

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 30 May 2023

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### **Upcoming events – Mark your calendars**

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

- May 31** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting  
**June 07** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting  
**June 14** Van Arty Assoc AGM 1200hrs on Zoom  
**June 21** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting  
Museum Planning Meeting 0900-1200hrs - at Armoury and on Zoom

## Canadian Gunner News



The **May** issue of the Canadian Gunner News is now in your inbox or available online at <http://rca-arc.org>.

Your newsletter will come from our new email address, [Ubique@rca-arc.org](mailto:Ubique@rca-arc.org). Please add it to your contacts so you don't miss an issue.

**Catherine Gagnon** Director - RCAA Public Affaires /  
Directrice des affaires publiques de L'AARC

## The Army Cadet League of Cda, BC Branch is Seeking Our Assistance

The Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch is seeking assistance from our Regimental Association partners. The BC Branch urgently needs volunteers to assist the Branch as Zone Representatives across British Columbia. For more information [see notice in Poster section](#)

## **2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program**

Ends July 20, 2023 - [See Poster section for details.](#)

## Change of Command Parade 2023

The parade was held at Bessborough Armoury on May 27, 2023, with command being passed from LCol Nick Watts to LCol Andrew Grieve presided over by the Commander of 39 Canadian Brigade Group, Col WS (Scott) Raesler CD. In a brief ceremony before the parade, LCol Grieve was given his new rank badges.



*LCol Grieve was promoted to LCol on assuming Command of the Regiment and his badges of rank were put on his uniform by his partner Dr Vivian Tsang MGC, and his mother, Denise, while proud father Michael looked on and Col Raesler supervises.*

*Photo from Don Foster collection.*

*Regiment formed up.  
Awaiting arrival of Reviewing Officer.  
Rob Wishnicki collection*



*Regimental Band Acting Director of Music WO Nathaniel Senff greets Col Raesler as he arrives to inspect the Band. Parade Commander (Outgoing CO) LCol Nick Watts behind Col Raesler and Brigade Sgt Maj Anthony Harris slightly behind WO Senff.  
Photo from Don Foster collection.*

More pictures of the parade can be found on the Vancouver Gunners

Website. (see Website update further in newsletter)

## Hyack parade 2023

*Doug Loney and Andrew MacRae 26 May 2023*

The parade went really well today. There were good crowds who enjoyed seeing the FAT and 25 pounder. There were two announcement stages where the short summary that Doug wrote was read out, which described the vehicles and the museum.



*An action shot of our able driver, Bdr Loney, at the wheel.*

*Quad and 25pdr and limber.  
Crew L-R: Gnr Andrew MacRae,  
Bdr Doug Loney and Gnr Eric Halstead.*



*And lastly a photo of some of the crowd who were astonished to see such a cool vehicle rolling down the street. Picture taken from the vehicle commanders hatch looking back along the parade route.*



Doug did an excellent job driving the FAT from Bessborough to New West, through the parade and back. Eric was an admirable tail end Charlie and stuck with us through all the traffic. While we were in the parade assembly area a number of people came up to us to ask questions and take

pictures. Andrew was the co-driver and spent most of the time during the parade standing in the open hatch waving at the crowd and saluted at the saluting stand.

This statement was read out over a PA system at 2 places along the parade route.

*We have members of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery Museum driving a 1941 Canadian built Chevrolet Quad gun tractor towing a 25 pounder field gun and ammunition limber from World War II. The vehicle and gun bear the markings of 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA that was part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division that served in Northwest Europe from July 1944 until the end of the war.*

# A Battlegroup Commander's Perspective on Battlegroup Operations

*William Wells Wavell Room May 17, 2023*

I was lucky to have the privilege of commanding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of The Rifles, for a deployment which ran from late August 2021 to early December 2021. The central part of the deployment was Exercise Askari Storm, a 47-day battlegroup-level training exercise in Kenya which culminated in 14 days of battlegroup exercises. This article offers my key reflections on command and battlegroup operations and observations about how to fight.

Dispersal is not a new concept, but it is one we ignore at our peril, particularly when fighting a peer adversary with artillery. My challenge to the company commanders I led was to never lose more than a section (eight soldiers) in any fires contact. This saw us trying to ensure that sections were at least 250 metres from one another, less when they were so close to the enemy that the enemy would be unable to use their artillery for fear of bringing it down on themselves. To achieve this, companies advanced in lanes, dispersing their sections by both space and time, rolling through navigation points and, eventually, the forming up point, prior to any attack. We only concentrated for the decisive act before dispersing again (very hard to do; our tendency was to linger on the objective once it was clear). Such an approach is dependent on excellent junior leadership, strict levels of discipline, accurate situational awareness across the force and high levels of navigational competence (using GPS or maps).

Security is a principle of war, yet we are quick to let our guard down, sometimes with devastating consequences. In one exercise we lost 50% of a company to indirect fire after they remained in the same position, despite knowing that the enemy had identified them several hours beforehand. Why is this? Fatigue sets in and encourages us to lower our standards and take the easy route. We must keep our guard up. The enemy will come for us when we least expect it. If you're not ready you will die. On another occasion, 70% of a company was destroyed mounting its vehicles in an area they had failed to secure. This is a failure in the basics! Get your sentries out and keep them out. Secure your perimeter. Losses of this scale can never be tolerated.



*A soldier from 2 Rifles mortar platoon rides a quad bike on Exercise Askari Storm, Kenya.*

*Credit: MOD.*

As the commander, while remaining in your controlling HQ might give you the best situational awareness, it will not allow you to 'feel' the battle when it enters its decisive phase. For that part, the commander, in my view, needs to be sufficiently far forward so that

they can touch the progress of the fighting. In the main, company commanders are competent, but they can be slow to realise that their companies have culminated. This can quickly lead to a company over-extending and dragging the remainder of the battlegroup into a fight on

unfavourable terms. Positioned correctly, a battlegroup's commander can monitor progress and enact an echelon change at the point of maximum advantage, maintaining momentum and retaining the initiative.

Rightly identified during question 1 of the combat estimate, the possession of key terrain provides a marked advantage, and the possession of vital ground is critical to mission success. Where possible (and often it isn't), vital ground should be seized before a mission's decisive phase. Similarly, key terrain should either be seized prior to the decisive phase or, at least, denied to the adversary. We only got this right some of the time. Drawn from the manoeuvrist approach, get this right and you'll crush your adversary. The aim is to surprise an opponent with multiple dilemmas such that all their responses stutter and their command and control is confused. At its best, indirect fires (air, artillery and mortars) should synchronise with direct fires (machine guns, snipers and riflemen), all concurrent to approaches from several different directions.

We all know 'no plan survives contact with the enemy'. That said, we were lucky, often executing our plans. Having said that, on several occasions companies were thrown into the fight earlier or later than expected or given new tasks during the battle. Without a flexible mindset that quickly steps up to new challenges, you will lose the initiative you fought so hard to seize. Every commander, at every level, needs to anticipate being re-tasked continuously. Additionally, everyone must understand the commander's intent and the mission's main effort.



*A soldier from 2 Rifles mortar platoon takes a drink after a live fire serial on Exercise Askari Storm Kenya.*

*Credit: MOD.*

During our battle preparation, we drafted, war-gamed, finalised, and then briefed, down to section-commander level, battlegroup drills for deliberate defence, hasty defence, advance to contact, and obstacle crossings. Not only was this an excellent exercise in uniting all commanders as to how these operations would be conducted, it allowed a common understanding throughout the battlegroup resulting in the ability to move rapidly from one type of operation to another. In the latter stages of our exercise, we were able to redeploy using quick battle orders.

Painful though our pre-deployment training was, it saw us fall in love with the 4-hour planning cycle. We found both the 12-hour and 8-hour made us flabby. By contrast, the 4-hour kept us focused and energised. Not only this, when in the fight, it allowed us to give proper battle preparation time to our sub-units, when time allowed, and to move fast when time was against us. To enable such rapid planning, getting going early is key: as soon as you have a clue as to what might be in store for you next, get discussing it (I used my tactical HQ for this). Once in the planning cycle, issuing comprehensive direction at question 3, focused on the hard output you are seeking to achieve, paid dividends in generating concurrent activity.

Save yourself for command and allow your controlling HQ to control the battle, controlling things such as the preliminary move, the collation of the conditions check before your authorisation of the next action (we used a pre-determined checklist for this), the queuing up of assets ahead of mini-H Hours, casualty evacuation and resupply. As the commander, you must save yourself for the big decisions, only getting on the 'net' to press your subordinates to get on with the task you've given them. A commander must understand and judge these moments: experience counts. At all times act with respect. This was one of two key messages to the battlegroup, the other, understandably, being 'always laser-focused on winning'. You get respect wrong at your peril: respect for the locals, for the environment, for water, for fire, for wildlife, for yourself, for the history of your regiment or corps and for your enemy. I was encouraged that this message landed with the battlegroup, resulting in very few instances of disrespectful behaviour, behaviour which could have risked the whole operation.

## **Russia So Low on Armor It's Putting Arty and Naval Guns on Old Vehicles**

Adapt. Improvise. Put a massive cannon on a 1950s-era tank.

*Nicholas Slayton Task & Purpose May 21, 2023*



*Interesting photo-Old Soviet 2M-3M 25mm naval gun installed on ancient Soviet ATS-59G artillery tractor in service of Russian forces. This should be in a museum. (Screenshot via Twitter).*

When the war in Ukraine started, Ukrainian defenders found themselves converting civilian cars and other commercial items into weapons of war. These technicals, battle buggies and modified drones helped the initially outgunned forces repel assaults on Kyiv and central Ukraine. Now well into the second year of the war and Russia is now also utilizing its own Frankenstein's Monster-type weapons platforms. These kinds of cobbled together artillery and armor pieces are becoming common on the battlefield. Old, armored vehicles and tanks have been fitted with newer guns taken from artillery systems or ships, giving the outdated armor pieces some more modern firepower. There's a good reason for it. The war has been devastating to Russia's armed forces. It has lost as many as 2,000 tanks, being forced to pull increasingly older Soviet-era tanks out of storage to be fielded on the battlefield. Most recently tanks from the 1950s have been spotted in Ukraine. Many of the vehicles not outright destroyed have been captured, being used by Ukrainian forces in a kind of deadly Uno reverse card move. With fighting in the last six months turning into somewhat static, artillery-focused combat, Russia needs more artillery and fire support to keep up. These mix-and-match weapon systems show a mix of desperation and innovation by Russian forces.

*A 57 mm S-60 cannon 1950 model on the chassis of the T-55 tank in Russian service somewhere in Ukraine.*



This isn't that uncommon. Mounting weapons on vehicles not generally designed for them is a tried-and-true tactic in war. It's been done across Europe, Africa and the Middle East, from the Great Toyota War of the 1980s between Chad and Libya to a Libyan militia that more recently fitted a massive 90mm cannon onto a Humvee. If the vehicle can handle the weight and recoil of each weapon, it can be effective on the battlefield. And these relatively low-tech solutions, combined with some older weapons like World War I-era Maxim machine guns, have still proven to be effective in the war in Ukraine. Despite the many setbacks and museum pieces being brought out of storage, Russia so far has been able to keep up its positions in eastern and southern Ukraine. A report by the British think tank, the Royal United Services Institute, looked at Russian tactics in the second year of the war and noted that it has adapted its use of armor, using it instead for fire support to supplement artillery that might be low on ammunition — a tactic also used by Ukrainian troops. It looks like that also includes some very customized vehicles.

## **US Army Prepares for Fresh Mobile Communications Experiment**

*Colin Demarest Defense News May 16, 2023*



*US Army soldiers assigned to the "Can Do Battalion" test and provide feedback on network equipment during a three-week pilot at Fort Stewart, Georgia, in February 2022. (Capt. Detrick Moore/US Army)*

Formation Network On-The-Move Pilot, is scheduled for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, and will likely happen at Fort Bliss, Texas, according to John Gillette, the product manager for mission network at the Army's Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical, or PEO C3T.

Armored formations now lack the connectivity Army leaders want, and network modernization is among the service's top priorities as it prepares for potential large-scale conflicts with China in the Indo-Pacific or Russia in Europe. Armor often can't afford to stop — or stop for too long, lest be targeted — and runs the risk of digitally disconnecting as it thunders across the landscape. The heavy-duty machinery also presents unique challenges to designers, integrators and crew: Tight quarters make every inch precious; power consumption needs to be balanced, and constant rumbles and vibration require rugged hardware. The upcoming on-the-move pilot will ultimately help “outfit the armored units” as well as inform the next wave of development, Gillette said at an event this month at Fort Myer, Virginia. Future equipment, he added, will be “a lot simpler and a lot more resilient, and then also lighter on the vehicle.” PEO C3T is moving away from what were known as capability sets, batches of upgraded equipment rolled out every other year, to what is now recognized as the “division as a unit of action network design,” meant to address the Army's 2030 and 2040 goals.

The initial on-the-move experimentation was done in early 2022, at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Bundles of equipment were distributed for evaluation at the time, with soldier feedback indicating that the new gear significantly improved the ability to move and communicate quickly, C4ISRNET reported. “We took an armored brigade and we outfitted three companies with three different solution sets. The intent there was to inform us on what types of technologies would work, but not to do a downselect,” Gillette said. “We started out with the legacy vehicles, the M1068. Our objective vehicle is the AMPV, or the Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle, the command post variant.” BAE Systems-made AMPVs were in March delivered to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart. The vehicles share common components with the Army fleet, including Bradleys and howitzers. The Army expected to buy 197 AMPVs in 2024, when combining base budget and supplemental funding.

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

### **Change of Command Ceremony – 27 May 2023**

Check out the photos posted here.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/change-of-command-2023.html>

### **Museum Planning Meeting 21 June 2023**

A morning planning meeting will be held from 0900h to 1200h at the Bessborough Armoury on Wednesday, 21 June. We will be discussing the near term (2023) as well as some much longer term possibilities, suggestions, plans and projects for our regimental museum. Participation of current volunteers, and also those that wish to assist the museum in the future, is welcome and we look forward to a very productive and useful morning discussion.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/museum-planning-meeting>

### **68 Battery 30'ish Campout Reunion**

Anne Nikodem (former Bombardier Anne Edwards) and Terry Stratton (former Bombardier Terry Stratton) organized a great 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion for the 68 Battery ‘Valley’ Gunners. Check out the story here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/68-bty-30ish-reunion.html>



## Colonel Geoffrey Brooks Memorial Essay Competition

Congratulations to Lieutenant Leiland Lloyd for winning top prize with his submission to the Colonel Geoffrey Brooks Memorial Essay Competition. You can download his article, [Towed Artillery in the Modern Battle Space](#) from The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery website [rca-arc.org](http://rca-arc.org)

## New Westminster Hyack Festival Parade

Vancouver Artillery Association members drove the Museum's Field Artillery Tractor in the Hyack Parade. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/new-westminster-hyack-parade>

## Vancouver Artillery Association Annual General Meeting

Join us on 14 Jun 2023 at 12:00 Noon as we hold our Annual General Meeting via Zoom. More details to follow in the near future.

**Wednesday Lunch Zoom Meeting.** Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesdays from noon. Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link:- **This is a new link!** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=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 **Interstate TDR** was an early unmanned combat aerial vehicle — referred to at the time as an "assault drone" — developed by the Interstate Aircraft and Engineering Corporation during the Second World War for use by the United States Navy. Capable of being armed with bombs or torpedoes, 2000 aircraft were ordered, but only around 200 were built. The type saw some service in the Pacific Theater against the Japanese, but continuing developmental issues affecting the aircraft, along with the success of operations using more conventional weapons, led to the decision being made to cancel the assault drone program in October 1944.



Control of the TDR-1 would be conducted from either a control aircraft, usually a Grumman TBF Avenger, with the operator viewing a television screen showing the view from a camera mounted aboard the drone along with the radar altimeter's readout, or via a pilot on board the TDR-1 for test flights. Powered by two Lycoming O-435 engines of 220 horsepower (160 kW) each, the TDR-1 used a remarkably simple design, with a steel-tube frame constructed by the Schwinn bicycle company covered with a molded wood skin, thus making little use of strategic materials so as not to impede production of higher priority aircraft. Capable of being optionally piloted for test flights, an aerodynamic fairing was used to cover the cockpit area during operational missions. The TDR-1 was equipped with a fixed tricycle landing gear that would be jettisoned in operation after takeoff for improved performance.

**This Week:** Many of our readers began their military service training on firearms that are now housed in museums. In fact, some of those readers are themselves housed in museums. We hope to display a few in the future, once our taxidermist receives permission from Health and Safety Canada to proceed with a couple of former commanding officers.

Our little museum displays some of those iconic firearms, such as the Ross Rifle, the Lee-Enfield No. 4, and the FN C1A1. We have others in storage but are currently working on obtaining more secure display cases so that they can be shown to the public. We don't want a repeat of the incident at the Royal Spuzzum Hussar's Museum where several Sten guns went missing after a visit by the local daycare centre. Hushing up the incident took some doing. However, there are firearms that are rarer than an old Sten gun and would be prized by any museum lucky enough to have one. Such do come to light occasionally. The passing of the Greatest Generation has revealed that some soldiers did manage to smuggle home kit that was not really welcomed by the local Provost chaps: shells used as doorstops, grenades that are still primed and ready, and

firearms that are only legal in Ukraine and the USA.



One of these rarities is the subject of this week's quiz. The photo is rather blurry, as we don't have a budget to pay for better quality

copies, but it does reveal an interesting firearm, one that did not see widespread service. It was, however, quite innovative, which means it couldn't have been used by the Canadian Army. Your task is to identify it and tell us something about it. What made it so innovative, and who could play with it? Send your musings to the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.\\_redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd._redmond@telus.net)). Avoid a fuzzy foresight!

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

Why should you never believe atoms      They make up everything.

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

Failure is not an option. It is mandatory. The option is whether or not to let failure be the last thing you do.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Two things define you: Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything. *Imam Ali*

## 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:- **[This is a new link and password!](#)**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zql0HvnBlMlCYmw0p6ZDwe.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)

The Zoom logo is displayed in white lowercase letters on a solid blue rectangular background.

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

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



24 April 2023

Le 24 avril 2023

Distribution List

Liste de distribution

2023 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR  
FAMILIES OF CURRENTLY SERVING  
CANADIAN ARMED FORCES  
MEMBERS AND VETERANS

PROGRAMME DE BOURSES D'ÉTUDES  
D'APPUYONS NOS TROUPES DE 2023  
POUR LES FAMILLES DES MEMBRES  
ACTIFS ET DES VÉTÉRANS  
DES FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES

1. This letter announces details of the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program available to families of currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and veterans for the 2023/24 academic year. This program is made possible through Support Our Troops, the official charitable cause of the CAF Community. Support Our Troops is supported by donations from individual Canadians, contributions from third party events and external organizations and proceeds from the sale of Yellow Ribbon merchandise. This Program is intended to complement but not duplicate other scholarship programs offered to the CAF Community.

1. La présente a pour but de vous faire part des détails entourant le Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 offert aux familles des membres actifs et des vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) pour l'année scolaire 2023-2024. Ce programme existe grâce à Appuyons nos troupes, l'œuvre de bienfaisance officielle de la communauté des FAC. Appuyons nos troupes est financé au moyen de dons versés par des particuliers au Canada, de revenus générés par des activités organisées par des tiers, de la vente d'articles arborant le ruban jaune et de contributions d'organisations de l'extérieur. Ce programme vise à compléter et non à offrir en double d'autres programmes de bourses d'études destinés aux membres de la communauté des FAC.

2. This year (2023) represents the ninth year of the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program whereby eligible families of currently serving members of the CAF, families of veterans and bereaved families may qualify to receive a scholarship. At this time, a minimum of seventy-five (75) scholarships are available, ranging between \$500 and \$5000 in value.

2. Cette année (2023) marque la neuvième année du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes grâce auquel des familles endeuillées ainsi que celles des membres actifs et des vétérans des FAC peuvent être admissibles à une bourse d'études. À ce stade-ci, un minimum de soixante-quinze (75) bourses d'études variant de 500 \$ à 5000 \$ seront décernées.

3. Registration for the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program will open on 1 May 2023 at

<https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/Scholarships>

4. Applications must be submitted by 20 July 2023 and are to include:

- a. three-part essay;
- b. A letter of reference;
- c. Most recent academic transcript;
- d. Proof of enrollment from academic institution;
- e. A point form list of volunteer/civic engagement activities.

5. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and recipients of a Support Our Troops Scholarship will be announced in September 2023.

6. Members of the CAF Community looking for additional financial support related to post-secondary education are encouraged to learn more about [Student Lines of Credit](#) and to [book an appointment](#) with a lending expert from BMO Bank of Montreal.

3. Nous accepterons les demandes dans le cadre du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2023 au

<https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Obtenir-du-soutien/Bourses-d-etudes>.

4. La date limite de soumission d'une demande est le 20 juillet 2023, et celle-ci doit comprendre :

- a. Une dissertation divisée en trois parties;
- b. une lettre de recommandation;
- c. le relevé de notes le plus récent;
- d. une attestation d'inscription à un établissement d'enseignement;
- e. une liste en style télégraphique des activités de bénévolat/d'engagement communautaire.

5. Un comité de sélection examinera les demandes, et les noms des récipiendaires d'une bourse d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes seront dévoilés en septembre 2023.

6. Les membres de la communauté des FAC qui désirent obtenir du soutien financier supplémentaire afin de poursuivre des études postsecondaires sont priés de se renseigner sur les [marges-crédits aux étudiants](#) et de [prendre rendez-vous](#) avec un expert en matière de prêts de la BMO Banque de Montréal.

7. In addition to the scholarships identified above, Support Our Troops also administers and distributes bursaries from the annual interest generated from the George and Helen Vari Foundation Education Bursary Program. Active members of the CAF who meet eligibility criteria may apply. For more information, please visit: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. CFMWS welcomes other donations and contributions to help deliver and expand the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program. Persons interested in this regard are encouraged to visit the Support Our Troops at <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Give-Support> for more information.

9. I ask for your support in ensuring that the contents of this letter are widely distributed.

7. En plus des bourses mentionnées ci-dessus, Appuyons nos troupes administre et distribue aussi les bourses en fonction des intérêts annuels que génère le programme de bourses d'études de la Fondation George et Helen Vari. Les membres en service actif des Forces armées canadiennes admissibles peuvent en faire la demande. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez visiter: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. Les SBMFC invitent toute personne intéressée à verser un don en vue d'assurer la prestation du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes et d'en élargir la portée. Les personnes intéressées sont invitées consulter le site d'Appuyons nos troupes au <https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Apport-er-du-soutien> pour en savoir plus.

9. Je vous demande votre appui pour veiller à ce que la présente soit distribuée à grande échelle.

Le chef de la direction des  
Services de bien-être et moral des Forces canadiennes



Ian C. Poulter  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services

## THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA (BRITISH COLUMBIA)



17 May 2023

Dear Sir/Ma'am;

The Army Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Branch is seeking out assistance from our Regimental Association partners. The BC Branch urgently needs volunteers to assist the Branch as Zone Representatives across British Columbia.

A BC Branch Zone representative is a liaison between the BC Branch and the Corps Support Committee. We work with Support Committees in all 47 BC Army Cadet Corps to ensure that they are trained and knowledgeable in their roles to assist our DND Partners. This will ensure the ACLC can deliver the best possible experience in all of BC's diverse communities and ensure harmonious Corps Operations.

As a Branch Zone Representative, we ask you to make regular contact with the Corps Support Committee by attending meetings, award presentations, and Corps events as required. The Branch will also host an online bi-monthly meeting to provide updates from the Branch and to keep communication open.

We hope you can volunteer with us and make a difference in the Army Cadet Program and your community.

If you are interested in volunteering with the BC Branch, please contact me, the Executive Director for more information.

We thank you for your assistance;

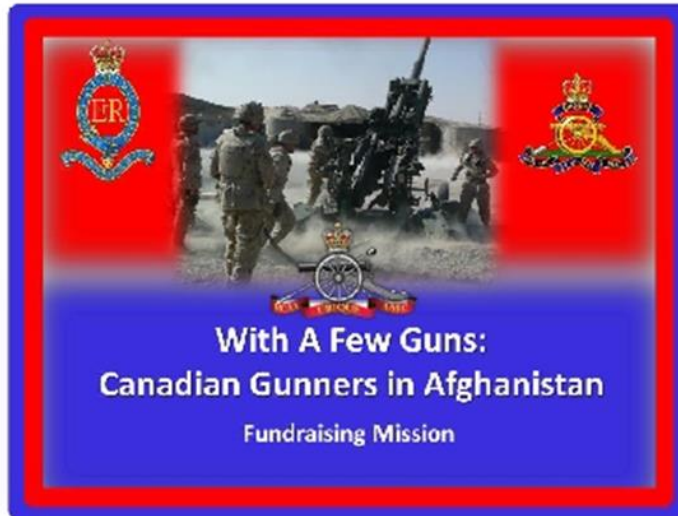
Sincerely;

Elisabeth Mortlock  
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## With a Few Guns

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



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

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

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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

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

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

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# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



**Commemoration Chypre 2024**



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## 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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