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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

- Sept 14** Wed 'Zoom' meeting- **Mess CLOSED**
RUSI(NS)-NORAD & USNORTHCOM Distinguished Speakers
- Sept 21** Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open? DIY lunch?
- Sept 22** RCAA presents - A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010
- Sept 24** 5th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans – Abbotsford
- Sept 25** 5th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans – White Rock & Courtenay
- Sept 28** Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open? DIY lunch?

For info on walks in other areas of Canada go to: www.canadianwalkforveterans.com

All Gunners mourn the passing of our Queen, Sovereign and Captain General this past week after a lifetime of service to the United Kingdom, Canada and the Commonwealth.

Long Live the King.

The RCA Association presents:

22 September 2022 at 7pm ET.

“A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010” with
CWO (Mr Gnr) (Ret'd) Robert J Beaudry MMM, CD

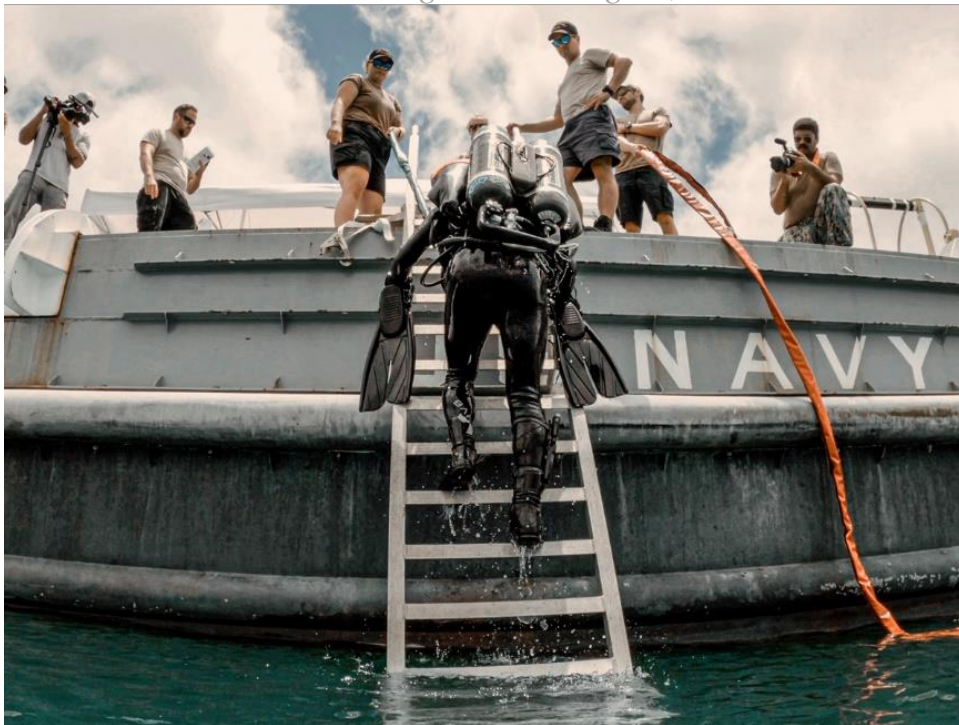
The Triumph of Democracy Literary Contest

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.

Canadian Divers Retrieve Bomber Engine During RIMPAC 22

Peter Mallett Lookout Magazine Aug 31, 2022



Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) Clearance Divers enhanced their light-salvage capabilities during their mission at Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2022, which concluded with the discovery of a missing Second World War bomber engine. While it wasn't part of their RIMPAC mission, the RCN Dive Team worked to assist the United States Defence POW/MIA Accounting Agency in its search for the bomber. The plane crashed and sank during

a 1940s training mission in Kaneohe Bay near Oahu. Lt[N] Allport, Operational Dive Team Officer with FDU(P) said the team dove for two days in heavy sea states, discovering the bomber's engine near the east of Kaneohe Bay. "This was an exciting moment and provided some tangible proof that the overall efforts of the team were important," Lt(N) Allport said. The Canadian RIMPAC Dive Team, consisting of eight divers, one engineer from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) (FDU[P]), and three divers from Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic), completed complex exercises while working mainly from the United States Navy (USN) Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1 in Pearl Harbour.

The training was a perfect fit for the focus of this year's edition of RIMPAC: large-scale humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, says Lieutenant (Navy) Michael Allport. "Our overall purpose was to enhance our operability between Allied nations' dive teams and RIMPAC, which provided some valuable training for many of our junior and senior Dive Team

members,” said Lt(N) Allport. Under guidance by USN divers, the RIMPAC Dive Team practised a technique known as hot tapping. This process tests Clearance Divers’ technical skills and abilities to safely extract oil or fuel from the submerged hull of a capsized ship and then return it to holding tanks at the surface. While an actual ship and fuel were not employed, the divers used a model of a non-toxic liquid provided by the USN to accomplish their mission. “It involved boring through the container, putting a valve on it, and extracting the liquid inside,” said Lt(N) Allport. “It’s a slow and meticulous process to get it right but eventually we accomplished our goal.”

*Members of the Canadian Armed Forces RIMPAC dive team prepare for salvage training while alongside at the United States Navy (USN) Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU-1) in Pearl Harbour.
Credit: DND Adm(PA)*



The team also participated in an exercise to install cofferdams into a Mud Monster, a sunken underwater trainer designed by the USN. Divers enhanced their training by working to repair the holes in the Mud Monster and float it to the surface to varying degrees of success. A cofferdam is a gasket pressuring a submerged hull space and restoring buoyancy to a ship or Mud Monster. Divers spent nearly three days diving down, measuring, and cutting the pieces of wood and foam to create an air-tight seal. “It’s a very difficult task underwater and the patches need to be exact,” said Lt(N) Allport. “The idea was to seal up these holes so the Mud Monster had buoyancy. Using a compressor and hoses, not a whole lot of air is needed to introduce an incredible amount of pressure on these patches.”

The RCN team was also involved in a scenario that raised a helicopter’s frame through an air compressor and lifted bags. As the team prepared to pack up their gear and begin their transit back to Victoria, Lt(N) Allport concluded their mission at RIMPAC was successful and overall, a positive experience. While it not only helped strengthen and enhance FDU relationship with the USN, Lt(N) Allport said it was also of great benefit to several of its members who were participating in their first RIMPAC mission. USN members also assisted other dive teams from Mexico, the Netherlands, and Australia during RIMPAC. “We brought a fairly junior team with us to RIMPAC and I think they got a lot out of it,” said Lt(N) Allport. “Some of these skills are seldom practised at home so it’s nice to get here and practice them in warmer waters and more favourable dive conditions.”

Command and Control: An Everchanging Landscape

Terry Leversedge VanguardCanada September 5, 2022



Two recent announcements concerning the Royal Canadian Air Force's (RCAF) command and control enhancements probably went unnoticed by most of the Canadian public. On June 20, 2022, the Minister of National Defence (MND) announced that Canada is “investing \$4.9 billion over the next six years to modernize our continental

defences, and, to protect Canadians from new and emerging threats”. Then on July 22, the Commander of the RCAF announced the “establishment of 3 Canadian Space Division, which also included the re-establishment of 7 Wing (Ottawa), comprising 7 Space Operations Squadron and 7 Operations Support Squadron, to provide comprehensive space-based data capabilities and data in support of CF operations.

North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is responsible for the aerospace defence of this continent and warns of maritime threats approaching North America. This bi-national, US/Canadian, command has continuously evolved from originally just deterring Soviet long-range bombers during the Cold War, to counter-drug operations, to countering terrorist organizations in the wake of 9/11, and is now to trying to address the latest high-tech cruise missile and ballistic missile threats. At the heart of these operations is the need for superlative command and control. NORAD's North Warning System (NWS) currently primarily uses a set of “trip wire” radar stations spread across both Alaska and Canada's North to provide advanced warning of any threats. But the rapid escalation of ballistic missile and cruise missile technologies and now with the potential addition of hypersonic missiles [which Russia has recently operationally deployed in its conflict with Ukraine] has rendered this “line in the sand” technology increasingly obsolete. NORAD must now prioritize missile warning, missile defence, cruise/hypersonic cruise missile and/or hypersonic glide weapon threats to close the capability gaps and to provide a credible deterrence moving forward. The overall NORAD Modernization program is therefore a large-scale “moving target,” and our decision-makers have been left scrambling to meet both already existing challenges and those now emerging. The government's and RCAF's recent announcements are therefore both very positive steps forward in the enhancing both NORAD's and Canada's command and control capabilities.

The Commander of NORAD is also dual hatted as the Commander of United States Northern Command or USNORTHCOM. The Commander's goal in terms of command and control is to use both existing and emerging technologies to create the environment necessary for both

NORAD and USNORTHCOM to achieve what they call “information dominance.” The Commander needs accurate, timely, and pertinent information from a sensor network that includes data from all domains (including space) to allow for a fuller understanding of any possible threats from adversaries and to create as much time as possible for decision-making, along with providing all possible choices and options for deterrence and/or defence. In its final state, the RCAF’s No 3 Canadian Space Division is projected to employ approximately 175 military and civilian personnel once fully matured in the next few years. This is an increase of 85 positions from the current Director General Space organization. The CAF’s space-based capabilities are used to deliver communications, command and control, navigation, weather, and overall situational awareness in support of military operations and activities. These activities can include not only support to NORAD but to search and rescue, along with monitoring Canada’s maritime approaches, reinforcing Arctic sovereignty, and providing support to decision-making in overseas operations.

Canada’s commitment to the Combined Space Operations Initiative (CSOI) will also be a priority for 3 Canadian Space Division. This agreement currently includes the so-called “Five Eyes”: Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada plus France and Germany. (The RCAF is not alone in creating a new dedicated space division. The new United States Space Force stood up in 2019 with more than 8,000 personnel. In April 2021, Britain stood up its own Space Command to both coordinate space operations and procurement of space systems, with approximately 400 staff. And earlier this year, the Australian Defence Force announced that it was creating its own defence space command with, initially, at least 100 personnel.) The heart of the recent NORAD Modernization announcement was that, in coordination with the US, Canada will establish the backbone for a brand-new, Northern Approaches Surveillance system to enhance surveillance and early warning of threats to our continent specifically including three initiatives:

- *an Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar system to provide early warning radar coverage and threat tracking from the Canada-U.S. border to the Arctic Circle [Note – Canada is not alone in pursuing this technology as Australia has already developed its own over-the-horizon system known as the “Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN)” that can monitor air and sea movements];*
- *A Polar Over-the-Horizon Radar system to provide early warning radar coverage over and beyond the northernmost approaches to North America, including the Canadian Arctic Archipelago; and*
- *A new system called “Crossbow” — a network of sensors with classified capabilities, distributed across northern Canada, as another layer of detection.*

These three systems should significantly improve the situational knowledge of what enters Canadian airspace. The NWS, the current central monitoring element of NORAD, will still need to be fully maintained until these new systems are in place. When combined with additional space assets and 3 Space Division oversight, these improvements will significantly enhance the overall continental defence command capability and the associated command and control inputs.

Improved command and control is an empty gesture if there are no “forces” to command. The current RCAF commitment to NORAD relies primarily upon the aging CF-188 Hornet fleet to provide the “tip of the spear”. Granted, the MND’s NORAD modernization speech mentioned that Canada is in the final phase of the procurement process for 88 new F-35 fighter jets, along with the procurement of compatible advanced missiles. But the hard reality is that, even with all their advanced capabilities, the F-35 is effectively useless against ballistic missiles. Similarly, hypersonic weapons are likely invulnerable to any F-35 interception. That leaves F-35’s only to potentially intercept intruding aircraft and/or cruise missiles. Completely absent from any of these latest announcements is any discussion of potential Canadian participation in the existing US Ballistic Missile Defence program and/or any emerging technologies, such as directed-energy weapons. A directed-energy weapon (DEW) is a ranged weapon that damages its target with highly focused energy instead of using a solid projectile or explosive. This technology can include either lasers, microwaves, particle beams, and/or sound beams to target missiles.

Canada currently possesses no theatre defence missiles or any other similar capability. A Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system can be a transportable, rapidly deployable capability to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles inside or outside the atmosphere during their final, or terminal, phase of flight. In the Western world, besides the United States, both the United Arab Emirates and Israel have operational capabilities in this same regard. So, the time is now to have both an informed discussion and to plan for a way ahead in a comprehensive manner. Enhancing command and control and using space-based elements to provide advanced warning is logically an “empty gesture” if there is no overall defensive capability. Similarly, there is no deterrent against launching an attack if it cannot be somehow defeated. US officials have now made it clear that they are not authorized to come to Canada’s defence in the case of a ballistic missile attack. Because Canada is not currently a BMD program participant, decisions on when, where and whether to intercept an incoming ballistic missile are made not under the auspices of the binational NORAD structure but, rather, by the US alone, under its domestic defence command USNNORTHCOM. The same will likely be true for hypersonic weapons, given the potential technology needed to defeat them.

In the 1960’s, the RCAF relied upon a layered defence system with manned CF-101 Voodoos and Bomarc surface-to-air missiles to potentially intercept a force of conventional jet bombers. Although much maligned, the nuclear-tipped Bomarc missile capability provided an effective known deterrence, as well as a last line of defence against any bomber attack. A layered defence system is still applicable in today’s context. The F-35’s by themselves are insufficient. As of May 2022, Defence Minister Anita Anand had indicated that Canada was perhaps examining the possibility of joining the United States’ ballistic missile defence system, a re-evaluation that comes nearly two decades after Ottawa first rejected an invitation to participate in the BMD program. Whether it is a decision to finally participate in the US BMD program, or to acquire a national THAAD capability or even perhaps to further explore DEW technology, Canadian defence officials need to outline both a strategy and an implementation plan that can provide a credible defence capability. Otherwise, it does not make sense to spend billions on NORAD modernization and Canadian military space programs, without further considering, and then creating viable defence capability option(s).

Finland Hosts Historic Military Training Drill

Swedish forces under Finnish command.

The aim of the exercise was to enhance tactical and technical interoperability and improve the ability to receive Swedish Armed forces in Northern Finland. YLE NEWS



The Vigilant knife exercise was set up on an exceptionally fast schedule. Picture from Combat Camera Unit of the Armed Forces.

The Finnish Army hosted a historic military exercise drill this week in Northern

Finland. The exercise, codenamed *Vigilant Knife*, was held in the Rovaniemi and Rovajärvi areas of Finnish Lapland and marked the first occasion Sweden placed its troops under Finnish military command. The drill, which ended on Friday, also included about 80 personnel from the UK. "What was new was that Sweden handed over its troops to the command or leadership of the Finnish Army. This has never happened in military drill exercises before," Arto Hirvelä, Chief of Staff of the Kainuu Brigade, told Yle. In total, about 880 Swedish personnel were involved in the exercise. "It is exceptional that this was launched at such short notice. For example, we had to plan the arrival of foreign troops for the exercise quite quickly," Hirvelä said, adding that only very few members of the Kainuu Brigade were aware that the exercise was going ahead until last week. "The main force was alerted on Monday morning, when the planning started, so there was a very short notice period," he said.

The army's official Twitter account revealed on Monday that the combat phase of the exercise had begun. A press release added that the Jaeger Brigade, the Kainuu Brigade and the Karelia Brigade represented the Finnish army in the drill, as well as participants from the Army Command, the Guard Jaeger Regiment, the Pori Brigade, and the Finnish Border Guard. In total, about 200 service personnel and 1,300 conscripts and reservists from the Finnish Defence Forces took part in the week-long exercise.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Normandy Battlefield Tour

So much to see! Spent an incredible week diving through the countryside and checking out all the D-Day beaches and their museums. It's definitely an industry here with tour buses and re-enactor vehicles everywhere.

Le Grand Bunker Musee, Ouistreham

Amazing little museum that demonstrates what could be done with an old fortification. Displays throughout and the story of its capture is quite unique.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/le-grand-bunker-musee-ouistreham>

Batterie de longue

Great site with a four gun battery that shows little damage from the war. One emplacement did take a hit and is partially collapsed but the others are all intact. Warning sign for walkers. Wouldn't want them to fall into a trench or off the cliff.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/batterie-de-longues>

Airborne museum - Sainte-mere-eglise

Great stories about the 82nd and 101st Airborne. Mostly focused on their activities in the Utah beach area. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/airborne-museum-sainte-mere-eglise>

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: An East German Boy Scout tank troop in the 1970s. Those "Pionierpanzer" (as

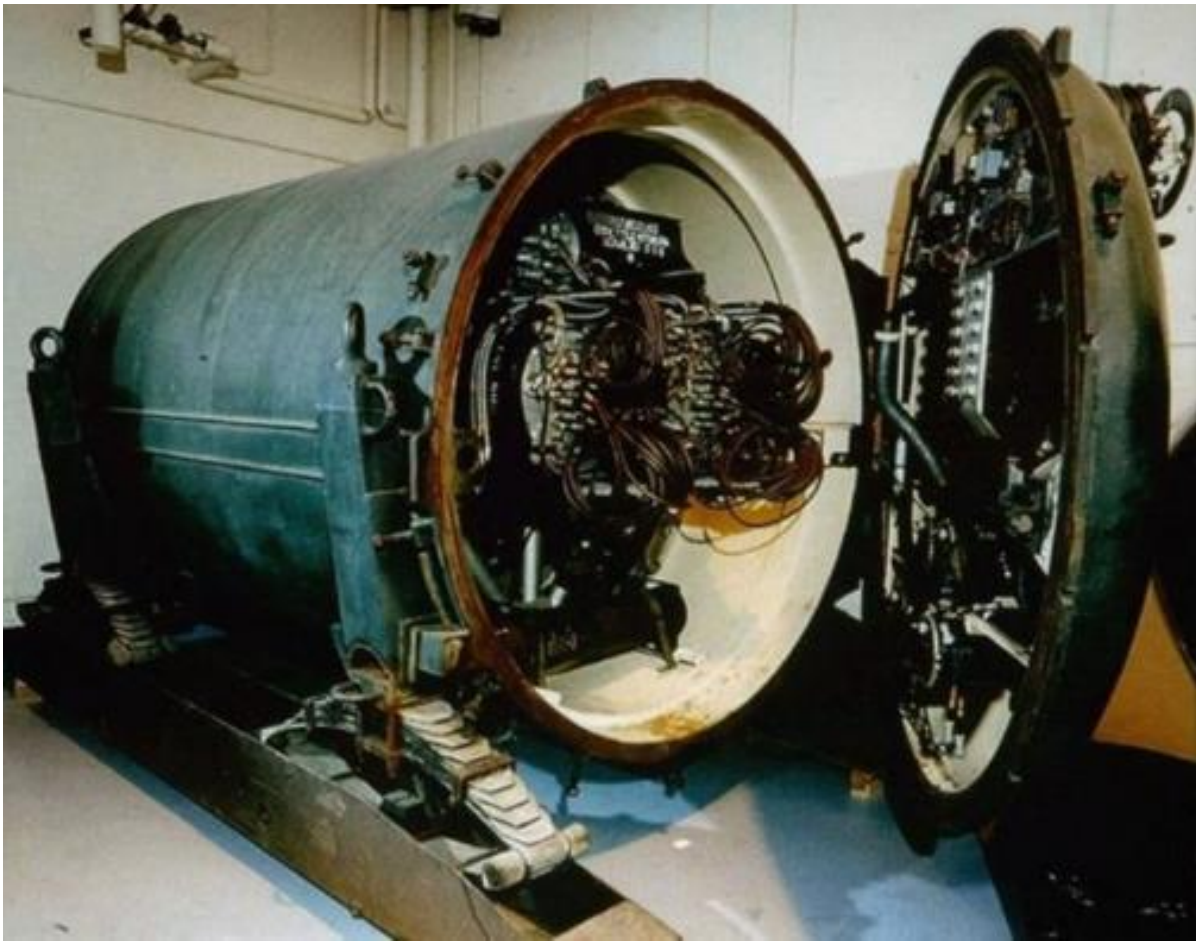


in the Communist Young Pioneers, not Armored Engineering Vehicle) were hand-built roughly to a 1:3 scale from welded boilerplate by a subdivision of the People's Nitrogene Plant Piesteritz on the initiative of some guy running the "Young Tourists Station" in nearby Bad Schmiedeberg. They were powered by a Trabant 601 engine in the back, including the original gear and fuel tank, top speed was about 15 kph. Brakes were also from Trabant or Wartburg cars, steering was by levers acting on band brakes. Turret couldn't traverse, gun was fake, "firing" and "hits" were simulated with flash devices. There seem to have been just a handful of them resembling various actual types.

See - https://youtu.be/U_zZeWpJ9Hg

This Week: I believe some of our readers are old enough to remember the term "rec room". That seems to date from the 1950s, a time of bungalows, split-levels, and car ports. Why anyone would build a house that didn't take up the maximum allowed for the lot, and then construct something for the cars and SUVs that was completely open to thieves and vandals is beyond us. Some of these tiny two or three-bedroom houses actually had only one or two bathrooms (in pink or avocado), and no media rooms nor Wi-Fi supported sound systems. Primitive times, indeed! However, the "rec room" was useful, as it allowed gentlemen a place to store and display their acquisitions, such as pipe collections, black velvet paintings, and rows of Crown Royal bottles. Additionally, men who served in the recent war would show off their souvenirs, such as shell casings, possibly live grenades, Nazi flags, and the occasional loaded Luger or P 38. All of that made for great kit to loan out to the neighbourhood kids when they wanted to play a good game

of “Canadians vs. Germans”. That was the situation in our little suburb of Cardinal Heights, and very few serious casualties resulted from all that fun. How times have changed!



This brings us to our weekly photo. In this case it is a rather large, post-war object, found in a rec room once occupied by a retired boffin. It is fairly large, so his wife might have had trouble dusting it, as wives did in the 1950s (apparently some gentlemen now lend a hand at this task, with mixed results). It also has loads of wires, indicating a complexity beyond that of a Mills Bomb. Just what it was is a mystery to our team, so please let us know what you think by sending your ideas to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Happy guessing and have a rum and coke on us while watching Mr Fixit just before the Leafs get beaten by Rocket Richard and les Canadiens on your 17-inch TV.

From the ‘Punitary’

Why did the fire-eater get engaged? He ran into an old flame.

Murphy’s Other Laws

Close air support covers a multitude of sins.

Quotable Quotes

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. *George S Patton*

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.

RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker - 14 September 2022



The
Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia
presents

Distinguished Speaker
Lieutenant-Colonel
Julien Letarte
RCAF Directorate of Air Requirements



Remotely Piloted
Aircraft System

1 pm Atlantic time, Wednesday, 14 September 2022

via Zoom

register through RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com



RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Bio

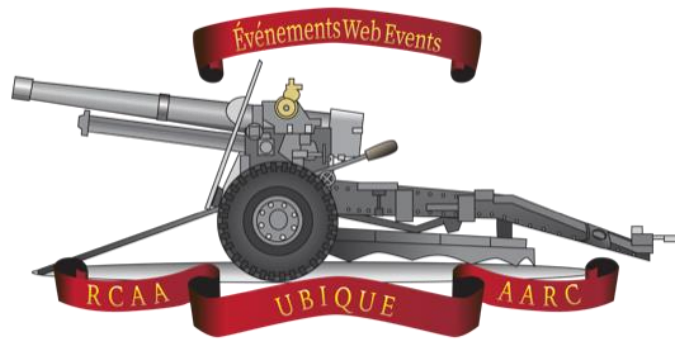


Lieutenant-Colonel Julien Letarte

Lieutenant-Colonel Julien Letarte was born in Ottawa, Ontario, and grew up in Canada's National Capital Region. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1998 at age 16 and was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Space Sciences from the Royal Military College of Canada.

After pilot training, Julien started flying the mighty CP140 *Aurora*. With two tours at 407 Squadron on the Pacific coast as well as an operational tour at 405 Squadron and an instructional tour at 404 Squadron on the Atlantic coast, he participated in many exercises and operations worldwide. Some of these deployments include commanding *Heron* Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle missions over Afghanistan, flying the first operational CP140 mission over Iraq during Operation IMPACT and patrolling the seas in support of NATO and coalition forces.

LCol Letarte graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Programme with a Masters in Defence Studies and started working for the Royal Canadian Air Force Remotely Piloted Aircraft System project for the Directorate of Air Requirements in Ottawa in 2020. Representing the Air Force, he manages requirements and prepares to integrate this new capability within the Canadian flight line.



The RCA Association invites you to register for our next Web event to be held on **22 September 2022 at 7pm ET.**

L'Association de l'ARC vous invite à vous inscrire à un événement Web qui aura lieu le **22 septembre 2022 à 19 h (HE).**

"A BSM's experience in Afghanistan 2010" with Chief Warrant Officer (Mr Gnr) (Ret'd) Robert J. Beaudry MMM, CD

"L'expérience d'un SMB en Afghanistan 2010" avec Adjudant-chef (MArtil) (Retraité) Robert J. Beaudry MMM, CD

WO (Mr Gnr(Ret'd) Bob Beaudry will speak on his experience as BSM D Bty during TF 1-10 (1 RCR Battle Group Roto 9) in Afghanistan. He will also discuss the challenges and successes in mounting, training and preparing a Reg Force/P Res integrated Battery for combat operations.

L'Adjud (MArtil) (Retraité) Bob Beaudry parlera de son expérience en tant que SMB de la batterie D au sein de la TF 1-10 (groupement tactique du 1 RCR - Roto 9) en Afghanistan. Il discutera également des défis et des réussites liés à la mise sur pied, à l'entraînement et à la préparation d'une batterie intégrée de la Force régulière/de la Réserve pour les opérations de combat.

The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes followed by a 15-minute question period.

La présentation durera environ 45 minutes et sera suivie d'une période de questions de 15 minutes.

► **Stay with us after the main event for some time to reconnect with old friends.**

► **Restez avec nous après l'événement principal pour renouer avec de vieux amis.**

Register now!

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!





Walk in the 5th Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans Sunday September 25, 2022

**Courtenay, White Rock, Abbotsford, Kamloops, Edmonton, Sylvan Lake, Calgary,
Prince Albert, Kingston Philipsburg, Halifax and Virtual**

After two years of COVID-19 social isolation and walking virtually shoulder to shoulder in 152 cities across the country, the **2022 Fifth Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans** is finally able to return to in-person events over the weekend of September 24th and 25th in cities across the country and virtually. Working in partnership with the Order of St. George Grand Priory of Canada and the Americas and True Patriot Love, the 2022 Canadian Walk for Veterans will raise awareness of the plight of translators, interpreters, cultural advisors, and other locally employed people who were essential to Canada's missions in conflicts throughout the world such as the Balkans, Somalia, Rwanda and Afghanistan.

Leave No One Behind

Through their invaluable work, war zone interpreters, translators and cultural advisors enabled communication and understanding between parties. There was tremendous pressure on them to interpret accurately, remain calm, make decisions on-the-fly and be objective. As a consequence of their critical work, translators, interpreters and cultural advisors working in conflict zones placed their lives at risk, and, in many instances, were kidnapped, tortured and killed as traitors or prosecuted as spies. "A report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), issued in 2018, estimated that an interpreter is killed in a war zone every 36 hours."

Register and receive a 2022 Challenge Coin

Everyone who registers for the Canadian Walk For Veterans will receive a 2022 pewter Challenge Coin hand crafted right here in Canada by veteran-owned [Dracks Military Plaques](#). This year's image depicts a Canadian soldier with his locally employed interpreter and on the back of the coin is the military creed –

"Leave No One Behind"

The 2022 Recipients of Net Proceeds



As is our tradition, 80% of net proceeds from the Canadian Walk for Veterans goes to organizations that are working hard for the benefit of Canada's veterans and first responders. A major portion of net funds raised in the 2022 Canadian Walk for Veterans will go to the True Patriot Love Afghan Resettlement Fund. However, two years of COVID-19 has taken a toll on many military veterans and first responder organizations that rely on fundraising to support their work of providing support through rehabilitation services and helping develop the tools needed to cope. Therefore, a portion of this year's net proceeds will also go to those organizations that form a team and hold a Canadian Walk for Veterans event in their respective towns.



ABBOTSFORD

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Saturday September 24, 2022

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration at 9:00 am

Mill Lake at Centennial Park

Bevan Ave. at Primrose St.

Registration Fee \$25

Register at canadianwalkforveterans.com

**Fifth Annual
Cinquième Année**

**CANADIAN WALK
FOR VETERANS™**

**MARCHE CANADIENNE
POUR LES VÉTÉRANS™**

To register please visit: canadianwalkforveterans.com





WHITE ROCK

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sunday September 25, 2022

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration at 9:00 am

Memorial Park White Rock, B.C.

15300 Block Marine Drive

at the entrance to the White Rock Pier

Registration Fee \$25

Register at canadianwalkforveterans.com

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COURTENAY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sunday
September 25, 2022
11:00am to 1:30pm

Courtenay Riverway Heritage Walk
Mansfield Drive Entrance

General Admission (ages 13+) - \$25
Families of 4 or 5 - Parents with kids aged 13-18 - \$80
Cadets—\$10

Register at canadianwalkforveterans.com

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**The RCA Association invites all members*,
serving and retired, to join us for
AGM 2022
to be held in historic Kingston, Ontario
14-15 October 2022**

Proposed events include:

- **Wed 12 Oct, Prince Edward County Wine Tour,**
- **Thu 13 Oct, Tours of Fort Henry & RMC followed by a chance to relax at the RCHA Brigade Club,**
- **Fri 14 Oct, Tour Kingston either on foot or via the Red Trolley, visit to the RCHA Memorial, followed by an evening Meet and Greet at Fort Frontenac,**
- **Sat 15 Oct, AGM and Presentations by distinguished speakers, followed by a Special Guest Night Dinner.**

*All serving members of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery are members of the RCA Association.

**The Annual General Meeting is for RCA Association members only, however, interested parties are welcome to attend other events surrounding the meeting.

***All events and presentations on 15 October will be broadcast via Zoom for those who can't participate in person. **Registration is required.**

Click the link below for administrative instructions and AGM Schedule.

Register now!

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canadienne*

**L'Association de l'ARC invite tous les membres*,
actifs et retraités, à se joindre à nous pour
L'AGA 2022
qui se tiendra dans la ville historique de Kingston, en Ontario
les 14 et 15 octobre 2022**

Les événements proposés incluent :

- mercredi 12 octobre, visite des vignobles du comté de Prince Edward,
- jeudi 13 octobre, visite du Fort Henry et du CMR,
- vendredi 14 octobre, visite du mémorial de la RCHA et du club de brigade de la RCHA, visite à pied de Kingston, suivie d'une rencontre en soirée au Fort Frontenac,
- samedi 15 octobre, AGA et présentations par des conférenciers de renom, suivies d'un dîner avec des invités spéciaux.

*Tous les membres actifs du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne sont membres de l'Association de l'ARC.

**L'assemblée générale annuelle est réservée aux membres de l'Association de l'ARC, mais les personnes intéressées sont invitées à assister aux autres événements entourant l'assemblée.

***Tous les événements et présentations du 15 octobre seront diffusés via Zoom pour ceux qui ne peuvent pas participer en personne. **L'inscription est obligatoire.**

Cliquez sur le lien ci-dessous pour les instructions administratives et l'agenda de l'AGA.

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!

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.

