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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars (see Poster section at end for details)

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

2022 BoM - CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest – see end of poster section

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters

Aug 10 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- **Mess OPEN Stu McDonald hosting - DIY Lunch**

Aug 17 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch?

Aug 24 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch?

Canada's 1st Codebreaking Unit Comes Out of the Shadows

Examination Unit's covert nature kept it out of spotlight for decades.

Joseph Tunney · CBC News · Aug 07, 2022



Sylvia Gellman, 101, stands next to a plaque commemorating the Examination Unit, the codebreaking bureau where she worked during the Second World War. Her hand is held by Julie McInnes, whose mother, Rita Bogue, also had a job there.

(Joseph Tunney/CBC)

For years, Sylvia Gellman's loved ones were left in the dark about what she did

for a living in the early 1940s. But in a mansion that once sat along Laurier Avenue East, Gellman and her colleagues — many of whom were women — worked to assist a top secret mission: cracking codes and ciphers used in secret and diplomatic communications during the Second World War. "No one outside knew what we were doing," the 101-year-old told CBC Ottawa on Saturday. "You were so aware of it being a secret mission. And you didn't tell anybody. And I followed that very closely. I didn't even tell my family." On Saturday morning, a plaque honouring the Examination Unit, Canada's first cryptographic bureau, was unveiled at the Laurier House National Historic Site, next door to where Gellman once worked. The house was also the residence of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's prime minister during the Second World War. Gellman said while her loved ones knew she had a top-secret job, they hardly understood the breadth of her work. Those duties included typing out decoded Japanese messages before they were rushed to what was then called the Department of External Affairs. Intelligence was also shared with the British government's Bletchley Park, a centre of Allied code-breaking where people like Alan Turing walked the halls.



Sylvia Gellman said while her family knew she had an important job during the Second World War, she kept its precise nature a closely guarded secret.

Joseph Tunney/CBC

Having the unit's contributions to Canada officially marked with a plaque was something of a pandemic project for Diana Pepall, who's researched the bureau since 2014. It's no surprise that so few people know about the efforts of Gellman and her coworkers, Pepall said. "When they left, they all got a memo saying, 'Just because war is over and you're no longer working here, you're not allowed to talk about this for the rest of your life.'" she said. "I've seen the actual memo." One woman Pepall found during her research said that two years of her mother's life had always been unaccounted for — until they were filled in by the researcher's efforts. "The mother was right there, and then gave a 20-minute speech that nobody had ever heard before on her work at the Examination Unit," Pepall said.

Researcher Diana Pepall said the Examination Unit helped the nation become more independent of Britain. She's been looking into the bureau since 2014.

Joseph Tunney/CBC

The unit's success also marked an important milestone in Canada's independence within the intelligence community. In some ways, the Examination Unit grew into the Communications Security Establishment (CSE): the national cryptologic agency that provides the federal government with information technology security and foreign signals intelligence. Many employees went from one secretive organization to another, said Erik Waddell, who also



works for CSE. "The codebreaking work they did during the war proved, not only to our allies, but to Canadian government officials and ministers and the prime minister, that there was in fact a value in Canada having its own independent intelligence gathering ability," he said. "[It also proved] that it was worth preserving that capacity after the war." The work of Gellman and others, Waddell said, also "helped build, foster and maintain" partnerships with its allies, something that's been crucial to the establishment of Five Eyes, a key intelligence-sharing alliance on today's world stage. For Gellman, the Examination Unit was more than just her place of work: it was a second home where she met two lifelong friends. Having lost a brother in the war, Gellman said she understood her job's importance and was proud to work at the cryptographic bureau. "I felt the whole thing was amazing, what was going on," she said. "I really did."

CAF Funding Assistance Announced for Purchase of Underwear

for women and transgender members. *Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 16 Jul 2022*

Recognizing that the standard military underwear is not appropriate for all members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), female and transgender members will now receive funding assistance to purchase the underwear of their choice. "Properly fitting operational clothing is vital to the success of CAF members and their mission. Underwear, as the base layer, is a critical component of the combat clothing suite," stated a CANFORGEN released this week. The military has recognized that the current issued short-bottom underwear is in the men's boxer short style and does not meet the needs of all members. "It does not conform to the female shape and the uniqueness of their needs, including menstruation and incontinence," added the CANFORGEN. Members looking to purchase desired underwear on their own accord are welcome to purchase any underwear that best suits their needs. This includes menstruation or incontinence-type leakproof underwear. The underwear must conform to dress regulations and be either black, neutral, or white. However, there will not be any physical inspection of the underwear, according to the CANFORGEN.

All entitled regular and reserve force members are eligible for the underwear funding assistance. Entitled members here means any members who are authorized to draw operational clothing, have successfully completed basic recruit training, and are on effective strength. The reimbursement for the purchase of desired underwear is up to a maximum amount of \$180 each fiscal year. Taxes will be reimbursed over this amount. However, shipping costs and foreign currency exchange will only be covered if it is within the designated amount. Entitled members deploying on a mission for greater than five months will be eligible for an additional \$180. This additional funding will only be provided once per deployment, and documentation must be provided to prove involvement in the operation.

Accepted form of documentation includes:

- CFTPO MSG/Position Number
- Attached posting message
- Route letter/class C contract
- Travel Claim

For reimbursement, requests must be made via CF 52, General Allowance Claim, along with their original proof of purchase to their unit orderly room. Additional procedures include:

Receipts and supporting documents must be from the same fiscal year as the claim being submitted. Supporting documentation must clearly identify the cost of the underwear. For audit purposes, units will be required to maintain a list of all members that have claimed the funds. Units will be required to retain all claims, receipts, and supporting documentation. Reimbursement of authorized claims will be centrally funded.

Ukraine Says Russian Artillery Division Decimated by its Forces

Zoe Strozewski_ Newsweek July 22, 2022

Ukrainian forces have destroyed a Russian artillery division that included howitzers, troops and other equipment, according to the Command of the Airborne Assault Troops of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The Command made the announcement in a Facebook post Friday and shared a video that it said showed the division being decimated by the assault from Ukraine's airborne and ground troops. The footage first focuses on what appears to be the Russian weapons and personnel partially concealed among trees and then shows various points of the area being engulfed in smoke as they are targeted in a series of strikes. Ukrainian forces reportedly took out eight 2A65 Msta-B howitzers, ammunition, automobile equipment and an undisclosed number of soldiers from the Russian division. "Death to the Russian invaders! Together to victory! Glory to Ukraine!" the post read. It did not specify exactly where and when the division was purportedly destroyed, and what weapons Ukraine used in the strikes. *Newsweek* was not able to independently verify Ukraine's report on destroying the Russian artillery division. The defense ministries of Russia and Ukraine were contacted for confirmation and comment.



Ukrainian forces have destroyed a Russian artillery division that included howitzers, troops and other equipment, according to the Command of the Airborne Assault Troops of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Above, Msta-S self-propelled howitzers parade through Red Square during the Victory Day military parade in central Moscow on May 9.

Alexander Nemenov/Afp Via Getty Images

Russia has reportedly suffered several significant equipment losses in recent days as Ukraine continues its counteroffensive against Russian President Vladimir Putin's army. Ukraine's Operational Command South said earlier this week that its missile and artillery units hit several Russian command points, control stations and logistic supply bases on July 19. Ukrainian airborne assault troops also recently took out a convoy of Russian ammunition vehicles, according to the Command of the Airborne Assault Troops.

There have been several indications that American-supplied High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) are having a particularly large impact on the war in Ukraine's favor. Last week, a senior US Defense Department official told a background press briefing that the US HIMARS are having a "significant impact on what's going on, on the front lines" in Ukraine. This was reaffirmed in a press briefing by General Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Defense Secretary Lloyd J Austin III on Wednesday. Milley stressed that Ukrainians have been "effectively employing" the rocket launching systems, "with strikes against Russian command and control nodes, their logistical networks, their field artillery near defense sites and many other targets." Milley said that none of the US HIMARS had been destroyed "to date," something Russia has contradicted. Russia, meanwhile, has continued to assert that it will emerge from the war victorious. Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said in a press briefing Thursday that "all the goals of the special military operation will be fulfilled for certain." She also said that what's happening in Ukraine reaffirms the importance of Russia's "denazification" effort in the country.

The West Should Not Trust Ukrainian Spy Agencies.

Neither should Ukrainians. *Joseph Fitsanakis Senior Editor IntelNews.org July 28, 2022*



On Sunday, July 17, the Ukrainian administration of President Volodymyr Zelenskiy announced the most extensive shake-up of the nation's security leadership since the Russian military invasion.

Two key members of Zelenskiy's inner circle, Ukraine's Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova and domestic security chief Ivan Bakanov, were summarily fired. Venediktova was the public face of Kyiv's war crimes campaign, which was launched in March in response to the Russian invasion. Bakanov, a childhood friend of Zelenskiy, had headed the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) since 2019. In a subsequent video statement, Zelenskiy said he fired the two officials after he was informed that at least 60 employees of the SBU and the Prosecutor General's office had defected to the Russians in eastern Ukraine. Last week, in an article for SpyTalk, Kremlin watcher Olga Lautman said Bakanov's dismissal had been expected for a few days. Regardless, the move has shaken Western observers, and has given rise to legitimate questions about the susceptibility of Ukraine's security and intelligence services to Russian meddling. Should the Western alliance, and Western intelligence agencies in particular, trust their Ukrainian counterparts? The answer is, invariably, no. In fact, even the Ukrainians themselves are not able to trust their own intelligence services.

On September 20, 1991, just one week after Ukraine secured its independence from the Soviet Union, the SBU was founded in place of the Soviet KGB. Initially, the new agency handled both internal security and external intelligence functions. But in 2005, the SBU's Department of

Intelligence became a stand-alone agency under the title Foreign Intelligence Service (SZR). Since then, the SZR has functioned as the institutional equivalent of the United States' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), while the SBU has performed domestic security functions that resemble those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). As is the case with the entirety of Ukraine's state sector, the two agencies are endemically bloated. Intelligence observers report that the SBU's 30,000 employees make it far larger in size than its British counterpart, the Security Service (MI5). Meanwhile, according to the latest information, the SZR has "double the number of personnel than the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and is larger than Britain's [Secret Intelligence Service, or] MI6". By all accounts, even today, more than 30 years after the dissolution of the USSR, the two agencies continue to resemble Soviet-style bureaucracies in terms of size, sluggishness, and corruption.

In 1999, intelligence observers Julie Anderson and Joseph Albini were noting that, in comparison to its Soviet predecessor, the SBU was "new in form, but not in substance". A shortage of trained intelligence and security personnel meant that, even a decade after its establishment, the agency had to rely on Russian personnel for over a third of its needs. According to Anderson and Albini, these Russian-born—and largely Russian-affiliated—employees had been "trained by and retained contacts with Moscow". Meanwhile, long-time counterintelligence officer Nikolai Golushko, who had headed of the Soviet KGB in Ukraine until 1991, had fled to Russia, taking with him "key Ukrainian files". For many years later, these files constituted "a valuable source for blackmail and exploitation of Ukraine's remaining intelligence officers and their informants", the authors noted. Throughout that time, the SBU and the institutional descendants of the Soviet-era KGB in Russia, worked closely on several programs and operations. Numerous senior officers in the SBU continued to receive training in Russia. Unsurprisingly, by 2014, when Russia invaded the Ukrainian region of Crimea, the SBU was known to be "riddled with Russian spies, sympathizers and turncoats", according to *The Wall Street Journal's* Philip Shishkin, who has kept a closer eye on Ukraine's intelligence services than almost any other foreign media correspondent. Almost as soon as Russia annexed Crimea, the local head of the SBU defected to its Russian counterpart agency, the Federal Security Service (FSB). It was reported at the time that, within days of the Russian invasion, close to a third of SBU employees in Crimea and the Donbas had joined the pro-Moscow separatists.

By then, the SBU's untrustworthiness was commonly acknowledged and understood in Ukraine. In fact, under the five-year rule of Ukraine's pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich (2010–2014), the SBU effectively became a branch of Russian intelligence. During that time, the agency deliberately ignored—and may have even assisted—Russian espionage operations against Ukraine, as the Kremlin's "intelligence agencies met no obstacles to the infiltration of the SBU and [Ukrainian] military intelligence". Even after Yanukovich fled to Russia following massive popular pressure, the SBU remained the most pro-Russian part of Ukraine's labyrinthine government. Despite sporadic attempts to reform the SBU's pro-Russian culture after 2014, by 2019, when Zelensky assumed office in Kyiv, the SBU remained "porous vis-à-vis the Russian Security Service". It was, by all accounts, "a service which Western counterparts [were] hesitant to engage with". When they took overpower, Zelensky and his close collaborators were aware of the SBU's pro-Russian identity. But this problem was not easy to solve. When Yanukovich fled

to Russia, his SBU lieutenants made sure to steal or destroy all internal data on the agency's personnel, as well as "anything related to cooperation between the Ukrainian and Russian intelligence services". It was reported at the time that every SBU "hard drive and flash drive" was smashed with hammers by officers loyal to the departing regime. Meanwhile, the agency's entire senior leadership fled to Russia.

Zelensky knew that he had to act quickly. In his inauguration speech, which he delivered on May 20, 2019, he called on the Ukrainian parliament to immediately dismiss a number of senior government officials, including the head of the SBU, Vasyl Hrytsak. Having received the memo, Hrytsak resigned on his own initiative before he was fired. In the months that followed, Zelensky fired 90 percent of SBU officers, ranging from low-level technical staff to regional heads from across the country. They were replaced by a new generation of freshly minted officers, who underwent polygraph tests prior to being admitted into the SBU's ranks. By late 2021, Zelensky and his closest aides believed they had successfully tackled the SBU's "Russian problem". But they were wrong. The pace of reforms was too rushed and too unsystematic to sack the inner sanctum of the SBU's Russian enclave. Like some of his predecessors, Zelensky consciously refrained from making his reforms seem like a purge, as doing so could reawaken longstanding divisions that are deeply entrenched in Ukrainian society.

As a recent report by the Royal United Services Institute in the UK noted, "in a country aspiring to protect its democracy, there is [...] an unwillingness to begin arresting [pro-Russian] Ukrainians, since [it could] fracture Ukrainian politics, creating precisely the conditions to facilitate a Russian takeover". That hesitation, however, is what denied Zelensky political control over the SBU. In the words of that same RUSI report, the result of that hesitation was that Russia now "has a bureaucracy in waiting", a "shadow structure [...] inside the Ukrainian government to move information around known Kremlin assets". Last week's dismissals of the head of the SBU and the prosecutor general, were clear signs that Zelensky has recognized that his efforts to reform these institutions have been far from successful. The Ukrainian president is thus beginning to realize the very size of the Russian shadow structure within the Ukrainian state, which now directly threatens the cohesion of his administration and the very survival of the Ukrainian resistance against the Kremlin.

What will happen from now on? It will be difficult for the Zelensky government to survive without implementing an extensive and far-reaching cleanup of the state apparatus. There are reports that this is already underway. However, any such move runs the risk of being perceived as a Soviet style purge and could alienate large segments of Ukraine's Russian speaking population. The situation is particularly problematic in areas under Russian control. As everyday Ukrainians, as well as government officials, are trying desperately to survive in the occupied areas, they face the dilemma of quitting their jobs, or continuing to work in hopes of receiving a much-needed monthly paycheck. If they choose the latter option, they can easily be viewed as collaborationists by Zelensky and his government. Such an approach, combined with extensive purges in free Ukraine, may create the preconditions of a civil war. That would be an anathema for the Ukrainian cause and would derail the efforts of the Western alliance to save Ukraine from the brink of disaster.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Travelling

It's rather difficult to stay connected as one travels across the country via an RV. Connectivity at camp sites is usually limited (or non-existent!) and boondocking at certain locations (vineyards, mini-breweries, farms) does not always provide access. Coupled with the exorbitant cost of data in Canada and the massive amounts required for videoconferencing and creating a hotspot leaves one rather short at the end of the billing cycle.

Chapel Point Battery

What's a holiday without some coastal artillery sites? Chapel Point Battery outside of Sydney Mines. Unfortunately closed while we were there but it has had considerable work done. Not too sure of the ethics behind disguising the Battery Observation Point as a church. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/chapel-point-battery>

Fort Petrie

Where there's one coastal fort, there's usually a second coastal fort as well. Sydney harbour was actually guarded by seven sites. We only had time to view two of them, Chapel Point and Fort Petrie. It appears that a common theme was applied to the Battery Observation Posts in both locations. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/fort-petrie>

Louisbourg National Historic Site

Wherever there's a fortification, one will usually find an artilleryman, no matter what year it was constructed. At Louisbourg it was the French artillery. Great place if you have the need to fire one of the guns as they sell that privilege to tourists visiting the site. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/louisbourg-national-historic-site>

The Regimental Museum is now open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Masks are required as is proof of vaccination. 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 Hong Kong Army Ammunition Depot Police. This forgotten unit guarded the ammo depot on Stonecutter's Island in Hong Kong. They were formed in 1952 from Sikhs in India who were veterans of the Shanghai Municipal Police, and the Indian Army. There were initially 37 members, under a British officer, and commanded by the Hong Kong Police. However, in 1959 they became a unit of the British Army. By 1966, they were an entirely Sikh force, commanded by a Sikh officer of the rank of Army Sub-Inspector, itself a fairly unusual one, equivalent to lieutenant. The reason only Sikhs were recruited has to do with their religion, which forbids smoking. Previous depot guards, of ethnicities who did smoke, had been responsible for some rather spectacular



accidents. The unit was one of several that were disbanded prior to Hong Kong being returned to China's rule, its last parade being in 1994, by which time all members were locally recruited Hong Kong Sikhs. Stonecutter's Island is now a PLA (People's Liberation Army) base, off limits to Hong Kong people, who are not allowed to serve in the PLA.

This Week: When the author was a wee lad, he had occasion to meet people who had served in the British Indian Army. Some were Canadians and Brits who felt there was no place for them in the newly independent nations' armies of Pakistan and India. Some of these ended up in the Canadian Army, amusing us by serving curries and referring to their wives as "the memsahib". Others were Indian and Pakistani officers we met during the course of my father's career. During the winter of 1962/63, we hosted a Pakistani officer in Fort Churchill, assisting him to learn skills he could later employ in Kashmir. The next year we hosted an Indian officer, for exactly the same reason. That's called balance.



One interesting fellow was an ex-Indian Army officer I met in Vancouver in the 1970s. He had resigned his commission and moved to Canada. The reason was that he had been placed under the command of a former "JIF" officer (Japanese Indian Forces, officially known as the Indian National Army), one who had fought for Japan during the war. As he had kept his oath and fought against the Japanese, and the JIFs, he felt it a dishonour to serve under such a man. Life is seldom black and white.

All of the above leads us to this week's photo. It is of a splendid soldier of the sub-continent, obviously a soldier's soldier from his bearing. His medals and insignia are our focus this week. We start from the simple and move to the more difficult. What army was he in when the photo was taken? What is his rank?

What are his medals and decorations? This should be a good one for those of you who collect such. Send your answers to our pukka editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the young sepyo author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Khush qismati!

From the 'Punitary'

Why did the little dog bite my ankle? Fortunately, he's small and can't reach any higher!

Murphy's Other Laws

Every solution breeds new problems.

Quotable Quotes

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. *Mark Twain*

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 open this Wednesday, Stu McDonald hosting – DIY lunch**

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.

MAPLE LEAF ROUTE

WEBINAR SERIES



MARIE EVE VAILLANCOURT

DIEPPE 80 YEARS AFTER:
THE JUNO BEACH
CENTRE'S EXHIBITION
FROM DIEPPE TO JUNO

10 August @ 7:30 pm ET

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

The Dieppe Raid is shrouded in controversy and tragedy. For decades, it dominated Canadians' collective memory of the war. Considered a tragic failure since 1942, its story is as complex as it is nuanced. The presentation will explore the challenges of putting together an exhibition on a subject of failure in a place of victory like Juno Beach. It will also explore our evolving understanding of the raid, its links to Juno Beach on D-Day and

the liberation of Dieppe in September 1944 as well as its place in Canada's collective memory of the Second World War.

Upcoming Webinars

STACEY BARKER

To Help Win the Fight: Canadian Servicewomen of the Second World War

31 August @ 7:30 pm EDT

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Presented by:





Canadian Battlefields Foundation
La Fondation canadienne des champs de bataille

**JUNO
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Recent Events

R. SCOTT SHEFFIELD

Fighting a White Man's War:
Canada's First Nations Peoples
and the Second World War

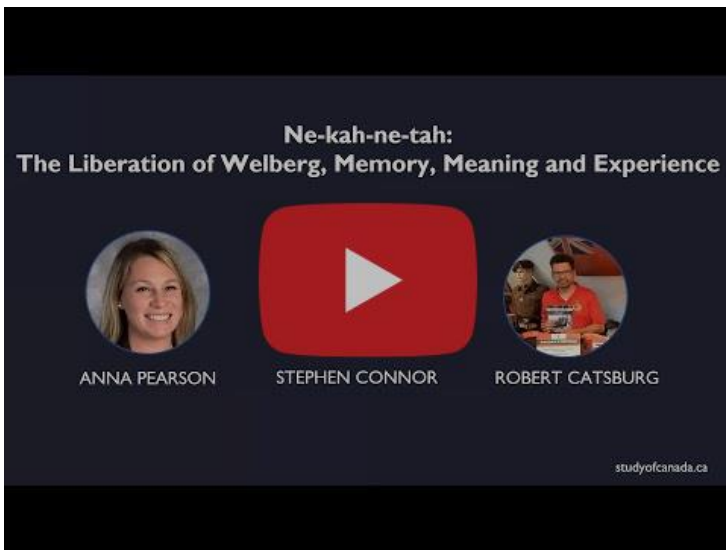


MIKE BECHTHOLD
Per Ardua Ad
Astra: The Royal
Canadian Air Force
and the Second
World War



JEFF NOAKES

Canada and the
Second World War
at Sea

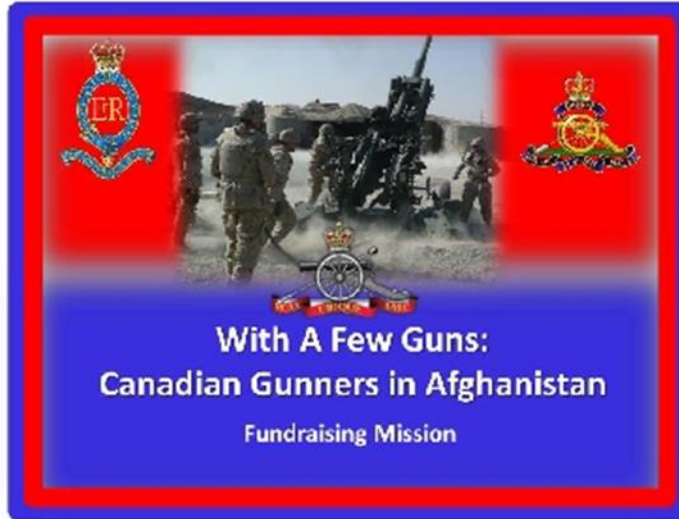


ANNA PEARSON,
STEPHEN CONNOR
AND ROBERT
CATSBURG.

Ne-kah-ne-tah: The
Liberation of
Welberg, Memory,
Meaning and
Experience

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.

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



Bank of Montreal - 2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest

The official bank of the Defence Community

2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest Full Contest Rules

No purchase necessary. Your participation in this contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these contest rules and regulations. By participating in the contest, each participant represents and warrants that they meet these eligibility requirements and that they have read, accept and agree to be legally bound and comply with these rules (the “contest rules”).

Contest period

The 2022 BMO CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest (the “Contest”) begins on **June 13, 2022**, at 12:00:01 a.m. Eastern Time (“ET”) and ends on **September 30, 2022**, at 11:59:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”).

Eligibility

This Contest is open to **Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB), Bank of Montreal** customers who have a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a **CDCB Bank Plan** (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) as of June 13, 2022, who are legal residents of Canada and have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence. BMO accounts under a CDCB Bank Plan opened after September 30, 2022, do not qualify.

Employees (and those people with whom they are domiciled) of Bank of Montreal, and/or their subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively “BMO” or the “Sponsor”), or their respective advertising and promotional agencies, prize suppliers or the independent Contest administrator and their respective representatives are not eligible to enter the Contest.

How to enter

No Purchase Necessary:

When you open a **BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account** under a CDCB Bank Plan (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) **June 13, 2022 and September 30, 2022**, you will automatically be entered into the contest for the draw.

For existing BMO Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB) customers with a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a CDCB Bank Plan:

- Visit bmo.com/summer contest and complete all the required fields in the online registration form.
- Once you have completed your registration, you will be entered into the contest for the draw.

Each “lead account” on the CDCB Bank Plan will be entered as one eligible. The “lead account” must be open and in good standing on June 13, 2022 in order to qualify as an entry. The lead account is the one you designate to pay any fees required by your Bank Plan, for example, your monthly Plan fees and transaction fees.

Prizes

There are thirteen (13) prizes in total (each a “Prize”), with total prizes valued at \$80,000 available to be won during the Contest Period. There will be one (1) Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash and an additional twelve (12) prizes of \$5,000 cash for a total value of \$60,000.

There is a maximum of one (1) Prize per person. By accepting the Prize, the winner agrees that he or she is solely responsible for any consequences of accepting the Prize. The Prize is not transferable and will be awarded to the winners only. The Prize must be accepted as awarded.



General

- 1** This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.
- 2** All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned and proof of submission of a registration form or entry will not be proof of submission.
- 3** By entering the Contest, each entrant agrees to abide by these Contest Rules. This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws. Void where prohibited by law. The decisions of the contest judges with respect to all aspects of this Contest are final and binding on all entrants without right of appeal. For Quebec residents: Any litigation respecting the conduct or organization of a publicity contest may be submitted to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux for a ruling. Any litigation respecting the awarding of a prize may be submitted to the board only for the purpose of helping the parties reach a settlement.
- 4** By entering this Contest, entrants agree to hold harmless the Released Parties against any and all liability, damages or causes of action (however named or described) with respect to or arising out of:
 - i. entrant's participation in the Contest;
 - ii. the receipt or use/misuse of the prize (or any component thereof) awarded therein; and
 - iii. the administration of the Contest and distribution of the prizes.
- 5** All entries are subject to verification at any time and for any reason. The Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require proof of identity and/or eligibility (in a form acceptable to the Sponsor – including, without limitation, government issued photo identification):
 - i. for the purposes of verifying an individual's eligibility to participate in this Contest;
 - ii. for the purposes of verifying the eligibility and/or legitimacy of any entry entered (or purportedly entered) for the purposes of this Contest; and/or
 - iii. For any other reason the Sponsor deems necessary, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the purposes of administering this Contest in accordance with these Rules. Failure to provide such proof to the satisfaction of the Sponsor in a timely manner may result in disqualification in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor.
- 6** The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any person and void any entries of that person who it believes has tampered with the entry process or any other component of the Contest, whose conduct or action affects the administration, security or fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, or who fails to meet or abide by the Contest Rules.
- 7** The Sponsor will not be responsible for late, lost, illegible, fraudulent, misdirected, incomplete, destroyed registration forms or entries or for entries bearing insufficient postage. All such registration forms and/or entries will be void.
- 8** The Sponsor does not assume any responsibility and will not be liable for any failure of the telephone number(s) during the Contest, tampering, theft, defects, viruses, human errors including negligence, deletions, technical or telephone, computer line, network, server, access providers, computer equipment or software problems, undeliverable messages, computer errors, lost, misdirected, late or incomplete entries or inaccurate capture of information or any online difficulties that may result in computer damage or malfunction or the failure of the Sponsor to receive or process any entry and otherwise award any prize. The Sponsor is not responsible for printing errors appearing in these rules or related Contest materials. In addition, the Sponsor will not assume any responsibility of any nature whatsoever in all cases where their inability to hold the Contest or to remit the prizes to the winners results from a cause beyond their control, including acts of god, weather conditions, strike, lock-out or other labour dispute.
- 9** Any attempt to deliberately damage any telephone number or website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should an attempt be made, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 10** The Sponsor, with the consent of the Régie (if applicable), reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Contest in the event of any accident, printing, administrative, or other error of any kind without prior notice or obligation.
- 11** The Sponsor reserves the right subject to the approval of the Régie (if applicable) to withdraw or amend this Contest in any way, in the event of an error, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Sponsor that interferes with the proper conduct of this Contest as contemplated by these Contest Rules.
- 12** By entering this Contest, each entrant expressly consents to the Sponsor, its agents and/or representatives, storing, sharing and using the personal information submitted with his/her entry for the purpose of administering the Contest and in accordance with Sponsor's Privacy Policy available at: bmo.com/privacy.

Draw and winner selection

On November 07, 2022, in Toronto, ON, starting at approximately 10:00 a.m. ET, one (1) eligible entrant will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash; another twelve (12) eligible entrants will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the additional twelve (12) cash prizes of \$5,000. The odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries during the Contest Period.

The first entrant whose name is selected at random from all eligible entries will be awarded the Grand Prize. All prize winners will be notified by telephone or email at the telephone number or email address associated with the entrant's BMO Account within seven (7) calendar days of the draw date. Before being declared a winner, the selected entrant must first correctly answer, unaided, a time-limited mathematical skill-testing question to be administered by telephone or mail.

The selected entrants will be required to sign and return, within ten (10) calendar days of notification, the Sponsor's standard form of Declaration of Liability, Waiver and Publicity Release (the "Release") which, among other things:

- a. confirms compliance with the Contest Rules;
- b. releases the Contest Sponsor, its affiliated companies and agents, advertising and promotion agencies and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors (collectively "Released Parties") and assigns from any liability in connection with the Contest, the entrant's participation therein and/or the awarding and use or misuse of the Prize or any portion thereof; and

- c. grants to the Released Parties the right to use the selected entrant's name, address (city and province/territory) and likeness in any form of advertising relating to the Contest without further notice or compensation in any publicly or for promotional purposes carried out by or on behalf of the Sponsor. If a selected entrant does not meet any one of the Contest conditions as follows:
 - i. the selected entrant cannot be contacted by mail or telephone within ten (10) calendar days of selection or there is a return of any prior notification as undeliverable;
 - ii. the selected entrant fails to correctly answer the mathematical skill-testing question;
 - iii. the selected entrant's BMO Account is closed or is not in good standing; or
 - iv. the selected entrant does not sign and return the properly executed Release within the specified time, that entry can, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor, be disqualified and the Sponsor shall be entitled to select a new eligible winner from all remaining eligible entries.

The Sponsor is not responsible for any failure to contact any potential winner, whether as a result of human error or otherwise. Once declared a winner, the selected entrant will be directed as to how to claim his or her Prize.

