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

The 2022 Army Gala. CANCELLED. New Date:- May 6, 2023, at the Sheraton Wall Centre

2022 BoM - CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest – see end of poster section

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters

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| Aug 31 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess Closed |
| Sept 07 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open?, DIY lunch? |
| Sept 14 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open?, DIY lunch?
RUSI(NS)-NORAD & USNORTHCOM Distinguished Speakers |
| Sept 21 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open?, DIY lunch? |
| Sept 22 | RCAA presents - A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010 |
| Sept 24 | 5 th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans – Abbotsford |
| Sept 25 | 5 th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans – White Rock |

The RCA Association presents:

22 September 2022 at 7pm ET.

“A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010” with
CWO (Mr Gnr) (Ret'd) Robert J Beaudry MMM, CD

RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker - 14 September 2022

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 14 September October by Lieutenant Colonel Julien Letarte, Royal Canadian Air Force, titled "Remotely Piloted Aircraft System." His bio is attached. *(see poster section)*. Uncrewed aerial vehicles, including remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS), are rapidly being developed and employed for continental/homeland defence, security and safety missions by Canada, allies and adversaries. Lieutenant Colonel Letarte will brief highlights of the Royal Canadian Air Force's RPAS project to provide a familiarization with this increasingly significant capability.

The event will start at 1pm Atlantic time, Wednesday, 14 September, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3pm Atlantic time. A United States Air Force speaker may be added later but there will be no change to timings.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close-of-business Sunday, 11 September. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speakers 14 September 2022 Registration. In addition to your name, please provide your organization (association, company or unit). Participation is limited and later may have to be put on a waiting list. If after registering your availability changes and you are no longer able to attend, please registrants advise RUSI(NS) as soon as possible so your spot can be re-assigned.

This event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 12 September. If you have not received them by end-of-day 12 September, please check your spam folder and, if necessary, email RUSI(NS). RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

Vampire Transforms Ukraine Pickups Into Deadly Missile Launchers

Catherine Buchaniec and Joe Gould C4ISRNET Aug 25, 2022



*The VAMPIRE system can fit in almost any pickup or vehicle with a cargo bed.
(Courtesy of L3Harris)*

WASHINGTON — The US is sending Ukraine “Vampire” kits that transform pickup trucks and other non-tactical vehicles into highly portable missile launchers. As part of a \$3 billion package for Ukraine that the Pentagon announced Wednesday, the Vehicle-Agnostic Modular Palletized ISR Rocket Equipment system is a portable kit that can be installed

on most vehicles with a cargo bed for launching the Advanced Precision Kill Weapons System or other laser-guided munitions. The L3Harris-made weapon — a small, four-barreled rocket launcher and sensor ball — can be mounted in two hours and operated by a single person, the company said. It can be equipped with missiles to hit ground or air targets including unmanned aircraft systems. “The Vampire system itself is a counter-UAS system,” said Colin Kahl, undersecretary of defense for policy, said at a press briefing Wednesday. “It is a kinetic system that uses small missiles essentially to shoot UAVs out of the sky.”

While the Vampire system isn’t advertised as a counter-drone weapon on L3Harris’ website, Ukraine has used similar munition-style weapons to take down drones throughout its conflict with Russia. As the Russia conflict crosses the six-month mark, the most recent aid package is aimed at providing sustainable and affordable options to Ukraine. Alongside the Vampire, the Pentagon is also sending Puma drones and a host of ammunition. “Our VAMPIRE system will provide the Ukrainian people with even more robust capabilities as they continue to defend their country and democracy in Europe,” Melbourne, Fla.-based L3Harris said in a statement to C4ISRNET. “We will continue to offer our steadfast support of their mission.” Drone warfare has been heavily utilized by both sides in the six-month-old conflict, with many being sourced from countries outside the war. Kyiv has drawn support from the US and the United Kingdom, both of whom pledged new drones and counter-drone technology to the conflict on Wednesday, Ukraine’s Independence Day.

Russia, meanwhile, has looked to Iran to sustain its supply of drones, according to US officials. The Vampire is part of a larger package in aid to Ukraine, bringing the total amount supplied to the country during the Russia-Ukraine conflict to more than \$13.5 billion since the start of the Biden administration. The Biden administration selected the Vampire — a low-cost and easy-to-assemble weapon compared to other counter-drone measures, such as electronic warfare technologies — for a package advertised as providing supplies for Ukraine’s long-term needs. “We’re trying to be very deliberate about what systems we think makes the most sense for Ukraine to have in that context, and it also matters very much: Can they sustain it? Can they afford it? Because of course billions of dollars of international assistance may not be something 10 years from now or 20 years from now,” Kahl said.



The Vampire, also known as Vehicle-Agnostic Modular Palletized ISR Rocket Equipment, will be sent to Ukraine as part of the Pentagon's latest aid package.

(Courtesy of L3Harris)

When the Pentagon did not disclose which “Vampire” system they were sending to Ukraine, it fueled to speculation on social media on as to what weapon the Ukrainians were set to receive. L3Harris confirmed evening that the system in question was the rocket equipment.

The rocket launcher isn't the first weapon nicknamed after the creature of the night to enter the conflict. Footage published by the 10th Separate Mountain Assault Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on July 11, shows Ukraine using the Czech Republic's RM-70 VAMPIR 122mm Multiple Launch Rocket Systems. The Czech system, which is designed by Excalibur Army, looks similar to the the L3Harris' weapon, with a rocket-launching system as the main feature. Unlike the L3Harris system, the MLRS Vampire uses a large military vehicle rather than a simple pickup truck as its launching platform. "Ukrainian MLRS Vampire aren't afraid of sunlight," the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense said in a Tweet accompanying the video. "They are not afraid of anybody; they're just doing their job."

NATO Investigates Hacker Sale of Missile Firm Data

Joe Tidy and Benedict Garman BBC News 26 Aug 2022



*MBDA Missile Systems is one of the largest weapons makers in the world.
Image Source, MBDA Missile Systems*

NATO is assessing the impact of a data breach of classified military documents being sold by a hacker group online. The data includes blueprints of weapons being used by Nato allies in the Ukraine war. Criminal hackers are selling the dossiers after stealing data linked to a major European weapons maker. MBDA Missile Systems admitted its data was among the stash but claimed none of the classified files belong to the firm. The pan-European company, which is headquartered in France, said its information was hacked from a compromised external hard drive, adding that it was cooperating with authorities in Italy, where the data breach took place. It is understood investigations are centred around one of MBDA's suppliers. In a statement, a NATO spokesperson said: "We are assessing claims relating to data allegedly stolen from MBDA. We have no indication that any NATO network has been compromised." Cyber criminals, operating on Russian and English forums, are selling 80GB of the stolen data for 15 Bitcoins (approximately £273,000) and claimed to have sold the stash to at least one unknown buyer so far.

In their advert for the stolen data, the hackers claimed to have "classified information about employees of companies that took part in the development of closed military projects" as well as "design documentation, drawings, presentations, video and photo materials, contract agreements and correspondence with other companies". A free 50MB sample of the data, seen by the BBC, includes documents labelled "NATO CONFIDENTIAL", "NATO RESTRICTED" and "Unclassified Controlled Information". In addition to the sample, the criminals supplied additional documents by email, including two marked "NATO SECRET".



One stolen folder contains detailed drawings of MBDA equipment, but the company said the material is not sensitive.

Image Source, MBDA Missile Systems

NATO's classification levels are:

- COSMIC TOP SECRET: unauthorised disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to NATO
- NATO SECRET: unauthorised disclosure would cause serious damage to NATO
- NATO CONFIDENTIAL: unauthorised disclosure would be damaging to NATO interests
- NATO RESTRICTED: unauthorised disclosure would be disadvantageous to the interests of NATO
- Unclassified Controlled Information is a US security label for information that is government created or owned; information that requires safeguarding or dissemination controls consistent with applicable laws, regulations and government-wide policies

The hackers would not confirm whether the material had come from more than one hacked source. The files, which the BBC has not been able to independently verify, detail a "communications intelligence" mission by a US air squadron carried out at the end of 2020 in Estonia over the Baltics. It includes the call logs, full name, phone number and GPS coordinates of a person allegedly at the centre of the operation. A former NATO official said: "There's a lot of over-classification in NATO but these labels matter. They are applied by the originator of the information and NATO SECRET is not applied lightly. "This really is the kind of information NATO doesn't want out there in the public." He added that the chances of the documents having been declassified were slim bearing in mind most of the files appeared to have been created between 2017 and 2020.

The sample files also included a presentation that appeared to detail the inner workings of the Land Ceptor CAMM (Common Anti-Air Modular Missile), including the precise location of the electronic storage unit within it. One of these was recently sent to Poland for use in the Ukraine conflict as part of the Sky Sabre system and is operational. MBDA Missile Systems has not disputed that its information had been breached but said: "The company's internal verification processes indicate that the data made available online are neither classified data nor sensitive." However, some of the documents known to have been stolen from MBDA are labelled as "proprietary information not to be disclosed or reproduced". MBDA Missile Systems was created

in December 2001 after the merger of missile systems companies in France, Italy and the UK. It has 13,000 employees and is a joint venture of Airbus, BAE Systems and Leonardo. Last year it posted revenue of £3.5bn and counts the UK Ministry of Defence, US military, the European Union and NATO as customers of its weapons systems.

US Veterans Share the Best Advice They Got in the Military

Step one: don't volunteer for anything.

Max Hauptman | Task & Purpose Aug 24, 2022

What's the best advice you ever received while you were in the military? We asked our readers that very question a couple of weeks ago. Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, what was something you were told that has stuck with you and served you well? Needless to say, the answers did not disappoint. Readers provided hundreds of replies, on Facebook, Twitter, and via email where they laid out what they had learned from their time in the military. Some advice was earnest, well-meaning, and focused on how to do your job well and learn and grow while in uniform. Other suggestions were downright hilarious and could easily apply to any job, anytime, anywhere. And some of the best pearls of wisdom had nothing to do with work and everything to do with getting *out of work* that sucks. All of it, though, is useful.



Observer coach trainers from the Bronco team at the national training center, Ft Irwin, Calif, prepare, advise, counsel, and train rotational Soldiers Aug 21, 2017.

(Spc Sarah K Anwar/US Army).

“The key to being successful in most areas of your life is following these two simple rules: #1 Don't sweat the small stuff. #2 It's all small stuff,” wrote Joe Bradford on Facebook, quoting a very wise staff sergeant he served with back in 1988. “Never go into anything until you have at least thought about how you are going to get out of it,” wrote Gary Steele, another commenter. “Never be late for anything. Learn to take orders. Get the job done. For those over you always respect the rank and for those under you never show disrespect in their presence,” said Mike Turner. “Nothing is beneath me,” wrote Army veteran Matthew Sanders, of some advice he received from a Corporal in the 82nd Airborne Division. Volunteering, or rather, not volunteering, was also a common theme. “Blend in, don't volunteer for anything, keep your mouth shut,” wrote Ken Ayer on Facebook. “Never volunteer!” echoed John Rutter. “Our drills told us that!”

Unfortunately, that doesn't solve the problem of being volun-told to do something. "From my crusty first sergeant in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood (The Great Place) in the late Fall of 1987. I was practicing disassembling an old M1911A1 and screwing it up, trying to be fast. He walked by and told me 'As you were' before I knew he was there. He watched me a few times, stopped me and said, 'slow and steady PFC Salmon.' I looked at him with a puzzled look and he told me to slow down and to be steady. Slow down and do your tasks in a steady fashion," relayed John Salmon in an email. "Marines who fear you will follow you, but they will celebrate your failures... Marines who love you will not let you fail, and they will die for you," wrote retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt Terrence D'Allesandro of some advice he received from another gunnery sergeant on the eve of the Gulf War. Reader Michael Betts shared an email with some timeless advice he received as a Marine Corps recruit from one of his drill instructors all the way back in 1964: "You don't get in trouble for what you do. You get in trouble for what you get caught for." On a similar note, Marine Nathan Hampton wrote with some advice given to him by a gunnery sergeant: "If you're going to do something stupid, do it smartly." And, finally, two bits of very practical advice. "Baby wipes are a must for the field," wrote Shane Chapman. And, from Brad Neal, "Never trust a skinny cook."

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The Fallen – Lest we forget

Gunner Gerard William Larocque was added to our list of Fallen. He was taken on strength with 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regiment, RCA, CASF on 19 Sep 1942 and then volunteered with the 5th Anti-Tank Regiment, RCA, CASF on 11 May 1944. Gunner Larocque was killed in action 28 Aug 1944 and interred at Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery, Cintheaux, France.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/the-fallen-lest-we-forget>

CFB Gagetown

It's been a few years since I've been on the gun line! Thanks to the Commanding Officer of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), RCA we were invited to the badging ceremony for their new Gunners. Also went to the OP and watched the M-Star in action. Very foggy and very, very wet at the OP but "if it ain't raining, it ain't training" certainly described the day.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/cfb-gagetown>

2nd Field Artillery Regiment, RCA - Montreal

Checking out the M114 - 155mm Howitzer mounted beside their armoury. My preference would be for one that is mobile with the ability to elevate and traverse.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/2nd-field-artillery-regiment-rca-montreal>

6th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA – Levis, Que.

Nobody was home at 6th Field, so we toured the Musée Le Régiment de la Chaudière. Awesome display with a great layout. Some great ideas that we can use in our own museum.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/6th-field-artillery-regiment-rca-levis-que>

National War Museum – Ottawa, Ont.

The National War Museum in Ottawa is always a great visit. Free admittance for veterans and their guests. Free parking. Free lunch (actually a voucher that almost covers lunch).

A couple of items to point out:

- The 105mm Howitzer - Is it really a C2 as they state or is it a C1 with the muzzle swell?
- The 25 pounder shows the aiming posts that we need to acquire.
- The regularly scheduled "War Machines 2022" - should we promote something similar in Vancouver next year? <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/national-war-museum-ottawa>

The Regimental Museum is open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Masks are required as is proof of vaccination. Please help keep our soldiers safe and do not attend if you feel the slightest symptom of illness. Our zoom channel will also be open 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: Chu XP-1 Chinese Fighter Prototype. The Chu-XP-1 was a Chinese fighter



prototype with a forward swept inverted gull wing designed during World War Two. Completed in the summer of 1944, the aircraft was unable to enter flight testing right away due to Japanese air activity in the region. Its first flight was delayed until January 1945. The XP-1 demonstrated instability on its flight as well as an inability to climb. This was attributed to the engine which had been salvaged from

a crashed C-47 Skytrain. During the flight, the aircraft stalled while attempting to return to the airfield and crashed.

A second prototype was under construction, but this was abandoned after the crash. With the availability of US aircraft increasing, no further design work was undertaken.

<https://www.destinationsjourney.com/historical-military-photographs/chu-xp-1-chinese-fighter-prototype/>

Also on UTube- <https://youtu.be/fOwqmjnUMuI>

This Week: Many of you have told me in your fan mail that you are aficionados of military miniatures, as in plastic models, diecast models, and figurines. Although many of our readers no longer have the eyesight to complete these kits, nor the hand-eye-coordination, nor the ability to sit for more than 20 minutes before having to attend to the call of nature, nor the funds in their meagre pensions to buy the over-priced things, etc., etc., they still have fond memories of sniffing glue and sticking the wrong part backwards. As a lad growing up in Virginia (Dad was posted to Canadian Army Staff Washington, so don't worry, I'm not an American), our neighbourhood

gang members were all keen plastic modellers, and keen users of now-illegal pyrotechnics, such as “dust bins” and cherry bombs, both of which would be useful in the war in Ukraine. The combination of these two passions is the reason vintage kits now bring high prices at collectors’ fairs, and why some of the old gangs are missing bits of their anatomy. Come to think of it, some are just missing.

That brings us to this week’s quiz. From the photo, you can see that these kids have taken model



tanks to a whole new level. The scale is certainly not 1/76th, or even the very expensive 1/16th, favoured by retired doctors and lawyers seeking to impress their neighbours and scare local cats. These must scale out to something more like ¼ or bigger! Anyway, I envy these little tankers, although something in their demeanour tells me that this wasn’t the local chapter of the International Plastic Modellers’ Society having a day out. In fact, there is something sinister about the whole thing.

So, if your brain has survived the negative effects of too many years accidentally sniffing polystyrene glue,

maybe you can tell us what is going on in this week’ photo. Send you ideas to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Tanks!

From the ‘Punitary’

Pirates have a hard time getting through the alphabet. They always get lost at C.

Murphy’s Other Laws

A Sergeant in motion outranks a Lieutenant who doesn't know what's going on.

Quotable Quotes

I was gratified to be able to answer promptly, and I did. I said I didn’t know! *Mark Twain*

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. **Mess is CLOSED this Wednesday**

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. **Zoom lunch meetings will continue for those unable to attend the Mess for lunch.**

<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.

RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker - 14 September 2022



The
Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia
presents

Distinguished Speaker
Lieutenant-Colonel
Julien Letarte
RCAF Directorate of Air Requirements



Remotely Piloted Aircraft System

1 pm Atlantic time, Wednesday, 14 September 2022

via Zoom

register through RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com



RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Bio

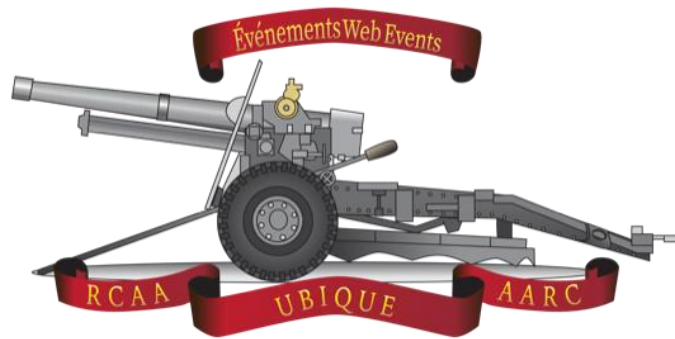


Lieutenant-Colonel Julien Letarte

Lieutenant-Colonel Julien Letarte was born in Ottawa, Ontario, and grew up in Canada's National Capital Region. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1998 at age 16 and was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Space Sciences from the Royal Military College of Canada.

After pilot training, Julien started flying the mighty CP140 *Aurora*. With two tours at 407 Squadron on the Pacific coast as well as an operational tour at 405 Squadron and an instructional tour at 404 Squadron on the Atlantic coast, he participated in many exercises and operations worldwide. Some of these deployments include commanding *Heron* Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle missions over Afghanistan, flying the first operational CP140 mission over Iraq during Operation IMPACT and patrolling the seas in support of NATO and coalition forces.

LCol Letarte graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Programme with a Masters in Defence Studies and started working for the Royal Canadian Air Force Remotely Piloted Aircraft System project for the Directorate of Air Requirements in Ottawa in 2020. Representing the Air Force, he manages requirements and prepares to integrate this new capability within the Canadian flight line.



The RCA Association invites you to register for our next Web event to be held on **22 September 2022 at 7pm ET.**

"A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010" with Chief Warrant Officer (Mr Gnr) (Ret'd) Robert J. Beaudry MMM, CD

WO (Mr Gnr(Ret'd) Bob Beaudry will speak on his experience as BSM D Bty during TF 1-10 (1 RCR Battle Group Roto 9) in Afghanistan. He will also discuss the challenges and successes in mounting, training and preparing a Reg Force/P Res integrated Battery for combat operations.

The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes followed by a 15-minute question period.

► **Stay with us after the main event for some time to reconnect with old friends.**

Register now!

L'Association de l'ARC vous invite à vous inscrire à un événement Web qui aura lieu le **22 septembre 2022 à 19 h (HE).**

"L'expérience d'un SMB en Afghanistan 2010" avec Adjudant-chef (MArtil) (Retraité) Robert J. Beaudry MMM, CD

L'Adjud (MArtil) (Retraité) Bob Beaudry parlera de son expérience en tant que SMB de la batterie D au sein de la TF 1-10 (groupement tactique du 1 RCR - Roto 9) en Afghanistan. Il discutera également des défis et des réussites liés à la mise sur pied, à l'entraînement et à la préparation d'une batterie intégrée de la Force régulière/de la Réserve pour les opérations de combat.

La présentation durera environ 45 minutes et sera suivie d'une période de questions de 15 minutes.

► **Restez avec nous après l'événement principal pour renouer avec de vieux amis.**

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!





Walk in the 5th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans Sunday September 25, 2022 White Rock Memorial Park

**Courtenay, White Rock, Abbotsford, Kamloops, Edmonton, Sylvan Lake, Calgary,
Prince Albert, Kingston Philipsburg, Halifax and Virtual**

After two years of COVID-19 social isolation and walking virtually shoulder to shoulder in 152 cities across the country, the **2022 Fifth Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans** is finally able to return to in-person events over the weekend of September 24th and 25th in cities across the country and virtually. Working in partnership with the Order of St. George Grand Priory of Canada and the Americas and True Patriot Love, the 2022 Canadian Walk for Veterans will raise awareness of the plight of translators, interpreters, cultural advisors, and other locally employed people who were essential to Canada's missions in conflicts throughout the world such as the Balkans, Somalia, Rwanda and Afghanistan.

Leave No One Behind

Through their invaluable work, war zone interpreters, translators and cultural advisors enabled communication and understanding between parties. There was tremendous pressure on them to interpret accurately, remain calm, make decisions on-the-fly and be objective. As a consequence of their critical work, translators, interpreters and cultural advisors working in conflict zones placed their lives at risk, and, in many instances, were kidnapped, tortured and killed as traitors or prosecuted as spies. "A report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), issued in 2018, estimated that an interpreter is killed in a war zone every 36 hours."

Register and receive a 2022 Challenge Coin

Everyone who registers for the Canadian Walk For Veterans will receive a 2022 pewter Challenge Coin hand crafted right here in Canada by veteran-owned [Dracks Military Plaques](#). This year's image depicts a Canadian soldier with his locally employed interpreter and on the back of the coin is the military creed –

"Leave No One Behind"

The 2022 Recipients of Net Proceeds



As is our tradition, 80% of net proceeds from the Canadian Walk for Veterans goes to organizations that are working hard for the benefit of Canada's veterans and first responders. A major portion of net funds raised in the 2022 Canadian Walk for Veterans will go to the True Patriot Love Afghan Resettlement Fund. However, two years of COVID-19 has taken a toll on many military veteran and first responder organizations that rely on fundraising to support their work of providing support through rehabilitation services and helping develop the tools needed to cope. Therefore, a portion of this year's net proceeds will also go to those organizations that form a team and hold a Canadian Walk for Veterans event in their respective towns.



ABBOTSFORD

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Saturday September 24, 2022

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration at 9:00 am

Mill Lake at Centennial Park

Bevan Ave. at Primrose St.

Registration Fee \$25

Register at canadianwalkforveterans.com

Fifth Annual
Cinquième Année

CANADIAN WALK
FOR VETERANS™

MARCHE CANADIENNE
POUR LES VÉTÉRANS™

To register please visit: canadianwalkforveterans.com





WHITE ROCK

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sunday September 25, 2022

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration at 9:00 am

Memorial Park White Rock, B.C.

15300 Block Marine Drive

at the entrance to the White Rock Pier

Registration Fee \$25

Register at canadianwalkforveterans.com

Fifth Annual
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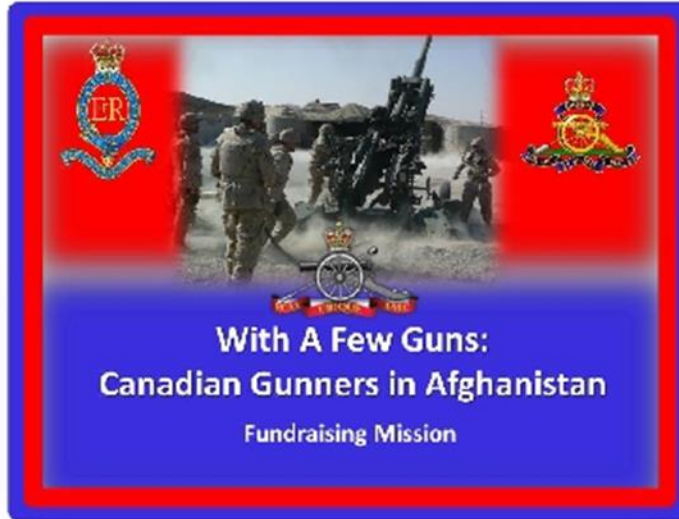
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To register please visit: canadianwalkforveterans.com



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.

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Bank of Montreal - 2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest

The official bank of the Defence Community

2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest Full Contest Rules

No purchase necessary. Your participation in this contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these contest rules and regulations. By participating in the contest, each participant represents and warrants that they meet these eligibility requirements and that they have read, accept and agree to be legally bound and comply with these rules (the “contest rules”).

Contest period

The 2022 BMO CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest (the “Contest”) begins on **June 13, 2022**, at 12:00:01 a.m. Eastern Time (“ET”) and ends on **September 30, 2022**, at 11:59:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”).

Eligibility

This Contest is open to **Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB), Bank of Montreal** customers who have a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a **CDCB Bank Plan** (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) as of June 13, 2022, who are legal residents of Canada and have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence. BMO accounts under a CDCB Bank Plan opened after September 30, 2022, do not qualify.

Employees (and those people with whom they are domiciled) of Bank of Montreal, and/or their subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively “BMO” or the “Sponsor”), or their respective advertising and promotional agencies, prize suppliers or the independent Contest administrator and their respective representatives are not eligible to enter the Contest.

How to enter

No Purchase Necessary:

When you open a **BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account** under a CDCB Bank Plan (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) **June 13, 2022 and September 30, 2022**, you will automatically be entered into the contest for the draw.

For existing BMO Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB) customers with a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a CDCB Bank Plan:

- Visit bmo.com/summer contest and complete all the required fields in the online registration form.
- Once you have completed your registration, you will be entered into the contest for the draw.

Each “lead account” on the CDCB Bank Plan will be entered as one eligible. The “lead account” must be open and in good standing on June 13, 2022 in order to qualify as an entry. The lead account is the one you designate to pay any fees required by your Bank Plan, for example, your monthly Plan fees and transaction fees.

Prizes

There are thirteen (13) prizes in total (each a “Prize”), with total prizes valued at \$80,000 available to be won during the Contest Period. There will be one (1) Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash and an additional twelve (12) prizes of \$5,000 cash for a total value of \$60,000.

There is a maximum of one (1) Prize per person. By accepting the Prize, the winner agrees that he or she is solely responsible for any consequences of accepting the Prize. The Prize is not transferable and will be awarded to the winners only. The Prize must be accepted as awarded.



General

- 1** This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.
- 2** All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned and proof of submission of a registration form or entry will not be proof of submission.
- 3** By entering the Contest, each entrant agrees to abide by these Contest Rules. This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws. Void where prohibited by law. The decisions of the contest judges with respect to all aspects of this Contest are final and binding on all entrants without right of appeal. For Quebec residents: Any litigation respecting the conduct or organization of a publicity contest may be submitted to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux for a ruling. Any litigation respecting the awarding of a prize may be submitted to the board only for the purpose of helping the parties reach a settlement.
- 4** By entering this Contest, entrants agree to hold harmless the Released Parties against any and all liability, damages or causes of action (however named or described) with respect to or arising out of:
 - i. entrant's participation in the Contest;
 - ii. the receipt or use/misuse of the prize (or any component thereof) awarded therein; and
 - iii. the administration of the Contest and distribution of the prizes.
- 5** All entries are subject to verification at any time and for any reason. The Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require proof of identity and/or eligibility (in a form acceptable to the Sponsor – including, without limitation, government issued photo identification):
 - i. for the purposes of verifying an individual's eligibility to participate in this Contest;
 - ii. for the purposes of verifying the eligibility and/or legitimacy of any entry entered (or purportedly entered) for the purposes of this Contest; and/or
 - iii. For any other reason the Sponsor deems necessary, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the purposes of administering this Contest in accordance with these Rules. Failure to provide such proof to the satisfaction of the Sponsor in a timely manner may result in disqualification in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor.
- 6** The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any person and void any entries of that person who it believes has tampered with the entry process or any other component of the Contest, whose conduct or action affects the administration, security or fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, or who fails to meet or abide by the Contest Rules.
- 7** The Sponsor will not be responsible for late, lost, illegible, fraudulent, misdirected, incomplete, destroyed registration forms or entries or for entries bearing insufficient postage. All such registration forms and/or entries will be void.
- 8** The Sponsor does not assume any responsibility and will not be liable for any failure of the telephone number(s) during the Contest, tampering, theft, defects, viruses, human errors including negligence, deletions, technical or telephone, computer line, network, server, access providers, computer equipment or software problems, undeliverable messages, computer errors, lost, misdirected, late or incomplete entries or inaccurate capture of information or any online difficulties that may result in computer damage or malfunction or the failure of the Sponsor to receive or process any entry and otherwise award any prize. The Sponsor is not responsible for printing errors appearing in these rules or related Contest materials. In addition, the Sponsor will not assume any responsibility of any nature whatsoever in all cases where their inability to hold the Contest or to remit the prizes to the winners results from a cause beyond their control, including acts of god, weather conditions, strike, lock-out or other labour dispute.
- 9** Any attempt to deliberately damage any telephone number or website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should an attempt be made, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 10** The Sponsor, with the consent of the Régie (if applicable), reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Contest in the event of any accident, printing, administrative, or other error of any kind without prior notice or obligation.
- 11** The Sponsor reserves the right subject to the approval of the Régie (if applicable) to withdraw or amend this Contest in any way, in the event of an error, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Sponsor that interferes with the proper conduct of this Contest as contemplated by these Contest Rules.
- 12** By entering this Contest, each entrant expressly consents to the Sponsor, its agents and/or representatives, storing, sharing and using the personal information submitted with his/her entry for the purpose of administering the Contest and in accordance with Sponsor's Privacy Policy available at: bmo.com/privacy.

Draw and winner selection

On November 07, 2022, in Toronto, ON, starting at approximately 10:00 a.m. ET, one (1) eligible entrant will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash; another twelve (12) eligible entrants will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the additional twelve (12) cash prizes of \$5,000. The odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries during the Contest Period.

The first entrant whose name is selected at random from all eligible entries will be awarded the Grand Prize. All prize winners will be notified by telephone or email at the telephone number or email address associated with the entrant's BMO Account within seven (7) calendar days of the draw date. Before being declared a winner, the selected entrant must first correctly answer, unaided, a time-limited mathematical skill-testing question to be administered by telephone or mail.

The selected entrants will be required to sign and return, within ten (10) calendar days of notification, the Sponsor's standard form of Declaration of Liability, Waiver and Publicity Release (the "Release") which, among other things:

- a. confirms compliance with the Contest Rules;
- b. releases the Contest Sponsor, its affiliated companies and agents, advertising and promotion agencies and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors (collectively "Released Parties") and assigns from any liability in connection with the Contest, the entrant's participation therein and/or the awarding and use or misuse of the Prize or any portion thereof; and
- c. grants to the Released Parties the right to use the selected entrant's name, address (city and province/territory) and likeness in any form of advertising relating to the Contest without further notice or compensation in any publicly or for promotional purposes carried out by or on behalf of the Sponsor. If a selected entrant does not meet any one of the Contest conditions as follows:
 - i. the selected entrant cannot be contacted by mail or telephone within ten (10) calendar days of selection or there is a return of any prior notification as undeliverable;
 - ii. the selected entrant fails to correctly answer the mathematical skill-testing question;
 - iii. the selected entrant's BMO Account is closed or is not in good standing; or
 - iv. the selected entrant does not sign and return the properly executed Release within the specified time, that entry can, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor, be disqualified and the Sponsor shall be entitled to select a new eligible winner from all remaining eligible entries.

The Sponsor is not responsible for any failure to contact any potential winner, whether as a result of human error or otherwise. Once declared a winner, the selected entrant will be directed as to how to claim his or her Prize.

