

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Feb 22, 2022

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**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** (see Poster section at end for details)

**Army Gala.** The **2022** Gala has now been cancelled.  
New Date:- **May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre

**Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster

<b>Feb 23</b>	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
<b>Mar 01</b>	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
<b>Mar 08</b>	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
<b>Mar 15</b>	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
<b>Mar 16</b>	RUSI(NS) - Distinguished Speaker - Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities
<b>Mar 22</b>	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner

Hope all is well with you and yours.

Finally, the news we have been waiting for:  
"Public Health Restrictions due to Covid-19 have been eased"

Note:- This does not apply to Armouries yet. The Army works to its own schedule, and we will announce here when the Armoury reopens.

### **Organized gatherings and events**

Indoor or outdoor gatherings and events can happen at full capacity. Dancing is allowed.

- [Proof of vaccination](#) required for entry (12+)
- [Masks required](#) at indoor events, including when dancing

Upon receiving this update, the Teahouse Restaurant has confirmed they will offer full capacity for our event.

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess dinner has now been scheduled for 1800 for 1900hrs May 23 2022.**

Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. To purchase tickets or to confirm you have prepaid please contact HLCol Don Foster. email [dgfoster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com)

Hope to see you on May 23, 2022.

Ubique,  
Don Foster  
HLCol

## **Burial in Korea UN Memorial Cemetery**

Feb 16, 2022

Korean War veterans who wish to be buried with comrades after the death in the Busan UN Memorial Cemetery in Korea, please contact us. All procedures are carried out by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs. More information: [defenceasst@mofa.go.kr](mailto:defenceasst@mofa.go.kr) / 613-244-5025 (Korean Embassy in Ottawa)

Please see the video below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pk8PUx8BUj8>



## **RUSI(NS) - Distinguished Speaker 16 March 2022**

Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities in Atlantic Canada

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 16 March by Jan-Andrej Skopalik, Regional Manager, National Aerial Surveillance Program, Transport Canada Atlantic Region, titled "Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities in Atlantic Canada." His bio is attached. (see poster section)

This presentation will discuss the various activities conducted by the National Aerial Surveillance Program crews in support of Canada's National Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime and the North Atlantic Right Whales Initiative. The event will start at 1 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 16 March, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Halifax time.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com) by close-of-business Sunday, 13 March. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 16 March 2022 Registration. In addition to your name, please provide your organization (association, company or unit). 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 Monday, 14 March. If you have not received them by end 14 March, 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.

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

## **CAF Reveals French Gender-Inclusive Vocabulary in Rank Designations**

*Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 18 Feb 2022*

In an effort to be more gender-inclusive, the Canadian Armed Forces has added rank designations in French to allow individuals to choose which form of the designation fits them best. Although current designations are gender-neutral, additional rank designations in French were added to “support efforts to create an inclusive culture within the Defence team, as well as to reflect the various changes that are happening within society,” stated the CANFORGEN. **It is now up to each individual which article of the designation they would like to go by.** “Members of the CAF can choose to use the version that best represents them. Gender diverse members can choose from the list below, modifying the article and the adjectives to best reflect their gender

identity/gender expression,” stated an announcement that informed CAF members of the change in February. There is no change to the abbreviation of ranks. Translations have been developed and reviewed by the Translation Bureau.

The list of masculine and feminine French designations is below:

**For Army or Air Force Personnel:**

- Le General, La Generale
- Le Lieutenant-General, La Lieutenante-Generale
- Le Major-General, La Majore-Generale
- Le Brigadier-General, La Brigadiere-Generale
- Le Colonel, La Colonelle
- Le Lieutenant-Colonel, La Lieutenante-Colonelle
- Le Major, La Majore
- Le Capitaine, La Capitaine
- Le Lieutenant, La Lieutenante
- Le Sous-Lieutenant, La Sous-Lieutenante
- L Eleve-Officier, L Eleve-Officiere
- L’Adjudant-Chef, L’Adjudante-Chef
- L’Adjudant-Maitre, L’Adjudante-Maitre
- L’Adjudant, L’Adjudante
- L Sergent, La Sergente
- Le Caporal, La Caporale
- Le Soldat, La Soldate
- L’Aviateur, L’Aviatrice
- Le Bombardier, La Bombardiere
- Le Cavalier, La Cavaliere
- L’Artilleur, L’Artilleuse
- Le Sapeur, La Sapeuse
- Le Signaleur, La Signaleuse
- Le Garde, La Garde
- Le Fusilier, La Fusiliere
- Le Carabinier, La Carabiniere
- Le Voltigeur, La Voltigeuse
- L Artisan, L Artisane
- Le Musicien, La Musicienne
- Le Cornemuseur, La Cornemuseuse
- Le Batteur, La Batteuse
- Le Ranger, La Ranger

**For Naval Personnel**

- L Amiral, L Amirale
- Le Vice-Amiral, La Vice-Amirale
- Le Contre-Amiral, La Contre-Amirale
- Le Commodore, La Commodore
- Le Capitaine De Vaisseau, La Capitaine De Vaisseau

- (6) Le Capitaine De Fregate, La Capitaine De Fregate
- (7) Le Capitaine De Corvette, La Capitaine De Corvette
- (8) Le Lieutenant De Vaisseau, La Lieutenante De Vaisseau
- (9) L Enseigne De Vaisseau De Premiere Classe, L Enseigne De Vaisseau De Premiere Classe
- (10) L Enseigne De Vaisseau De Deuxieme Classe, L Enseigne De Vaisseau De Deuxieme Classe
- (11) L Aspirant De Marine, L Aspirante De Marine
- (12) Le Premier Maitre De Premiere Classe, La Premiere Maitre De Premiere Classe
- (13) Le Premier Maitre De Deuxieme Classe, La Premiere Maitre De Deuxieme Classe
- (14) Le Maitre De Premiere Classe, La Maitre De Premiere Classe
- (15) Le Maitre De Deuxieme Classe, La Maitre De Deuxieme Classe
- (16) Le Matelot De Premiere Classe, La Matelot De Premiere Classe
- (17) Le Matelot De Deuxieme Classe, La Matelot De Deuxieme Classe
- (18) Le Matelot De Troisieme Classe, La Matelot De Troisieme Classe

### Other

- (1) Un Officier, Une Officiere
- (2) Un Sous-Officier, Une Sous-Officiere
- (3) Le Caporal-Chef, La Caporale-Chef
- (4) Le Matelot-Chef, La Matelot-Chef
- (5) Le Soldat Recrue, La Soldate Recrue
- (6) L Aviateur Recrue, L Aviatrice Recrue

## **Canadian Armed Forces Investigates Officer**

who calls for other military members to stand up against government-imposed pandemic restrictions *Lee Berthiaume | National Observer | February 13, 2022*



*A Canadian flag is shown on a member of Canadian forces who are leaving from CFB Trenton, in Trenton, Ont., on October 16, 2014.  
Photo by: The Canadian Press/Lars Hagberg*

OTTAWA — The Canadian Armed Forces says it is investigating after one of its officers appeared in a video speaking out against vaccine mandates and calling for other military members to stand up against government-imposed pandemic restrictions. Yet while officials say Armed Forces members who discredit the Canadian military will be held accountable, it remains unclear just how far the military is willing to go in dealing with such incidents. Maj Stephen Chledowski is the latest serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces to have spoken out against vaccine mandates and COVID-19 restrictions by appearing in a video while wearing his military uniform. In the video, which was uploaded to the internet on Thursday and is now circulating on social media platforms, Chledowski decries what he describes as government “bullying tactics of fear, intimidation, coercion and financial and physical violence.” The artillery officer based at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick goes on to rail

against vaccines before calling on other military and police officers “to now stand up and protect your loved ones against this government-forced medical tyranny.” Maj Stephen Chledowski in an anti-vax-mandat4e video posted on YouTube

Chledowski declined to comment in an email, saying he had been ordered not to do interviews. Defence Department spokesman Daniel Le Bouthillier confirmed Chledowski is a member of the Canadian military, and that officials are now investigating “and will take appropriate action.” “A hallmark of our democracy is the principle that the military is accountable to our duly elected officials,” Le Bouthillier said in an emailed statement. “Those who disregard these principles undermine the very foundation of our institution. ... Any member of the Armed Forces who brings discredit to the CAF through either conduct or performance deficiencies, be it through actions or words, will be held accountable.” The military last week announced it was investigating a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force who appeared in a separate video voicing support for the anti-vaccine protest that has clogged downtown Ottawa for two weeks. Le Bouthillier said Friday that Aviator Riley MacPherson of 19 Wing Comox in British Columbia is now facing a summary trial, which is typically used for minor service offences. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Rory Fowler, who is now a lawyer specializing in military cases in Kingston, Ont, argued Chledowski’s actions are much more serious given his rank and the nature of comments.

While the Constitution recognizes the right to free speech, Fowler said, “the right of (Armed Forces) personnel to make certain statements while, quite literally, in uniform is limited. “People such as Maj Chledowski can seek to test such limits if they wish,” he added. “But they will face the consequences if they are wrong in their estimation of the limits on free speech.” Retired colonel and fellow lawyer Michel Drapeau said such public comments by Armed Forces members potentially violate various military rules and regulations when it comes to loyalty and discipline. “Any such serious breaches to the ethos of the military profession and the Code of Service Discipline by anyone, let alone a senior officer, who additionally made such statements while in uniform, is a matter that is likely to attract serious discipline,” Drapeau said. Military police last year charged another officer with trying to persuade another person to join in a mutiny and behaving in a scandalous manner unbecoming of an officer after allegedly urging other Armed Forces members not to help distribute COVID-19 vaccines. The charges against Officer Cadet Ladislas Kenderesi followed a speech at an anti-lockdown rally in Toronto in December 2020 in which a man appeared in full military uniform and spoke out against what he called “killer” vaccines.

Defence officials said at the time that Kenderesi was the first service member charged with a mutiny-related offence in at least 20 years. A court martial is scheduled for September. Retired LGen Guy Thibault, who previously served as vice-chief of the defence staff, said it was disappointing to see some Armed Forces members using their service in uniform for such purposes, and that the military should come down hard on them. “They should be dealt with quickly and firmly (and publicly) and severely sanctioned,” said Thibault, who is now chair of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute. “Unless there are mitigating circumstances revealed in an investigation or summary trial or court martial, I would think that they should be

released dishonourably and unsuitable for further service.” And while Fowler suggested there may be some concern about public courts martial becoming a political lightning rod or a platform for Armed Forces members opposed to vaccines, “that is part of the cost of a public and fair system of justice.” (Chledowski) in effect used his uniform as part of that public platform. If he is going to be disciplined for doing so, that, too, should be via a public platform: the Code of Service Discipline.” The most recent video comes as the military is preparing to cut potentially hundreds of troops who have refused to bare their arms and get vaccinated. Fowler said military personnel can still be charged for actions taken while in uniform even after they have left the Armed Forces.

## **US Army Tests Mobile Communications Gear for Armored Units**

*Mark Pomerleau C4ISRNET Feb 16, 2022*



*New network equipment will change the way the Army operates and fights. (Capt Tobias Cukale/Army)*

FORT STEWART, Ga. — The current way the Army communicates — from units operating in the field to establishing command posts — is too slow and clunky to survive or be effective against a capable adversary. “We know on the future battlefield, you got to fight dispersed and distributed,” Maj Gen Charles Costanza, commander of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, told reporters at a media day at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He went on, adding that command posts at the brigade and division level are “just too big” and “not survivable.” Armored formations must move rapidly on the battlefield, but their current communications architecture doesn’t allow them to do what they need at the right speed or range. The Army is working to change that. Between January and February, the service conducted a pilot aimed at better understanding the needs and design for modernizing the network for armored formations. As part of the Army’s modernized network approach, it is providing “capability sets” to units every two years, each building upon the previous delivery and adding in new technologies. The first of these, Capability Set ‘21, was designed for infantry brigades. The next two focused on Stryker brigades and armored brigades, respectively.

The three-week pilot, which took place at Fort Stewart with 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, sought to help establish Capability Set ‘25 design goals and inform concepts, requirements and technology maturity from division to battalion. The soldier feedback gathered during the effort — especially so far in advance, given a preliminary design review isn’t scheduled until around April 2023 — is essential for providing units the capabilities they need to succeed. Officials hoped to understand how the capabilities were deployed, whether the right

equipment was put in the right place in the right formation and did the technology support or hinder the mission. To get that feedback and test new equipment in an operational context, the pilot outfitted three battalions with three different network configurations called equipment sets. One included line-of-sight and satellite communications; one was primarily satellite communications; and one was line-of-sight heavy. Early feedback from soldiers indicated that the new equipment significantly improved units' ability to move and communicate quicker, although some equipment might not be in the right formations. "The general feedback we've received so far is it's easy to use, it's expeditionary in mindset and allows us ... [to] keep a much smaller command post signature, which will help us increase our survivability," said Col Terry Tillis, commander of 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

From the division's perspective, the new gear is poised to improve operations. "This capability would allow us, enable us to fight a little bit more distributed and dispersed," Costanza said. "I think this is really going to improve our ability to fight and survive on the future battlefield." In many cases, set up and tear down for command posts and communications was over an hour. Additionally, sometimes in the field, units would have to stop their vehicles to establish communications. However, soldiers said communications that would take much longer could now be communicated seamlessly in minutes with the new equipment, while also being more dispersed. The ability to communicate faster and more efficiently in the future will invariably change the way the Army operates and fights, said Tillis. "It is going to change because it adjusts the tempo and we're going to be able to move faster ... what changes for us is the ability to move when we need to move," Tillis said. "The increase in technology is going to change fundamentally how we would fight. That's something that we've got to learn at our level. How do we become expert coaches? How do we work distributed [command and control] in each of these command posts?"

For example, operators explained that one of the tenets of maneuver warfare is if formations outrun their communications, they have to stop. But what if they don't have to stop and can maintain those links of communication, asked one battalion commander. New technology tested in the pilot could enable that, but armored formations come with their own challenges. Armor formations and vehicles are one of the most difficult formations to outfit from a networking perspective given the confined space on the platforms. While this current pilot effort took place on surrogate vehicles — Vietnam-era tracked vehicles — discussions are ongoing across the acquisition community to outfit communications gear on forthcoming replacements. The Army's Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) is working hand in hand with PEO Ground Combat Systems, which has provided drawings for new vehicles such as the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle and the Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle. "As we start making some of these decisions coming out of this [pilot], then the next phase will be working with the identified vendors as we move forward on what that next step of integration going forward is," Col. Shane Taylor, program manager for tactical networks at PEO C3T, said.

Once it's determined which vehicles receive which equipment, based in part on feedback from the pilot, "we'll be concurrently providing that information to the ground combat folks and then we'll start working with them much tighter on the integration kits," Taylor said. Another



integration aspect officials described is how the new experimental equipment works with the current network. “The Army’s a big army. There’s a lot of kit already out there. We’re [not] going to throw everything away and start over,” Taylor said. “The Army is just too big to do that. Therefore, we need to make sure that what we carry forward out of this interoperates with the existing solutions that we have until we can replace it.”

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

### **Excerpts from Corporal Helmcken's Diary**

February 1918 has been transcribed and uploaded. A relatively quiet time but worrisome as it is felt that the Germans are preparing a large offensive. Check out the details here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/helmcken-diary.html>

### **Photos**

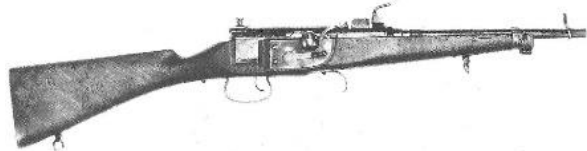
Have you got any regimental history photos to share? Your personal adventures with the Regiment? We’re looking for your information to include in our history. Interested? Got some suggestions? Send me an email [president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

**VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour.** Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

*The Museum is adding an Afghanistan display and have a mannequin dressed in CADPat. They are looking for a set of the type of webbing used in that theatre. Anybody have a set they would like to donate?*

## **Who (or What) Is It?**

**Last Week:** The FIAT submachine gun was designed by Abiel Revelli and was developed jointly



between FIAT and Officine di Villar Perosa (OVP). It was built from Revelli's earlier twin-barreled Villar Perosa submachine gun, which FIAT and OVP had also collaborated on. In 1916, Revelli demonstrated the FIAT SMG to the Italian Army, who expressed an

interest in the concept and commissioned several other manufacturers to produce similar prototypes for military trials. The FIAT was a blowback-operated submachine gun adapted from the Villar Perosa. The entire receiver was taken from the Villar Perosa, with the only modification being the addition of a fire selector. It ejected from underneath and a case deflector was fitted to the ejection port to ensure the spent casings did not drop directly onto the user. The gun loaded from the top and used 25-round magazines; the sights were offset to ensure the magazine did not interrupt the user's aim. The FIAT was trialed in 1917 against two other competitors: the Crocetti and the Revelli-Beretta. The Beretta gun was deemed to be the best and was officially adopted by the Italian Army in early 1918. Despite having lost out, development of the FIAT gun continued at OVP after the war and the gun evolved into the Revelli Mod.1921.

At least one sample of the weapon is known to exist today in a museum in Terni.

**This Week:** We are continuing our journey on foot, through the mud that the average soldier must endure, as even wheeled and tracked vehicles get bogged down from time to time, and not all regions of the world are blessed with eternal, sunny, spring-like conditions, as is Vancouver, our current home. Indeed, our local Tommies and Tommettes are as likely to be bogged down by a surfeit of blossoms as we are inclement weather conditions....or, so the tourist brochures used to say. So, let's get started. Our photo this week shows a chap in the uniform of the evil enemy of the Second World War, standing beside the fuselage of an equally evil Nazi aeroplane. He wears the typical uniform beloved of Hollywood, and probably sports a pair of jackboots, shone to perfection. Who says the guys with the prettiest kit get to win!? So, this must be an example of the so-called Master Race. He even seems to sport an Adolf moustache.



But wait, you say! His countenance doesn't quite match those propagated by the German war posters. He doesn't even seem to be blond, although it is impossible to check that, due to the hat and trousers. In fact, eagle-eyed readers, or those with very good, illuminated magnifiers, or children with normal vision, will note that one of his insignia is unusual for a Fritz (apologies to anyone named that, or taking the term out of context).

Your task, then, is to tell us who this potential war-criminal was. Why was he in this uniform? What became of him? If you are stumped, then you can identify the aircraft beside which he is planning world domination. Send your ideas to the editor, Bob Mugford

([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Remember that history is not all black and white.

### **From the 'Punitary'**

What do you call a skunk who carves figures out of wood? A whittle stinker.

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

Organization charts and fancy titles count for next to nothing.

### **Quotable Quotes**

There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still. - *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## 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.

<https://zoom.us/j/710845848>

**Password:- Ubique**



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(778) 907 2071 Meeting ID: 710 845 848

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

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner



## 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (RCA) Centennial Celebration Dinner

Monday 23 May 2022  
18:00 for 19:00 hours

at

The Teahouse in Stanley Park  
7501 Stanley Park Drive  
\$150.00

RSVP to [dgfooster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfooster60@gmail.com)



Major General Albert Bruce Matthews, CBE, DSO, ED  
Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery  
Unveils the original commemorative plaque on  
16 October, 1966 at Ferguson Point

### Timings

- 18:00 – Guests arrive
- 18:15 – Plaque unveiling
- 18:30 – 105mm Howitzer salute
- 18:45 - Presentations
- 19:00 - Dinner



Photograph showing a group of men at unveiling of Memorial at Ferguson Point in Oct 1966. Pictured (L-R): Warrant Officer Class II R. Guttridge, Lance Bombardier Elboim, [unidentified], [unidentified], Brigadier R.T. Dumoulin, Lieutenant Colonel N.D. Elsdon, Lieutenant Colonel A.M. McGavin, General Sir Charles Loewen, Lieutenant Colonel W.S. Jackson, Major General A.B. Matthews, Lieutenant Colonel G.F. Blythe, Colonel G.M. Platt, Lance Bombardier D. Davidson, Sargeant R. Thompson, [unidentified], Warrant Officer Class I P. Smith.



The  
Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia  
presents

**Distinguished Speaker**  
**Jan-Andrej Skopalik**  
**National Aerial Surveillance Program**  
**Transport Canada**



**Surveillance of**  
**Sea Surface Activities**  
**in Atlantic Canada**

1 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 16 March 2022  
via Zoom

register through [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com)





## **Jan-Andrej Skopalik**

Jan-Andrej Skopalik started his career in the Public Service with Environment and Climate Change Canada as an Ice Service Specialist, and has been with the National Aerial Surveillance Program (NASP) since 2007. Whilst working for the NASP, Jan has been involved with the Deepwater Horizon response in the Gulf of Mexico, the Lac Mégantic and the Gogama train derailments, and the MV *Manolis L* oil recovery efforts off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as assisting with the 2014 Moncton Shootings and the search for a suspect accused of stabbing a Bridgewater, NS, police officer in 2020 for the RCMP. Jan has worked both in the field and as a part of several Incident Command Posts throughout his career.



**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



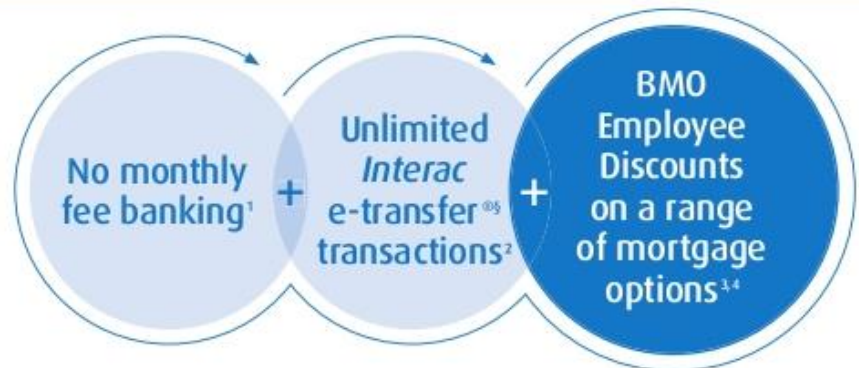
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## Bank Accounts

- Save money with a Performance Plan chequing account with no monthly fees<sup>1</sup>
- Unlimited *Interac* e-transfer<sup>05</sup> transactions<sup>2</sup>
- OnGuard<sup>08</sup> Identity Theft Protection Service at no charge<sup>7,8</sup>
- Keep the same accounts no matter how many times you relocate
- Access to CreditView<sup>09</sup> – the free, instant way to get your credit score<sup>9</sup>



## Lines of Credit

- BMO employee discounts on unsecured and secured personal lines of credit<sup>3</sup>
- Student line of credit with preferential pricing and flexibility<sup>10</sup>

## Credit Cards



- Choose the BMO Support Our Troops CashBack<sup>011</sup> or AIR MILES<sup>012</sup> MasterCard<sup>013</sup>
- No annual fee<sup>11</sup>
- Support Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services with every purchase you make
- Visit [bmo.com/sot](http://bmo.com/sot) to find out about the welcome offers



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB) Program?

BMO and Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services have teamed up to offer the CDCB Program to eligible members of the defence community and their families.

### Who is eligible for the CDCB Program?

Program benefits are exclusive to regular force personnel, reserves, recruits, military families, Veterans and retirees, as well as Department of National Defence (DND) and Staff of the Non-Public Funds civilian personnel, the RCMP and the Canadian Coast Guard.

### Can BMO help me if I am relocated or deployed?

One way BMO can help is by covering your prepayment charges when you are relocated or deployed through the Integrated Relocation Program, and have to move or break your mortgage.

### How does Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) get funded by the BMO Support Our Troops MasterCard<sup>®</sup> program?

BMO pays royalties to CFMWS each quarter. CFMWS uses the royalties to fund the Support Our Troops National Summer Camp Programs and more.

### How can I get help with home financing?

Visit a branch, find a Mortgage Specialist at [mortgagelocator.bmo.com](http://mortgagelocator.bmo.com) or call 1-866-548-7490 or collect from overseas at 514-877-7738 to get help with home financing.

### How much can I save in bank fees with the CDCB Performance Plan Chequing Account?

You can save \$191 each year in monthly plan fee, \$120 each year with 5 non-BMO ATM withdrawals included each month, and \$155 each year in Identity Theft Protection at no charge.<sup>12</sup>

### How can I contact BMO to learn more about the CDCB Program?

- Visit any BMO branch
- Call 1-866-548-7490
- International customers can call collect at 514-877-7738
- Find us on Social Media

Visit us in branch or at [bmo.com/cdcb](http://bmo.com/cdcb) to learn more.



Scan the QR code to get more information.



<sup>12</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included for free in your Bank Plan. <sup>1</sup>The monthly Plan fee may still apply. Other transaction fees may apply if you have a Bank Plan that does not include unlimited everyday banking transactions. A cancellation fee may still apply when you cancel the transaction. <sup>2</sup>Interac e-transfer<sup>®</sup> transactions are subject to maximum transfer dollar amounts. <sup>3</sup>Applications to qualify for the CDCB special rates on 5-year fixed and 5-year variable rate mortgage, you must have a Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account (Chequing Account) with a CDCB Performance or Premium Plan; and set up the Chequing Account as the funding account for the BMO Mortgage; and have one (1) recurring direct deposit into the Chequing Account. <sup>4</sup>Some conditions may apply. <sup>5</sup>We guarantee your interest rate for the selected fixed rate mortgage type and term for up to 130 days from the rate guarantee start date. If the mortgage is not funded within the 130-day period, the interest rate guarantee expires. <sup>6</sup>Applicable to residential mortgages only and subject to Bank of Montreal standard lending criteria for residential properties. Longest rate guarantee of any major bank as of November 18, 2020. <sup>7</sup>Plan, transaction, service and product fees may still apply. <sup>8</sup>You're eligible for OnGuard<sup>™</sup> if you are a BMO customer who has a lead account<sup>1</sup> with one of the following Bank Plans: Performance Plan, Premium Plan, Platinum Plan or Employee Plan. In addition, to qualify for OnGuard, you must be a Canadian resident who has reached the age of majority for your province or territory, and you must be registered for BMO Online Banking and/or Mobile Banking and you must have a valid email address on your BMO profile and your lead account must be in good standing. Customers with an eligible Bank Plan with the Kids or Teens discounted banking program do not qualify for OnGuard. All accountholders of a lead account with an eligible Bank Plan qualify for OnGuard<sup>™</sup> provided they meet the above-eligibility requirements. If you switch your lead account to an ineligible Bank Plan, then you will no longer qualify for the OnGuard<sup>™</sup> service. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>OnGuard<sup>™</sup> retail value is \$155.88 annually (charged at \$12.99 per month). <sup>11</sup>OnGuard<sup>™</sup> is provided by Sigma Loyalty Group and Intersections Inc. Sigma Loyalty Group and Intersections Inc. Terms and conditions can be found at [www.bmo.com/onguard/SIGconditions](http://www.bmo.com/onguard/SIGconditions). <sup>12</sup>CreditView<sup>™</sup> is a service provided to you by TransUnion. Using this service does not impact your credit score. This service is being made available to you as a customer of BMO ("Bank of Montreal") at no additional charge. <sup>13</sup>You must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant enrolled in a Canadian or non-Canadian post-secondary school or university. Co-signer may be required. Subject to credit availability and verification of identity. <sup>14</sup>Ongoing interest rates, interest-free grace period, annual fees and all other applicable fees are subject to change. Cash advances include balance transfers, cash-like transactions and Mastercard cheques. Visit your branch, call the Customer Contact Centre at 1-800-263-2263, or visit [bmo.com/rates-fees](http://bmo.com/rates-fees) for current rates and fees. <sup>15</sup>The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included in the Performance Plan. Some non-BMO ATMs may charge you a convenience fee. The convenience fee is not a BMO fee and is added to the total amount of your withdrawal. You are responsible for the convenience fee that may be applied to your transaction.

<sup>16</sup>Registered trademark of Bank of Montreal. <sup>17</sup>Interac e-transfer is a registered trademark of Interac Inc. <sup>18</sup>OnGuard is a service of Sigma Loyalty Group. OnGuard<sup>™</sup> is a trademark of Sigma Loyalty Group Inc. Identity Guard<sup>™</sup> is a registered trademark of Intersections Inc. <sup>19</sup>CreditView is a trademark of TransUnion LLC. <sup>20</sup>MasterCard is a registered trademark, and the circles design is a trademark of Mastercard International Incorporated. Used under license.