

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Mar 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 posters

- Mar 23** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
- Mar 25** Hockey for Ukraine – BCR Vs SHC
- Mar 30** Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting  
Arctic eTalks
- Mar 31** Web Event - An Evening with Gen Roméo Dallaire  
Left Coast Lancers - Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon

## 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

## **French Developer Plans Condo Complex on Juno Beach**

Stephen J. Thorne Legion Magazine March 15, 2022



*Canadian troops land at Courseulle-sur-Mer on June 6, 1944.*

*IWM*

A French developer is planning to build a 70-unit condominium at the site where Canadian troops landed on D-Day, desecrating what opponents to the project are calling hallowed ground. Local authorities in Courseulles-sur-Mer awarded a construction permit for *Domaine des Dunes* in February 2019. The two four-

storey buildings are to go up just metres from Juno Beach, where Canadian soldiers fought and died during the June 6, 1944, invasion that marked the beginning of the end of Adolf Hitler's reign of terror. "To build condos on the memorial site is just an enormous insult to the memory of the Canadians." The units and a parking lot are to be built by Foncim next to the Juno Beach Centre, Canada's primary Second World War museum and commemorative site in Europe. Museum lawyers have been fighting the developers in court for two years.

*The 19-year-old Juno Beach Centre has attracted more than 1.5 million visitors. It says the condo development threatens its existence.*

*JBC*



"To build condos on the memorial site is just an enormous insult to the memory of the Canadians who volunteered and conquered their fears

to fight and liberate France and the continent,” said Cindy Clegg, an Ottawa-based communications consultant who is spearheading a campaign opposing the development. More than 14,000 Canadian troops landed and 359 died on the 10 kilometres of sand code-named Juno. It was the outset of what the commander of Allied forces in Europe, U.S. General Dwight D Eisenhower, called “The Great Crusade.” More than 5,000 would be killed during two-and-a-half-months of fighting in Normandy. “Canadians are being betrayed,” the centre’s director Nathalie Worthington told *Legion Magazine* in an interview from Normandy. “They have been given this land and now this land—the road—is being taken away. It’s like an expropriation.”



*Some 359 Canadian soldiers died on Juno Beach on D-Day.*

JBC

In a statement on its website, the Juno Beach Centre described the project as the “greatest threat” it has faced since it opened 19 years ago. “We are not generally opposed to projects like these on former battlegrounds; the French deserve to enjoy the freedoms our veterans’ sacrifice brought them,” it said. “However, the Dunes project plans to

use the [centre’s] private road for access to the building site by construction vehicles and workers. We have great concern for the impact that this will have on the Juno Beach Centre.” Worthington said basing legal arguments on the sanctity of the ground on which Canadian blood was spilled won’t fly in court. “Technically, we are not against the building,” she said. “We are against the fact that they want to use our road because this will make us die. “We are limited by the court to this position. If I was to say that I am against this building because I find that it’s insane because it’s not respectful or whatever...I cannot say that because that, for us at the JBC, would be an *abus de droit* (abuse of rights). You in Canada, you can have this position, you can be shocked. “We can only be on the legal side.” The centre—a non-profit charitable corporation—has received more than 1.5 million visitors since it opened in 2003, 28 per cent of them Canadians and 36 per cent French citizens. A record 103,000 visited in 2019, D-Day’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

*The director of the Juno Beach Centre says Canadians have been “betrayed” as Canada’s primary Second World War museum and commemorative site in Europe braces for construction of a 70-unit condominium complex near the D-Day beach.*

JBC



The centre’s roadway is the only way in and out of the site. The museum paid for its construction on land administrators of Courseulles-sur-Mer leased to it for 99 years “for the sole purpose of providing visitors with access” to the facility. Foncim lawyers launched legal action for the right to use the route. Museum resources were almost exhausted



fighting the effort when a judge in nearby Caen recently upheld the building permit and ordered the road open to the developer. The battle has cost the centre more than \$400,000 in legal fees. The museum said construction traffic represents “an existential threat” to the centre and “the Canadian memorial presence in Normandy.” “A bailiff could arrive any day to request that we open our barrier and provide Foncim with access to the road,” said the statement. “They will be able to pass their construction vehicles over our road at will. “According to the information available, the estimated number of vehicles is in excess of 850. When that happens chaos will ensue. The [centre] is now at serious risk of being overrun and severely damaged by this road opening.” The condo construction is expected to take about 22 months. The centre said the judge’s ruling came with no direction on how the road would be shared. “It is impossible to organize sharing the road in a way which will not seriously impact the [centre] commercially, economically, and in terms of security,” it said, noting the deleterious effects the pandemic has already had on its operations. “These factors will lead to the decline and possibly the eventual closure of the [centre].”

*Les Amis du Centre Juno Beach* and residents of Courseulles-sur-Mer have been vocal in their opposition to the project. The mayor who approved the permit, Frédéric Pouille, was recently voted from office. His successor, Anne-Marie Philippeaux, has opposed the project but has not revoked the permit. Now Clegg has taken up the cause, forming [Save Juno Beach](#), a campaign to raise money for the centre and urge Canadian lawmakers to persuade French authorities to stop the development. The specific site of the condo is a former battlefield that may still contain the remains of soldiers killed on D-Day—probably German, according to historians. “If we’re going to preserve the sanctity of this hallowed ground and honour the memory of the soldiers who fought and died on D-Day, we need Canadians like you to speak up so our politicians will step up,” says the centre’s website. Clegg says the centre needs funds if it is to further challenge the project. Ideally, she added, Save Juno Beach could raise enough money for the centre to buy the land from the developer and extend a memorial park on the property. “People in Canada have got to be aware that their place of representation here is at threat.” She noted the initiative’s website has already forwarded more than 1,000 emails from project opponents to MPs, including the ministers of veterans and global affairs. “People are quickly learning that Canadians are not

happy with the situation and are throwing their support behind their politicians to come up with a solution as quickly as possible,” she said. The future of the museum is “now in the Canadians’ hands,” said Worthington. “We’ve done the maximum of what can be done over here the last two years. “People in Canada have got to be aware that their place of representation here is at threat.”

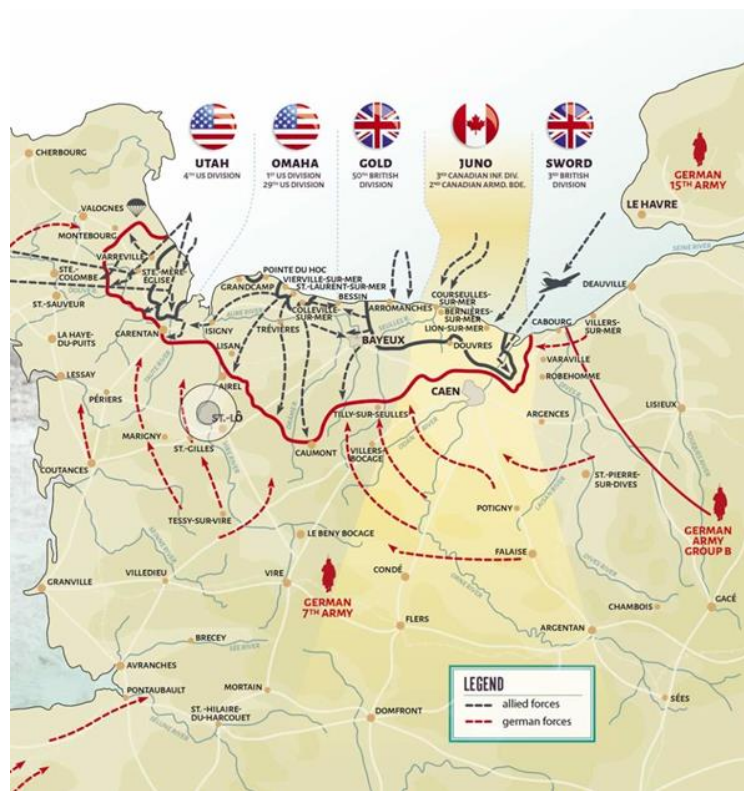


*Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders land at Bernières-sur-Mer on D-Day.*

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Juno was one of five Allied beachheads. British troops landed at Sword Beach to the east and Gold to the west; the Americans took Omaha and Utah beaches further west. The strongpoint at Courseulles-sur-Mer, on the estuary of the Seulles River, was the Germans' most robust defensive position in the Canadian area of operations. With H-hour delayed until a higher tide cleared offshore reefs and obstacles, the Canadians at Courseulles-sur-Mer landed later than their Allies to the west, giving the German defenders advance warning of the assault. 'A' Company, The Regina Rifle Regiment, were among the first Canadians to land, in a gap between two 75mm guns at 8:05 a.m. It was more than 90 minutes after the overall invasion began further along the Normandy coast. The Reginas, along with 'B' Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armored Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> Hussars), neutralized the strongpoint and pushed into Courseulles. They cleared part of the town before returning to the beachfront where surviving *Wehrmacht* troops had retaken their guns via trench and tunnel. The Reginas' 'B' Company landed to the east at 8:15. It was pinned down by snipers and heavy machine-gun fire before the troops skirted left, away from the position and, alongside armoured troopers, outflanked and took the pillboxes overlooking the beach.

*Map of Allied D-Day landing sites.*



More Canadians landed at various sectors between Courseulles-sur-Mer and St. Aubin-sur-Mer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade suffered 1,074 casualties as they pushed almost 10 kilometres inland on the first day of fighting, the deepest advance of any of the Allied landing forces. “Any action that detracts from the sacrifices of those who served at Juno Beach is a wrong course of action.” The Reginas fought through Normandy and across northwest Europe until the war’s end, suffering 458 KIA by May 7, 1945. In a brief statement, The Royal Canadian Legion said it was still gathering information on the current situation at Juno Beach. “Any action that detracts from the sacrifices of those who served at Juno Beach is a wrong course of action,” said spokesperson Nujma Bond. “The Legion was disturbed to learn of this planned development, and we are currently discussing next steps to respond to this potential intrusion upon sacred ground.” The centre and adjacent lands are “an educational experience for anyone to learn about what happened here and take the lessons from it now and for future generations,” said Clegg. “The tranquility and the sacredness of the place is thoroughly disrupted by 70 condo units looming over what that area is. “You don’t see condos on Omaha Beach. You don’t see condos at Dieppe. You don’t see condos at the Battle of Waterloo. Why would you have condos on Juno Beach?”

## **North Vancouver Veteran Volunteer Receives Highest Honour**

Lynn Valley Honorary Lieutenant Colonel has helped with everything from mess dinners to unmarked graves. *Brent Richter North Shore News Mar 10, 2022*



*Honorary LCol Don Foster has received Veterans Affairs Canada's highest honour for service to veterans.*

*Paul McGrath, North Shore News*

A North Vancouver volunteer has been awarded one of this country's highest civilian honours, for his years of service to Canada's veterans. Veterans Affairs Minister Lawrence MacAulay awarded

Honorary LCol Don Foster, Hon LCol of 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, the commendation for 12 years contributing his time and fundraising, along with five other British Columbians, in a ceremony March 3. The Lynn Valley resident, though, is far more enthused to talk about the veterans who have inspired his philanthropy. "Volunteering is what our armed forces are all about. They're all volunteers," he said. "The veterans that I meet, and the serving members, if you needed something, they step up. And that is how things get done. People step up."

Since 2017, Foster helped launch the [Juno Beach Centre's Legacy of Honour](#) video program, which recorded [oral histories straight from surviving veterans](#) so their stories could live on for future generations. Foster also played a role organizing mess dinners and movie nights and helping vets with banking. In 2009, Foster spoke with his children's piano teacher and learned two of her brothers were killed in the Second World War, one of whom was still missing in action in the Netherlands. Pte Earnest David Harris of New Westminster disappeared on night patrol in January 1945. Foster started five years of research with other volunteers in the Netherlands. He learned from a letter written by a prisoner of war that Harris had been given a Christian burial at the time of his death, but, because the region's dikes were blown as a defensive measure, his unmarked grave was under 10 feet of water. In 2014, Foster met up with his Dutch counterparts and they placed a plaque that now gives a permanent marker for Harris, just metres from where he died. Each year, children from the local school come to pay their respects. Even today, Foster chokes up when he discusses it.

Although it was not mentioned in the government's release, Foster said there's something particularly special about the award: that he was nominated for it by George Chow and Norm Kirby, two [Canadian Second World War veterans who passed away](#), in 2020 and 2021



respectively. Both were featured in the Legacy of Honour videos. Over time, they became friends of Foster's to the point he'd visit them regularly and helped in the planning of their funerals. "Each one of those people I developed a close relationship with, because you have to really understand somebody's story before you can do the videos," he said. "For them to think of me in that light, it just shook me at that point, because these guys walk on water as far as being Canadian heroes." Lynn Valley veteran Jaye Edwards, one of a small contingent of [female auxiliary pilots who served the Royal Air Force](#) in the Second World War, is also featured in the videos.

Foster said he was humbled to learn he'd receive the award, particularly when he knows so many other deserving volunteers who work on the initiatives with him. His father was a veteran who landed on D-Day, and his family is full of Armed Forces members. Foster said what drives him is a desire to emulate their spirit. "They're a powerful force. They're not expecting to get any recognition or payment or anything," he said. It's a message he hopes will inspire others to find fulfilment, helping out. "It feels good when you know you've had a chance to make a difference in anything you do," he said.

## **Post Canada Ukrainian Stamp Petition**

*From Stu Harper*

If you find this reach out troublesome, know that I very seldom do anything like sending out an 'unwanted' email and likely won't for some time or ever again. Just that the Ukraine situation is on many of our minds and a Vancouver stamp dealer came up with an interesting way for Canada Post to possibly help Ukraine.

He is attempting to have them consider issuing a semi-postal stamp that will help not only draw attention to the situation but raise money to help further. His name is Brian Grant-Duff, who I have known for forty years, and is a straight shooter and good guy.

If interested in supporting, simply fill out the on-line petition. Nothing other than that requested if you think it a good idea.

Here is the link:

[https://www.change.org/p/canadian-press-cbc-justin-trudeau-canada-post-canada-post-issue-an-emergency-semipostal-stamp-for-ukrainian-refugee-relief?recruiter=1256424675&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=email&recruited\\_by\\_id=53e6bf30-9d6d-11ec-9c6a-e38c2c3589c2](https://www.change.org/p/canadian-press-cbc-justin-trudeau-canada-post-canada-post-issue-an-emergency-semipostal-stamp-for-ukrainian-refugee-relief?recruiter=1256424675&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&recruited_by_id=53e6bf30-9d6d-11ec-9c6a-e38c2c3589c2)

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

### **Ukraine Conflict Updates**

A few links with artillery related material have been posted:

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict4290735>

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict1323099>

## Ukraine Conflict summaries

Interesting list of downed aircraft as of Sunday, 20 March 2022

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict2115483>

**Upcoming Events – RCA Association Web Event** - An evening with

Lieutenant General The Honourable R.A. Dallaire (Ret'd) OC, CMM, GOQ, CSM, CD

Currently restricted to RCA Association members only.

Register here at no charge: <https://rca-arc.org/>

**15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Museum & Archives Society AGM and General Meeting**

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. Access will be through the Vancouver Gunners Zoom and dial up portals. Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/710845848>

**With the relaxing of provincial COVID restrictions, we have been given permission to work on administratively in the museum on Wednesdays with a small crew. The Museum is still not open for visitors yet but we'll keep you posted and we'll try and link up the VAA Virtual Lunch from that location at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> . Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

## Who (or What) Is It?

**Last Week:** Nadine Hwang was born in Madrid, Spain in 1902 to a Chinese diplomat father



(Huang Luhe) and Belgian mother. She moved to China in 1908 and trained later as a lawyer. She was also, because of her education and class, appointed a colonel in the Chinese Beiyang Army, working for the Ministry of Information, and possibly both the Old and Young Marshals (Zhang Zuolin and Zhang Xueliang). Somehow, she also managed to find time to learn to fly. Latterly, she and her comrades were absorbed into the Kuomintang Army. As such, she was sent to the USA as a diplomat in 1928, returned to China after a year, and then moved to Paris in 1933 under unknown conditions. There she befriended the likes of Coco Chanel, Gertrude Stein and TS Elliot, and became the lover of the American writer Natalie Barney. During the war she became involved in the French Resistance, but was

captured by the Germans, and deported to Ravensbrück in 1944, where she met, and fell in love with fellow resistance fighter Belgian opera singer Claire “Nelly” Mousset-Vos. Fortunately, she survived long enough to be rescued (along with Mousset-Vos) by the Swedish Red Cross “White Bus” effort in April of 1945, arriving in Malmö, Sweden on April 28, 1945.

After that, she was assumed to have vanished. However, recently it has been revealed that her story continued in Belgium, and in Caracas, Venezuela where, by the early 1960s, she was living with her fellow concentration camp survivor, Mousset-Vos, and possibly working for the Belgian ambassador, who was also a survivor of their same camp. The couple lived out their lives surrounded by intellectuals and artists, returning to Belgium in the late 1960s, where Nadine died



in 1972. She also enjoyed driving fast cars, writing, and playing polo, cricket, and ice hockey? There is now a film of her, “Nelly & Nadine”, although it only focuses on her post-1944 life.

**This Week:** This week we return to our “join the dots” format, connecting two seemingly



unrelated objects, people, etc. As you can see, the object is a slender yet sturdy, elegant aeroplane of the inter-war period, although camouflaged as most on our side were during the Second World War. Some of you might recognize the type, named after a place famed in romantic writings. And, no, it is not the “Spuzzum”. That aircraft is yet to be built.



The gentleman is obviously not one of our flyboys, given the cut of his uniform. However, he is on our side, as is obvious from the distinguished and slightly flamboyant air that he exudes, so unlike the weasely, cringing poses of our cowardly enemies, bombers of puppy kennels and kidnapers of orphans that they were (or are). He seems an all-round decent chap, and such he was, as history records.

So, what could possibly connect the high-winged, fixed undercarriage behemoth, and this suave, brave lad? It is something that might have been dreamt up in Hollywood, or appeared in “Boys Own Annual”, but it was true. Do you know? If so, please contact the equally-suave editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the behemoth of an author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Happy trails!

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

What happened when the lion ate the comedian? He felt funny.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous.

### **Quotable Quotes**

With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity. *Mark Twain*

## 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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Use the link above on your computer Zoom program or dial in on your phone:  
(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.

# Hockey for Ukraine

BCR Vs Seaforth Highlanders - 25 March 2022

## INVITATIONS



### HOCKEY FOR UKRAINE

THE BC REGIMENT (DCO) VERSUS THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA  
25 MARCH 2022

Fellow Dukes and Friends,

The Regiment's Padre, The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Home of our Regiment's Colours, has arranged for a link which will take you to a fundraising page in support of the Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Fundraiser. As our Members of the Regiment are supporting this relief effort, a hockey game with members of The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada has been arranged to promote and support the Fundraiser and will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be forthcoming regarding the availability of tickets in **The BCR News**. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt and the donation can be made online by scanning the QR code and going directly to the donations page.

We look forward to your support, take care and all the very best!

Up the Dukes!

QR Code below





DUKES vs SEAFORTH UKRAINE FUNDRAISER 25 March 2022 - 8:00pm puck drop. UBC Thunderbird Arena - 6066 Thunderbird Blvd, Vancouver. The link below will take you to a dedicated fundraising page for the Ukraine humanitarian fundraiser. The attached can be shared on social media / posters at the Drill Hall - people scan the QR code and go directly to the donations page.

<https://www.thecathedral.ca/pages/humanitarian-relief-for-ukraine>

## **Arctic eTalks – 30 March 2022**

With BG Satterfield, Commander, Special Operations Command North

USNORTHCOM “The Watch” Command [Magazine](#) and the Center for Arctic Security and Resilience ([CASR](#)) - University of Alaska Fairbanks invite you to attend our Special March 2022 Arctic eTalks on "Special Operations in the North American Arctic and participation in ARCTIC EDGE 2022" featuring Brigadier General Shawn R Satterfield, Commander, Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH), on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 0800 AK/ 1000 MT/ 1200 EST/ 1800 CET. We would like to recognize our Global Partners including United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), United States European Command (USEUCOM), and United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) for supporting the Arctic eTalks speaker series. The Arctic eTalks is a monthly forum for open discussion (non-attribution, Chatham House Rule) on key issues affecting the Circumpolar Arctic for academics, defense and security professionals, as well as military and foreign affairs authorities from Canada, Kingdom of Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the United States, as well as the United Kingdom and Germany.

BG Satterfield ([biography](#)) will provide a 30-minute presentation followed by a ~45-minute Q&A session (non-attribution) that will be moderated by Dr James Morton, LTC, US Army, SF and Cam Kovarek, LCDR, US Navy, Deputy Mission Chief, Buckley SFB.

Please register at the following link:

[https://alaska.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SnGgxenGTYyuGyfdOSSsxQ](https://alaska.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SnGgxenGTYyuGyfdOSSsxQ)

Event website: [https://www.uaf.edu/casr/activities/etalks\\_mar\\_2022.php](https://www.uaf.edu/casr/activities/etalks_mar_2022.php)

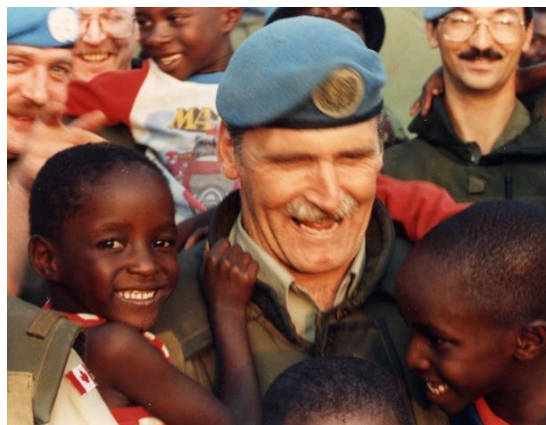
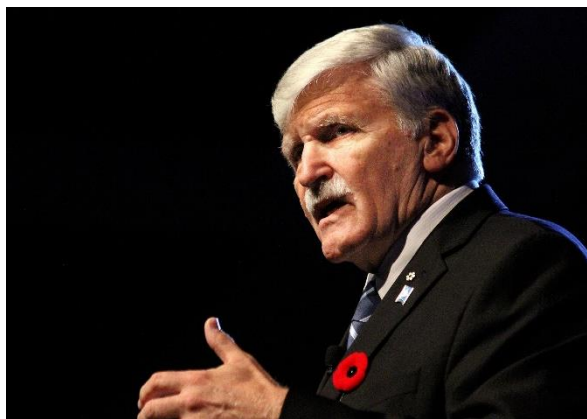
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- North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network ([NAADSN](#))
- Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies ([IFS](#))
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs ([NUPI](#))
- Norwich University ([NU](#))
- Royal Danish Defence College ([fak.dk](#))
- United States Coast Guard ([Arctic](#))
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## Web Event

### An Evening with Gen Roméo Dallaire / une soirée avec le général Roméo Dallaire



The **RCA Association** proudly invites you to register for our next Web event to be held on **31 March 2022 at 7pm ET.**

**An evening with  
Lieutenant-General The Honourable R.A.  
Dallaire (Ret'd) OC, CMM, GOQ, CSM, CD**

Well known to the Regimental family, General Roméo Dallaire will speak on his work to fight against the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict, as well as other issues of interest to all members of the Association (PTSD, moral courage, leadership in crisis).

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

**\*Break out rooms will be open after the main part of the evening for gunners to connect informally.**

**Please join us for this very special Web Event.**

[Register now!](#)

**\*\*Please note that the joining link will only be sent to registered persons on 31 March 2022.**

Contact [president.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:president.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com) if you have any concerns.

**L'Association de l'ARC** est fière de vous inviter à vous inscrire à son prochain événement Web qui aura lieu **le 31 mars 2022 à 19 h HE.**

**Une soirée en compagnie du  
Lieutenant-général, l'honorable Roméo A.  
Dallaire (ret.), OC, CMM, GOQ, CSM, CD**

Bien connu de la famille régimentaire, le général Roméo Dallaire parlera de son travail pour lutter contre le recrutement et l'utilisation d'enfants dans les conflits armés, ainsi que d'autres sujets d'intérêt pour tous les membres de l'Association (TSPT, courage moral, leadership en crise).

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

**\*Les salles de pause seront ouvertes après la partie principale de la soirée pour permettre aux artilleurs de renouer connaissance de manière informelle.**

**Veillez vous joindre à nous en vous inscrivant maintenant.**

[Inscrivez-vous !](#)

**\*\*Veillez noter que le lien d'adhésion ne sera envoyé qu'aux personnes inscrites le 31 mars 2022.**

Contactez le [president.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:president.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com) si vous avez des questions.



## **Left Coast Lancers - Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon**



**Strathcona Enews**

Dear Strathcona Family,

### **Situation**

The last Left Coast Lancers (LCL) Lunch in November 21 was impacted by Covid 19 and the Fall Torrential Flooding and wash-outs. We are more optimistic for the next lunch, barring mobilization. Covid sit is improving, however we still require proof of vaccination and masking in accordance with the SNSYC protocols. There is cause for some optimism, but Covid has not gone away, we remain vigilant. In light of global circumstances a gathering of the Armour clan is timely and appropriate.

### **Mission**

The Left Coast Lancers will conduct the Battle of Moreuil Wood Luncheon at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club (SNSYC) on 31 March 2022 commencing 1130hrs, check fire at 1430hrs.

### **Execution**

The Invitation is to all RCAC serving and former service members, friends and of course spouses. It will be a sit-down lunch with table service. The price remains \$35.00 per person, check in at the Club Bar. Please respond, RSVP, via email or voice mail as below. For those with GPS or paper-based maps or unfamiliar with the route and SNSYC location, the address is as follows:  
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

[1949 Marina Way](#)

[North Saanich, BC, Canada V8L 4B9](#)

### **Coord Instr**

Ferry pick and return at Swartz Bay will be available for those travelling from the Mainland. Please have a mask and proof of vaccination. The Dress is jacket and tie preferred, but smart casual is quite acceptable.

### **Command and Sigs**

Please RSVP to me below, signaling your intent and the number in your party.

**D Scandrett UE, CD**

LCL Ops O and Matre de [Tango14@outlook.com](mailto:Tango14@outlook.com) 778 245-2800

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Field 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teahouse Mess 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 [dgfoster60@gmail.com](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com)



## Timings

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

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



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.



# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



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## 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](#)





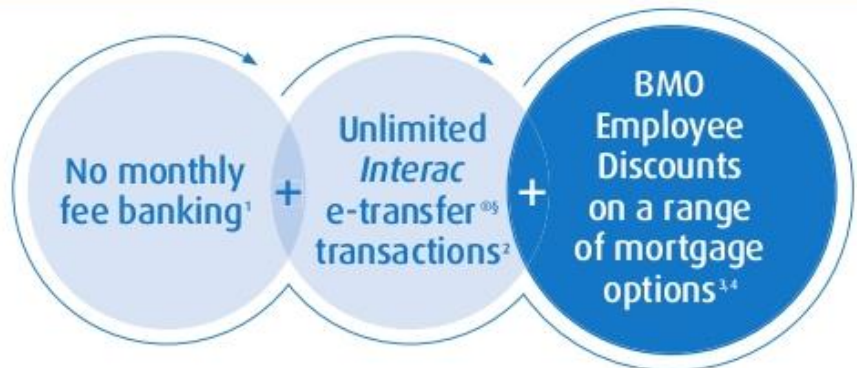
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## Mortgages

- BMO employee discounts on a wide range of mortgage options<sup>3,4</sup>
- Flexibility to move or break your mortgage through the Integrated Relocation Program<sup>5</sup>
- 130-day mortgage rate guarantee – the longest of any major bank in Canada<sup>6</sup>



## 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>
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- 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 Interactions Inc. Sigma Loyalty Group and Interactions 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.

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