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

The **2022 Army Gala**. CANCELLED. New Date:- **May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters

Apr 27 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 04 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting – Mess open – see VAA update
May 11 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 18 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 23 15th Field 100th Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner
May 25 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting

The 15th Field 100th Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner

Hope all is well with you and yours.

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 15th Field 100th 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

Hope to see you on May 23, 2022.

Ubique,
Don Foster HLCol

Mess Update:- With the possibility of the Messes opening soon, we checked with Mrs Lum about her return as caterer. Unfortunately, she has decided to retire so we are looking for a new caterer for Mess events including Wednesday Lunches. Anyone know of any good candidates?

US Soldiers will be able to get the Army's Next Gen Squad Weapon

– as soon as there is enough ammo. “The fielding of the weapon is based upon ammunition production,” Army Brig Gen Larry Burris said. *Jeff Schogol Task & Purpose Apr 20, 2022*



The Next Generation Squad Weapon on display during a Pentagon news conference. (Jeff Schogol/Task & Purpose).

Now that the Army has selected the Next Generation Squad weapon rifle and light machine gun variants, it needs loads of 6.8 mm ammunition before it can start putting the weapons into more soldiers' hands. The Army ultimately plans to buy 107,000 of what it has dubbed M5 rifles and 13,000 M250 machine guns from Sig Sauer, which was recently awarded a contract worth a total of \$4.7 billion to produce the weapons as well as all the 6.8 mm ammunition for the next several years, Army officials told reporters on Wednesday. The Army officials could not say how long it will take to field all the weapons to soldiers. “The fielding of the weapon is based upon ammunition production,” Army Brig Gen Larry Burris said at a Pentagon news conference. “What we don't want to do is field capability to a unit where we don't have training ammunition or contingency ammunition if required.” Retired Army Maj Gen Robert Scales told Task & Purpose in January that 6.8 mm rounds fly at a supersonic velocity longer than 5.56 mm rounds, making them more accurate, and they are more controllable on fully automatic fire than 7.62 mm ammunition. Moreover, the 6.8 mm round is optimal for close combat between 500 and 600 meters, said Scales, who served on the Defense Department's Close Combat Lethality Task Force that was established by then-Defense Secretary James Mattis.

The first Army unit is expected to receive the Next Generation Squad Weapon rifle and light machine gun variants by September 2023, said Burris, soldier lethality cross-functional team director. The Next Generation Squad Weapon is intended to replace the M4 carbine and M249 automatic weapons for soldiers who serve in frontline military occupational specialties. The rest of the Army will continue to use the M4 and M249, which chamber 5.56 mm rounds, as well as

the M240 machine gun, which chambers 7.62 mm rounds. Following a 2017 study into small arms ammunition, the Army decided that the Next Generation Squad Weapon needed to fire a 6.8 mm round to penetrate enemy body armor. Gen Mark Milley, then Army chief of staff, told Congress in May 2017 that body armor as cheap as \$250 could stop the 5.56 mm rounds fired by the M4 and M249. Burris declined to say on Wednesday if the 6.8 mm round could penetrate Level IV armor plates, the highest rifle plating under National Institute for Justice body armor standards. “I can’t get into specifics of what capability it provides, but it does provide greater energy against protected and non-protected targets at various ranges,” Burris said. “I can’t really go into the rest of it. It’s a much greater capability.”



Sig Sauer’s submission for the Army’s Next Generation Squad Weapon light machine gun weighs 12 pounds and has an effective range of greater than 1,000 meters. (Photo courtesy of Sig Sauer.)

The Army has no plans to reduce its production of both 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm ammunition, said Brig Gen William M Boruff, joint program executive officer for armaments and ammunition. Equipping soldiers with enough 6.8 mm ammunition will be a “key challenge for my office and the Army,” said Boruff, who noted the Army has not introduced a new caliber for ammunition in 65 years. Soldiers currently don’t have to be concerned about having enough 5.56 mm ammunition for their M4 carbines and M249 Squad Automatic Weapons because the Army has spent decades refining its processes to ensure it has enough ammunition and the defense industry is able to meet the Army’s needs, Boruff said. “Now, consider preparing a new weapon fielding starting with absolutely zero inventory and the industrial base being established,” Boruff said. “It’s daunting – daunting indeed.” Sig Sauer will initially provide the Next Generation Squad Weapon’s 6.8 mm ammunition while the Army builds a new facility at the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Independence, Missouri, to produce the ammunition, he said. That facility is expected to open around 2026, after which the Army will start taking the lead role in producing the 6.8 mm rounds while Sig Sauer will become a backup source. “When it’s time for them to field in 2023, 2024, we will have enough reserve ammunition for the units to go forward with the fielding,” Boruff said. “There’s going to be no delay in the fielding plan right now on the ammunition side.” Separately, Army officials are also making sure that both variants of the Next Generation Squad Weapon are compatible with the Integrated Visual Augmentation System, the service’s advanced night-vision optics that are still under development, said Col. Scott Madore, project manager, soldier lethality. “There’s a lot more to do,” Madore said. “Integration is definitely something that is of high priority at PEO Soldier to make sure a soldier’s kit functions properly together,” Madore said.

The Whiskey Multi Mission Reconnaissance Craft

Coming to Canada. *Vanguard Staff, April 19, 2022*



OTTAWA — Inter-Op Canada Inc. is a NextGeneration Tactical Communications Integrator and Solutions Provider. In partnership with Australia-based “The Whiskey Project”, they present another evolution in specialized delivery with a fully integrated, sensor to operator, Multi-Mission, Reconnaissance Craft (MMRC) designed to meet Canadian Defence

and Security market needs and implement a “Sense First, See First, and Strike First” capability. Watch for the complete package to be on display at CANSEC 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario for the first time ever. The new tactical craft is based on a low profile/cross section hull that presents reduced signature and detection as well as a better performing ride in rough seas, it combines powerful, organic, and remote sensors with state-of-art communications. The MMRC seamlessly meshes tactical and operational functionality in the most demanding of environments and acts as a surface assault package, or C2 node.

The MMRC presents a better performing and more forgiving platform for conducting traditional rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) missions including blue-water visit, board, search and seizure/rescue, and traditional combatant craft riverine operations or coastal/harbour patrol. The MMRC reduces Shock to onboard personnel is reduced by 40 percent while also delivering integrated ballistic protection. The MMRC also affords passengers and crew better operating conditions so they arrive on target and ready for the tasks at hand. The modular nature of the platform design and payload it can carry represents the real hidden power of the MMRC. The Whiskey Project’s Horizon Strike Package provides the artificial intelligence, “brain in the boat”, is provided by The Whiskey Project’s Horizon Strike Package, enabling tight integration of all active and passive sensors. It can collect all information and display as needed via two existing ATAK stations mounted in key operator, VIP, and/or C2 passenger locations. Additionally, situational awareness information can be passed to other MMRC, surface assault forces (SAFs), units ashore, support anchor/C2 ships or airborne ISR/strike assets. This feature leverages Inter-Op’s proven TrellisWare family of radios and waveforms and can be used to create a personalized, scalable, dynamic, and survivable Mobile AdHoc Network (MANET). Trellisware radios aboard the MMRC are paired with BLOS systems to provide situational awareness and C2 channels to any static headquarters whether it be Canadian National Defence or Joint/Allied/Multi-Agency.

The design and integrated payloads of the MMRC serve to complement each other in every way. by maximizing operator and platform survivability with ease of use, operating close to the target, or deploying the sensor-laden mast to see over the horizon. Report back can be accomplished

with other BLOS radio systems. And, for more advanced threats, you can extend the range of your TSM enabled eco-system via the tethered drone aboard (200 ft antenna) creating desired standoff yet still maintaining over-the-horizon sensing. The Whiskey Project is currently contracted with the Australian Defence Force for a number of craft to be developed and delivered over the next year. The Whiskey Project's MMRC's continue to inform several partner and allied nations future maritime programs as they provide a unique interoperable and operational advantage through their effect centric capability development.

The Partnership with Whiskey Project is a logical step forward for both parties and great news for Canadian Small Businesses in the continued effort to leverage Canada's experience and tactical knowledge to advance defence integration, according to Inter-Op President, Jim Peter Safar. Existing vendor partnerships paired with proven delivery of C4ISR mission package components will help form a Canadian maritime capability growth area and augment tactical defence ingenuity. The current global security environment requires the rapid evolution of companies, partnerships, and capabilities. Next Generation Maritime effects must be delivered in order to support Canadian National Interests and defend North America and maintain Arctic Sovereignty.

M109 Self Propelled Guns Will Help Ukraine Shift to Offense

Craig Hooper Forbes Business Senior Contributor



*Get ready to see M109A6 Paladin self-propelled howitzers in Ukraine
AFP Via Getty Images*

Ahead of a presumed Ukraine visit by both the US Secretaries of State and Defense, a trickle of Western-standard field artillery has turned into a flood, helping Ukraine's heavy artillery units transition from a crippling dependence upon Soviet-standard 152mm artillery to western-standard 155mm weapons almost overnight. Barring immediate and substantial Russian concessions at the negotiating table, the next "transformational" Western aid package may well include an enormous number of M109 155mm self-propelled guns, continuing the irrevocable conversion of Ukraine's Army into a NATO-oriented force that is ready for offensive operations. Russia should worry. Ukraine's transition to NATO-standard field artillery is moving forward with incredible speed. In a matter of days, the US upped their initial offering of 18 155mm howitzers to pledge a total of 90 artillery pieces, while Canada shipped in four modern M777 howitzers, (*too bad Canada scrapped all the old M109s*) and the UK pledged to provide long-range artillery. The same thing will happen to Ukraine's fleet of large-caliber self-propelled guns. Self-propelled guns are, basically, artillery pieces matched to a tank or truck chassis, built to "shoot-and-scoot" before they can be targeted by an opposing force. Outside of the limelight, smaller and less heralded donations are setting the stage for a wholesale refresh Ukraine's fleet of Soviet-era large-caliber self-propelled guns. And

it's not just for defense anymore; getting a big fleet of NATO-standard 155mm self-propelled guns into Ukraine makes a strong foundation for future offensive operations.

To supplement Ukraine's 152mm self-propelled guns, France is sending an unspecified number of useful wheeled CAESAR 155mm self-propelled artillery systems (reports vary between "less than 10" and twelve), the Netherlands is providing an as-yet-unknown number of excellent German-built Panzerhaubitze 2000 (Pzh-2000) 155mm self-propelled guns, and Belgium seems set to offer an unspecified number of M-109A4BE 155mm self-propelled guns as well. As this essay was set to go to press, news reports suggest Italy is set to outdo everyone by offering Ukraine both Pzh-2000s and M109s. The US has been conspicuously quiet on their potential contributions, but the US has a lot of surplus M109s available, including the relatively modern Palladins.

The stage is set for the NATO-standard self-propelled guns. Along with the new field guns, enormous amounts of 155mm ammunition are already flowing into the country, and those supplies will soon offer Ukraine's long-range artillery access to an exciting new menu of specialized shells and fuses. The massive munitions transfer reportedly even includes a pallet or two of 155mm Excalibur guided munitions, capable of precision strikes. NATO-standard artillery-finding radars and coordinating "command-and-control" elements are also entering the fight. If properly understood and exploited, these new assets will give Ukrainian forces an edge in the fast-moving battles and running counter-battery engagements to come. In a matter of days, the donated towed howitzers will supplement Ukraine's set of Soviet-era 152mm artillery systems, a sprawling arsenal of 2A65 MSTA-B, 2A36 Giatsint-B, and ancient D-20 152mm howitzers. While the new NATO-standard 155mm howitzers are not a 1:1 replacement for Ukraine's many heavy field guns, the new artillery goes a long way in relieving Ukraine's supply concerns given the dwindling amount of 152mm ammunition available on the global market.

The real trick will be to see how quickly and how effectively Ukraine leverages their array of new radars, fire control systems, and enhanced munitions capabilities. Once the NATO sensors and command-and-control systems are mastered, and Ukrainian commanders really start to understand their new munitions capabilities (for example, some 155mm munitions can even be used to spread anti-tank mines), Ukraine's new 155mm towed guns will punch far harder than their more numerous legacy fleet of Soviet-era 152mm field artillery pieces. The same will be true once 155mm self-propelled guns arrive in Ukraine. While the new 155mm field artillery will quickly enter the battlefield, donations of NATO-standard self-propelled artillery will likely be a bit slower to start filling in for Ukraine's large contingent of Soviet-era 152mm-firing self-propelled guns. But new platforms are coming, and once things get going, the transfer from Soviet self-propelled gun systems to NATO systems will be rapid. As long as Ukraine's self-propelled guns have sufficient ammunition, there is no need to hurry; a deliberate pace towards full employment of the new NATO self-propelled guns is fine. Ukraine currently fields a good-sized set of 2S19 MSTA-S, 2S5 Giatsint-S, 2S3 Akatsiya and other systems like the newly arriving 152mm self-propelled guns from the Czech Republic. But the three NATO-standard 155mm-based mobile systems trickling into Ukraine are more complex. They are, in essence, new armored vehicles, and, until they are available in numbers, and the supporting logistics in place,

the first few precious platforms are probably best conserved for training, special missions, and high-priority set-piece strikes.

While European countries are handing over some top-flight modern self-propelled guns, those systems are still unlikely to be available in big numbers anytime soon. While Ukraine covets the capabilities of the German-produced heavy Pzh-2000 self-propelled gun, donor countries will be loathe to hand over the front-line platform in large numbers. But hundreds of retired, old-school M-109s are still serviceable and are likely still available in both US and European warehouses. If those older but still formidable self-propelled guns can be refreshed quickly, supported, and integrated into Ukraine's command-and-control networks, they may offer Ukraine the best near-term option—particularly if more modern systems like the Pzh-2000 and CEASAR continue to trickle into Ukraine, ready to rebuff any troublesome high-end Russian artillery threats. But large numbers of M109s are likely to be one of the next big “gifts” the West will offer as Ukraine shifts to the offensive. The arrival of a whole bunch of M109s onto the Ukrainian battlefield seems inevitable. The logistical framework for wider Ukraine support for M109s is already coming into place. Many scoffed at America's donation of 200 old M113 armored personnel carriers, but they didn't realize that the M109 is basically a 155mm gun aboard an M113 chassis. Getting lots of M113s into service in Ukraine jump-starts the development of a new Ukrainian-based logistical support network required to ultimately support a big fleet of hard-hitting 155mm M109s. For the bedraggled Russians, it will be a repeat of the 155mm towed howitzers all over again—another hard-to-beat war-fighting innovation they will struggle to contend with. And with lots and lots of M109s pouring in to support Ukraine's existing fleet of Soviet-era 152mm self-propelled guns, Ukraine can start shifting over to offense, using their new artillery, “the king of battle,” to take Russia on and win in the steppes.

CF Announces New Army, Air Force and Navy Commanders

Lt.-Gen. Jocelyn Paul, a member of the Huron-Wendat First Nation, will lead the Canadian Army. *Richard Raycraft · CBC News · Apr 21, 2022*



Then BGen Jocelyn Paul, pictured in 2018, will command the Canadian Army. He has been promoted to Lieutenant General. (Sue Goodspeed/CBC)

Canada's army, air force and navy are getting new commanders in a major shakeup of Canadian Armed Forces leadership. LGen Jocelyn Paul will be appointed commander of the Canadian Army, the Department of National Defence (DND) said in a media release. He is the first Indigenous commander of the Canadian Army. Paul, who served previously as deputy commander of NATO's Allied Joint Force Command in Naples, Italy, will be replaced in that role by MGen SR Kelsey, who is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. Paul is from

the community of Wendake, Que. and is a member of the Huron-Wendat First Nation, a NATO biography says. He started his career as a reserve infantry officer in 1988 before joining the regular force in 1991. He's held a number of notable positions in the army, including commander of the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Task Force and chief of staff in Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. "A dedicated hunter and fisherman, he likes to roam in the Canadian wilderness. He also enjoys playing hockey and golf occasionally, even though he has absolutely no talent for either sport," the biography says.

MGen Eric Kenny will be the new commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force and will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. Kenny joined the CAF in 1989 and is a graduate of the Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston, his air force biography says. He completed pilot training in 1995 and was selected to fly the CF-18, Canada's fighter plane. He has logged nearly 3,000 flying hours, with 2,200 in the CF-18. As a Major General, he commanded 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region starting in 2020.



RAdm Angus Topshee will lead the Royal Canadian Navy and will also receive a promotion, to the rank of Vice Admiral. Topshee joined the navy in 1990 and is a RMC graduate, a navy biography page says. He spent a year in Kabul as the director of Afghan National Police training in 2011, and afterwards held command of Canadian Fleet Pacific from 2018 to 2021. He was most recently commander of Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force Pacific. Topshee replaces Vice Admiral Craig Baines, who came under fire for golfing with retired Gen Jonathan Vance while he was under military police

investigation. Baines apologized and held onto his job.

It's rare, but not unprecedented, for all three leaders of the Canadian Armed Forces branches to be replaced at once during regularly scheduled promotions. These appointments were the first under a new promotion and selection process, announced in November of last year, that aims to be more inclusive and do a better job of assessing character. "The CAF's requirement for general and flag officers is driven by the need to lead defence priorities at the institutional level, create and sustain a diverse and inclusive culture, and project leadership abroad," DND said in the media release. "The CAF's promotion-selection process is evolving to select from among the best leaders who demonstrate strength of character and professional excellence."

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Change of Zoom login for Wednesdays There's been a change in our usual Wednesday lunch logins. The new meeting is at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. See you on Wednesday at 12:00.

Rifle Exercise – Chilliwack Check out the great weather for the April rifle exercise in Chilliwack. There's something wrong when the weekend is this dry! <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/rifle-ex.html>

Fort Worden Looking for a get away weekend? Check out Fort Worden, WA. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/fort-worden.html>

Wednesday Lunches

Good news! Wednesday lunches in the Officers' Mess have been given the green light to start effective 4 May 2022. However, there is one big wrinkle in the plan. Our esteemed caterer, Mrs. Lum, has decided that it is time to retire! With that sad news, we have decided to try a new way of delivery a lunch menu. In next weeks newsletter, we will provide the name of a restaurant that you can order your lunch meal from. The restaurant will charge your credit card and will deliver the meal via Door Dash to the Officers' Mess. Steve will be back behind the bar, and we can finally meet up with old friends again.

Sad News – Passing of Suzanne Veuger

Suzanne Veuger, the widow of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Veuger, passed away suddenly at home on Sunday, 10 April 2022. Suzanne was very supportive of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and of the Regiment's members and their families. Further details will be provided when available.

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/6802412956> . Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: **Fritz Krauss** (born 20 March 1898 in Chur, Germany, died 13 July 1978 in Großhansdorf) was a German naval officer, most recently a Konteradmiral in the World War II. Between 16 August 1944 – 22 July 1945, Fritz Krauss was Director of Department of Naval Intelligence (German: *Marinenachrichtendienst*), specifically 3 SKL/MND IV of the German Navy.



On 10 April 1917 Krauss entered the Imperial German Navy as a war volunteer and an officer candidate. He completed his basic training on the Cruiser *Freya*, then moved to the Naval Academy Mürwik and was transferred after that visit to the grand cruise ship SMS König for further training. While on board the ship on 15 February 1918, he was appointed as ensign (German: *Fähnrich zur See*). He remained onboard until 31 December 1918 and was then put into the reserve, leaving the active service on 21 January. As a (German: *Leutnant zur See*), Krauss was reactivated on 3 May 1921 into the Reichsmarine. Initially he continued his education at the Naval School and was subsequently watch officer on the light cruisers *Arcona* and *Amazone*. Krauss was promoted on 1 May 1923 to lieutenant (German: *Oberleutnant zur See*). From 1 October 1924 to 24 March 1927, Krauss worked as a group officer at the Naval School. It was followed by positions as radio officer on the battleship *Schleswig-Holstein* and as radio and guard officer on the light cruiser *Emden*, with which he took two trips abroad. With his promotion to lieutenant commander (German: *Kapitänleutnant*), Krauss was transferred on 1 October 1930 for three years as fourth Admiral Officer in the staff of the commander of the Naval Station on the Baltic Sea. In 1935, he took a position as guard officer on the SMS Schleswig-Holstein until 25 September, and then to the Marineleitung, which later was renamed the Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine. He was promoted to corvette captain (German: *Korvettenkapitän*) on 1 February 1936 and on 3 April 1938 he was transferred to the German cruiser *Deutschland*, as navigation officer.

At the beginning of World War II, *Deutschland* briefly took part in the trade war in the Atlantic and shortly before returning home, Krauss was promoted to frigate captain (German: *Fregattenkapitän*) on 1 November 1939 while aboard. As such, he remained aboard after the renaming of the *Deutschland* to *Lützow*, now reclassified as a heavy cruiser, and was appointed First Officer on 11 January 1940, taking part in Operation Weserübung, the invasion and occupation of Norway. From 19 April to 23 June 1940, he was Captain of the ship. He was then appointed Chief of Staff of the Naval Command for western France. After its disbandment, Krauss was at the Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine between 1 December 1940 and 4 April 1941, before being appointed First Officer on the heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper.^[2] On 1 June 1941 he was promoted to Captain at sea (German: *Kapitän zur See*) and from 2 February to 1 April 1943 he was Captain of the ship. He then served as Naval Intelligence officer of the German Naval Command in Italy until 31 August 1943 and was then transferred to the Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine. From 16 August 1944 he was Chief of German Naval Intelligence Service and B-Dienst and was promoted to rear admiral a month later. Krauss remained on his post after the end of the war and was appointed by the British authorities on 23 July 1945 as head of the German

Mine Sweeping Administration. Shortly before the service was disbanded, on 19 December 1947, he was retired.

This Week: Many of our several readers have trained on firearms no longer in service. Your author was once familiar with the fabled Fabrique Nationale (FN Herstal) C1A1, beloved of hairy-chested male and female soldiers, and still to be seen in use in the hands of those who once benefited from the friendship (or business) of the Empire, such as several FN-armed factions in Libya. The editor of this esteemed newsletter is rumoured to have trained on the even more famous Brown Bess, but that story is yet to be confirmed. Nonetheless, his sterling service record would lead one to believe that he was once into his musket, lock, stock, and barrel, but never known to go off half-cocked.



The latter was reputed to be a flaw in a certain wartime weapon, which appeared to have been hastily put together with surplus plumbing. That was, of course, the famous Sten gun. However, this

week's photo quiz is not of that machine pistol, but of something that at first glance could be confused with that weapon of choice of beret-wearing French partisans and square-jawed Canadian, Polish, and British paratroopers. However, that it is not. So, take a good look, and exercise your brain cells.

Do you know what this is, and who used it, if only for a short time? If so, send your answers to the powder-burnt editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the formerly thin red lined author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Keep your powder dry!

From the 'Punitary'

What do you call a group of mice in disguise? A mousequerade party.

Murphy's Other Laws

If you can't remember, the claymore is pointed at you

Quotable Quotes

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers. - *James Thurber*

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



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

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

The 15th Field 100th 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 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

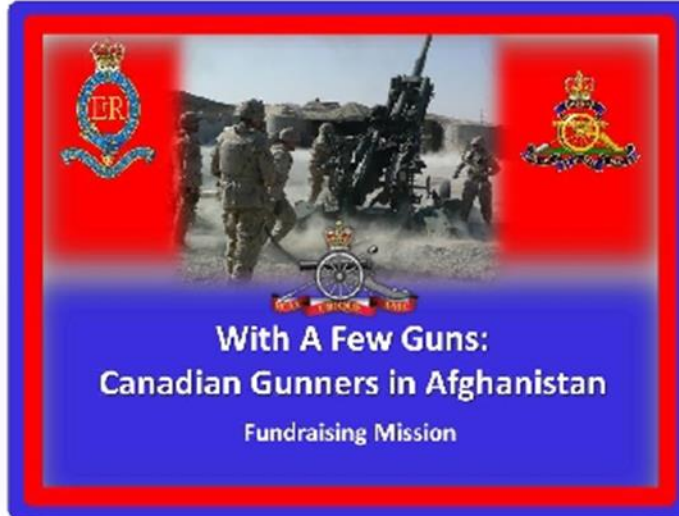
Timings

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



Photo showing a group of soldiers at unveiling of Memorial at Ferguson Point in Oct 1966. Pictured (L-R): Warrant Officer Class II R. Guttridge, Lance Bombardier Elboim, [uk], [uk], 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, Sergeant Ruth Thompson, [uk], Warrant Officer Class I P. Smith.

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



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

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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

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

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

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Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

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

Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Mission

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



WHAT - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

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

WHEN - November 2024.

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

WHERE - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

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

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

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

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

QUOI - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

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

QUAND - Novembre 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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



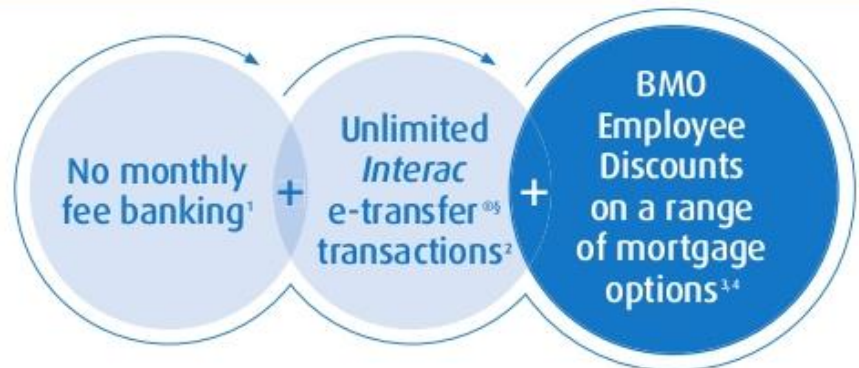
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Our strategy is simple –
Do more for you.



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Mortgages

- BMO employee discounts on a wide range of mortgage options^{3,4}
- Flexibility to move or break your mortgage through the Integrated Relocation Program⁵
- 130-day mortgage rate guarantee – the longest of any major bank in Canada⁶



Bank Accounts

- Save money with a Performance Plan chequing account with no monthly fees¹
- Unlimited *Interac* e-transfer⁰⁵ transactions²
- OnGuard⁰⁸ Identity Theft Protection Service at no charge^{7,8}
- Keep the same accounts no matter how many times you relocate
- Access to CreditView⁰⁹ – the free, instant way to get your credit score⁹



Lines of Credit

- BMO employee discounts on unsecured and secured personal lines of credit³
- Student line of credit with preferential pricing and flexibility¹⁰



Credit Cards

- Choose the BMO Support Our Troops CashBack⁰¹¹ or AIR MILES⁰¹² MasterCard⁰¹³
- No annual fee¹¹
- Support Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services with every purchase you make
- Visit 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[®] 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 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.¹²

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 to learn more.



Scan the QR code to get more information.



¹²The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included for free in your Bank Plan. ¹The 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. ²Interac e-transfer[®] transactions are subject to maximum transfer dollar amounts. ³Applications 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. ⁴Some conditions may apply. ⁵We 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. ⁶Applicable 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. ⁷Plan, transaction, service and product fees may still apply. ⁸You're eligible for OnGuard[™] if you are a BMO customer who has a lead account¹ 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[™] 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[™] service. ⁹The 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. ¹⁰OnGuard[™] retail value is \$155.88 annually (charged at \$12.99 per month). ¹¹OnGuard[™] 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. ¹²CreditView[™] 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. ¹³You 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. ¹⁴Ongoing 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 for current rates and fees. ¹⁵The 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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