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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

May 04	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting – Mess open for lunch – see VAA update
May 11	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 18	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 23	15 th Field 100 th Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner
May 25	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
May 26	Coast to Coast Toast

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?

How Ukraine's 'Ghost of Kyiv' Legendary Pilot Was Born

Ukraine's fighter pilots are vastly outnumbered by the Russians and have become legendary - thanks in part to the story of an alleged flying ace called the "Ghost of Kyiv".

Laurence Peter BBC News 30 April 2022



*Ukraine's MiG-29s are not as advanced as some of Russia's fighters
Image Source, Reuters*

This hero is said to have downed as many as 40 enemy planes - an incredible feat in an arena where Russia controls the skies. But now the Ukraine Air Force Command has warned on Facebook that the "Ghost of Kyiv is a superhero-legend whose character was created by Ukrainians!". "We ask the Ukrainian community not to neglect the basic rules of information hygiene," the message said, urging people to "check the sources of information, before spreading it". Earlier reports had named the ace as Major Stepan Tarabalka, 29. The authorities confirmed that he was killed in combat on 13 March and honoured with a Hero of Ukraine medal posthumously. Now, the air force stresses that "Tarabalka is not 'Ghost of Kiev', and he did not hit 40 planes". It describes the "Ghost of Kyiv" as "a collective image of pilots of the Air Force's 40th tactical aviation brigade, who defend the sky over the capital", rather than a single man's combat record. For weeks, Ukrainians did not have a name to go with the "Ghost of Kyiv" - but that did not stop the story going viral on social media.

It was used as a marketing brand by a Ukrainian model aircraft manufacturer, while Ukrainian Iryna Kostyrenko showed off a military badge inspired by the legend. And the defence ministry tweeted a video celebrating Tarabalka's heroism. The BBC is not responsible for the content of external sites. Military experts told the BBC they doubted that one pilot could have downed as many as 40 Russian planes. Ukrainian military historian Mikhail Zhironov described the Ghost of Kyiv story as "propaganda for raising morale". Speaking to the BBC from Chernihiv, he said that early on in the war the Russians dominated Ukrainian airspace, so a Ukrainian pilot "could only shoot down two or three". "It's essential to have this propaganda, because our armed forces are smaller, and many think we can't be equal to them [the Russians]. We need this in wartime,"

he said. The fact that Ukrainian pilots are still denying Russia total mastery of the skies, flying inferior, older Russian-designed MiG-29s, inspired this modern legend. With all its military might, Russia has had more than two months to knock out Ukraine's air defences - and failed. The Ukrainian authorities fuelled the Ghost of Kyiv legend just days into the war. The Ukraine Security Service (SBU) showed a fighter pilot on the Telegram messaging service, with a caption calling the "Ghost of Kyiv" an "angel" for downing 10 Russian planes. But it did not name the "angel", and media reports later said the photo used was an old one.



*On 27 February Ukraine called the "Ghost of Kyiv" an "angel" for downing 10 Russian planes
Image Source, SBU*

A Ukrainian military expert who requested anonymity told the BBC the Ghost of Kyiv story "has helped to raise morale at a time when people need simple stories". Ukraine's morale

has also been boosted by the Moskva story. First, Ukrainian border guards defied the Russian missile cruiser with a rude gesture, commemorated with a popular postage stamp. Then Ukraine allegedly sank it - the pride of Russia's Black Sea Fleet - with two Neptune missiles. Russia admitted there was a fire on board, and that the ship sank, but made no mention of a missile attack. Heroic fighter pilots have entered the national mythology of other countries too. The UK celebrates the brave Royal Air Force pilots who outwitted the mighty Nazi Luftwaffe in the 1940 Battle of Britain.

*Portable anti-aircraft missiles are a key part of defending the skies
Image Source Getty Images*



And Russia itself glorifies the sacrifices of its World War Two pilots, who were outgunned by the Germans. Some deliberately crashed into enemy planes after running out of bullets. Legends like the Ghost of Kyiv are not surprising when there are such contrasting figures given for Russian and Ukrainian losses: there is plenty of room for embellishment. On 30 April, the Ukrainian Armed Forces General Staff said that in the war so far Russia had lost 190 planes and 155 helicopters. But independent military analysts Oryx reckon the Russian losses to be 26 planes and 39 helicopters, as well as 48 drones (UAVs). Both Russia and Ukraine are very secretive about their own losses. Counting is difficult, because aircraft often crash in Russian-held territory,

and some manage to land in Russia. Experts agree that in most cases Russian aircraft were downed with surface-to-air missiles, especially man-portable air defence systems (Manpads). Justin Crump of the security consultancy Sybilline says the Ghost of Kyiv legend is important because in our social media age "people need myths, heroes and legends, to provide cohesion and meaning".

Report Recommends Turning the Armed Forces Into a Secular Theocracy

The panel's chaplaincy recommendations are a total assault not only on religious liberty, but the very idea of religion itself. Father Raymond J de Souza National Post April 30, 2022



Three Canadian Forces chaplains lead the pallbearer party, as a soldier's body is sent home from Afghanistan in 2006.

Photo by Major Dany Laferriere / Staff Sergeant Jacob Caldwell

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) may go to war — not in Ukraine, but against its own members who don't conform to a new standard of

theological intolerance. This week, the minister of national defence released the report of the Minister's Advisory Panel on Systemic Racism and Discrimination. The panel, set up in December 2020 by the government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, was given the "clear mandate to seek out the policies, processes and practices that enable systemic racism and discrimination in the Department of National Defence (DND) and CAF." The terms of reference made it clear what the panel was to find: "All forms of systemic racism and discrimination, including anti-Indigenous and anti-Black racism, LGBTQ2+ prejudice, gender bias, right-wing extremism and white supremacy are exhibited within the CAF." (It's noteworthy that "right-wing extremism" was slipped in there. This government has a rather expansive view of what constitutes right-wing extremism; some days it is anyone who disagrees with the prime minister.)

The report is admirably brief for government work, a brisk 100 pages, but no less ambitious on that account. Unusually for a government body, the advisory panel began its weekly meetings with a prayer. Members turned toward "our Grandfathers the thunder beings, our Grandmother Moon and our Creator, however imagined." It turns out that the panel has a rather limited view of how the CAF should permit its members to imagine the Creator. Indeed, the panel advocates

firing all Muslim and Orthodox Jewish chaplains, as well Catholic priests and many Protestant pastors. They will all fall afoul of the new theological orthodoxy. The panel concedes that many CAF members find in religion “a source of solace, optimism and compassion,” and can turn to their “unit chaplain ... for effective support in ethical guidance or spirituality through the new Total Health and Wellness Strategic Framework.” Bureaucratese like that makes it clear that this won’t end well.

So does the panel’s ominous warning that, “Some chaplains represent or are affiliated with organized religions whose beliefs are not synonymous with those of a diverse and inclusive workplace.” As an example, the report notes that “some churches’ exclusion of women from their priesthoods violates principles of equality and social justice, as do sexist notions embedded in their religious dogmas. In addition, certain faiths have strict tenets requiring conversion of those they deem to be ‘pagan,’ or who belong to polytheistic religions. These faiths’ dogmas and practices conflict with the commitment of the Defence Team to value equality and inclusivity at every level of the workplace.” Thus all those chaplains must go, for the CAF “cannot justify hiring representatives of organizations who marginalize certain people or categorically refuse them a position of leadership.” The advisory panel’s view is that if a soldier who’s been wounded in battle, or even dying, calls for a chaplain, the CAF should not provide one unless it approves of the theological beliefs being offered. What the panel does not make clear is why the soldiers themselves are entitled to hold unacceptable religious views. Perhaps they aren’t — or won’t be. The panel denounces religions that propose monotheism rather than polytheism. That follows logically if you believe that there is a true God; other gods are by definition false. Does the panel take offence at Joshua, who challenged ancient Israel to declare itself, saying, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”? Joshua was fearsome in battle, but would have no place in the CAF.

The panel is advocating a crippling relativism here, in which a chaplain is not permitted to believe that his own religion is true. The panel recommends, in effect, that the CAF hold the theological view that there is no difference between believing in the Triune God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and professing belief in the divinities of the Roman pantheon, and that all its chaplains should hold this view. Should a Jewish chaplain consider that belief in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is — what’s the word? — true, and that faith in Jupiter is false, then he would be sent packing by the CAF. On the other hand, if you could find a Muslim chaplain who holds that Allah and Apollo are equally valid divinities, then he could be retained. But you won’t find him, because anyone who believes that is no longer a Muslim. But what if a “Muslim” who believes that there are other gods besides Allah could be found? Even that would not satisfy the extremist relativism of the panel. The CAF “cannot consider itself supportive of inclusivity when it employs as chaplains members of organizations whose values are not consistent with National Defence’s ethics and values — even if those members express non-adherence to the policies of their chosen religion.” So not even an apostate Muslim qualifies! The panel would apparently be cool with a Christian chaplain who isn’t too fussed about whether Jesus is divine, but if the pertinent “chosen religion” professes the 1,700-year-old Nicene Creed that Jesus is “God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God,” then unleash the anathemas!

That’s why the panel’s chaplaincy recommendations are a total assault not only on religious liberty, but the very idea of religion itself — unless that religion happens to be the “total health and wellness” dogmas of the CAF. It is proposing that the CAF become a secularist theocracy, a contradiction in terms. The panel’s rank anti-religious bigotry is revealed in relation to residential schools, as it argues that Christian chaplains are to be avoided because “Indigenous peoples have suffered unimaginable generational trauma and genocide at the hands of Christian religious leaders through initiatives such as residential school and Indian day school programs.” One might ask, but the panel does not, that if the Christian churches are disqualified on the grounds of residential school trauma, what about the government of Canada itself, which conceived, mandated and funded the schools? It was a government program, after all. According, the panel’s reasoning, that should disqualify the Government of Canada from being involved in Canada’s Armed Forces. The report is advisory, not government policy. One wishes for it the same treatment that our military procurement process delivers: no actual implementation.

2022 Invictus Games a success for Team Canada

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Members of the rowing team.

Another successful iteration of the powerful Invictus Games came to a close on April 22 in The Hague, Netherlands. After two years of delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s Invictus Games were highly anticipated amongst this year’s competitors. This year’s Team Canada comprised of 32 competitors, both serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and veterans, participating in a number of events, including archery, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair rugby, indoor rowing, wheelchair basketball, and powerlifting.



*Track and Field.
Image courtesy of Soldier On.*



Day 5 at the Invictus Games The Hague 2022 was full of adrenaline, as the powerlifters went for their personal bests, and the wheelchair basketball squad had a busy day, including a memorable match against the Dutch team!

Image courtesy of Soldier On, Facebook

Although Team Canada managed to nab a number of medals at this year's Invictus Games, the true victory is found beyond the medals for the

competitors. For many participants, this is about their journey to recovery, finding a new focus, and connecting with other competitors. However, for some team members, the event becomes a chance to find something new. "If it wasn't for the Invictus Games... I wouldn't have learned how to swim. For me now, swimming is a lifelong sport. It's my victory! Other sports like track or basketball will eventually be too difficult for my body, but I'll still have swimming and the memories from the journey that brought me here. I can't believe I was afraid of swimming, and I just swam alongside brothers and sisters in arms from 17 other nations," said Joanne Bradley, a member of Team Canada who feared water before the games. She ended up competing in swimming in the Invictus Games 2020/2022 with the support of coaches and her team. With the games wrapping up in The Hague, everyone is now looking to next year's host of Invictus: Germany. The games will be held in September 2023 in Dusseldorf, Germany. The games were supposed to take place in Germany this year. However, due to the delays caused by COVID-19, the games were postponed. They are scheduled to take place Sept. 9-16, 2023.

Changes in the Canadian Forces Personnel Appraisal System

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In an effort to support diversity and inclusion in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), the promotion selection board has made a number of steps this year to shake up the current system. According to CANFORGEN 009/22, these steps, along with other changes in the Canadian Forces Personnel Appraisal System (CFPAS), have been highlighted in the promotion selection board reports. The main findings from these reports were disseminated recently to all members of the CAF. While the formal annual selection boards for the promotion year 2022 have come to a close, selection boards for the promotion year 2023 will begin on Sept. 19, 2022. When analyzing PER processing and generally CFPAS, the selection board found a number of worthwhile notes to mention. According to the CANFORGEN, the CAF, since Sept. 1, approximately 1476 PERs were received, 500 arrived while in-house, and 1191 were not ready for the boards due to clerical or formal issues. Recently, one of the biggest challenges seen with

PERs has been the submission of late PERs, which “affects selection board preparation and can potentially necessitate time-consuming supplementary boards.” Receiving the PERs in a timely manner allows Director General Military Careers (DGMC) staff to provide the best quality boards and ensures members are fully represented. “All members deserve unique PER. Cut and paste, and duplication of previous year appraisals are counter to the aim of CFPAS, which is to develop CAF personnel through constructive feedback and to accurately assess the level of demonstrated performance and potential for career administration purposes,” stated the CANFORGEN.

Other notable points for CAF members to keep in mind in relation with PERs is:

- PER should be written in the official language of choice of the member, regardless of the language designation of the unit.
- Final printouts must be done on a laserjet printer.
- Photocopies and scans are not processed.
- CAF members must use the PER monitoring function in Monitor Mass
- Special instructions during COVID 19 are available at <http://cmp-cpm.mil.ca/recruitment-careers/cfpas/alternate-signature-process.page> (DWAN).

A number of new initiatives were implemented for this year’s selection boards to support diversity and inclusion. According to the message sent to the CAF, in the coming years, there will be further steps taken to strengthen the military’s initiative to be more inclusive.

The measures taken this year include:

1. Steps were taken to subject selection board scoring criteria to a gender-based analysis plus.
2. Each selection board required a minimum of one member from a CAF Employment Equity Group or the Defence Team Pride Network. These groups include women, indigenous peoples, visible minorities, and people with disabilities.
3. Selection board membership conducted a focused bias awareness training to generate reflection on the bias that can impede a fair and transparent board process.

In other areas, to support fairness and accuracy with selection boards, the CAF message noted that “quality control at the unit level must be enforced” since some PERs are overinflated. All supervisors must write and score their members according to the guidance provided. PERs that exceeded the nine-line limit were returned to the unit for correction. Other errors that supervisors need to watch out for include entering data correcting in Guardian and entering the correct academics, professional development, and second language qualifications. Other critical changes CAF members have experienced as of late include that fitness is no longer considered by the selection boards as criteria necessary for promotions. Additionally, the selection board has recognized that the opting-out process is “not always respected.” Therefore, those who wish to opt out must do so a minimum of 30 days before the end of the appraisal year in order to allow for proper ranking procedures within the units and organizations. The selection board also stressed that PER should continue to be written using gender-neutral pronouns. “To this end,

only rank and surname of individuals should be reflected in per text. Noncompliant PERS will be returned to units for correction in an effort to obscure gender,” read the CAF message.

The following occupations will draft and submit both CFPAS PER and Pace PAR for 2021/2022:

- RCN: 00342 Clearance Diver Technician, 0034 Naval Combat Systems Engineering, and 00345 Marine Systems Engineering
- CAF: 00130 Weapon Technician (Land/ CAF employed Only)
- RCAF: 00019 Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator
- CANSOF: As Identified SEPCOR
- Health SVCS: 00190 Physiotherapy office

These members are part of the pilot project to switch PERs to the Pace PAR for national selection boards in fall 2022. For additional information or assistance regarding CFPAS or the selection boards, contact DMCSS 2 Staff: LT (N) P.R. Henry or WO D.W. Nicholl. For additional information or assistance regarding Pace or to receive contact information for your Pace pilot group MOSID, contact DMCPG 6 Staff.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Wednesday Lunches

We’re attempting to start up our lunches in the Officers’ Mess on Wednesdays starting this week! It will be different than our past events as we need to order in from local restaurants. Not knowing how many will attend puts a severe crimp in the plans. As an interim measure, we’re trying out Door Dash. Order your meals online and have them delivered to the armoury (2025 West 11th Avenue) for Wednesday at noon. We’ve selected Earl's Kitchen and Bar, 1601 W Broadway as the first designated restaurant but this doesn’t prevent you from ordering elsewhere or even bringing a bagged lunch from home. Hope to see you on Wednesday! (We’ll still set up our Zoom connection for those that can’t make it <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6)

Retirement – Captain Rob Wishnicki CD

Captain Rob Wishnicki will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces on 31 May 2022 after 35+ years of service. His Depart with Dignity celebration will be held at Bessborough Armoury on 14 May 2022. Anecdotes, messages, etc can be sent to Captain James Morrison at jrmorr88@gmail.com Have you got photos from Rob's career that have not made it to the pages of the Vancouver Gunner? Send them to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Retirement – Captain George Dempsey CD

Captain George Dempsey retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 4 April 2021 after 37+ years of service. His Depart with Dignity celebration will be held at Bessborough Armoury on 28 May 2022. Anecdotes, messages, etc can be sent to Sergeant Donato Calogero at donato.calogero@forces.gc.ca. Have you got photos from George's career that have not made it to the pages of the Vancouver Gunner? Send them to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Lieutenant-Colonel John McGregor

Canadian Gunner News featured a photo of our former Commanding Officer still flying in 2010. Looking good beside a vintage L19. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/retired-commanding-officer>

5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA

Received a pdf version of their World War II history with a surprise connection to 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/5th-light-anti-aircraft-regiment-rca-casf>

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. Our zoom channel will also be open 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: MP 3008. The 9×19mm MP 3008 (*Maschinenpistole 3008* or "machine pistol



3008", also Volks-MP.3008 and Gerät Neumünster) was a German last ditch submachine gun manufactured towards the end of World War II in early 1945. Also known as the *Volksmaschinenpistole* ("people's machine

pistol"), the weapon was closely based on the Sten Mk II submachine gun, except for its vertical magazine; some had additional pistol grips. The MP 3008 was an emergency measure, designed at a time when Germany was at the point of collapse. Desperately short of raw materials, the Germans sought to produce a radically cheaper alternative to their standard submachine gun, the MP 40. The MP 3008 was a simple blowback design operating from an open bolt. It was crudely manufactured in small machine shops and variations were common. Typically, the magazine was bottom-mounted unlike the side-mounted Sten. Initially all steel without handgrips, the wire buttstock was welded to the frame and was typically triangular, however the design changed as conditions inside Germany worsened and on final guns wooden stocks and other variations are found.

The Gerät Potsdam, another version of the Sten Mk II produced by Mauser in 1944, was an exact copy of the original Sten, right down to its manufacturing stamps in an effort to conceal its origin for clandestine operations. About 28,000 were claimed to have been produced, but postwar interrogations of highly ranked Mauser personnel failed to provide proof that any more than 10,000 units had been made.

This Week: Many of you are probably still recovering from the effects of two things: one related to your military career, and the other to festivals, such as Easter. In the first, I noticed that quite a high percentage of retired service persons are hard of hearing, or, **HARD OF HEARING!!!**

This is especially true of those who served the guns, or, like me, had the misfortune of firing 3.5” rocket launchers before health and safety came about. Indeed, in the days before modern, tiny hearing aids, our associate members were “armed” (eared?) with a variety of large, and often noisy devices sticking out of one or both ears. Now they just look at you blankly, indicating a need to change the batteries. The other effect, that of gaining weight from eating too much at Easter, Christmas, Eid, Passover, Vaisakhi, and any other excuse, is less easy to rectify, unless you are an iron-willed devourer of vegan foods, which, strangely, is still a rarity in our circles.



This brings us to our weekly quiz. We have two seemingly unrelated items. One is a rather cobbled-together firearm of some sort, possibly all that the Canadian Army has left after generously giving away so much in the fight against Ivan Ivanovich. The other is something loved by many of us, especially partakers of tea. They seem so much chalk and cheese, but, amazingly, they are closely related. Your task is to identify the weapon, and tell us what role the munchie has in the story.

If you are well-fed, and up to the task, please contact the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Enjoy your bickies.



From the ‘Punitentary’

When should you take your father to class? When you have a pop quiz!

Murphy’s Other Laws

When you try to prove to someone that your weapon won't work, it will.

Quotable Quotes

Activism is a way for useless people to feel important even if the consequences of their activism are counterproductive for those they claim to be helping and damaging to the fabric of society as a whole. *Thomas Sowell*

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. **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



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.

The 15th Field 100th Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner



15th Field Artillery Regiment (RCA) Centennial Celebration Dinner

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

at

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

RSVP to dgfooster60@gmail.com



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.

The Coast to Coast Toast



The Coast to Coast Toast

in Celebration of Artillery Day

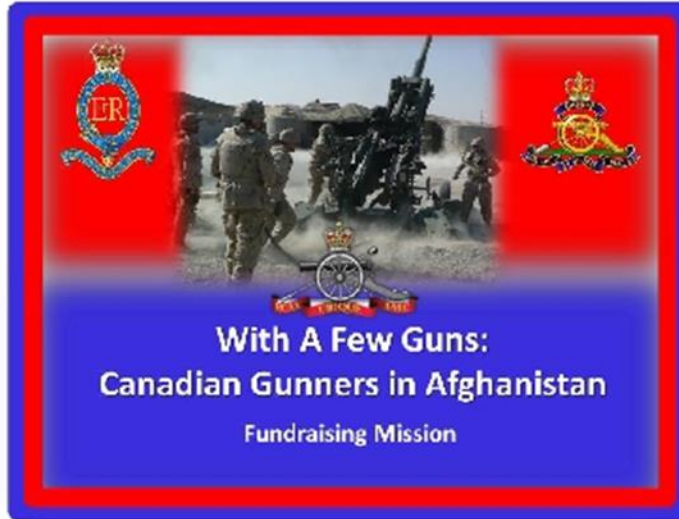
The RCA Association will be hosting a Coast to Coast Toast on Artillery Day on 26 May at 7pm ET.
More details to follow.

Register now!

<https://rcaa.member365.com/public/login/event/c9572257fdd219820a2bbc264e0575472adb07e2?do=signup>

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.

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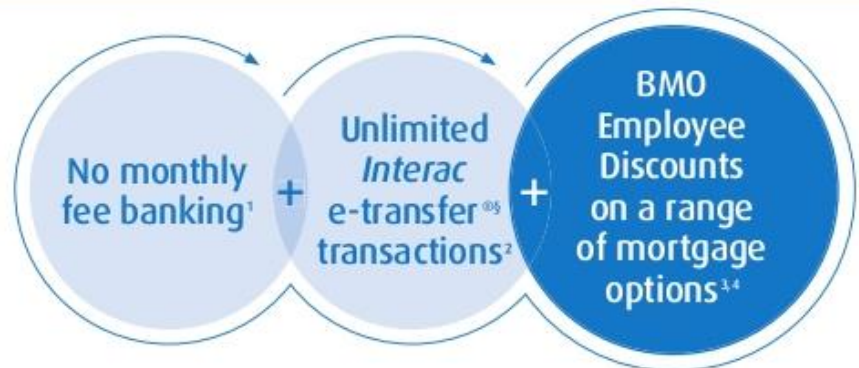
Bank of Montreal

The official bank of the Defence Community

Our strategy is simple –
Do more for you.



BMO is proud to be the official bank of the **Canadian Defence Community**, and to provide exclusive offers to you.



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-transfer^{5,6} transactions²
- OnGuard[®] Identity Theft Protection Service at no charge^{7,8}
- Keep the same accounts no matter how many times you relocate
- Access to CreditView[®] – 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 CashBack^{®**} or AIR MILES^{®†} MasterCard^{®‡}
- 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.



¹The monthly Performance Plan fee is waived. You are responsible for all transaction, service and product fees not included for free in your Bank Plan. ²The 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. Interac e-transfer[®] transactions are subject to maximum transfer dollar amounts. Applications and the amount you can borrow are subject to meeting BMO's usual credit criteria. ³Some conditions may apply. These special offers are not available for the 5-year or 10-year BMO Smart Fixed Mortgage or a Homeowner ReadLine. 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. Applicable to residential mortgages only and subject to Bank of Montreal standard lending criteria for residential properties. Longest rate guarantee of any major bank as of November 18, 2020. ⁶Plan, transaction, service and product fees may still apply. You'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 account holders 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. ⁷The 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. ⁸OnGuard[™] retail value is \$155.88 annually (charged at \$12.99 per month). ⁹OnGuard[™] is provided by Sigma Loyalty Group and Interactions Inc. Sigma Loyalty Group and Interactions Inc. terms and conditions can be found at www.bmo.com/onguard/516conditions. ¹⁰CreditView[™] 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. ¹¹You 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. ¹²Ongoing 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴Registered trademark of Bank of Montreal. ¹⁵Interac e-Transfer is a registered trademark of Interac Inc. ¹⁶OnGuard is a service of Sigma Loyalty Group. OnGuard[™] is a trademark of Sigma Loyalty Group Inc. Identity Guard[™] is a registered trademark of Interactions Inc. ¹⁷CreditView is a trademark of TransUnion LLC. ¹⁸MasterCard is a registered trademark, and the circles design is a trademark of Mastercard International Incorporated. Used under license.