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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

The **2023 Army Gala. May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre www.militarygala.ca

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Feb 08** Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
NABC Speaker at **RVYC** - VAdm Topshee 'Update on the RCN' See poster section
- Feb 09** Col (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine, Veteran Ombud. Town Hall Meeting- see poster section
- Feb 15** Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
RUSI NS Speaker 15 Feb 2023 via Zoom - 3 Cdn Space Division
- Feb 18** BCR Regimental Whiskey Tasting- see poster section.
- Feb 22** Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Mar 07** **Tuesday** Lunch at 15Fd Offrs Mess & RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series

RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 15 Feb 2023 - 3 Cdn Space Division

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 15 February 2023 by Brigadier General G Michael Adamson, Commander, 3 Canadian Space Division, titled "3 Canadian Space Division." See bio and poster in Poster sect.

Recognition of the increasingly critical importance of space in all the Canadian Armed Forces' operations is driving the steady growth and evolution of the space enterprise. 3 Canadian Space Division (3 CSD) was established in July 2022 to meet an expanded scope of space operations. BGen Mike Adamson will discuss the importance of space to the CAF, the mandate and mission of 3 CSD, and how his organization supports the deterrence of irresponsible actions in space, building the resilience of CAF space systems, and ensuring continued access to the space domain.

The event will start at 1 pm Atlantic/Halifax time, Wednesday, 15 February, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Atlantic time.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close-of-business Sunday, 12 February. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 15 February 2023 Registration.

In addition to your name, please provide your organization (agency/directorate, unit, association or company). Participation is limited and later registrants may have to be put on a waiting list. If after registering your availability changes and you are no longer able to attend, please advise RUSI(NS) as soon as possible so your spot can be re-assigned.

The event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 13 February. If you have not received them by end-of-day 13 February, please check your spam folder and, if necessary, email RUSI(NS). RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

CAH Darlington, Commander, Royal Canadian Navy (retired)
Vice-President, RUSI(NS)

RUSI Vancouver Presentation – Tuesday, 7 March 2023

RUSI Vancouver will hold its second event coming out of the pandemic on Tuesday, 7 March 2023. Note that this presentation is on a **Tuesday**, not the normal Wednesday as this is the only day that our presenter is available. There will be a catered lunch at Bessborough Armoury Officers' Mess, starting at noon, followed by a presentation at 1330hrs.

Our presenter, Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr, headed the deployment a new Canadian Training Assistance Team (CTAT) to Ghana. The CTAT team consists of a gender-balanced task force of four CAF members currently deployed on Operation PRESENCE (Elsie) and will contribute to Ghana's ongoing efforts to increase the meaningful participation of uniformed women in United Nations Peace Operations. The Task Force recently completed its initial engagements and is now working closely with the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) on a Garrison Tour of all GAF units across the country, intended to enhance understanding of gender issues and gender barriers impacting GAF. Upon completion of this first deployment, the assessments of the Task Force Commander will drive the composition, frequency and activities of future CTAT deployments commencing in 2023.

As bilateral partners in the Elsie Initiative since 2018, Canada and Ghana share best practices, and together develop and test innovative approaches to increase women's meaningful participation in uniformed military roles in UN peace operations. The ongoing deployment of the task force is part of Canada's commitment to support the GAF under this partnership.

Lieutenant Colonel Carr will provide a presentation on the activities of the CTAT and the associated activities leading to the deployment.

Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr



Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr has served in the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserves for 25 years in both a full and part time capacity. She joined the Canadian Army as a Logistics Officer in 1995 before transferring to the Public Affairs branch in 1999. Lieutenant Colonel Carr has served as the Senior Reserve Public Affairs Officer for the Canadian Armed Forces and Deputy Director Army Public Affairs and Senior Reserve Public Affairs Advisor for the Canadian Army. Lieutenant Colonel Carr is the only Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces to be appointed as a Task Force Commander. She held this role in Canada's North for Op NANOOK-TATIGIIT in 2019, Task Force Training Peace Support Operations (TF TSPO) as part of Op Presence in Rwanda and Entebbe in 2021 and 2022 and Task Force Elsie in Ghana in 2022 and 2023. Lieutenant Colonel Carr was named one of Canada's Top 20 Women in Defence in 2021.

Since 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Carr has provided information warfare and communication training and guidance in her civilian capacity for more than 100 exercises in support of NATO, the EU, Partnership for Peace countries, the Canadian Armed Forces and US military in training locations around the world.

Tuesday Lunch – March 7, 2023

Lunch will consist of Roast Beef (Sirloin Tip), mashed potatoes (with gravy), mixed carrots and peppers with a small selection of desserts. The bar will be open as usual. Lunch will be restricted to 30 attendees. (If there is a good response that limit may be raised to 40.)

Lunch starts at **1200hrs**, and Lieutenant Colonel Carr's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1330 hrs**.

This lunch is open to all military personnel, veterans and their guests.

Cost will be \$25 per person. **Reservations and payment in advance is required.**

Those wishing to attend must RSVP HLCol Don Foster @ dgfoster60@gmail.com

Prepayment for lunch tickets required by 1 March.

E-transfer may be made to: 15rca100th@gmail.com

If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements with HLCol Don Foster.

There will be **no cash or credit card** option available at the door.

Dress: Jacket and tie, equivalent for women. Military dress of the day for Serving personnel always acceptable.

For further information, contact HLCol Don Foster at (604)809-6242 or dgfoster60@gmail.com or – Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell at (604) 865-0612 or kdmawell@gmail.com

Military Recruiting Issues in West Raise Challenges

for defending democracy. *Rachel Gilmore Global News Jan 29, 2023*



The West Block' host Mercedes Stephenson sits down with Gen. Wayne Eyre, chief of the defence staff, to discuss the state of the Canadian military. Global News

Canada is not the only Western country facing serious challenges when it comes to military recruitment — but the chief of the defence staff says the issues raise concerns about potential threats to democracy. In an interview with *The West Block's* Mercedes Stephenson, Gen Wayne Eyre said Canada's ongoing recruitment and modernization challenges mean the military would be "hard pressed" to do anything more than simply meet its NATO pledges — and it's not alone. "We're not the only ones facing the people crunch. I've had good chats with Australia, New Zealand, NATO counterparts — this is a phenomenon across the West — tight labour force, not as much interest in military service," Eyre said. "That worries me from a collective ability to defend democracy at large," Eyre said. "So we've got to do our part. We've got to do our part with getting our numbers back up ... I am concerned, but I'm concerned for the wider West as well."

The Canadian Armed Forces have been facing a significant personnel crisis in recent years. While it is supposed to be adding about 5,000 troops to regular and reserve forces to meet a growing list of demands, the military is instead short more than 10,000 trained members — meaning about one in 10 positions are currently vacant. In addition to a lack of recruits, the Canadian military continues to face longstanding challenges in procuring new equipment, maintaining aging gear, and tracking down replacement parts. There are also ongoing questions about whether the federal government will move to contract replacements for the weapons, gear and other equipment such as ammunition that the Canadian military has been donating in the billions to Ukraine. While military officials aren't placing blame on any single issue with respect to the recruitment and retention problems, the Canadian Forces have been shaken in recent years by a sexual misconduct crisis that touched even the highest ranks, along with wider attention on systemic racism.

Skyrocketing prices, short supply leading to housing shortage at CFB Kingston



The reputational problem has been compounded by concerns about the presence of right-wing extremists and racism in the ranks, which a review said last year were factors "repulsing" new recruits. Defence Minister Anita

Anand announced last year that fixing the military's culture was her top priority. She also finalized a deal to procure new F-35 fighter jets, but the first aircraft aren't set to be delivered until 2026. The full fleet won't reach operational capability until around 2033. In last year's budget, Canada also announced plans to review its defence policy. Speaking during his interview with Stephenson, Eyre said he's hopeful that review will prompt changes aimed at "fixing the foundation of the Canadian Armed Forces." "The training, the people, the equipment, the serviceability, the ammunition ... all of those aspects that go into readiness, and then look at the capabilities that we need, capabilities that we've seen from Russia's brutal war of aggression in Ukraine that are increasingly relevant," Eyre said. On top of that, the Forces need a pay boost — badly, the defence chief said. "We urgently need a pay raise for the Canadian Armed Forces. We urgently need to bring in the replacement for our post-living differential," he said. "We need our members not to have to worry about their own financial security, not to be constantly looking over their shoulders, to see if their families are having to go to a food bank. So, yeah, it's got to be addressed urgently."

Meanwhile, Russia's war in Ukraine is continuing to rage on. Ukraine is located near many NATO allies. Should Russia opt to expand its aggression to neighboring countries and Canada finds itself called on to fulfill its pledges to the treaty, the readiness issues could complicate things, Eyre said. "We spent a lot of time focused on what our commitments are to NATO, what capabilities that we've pledged to NATO if that happens. And so, if we did have to respond, we would meet those pledges, but it would be a challenge," he said. "It would be an all hands on deck event." Eyre said in the interview he worries that as it stands now, Canada's military is not ready for the challenges the future holds as the global security situation continues "deteriorating." "Do you think that you are ready right now?" Stephenson asked. "Right now, for the challenges that lie ahead? No," Eyre said. "That's why it's so important that we reconstitute our force, get our numbers back up, that we get the capabilities in place that are relevant for the future security environment, while at the same time, as we focus on that future piece, being able to respond today."

Tanks from Germany, US and UK Could Change the Ukraine War

Jonathan Beale BBC Defence correspondent 28 Jan 2023



US M1 Abrams are faster than most Russian-made tanks.

Image Source, Epa

Is this the week when the war dramatically turned in Ukraine's favour? It was certainly a decisive moment, with a coalition of Western nations confirming they were finally willing to supply modern-made main battle tanks. Germany said it would send Leopard 2 tanks and the US said it would send M1 Abrams tanks. Both the UK and Poland have already made concrete pledges, and other nations are expected to follow. Some commentators have described the move as a potential "gamechanger". But is it really enough to win the war? Ben Barry, senior fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS), tells the BBC that

Western tanks will make a difference. But the former British Army Brigadier also warns that the pledges made so far are unlikely to prove decisive. In modern warfare, tanks have been a key element for offensive operations - to punch through enemy lines and retake territory. Used effectively, they provide mobile firepower, protection, shock and surprise. Concentrated in numbers, they can dislocate an enemy's defences. But they also need the support of artillery to first weaken those defences and then the support of infantry to hold retaken ground. History shows tanks alone don't win battles. The British first used hundreds of tanks at the battle of Cambrai in November 1917 - to end the deadlock of static trench warfare. Initially they made significant advances, but many tanks soon broke down and a German counter offensive turned British gains into losses. Tanks can also be used in defence. In 1940 they were used by the retreating British and French armies at Arras to stall the Nazi invasion, allowing the subsequent evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk.

But Ukraine has made clear that it wants weapons not just to stall any potential Russian spring offensive, but to retake its own territory - to go on the attack. It would make little sense for Ukraine to disperse its additional tanks across a frontline of more than 1,000km (621 miles). To break through Russian defences, Ukraine will need to concentrate its forces - possibly over an area of between five and 20km (between three and 12 miles). Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, a former colonel in the British Army's Royal Tank Regiment, says numbers do matter for a breakthrough. An armoured brigade for a significant offensive operation would normally include at least 70 tanks. So more than 100 Western battle tanks could make a big difference, he says. If Ukraine had more it could try to conduct simultaneous offensive operations in different places, as it did last year in the north and the south. Then there's the additional support required for what the military call "combined arms manoeuvre". The UK is not just sending Ukraine 14 Challenger tanks, but also 30 artillery self-propelled guns and armoured vehicles to carry and protect troops.

That new package of military support also includes mine breaching and bridge-laying vehicles. In other words, the essential elements needed for any offensive operation. The US is also providing Ukraine with more than 100 Bradley and Stryker armoured vehicles, and Germany 40 of its Marder infantry fighting vehicle - as well as tanks. Tanks are the tip of the spear, designed to move quickly over open ground. The Challenger 2, Leopard 2 and M1 Abrams are faster than most Russian-made tanks with speeds of more than 25mph (40km per hour) on rough terrain. To take ground quickly, with any element of surprise, they would likely avoid urban areas where they would be more vulnerable to attack. Russia showed early on in this war, in its failed attempt to surround Kyiv, that a long column of armour on a road is an easy target. Mr Barry, of ISS, says any spearhead attack would look for an enemy's weak points. But he also warns that Russia has spent the last few months reinforcing defensive positions with trenches and tank traps. Western tanks are also about 20 tonnes heavier than their Russian counterparts. The additional armour gives better protection, but it also means the tanks may be too heavy to cross some makeshift bridges. Russia and Ukraine have both blown bridges to slow down advances.

Mr de Bretton Gordon, who commanded a squadron of British Challenger tanks, says one of the big advantages of Western-made tanks is their ability to fight at night. Night sights and thermal

imaging camera are standard. Only Russia's more advanced tanks - like the T-90 - are fitted to fight at night. Attacks under the cover of darkness also add to the element of shock and surprise. The greatest challenge for Ukraine will be logistics - maintaining the flow of fuel, ammunition and spare parts. Ukraine is not just having to maintain its old Soviet-era arsenal, it is also having to worry about an increasingly complex inventory of Western supplied weapons. Britain's Challenger 2 tanks, for instance, do not use the same NATO standard ammunition as the Leopard and Abrams. The Challenger 2 is no longer in production and even the British Army has had to cannibalise some spare parts from its existing fleet. Mr Barry says Ukrainian engineers may be familiar with repairing diesel engines - like those in the Leopard and Challenger. But he says the US-made Abrams runs on a more complicated gas turbine engine. It also consumes about twice the amount of fuel as a German-made Leopard.



Germany produces the vast majority of modern heavy tanks in Europe - the Leopard 2s.

Image Source, Getty Images

If Western pledges are firmed, Ukraine's armed forces could be boosted by more than 100 tanks. That would still fall well short of what Ukraine's overall military commander asked for. Last October, General Valerii Zaluzhnyi said Ukraine needed an additional 300 tanks, 700 infantry fighting vehicles and 500 howitzers for his planned offensive this year. It might end up with just half of that. The training required on the weapons will take time too - weeks if not months. And it's still not clear when all this equipment will arrive. The US has indicated that its 31 M1 Abrams tanks might not be ready for months. Ukraine is also waiting for the West to respond to its repeated request for modern warplanes. An army attacking on the ground will need protection from the air. Western officials had hoped that Ukraine may be able to mount an offensive as soon as this spring. They believe there is now a window of opportunity while Russia struggles to recruit and rebuild its battered forces, and to replenish its dwindling supplies of ammunition. Ukraine has managed to prove the doubters wrong in the past - but it will still need more Western support if it is to achieve its goal of expelling Russian forces.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Anyone interested in Italy? Check out the OP Husky pages for an exciting opportunity coming up this summer. <https://www.facebook.com/OperationHusky2023/>

RCA Association Membership Cards

Last week, 17 serving members and 3 retired members from 15th Field Artillery Regiment signed up for their new RCA Association membership card. Check out the details here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rca-association-membership-cards2282107>

Honorary Colonels

Honorary Colonel Al DeGenova and Honorary Lieutenant Don Foster met with the other Honoraries from 39 Canadian Brigade Group.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/honorary-colonels>

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Douglas Crowe, MC, ED

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Douglas Crowe, MC, ED has been added to our nominal roll as he was a member of 31st Battery, 9th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, CEF when he was awarded a bar to his Military Cross. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/military-cross4299290>

Major Richard Diespecker

Recently came across a set of Citation Cards for the Legion of Merit awarded to Major Richard Diespecker of the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regiment, RCA. He seems to have been posted to rather nice spot during the war.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/major-richard-allan-diespecker>

Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesday from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

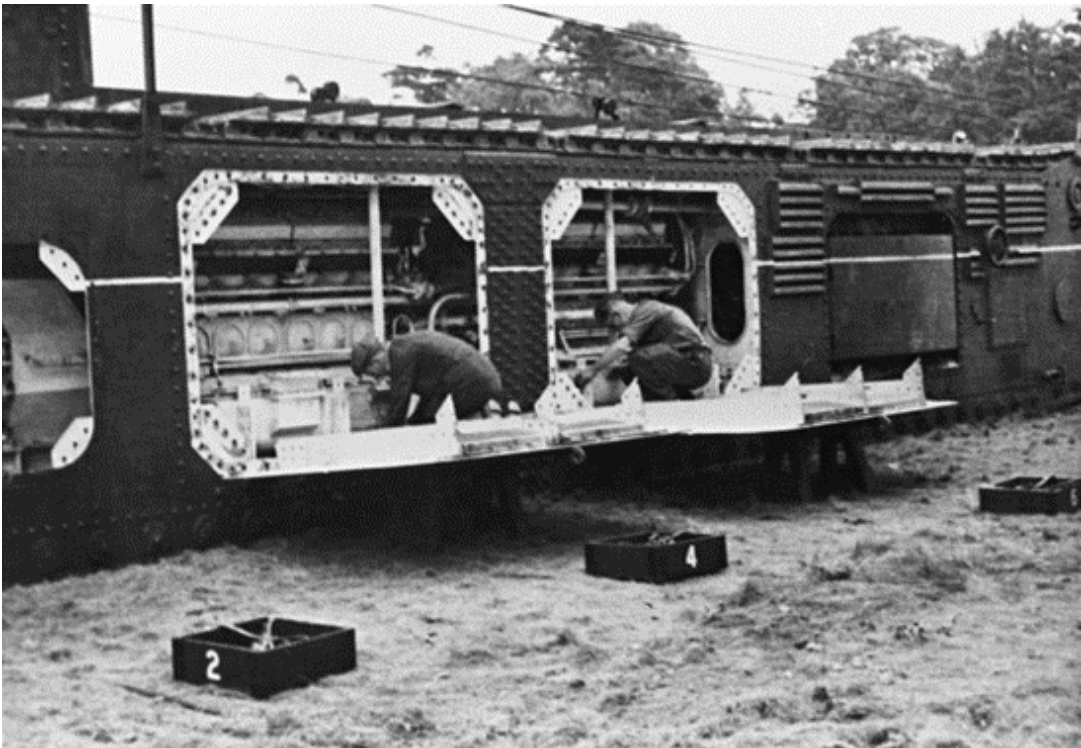
Last Week: The **Martin B-10** was the first all-metal monoplane bomber to be regularly used by the United States Army Air Corps, entering service in June 1934. It was also the first mass-produced bomber whose performance was superior to that of the Army's pursuit aircraft of the time. The B-10 served as the airframe for the B-12, B-13, B-14, A-15 and O-45 designations using Pratt & Whitney engines instead of Wright Cyclones. A total of 348 of all versions were built. The largest users were the US, with 166, and the Netherlands, with 121. Although the Martin B-10 was made obsolete in late 1930s when Boeing's B-17 won the bid for a new long-range bomber, the overall performance of the B-10 was still sufficient for countries in dire need for high-speed bombers, including the Republic of China which had next to no aviation industry at the time. Records show that the Republic of China Air Force (ROCAF) purchased the Martin B-10 (**designated the Martin 139WC**) in 1936; it was in fact the fastest aircraft on Chinese soil which was at the time using mostly biplanes. They served as part of the ROCAF bomber forces and joined the first bombing operations of mainland Japan in 1938 when two bombers took off from Hankou (now a district of Wuhan City) and dropped propaganda leaflets over Kyushu via Ningbo (which was still under Nationalist control at the time) on 19 May 1938. The crew returned safely to Nanchang on the 20th, but any further records of the Martin 139 in the Chinese Theatre are sparse.



On 25 August 1937, as the air battles intensified in the early part of the Second Sino-Japanese War, five Chinese Nationalist Air Force bombers of the 8th BG, 19th and 30th Squadrons consisting of three Heinkel He-111As and two Martin B-10s respectively, flying from their base in Nanjing to Shanghai, successfully dropped their bombs on Japanese landing forces at Liuhe, Taicang northwest of Shanghai, however Japanese aircraft pursued the bombers and shot up two of the Heinkels, forcing them to crash land; two crew members were killed on the ground by Japanese aircraft strafing them. On 19 May 1938, two B-10s of the 2nd BG, 14th Squadron, led by Capt Hsu Huan-sheng and Lt Teng Yen-bo, successfully flew the first air raid on mainland Japan.

This Week: Many of you still have personal vehicles, although I expect that a few of them are mobility scooters, things that can only be seen as a blessing for many. In the case of those devices,

accessing the motors is something best left to specialists, as is also the case with almost all modern automobiles. Those of us with Lamborghinis or even BMWs, and that applies to most retired service personnel, such is the generosity of DND pensions, know that when one's chauffeur pops the hood (or bonnet to some), there is nothing visible that is comprehensible. Neither is there any space wide enough to even slide one's club card between motor and firewall. That was not the case in our youth. Back then, in the mists of time, before social media and reality TV, autos came with engines that offered the owner ample room in which to perform maintenance of a variety of tasks, from changing sparking plugs to replacing the cage in which the squirrel (necessary to drive the electrical system) was housed. Your author's first car, a spacious if slightly under-powered Austin, had enough room in the engine compartment to house several members of his household staff. And I can assure you that any complaints about that housing were dealt with quickly and firmly.



We are thus brought to this week's photographic image. It shows a vehicle, almost certainly of an armed force, with engine compartments galore, all more than capable of housing even the largest of your estate staff, unless they have succumbed to the recent fad for super-sizing children, in which case space

might be a tad more limited. However, we are mystified as to what the mighty thing is. If you know, please share your knowledge with us by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or his chief valet, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Tanks again

From the 'Punitary'

Why did the mail arrive wet? There was postage dew.

Murphy's Other Laws

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Quotable Quotes

I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all. *Simone Biles*

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.

<https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6



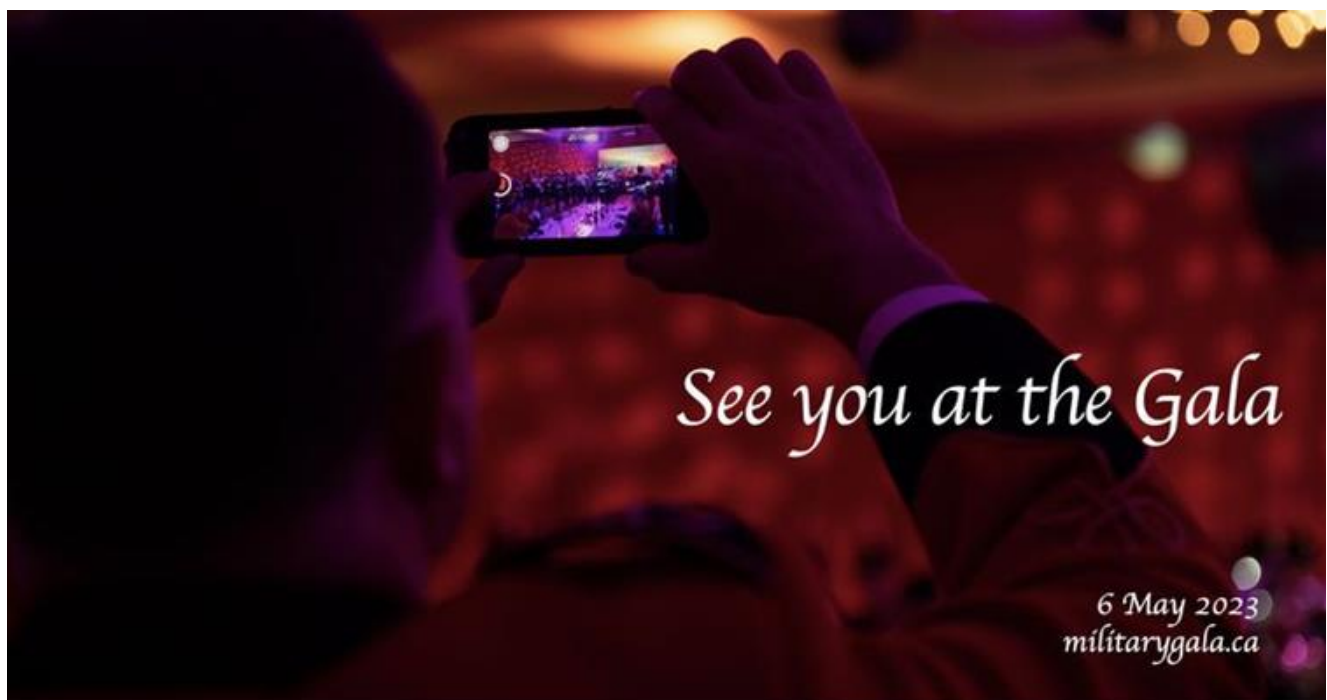
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Jose, CA.

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

BC Military Gala 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 1800 for 1900hrs - Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel



Town Hall Meeting with the Veterans Ombud in British Columbia

ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Hall with the Veterans Ombud in British Columbia

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 17:00 - 18:00 (PST)

hosted by:

Billy Bishop/Kerrisdale Legion, Branch 176

1407 Laburnum St, Vancouver, BC

Website: <http://www.billybishoplegion.org/> Ph: (604) 738-4142 Email: billybishoplegion@gmail.com

Veteran and serving CAF and RCMP members, and their families, are invited to join Veterans Ombud, Colonel (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine and team members at the town hall in Vancouver.

They look forward to hearing about the issues that impact local Veterans and their families, to ensure the work they do can best serve you.

Please join us.

Veterans
Ombud
des vétérans





The
Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia
presents

Distinguished Speaker

Brigadier-General

G. Michael Adamson

Royal Canadian Air Force



3 Canadian Space Division

**1 pm Atlantic time, Wednesday, 15 February 2023
via Zoom**

register through RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com



Brigadier General G Michael Adamson

Brigadier General G Michael Adamson joined the Canadian Air Force in 1993 after completing his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, ON. Upon receiving his Navigator's Wings in 1995, he was posted to 405 Maritime Patrol Squadron in Greenwood, NS where he was employed as a CP-140(A) Nav/Com, Crew Commander, and Squadron Standards and Training Officer. In 2001 he was posted to 404 Maritime Patrol and Training Squadron where he served as an Instructor, Simulator Operator, Crew Commander, Standards Officer and Chief Aircrew Instructor.

Promoted to Major in 2004, BGen Adamson was transferred to National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) in Ottawa as the Career Manager for Long Range Patrol Navigators. In 2007 he was selected to attend the Joint Command and Staff Course in Toronto, ON, returning to Ottawa upon completion to conduct an Occupation Review for the Air Navigator trade. In January 2009, he returned to 405 Long Range Patrol Squadron and was appointed Deputy Commanding Officer.

BGen Adamson returned to NDHQ in July of 2010, and worked as a Strategic Coordination Staff Officer for Chief of Force Development. During that period, he completed his Masters in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, ON, and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in January 2011. In September 2011, he deployed to Combined Maritime Forces Bahrain as Chief of the Air Coordination Element supporting Maritime Security and Counter-Piracy operations in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

In 2012 BGen Adamson was appointed Commanding Officer of 405 Long Range Patrol Squadron, overseeing the introduction of squadron first-line maintenance and unit conversion to the upgraded Block III CP-140M Aurora. BGen Adamson returned to NDHQ in 2014 as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff. Promoted to Colonel in 2015, BGen Adamson assumed duties with Chief of Force Development as Director C4ISR.

In 2017, BGen Adamson was extremely honoured and proud to culminate 15 years in the Annapolis Valley as Wing Commander of 14 Wing Greenwood. In 2019, BGen Adamson was selected to attend the National Securities Program at Canadian Forces College in Toronto, and was promoted to his current rank in May 2020. BGen Adamson assumed the role of Royal Canadian Air Force Director General Space and the Joint Force Space Component Commander in June 2020. In 2022, he became Commander of 3 Canadian Space Division (3 CSD) when Director General Space transitioned to 3 CSD.

Regimental Whiskey Tasting



Hosted by:

*The British Columbia
Regiment*



*Officers' Mess
&
Sgts' & WOs' Mess*

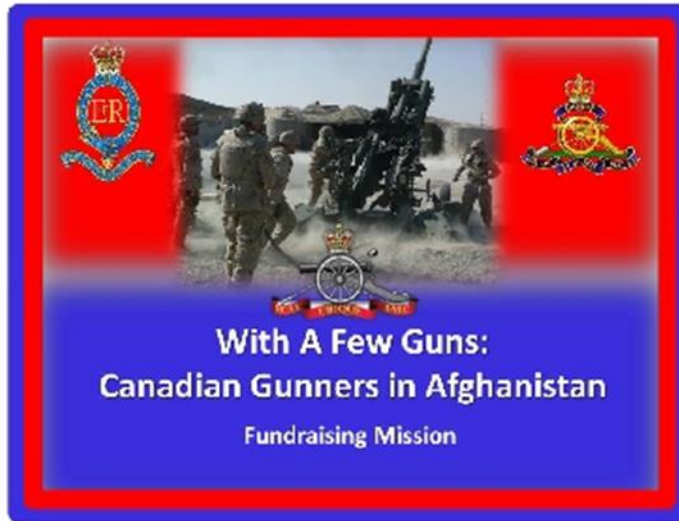
- Date:** Saturday, February 18, 2023
- Time:** Bar Open from 6:00pm - Late.
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.
- Location:** Upstairs Messes of the British Columbia Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC
- Dress:** Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)
- Price:** \$65/person (Includes Selection of 5x Whiskies)
- RSVP:** Tickets are limited and available by presale only
on a first-come-first-served basis!

For more information or to purchase tickets, email:
Maj Adam McLeod, at "adamcleod@gmail.com"

Payment via e-transfer, no cash sales at the door.
No cancellations after February 4, 2023

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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