moreuil Wood

Dress

Regimental Blazer and tie
Recommended

Tariff

\$38.00 pay at the Bar

RSVP

DAVID SCANDRETT

30 March 1918

On that auspicious Saturday, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lord Strathcona's Horse (royal Canadians) and the Fort Garry Horse supported by the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery conducted the last great cavalry charge of World War One.

The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service



THE VANCOUVER VIMY DAY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE TO BE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2023

The Vancouver Vimy Day Remembrance Service will be held at the main veteran's burial site located at Vancouver's Mountainview Cemetery located on the South-West area by the Commonwealth Cenotaph.

Arrive between 1020 – 1040 hrs – Parking available free on site.
Service starts at 1045 hrs.

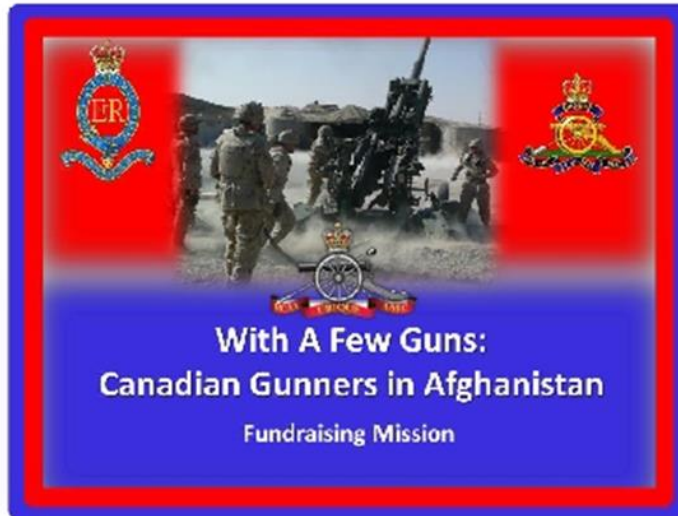
Light refreshments will be served following the service at the Mountainview Cemetery Hall of Remembrance where washrooms are also available.

RVSP: barrettjd007@gmail.com 604-916-1766

Mountainview Cemetery
5455 Fraser Street
Vancouver, BC V5W 2Z3
Entrances off Fraser Street & 41st Avenue.

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

To Donate:

Go to: <https://rca-arc.org/>

Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

Then donate to: RCAA Donation "With a Few Guns"

Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Mission

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

...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 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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