

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 29 Aug 2023

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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

**Aug 30** Wed ‘Zoom’ lunch meeting.

**Sept 09** 15 Fd WO & Sgts’ Mess Dinner

**Oct 12-14** RCA Association Annual General Meeting - Ottawa

**02 Dec** Save the date! 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbaras’s Day Dinner

## Government Awards \$3.6 Billion Contract to Replace Polaris Fleet

*Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 24 Aug 2023*



Airbus Defence and Space S.A. was recently awarded a \$3.6 billion contract from the Government of Canada to replace the Royal Canadian Air Force's (RCAF) CC-150 Polaris fleet. “I am pleased



that today's contract award announcement to Airbus Defence and Space S.A. will enable our government to continue to provide the Royal Canadian Air Force and its members with the advanced equipment they need to do their job, at the best value for Canadians,” stated Helena Jaczek, minister of public services and procurement, on the day of the announcement. Announced at the end of July, the contract will see the RCAF receive a new fleet of nine aircraft. The contract also includes acquiring four new Airbus A330 Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft and converting five used A330-200 aircraft, according to the Department of National Defence. “The used aircraft were procured through separate procurement

processes with significant cost savings and provide best value for Canadians,” stated a release from DND.

Helena Jaczek, minister of public services and procurement announced at the end of July, the contract will see the RCAF receive a new fleet of nine aircraft. The contract also includes acquiring four new Airbus A330 Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft and converting five used A330-200 aircraft, according to the Department of National Defence. The acquisitions and new contract are part of the government’s Strategic Tanker Transport Capability project. According to DND, this project can contribute more than \$145 million annually to Canada’s gross domestic product and create more than a thousand jobs annually for Canadians. “This announcement builds on decades of partnerships between Airbus and Canada. Our government will be leveraging meaningful and long-term economic benefits to Canada through the Industrial and Technological Benefits Policy to foster innovation in our aerospace industry and lead to the creation of high-value jobs across Canada,” said François-Philippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science and industry.

**CC-330 HUSKY**

Canada

Range: 13,900 km (10 ton payload)  
Service ceiling: 13,000 m  
Passengers: 250+  
Fleet size: 9

2 Flight crew  
1 Air Refuelling Operator  
8 Cabin crew

First deliveries  
Commercial configuration: 2023  
Multi-roles configuration: 2027

**STRATEGIC TRANSPORT**  
• Maximum payload of up to 45 tons, combining passengers and 37 metric tons of cargo.

**AIR-TO-AIR REFUELLING**  
• 111,000 kg of fuel.  
• Capable of refuelling a minimum of 6 RCAF fighter aircraft over the Atlantic in a single leg.

**AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION**  
• Minimum of 8 ambulatory patients, 2 critical care patients, 8 non-critical care patients, 24 Aeromedical Evacuation crew members and 144 passengers.

**STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TRANSPORT**  
• One aircraft configured by VIP transport.

ADDITIONAL ACQUISITIONS: simulators and infrastructure

The government began purchasing aircraft in July 2022 when it procured two used A330-200 aircraft for US\$102 million. An additional three aircraft were purchased this past July for US\$150 million. The CC-330s are expected to be multi-role aircraft that will primarily fill the role of air-to-air refuelling. According to the military, the aircraft will be able to refuel current and future RCAF fighter aircraft along with fueling fighter aircraft used by the US as part of NORAD and by NATO partners. It will also be capable of transporting large amounts of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and equipment around the world. With a reconfiguration, it is expected that the aircraft will perform “specialized aeromedical evacuation missions.” On Thursday (25 August 2022), Mr Stoltenberg, Mr Trudeau and their delegations are visiting the community of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. They will tour one of the sites of the North Warning System, an early-warning radar system and a key component of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

*NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau.*



The government is anticipating the new aircraft will allow Canada to meet future challenges and commitments such as those made with North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). “As autocratic regimes threaten the rules-based international order, there is a pressing need to modernize the capabilities of the Royal Canadian Air Force in support of North Atlantic Treaty Organization and North American

Aerospace Defense Command operations. “The Strategic Tanker Transport Capability brought forward today with the contract award for renewed air-to-air refuelling, strategic transport and aeromedical evacuation capabilities, will deliver modern equipment for our Canadian Armed Forces, who put their lives on the line every single day to defend our shared continent with the US, and support our allies in time of need,” said Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand at the time of the announcement. According to DND, the new fleet is expected to fly into the 2050s.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Dana Sliwinski (left) is joined by Colonel Leif Dahl, 8 Wing Commander (centre), as she takes command of 437 Transport Squadron from Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Willrich (right), during a signing ceremony at 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario, on August 9, 2022. They are joined by Acting 8 Wing Chief Warrant Officer (CWO), CWO John Freeman (back right), and 437 Transport Squadron CWO, CWO Mark Keown (back left). Photo by: Sailor First Class Erin Roberts, 8 Wing Trenton Imagery Technician.*



*A CC-150 Polaris airbus transporting Syrian refugees to Canada prepares for take-off as part of Operation PROVISION in Beirut, Lebanon on December 12, 2015. Photo: Corporal Mathieu Gaudreault, Canadian Forces Combat Camera.*

The new fleet is expected to be called the CC-330 Husky because, according to DND, the Husky’s long-standing history with the RCAF’s 437 Transport Squadron. The 437 Squadron will be the home of this new fleet. “Since 1944, the Husky has served as the mascot for the squadron, and the Husky emblem proudly adorns the Squadron Crest, symbolizing the spirit and values embodied by this remarkable breed. Additionally, during local training flights, 437 Squadron aircraft currently use the callsign “Husky,” stated a DND press release. The existing CC-150 Polaris fleet, currently based in Trenton, Ontario, has served the RCAF for more than thirty years. It is now nearing the end of its service life. The existing CC-150 Polaris fleet consists of five aircraft. According to DND, this current fleet “is aging and cannot effectively perform all of its operational requirements, which has resulted in decreased mission flexibility.”

## **Military Officer AWOL from Ukraine Mission Returns to Canada**

*David Pugliese The Chronicle Herald (Metro) 22 Aug 2023*

A Canadian soldier training Ukrainian troops disappeared for at least six months before resurfacing back home and has now been released from the military, according to documents obtained by Postmedia News. Despite the captain admitting he had gone absent without leave, Canadian Army commanders have decided not to lay charges. The officer, originally from a Toronto-based military unit, had been in Ukraine as part of a Canadian Forces training mission

there and had been transferred to Poland for a return to Canada in February 2022. But the soldier told his commanders that, since he and his wife had family in Ukraine, he wasn't going to follow orders to return and would instead stay in Poland to help relatives. "Member has disobeyed a lawful command and is AWOL from his parent unit," concluded one report obtained through the Access to Information law.



*Troops from 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division ship out for Ukraine as part of Operation Unifier in 2017.  
Postmedia News*

The officer had a specialized passport issued to people holding office, such as members of Parliament and people employed by the Canadian government in non-diplomatic capacities travelling on official missions or to posts abroad. In addition, he had his Canadian Forces uniform and some equipment. National Defence spokeswoman Jessica Lamirande confirmed Thursday that the officer later returned to Canada and was released from the military. The Canadian Army leadership decided not to charge the officer with any offence. Lamirande said the identity of the soldier cannot be released because of federal privacy law. The specific date the soldier returned to Canada was not provided, although the military said it was last fall. Lamirande said the soldier "was subject to release" from the Canadian Forces, but, due to privacy laws, she could not provide any other information about that process. "As the former member is now a civilian, we have no knowledge of their current whereabouts," she added.

The records released to Postmedia News noted that, shortly after the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the officer asked his commanding officer if he could release from his Canadian Forces duties in Poland so he could help family members in Ukraine to cross the border. That request was denied and he was ordered to return to his home unit, The Governor General's Horse Guards in Toronto, where, after a short period, he could then go on leave. But the soldier never got on the return flight or showed up at his Toronto unit, with military police brought in to search for him, the Canadian Forces records showed. At one point, the soldier phoned the commanding officer of his home unit and said he was in Krakow, Poland. He "expressed that he has no intention of leaving Poland or re-entering Ukraine," that report noted. "mbr (member) understands that he is AWOL."

The soldier was part of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian military training mission in support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. It was launched in 2015 and training took place in Ukraine until the Russian invasion in 2022. Now the training of Ukrainian troops is conducted in the United Kingdom, Poland and Latvia. Other documents also show a concern among Canadian military leaders that the news media might find out about former or still-serving Canadian Forces members who have either gone to fight in Ukraine or have travelled to that country during the war. Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Wayne Eyre issued a directive on March 24, 2022, prohibiting military personnel from travelling to Ukraine, Belarus or Russia unless it was for military-approved business.

## Lt Carl Edward Haines RN



There are few dogfights in the history of aerial combat which stand out. One of those is, in my humble opinion, that in which a Fleet Air Arm Sea Fury downed a Mig 15 in Korean War. Carl Haines, who recently passed away, was involved in that fight and left us with a little more information. Carl Edward Haines was born in Hoo, Kent, on 23 March 1931. He was adopted as a child, but eventually became estranged from the family that brought him up. Later in life he made contact with his birthmother and found that he had a half-sister named Joan. Educated at the Headlands Secondary School in Swindon, Wiltshire, Carl took a strong interest in maths and history and was considered to be a bright, but mischievous boy. An avid reader, he also enjoyed sport, singing and a keen trainspotter. During WWII he and his friends would search bombsites unexploded bombs and bullets.

He passed his school certificate in 1947, and applied to join the Fleet Air Arm, inspired by stories of those who had flown during the war, and began flying training in 1949. Moving to RNAS Culdrose, in Cornwall Carl met Doreen Humphreys, a factory worker, at a dance. He sold his precious stamp collection to raise funds to make an impression on their first date. It obviously worked and they were married in the Air Station Chapel in the Summer 1951. 21-year-old Carl had been appointed to 802 NAS, flying the Hawker Sea Fury FBII. The aircraft was one of the most potent propeller driven fighters, but when the squadron embarked in HMS Ocean and sailed for Korea, they would be up against faster Russian-built jets. Launching at 05.25 on the morning of 9 August 1952, Carl was part of four fighters on a routine dawn patrol between Chinnampo and Pyongyang. The formation was led by WWII veteran Lt Peter ‘Hoagy’ Carmichael, the other pilots were Lt Peter Davis and his wingman, SLt Brian “Smoo” Ellis. They were looking for ‘targets of opportunity’ such as looking for railway engines and rolling stock, transport and bridges. But, as the sun burnt off the morning mist, Carl was the first to spot eight MiG 15s, at a slightly higher altitude, so silhouetted against the setting sun, and transmitted “MiGs... four o’clock high.”

An entry in the 802 NAS Diary says, ““The bogies were identified as MiGs — and they were closing. By this time, [the Furies] drop tanks were fluttering earthwards and the flight had assumed proper battle formation.” Ellis noticed a shower of red tracer streaming past both sides of his fuselage and cried ‘Break’ over the R/T and the flight commenced a defensive manoeuvre known as ‘Scissors’. The two formations split in two, and each pair of Sea Furies were engaged by four MiGs, but by continuing their break turns the naval aircraft presented almost impossible targets. A MiG came head-on to Carmichael and Haines — who both opened fire; it broke away and proceeded to go head-on to Davies Ellis, who also fired and registered hits. Another MiG pulled up in front of Ellis, with its air brakes out, and he was amused to find the range closing. He gave a long burst and noticed hits on the enemy’s wings. The jet turned northwards at a reduced speed and left the area with two other MiGs in company. The whole engagement last 4-5 mins. One of the jets crashed into a hillside and blew up, two or three others were damaged.

This was the first time Royal Navy fighters had shot down an enemy aircraft during the Korean War and, more remarkably, it had been achieved by propeller-driven aircraft against jet fighters.

All four Sea Furies landed back onboard HMS Ocean, where the pilots received an ecstatic welcome. The destruction of a MiG15 became a source of pride for the Fleet Air Arm but also one of controversy. All four pilots claimed a share of the “kill”, however, by convention Carmichael, as flight leader, was given credit for destroying the MiG and awarded a DSC. He was sent home early to be fêted in Britain. Today, it is generally accepted — as it was among many naval aviators in 1952 — that the man responsible was Smoo Ellis, thanks to the sharp eyes of Haines. Carl flew a total of 175 missions in Korea with 804 NAS onboard HMS Glory and 802 NAS HMS Ocean. This exceeded the number of sorties allowed in Korea and he was sent home where he flew with several other squadrons and qualified as a test pilot. His service records and logbooks record that he flew a total of 1,473 hrs with the Fleet Air Arm between 1949 and 1956 and carried out 332 deck landings on aircraft carriers. He suffered back pain for the rest of his life because of the pounding his body took. The only other injury he received was from playing rugby for the Royal Navy.

After leaving the Royal Navy in 1956, Carl ran a pub, the White Lion, in Wickham, Hampshire but then joined the Michelin tyre company at the start of a successful business career. He was later recruited by the Japanese tyre company Bridgestone to run their operations in Canada. He then moved to British Columbia with his family. Towards the end of his working life he took over as manager of the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club near the city of Delta before retiring to Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island. The issue of who had delivered the decisive blow that brought down the MiG15 was later investigated by author Paul Beaver, who revealed the Royal Navy’s only “MiG killer” was in fact Ellis, not Carmichael, and provided a detailed account of the action. He also singled out the key role played by Carl Haines, who had first seen the eight enemy jets. When Ellis, himself, was interviewed by Roland White, he said, “Carl saved us. He saw something move against a pale daylight moon, which gives you an idea of how sharp he was. If you want somebody who needs a lot of credit, there’s the first guy, because we immediately got into a pretty fair battle formation.” The final note should go to Carl himself, who recording in his logbook the destruction of the MiG and the damage inflicted on three others, wrote in neat capital letters, “NUFF SAID!” Carl Edward Haines died on 1 June 2023, age 92. RIP.

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

### **September Social Event**

The September Social Event is confirmed for – Friday, 8 September 2023 at 1800 hrs. The actual name of the event will be Officers' Mess Autumn Cleanup Night! It is a casual event and may actually involve quite a bit of housekeeping. I have a mirror to install in the upstairs washroom and I thought we would go for a cleanup of all the cupboards in the kitchen, a dusting of the entire mess, polishing of the silverware and a washing of the bar floor and balcony. Sound like fun? We’ll barbecue some Hors d'oeuvres and lay out some other munchies. Should be a lot of fun. Bring a friend.....

### **Yorke Island Adventure**

It was a great adventure! Dirt was dug by the 4 day dirt diggers and the one day excursion toured the island. Check out the details here.

<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://rcaa.member365.com/publicInj/fundraisingCampaign/makeDonation/UpNB6CaTJDQznJlsGLD9Jw>

## EX Western Gunner

Bombardier Jacob Findlay and Bombardier Mishchenko received the RSM coin for their exceptional work! Check out the 2023 yearbook page.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2023.html>

## Wednesday Lunch

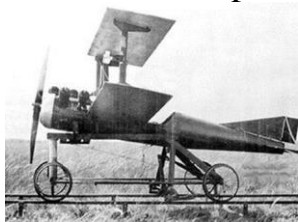
Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBIMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1> or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784> or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0 (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero)

**Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

## Who (or What) Is It?

**Last Week:** The **Kettering Bug** was an experimental unmanned aerial torpedo, a forerunner of present-day cruise missiles. It was capable of striking ground targets up to 75 miles (121 km) from its launch point, while traveling at speeds of 50 miles per hour (80 km/h).



During World War I, the United States Army aircraft board asked Charles Kettering of Dayton, Ohio to design an unmanned "flying machine" which could hit a target at a range of 40 miles (64 km). Kettering's design, formally called the **Kettering Aerial Torpedo** but later known as the **Kettering Bug**, was built by the Dayton-Wright Airplane Company. Orville Wright acted as an aeronautical consultant on the project, while Elmer Ambrose Sperry designed the control and guidance system. A piloted development aircraft was built as the Dayton-Wright Bug. The aircraft was powered by a two-stroke V4 40-horsepower (30 kW) DePalma engine. The engine was mass-produced by the Ford Motor Company for about \$40 each. The fuselage was constructed of wood laminates and papier-mâché, while the wings were made of cardboard. The "Bug" could fly at a speed of 50 miles per hour (80 km/h). The total cost of each Bug was \$400.

The Bug was launched using a dolly-and-track system, like the method used by the Wright Brothers when they made their first powered flights in 1903. Once launched, a small onboard gyroscope guided the aircraft to its destination. The control system used a pneumatic/vacuum system, an electric system and an aneroid barometer/altimeter. To ensure the Bug hit its target, a mechanical system was devised that would track the aircraft's distance flown. Before takeoff, technicians determined the distance to be traveled relative to the air, taking into account wind speed and direction along the flight path. This was used to calculate the total number of engine revolutions needed for the Bug to reach its destination. When a total revolution counter reached this value, a cam dropped down which shut off the engine and retracted the bolts attaching

the wings, which fell off. The Bug began a ballistic trajectory into the target; the impact detonated the payload of 180 pounds (82 kg) of explosives.

**This Week:** Our researchers have been busy these days, digging up photos of odd military objects and quirky things. It's interesting how so many of them date from the days of yore. There are several reasons for this. First, there were a lot of days of yore, more than there are today. Secondly, people in the past often didn't have a clue how to get a great idea into something that worked. Computers have helped immensely in this arena. We can now calculate and simulate to the point where we know if something is going to do the job. In the past, Eyeball Mk I and crossed fingers were often the only tools available.

That brings us to this week's "What Is It". We can see that the device is military by the big pointy thing on the left. We can also imagine that it might have been intended as a flying machine, given the distance between its body and the roadway. However, it might also have just hit a pothole, should this photo have been taken in the spring in most of our great Dominion. The date is probably post-WWII, as the lads are wearing protective headgear, something not thought of as necessary in earlier years when men were men, and so were some women, and vice-versa and



heads were thicker. Despite this, the chaps are quite masculine, as defined by "Real Man" magazine, the July 1955 edition. They even sport facial hair, something that marks them as ahead of their time, given that any given squad of the Canadian Army now has more hair than a hippie band of the 60s.

So, rants aside, can you give us an idea of what this innovative machine was? Who built it, and why on earth did they do so? Firing the gun on the move might have

been interesting. Send your ideas to the editor, Bob "Beardie" Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)) or the formerly bearded author, John "the Hippie" Redmond ([johnd\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd_redmond@telus.net)). Peace, man!

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

What's the easiest kind of house to lift? A lighthouse.

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

When in doubt, empty your magazine.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Free speech carries with it some freedom to listen. *Warren E Burger*





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

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

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

Events surrounding the RCA Association AGM include:

**Thursday 12 October, 2023 – Proposed Social/Cultural Program**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Click the link below for administrative instructions and AGM Schedule.*

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

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

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

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

Visite du QGDN au Mémorial afghan (Campus de Carling)

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

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

et/ou Mémorial national de l'artillerie

**Jeudi 12 octobre 2023 - Activités sociales/culturelles proposées**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Register now!**

**Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!**

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10 Lancewood Crescent  
Brampton, Canada [ubique@rca-arc.org](mailto:ubique@rca-arc.org)

## **Wednesday Digital Video Lunch**

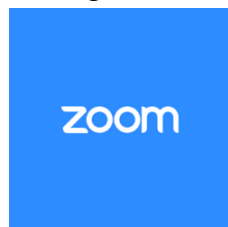
No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all – especially those who attended our Wednesday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

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

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

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

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



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headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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**

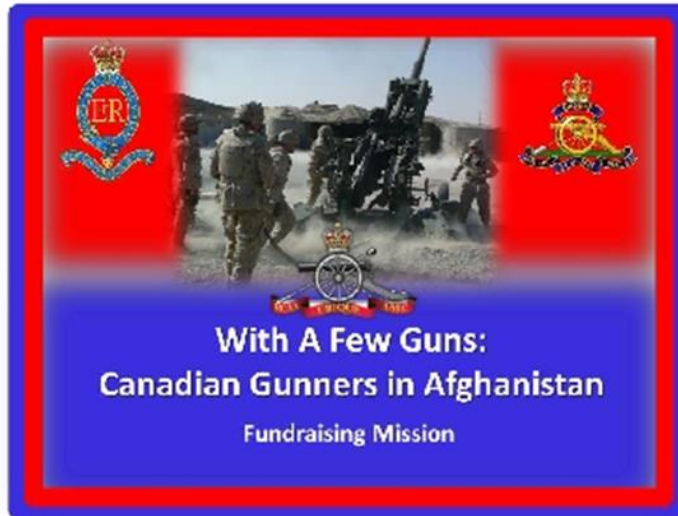
**R.S.V.P. NLT 30th August 2023, as space is limited  
to Sgt Bianca Toledo**

**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)

**To Donate:**

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

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Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

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# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



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**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.

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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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