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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

July 20 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch, Stu McDonald hosting

July 27 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch

Aug 03 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch

Ukraine's New US Rockets are Causing Fresh Problems for Russia

Tim Lister and Oren Liebermann, CNN July 14, 2022

There's a new and potentially very significant factor in the Ukrainian conflict: the Ukrainians' ability to use recently supplied Western systems to hit Russian command posts, logistical hubs and ammunition dumps a long way beyond the front lines. In the past week, there have been enormous explosions in several occupied areas in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions. The available evidence, from satellite imagery and Western analysts, is that the targeting has been highly effective. For months the Ukrainian military pleaded for long-range precision artillery and rocket systems from Western partners. Now they have them and are deploying them to considerable effect in both the south and east of the country. The Ukrainian military is not giving away many specifics but Vadim Denysenko, a senior official at the Interior Ministry, said Wednesday that in the past two weeks, "above all things thanks to the weapons that Ukraine received, we were able to destroy approximately two dozen warehouses with weapons

and stocks of fuel and lubricants. This will certainly affect the intensity of fire" the Russians can muster, he said.



A Ukrainian commander shows off the rockets on a HIMARS vehicle on July 1.

Canada, and Caesar long-range howitzers from France. In addition, the UK has committed to providing M270 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS), which are more powerful than HIMARS, but it's unclear when Ukraine will complete training on the system and deploy it. The HIMARS' versatility is in its name: the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. Its mobility makes it harder to target and it can be crewed by just eight soldiers. The rockets supplied to Ukraine have a range of 70 to 80 kilometers (about 50 miles). And their GPS guidance systems make them extremely accurate. As Mick Ryan, a military analyst and former Australian major-general, puts it: "It is used to destroy critical communications nodes, command posts, airfields, and important logistics facilities." Senior Russian officers are therefore especially vulnerable. HIMARS' accuracy also means the Ukrainians can worry less about civilian casualties. The guided rockets are accurate to within two to three meters, two defense officials told CNN, allowing the Ukrainians to use far fewer rounds to hit targets precisely at distance. The HIMARS appears to have been used in a massive strike against a warehouse in the town of Nova Kakhovka in the Kherson region on Monday night. The strike set off secondary explosions and caused widespread damage, according to satellite imagery reviewed by CNN. The imagery showed how precise the attack had been, leaving just one small crater.

This satellite image from Planet Labs PBC shows the aftermath of a Ukrainian strike on what it said was a Russian ammunition depot in Nova Kakhovka.



Local pro-Russian officials said parts of one HIMARS rockets were recovered; the serial numbers matched the weapon. There were also large explosions in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, setting off multiple detonations. The same happened at Shakhtarsk in Donetsk and in the Kherson region at the weekend, as well as near Melitopol in Zaporizhzhia last week. Altogether, it appears that about a dozen targets deep behind Russian lines have been hit in July, most of them at least 40 kilometers behind the front -- a distance at which accuracy with old Tochka-U missiles would be difficult. The Ukrainians have also been firing HIMARS at night, making it more difficult for the Russians to spot and strike the launchers. Russian forces have struggled to fight at night since the beginning of the conflict, and the Ukrainians are still using this to their advantage.



Ukrainian servicemen ride on a military vehicle as they tow an M777 towed 155 mm howitzer near the front line, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in the Donbas region

Targeting may also have been made easier by the way the Russian military stores and moves its weapons. Phillips O'Brien, professor strategic studies at St Andrews University, says the Nova Kakhovka strike is revealing "about the state of the logistics war and the real problems the Russians face." The target was adjacent to a rail hub, vital to the Russian logistics effort to sustain their offensive, and so was an obvious target. "The Russians left a ludicrously easy to locate, major supply depot exactly where someone would expect to find it. Either the Russians are unable to react because of command failure or they can't actually move the depots because they lack the road movement," O'Brien tweeted. One Ukrainian official hinted that targeting the warehouse had been easy. Serhiy Khlan, a member of Kherson regional council, said on Facebook: "In Nova Kakhovka minus one Russian ammo depot. They brought, brought, stockpiled, stockpiled and now have fireworks at night." Ben Hodges, the former commander of the US Army in Europe, tweeted after the Kherson attack at the weekend: "Least favorite job in the Russian Army? Ammunition handler." In a briefing last week, a senior US Defense Department official said that "the focus on higher capability, precision, further-range weapons" for Ukraine was front and center.

On Friday, the Pentagon announced a shipment to Ukraine of 1,000 rounds of 155mm artillery shells -- but a newer munition with greater accuracy, according to the official. The Ukrainians have been expending 155mm munitions at a rate of 3,000 a day. Like HIMARS, the more accurate rounds should mean fewer are needed. The official contended that HIMARS was changing the battlefield. "What we've seen is the ability of the Ukrainians to use these HIMAR systems to significantly disrupt the ability of the Russians to move forward." "If the Russians think they can outlast the Ukrainians, they need to rethink that," the official added. A Russian military reporter, Yuri Kotenok, said this week that the HIMARS represents "a serious threat. The liberated areas of the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, the DPR and the LPR, as well as the territory of Russia, fall under the possible fire of HIMARS." Kotenok, who has nearly 300,000 followers on

Telegram, said Russian air defenses need to be improved -- as does the targeting of HIMARS, whether in transit or deployed. He said that "If this continues, it is necessary to hit the decision-making centers. Our limitations in retaliatory strikes against the enemy are to some extent incomprehensible to me." Another Russian reporter, Roman Sapenkov, said he witnessed the strike at the weekend on the Russian base at Kherson's airport. "I was struck by the fact that the whole packet, five or six rockets, landed practically on a penny. Usually, MLRS lands in a wide area, and at maximum range they scatter like a fan," he wrote, referring to multiple launch rocket systems that are less advanced than HIMARS or the M777. "It is clear this is just the beginning. They will cover all the command posts and military facilities; the data for this has been collected for the last 4 months."



Ukrainian service members fire towards Russian positions with a CAESAR self-propelled howitzer, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues in the Donetsk region, on June 8.

One problem for the Russians may be the way they transport munitions, which is where the humble pallet comes into play. Few Russian military trucks include a crane to lift heavy munitions, which are rarely carried on pallets but loaded and unloaded by hand. Plenty of ageing Soviet ZIL trucks have been seen in Ukraine. Moving weapons and ammunition this way is cumbersome, time-consuming and potentially gives enemy surveillance a greater opportunity to detect such shipments. By contrast, the UK and US militaries palletize much of their ammunition or carry it in containers. The Russian way of war -- as witnessed over the last three months in eastern Ukraine -- relies on huge artillery barrages to pulverize targets before moving forward. Russian military doctrine has always emphasized a massive use of artillery, MLRS and mortars. That demands constant resupply: Some analysts calculate that Russia is using at least 7,000 shells and rockets a day in Donbas, and often many more. Serhiy Hayday, head of the Luhansk regional military administration, said Wednesday: "The Russian army does not stop shelling. However, most likely, it saves the existing stocks of shells, because their supply has been interrupted by the work of our new long-range weapons."

Ukrainian officials claim that the Russians are being thrown off-balance by their growing capability for long-range precision attacks. In and around Melitopol, for example, the Russians have imposed restrictions on civilian movements in recent days. The area has seen at least two major strikes this month against Russian bases. But for the Ukrainians to sustain this rate of strikes requires an unimpeded conduit of munitions from the West. The Ukrainian military is transitioning from an organization largely reliant on Soviet-era artillery and rocket systems -- with inadequate ammunition -- to using precision Western weapons with enough ammunition in a matter of months. Also unknown is whether any of the handful of HIMARS so far shipped have been taken out by Russian fire. The Ukrainian military and defense ministries avoid providing details about their deployment. Ryan cautions that while the HIMARS "has provided the

Ukrainian Armed Forces with a new 'Long Hand' to attack the Russian invaders, there is no such thing as a silver bullet solution in war." But US officials are confident that the accuracy of the weapon -- as well as other accurate long-range systems -- will progressively change the battlefield.

Canada and Latvia Sign Declaration

Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 15 July 2022



Minister of National Defence Anita Anand and Latvian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Artis Pabriks.

In the face of threats to NATO's eastern flank, Canada and Latvia signed a joint declaration to augment NATO's enhanced

Forward Presence Latvia on June 29. "Today's announcement is another example of Canada continuing to help defend every inch of NATO territory, and strengthening NATO's deterrence and defence posture in Latvia. Canada leads this Battle Group with great pride and responsibility, and I offer my sincerest thanks to Dr. Pabriks and the Latvian Armed Forces for their steadfast support and trusted partnership as the Host Nation. "This Battle Group shows the resolve of our Alliance, and demonstrates to any potential adversary, that any aggression against NATO would bring them more harm than good. In the face of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, our efforts to strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence posture are more important than ever, and we will continue to step up," said Minister of National Defence Anita Anand, who signed the statement on behalf of Canada during the NATO Summit in Madrid.

She was joined by Latvian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr. Artis Pabriks,

According to a Department of National Defence press release, the declaration means that Canada will:

- Continue to lead NATO forces as the Framework Nation in Latvia;
- Work with Latvia and NATO Allies to generate and stage forces in order to surge to a combat capable brigade;
- Establish and lead elements of a forward brigade command and control; and
- Be prepared to provide critical capabilities to operations, such as ammunition and explosives, air defence systems, and anti-tank weapons systems.

Detailed planning as to how Canada will begin to implement new commitments in the shortest timeframe is ongoing. "Through today's joint declaration, Canada is reaffirming its strong military presence in Latvia, which will continue to grow. The declaration demonstrates both countries' commitment to bolstering deterrence and defence, to the greater security of the Euro-Atlantic area, as well as NATO and its Allies. It will also allow Allied countries to more rapidly and effectively deter and respond to threats," stated a DND press release.



Members of enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group – Latvia participate in Exercise BEAST RAIDER, to hone dismounted capabilities while maintaining cohesion amongst sending nations, in the vicinity of Strautini, Latvia, December 2, 2020. Enhanced Forward Presence Latvia Imagery Technician, Canadian Armed Forces Photo. Image courtesy of CAF.

Under Operation Reassurance, Canada has led NATO's enhanced Forward Presence Battle (eFP) Group Latvia for the last five years. Since then, according to DND, eFP has grown to become the most diverse of all the NATO battle groups, with one-third of NATO Allies participating.

The 11 nations part of this battle group include:

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| Albania | North Macedonia |
| Canada | Poland |
| the Czech Republic | Slovakia |
| Iceland | Slovenia |
| Italy | Spain |
| Montenegro | |

Operation Reassurance is currently the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) largest military operation with 1,400 overall members deployed and approximately 700 personnel serving in Latvia. Canada's contribution to the eFP at this time consists of battle group headquarters, a mechanized infantry company, an artillery battery, a combat support company, an electronic warfare troop, and a combat service support company. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February, Canada has expanded Operation REASSURANCE – supporting NATO's assurance and deterrence measures in Central and Eastern Europe. According to DND, Canada has surged additional land-based capabilities to Latvia, to include an artillery battery and an electronic warfare troop. In addition, Canada has deployed a Brigadier General and staff officers to the Multinational Division North Headquarters in Latvia to strengthen command and control. In Feb 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that Canada would expand and extend Operation REASSURANCE beyond March 31, 2023.

New Shipbuilding Delay Leaves Canada Reliant on Allies

Civilian ship to supply navy. *The Canadian Press 30 June 2022*

The Royal Canadian Navy will need to wait an extra two years for the delivery of new support ships, the federal government said Thursday, meaning Canada will need to rely on a civilian ship and the goodwill of allies to resupply its naval fleet for the foreseeable future. The first of two new support ships being built by Seaspan Shipyards in Vancouver will not be delivered until at least 2025 -- two years later than the most recent estimate. The new delivery schedule, if it sticks, is now six years later than originally anticipated. By that time, the navy will have been without

a permanent supply ship for a full decade. The second vessel will face a similar delay, and now is not expected until 2027. Navy officials have previously stressed the importance of having purpose-built support ships for overseas operations given the limitations of relying on allies and the civilian vessel's inability to operate in war zones. Even then, the new schedule is no certainty. Delays and cost overruns have plagued much of Canada's decade-long, multibillion-dollar effort to replace its aging navy and coast guard fleets.



A worker stands on a Joint Support Ship being built for the Royal Canadian Navy at Seaspan Shipyards in North Vancouver, BC,

The Canadian Press/Darryl Dyck

In providing the update on Thursday, officials also could not guarantee Canada will end up with both support ships. They say the project's budget, originally set at \$2.3 billion but later updated to \$4.1 billion, is now under review.

Seaspan has already started work on the second joint support ship, as the vessels are known in military circles, and Defence Department procurement chief Troy Crosby said the government's stated goal remains the purchase of two such ships. However, Crosby added, "it's something that we're assessing now and will provide an update once we have a better understanding of exactly the cost impact." It also wasn't immediately clear what effect the new delay will have on the other shipbuilding projects that Seaspan is working on, which includes a new polar icebreaker to replace the coast guard's flagship by 2030. Canada has been without a permanent supply ship since 2015, when the navy was forced to retire its existing two vessels earlier than expected after one caught on fire while at sea and excessive corrosion was discovered on the other. The government initially relied on allies to fill the gap before agreeing to lease a converted civilian container ship from Quebec-based Chantier Davie. That deal was at the heart of the failed prosecution of retired vice-admiral Mark Norman. The military's former second-in-command was accused of leaking cabinet secrets about the leasing agreement with Davie, but the breach-of-trust charge against him was stayed in 2019 when Crown prosecutors concluded that they had no reasonable chance of securing a conviction. Earlier this month, the Crown also dropped its related case against a federal public servant. Both men had maintained their innocence.

While the initial five-year lease agreement between Ottawa and Davie for the MV Asterix was launched in January 2018 and due to expire next year, officials said the government is now negotiating an extension. Documents obtained by The Canadian Press in 2020 showed the navy expects to continue relying on the Asterix and allies to help resupply Canada's fleets at sea even after the two joint support ships are built. Canada originally planned to buy three new navy support ships when it launched the project more than a decade ago, but cost overruns saw the order cut down to two. Navy officials continued to indicate that two support ships were not enough to meet the maritime force's long-term needs, as the government's policy requires the military be able to operate two fleets at sea at the same time. The fear is that the navy will be hamstrung whenever one of the two so-called joint support ships is out of commission, either for

repairs or for some other reason. Asked whether the government was looking to purchase the Asterix outright from Davie, as some observers have previously suggested, the senior official responsible for military procurement at Public Service and Procurement Canada said no. "Discussions and negotiations at the moment are just truly and only about extending the contract as we know it now," said Simon Page, the department's assistant deputy minister.

Royal Canadian Navy commander Vice-Admiral Angus Topshee said the force will continue to rely on the Asterix and allies for assistance resupplying at sea, but he acknowledged both stopgaps have drawbacks and limitations. Those include the fact the Asterix is not designed for "high-threat environments," Topshee said. It also means the navy cannot currently meet the government's requirement that it be able to operate two fleets at sea at the same time. "Can we manage? Yes," Topshee said. "Is it ideal? No, that's why we're building the two joint support ships." The new delay is the latest blow to the federal government's effort to replace the aging fleets of both the navy and Canadian Coast Guard -- an effort that has already dragged on for more than a decade and is now projected to cost around \$100 billion. While officials blamed a combination of factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic and supply-chain problems, many of the issues predate both and have been pinned on both the government and shipyards.

Military's Intelligence Command Avoids Posting Staff to Ottawa

because of region's high cost of living. *The Canadian Forces Intelligence Command tries to accommodate its personnel, when possible, by supporting alternative work arrangements such as working from home, National Defence said in a statement*

David Pugliese Ottawa Citizen Jul 11, 2022



During a town hall meeting, video of which was posted online, military leaders were told that Ottawa is the third-most-expensive location for postings in the Canadian Forces.

Photo By Files /Postmedia

The military command responsible for collecting and assessing intelligence is trying to avoid posting junior staff to Ottawa because it has become too expensive to live in the region. Patrick Brown whistleblower comes forward, claims Brown knew of improper payments. Staff with the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command (CFINTCOM) raised concerns during a meeting in mid-June that the National Capital Region has become too costly for lower-ranked personnel because of the high cost of accommodation, gas and food. The command's Chief Warrant Officer Necole Belanger responded to a question from a staff member by pointing out that CFINTCOM is reassessing whether an individual needs to be posted to the Ottawa area in the first place. "We recognize how expensive the NCR is, especially for our junior members, so we're trying not to post them here," she told personnel at the command's town hall. "Junior members, if you find you are posted, please feel free to go up the chain and express the reasons why you cannot come here. And it will be re-looked at."

CFINTCOM has its headquarters in Ottawa. The command provides analysis, strategic warning and threat assessments for the defence leadership. The military lists its other locations as

Kingston, Winnipeg and Gagetown, NB. A video of the CFINTCOM town hall was posted on YouTube, although that does not appear to have been sanctioned by the Canadian Forces. In the video, military leaders are told that Ottawa is the third-most-expensive location for postings in the Canadian Forces. In March, the average price for a residence topped \$853,000 while condominiums fetched \$479,000. Both were record averages for the region, according to data collected by the Ottawa Real Estate Board. In June, the average price for a residence was more than \$772,800, while condominiums fetched \$438,977. The total number of personnel in the command is considered secret. But National Defence acknowledged in a statement to this newspaper that a large portion of the CFINTCOM and the defence intelligence workforce resides in the NCR to support strategic and operational requirements. It pointed out that “less than 100” junior military personnel assigned to CFINTCOM are transferred to the NCR each year. Junior Canadian military personnel are defined as either Non-commissioned Members at the rank of master corporal and below (or naval equivalent) as well as officers at the rank of captain and below (or naval equivalent), according to the National Defence statement.

During the town hall, one of the questions posed to Belanger noted that financial hardship can increase an individual’s “susceptibility to subversion.” “By posting junior members of the intelligence community to the NCR with no support to help them face the higher cost of living are (you) not asking for another Jeffrey Delisle incident?” a staff member asked. Delisle, a Royal Canadian Navy officer who had previously filed for bankruptcy, passed sensitive information to the Russians for money. He was sentenced in 2013 to 20 years in prison. He was released on parole in 2019. Belanger responded to the question with her outline of the steps being taken by CFINTCOM for its staff. CFINTCOM tries to accommodate its personnel, when possible, by supporting alternative work arrangements such as working from home, National Defence pointed out in its statement. “CFINTCOM is actively exploring options where some personnel can support the command remotely from a third location outside the NCR where such an arrangement is feasible and practicable under the circumstances,” the department added.

Some staff at the town hall wanted to know when there would be improvements to the special allowance known as the post-living differential or PLD. That allowance is designed to offset added costs that military personnel face in more expensive communities. But PLD rates have been frozen since 2009. CFINTCOM staff were told the situation is being worked on but military leaders could not provide a timeline when changes to the PLD would be announced. Like many organizations across Canada, the military has been dealing with a shortage of personnel. In June, Chief of the Defence Staff Gen Wayne Eyre and National Defence deputy minister Bill Matthews outlined a plan they hope will “overcome deficiencies that are hampering the composition and readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces.” The 49-page directive for “CAF (Canadian Armed Forces) Reconstitution” was sent out in early June to senior leaders. Some of the directive focuses on the need to improve life for military personnel. Changes are needed to moving and housing policies to enhance retention, the document noted. In April, Eyre said a lack of affordable housing was continually being raised by troops. “The number one issue that comes up as I travel around the country is cost of living and the challenges our people are facing in terms of finding affordable accommodations,” Eyre said during an event hosted by Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. Military

bases do have their own housing but problems with accommodations are further fueled by a shortage of those units, Eyre noted. He said there is a shortage of between 4,000 and 6,000 units.

Bank of Montreal - 2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest

BMO is once again offering an exclusive opportunity for Canadian Armed Forces members, to win in our Defence Community Customer Appreciation Contest! There is \$80,000 in prizes to be won; and the contest is open to new and existing Defence Community Banking BMO Customers. This applies to serving members, Veterans and all family members in their households.

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For full details on the contest, please visit: www.bmo.com/summercontest

There are links on that page to either opt in for existing customers or sign up as a new customer.

As we'd love to see some local members participate in the prizes, please feel free to share this with your Armed Forces colleagues! *See more info in poster section.*

Rob Parrott

Regional Vice President, BMO Bank of Montreal

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

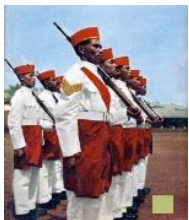
Our website editor is on the road at the moment and, due to technical difficulties, this week's update is not available.

Wednesday Lunches - The weekly Vancouver Artillery Association lunch in the Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury will be hosted by Stu McDonald. Bring your own lunch.

Our Wednesday lunch zoom channel will also be open, as usual, starting at noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> The secret passcode is pFPey6.

Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?



Last Week: The **Singapore Guards** is the maritime land formation of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). The unit is responsible for conducting rapid deployment, heliborne and amphibious operations. Guardsmen are tasked to fight in challenging terrain for key objectives, notably in urban locations (FIBUA - Fighting in Built Up Areas) and fortified terrain (FOFO - Fighting On Fortified Objectives). They are carrying the Lee Enfield No 5 M1 rifle (aka Jungle Carbine).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Guards

This Week: We continue with our series “Lost Regiments of the British Empire”, which has won the Boys Own Paper award for the most retro and jingoistic series in our quiz history. Remember, the sun still never sets on the Empire, thanks to several tiny, but strategic islands remaining in British hands. Watch your back, Ivan Ivanovich! This week’s unit would seem to be a blend of the old and the ancient. Our stalwart lad stands at ease with his fairly new rifle, on a flooring that



may need a bit of health and safety attention. His starched shorts are a credit to his sergeant major, and his sandals indicate that the temperature of his home station might be a tad warmer than that of Alert on Ellesmere Island. Of note are the two guns behind him, muzzle-loading smooth bore cannon of an ancient vintage. At the time of the photo, they were still in use for saluting, and possibly for scaring away the occasional pirate.

As you can see, this image is from the front cover of that most excellent magazine, “Soldier”, and was published at a time when some of you, dear readers, were not so mature as you are now. Sadly, due to current politically correct legislation, we cannot show you the back cover. Suffice to say that it featured a nubile person of interest to most service personnel, regardless of their regiment (the Horse Guards might be an exception). If you would like the original, it may be purchased from the Regimental Museum for one shilling, or a colonial dollar.

So, children of the Empire, can you tell us to what regiment this plucky chap belonged? Is it still in existence? Did you serve beside them, or nearby? Let us know by sending a telegramme, or other form of electronic post to Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com) or John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Play up the game!

From the ‘Punitary’

Why could the old banker no longer ride a bicycle. He lost his balance.

Murphy’s Other Laws

A cannon is an instrument employed in the rectification of national boundaries.

Quotable Quotes

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

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all** – especially those who attended our Wednesday lunches.

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



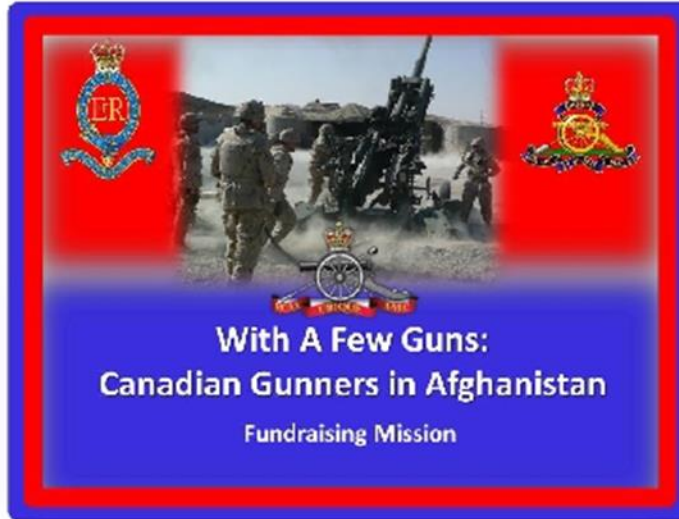
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teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

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

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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.

