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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – [see poster section](#)

Oct 04 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.

Oct 11 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.

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

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

North Vancouver Trails Closing for Explosives Search

It's the third time the contractors have been back, and they expect to find and detonate more explosives. *Brent Richter North Shore News Sep 25, 2023*



UXO team member Riley Dodginghorse uses a metal detector to scour the former Blair Rifle Range for unexploded mortar shells and grenades in February 2023.

Paul McGrath, North Shore News files

Explosives experts contracted by the Department of National Defence are back in North Vancouver, searching the Blair Rifle Range lands for lost and forgotten munitions. Though the area is

mostly trees and trails now, it was an active military training site from the 1930s to the 1960s, where soldiers handled mortars and grenades, some of which failed to detonate.



Two unexploded ordnance, or UXO, found in North Vancouver's Blair Rifle Range Lands in March 2023.

Department of National Defence



It's the third time the Department of National Defence has been back to the Blair Rifle Range lands as part of its mission to clear "legacy sites" of unexploded ordnance, or UXO. In 2018, the team carried out a search of the areas around existing trails on the southern portion of the site and found about 200 kilograms of mortar shells, dummy rounds and grenade components. They returned in the winter of 2023 to clear two more hectares of land, finding two mortar shell components containing high explosives. "And we're only expecting to find more as we're moving through the next phases of the task," said Sean Davies, project manager with the contractor working on the site, at a community meeting on Monday. Crews are currently removing brush from a 17-hectare swath of property northwest of McCartney Creek Park, which is considered by DND to be a "medium risk." Starting in mid-October, they will be working with metal detectors to look for military remnants 30 to 45 centimetres below the surface. This stretch of UXO work is expected to last until May of 2024, with a likely return to the Blair Rifle Range lands next fall and into 2025.

Unlike previous UXO clearing missions, however, this next phase of work will require full closures of the popular hiking, mountain biking and dog walking trails in the areas where crews are working, often for months at a time. The purpose is to give workers a 50-metre buffer any time they are dealing with UXO. Any trail that is closed will have signs posted warning people to choose a different route. "We're trying to minimize the impact to the public. We know some people are not going to be happy to hear these trails are closed. It's really for everybody's safety," said Debbie Nicholls, senior project manager of the DND's UXO program. "When you look at the UXO work that we're doing, it's slow. It's very dangerous work. Everything is done by hand." If and when they find anything potentially dangerous, members of the Canadian Forces will be brought in to dispose of the UXO, typically by planting a charge on it and detonating it safely on site. When that happens, crews will close all the nearby trails first, and alert nearby community members. The types of mortar shells used at the Blair Rifle Range could be lethal to anyone standing within 10 metres. Although UXO are unlikely to go off on their own, they can blow up if disturbed, so the DND says it is imperative that no one dig, build trails or light camp fires anywhere on the former Blair Rifle Range lands.

If you ever spot anything that looks like it may be UXO, the DND recommends you leave it where it is, turn around and leave the same way you came in, and call 911. Today, the land is jointly owned by the province of BC and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which has indicated there are no plans to make any changes to the site.

Federal Government Looking to Cut \$1 Billion from DND Budget

Just weeks ago, the government endorsed NATO pledge to hit 2 per cent spending benchmark.

Murray Brewster CBC News Sep 29, 2023



The deputy minister of defence said that while the cuts will be designed to have minimal effects, he acknowledged that 'there will be impact.'

Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press

The Liberal government is looking to cut almost \$1 billion from the annual budget of the Department of National Defence (DND) — a demand the country's top military commander says is prompting some "difficult" conversations within the military. Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Wayne Eyre and Deputy Minister of Defence Bill Matthews testified before the House of Commons defence committee late Thursday, where they acknowledged in more detail the ramifications of the federal government's spending reduction plan. Earlier this month, Eyre and Matthews released a joint internal statement warning that the department would be expected to contribute to the federal government's overall plan to reduce spending.

Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Wayne Eyre told MPs there's 'no way' to take \$1 billion out of the defence budget without 'an impact.'

Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press



"There's no way that you can take almost a billion dollars out of the defence budget and not have an

impact," Eyre told the four-party committee. "This is something that we're wrestling with now." DND's main estimates for 2023-24 say the department's budget for this year is expected to be \$26.5 billion. Late Friday, Defence Minister Bill Blair issued a series of posts on social media denying the budget will be cut, putting himself at odds with his two most senior officials. "Canada's defence spending has increased year after year under our government. That spending growth will continue," Blair wrote on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter. "We're reviewing spending to find savings on things like consulting and travel, but overall spending on defence will continue to grow." He defended the amount of money the Liberals have put into defence since being elected in 2015. "From protecting Canadians during forest fires and floods, to training Ukrainians and supporting our NATO allies, our Canadian Armed Forces always deliver for Canada," Blair wrote. "We'll continue to invest in them, so that they have the tools they need to do their jobs. Any claim that Canada is 'cutting' defence spending is not accurate, because overall defence spending has increased and will continue to increase."

During a meeting of the Senate defence committee Thursday, Chief of the Defence Staff General Wayne Eyre told Parliamentarians about the impact of cutting the close to \$1 billion the Liberals have said they'll shave off the defence budget. With their 2017 defence policy and subsequent budgets — including a 20-year \$38 billion plan to modernize NORAD — the Liberals have increased defence spending and have pledged to continue to do so. Blair's statement is at odds with what the committee heard, however. Answering a question about proposed cuts from the Bloc Quebecois before the committee on Thursday, Blair acknowledged the exercise was underway. "We are looking very carefully at expenditures. It may require, for example, that we make different choices," the minister said, citing one possible area of reduction: the number of professional services contracts the department issues. Cutting those services would not amount to \$1 billion in annual savings, however. While he didn't state it directly, Blair's posts suggest the Liberals will claim they'll continue to put additional money into defence — just not as much as they had planned earlier. "We have to, to look very carefully at expenditures," Blair said. "It may actually require some of the investments that we know we have to make — we may have to make over a longer period of time in response to the current fiscal situation."



The Canadian Armed Forces has introduced relaxed rules for service terms and appearance — allowing longer hair and facial hair — as strategies it hopes will help recruit and retain members. On Thursday, Eyre said that earlier in the day he'd had a "very difficult session" with the commanders of the

various services. He said that meeting was intended "to explain this to our people" at a time when

the international situation is becoming increasingly precarious — partly due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Word of the planned cuts, which have not been specified, comes just weeks after the Liberal government agreed with other NATO allies on a pledge to make the alliance's defence spending benchmark of two per cent of gross domestic product an "enduring commitment." Living up to that pledge would require a substantial increase in the defence appropriation. According to NATO's latest annual report, Canada spent an estimated 1.3 per cent of its GDP on the military last year — well below the target. Coming out of the alliance's summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, the Liberal government faced a storm of bad press and increased pressure from allies to step up its financial commitment.

How the planned cuts will affect Canada's commitment to NATO is unclear. Germany also recently walked back its pledge to meet the two per cent target. Matthews told the defence committee Thursday that the process of identifying proposed cuts is underway and will lead to a spending reduction of "nearly, I think ... \$900 million and change, [which will] ramp up over four years." While he insisted the cuts will be prioritized so that "they have the least amount of impact possible," he acknowledged that "there will be impact." Matthews said the spending reductions will be aimed at "minimizing impact on military readiness."

Conservative defence critic James Bezan questioned Bill Mathews of the Department of National Defence on planned cuts to the department. Mathews says the DND is aiming at the 'least amount of impact possible.' Conservative defence critic James Bezan demanded assurances on that point. "What's going to give here on a billion dollars this year?" he asked. "And how are we going to deal with the threat environment that we're in if we're going to continue to cut rather than invest in our Canadian Armed Forces?" Treasury Board President Anita Anand, the former defence minister, told other federal cabinet ministers in August they will be required to cut \$15.4 billion in government spending and that they had until Oct 2 to present their ideas. At the time, Anand said the Liberal government wanted to ensure money was spent wisely while delivering on key government promises such as dental and childcare. Blair suggested to the defence committee that some of the savings could be attained by putting off planned equipment spending. "We do know that we have to look very carefully at the expenditures," he said. "It may actually require some of the investments that we know we have to make, [that] we may have to make over a longer period of time in response to the current fiscal situation."

Ukraine War Inspires Weapons That Crack Tanks at Weakest Point

Sebastian Sprenger Associate editor for Europe at Defense News Sep 20, 2023

LONDON — Western companies are developing weapons aimed at cracking battle tanks from the top, their weakest point, or that can rain down thousands of metal fragments on dug-in infantry from falling drones. The novelties come as arms manufacturers tune their lineups to the immediate experience of the brutal, close-range fighting in Ukraine, a trend on display at the DSEI defense trade show held last week in London. Germany's Rheinmetall, for example, is reviving a Cold War concept of bouncing mines in its proposed Area Defence Weapon. The system, which resembles a small beer keg sitting on radial stabilizers, uses a combination of sensors to verify that a tank is passing by only to launch itself into the air and drill a 155-

millimeter artillery munition into the vehicle's topside on the way down. The company said the weapon, ready for use in a few years, could be used in combination with traditional anti-tank mines, where the ADW munition goes after mine-clearing vehicles to keep adversaries' armored columns from advancing through mined areas. The re-emergence of mine warfare brings to mind the situation on the frontlines of Ukraine's defense against Russia, described in a recent Washington Post report as the world's most mine-contaminated piece of land.



A girl inspects a destroyed Russian tank near the village of Oskol, Kharkiv region, on Oct. 9, 2022, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Western companies are developing new weapons designed to punch through tanks from the top, their weakest spot.

(Photo by Anatolii Stepanov/AFP via Getty Images)

Rheinmetall, for its part, doesn't refer to the Area Defence Weapon as a mine because the units can be turned off remotely or be programmed to let friendly forces through, with a human operator involved in the process of arming the system. "Battlefield barriers, and anti-tank mines in particular, have been taken out of commission by NATO forces almost completely since the end of the Cold War," a company representative explained. "The re-building of that capability is currently the subject of analyses and concepts." Meanwhile, Finnish company Insta is throwing its Steel Eagle shrapnel-throwing drone into the ring for meeting a Ukrainian need for killing large numbers of foot soldiers on the open battlefield with fewer scarce munitions fired as they repel Russian invaders and take back territory. The quadcopter drone carries a fragmentation charge, which notably started its developmental life as a bouncy mine à la ADW, over infantry positions, shredding fighters with 3,000 projectiles so forceful they even penetrate thin armor, according to the company.

Steel Eagle can spray an area as large as a third of a soccer pitch with enough fragments that every square meter will get an average of one-and-a-half projectiles. The drone can also be programmed to drop down to a low altitude right before exploding for a denser spray, Tuure Lehtoranta, a vice president at Insta's defense unit, told Defense News. Ukrainian officials have been pleading with Western allies for controversial cluster munitions that deal a similar effect, with the United States agreeing this summer to deliver some of the Pentagon's old stocks. According to videos circulated on social media, frontline troops have used drones to drop grenades on Russian soldiers, an effect that Lehtoranta said is too "pointed" for the kind of mass punch envisioned by Ukrainian commanders. The company says its primary target is equipping

its home forces of Finland with the Steel Eagle capability. “There is interest not limited to Finland,” the executive said.

What Are EFP Bombs?

Once triggered, an EFP turns a copper or steel warhead into a molten projectile that can punch through the main armor of almost any vehicle in the US Military.

Joshua Skovlund Task & Purpose Sept 21, 2023

In a report on EFP fatalities declassified several years ago, 195 American service members were killed and close to 900 wounded by EFPs from July 2005 to November 2011. The lethality of these devices forced the American military to find and implement new defensive technologies and tactics as countermeasures to combat EFPs throughout the war. What is an EFP? An EFP is a copper warhead that, once detonated, is superheated, turning it into a molten projectile that can punch through almost anything — including M1 Abrams tanks and MRAPs. They are usually designed to be triggered by motion, remotely, or via pressure switches like other types of IEDs. “EFPs are a kind of mine that has two special characteristics. One is that the mine can be deployed quite far away from the side of a road or wherever the target is,” said Dr Michael Knights, a Jill and Jay Bernstein Fellow at The Washington Institute. Knights has traveled throughout Iraq, Yemen, and the Gulf States and regularly briefs US government policymakers, congressional committees, and US military officers on regional security affairs. “And second, they have a very powerful, armor-piercing effect that can penetrate even the most modern main battle tanks,” Knights said.



*Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, deliberately detonate a known roadside bomb trigger point near Qedar, north of Baghdad, Iraq.
(Sgt John Crosby/US Army).*

Knights explained that a particularly lethal aspect of EFPs is their ability to hide in plain sight, sometimes hung under a bridge, within a brick wall, the upper part of a lamppost, or in a HESCO barrier. Although EFPs can be used as an accurate munition, as the war on terror continued the creators of these menacing improvised explosive devices designed them to be daisy-chained area weapons to counter America’s defensive measures. History of EFP bombs in the War on Terror. After US forces invaded Iraq, EFPs surfaced and caused an abrupt change in tactics. When the molten projectiles started disabling heavily armored vehicles, among other types of IEDs, the

military implemented jamming systems to prevent remote triggers. Then terrorists switched to command wires, which carried an electric charge from the ignitor to the main device, rendering jamming useless. The military's technology advanced, and drones could pick up the wires and warn incoming personnel. In a third evolution, EFPs were set up with a passive infrared motion sensor. Knights said terrorists would wait until there were no vehicles between the EFP and the incoming convoy, then they would arm the EFP remotely before the convoy's jamming system was in range.

The military found a way to bypass the motion sensors by using booms that could trigger the motion sensor trigger in front of the vehicle. That evolution caused the molten projectile to fly in front of the vehicle, often missing it entirely. Terrorists then switched to offset EFPs, so the US responded with variable-length booms, making it harder to offset the explosion accurately. "Those were the kinds of back and forth. It was really mainly about initiation. [...] So it wasn't about armoring, it was about pre-detonating, or it was about attacking the network," Knights said. "In other words, proactively going and finding the attack network and killing them. Stopping these devices from getting into country in the first place."

Not all EFPs are the same, but all of them are deadly. Reports of EFP devices being used to counter armor in Ukraine have surfaced on the internet. A video shared to NextaTV's X (formerly Twitter) account shows an airburst-style munition claiming to be an EFP. After the airburst, an impact is visible on the Russian anti-aircraft system, followed by flames belching upward into the sky. It's possibly a 155mm BONUS Howitzer round fired from an M114 Howitzer — basically an EFP on steroids, and one of Ukraine's most requested weapons. Once fired, the carrier shell separates in the air, releasing two individual sensor-fuzed warheads with the ability to seek out their own targets within a range of 32,000 square meters. The shell fired from a NATO L52 gun can reach out to 35 kilometers, or approximately 22 miles. Russia has used IEDs in Ukraine, leaving them as counter-measures during withdrawals but concrete proof of improvised EFPs isn't available yet.

The most effective way to counter EFPs, according to Knights, is using a counter-intelligence strategy to find and take out EFP manufacturers. Though it's not a 100% effective means of countering roadside EFPs, it compliments defensive measures like variable-length booms, and jamming equipment troops can add to their armored vehicles. RAFAEL's Reactive Armor Tiles and the ShieldAll armor system, developed by Battelle and produced by PVI, both claim to be effective measures to counter EFPs and other types of penetrating impacts, but due to the sensitive nature of the research, very little is declassified.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

RCAA Executive Position

The Royal Canadian Artillery Association is currently looking for a Secretary. This is a voting position on the executive (President, Vice-President, Past-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 4 Divisional Reps). The main responsibilities include attending monthly zoom meetings,

transcribing recordings of the monthly meeting into a Record of Discussion and compiling the Annual Report. Check out some more details here:

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rcaa-executive-position>

15th Canadian Field Regiment, RCA History Book

Thanks to Doug Loney we now have a scanned pdf copy of the 15th Canadian Field Regiment's history on our reference page.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/15th-canadian-field-regiment-rca8300598>

Have you Voted Today?

Help Support Honour House! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/honour-house>

Officers' Mess Table Runners

How did you spend your Tuesday night?

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/table-runners>

Quartermaster Stores

We've had some items donated with the caveat that if they did not fit into our museum collection, we were allowed to sell them and receive some money for our heritage projects.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/quartermaster-stores7333216>

Point Grey Battery Autumn Clean Up

Still looking for volunteers. Who's available for 21 October 2023? We'll scrape some moss, clean up the gun stores room, add some QR codes, grease some hinges.

Send me an email if you're interested president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Wednesday Lunch

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnB1MCYmw0p6ZDwe.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: In 1942, Bell Aircraft secretly built America's first jet, the **P-59 Airacomet**. Up to



this point, a propeller was as important to a plane as tires were to a car. To keep this new project top secret, the P-59 was fitted with a fake propeller that it wore everywhere but in the air. One of the test pilots for the P-59 was a man named Jack Woolams. Jack didn't care one bit about this secrecy and made a hobby out

of flying his jet as close to other planes as possible. To make these sighting even more special, he would dress up for the occasion. When men would go to the Air Force psychologist saying that they had seen a “loud, fast propless plane piloted by a gorilla in a derby hat, waving a stogie!” the psychologists would tell them, “That is impossible! How can a plane fly without a propeller?”

This Week: Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a.....well, hmm. The history of flight is full of odd shapes and devices. Many of them qualify as aeroplanes (or, if you prefer "airplanes") due to the fact that there is a plane surface that causes lift. This rules out balloons as aeroplanes, as well as helicopters. All are aircraft, however.



To put things historically, the first aeronauts ascended to the heavens via balloons, first hot air ones, later gas-filled devices. Following these brave pioneers came a few who used human-lifting kites, such as those designed and built by our own Alexander Graham Bell, and then a school of

thought that favoured rigid frames around balloons, exemplified by Count Zeppelin's monsters. After that, thanks to Orville and Wilbur Wright, came aeroplanes. But the story does not stop there. What of helicopters? Well, many were the attempts, mostly quite unsuccessful, until two schools of thought got it right, the machines produced by Germany before and during the war, and the type perfected by Igor Sikorsky, who preferred a trilby to a flight helmet.

However, there was another branch of the tree of flight that, while once getting a lot of press, is now virtually forgotten. Our image of the week is of a leaf from that branch. Our questions are: what are these flying machines called? What is the one pictured? Whose traffic police are brave enough to use one? Send those answers in to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the hovering author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Drive safely!

From the 'Punitary'

How do you make an octopus laugh? You use ten-tickles.

Murphy's Other Laws

When you have secured the area, make sure the enemy knows it too.

Quotable Quotes

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them. - *Franz Kafka*



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

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

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

Events surrounding the RCA Association AGM include:

Thursday 12 October, 2023 – Proposed Social/Cultural Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Click the link below for administrative instructions and AGM Schedule.

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

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

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

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

Visite du QGDN au Mémorial afghan (Campus de Carling)

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

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

et/ou Mémorial national de l'artillerie

Jeudi 12 octobre 2023 - Activités sociales/culturelles proposées

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register now!

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!

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Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

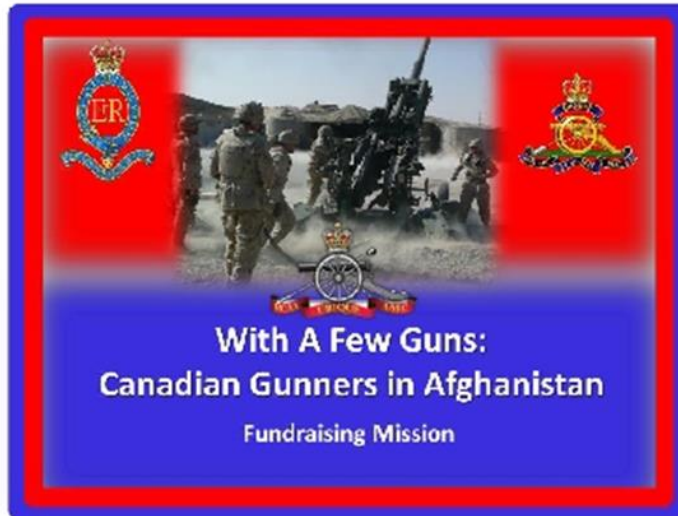
In the coming weeks, you will receive a formal invitation from the Commanding Officer LCol AW Grieve, CD, and the Officers of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment to attend our annual St Barbara's Day Dinner.

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

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

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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