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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 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 - **Lunch Sold Out!**

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 – special guests Capt and Mrs. Lum



Farewell to Mrs Lum

Special guests at this lunch will be Capt and Mrs Lum, who are departing shortly for a well-earned vacation throughout Europe. Mrs Lum worked with Bob Healey and his wife, catering the Officer's Mess lunches after the Maskovic's retired in 1988. Mrs. Lum took over all Mess function catering from 1990 to 2020, when COVID shut everything down. A remarkable achievement and a much-appreciated contribution to the 15th Field Artillery Regimental family.

Ont Proposing Legislation Protecting Civilian Jobs of Injured CF Reservists

Canadian Press Mar 17, 2023

TORONTO — Military reservists would see their civilian jobs protected even if they need time off to recover from mental or physical injuries under upcoming Ontario legislation. Labour Minister Monte McNaughton says legislation he plans to introduce would allow reservists in Ontario to respond and deploy to domestic emergencies — such as search and rescue operations, recovery from national disasters and military aid — even if they just started a new job. The

government says reservists would be eligible for job-protected leave when deployed abroad or upgrading their military skills after two months, as opposed to the current three.



Canadian Armed Forces stand at CFB Kingston in Kingston, Ont., Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The Ontario government is proposing legislation it says would guarantee military reservists can return to their civilian jobs after taking time off to recover from mental or physical injuries.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sean Kilpatrick

McNaughton says Canadian Armed Forces members deserve to know that their job will be protected not only when they're away, but also if they need time to recover from injuries. McNaughton says one in seven Canadian soldiers deployed to Afghanistan developed a mental injury due to trauma from the mission and mental trauma is no less severe than physical injuries often associated with soldiers. The province says the proposed changes build on job protections introduced last year that ensured military reservists could not be fired while deployed or in training.

US to Fast-Track Abrams Tanks for Ukraine by Choosing Older Version

Joe Gould and Jen Judson Defense News Mar 21, 2023



Members of the US Army 1st Division, 9th Regiment, 1st Battalion unload heavy combat equipment, including Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles, near the Pabrade military base in Lithuania on Oct. 21, 2019. The future of Baltic defense plans will be on the agenda during a meeting of NATO leaders on Dec 4, 2019, in London.

(Photo by Petras Malukas/AFP via Getty Images)

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced it will speed up its delivery of Patriot missiles and M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, opting to send a refurbished older model that can be ready faster and reach Ukrainian troops fighting Russia's invasion force by this fall. The original plan was to send Ukraine 31 of the newer M1A2 Abrams, which could have taken a year or two to build and ship. But Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has approved new plans to send the older M1A1 version from Army stocks, which will be easier for Ukrainian forces to learn to use and maintain as they fight Russia's invasion. "DoD, in close coordination with Ukraine, made the decision to buy the M1A1 variant which will enable us to significantly expedite delivery timelines, and deliver this important capability to Ukraine by the fall of this year," said the Pentagon's press secretary, Brig Gen Patrick Ryder.

The US will refurbish excess M1 hulls and ship them as the M1A1 SA variant, outfitting the 70-ton behemoths with 120mm cannons and 50-caliber machine guns. Poland in January signed a contract for 250 M1A2 Abrams SEPv3 tanks; US Defense Department officials could not immediately say how they planned to juggle the Ukraine purchase and foreign military sales. The Pentagon is committed to training Ukrainian troops on using and maintaining the tanks, but no details or timeline were forthcoming on Tuesday. Separately, Patriot surface-to-air guided missile defense systems will be deployed to Ukraine faster than originally planned, Ryder said. That's because Ukrainian soldiers will complete their training on the systems at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, faster than scheduled. The US pledged one Patriot battery in December, and Germany pledged an additional Patriot battery. US President Joe Biden announced in January he would send 31 General Dynamics Land Systems-made tanks to Ukraine, reversing course after Germany cleared the way for Europe to send its own main battle tanks.

Ukrainian leaders have pressed for the Abrams to strengthen their defenses in anticipation of Russia mounting a spring offensive, and earlier this year Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that August would be "too late" for the weapons to make a difference. After visiting the Abrams factory in Lima, Ohio, Rep Mike Quigley, D-Ill, who co-chairs the Ukraine Caucus, criticized the Biden administration's pace in deciding to send tanks to Ukraine. "To folks who think I'm being too strong," Quigley said, "what do you want the Ukrainians to do? Hurl rocks at the Russian tanks?"

Army officials were saying publicly for weeks that they were wrestling with faster options, once the decision had been made, but it was tough. "A tank by itself is not a military capability. You have to send the whole package, and that includes ammunition, vehicles to maintain it, fuel, and you have to do the training on the system so that it can be sustained in combat," Army acquisition chief Doug Bush said at a Defense News webinar earlier this month. "Efforts are underway to do it as quickly as possible." Beyond concerns about how quickly the tanks will arrive, it's unclear whether they will arrive in large enough numbers to make a difference. Thirty-one tanks is enough to outfit three tank companies, said retired Maj Gen Patrick Donahoe, former commander of the Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Georgia. "They need brigades, not companies. Right now, we're seeing this kind of 'drip, drip' with platoons and companies," Donahoe said. "If you only give them one battalion, you don't give them the capability to overmatch the Russians, which a number of Western-style armored brigades would give them."

Will Rheinmetall Build a Tank Plant In Ukraine?

Elisabeth Gosselin-Malo *Military Times* Mar 21, 2023



Rheinmetall presented its Panther main battle proposals at the Eurosatory defense exhibition in Paris on June 13, 2022.

Sebastian Sprenger/staff photo

MILAN, Italy — German arms maker Rheinmetall wants to build a factory in Ukraine that could produce up to 400 of the company’s envisioned Panther KF51 main battle tanks annually. Some land warfare experts argue those plans are iffy, at best, pointing to pitfalls ranging from site security to supply-chain risks. Rheinmetall CEO Armin Papperger broached the subject with German media numerous times since the beginning of the year, saying the company is negotiating with Ukraine about the possibility of investing €200 million (\$215 million) in a brand-new tank plant that could equip Kyiv’s forces with heavy armor. Asked for details by Defense News, a company spokesman confirmed the plans but demurred on specifics, pointing to Papperger’s interview on the subject with the Rheinische Post newspaper. “For business reasons and in view of Ukraine’s sensitive security interests, we are however, unable to provide further details at this time on the status of talks and the possible establishment of manufacturing capabilities in the country,” spokesman Jan-Phillipp Weisswange wrote in an email. Several elements of the proposal have left experts skeptical. For one, the envisioned production rate appears unrealistically high, according to Mark F Cancian, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. “To produce 400 complete tanks per year is a huge endeavor,” he said. “By comparison, the US roughly currently manufactures 100 per year.

The Ukrainian Army, in contrast, had a total of about 800 before the war erupted. Assuming a lifespan of about 20 years, that requires procuring around 40 tanks a year, not 400,” he said. Cancian added that €200 million as an investment to build production capabilities sounds far too low for an endeavor of this magnitude and duration. Notably, Rheinmetall’s plans, at least whatever is public about them, are notional and may be aimed more at a post-war Ukraine. Perhaps most importantly, it remains unclear whether the goal is to erect a full-scale production plant or a potentially smaller assembling facility. Marta Kepe, a senior defense analyst at RAND Corporation, said that pre-building parts in Germany and doing the final assembly and

qualification in Ukraine carries the risk associated with shipping sensitive goods to a war zone. In contrast, fully building the vehicle in Ukraine could alleviate these difficulties and in the longer-term also possibly benefit other European countries. “Producing the Panther in Ukraine would mean that Germany along other European states would not have to hand over the platforms in their inventories to Ukraine, thus preserving their own deterrence and defense capabilities, while assisting the country,” she noted.

Rheinmetall’s newest tank is essentially still a concept weapon, unveiled at last summer’s Eurosatory defense exhibition in Paris. The Panther KF51, which in technical terms is actually a turret and not a complete tank, is based on the hull of the Leopard 2A4 fitted with a new turret, housing an auto-loaded 130 mm caliber main gun. By the company’s own account, the design will take until 2026 to reach full technical maturity. Producing the Panther in Ukraine would likely require the German government’s approval, a step carrying political risk in Berlin. Meanwhile, Cancian pointed out that Ukraine is in the process of amassing different styles of tanks from donor countries that could prove difficult to maintain, and adding yet another type could exacerbate the problem. In that spirit, Rheinmetall’s proposal makes little sense, he argued. It would be more useful to build or modernize a plant to upgrade the country’s T72 main battle tanks, Cancian said. “Ukraine possesses a lot more of these Soviet-era vehicles and could modernize them for a much lower cost. It would also allow them to possibly enter the world market since many other states have T72s that are becoming obsolete,” he said.

At the same time, a new platform with technological bells and whistles may just be what Ukraine needs in the long run, according to Scott Boston, a senior RAND analyst whose research has focused on land warfare and Russian military capabilities. “The tank’s new 130mm main armament is going to have a lot of room for future growth,” he said. “Particularly since Russia has lost so much of its modern tank fleet, it will be a very long time before its land force can assemble as large a number of modernized vehicles as they did in the initial months of the invasion last year,” he stated. There is also a prospect for the Panther to be able to operate robotic platforms, drones and unmanned ground systems, capabilities already designed into the concept tank, Boston said. Given how experienced Ukrainian forces have become with employing drones on the battlefield, the technology could prove a capability leap, he added.

UK Army Buys Archer Howitzers to Fill Gap Left by Ukraine Aid

Andrew Chuter Defense News Mar 16, 2023

LONDON — The British Army is buying Swedish-made 155mm Archer artillery systems to plug a gap left by the supply of weapons donated to Ukraine, the UK government announced Thursday. Fourteen of the artillery systems developed by BAE Systems Bofors, the British company’s Swedish arm, are now on order as an urgent operational requirement for the Army, but there could be more weapons on the way. A British Defence Ministry spokesperson told Defense News that procurement officials are exploring the possibility of purchasing additional weapons from the Swedish government. The governments have not signed a contract for that, but it’s expected to happen soon. The MoD said in a statement that the first of the weapons will be fully operational with the Army by April 2024.



Swedish service members are seen near an Archer howitzer on Oct 14, 2017, during an exercise in the country.

(Jonas Ekstromer/TT News Agency/AFP via Getty Images)

The recently announced deal was negotiated in eight weeks, mirroring the procurement process Britain used for urgent operational requirements to supply new equipment to its forces in Afghanistan. “The first 14 Archer artillery systems will have ownership transferred to the British Army this month and be fully operational by next April, forming an interim replacement for the 32 AS90 artillery systems the UK gifted to the armed forces of Ukraine,” the Defence Ministry said in a statement. Archer will do more than just replace part of the Army’s aged AS90 fleet; the wheeled vehicle will provide a substantial capability boost, including a doubling in range. Britain said the purchase will fill a hole in capabilities until the Army buys a new weapon as part of the Mobile Fires Platform program currently scheduled for delivery at the end of the decade.

Archer is one of several systems lining up to compete for the new requirement. Other companies involved include South Korean company Hanwha Defense, French firm Nexter and German contractor Krauss-Maffei Wegmann. British Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said it is imperative the UK continue to support Ukraine while simultaneously replenishing capabilities at home. “This agreement with a close European ally will sustain the British Army’s requirements until the longer-term mobile fires platform comes into service — a program we are working hard to accelerate,” Wallace said in a statement. Sweden is also donating Archer systems to the Ukraine, which is fighting off a Russian invasion. The Swedish Army has about 48 of the wheeled howitzers, and in mid-2022 the country inked a deal with BAE Systems for a further 24.

US Air Force Tests In-Flight Bladder Relief System For Female Pilots

Sarah Sicard Military Times Mar 21, 2023

The Air Force is testing a new system designed to provide in-flight bladder relief to female pilots. Designed by Airion Health, the system involves a cup attached to the body, which collects urine and flushes it out towards a collection bag. “You wear that under the underwear and the tube comes out of the flight suit, which then connects to our pump system and controller that will

pump the liquid out and away from the body into a collection bag,” according to an Air Force statement out of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. “With the new system the Air Force is testing, the goal is for aircrew to be able to relieve themselves without unstrapping.” In the past, systems, including the infamous “piddle pack,” have been designed to accommodate male pilots. Women were limited to diapers or a bag system.



The first group of female pilots assigned to the 4th Fighter Wing begin their first day of ground testing an in-flight bladder relief system.

(Airman 1st Class Rebecca Sirimarco-Lang/Air Force)

The lack of a decent alternative has led to pilots refraining from urinating for dangerously long periods or willfully enduring dehydration to avoid the inconvenience associated with these methods, according to the Air Force. “Some aircrews have been found to practice ‘tactical dehydration,’” the statement noted. “This method can cause fatal errors and health issues, such as lowering the aircrews’ ability to withstand high g-forces by 50% and increase headaches.” The 46th Test Squadron and 28th Test and Evaluation Squadron, based at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, have been carrying out the development and test support for the project. Justin Spurling, the 46th TS flight equipment test engineer, said the Air Force brought in female experts to ensure the feasibility of the system. That process previously could take up to 45 minutes, the Air Force stated. “When you think aircrew, your first thought may not be about in-flight bladder relief, but it can pose major health and safety issues for pilots,” the statement noted.

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

Still looking for signatures from non-serving Canadians only.

<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 2022 Updates

Photo added to the 10 Dec 2022 Christmas Dinner showing the Youngest Gunner from 2022 with the Youngest Gunner from 1982.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20224767642>

Yearbook 2023 Updates

Museum vehicle maintenance day. Many thanks to Doug Loney, Andrew McRae, Sean Black, Cameron Black and Harry Moon.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/museum-vehicle-maintenance-day-2023>

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: The **Boeing B-47 Stratojet** (Boeing designation **Model 450**) is a retired American



long-range, six-engined, turbojet-powered strategic bomber designed to fly at high subsonic speed and at high altitude to avoid enemy interceptor aircraft. The primary mission of the B-47 was as a nuclear bomber capable of striking targets within the Soviet Union. Development of the B-47 can be traced back to a requirement expressed by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) in 1943 for a reconnaissance bomber that harnessed

newly developed jet propulsion. Another key innovation adopted during the development process was the swept wing, drawing upon captured German research. With its engines carried in nacelles underneath the wing, the B-47 represented a major innovation in post-World War II combat jet design and contributed to the development of modern jet airliners. Suitably impressed, in April 1946, the USAAF ordered two prototypes, designated "XB-47"; on 17 December 1947, the first prototype performed its maiden flight. Facing off competition such as the North American XB-45, Convair XB-46 and Martin XB-48, a formal contract for 10 B-47A bombers was signed on 3 September 1948. This would be soon followed by much larger contracts. During 1951, the B-47 entered operational service with the United States Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC), becoming a mainstay of its bomber strength by the late 1950s. Over 2,000 were manufactured to meet the Air Force's demands, driven by the tensions of the Cold War. The B-47 was in service as a strategic bomber until 1965, at which point it had largely been supplanted by more capable aircraft, such as the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress.

This Week: Many of our readers are keen motorists, indulging their fantasies of being young and virile again by zooming about in automobiles worth more than their houses were when new. This was once done using sport cars, little things that could seat only two, and whose open tops allowed youthful persons to view the person driving, and probably feel sympathy for his (usually a male) mid-life crisis. Now such cars are rarer, being replaced by massive SUVs which allow the drive to fantasize that he (again, usually a male, sadly) is a hairy-chested (yes, has to be a male) adventurer traversing jungles and deserts, when actually he's just going to the mall to pick up some adult nappies.



Well, our fascination with horseless carriages encompasses those used by the militaries of the world. Show us a photo of something in drab paint, and we get as excited as accountants seeing an Aston-Martin roll by. However, the vehicles used by the military aren't always as recognizable as civilian ones, nor are they always in such good condition. Give a soldier a piece of machinery, and its defects will quickly become apparent, in a broken manner. This may be what happened to this week's object. It, a truck of military heritage, has seen better days. Was it one of ours,

or one of theirs? It certainly could do with a good show and shine treatment, and possibly needs new tires. However, patch it up, and it might just be the ticket. Although, in order to license it, you'd need to know what it is and what its history was. That, dear reader, is your task. Tell us what, where and when, and we will be able to get ICBC to give us a good quote.

Send your quotes to the editor, Bob "Muscle Car" Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John "Morris Minor" Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Happy motoring!

From the 'Punitary'

What do you call the ghost of a chicken? A poultry-geist.

Murphy's Other Laws

It's only too many troops if you can't pay them.

Quotable Quotes

Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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.

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LCL Operations Officer and Maitre de
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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.

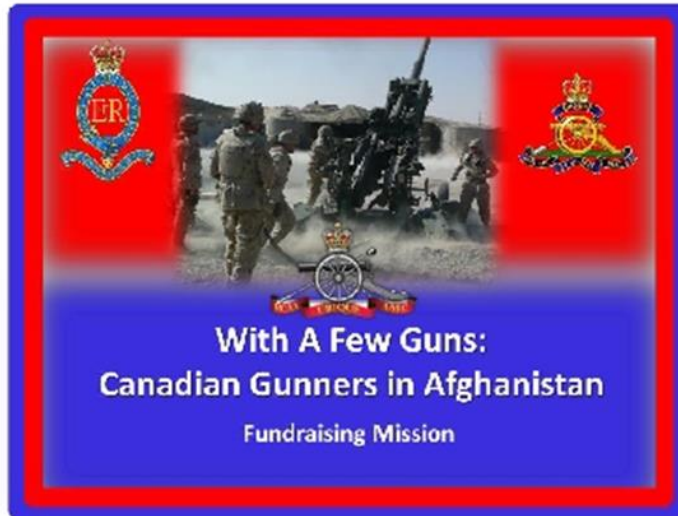
Light refreshments will be served following the service at the Mountainview Cemetery Hall of Remembrance where washrooms are also available.

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.

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

QUOI - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

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

QUAND - Novembre 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

