

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 08 Nov 2022

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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

The **2022 Army Gala**. CANCELLED. New Date:- **May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

- Nov 09 Wed 'Zoom' meeting - Band of the 5<sup>th</sup> (BC) Regiment - Concert of Remembrance
- Nov 11 **Remembrance Day** – Messes Open for all after ceremonies
- Nov 16 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Nov 17 Left Coast Lancers - Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon\_– see poster section
- Nov 23 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Nov 26 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders – Feast of St Andrew – open to all – see poster section
- Nov 30 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Dec 03 St Barbara's Day Annual Special Guest Night -

## The 2022 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt Annual St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night

**Good News!! The Annual Dinner is back! Mark your calendar!!** The Dinner will be held at the Armoury on **Saturday Dec 3, 2022**. Dress for the event is formal, as usual, and good news for retired members, you can wear your Mess Kit (if it still fits). Timing 1800hrs - Mess opens, 1900 - dinner starts. Payment \$125 required in advance – there will be no seats available for walk-ins. **For further information see invitation in poster section.**

*Just a reminder – this is for serving and retired members and friends of the Regiment only (ie. one does not bring a 'date' to this event)*

## **Dawn Patrol Notice, 2022(Revised)**

The 86<sup>th</sup> Dawn Patrol is only a week away, and I want to **thank those of you who have already indicated to me that you will attend** and also those of you who are donating a prize for the raffle. We've got some good stuff again this year for the raffle table...I just picked up a bottle of 18-year-old Glenmorangie Scotch from Charton-Hobbs. There will be several other well-aged bottles on the table, some good aviation books, tickets to local attractions, prepaid restaurant cards, and also a framed signed copy of the print from the painting of Harry Hardy's Typhoon bailout, after he was hit by gunfire from a German tank. Among the books up for grabs is a signed copy of Dan Dempsey's massive book "A Tradition of Excellence". I am still accepting more items....contact me.

Raffle tickets are still the same price.....\$ 5 each or 3 for \$ 10. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket....or several tickets!!

**HOWEVER, it looks like the attendance this year is going to set a new record low number!!** We no longer have the luxury of having several large family groups in attendance, now that Harry Hardy, Jack Miles, Art Adamson and other WW 2 veterans have left us. World War Two and COVID have not been able to stop the Dawn Patrol, but low attendance may do it in!! Perhaps some of you may not yet have made up your mind or simply haven't got back to me yet, but we need to know tomorrow so we can give the caterer an attendance figure to work with.

Please get back to me if you plan to attend and bring along family members and friends.

**GOOD NEWS ON THE PARKING**.....the caterer has been able to arrange on our behalf for free parking in the underground parkade at the Masonic Centre. Otherwise, it was going to be a \$ 12 charge to park there for 4 hours. Please park on Level P2. Otherwise, if you don't like "free", there is still metered and "pay by licence plate" parking available on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and about half a dozen free parking spaces on the West side of Hemlock St., between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

See updated copy of the Dawn Patrol Notice in poster section.

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## **Govt Announces \$3.7 Billion Contract for CAF Clothing and Footwear**

Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 24 Oct 2022

Over the next 20 years, \$3.7 billion will be poured into updating the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) clothing and footwear, the Government of Canada announced on Oct 20. The contract, awarded to Logistik Unicorp based in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, will deliver approximately 1,222 different items of clothing and footwear worn by CAF members during their

deployments. “Today’s investment will support thousands of well-paying jobs for Canadian workers and deliver modern, cutting-edge equipment for the members of the Canadian Armed Forces. “The CAF uniform is a source of great pride for Canadians at home and abroad, and this new contract with Logistik Unicorp will ensure that our members have the equipment they need, when they need it to fulfill the duties that we ask of them. I look forward to seeing the results of today’s investment, which is great news for Quebecers and all Canadians,” said Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence. Anand made the announcement this week on behalf of the Canadian government. According to a press release from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), the contract will provide supplies for more than 160,000 Canadian soldiers, including:



- Regular
- Reserve Force members,
- Canadian Rangers,
- Junior Rangers,
- Search and rescue technicians,
- Firefighters, and
- Cadets.

**The clothing provided under the contract includes:**

- Combat uniforms using Canadian Disruptive Pattern (CADPAT) camouflage
- Badges and insignias
- Footwear, including combat boots, arid/hot weather boots, and mukluks
- Winter gear such as parkas, headwear and handwear
- Soldiers’ personal equipment, such as sleeping bags and day packs.

According to the military, once the contract is in motion, members can order items online and have orders shipped to their door. However, the CAF will still be able to continue distributing uniforms directly to units. Distribution of clothing will begin in the second year of the contract, and individual online ordering is expected to start in the third year. “The members of the Canadian Armed Forces deserve the best uniforms and equipment required to effectively perform their duties. This contract delivers on this promise and provides military members with the needed operational clothing and footwear while also ensuring that the investment will benefit the Canadian apparel, textile and footwear industry and thousands of its workers. Our government couldn’t be prouder to simultaneously support both our troops and the workers at Logistik Unicorp and in its network of suppliers across the country,” said François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry. The contract also accounts for equipment in unexpected situations, such as the immediate supply of Personal Protective Equipment during critical emergencies.



According to the CAF, the contract will support more than 3,000 jobs in the clothing, footwear, and textile industries. In addition, it is expected that Logistik Unicorp will invest in research and development and skills training in these sectors, generating additional jobs. Furthermore, as part of the contract, Logistik must manufacture a majority of the clothing and footwear in Canada. According to the government, the contract will ensure “long-term, sustainable support for the Canadian apparel, textile and footwear sectors.” The contract has incentives for Logistik to support Indigenous businesses. “This contract speaks to the Government of Canada’s commitment to obtaining the best possible value for the Government and Canadians through open, fair and transparent procurement processes. It will provide CAF members with the necessary equipment to conduct daily operations anywhere in the world, while also creating economic benefits for Canadians,” said Helena Jaczek, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada. According to the CAF press release, Logistik has experience in incorporating Gender-based Analysis Plus. “Procured items will meet the requirements of the diverse CAF population with a faster turnaround time,” stated the press release.

## **NATO's Sentinel Planes Warn of Russia's Ukraine Battlefield Moves**

Intelligence from sophisticated system quietly provides near real-time picture of Russian forces

*David Common · CBC News · Oct 22, 2022*



*NATO and allied nations operate near-24 hour surveillance of Ukraine's battlefield, using a massive radar mounted on specialized aircraft.*

*(David Common/CBC News)*

CBC's David Common gets rare access to NATO's sophisticated surveillance aircraft that monitors Russian war activity in and around Ukraine, and provides information to allies, allowing Ukraine to quickly respond. As the military pilots on board one of NATO's airborne warning and command planes skirt just inside Poland's border with Ukraine, the real action is happening metres behind them. Surveillance operators and weapons controllers crowd around one of the multitude of radar screens peering deep inside wartime Ukraine. They would not describe what was happening, due to the sensitive nature of real-time intelligence on Russian military moves. But it is clear they've spotted something using the massive radar dome mounted to the E-3, a plane the size of a commercial airliner but filled with advanced surveillance and communications equipment. "We are able to detect and identify everything flying around us in a really big circle," said Sgt Joao, who, like nearly all the crew, provides only his first name for security reasons. In mid-October, CBC News was granted rare access on board the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, one of 14 in NATO's Germany-based fleet that routinely gathers intelligence through radar and other surveillance technologies of land sea and air, providing NATO allies with a view of the battlefield during combat.





*Inside an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, NATO personnel peer at a classified radar screen showing Russian positions across Ukraine. CBC News was granted rare access on board one of the 14 planes in NATO's Germany-based fleet in mid-October 2022. (David Common/CBC News)*

As Ukraine takes back territory in its fight with the invading Russians, it is clear western intelligence has been a key component to their success, including the big picture offered by the AWACS. Commanders did acknowledge the unclassified capabilities of the system, which can "see" at least 400 kilometres beyond the aircraft, tracking Russian warplanes as they approach Ukrainian airspace, navy ships positioning for attack, and Russia's larger drones. Even, in some circumstances, the movements of tanks and other military vehicles. The AWACS aircraft can determine the paths of missiles, as well as aircraft, says professor Walter Dorn of the Royal Military College of Canada. "In fact, its resolution is such that it can track flocks of geese." "In Crimea now, we see a lot of activity," said Sgt Joao, acknowledging the efforts by Russia to push back a surging Ukrainian counter-offensive in the south.

Officially, the information is immediately sent to only NATO nations. However, it is widely acknowledged that some among them quickly share the intelligence with Ukraine's Armed Forces, which could use it to counter an incoming attack and to better understand Russia's broader moves across the entire battlefield. "Essentially, the Western intelligence data provides Ukrainian planners with a near real-time picture of Russian forces, which in turn enables Ukrainian planners to organize efficient combat operations," said Andrew Rasiulis of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. The classified nature of their work limits the information the crew can share — and the radar images CBC News was able to photograph — but one long-serving member on the aircraft described it as the "most useful work of my career." Another described sending alerts as Russian planes approached Snake Island in the Black Sea on a bombing run this summer. The island holds tremendous symbolism for Ukrainians after its soldiers posted there radioed an attacking vessel to "F--k off, Russian warship." More recently, the airborne command planes have been early sentries to the departure of Russian fighter jets from Crimea after Ukrainian forces punched through the Russian front lines in the south, a move that could ultimately threaten Russia's occupation of the strategic peninsula, which it annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

*Officially, NATO only shares the intelligence it gathers with member nations of the military alliance. But it is widely known that some of those nations immediately pass on the information to Ukraine's Armed Forces for immediate use.*

*(David Common/CBC News)*



Although vastly outnumbered, Ukraine's Air Force continues to function, attacking Russian warplanes and ground targets. One AWACS crew member described "Russian radar signatures disappearing," either after dogfights with Ukrainian fighter jets or engagement by a surface to air missile. None would elaborate on their own role in such actions, citing the sensitivities of NATO allies providing real-time intelligence to Ukraine, itself not a member of the alliance. But some were permitted to discuss recent incidents, including Senior Master Sergeant Elissa, an American on the multinational crew. "When we watch Ukrainian fighters taking off, protecting their airspace and going after Russian fighters," said the surveillance operator in front of an illuminated screen littered with hundreds of symbols tracking Russian positions on the ground and air, "they're fighting back and taking control of the country they love."



*The AWACS operates specifically to monitor aircraft in a war zone, but has powerful surveillance tools allowing it to see in great detail more than 400 km away. They can track drones, tanks and much more — providing real-time information and a broader sense of what Russia is planning over time.*

*(David Common/CBC News)*

Russia has loudly criticized the transfer of weapons and intelligence to Ukraine and has threatened to respond. One crew member on board the AWACS said occasionally Russian warplanes have flown directly toward it at high speed – while maintaining a wide distance. "It is definitely a different situation," said Major Wayne, the aircraft's commander. He has worked adjacent to war zones in the past with the US Air Force, including the Middle East where "they didn't have a capable air force threat that we were concerned about, whereas here there is a much greater threat." The NATO plane has limited defensive capabilities but does occasionally fly with fighter jet escorts. There are no publicly known incidents when Russian aircraft have crossed into NATO airspace to harass the AWACS plane during the Ukraine war. On Thursday, Britain's defence minister said a Russian fighter jet had released a missile near an unarmed British spy plane similar to NATO's aircraft as it patrolled in international airspace over the Black Sea on Sept. 29. Defence Minister Ben Wallace told Parliament it was an apparent accident and not a deliberate escalation of tensions, noting that the Russians had investigated and blamed a technical malfunction. Rasiulis pointed out that the Russians now view the war as a de facto war between NATO and Russia, harkening back to the darkest days of the Cold War. "The key was always, and remains so today, to avoid direct combat between the US/NATO and Russia."

*All those aboard are cautious about what they disclose. 'Foreign intelligence agencies can take things that we say, things that are reported, as puzzle pieces,' says Major Wayne, the aircraft commander on this NATO flight.*

*(David Common/CBC News)*



The AWACS often stays airborne for 12 or more hours, refuelled in flight by a US Air Force tanker. Combined with similar surveillance aircraft operated by multinational crews in the United States, France and others, they maintain a near round-the-clock picture of the Ukrainian battlefield. And not just on land. "AWACS can also track ships in the Black Sea, giving Ukraine both warning and targeting information," noted Dorn. "The maritime tracking can also help implement Western sanctions on Russian products." After years of exercises, one crew member on board the plane who couldn't be named because of constraints by his home nation described, "feeling that we are making a difference against the enemy."



*Capt Colin Wiley of the RCAF is posted to the NATO AWACS base in Geilenkirchen, Germany, for at least three years. He is airborne as the surveillance controller at least once a week, watching over vast areas of Ukraine and the movements of Russian military equipment and troops.*  
(David Common/CBC News)

The lone Canadian on the AWACS aircraft is Capt Colin Wiley. As the surveillance controller, all detections are routed to him for confirmation and immediate transmission to ground-based operations centres. Wiley has watched many times on his screen as a Russian aircraft, "goes down low-level, pops back up," in what was most likely a bombing run. It's a surreal task, he says. "I wake up in the morning in my bed, fly orbits over here on the eastern flank, and then I go back home and sleep in my bed at night, and it makes me think about those who can't leave [the war]." Even as the AWACS turns back to its base in Geilenkirchen, Germany, after a mission that began before sunrise and ends after sunset, another NATO surveillance plane is already airborne, maintaining a near-constant watch of Ukraine's skies and much more.

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

### **Promotion and Change of Appointment**

Congratulations to Chief Warrant Officer Heath Porritt CD on his promotion and appointment as Regimental Sergeant Major. Chief Warrant Officer Rob Garrett CD fired his last round as RSM during the last Yakima Firing Exercise and will be given a new task in 39 CBG in the near future.  
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/promotion-and-change-of-appointment>

### **Missile Troops and Artillery Day in Ukraine**

The Ukrainian Missile Troops and Artillery (Ukrainian: Ракетні війська та артилерія, romanized: Raketni Viys'ka ta artyleriya) celebrate Artillery Day on 3 November. Check out the links here:

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/missile-troops-and-artillery-day-in-ukraine>



## Yorke Island - November 2022

Ross from the 85 VICS is spending some quality time on Yorke Island. Seems to be a bit of snow in the weather forecast. Check out the other photos in the 2022 Yearbook. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2022.html>

The Regimental Museum is open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Please help keep our soldiers safe and do not attend if you feel the slightest symptom of illness. Our zoom channel will also be open 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 common thread here is Major General Sir Percy Cleghorn Stanley Hobart, KBE, CB, DSO, MC. General Sir Archibald Wavell dismissed Hobart into retirement in 1940, based on hostile War Office information due to his "unconventional" ideas about armoured warfare. Hobart joined the **Local Defence Volunteers (precursor to the Home Guard)** as a lance



corporal and was charged with the defence of his

hometown, Chipping Campden. "At once, Chipping Campden became a hedgehog of bristling defiance", and Hobart was promoted to become Deputy Area Organiser. Hobart 'invented' the **pike that the Home Guard used** while awaiting rifles.



Liddell Hart criticized the decision to retire Hobart and wrote an article in the newspaper *Sunday Pictorial*. Winston Churchill was notified, and he had Hobart recalled into the army over Chief of the Imperial General Staff General Sir Alan Brooke's objections in 1941. Hobart went on to design a series of tank modifications that became known as Hobart's funnies, including a fascine layer as shown in the last picture.

**This Week:** Our list of Victoria Cross holders seems to have stalled at the end of the Second World War, with Robert Hampton Gray being our last recipient of that most valued and prestigious award. While other Commonwealth nations have given their versions to brave men in both Iraq and Afghanistan, our leaders have chosen to keep the Canadian version in the vault, in spite of a petition to the House of Commons (that was rejected earlier this year). Sour grapes aside, I, like many of my age, was privileged to have met several of the brave VC holders, all of whom have now joined their comrades in the legion of the dead. To a man, they were kind, generous, and friendly, something I will remember until I, too, join them and all those who went before us. One other characteristic they had in common was that they were also modest, and rather dismissive of what they had done, with this week's spotlighted fellow replying to the inevitable question of what "it" had been like by saying, "It was 15 minutes of terror, and a lifetime of free lunches".





This brings us to our quiz. We have Smokey Smith's portrait, in his full wartime Seaforth kit, and a photo of something he probably never encountered. Our questions are "what is that thing that he never met", and "what is its connection to the late Sergeant (ret'd) Earnest Alvia Smith VC CM OBC CD". If you think you know, send your answer to the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)).

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

Why was the computer tired when it got home? It had a hard drive.

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

If you're not willing to shell your own position, you're not willing to win

### **Quotable Quotes**

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin." - *Tony Robbins*

## 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. **Mess is CLOSED this Wednesday**

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. **Zoom lunch meetings will continue for those unable to attend the Mess for lunch.**

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



Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their

teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

## Dawn Patrol Notice, 2022(Revised).....



### **AIR FORCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION** VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA *Since 1920*

#### NOTICE

#### THE DAWN PATROL

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2022

0800 HOURS to 1200 HOURS

**LOCATION: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, THE MASONIC CENTRE**

**1464 WEST 7<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, VANCOUVER**

**\*\*\* Dress:** Jacket and tie or uniform - medals to be worn

**\*\*\* Cost:** \$ 50.00 per person(includes breakfast)  
**Payment by cheque is appreciated, for security & accounting purposes**

**\*\*\* Agenda:**

0800	BAR WILL OPEN
0800 - 0900	ASSEMBLY
0855	CALL TO ORDER & PRESIDENT'S GREETING
0900	SPECIAL GRACE
0902	BREAKFAST BUFFET
0940	TOAST TO THE KING
	POEM TO THE DEAD - George Plawski
0950 - 1045	ENTERTAINMENT - <b>Linda Jones is back again!!</b>
1050	DECEASED MEMBERS
1100	TWO MINUTES SILENCE
1110	ANNUAL RAFFLE - USUAL GREAT PRIZES

TICKETS: \$ 5.00 or 3 for \$ 10.00

**BRING A FRIEND and/or A RELATIVE** - but please confirm your attendance by contacting Jerry Vernon at [jevernon@telus.net](mailto:jevernon@telus.net) or (604) 420-6065 **no later than Friday, 04 Nov 22.**



**WE ARE RETURNING TO THE NEW MASONIC CENTRE BANQUET ROOM....**

The reason for the change of venue is that the new Masonic Centre is now open. You will note that the price has risen considerably since the last face-to-face Dawn Patrol we held, but it would have increased astronomically if we had continued to use the Stanley Park Pavilion.

**IMPORTANT NOTES: NOTE THAT FREE VANCOUVER CITY PARKING IS NOW AVAILABLE YEARAROUND!!) FOR THOSE WITH VETERANS' PLATES. OTHERS CAN PARK FOR FREE IN THE UNDERGROUND PARKADE P2 LEVEL - ENTRANCE ON THE LANE**

**See more in parking details paragraph below**

**NOTE** - A reminder that the starting time is **0800 hrs** again this year. This was changed because many of our older Members (aren't we all??) found 0700 hrs too early. Please advise your friends and non-Member guests of this timing.

**NOTE** that attendance at the Dawn Patrol is open to Members and Guests of all sexes. Some of our Members are no longer able to drive themselves, and must rely on wives, children, grandchildren, friends, etc. to bring them to our events. Also, we have Honorary Members who are widows of former Members. **ALL** are most welcome to attend. Come and make it a success, buy some raffle tickets and win a draw prize!!

Unfortunately, we have had to raise the price to \$ 50.00 this year. It was \$ 40.00 from 2016 to 2019, and had been held at \$ 35.00 for six years before that. At \$ 50.00, it is a subsidized price and the difference between the cost and admission price will be made up from AFOA funds and the raffle proceeds. A good attendance will reduce the subsidy needed!!

In the past, we relied on the Dawn Patrol to make a good profit on the admission price, which helped to subsidize our other social events during the rest of the year. Now, the Dawn Patrol itself will need subsidizing in order to hold the price at no more than \$ 50.00 for this year.

**If you have any special dietary needs or restrictions, please advise the Secretary, as the caterer is able to make a reasonable number of special arrangements to suit these needs.**

**NOTE** that the **Membership Secretary** will have the Membership Renewal Notices available at the Dawn Patrol. Please pay Bob Reid at the Dawn Patrol or you can mail your cheque later to Bob Reid, at # 217 - 2995 Princess Crescent, Coquitlam, BC V3B 7N1.

If you are renewing your Membership (\$ 25.00) as well as paying for the Dawn Patrol (\$ 50.00) at the event, please bring **TWO SEPARATE CHEQUES** - this will assist the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary greatly in sorting out the financial confusion later!! New membership rosters will be mailed out at a later time, when available.

At the moment, it looks like we will again have a good selection of **draw prize items**.

Any Members wishing to **donate Raffle draw prizes**, please advise the Secretary, Jerry Vernon, ASAP at [jeverson@telus.net](mailto:jeverson@telus.net) or phone (604) 420-6065, and bring the item with you if you are unable to get it to him earlier.

**NOTE re the Raffle draw procedure:** As a result of some suggestions, we simplified and speeded up the draw process. All draw prizes will be available as your choice of the table, first come, first served. Take whatever you want from what is left on the table. Presumably the larger value prizes will be picked up early in the draw, but it is the ticket holder's choice what he or she takes. We will still need your name for our records, so a recorder will

be sitting at the prize table to get your name for the item you take. Also, each winner will come to the MC and draw the next ticket before choosing their prize from the table.

**The raffle ticket proceeds are applied to our annual donation to the BC Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada as well as to subsidize this and other AFOA events and activities.**

### **Parking Details:**

Besides those with veterans' licence plates, who can now park free at City of Vancouver metres or City and Parks Board lots, there are several options for parking at the Masonic Centre.

The parkade below the Masonic Centre normally cost \$ 4/hour or \$ 12/day, but we have been able to negotiate **FREE PARKING** for the Dawn Patrol. **Please park on Level P2.**

**Other Parking Options:** There is street parking on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Hemlock Street, which may be fairly empty on Remembrance Day, being a statutory holiday.

On the North side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there are about 18 "residential" parking spots...no metres, no signs and no time limits, but not much chance you will find one empty!!

On the South side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there are about 16 "pay by licence number" spots. There are also, on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 6 parking meters - \$ 2/hour, 2-hour limit, near Granville St. On 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there are about 16 \$2/hr - 2-hour metered spots, 4 "pay by licence" spots and 6 "park by Permit" spots for residents....do **not** park in the Permit spots!!

Around the corner on Hemlock St.(West side between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), there are 6 or 7 spots, with no metres, no signs and no time limits except for no parking 3 - 6 PM.

### **Access:**

The main door at the front of the building is 1464 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but for those of you who may choose to park on West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there is also an entrance at 1463 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (MCDLXIII), which I expect will also be open for us. \_ Parkade access is off the lane.

### **Breakfast Buffet:**

We have usually had a sit-down served breakfast, but costs of catering have soared!!

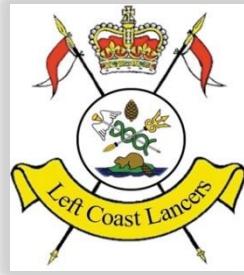
The breakfast will be a buffet of Cheesy Scrambled Eggs with Smoky Bacon, Fresh Cut Hash Browns with Green Onions, a selection of Danishes, Muffins and Mini-Croissants, served with Whipped Butter and Preserves. Sounds better than what was available in the World War One mess tent after a crew returned from the Dawn Patrol, and we hope that the petrified 10-year-old jam packages were all destroyed when the former Masonic Centre was torn down.

### **Christmas Luncheon:**

**NOTE** also that the **Christmas Lunch** this year will be held on Saturday, 10 Dec 22, at the usual location, the Point Grey Golf and Country Club. Price TBA. Mark it on your calendars and watch for the notice later.

**Jerry Vernon,  
Secretary, AFOA**

# **Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon**



Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (Cavalry)

## **Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon** **17 November 2022**

You and your guests are most cordially invited to attend the annual Leliefontein Luncheon to commemorate the Royal Canadian Dragoon's battle in South Africa on 7 November 1900

**The Luncheon will commence at 1100hrs and conclude at approximately 1400hrs to meet ferry schedules.**

**All Left Coast Lancers, Black Hats and Supporting Arms Welcome**

**At**  
**Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club**

**Dress**  
Suggested - jacket and tie  
Mask, Vaccinations

**Tariff**  
\$35.00 (TBC)

**RSVP**  
David Scandrett - [Tango14@outlook.com](mailto:Tango14@outlook.com)

**1949 Marina Way**  
**North Saanich, British Columbia, Canada**





# 78 Fraser Highlanders – Feast of St Andrew



## Fort Fraser Garrison

Please join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland at our annual

### *Feast of St. Andrew* **Mess Dinner**

**Saturday, 26 November, 2022**

**in the Officers' Mess, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RCA**

**2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC**

**1800hrs for 1900**

**RSVP by 19 November to [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca)**



*Proceeds of our Christmas Bottle Raffle will go to support the Union Gospel Mission's food program.*

**Mr Norm Murphy will speak about the Regiments last battle in North America, the capturing of St Johns, Nfld from the French Army at the Battle of Signal Hill.**

The traditional turkey dinner will be provided.

Tariff: \$65.00 per person. \*RSVP requested [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or 604-522-5766

Dress: Highland Evening Dress, Mess Kit or Business Attire.

Ladies equivalent.

**Yours Aye,**

James Barrett CD, Major  
Officer Commanding the Garrison



# St Barbara's Day Annual Special Guest Night



**The Commanding Officer**  
*Lieutenant Colonel N.J. Watts, CD*  
*and the Officers*  
*of*  
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*request the pleasure of your company*  
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## **ST BARBARA'S DAY** **SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT**

*to be held at the*  
**BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY**  
*2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC*

*on*  
*Saturday, the Third of December, 2022*  
*at*  
*six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening*

Dress. *Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.*

*\*Retired members are authorized to wear Mess Kit.*

Tariff. \$125 - *Pre-payment is preferred: e-transfer to*

*[15rca100th@gmail.com](mailto:15rca100th@gmail.com)*

*Credit card payment is also acceptable at the door.*

*RSVP by 22 November, 2022 to*

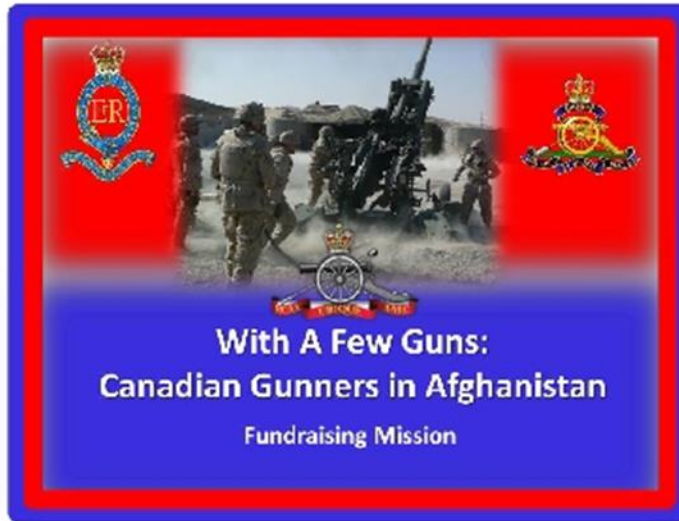
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*Please indicate your Post Nominals, and associated Regimental March. Please indicate meal choice (beef, chicken, vegetarian, any allergies).*

Questions. *To VPMC, Captain Chris Purdon*  
*[mess15rca@gmail.com](mailto:mess15rca@gmail.com)*

## 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.

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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 (+)

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# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



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## Mission

*...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974.  
...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 war.*



**WHAT** - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

**GOAL** - to capture the history and stories from those who served in Cyprus with emphasis on the actions that took place during the 1974 war, **A FORGOTTEN WAR.**

**WHEN** - November 2024.

**WHO** - All Cyprus and Canadian Airborne Regiment Veterans and family members.

**WHERE** - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

**COST** - Pay as you go trip with individual costs in the \$5000 to 6000 range. Costs covered will include airfare, hotel with breakfast and expenses such as transportation.

**TRAVEL** - Will be arranged by professional travel agents, with pre and post tour travel options available.

**PROGRAM** - Seven days: three days of battlefield tours, three days of excursions, and one day of Remembrance.

**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.

**PLUS D'INFORMATIONS ET MISES À JOUR SONT DISPONIBLES EN REJOIGNANT LE GROUPE FACEBOOK CYPRUS 2024** [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

