



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 9 May 2023

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### **Upcoming events – Mark your calendars**

## **Commemoration Cyprus 2024** – see poster section

May 10 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting

May 13 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Battle of Ste Foy Commem Dinner CANCELLED

May 17 Wed 'Zoom' lunch meeting

May 18 Thursday lunch at the Mess. Speaker Roddy MacKenzie:-

Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph

## **Roddy MacKenzie – Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph**

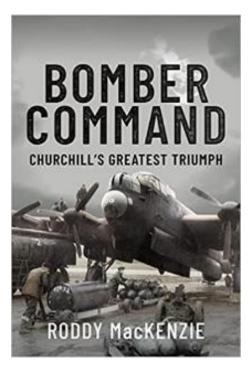
Please join us on Thursday, 18 May to welcome our next guest speaker, Roddy MacKenzie. He



will speak to us about his recently published book on Bomber Command in the Second World War. Roddy MacKenzie's father served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Bomber Command during the Second World War, but like so many brave veterans who had survived the war, he spoke little of his exploits. When Roddy started on his personal journey to discover something of what his father had achieved, he uncovered a great deal about the devastating effectiveness of Bomber Command and the vital role it played in the defeat of Third Reich. Roddy became a man on a mission, and this revealing, and often personal study, is the result. Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph takes the reader through the early days of the Second World War and introduces all the key individuals who

turned the Command into the war-winning weapon it eventually became, as well as detailing the men and machines which flew night after night into the heart of Hitler's Germany.

The main focus of his book is the destruction and dislocation wrought by the bombing to reduce, and ultimately destroy, Germany's ability to make war. In his analysis, Roddy dug deep into German archival material to uncover facts rarely presented to either German or English language readers. These demonstrate that Bomber Command's continual efforts, at appalling cost in aircrew casualties and aircraft losses, did far more damage to the Reich than the Allies knew. MacKenzie was born and raised in Calgary and educated at the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia. He was a municipal lawyer acting for municipalities throughout BC, a Queen's Scout, a Seaforth Highlanders Patron and a Life Member of Clan MacKenzie, the Monarchist League of Canada and the Bomber Command Memorial and Museum of Canada. He is also a member of the Churchill Society, Probus, the RAF Club in London, the Air Force Officers and Naval Associations of BC, and the Bomber Command Associations of Australia and New Zealand.



Also available at Amazon.ca for \$48.24

## **Thursday** (not Wednesday) Lunch – May 18, 2023

Lunch will consist of Roast Beef (Sirloin Tip), mashed potatoes (with gravy), mixed carrots and peppers with a small selection of desserts. The bar will be open as usual. Lunch will be restricted to 30 attendees. (If there is a good response that limit may be raised to 40.)

Lunch starts at **1200hrs**, and Roddy MacKenzie's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1315hrs**. Cost will be \$25 per person. Reservations and payment in advance is required.

Those wishing to attend must RSVP HLCol Don Foster @ dgfoster60@gmail.com

<u>Prepayment</u> for lunch tickets required by <u>May 12, 2023</u>. E-transfer may be made to: <u>15rca100th@gmail.com</u> If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements in advance with HLCol Don Foster.

There will be no cash or credit card option available at the door.

For further information, contact HLCol Don Foster at (604)809-6242 or <a href="mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com">dgfoster60@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Colonel">Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell at (604) 865-0612 or <a href="mailto:kdmaxwell@gmail.com">kdmaxwell@gmail.com</a>

# 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands



Netherlands Consul General Mr Sebastiaan Messchersmidt gives speech to assembled spectators

On May 4, 2023, the 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands, the Dutch Liberation Canadian Society held a commemoration service at Mountainview Cemetery in Vancouver to honour Canadian personnel who fell in the Liberation of the Netherlands and Victory in Europe. 15 Fd Regt HCol Don Foster attended the ceremony.

L-R
Sergeant Major Ray Gardner VPD
Staff Sgt Scott Rotherham VPD
HLCol Don Foster, 15Fd Regt RCA;
Inspector Mark Wooldridge, VPD;
Constable Justin Fraser VPD
Bugler, Constable John Gravengard VPD VPD

Consul General Mr Sebastiaan Messchersmidt gave a speech on the liberation of his country by Canadian troops and how the people of his country are still grateful for their actions and continue to commemorate it to this day. Then Mr Joost Blom, Director/Secretary of the Dutch



Liberation 2020 Canadian Society, read out the life story of a Canadian soldier buried in Groesbeek Military Cemetery.



Mr Steve Cochrane of the Royal Canadian Legion, West Vancouver Branch, laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion

That was followed by the laying of wreaths by Consul General Mr Sebastiaan Messerschmidt, Mr Steve Cochrane of the Royal Canadian Legion, West Vancouver Branch, Inspector Mark Wooldridge and Sergeant Major Ray Gardner, of the Vancouver Police Department and of tulip bouquets by Mr John van Rij, president of "Je Maintiendre" DutchNetwork; Mr TJ Weidema, President Dutch Business Association; Mrs Stephanie Forgacs, director Dutch Cultural Association of BC; Mr. Hans Steen,

Director of NASC -Netherlands Association of Senior Care; and, Mr Harri de Wijze, Director of Dutch school, The Esdoorn.

Then the Last Post played was by bugler VPD Constable John Gravengard and 2 minutes of silence was followed by the singing of both National Anthems, let by Mrs Eva Mentz-van Gunsteren

## Rheinmetall Pitches Unmanned Mothership Full of Tiny Attack Drones

Elisabeth Gosselin-Malo Defense News May 4, 2023

MILAN – German defense contractor Rheinmetall unveiled plans last month for a drone envisioned to carry up to eight loitering munitions and release them close to their targets. The drone carrier, dubbed Combat Drone, is based on the existing Luna Next-Generation (NG) platform, also manufactured by Rheinmetall and in service with different customers including the German Army. A video released last month by the company shows the system being launched via catapult, tracking a truck en route to a shed. The drone then releases explosive loitering munitions which first destroy a perimeter sensor and then blow up the truck parked inside the structure. "The video presents a proof of concept, where the shown elements are in development and currently at different stages of maturity," Rheinmetall spokesman Jan-Phillip Weisswange told Defense News in an email. "The Combat Drone will be capable of carrying and deploying different types of rotary-wing loitering munitions, which, depending on the kind and configuration, could total 8 effectors," he added. The timing for finalizing the idea will ultimately depend on customer interest, according to Weisswange.



A Rheinmetall drone stands on display at the ILA Berlin 2022 air show on June 22, 2022, in Schoenefeld, Germany. The company has pitched its catapultlaunched Luna drone as a carrier for smaller, steerable munitions. (Photo by Michele Tantussi/Getty Images)

While other details about the envisioned capabilities of the strike drone were not available, more is known about the system that inspired its design. The Luna NG, whose predecessor is the Luna X-2000 that has been operated by German troops since the early 2000s, was formerly manufactured by EMT Penzberg before Rheinmetall bought the operation in 2021. It is a lightweight reconnaissance drone capable of remaining airborne for 12 hours over ranges above 100 kilometers. Soldiers can launch it by way of a rope hoist catapult. While the drone carrier idea is not new by itself, the design was likely influenced by the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in Ukraine, according to Samuel Bendett, research analyst at the U.S.-based Center for Naval Analyses. "There is a need in Ukraine to provide kamikaze quadcopter capability and delivery beyond the technical specifications of these small drones," he said. Bendett points out that both the United States and China have been experimenting with the concept for years, while Russians officials were recently discussing the possibility of launching the Molniya small combat drone from the larger Grom platform. "At this point, it's about who will get there first – and the cost in this is a factor," said Bendett. "In actual combat, this type of drone delivery can be targeted by the adversary, so lowering the cost of such operations is the correct path forward," he said.

## **How Old Tech is Helping Ukraine Avoid Detection**

Jonathan Beale Defence correspondent, Eastern Ukraine May 3, 2023

As Ukraine prepares for its major offensive, it will only get harder to hide the troop build up from Russia's forces. So Ukraine is having to work out ways to confound the enemy.



Ukrainian troops along the eastern front line are aware of Russia's ability to intercept or block communications.

In a trench on the eastern front, a Ukrainian mortar team knows Russia's not just trying to hunt them down with drones - it's also using electronic warfare to try to locate their position. The men of Ukraine's 28<sup>th</sup> Brigade may have access to 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology - satellites, smart phones, and

tablets - to help communicate and identify targets. But they're also using a machine from the distant past. An antique that wouldn't look out of place in a trench during World War One: an old phone that you have to crank a lever on to initiate a call. Vlad and his men pick up the field phone whenever they're about to fire a mortar. Its dull ring makes a sound from a bygone era. For outgoing calls, they must crank a handle to ring other phones. It's like a scene from a black and white movie. Vlad grabs the cables that reach out to other nearby trenches. He says it's the safest means of communication, and that "it's impossible to listen in". He says Russian electronic warfare systems can detect and intercept mobile phones and radios, but pointing to his ancient field telephone, Vlad says: "This technology is very old - but it works really well."

So far, Russia's conventional forces have performed poorly and suffered heavy losses, but it still has some of the world's most advanced electronic warfare systems - the invisible means to track an enemy and to intercept or block communications. In fixed defensive positions they'll make Ukrainian advances more dangerous and difficult. Russia's Zoopark radars can locate artillery

fire. Its Zhitel vehicles detect, track and block radio frequencies, while the Borisoglebsk-2 can disrupt satellite communications like GPS. Russia's use of electronic warfare is also making it

harder for Ukraine's army of drones - key to getting a bird's eye view of the battlefield. At another location on the eastern front, Oleksii and his drone intelligence unit of the 59<sup>th</sup> Brigade use the cover of a bombed out building to fly their small Chinese commercial drone to identify Russian positions. In the early stages of the war, Ukraine appeared to be more adept in their use.

But Oleksii says now "the sky is full of drones".

Vlad says the 'crank to ring' phone he uses is the safest means of communication



He says the Russians, too, are using the same models, but have more of them. Though he believes they "care less about them", Oleksii says he's already lost five small Chinese-made drones and his Brigade "might lose three to four drones a day". He says the enemy have access to radio-electronic warfare stations and anti-drone guns which "can transmit interference and interrupt communications" to disable their drones. But in skilful hands, he adds, a small commercial drone like a Mavic can last "between two and three weeks". They try their best to avoid detection using encryption and altering their drone's geolocation. The one he's flying over Russian trenches is using a VPN in Australia, meaning it appears to be flying around the southern continent. But he says the disguise doesn't always work.

Russia has the resources... to fly drones every day, every hour, every second. Bohdan Ukraine's 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade. BBC

In contrast, Ukraine's efforts to bring down Russian drones can be more rudimentary - as we witnessed at another position. Ukrainian troops point to a drone flying high in the distance. It's an Orlan - a larger, Russian-made drone that can carry out surveillance or intercept communications. This time it's scouting out nearby Ukrainian defensive positions to direct



artillery fire. We hear the whizz of the shells before seeing the impact and smoke rising in the distance. The response of the nearby Ukrainian troops is to open up with a hail of bullets toward the sky, fired from their automatic rifles. But the Russian drone is too high. In this instance, their gunfire is futile. In a nearby command centre, Bohdan, of Ukraine's 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade, expresses his frustration that they can't do more. He says Russian drones are flying "every day, every hour, every second. They have the resources for that. We fight against it but not as much as we'd like."

The large screen behind him though shows that Ukraine is still able to do the same - even if they must now consider their drones as expendable items of war. We watch a live video feed from a Ukrainian drone hovering over nearby trenches. Russia may have the advantage in electronic warfare and more drones - they'll provide a challenge for Ukraine's coming offensive. But Russia has not yet been able to gain control of the skies, or defeat Ukrainian resistance and ingenuity.

## **EU Pledges Over \$1 Billion to Refresh Its Arms Factories for Ukraine**

Tom Kington and Vivienne Machi Defense News May 3, 2023

ROME and STUTTGART, Germany — The European Union committed €500 million (\$553 million) on Wednesday to beefing up the bloc's ammunition production lines to better supply Ukraine, saying member states would match the sum with individual contributions. The total of €1 billion to bolster output from factories across Europe will add to another €2 billion already committed by the EU to compensate members who donate their existing ammunition stocks to Kyiv as well to the joint purchase of fresh stocks to help halt Russia's invasion. Announcing the draft legislation for investing in EU factories, European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen said, "Ukraine is heroically resisting the brutal Russian invader. We stand by our promise to support Ukraine and its people, for as long as it takes."



Ukrainian Gunners fire a M777 howitzer towards Russian positions on the frontline of eastern Ukraine on Nov 23, 2022, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

(Photo by Anatolii Stepanov/AFP via Getty Images)

Thierry Breton, the EU's internal market commissioner, added he was "confident" that the so-called Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP) would push EU output to one million rounds of

ammunition a year within 12 months. The challenge is arming Ukraine for its planned spring offensive with an EU industrial base which has suffered from what the EU called "years of underinvestment." The ASAP cash will be used to build new factories producing ammunition and missiles, upgrade existing ones, encourage cross-border partnerships, improve access to raw materials, test and recondition old ammunition stocks and train new staff, the bloc said. "This is not only for the benefit of the Ukrainian armed forces in their fight to defend Ukraine's sovereignty against the Russian invasion, but also for the security of the European Union," said Josep Borrell, the bloc's foreign policy chief.

On Wednesday, Breton tweeted a video of his recent visits to EU production sites including Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Sweden, Bulgaria, Romania, Finland, France, Czechia, Italy, Austria, and Greece, and previewed future visits to sites in Germany and Spain. The scheme has been dubbed the third track in a package of measures agreed on in March, starting with the one

billion euros to be spent reimbursing members for ammunition stocks donated to Ukraine. Track two – a plan to spend another billion on the joint purchase by members on new ammunition – has sparked a row over whether the cash needed to be spent within the EU or could be used outside the union to speed up purchasing. The funds would come from the EU's off-budget mechanism known as the European Peace Facility (EPF), now holding more than €8 billion. Sweden, which currently holds the revolving presidency of the EU Council, announced on Wednesday a deal had been struck. An EU source told Defense News it was a compromise solution which requires the cash to be spent on ammunition and missiles which have "undergone an important" part of their manufacture in the EU or Norway, including final assembly.

# Joint Cadet Ftx Haywire Bay - Powell River

2781 BCR (DCO) & 2472 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Cadet Corps-28 to 30 April 2023 - Jim Barrett May 1, 2023

In the planning for several months a combined cadet Field training Exercise (FTX) focused on basic navigation skills was held at the Haywire Bay Provincial Campsite between the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Joining twelve cadets from our BCR Powell River Cadets were eight cadets from 2472 15 Field RCACC who travelled up from the Vancouver Area to participate in what for many was their first field training since the Covid Shutdown. Overall Exercise Director was Captain Caroline Visser from 2781 BCR and the OIC was Capt Jiri Motak, the 2IC and Training Officer

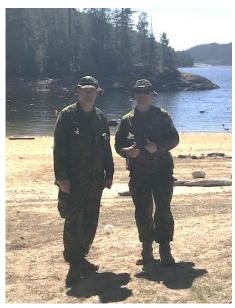
for 2472 15 FD. Capt Kirk Weale, CO 2472, assisted CI Barrett with Supply and stores and supervised training as needed. CV Robert Francis from Powell River taught the cadets how to make Bannock 'on a stick.'

Cadets from both 2781 BCR & 2472 15 FD at Haywire Bay. Photo by Jim Barrett





Haywire Bay in the evening Photo by Jim Barrett



Arriving in the Powell River area the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Cadets stopped first at a viewing point near the old townsite to view the breakwater for the mill that was largely made of sunken Victory Ships from WW II, many still with some recognisable superstructure where anti-aircraft guns were mounted. On arrival at the Timberlane Barracks the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Cadets were given a lesson on shooting bearings by LCol (Ret'd) Jim Barrett, former CO 15 Fd RCA and current President BCR Association, who is also a Civilian Instructor currently on strength with the Powell River Cadet Corps.

Following a MRE lunch, and the setting up of their tents for the evening, the cadets conducted more practical shooting of bearings and did multiple scenarios, including navigation by 'leapfrogging'. Photo by Jim Barrett



Joined later on Friday evening by cadets from the BCR Powell River Cadet Corps, all the cadets were

given further training on shooting and moving along bearings. Saturday morning commenced with a six-kilometre hike for the cadets to the Haywire Bay Campsite led by Civilian Volunteer Robert Francis and Capt Jiri Motak. Saturday was clear and warm. Following the evening meal, the cadets participated in fun activities before a final 'mugging up' snack before calling it a night.



Photo by Diane Sheldon

Sunday, saw the final meal and the breaking of camp with the 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Cadets redeploying back to Bessborough Armoury where they were challenged by a slight delay in catching the ferry back to Horseshoe Bay. The 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Cadets commented in their debriefing on

the ferry home how much they enjoyed the opportunity to train with another cadet corps and looked forward to future opportunities and more hiking challenges. A successful final FTX for both corps training years. Up the Dukes! Ubique!

## <u>Vivat Rex – Celebrating The King's Coronation</u>

At the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Lt Shawn Wade 3 May 2023

An enthusiastic crowd. which featured a couple of Knights a Raja and a diplomat forgathered at the Royal Vancouver Club Yacht on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 for a Pre-Coronation Luncheon to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.









The Royal Commonwealth Society Mainland of British Columbia and the Royal Society of St George sponsored an event which featured speeches in support of the Crown, a photo gallery where you could be King or Queen for a few minutes, a display of stamps, books and an original 1953 William Britain's Coronation Coach and horses. President, Lt Shawn M Wade CD, used a Baker Rifle sword bayonet lent by Society Member LCol (Ret'd) James Barrett CD, to cut a ceremonial cake which featured a photo of King Charles. Vivat Rex! (Lt Shawn Wade is also an officer in the 15 Fd Cadet Corps.)

## Vancouver Gunners Website Update

## Change of Command Ceremony - 27 May 2023

The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA will be performing a Change of Command ceremony on 27 May 2023 at 1230hrs. Please RSVP by 24 May 2023 to the Adjutant. https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/change-of-command-invitation

### **Yearbook Update – 2015 – Sergeants Mess Renovations**

Sergeant Donato Calogero has provided some great photos of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Renovations from 2015. Once the paneling was stripped away, the room displayed some of the work from the last reno in the 1960s <a href="https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/wo-sgt-mess-renos.html">https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/wo-sgt-mess-renos.html</a>

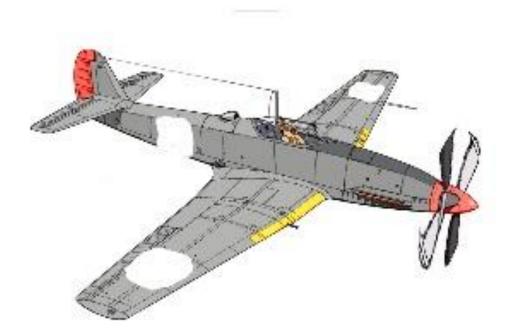
## Yorke island - 21-24 April 2023

More photos have been added to this Yorke Island page <a href="https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-21-24-april-2023">https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-21-24-april-2023</a>

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

# Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The Kawasaki Ki-64 (Allied code name: Rob) was a one-off prototype of an



experimental heavy, single seat, fighter. It had unusual design two it had features. First: two Kawasaki Ha-40 engines in tandem; one in the aircraft nose, the other behind the cockpit, both being connected by a drive shaft. This combination (called the Kawasaki Ha-201) drove two, threebladed, contra-rotating propellers.[1][2] The second feature was the use of the wing surface as a radiator

for the water-cooled engines.<sup>[3]</sup> The aircraft first flew in December 1943. During the fifth flight, the rear engine caught fire; and while the aircraft made an emergency landing, it was damaged. The aircraft was subsequently abandoned in mid-1944 in favour of more promising projects. The airframe survived the war, and parts of the unique cooling system were sent to Wright Field for examination.

This Week: In the quest to come up with military machines that do everything for the lowest possible price tag, some very poor pieces of kit have been produced, and some very odd ones. For examples of the former, look no further than a few items of the equipment that has saddled "peace dividend" armies around the world, since the end of the last Cold War. I won't mention any items by name, but, believe it or not, even Canada has sometimes strayed down that path, deviating from our mantra of "no piece of kit is too good for our troops". Actually, that sometimes is interpreted as "no kit is good for our troops", which save oodles of money. For the very odd, well, look no further than this week's interesting....hmm....thing? You see, it is something that was supposed to do two activities that are usually completely unrelated, except when the unexpected happens, and then, only once. As you can see, it has wings, and engines, and pontoons, and, well, what is that on top? It is reminiscent of something else, but I just can't put my finger on it.



Well, maybe our readers can do better than I at recognizing just what sets this device apart from almost anything else ever dreamt up. If you are up to the challenge, then send us your ideas. Contact the editor, Bob Mugford (<a href="mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com">bob.mugford@gmail.com</a>), or the author, John Redmond (<a href="mailto:johnd.\_redmond@telus.net">johnd.\_redmond@telus.net</a>). And, if you are confused, you are not alone.

## From the 'Punitentary'

Give a brief explanation of an acorn. It's an oak tree, in a nutshell!

## Murphy's Other Laws

The problem with 'stupid,' is that people who act that way typically don't realize they're being stupid until it's too late.

## **Quotable Quotes**

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. Walter Bagehot

## **Wednesday Digital Video Lunch**

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

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

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



Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an reliable easy, 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, training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together frictionless environment to

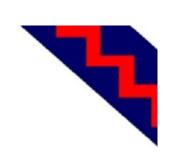
get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose, CA.

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

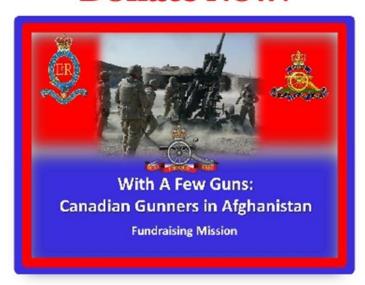
Attendance at this meeting is falling off. If you haven't been on for a while we miss you so come back and join us

## 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 Foce 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 fundraisining 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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Then donate to: RCAA Donation "With a Few Guns"

## **Commemoration Cyprus 2024**



#### Commémoration Chypre 2024



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#### 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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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