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

Army Gala. The 2022 Gala has now been cancelled. New Date:- May 6, 2023, at the Sheraton Wall Centre

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see posters

Mar 09	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
Mar 16	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
	RUSI(NS) - Distinguished Speaker - Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities
Mar 23	Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting

The 15th Field 100th Anniversary Teahouse Mess Dinner

Hope all is well with you and yours.

Finally, the news we have been waiting for:

"Public Health Restrictions due to Covid-19 have been eased"

Note:- This does not apply to Armouries yet. The Army works to its own schedule, and we will announce here when the Armoury reopens.

Organized gatherings and events

Indoor or outdoor gatherings and events can happen at full capacity. Dancing is allowed.

- Proof of vaccination required for entry (12+)
- Masks required at indoor events, including when dancing

Upon receiving this update, the Teahouse Restaurant has confirmed they will offer full capacity for our event.

The 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 Fostet. email dgfoster60@gmail.com

Hope to see you on May 23, 2022.

Ubique, Don Foster HLCol

RUSI(NS) - Distinguished Speaker 16 March 2022

Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities in Atlantic Canada

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia extends an invitation to a presentation Wednesday, 16 March by Jan-Andrej Skopalik, Regional Manager, National Aerial Surveillance Program, Transport Canada Atlantic Region, titled "Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities in Atlantic Canada." His bio is attached. (see poster section)

This presentation will discuss the various activities conducted by the National Aerial Surveillance Program crews in support of Canada's National Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime and the North Atlantic Right Whales Initiative. The event will start at 1 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 16 March, then be followed by Q&A and finish by 3 pm Halifax time.

Registration is required. There is no fee to attend this event. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by close-of-business Sunday, 13 March. As the subject line for your registration email, put: RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 16 March 2022 Registration. In addition to your name, please provide your organization (association, company or unit). Participation is limited and later registrants may have to be put on a waiting list. If after registering your availability changes and you are no longer able to attend, please advise RUSI(NS) as soon as possible so your spot can be re-assigned.

The event will be done by Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to registrants by end Monday, 14 March. If you have not received them by end 14 March, please check your spam folder and, if necessary, email RUSI(NS).

RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice. Email RUSI(NS) if there is a question about an event occurring.

CAH Darlington Commander, Royal Canadian Navy (retired) Vice-President, RUSI(NS)

Strengthening Marine Safety in British Columbia

Government of Canada and Quatsino and Kitasoo Xai'xais First Nations Announce Launch of New Response Vessels Vanguard Staff, March 3, 2022



Two new dedicated response vessels under the Canadian Indigenous Coast Guard's Community Boat Volunteer Pilot Program were launched as announced by the Government of Canada and the Quatsino and Kitasoo Xai'xais First Nations. The Ouatsino and Kitasoo Xai'xais First Nations members of the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary. They

work and train with the Canadian Coast Guard, providing marine response within their respective traditional territories. "Indigenous communities like Quatsino First Nation and Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation are often first on scene in a marine emergency. Funding for these community response vessels is one way our government is helping make the coast of British Columbia safer. This fund will help increase the chance that someone involved in a marine incident will get home to their family," says the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Canadian Coast Guard's Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Pilot Program provides communities with funding to purchase boats that are built for their specific needs and marine environment under the Oceans Protection Plan. 35 Indigenous coastal communities across the country have received over \$10 million in total funding to date. These funds are to purchase or repair boats and related equipment. Coastal British Columbia Nations have a long history of responding to marine emergencies. They are the holders of extensive traditional knowledge of the local waters and conditions in their traditional territories. The Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary is the first of its kind in Canada. It is made up of more than 50 members from Ahousaht, Heiltsuk, Gitxaala, Nisga'a, Kitasoo Xai'xais, Quatsino and Kyuquot/Cheklesahht First Nations. The Quatsino Spirit is the Quatsino First Nation's new response vessel. It is a 27-foot vessel capable of cruising at 44.5 knots and is already in service. Members of the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary from the Quatsino First Nation recently participated in two search and rescue training exercises with the Canadian Coast Guard on the CCGS John P. Tully. James Wallas, Quatsino First Nation, Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary Board Director said, "We are now equipped, trained, and looking forward to providing exceptional service while on call and on regular patrols to ensure safety on the water. Our crew welcomes the new search and rescue vessel Quatsino Spirit and is looking forward to operating alongside the Canadian Coast Guard to continually improve our skills and to be 'Mission Ready'. Gi'lakas'la."

Search and rescue in the waters around the Great Bear Rainforest will be supported by the Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation in their new response vessel, the *Ksm Wutsi'in* (Mousewoman). This is a 30-foot vessel capable of cruising at 25 knots. The Oceans Protection Plan is the largest investment ever made to protect Canada's coasts and waterways at \$1.5 billion. This national plan serves to strengthen Canada's world-leading marine safety system. It also provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting our coastlines and clean water for generations to come. All of this work is done in close collaboration with Indigenous peoples, local stakeholders and coastal communities.

The Secret Weather Station

Environment and Climate Change Canada

The weather forecast above the cold waters of the Atlantic was crucial in the Second World War (WWII) for it determined the conditions, and chances of success, of many military operations. The Allies had an upper hand in the so-called "North Atlantic weather war", as prevailing weather patterns in the Northern Hemisphere generally move from west to east. During WWII, this meant that a weather station in Canada could observe a particular weather event and then pass that information on to British meteorologists on the other side of the Atlantic. Thus, the Canadians could tell the Allies what kind of weather was on its way to Europe.



Allied Forces' D-Day weather map showing weather observations in Europe.

Credit: UK Met Office.

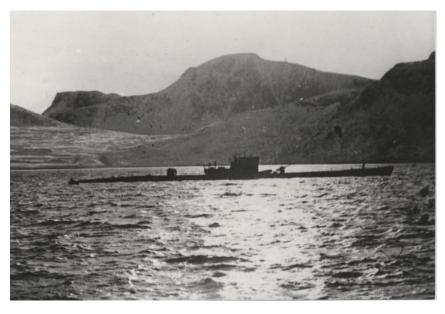
German scientists, in desperate need of this weather information, decided to try to establish a secret weather-observing network on the North American continent. They

decided that a prototype automatic weather station would first be installed just off Martin Bay on Killiniq Island, a remote area of the Labrador Peninsula in October 1943. The timing of this mission was critical; inlets would freeze over with the coming winter making it all the more unlikely, the scientists hoped, that Canadian authorities would either locate or dismantle the station.

German submarine U-537 at anchor in Martin Bay, NL 22 Oct 1943. Crewmembers can be seen on deck offloading components of the weather station into rubber rafts.

Credit: German Federal Archive

On the morning of October 22, 1943, after a dangerous month-long submarine crossing of the North Atlantic, German scientists unloaded the weather station on land and started to assemble and install it as quickly as possible. The station - codenamed Kurt - was marked with a logo and a name of a non-existing company — Canadian



Meteor Service - and empty American cigarette packs were scattered around to further disguise its identity!

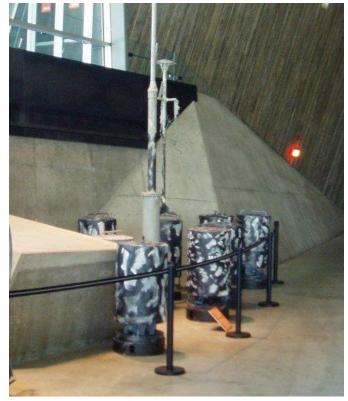


German Weather Station Kurt set up on the Hutton Peninsula, NL 22 Oct 1943.

Credit: German Federal Archive.

Weather station Kurt. Credit: Canadian War Museum.

The station remained undiscovered until 1977, when a geomorphologist, conducting research near Martin Bay, stumbled upon the "Kurt" weather station. He thought it was some kind of Canadian military outpost and just marked it "Martin Bay 7" on a map he kept during research. He notified the Canadian Ministry of Defense and finally, in 1981, weather station Kurt was officially discovered, standing on the same spot where the German crew left it - 38 years ago. Weather station Kurt has since been dismantled



and now stands in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, where it remains on display to this day.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

World News - Well, that was certainly a drastic turn of events over the last week. Our thoughts are with all the innocents caught in the midst of the deadly fighting taking place.

Ukraine conflict - A few video clips of artillery in the current conflict. https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/ukraine-conflict

Road Trip - Managed to navigate through the bureaucratic entanglement at the border and made a quick trip to Port Angeles. Our former member, David Christensen, has donated some items from his time in the military. It's a mix of both Canadian and American and should be of interest for all that have served in recent times. Will update as we catalogue the items.

Fort Worden - On our way back we stopped at the Coast Artillery Museum in Fort Worden. Definitely a spot to put on a future itinerary! Maybe we could offer volunteer time for accommodation? https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/fort-worden

VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - https://zoom.us/j/710845848 - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour. Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: This one stumped everybody. A few recognised it as the work of Gerald Bull. The



gun is described in the August 1964 CARDE Technical Report 484/64, titled "A High Performance Experimental Smooth Bore Gun". (CARDE was the Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment" in Valcartier, Quebec.) where Gerald Bull was employed from 1950-1961. This 3.2in calibre gun was built from two 17pdr barrels. It was developed in

order to assess potential muzzle velocities and to measure the internal ballistics of the gun. With a length of 100 calibres, a 1 lb projectile (in a discarding sabot) achieved a muzzle velocity of 9,650 feet per second. The propellant for the 1-pound projectile consisted of 5lbs of N-3-1-1. For comparison, the muzzle velocity of a normal 17pdr gun was 3,950 feet per second when firing APDS ammunition.

This Week: The history of military (and naval) kit is filled with items that might be labelled "it seemed like a good idea at the time". Such is the case with our own Canadian armoured shovel, so beloved of Sir Sam Hughes, but no one else, or the equally innovative British armoured bicycle, both featured in this column a few years ago. We are sure that other nations could add to this list of failed or almost-failed inventions. Let us remember the Soviet flying tank (very heavier than air), the Nazi Focke-Wulf Triebflugel (an aircraft from which bailing out our landing would have been equally fatal), the American Hiller VZ-1 Pawnee flying platform (although modern technology might make it viable, it would still be a great target), and any number of kooky items dreamt up for the Home Guard during the Second World War (the No. 74 ST Grenade was as

likely to stick to the thrower as to the target, but over 2.5 million were produced, and saw some action).



In fact, here is another one that was brought to our attention by one of our three or four readers. The clue to its country of origin might be discernible to our more eagle-eyed and quick-witted fans, or we might be expecting a bit much from them before they've consumed their Geritol (other seniors' drinks may be available). Beyond that, and the fact that the device's intent was the eradication of the dastardly Hun, we will give no more information. That is for you to provide to us: Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). G'day!

From the 'Punitentary'

What do you call a sheep that squeals on her pals? Ewe dirty rat.

Murphy's Other Laws

To err is human, to forgive is not military policy

Quotable Quotes

"Learning without thought is labour lost; thought without learning is perilous." - Confucius

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.

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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 dgfoster60@gmail.com



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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



Photograph showing a group of men at unveiling of Memorial at Ferguson Point in Oct 1966. Pictured (L-R): Warrant Officer Class II R. Guttridge, Lance Bombardier Elboim, [unidentified], [unidentified], Brigadier R.T. Dumoulin, Lieutenant Colonel N.D. Elsdon, Lieutenant Colonel A.M. McGavin, General Sir Charles Loewen, Lieutenant Colonel W.S. Jackson, Major General A.B. Matthews, Lieutenant Colonel G.F. Blythe, Colonel G.M. Platt, Lance Bombardier D. Davidson, Sargeant R. Thompson, [unidentified], Warrant Officer Class I P. Smith.



The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia presents

Distinguished Speaker Jan-Andrej Skopalik

National Aerial Surveillance Program
Transport Canada



Surveillance of Sea Surface Activities in Atlantic Canada

1 pm Halifax time, Wednesday, 16 March 2022 via Zoom

register through RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com





Jan-Andrej Skopalik

Jan-Andrej Skopalik started his career in the Public Service with Environment and Climate Change Canada as an Ice Service Specialist, and has been with the National Aerial Surveillance Program (NASP) since 2007. Whilst working for the NASP, Jan has been involved with the Deepwater Horizon response in the Gulf of Mexico, the Lac Mégantic and the Gogama train derailments, and the MV *Manolis L* oil recovery efforts off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as assisting with the 2014 Moncton Shootings and the search for a suspect accused of stabbing a Bridgewater, NS, police officer in 2020 for the RCMP. Jan has worked both in the field and as a part of several Incident Command Posts throughout his career.

Commémoration Chypre 2024







Mission

...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la gare 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 Cyprus 2024 | 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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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.

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- International customers can call collect at 514-877-7738
- · Find us on Social Media

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