

Canadian Gunners at SHAPE Celebrate UBIQUE 150

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Chief Warrant Officer (Master Gunner) Rodney Gallant, the SHAPE Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Partnerships Directorate, wearing his distinctive UBIQUE 150 patch.

Canadian Gunners at SHAPE are proud to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of A and B Batteries - the first “full-time” or “regular” elements of the post-Confederation Canadian Army, which exist today as sub-units of the same designation within 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Presently, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (RCA) consists of over 5000 regular and reserve Gunners that serve within 23 Regular & Reserve Force Regiments and Independent Batteries, who provide on time, on target firepower in support of the Canadian Army.

As a unique way to celebrate the proud history of the RCA, Gunners coast-to-coast-to-coast across Canada, along with those abroad, are currently wearing a highly distinctive “UBIQUE 150” patch on their Canadian Disruptive Pattern (CADPAT) uniforms. One of two Canadian Gunners at SHAPE happens to be Chief Warrant Officer (Master Gunner) Rodney Gallant, who is currently serving as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Partnerships Directorate. Reflecting upon his last two years in Belgium, Chief Warrant Officer Gallant stated, “I have had the opportunity to have some great Gunner Conversations with our NATO and Partner Allies, and they all reflect on the great work being done by Canadian Gunners around the world which falls in line with our motto “UBIQUE”

indicating that Gunners are “everywhere.” As a Senior Appointment Chief Warrant Officer the only thing I have on my uniform to indicate that I am a Gunner by trade is my Master Gunner Badge, and surprisingly enough as I visit NATO and Partner Nations soldiers and more importantly Gunners can identify this badge as a Gunner qualification. As a proud Gunner, for the next year, I will proudly be wearing my “UBIQUE 150” patch. As I continue my OUTCAN experience in the Baltic Region as the Task Force Latvia Sergeant-Major this posting season, I will continue to share the deep history, heritage, and

traditions of the RCA with our NATO Soldiers within the four enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Battle Groups in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland.”



Chief Warrant Officer (Master Gunner) Rodney Gallant (left) and Major Nicholas Kaempffer (right) at SHAPE, wearing their distinctive UBIQUE 150 patches, which celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of A and B Batteries.

It is an honour for Canadian Gunners, both those at home along with those abroad, to celebrate this most significant military and national milestone. With the UBIQUE 150 commemorative patch authorized for wear until the 4th of December, 2021 (which also happens to be Saint Barbara’s Day – the patron saint of Gunners), if you happen to see a Canuck so attired, don’t hesitate to stop and talk loudly about all things Artillery. UBIQUE!

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