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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Sept 06** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
- Sept 09** 15 Fd WO & Sgts' Mess Dinner
- Sept 13** Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.
- Sept 30** Fraser Highlanders - Plains of Abraham Dinner
- Oct 12-14** RCA Association Annual General Meeting - Ottawa
- 02 Dec** Save the date! 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbaras's Day Dinner

Canadian Gunner News



Canadian Gunner News / Les Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens
31 August 2023 / le 31 août 2023

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Soldier Praised for Heroism in Afghanistan Dies

Veterans' community insists former Pte Jess Larochelle deserved the Canadian Victoria Cross

Murray Brewster · CBC News · Sep 01, 2023



Former Pte Jess Larochelle was awarded the country's second highest decoration for bravery in Afghanistan, but veterans lobbied for him to receive the Victoria Cross for his heroism in 2006. Larochelle passed away on Aug 31, 2023.

A former soldier whose bravery in Afghanistan almost 17 years ago won him Canada's second-highest citation for bravery in combat — the Star of Military Valour — has died. Pte Jess Randall Larochelle's death was announced on social media late Thursday by his brother Andrew and confirmed by friends and fellow soldiers in the veterans' community. A cause of death was not released immediately. Larochelle had been in poor health for several years after retiring from the military. A group of former soldiers calling themselves *Valour in the Presence of the Enemy* has been pushing the federal government and the Department of National Defence to review his citation and upgrade it to the top combat honour — the Canadian Victoria Cross. The group has failed to convince the senior leadership of the Canadian Armed Forces that newly revealed information about Larochelle's actions on Oct 14, 2006, in Pashmul, west of Kandahar City, merits upgrading the award.

The area of Pashmul, Afghanistan where +Pte Jess Larochelle fought off a Taliban attack in October 2006.

(Murray Brewster/The Canadian Press)

Larochelle had been in fragile health for several years following his service as a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment. "It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of my brother, Jess,"

Andrew Larochelle wrote late Thursday on Facebook. "He was an amazing person that words cannot describe. We don't really know exactly what happened and are waiting for more information." The family has asked for privacy. In accordance with the former soldier's wishes,



his family announced there will be a "hangout at the campfire" in lieu of a funeral because it was one of his favourite things to do. A former comrade, retired corporal Bruce Moncur, remembered being warmly welcomed to the unit by Larochelle prior to their deployment to Afghanistan. Moncur and retired general Rick Hillier, the former chief of the defence staff, have both pushed the government to upgrade Larochelle's award to the Canadian Victoria Cross, which has never been awarded in its modern form. "My hero and friend Jess Larochelle, Star of Military Valour recipient, was an unassuming, quiet man," Moncur said. "He was a superhero." Moncur was wounded in early September 2006. He was still in hospital six weeks later when Larochelle held off an estimated 40 Taliban fighters attempting to overrun an observation post. "Everyone I talked to said he had to get the Victoria Cross for what he did," Moncur said Friday. "His story resonated with me for years."

Larochelle and members of his section were manning a position along a stretch of road that was being built between two major Canadian forward operating bases through the arid grapefields of Panjwahi, a district in Kandahar province. Two members of his section were killed and three others were wounded in the attack. Larochelle grabbed one of 15 M72 rocket launchers that miraculously had not been destroyed in the initial attack. He used it in place of his wrecked machine gun to hold off the Taliban fighters, who later retreated. Canada's current top military commander issued a statement of condolence on Friday, saying he was deeply saddened by Larochelle's death. "His incredible valour and selflessness in the face of danger serve as a shining example to all of us," said Gen Wayne Eyre, the chief of the defence staff. "Pte Larochelle put his life on the line to ensure the safety and security of his fellow soldiers. His actions embody the true spirit of heroism and will forever be remembered as a symbol of sacrifice and honour. May his memory be a source of strength and comfort to all those who were fortunate enough to know him, and may his sacrifice never be forgotten."

Preferred Bidder Announced to Train Tomorrow's Air Combat Specialists

Jordan Rivers Discover Moose Jaw Aug 29, 2023



SkyAlyne has been announced as the preferred bidder to provide a comprehensive aircrew training program to help maintain a multi-purpose and combat-capable air force for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). The contract for the Future Aircrew Training Program (FAcT), covers all aspects of the required training, including pilot training, as well as aircrew training for air combat systems officers and airborne electronic

sensor operators, and maintenance and infrastructure services, for a period of more than 20 years. "It is critical that current and future Royal Canadian Air Force pilots have the most advanced training and equipment available to ensure they can deliver on the important work that we ask of

them,” said The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence, in a prepared release. “This program will help ensure Canada can continue to defend North America, enhance our Arctic sovereignty and meet our NATO and NORAD obligations in the face of current and emerging threats. Canadians can be confident that this competitive process will deliver the best results for our Canadian Armed Forces for decades to come,” continued Anand.

The Government of Canada says the process that led to SkyAlyne being named the preferred bidder was an “open, fair, and transparent procurement process with extensive industry engagement and Indigenous participation.” “We are honoured to be named by Canada as the preferred bidder for FAcT,” said France Hébert, President, SkyAlyne and Vice President, Defense & Security – Canada, CAE. “SkyAlyne’s selection is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our entire team and showcases our capabilities to provide world-class training solutions that meet the evolving needs of the RCAF and the Canadian Armed Forces. Our sincere thanks to Canada and the RCAF for this opportunity,” continued Hébert. SkyAlyne was formed in 2018, by CAE and KF Aerospace to jointly bid on the Government of Canada’s Future Aircrew Training Program (FAcT). CAE already manages the NATO Flying Training in Canada Program in Moose Jaw, SK, and Cold Lake, AB. While KF Aerospace manages the Contracted Flying Training and Support Program in Southport, MB. The contract is expected to be awarded in 2024.

This Might Be the USAF’s Air-To-Air Tanker of the Future

The Secretary of the Air Force once joked, "the mother of the last pilot for the KC-135 has actually not been born yet." But this might be its replacement. Matt White Task & Purpose Aug 16, 2023



The US Air Force announced a \$235 million contract with JetZero, a California aviation start-up associated with Northrup Grumman, to build a prototype of its large blended wing aircraft, which may one day be used as a tanker.

Photo from JetZero.

A running joke in the Air Force’s tanker community — so widespread that a former Secretary of the Air Force once told it on NPR — sums up the decades of difficulty the service has faced trying to replace the nearly 70-year-old KC-135 as its primary air-to-air refueler. The joke is about the Air Force pilot who, one day, will be at the controls for the very last KC-135 flight — and that pilot’s mom. “The mother of the last pilot for the KC-135,” then-Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne told NPR in 2006, “has actually not been born yet.” Whether the widely told joke was technically true in 2006 or if it is now, the Air Force took a major step Wednesday

towards developing its tanker fleet of the future. Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall announced the service would spend a quarter of a billion dollars in the next four years to develop a large “blended wing” aircraft that might one day become an advanced — even stealthy — air-to-air tanker.

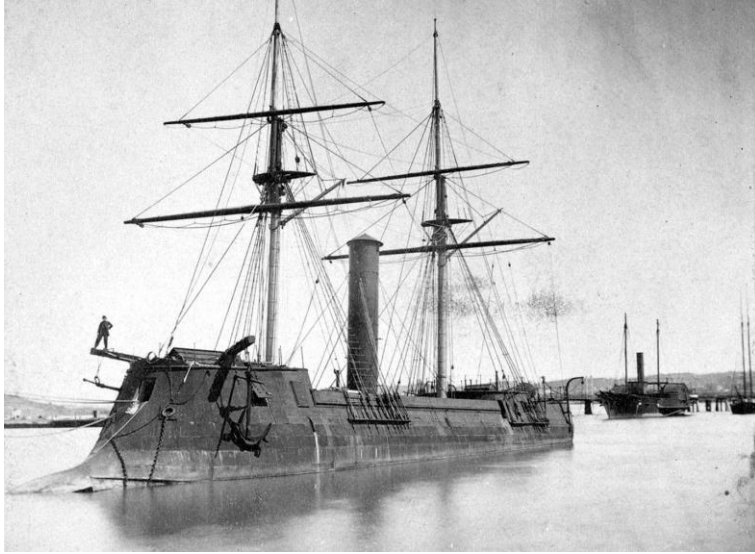
The service tapped JetZero, a start-up aviation company based in Long Beach, CA and backed by Northrup Grumman, to build a prototype aircraft that would demonstrate whether a large-scale blended wing design could be used as a tanker or transport aircraft. JetZero’s website said the company is aiming for a first flight as soon as 2030, while an Air Force press release on the deal said it could come as early as 2027. With either date, a final service-ready design for a tanker or other military-spec aircraft, would still be years away. “Blended wing body aircraft have the potential to significantly reduce fuel demand and increase global reach,” said Kendall in the press release. “Moving forces and cargo quickly, efficiently, and over long distance is a critical capability to enable national security strategy.” The concept of a blended wing is not new to aviation. Planes whose wings double as its structural body — as opposed to a traditional ‘tube-and-wing’ design — include the B-2 and newer B-21 Raider, as well as older planes like the YB-49. While current tankers and transport aircraft account for about 60% of the Air Force’s fuel use, a blended wing design, the Air Force said, is about 30% more efficient than a comparable tube-and-wing aircraft.

But those designs are also more complicated to design and build, with trickier aerodynamics in flight. The JetZero design, the Air Force said, is not intended to lead directly to a new operational aircraft but instead would “mature [blended wing] technology and demonstrate its capabilities, giving the department and commercial industry more options for future air platforms.” The \$235 million contract, the Air Force said, will “fast-track” the development of the JetZero blended wing design and will be a joint project with the Air Force, NASA and other agencies. Replacing its tankers has long been a priority for the Air Force, which still relies on the nearly 70-year-old KC-135 as its primary air-to-air tanker. The Air Force operates 59 KC-10s and is beginning to phase them out, while it still flies close to 400 KC-135s. The more modern KC-46 was just cleared for worldwide deployment in late 2022 after a decade of delays and maintenance issues. All three of the Air Force’s tankers are based on commercial jetliners. The newest of them, the KC-46, is based on the Boeing 767, which first flew in 1981.

US Air Force tankers are unique in the world of flying, using a large, winged boom to connect to refueling aircraft. A specially trained crew member ‘flies the boom’ during refueling, guiding the nozzle into a port on the receiving aircraft. The boom allows fuel to transfer through a solid pipe at over 1,000 gallons per minute, three or four times faster than other refueling methods, mandatory for large Air Force bombers and cargo jets flying international distances. The Marines, Navy and all US military helicopters refuel with a simpler “drogue-and-hose” system in which a tanker — often a C-130 variant — trails a hose behind as it flies, allowing refueling aircraft to approach and connect on their own. The system delivers fuel at 300 or 400 gallons per minute, but does not require extra crew and takes up almost no space, allowing the tanker to be tasked with other cargo-related missions.

The Confederacy's Last Ironclad Was Japan's First

Miguel Ortiz *Militarynews* Aug 3, 2023



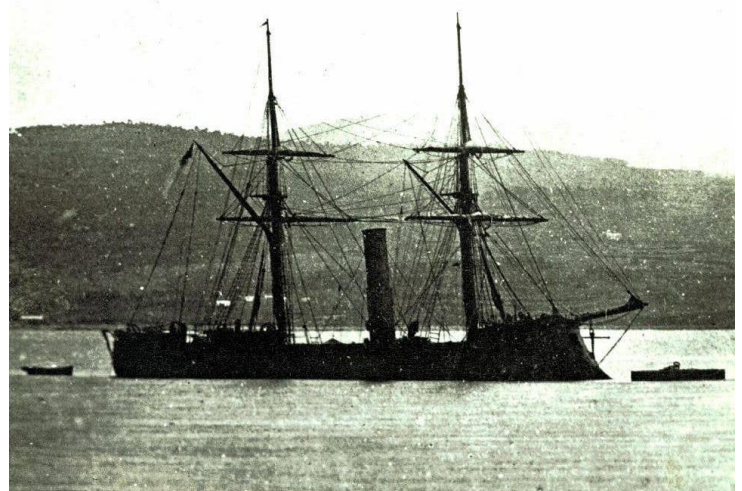
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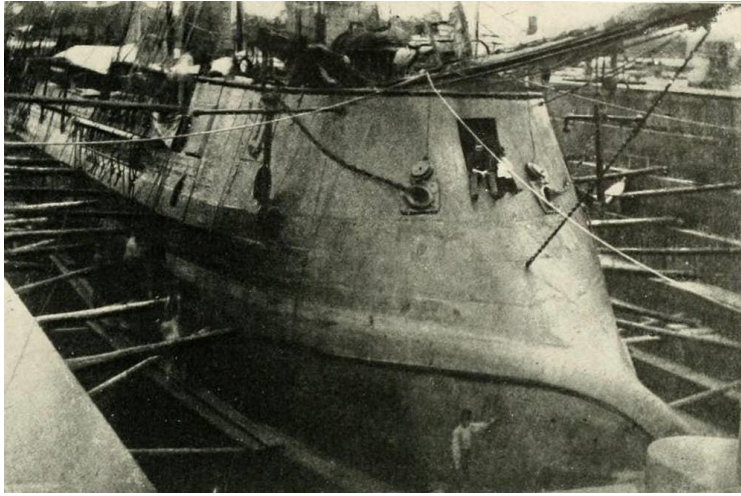
It's not uncommon for warships to serve the navies of different countries in their lifetimes. The Argentine cruiser *ARA General Belgrano* (C-4) that was sunk during the Falklands War in 1982 was first commissioned as the *USS Phoenix* (CL-46) in 1938. In a similar vein, Japan's first ironclad warship was originally built for the Confederate States Navy.

On October 12, 1861, *CSS Manassas* became the first ironclad to see combat at the Battle of the Head of Passes on the Mississippi River. Protected by iron or steel armor plates, ironclads held a significant tactical advantage over conventional warships made of wood. During the Civil War, the Union built dozens of the type. The Confederacy built ironclads domestically but also purchased them from Europe. While the CSA was able to place ironclad orders overseas, getting the ships to America was a challenge. Most were confiscated, especially by Russia which openly supported the Union. In 1863, the Confederacy struck a deal with French Emperor Napoleon III. French shipbuilder Lucien Arman, a close acquaintance to Napoleon, would construct two ironclads for the CSA in secret so as not to openly violate the French law against providing warships to a nation at war. To that end, the guns for the ships were manufactured separately and the ironclads were named *Cheops* and *Sphinx* to suggest they were commissioned by Egypt.

Stonewall in Spain. *Public Domain*

However, prior to the delivery of the ironclads, the US discovered France's secret arrangement with the Confederacy. Under political pressure, the French government blocked the sale of the ships. Instead, on March 31, 1864, *Cheops* was sold to Prussia as *Prinz Adalbert* and *Sphinx* was sold to Denmark as *Stærkodder*. The Danish Navy took delivery of the ironclad on June 21, 1864, and conducted a shakedown cruise. *Stærkodder* arrived in Copenhagen on November 10, 1864.



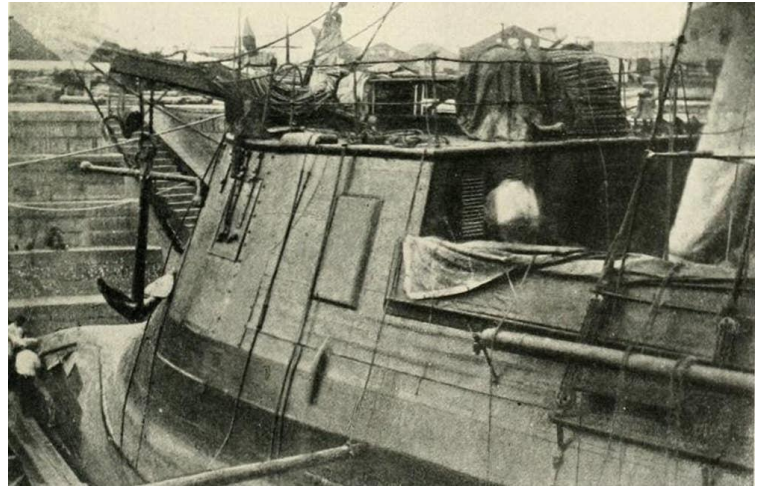


Stonewall was the Confederacy's last ironclad
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At the beginning of 1865, Denmark sold *Stærkodder* to the Confederate States of America, the ship's original customer. On January 6, 1865, a Confederate Navy crew took delivery of the ironclad in Copenhagen. Renamed CSS *Stonewall*, the ship was damaged in a storm before it left Europe. While repairs were made in Spain,

news of the Confederate ironclad reached the Union. During February and March, Union ships observed *Stonewall* from afar. When *Stonewall* put to sea on March 24, 1865, the Union ships declined to fight her and she sailed across the Atlantic for the Caribbean. The ironclad arrived in Nassau, Bahamas, on May 6. Five days later, *Stonewall* arrived in Havana, Cuba, where her crew learned of the war's end.

A closeup of Stonewall's armor Public Domain

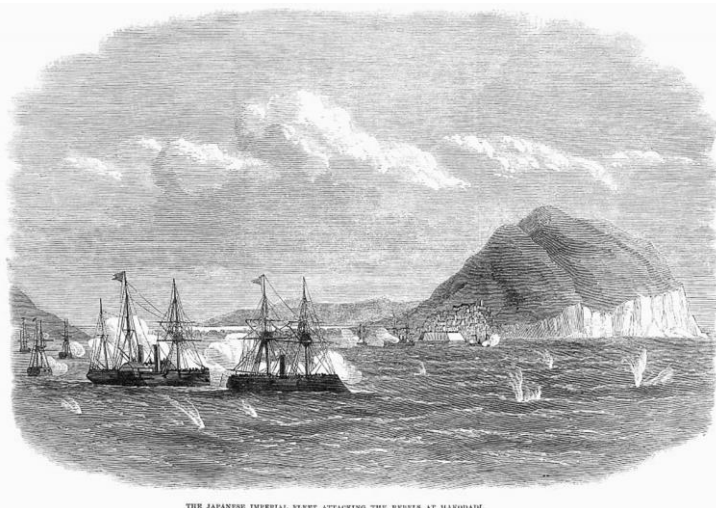


Stonewall was turned over to the Spanish government in Cuba, who then turned her over to the US. The ironclad arrived at the Washington Navy Yard on November 24, 1865. Two years later, seeking to modernize their navy, representatives of the Tokugawa shogunate in Japan purchased *Stonewall* from the US for \$400,000. In Japanese service, she was renamed *Kōtetsu*, which translates to "Ironclad."

When the ship arrived in Japan in March 1869, the new Meiji government took possession of *Kōtetsu*. Sailed by the Imperial Japanese Navy, *Kōtetsu* served as the flagship of a task force dispatched to engage the remnants of the Tokugawa Navy that remained loyal to the shogunate. On March 25, 1869, *Kōtetsu* repelled a surprise night attack at the Battle of Miyako Bay with her Gatling gun. She also supported the Imperial invasion of Hokkaidō and fought in the Naval Battle of Hakodate Bay.

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Kōtetsu leads the charge at Hakodate Bay
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THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL FLEET ATTACKING THE REDDS AT HAKODATE

On November 15, 1871, *Kōtetsu* was reclassified as a third-class warship and renamed *Azuma* the next month. With her fighting ability assessed as low compared to

newer and better-armed ships, she was relegated to naval guard duty. *Azuma* was struck from the IJN register on January 28, 1888, and sold for scrap on December 12, 1889. In 1895, her armor plating made armature shafts for electric generators in Tokyo's Asakusa Thermal Power Station.

Chinese Navy Says It's Testing the Planet's Most Powerful Coil Gun

Giant electromagnetic launcher can accelerate a missile-size projectile to extremely high speed in the blink of an eye. Futuristic weapons could 'revolutionise' warfare through faster, more accurate and devastating attacks. *Stephen Chen South China Morning Post 25 Aug 2023*



The Chinese team developed a smart projectile equipped with sensors that are shielded from electromagnetic interference, allowing them to collect better data.

Photo: Naval University of Engineering

The Chinese navy is reportedly testing the planet's most powerful coil gun – a type of electromagnetically powered weapon capable of launching projectiles with very high speed and accuracy. In a firing test

revealed to the public for the first time, the electromagnetic launcher accelerated a 124kg (273lbs) projectile to a speed of 700km/h (435mph) in less than 0.05 seconds, according to scientists involved in the project. It was the heaviest known projectile to be used in a coil gun experiment. While the exact dimensions and maximum range of the weapon remains classified, a shell moving at such speeds could hit a target several kilometres away. Coil guns are also known as Gauss guns or magnetic accelerators. The weapon features a series of coils arranged along the barrel of the gun, each one constituting a “stage”. Each coil is energised one after another to create a magnetic field that can levitate and propel a projectile forward. The projectile typically stays suspended in the centre of the coil during launch, which helps to keep it on a straight course and prevent it from touching the wall of the barrel. It can be fired repeatedly and rapidly without causing wear on components. Coil guns could revolutionise the way that wars are fought, allowing for faster, more accurate and devastating attacks on enemy targets. They could also launch missiles or send satellites into space. The technology has been around for decades, but challenges in materials science and electronics have made it difficult to build large and powerful models.

One of the closest competitors to the Chinese coil gun, a 120mm-calibre electromagnetic coil mortar test device at the Sandia National Laboratories in the United States, can fire a projectile weighing 18kg. It is among the largest of these devices ever built. Other systems around the world typically can fire projectiles weighing only a few grams and with a diameter of a few millimetres, according to a study published by Israeli scientists in the journal *Scientific Reports* in January. The larger a coil gun, the better its ability to fire projectiles similar to those fired by traditional artillery. A standard 155mm artillery shell used by the US military weighs around 43kg, while Italy's Indigo anti-aircraft defence missile weighs 120kg. The coil gun has a number

of advantages over traditional artillery, including higher launch speeds, lower launch costs and shorter preparation time, according to the Chinese team led by professor Guan Xiaocun with the Naval University of Engineering. “It has the potential for revolutionary breakthroughs in terms of speed, range, power, accuracy, safety, flexibility and reliability,” Guan and his colleagues wrote in a paper published in the peer-reviewed journal Transactions of China Electrotechnical Society this month. “It is widely applicable in areas such as weapon systems, near-Earth satellites and high-speed missile launches.” Their 30-stage coil gun is still in the testing phase, and it is unclear when or if it will be deployed in the field. However, the Chinese military has been investing heavily in the technology in recent years. “The Naval University of Engineering has overcome a series of difficulties” in building a large coil gun, said Ma Weiming, lead scientist of the Chinese military’s electromagnetic launch programme in a paper published in June. Ma said the challenges included the design and manufacturing of large-calibre high-magnetic-density coils and compact pulsed power technology. He added that China was developing an even more powerful coil gun capable of launching a projectile at a speed of 3,600km/h, which could push the weapon’s kill range to over 100km.

The rapid development of coil guns in China was in part due to a breakthrough in sensor technology, according to Guan’s team. Coil guns generate a strong magnetic field when fired, which can interfere with electronic devices and sensors, so research on electromagnetic launchers typically requires measuring the projectile’s flight behaviour through external means. However, Guan’s team came up with a new smart projectile equipped with sensors that are shielded from electromagnetic interference thanks to special materials, allowing them to collect high-quality data about projectile flight behaviour. This precise data from internal sensors can help scientists improve the efficiency and stability of coil guns. Maintaining a projectile’s suspension in the centre of the coil during launch can be a challenge, as any deviation from the centre can cause the projectile to touch the wall of the barrel and affect its trajectory. The onboard sensors helped the Chinese scientists detect issues that were missed by computer modelling. According to the team, at the start of the launch, the test projectile was at the bottom of the drive coil because of gravity. When the pulsed current was turned on, the test projectile was pushed upwards by the electromagnetic force. Because the electromagnetic force was stronger at the tail of the projectile, it caused the projectile to tilt and collide with the inner wall of the drive coil, which made the acceleration data fluctuate, they said. When the test projectile passed through the later stages, it started to wobble because the pulse current was triggered at the wrong time. Discoveries like this can help scientists improve the performance of coil guns. For instance, the wobbling can be reduced by adjusting the trigger time for the pulse current that passes through the coils.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

September Social Event - The September Social Event is confirmed for – Friday, 8 September 2023 at 1800 hrs. The actual name of the event will be Officers' Mess Autumn Cleanup Night! It is a casual event and may actually involve quite a bit of housekeeping. I have a mirror to install in the upstairs washroom and I thought we would go for a cleanup of all the cupboards in the kitchen, a dusting of the entire mess, polishing of the silverware and a washing of the bar floor

and balcony. Sound like fun? We'll barbecue some hors d'oeuvres and lay out some other munchies. Should be a lot of fun. Bring a friend.... RSVP president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Royal Canadian Artillery Association Annual General Meeting - Have you registered? Joining us in Ottawa or online? <https://rca-arc.org/>

Point Grey Battery Autumn Clean Up - Is it time to scrape some moss at Point Grey? Clean up the gun stores room? Add some QR codes?
Send me an email if you're interested president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Yorke Island Master Gunner's Residence - Did you know that you can now donate online for the Master Gunner's Residence project through the RCA Association? Check it out here. <https://rcaa.member365.com/publicInj/fundraisingCampaign/makeDonation/UpNB6CaTJDQznJlsGLD9Jw>

Wednesday Lunch - Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zIqI0HvnBlMCMYmw0p6ZDwe.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 **Piasecki VZ-8 Airgeep** (company designation PA-59) was a prototype vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft developed by Piasecki Aircraft. The Airgeep was developed to fulfill a US Army Transportation Research Command contract for a flying jeep in 1957. The flying jeep was envisioned to be smaller and easier to fly than a helicopter. To meet the US Army's requirement, Piasecki's design featured two tandem, three-blade ducted rotors, with the crew of two seated between the two rotors. Power was by two 180 hp (134.2 kW) Lycoming O-360-A2A piston engines, driving the rotors by a central gearbox. The first of two aircraft ordered by the Army, initially designated the **Model 59K Skycar** (and later renamed **Airgeep**) by Piasecki and designated **VZ-8P** by the Army, flew on 22 September 1958.



The second prototype was completed to a modified design, designated **Model 59H AirGeep II** by Piasecki and **VZ-8P (B)** by the Army. It was powered by two Artouste engines, with ejection seats for the pilot and co-pilot/gunner and a further three seats for passengers. It was also fitted with a powered tricycle undercarriage to increase mobility on land. The AirGeep II's first flight occurred on 15 February 1962, piloted by "Tommy" Atkins. While the Airgeep would normally operate close to the ground, it was capable of flying to several thousand feet, proving to be stable in flight. Flying low allowed it to evade detection by radar. Despite these qualities, and its superiority over the other two types evaluated by the US Army to meet the same requirement (the Chrysler VZ-6 and the Curtiss-Wright VZ-7), the Army decided that the "Flying Jeep concept [was] unsuitable for the modern battlefield" and concentrated on the development of conventional helicopters instead.

This Week: Our naval colleagues sometimes mention that they'd like more quizzes on things that they recognize, such as metal objects with pointy front bits, and rounded rear ends. We have from time to time accommodated their desires, but have occasionally gotten things wrong, due to our editorial staff confusing "naval" with "navel". Nonetheless, those quizzes with the latter theme have proven quite popular with our male readers. However, armed with the latest version

of the Oxford English Dictionary (Canadian edition), our staff has reached into the past to come up with this week's subject, a naval one, not a navel one. We think their efforts are laudable.



The object might be one that would appeal to our ever-vigilant Treasury Board pencil-sharpeners, as it appears to be made of a material that is renewable, and, most importantly, cheaper than steel, or whatever it is that is used for such vessels. It would also probably appeal to those of a green persuasion, not only for the above-mentioned construction technique, unless it is made of old-growth timber, but because the method of propulsion does not seem to use fossil fuels. Of course, there

is, how to put this politely, an exhaust residue of sorts, but the ocean is a huge place, so no one will notice a few items floating by the beaches of English Bay.

So, dear readers, can you identify this machine? Was it actually built, and is it now being considered as a replacement for our very successful, but slightly aged submarine fleet? You can tell us, and the world (save for Russia, as the RUSI Newsletter is on the sanctions list) by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Happy navel gazing!

From the 'Punitary'

Why should you never discuss infinity with a mathematician? They can go on about it forever.

Murphy's Other Laws

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll have to find the time to do it twice.

Quotable Quotes

Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. *Winston Churchill*

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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

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 30e 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.**

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.

Register now!

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*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.

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!

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 A.W. 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.



**The Regimental Sergeant-Major of
*Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess
of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment,
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery***

Cordially invite you to their

ANNUAL MESS DINNER

and Dining Out of:

CWO Robert Garrett, CD

WO Goran Kurtagić, CD

Sgt Adam Coleman, CD

Sgt Susan Penner, CD

Sgt Daniel Scott, CD

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023

Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs

Location: Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess

Bessborough Armoury

2025 West 11th Avenue

Vancouver, BC

Dress: Mess Kit or Formal Wear with Decorations

Ticket price: \$80.00

**R.S.V.P. NLT 30th August 2023, as space is limited
to Sgt Bianca Toledo**

Email: 15FdSrNCOmess@gmail.com

**Cheque payable to 15th Field Warrant Officers and Sergeants' mess
Pay at the door or in coordination with Sgt Bianca Toledo**



The Officer Commanding the Garrison requests the company
of all Members Officers, Miladies and Guests
at the

Battles of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

Saturday, 30 September 2023 - 1830 for 1930

The Officers' Mess, Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, V6J2C7

Prime Rib roast dinner buffet

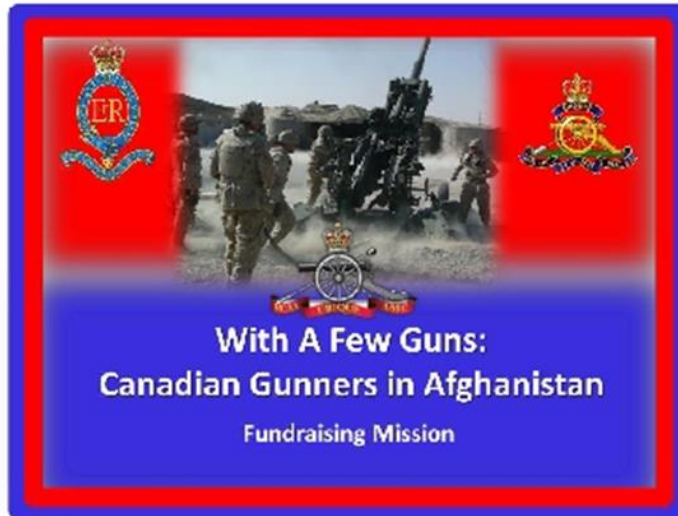
Payment at the door by cash, cheque or credit card.

Dress: Regimental Scarlets, Highland Evening Dress, Business Attire

Tariff: \$70 per person

RSVP to Adjutant Lt John Hooker jobarb100@shaw.ca or at 604-
522-5766 by Tuesday, 26 September please

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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 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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