

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Sept 29, 2020

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**Wednesday Lunches - Lunches suspended until further notice. Everyone stay safe!!**

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** (see Poster section at end)

**Aug 09**

to **Virtual Remembrance Run in Support of the Juno Beach Centre**

**Nov 28**

**Sept 30** 'Wednesday Lunch' Zoom meeting

**Oct 07** 'Wednesday Lunch' Zoom meeting

**Oct 14** RUSI NS Zoom seminar 'Marine Industry Supply Chains of Canadian Shipyards'

'Wednesday Lunch' Zoom meeting

**Oct 21** 'Wednesday Lunch' Zoom meeting

## Presentation of Regimental Centennial Coin to WO2(Ret'd) George Chow



*L-R CWO Rob Garrett, George, LCol Nick Watts (presenting coin) and HLCol Don Foster. Picture taken by Edmund Wu.*

On Sunday, Sept 27, a Regimental party consisting of the CO, LCol Nick Watts, RSM CWO Rob Garrett, HLCol Don Foster and George's long-time friend Edmund Wu, met

George Chow at the hospital where currently he resides, to present him with the Regiment's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin in honour of his long time service to the Regiment. George recently broke his hip in a fall at home and is remaining in hospital to complete his recovery. George is recovering well, in good spirits and will turn 99 in November.

In August 1940, two months before his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, George went to the recruiting centre at the Bay Street Armoury in Victoria to sign up. After basic training he was transferred to 16<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Battery in Windsor, ON, for advanced training. The Battery was then shipped to Halifax to board a vessel for England. In England he was a member of the first all-Canadian crew to shot down the German plane on English soil.

During the Normandy Campaign, the 16<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RCA was part of 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Group Royal Artillery (AGRA). They were lucky when they came off the Landing Craft Tank (LCT) as the water was only 9" deep during their landing. They continued to move inland to Caen and other regions of France before heading into Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands. After the victory in Europe, George volunteered to prepare for the Pacific theatre, but his new assignment ended soon after the atomic bomb had been dropped in Japan.

After the Second World War, George joined the 43<sup>rd</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RCA at Bessborough Armoury in Vancouver, BC, in 1953, as a Gunnery instructor. He attained the rank of Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (today equivalent to MWO) and was appointed Battery Sergeant Major (BSM) of 210 Battery in 1958. In 1958 the 43<sup>rd</sup> was amalgamated with the 15<sup>th</sup> Field and George continued as BSM of 210 Bty. He was honourably discharged in 1963.

## **New Pistol Project for Canadian Forces is Once Again Underway**

*David Pugliese Ottawa Citizen Sep 23, 2020*



*A Canadian Forces member fires his Browning 9mm pistol at a range in Afghanistan. (DND photo)*

The project to purchase pistols to replace the Canadian military's Second World War-era

handguns is once again underway and National Defence hopes to have the new weapons by the summer of 2022. The project had been stalled for years after small arms firms rejected in 2011 the federal government requirement that the guns be built at Colt Canada in Kitchener, Ont. In addition, the companies balked at the stipulation they had to turn over their proprietary firearms information to Colt, a firm that some saw as a competitor. But with small arms companies reluctant to bid on the Canadian pistol project, the federal government has had no choice but to drop those requirements and have an open competition. A request for bids will now be issued in early 2021, DND spokeswoman Jessica Lamirande confirmed to this newspaper. She said a “minimum of 9,000” handguns will be purchased. “These are mainly intended for the Canadian Army, and will be issued as required,” she added.

The department hopes to have a contract in place by the summer of 2021, with initial deliveries by the summer of 2022, she added. The DND declined to discuss the amount of money that taxpayers will spend on the project. The new handguns will replace the Second World War-era Browning Hi-Power pistols used by the Canadian Forces. The replacement program for the 9mm Browning Hi-Power pistols has been on the books for years. In the fall of 2011, the DND abruptly cancelled plans for the purchase of 10,000 new pistols. The decision to shut the process down came after international firearms companies balked at the stipulation the firms turn over their confidential technical data to Colt Canada so the guns could be manufactured in Canada.

Colt is the country’s Small Arms Strategic Source and Centre of Excellence. The DND was told at the time by industry representatives that it didn’t make economic sense to have Colt manufacture the guns in Canada or to have parts shipped to Colt so the guns could be assembled in Canada. The handgun replacement project has been seen as an example of a highly dysfunctional military procurement system. At one point the DND tried to prevent small arms companies from talking to journalists about the bungled procurement but the department’s decree was largely ignored. Under the Munitions Supply Program sole source deals have been directed to Colt Canada to maintain a small arms expertise in the country. In late January Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan announced the purchase of more than 3,600 new C6AI FLEX General Purpose Machine Guns from the company. The \$96-million order was a follow-on deal to the 2017 contract for 1,148 of the same machine guns. Some spare parts are included along with cleaning kits and carrying slings in the purchase.

Critics pointed out that the cost of each gun worked out to around \$27,000, at least twice the amount that other militaries are spending. In February and April two other contracts were directed to Colt to produce a semi-automatic rifle in 7.62 calibre to be used by Canadian Forces sniper teams as an auxiliary weapon. Lamirande said in 2018 changes were made to improve the Munitions Supply Program. Under those changes, new business was no longer automatically given to members of the supply program. Instead a thorough analysis is to be done to decide whether it is better to open a project up to competition or sole source the deal to firms in the Munitions Supply Program. “Factors that are considered include performance, value for money, flexibility, innovation potential, and socio-economic benefits,” Lamirande explained. “We also include considerations for current availability within timeframes and the long-term sustainability of the solution.”

# **Marine Industry Supply Chains of Canadian Shipyards**

in the Era of the National Shipbuilding Strategy

*CMISA & RUSI(NS) - Webinar 14 October 2020*

The Canadian Marine Industries and Shipbuilding Association in collaboration with the Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to hear video-conference presentations Wednesday, 14 October, by Steven Christianson, Vice President Supply Chain Management, Seaspan Shipyards; Lindsey Kettel, Executive Vice President, Chantier Davie Canada; and Philippe Flébus, Director Procurement & Infrastructure, Ocean Group; titled "Marine Industry Supply Chains of Canadian Shipyards in the Era of the National Shipbuilding Strategy."

Canadian Shipyards have a significant impact for the national and local economies through their supply chains. Three experts share their views on:

- The economic impact of their projects;
- Canadian aspects of their supply chain — size, geographic distribution and number of companies;
- How other companies might get involved in current or future projects; and,
- How Canadian yards could position themselves for future national and international opportunities, and how supply chains and governments might assist.

Bios are at:

Steven Christianson: <https://www.seaspan.com/corporate-team/steven-christiansen>

Lindsey Kettel: <https://www.davie.ca/management/2768/>

Philippe Flébus: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/philippeflebus/>

The webinar will start at 1 pm Ottawa time - (2:30 pm St John's, 2 pm Halifax, noon Winnipeg, 11 am Calgary, 10 am Pacific), Wednesday, 14 October, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Ottawa time.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com) by close of business Sunday, 11 October. As the subject line for your registration email, put "CMISA Webinar 14 October 2020 Registration". In addition to your name please also provide your company or organization.

The event will be by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 12 October.

CMISA/RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com) if there is a question about an event occurring.

## Canada's Special Forces Seek Outside Intelligence Advice

Intelligence expert says Canadian Forces may be preparing for more missions without American help. *Murray Brewster CBC News Sep 17, 2020*



*Canadian Reconnaissance Platoon and Land Electronic Warfare technicians - part of the regular force - practice reconnaissance procedures at Camp Adazi on Aug. 25, 2020. The country's special forces are looking for an intelligence adviser.*

*(Canadian Armed Forces Combat Camera)*

Canada's elite special forces are looking for some outside intelligence advice — a move that one expert said is likely meant to make the highly-trained special forces section less dependent on allies, notably the Americans. A request for proposals was posted late last week to the federal government's tendering website asking private contractors to submit bids to become a "senior intelligence" adviser to the special forces, which undertake some of the military's most secret and dangerous missions. The individual will be expected to "aid and support in the implementation of current intelligence projects, and the design and implementation of future capabilities." Specifically, the new adviser will be responsible for helping to guide "the establishment of specific [Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance] capabilities," which will include aircraft.

The special forces recently bought three new surveillance aircraft from the US. The planes, which are expected to arrive in 2022, will be equipped with sensors and tracking gear to intercept cell telephone and other electronic transmissions. The request for proposals also says the new adviser will be expected to have a deep background in working with other allied intelligence services. In its defence policy, released three years ago, the Liberal government committed to bolstering the military's intelligence-gathering capability. The special forces section itself emphasized intelligence-gathering in its recently released strategy, called Beyond the Horizon. Within the defence community, the strategy is seen as an important effort to refocus the special forces after nearly two decades of concentrating on counter-insurgency warfare. A spokesperson for the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM), Maj Amber Bineau, had little to say about the rationale for hiring a contract adviser beyond what was included in the request for proposals. The branch "periodically hires contractors, on a case-by-case basis" and the adviser will be working with "oversight from senior leadership within CANSOFCOM," she said in an email. The University of Ottawa's Wesley Wark, one of the country's leading experts in intelligence, said the decision to bring in outside expertise and establish surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities for the special forces is a significant move — especially coming at a moment when the United States is seen as pulling back from engagement with its allies, or focusing on different priorities. Wark said Canada traditionally has relied on the Americans for a variety of intelligence-gathering capabilities, including military intelligence.



*Security intelligence expert Wesley Wark at the University of Ottawa's Social Sciences Building on May 14, 2013.*

*(Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press)*

The request for proposals, he said, amounts to a recognition by the Department of National Defence that some future special forces missions may not involve partnerships with US special forces — and that Canada needs its own independent capabilities. "If you're going to work with some different kinds of partners, the expectation grows that you're going to have to have your own sources and you can't just be relying on the United States," he told CBC News. Wark said he could foresee, for example, Canadian special forces being called upon by the United Nations for specific intelligence help during peace support missions — a task that, in the current political climate, Washington would avoid. Just as important, Wark said, is the fact that the request for proposals asked for someone with expertise in social media intelligence, "which is interesting and indicative of the kind of complex operations" the force will be facing in the future.

## **General Atomics' Sparrowhawk Drone-Launched Drone**

This low-cost unmanned demonstrator could give larger drones, such as the MQ-9 Reaper, game-changing new capabilities. *Joseph Trevithick The War Zone September 25, 2020*



*A picture of Sparrowhawk that General Atomics released to The War Zone shows that the drone features a large main wing that is stowed parallel with the main fuselage before launch, after which it swings 90 degrees into a deployed position. The drone also has a v-tail and there appears to be at least one air intake for the propulsion system on the right side. It's unclear what type of powerplant powers the air-launched drone.*

*GS-ASI*

General Atomics says that it has conducted captive carry tests of its Sparrowhawk, a new small drone that will be able to be launched and recovered in flight. The company says that Sparrowhawk is a demonstrator and was developed specifically to work with other larger unmanned aircraft that it builds, such as the MQ-9 Reaper and MQ-1C Gray Eagle, offering an important stepping stone to all-new capabilities on those existing designs, as well as future ones. The California-based drone's maker said the captive carry tests, in which the drone was carried aloft by an MQ-9, but was not launched, took place between Sept 16 and 17, 2020. This kind of testing is done to gather data on how a system, as well as the launch platform in many cases, handles the stress of flight.

Sparrowhawk concept art that General Atomics posted on Twitter earlier in September showed a similar configuration, but with two fans at the rear of the fuselage. The company has said that the small drone will offer a reduced acoustic signature, as well as a visual one, compared to its larger designs, such as the MQ-9. It's not clear yet how General Atomics is planning to recover Sparrowhawk in flight and whether unmanned platforms, such as the MQ-9, will be able to carry out this task. "Sparrowhawk iterates on the DARPA Gremlins Program," according to the company. Dynetics, now a subsidiary of Leidos, beat out General Atomics, among others, to build the experimental Gremlins drone, now also designed the X-61A, as well as the airborne recovery system, which is presently mounted on a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. You can read more about Gremlins and the recovery concept, which includes the drone catching the end of a cable in flight and then being reeled in, in these past *War Zone* pieces.

It's hard to overstate how significant Sparrowhawk, and any further developments it spurs, could be for both General Atomics existing product lines and future unmanned designs. The ability of a large drone to launch smaller ones, all potentially working together semi-autonomously or even as part of a fully-autonomous swarm, could open the door to all kinds of new capabilities, while reducing the risk to the launch platform. "Sparrowhawk extends and multiplies MQ-9-based sensors, reduces manpower and increases ISR [intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance] coverage," David Alexander, President of General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI), said in a statement. Beyond providing far more flexible ISR over a larger geographical area, Sparrowhawks may also provide valuable stand-in electronic warfare jamming or even act as decoys to blind and confuse enemy integrated air defenses, which could drastically increase the survivability of the launch platform and even help clear a path for other manned and unmanned aircraft, as well as stand-off missile strikes.

*A X-61A Gremlins drone about to be reeled onto a C-130 Hercules during a flight test.*  
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Sparrowhawks could potentially carry out their own kinetic strikes if they can be equipped with traditional explosive warheads, although there is no official information yet if arming these unmanned aircraft is a possibility. If it is indeed the case, these drones might be able to act as loitering munitions, which would be able to conduct persistent surveillance of designated areas before then carrying out strikes on targets of opportunity or return for recovery and re-launch. General Atomics says that Sparrowhawk is intended to be an attritable platform, as well, despite being designed to be recovered and reused. Attritable designs are those that are low cost enough that commanders can employ them in higher-risk environments that would be off-limits to more expensive exquisite types. "With attritableONE technology that is survivable and precise, Sparrowhawk is a true game changer," GS-ASI's President Alexander said. This program is part of the US Air Force's expansive Advanced Battle Management System (ABMS) program, which is seeking to develop a host of new highly-networked technologies that will expand the service's

ability to gather information and then rapidly analyze and disseminate it, including targeting data that can then be passed to other U.S. military units in the air, on the ground, and at sea. As the name implies, attritableONE is focused on developing new attritable unmanned aircraft. In a recent major demonstration of various ABMS capabilities and associated technologies, an MQ-1C Gray Eagle launched an Area-I Air-Launched, Tube-Integrated, Unmanned System 600 (ALTIUS 600) small drone, acting as an attritableONE testbed. The ALTIUS 600 then positively identified a target that the MQ-1C's onboard sensors had first identified.



*An ALTIUS  
600.  
US ARMY*



*The MQ-9 with  
the REAP pod.  
GS-ASI*

The US Army has also been experimenting with the ALTIUS 600 as part of its Air Launch Effects (ALE) effort, which also envisions fleets of small drones performing various ISR, deception, and other tasks, which you can read about in more detail in this past *War Zone* piece. During the recent ABMS demonstration, a General Atomics MQ-9 also carried a Rosetta Echo Advanced Payload (REAP) communications and datalink pod, which includes technology developed under gatewayONE and meshONE, which are also part of the broader ABMS effort. "The REAP pod has been developed under contract from the Air National Guard and demonstrated a communications relay capability for both Link-16 and the Silvus meshONE network providing seamless connectivity between air and ground participants in the demonstration area," according to General Atomics. All told, the Sparrowhawk looks to be an extremely exciting development. It also comes at a time when the US Air Force, the largest operator of MQ-9s, is looking to stop buying those drones due to concerns that they are simply too vulnerable to be useful during a high-end conflict. The ability of Reapers to launch and recover smaller, attritable drones and, by extension, perform a wider array of tasks over a larger geographical area, even in contested environments, could breathe new life into that design.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

**VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour**

### **Important Announcement for all members of the Vancouver Artillery Association.**

On 17 October 2020, The Royal Canadian Artillery Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting and Leadership Symposium. During the AGM a vote will be taken to approve the constitutional changes required for local Association members to also be members of the RCAA. Your vote is needed to ensure that the Vancouver Artillery Association stays affiliated. Please register for the AGM at <http://rca-arc.org/>



The Memorial Page has been updated. Please advise if you find any errors or omissions.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/memorial-page.html>

Many years ago, the Warrant Officers' and Sergeant's Mess taped Sergeant Arne Knudsen's life story. This 5 our tape is now reformatted into 30 minute segments for your viewing. Episode 1 – Arne's early days and Episode 8 – with the Tennessee Rangers in Italy are now online on this page. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/arne-knudsen.html>

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA has certainly had some characters enlisted in the unit. Check out Sergeant Okon-Ockoniy's story. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1940---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-casf.html>

Traffic accidents have been a significant toll throughout the Regiment's history. In 1959 we lost Musician Robert Joseph Sweet, son of Sergeant Albert Bramwell Sweet.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1959---43rd-maa-regt-rca.html>

Sergeant Major Norman Joseph De Graves is featured in the 1937 Yearbook page.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1937.html>

Check out the First World War O-PIP publication from the 58<sup>th</sup> Battery, 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/58th-battery>

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

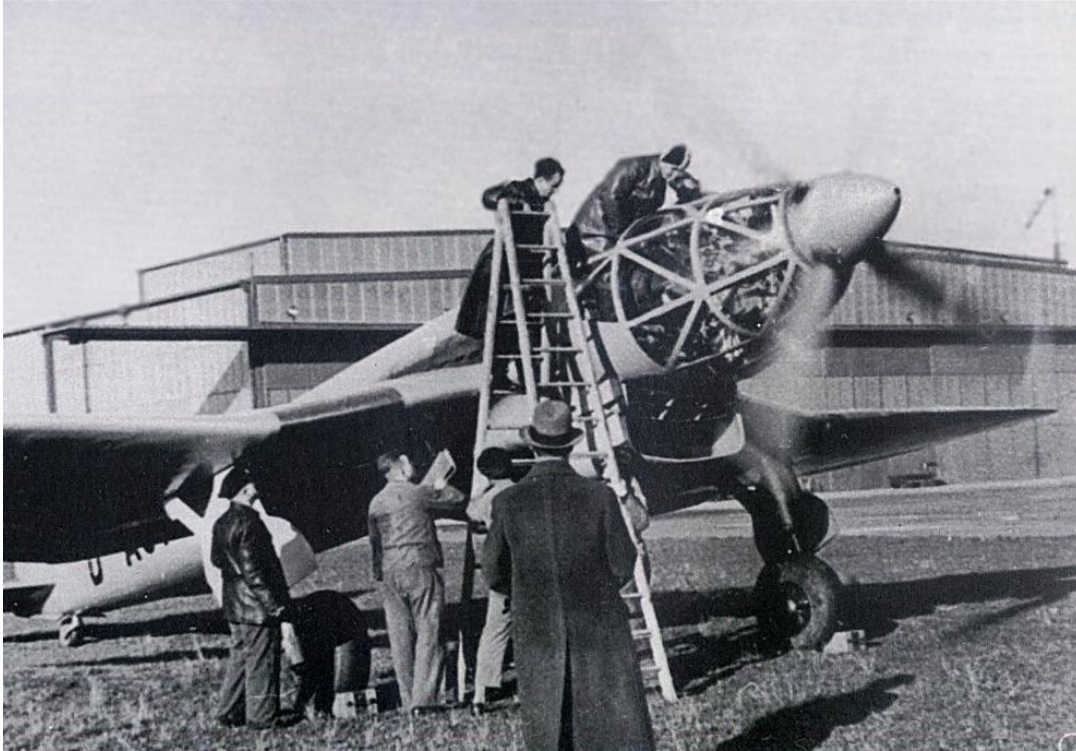
## **Who (or What) Is It?**

**Last Week:** This is a photo of a group of the Chinese Labour Corps that was employed by the British during the great war. Over 85K worked for the British and some 45K worked for the French. The CLC that worked for the British travelled to the Western Front via Canada using the steamship line from northern China to William Head, BC, then traversed by train under guard and secrecy to Halifax and then by ship to Europe. Those that worked for the French went by ship via Indochina around the Malacca Strait to Indian Ocean



and then through the Suez Canal to southern France and then joined the war effort. The ones that worked for the British returned home via the reverse route, again through Canada. Some died en route and are buried in Canada with about 20 plus graves at the William Head site (currently a medium correctional facility). Some of the CLC that worked for the French settled in France and formed the nucleus of the Chinese French population there. There was a third corps for the Russians. They got caught up in the revolution and suffered accordingly. However, one of them became a Red Army general. These men are members of the CLC that had just arrived from Shandong, hence their clothing. They were photographed at William Head. The 'gwai poh" lady is possibly an interpreter. The CLC repaired tanks, among other things, and the quiz from two weeks ago was from the Tank Museum. So, the connection is the RTR.

**This Week:** We have been told that, as of late, we have been ignoring our junior partner, the lads and lasses and others of the world's air forces. So, this week we attempt to make amends, and raise awareness of flying, something that was once done by ordinary people, not just military types. In the pre-pandemic past, or so legend has it, people, called "tourists", and "air travellers", would squeeze into immense aeroplanes, and actually leave their bubbles in order to view scenes in other places. Can you believe it! That sounds a bit too far-fetched to us. Anyway, don't feel queasy, and wash your hands before reading further. What we have this week is a very unusual flying machine, attended to by non-social distancing, un-masked aeronauts and their attendants. What is immediately visible is that the engine, or part of it, seems, well, visible. It appears to be



surrounded by that wonder of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Perspex (other brands are available, and in use at your corner store, indeed, everywhere). Just why one would want to see everything going up and down, and round and round is best left to aeronautical engineering types. We can't imagine a tank or SPG being designed this way, although such might

help with maintenance.

So, dear air-minded readers, can you tell us what this fine, slightly naked machine is? Is it a Vultee Voyeur, or a Voyager/eur, or maybe the Hawker-Smedley Exhibitionist? Send your ideas to the not-too-visible editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, the visible only in the museum John Redmond ([johnd. redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). See you soon!

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

What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.

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

The first myth of management is that it exists.

### **Quotable Quotes**

A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep. -  
*Saul Bellow*

## 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 Wednesday lunches.

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

<https://zoom.us/j/710845848>

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Use the link above on your computer Zoom program or dial in on your phone 778 907 2071 Meeting ID: 710 845 848

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

# RUSI NS Zoom Seminar



In collaboration with the  
Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia



present

## **Marine Industry Supply Chains of Canadian Shipyards in the era of the National Shipbuilding Strategy**

*An Important Driver of the Canadian Economy*

featuring



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**1-3 pm Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, October 14, 2020**  
**Via Zoom (register FREE through [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com))**

Ce séminaire en ligne sera en anglais.

# Virtual Remembrance Run in Support of the JBC

August 9 - November 28, 2020



*Members of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps participate in a one-mile race as part of a wider I Canadian Corps sports meet in the United Kingdom, 1943 (Canadian Army Newsreel No. 12).*



The Juno Beach Centre Association is partnering with VR Pro (<https://www.vrpro.ca/events/Home.html>) for our first Remembrance Run fundraiser! This is a virtual running (or walking) event for participants of all ages.

Registration is available on the Running Room website.  
<https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/17167/>

## **DISTANCES**

*Click on a logo to register for that distance.*



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/applications/?raceId=17167&eventId=50553&vrindex=3>



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*Scroll down to learn about the significance of these distances.*

## RACE DETAILS

Register now for one of three virtual race distances and receive a race kit including this beautiful, oversized, commemorative medal (pictured below) along with a Juno Beach collector coin, race bib, an imprinted neck gaitor, a Remembrance Day Poppy, and a beautifully printed Juno Beach

D-Day souvenir map, and more! Then, run or walk your event distance of choice anytime between September 1 and November 28, 2020. \$10 from each entry will go to support the Juno Beach Centre honouring those brave men and the sacrifices they made. (Click any one of the race event logos above or the registration button below to register.) Applicants can set up a fundraising page through your Running Room account, after you have registered for the Run.



All you need to do is go to the Fundraising tab (at the top of the registration page) and select Raise Funds to set up your fundraising page. Each participant will receive a unique Remembrance Day / Juno Beach commemorative medal. The design features the image of a Landing Craft,

Assault (LCA) manned by Royal Canadian Navy sailors on D-Day approaching Juno Beach with a load of troops. The medal's ribbon is inspired by the France & Germany Star, the campaign medal received by those who landed at Juno Beach and/or served in France, Belgium, Holland, or Germany between D-Day (6 June 1944) and Victory in Europe or V-E Day (8 May 1945).

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## REMEMBRANCE RUN DISTANCES EXPLAINED

### What is the “Strongpoint 1500m”?

Juno Beach (Normandy, France) was well fortified. Mines, barbed wire, and beach obstacles to Allied tanks and landing craft littered the sands. German machine guns, mortars, and artillery, often positioned in concrete bunkers, overlooked the likely Allied landing areas. Strongpoints in the German-held towns of Courseulles-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer, and Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer dominated the beaches. Courseulles was the most heavily defended area attacked by British and Canadian forces on D-Day. The strongpoints at Courseulles and nearby Graye-sur-Mer contained a dozen concrete machine-gun posts covering a total of six artillery pieces overlooking the beach. Today, the Juno Beach Centre stands on the same ground as *Stützpunkt (Strongpoint) 31*, located on Mike Red Sector of Juno Beach. This shorter distance event (1500m) is for ideal children, older participants, and anyone else who does not want to run or walk the 8k or 21k distances. It is named for the strongpoint and 1500 metre stretch of beach overcome by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars (6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment), and the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers on D-Day.

### What is the significance of the “Juno Beach 8K”?

D-Day, June 6, 1944, was among the greatest moments of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The landings started the battle to liberate France from Nazi Germany. The Canadians stormed an 8-kilometre stretch of sand featuring coastal villages fortified into German strongholds. Code-named JUNO, some 14,000 Canadian soldiers with hometowns from coast to coast landed here. A further 7,000 British

troops joined them. When you run this fall, you are running in remembrance of every Canadian or Allied soldier who landed at Juno Beach.

### Why is it named the “Remembrance 21.1K”?

The total number of troops landed on Juno Beach on D-Day was approximately 21,000. We offer a half-marathon (which is 21.1 kilometres long), in honour of those troops.



<https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/17167/>

*Local entrants who enter any of these events – please send me your ‘Donation’ links and I will put them in this newsletter. – Ed.*

### Fellow Gunners

I am running/walking a half-marathon to raise money for the Juno Beach Centre. A half-marathon is approximately 21 kilometres and I am running/walking this distance in honour of all 21,000 Allied troops who landed on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. You can support the Juno Beach Centre by pledging in support of me or by registering for this Remembrance Run fundraiser.

**To donate and help us achieve our fundraising goal, please go to my fundraising home page at this link:**

<https://www.runningroom.com/dashboard/giving/?raceId=17167&eventId=50555&memberId=UDVXZA9pWzoAa1dgUWA%3D>

You will see a box that says “**Make a Donation**” – do so, and follow the instructions

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**HLCol Don Foster P.Ag, CIM, FCSI**  
**Director | Juno Beach Centre Association**





# 2020 BMO CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest



## The contest for the defence community is back!

Service members and their families, reserves, recruits, veterans and retirees, as well as staff of Department of National Defence, the RCMP and the Canadian Coast Guard are eligible for **FREE\* banking** with the Performance Plan chequing account - no minimum balance required.

Visit [bmo.com/cdcbcontest](https://bmo.com/cdcbcontest) for offer details.

Open an account between June 15 and October 12, 2020 and you will automatically be entered into the "CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest" for a chance to win a **grand prize of \$20,000 cash** or one of **12 prizes of \$5,000 cash!**

## Already a BMO CDCB customer?

Don't miss out on your chance to win.

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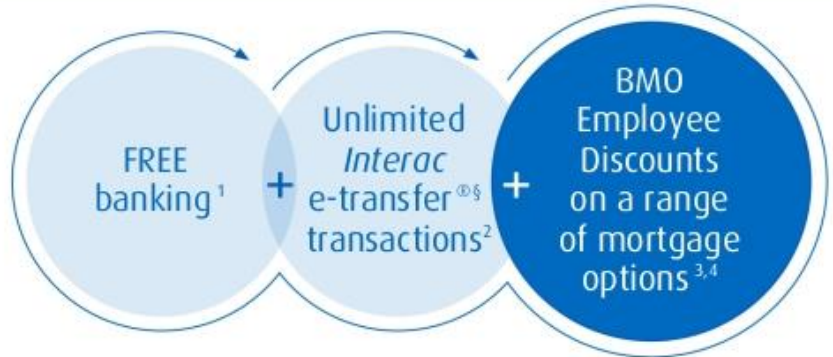
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\*No purchase necessary. The 2020 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest (the "Contest") begins on June 15, 2020, at 12:00:01 a.m. Eastern Time and ends on October 12, 2020, at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time (the "Contest Period"). There are thirteen (13) prizes in total (each a "Prize"), with total prizes valued at \$80,000 available to be won. There will be one (1) Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash and an additional twelve (12) prizes of \$5,000 cash. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. Before being declared a winner, a correctly answered mathematical question is required. Full contest details are available at [bmo.com/cdcbcontest](https://bmo.com/cdcbcontest). The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service, and product fees not included in the Plan.

Our strategy is simple –  
**Do more for you.**



BMO is proud to be the official bank of the **Canadian Defence Community**, and to provide exclusive offers to you.



### Mortgages

- BMO Employee Discounts on a wide range of mortgage options<sup>3,4</sup>
- Flexibility to move or break your mortgage through the Integrated Relocation Program<sup>5</sup>
- 130-day mortgage rate guarantee – the longest of any major bank in Canada<sup>6</sup>



### Bank Accounts

- FREE banking with the Performance Plan<sup>1</sup>
- Unlimited *Interac* e-transfer<sup>®</sup> transactions<sup>2</sup>
- OnGuard<sup>SM</sup> Identity Theft Protection Service at no charge<sup>7,8</sup>
- Keep the same accounts no matter how many times you relocate
- Access to CreditView<sup>SM</sup> – the free, instant way to get your credit score<sup>9</sup>



### Lines of Credit

- BMO Employee Discounts on unsecured and secured personal lines of credit<sup>3</sup>
- Student line of credit with preferential pricing and flexibility<sup>10</sup>



### Credit Cards

- Choose the BMO Support Our Troops CashBack<sup>SM</sup> or AIR MILES<sup>SM</sup> MasterCard<sup>SM</sup>
- No annual fee<sup>11</sup>
- Support Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services with every purchase you make
- Visit [bmo.com/sot](http://bmo.com/sot) to find out about the welcome offers