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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

- Aug 23** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.  
**Aug 30** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.  
**Sept 09** 15 Fd WO & Sgts' Mess Dinner

## Why New Tech Hasn't Revolutionized Warfare in Ukraine

*Stephen Biddle Military Times Aug 17, 2023*



*Ukrainian soldiers run towards a mortar position on the frontline in the outskirts of Kreminna, Ukraine, Wednesday, Aug 16, 2023.*

*Bram Janssen/AP)*

The Ukraine war is being waged with a host of advanced technologies. Many believe this is transforming warfare, with omnipresent surveillance combining with newly lethal weapons to make legacy systems such as the tank obsolete and to make traditional methods such as large-scale offensive action impractical. But in other ways this war seems very old. It features foot soldiers slogging through muddy trenches in scenes that look more like World War I than Star Wars. Its battlefields are littered with mine fields that resemble World War II. Artillery has fired millions of unguided shells, straining the production capacity of industrial bases in Russia and the West. Accounts of code-writers developing military software coexist with scenes

of factory floors turning out mass conventional munitions lacking only Rosie the Riveter to pass for 1943.

So how different is this war, actually? How can such cutting-edge technology coexist with such echoes of the distant past? The answer is that while the tools in Ukraine are sometimes new, the results they produce are mostly not. Armies adapt to new threats, and the countermeasures that both sides have adopted in Ukraine have dramatically reduced the net effects of new technology, resulting in a war that in many ways looks more like the past than like an imagined high-tech future. As evidence, consider, for example, tank losses. Many revolutionists see heavy tank casualties in Ukraine as the key indicator for their looming obsolescence. And tank losses in Ukraine have certainly been heavy: in a year and a half, Russia and Ukraine have each lost more than half the tanks they entered the war with. Yet these are actually not unusually heavy loss rates.

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*Bram Janssen/AP*



In 1943, the loss rate for German tanks was 113% — the Germans lost more tanks than they owned at the beginning of the year. In 1944, Germany lost 122% of the tanks they entered the year with. The Soviet Union’s loss rates for tanks in 1943 and 1944 were nearly as high, at 109% and 80%, respectively. And in a single battle, Operation Goodwood in July 1944, Britain lost more than one-third of all the British armor on the continent in just three days of fighting. In the Battle of Amiens in 1918, in just four days Britain lost 98% of the tanks it opened the battle with. Few, however, argued that the tank was obsolete in 1943 or 1918. Or consider artillery. Historically, more casualties are inflicted by artillery than any other weapon; some now believe that artillery causes as many as 80-90% of Ukrainian casualties. Among the war’s most prominent stories have been accounts of the two sides using drones to find targets then using networked communications to quickly relay the information for precision engagement by guided artillery. Not all artillery in Ukraine is precision-guided; most rounds fired by either side are traditional ballistically-aimed shells. But the teaming of these unguided rounds with new drone reconnaissance and rapid targeting is often described as a new and profound development in Ukraine.

If we assume that 85% of Russian casualties are caused by Ukrainian artillery, and if we use the Ukrainian Defense Ministry’s estimate of Russian casualties, then drones and the mix of guided and unguided artillery in the Ukrainian army have on average inflicted about eight Russian casualties per hundred rounds fired since February 2022. This is higher than in the World Wars, but not by much. In World War II, artillery inflicted about three casualties per hundred rounds

fired. In World War I, the figure was about two. Casualties per hundred rounds has thus grown since 1914 but at a steady, almost linear annual rate of around an additional 0.05 casualties per hundred rounds. Artillery in Ukraine looks more like an incremental extension of long-standing trends than a revolutionary departure from the past. This is because armies adapt to new technology. As in past warfare, both sides in Ukraine have already cycled through multiple rounds of countermeasures and counter-countermeasures to drones and precision weapons. For example, the long-range guided HIMARS – high-mobility artillery rocket systems — that the United States provided Ukraine in June 2022 use GPS signals for guidance; the Russians now routinely jam the signals, dramatically reducing the accuracy of the missiles.

But the most important adaptations are often behavioral: increased dispersion, cover, and concealment. Taken together, these measures can dramatically reduce the theoretical lethality of new weapons in real warfare. And the net result in Ukraine has been closer to evolution than revolution. Even evolutionary change is still change — the U.S. military will need to continue to adapt, as it always has. But the revolution argument calls for dramatic, discontinuous change rather than business-as-usual updating of doctrine and equipment. The war in Ukraine as actually fought, however, offers a weaker case for such transformation than many assume.

## **Hiding in Plain Sight: Warfare in the Electromagnetic Spectrum**

*Maj Gen Jeth Rey Military Times Aug 1, 2023*



*A 413<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron HH-60W Pave Hawk hangs in the anechoic chamber at the Joint Preflight Integration of Munitions and Electronic Systems hangar at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The J-PRIMES anechoic chamber is a room designed to stop internal reflections of electromagnetic waves, as well as insulate from external sources of electromagnetic noise.*

*(US Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.)*

Something is wrong. Gas stations are unable to process credit cards due to unknown equipment failure. Cash registers and scanners are inoperable at grocery stores. Reports are coming in that traffic signals are out in multiple major US cities, causing chaos on the ground. Halfway around the world, US military aircraft are grounded due to increased jamming in the war zone. We discover that the movement of key political leaders is being tracked in advance of a direct attack. Although this scenario is imagined, the reality of 2023 is that our connectivity to, dependence on, and risk because of the electromagnetic spectrum, or EMS, has never been greater. Because the Department of Defense will never have protected access to the EMS, US adversaries such as Russia, China, and Iran have the capability to detect, restrict, or deny the EMS at the time and place of their choosing. Russia's current use of advanced electronic surveillance to detect, locate, and target Ukraine positions is a clear reminder that detection equals horrific destruction. We



must address the US's ability to hide in plain sight on the battlefield by reducing electromagnetic signature, improving training, and sensing and understanding electronic signals.

If we are to reduce the Army's electromagnetic signature, we must invest in smart power technology that reduces heat signature, decoy technology that confuses the enemy, and integrated capabilities that obscure electronic signals. Most of the US military's weapons systems---radios, ships, tanks, airplanes, drones, satellites, and rockets---depend on the electromagnetic spectrum to operate. Likewise, the US military depends on the electromagnetic spectrum to conduct operations and keep troop morale high. However, our troops and our installations are under constant surveillance by our adversaries' satellites, aircraft, and other technologies. In 2018 the US military discovered that service members' fitness apps provided a heat map of their locations in war zones. Most adversaries' spectrum-related equipment can quickly sense and target a military command and control post. Investing in emerging smart power technologies can reduce the sound and heat signatures of generators and provide better concealment.

Investing in advanced and electronic decoy technologies, techniques proving effective for the Ukrainian Army, is a game changer in protecting command and control centers. Obscuring electromagnetic signals by blending in with surrounding commercial network traffic reduces risk of detection. The Army recognizes that these technologies must be available to US forces. They provide current and future Soldiers with the "digital camouflage" they need to survive. Beyond technical improvements, the US needs to continue to consult with industry and academia to improve training. While the US was engaged in combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq with a less technologically advanced adversary, our management and knowledge of the electromagnetic spectrum took a back seat. As Air Force Chief of Staff General Charles "CQ" Brown recently told Congress, the military "has lost some muscle memory" on electronic warfare. This includes teaching spectrum management and how to operate in the environment. Based on observations from the war in Ukraine, we need to place a sense of urgency on spectrum and survivability on the battlefield.

*The Multi-Function Electronic Warfare-Air Large's purpose and ability is to create a clear picture, in real time, of the electromagnetic spectrum in any given area it is flying over.*  
(John Higgins/DVIDS)



We must immediately enhance training to keep pace with China's investment in sensors and jammers, as well as Russia's modernization of spectrum related equipment. Training will also reinforce needed electronic habits and practices that increase troop survivability on the battlefield. Institutional partners such as colleges, universities, and many vendors have continued to advance products and research. They can help the US military develop a broad sense of understanding the electromagnetic spectrum and increase the ability to sense the environment and one's place in it. We must also continue to partner with government agencies

such as the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The US military must also invest in the development of situational awareness capabilities that allow commanders to observe their operational environment and understand if systems are compromised or jammed. Commanders need to be able to see, understand, and manage electromagnetic signature. Many military commanders conducting operations on land, sea, or air are not familiar with what their electromagnetic footprint looks like or how the enemy sees them in the spectrum. How can they know when or what to hide? As the Director for the Army's Network Cross-Functional Team, part of US Army Futures Command, I have spoken with commanders in the field during training exercises and experimentation events. Their No 1 request is the need for a way to see themselves in the electromagnetic spectrum.

This capability ultimately provides the commander with the awareness needed to mitigate the electronic signature and the pathway needed to reduce the threat. Some would say that units in the Army cannot hide when they roll into a large foreign air base. I would argue that although troops' presence may be apparent, their pattern of life, communications, and maneuver when they mass should be kept from our adversaries. The important takeaway is US adversaries are heavily invested in denying the DoD maneuver space in the electromagnetic spectrum. While the US military, including Army Futures Command and our teammates, recognizes the urgency of this challenge and is moving forward, more is needed to counter an adversary who is determined to win. China, Russia, Iran and others have observed more than 20 years of a counterterrorism war and they have invested in equipment, training, and people to try to deter or defeat the US military. It is imperative that the DoD intensify its efforts to reduce electromagnetic signature, improve training, and develop tools to sense and understand the environment. We must prepare for the day the US is denied access to the EMS.

## **L3Harris Makes Initial Aircraft Delivery of the Hornet Extension Project**

*Vanguard Staff August 6, 2023*



*The L3Harris team in Mirabel, Canada, June 2023*

The initial fighter aircraft of the Hornet Extension Project (HEP) were delivered by L3Harris in June 2023. The aircraft were made ready at the L3Harris Canadian fighter aircraft centre of excellence located

in Mirabel, Canada. L3Harris shoulders the lion's share of the design responsibilities and all the associated enhancements and alterations to the aircraft in connection with the HEP initiative. "L3Harris is Canada's only fighter aircraft center of excellence," explained Ugo Paniconi, General Manager, L3Harris. "This contract is a testament to our ongoing performance and

commitment to our customers' mission. For over three decades, we have proudly maintained Canada's only fighter aircraft fleet, and we look forward to the opportunity of continuing our rich legacy of ISS on Canada's future F-35 fleet."

HEP constitutes a dual-phase undertaking aimed at safeguarding the operational commitments of Canada's CF-188 Hornet fleet, encompassing duties to both the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), until the F-35 next-generation fighter aircraft attains full operational readiness by 2032. The initial stage of this project entails adjustments made to 94 CF-188s to fulfill regulatory and interoperability mandates. These modifications enable the CF-188s to persistently utilize civilian airspace in subsequent periods and maintain their compatibility with Canada's allied forces. The second phase impacts 36 CF-188s and embodies enhancements involving advanced hardware and software, aimed at elevating their combat capability, thus ensuring their operational efficacy throughout their service tenure.

For a span of over 35 years, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) has reposed its trust in L3Harris, relying on their peerless proficiency in offering in-service support for the upkeep of its fighter aircraft squadron. This encompasses substantial undertakings for prolonging structural integrity and upgrading systems, which have effectively preserved the operational relevance of Canada's fighter fleet. This approach also serves to maximize the value derived from Canada's investments in this platform. L3Harris further administers maintenance services for several of Canada's critical aviation fleets, namely the CC-150 Polaris; CP-140 Aurora; CH-148 Cyclone; CH-147F Chinook; CT-114 Tutor (Snowbirds); and the impending CC-330 fleet, an integral component of the Canadian government's Strategic Tanker Transport Capability initiative. In its capacity as a global pacesetter in conceiving and executing structural enhancements and life-extension solutions for fighter aircraft, L3Harris has additionally demonstrated its prowess by successfully concluding substantial depot-level projects for the Royal Australian Air Force and the US Navy. Moreover, they have lent indispensable assistance to other fighter aircraft users, such as the Swiss Air Force, the Finnish Air Force, and NASA.

## **Military's COVID 19 Vaccine Policy Violated Charter of Rights**

Resulted in 299 people being released and 108 leaving the armed forces on their own.

*Sarah Ritchie · The Canadian Press · Aug 01, 2023*



*The military's initial vaccine mandate in October 2021 came after a similar policy was put in place for the core public administration, including the RCMP and employees of the Department of National Defence. (CBC)*

A tribunal that is part of the military grievance process has found that the Canadian Armed Forces' COVID-19 vaccine policy violated its members' Charter rights. The Military Grievances External Review Committee reviews grievances that are referred to it by the chief of defence staff and provides



the chief with non-binding findings and recommendations. In all, 157 grievances have been filed with the independent tribunal over the military's vaccination policy, which took effect in the fall of 2021 and remained in place for nearly a year before being updated to apply more narrowly. Because dozens of similar grievances are being considered at the same time, the committee took the step of releasing three annexes in mid-July that laid out its analysis in order to streamline future cases. The vaccine policy required Canadian Armed Forces members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or face release. By the time the requirement ended last October, 299 people had been released and another 108 left on their own. The initial vaccine mandate in October 2021 came after a similar policy was put in place for the core public administration, including the RCMP and employees of the Department of National Defence.

The chief of the defence staff's first directive stated that 91 per cent of Armed Forces members had already chosen to get the vaccine, and it gave members until November 2021 to declare whether they were fully vaccinated or if they were unwilling or unable to get the shot. Those who could not get vaccinated were to be accommodated under human-rights legislation, but those who chose not to were warned they could lose promotion, training and deployment opportunities or be released altogether. Anyone who did not disclose their status or who refused a vaccine could face remedial administrative measures, or they could choose to be released or transferred to the supplemental reserve. Another directive from December 2021 stated that unvaccinated members could be released under a provision stating that they were unsuitable for service. Last October, that was updated to say that vaccines are not required for all those serving in uniform but are instead based on the roles and responsibilities of individual service members.

*Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Wayne Eyre will make final decisions in the cases, and as defence chief he does not have to follow the tribunal's recommendations.*

*Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press*



In an interview with The Canadian Press at the time, Gen Wayne Eyre, chief of the defence staff, said service members are expected to follow legal orders — and that a repeated refusal by some troops to get their shots "raises questions about your suitability to serve in uniform." "It's dangerous in the military to have legal orders disobeyed," he said. "It's a very slippery slope." The external review committee made findings in three grievance cases at the end of May. The committee concluded that the policy infringed the rights protected under Section 7 of the Charter, which guarantees life, liberty and security of the person. It found the limitations on these rights were not in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice. The tribunal also determined that the limitations were not justified under Section 1 of the Charter, which states that rights and freedoms are subject to reasonable limits. Committee member Nina Frid, who wrote the analysis, found that while there was justification for a vaccine mandate because "the science shows that the COVID-19 vaccines are effective at reducing the likelihood of becoming seriously ill or dying from this disease," the policy arbitrarily distinguished between those who could not get the vaccine and those who chose not to get jabbed. Frid also wrote that the policy was "overly broad" and its implementation was

"disproportionate." "The characterization that members who are 'unwilling' to get vaccinated are displaying misconduct is in contradiction with the CAF's own pre-existing policies and statements that also guarantee their members' choice towards medical treatment," she wrote.

The committee is recommending that all administrative actions taken against members who refused to get a vaccine be rescinded, and in one case, it is calling for a griever to be allowed to re-enrol in the military. Gen Eyre will make final decisions in the cases, and as defence chief he does not have to follow the recommendations. He has previously said he would consider requests to re-enrol on a case-by-case basis. In a written statement, the Defence Department said it is important to note that the process is not finished until Eyre's review is done. "The CAF forms its decisions on vaccination by considering the most up-to-date medical evidence and advice, the current federal posture and the need to be operationally ready in terms of both force health and ability to act in an environment where any vaccine-preventable illness is a hazard to individuals and the mission," said spokesperson Jessica Lamirande. She pointed out that more than 96 per cent of Armed Forces members are vaccinated against COVID-19. "CAF members routinely get vaccinated as required for a number of diseases — from cholera to yellow fever — before their deployment," the statement said.

Retired LCol Rory Fowler, a lawyer who specializes in military cases, said the public release of the committee's analysis demands a response from Eyre, though he does not expect a decision to come soon. "What it does is it puts in the public domain their views and it forces the issue." The way the military has gone about releasing members — characterizing their choice not to get vaccinated as a disciplinary matter, rather than pursuing charges — is cowardly, Fowler said. He added he does not expect Eyre's office will accept the committee's recommendations, and that eventually these grievances will result in judicial reviews. "They're going to reject, at least in part, elements of the findings and recommendations that they find unpalatable, and there will then be litigation arising from the eventual determinations."

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

### **September Social Event**

We're forging ahead with plans for a September Social Event – Friday, 8 September 2023. It will be a casual event and may actually involve a bit of housekeeping. Circle the date on your calendars.

### **Yorke Island Adventure**

Departing from the mainland on Monday AM to start the 4 day dirt digging adventure. Stay tuned for updates. Place your bets on whether the ILTIS makes it onto Yorke!

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

### **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>



## 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=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBlMCYmw0p6ZDwe.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?

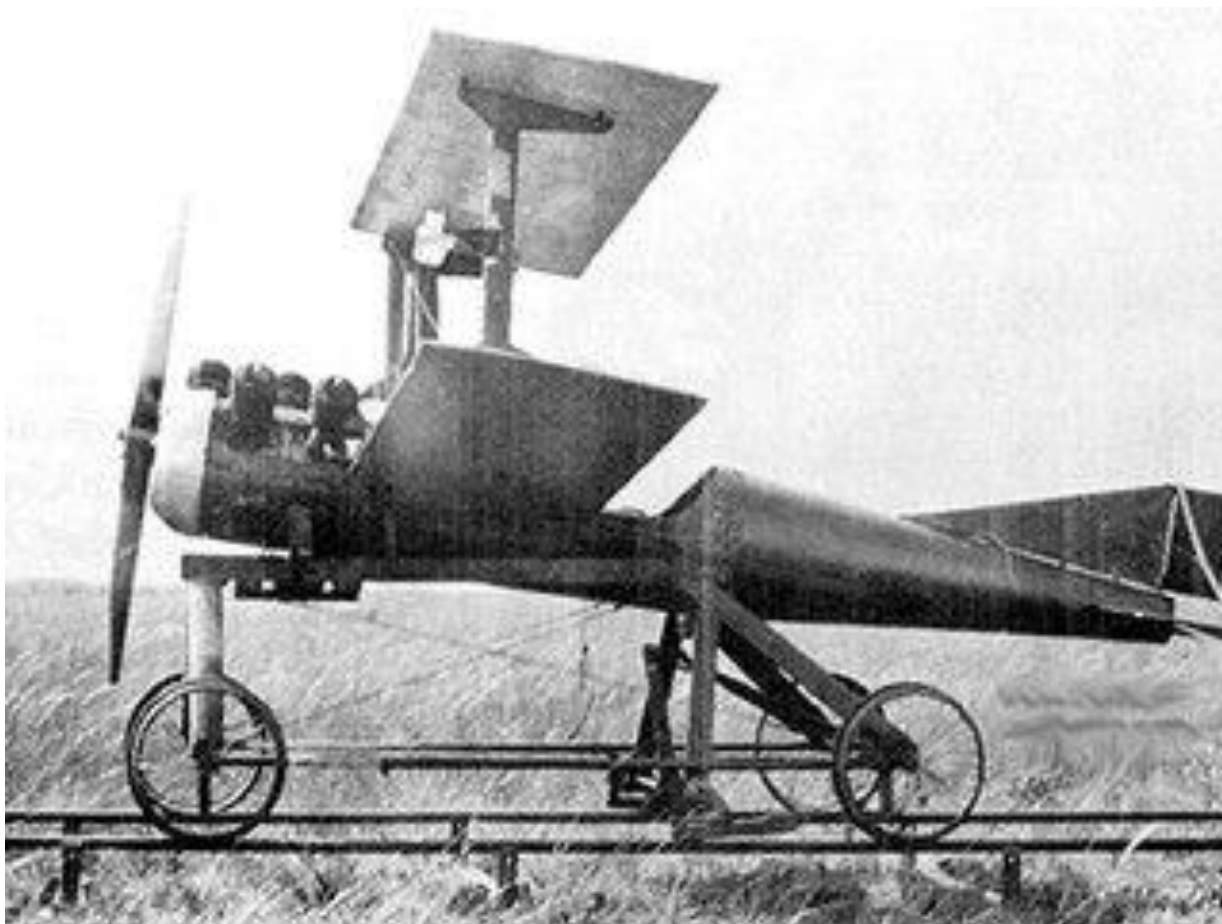
**Last Week: Sgt Alfred Holmes BEM** (1 February 1931–1 January 1994), was a Gibraltarian sergeant of the Gibraltar Regiment (now the Royal Gibraltar Regiment). He was a well remembered *Officer-in-Charge of the Apes* who held this position, caring for the Gibraltar Barbary macaques, for over 38 years. He described the macaques as "Gibraltar's greatest treasure". In the 1950s, Holmes enlisted in the Gibraltar Regiment where he later ascended to the rank of sergeant. He was appointed as a non-commissioned officer of *Officer-in-Charge of the Apes*. From 1913 to 1991 the Gibraltar Barbary macaques were the responsibility of the British Army, which appointed a non-commissioned officer from the Gibraltar Regiment as *Officer-in-Charge of the Apes*. Holmes took over responsibility for the macaques from Gunner William Portlock, becoming the first Gibraltarian with this charge. During his service, Sgt Holmes fed, nursed, and guarded the monkeys, generally working to maintain their well-being. He knew all of the macaques by the names he himself had given them. They were mostly named after governors, brigadiers and high-ranking officers as well as his children. Sgt Holmes could communicate with the animals by means of eye signals and barely perceptible head movements which he would use to stop them from taking food offered to them by tourists. He would even take young, orphaned monkeys to his wife to help rear at home. He would also take sick or injured monkeys to the Royal Naval Hospital where they would receive the exact same medical treatment as an enlisted soldier.



For his work with the macaques, he was best known locally by the nickname of "*El de los monos*" (Spanish: *He of the monkeys*). Sgt Holmes' time in the job made him an authority on this group of Barbary macaques, with his knowledge being sought by various scientific studies on the monkeys from around the globe. In the early 1990s, Holmes was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, later traveling to London to undergo major abdominal surgery. The cancer eventually resulted in his death on 1 January 1994 at Old St Bernard's Hospital in Gibraltar. His body now rests in a family grave together with his father, grandfather and various half siblings at North Front Cemetery, Gibraltar.

**This Week:** Our focus returns now to the ether, the blue sky that covers our planet, and in which aeronauts have soared since the first balloon was launched in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. From that era, airships, aeroplanes, and other aircraft have reached out and touched the face of the various deities and powers worshiped and respected, or not, depending on your faith or lack of it. In an attempt to lessen the burden on our governments, allow me to apologize here and now to anyone offended

by reference to a supreme deity or not. So much for the lawyers. On to the quiz. We can see that this week's item is something that could probably have flown, although that undercarriage looks a tad OTT, and that it most likely dates from a period of history long before even the editor was born. Although it is a machine that is obviously an antique; to the cognoscenti, it was far in advance of its contemporaries. It did something that is much more common now, and that is in the news quite a bit of the time (at least, in the defence and automotive columns). That it was ahead of its time is undoubted; that it is remembered is doubted.



However, if you remember what it is, drop us a line. Contact the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the almost-as-old author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Hope your summer has been as good as that we have enjoyed at RUSI's luxury vacation club in the Caribbean, but I won't drone on about that this time.

### **From the 'Punitary'**

How emotional was the wedding? Very, even the wedding cake was in tiers.

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

The one item you need is always in short supply.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Let go of who you think you're supposed to be; embrace who you are. - *Brené Brown*

## 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=ehLJDhj9zql10HvnBlMCMYmw0p6ZDwe.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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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.



# 15 Fd WO & Sgts' Mess Dinner - 2023



**The Regimental Sergeant-Major of  
Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery**

*Cordially invite you to their*

## **ANNUAL MESS DINNER**

**and Dining Out of:**

**CWO Robert Garrett, CD**

**WO Goran Kurtagić, CD**

**Sgt Adam Coleman, CD**

**Sgt Susan Penner, CD**

**Sgt Daniel Scott, CD**

**Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023**

**Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs**

**Location: Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess**

**Bessborough Armoury**

**2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Vancouver, BC**

**Dress: Mess Kit or Formal Wear with Decorations**

**Ticket price: \$80.00**

**R.S.V.P. NLT 30th August 2023, as space is limited**

**to Sgt Bianca Toledo**

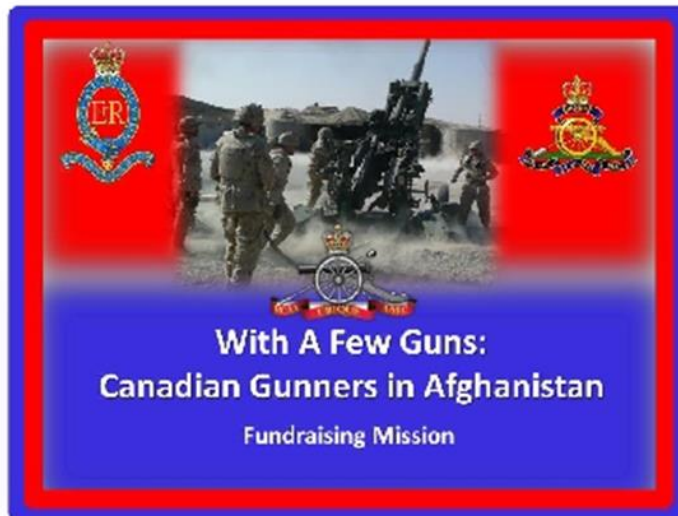
**Email: [15FdSrNCOMess@gmail.com](mailto:15FdSrNCOMess@gmail.com)**

**Cheque payable to 15<sup>th</sup> Field Warrant Officers and Sergeants' mess**

**Pay at the door or in coordination with Sgt Bianca Toledo**

## With a Few Guns

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



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

**We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:**

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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

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

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

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Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

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



# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



**Commemoration Chypre 2024**



**Commemoration Cyprus 2024**



## Mission

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

*...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 war.*



**WHAT** - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

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

**WHEN** - November 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**QUOI** - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

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

**QUAND** - Novembre 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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