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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

July 19 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.

July 20 Support our troops Scholarship program deadline.

July 26 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting.

July 29/30 Okanagan Military Tattoo

2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program

Ends July 20, 2023 - See Poster section for details.

Trudeau and His Phantom Army for Latvia

John Thomson Western Standard Jul 11, 2023



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Latvia Monday promised to gradually increase Canada's military footprint in the Baltic country by 1,200 personnel over the next three years. In theory, by 2026 this would bring Canada's total troop commitment to Op REASSURANCE to 2,200 soldiers. NATO should really be asking Trudeau, "Oh yeah, you and literally what army?" While it's true that Canada managed to regularly deploy nearly 3,000 troops to Afghanistan at the peak of the war, today's Canadian Armed Forces

(CAF) is but a shadow of that once formidable fighting force. The goal of 2,200 personnel deployed to Camp Adazi in Latvia is an optimistic one at best, but more likely, just another broken defence commitment on Canada's shabby record. The promise made is a considerable one, and the figure of 1,200 personnel was no doubt contrived by CAF and DND strategic planners in Ottawa. Granted, it's not totally unreasonable to assume that the number was picked at random by a political staffer simply because it sounded good.

Regardless, whether it was the result of sycophantic officers nodding dutifully to their generals, or the machinations of an overzealous politician, it has all the characteristics of a Trudeau promise — big, bold, and a long timeline to achieve and for people to forget. Just like the long-foretold balanced budgets the Liberals promised which never materialized, neither will the troops for this mission. As it stands, the CAF's largest and most pressing hurdle to achieve this new and looming task is a shortage of personnel. The CAF has all but lost the ability to retain existing members while simultaneously bungling its capacity to recruit replacements. In fact, recent data from the government reported on by *Blacklock's Reporter* just a few days ago indicated that CAF recruiting is down by 35% compared to the previous year. Without the necessary personnel, a long term and ongoing deployment is going to cause incredible damage to the CAF and will exacerbate the retention issue. The next significant obstacle is that the news of a permanent and ongoing deployment to Latvia will be about as alluring to soldiers and their families as an audit of your taxes by the CRA. That is to say not very glamorous at all. It will undoubtedly cause a detrimental departure of personnel from our already undermanned combat brigades. Here's why.

Despite what some will say, Op REASSURANCE is a different type of deployment than Afghanistan, Bosnia, and others. It's essentially one big training mission, no different than when our soldiers exercise their skills here in Canada. In fact, having talked with a few soldiers who've deployed to Latvia, they mentioned Camp Adazi has earned the moniker of 'Shilo East'. This is a desultory reference to the unpleasant similarities between it and the harsh training grounds at Canadian Forces Base Shilo in Manitoba. But to be fair to our men and women in uniform, I actually think that this type of mission may be more mentally challenging than the other deployments I mentioned. The personal and familial sacrifices to deploy on a mission take astonishing tolls on both the member and their loved ones. Op REASSURANCE is no different in this regard. But it is worse when you know you are going to repeatedly deploy to the same place over and over just to attack and defend against the same simulated enemy forces, in the same training area, again and again, and again. For many this will not be a sufficient professional or challenging offset for all the sacrifices on the home front. It's different when you're putting those skills to use against an enemy, facing danger, adventure, and the unknown daily.

Many members will come to that conclusion on their own, and they will join the others already releasing from the CAF in droves. That said, the primary difference between the mission in Latvia and what our soldiers might do on the training grounds of Wainwright, AB, is that they will participate alongside other NATO forces. Without a doubt there is great value in developing that interoperability. Unfortunately, it will also serve as a reminder as to just how poorly equipped our soldiers are when they see the high-quality gear their NATO comrades are using. Nothing says sign me up for another deployment like having to buy your own kit just to remain relevant.

Lastly, everything else the CAF does, or could do will be placed on the back burner to support this large-scale deployment. The Navy, which lacked attention during the decade in Afghanistan, will continue to decline as the focus once again shifts to an Army centric mission. This couldn't come at worse time for the Royal Canadian Navy as new Arctic Offshore Patrol ships come online and its fleet of frigates require more crew to operate and maintain them.

The Air Force will shuttle people and supplies to the mission, but it will result in countless extra hours on airframes that are already bordering on antique status. This in turn translates to four to six times as many hours of maintenance just to keep them airworthy. The outcome will be a crushing increase in workload for a Royal Canadian Air Force that is scrambling to modernize its fleet with a dearth of technicians. Then there is the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) which has been deployed many times to countries stricken by natural disaster. The DART won't ever deploy again while the brigade is stood up in Europe. This is a real pity because it is a bright and shining star in the CAF's and Canada's ability to project its image and values in the world while making a real difference in the lives of thousands who need it most. Canada needed to up its game within NATO and in the eyes of its allies, but this was the worst possible course of action. It's a low risk, low impact deployment which will only further degrade the CAF during a time that it needs to consolidate, re-equip and refocus. Essentially Trudeau just committed all our eggs into one basket and he's hoping that NATO doesn't count his chickens before they hatch, or rather, the eggs crack.

The US Military Revives an Idea for Stealthy Sea Power

Emma Woollacott Technology of Business reporter BBC News

12 June 2023

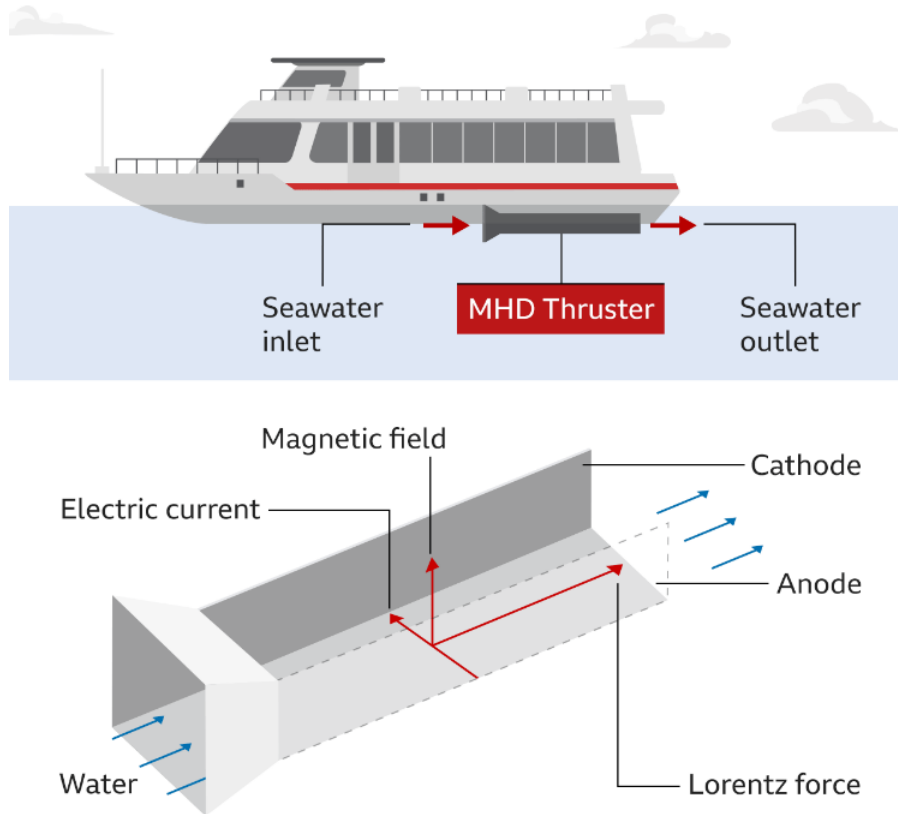


*An MHD drive featured in the 1990 move
The Hunt for Red October starring Sean
Connery. Getty Images*

Projects Agency (DARPA). The 1990 film, starring Sean Connery, featured a Soviet submarine - Red October - which had a near-silent propulsion system, making it very difficult to detect. Now, 30 years after the movie, DARPA is working on a marine propulsion system similar to the "caterpillar drive" described in the movie. Called a magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) drive, the system has no moving parts at all - just magnets and an electric current. It works by generating a magnetic field at a right angle to an electric current. That creates a force - called the Lorentz force - which acts on the sea water and propels the craft along. Without propellers or a drive shaft churning up the water, a working MHD drive could provide fast and completely silent travel.

Engineers have been working on MHD drives for decades and the original concept dates back to the 1960s. In 1992, the Japanese Ship and Ocean Foundation built Yamato-1, a 30m-long ship that tested a MHD drive.

How an MHD propulsion system works



However, the drive was so heavy that the Yamato-1 could only manage to plod along at a speed of 6.6 knots. It also used up a lot of energy. But researchers say the project proved such a drive could work and provided useful data. "Authentic information on defects and weak points, together with what should be made... when we carry out a Yamato-2 in the future," says Hiromitsu Kitagawa, visiting research fellow at the Ocean Policy Research Institute, of which the Japanese Ship and Ocean Foundation is now part. The Yamato project showed that much more powerful magnets would be needed, plus more robust electrodes - the parts of the drive which make contact with the water. According to Ms Swithenbank, the first of these

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BBC

problems may well be easily solvable now, with a new generation of magnets, developed by the nuclear fusion industry.

Fusion is the reaction which powers stars. But to make it happen here on earth often requires extremely powerful magnets to contain swirling clouds of burning hot plasma. The force generated by these new magnets has been likened to double the pressure at the bottom of the deepest ocean trench. While more powerful magnets are now available, the second problem, how to protect the electrodes, still needs work. The Yamato-



1 launched in 1992, was an early experiment with an MHD drive. Metal corrodes when placed in seawater and an electrical current accelerates that process. Some types of magnetic field have the same corrosive effect. On the Yamato-1 it was found that electrodes were losing around 3% of their mass per year. Jeffrey Long, a research chemist at the US Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), is a battery specialist, and is expecting to take part in the DARPA programme, along with colleague Zachary Neale. "If you have ever placed paper clips in a cup of salt water connected to a 9-volt battery, you'd notice the water turns colour because the metal is corroding," he says. "Essentially, we want electrodes that don't corrode, while still supporting the high electrical current density required for effective operation."

However, improvements in coatings by the fuel cell and battery industries in recent years mean this problem may well now be solvable. While these are important advances, other problems remain. Passing a current across seawater breaks the hydrogen-oxygen bond, creating gas bubbles on the electrodes which creates resistance and reduces the efficiency of the MHD. Potential solutions will have to be tested, including gas-diffusing electrodes created by the fuel cell industry. Other techniques sweep away the bubbles before they build up. Finally, there's the issue of erosion, with collapsing bubbles creating pitting. "It's like having sandpaper on your electrode," says Ms Swithenbank. Here too, though, work in other industries is showing promise.

If the DARPA team can overcome the problems, the advantages will be enormous. Without moving parts, MHD drives should need much less maintenance than existing propulsion systems. "But the real reason everybody's interested in it is that, because there's no moving parts, it's also much quieter," says Ms Swithenbank. "There's no question that for national defence, that's a huge advantage." A quiet system, without dangerous propellers thrashing around, could be better for wildlife as well. Work on the project will begin in earnest next spring, with a two-year programme to develop materials - in particular, electrode materials - followed by an 18-month period to design, manufacture and test the drive. The aim is to produce a prototype MHD drive that could propel a small ship, but that could be scaled up to propel a container ship or a military vessel. The drive would also have to demonstrate an energy efficiency that could match existing propeller systems. "Do I see this being used in commercial ships in the next five years? No. But it's absolutely possible in the future," say Ms Swithenbank.

Comox Last Post Fund Volunteer Goes Extra Mile to Restore Veteran's Grave

Comox Valley Record Jul 2, 2023

Comox Last Post Fund volunteer Ted Usher has gone the extra mile, out of respect for a fallen veteran. Usher is a retired police officer from New Westminster and a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces. In his spare time, he volunteers as a researcher for the veteran organization called the Last Post Fund (LPF). The LPF got started in 1909 in Montreal providing its first headstone and burial for a veteran and has been providing dignified burials, grave markers and headstones for thousands of veterans ever since. Usher started with the LPF as a volunteer researcher in late 2021 and began searching out graves in the Comox Valley cemeteries looking for veterans in unmarked graves and since then has submitted applications for consideration for more than 130 headstones.



*Left, Ted Usher beside the original, dilapidated grave; right, the new marker for Edwin Harbottle.
Photos supplied*

During his search of the Cumberland Cemetery in March 2022, Usher came across the dilapidated gravesite of Edwin Harbottle. The gravesite did have a headstone, but Harbottle's name was barely legible and unfortunately the Last Post Fund, who receives its funding from Veterans Affairs Canada, had a policy that if there is a headstone, the LPF and VAC will not supply a new veterans headstone or any funding for it. That's when Usher branched out on his own. He began a campaign to raise funds to restore the gravesite and have a new headstone installed, with help of the Village of Cumberland. Because village bylaws are in place regarding the cemetery, Usher was required to find a relative of Mr Harbottle to allow the restoration to take place. Through his diligent research and investigative abilities, Usher found a distant relative in Edmonton and explained what he was doing, and she agreed to sign the necessary form to allow the restoration to move forward. The village staff accepted and approved it and costs were identified for the restoration and subsequent installation of a new headstone.

While Usher was looking into Harbottle and his service, he discovered a remarkable story. Edwin Clifford Harbottle was born in 1896 at Carievale, Sask and at the age of 19 in 1916 joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force with the 229th Battalion. Two of his brothers would also join the CEF and be shipped off to England and then Europe to fight. In June 1917, Harbottle was assigned to the 46th Battalion, called the Suicide Battalion, and was sent to Belgium and France. He would be in the fight of his life in Passchendaele in one of the First World War's deadliest battles, and on Oct 27, 1917, he was severely wounded. Harbottle spent months in a field hospital in France before being sent back to England and eventually to Canada where he underwent many operations to save his leg from gunshot and shrapnel wounds. It took him two years to finally be discharged from the hospital and the CEF in September 1919. Harbottle settled in Royston, eventually married, but did not have children. Edwin Harbottle died in Vancouver on Nov 5, 1947, at the age of 51. A charity organization paid to ensure Edwin was buried in the Cumberland Cemetery.

To try to ensure the First World War veteran was provided a proper veteran headstone, Usher began a campaign to raise enough funds to have the gravesite restored and to pay for a new headstone and have it installed. He started a letter campaign, and with the fantastic assistance of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Comox (160), Courtenay (17) and Bowser (211), Usher accumulates enough funds to cover all the costs of the restoration of the gravesite. The new headstone was recently installed and thanks go out to the Royal Canadian Legions and the Village of Cumberland for their efforts to making this all happen. Usher will continue his research and

keep seeking out those unmarked graves of our veterans throughout BC. If you know of a veteran in an unmarked grave or require assistance in this area, you can contact Ted at tedusher@gmail.com or consult www.lastpostfund.ca

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Updates over the next month may be somewhat limited as I will be in Italy on the OP Husky battlefield tour. Haven't joined up with the tour yet as we're exploring Rome and Firenze on our own. Certainly is hot this time of year in Italy!

Yorke Island Adventure

More details have been posted regarding either a one day adventure or a 4 day dirt digging adventure. Check out the details and send me an email.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-2023>

August Social Event

Have you got plans for Friday, August 11? How about getting together with some other Gunners and talk over some new and old stories. Bring your partner. They undoubtedly have some great stories as well.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/social-event-friday-11-august-2023>

L5 Pack Howitzer Available

Anybody have a few thousand unused dollars available?

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/july-16th-2023>

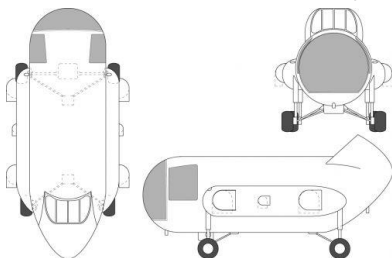
Wednesday Lunch

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. Click on this link:- This is a new link!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71810323784?pwd=ehLJDhj9zlqI0HvnBIMCYmw0p6ZDwe.1> or use <https://zoom.us/j/71810323784> or use Meeting ID 718 1032 3784 and the secret passcode is 6L6qz0 (fourth digit is a lower case Q and the last digit is a Zero) **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

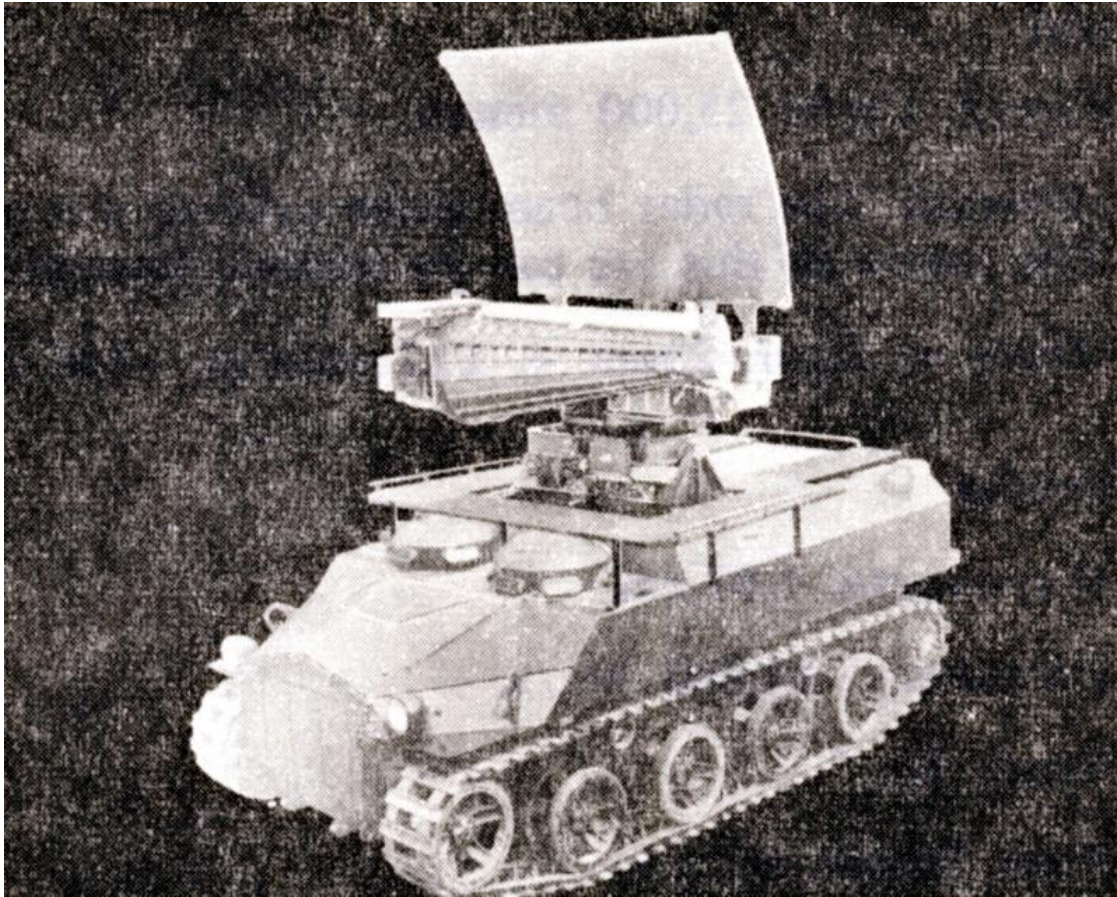
Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: It's the Flying Pig by Bristol Siddeley. A proposal to produce a giant high-speed, high-life, fast vertical take-off and landing jet transport called the Flying Pig was submitted to the Ministry of Defence by Bristol Siddeley Engines. It was the invention of Dr Stanley Hooker. This new craft employed the minimum possible structure, and derives its VSTOL capability from a simple four Pegasus engine lifting system which provides a high safety factor in the event of engine failure.



It was never built.

This Week: Our quest for oddball objects of a military nature continues this week with a fuzzy shot of a tracked thingie mounting a large doohickey. These, of course, are technical military terms with which the average person might not be familiar. You, naturally, are not average, otherwise you wouldn't be reading this column. The fuzziness of the photo might be due to the age of the image, or the secrecy of the object, or the lack of skill of the person who scanned it.



However, older readers, that is just about all of you, may recall when every photo emanating from the former Soviet Union was possessed of a similar lack of sharpness, leading some wags to observe that the planes and military kit were constructed with built-in fuzziness in order to confuse NATO observers.

Well, this may or may not be Soviet, and it may or may not have been actually issued to any army. However, all the parts visible were real at one time, but might not have made it out of the proving ground in that particular combination. So, what is this combo? Does part of it ring a bell? Might you have one in your back lot? If so, give us a call: Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitentary'

How do archers get in shape? They do arrowbics.

Murphy's Other Laws

Never draw fire; it irritates everyone around you.

Quotable Quotes

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. *Thomas A. Edison*

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.**

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

Click on this link:-

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

Attendance at this meeting is falling off. If you haven't been on for a while, we miss you so come back and join us.

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Le 24 avril 2023

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FAMILIES OF CURRENTLY SERVING
CANADIAN ARMED FORCES
MEMBERS AND VETERANS

PROGRAMME DE BOURSES D'ÉTUDES
D'APPUYONS NOS TROUPES DE 2023
POUR LES FAMILLES DES MEMBRES
ACTIFS ET DES VÉTÉRANS
DES FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES

1. This letter announces details of the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program available to families of currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and veterans for the 2023/24 academic year. This program is made possible through Support Our Troops, the official charitable cause of the CAF Community. Support Our Troops is supported by donations from individual Canadians, contributions from third party events and external organizations and proceeds from the sale of Yellow Ribbon merchandise. This Program is intended to complement but not duplicate other scholarship programs offered to the CAF Community.

1. La présente a pour but de vous faire part des détails entourant le Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 offert aux familles des membres actifs et des vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) pour l'année scolaire 2023-2024. Ce programme existe grâce à Appuyons nos troupes, l'œuvre de bienfaisance officielle de la communauté des FAC. Appuyons nos troupes est financé au moyen de dons versés par des particuliers au Canada, de revenus générés par des activités organisées par des tiers, de la vente d'articles arborant le ruban jaune et de contributions d'organisations de l'extérieur. Ce programme vise à compléter et non à offrir en double d'autres programmes de bourses d'études destinés aux membres de la communauté des FAC.

2. This year (2023) represents the ninth year of the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program whereby eligible families of currently serving members of the CAF, families of veterans and bereaved families may qualify to receive a scholarship. At this time, a minimum of seventy-five (75) scholarships are available, ranging between \$500 and \$5000 in value.

2. Cette année (2023) marque la neuvième année du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes grâce auquel des familles endeuillées ainsi que celles des membres actifs et des vétérans des FAC peuvent être admissibles à une bourse d'études. À ce stade-ci, un minimum de soixante-quinze (75) bourses d'études variant de 500 \$ à 5000 \$ seront décernées.

3. Registration for the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program will open on 1 May 2023 at

<https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/Scholarships>

4. Applications must be submitted by 20 July 2023 and are to include:

- a. three-part essay;
- b. A letter of reference;
- c. Most recent academic transcript;
- d. Proof of enrollment from academic institution;
- e. A point form list of volunteer/civic engagement activities.

5. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and recipients of a Support Our Troops Scholarship will be announced in September 2023.

6. Members of the CAF Community looking for additional financial support related to post-secondary education are encouraged to learn more about [Student Lines of Credit](#) and to [book an appointment](#) with a lending expert from BMO Bank of Montreal.

3. Nous accepterons les demandes dans le cadre du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 à compter du 1^{er} mai 2023 au

<https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Obtenir-du-soutien/Bourses-d-etudes>.

4. La date limite de soumission d'une demande est le 20 juillet 2023, et celle-ci doit comprendre :

- a. Une dissertation divisée en trois parties;
- b. une lettre de recommandation;
- c. le relevé de notes le plus récent;
- d. une attestation d'inscription à un établissement d'enseignement;
- e. une liste en style télégraphique des activités de bénévolat/d'engagement communautaire.

5. Un comité de sélection examinera les demandes, et les noms des récipiendaires d'une bourse d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes seront dévoilés en septembre 2023.

6. Les membres de la communauté des FAC qui désirent obtenir du soutien financier supplémentaire afin de poursuivre des études postsecondaires sont priés de se renseigner sur les [marges-crédits aux étudiants](#) et de [prendre rendez-vous](#) avec un expert en matière de prêts de la BMO Banque de Montréal.

7. In addition to the scholarships identified above, Support Our Troops also administers and distributes bursaries from the annual interest generated from the George and Helen Vari Foundation Education Bursary Program. Active members of the CAF who meet eligibility criteria may apply. For more information, please visit: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. CFMWS welcomes other donations and contributions to help deliver and expand the Support Our Troops Scholarship Program. Persons interested in this regard are encouraged to visit the Support Our Troops at <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Give-Support> for more information.

9. I ask for your support in ensuring that the contents of this letter are widely distributed.

7. En plus des bourses mentionnées ci-dessus, Appuyons nos troupes administre et distribue aussi les bourses en fonction des intérêts annuels que génère le programme de bourses d'études de la Fondation George et Helen Vari. Les membres en service actif des Forces armées canadiennes admissibles peuvent en faire la demande. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez visiter: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/George-and-Helen-Vari-Foundation-Education-Bursary>

8. Les SBMFC invitent toute personne intéressée à verser un don en vue d'assurer la prestation du Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes et d'en élargir la portée. Les personnes intéressées sont invitées consulter le site d'Appuyons nos troupes au <https://www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca/Apporter-du-soutien> pour en savoir plus.

9. Je vous demande votre appui pour veiller à ce que la présente soit distribuée à grande échelle.

Le chef de la direction des
Services de bien-être et moral des Forces canadiennes



Ian C. Poulter
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services

THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA (BRITISH COLUMBIA)



17 May 2023

Dear Sir/Ma'am;

The Army Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Branch is seeking out assistance from our Regimental Association partners. The BC Branch urgently needs volunteers to assist the Branch as Zone Representatives across British Columbia.

A BC Branch Zone representative is a liaison between the BC Branch and the Corps Support Committee. We work with Support Committees in all 47 BC Army Cadet Corps to ensure that they are trained and knowledgeable in their roles to assist our DND Partners. This will ensure the ACLC can deliver the best possible experience in all of BC's diverse communities and ensure harmonious Corps Operations.

As a Branch Zone Representative, we ask you to make regular contact with the Corps Support Committee by attending meetings, award presentations, and Corps events as required. The Branch will also host an online bi-monthly meeting to provide updates from the Branch and to keep communication open.

We hope you can volunteer with us and make a difference in the Army Cadet Program and your community.

If you are interested in volunteering with the BC Branch, please contact me, the Executive Director for more information.

We thank you for your assistance;

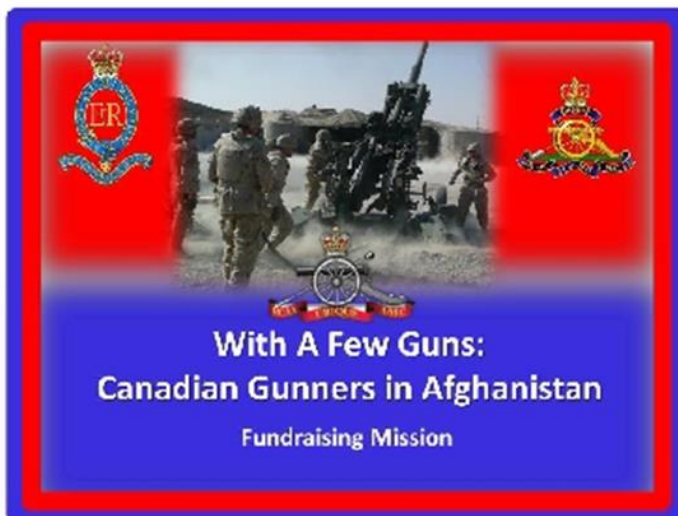
Sincerely;

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With a Few Guns

“With a Few Guns” Calling For Support! Donate Now!



With a Few Guns will be an accounting of the contribution Canadian Gunners made to operations in Afghanistan from initial deployment in 2002 until withdrawal in March 2014. The book will not be an “official history” but will tell the story of the approximately 3,000 Gunners who served in Afghanistan, Regular Force and Reserves, in any and all positions, in any and all functions, as well as the stories of commanders and supported arms, and Gunner families.

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Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commémoration 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.

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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.

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