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

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

2022 BoM - CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest – see end of poster section

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters

July 27 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- **Mess closed** – no Zoom meeting

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

Aug 10 Wed 'Zoom' meeting- Mess open, DIY lunch

New Recruits at CFB Esquimalt Struggle to Find Housing

after training completed. Some personnel remain in single quarters due to cost, availability of housing in region *Bailey Moreton Jul. 25, 2022*



Lack of available and affordable housing in the region has seen some junior members of the Royal Canadian Navy at CFB Esquimalt stay in single quarters largely meant for trainees, months after they were meant to find housing off base. (The Canadian Press/Chad Hipolito)

Housing prices around the region are forcing some junior members at CFB Esquimalt to stay in training quarters for months after their training is completed. Base commander Capt J Jeffrey Hutchinson said a

number of new personnel have approached higher-ups in the chain of command over the past year asking for help finding housing. “The current demand for military rental housing at CFB Esquimalt is higher than at any time in recent memory and is a clear sign that members are having trouble finding housing in the current economy,” he said in an email. Junior members are given beds in the singles quarters on base during training and typically expected to find housing in the local area when their training is completed. The rooms on the base are usually one or two to a room with a shared bathroom and larger shared eating area, similar to a university residence, Hutchinson said. Those beds aren’t meant to be used as permanent housing, but the base has had to house some members in those rooms on a short-term basis (usually less than six months) while they struggle to find more permanent housing.

The base has 1,682 singles quarters beds, the majority of which are usually used for trainees. Although capacity has not been an issue to this point, Hutchinson said allowing members to stay after training is a short-term fix “since these quarters must be prioritized for training and operational requirements in the long term.” “This is one of the things that I’m constantly aware of, constantly concerned about, just making sure that sailors have a safe place to live. Anytime we’ve gotten wind of or heard of a case or member has presented that they’re having difficulties, we’ve taken immediate steps to try and rectify the situation.” The Canadian Forces Housing Agency is looking at starting a national housing program that would expand housing offerings for members, including in Victoria, he added. A recent analysis of the most expensive rental markets in Canada found Greater Victoria was the fourth-most expensive in the country, with the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the region costing \$1,880 in June, up 2.2 per cent from May, while median rent for a two-bedroom was \$2,350, which actually dropped six per cent from May.

RCAF Replacing Planes Used for PM's Travel, Refueling Aircraft

Final contract for two Airbus A330-200 aircraft is valued at \$102 million US

Richard Raycraft/Chris Rands · CBC News · July 14, 2022



A CC-150 Polaris tanker carrying CAF members takes off from Bagotville, Quebec on April 29, 2014.

Cpl Jean-Roch Chabot/DND

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) will be getting two Airbus A330-200 aircraft to replace part of its aging CC-150 Polaris fleet, the Department of National Defence (DND) announced Thursday — a fleet that includes *Can Force One*, the VIP aircraft used to transport the prime minister, the Governor General and other VIPs. The final contract for the two planes is valued at \$102 million US and was awarded to the International Airfinance Corporation, a DND news release says. The planes, which were manufactured in 2015, will replace CC-150 Polaris aircraft, which the

RCAF has flown since 1992. The planes conduct most of the RCAF's air-to-air refuelling. "After nearly 30 years of outstanding service, the RCAF is looking to the future of this crucial capability," the news release says.

The VIP aircraft used to transport the prime minister and the Governor General on trips abroad is a modified CC-150 Polaris. DND says in the release that the newly acquired planes "will play an integral role in providing air-to-air refuelling, strategic airlift, aeromedical evacuations, and strategic Government of Canada personnel transport, including transport of the Prime Minister, Governor General, and others, for decades to come." The acquisition is part of the government's Strategic Tanker Transport Capability project, a procurement project to replace the CC-150 Polaris. The government is looking to buy six planes in total. The Airbus A330-200 is a commercial plane. Airbus will be modifying the two aircraft to meet the military's needs, the DND news release says.

DND says the replacement aircraft "will provide the RCAF with increased flexibility, allowing planners to select the most appropriate aircraft for a specific airlift mission, and it will increase the RCAF's ability to respond to unexpected operational requirements, such as domestic or international emergencies or humanitarian relief missions." Defence Minister Anita Anand said the Airbus A330-200 was chosen for its capabilities and value. "The Government of Canada is committed to providing the Canadian Armed Forces with the equipment they need at the best value for money. We look forward to accepting these two aircraft as they represent an important first step in eventually replacing the capability currently provided by the CC150 Polaris fleet," she said in the news release. The government estimates the two planes will arrive in winter 2023

The Military Connection to Canada's Currency

Sharon Adams Legion Magazine April 20, 2022



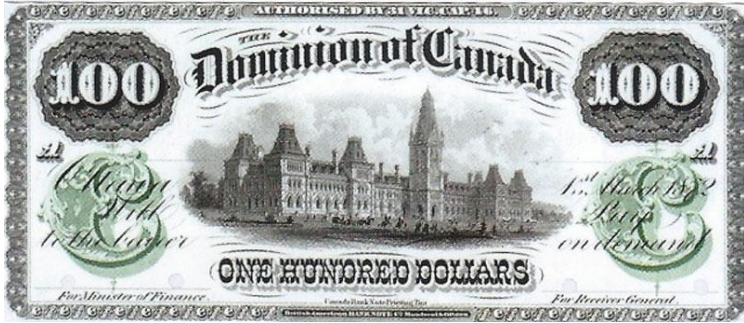
Cards used as currency in New France circa 1714.

Collection Nationale De Monnaies, Musée De La Banque Du Canada

There was a time in Canadian history when soldiers were paid with playing cards. In the 17th century, the French government sent silver coins to its colony in Quebec, intending them to become common currency. But those being dangerous times, civil servants and merchants tended to hoard them. By 1685, there was a serious coin shortage. Worse, the military payroll from France was delayed. Something

had to be done—it's never a good idea to annoy men armed with muskets and swords. He solved the problem by issuing promissory notes to soldiers on the back of playing cards that could be redeemed several months later. "I have found myself this year in great straits with regard to the subsistence of the soldiers," New France Intendant Jacques de Meulles wrote to the French

government. “You did not provide for funds, my Lord, until January last. I have, notwithstanding, kept them in provisions until September, which makes eight full months.”



A Dominion of Canada \$100 bill from 1872.
Wikimedia/Canadian Bank Note Company

He had used up his own funds and had run out of friends from whom he could borrow. He solved the problem by issuing promissory notes to soldiers on the back of playing cards. The cards could be redeemed several months

later when a new supply of coins arrived from France. It was the first government-issued paper money in the western world, according to economist Michael Sproul, author of *A Quick History of Paper Money*. As history marched on, British colonies in North America managed their own currency, which made trade among them rather complicated. The British wanted the colonies to use the pence, shillings and pounds sterling of their currency system. “A similarity of coinage produces reciprocal habits and feelings and is a new chain and attachment in the intercourse of two nations,” said in a debate in Lower Canada’s House of Assembly in 1830. But most pre-Confederation colonies and provinces leaned toward the dollar, the currency system used by their biggest trading partner, the United States.

A Canadian \$1 bill from 1973.
WIKIMEDIA/PAASIKIVI



In 1851, the Province of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia worked out an agreement to use decimal currency. The Canadian legislature subsequently passed an act requiring provincial accounts be kept in dollars and cents, says *A History of the Canadian Dollar* by the Bank of Canada. In those days, legislation had to be given the final stamp of approval in Britain, which delayed confirmation on a technicality. A compromise was struck—the *Currency Act* of 1853 recognized pence, shillings and pounds as well as dollars and cents as units of Canadian currency.

That all changed after Confederation, when the new Dominion assumed jurisdiction over currency and banking and established uniform currency measured in dollars, cents and mills (a thousandth of a dollar) and established exchange rates for British pounds and American dollars. The last green \$1 bill rolled off the press at the Canadian Bank Note Company on April 20, 1989. It was replaced by a dollar coin, dubbed the loonie, a double entendre reflecting both the loon on its front and opinion of citizenry of the day who thought replacing the bill was a loony idea. The \$2 bill was retired in 1996 and replaced with a coin featuring a polar bear. This is popularly known as the toonie. Is it a combination of the words two and loonie, or was it a reference to *Looney Tunes*, the animated cartoon series, and a reflection of the continuing opinion of the Canadian public about the need to eliminate small-denomination paper currency?

Canada Has No Way to Track Weapons Donated to Ukraine

despite concerns arms could end up on black market. *The Canadian Forces confirmed it is not taking part in NATO discussions underway to try to deal with the potential issue of arms smuggling from Ukraine.* David Pugliese • Ottawa Citizen Jul 18, 2022



A Ukrainian soldier is pictured in a trench near the front line in eastern Ukraine on July 13, 2022, amidst the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Miguel Medina /AFP via Getty Images

Canada has no way to track the hundreds of millions of dollars of weapons it has donated to Ukraine despite growing concerns such arms could end up on the black market or in the hands of criminals. The Canadian Forces confirmed it is not taking part in NATO discussions underway to try to deal with the potential issue of arms smuggling from Ukraine. There are growing concerns that some of the weapons sent to Ukraine have been or will be diverted to the black market. NATO nations have donated billions of dollars of arms and military equipment to Ukraine since Russia invaded that country on Feb 24. Jurgen Stock, the head of Interpol, warned in June that after the war he expects some of the weapons delivered to Ukraine will end up in the hands of criminals in Europe and in other nations. In April, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, noted that weapons are already being trafficked from Ukraine to organized crime groups.

On July 12, the Financial Times reported that a number of NATO member states are discussing with Ukraine's government the development of some form of tracking system or detailed inventory lists for weapons supplied to the country. Officials noted that once weapons are shipped into Ukraine, NATO loses track of what they are used for or even if they remain in the country. National Defence spokesman Dan Le Bouthillier confirmed that Canada is not taking part in the discussions at this time. "We are monitoring these developments with interest and will leave no stone unturned in our work to ensure the safe delivery and use of military aid," he said. Multiple defence sources tell this newspaper Canada has no idea about the whereabouts of the equipment it has provided to Ukraine as it does not actively monitor the distribution of the gear. Canadian taxpayers have financed the donation of \$500 million worth of weapons and other military equipment to Ukraine. That included anti-tank systems, .50-calibre sniper rifles equipped with silencers, 60-millimetre mortars, grenade launchers, pistols, C6 and C9 machine-guns, thermal-imaging binoculars, cameras, scopes and medical supplies. Donations also included ammunition, drone cameras and armoured vehicles.

During the Commons defence committee meeting in April, NDP MP Lindsay Mathysen raised concerns that Canadian weapons already sent to Ukraine could fall into Russian hands or be sold on the black market. She noted that last year the Taliban seized stockpiles of U.S. weapons after the group overthrew the Afghan government. At the time, Defence Minister Anita Anand said

she couldn't provide details about the weapons because of the need for operational security. But she added that Ukraine's military did sign a declaration that weapons Canada provided wouldn't be transferred to any other organization. "We have been assured that our military aid is reaching Ukrainian soldiers," Anand told journalists at a July 7 news conference. But Canadian defence sources say without a tracking system in place and monitoring on the ground, there is no way to verify Ukraine's claims. Czech defence minister Jana Cernochova recently told journalists it is up to the countries donating weapons to Ukraine to track the equipment. But she acknowledged that is difficult. "It's hard to avoid trafficking or smuggling. We didn't achieve it in former Yugoslavia and probably won't avoid it in Ukraine," Cernochova said.

Europol, the European Union's law enforcement agency, sent a briefing note in April to governments warning that Ukraine officials initially maintained a registry of firearms it had been distributing, but that practice was abandoned as the war progressed and weapons now are being provided without monitoring or records. Yuriy Sak, an adviser to Ukraine's defence minister, told the Financial Times that any movement of weaponry either into Ukraine or out of Ukraine is very closely monitored and supervised both by Ukraine and its allies. "Information that Ukraine is becoming a major hub for arms smuggling does not correspond to reality," said Sak, adding that those claiming such "could be part of Russia's information war to discourage international partners from providing Ukraine with weaponry that is necessary for our victory". He did not elaborate on what motives NATO, Europol or Interpol officials would have for being part of "Russia's information war."

F15 Scored a Kill by Dropping Bomb on an Enemy Helicopter

Not your typical air-to-air kill. *Jeff Schogol Task & Purpose Jul 7, 2022*



A F-15E Eagle aircraft takes off on a mission during Operation Desert Shield. (DOD).

US military aviators won several impressive air-to-air engagements during the Gulf War, but perhaps the most stunning victory happened on Feb. 14, 1991, when two airmen in an F-15

successfully dropped a bomb on Iraqi helicopter that was in the air. Air Force Capt. Tim "Rhino" Bennett was hunting Scud missiles near Al-Qa'im in northwestern Iraq — much further north than where any other coalition aircraft were operating — when he and his weapons system officer Capt. Dan "Chewy" Bakke got word that an American special operations forces team had been discovered and was under attack from Iraqi helicopters. It was early morning, long before dawn, and the weather was bad as Bennett took the plane low so that Bakke could find the Iraqi helicopters with the F-15's targeting pod, Bennett told Task & Purpose. As soon as they were at an altitude between 1,500 and 2,000 feet, they could see the Iraqis and "a lot of shooting." "Basically, they had this group of special ops guys surrounded," Bennett said. "And the

helicopters were moving. You could see them flying around. It's so bright up under there with all the muzzle flashes, the shooting going on, you could see there's troops all around them."

Air Force Capt. Tim Bennett flew this F-15E on Feb. 14, 1991 on a mission to defend a US special operations team from Iraqi troops and helicopters. (Photo courtesy of Tim Bennett.)



It looked like the helicopters were transporting Iraqi troops to attack the American special operators, Bennett said. His plane was not armed with any long-range AIM-7 Sparrow missiles, which are guided by radar and effective up to 6 miles, because at the time F-15Es could not be configured to carry both bombs and Sparrows, he said. "If I had had AIM-7s on board, we would have shot them with that a little bit further away," Bennett said. Instead, his plane was carrying four GBU-10 bombs, each weighing 2,000 pounds, and four short-range AIM-9 Sidewinder heat-seeking missiles. With those weapons at his disposal, Bennett came up with an idea. "I'm thinking: Hey, let's let a bomb go — because they were already danger close, and they were all getting shot up," Bennett said. "If they're sitting on the ground, we'll hit the helicopter. If not, it will give them something to think about and get their attention away from these guys." Bakke targeted an Iraqi Mi-24 Hind helicopter on the ground with a laser-guided bomb while Bennett maneuvered the F-15 for the attack. After the bomb was released, Bennett suddenly saw on his radar that the helicopter had taken off again.



A Mi-24 'Hind' helicopter simulates an attack while being scoped by a Dutch Stinger Missile Platoon (HUM Images/Universal Images Group via Getty Images)

With the helicopter back in the air, Bennett and Bakke no longer knew how long it would take for the bomb to reach its target. The time estimated for the bomb to strike the helicopter came and went. Nothing happened, but Bennett told Bakke to keep the laser spotter on the Hind. "Maybe three to five seconds later, as I'm turning in to re-execute the attack from a different azimuth, the bomb — we're so close, you can see the resolution very well — you could see it hit the helicopter," Bennett said. "We had delayed fuzes on those things, so that when we hit a Scud or a Scud site, it would penetrate and then blow up. I think we had a 0.25-second delay on the bombs. So, really the bomb blew up right below the helicopter as it went through it. There weren't even little pieces of it. It was a great hit." By a stroke of luck, the helicopter had flown toward the F-15, allowing the bomb to find its target, Bennett explained. If the Hind had gone in any other direction, the bomb would not have had been able to reach it.

*An E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) conducts a mission, Oct. 4, 2019 at an undisclosed location.
(Senior Airman Roslyn Ward/US Air Force)*



But any elation that Bennett and Bakke might have felt quickly dissipated when a US service member aboard an E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft asked them if they had visually identified the target first to make sure it was not an American helicopter.

The US military was flying special operators from Syria into Iraq in MH-53 Pave Low helicopters at the time, Bennett said. Since it was night, Bennett had seen an infrared image of the Iraqi helicopter. It looked like a Hind, but suddenly he started to wonder if it could have been a Pave Low instead. Bennett said that he and Bakke marked the area where the helicopter was destroyed in case it turned out to be friendly and the US military needed to launch a combat search and rescue mission for survivors, but they both knew “nobody was living in that.” “It scared the shit out of both of us, when she asked that,” Bennett said. Thankfully, it turned out that Bennett was correct: It was an Iraqi Mi-24 Hind, not a friendly helicopter. “Within about five minutes, we knew that we didn’t have any helicopters up — it seemed like about five hours.” Bennett left active duty after the Gulf War, but he flew F-16s with the South Carolina Air National Guard until he retired as a lieutenant colonel five years ago. His advice for young fighter pilots today is to train hard to face the highest threats that they may have to fly against. “My personal opinion is we’ve gotten too used to flying around at medium altitude a lot and you rely on GPS [Global Positioning System] a lot and things that can help you out — but can be taken away too,” Bennett said. “That’s a long, drawn-out way of saying: Always, always try to develop your fighter pilot skills. The truth is it will always be — it should always be — a business where you’ve just got to be aggressive because your job is to max-perform the airplane.”

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Wednesday Lunches – We’ve changed the format of the Wednesday lunches somewhat. With Leon Jensen on an extend trip down east, we’ve cancelled the lunches unless a qualified member is able to host it. This coming Wednesday (27 July) there is no host available, and the Mess will not be open. The Museum is still open from 10:00 until noon. The Zoom lunch meeting is also cancelled as Bob has a dental appointment.

Change of Command – 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery - Great change of command and change of RSM appointment parade in the field by Range Control. Chatted with the new 1 CMBG Brigade Commander, Director of Artillery, Regimental Colonel, RSMs 5(BC) Regiment and 26 Fd Regt. Start to feel old when you realize that the new CO (LCol Joe O’Donnell)’s father was a Bombardier (later RSM) in 1 RCHA when I was on flyover as a Bombardier in 1973. Nice to smell the cordite from a 4 rounds FFE! Check out the photos in our 2022 Yearbook page. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2022.html>

Change of Command – 38 Canadian Brigade Group - New Commander, Col Shawn was the former CO 38 Brigade Artillery Tactical Group. Shawn also worked with the RCA Association.

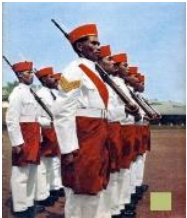
At the parade ran into the Comd 39 CBG and the former Comd BGen David Awalt as well as the former MCSC chief instructor, Randy Brooks. Look forward to hearing great things from the Prairies. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2022.html>

Vancouver Gunner President's travel

If you're interested in another view of the President's coast to coast trip, check out Catherine's Blog here. The latest news is the near Tornado that hit us in Grenfell Sask. Our new camper almost got hit by the arena roof that was peeled off. <https://cteachr.blog/>

The Regimental Museum is now open from 10:00 until 12:00 every Wednesday. Masks are required as is proof of vaccination. Please help keep our soldiers safe and do not attend if you feel the slightest symptom of illness. The Zoom lunch meeting is also cancelled as Bob has a dental appointment. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

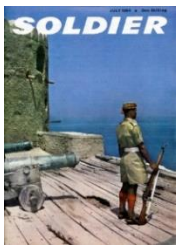


Unfortunately, last week's answer was incorrect. It gave info on the current Singapore Guards Regiment from Wikipedia. The photo shows the original Regiment. The correct answer is:-

On special occasions the Malays of Singapore Guard Regiment, wear their colourful No 3 Dress - scarlet songkok and sarong and white jacket and trousers.

Photo, from Soldier Magazine in February 1961, shows men of Colombo Camp's quartermaster - a bugler, sergeant, lance-corporal, and eleven men - drilling on the parade ground. They are carrying the Lee Enfield No 5 M1 rifle (aka Jungle Carbine). The Singapore Guard Regiment was formed in 1948 on temporary basis and was a locally raised force independent of Singapore State's Military Forces. Almost all its soldiers were Malays from the Federation and there were only 15 Singaporeans and two non-Malays, a Chinese fitter and a Malayan Pakistani sergeant. At the time, the Regiment was British officered -- on three-year tours-but eventually two-thirds of its 20 officers were Queen's-commissioned Malays. Four of the key non-commissioned officer appointments-chief clerk, armourer, pay sergeant and education sergeant - were held by British soldiers. The Regiment was stood down in 1970

Last Week: The picture from last week's quiz was the cover photo of Soldier Magazine in July



1966 and captures the mystique of Muscat with a picture by cameraman Leslie Wiggs of a soldier of the Sultan's Armed Forces on guard duty on the parapet of the ancient fort overlooking the harbour in Muscat town. Pvt Sadula Nur Mohammed wears the special uniform of the Independent Guard Company which lives in the fort. The cannons behind him are still fired when important visitors enter the harbour.

This Week: The recent civilized weather in Vancouver (a pleasant change from last year's heat and cancer-inducing sun) has allowed our team to focus on gentlemanly pursuits, such as sipping gin tonics or Pimm's No 5 cup, imagining we are exercising, and building plastic models. As

mentioned in a previous column, the latter was once the preserve of spotty youth, hoping to emulate their fathers' generation in becoming Spitfire pilots or ace tank commanders in the Western Desert. Spotty youth, less spotty now due to advances in cosmetics, are no longer interested in fiddling with anything other than their screens, so it is left to those formerly acne-afflicted chaps, now in their 60s and 70s, to carry on the tradition. Naturally, inflation and a lifetime of reaping the benefits of constant economic growth have led to yesterday's 98 cent kit becoming a tad more expensive, but we can take it.



One interesting kit that a colleague came across while searching for esoteric subjects is the, well, subject of this week's quiz. It appears to be some sort of Renaissance device dreamt up by Leonardo da Vinci, but it is not. Look closely and you will see a few features that date it as more modern. At least, that's what we think. Is it Russia's latest attempt to overcome the brave defenders of Ukraine? Can it make up for the rather fragile nature of their current armour? We don't know, but maybe you do. If so, send your musings to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Tanks.

From the 'Punitary'

What is a bore? A person who talks when you wish him to listen.

Murphy's Other Laws

A battle is the method of the untying, with the teeth, of a political knot that would not yield to the tongue.

Quotable Quotes

The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time. *Mark Twain*

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No Zoom Meeting This Week. Will resume Wed Aug 3.

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

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies. ~~Zoom lunch meetings will continue for those unable to attend the Mess for lunch.~~

<https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6



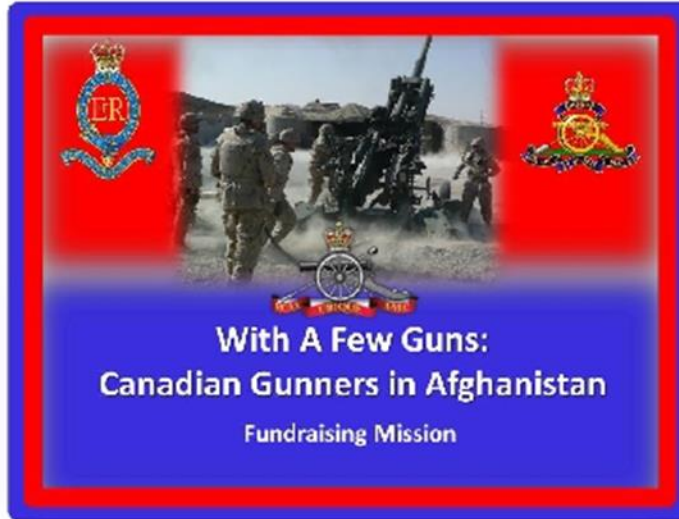
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teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

With a Few Guns

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



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

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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

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

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

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Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Mission

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



WHAT - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

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

WHEN - November 2024.

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

WHERE - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

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

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

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

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

QUOI - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

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

QUAND - Novembre 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bank of Montreal - 2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest

The official bank of the Defence Community

2022 CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest Full Contest Rules

No purchase necessary. Your participation in this contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these contest rules and regulations. By participating in the contest, each participant represents and warrants that they meet these eligibility requirements and that they have read, accept and agree to be legally bound and comply with these rules (the “contest rules”).

Contest period

The 2022 BMO CDCB Customer Appreciation Contest (the “Contest”) begins on **June 13, 2022**, at 12:00:01 a.m. Eastern Time (“ET”) and ends on **September 30, 2022**, at 11:59:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”).

Eligibility

This Contest is open to **Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB), Bank of Montreal** customers who have a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a **CDCB Bank Plan** (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) as of June 13, 2022, who are legal residents of Canada and have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence. BMO accounts under a CDCB Bank Plan opened after September 30, 2022, do not qualify.

Employees (and those people with whom they are domiciled) of Bank of Montreal, and/or their subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively “BMO” or the “Sponsor”), or their respective advertising and promotional agencies, prize suppliers or the independent Contest administrator and their respective representatives are not eligible to enter the Contest.

How to enter

No Purchase Necessary:

When you open a **BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account** under a CDCB Bank Plan (Performance Plan or Premium Plan) **June 13, 2022 and September 30, 2022**, you will automatically be entered into the contest for the draw.

For existing BMO Canadian Defence Community Banking (CDCB) customers with a BMO Canadian Dollar Primary Chequing Account under a CDCB Bank Plan:

- Visit bmo.com/summer contest and complete all the required fields in the online registration form.
- Once you have completed your registration, you will be entered into the contest for the draw.

Each “lead account” on the CDCB Bank Plan will be entered as one eligible. The “lead account” must be open and in good standing on June 13, 2022 in order to qualify as an entry. The lead account is the one you designate to pay any fees required by your Bank Plan, for example, your monthly Plan fees and transaction fees.

Prizes

There are thirteen (13) prizes in total (each a “Prize”), with total prizes valued at \$80,000 available to be won during the Contest Period. There will be one (1) Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash and an additional twelve (12) prizes of \$5,000 cash for a total value of \$60,000.

There is a maximum of one (1) Prize per person. By accepting the Prize, the winner agrees that he or she is solely responsible for any consequences of accepting the Prize. The Prize is not transferable and will be awarded to the winners only. The Prize must be accepted as awarded.



General

- 1** This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.
- 2** All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned and proof of submission of a registration form or entry will not be proof of submission.
- 3** By entering the Contest, each entrant agrees to abide by these Contest Rules. This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws. Void where prohibited by law. The decisions of the contest judges with respect to all aspects of this Contest are final and binding on all entrants without right of appeal. For Quebec residents: Any litigation respecting the conduct or organization of a publicity contest may be submitted to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux for a ruling. Any litigation respecting the awarding of a prize may be submitted to the board only for the purpose of helping the parties reach a settlement.
- 4** By entering this Contest, entrants agree to hold harmless the Released Parties against any and all liability, damages or causes of action (however named or described) with respect to or arising out of:
 - i. entrant's participation in the Contest;
 - ii. the receipt or use/misuse of the prize (or any component thereof) awarded therein; and
 - iii. the administration of the Contest and distribution of the prizes.
- 5** All entries are subject to verification at any time and for any reason. The Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require proof of identity and/or eligibility (in a form acceptable to the Sponsor – including, without limitation, government issued photo identification):
 - i. for the purposes of verifying an individual's eligibility to participate in this Contest;
 - ii. for the purposes of verifying the eligibility and/or legitimacy of any entry entered (or purportedly entered) for the purposes of this Contest; and/or
 - iii. For any other reason the Sponsor deems necessary, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the purposes of administering this Contest in accordance with these Rules. Failure to provide such proof to the satisfaction of the Sponsor in a timely manner may result in disqualification in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor.
- 6** The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any person and void any entries of that person who it believes has tampered with the entry process or any other component of the Contest, whose conduct or action affects the administration, security or fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, or who fails to meet or abide by the Contest Rules.
- 7** The Sponsor will not be responsible for late, lost, illegible, fraudulent, misdirected, incomplete, destroyed registration forms or entries or for entries bearing insufficient postage. All such registration forms and/or entries will be void.
- 8** The Sponsor does not assume any responsibility and will not be liable for any failure of the telephone number(s) during the Contest, tampering, theft, defects, viruses, human errors including negligence, deletions, technical or telephone, computer line, network, server, access providers, computer equipment or software problems, undeliverable messages, computer errors, lost, misdirected, late or incomplete entries or inaccurate capture of information or any online difficulties that may result in computer damage or malfunction or the failure of the Sponsor to receive or process any entry and otherwise award any prize. The Sponsor is not responsible for printing errors appearing in these rules or related Contest materials. In addition, the Sponsor will not assume any responsibility of any nature whatsoever in all cases where their inability to hold the Contest or to remit the prizes to the winners results from a cause beyond their control, including acts of god, weather conditions, strike, lock-out or other labour dispute.
- 9** Any attempt to deliberately damage any telephone number or website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should an attempt be made, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 10** The Sponsor, with the consent of the Régie (if applicable), reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Contest in the event of any accident, printing, administrative, or other error of any kind without prior notice or obligation.
- 11** The Sponsor reserves the right subject to the approval of the Régie (if applicable) to withdraw or amend this Contest in any way, in the event of an error, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Sponsor that interferes with the proper conduct of this Contest as contemplated by these Contest Rules.
- 12** By entering this Contest, each entrant expressly consents to the Sponsor, its agents and/or representatives, storing, sharing and using the personal information submitted with his/her entry for the purpose of administering the Contest and in accordance with Sponsor's Privacy Policy available at: bmo.com/privacy.

Draw and winner selection

On November 07, 2022, in Toronto, ON, starting at approximately 10:00 a.m. ET, one (1) eligible entrant will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the Grand Prize of \$20,000 cash; another twelve (12) eligible entrants will be selected by random draw from all eligible entries for the additional twelve (12) cash prizes of \$5,000. The odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries during the Contest Period.

The first entrant whose name is selected at random from all eligible entries will be awarded the Grand Prize. All prize winners will be notified by telephone or email at the telephone number or email address associated with the entrant's BMO Account within seven (7) calendar days of the draw date. Before being declared a winner, the selected entrant must first correctly answer, unaided, a time-limited mathematical skill-testing question to be administered by telephone or mail.

The selected entrants will be required to sign and return, within ten (10) calendar days of notification, the Sponsor's standard form of Declaration of Liability, Waiver and Publicity Release (the "Release") which, among other things:

- a. confirms compliance with the Contest Rules;
- b. releases the Contest Sponsor, its affiliated companies and agents, advertising and promotion agencies and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors (collectively "Released Parties") and assigns from any liability in connection with the Contest, the entrant's participation therein and/or the awarding and use or misuse of the Prize or any portion thereof; and
- c. grants to the Released Parties the right to use the selected entrant's name, address (city and province/territory) and likeness in any form of advertising relating to the Contest without further notice or compensation in any publicly or for promotional purposes carried out by or on behalf of the Sponsor. If a selected entrant does not meet any one of the Contest conditions as follows:
 - i. the selected entrant cannot be contacted by mail or telephone within ten (10) calendar days of selection or there is a return of any prior notification as undeliverable;
 - ii. the selected entrant fails to correctly answer the mathematical skill-testing question;
 - iii. the selected entrant's BMO Account is closed or is not in good standing; or
 - iv. the selected entrant does not sign and return the properly executed Release within the specified time, that entry can, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor, be disqualified and the Sponsor shall be entitled to select a new eligible winner from all remaining eligible entries.

The Sponsor is not responsible for any failure to contact any potential winner, whether as a result of human error or otherwise. Once declared a winner, the selected entrant will be directed as to how to claim his or her Prize.

