

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News – 5 Dec 2023

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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland Battlefield Tour – see poster section

- Dec 06** Wed ‘Zoom’ lunch meeting.
- Dec 09** AFOA Annual Christmas Lunch
- Dec 10** Commanding Officer's Christmas Tea

Looking For a Christmas Gift?

Check out Hal Skaarup's great series of books about Cannon in Canada
(see list in poster section)

Colonel Commandant's Visit

The Col Comdt talks about the Regimental Museum's collection of old guns and equipment with Bdr (Ret'd) Doug Loney of the Vancouver Artillery Association and former member of the Regiment.

Brigadier General (Ret'd) David A Patterson MSM CD, Colonel Commandant RCA, came to Vancouver to visit the Regiment. He toured the museum and Armoury on Dec 2, 2023, prior to the 15th Field Artillery Regiment's St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night Dinner. The Colonel



Commandant compared notes with Leon Jensen and Doug Loney while reviewing the highlights of artifacts and the military vehicles on display.



A view down the passageway from North entrance to Point Grey Gun positions. Entrance to No 1 gun projectile and elevator room on right, emergency escape ladder access on left. The tunnel, which went all the way to No 2 & 3 guns during the war, is closed off from the other two by the white door at the far end.

The Colonel Commandant also toured Point Grey and Stanley Park Coast Battery positions. The Teahouse Restaurant, the former officers' Quarters and Mess of the 15 Coast Artillery Regiment, marked the occasion of the Colonel Commandant's visit with brunch and champagne.



15th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

Saint Barbara's Day Special Guest Night

HLCol Don Foster and Bob Mugford 2 Dec 2023



Dinner attendee inspects Museum's vintage weapons and vehicles before dinner with current 105mm C3 in foreground

Welcoming remarks, many acknowledgements and presentations followed by an excellent dinner, the traditional Toasts, a standout performance by the Regimental Band including fifteen Regimental Marches.

Several former CO's of the Regiment attended.

L-R: LCol Jim Barrett, LCol Brent Purcell, LCol Kent Wickens (now CO SHC) current CO, LCol Andrew Grieve presenting a CO's Pennant to retiring CO, LCol Watts, LCol Leon Jensen, MGen Ret'd Stu McDonald



Retiring Capt Rob Wishnicki presented with the casing of his last round fired from Capt Conway Hui (L) and the PMC Maj Matthew Delvo (R).

Capt Kevin Walker received his 'last Round' casing from the CO and PMC





Brigadier General (Ret'd) David A Patterson MSM CD, Colonel Commandant RCA was the guest of honour. Judge William Rodgers received his HCol's Pin from the Col Commandant.

L-R: HLCol Don Foster, fmr HCol Bill Rodgers, Col Comdt BGen David Patterson and President of the Hon Col's Association, HLCol Bill Diamond.

MGen (Ret'd) Stu McDonald was presented with his Honorary Colonel pin to thank him for his many years of service with the 15th and 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiments here in British Columbia.



*Congratulations Sgt Donato Calogero!
Well deserved recognition for years of loyal service for the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and your esprit de corps with presentation of Col Commandants coin by BGen Patterson.*



Members of the Regimental Band played a great set throughout the dinner and gave a great performance after.

Congratulations to CO LCol Andrew Grieve, PMC Maj Matthew Delvo, the Regimental Band, the serving and support staff and a special shout out to members of BMO for their assistance at the door, for a great St Barbara's Day event.

RCAF Plane to be Completely Scrapped After Collision With French Aircraft

Fixing the CC-150 Polaris that collided with a French air force plane at Anderson Air Force Base in July would cost as much as \$28 million. *Bryan Passifume National Post Dec 01, 2023*



The end result of a Canadian CC -150 Polaris that rolled away and collided with a parked French Air Force A400M on July 22, 2023 at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. The Canadian aircraft will be scrapped.

Courtesy United States Air Force

OTTAWA —A heavily damaged Canadian Air Force transport plane Marooned at a Micronesian air force base after colliding with another aircraft over the summer, will be scrapped, officials say. Royal Canadian Air Force transport plane 15003 — a CC-150 Polaris — was involved in a ground collision with a French Air Force plane on July 22 at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam while participating in a multinational exercise organized by the United States Air Force. With the fate of the aircraft left in doubt since the summer, the Royal Canadian Air Force confirmed to the National Post on Thursday the plane will be written off and scrapped on site. “The Polaris CC-150 aircraft in question sustained severe damage that renders repair economically unfeasible,” said Department of National Defence Spokesperson Maj Soomin Kim. “Repair costs were estimated to range between \$7.9 and \$28.5 million, with a six to eight-month

turnaround period.” According to an official air force occurrence summary, 15003 was taking part in Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN, a large-scale logistics training exercise facilitated by the USAF Air Mobility Command.

An RCAF crew assigned to fly the plane back to CFB Trenton arrived at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii on July 21, the report read, with plans to depart Guam the next day for Canada. “The aircraft was loaded with equipment and baggage in preparation for departure the following day,” the report read. Noting the plane was left “partially secured” without wheel chocks, the report said 15003 rolled backwards on its own at 10:30 a.m. the next morning, colliding with a French Air Force Airbus A400M parked nearby. “Following contact the CC-150 rebounded forward, coming to rest approximately eight meters from the point of impact,” the report read.



The end result of a Canadian CC -150 Polaris that rolled away and collided with a parked French Air Force A400M on July 22, 2023 at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. The Canadian aircraft will be scrapped. Photo By United States Air Force Photo

collision, the report noted, but nobody was injured. “The investigation did not reveal any evidence of technical issues with the aircraft and is now focusing on procedures, communications, and human factors,” the report stated. The decision to scrap 15003 came just one day before the plane was scheduled to be decommissioned, Kim said, now that the first of four new Airbus-built CC-330 Husky Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) planes entered service earlier this month. The CC-330s are based on Airbus’s venerable A330-200 airliners. Those four planes are part of a \$3.6-billion deal to modernize Canada’s transport, VIP and air-to-air refuelling capabilities.

Canada’s first CC-330 arrived in Canada in October and took its first official flight earlier this month, transporting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to the APEC summit in San Francisco. “The Canadian Armed Forces concluded that writing off the aircraft would be in the best interest of the Crown,” Maj Kim said. The arrival of the CC-330 Husky couldn’t have come at a better time for Canada’s beleaguered and obsolete Polaris fleet. Plane 15001, typically used by the prime minister or other VIPs for overseas trips, broke down in September in New Delhi, prompting an international mission to both dispatch technicians and a second plane to India to rescue the PM and his delegation. In 2019, that same plane was put out of commission for nearly a year-and-a-half after it rolled away and collided with a hangar wall at CFB Trenton, causing \$11 million in damage to its nose and an engine.

Ottawa-based research consultant Steffan Watkins pointed out that most of that repair time was spent waiting for an open repair slot at the Airbus maintenance depot at Montreal-Mirabel airport.

“It would be interesting to know, in the government’s expected schedule for the estimated work needed to fix 15003, if most of the time for the repair would be spent waiting for Airbus to slot them in,” he said. Aircraft 15004, he said, has been undergoing deep maintenance in Mirabel for the past month. Only three of the RCAF’s five Polaris planes are still in service — 15001 and 15002 have spent the past two weeks performing flights between Canada and Europe, with 15005 taking part in a joint training exercise in Key West, Fla.

DND Going With Boeing to Replace Aging Aurora Fleet

'The only choice'

Sarah Ritchie and Christopher Reynolds The Canadian Press Staff Dec 1, 2023



Defence minister speaks on replacing aging Auroras

OTTAWA - The federal government is buying at least 14 Boeing surveillance planes from the United States to replace the aging CP-140 Aurora fleet, cabinet ministers announced Thursday. The deal costs more than \$10.3 billion in total, including US\$5.9 billion for the jets themselves,

and the planes are expected to be delivered in 2026 and 2027. "These aircraft are not just planes. They are complex weapons systems. And the Poseidon has a proven capability with a track record of success," Defence Minister Bill Blair said at a news conference in Ottawa. The Aurora fleet, already more than four decades old, will reach its retirement age in 2030, and Blair said replacing it before that date was imperative. "The fact that it met all of the requirements that the Air Force defined for us really made this not only the right choice, but frankly the only choice." In a media briefing on Thursday, officials said the fleet will give Canada new capabilities, particularly in the Arctic, to hunt submarines. The planes will also be used for search-and-rescue operations and maritime patrols, and they will have anti-ship missiles. The officials from the Defence Department, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Procurement Department were providing the information on the condition they not be named. Allies including Norway are already flying the Boeing planes in the Far North. All other members of the Five Eyes Intelligence alliance -- the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand -- as well as Germany and South Korea fly the Boeing P-8, or plan to do so.

NATO allies agreed last summer to make interoperability an urgent focus in defence procurement. "This interoperability is key in today's global security environment," Blair said. "Our adversaries have been deploying increasingly sophisticated, stealthy and lethal capabilities." Maj Gen Sylvain Menard, the Air Force's chief of fighter and NORAD capability, said it's becoming more difficult for aviators to compensate for the aging sensors on the Aurora planes. And while the planes have performed well in tests, even scoring better than the Poseidon, he said there are clear limitations in the real world, especially as threats from China and Russia grow. "When we actually are patrolling and tracking threats at sea, we have extremely large areas to cover, for which the CP-140 is rapidly becoming inadequate," he said. In a social-media post, the Air Force

said it is delighted by the decision to go with the P-8A. Air Force commander Lt.-Gen. Eric Kenny and four pilots at the press conference smiled and nodded enthusiastically when Blair said he hoped the announcement would be welcome news. The decision to go with a sole-source contract has closed the door on Quebec-based jet maker Bombardier, which had been pushing for an open bid.

A typical procurement process with open tendering would take around three to four years to complete before the planes could be purchased, officials said Thursday. Bombardier CEO Eric Martel has argued that its plane, which is currently a prototype and slated to roll off the line in the early 2030s, would offer a cheaper, greener and more high-tech alternative that's made in Canada. In a release, the company said it was disappointed that Ottawa awarded a "generational contract without an open and fair competition." Blair offered a blunt view on the Bombardier pitch. "There is no aircraft, currently," he told reporters. "There is a high degree of uncertainty around the cost, around the schedule of delivery and around ultimate operational effectiveness." Industry Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said Boeing has committed to establishing an "innovation centre" in Montreal -- a global aerospace hub and Bombardier's home base. "But let me be very clear, we are going to be supporting Bombardier with everything we have. We believe in them," Champagne said.

Blair said the decision to go for a sole-source deal marked a recognition the federal government needs to move faster on military procurement. Questions linger over whether Boeing can manufacture the Poseidon's on time. In recent years, the U.S.-based company has struggled with production and quality issues on its big-name commercial jetliners, particularly the 737 Max, the 787 Dreamliner and the 777. But the delivery timeline of 2026-27 is "a good estimate for now," said Sean Liedman, Boeing's director of international business development. The details will be hashed out in the company's contract with the U.S. government, he said in an interview. Officials said Boeing has also signed an agreement to provide business activities and investments in Canada equal to the value of its portion of the contract, which is \$5.4 billion. Martin Brassard, CEO of Quebec-based landing gear maker Heroux-Devtek, said that is where the real value lies for domestic aerospace companies, which may be tapped as suppliers for Boeing's other aircraft. "Imagine thousands of airplanes -- not 14, but thousands and thousands," Brassard said in an interview. "There's tremendous opportunities out there for Canadian companies when we work with aerospace leaders in the United States, because they are the ones that are working with the Pentagon, they are the ones that are working with the generals that are developing the next fighter jet."

As a result of the deal's domestic investment provisions, defence contractor L3Harris Technologies Canada said it will hire 20 more employees for work on Boeing's Chinook transport helicopter, with the potential for another 30 hires over the next few years, said CEO Rich Foster. Canada's agreement with the U.S. government allows it to buy up to 16 of the Poseidon planes, though officials said the plan is to first buy 14 to meet the Air Force's needs. The new fleet will be based in Nova Scotia at 14 Wing Greenwood and in BC at 19 Wing Comox. The planes have a range of more than 7,000 kilometres and can be refuelled in the air using the new CC-330 Husky fleet.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

It's been a very busy weekend! Colonel Commandant's Visit, Saint Barbara's Special Guest Night and preparations for the Royal Canadian Artillery Association Coast To Coast Toast on Saint Barbara's Day, 4 December 2023. Hope you signed up for it.

Saint Barbara's Special Guest Night - There were about 70 diners, a great meal and a fantastic band. What else does one need on a Saturday night? Check out the photos here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/st-barbara-2023.html>

Colonel Commandant Visit 2 Dec 2023 * The Colonel Commandant of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Brigadier-General (ret'd) Dave Patterson visited Vancouver on the weekend of 2/3 December 2023. His itinerary included the Regimental Museum, the Point Grey Battery and the Stanley Park Battery. The Vancouver weather was absolutely superb for the Saturday visit. Check out the photos here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/col-cmdt-2023.html>

Brass Cannons – The BFG

The BFG has returned! Actually, its twin has returned! The museum has recently been gifted the twin of the BFG which was destroyed on 1 Jul 1974. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/bfg.html>

Christmas Tea

Mark your calendar for 10 December at 1400 hrs!

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/christmas-tea-2023>

Gunner George McCulloch, MM added to the Nominal Roll

Gunner George McCulloch, MM was born in Woodstock, Ont. 23 Jul 1891. He was a bank clerk and enlisted with the 77th Depot Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, CEF. He was awarded the Military Cross while serving with the 31st Battery, 9th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, CEF. Check out his story here:

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/gunner-george-mcculloch-mm-added-to-the-nominal-roll>

Wednesday Lunch

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBIMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1> or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784> or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0 (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero) **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: Well, couldn't find any details about this gun. All we know is it is a pumpkin gun designed and built by Wayne Smith in the Maritimes. It shoots pumpkins at pumpk'n chunk'n events. Fooled everybody except for one of our RUSI members. Not surprising as it looks so real, I was fooled too, when I first saw it.



This Week: History is filled with the musings of the victors, for it is they who most often write the books. However, there is often another story, or at least another perspective that sometimes is written, especially when time has dulled the sharpness of conflict. This is not to say that we should all re-evaluate Hitler because he was misunderstood. He wasn't. And even though he was a vegetarian, and was nice to his dog, until he shot it, that doesn't make up for everything else that happened. Nonetheless, we can now look at some figures of the past, and, at the very least, fill out the story. Let's take for example someone almost all Americans still vilify, Benedict Arnold. He is viewed as a traitor, but, from our point of view, he redeemed himself, as his traitorous activity was when he was working with the rebellious chaps. Thus, he wasn't "switching sides", he was simply coming back to his original oath of loyalty to the King.

We can even see this with inanimate objects. In the Napoleonic Wars, it was quite common for ships to be captured and used against their original owners. The Royal Navy particularly prized (no pun intended) French vessels, which they found better designed and made than most of their own...just not that well-handled. Most German tanks in the Great War were captured British ones, their own being totally useless except as mobile condominiums. And the British in Korea captured a Bren gun from the Reds that has been stolen from a Royal Hong Kong Police launch several years earlier, as well as killing one of their tanks that the Commies had earlier captured.



All that palaver brings us to our photo of the week. It is of an aircraft covered in evil Nazi symbols, and surrounded by Hun chappies. However, it isn't a design one recognizes as Teutonic. Can you tell us what it is? Can you also tell us how it got to have a swastika on its tail, and what became of its original owner? Put on your

thinking caps, and let the loyal editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John "Turncoat" Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net) know your thoughts.

From the 'Punitary'

What's the last thing a writer will ever write? The End.

Murphy's Other Laws

The perfect officer for the job will transfer in the day after that billet is filled by someone else.

Quotable Quotes

It is better to rust out than wear out. - Edwin Markham

Looking For a Christmas Gift?

Check out Hal Skaarup's great series of books about Cannon in Canada



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[Cannon in Canada, Province by Province, Volume 1: New Brunswick](#)

Volume 2

<https://www.silverhawkauthor.com/books/cannon-in-canada-province-by-province-volume-2-prince-edward-island>



Volume 3

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Volume 4

[Cannon in Canada, Province by Province, Volume 4: Newfoundland and Labrador](#)





Volume 5

<https://www.silverhawkauthor.com/post/artillery-in-canada-1a-cannon-in-canada-province-by-province-volume-5-british-columbia-book>

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Wednesday Digital Video Lunch



zoom

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 some 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.

CO's Christmas Tea 2023

YOU ARE INVITED!

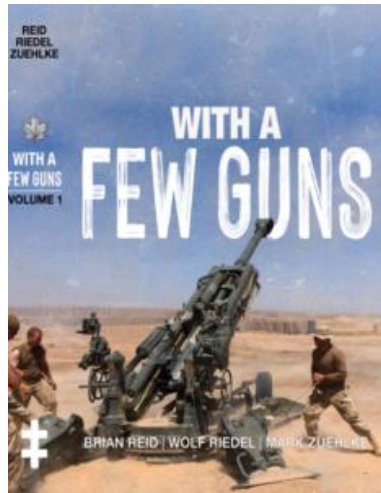
COMMANDING OFFICER'S TEA

December 10, 2023

2 pm to 4 pm

Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver BC V6J 2C7

TICKETS \$20 AT THE DOOR
PLEASE RSVP TO:
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With A Few Guns –

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in Afghanistan Volume I 2002-2006

Authored by Col (Retd) Wolf Riedel and Mark Zuehlke,
building on the work of LCol (Retd) Brian Reid

This two-volume set captures the experiences of Canadian Gunners and the Regimental family during the Afghanistan era.

- Volume 1 – 2002-2006, publication date **4 December 2023!**
The translation “Avec quelques canons” is expected for autumn 2024.
- Volume 2 – 2007 to 2014, targeted publication date 2024/2025

[READ SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM VOLUME 1](#)

<https://rca-arc.org/excerpts-from-with-a-few-guns/>

We can't complete Volume 2 without your help. Be part of this significant undertaking – tell your story, submit your photos. Even the smallest detail touches someone!

Contact mrgnrsmith@gmail.com and make sure *our* story is recorded for generations to come!

“With A Few Guns” is dedicated to the greater family of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery—from those who served with distinction in the face of danger in Afghanistan, to those who trained and supported them to become mission-ready, and especially to those who kept the rest of the family together at home. In memory of “Reid B.A of the RCA” (1939-2023) and his dedicated service to the Guns, his sage advice and his literary prowess in recording parts of the Canadian Army’s rich history.

80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland Battlefield Tour

*The
Royal Canadian Artillery
Association*



*L'Association de
l'Artillerie royale
canadienne*

13 October 2023

RE: 80th Anniversary Liberation of Holland Commemorative Battlefield Tour, May 2025

Dear Sirs, Commanding Officers, et al

I am writing this letter to solicit your interest in participating in a May 2025 Battlefield tour to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Holland. The organisation of a trip of this magnitude involves a lot of time and resources and we, at the RCAA, would like to ensure that we have sufficient interest from all the units across the country before we start planning. For those of you that participated in the last significant commemoration, the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in 2019, we would like to build on it's success and use the lessons learned to make this trip better.

Why

- The 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland will be a major event – the very last major event while veterans of the Second World War are still with us. These commemorative events in Holland every fifth year are always a big deal – but this one will be special.
- The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery played a major role in the Second World War, especially in the Liberation of Holland.
- Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) will be the lead Department for Canada in official ceremonies, and the Department of National Defence (DND) will support the VAC efforts (typically a multi-service Guard, Band, Logistics support, Security, VIPs, airlift, etc.). Elements of the Gunner community will most certainly be involved in the VAC-led events, but so will all elements of the CAF be represented.
- Separate from the "official" GOC activities, many Branches/Corps, Regiments, Associations, and travel companies will be organizing commemorative trips to participate in the 80th Anniversary of Liberation of Holland.

Mission

- To enhance cohesion, morale, and esprit de corps of the Royal Regiment by commemorating and celebrating the accomplishments of our predecessors during the Liberation of Holland 1945.

Rationale

- Remember and commemorate those Gunners who served in WWII, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.
- Build cohesion and morale amongst serving members, Regular Force and Reserve.
- Connect the serving generation of the RCA with retired members
- Support and reinforce the goals and objectives of the RCA Association.
- Supplement the professional development of serving members.
- Re-learn lessons of the Artillery at war in a theatre of operations in North-West Europe.

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Concept and Scope

- Conduct a ten-day battlefield study immediately prior to and during the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.
- Aim for 30 to 40 deserving Non-Commissioned Members and Junior Officers representing every Regular Force and Reserve Artillery unit, who will be sponsored through raised donations.
- Invite other serving, retired Gunners and their families, Association members and others, who will pay their own way.
- Aim for two bus loads of participants (80-90 pax).
- Engage a professional company that specializes in battlefield studies, with professional historians.
- Arrange all travel activities (flights, land travel, hotels, meals, insurance, etc.) through a professional travel agency.
- Conduct with the assistance of the RCAA, a major Non-Public fundraising campaign at national, local, and unit level to raise approximately \$6,000-6,500 per person. Ideally each participating member should contribute \$500 towards the trip.
- Identify a point of Contact per unit that will engage with the national organising committee.

Conclusion

The RCAA want to ensure the participation of serving gunners and we are willing to put the time and resources however, this trip cannot happen without your support and commitment. Please advise us of your interest in supporting and participating in this trip by the 31st of October by notifying Major (R) Richard Gratton at rgratton1534@gmail.com.

Following the returns, timelines and more information will be coming your way. If you have any questions, please also contact Maj (Ret'd) Richard Gratton at rgratton1534@gmail.com.

Ubique!

Bill Kalogerakis

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Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Comméoration 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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