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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

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

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- Jan 25 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Jan 28 78th Fraser Highlander's Garrison Burn's Supper - see poster section
- Feb 01 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Feb 08 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.
- Feb 09 Col (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine, Veteran Ombud. Town Hall Meeting- see poster section
- Feb 18 BCR Regimental Whiskey Tasting- see poster section.

Town Hall Meeting with the Veterans Ombud in British Columbia

Veteran and serving CAF and RCMP members, and their families, are invited to join Veterans Ombud, Colonel (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine and team members at a town hall meeting in Vancouver. They look forward to hearing about the issues that impact local Veterans and their families, to ensure the work they do can best serve you. The Meeting will be held at the Billy Bishop/Kerrisdale Legion, Branch 176, on Thursday, February 9, 2023, 1700 – 1800hrs. Please Join us! *See Poster section.*

Free parking is available for BC Veterans' Plates at the EasyPark lot, one block west from the Legion at Kitsilano Beach. In addition, some free parking is generally available along the south side of Cornwall Avenue, one half block south from the Legion."

Presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Peter Moogk

Just before the lunch on Jan 18, Major Peter Moogk (Ret'd) CD PhD was presented with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by the Honourable Joyce Murray PC MP, the Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra and Minister of Digital Government. The citation reads:-



Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles

For more than three decades, Peter Moogk has been recording, preserving and sharing history through several organizations, including the 15th Field Artillery Regimental Museum and Archives, and the Vancouver Numismatic Society. His efforts have helped preserve Regimental history and historic sites and provide public education through displays and events.



Peter poses with wife Susan and MP Joyce Murray at the presentation ceremony.

Photo by Ralph Webb

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

The official description, eligibility, criteria, and history of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Eligibility and criteria

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country and celebrates a wide range of voluntary contributions.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes living Canadians who have made a significant, sustained, and unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. Non-Canadians are also eligible if their contribution brings benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada.

Historical notes

On 15 July 2015, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, CC CMM COM CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced the creation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by Her Majesty The Queen. On 12 April 2016, His Excellency presided over the inaugural presentation ceremony of the medal at Rideau Hall. During the ceremony, the Governor General presented 55 medals, including two to CAF members: Lieutenant Commander James John Balfour, CD, and Captain Alexander John McDonald.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award and is administered by the [Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall](#).



First Lunch a Great Success

Our first lunch after an almost 3-year shutdown because of COVID was a great success. We had upped the seating to 40 last week then added another 10 as a number of the Regimental members wanted to attend as well. Plans are underway for another lunch in February (details TBA) and if it is as successful that may lead to more lunches every month – eventually we hope, one every week. Keith Maxwell gave another great presentation, this time on NORAD, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

New RCN Remote Mine-hunting and Disposal System

Remote Mine-hunting and Disposal System contracts awarded by Minister Anand – will increase safety for Royal Canadian Navy ships and crews. *Vanguard Staff December 11, 2022*



His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) SHAWINIGAN (left) and HMCS MONCTON (right) both Kingston-class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDVs) perform a fuel transfer while at anchor off Rankin Inlet, Nunavut on August 25, 2016, in support of Operation NANOOK.

Photo: Corporal Neil Clarkson, 14 Wing Imaging, Greenwood, Nova Scotia GD2016-442-06

Two new contracts were recently announced on December 8, 2022, for the development of new equipment designed to improve the safety and security of Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) ships and crews. The announcement was made by Minister of National Defence Anita Anand, on behalf of Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, Helena Jaczek. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence, said “the very first item in my mandate letter is to ensure that the Canadian Armed Forces is a twenty-first century military with the capabilities, equipment and culture needed to keep Canadians safe. Today’s announcement will ensure the delivery of effective, modern equipment to the Royal Canadian Navy and help keep its members protected.

Advanced mine detection and disposal tools such as those being acquired through this project will improve the safety of our vessels and our people.” The two contracts were awarded to Kraken Robotic Systems Inc. of Mount Pearl, NL. They are valued at up to \$57.9 million (taxes included). The new systems will help ensure the safety of the vessel and crew members by identifying and destroying sea mines and underwater improvised explosive devices. While they can also be used on other RCN ships as operations require, the RMDS will be primarily used on Kingston-class vessels. Of primary importance is the protection of Canadian warships deployed overseas where the mine threat is assessed as high.

“I am pleased for today’s announcement of this contract award to Kraken Robotic Systems Inc. This contract demonstrates our continued commitment to provide the Royal Canadian Navy and its members with the advanced equipment they need to do their job, at the best value for Canadians,” said The Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Public Services and Procurement. The first of the two contracts is for two newly-designed RMDS for the RCN on Canada’s east and west coasts. It has an estimated value of \$45.8M (taxes included). The second contract is for continued In-Service Support for the RMDS and is valued at \$12.1M (taxes included). The RMDS are expected to be fully operational by 2025. The Government of Canada is committed to providing the RCN with the modern equipment it needs to maintain critical operational maritime capabilities as outlined in Canada’s defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged. “The Remote Mine-hunting and Disposal System will bring new and much needed capabilities to our fleets. As the characteristics of naval warfare are changing, integrating this new technology into our current fleet will enable the Navy to quickly detect and neutralize the threat of underwater mines and to increase our underwater awareness, both at home and internationally,” Expressed Vice-Admiral Angus Topshee, Commander, Royal Canadian Navy.

UK Defense Chief Announces Jump-Start for New Field Artillery Weapons

Andrew Chuter Defense News Jan 17



Gnr Danielle Bullock, 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, briefs colleagues while servicing an AS90 Self Propelled Gun during exercise "Saif Sareea 3" in October 2018 in Oman. The British announced a donation of the weapons to Ukraine in early 2023. (Photo by Dan Kitwood/Getty Images)

LONDON — Britain is accelerating a program to update Army artillery capabilities in response to lessons learned from the conflict in Ukraine. The move is meant to field a new 155-millimeter howitzer in the British Army’s Mobile Fires Platform program during this decade rather than in the 2030s, Defense Secretary Ben Wallace told lawmakers on Jan. 16. It also involves buying a

gap-filler weapon until such time, he said. Under the existing program schedule a new artillery capability to replace the British AS-90 weapon was scheduled to be available in 2029, with a full operating capability in 2032. New target dates for the weapon have yet to be made public. And officials here did not say how the government will go about urgently acquiring an interim solution. The MoD declined to comment beyond repeating Wallace's comments to Parliament.

Donation of Army's AS-90 artillery, along with Challenger 2 main battle tanks, are at the center of a new military aid package for Ukraine, described by Wallace as Britain's biggest donation yet. Pressure to rethink the timetable for introduction of new artillery capability has been mounting for a while. Even before Moscow's invasion of Ukraine land warfare analyst Ben Barry of the International Institute for Strategic Studies produced studies detailing how the British would be heavily outgunned in any fight with the Russian army. Wallace admitted to the parliamentary Defence Committee last June that a lack of deep-strike artillery was a big problem. Now the Army is left scrambling to acquire an interim solution until a longer-term answer can be found quickly. "My main concern is our lack of deep fire. We are pretty much over-ranged in our heavy artillery by everyone. Our AS-90 range is about 23 or 24 kilometers. France and everyone else are in 55-kilometer ranges," Wallace said.

Swedish, German, French, South Korean defense companies are among those who have previously expressed an interest in the Mobile Fires Platform program once the competition formally gets underway. The deep-fires update is part of a wider modernization of British artillery and fires assets, including recapitalization of the M270 multiple launch rocket system (MLRS). At least six of the Royal Artillery-operated M270 systems, similar to HIMARS, have been gifted to Ukraine. Modern artillery isn't the only capability in the spotlight this week. Over the weekend Prime Minister Rishi Sunak formally announced Britain was donating 14 Challenger 2 main battle tanks plus support vehicles to Ukraine. Wallace went further in his Jan 16 statement, outlining a substantial program of new weapon deliveries to the Ukrainian military. The defense secretary also revealed that ministry officials are rethinking whether planned tank force cuts announced in 2021 were still credible. "Even as we gift Challenger 2 tanks, I shall, at the same time, be reviewing the number of Challenger 3 conversions to consider whether the lessons of Ukraine suggest that we need a larger tank fleet," Wallace said.

MoD officials told the Defence Committee last week they were "uncomfortable" with some capability gaps and were looking at what they could do to accelerate several programs. Capability gaps in areas like ground-based air defense, weapon stockpiles, drones, deep fires and logistics were mentioned by the officials. The British are currently in the early stages of substantially upgrading their Challenger 2 fleet to the Challenger 3 standard via a 2021 deal with Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land. The integrated review of 2021, though, downgraded the importance of the main battle tank in modern warfare, mandating that the British Challenger 2 fleet would be cut to just 148 vehicles from the present level of 227 – minus the 14 tanks now destined for Ukraine. The decision sparked controversy with analysts and lawmakers who argued that that such a small number of vehicles meant Britain was effectively giving up on having a viable main battle tank force. The Challenger 3 upgrade will breathe new life into a vehicle that has been neglected by the British in terms of upgrades since it entered service in the late 1990s. The most visible

modification on the Challenger 3 will be the introduction of a 120-millimeter smoothbore gun replacing the Challenger 2's unique, rifled weapon.

Defense procurement chief Alex Chalk told lawmakers last week that the first 18 Challenger 3s would be handed over by the Rheinmetall/BAE joint venture in 2027. Full operating capability is scheduled for 2030, he said. Fourteen British main battle tanks for Ukraine by themselves may not change the battlefield balance much, but they send a political signal to allies prevaricating over doing something similar. Poland and Finland have said they will donate German-built Leopard 2 tanks, but the transfers are subject to the approval of the German government. Britain's tanks should not be seen in isolation but as part of a broader Western capability package, according to Wallace. "The Challengers should be viewed alongside the 50 Bradleys from the United States. Those are effectively the ingredients for a battlegroup with divisional level fires of either AS-90s or other 155mm howitzers. The 14 tanks represent a squadron, and the 50 Bradleys would roughly form an armored infantry battlegroup," Wallace told lawmakers.

The latest British weapons package bound for Ukraine includes:

- A squadron of Challenger 2 tanks with armored recovery and repair vehicles.
- A battery of eight AS-90 guns at high readiness and two further batteries at varying states of readiness.
- Hundreds of armored and protected vehicles including Bulldog tracked armored personnel carriers.
- A maneuver support package, including minefield breaching and bridging capabilities.
- Dozens of drones to support Ukrainian artillery.
- 100,000 artillery rounds.
- Hundreds of missiles including GMLRS rockets, Starstreak air defense missiles, and medium range air defense missiles.
- An equipment support package of spares to refurbish up to a hundred Ukrainian tanks and infantry fighting vehicles.

US Rangers Want Automatic Mortar System for Better 'Shoot And Scoot'

Here comes the boom! Hope Seck, Sandboxx Jan 13, 2023

This article by Hope Seck first appeared on Sandboxx.



US Army Rangers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, fire a 120mm mortar during a tactical training exercise on Camp Roberts, Calif, Jan 30, 2014. Rangers constantly train to maintain the highest level of tactical proficiency. (US Army photo by Pfc Nathaniel Newkirk/Released).

The US Army's most elite light infantry element is looking to improve its ability to deliver precision indirect fires and clear out before becoming an enemy target. According to a

request for information solicitation published on the government’s contracting website in December, the 75th Ranger Regiment needs “Ranger Fire Support System-Auto,” a 120mm or 81mm mobile mortar system that eliminates the need for soldiers to dismount and manually unload, fire rounds, and reload the mortar. “With a shift toward contested operational environments, the ability to provide accurate first round fires and rapidly redeploy faster than is achievable with the current manual capability is a critical gap,” the solicitation reads. The Army’s Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office is now inviting companies with ideas, prototypes, or ready-built solutions to meet this need while integrating the Army’s existing Ranger Fire Support System (RFSS) program. RFSS, which has been a program of record for about a decade, consists of two vehicles: a mortar carrier and an ammunition carrier, both based on the Polaris Ranger 6X6 all-terrain vehicle. The mortar carrier is outfitted to carry the Army’s 120mm mortar tube plus six mortar rounds; the ammunition carrier can haul another 24 rounds. Both can be transported underneath a CH-47 Chinook helicopter via a center-load cable.



*Mortar men from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, lay down fire of an 81 mm illumination round set to ground burst, marking for close air support during their annual training at Avon Park, Fla, April 15.
(US Army Photo by Pfc. Parker Johnson)*

Though the existing system allows for rapid insertion to a desired destination, the vehicles’ four-person crew must still disembark the vehicles to do all the work of firing the mortar. From emplacement to loading rounds to securing the mortar tube back on its carrier vehicle and driving off, the process takes about two minutes; but in a contested environment, against a peer enemy with sophisticated surveillance and counter-battery fire capabilities, that might not be enough. The importance of extremely rapid “shoot and scoot” capabilities has been underscored by the artillery-heavy war in Ukraine, in which Ukrainians are defending themselves from Russian invaders. The best defense against long-range precision fires is to target and destroy the firing team before it can move to another location; Ukrainian troops have proved themselves adept at avoiding enemy counter-battery fire. According to the RFI solicitation, the Army is looking for an automated solution that can fire a first round within one minute and 20 seconds. Its fire adjustment must also be faster, able to adjust 300 mils, the artillery directional units, within 15 seconds, and 1,000 mils within 30 seconds, according to the solicitation. The RFI suggests the Army would also be interested in a system that allowed for automatic target selection and retargeting adjustment after firing. After firing, the system must be ready to move within two minutes. And the first round must have a circular error probable, or accuracy rate, of less than or equal to 25 meters at the maximum effective range, comparable to current Army mortar standards.

Ranger Fire Support System-Auto must also be compatible with the existing US Fire Control System and capable of interfacing with the Android Tactical Assault Kit, used by the Army for mapping and communications.

The Army wants to keep close to the dimensions of its existing Ranger Fire Support system to ensure the vehicle or vehicles it procures will still be transportable by the CH-47 Chinook. The system must be able to carry four personnel and 26 high-explosive 120mm rounds, or 81mm equivalents, with a leftover payload capacity of 1,055 pounds after personnel and ammunition. The RFI mentions that the Army is particularly interested in solutions that can combine existing Army mortar systems into the newly fielded Army Infantry Squad Vehicle, a nine-seater ATV based on the Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 platform. Selected by the Army in 2020 with fielding beginning in 2021, the vehicles are headed to the service's 11 Infantry Brigade Combat Teams to support light, distributed operations. The Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office is also interested in hearing from companies that can offer additional artillery capabilities that support the objective, including shoot-on-the-move, or being able to hang rounds without stopping and preparing; synchronized strike; improvements on precision and range over current mortar capabilities, at an affordable price; modular solutions that allow for interchangeability of transport vehicles; and fully remote operation, potentially reducing or eliminating the need for a crew.



Dragon Fire II schematic, from Marine Corps Warfighting Lab to the National Defense Industrial Association.

While these last requests would require next-generation solutions, the concept of an automatic mortar built into a vehicle is far from new. More than two decades ago, the Marine Corps field-tested a system based on the Rifled Recoiled Mounted Mortar, or 2R2M, a French-made 120mm mortar mounted on an armored personnel carrier that automated loading processes and could fire from its position on the vehicle. The Marines called the concept Dragon Fire II and incorporated the mortar prototype, built into an LAV-25 Light Armored Vehicle into a series of experiments from 1999-2002, firing some 1,000 rounds with the system. Ultimately, though, the Corps pursued a less ambitious solution: a towed rifle 120mm mortar the service called the

Expeditionary Fire Support System. Those entered service in 2019, but the Marine Corps announced plans to get rid of them in 2017 due to high costs and competing priorities.

The Army currently employs the CARDOM Autonomous 120mm/81mm recoiling mortar system, which can fit inside a larger armored personnel carrier and is meant to be incorporated into units at the battery, brigade, and battalion level. In 2020, the service agreed to begin a feasibility study for a version of the Nemo turreted remote-controlled 12mm smoothbore mortar system made by Finnish company Patria. This capability might at some point be built into Armored or Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. But a mounted, automated mortar system designed to be operated at the squad level still represents a unique capability. Interested companies have until January 30 to respond to the Army's RFI solicitation.

Dues 2023

As of Jan 1, 2023, dues for both the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver are payable.

Vancouver Artillery Association members:- Dues payments for VAA 2023 are payable on 1 Jan 2023. Dues are **\$35**. Payment may be made by:- etransfers to the treasurer at dj4loney@shaw.ca or by cheque (made to Van Arty Assoc) to:-

Doug Loney
5-10736 Guildford Dr
Surrey, BC V3R 1W6

RUSI Vancouver members:- Dues for 2023 are payable as of 1 Jan 2023. Dues are \$50 for regular members and \$25 for student members. Payment may be made as follows:-

By etransfer to the Treasurer at richmark@telus.net or by mail check (made to RUSI Vancouver) to: –

Richard Dunn
1998 Ogden Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 1A2

Interested in becoming a member of the VAA or RUSI Vancouver?

Email bob.mugford@gmail.com for more information and application form

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

We're back! Our website host has finally found the irritating malware and removed it from our VAA site. I'm not sure why it took this long as I told them where the problem was a month ago and they kept dancing around it. The site appears different as I switched to one of their more standard templates to provide them easier access to the background script.

Army Tactical Basic Mounted Communications Course.

Check out the few photos we received from the course held in Nanaimo.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/army-tactical-basic-mounted-communicator-atbmc-course>

Yearbook Update – 2022.

The Regiment gathered for some professional development and celebrated the festive spirit. Lieutenant Jiyeon Lee received the Lieutenant Bill Martyn Memorial Sword for the Subaltern of the Year.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-2022-soldiers-dinner-december-2022>

RUSI Vancouver Lunchtime Presentation

Welcome back to the Royal United Services Institute – Vancouver for what promises to be the start of a monthly series of lunch time presentations. Hope to see everyone in February!

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/rusi-vancouver-presentation-18-january-2023>

Yearbook Update – 2019

Peter Moogk has been reviewing his home collection of regimental photos and passing along some new unpublished ones. Check out Captain Benson Lum and Shan Lum from 2019.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20195622980>

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

Congratulations to Major (Ret'd) Peter Moogk for his award presented by the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable Joyce Murray.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/sovereigns-medal-for-volunteers>

Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesday from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The **Riout 102T Alérion** is a ornithopter built in 1937 designed by René Riout. The



Alérion went through a series of ground tests including in the Chalais-Meudon wind tunnel 1938 when the wings suffered a structural failure. Further development was abandoned with the start of World War II. It never flew and was stored until it was found in 2005 and brought to the Musée Régional de l'Air at Angers, where it was partially restored.

This Week: Those of you watching every YouTube video that comes out of the conflict in Ukraine may have noticed that it is sometimes hard to tell the baddies from the goodies, in terms of equipment, both making extensive use of Soviet-era kit. In terms of demeanor, it is rather more easily done, as the Ukrainian troops seem all to be in high spirits, and who can blame them. Russian conscripts, on the other hand, don't seem all that keen to resurrect the empire that Putin dreams of. As for the Wagner Group, the less said the better. In the last great European war, the

one that consumed most of the globe, there was less confusion regarding identification. In general, the bad guys had quite different equipment to our side, unless it was captured. In any case, the colours employed were usually so different as to make identification a bit easier than if everyone had painted everything in the same shade of green. Even so, that did not stop some tragic blue-on-blue incidents, including one fatal attack in North-West Europe on Canadians by our friends in the USAAF. Such is the fog of war.



One item that is currently lacking is the use of large symbols, such as the white stars we used in the latter part of the war, or the red ones our allies used on the Eastern Front. Naturally, the duplicitous Hun used something completely different, and much more sinister. In any case, they do make

good aiming points.

That brings us to our photo, sent to us a while ago from a surfer of the World Wide Web. It depicts an armoured vehicle and three jolly lads. Our question is simple. What is odd about the photo? Let us know by sending your thoughts to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the equally odd author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Tanks in advance

From the 'Punitary'

Why did the skeleton comedian bomb? He tried tibia little humerus.

Murphy's Other Laws

When the going gets tough, call for close air support.

Quotable Quotes

Every right is married to a duty; every freedom owes a corresponding responsibility.
Russell Kirk

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/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6



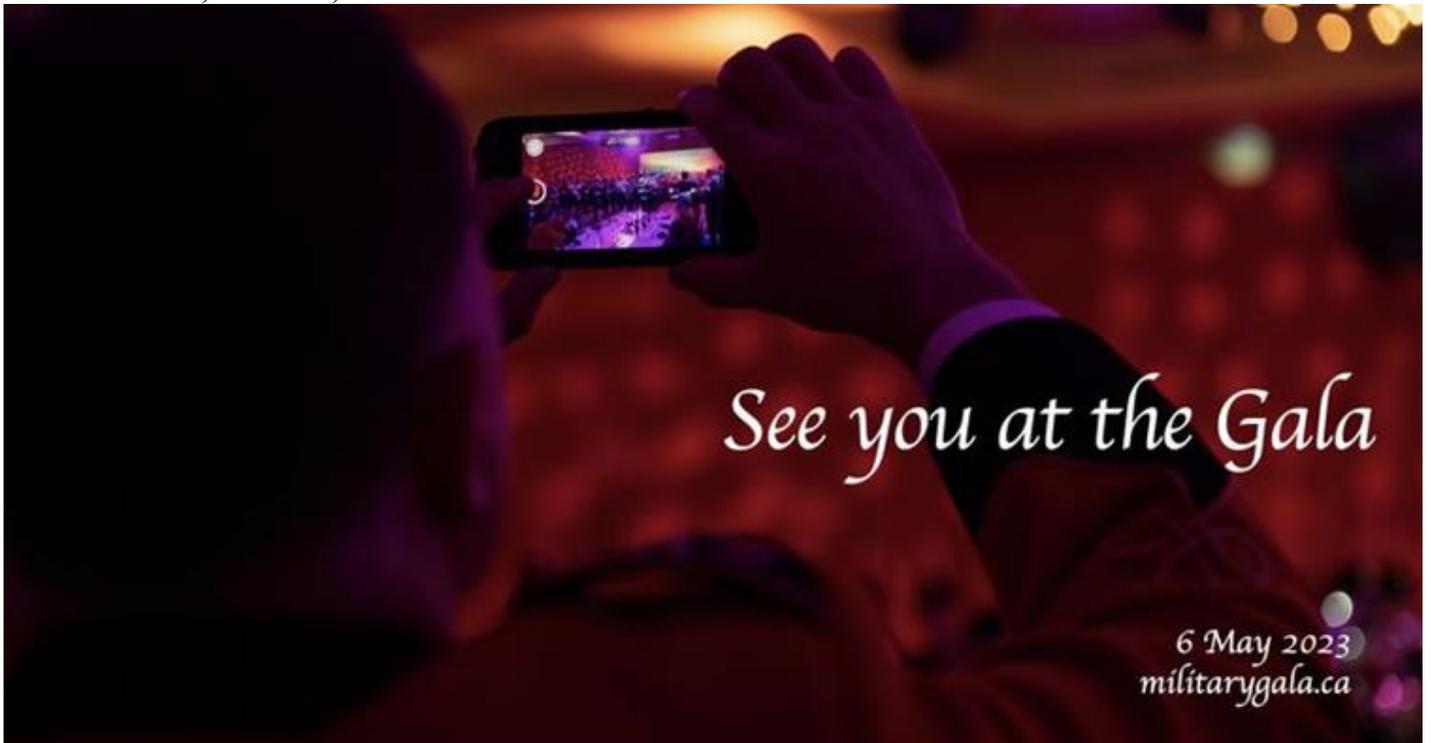
Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San

Jose, CA.

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

BC Military Gala 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 AT 8 PM – 2 AM - Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel



Town Hall Meeting with the Veterans Ombud in British Columbia

ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Hall with the Veterans Ombud in British Columbia

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 17:00 - 18:00 (PST)

hosted by:

Billy Bishop/Kerrisdale Legion, Branch 176

1407 Laburnum St, Vancouver, BC

Website: <http://www.billybishoplegion.org/> Ph: (604) 738-4142 Email: billybishoplegion@gmail.com

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They look forward to hearing about the issues that impact local Veterans and their families, to ensure the work they do can best serve you.

Please join us.

Veterans
Ombud
des vétérans



Regimental Whiskey Tasting



Hosted by:

*The British Columbia
Regiment*

*Officers' Mess
&*

Sgts' & WOs' Mess



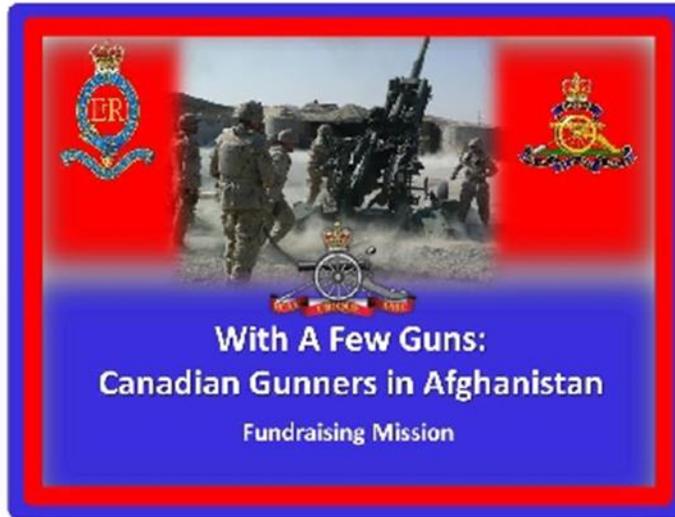
- Date:** Saturday, February 18, 2023
- Time:** Bar Open from 6:00pm - Late.
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.
- Location:** Upstairs Messes of the British Columbia Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC
- Dress:** Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)
- Price:** \$65/person (Includes Selection of 5x Whiskies)
- RSVP:** Tickets are limited and available by presale only
on a first-come-first-served basis!

For more information or to purchase tickets, email:
Maj Adam McLeod, at "adamcleod@gmail.com"

Payment via e-transfer, no cash sales at the door.
No cancellations after February 4, 2023

With a Few Guns

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



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

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

We are launching this fundraising initiative to cover expenses and get the book published, while keeping the price affordable. *With a Few Guns* is being written with the backing of the RCA Association, and all donations will be eligible for a tax receipt. Any monies donated in excess of what is needed will remain with the RCAA for support to the causes as espoused by the RCAA.

Our MISSION is to raise \$75,000 (+)

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

To Donate:

Go to: <https://rca-arc.org/>

Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

Then donate to: RCAA Donation "With a Few Guns"

Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Mission

...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974.
...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war.



WHAT - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

GOAL - to capture the history and stories from those who served in Cyprus with emphasis on the actions that took place during the 1974 war, **A FORGOTTEN WAR.**

WHEN - November 2024.

WHO - All Cyprus and Canadian Airborne Regiment Veterans and family members.

WHERE - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

COST - Pay as you go trip with individual costs in the \$5000 to 6000 range. Costs covered will include airfare, hotel with breakfast and expenses such as transportation.

TRAVEL - Will be arranged by professional travel agents, with pre and post tour travel options available.

PROGRAM - Seven days: three days of battlefield tours, three days of excursions, and one day of Remembrance.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE BY JOINING THE CYPRUS 2024 FACEBOOK GROUP [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

QUOI - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

OBJECTIF - capturer l'histoire et les récits de ceux qui ont servi à Chypre en mettant l'accent sur les actions qui ont eu lieu là pendant la guerre de 1974, **UNE GUERRE OUBLIÉE.**

QUAND - Novembre 2024.

QUI - Tous les vétérans de Chypre, du Régiment aéroporté canadien et les membres de leurs familles.

OÙ - Nicosie Chypre, logés à l'hôtel Hilton.

COÛT - Voyage à la carte avec des coûts individuels inclus, environ \$5000 et 6000. Les coûts comprendront le billet d'avion, l'hôtel avec petit-déjeuner et les dépenses telles que le transport.

VOYAGE - Sera organisé par des agents de voyage professionnels, avec options de voyage avant et après la réunion.

PROGRAMME - Sept jours: trois jours de visites du champ de bataille, trois jours d'excursions et une journée du Souvenir.

PLUS D'INFORMATIONS ET MISES À JOUR SONT DISPONIBLES EN REJOIGNANT LE GROUPE FACEBOOK CYPRUS 2024 [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

