

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 01 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

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

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Nov 02 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Nov 09 Wed 'Zoom' meeting - Band of the 5th (BC) Regiment - Concert of Remembrance
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day** – Messes Open after ceremonies
- Nov 16 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Nov 17 Left Coast Lancers - Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon
- Nov 23 Wed 'Zoom' meeting
- Dec 03 St Barbara's Day Annual Special Guest Night

Honour House Society - Run to Remember



On Sunday, November 6th, Sachin Latti will be running from the Pacific Regional Training Centre in Chilliwack to Honour House in New Westminster. Sach is running to raise awareness for those men and women in uniform who are struggling from operational stress injuries and he will also be raising funds for us here at Honour House Society.

To support Sach's "Run to Remember" please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2p83z6cr>



MESSAGE FROM THE KING TO MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

On the occasion of my accession as Sovereign, I would like to send to every one of you in the Canadian Armed Forces my heartfelt gratitude for the unstinting loyalty and professionalism you displayed through the reign of my beloved mother. I know that The Queen took the greatest possible pride in the way service members from Canada performed their duties in many parts of the world and often in the most testing and difficult circumstances. I share my Mother's high regard know for your courage and commitment. I know, for my part, that you will continue to serve your country with the dedication and bravery which you have demonstrated with such success over the years.

The Triumph of Democracy Literary Contest

Attached as a separate PDF to the VAA and RUSI Van News email message is an invitation From the **BC Veterans Commemorative Association** to serving members or Veterans. If you have any children in Grades 7 to 12, they are invited to write essays on their interests for a free and just society, democracy, remembrance and Canada's continued role in defending these freedoms and submit them to the **BCVCA** for review.

Two \$1,000 scholarships are available, one for 7-9 and the other 10-12. Presented by BC Veterans Commemorative Association. For further information and application form see the pdf document in the email that accompanied this newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is Nov 11, 2022.

The 2022 15th 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 TBA but the usual time is 1800hrs - Mess opens, 1900 - dinner starts. Payment (not yet determined) is required in advance – there will be no seats available for walk-ins. Further information TBA.

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

The Dawn Patrol is now only two weeks away and we need to have attendance numbers for the caterer by next Friday (04 Nov).

I have not yet been overwhelmed with responses from those of you who intend to attend the Dawn Patrol and/or donate prize items for the raffle.

Please advise me of your intentions at your earliest convenience at jeverson@telus.net or (604) 420-6065.

For those of you who have already responded, thank you!!

Don't forget, family members and guests are most welcome, and it is the additional family members and guests that make this event a success in terms of a viable number of attendees.

Jerry Vernon, Secretary, Air Force Officers' Association.

Band of the 5th Regiment - Concert of Remembrance

Dave Dunnet Theatre, 2121 Cadboro Bay Road Wed. - 9 Nov - 7:30 pm

During Remembrance week, the Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment RCA is teaming up with the "Canadian College of Performing Arts" (CCPA) on Wednesday, the 9th Nov at 7:30pm at the Dave Dunnet Theatre - 2121 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria BC - near Oak Bay High School - to present a Concert of Remembrance. Doors open at 7:00pm.

In the first half, the band is playing music drawn from a wide range of traditional and contemporary brass-reed band music sure to please young and old alike; to be followed, after a brief intermission, by a Remembrance themed performance by the Canadian College of Performing Arts.

At the request of some of our fans, an alternate option to view the free concert live stream has been arranged by CCPA. The concert is a popular one so:

To get a free ticket to attend in-person or receive via live stream just link to <http://www.ccpacanada.com/events/> and on the CCPA website look for the title Concert of Remembrance and then choose:

In-person tickets available here; or

~~Live streaming ticket available here.~~

Clicking on the relevant word "here" **on the website** will take you through the create profile and "buy" process.

Just learned of a technical glitch that likely means poorer sound quality viewing livestream as the event happens, hence that option has been dropped in favour of the alternate plan. So a youtube video is to be recorded and then made available to subscribers as was done last year. You'll note at the direct link below the information has been updated to the two options for attendance, in person or via an online viewing video later.

<https://tickets.ccpacanada.com/TheatreManager/1/online?event=0>

If attending the concert in-person, a donation at the door is appreciated... the concert is in part assisted by the District of Oak Bay with proceeds of donations at the door going in support of the Military Family Resource Centre and the Canadian Heritage Arts Society. The Dave Dunnet Theatre is a new building, uses state of the art technology and has comfortable seats. We look forward to seeing you and your friends join us in-person or live-stream for our Concert of Remembrance.

Are Our Armies Equipped and Ready for the Future?

Major General (Ret'd) Rupert Jones Vanguard Canada October 23, 2022

Few will forget the sight of massed Russian armoured vehicles parked in the open during their aborted advance on Kiev in March, easy prey for Ukrainian tank hunting patrols. It served as an early symbol of the incompetence of the Russian military and the fighting spirit of the Ukrainian defenders. Commentators relished highlighting Russian flaws, gloating in the inadequacies of Putin's military, and basking in the success of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. What was less evident was any acknowledgment that orchestrating all the tools of war in an attack (Combined Arms Manoeuvre in the military jargon) is exceptionally difficult to do. There is no more complex or challenging endeavour than prosecuting a war; doing it well is incredibly hard. While there is no doubt that the Russians made a hash of their offensive and have continued to look inept in the ensuing months, commentators would do well to pause to ask what it tells us about our own readiness (and that of our friends and allies) to fight this type of war.



Auxiliary Security Forces members deployed on Operation IMPACT conduct weapon training, at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait on February 1, 2022.

Photo: Sailor 1st Class Anne-Marie Brisson, CAF.

Despite being British, my particular focus in this article is on the Canadian military; however, the themes hold true in the UK, the US, Australia and with all our NATO allies. Complacency and the seeming absence of existential threats has allowed successive governments to under-invest in Defence for decades (despite claims by ministers of real term increases in spending). Many of the problems are common between our militaries, with false choices presented during Defence

reviews and talk between the Services of winners and losers: cutting the Navy to grow the Army, or vice versa, etc. The real loser from these reviews tends to be national security and the winner has been our prospective adversaries. It is great news that governments appear to be taking Defence more seriously in light of events in Ukraine, with undertakings to increase the percentage of GDP spent on Defence. However, typically spending remains far lower than 30 years ago. Given gloomy economic forecasts, it remains to be seen what these budget undertakings will look like in practice. Too often funding announcements are little more than smoke and mirrors. National security requires better. The Canadian military, along with her closest allies, has been significantly emasculated over recent decades and very considerable investment is necessary to allow them to re-build and be ready for today's threats.

A few Canadian Army snippets about why we should ask some searching questions of ourselves when observing the Russian failings.

- The Canadian Army is just 42,000 strong (regular and reserve). Even these small numbers hide the reality, with combat posts often being discreetly re-invested elsewhere. Aspirations to grow are hampered by an inability to recruit additional personnel. Anyone who says that numbers are not a relevant indicator has clearly never been on a battlefield, size matters.
- Much of the Canadian Army's equipment fleet is woefully out of date and has no place on a modern battlefield. Their fleet of Leopard 2 tanks date from the late 70s and there is no plan to replace them; some will argue that the tank is dead, but it has proven a constant on the battlefield for over a century and there is life in them yet. The Light Armoured Vehicles 6.0, the mainstay of the fleet, is relatively new, but is used in a range of roles that it was not designed for. Finally, the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle is used as a reconnaissance vehicle, for which it is not optimised, and it has questionable cross-country ability.
- This fleet of vehicles is often in a parlous state of repair despite considerable efforts to improve readiness since Afghanistan: the spare parts and funds required to bring them to an acceptable readiness state are simply not there. The Leopard 2s are so old that they are essentially on life support and are held centrally to husband their maintenance.
- The jury is out about what the Ukraine conflict tells us about the balance of new and old weapons of war. However, there is little doubt that technology is actually making Combined Arms Manoeuvre harder, not easier, with the need to integrate and defend against a host of new technologies, from drones to an array of readily available software applications. Unless we practice and train extensively, we cannot hope to be as good as we could be. As a young officer in Germany in the 1990s, it was common to spend five months a year on exercise or on the ranges; today's troops can only dream of so much training time.

There is plenty in here to be gloomy about and hard analysis is required about how the Canadian Army and her allies would perform in high intensity warfare, but there are reasons to be optimistic

too. The young men and women joining the military are as good as ever. Innovation projects are underway to give meaning to the aspiration to prepare the Army for the Information Age. Moves are afoot to arm troops with the essential digital skills to allow them to fight with software as effectively as with their rifles.

This can only be done in partnership with industry, and specifically with disruptive tech start-ups who can enable a digital insurgency to fast-track the transformation of the fighting force. Luckily, there is a small group of highly dynamic companies who genuinely care about national security who are committed to helping. Among them is WithYouWithMe, a veteran-founded digital skills company, who are dedicated to helping address the crisis in digital skills in all our countries. They are helping the Canadian, American, Australian, and British militaries to identify their hidden digital talent and to give them the skills they need to excel on today's battlefield and ensure that they can harness both old and new technology. Aptitude testing everyone as they enter service to identify potential for digital proficiency is vital to ensuring that the military harness the digital potential at their disposal. The geo-political challenges facing Canada and her friends are significant and we can no longer afford the luxury of under-investing in national security. It would be complacent to conclude that Russia's incompetence means that we are well-set. Instead, it should act as a wake-up call that we must be honest about our own capability and work together to prepare a digitally capable combat force to work alongside our allies.

The Time the Military Faked a Vampire Massacre to Fight Rebels

An Air Force officer needed to do psychological warfare. He turned to the supernatural. Kind of. *Nicholas Slayton Task & Purpose Oct 9, 2022*

The US military has done some strange things in its existence. It created fake armies full of inflatable tanks. It trained soldiers to read minds. It has footage of UFOs. And then there was that time it faked a series of vampire attacks as part of a counterinsurgency strategy. Seriously. In the aftermath of World War II, the United States found itself as one end of a reorganized geopolitical fight. The U.S. and its allies were on one end, the Soviet Union's sphere was the "second world" and then there was the "third world," the post-colonial states. In the recently independent Philippines, there was also one of those struggles. The anti-Japanese rebel group the Hukbalahap, also known as the Huks, had been reformed by communists to fight against the central government. And the United States has no interest in letting the Huks' insurgency take hold, even though they had been on the same side during World War II. And that's where the then-relatively new Central Intelligence Agency got involved.



(Wikicommons).

Edward G Lansdale was an Air Force officer who worked with the CIA's precursor the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. He had served in the Philippines and with the Huks insurgency on the rise, he was called back to help fight it. He and the CIA started to develop a plan to not just fight the Huks, but sway Filipinos from joining them. The solution Lansdale came up with was vampires. Well, technically an aswang.

In the Philippines, an aswang is a kind of catch-all term for various monsters in folklore, such as werewolves and vampires. But for Lansdale, it was clearly the vampiric take on aswang that was the plan. A psychological warfare squad was brought in. The squad went around to villages, spreading rumors that an aswang was in the countryside — actually where the Huks were based. Then they started hunting the Huks. The squad would kidnap the end person of a Huk patrol. Then they killed the person by puncturing the neck, hanging the corpses upside down and letting the blood drain. The Huks would come back and think an aswang had got their comrades. And so would the villagers, the CIA figured.

This was paired with other attempts to bring supernatural horror to warfare. Lansdale had his psyops squad paint the “eye of god” on buildings during the night, targeting people assumed to be allied with or aiding the Huks. And somehow, against all odds, the plan to fake a vampire attack using corpses of kidnapped Filipino rebels sort of worked. Over several months from 1952 to 1954, the Huks lost ground and their rebellion was put down. Lansdale, meanwhile, continued his work there, before CIA Director Alan Dulles had him take his anti-communist counterinsurgency plans to Vietnam in 1954.

Remembering Second World War Merchant Navy Veterans

Mishall Rehman Canadian Military Families Magazine 14 Sept 2022

When the Second World War began in Sept. 1939, so did the longest continuous battle of this war: the Battle of the Atlantic. The Battle of the Atlantic lasted almost six years when the surrender of Germany in May 1945. Many members of the armed forces served and sacrificed during this battle, including the Merchant Navy. As a result, the Merchant Navy played a pivotal and powerful role in the Battle of the Atlantic. The Merchant Navy was comprised of commercial shipping vessels and their crews. At the beginning of the war in 1939, Canada had 38 merchant ships. By the war’s end, Canadian shipyards had produced 403 cargo ships.



Merchant Navy: Seven unidentified Canadian merchant sailors who survived the sinking of the armed merchant cruiser H.M.S. Jervis Bay by the German battleship Admiral Scheer, while escorting a trans-Atlantic convoy on 5 November 1940, during the Second World War.

(Library and Archives Canada)

According to Veterans Affairs Canada, the importance of the Canadian Merchant Navy as a lifeline to Britain could not be overstated, as it was estimated that a 10,000-tonne merchant ship could provide enough “foodstuffs” to feed 225,000 people for a week. Cargo carried by the fleet included everything from clothing, fuel, steel, aluminum, lumber, aircraft, tanks, jeeps, trucks, guns, munitions, and anything else that could be required for the war effort. To recognize the bravery and gallant efforts of the 12,000 men and women who served in Canada’s Merchant Navy during the Second World War, every Sept 3 is recognized as Merchant Navy Veterans Day. “Today, we remember the 12,000 Canadians that served in Canada’s Merchant Navy during the Second World War’s Battle of the Atlantic. They fought unimaginable danger, and through their courage, completed 25,000 passages of vital supplies in often treacherous conditions across the

Atlantic Ocean. We remember the brave souls that participated in the effort, and those who did not make it home. Their contributions were a vital part of the Allied victory,” said Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence.

HMCS Arvida: Survivors of torpedoed merchant ship aboard HMCS Arvida, St John's, Nfld, September 1942.

(Courtesy Canada Dept of National Defence, Library and Archives Canada/PA-136285)



The Merchant Navy played an important role in crewing the vessels that carried essential personnel, equipment, and supplies to Allied forces all around the world, according to the Department of National Defence (DND). More than 25,000 of these voyages were conducted by Canadian Merchant Navy ships, according to a press release from DND. Although Allied convoys were guarded by the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force, they were often the target of vicious attacks by German forces. Close to 1,600 Canadian merchant mariners were killed or lost at sea by the end of the war. According to DND, this amounts to one in eight Canadians who lost their lives while serving onboard merchant ships.



Unidentified survivors of the SS Caribou, which sank off the coast of Newfoundland on 14 October 1942 after being torpedoed by a German submarine. Of the 237 people on board, only 101 survived.

photographer unknown; courtesy Archives and Special Collections (Coll. 115 16.07.034), Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland

This year also marks the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the SS Caribou. On Oct 14, 1942, the passenger ferry was attacked by a

German submarine. The ferry was a Newfoundland Railway passenger ferry that ran between Port aux Basques, in the Dominion of Newfoundland, and North Sydney, Nova Scotia. The attack was the worst loss of life in Canadian waters during the Second World War. Out of the many heroes of this event was Margaret Brooke, a nursing sister who survived the torpedoing of the SS Caribou. In the wake of the attack, Brooke, while fighting for her own life, tried her best to save her fellow sister, nurse Agnes Wilkie. They were in the cold Atlantic water for two hours before Brooke was rescued. Unfortunately, despite Brooke's best efforts, Wilkie did not make it. Brooke was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for her heroism. In addition, the RCN named its second Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship in honour of Brooke. Canada's merchant mariners have climbed an uphill battle to gain recognition in the years since the Second World War. In 1992, former merchant mariners were finally granted official veteran status. However,

access to pensions and allowances was not retroactive until 2000. In 2003, Parliament declared Sept. 3 Merchant Navy Veterans Day after years of lobbying for official recognition.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Remembrance Day Salute

15th Field Regiment attempted to secure several locations for the salute on Remembrance Day that would have allowed for participation of the former members and friends of the Regiment. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful with two of the sites and will be firing from HMCS Discovery in Stanley Park. There are restrictions on the quantity of personnel that can be allowed on Deadman's Island and therefore attendance is limited to currently serving members.

Commander of the Canadian Army Commendation

Congratulations to Bombardier Albert Law on his award of Commander of the Canadian Army Commendation. "Bombardier Law's compassion, dedication and professionalism are a credit to the entire Canadian Army and deserving of recognition."

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/commander-of-the-canadian-army-commendation>

18 Pounder

Additional photos (many, many photos) and videos have been uploaded to our website.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/18-pdr-2022.html>

Operation Reassurance Training

Bombardier Jennifer Wong and Bombardier Chan from 15th Field Artillery Regiment participate in lead-up training, Ex Patricia Wolverine with 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Canadian Forces Base Wainwright. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/operation-reassurance-training>

The Regimental Museum is 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: This is the **de Lackner HZ-1 Aerocycle**, also known as the **YHO-2** and by the manufacturer's designation **DH-5 Aerocycle**, was an American one-man "personal helicopter" developed by de Lackner Helicopters in the mid-1950s. Max speed was 75mph. It could stay aloft for 45 minutes with a range of 15 miles. Intended to be operated by inexperienced pilots with a minimum of 20 minutes of instruction, the HZ-1 was expected to become a standard reconnaissance machine with the United States Army. Although early testing showed that the craft had promise for providing mobility on the atomic battlefield, more extensive evaluation proved that the aircraft was in fact too difficult to control by untrained infantrymen,



and after a pair of crashes the project was abandoned. A single model of the craft was put on display.

This Week: Amongst the bags of fan mail that we receive every week, we occasionally find one or two letters containing mild criticisms. One, sent anonymously (but we have traced the writer using DNA.....and he shall be hearing from our lawyers soon) has asked us why we feature so many aircraft, and so few weapons of the army type. Well, one reason is that there is a plethora of wacky aeroplanes from the early years of aviation, and they were



photographed in abundance, whereas one musket looks quite a bit like any other musket. Even bolt-action weapons have a similarity to them. Although the same can't really be said of most ships, they do tend to have national characteristics, which make it fairly easy to identify a French ship from a Japanese one, simply from the lines.



However, there are military matters that can be the source of some pondering, and this is what we present to you this week. One photo is of a pike. The next features the unit in which Private Pike served, while the final shot is of a Churchill tank bringing firewood to an orphanage,

possibly. Your task, dear reader, is to connect these three photos. What, or who, is the common element? Send your witty responses to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Have fun!

From the 'Punitary'

Why don't monkeys play cards in the jungle? Too many cheetahs.

Murphy's Other Laws

If the officers are leading from in front, watch for an attack from the rear.

Quotable Quotes

Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. *Babe Ruth*

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.

Band of the 5th Regiment - Concert of Remembrance



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CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 9, 2022 7:30pm | Directed by Meredith Zwicker

Held at the Dave Dunnet Community Theatre

presented by the

Canadian College of Performing Arts and
The Band of the 5th (BC) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery
in partnership with the **District of Oak Bay**

*Filled with music and story, this moving tribute resounds
'from the frontline to the homefront'.*

Proceeds to support the Military Family Resource Center & the Canadian Heritage Arts Society

TICKETS BY DONATION AT [TICKETS.CCPACANADA.COM](https://tickets.ccpacanada.com)



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Dawn Patrol Notice, 2022.....



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NOTICE

THE DAWN PATROL

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2022

0800 HOURS to 1200 HOURS

LOCATION: 4th Floor, THE MASONIC CENTRE

1464 WEST 7th 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
0945	TOAST TO THE KING
	POEM TO THE DEAD - George Plawski
	DECEASED MEMBERS
1000 - 1045	ENTERTAINMENT - Linda Jones is back again!!
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 jeverson@telus.net or (604) 420-6065 **no later than Friday, 04 Nov 22.**

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)

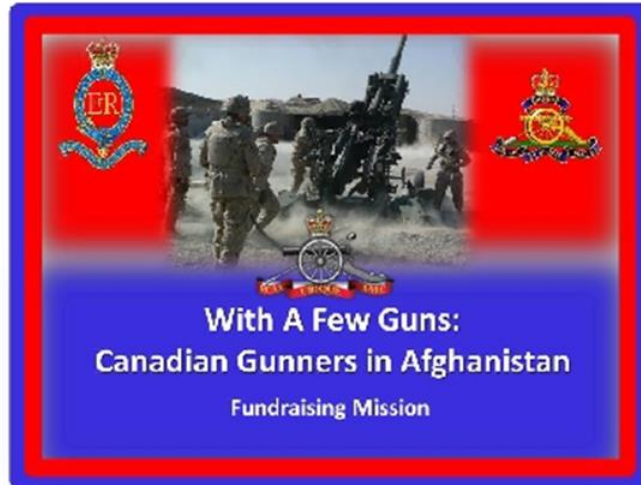
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David Scandrett - Tango14@outlook.com

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North Saanich, British Columbia, Canada**



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.

