

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 15 Nov 2022

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Newsletter online. This newsletter and previous editions are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: www.vancouvergunners.ca and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html>. Both groups are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association> and <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver>

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

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

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

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| Nov 16 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting |
| Nov 17 | Left Coast Lancers - Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon – see poster section |
| Nov 23 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting |
| Nov 26 | 78 th Fraser Highlanders – Feast of St Andrew – open to all – see poster section |
| Nov 30 | Wed 'Zoom' meeting |
| | RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speakers |
| Dec 01 | RCA Association Coast to Coast Toast - see poster section |
| Dec 03 | St Barbara's Day Annual Special Guest Night |

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 1800hrs - Mess opens, 1900 - dinner starts. Payment \$125 required in advance – there will be no seats available for walk-ins. **For further information see invitation in poster section.**

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

Juno Beach Centre Legacy of Honour

Veteran Don White shares his experience



The Juno Beach Centre is compiling a collection of Legacy of Honour videos. In each short video, a veteran shares their story of service. Soon, we will no longer be able to capture veterans' voices and experiences and it is important to gather and share these testimonies while we still can. The Juno Beach Centre

Museum has been built to tell the story of the Canadians at war and to preserve their legacy for future generations. Each Legacy of Honour video has been created in direct pursuit of this mission. This Remembrance Day 2022 we have added Don White as our most recent Legacy of Honour veteran.

Don White, Royal Canadian Dragoons: Second World War veteran Don White shares his experience with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Joining the militia at 16 and volunteering for overseas service at 18, Don saw action in both Italy and the Netherlands. He shares the emotional story of when his regiment liberated the Dutch city of Leeuwarden on April 15, 1944. He concludes with the touching stories of when he came home in 1945 and returned to the Netherlands a few years ago to pay his respects to fallen comrades. Please take a moment and listen to Don share his experience: <https://www.junobeach.org/legacy-of-honour/don-white/>

We will remember.

Ubique,

HLCol Don Foster P.Ag, CIM, FCSI
Director | Juno Beach Centre Association

15 Fd Regiment Fires Salute on Nov 11



*Photos by Sgt(ret'd)
Ralph Webb*

The Regiment firing the Remembrance Day Salute on Nov 11, 2022 at HMCS Discovery. At the last-minute Van Arty

Assoc President Leon Jensen managed to get the OK for several members to attend the event.

Eric Mold wins First Prize at Dawn Patrol Event

Very appropriate as he is a retired RCAF fighter pilot. Eric commented on his win:-
I won first prize at the Dawn Patrol yesterday. 'An Elegant Night on the Town'...A \$250 gift certificate at the restaurant of my choice and a four-hour chauffeur driven limo ride. A total \$1000 value... so they say...but...It's being donated by Rayn and Tom Crean the owners of Kearney Funeral Services and the Heritage Gardens Surrey Cemetery. It's a bit foreboding...kinda like a rehearsal for something? I hope the chauffeur doesn't show up with the hearse...

RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speakers - 30 November 2022

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 30 November by Jamie Foote, Marine Security Operations Centre (East), and Dustin DeGagne, Fisheries and Oceans Canada International Programs. The topic of their presentation is "Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Intelligence Support in Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fisheries." This presentation will be jointly represented by Fisheries and Oceans personnel from the Marine Security Operations Centre (East) and International Programs. It will highlight the multiple agencies within Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) having intelligence support roles in Canada's commitment to tackling Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. IUU fishing is a major contributor to declining fish stocks and marine habitat destruction and takes many forms both within nationally controlled waters and on the high seas.

The event will start at 1 pm Atlantic/Halifax time, Wednesday, 30 November, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Atlantic time.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close-of-business Sunday, 27 November. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speakers 30 November 2022 Registration. In addition to your name, please provide your organization (agency/directorate, unit, association or company). Participation is limited and later registrants may have to be put on a waiting list. If after registering your availability changes and you are no longer able to attend, please advise RUSI(NS) as soon as possible so your spot can be re-assigned. The event will be done by **Zoom**. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Tuesday, 29 November. If you have not received them by end-of-day 29 November, please check your spam folder and, if necessary, email RUSI(NS).

RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

Yours,

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

Ukraine to Get Avenger Air Defense System in Latest US Military Aid

Lolita C Baldor and Matthew Lee The Associated Press Nov 10, 2022



The northern lights glow above an Avenger air defense system during the Arctic Edge exercise at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, on March 11, 2022.

Staff Sgt Dylan Murakami/US Air Force

The US will send \$400 million more in military aid to Ukraine, several US officials said Thursday, amid concerns that financial assistance for the war against Russia could decline a bit if Republicans take control of Congress. An announcement is expected

Thursday, as the vote counting from Tuesday's election continues, with Republicans inching closer to a narrow House majority and with control of the Senate hinging on tight races in Arizona, Nevada and Georgia. According to officials, the aid package will contain large amounts of ammunition and, for the first time, highly mobile Avenger Air Defense Systems. Officials said there will be ammunition for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, known as HIMARS, which Ukraine has been successfully using in its counteroffensive against Russia. There also will be mortars and missiles for the Hawk surface-to-air anti-aircraft system.

At the White House, national security adviser Jake Sullivan said that the new aid package would include important air defense contributions. "This increased air defense will be critical for Ukraine as Russia continues to use cruise missiles and Iranian-made drones to attack critical civilian infrastructure," Sullivan said. He did not discuss the funding total but noted it would include Stinger missiles for the Avenger system. The additional ammunition and air defense capabilities come as Russian troops began pulling out of the key Ukrainian city of Kherson, in a widening retreat that could mark a turning point in the war. Kherson is the only provincial capital that Moscow captured, and the Russian withdrawal could allow Ukraine to win back territory in the south that it had lost. Ukrainian officials acknowledged that Moscow's forces had no choice but to flee Kherson but remained cautious, fearing an ambush.

Including the latest aid, the US has committed more than \$18.6 billion in weapons and other equipment to Ukraine since Russia attacked on Feb 24. The new package of aid will be done under presidential drawdown authority, which allows the Pentagon to take weapons from its own stock and quickly ship them to Ukraine, officials said. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss details of a package not yet made public. When asked about ongoing aid to Ukraine on Wednesday, President Joe Biden expressed optimism that it will go on, even if Republicans take control of one or both houses of Congress. "I hope we'll continue this bipartisan approach of confronting Russia's aggression in Ukraine," the Democratic president told reporters.

A Drone Airdropping An Armed Robot Dog

The Stuff of Dystopian Nightmares. Sit, stay, search, destroy. *Jared Keller Oct 27, 2022*

In a future war, death may not arrive by helicopter or tank, but with the gentle whir of electric rotors and the metallic patter of robotic paws. That's the inevitable takeaway from a video that recently circulated on Chinese social media that shows a drone deploying a quadrupedal unmanned ground vehicle (Q-UGV) — or “robot dog,” if you're into the whole brevity thing — armed with a light machine gun onto a rooftop. The video was shared by a verified Weibo account named “Kestrel Defense Blood-Wing” which appears to be affiliated with the Chinese defense contractor Kestrel Defense. The footage shows a medium-sized drone hauling a folded-up robot dog on approach to a building in a dense urban area before releasing its robotic payload on the rooftop and flying away.



*A Kestrel Defense robot dog
get dropped off on a rooftop.
(Kestrel Defense)*

The robot dog then unfolds itself and begins patrolling the roof armed with what our colleagues at The War Zone identified as a Chinese 5.8x42mm QBB-97 light machine gun strapped to its back. The footage “is a good illustration of how the future of warfare is not just merely robotic, but hybrid, with a mix of manned and unmanned but also different types of unmanned working together,” said Peter Singer, a strategist at the New America think tank and the author of several books on the future of war. “We’ve seen that in everything from the transfer of information from drones in the air to unmanned ground vehicles to UGVs that could launch other unmanned systems,” he added. “It’s all about teaming the manned and unmanned, as well as the unmanned and the unmanned together.”

*A Kestrel Defense armed robot dog
patrol with ground forces.
(Kestrel Defense)*



Details regarding the exact systems featured in the new Kestrel Defense video are scant.

While unarmed robot dogs laden with sensors and comms equipment have become a relatively new fixture among security forces units in the US military — and, occasionally, alongside foreign combat troops — their armed counterparts are a more recent and terrifying development. In October 2021, robodog-maker Ghost Robotics and SWORD International teamed up to unveil a robot dog with a 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle mounted on its back on the floor of the Association of the US Army’s annual conference in Washington, DC, in the first publicly available example of a weapons system formally attached to a Q-UGV.

The following March, Russian-born inventor and tech entrepreneur Alexander Atamanov posted a video to YouTube showing a robot dog operating a fully automatic Russian 9x19mm PP-19-01 “Vityaz” submachine gun on an unidentified shooting range. Then, in August, the Russian military showed off a Chinese-made robot dog (dressed as a ninja, for some reason) with what appeared to be an RPG-26 anti-tank rocket launcher strapped to its back. While little information is publicly available about Kestrel Defense and its products, the company appears to be pioneering the field of armed robot dogs for the Chinese military. In June, the company published photos of robot dogs with QBZ-95 infantry rifles and smoke grenade launchers on their backs; then, in August, it published a video of one of its robot dogs firing loitering munitions from a mounted launcher.



Hammer, 375th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, sits next to the Ghost Robotics Vision 60 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill, Dec. 17, 2020.

(US Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Shannon Moorehead)

Despite these well-publicized innovations in the weaponization of Q-UGVs, armed robot dogs are likely far from ready for prime time, according to Samuel Bendett, an expert on unmanned systems at the Center for Naval Analyses. “We have to remember that at this point, such development is purely experimental as such systems can prove very brittle in actual combat,” Bendett said. “Multiple interference points and vectors — from physical obstacles to communications and other obstacles — complicate the operations of such robotic systems at present. The real test of such aerial-ground duo[s] is under constant fires and under significant EMS interference, which isn’t something we are seeing in such promotional videos.” The footage of the new Kestrel Defense drone airdrop comes amid a push from robotics companies to prevent both private and public organizations from weaponizing their Q-UGV products, citing

concerns over “new risks of harm and serious ethical issues” stemming from so many enterprising weapons makers slapping firearms on robots. “We pledge that we will not weaponize our advanced-mobility general-purpose robots or the software we develop that enables advanced robotics and we will not support others to do so,” wrote six companies, including industry leader Boston Dynamics, in an open letter earlier this month. “When possible, we will carefully review our customers’ intended applications to avoid potential weaponization.”

That pledge from a small number of companies “is nice, but it isn’t going to change the fact that many many other [companies] are” working on weaponization, according to Singer. Indeed, as Bendett notes, the flashy promos are indicators that advanced nations are taking the concept seriously.” “That many countries are working on such systems — US, China, Israel, and even Russia — indicates forward-thinking militaries seeking to provide accuracy to their missions while replacing soldiers in most dangerous missions,” Bendett said. “But we are probably many years away from these robotic systems actually working as intended, along with continuous R&D into AI and ML that will eventually enable these robot’s urban operations.” Here’s hoping these robot dogs are very good boys. Or, at the least, they know how to sit, stay, and heel on command — you know, for humanity’s sake.

Smart Shirt Could Detect, and One Day Treat, Fatal Wounds

[Todd South](#) Oct 11, 2022



US Army combat medics assess simulated casualties after moving to a safe area during training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, June 13, 2022.

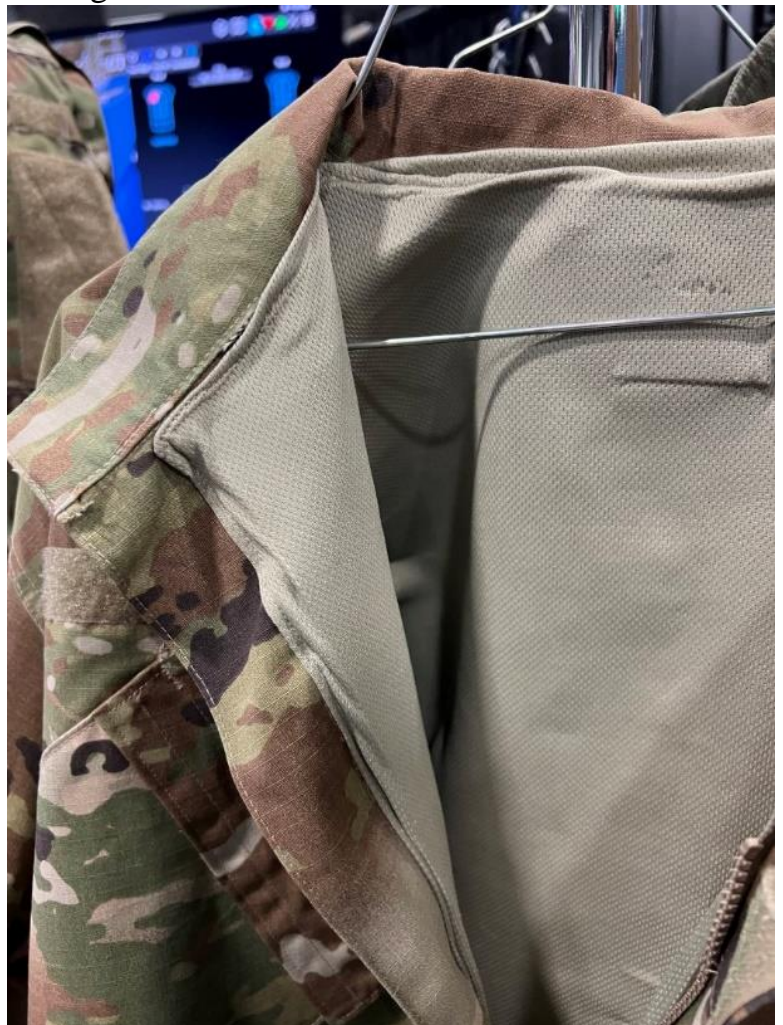
(Spc Sean Walker/Army)

WASHINGTON — Quickly identifying and treating serious wounds is an age-old problem that’s killed countless soldiers, but it could see a solution in new technology that uses embedded sensors to detect, alert and one day treat injuries. The Smart Shirt for Wound Detection has been tested by soldiers, airmen and special operations forces recently and could be ready for fielding in the next year, Legionarius chief operating officer and co-founder Dr Alexander Gruentzig told Army Times. The shirt was on display at the annual Association of the US Army Meeting and Exposition Monday as one of the recent xTechSearch competition winners. The government program solicits technology solutions to solve big Army problems and winners receive small

business innovation grants to further their research. “They can detect any kind of wound. The garment detects any type of penetration, anything that can cause massive hemorrhaging,” Gruentzig explained Monday. “We’re trying to decrease the time from injury to point of treatment.”

In recent years, Army medical command officials and others have warned commanders that the “golden hour” response times expected for wounded troops in Iraq and Afghanistan might not be the norm in future large-scale combat. That means soldiers, even non-medics, will be called on to do more buddy care to treat teammates’ wounds as they happen. And combat medics themselves are likely to sustain more complex injuries in front-line scenarios than they saw in recent wars. Time is of the essence in combat casualty care. Knowing where and how a fellow soldier has been wounded in seconds rather than minutes can save lives. The lattice-like web of sensors on the Smart Shirt are woven into the interior of the garment, whether that’s a standard-issue blouse or jacket. The sensors detect when their “web” has been penetrated and relay that information to the “puck,” a business-card sized, one-inch-thick device that currently mounts on the user’s back, near the base of the neck. The puck then transmits to the Army’s Tactical Awareness Kit — smartphone-based software — and alerts commanders and others on the network that the soldier has been injured, Gruentzig said.

*The Smart Shirt for Wound Detection's lattice-like sensors are pictured here.
(Todd South/Staff)*



Commanders can see across their formations who is hurt, where and when they were injured, the type of injury and their current and recent vital signs. Shared imagery on the network will show where on the torso the soldier has been wounded using a digital diagram as a guide. The system generates a custom QR code that a medic can scan and use to transfer vital data concerning the soldier’s medical condition. And, Gruentzig said, they’ve developed the system to avoid “false positives.” The hole in the shirt must be 2 mm or larger and the sensors are not triggered by regular wear and tear or body movements. Sensors are also hardwired to the shirt to make them resistant to electronic jamming, he added. The company is also putting a series of “bladders” into the shirts

that could provide instant compression for wound care in the future. The compression devices would stop blood loss and reduce massive bleeding, one of the deadliest injuries a soldier can receive in combat. Gruentzig said that the sensing portion of the shirt is now ready for ruggedized tests and evaluation by soldiers and could be fielded as soon as next year. The wound treatment portion is still under development.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Remembrance Day 2022

Photos have started arriving from the salute and other events on Remembrance Day. Have you got some that you would like to share? President.vcrgunners@gmail.com is the place to send them. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/remembrance-day-2022.html>

True Patriot Love Tribute Dinner

The Regiment supported the True Patriot Love Tribute Dinner through the provision of Bessborough Armoury as a venue with military artefacts on display. The Band provided an excellent dinner show, and the Museum was open for guests to tour. Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Foster coordinated assistance from BMO volunteers.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/true-patriot-love-tribute-dinner>

The Regimental Museum is open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Please help keep our soldiers safe and do not attend if you feel the slightest symptom of illness. Our zoom channel will also be open from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6.

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: Here we show Smokey Smith and the Blacker Bombard. The connection is that Blacker's concept of the spigot mortar led to development of the much more successful PIAT, which Smokey used in his VC action.

This Week: War seems to be a natural human activity, sadly. Along with war come decisions none of us would ever want to have to make. It also makes for examples of strange bedfellows. Case in point would be the fact that Thailand (then called “Siam”) was once at war with the Commonwealth. That nation of smiles and great cuisine has the distinction of being the only legitimate state to join with the Japanese in the military aspect of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere. All the others, such as Manchukuo, the Second Philippine Republic, and the Reorganized National Government of the Republic of China are now considered puppet states. The Thais only came into direct contact with Canadians in the air, during bombing raids and/or transportation missions conducted from India by the RCAF, RAF, RIAF, and others. They became an ally of Imperial Japan reluctantly, and even fought the Japanese briefly before seeing that they had no choice but to join in the campaign against Western imperialism, as the cause was presented to them by the Japanese and some Thai ultra-nationalists.

Our photo, however, is not from that tropical paradise, as one can instantly see. It is from an obscure European conflict, part of the larger world conflagration. It was a sad case of my enemy's enemy is my enemy, although that didn't prevent one of the enemy's enemies also attacking these chaps. Yes, it was both confusing, and tragic, and, ultimately, a disaster for everyone involved. Possibly because the other players were so large, this incident is almost unknown outside the nation involved.



So, dear historically-inclined reader, who are these fellows? Where were they about to invade, and what are those tiny tanks? If you know, let the world know by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the equally obscure author, John Redmond (john.d._redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

When is fishing not a good way to relax? When you are the worm.

Murphy's Other Laws

If you can see the whites of their eyes, somebody's done something wrong

Quotable Quotes

God cannot alter the past, though historians can. - *Samuel Butler*

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.

Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon



Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (Cavalry)

Battle of Leliefontein Luncheon 17 November 2022

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

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

All Left Coast Lancers, Black Hats and Supporting Arms Welcome

**At
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club**

Dress
Suggested - jacket and tie
Mask, Vaccinations

Tariff
\$35.00 (TBC)

RSVP
David Scandrett - Tango14@outlook.com

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



78th Fraser Highlanders – Feast of St Andrew



Fort Fraser Garrison

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

Feast of St. Andrew **Mess Dinner**

Saturday, 26 November, 2022

in the Officers' Mess, 15th Field Regiment RCA

2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

1800hrs for 1900

RSVP by 19 November to jobarb@shaw.ca



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

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

The traditional turkey dinner will be provided.

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

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

Ladies equivalent.

Yours Aye,

James Barrett CD, Major
Officer Commanding the Garrison



Coast to Coast Toast – Dec 1, 2022



The Coast to Coast Toast in celebration of St. Barbara's Day

The RCA Association invites you to register for a virtual social event on 1 December at 7pm ET.

Here's what you can expect:

- Greetings from the Colonel Commandant,
- Greetings from the Regimental Colonel,
- a Toast to The Royal Regiment followed by
- a chance to catch up with other gunners in chat rooms labeled: The 60s, The 70s, The 80s, The 90s, & The 2000s.

Stay with us after the presentation when we will open the chat rooms for you to connect with other Gunners.

The Coast to Coast Toast – Come for the Toast,
Stay for the Fellowship!

[Register Now!](#)

Le Toast d'un océan à l'autre pour célébrer la Ste Barbe

L'Association de l'ARC vous invite à vous inscrire à un événement social virtuel le 1er décembre à 19h HE. Voici ce à quoi vous pouvez vous attendre :

- salutations du colonel commandant,
- salutations du colonel régimentaire,
- un toast au Régiment royal suivi par
- une chance de rattraper le temps perdu avec d'autres artilleurs dans les salles de réunions étiquetées : les années 60, les années 70, les années 80, les années 90 et les années 2000.

Les salles de réunion seront ouvertes après la présentation pour permettre aux artilleurs de partout de se rencontrer.

Le Toast d'un océan à l'autre - Venez pour le toast,
restez pour la camaraderie !

[Inscrivez-vous maintenant!](#)



The Royal Canadian Artillery Association
10 Lancewood Crescent

Brampton, Canada

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St Barbara's Day Annual Special Guest Night



The Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Colonel N.J. Watts, CD
and the Officers
of
15th Field Artillery Regiment
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company
at their annual

ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT

to be held at the
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

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

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

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

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

15rca100th@gmail.com

Credit card payment is also acceptable at the door.

RSVP by 22 November, 2022 to

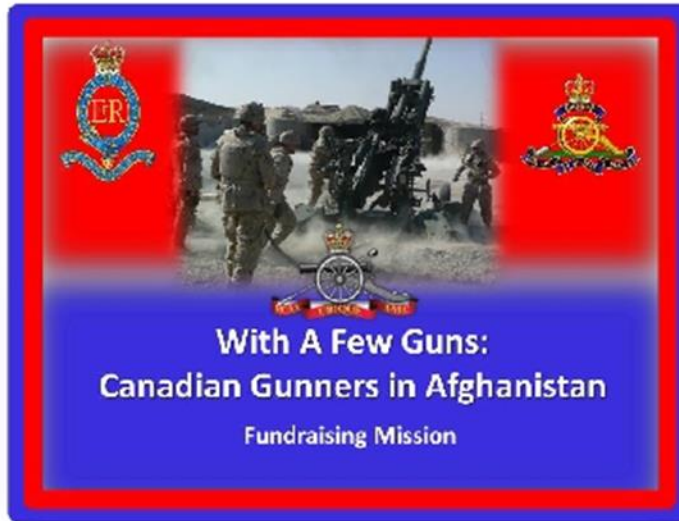
mess15rca@gmail.com

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

Questions. *To VPMC, Captain Chris Purdon
mess15rca@gmail.com*

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](#)

