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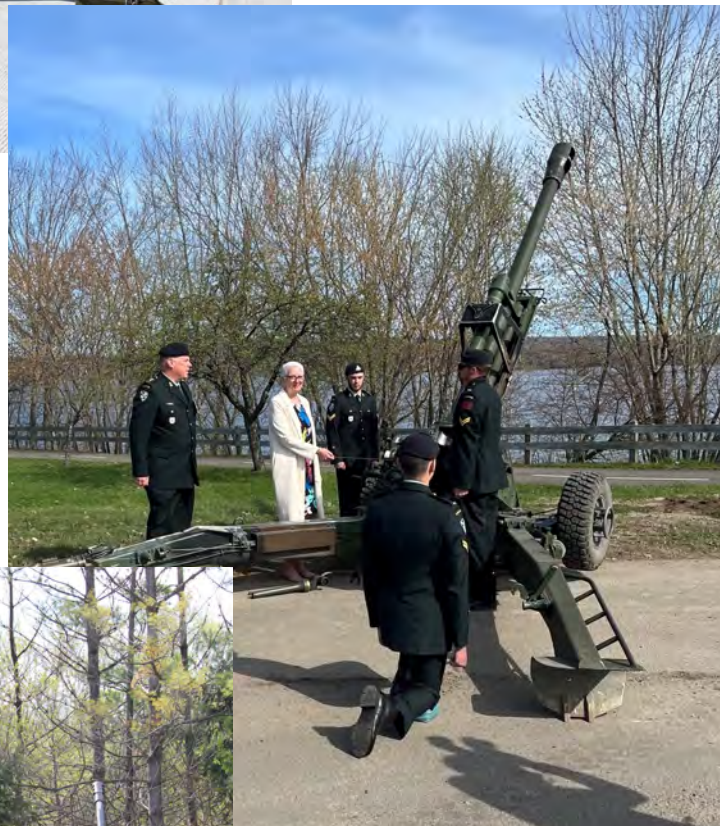
## Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III

## Couronnement de Sa Majesté, le roi Charles III



*30th Field Artillery Regiment, as the National Salute Troop, conducting a Gun Salute for the Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III*

*30e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, en tant que troupe nationale de salut, menant une salve d'artillerie pour le couronnement de Sa Majesté, le roi Charles III*



*The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Her Honour the Honourable Brenda Murphy, fires the last round of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment's gun salute.*

*La lieutenant-gouverneure du Nouveau-Brunswick, Son Honneur l'honorable Brenda Murphy, tire la dernière salve d'artillerie du 3e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne.*



*11 Fd gun detachments following their Gun Salute.*

*Photo by Gnr Alistair MacLellan, 11 Fd*

*11 détachements de Fd suite à leur Gun Salute.*

*Photo de Gnr Alistair MacLellan, 11 Fd*







**Brigadier-General/brigadier-général (ret'd/ret) D.A. Patterson, MSM, CD**



## Message from the Colonel Commandant

## Message du Colonel Commandant

This past year, serving as the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery has been both an honour and a privilege. The following report outlines key activities undertaken throughout the year, emphasizing engagement, leadership development, operational success, and the preservation of the Regiment's rich history.

In March 2023, a significant highlight was the visit to Op PALACI, where avalanche control gunners from across Canada were stationed in Rogers Pass through the winter. This visit, accompanied by the Regimental Colonel and the RSM RCA, was not merely a ceremonial gesture but a crucial effort to connect with the gunners and leaders on the ground, and understand the challenges they face in unique operational environments. The work done by Op PALACI is a vital contribution to the economic well-being of our country and hearing the enthusiasm with which the Transport Canada staff spoke of the work accomplished by our gunners was truly inspiring. Engaging with the gunners involved in avalanche control operations provided invaluable insights and reinforced the personal connection between the command structure and those executing critical missions.

The Regimental Leaders Course conducted at the Home Station in CFB Shilo, Manitoba, in September 2023 stands as a testament to the commitment to professional development and leadership excellence within the artillery. As the Colonel Commandant, active involvement in this successful course was a privilege for me in fostering a culture of continuous learning and skill enhancement among artillery officers. The course's success reflects the dedication of both the participants and the leadership towards maintaining high standards of competence within the Regiment. Furthermore, the dedicated support provided by 1 RCHA, the Regimental HQ staff, and the RCA Museum made the course the success it was.

Op HUSKY 2023 presented a significant historical achievement for The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. The active participation of gunners, comprising many CAF participants, and a large part of the support staff, underscored the Regiment's effectiveness and adaptability. This success is a result of meticulous planning and the dedication of the team led by a former Gunner Honorary Colonel, Mr. Steve Gregory, MSM. The ability to contribute substantially to commemorative events like this reaffirms the Regiment's integral role in maintaining our heritage.

Participating in the well-attended St Barbara's Day dinner in Vancouver, hosted by the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, highlighted the importance of traditions and community within the artillery. The event served as a platform for fostering camaraderie and acknowledging the dedication of the Regiment's members. Ably hosted by the CO, LCol Grieve, and Honorary LCol Foster, the large participation from the units of the Vancouver Garrison served to reinforce the significance of maintaining strong bonds and celebrating the rich heritage of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

The work of our Association over the past year has continued to support the retired and serving community of Gunners across Canada. The webinars that provided an opportunity to hear from prominent Gunners on subjects of current and historical value were just one of the programmes offered by our Association. Its support to the publishing of "With a Few Guns," narrating the stories of Gunners in Afghanistan,

Au cours de la dernière année, mon rôle à titre de colonel commandant du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne a été à la fois un honneur et un privilège. Le rapport suivant décrit les principales activités menées au cours de l'année, en mettant l'accent sur l'engagement, le perfectionnement en leadership, la réussite opérationnelle et la préservation de la riche histoire du Régiment.

En mars 2023, l'un des moments importants a été la visite dans le cadre de l'Op PALACI, pendant laquelle des tireurs responsables du contrôle des avalanches de partout au Canada étaient affectés au col Rogers pendant l'hiver. Cette visite, en compagnie du colonel régimentaire et du SMR ARC, n'était pas qu'un simple geste cérémonial, mais un effort important pour établir des liens avec les artilleurs et les dirigeants sur le terrain et comprendre les défis auxquels ils sont confrontés dans des environnements opérationnels particuliers. Le travail accompli dans le cadre de l'Op PALACI est une contribution essentielle au bien-être économique de notre pays, et l'occasion de constater l'enthousiasme avec lequel le personnel de Transports Canada parle de ce travail accompli par nos artilleurs a été véritablement inspirante. L'engagement auprès des artilleurs participant aux opérations de contrôle des avalanches a permis de fournir de précieux renseignements et de renforcer les liens entre la structure de commandement et les personnes qui exécutent ces missions essentielles.

Le cours des leaders régimentaires donné à la maison mère, à la BFC Shilo, au Manitoba, en septembre 2023, est un témoignage de l'engagement envers le perfectionnement professionnel et l'excellence en leadership au sein de l'artillerie. En tant que colonel commandant, j'ai eu le privilège de participer activement à ce cours afin de favoriser une culture axée sur l'apprentissage continu et l'amélioration des compétences parmi les officiers d'artillerie. La réussite du cours reflète le dévouement des participants et des dirigeants au maintien de normes élevées en matière de compétences au sein du Régiment. De plus, le soutien fourni par le 1 RCHA, le personnel du QG régimentaire et le Musée de l'ARC a contribué à la réussite du cours.

L'Op HUSKY 2023 a représenté une importante réalisation historique pour le Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne. La participation active des artilleurs, comprenant de nombreux participants des FAC et une grande partie du personnel de soutien, a souligné l'efficacité et l'adaptabilité du Régiment. Ce succès est attribuable à la planification minutieuse et au dévouement de l'équipe dirigée par un ancien artilleur, le colonel honoraire Steve Gregory, MSM. La capacité d'apporter une contribution importante à de telles activités de commémoration confirme le rôle intégral du Régiment dans la préservation de notre patrimoine.

La participation au fort populaire souper de la fête de Sainte-Barbe à Vancouver, tenu par le 15<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC, a souligné l'importance des traditions et de la communauté au sein de l'artillerie. L'activité a servi de plateforme visant à favoriser la camaraderie et à reconnaître le dévouement des membres du Régiment. La grande participation d'unités de la garnison de Vancouver à cette activité, animée brillamment par le cmdt, le Lcol Grieve, et le Lcol honoraire Foster, a souligné l'importance de maintenir des liens solides et de célébrer le riche patrimoine du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne.

Le travail accompli par notre association au cours de la dernière année a continué de soutenir la communauté d'artilleurs actifs et retraités dans l'ensemble du Canada. Les webinaires qui ont donné l'occasion aux artilleurs importants de formuler des commentaires sur des sujets de valeur actuelle



was a momentous occasion. As an Afghan veteran myself, I welcomed this historical narrative of the key role played by Gunners with enthusiasm. I strongly encourage more gunners to contribute their stories for Volume 2 (2007-2014) to demonstrate our collective commitment to preserving the legacy and experiences of the Regiment. Sharing these narratives not only honors the contributions of individual gunners but also inspires a sense of pride and identity within the entire Gunner community.

In conclusion, my activities as the Colonel Commandant of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in 2023 were marked by efforts to underline the Regiment's commitment to operational excellence, leadership development, community engagement, and the preservation of the regiment's storied history. These activities collectively contribute to the regiment's resilience, adaptability, and sense of identity, ensuring its continued success in the face of future challenges.

et historique n'étaient qu'un des programmes offerts par notre Association. Le soutien à la publication de « With a Few Guns » (Avec quelques canons), qui raconte les histoires des artilleurs en Afghanistan, a été un grand moment pour nous. Étant moi-même un vétéran de l'Afghanistan, j'ai accueilli avec enthousiasme ce récit historique du rôle clé joué par les artilleurs. J'encourage fortement d'autres artilleurs à contribuer à la publication du volume 2 (2007-2014) pour témoigner de notre dévouement collectif à la préservation de l'héritage et des expériences du Régiment. La publication de ces récits souligne non seulement les contributions des artilleurs individuels, mais inspire un sentiment de fierté et d'identité au sein de la communauté d'artilleurs.

En conclusion, mes activités à titre de colonel commandant du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne en 2023 ont été marquées par des efforts visant à souligner l'engagement du Régiment envers l'excellence opérationnelle, le perfectionnement en leadership, l'engagement communautaire et la préservation de l'histoire célébrée du Régiment. Ensemble, ces activités contribuent à la résilience, à l'adaptabilité et au sentiment d'identité du Régiment, afin d'assurer sa réussite à long terme face aux défis à venir.







**Brigadier-General/brigadier-général S. Hunter, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD**



## Message from the Senior Serving Gunner

## Message de l'artilleur principal en service

Fellow Gunners of The Royal Regiment – it is an honour to once again take a moment to acknowledge your efforts and contributions to the Canadian Armed Forces. I will leave it to others to highlight the incredible individual and collective accomplishments, but let me say that across all ranks, Regular and Reserve, you continue to soldier with professionalism and dedication. From Op LENTUS to Op REASSURANCE and those engaged in the force development and acquisition space to all Gunners working on important institutional matters, which include the modernization and evolution of our collective culture and operating environment – let me start by saying thank you. You all continue to perform admirably.

It is no secret or surprise that the world continues to become more dangerous. We find ourselves in a polycrisis, multiple crises that overlap and feed into each other, inflaming overall global instability. Simply put, we can anticipate more wars, more humanitarian disasters, more fires and floods, and more pandemics. All of this means that there will be an increased reliance on the CAF and an increased demand on all of you. We must be ready. It is incumbent on all of us to maximize opportunities during training and deployments to evolve and prepare. Therefore, you must be bold, experiment, and make the most of finite opportunities and resources. Share lessons learned and remain professionally curious. This is how we will ensure our readiness.

On Op REASSURANCE, the Canadian-led Battle Group continues transitioning towards becoming a Multinational Brigade as part of our NATO commitments. As a result, the Commander of the Canadian Army (CCA), LGen Paul, has been a vocal advocate for rapidly increasing Canadian artillery capabilities through several un-forecasted urgent operational requirements (UOR) that include Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) and Counter-UAS (CUAS) systems. The Indirect Fire Modernization (IFM) project continues at pace as one of CCA's Top 3 procurement priorities, and the VCDS has supported the SP Howitzer UOR in principle (understanding funding will need to be identified). We have never been better positioned than we are today. If you have not read the RCA Modernization Narrative, read it. This is our Corps' modernization centre of gravity and our handrail to ensure that we speak with one voice regarding the way forward. With the acquisition of new fires systems, The Royal Regiment will look to all of you to integrate and operationalize them in a timely manner. This includes developing new doctrine, delivering associated training, and evolving our tactics, techniques, and procedures to make us more lethal and resilient. I ask all of you charged with such duties to take them seriously as we must be ready to face emerging challenges when they arise.

Change is not confined to the operational realm. Institutionally, we will soon have a new Chief of the Defence Staff. In the coming months, we will bid farewell to Gen Eyre, who has been an exceptional CDS, leading us through particularly challenging times. General Eyre is a champion for the profession of arms, our people, and our mission. He has been a great friend to the Canadian Army and The Royal Regiment, and he will be missed. By the time this volume is published, a new CDS will likely have been named. Regardless of who that is, we must ensure that we continue to operate at the highest levels of professionalism to maintain the trust and confidence that has been a hallmark of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Additionally, LGen Paul will retire this summer. I want to thank LGen Paul for his strong support to the Gunner community and his sustained efforts to modernize the Canadian Army.

Chers artilleurs, chères artilleuses du Régiment royal, c'est encore une fois un honneur de prendre le temps de saluer vos efforts et de souligner les contributions que vous avez apportées aux Forces armées canadiennes. Je laisserai à d'autres le soin de souligner vos réalisations individuelles et collectives incroyables, mais je tiens à vous dire qu'au sein de tous les grades, dans la Force régulière et la Force de réserve, vous perséverez dans votre mission de soldat avec professionnalisme et dévouement. À tous ceux qui sont déployés dans le cadre de l'Op LENTUS et de l'Op REASSURANCE, à ceux qui participent au développement des forces et à l'espace d'acquisition, et à tous les artilleurs et artilleuses qui travaillent sur des affaires institutionnelles importantes, ce qui comprend la modernisation et l'évolution de notre culture collective et notre environnement opérationnel – permettez-moi d'abord de vous remercier. Vous continuez tous à effectuer votre travail de manière admirable.

Le fait que le monde continue de devenir de plus en plus dangereux n'est pas un secret et n'a rien d'étonnant. Nous sommes confrontés à des polycrises, c'est-à-dire de nombreuses crises qui se chevauchent et qui s'alimentent les unes les autres, ce qui met le feu à l'instabilité mondiale générale. En termes simples, nous pouvons nous attendre à plus de guerres, à plus de catastrophes pour l'humanité, à plus d'incendies et d'inondations, et à plus de pandémies. Ainsi, il y aura un recours accru aux FAC et des exigences accrues sur vous tous. Nous devons être prêts. Il nous incombe à tous de maximiser les possibilités lors de l'entraînement et des déploiements afin d'évoluer et de nous préparer. Vous devez donc être audacieux, puis expérimenter et saisir le nombre limité de possibilités et de ressources. Échangez les leçons retenues et demeurez curieux sur le plan professionnel. C'est ainsi que nous garantirons notre état de disponibilité opérationnelle.

Dans le cadre de l'Op REASSURANCE, le groupement tactique dirigé par le Canada continue de progresser pour devenir une brigade multinationale dans le cadre de nos engagements de l'OTAN. Par conséquent, le Lgén Paul, commandant de l'Armée canadienne (cmdt AC), a été un ardent défenseur de l'augmentation rapide des capacités de l'artillerie du Canada. Il a de ce fait approuvé plusieurs besoins opérationnels urgents (BOU) non prévus, notamment les systèmes de défense anti-aérienne à très courte portée (DAATCP) et de lutte contre les systèmes aériens sans pilote (CUAS). Le projet de modernisation des systèmes de tir indirect suit son cours en tant que l'une des trois principales priorités d'acquisition du cmdt AC, et le VCEDM a appuyé en principe le BOU de l'obusier AM (il est entendu qu'il faudra établir une source de financement). Nous sommes dans une meilleure position que jamais. Si vous n'avez pas lu le message sur la de modernisation de l'ARC, lisez-le. Il s'agit du centre de gravité de la modernisation de notre Corps et de notre ligne directrice pour veiller à ce que nous parlions d'une seule voix concernant l'avenir. Avec l'acquisition de nouveaux systèmes de tir, le Régiment royal comptera sur vous tous pour les intégrer et les rendre opérationnels en temps opportun. Cela comprend l'élaboration d'une nouvelle doctrine, la prestation d'un entraînement connexe et l'évolution de nos tactiques, techniques et procédures pour que nous soyons plus létaux et résilients. Je demande donc à chacun d'entre vous qui se verra confier de telles tâches de les prendre au sérieux, car nous devons être prêts à relever de nouveaux défis lorsqu'ils surviennent.

Le changement ne se limite pas aux opérations. Sur le plan institutionnel, nous aurons bientôt un nouveau chef d'état-major de la défense (CEMD).



Shifting to our most precious resource – people – I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the life challenges that many of you face. I know that some of you are struggling with housing, family medical support and jobs, and making ends meet. Post-pandemic, our country finds itself in challenging financial times, which affects all of you. This is not lost on the CAF leadership and efforts are being made to improve the situation. Although change may seem slow, and I know there is frustration, help is on the way. In the meantime, if you are struggling, I would ask that you please reach out to your chain of command, to peers, and to the many services that are available on base. There are many ways that you can get help; don't try to go it alone.

Once again, I thank each of you for your heavy lifting and continued service to country. I equally wish to thank your families for their unfailing support and sacrifice; we cannot achieve what we achieve without their reinforcing fires, which do not go unnoticed. Know that I am immensely proud to serve as your Senior Serving Gunner. My best wishes to every member of the Regimental family, and good shooting for 2024!

Au cours des prochains mois, nous dirons au revoir au Gén Eyre, qui a été un CEMD exceptionnel et nous a guidés à travers des moments particulièrement difficiles. Le Gén Eyre est un champion de la profession des armes, de nos gens et de notre mission. Il a été un grand ami de l'Armée canadienne et du Régiment royal, et il nous manquera. Au moment de cette publication, un nouveau CEMD a probablement été nommé. Peu importe la personne nommée, nous devons nous assurer de continuer à exercer nos opérations selon les plus hauts niveaux de professionnalisme afin de préserver la confiance qui caractérise si bien le Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne. De plus, le Lgén Paul prendra sa retraite cet été. Je tiens à remercier le Lgén Paul pour son soutien solide offert à la communauté des artilleurs et ses efforts soutenus pour moderniser l'Armée canadienne.

Parlons maintenant de notre ressource la plus précieuse : les gens. Je m'en voudrais de ne pas reconnaître les défis auxquels beaucoup d'entre vous sont confrontés. Je sais que certains d'entre vous sont aux prises avec des problèmes de logement, de soutien médical pour les familles et d'emploi, et que vous avez de la difficulté à joindre les deux bouts. Depuis la fin de la pandémie, notre pays traverse une période financière difficile, ce qui touche chacun d'entre vous. Le leadership des FAC en est bien conscient et il fait des efforts pour améliorer la situation. Bien que les changements puissent sembler lents et que cela est frustrant, sachez que de l'aide arrive. Entre-temps, si vous vivez des difficultés, je vous prie de communiquer avec votre chaîne de commandement et vos pairs, et de faire appel aux nombreux services disponibles dans la base. Il existe de nombreuses façons d'obtenir de l'aide; n'essayez pas de vous en sortir seul.

Encore une fois, je remercie chacun d'entre vous pour vos efforts soutenus et de votre service continu au pays. Je souhaite également remercier vos familles pour leur soutien indéfectible et leur sacrifice; nous ne pourrions pas faire ce que nous faisons sans leurs renforcements, qui ne passent pas inaperçus. Sachez que je suis extrêmement fier d'être votre artilleur-major. Je souhaite bon succès à tous les membres de la famille régimentaire et bon tir à tous en 2024!





**Colonel/colonelle K.L.A. Bouckaert, OMM, CD**



## Message from the Director RCA

## Message de la Directrice de l'ARC

### *Dear members and friends of The Royal Regiment,*

Another year has seemingly flown by with some significant steps forward in the advancement of Artillery modernization having been made across The Royal Regiment. The Artillery has never been better positioned or supported than it is right now with our value proposition undeniable.

In an ever-changing global security landscape, the ability to adapt and evolve is paramount. Recent conflicts, such as Ukraine's war with Russia, have served as poignant reminders of the criticality of agility, flexibility, and adaptability when it comes to warfighting in a modern battlespace. The RCA and the CA are taking these lessons to heart, having embarked on a journey of modernization aimed at ensuring they remain lethal, agile, and relevant in an uncertain world.

### **The Evolving Battlefield**

The conflict in Ukraine has highlighted several key lessons for modern militaries. One of the most striking take-aways is the need for advanced artillery capabilities – capabilities that have proven battle-changing. In the face of hybrid warfare tactics and massed fires supported by uncrewed aerial systems (UAS) and precision strikes, contemporary artillery units must be equipped with state-of-the-art systems that offer increased range, accuracy, and firepower. From cannon artillery, forward observers, and weapons locating sensors to uncrewed aerial systems, target acquisition radars, and air defence, the RCA has recognized this imperative and – with the full support of the CCA – is investing in upgrading its equipment to meet the challenges of today and into the future.

### **RCA Contributions to Op REASSURANCE**

The force generation (FG) of an organization like a soon to be established Artillery Battalion Group is what the RCA exists for. We failed to hoist this aboard during our years in Afghanistan, losing out on a tremendous opportunity to grow and evolve as a Corps. Given Canada's framework nation status, the interoperability and integration of broad fire support assets will be paramount to the fielding of a combat capable force. While the sustained FG of this organization will not be easy and will push the Corps to its maximum capacity (something it has not lived in recent memory), our contribution of over 250 Gunners and 75 supporting CSS personnel from more than 15 different trades deployed persistently to Op REASSURANCE every rotation to deliver SENSE, SHIELD, and ACT functions is significant and will set the stage for our continued advancements with respect to how we deliver effects into the future.

### **The Modernization Imperative**

Modern warfare is increasingly reliant on technology and information warfare. Our Ukrainian partners are actively integrating cutting-edge yet oftentimes simple application-based technology to react to Russian tactics and with a view to delivering lethal artillery effects rapidly to achieve the advantage. Whether through enhanced usage of drones to enable the delivery of indirect long range precision fires (LRPF) on depth high

### *Militaires, amis et amies du Royal Regiment,*

Une nouvelle année s'est apparemment écoulée et des progrès considérables ont été réalisés dans la modernisation de l'Artillerie au sein du Royal Regiment. L'Artillerie n'a jamais été aussi bien positionnée et appuyée qu'à l'heure actuelle, et notre proposition de valeur est incontestable.

Dans un contexte où la sécurité mondiale demeure en constante évolution, la capacité d'adaptation et d'évolution est primordiale. D'ailleurs, les conflits récents, notamment la guerre entre l'Ukraine et la Russie, sont un rappel poignant de l'importance de l'agilité, de la souplesse et de l'adaptabilité lorsque vient le temps de mener la guerre dans un espace de combat moderne. L'Artillerie royale canadienne (ARC) et l'Armée canadienne (AC) prennent ces leçons à cœur et se sont lancées dans un processus de modernisation afin de s'assurer de demeurer létales, agiles et pertinentes devant l'incertitude mondiale.

### **Le champ de bataille en évolution**

Le conflit en Ukraine a mis en lumière plusieurs leçons essentielles pour les armées modernes. L'une des conclusions les plus frappantes concerne la nécessité de disposer de capacités d'artillerie avancées, des capacités qui ont changé le cours des batailles. Face aux tactiques de guerre hybrides et aux tirs massifs soutenus par des systèmes aériens sans pilote (UAS) et des frappes de précision, les unités d'artillerie contemporaines doivent être dotées de systèmes de pointe dont la portée, la précision et la puissance de feu sont accrues. Qu'il s'agisse de canons d'artillerie, d'observateurs avancés, de capteurs de repérage d'armes, de systèmes aériens sans pilote, de radars d'acquisition d'objectifs ou de défense aérienne, l'ARC a reconnu ce besoin impératif et elle investit dans la modernisation de son équipement afin de relever les défis d'aujourd'hui et de demain. Elle dispose, à cet effet, du soutien total du cmdt AC.

### **Les contributions de l'ARC à l'Op REASSURANCE**

La raison d'être de l'ARC, c'est la mise sur pied de la force (MPF) d'une organisation, telle que le groupe d'artillerie de bataillon qui sera bientôt créé. Or, nous n'avons pas réussi à nous approprier ce concept pendant nos années en Afghanistan. Nous avons ainsi perdu une formidable occasion de grandir et d'évoluer en tant que Corps. Compte tenu du statut de nation-cadre du Canada, l'interopérabilité et l'intégration de vastes ressources d'appui-feu seront primordiales pour la mise en service d'une force apte au combat. La MPF soutenue de l'organisation constituera un défi et poussera le Corps à sa capacité maximale (ce qu'il n'a pas vécu depuis longtemps). Cependant, notre contribution de plus de 250 artilleurs et artilleuses et de 75 membres du personnel de soutien logistique du combat (SLC) issus et issues de plus de 15 métiers différents est significative. Ces militaires, qui participent à des déploiements en continu dans le cadre des rotations de l'Op REASSURANCE, fournissent les fonctions de DÉTECTION, de PROTECTION et d'ACTION. Ils et elles prépareront également le terrain aux progrès continus que nous connaissons en ce qui concerne la manière de produire les effets de demain.



value targets or the use of vast open-source information and artificial intelligence (AI) to generate potential targets, Ukraine is the embodiment of agility and adaptation daily to counter an ever-evolving adversary. Western armies have much to learn from this conflict and must incorporate lessons learned to ensure they are postured to fight current and future fights, not that of the past.

The CA has identified a requirement for a separate and distinct indirect fires capability to provide fire support to forces dispersed over greatly expanded areas of operation. The complexity associated with supporting dispersed forces over a large area requires systems that possess increased range, precision, scalable lethality, and mobility that are digitally connected and fully interoperable with allies.

Potential adversaries have artillery capabilities that presently significantly outrange CA capabilities – this is a known fact. The Army equally does not currently have the indirect fires systems to fight in large-scale combat operations. In the event of the invocation of an Article 5 response, Canadian soldiers and supporting allies would be at significant risk of adversary rocket and artillery strikes without any ability to return fire and defeat threats. This capability deficiency reduces the deterrent effect and credibility of a soon to be established Canadian-led multinational brigade.

For the RCA, this means providing project options and fires expertise to the CA on artillery systems that would be better suited to a battlespace characterized by greatly increased areas of operation, massed fires supported by UAS, hugely responsive counter-fires capabilities and digitized fires. The current threat is demanding that the RCA be incredibly mobile to increase its strategic projectability and survivability, highly lethal to ensure every round fired is worth the exposure to adversary counter-fires, and enabled from a range, precision, and connectivity perspective.

With this front of mind, the RCA's Future Fires Concept and Modernization Narratives have both been endorsed and published concurrent to continued project work for Indirect Fires Modernization (IFM) – which will include modernized systems for both the Regular and Reserve Forces – and LRPF. Urgent operational requirements (UOR) for Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD), Counter-UAS, and Loitering Munitions (LM) are all underway at varying degrees of progress, with the RBS 70 VSHORAD system formally announced on 15 February by the government and anticipated for deployment as part of Op REASSURANCE in 2025.

Acknowledging that the M777 is inadequate for large scale combat operations, a Statement of Capability Deficiency (SOCD) for Self-Propelled (SP) Howitzers was submitted. The VCDS has recently supported this with the endorsement of a Letter of Initiation for the SP UOR, which now sees ADM (Mat) and DLR-2 working to refine options. This capability would not only equip the RCA with highly lethal, mobile, and survivable guns, but also an exceptional ability to better develop its understanding on how modern, automated guns can support an operational formation.

While the operational requirement for modern guns is clear, a funding strategy is still being developed that will enable work towards delivering this critical capability. These more traditional artillery systems, employed in combination with the RCA's Medium Range Radar (MRR), the CU-172 Blackjack Small UAS, the Air Defence Cell (ADC), and impending air defence and C-UAS capabilities, will see The Royal Regiment being the most modernized Corps in the CA.

## The Road Ahead

While we have so very much to be proud of, substantially daunting tasks lie ahead to ensure that the artillery possesses the mobility, lethality, and survivability to deliver guaranteed battle-winning effects against a peer adversary. Issues ranging from national healthcare, housing, and debt demands to a challenged defence industry and the US position on Canadian commitments to NATO all impact modernization efforts.

This said, positivity about who we are as a Royal Regiment and what we bring (and will bring) to the battlespace will be critical. We simply need to acknowledge these realities, focus on priorities, and keep our eye on the prize – with the prize being the most recapitalized Corps in the Canadian Army over the next decade or so. CCA is seized with our challenges and is working extremely hard to ensure we are supported through procurement and recruitment. The RCA's future is very promising – we are in high demand, our credibility as a Corps is very high, and it truly is a hugely exciting time to be a Gunner!

## A Sincere Thanks...

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you –

## L'impératif en matière de modernisation

La guerre moderne repose de plus en plus sur la technologie et la guerre de l'information. Nos partenaires d'Ukraine intègrent activement des technologies de pointe, mais souvent simples, fondées sur des applications, afin de réagir aux tactiques russes et de produire rapidement des effets d'artillerie létaux pour prendre l'avantage. L'Ukraine fait preuve, au quotidien, d'agilité et d'adaptation pour contrer un adversaire en constante évolution. À cet effet, citons leur utilisation accrue de drones pour permettre des tirs de précision indirects à longue portée (TPLP) sur des objectifs de grande importance en profondeur ou leur recours à de vastes informations et à l'intelligence artificielle (IA) de source ouverte pour générer des cibles potentielles. Les armées occidentales ont beaucoup à apprendre du conflit et doivent intégrer les leçons retenues pour s'assurer d'être prêtes à mener les combats d'aujourd'hui et de demain, et non ceux du passé.

L'AC a déterminé qu'elle avait besoin d'une capacité de feux indirects séparée et distincte pour fournir un appui-feu à des forces dispersées dans des zones d'opération très étendues. Or, la tâche complexe d'appuyer des forces dispersées dans une zone vaste requiert des systèmes dotés d'une portée, d'une précision, d'une létalité modulable et d'une mobilité accrues, lesquels sont connectés numériquement et totalement interoperables avec ceux des alliés.

Les adversaires potentiels disposent de capacités d'artillerie qui dépassent largement, à l'heure actuelle, les capacités de l'AC – c'est bien connu. Dans le même ordre d'idée, l'Armée ne possède pas, présentement, de systèmes de tirs indirects pour rivaliser dans des opérations de combat à grande échelle. Dans l'éventualité où on invoquerait une intervention en vertu de l'article 5, les militaires canadiens et canadiennes et les armées alliées courraient un risque important, celui des attaques de missiles et d'artillerie, sans être en mesure de riposter aux tirs et de vaincre les menaces. Cette lacune en matière de capacité diminue l'effet dissuasif et la crédibilité d'une brigade multinationale dirigée par le Canada, brigade qui sera bientôt mise sur pied.

Pour l'ARC, cela signifie fournir à l'AC des options de projet et de l'expertise en matière de tirs concernant des systèmes d'artillerie mieux adaptés à un environnement d'opérations caractérisé par des zones d'opérations plus vastes, par des tirs massifs appuyés par UAS, par des capacités de tirs contre armes très adaptés et par des tirs numérisés. La menace actuelle exige que l'ARC soit extrêmement mobile pour renforcer sa capacité de projection stratégique et de survie. De plus, elle doit être hautement létale pour que chaque balle tirée vaille la peine d'être exposée aux contre-feux ennemis et dotée d'une portée, d'une précision et d'une connectivité accrues.

C'est dans cette optique que le concept d'artillerie de demain et les exposés narratifs sur la modernisation de l'ARC ont été tous deux étudiés, approuvés et publiés, ce qui est survenu en même temps que la poursuite des travaux liés au projet de modernisation du tir indirect (MTI) – qui comprendra des systèmes modernisés pour la Force régulière et la Force de réserve – et au TPLP. Les besoins opérationnels urgents (BOU) en matière de défense aérienne à très courte portée (VSHORAD), d'anti-UAS et de munitions rôdeuses sont en train d'être élaborés et sont rendus à divers niveaux d'achèvement. Entre autres, le 15 février, le gouvernement a fait une annonce officielle au sujet du système de VSHORAD RBS 70. On s'attend à ce que son déploiement ait lieu en 2025, dans le cadre de l'opération REASSURANCE.

Étant donné que le M777 n'est pas adapté aux opérations de combat à grande échelle, un énoncé d'insuffisance en capacités (EIC) concernant les obusiers automoteurs (AM) a été présenté. Le Vice-Chef d'état-major de la défense (VCMD) a récemment soutenu cette démarche en approuvant une lettre de mise en œuvre pour les BOU AM. À l'heure actuelle, le SMA(Mat) et le Directeur – Besoins en ressources terrestres 2 (DBRT 2) travaillent à peaufiner les options. Une telle capacité permettrait non seulement à l'ARC de disposer de pièces d'artillerie hautement meurtrières, mobiles et survivables, mais aussi de mieux comprendre comment des pièces d'artillerie modernes et automatisées peuvent appuyer une formation opérationnelle.

Bien que les exigences opérationnelles liées aux pièces d'artillerie modernes soient claires, une stratégie de financement est encore en cours d'élaboration, ce qui permettra d'œuvrer à la prestation de cette capacité essentielle. Ces systèmes d'artillerie plus traditionnels feront du Royal Regiment le corps d'armée le plus modernisé de l'AC. Ils seront utilisés conjointement avec le radar à moyenne portée (RMP) de l'ARC, le petit UAS CU-172 Blackjack, la cellule de défense anti-aérienne (CDA) et les capacités imminentes en matière de défense aérienne et de système de défense contre les aéronefs sans pilote à bord (C-UAS).



...serving, retired, or friends of the RCA, Regular or Reserve Force – for your inspiring service as part of The Royal Regiment. Understanding the demands placed on you and your families – the long hours, time away from loved ones, increased workloads due to personnel shortages, and aging equipment – know that the RCA would not be where it is without your superb leadership, endless energy, tactical patience, collective heavy lifting, and dedication to excellence and innovation. As the Director of Artillery, it has been an absolute honour to move modernization yardsticks forward on behalf of The Royal Regiment, and I am hugely grateful to have had this opportunity to give back to what is truly an incredibly unique Regimental family. Ubique!

Colonel Krista Bouckaert  
Director of Artillery



### Ce que nous réserve l'avenir

Bien que nous ayons toutes les raisons d'être fiers et fières, des tâches considérables nous attendent. Elles visent à garantir que l'Artillerie possède la mobilité, la létalité et la capacité de survie qui lui permettront de produire les effets voulus pour remporter la victoire contre un ennemi de force égale. Des enjeux ont tous des répercussions sur les efforts de modernisation. C'est notamment le cas des soins de santé au pays, du logement, de la dette, de l'industrie de la défense en difficulté et de la position des États-Unis concernant les engagements du Canada envers l'OTAN.

Cela dit, il sera indispensable de demeurer positif au sujet de l'identité du Royal Regiment et de notre apport (présent et futur) à l'espace de combat. Nous devons simplement reconnaître ces réalités et nous concentrer sur les priorités. Il ne pas perdre de vue l'objectif : avoir le Corps le plus renouvelé de l'Armée canadienne, et ce, plus ou moins au cours de la prochaine décennie. Le cmdt AC est conscient des défis auxquels nous sommes confrontés et confrontées et travaille d'arrache-pied pour s'assurer que nous recevions l'appui nécessaire en matière d'approvisionnement et de recrutement. L'avenir de l'ARC est très prometteur : nous sommes en grande demande, la crédibilité de notre Corps est très élevée, et c'est vraiment une période formidable pour faire partie de l'Artillerie!

### Merci du fond du cœur...

En conclusion, j'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour remercier chacun et chacune d'entre vous pour votre service inspirant au sein du Royal Regiment. Que vous soyez en service, à la retraite ou un ami ou une amie de l'ARC, et que vous soyez membre de la Force régulière ou de la Force de réserve, merci. Nous comprenons les exigences qui pèsent sur vous et vos familles – les longues heures de travail, le temps passé loin de vos proches, l'augmentation de la charge de travail due au manque de personnel et le vieillissement de l'équipement. Sachez que l'ARC ne serait pas rendue là où elle est sans votre superbe leadership, votre énergie inépuisable, la patience tactique dont vous faites preuve, vos efforts collectifs et votre dévouement à l'excellence et à l'innovation. En tant que Directrice – Artillerie, j'ai eu l'honneur absolu de faire avancer la modernisation au nom du Royal Regiment. Je suis extrêmement reconnaissante d'avoir eu l'occasion de redonner à ce qui est une famille régimentaire incroyablement unique. Ubique!

Colonelle Krista Bouckaert  
Directrice – Artillerie





**Colonel/colonelle S.A. Heer, MSM, CD**



## Message from the Director RCA (NCM)

## Message de la Directrice de l'ARC (MR)

*Dear Gunners and friends of The Royal Regiment,*

*Chers artilleurs et amis du régiment royal,*

As the Director Royal Canadian Artillery – Non-Commissioned Members (D RCA NCM), it fills me with immense pride to witness first-hand the exemplary work our gunners undertake around the world. From deployments in Europe like Op REASSURANCE and Op UNIFIER to missions in the Middle East like Op IMPACT to serving Canadians in their communities on Op LENTUS, Gunners continue to demonstrate unparalleled professionalism and proficiency in every mission they undertake. Looking ahead, RCA members will continue to play a pivotal role, standing at the forefront of our defence capabilities with skills and technologies tailored for the modern battlefield. Their adaptability, resilience, and commitment will be integral to safeguarding our nation's security and interests, both now and into the future.

À titre de Directrice – Artillerie royale canadienne (Militaires du rang) (DARC MR), je suis extrêmement fière d'observer directement le travail exemplaire de nos artilleurs partout dans le monde. Qu'il s'agisse de déploiements en Europe comme l'Op REASSURANCE et l'Op UNIFIER, de missions au Moyen-Orient comme l'Op IMPACT ou du service aux Canadiens dans leurs communautés dans le cadre de l'Op LENTUS, les artilleurs continuent de faire preuve d'un professionnalisme et d'une compétence inégalés dans chacune des missions qu'ils entreprennent. Les membres de l'ARC continueront de jouer un rôle essentiel, à l'avenir, en se plaçant à l'avant-garde de nos capacités de défense grâce à des compétences et des technologies adaptées au champ de bataille moderne. Leur capacité à s'adapter, leur résilience et leur engagement seront indispensables à la défense de la sécurité et des intérêts de notre pays, aujourd'hui et à l'avenir.

It is well known that the landscape of warfare is ever-evolving, demanding agility, innovation, and foresight from our military leaders. In response, the RCA has undergone a significant evolution in our NCM succession planning process. We have formalized bi-annual CWO Councils, established a transparent communication plan between members and the Chain of Command, and developed an annually updated Long Term Succession Plan for all Master Bombardiers and above. These initiatives aim to identify and nurture leadership potential, ensuring that our NCOs are set up for success in future CA and pan-CAF key positions and senior appointments.

L'on sait très bien que le paysage de la guerre est en constante évolution et que nos chefs militaires doivent faire preuve de souplesse, d'innovation et de prévoyance. Devant cet état des faits, l'ARC a considérablement fait évoluer son processus de planification de la relève des MR. Nous tenons des réunions semestrielles officielles de conseils d'adjudants-chefs, nous avons établi un plan de communication transparent entre les militaires et la chaîne de commandement et nous avons élaboré un Plan de relève à long terme pour les bombardiers-chefs et les grades supérieurs, que nous mettons à jour une fois par année. Ces initiatives visent à cerner et à cultiver le potentiel de leadership, afin que nos sous-officiers puissent réussir dans les futurs postes clés et les nominations de haut niveau de l'AC et à l'échelle des FAC.

Our efforts have yielded noticeable success, evidenced by several RCA CWOs being appointed to leadership positions beyond the tactical level both within the CA but also across the broader CAF. These appointments underscore the effectiveness of our initiatives in identifying, nurturing, and empowering talented NCMs to take on senior leadership responsibilities. However, these achievements do not come without significant sacrifice and efforts from our membership. To reach the rank of CWO (a milestone that less than 1% of the CAF achieves), a member must demonstrate significant experience and expertise at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels. For these reasons, we must continue to refine and expand our succession planning efforts and remain committed to ensuring a steady pipeline of capable and seasoned leaders who will guide our forces with distinction in the years ahead.

Nos efforts ont été couronnés de succès, comme en témoigne la nomination de plusieurs adjudants-chefs de l'ARC à des postes de direction au-delà du niveau tactique, au sein de l'AC, mais aussi au sein des FAC dans leur ensemble. Ces nominations soulignent l'efficacité de nos initiatives qui visent à identifier, à appuyer et à autonomiser les MR talentueux pour qu'ils assument des responsabilités de leadership. Cependant, ces réalisations sont le fruit de sacrifices et d'efforts considérables de la part de nos militaires. Pour atteindre le grade d'adjudant-chef (une étape que moins d'un pour cent des membres des FAC atteignent), un militaire doit faire preuve d'une expérience et d'une expertise considérables aux niveaux tactique, opérationnel et stratégique. Nous devons, par conséquent, continuer de peaufiner et de développer nos efforts de planification de la relève et demeurer déterminés à assurer une réserve régulière de dirigeants compétents et expérimentés qui guideront nos forces avec distinction au cours des prochaines années.

We are committed to equipping our members with the skills and experiences necessary to excel in diverse roles and environments. I encourage all NCMs to get engaged and take accountability for their personal and professional growth. First and foremost, our members must be fit to fight, both on the battlefield and in their daily lives. Physical and mental resilience are the cornerstone of our operational readiness. Additionally, we must continue to prioritize second language proficiency, educational upgrading, and mobility to achieve breadth of employment. Exposing our members to problem solving at various levels prepares them for the complexities they will face as they progress to the highest ranks.

Nous nous engageons à doter nos militaires des compétences et des expériences nécessaires pour exceller dans des rôles et des environnements divers. J'encourage tous les MR à s'engager et à assumer la responsabilité de leur développement personnel ainsi que de leur perfectionnement professionnel. D'abord et avant tout, nos militaires doivent être aptes à se battre, tant sur le champ de bataille que dans leur vie quotidienne. La résilience physique et mentale est la pierre angulaire de notre préparation opérationnelle. De plus, nous devons continuer de donner la priorité à la maîtrise d'une deuxième langue, à l'amélioration de l'éducation et à la mobilité afin d'obtenir un large éventail d'emplois. En exposant nos militaires à la résolution de problèmes à différents niveaux, nous les

Despite our ongoing efforts, we have experienced challenges. As the nature of conflict changes, so do the demands we place on our NCMs. While we confront sizeable recruitment issues within the CAF, my primary concern as Dir RCA NCM is retention. We must ensure that we value our people and provide them with the support and opportunities they need to thrive. This includes recognizing and rewarding their contributions, fostering a positive and inclusive organizational culture, and ad-



dressing the unique challenges faced by military families.

We continually ask our NCMs to do more, taking on roles and responsibilities that were previously outside the norm. We recognize the weight of these demands, especially on our most junior leaders. More and more we are asking individuals to operate beyond their experience and qualifications, sometimes several ranks above their current level. While we strive to identify and recognize exceptional leadership potential, we must also be cautious not to overload those who may not be ready for these positions as we risk burning out and diminishing the very force we rely upon to safeguard our nation's future.

As my tenure as Dir RCA NCM draws to a close, I am filled with deep gratitude and admiration for the remarkable dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment demonstrated by every NCM within our ranks. Your tireless efforts and steadfast devotion to duty have been the bedrock of our success. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to CWO Normand, the RCA RSM, and all RCA CWOs for their leadership, buy-in and collaborative approach to solving a wide array of complex issues. It has been an honor to serve alongside such extraordinary individuals who embody the core values of the RCA. Together, we've made significant strides in nurturing and supporting our members, and I have the full confidence that those strides will continue under the capable leadership of Col Wing and CWO McGowan.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your service, camaraderie, and unwavering support.

Ubique!

Colonel Sarah Heer, OMM, MSM, CD

Director Royal Canadian Artillery, Non-Commissioned Members



préparons aux complexités auxquelles ils seront confrontés lorsqu'ils atteindront les grades les plus élevés.

Malgré nos efforts constants, nous avons rencontré des difficultés. La nature des conflits évolue, tout comme les exigences que nous imposons à nos MR. Bien que nous soyons confrontés à d'importants problèmes de recrutement au sein des FAC, le maintien en poste des militaires est ma préoccupation principale à titre de MR de l'ARC. Nous devons veiller à valoriser nos gens et à leur offrir l'appui et les possibilités dont ils ont besoin pour s'épanouir. Nous devons notamment reconnaître et récompenser leurs contributions, favoriser une culture organisationnelle positive et inclusive et relever les défis particuliers auxquels sont confrontées les familles des militaires.

Nous demandons continuellement à nos MR d'en faire davantage, c'est-à-dire d'assumer des rôles et des responsabilités qu'ils n'avaient jamais à assumer auparavant. Nous sommes conscients du poids de ces exigences, surtout sur nos plus jeunes dirigeants. Nous demandons de plus en plus aux militaires d'agir au-delà de leur expérience et de leurs qualifications, parfois même d'assumer des responsabilités normalement confiées à des militaires de plusieurs grades au-dessus d'eux. Si nous ne voulons pas risquer d'épuiser et de diminuer la force même sur laquelle nous comptons pour préserver l'avenir de notre pays, nous devons veiller à ne pas surcharger ceux qui ne sont peut-être pas prêts à occuper ces postes, tout en nous efforçant d'identifier et de reconnaître le potentiel de leadership exceptionnel.

Mon mandat de DARC MR tire à sa fin, mais je suis remplie d'une profonde gratitude et admiration pour le dévouement remarquable, le professionnalisme et l'engagement inébranlable dont a fait preuve chacun des MR dans nos rangs. Vos efforts inlassables et votre dévouement sans bornes ont été les fondements de notre réussite. Je tiens à exprimer ma sincère gratitude à l'Adjuc Normand, SMR ARC, et à tous les adjudants-chefs de l'ARC pour leur leadership, leur appui et leur approche collaborative dans la résolution d'un large éventail de problèmes complexes. Ce fut un honneur de servir aux côtés d'individus aussi extraordinaires qui incarnent les valeurs fondamentales de l'ARC. Ensemble, nous avons réalisé d'importants progrès dans l'encadrement et le soutien de nos militaires, et je suis convaincue que ces progrès se poursuivront sous la direction compétente du colonel Wing et de l'adjudant-chef McGowan.

Je vous remercie sincèrement de votre service, votre camaraderie et votre soutien indéfectible.

Ubique!





**Colonel/colonel D.W. Grebstad, CD**



## **Message from the Regimental Colonel RCA**

As I stand on the precipice of concluding my two-year tenure as the Regimental Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, I am filled with a profound mixture of emotions. While there is a tinge of sadness at the impending changeover, there is also an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the experiences, camaraderie, and accomplishments that have defined my time in this esteemed position.

Over the past year, I have had the distinct honor of interacting with a diverse spectrum of organizations representing the illustrious Regimental Family. From the rugged terrain and snow-capped mountains of Op PALACI, where Canadian Gunner reservists tirelessly contribute to strategic endeavors through avalanche control, to the storied coastal artillery emplacements of 1st Field Regiment in Halifax, where echoes of our forbears resonate with solemn reverence, each encounter has left an indelible mark on my journey as Regimental Colonel.

I vividly recall the sense of pride as I stood witness to the national coronation salute rendered so professionally by the Gunners of 30th Field Regiment on Parliament Hill, a stirring tribute to the ascension of our Sovereign to the throne. Days later, I assumed the role of Reviewing Officer at the DP 1 Artillery Troop Commander Module 2 Course Graduation in Gagetown, inspired by the dedication and professionalism exhibited by our future leaders and their remarkable resilience in the face of the tragic loss of one of their colleagues only days previous.

In late May, I had the privilege of attending the 2 RCHA 70th Anniversary Reunion in Petawawa, where the bonds of camaraderie and shared heritage were palpable. The event served as a poignant reminder of the enduring strength and resilience of the Regimental Family, transcending generations and reaffirming our commitment to each other and to the principles we hold dear. The joy amongst the participants at returning to in-person celebration was truly a thing to see and experience.

Transitioning to my role as G1 of the Canadian Army brought new challenges and responsibilities, yet despite a reduced level of bandwidth available, I remained as steadfastly engaged in my duties as Regimental Colonel as I could. Notably, this included the successful execution of an in-person Regimental Leader's Course in Shilo and the convening of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association Annual General Meeting in Ottawa which underscored our collective resilience and determination in navigating the complexities of the modern era.

On Remembrance Day, I stood shoulder to shoulder with serving and retired gunners at the RCHA Memorial in Kingston, humbled by the solemnity of the occasion and moved by the unwavering reverence with which we honored the sacrifices of our fallen comrades. It was a poignant reminder of the solemn duty we bear as custodians of our regimental heritage and the sacrifices made in its defense.

More recently, I reveled in the jubilant triumph of 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery after their repeat victory during the Kingston Historic Hockey championship, savoring the camaraderie and spirit of celebration that permeated the hallowed ROOMS of the RCHA Brigade Association during the celebration afterwards. It was a testament to the resilience, teamwork, and indomitable spirit that define us as Gunners.

Amidst the grand celebrations commemorating milestones such as the 125th Anniversary of 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and

## **Message du Colonel régimentaire de l'ARC**

Alors que je suis sur le point de conclure mon mandat de deux ans en tant que colonel régimentaire du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne, je suis rempli d'un profond mélange d'émotions. Bien que je ressente une pointe de tristesse à l'approche du transfert de responsabilités, j'éprouve également un grand sentiment de gratitude pour les expériences, la camaraderie et les réalisations qui ont défini le temps que j'ai passé à ce poste estimé.

Au cours de la dernière année, j'ai eu le grand honneur d'interagir avec un large éventail d'organisations représentant l'illustre famille régimentaire. Qu'il s'agisse du terrain accidenté et des montagnes enneigées dans le cadre de l'opération Palaci, où les artilleurs canadiens réservistes contribuent inlassablement aux efforts stratégiques en contrôlant les avalanches, ou des célèbres emplacements d'artillerie côtière du 1<sup>er</sup> Régiment de campagne à Halifax, où les échos de nos ancêtres résonnent avec une révérence solennelle, chaque rencontre a laissé une marque indélébile sur mon parcours en tant que colonel régimentaire.

Je me souviens parfaitement du sentiment de fierté que j'ai ressenti lorsque j'ai assisté au salut national du couronnement, rendu avec tant de professionnalisme par les artilleurs du 30<sup>e</sup> Régiment de campagne sur la colline du Parlement, un hommage émouvant à l'ascension de notre souverain sur le trône. Quelques jours plus tard, j'ai assumé le rôle d'officier de la revue lors de la remise des diplômes du module 2 du cours de commandant de troupe d'artillerie de la PP1 à Gagetown, inspiré par le dévouement et le professionnalisme dont ont fait preuve nos futurs chefs et par leur remarquable résilience face à la perte tragique de l'un de leurs collègues quelques jours auparavant.

À la fin du mois de mai, j'ai eu le privilège d'assister à la réunion du 70<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du 2 RCHA à Petawawa, où les liens de camaraderie et d'héritage partagé étaient palpables. L'événement a servi de rappel poignant de la force et de la résilience durables de la famille régimentaire, transcendant les générations, et réaffirmant notre engagement les uns envers les autres et envers les principes qui nous sont chers. La joie des participants de revenir à une célébration en personne était vraiment une chose à voir et à vivre.

La transition vers mon rôle de G1 de l'Armée canadienne m'a apporté de nouveaux défis et de nouvelles responsabilités, mais malgré la réduction de la bande passante disponible, je suis resté aussi fermement engagé que possible dans mes fonctions de colonel régimentaire. Il s'agit notamment de l'exécution réussie d'un cours de leader régimentaire en personne à Shilo et de la convocation de l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'Association royale de l'artillerie canadienne à Ottawa, qui ont souligné notre résilience et notre détermination collectives à naviguer dans les complexités de l'ère moderne.

Le jour du Souvenir, je me suis tenu aux côtés d'artilleurs en service actif et à la retraite au monument commémoratif du RCHA à Kingston, rempli d'humilité en raison du caractère solennel de l'occasion et ému par le respect inébranlable avec lequel nous avons honoré les sacrifices de nos camarades tombés au champ d'honneur. Ce fut un rappel poignant du devoir solennel qui nous incombe en tant que gardiens de notre patrimoine régimentaire et des sacrifices consentis pour sa défense.

Plus récemment, j'ai pris grand plaisir à assister au triomphe jubilatoire du



the eagerly awaited return of the CFB Shilo reunion, the Regimental Family achieved notable victories in the publication of "With a Few Guns, Volume I" and the introduction of new qualification badges for wear on operational dress including an Instructor-in-Gunnery badge and a JTAC badge. No longer will graduates of the IG course who have moved on to the next phase of their career journey have only an illustrious IG hat sitting lonely on a desk in the corner of the office to give testimony to their dedication and professionalism.

The future is indeed bright for Canadian Gunners. In the very near future there will be several opportunities to reflect on the sacrifices and victories that our forebears endured and achieved; the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings are just a few short weeks away, and next year the Regimental Family intends to send Gunners to participate in commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. In a more somber occasion, 2025 will mark the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the North West Rebellion, and while Gunners are right to reflect on the efforts undertaken by those who manned the guns during that campaign, it is also an excellent opportunity to reflect on this important chapter in Canadian history and in a spirit of reconciliation learn more about the injustices suffered by Metis and First Nations that led to the conflict.

As I prepare to pass the torch to my esteemed successor, Col Ryan Stimpson, I extend heartfelt gratitude to every member of the Regimental Family for their unwavering support, dedication, and camaraderie. I wholeheartedly thank them for their efforts to celebrate our heritage, connect with Canadians and nurture the Regimental Family.

2<sup>e</sup> Régiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, après sa nouvelle victoire lors du championnat de hockey historique de Kingston, et j'ai profité de l'esprit de camaraderie et de fête qui régnait dans les salles sacrées de l'Association de la brigade de la RCHA pendant la célébration qui a suivi. Ce fut un témoignage de la résilience, du travail d'équipe et de l'esprit indomptable qui nous définissent en tant qu'artilleurs.

Au milieu des grandes célébrations qui soulignent des étapes importantes comme le 125<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du 1<sup>er</sup> Régiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, et le retour tant attendu de la réunion de la BFC Shilo, la famille régimentaire a remporté des victoires notables dans la publication de *With a Few Guns, Volume I* et l'introduction de nouveaux insignes de qualification à porter sur la tenue opérationnelle, y compris un insigne d'instructeur en artillerie et un insigne de CIFA. Désormais, les diplômés du cours d'IA qui sont passés à la phase suivante de leur carrière n'auront plus que l'illustre casquette d'IA, posée solitairement sur un bureau ou dans un coin du bureau, pour témoigner de leur dévouement et de leur professionnalisme.

En fait, un bel avenir se dresse pour les artilleurs et artilleuses canadiens. Très prochainement, il y aura plusieurs occasions de réfléchir aux sacrifices consentis et aux victoires remportées par nos ancêtres. Le 80<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du débarquement du jour J est à peine dans quelques semaines. Puis, l'année prochaine, la famille régimentaire prévoit envoyer des artilleurs et artilleuses pour participer à la célébration du 80<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la libération des Pays-Bas. Sur un ton plus pessimiste, l'année 2025 marquera le 140<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Rébellion du Nord-Ouest. Bien que les artilleurs et artilleuses sont en droit de réfléchir aux efforts déployés par ceux qui manœuvraient les canons pendant cette campagne, il s'agit également d'une excellente occasion de réfléchir à cet important chapitre dans l'histoire du Canada et, dans un esprit de réconciliation, d'en apprendre davantage au sujet des injustices subies par les Métis et les Premières Nations et qui ont été à l'origine du conflit.

Alors que je m'appête à passer le flambeau à mon estimé successeur, le colonel Ryan Stimpson, j'exprime ma sincère gratitude à tous les membres de la famille régimentaire pour leur soutien indéfectible, leur dévouement et leur esprit de camaraderie. Je les remercie de tout cœur pour les efforts qu'ils déploient afin de célébrer notre patrimoine, d'établir des liens avec la population canadienne et de nourrir la famille régimentaire.





**Chief Warrant Officer/Adjutant-chef J.G.E. Normand, MMM, CD**



## **Message from the Regimental Sergeant-Major RCA**

## **Message du Sergent-major de l'ARC**

Dear Community,

As we reflect on the past year, it is undeniable that we have once again faced unprecedented challenges. We have been pulled in all directions; we have had our resources stretched thin and our determination tested, but despite the obstacles, we, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, have stood firm and demonstrated courage, resilience, and dedication to our duty.

We are a community united by a common commitment to defending our nation and protecting our fellow citizens, and, while the challenges we have faced may have seemed insurmountable at times, we have proven time and again that we are stronger together. That is why I want to warmly congratulate all members of the artillery community who, over the past year, have been recognized and rewarded at various levels for their individual performance, commitment, collaboration, excellence, and loyalty. Your remarkable efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I offer you my sincere congratulations.

We are modernizing the RCA to better serve the CAF. Projects such as indirect fire modernization and air defense systems demonstrate our commitment to operational excellence. The RCA is actively contributing to operations and will continue to do so in Latvia, providing artillery batteries, fire coordination centers, and other fire support capabilities. In addition to technical challenges, the RCA is also addressing internal cultural issues, including harmful behavior, with a focus on promoting a culture of respect and professionalism.

While our profession may seem to be in decline and the recruitment group struggles to find effective means to attract candidates to increase our ranks, I would like to express my gratitude to these individuals who, behind the scenes, tirelessly advise, guide, steer, and offer options to our leaders, regardless of their level of influence. At the same time, I would like to thank those involved in the Odyssey coaching program. I would also encourage anyone who wishes to empower themselves and become the best version of themselves to join a collaborative learning community, benefit from personalized advice, and boost your career within the Royal Regiment through this unique dynamic mentoring program that is the Odyssey program.

It is also important for me to address topics that are close to my heart and for which I have advocated over the past few years: education, job diversity, and mobility. Education is crucial for the success of an organization. It opens doors to many opportunities and promotes job diversity. By investing in education, we are investing in the future and enabling everyone to reach their full potential, regardless of their background. Don't forget that learning a second language and improving it will enrich your cognitive, social, and cultural skills. Within an institution like ours, this opens doors to expanded career opportunities and diversification of perspectives, thus strengthening competitiveness and open-mindedness.

Job diversity is a driver of innovation and progress. Each individual brings a unique perspective, enriching the professional environment and promoting organizational evolution. Seizing every opportunity for growth and development is essential for a successful career. Often, these opportunities lie in other geographic regions. Being open to mobility will broaden your professional and personal horizons, allowing you to acquire new skills and meet new people. Mobility is essential for advancing within the

Chère Communauté,

Alors que nous réfléchissons à l'année écoulée, il est indéniable que nous avons, encore une fois, été confrontés à des défis sans précédent. Nous avons été sollicités de toutes parts, nos ressources étirées au maximum, et notre détermination mise à l'épreuve. Mais malgré les obstacles, nous, le Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne, avons tenu bon, faisant preuve de courage, de résilience et de dévouement à notre devoir.

Nous sommes une communauté unie par un engagement commun envers la défense de notre nation et la protection de nos concitoyens. Et bien que les défis auxquels nous avons été confrontés semblent insurmontables par moments, nous avons prouvé maintes fois que nous sommes plus forts ensemble. C'est pourquoi je tiens à féliciter chaleureusement tous les membres de la communauté des artilleurs qui, au cours de l'année écoulée, ont été honorés et récompensés à différents niveaux pour leurs performances individuelles, leur engagement, leur collaboration, leur excellence et leur loyauté. Vos efforts remarquables n'ont pas passé inaperçus, et je vous adresse mes sincères félicitations.

Nous modernisons l'ARC pour mieux servir les FAC. Des projets comme la modernisation des tirs indirects et les systèmes de défense antiaérienne montrent notre engagement envers l'excellence opérationnelle. L'ARC contribue activement aux opérations et continuera de le faire en Lettonie, en fournissant des batteries d'artillerie, des centres de coordination des feux et d'autres capacités de soutien des feux. En plus des défis techniques, l'ARC s'attaque également aux problèmes de culture interne, y compris le comportement préjudiciable, en mettant l'accent sur la promotion d'une culture de respect et de professionnalisme.

Bien que notre métier semble en décroissance et que le groupe de recrutement tarde à trouver des moyens efficaces afin d'attirer les candidats pour augmenter nos rangs, c'est tout de même grâce à des meneurs d'exception et à des artilleurs chevronnés, que nous nous distinguons au sein des Forces armées canadiennes. Je tiens donc à exprimer ma reconnaissance envers ces acteurs qui, dans l'ombre, n'ont cessé de conseiller, guider, orienter et proposer des options à nos dirigeants, quel que soit leur niveau d'influence. Par la même occasion je tiens à remercier les personnes impliquées dans le programme de coaching Odyssey. J'aimerais aussi encourager tous ceux et celles qui désirent se donner les moyens de réussir et devenir la meilleure version d'eux-mêmes de rejoindre une communauté d'apprentissage collaborative, de bénéficier de conseils personnalisés et boostez votre carrière au sein du Régiment royal grâce à ce programme unique de mentorat dynamique qu'est le programme Odyssey.

Il est aussi important pour moi de parler de sujets qui me tiennent à cœur et pour lesquels j'ai fait la promotion au cours des dernières années, c'est-à-dire : l'éducation, la diversité des emplois et la mobilité. L'éducation est cruciale pour le succès d'une organisation. Elle ouvre des portes vers de nombreuses possibilités et favorise la diversité des emplois. En investissant dans l'éducation, nous investissons dans l'avenir, permettant à chacun de réaliser son plein potentiel, peu importe son origine. N'oubliez surtout pas que l'apprentissage d'une langue seconde et l'amélioration de cette dernière vous permettra d'enrichir vos compétences cognitives, sociales et culturelles. Au sein d'une institution comme la nôtre, cela ouvre des portes vers des opportunités professionnelles élargies et une



organization. I encourage you to discuss this with your loved ones and prepare accordingly to facilitate this transition to a new workplace and way of life.

In conclusion, we face many major challenges related to cultural change, operational tempo management, and growing human resource needs, to name a few. Our collective response to these elements must be effective to ensure our adaptability and continued success in an ever-changing environment. Education, job diversity, and geographic mobility are key elements for individual and collective growth. By embracing these principles, we promote a world where everyone can thrive and contribute to the advancement of the CAF and where The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery will remain relevant in the eyes of all.

Wishing you all the best moving forward.

*MBdr Kent and MBdr Robichaud scan the horizon for aircraft with the VSHORAD.*

*Bdr Kent et Bdr Robichaud scrutent l'horizon pour des aéronefs avec un système SDATCP.*

diversification des perspectives, renforçant ainsi la compétitivité et l'ouverture d'esprit.

La diversité des emplois est un moteur d'innovation et de progrès. Chaque individu apporte une perspective unique, enrichissant l'environnement professionnel et favorisant l'évolution des organisations. Saisir chaque opportunité de croissance et de développement est essentiel pour une carrière réussie. Souvent, ces opportunités se trouvent dans d'autres régions géographiques. Être ouvert à la mobilité élargira vos horizons professionnels et personnels, vous permettant d'acquérir de nouvelles compétences et de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes. Pour gravir les échelons au sein de l'organisation, la mobilité est indispensable. Je vous encourage à en discuter avec vos proches et à vous préparer en conséquence pour faciliter cette transition vers un nouveau lieu de travail et de vie.

En conclusion, nous faisons face à de nombreux défis majeurs liés au changement de culture, à la gestion du tempo opérationnel, et aux besoins croissants en ressources humaines pour ne nommer que ceux-ci. Notre réponse collective face à ces éléments se doit d'être efficace pour assurer notre adaptabilité et notre succès continu dans un environnement en constante évolution. L'éducation, la diversité des emplois et la mobilité géographique sont des éléments clés pour la croissance individuelle et collective. En adoptant ces principes, nous favorisons un monde où chacun peut s'épanouir et contribuer à l'avancement des FAC et où l'artillerie Royale canadienne demeurera pertinente aux yeux de tous et chacun.

Bonne continuité à vous tous et toutes.





# Senior Appointments Nominations Supérieures



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SENIOR SERVING GUNNER  
ARTILLEUR PRINCIPAL EN  
SERVICE



**BGEN J.D.S. MASSON**  
COMD 5 DIV



**BGEN S.T. HATTON**



**COL K.L.A. BOUCKAERT**  
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DIRECTRICE DE L'ARC



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DIRECTOR RCA (NCM)  
DIRECTRICE DE L'ARC (MR)



**COL D.W. GREBSTAD**  
REGIMENTAL COLONEL  
COLONEL RÉGIMENTAIRE



**COL E. ANDRESEN**



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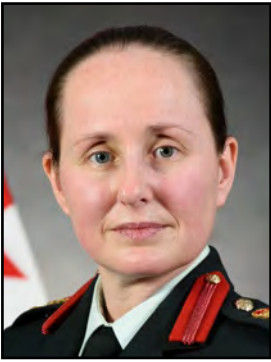


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ENSURE ITS INTERESTS ARE FURTHERED

PROMOUVOIR ET À ASSURER LE BIEN-ÊTRE À LONG TERME DES MEMBRES DE  
L'ARC, ET À DÉFENDRE LEURS INTÉRÊTS



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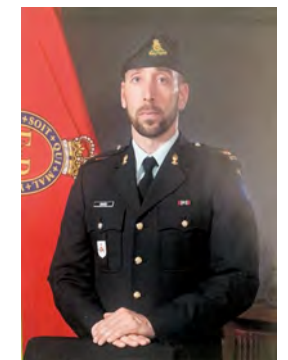
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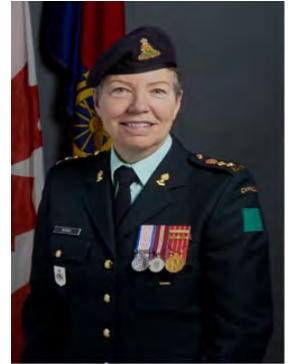
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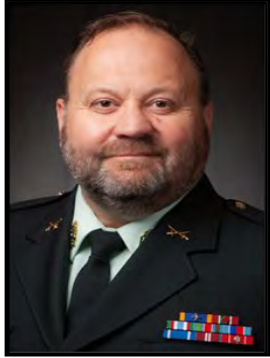
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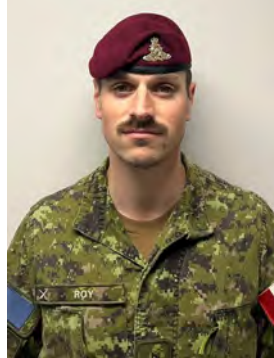
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LE CONSEILS ET DES ORIENTATIONS AU DIRECTEUR - ARTILLERIE SUR DES QUESTIONS PROPRES À L'ARTILLERIE ET LIÉES AUX LIGNES D'OPÉRATION 1 ET 2 DE LA STRATÉGIE DE LA FAMILLE DE L'ARC



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery



CO  
LCol J.P. O'Donnell, CD



RSM  
CWO S.A. McGowan, CD

2023 was another exciting year at the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA). It began with B Battery conducting a relief in place of A "The Queen's" Battery for the Regiment's second consecutive rotation on Op REASSURANCE in Latvia. Back at the home station, it was business as usual with career courses, taskings, and training underway in the new year.

February saw members of 1 RCHA travelling to Edmonton to compete in Ex STRONG CONTENDER where they faced-off against other units within 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in a variety of sporting events. The Regiment put forth a strong showing, especially in the Tactical Athlete and Grappling competitions. Unfortunately, no first-place banners were brought back, but the competitors are now even more motivated to redeem themselves in 2024.



*Exercise LIMBER GUNNER saw 1 RCHA fire over 2200 rounds of all natures of artillery ammunition including Precision Guided and Rocket Assisted Projectiles.*

After returning from Edmonton, the Regiment shifted focus towards the first major exercise of the calendar year, Ex FROZEN GUNNER. During this weeklong field training exercise, the Regiment fine-tuned their skills on the conduct of Harassing Fire missions, Sniping Gun, Open Actions, and Quick Actions. The RCPO and C Battery helped push digital fires even further, successfully communicating between the lightweight counter-mortar radar and the gunline Command Post. C Battery also trialed the MASRAM AWLS during live missions. By the time the exercise was all said and done, 1 RCHA had fired over 900 rounds of 155mm ammunition, including rocket assisted projectiles and Precision Guidance Kit (PGK).

The month of March kicked off with a Change of Command for Headquarters and Services Battery between Major Ryan Telfer and the in-coming Battery Commander, Major Pete Little. The Regiment finished the month off with a rather memorable experience by conducting a brief which re-

viewed "Trusted to Serve," the Canadian Armed Forces publication on Ethos. The highlight of which was an hour-long keynote engagement with Jocko Willink, retired US Navy Seal, who helped reflect on our ethical principles, military values, and professional expectations as members of the profession of arms.

Despite a relatively busy spring, the Regiment settled back into a regular battle rhythm for the summer which included running several in-house PCF courses and support to various taskings throughout the country, specifically the National Sentry Program where members from 1 RCHA would proudly stand sentry at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa. Following Artillery Day celebrations, the Command Team made its first challenge to the Regiment in the form of Ex TOUGH GUNNER. This test of strength, endurance, and mental resilience would see the Regiment conduct a grueling 21-kilometer ruck-sack march combined with the obstacles course. Hard work, dedication, and exceptional teamwork were displayed by all participants.

June would see the Regiment conducting two Change of Commands at the Battery level. First, A "The Queen's" Battery conducted a Change of Command between Major Matthew Stickland and the in-coming Battery Commander, Major Chris Lewington. Shortly after, C Battery conducted a Change of Command between Major Jamie Hill and in-coming Battery Commander, Major Todd Everett. Around this same timeframe, the Regiment welcomed home members of B Battery from their deployment to Latvia. The month concluded with 1 RCHA hosting a firepower

demonstration to celebrate Family Day. The event was held as a small token of our appreciation to acknowledge the vital role that our families play in supporting the day-to-day operation of the Regiment. Concurrently, RHQ RCA and The Shilo Gunner Reunion Committee hosted the Artillery Reunion which also aligned with the start of the Regiment's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

To close out the summer, Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division, Brigadier-General Steven Graham, visited the Regiment to hand out some Honours and Awards. Captain Marshall Mainprize was awarded a Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation for the development and implementation of courseware focused on the training of multi-national counterparts with regards to the use of Precision-Guided Munitions. MBdr Dillon Saunders was also presented with a Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation for their exceptional dedication and leadership on Op



REASSURANCE. In addition to the individual awards, 1 RCHA received a Division Commander Commendation for its extraordinary fundraising efforts as part of the National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign.

With fires blazing across the country, August and September were intense months for the Regiment as 1 RCHA was upgraded from the follow-on force to the headquarters and vanguard elements for Joint Task Force West - Immediate Response Unit. In response to a request for assistance from the province of British Columbia, the Regiment unexpectedly deployed a Sub-Unit sized element in support of wildfire relief as part of Op LENTUS. These soldiers helped prevent the further spread of wildfires under the Command of Captain James Koh and MWO Jason Van Damme.

In September, members of the Regiment were back on the road to Edmonton to compete in Ex MOUNTAIN RAM, a 1 CMBG fitness challenge that would challenge the team to test themselves both mentally and physically. With everyone back from summer block leave, the Regiment began to prepare for the second major exercise of the calendar year, Ex LIMBER GUNNER. During this two-week long field training exercise, 1 RCHA fired over 2,200 rounds of all natures of 155mm ammunition, including Precision-Guided and Rocket-Assisted Projectiles. Most of these rounds were delivered through digital fire missions, but the Regiment also ensured that they had the skills to work in an analogue capacity. 1 RCHA mastered firing point procedures to enhance their speed and survivability, while fine-tuning their lethality with precision munitions. Ex LIMBER GUNNER also involved 38 ATG in digital fire plans and 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Close Combat Attack and air observation post missions. This exercise displayed that 1 RCHA is prepared to deploy in support of Canadians in any capacity, including combat operations.

With the year's major training wrapped-up, the Regiment focused on completing annual briefs as part of Ex READY GUNNER and Individual Battle Task Standards. On 1 December 2023, 1 RCHA marked its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Sports Day and BBQ, including the unveiling of the Captain Jeff Francis Cup, a poignant tribute to his sacrifice on Task Force 1-07 in Afghanistan. The Command Team made its second challenge to the Regiment in December in the form of the Gunner's Fitness Gauntlet. This was a PSP-programmed event which included six events over the span of two-days that tested the physical capacity of our members and their preparedness for the grueling demands of combat.

The Regiment closed out the year in typical fashion hosting the Kingston Cup on Saint Barbara's Day. This year, A "The Queen's" Battery took home the Kingston Cup with an impressive 11-3 victory over B Battery. Another highlight of the "silly season" events was the athletic performance of Gnr Robertson, a member of B Battery, who won the title of fittest female during the Gunners' Fitness Gauntlet and won the Ex HEAVY LOADER powerlifting competition, securing the Saint Barbara's belt in the process.

With 2023 in the books, the Regiment looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2024 will bring as we prepare for our upcoming role as the lead mounting unit for Op IMPACT, and another gun battery deploying on Op REASSURANCE later in the year.

### **A "The Queen's" Battery**

In the wake of the New Year, members of A "The Queen's" Battery returned from a well-deserved break, marking the end of a challenging six-month deployment in Latvia as part of Op REASSURANCE. The Battery quickly transitioned to Ex FROZEN GUNNER, a testament to their commitment and professionalism. The exercise encompassed several demanding tasks, including providing support for various courses, while simultaneously fulfilling their own training objectives. The Battery's versatility shone through as they adeptly tackled these challenges.

As the winter turned to spring, the Battery faced a new set of challenges. Designated as the Immediate Response Unit for Western Canada, they undertook extensive preparations to respond swiftly to any emerging situations in the region. In a proactive move, the Battery engaged in Wild Land Firefighter training, showcasing their adaptability and commitment to serving the community beyond their military duties.

Additionally, the month marked not only a shift in the seasons, but also a significant transition for the Battery as it bid farewell to the outgoing lead-

ers, Major Stickland and MWO Flynn, and welcomed the incoming Command Team, Major Lewington and MWO Fortin.

In June, "The Queen's" Battery ventured into the picturesque landscapes of Canmore, Alberta, as part of their deployment for Ex ADVENTURE GUNNER. This unique adventure training initiative aimed to unite soldiers in demanding environments, fostering cohesion through activities like white water rafting, caving, and rock climbing. The experience not only provided a break from routine, but also contributed to the holistic development of soldiers, preparing them for future military operations.

The fall brought Exercise LIMBER GUNNER, a two-week deployment focusing on survivability in a dynamic environment. Throughout the exercise, the Battery honed their speed and lethality through unique deployments that emphasized survivability in the face of a persistent ground and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) opposing force presence. The Battery demonstrated lethal, agile, and resourceful capabilities, refining both digital and analogue skills for combat readiness.

As the year concluded, the Battery triumphed on the ice, securing an 11-3 victory in the historic Kingston Cup showdown against B Battery. The Kingston Cup, dating back to the 19th century, is the oldest sports competition in the Canadian Armed Forces, symbolizing tradition, teamwork, and friendly competition.

Throughout the year, the Battery exhibited resilience and dedication not only in military operations, but also in communal service and recreational pursuits. Acclaimed from superiors and peers recognized their hard

work, increasing morale and contributing significantly to the overall preparedness of the unit. As they reflect on a year of trials and triumphs, the members of A "The Queen's" Battery stand as examples of duty, honour, and service, ready for whatever challenges 2024 may bring.

### **B Battery**

B Battery had a busy year in 2023. The Battery deployed to Latvia, ran multiple courses, had an eventful silly season, and a successful regimental exercise.

Just prior to the beginning of 2023, B Battery deployed on Op REASSURANCE. The Battery, under the name "Banshee" while part of the Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group, participated in multiple exercises. Ex WOLVERINE FORGE was the first exercise for the new rotation in February. Ex WOLVERINE SHIELD/STRIKE provided the opportunity to conduct fire missions at Camp Adazi in March. In May, Ex SPRING STORM saw 11 NATO countries and 14,000 military personnel, including Banshee Battery, deploy to Estonia to train in an urban environment. The Battery also participated in the biannual Baltic Warrior Race, which consisted of a 16-kilometer rucksack march, a 1-kilometer canoe portage, a 15-kilometer paddle, and finally a 500-meter sprint to the end. After 6 months of hard work, B Battery returned to Canada in June 2023.

After their return, members of the Battery went on a well-deserved leave period followed by a restructuring as those members who augmented the deployment returned to their respective Batteries. There was also a change of appointment as MWO Jason Van Damme took over as the BSM from MWO Robert Fiander.

B Battery ran several courses throughout the late summer and early fall, including a Detachment Commander/Detachment 2IC course and a pre-GATS workshop in preparation for GATS 2024. Ex LIMBER GUNNER took place in October in the Shilo training area. During the Battery portion of the exercise, B Battery focused on firing point and manoeuvre point deployments, while also supporting air observers as they called in fire. B Battery continued to hone their skills during the Regimental portion of the exercise, completing local defense training and multiple complex fire plans which included the use of rocket-assisted projectiles. At the end of the exercise, B Battery's gun detachment 25B (under Detachment Command-



*Members of A "The Queen's" Bty celebrate their victory during the Kingston Cup after showcasing their prowess on the ice, clinching an impressive 11-3 victory against B Bty.*

er MBdr Clunas) was named the top detachment of 1 RCHA for Exercise LIMBER GUNNER.

At the 1 RCHA Dinner and Dance, MBdr Travis Swindell was awarded the CWO Stephen (Steve) Rice Junior Leadership Award for their outstanding work throughout the year.

After a productive 2023, B Battery is eager to continue the high tempo that has come to define 1 RCHA in the next year.

### **C Battery**

2023 was an eventful year for the gunners of C Battery, marked by our pursuit of technical excellence, continued adaptation to the everchanging demands of modern warfare, and a dedication to development and new horizons as the RCA's premier STA Battery. C Battery was able to achieve all the goals laid out in the year of 2023 despite a shortage of resources and staffing. It was truly a year to remember as many soldiers had a unique opportunity to cross-train on the various STA kit and gain proficiency and confidence in our equipment.

Under the command of Battery Commander and BSM, members of the Battery began the year once again by participating in Ex FROZEN GUNNER. Our soldiers braved frigid conditions consisting of -40°C to validate the Battery which included MUAS flights and LCMR/AWLS deployments under the watchful eye of battery leadership. This also provided the opportunity for the STACC to refine their skills for the busy year ahead while supporting the validation of 1 RCHA and 1 CMBG. Additionally, members of the Battery were able to fire HALO and LCMR live in the Shilo Training Area to reinforce their knowledge and skills on calls for fire. This was a sight to be seen and a testament to our soldiers' resiliency in the face of the harshest weather Manitoba has to offer.

To maintain its high standard, C Battery deployed on Ex WESTERN GUNNER in collaboration with 38 ATG. This training allowed soldiers to return to a tactical setting, employing equipment to conduct counter-battery efforts and demonstrating their diverse capabilities. The exercise placed a heavy emphasis on counter-UAS and high-mobility Tactics Techniques and Procedures in a contested environment. C Battery was able to reinforce its capabilities and achieve live STA Battle Task Standards.



*Gnr Robertson claimed victory as the champion of the 2023 Ex HEAVY LOADER powerlifting competition in mid-December. She is the first female in the 11-year history of the competition to win the overall title.*

Nevertheless, the requirement for individual training did not stop. C Battery supported the conduct of multiple RCAS courses, while concurrently conducting its own PCF courses consisting of LCMR Operator, AWLS Detachment Member, and TAPV RWS Operator. The Battery also identified the importance of individual soldiering skills and Troop-/Section-level dismounted drills and made a conscious effort to regularly conduct PWTs and rehearsals of dismounted drills.

Another highlight of the year was Op BOLD REQUEST in October in Denmark. An LCMR detachment,

under the command of Sgt Sopkow, was sent on this multi-national joint demonstration of sensor capabilities. CAF's sense capabilities were presented to the Command Teams of multiple NATO organizations. C Battery represented the CAF in a professional and competent manner and demonstrated our technical proficiency and commitment to the modern warfighting environment.

To wrap up the year of 2023, C Battery's capabilities were proven effective on Ex LIMBER GUNNER. C Battery was able to maintain sense capabilities while continuously moving its hide and baseline throughout the exercise and demonstrating the capability to be agile and adaptable in the fast-paced environment of modern warfare. The exercise provided C Battery with insights on our strengths and shortcomings in an environment of high

UAV and counter-battery threat. Valuable information was obtained to assist in our training and identify areas of improvement in the coming year.

C Battery is preparing for a successful, yet demanding, 2024. In the short-term, the Battery will be focusing on developing new TTPs and conducting individual training to remain validated and sharpen our skills. In the long-term, the Battery will be deploying members on various operations across the globe. Additionally, C Battery is looking to receive Counter-UAS capability to expand the CAF's capabilities within the modern battlefield environment.

### **Z Battery**

2023 was yet another successful and rewarding year for Z Battery which reinforced its ability to provide talent, professionalism, and experience on exercises and deployments, both foreign and domestic.

In the first quarter of the year, Z Battery deployed Observation Post parties on Ex FROZEN GUNNER in February to conclude the training of its OP Det 21C course and facilitate the fires of the Regiment. Z Battery also successfully trained members of 1 RCHA on the Light Armoured Vehicle's 25mm Bushmaster as both gunners and crew commanders.

In the early summer months, Z Battery conducted Ex LETHAL OBSERVER which saw the Battery working with the RCMP Emergency Response Team to develop skills and TTPs for urban operations while also increasing the baseline urban fighting skills of its soldiers. The summer also brought personnel changes within the Battery, particularly the change of stick, in May, between outgoing BSM, WO Charette, and incoming BSM, WO Syme.

Early September provided excellent training opportunities to bolster the Z Battery Airborne capability. The members of G11 successfully completed two parachute descents with 3 PPCLI's Para Company. Z Battery began their training in September for Ex LIMBER GUNNER in October, where they provided both OP parties and JTACs to great effect. Ex LIMBER GUNNER gave Z Battery the opportunity to practice skills in trench clearing operations, use precision-guided munitions, and utilize Air OPs with support from 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron out of CFB Edmonton.

The JTAC cell had a productive year with numerous challenging exercises both in Canada and abroad. The year started with the Regiment's JTACs deploying on Ex SHILO STRIKE in January followed by Ex MOODY STRIKE in Valdosta, Georgia, and Exercise EVERGLADE SUN in Avon Park, Florida, in March. In April, the JTAC cell supported the Advanced Tactical Aviation Course in Cold Lake with 3 PPCLI and 1 Wing RCAF. In the summer, the cell participated in Ex PRAIRIE THUNDER in Cold Lake and rounded out the summer in August with Ex ROLLING THUNDER which involved a maneuver exercise in Fort Riley, Kansas, coupled with a visit to the 69<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadrons of the USAF in North Dakota. Additionally, the Regiment deployed a JTAC to Op REASSURANCE in December to support 2 CMBG.

Upon the completion of yet another successful year, Z Battery looks forward to 2024 as they prepare for annual exercises and workup training for the next deployment cycle.

### **HQ & Svcs Battery**

For Headquarters and Services (HQ & Svcs) Battery, 2023 was yet another busy year full of changes in personnel, deployments, and postings. The year started off with the change of command ceremony between outgoing Battery Commander, Major Telfer, and incoming Battery Commander, Major Little. In February, the Regiment conducted Ex FROZEN GUNNER with critical support from HQ & Svcs Battery to keep the regiment fighting. This year's exercise remains memorable to the Battery as it demonstrated its ability to provide support no matter what, even with minimal resources and personnel. HQ & Svcs Battery's focus during the spring was supporting the Regimental training cycle to help prepare the Regiment for upcoming deployments.

During this time, HQ & Svcs Battery saw another change in principle staff with the change of stick between outgoing Battery Sergeant Major, MWO Perrault, to incoming Battery Sergeant Major, MWO Fiander. HQ & Svcs Battery also welcomed a couple of new faces this year with the posting of a new Tech Adj, Capt Skvortsov, new QM, Capt Lee and Signals Officer, Capt Elliot, all of whom have been instrumental in supporting the Regiment in a variety of tasks and deployment. Together the Battery team, new and old, has continued to lead and administer the Battery and the Regiment in a way which has ensured continued success throughout the year.

HQ & Svcs Battery hit the ground running in the fall with Ex LIMBER GUN-



NER. It was the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that the whole Battery deployed to the field. During the exercise, the Battery focused on a deliberate deployment and the application of real-life support under tactical conditions. Adopting lessons learned from ongoing conflicts, HQ & Svcs Battery utilized a dispersed position and leveraged methods of communication that limited their electronic signature to minimize detection for potential OPFOR. HQ & Svcs Battery soldiers further honed their core soldier skills emphasising the importance of local defence and mastery of field craft. HQ & Svcs Battery's outstanding performance allowed them to transport over 2,000 rounds of 155mm, tens of thousand of small arms ammunition, and endless salvage. This all-hands-on-deck exercise can be described as an unquestionable success and allowed various key players to demonstrate their trades' specific skills and support, from Light Maintenance Troop's repair and recovery team, Signals Troop's unwavering flexibility and ability to maintain communication nodes, the Unit Medical Staff's outstanding medical support, and even spiritual support provided by the Regimental Padre.

During the winter of 2023, HQ & Svcs Battery recharged by executing the 1 RCHA 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sports Day. Members of the Regiment participated in ball hockey, volleyball, soccer, and other activities. The festivities were followed by a barbeque to honour the 125<sup>th</sup> year of the Regiment. As per tradition, the holiday season was marked by outstanding events including HQ & Svcs Battery facing-off against Z Battery in the Hugsweier Cup, an epic showdown between two highly effective fighting forces. With an extremely busy year ahead of them, HQ & Svcs Battery



*Capt Lee (QM 1 RCHA) briefs Col Bourque (Commander 1 CMBG) regarding sustainment during Ex LIMBER GUNNER.*

LCol	J	O'Donnell	WO	JD	Blair	Sgt	KJ	Potts
Maj	AR	Burke	WO	AD	Brown	Sgt	EG	Robichaud
Maj	TF	Everett	WO	JT	Carey	Sgt	TF	Sheppard
Maj	LM	Jackson	WO	DAJ	Chelkowski	Sgt	DD	Sopkow
Maj	CR	Lewington	WO	MA	Colwell	Sgt	GPP	Staples
Maj	PA	Little	WO	LJ	Cunningham	Sgt	DM	Talbot
Maj	BF	Miles	WO	DJ	Desroches	Sgt	BD	Trivers
Maj	CD	Skelsey	WO	SE	English	Sgt	BJD	Wickens
Maj	MR	Stickland	WO	TR	Engram	Sgt	AT	Wierenga
Capt	E	Barkhouse	WO	JC	Houle	Sgt	BE	Young
Capt	M	Cain	WO	ER	Levesque	Sgt	PW	Zandstra
Capt	AF	Casey	WO	WA	Medcalf	Sgt	R	Zoghaib
Capt	F	Hutchinson	WO	T.C.	Perry	MBdr	JRJ	Bakker
Capt	JK	Koh	WO	DJ	Sedgwick	MBdr	BP	Butler
Capt	AJ	Kurd	WO	TE	Syme	MBdr	CTS	Chubry
Capt	MD	Mainprize	WO	OTG	Thorne	MBdr	EN	Clunas
Capt	AJ	Martin	WO	JLT	Turpin	MBdr	JDR	Crashley
Capt	NJF	McCabe	WO	MLL	Urquhart	MBdr	SJT	D'Amour
Capt	MJ	McGall	WO	JA	White	MBdr	AJR	Denis
Capt	GJ	Merritt	WO	JN	Wiebe	MBdr	PJL	Desbiens
Capt	BM	Neal	Sgt	MD	Allary	MBdr	KD	Durocher
Capt	KE	Nielsen	Sgt	TR	Badcock	MBdr	CA	Foster
Capt	GDD	Ramey	Sgt	CM	Bell	MBdr	K	Gagnon
Capt	SC	Sloat	Sgt	JRE	Bouchard	MBdr	RMG	Garcia
Capt	EJ	Taborowski	Sgt	MD	Caveen	MBdr	SM	Gregg
Capt	J	Teakles	Sgt	MEC	Clement	MBdr	VJCD	Guerette
Capt	L	Turner	Sgt	MM	Cyr	MBdr	JD	Harris
Lt	J	Dai	Sgt	KG	Dillon	MBdr	DT	Harte
Lt	II	Jarvis	Sgt	DM	Elliott	MBdr	RC	Jackson
Lt	R	Kluszczyński	Sgt	RR	Gilks	MBdr	JMAD	Lavigne
Lt	M	Mackenzie	Sgt	JB	Helka	MBdr	BDJ	Lawrence
Lt	SE	Magill	Sgt	BD	Irving	MBdr	LA	Lechman
Lt	N	McLean	Sgt	DG	Kassaye	MBdr	G	Leduc-Corriveau
Lt	AA	Nlandu	Sgt	MMP	Krushnisky	MBdr	NM	Ling
Lt	GP	Poulin	Sgt	BRS	Lanteigne	MBdr	JS	MacIsaac
Lt	K	Thomson	Sgt	IC	Leckie	MBdr	KD	Maki
Lt	DJ	Young	Sgt	DS	Lefave	MBdr	DA	Mayer-Mulé
CWO	SA	McGowan	Sgt	TDW	Marion	MBdr	TM	McCroy
MWO	RM	Fiander	Sgt	ZB	McDermot-Fouts	MBdr	AK	Moore
MWO	JAMJ	Fortin	Sgt	KW	O'Connell	MBdr	DH	Pearson
MWO	SW	Planetta	Sgt	S	Ouellet	MBdr	KJM	Pellerin
MWO	JMJ	Van Damme	Sgt	TA	Paynton	MBdr	NJ	Penner



MBdr BEA Randall  
 MBdr JK Rosamond  
 MBdr DJ Saunders  
 MBdr TK Stevens  
 MBdr TP Swindell  
 MBdr AA Thorne  
 MBdr JR Ward  
 MBdr MEA Webster  
 Bdr OJ Alcime  
 Bdr J Armstrong  
 Bdr ACB Bakker  
 Bdr DNM Bauman  
 Bdr T Beatty  
 Bdr K Beaudoin  
 Bdr W Bergen-Henegouwen  
 Bdr A Bergseth  
 Bdr NAJ Bessette  
 Bdr B Boughen  
 Bdr B Brown  
 Bdr N Burak  
 Bdr M Buxcey  
 Bdr J Caines  
 Bdr TAM Chapman  
 Bdr J Chapman  
 Bdr S Chiasson  
 Bdr Y Chuckrey  
 Bdr RWK Cooper  
 Bdr JA Coscarella  
 Bdr C Coulson  
 Bdr C Crawford  
 Bdr C Creighton  
 Bdr SM Dawdy  
 Bdr VA Di Maggio  
 Bdr C Duenkler  
 Bdr SL Duenkler  
 Bdr B Earhart  
 Bdr KLA Eaton  
 Bdr CCN Eldridge  
 Bdr GJ Estrella  
 Bdr K Farpali  
 Bdr D Fernandez Leites  
 Bdr KD Foley  
 Bdr KW Foster  
 Bdr MTK Gadde  
 Bdr R Garcia  
 Bdr C Gibeau  
 Bdr T Gilbert  
 Bdr CCJ Girard  
 Bdr G Goddard  
 Bdr FD Grenier  
 Bdr LAD Guieb  
 Bdr R Gulliver  
 Bdr MJL Hammond  
 Bdr GA Hazlehurst  
 Bdr JR Hemmings  
 Bdr J Hendren  
 Bdr D Henley  
 Bdr AAB Hibbert  
 Bdr RR Hill  
 Bdr H Hillman  
 Bdr K Howlett  
 Bdr C Hundebly

Bdr NJT Ironman  
 Bdr J Jackson  
 Bdr C Jacobson  
 Bdr RTS Jenkins  
 Bdr D Klimenko  
 Bdr GM Kobsar  
 Bdr AT Kostenchuk  
 Bdr F Lacombe  
 Bdr JL Lacsamana  
 Bdr R Lagera  
 Bdr V Le  
 Bdr FPCD Lebeau  
 Bdr MA LeBlanc  
 Bdr JZAJ Leeco  
 Bdr JM Luffman  
 Bdr D Lynch  
 Bdr K MacDonald  
 Bdr RA Mackay  
 Bdr RW Mansfield  
 Bdr E Marlow  
 Bdr JRR Martinell  
 Bdr M Mayne  
 Bdr BR Mcclelland  
 Bdr MD McDonald  
 Bdr KWR McKinney  
 Bdr K Mignault  
 Bdr J Molinski  
 Bdr JW Morris  
 Bdr JW Moulton  
 Bdr N Mubambe  
 Bdr C Neufeld  
 Bdr AJP Neyron  
 Bdr JWL Noland  
 Bdr KM Norton  
 Bdr A Obispo  
 Bdr M O'Brien  
 Bdr JE Orr  
 Bdr N Ouellet

Bdr K Palma Duenas  
 Bdr JT Palmer  
 Bdr JB Pashe  
 Bdr SR Proulx  
 Bdr J Psallidas  
 Bdr J Ribey  
 Bdr R Sandhu  
 Bdr M Sanford  
 Bdr BSR Seguin  
 Bdr CD Shaw  
 Bdr KY Shchukin  
 Bdr MR Sheets  
 Bdr TCP Slavinsky  
 Bdr J St.Laurent  
 Bdr MG St-Laurent  
 Bdr Z Syed  
 Bdr DJA Thompson  
 Bdr DR Thue  
 Bdr KA Timm  
 Bdr T Trottier  
 Bdr CS Trynchy  
 Bdr N Van Aaken  
 Bdr C Walters  
 Bdr WW Wedderien  
 Bdr SG Williams  
 Bdr A Wilson  
 Bdr AM Wilson  
 Bdr DLC Zanatta  
 Gnr N Acker-Fusaro  
 Gnr M Alford  
 Gnr N Amesbury  
 Gnr I Azam  
 Gnr M Badong  
 Gnr A Barrett  
 Gnr R Bentley  
 Gnr K Boonstra  
 Gnr J Calpe  
 Gnr M Chute



*During Ex LIMBER GUNNER, 1 RCHA finely tuned their speed and lethality with unique deployments focusing on survivability in a constant ground and Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) Opposition Force (OPFOR) presence.*



Gnr	D	Conversi	Gnr	S	Kaminski	Gnr	L	Racicot
Gnr	M	Cormier	Gnr	I	Kan	Gnr	K	Reaker
Gnr	J	Cruz	Gnr	M	Keilbart	Gnr	C	Reynolds
Gnr	D	Dahl	Gnr	J	Kott	Gnr	V	Robertson
Gnr	K	Dawson	Gnr	V	Lafontaine	Gnr	B	Robichaud
Gnr	D	Dease	Gnr	A	Lam	Gnr	J	Robidoux
Gnr	GD	Dela Cerna	Gnr	M	Laplante	Gnr	V	Rousseau
Gnr	S	Drapeau	Gnr	A	Legary	Gnr	K	Ruchlewicz
Gnr	F	Elpa	Gnr	H	Legrand	Gnr	J	Sailer
Gnr	C	Evans	Gnr	O	Loignon	Gnr	I	Sambola
Gnr	C	Folster	Gnr	D	MacDonald	Gnr	C	Saunderson
Gnr	M	Forget	Gnr	C	MacNeil	Gnr	M	Selvarajah
Gnr	K	Gallagher	Gnr	C	Macpherson	Gnr	G	Silver
Gnr	S	Garland	Gnr	E	Manaras	Gnr	J	Skelhorn
Gnr	C	Gaudreault	Gnr	R	McHugh	Gnr	L	Slaa
Gnr	J	Gauthier	Gnr	M	Mckinnon	Gnr	C	Smith
Gnr	B	Gelfand	Gnr	A	Monayao	Gnr	Z	Sopotyk
Gnr	V	Gervais	Gnr	J	Morissette	Gnr	M	Sorella
Gnr	S	Gill	Gnr	J	Morton	Gnr	M	St Louis-McIntosh
Gnr	A	Gracie	Gnr	K	Neseth	Gnr	G	Stukl
Gnr	N	Grenier-Blandon	Gnr	J	Noble	Gnr	W	Tardif
Gnr	N	Grundle	Gnr	M	Parent-Gravel	Gnr	J	Thornton
Gnr	N	Hallé	Gnr	Q	Peters	Gnr	N	Timmers
Gnr	U	Hassan	Gnr	J	Phillips	Gnr	M	Turgeon
Gnr	L	Haycock	Gnr	W	Pitts	Gnr	K	Vasquez
Gnr	AM	Hebert	Gnr	D	Pitts	Gnr	C	Williams
Gnr	D	Heidebrecht	Gnr	J	Pley	Gnr	W	Winter
Gnr	B	Henderson	Gnr	D	Poloni	Gnr	S	Winters
Gnr	J	Hilditch-Ivaniski	Gnr	M	Pombert-Larue	Gnr	R	Wyatt
Gnr	J	Hobson	Gnr	S	Potrebka	Gnr	J	Zapparoli-Gordon
Gnr	M	Hupe	Gnr	L	Power	Gnr	K	Ziegler
Gnr	T	Jibb						



*Jocko Willink, retired US Navy Seal, conducts a Question/Answer period in order to help the Regiment reflect on their ethical principles, military values and professional expectations during an hour-long keynote engagement.*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery



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RSM  
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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA) commenced 2023 in the CONTINGENCY phase of the Canadian Army Managed Readiness Plan, gearing up towards deploying in support of Canada's NATO remits and deployments in Eastern Europe and the Middle East before transitioning to the COMMITTED phase in July. Throughout 2023, 2 RCHA soldiers and officers conducted several field exercises, both within Canada and abroad, focusing on gunnery and integration of fires with other units, courses, sports and physical fitness competitions, professional development (PD), and ceremonial events. A key highlight of the year was the high level of excellence displayed by 2 RCHA's soldiers in deploying two batteries and other small parties to meet Canada's commitments internationally.

### D Battery

D Battery had its sights set on its upcoming deployment to Op REASSURANCE and, as such, began the New Year with a great degree of emphasis placed on training and readiness. In January, D Battery conducted a dismounted small arms range focusing on fire and movement and working up to platoon attacks on multiple objectives. This demonstrated D Battery's capability to work as members of a formidable team in an unfamiliar context. From 6-9 March, D Battery conducted Ex FROZEN DRAGON. This provided the battery with an opportunity to practice critical skills and refine its winter tactics, techniques, and procedures in addition to building upon digital fires capabilities. The live-fire portion of the exercise was followed by a period of winter warfare training that qualified members of the battery as Cold Weather Operators.

While the BC and BSM attended the TAC Recce in Latvia with their advisors, D Battery was diligently working to complete collective training and IBTS with the 1 RCR, the Lead Mounting Unit for Op REASSURANCE R23-02. To declare the battery ready for deployment, the training included small arms ranges, LAV 6.0 ranges, some "enjoyable" time in the gas hut, and a collective level 6 live-fire range. Ex ROYAL DRAGON was the capstone exercise where D Battery fired live in support of 1 RCR platoon and company attacks.

May - June, D Battery enjoyed a period of leave prior to deploying to Lat-

via. Early in the deployment, the battery quickly integrated within the battle group and adapted to life in Camp Adazi. After a long, hot summer in the Latvian sun conducting multiple exercises, D Battery had completed offensive and defensive multinational exercises in support of combat teams from Canada, Spain, and Italy alongside artillery units from Spain, Slovenia, and Slovakia. From fire and movement to constructing trenches and gun pits by hand, every member of D Battery contributed immensely to the Combat Readiness Evaluation exercise, Ex SILVER ARROW 23. During Ex SILVER ARROW, D Battery showcased its lethality and exceptional work ethic by providing fire support to the battle group in support of its operations.



*On 26 May 2023, 2 RCHA celebrated Artillery Day! The Regiment spent the morning outside competing in an inter-battery fitness challenge followed by a friendly sports tournament. To end this festive day, the 2 RCHA family came together and celebrated after with the traditional Artillery Day cake!*

D Battery was steadfast in its commitment to excellence with ongoing dynamic ranges, and making the most of the time in theatre by maintaining and developing proficiency with small arms. After much planning, Ex WAWEL DRAGON was conducted in Poland, beginning with a road move from Camp Adazi through Lithuania to the destination in Poland. When D Battery arrived in Bemowo Piskie, they were welcomed by the members of Alpha "Aries" Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment as part of enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group (eFP BG) Poland and had the opportunity to meet and establish relationships with American, Croatian, and Romanian gunners. Prior to deploying to the field for a live shoot, D Battery had the privilege of attending a PD trip to Warsaw, Poland, where members were able to tour museums and experience Polish culture. During the live-fire portion of Ex WAWEL DRAGON,

D Battery sent bullets downrange from a massive three-battery gun position alongside the American and Croatian batteries. Battery members were able to watch the Romanian Air Defence unit fire live at Canadian illumination rounds, a rare experience that will not likely be forgotten. As R23-02 began to wind down, soldiers were poised to return to Petawawa and see their loved ones after a long six-month deployment.

The year brought a variety of challenges and obstacles for D Battery, but, at every turn, battery members surpassed expectations and once again demonstrated excellence, professionalism, and an unparalleled work ethic. Following a well-deserved post-deployment leave period, D Battery will be ready to face whatever 2024 brings.

### E Battery

At the beginning of 2023, E Battery was quickly focussed on running



courses to prepare members for upcoming winter training and the future deployment on Op REASSURANCE R24-01. These included Gun Detachment Second-in-Command, a Gun Detachment Member, and Light Overland Snow Vehicle (Snowmobile).

Ex WINTER WARRIOR took place from 7-10 February that included Cold Weather Operator training for members of the battery. This exercise consisted of constructing improvised shelters, employing snares, ice fishing, and building snow defences then firing small arms at them to test their effectiveness. It aided in preparing members for Ex WINTER GUNNER that occurred from 21-24 February. This exercise included air mobile training in-conjunction with 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron (THS) and was focused on conducting live-fire artillery training. During February, members of the battery were also course candidates on the LAV 6.0 Driver, TAPV Driver, and TAPV RWS courses. E Battery proudly participated in Ex OLYMPIAN BEAR. They assisted the regiment in providing a strong showing within the brigade.

Lieutenant Williamson, the Troop Commander of E Troop since September 2022, sadly passed away on 3 April. The Commanding Officer, Regimental Sergeant Major, and officers from the Regiment attended a celebration of life in his hometown of Hamilton, ON.

In the Spring, E Battery continued to run courses and complete troop-level training in preparation for upcoming PDT and IBTS training. E Battery soldiers attended Recce Tech, CP Tech, LAV 6.0 Gunner, and LAV 6.0 Crew Commander.

*Troops of E Bty, 2 RCHA took part in Ex FROZEN GUNNER in collaboration with 450 THS to deploy their equipment and guns via a CH147 Chinook. Gunners braced the extreme cold to provide fire and effects on the ground as part of an all arms call for fire.*



Members of E and Y Battery, who would deploy together as part of MEDUSA Battery in eFP BG R24-01, attended Ex FORMIDABLE SHIELD in May. Maj Hawke, Capt Cherry, MBdr Collins, and Bdr Orellana Menjivar travelled to the Cape Wrath Firing Range in the United Kingdom (UK) to conduct Naval Gunfire Support (NGS) training in a multi-national NATO setting. They called in and observed fires from the Italian, Spanish, and French navies involving guns ranging from 76mm to 5-inch. This training strengthened relations with the UK's NGS Training and Advisory team and set the groundwork to incorporate a Dutch Royal Marines Fire Support Team in Ex BLACK DAGGER.

D Troop ran Ex RAPID FIRE May, during which they conducted air mobile training with 450 THS, practiced basic section- and platoon-level patrol drills, completed night navigation and fieldcraft, and conducted a C6 weapons range. E Troop ran Ex GUNSLINGER in June that focussed on small party tasks and basic infantry skills. It included building map models, receiving and issuing orders, conducting day and night reconnaissance, and culminated with a tactical advance to battle and a team-building obstacle course. BHQ Troop ran Ex CHARGING GUNNER from 12-16 June; it had a primary focus of developing LAV 6.0 and TAPV driver and crew commander skills and a secondary focus of developing basic infantry skills. It included road moves, convoy drills, day/night navigation, and small party tasks, and it culminated with a deliberate section-level ambush supported by unmanned aerial systems with real-time enemy composition updates. This flurry of courses and training led to a quiet July allowing the battery to enjoy summer leave prior to a busy August filled with pre-deployment training.

In August E Battery focussed on the upcoming deployment on Op REASSURANCE R24-01. Ex READY SOLDIER ran in August and saw all types of IBTS training conducted. Following the exercise, focus was shifted to Ex BLACK DAGGER, which was split into two main phases: phase one was an artillery live-fire exercise and phase two shifted focus to dismounted infantry company training. Phase one focussed on fire and movement of the battery and included a PGK shoot, GPO open actions, HF tasks, air OPs, and a fire-planning portion. It was an excellent training opportunity that saw 1,100 rounds fired by the battery and saw two members of the regiment, Master Warrant Officer Herman and Warrant Officer Diaz, fire

their last rounds as part of a Departure with Dignity shoot. Phase two rapidly transitioned to dismounted infantry training. Orders were issued for an initial helicopter insertion in support of an urban assault on a built-up area, and, following a successful assault, platoon-level tasks continued that included dismounted patrols occurring throughout the area of operations and culminated with a company-level attack on an enemy platoon position. Throughout Ex BLACK DAGGER, support was provided by numerous outside units including 450 THS, 438 THS, 2 Combat Engineer Regiment, the Queen's York Rangers, and the Dutch Royal Marines.

In preparation for the upcoming deployment, the deploying members took an extended Thanksgiving leave and then soldiers of the battery's ATG travelled to Gagetown in October to participate in the 2 RCR's, level-4 training, and Ex VIRTUAL BEAR alongside members of the brigade.

The battery took pre-deployment leave in November, and by 16 December, all members of E Battery, now known as MEDUSA Battery while on Op REASSURANCE R24-01, had deployed.

December was a busy month on Op REASSURANCE. DRAGON "D" Battery provided a comprehensive handover that allowed MEDUSA "E" Battery to quickly take the reins. Focus was immediately placed on preparing for Exercises that were scheduled to take place in early 2024. Spending the holidays and Christmas away is always hard, but members of the battery enjoyed a Troop Appreciation Dinner, had the opportunity to attend a local Christmas market, and spent time calling family and friends back home.

## **F Battery**

F Battery had a demanding, yet successful, year focussed on supporting 2 RCHA commitments to Op REASSURANCE and sustaining the DART. Multiple other exercises and courses were organized and externally supported to ensure that F Battery personnel remained prepared and technically proficient.

At the beginning of the year, F Battery conducted its winter training in the Petawawa training area to ensure member readiness for operating in cold, austere environments and to develop team cohesion. The focus was on snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and improvised shelter construction. Once the training aims were achieved, members redeployed from the training to begin taking on the battery's new secondary duty as DART's Defense and Security Platoon.

F Battery members were deployed around Canada and abroad to assume DART duties from D Battery, support national-level courses, and support Op REASSURANCE. F Battery soldiers stood up to support possible missions to Turkey, Egypt, and the UK, providing the Canadian government with immediate and timely options in the face of external pressures.

Upon returning from summer block leave, F Battery conducted simultaneous battery-level training events and courses and provided members for Ex VIRTUAL BEAR. The battery conducted an Armored Vehicle Crew Commander course and a Bison Conversion course and sent members to assist with PLQ courses. F Battery conducted an escape and evasion exercise in conjunction with the Peel Region Police and 450 THS. It also conducted a successful airborne manoeuvre out to the Petawawa training area and worked with ground force elements to send out the battery escape parties. F Battery's contribution was proceeding well but was canceled early due to a training accident involving 450 THS. The members of F Battery were pulled back in and put on standby for assistance, in the situation that they would be called on to provide support in the immediate aftermath.

The battery conducted two technical confirmation exercises, verifying proficiency with integral equipment and basic soldiering skills in coordination with 30<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiments. Ex RADIATING FOX prioritized the employment of the LCMR and evaluated our members on reconnaissance, reports and returns, indirect fire detections, and coordination with friendly forces. The battery was given a well-deserved long weekend before re-deploying to the field for Ex LETHAL FOX. The priority was the employment of the AWLS, local defense, and CP rhythm in relation to indirect fire detections. Concurrently, F Battery sent two Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance teams in support of Ex VIRTUAL BEAR to Gagetown while maintaining one in Petawawa. These teams were invaluable to the successful conduct of the exercise and increased brigade interoperability between units and assets.

F Battery entered the Christmas leave period fatigued but satisfied with the accomplishments of the year. F Battery will return in 2024 ready to face a new set of challenges in support of 2 CMBG.





## Y Battery

Y Battery began 2023 with momentum from the previous year and a focus on readiness to achieve operational commitments and enhancing warfighting capabilities. In January, Y Battery conducted PCF courses and CWO training. The LAV 6.0 course kicked off as the first course of many for the year, and, in February, the battery participated in Ex FRIGID OBSERVER. Concurrently, Y Battery JTACs maintained a continuous training tempo with several exercises to achieve currency and proficiency training. They began the year with Ex SHILO STRIKE and Ex CURRENT RAPTOR to begin qualification upgrades (QUA) to increase operational capabilities.

March and April involved critical JTAC training events including training in Avon Park, Florida, with 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Operations Group. It was a JTAC/CAS exercise focused on training participants to execute Joint Fires in large-scale combat operations and counterinsurgency operations in a high-threat combat environment and to develop trained and proficient war fighting professionals. The exercise also focused on conducting QUA and currency with exposure to various platforms and to establish and improve working relationships with key partners. In April, Ex PALE HORSE in Fort Drum, New York, re-established a working relationship with 20<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operation Squadron (20<sup>th</sup> ASOS) and focused on achieving the currency requirement for two deploying JTACs on Op REASSURANCE R23-02. Additionally, in the same month, Warrant Officer Griffiths and Captain Simonds deployed in support of Op SAVANNE, a 3 RCR non-combatant evacuation operation in Sudan.

Y Battery conducted an OPVCC course in May, and, in June, members of Y Battery deployed alongside D Battery for the first of two operational



*2 RCHA JTACs participated in Ex EVERGLADE SUN in Avon Park, Florida with members of the USAF. The exercise provided training on the planning and execution of dynamic close air support.*

commitments to Op REASSURANCE in Latvia. Pre-JTAC was also conducted in June, and participants from the Infantry School, Tactical Air Control Party, and 2 RCHA executed a ground school and air phase in Petawawa, supported by Lear jets and Alpha jets.

After a well-deserved period of summer leave, Y Battery returned to participate in IBTS training events and conducted several courses including another LAV 6.0 Driver and the gun camp for the year's earlier OPVCC, all of which increased readiness within the battery.

Y Battery conducted a change of command in August with Major Neeley as the new Battery Commander and Warrant Officer Barney as the new Battery Sergeant Major. With conditions set to support operational commitments, Y Battery developed and implemented a PD program which included several presentations on NGS. Further PD was conducted with a trip to Ottawa to visit the Canadian War Museum and to improve mental resiliency and team cohesion. Y Battery's soldier skills were honed during Ex LETHAL FOX, a pairs- and section-level live-fire range with F Battery, and during urban operations training with 3 RCR. JTACs continued training on several exercises including a combined event in Cold Lake, AB, which included JTACs from all three brigades and 20<sup>th</sup> ASOS, and focused on sharing common standard operating procedures and tactics, techniques, and procedures. In December, Y Battery again deployed some of its members to Op REASSURANCE R24-01 alongside E Battery and welcomed back those returning from the summer rotation.

This year was busy and rewarding for the members of Y Battery. Now the focus is entirely on the next bound – the BUILD year towards a renewed

COMMITTED year in 2025. The goal: forging leaner, more lethal, fire supporters who are prepared to deliver decisive effects on time and on target in 2024 and beyond.

## Headquarters and Services Battery

Headquarters and Services (HQ) Battery had a busy year full of change along with the rest of the Regiment. Significant leadership changes were made this year with Master Warrant Officer Herman handing over the Battery Sergeant Major position to Master Warrant Officer Normand. Master Warrant Officer Herman, after many exemplary years of service within the regiment, has now retired. Major Haynes handed the Battery Commander position over to Major Wilson. Major Haynes deployed on Op IMPACT and returned to the regiment, taking over the role of deputy commanding officer from Major Kelly.

HQ Battery maintained its high standard of support to all 2 RCHA tasks. In late summer, the battery supported E Battery's pre-deployment training exercise, Ex BLACK DAGGER. Throughout the regimental school, HQ Battery provided support to numerous PCF courses. Furthermore, HQ Battery planned and executed this year's IRON WARRIOR challenge, staffing the command post and a variety of different stations throughout the race.

HQ Battery continued its hard work through the fall training cycle, ensuring vehicles and equipment were made available for several courses, including Bison Driver, MSVS SMP, and LHS. Later in the year, the battery enabled the conduct of numerous PCF courses, which ensured the readiness of 2 RCHA for the upcoming year and set the conditions for operational deployments. In addition to the work done by the battery to support the regiment and brigade, HQ Battery participated heavily in Ex VIRTUAL BEAR, acting as LOCON in Petawawa with a contingent acting as 0 and 95 in Gagetown. During the exercise, HQ Battery provided crucial combat service support to other units within the brigade and ensured the battery was prepared for future deployments.

After balancing a year of postings, position changes, and training exercises, the personnel employed in HQ Battery have performed over and above all expectations, ensuring that 2 RCHA is properly supported and prepared for the challenges that await the regiment in 2024.

## Conclusion

2 RCHA happily concluded 2023 with festive activities such as the Saint Barbara's Day Ball and Sports Day. The members of 2 RCHA enjoyed their holiday leave returning rejuvenated for 2024, which promises to be an exceptionally busy year. In 2024, 2 RCHA will conclude the COMMITTED phase before transitioning back to the BUILD phase in July in preparation to meet the new Canadian Army Managed Readiness Plan's COMMITTED to NATO phase in July 2025. While much of the regiment will still be deployed on expeditionary operations for half of the year, the members remaining in Canada will remain poised to respond to any DART activations and support to Op LENTUS as needed. As always, 2 RCHA's personnel will continue to hone their skills and continue supporting 2 CMBG to an exceptional standard.



*On Saturday, February 25th, members from 2 RCHA participated in the Historic Hockey games played in Kingston, On. The 2 RCHA team won both their games, beating Queen's University and the Royal Military College.*



LCol	J.D.	Flanders	WO	D.E.	Oliver	MBdr	J.M.J.P.	Lefebvre
Maj	D.V.	Aliberti	WO	C.G.	PeraltaVintimilla	MBdr	D.J.G.	Maranduik
Maj	A.K.J.	Garton	WO	M.R.	Small	MBdr	C.J.	Milburn
Maj	S.P.	Hawke	WO	A.P.	Smith	MBdr	N.	Moamai
Maj	M.E.	Haynes	WO	M.J.	Walsh	MBdr	K.K.	Moulton
Maj	M.G.K.	Kelly	WO	L.J.	Wotherspoon	MBdr	R.C.	Neill
Maj	J.R.	Neely	Sgt	J.C.	Avery	MBdr	P.L.	Noort
Maj	D.P.	Wilson	Sgt	S.P.B.A.J.	Boileau	MBdr	N.J.	Oland
Capt	J.T.	Abbas	Sgt	R.A.	Boretz	MBdr	D.J.	Pelley
Capt	J.R.	Burchat	Sgt	S.P.	Bristow	MBdr	N.	Pinard
Capt	M.J.J.	Cherry	Sgt	T.M.	Burgie	MBdr	S.N.	Plenert
Capt	M.	Durocher	Sgt	M.C.B.	Burrows	MBdr	K.L.	Poirier
Capt	R.J.	Ewing	Sgt	D.C.	Caines	MBdr	S.	Quattrociocchi
Capt	J.	Fillion	Sgt	T.M.	Colburne	MBdr	B.C.	Richardson
Capt	B.A.V.	Hogan	Sgt	A.C.L.	Doelle	MBdr	B.J.	Robertson
Capt	N.	Holden	Sgt	K.F.	Dombroski	MBdr	J.W.	Rooney
Capt	J.	Ieropoli	Sgt	J.T.	Douglas	MBdr	T.A.	Sanford
Capt	S.L.	Lafferty	Sgt	L.J.W.	Douglas	MBdr	K.	St-Onge-Pereira
Capt	C.C.	Lamarre	Sgt	M.T.	Godfrey	MBdr	K.M.J.M.	Sévigny
Capt	I.G.	MacDonald	Sgt	M.C.	Goziou-Gallant	MBdr	M.R.	Thoma
Capt	N.B.M.	Maher	Sgt	R.J.	Jackson	MBdr	C.W.	Vandijk
Capt	T.R.	McCarthy	Sgt	N.A.A.	Kelly	MBdr	R.C.R.	Wilmer
Capt	Z.	Mollins-Bidlake	Sgt	G.E.	Leclair	Bdr	É.	Acocella
Capt	C.B.P.	Prosper	Sgt	M.	Leroux	Bdr	G.	Agnant
Capt	J.P.	Saabas	Sgt	C.H.	Lyons	Bdr	A.	Alloune
Capt	C.J.	Sansom	Sgt	P.D.	Mackle	Bdr	G.	Adreozzi
Capt	D.C.	Schardt	Sgt	T.M.A.	McAvinn			
Capt	W.A.	Simonds	Sgt	C.L.	McBride			
Capt	T.	Smith	Sgt	F.J.I.	Murphy			
Capt	K.D.	Thompson	Sgt	T.F.	Richardson			
Capt	Z.R.	Tuttle	Sgt	R.D.	Ritchie			
Lt	J.	Bartlett	Sgt	E.J.	Roy			
Lt	C.	Campbell	Sgt	M.P.	Shave			
Lt	R.A.J.	Ford	Sgt	T.J.	Sjolie			
Lt	K.T.	Langas	Sgt	M.J.	Smith			
Lt	A.L.	Oakes	Sgt	J.J.	Stodgell			
Lt	C.X.	Pinto	Sgt	B.A.	Williams			
Lt	K.	Selaj	MBdr	C.R.	Acosta			
Lt	N.	Shah	MBdr	B.A.I.	Ainsworth			
Lt	A.R.	Vallee	MBdr	J.F.	Bing	Bdr	C.A.	Angayan
Lt	J.A.	Wery	MBdr	J.	Cadieux	Bdr	J.J.M.	Arbour
Lt	W.J.	Wettlaufer	MBdr	S.J.N.	Champigny	Bdr	C.	Argueta Ocando
2Lt	D.I.P.	Mac Culloch	MBdr	T.D.V.	Clement	Bdr	C.	Auger
CWO	R.D.	Hewitt	MBdr	J.J.H.	Coakwell	Bdr	T.G.	Bandy
MWO	D.G.	Buchan	MBdr	D.D.	Collins	Bdr	E.	Beauregard
MWO	A.D.	Kuiack	MBdr	C.L.	Conarroe	Bdr	F.D.A.	Bell
MWO	J.L.	Murphy	MBdr	D.J.	Crawford	Bdr	K.W.	Berdan
MWO	S.	Normand	MBdr	J.	Da Silva	Bdr	G.	Best
WO	T.M.	Barney	MBdr	A.	Derguy	Bdr	P.W.	Bird
WO	J.L.	Benn	MBdr	M.A.	Doucet	Bdr	C.R.	Bobbitt
WO	D.A.R.	Cameron	MBdr	D.C.	Eoll	Bdr	V.	Boivin
WO	M.R.	Chasse	MBdr	C.M.	Falkenstein	Bdr	M.	Brazeau
WO	C.J.A.	Douglas	MBdr	I.D.	Fleury	Bdr	P.R.	Brooker
WO	J.M.	French	MBdr	F.C.	Galiana-Audet	Bdr	J.E.	Brown
WO	K.E.	Griffiths	MBdr	H.	Gallant-Boulet	Bdr	A.F.	Browning-Eberhardt
WO	E.	Kheirallah	MBdr	M.T.	Grabiec	Bdr	D.	Burnham
WO	D.J.	King	MBdr	D.R.	Haines	Bdr	B.	Byrne
WO	C.M.	LeBlanc	MBdr	D.W.	Hemming	Bdr	A.	Bélanger
WO	G.G.	MacLean	MBdr	C.L.D.H.E.	Hughes	Bdr	B.	Caicedo Espinel
WO	S.E.	Merson	MBdr	A.	Jolicoeur-Hébert	Bdr	B.L.D.	Campbell
WO	C.A.P.	Murphy	MBdr	T.R.	Kahrs	Bdr	L.	Carrasco
WO	K.A.	Murphy	MBdr	C.O.P.	Lang	Bdr	Z.	Cassistat-Sirois





*Members of 2 RCHA were honored to participate in the Municipality of East Ferris' Remembrance Day Service in commemoration of the sacrifice made by those who have died in service of our nation.*

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| Bdr K.       | Champane             | Bdr L.     | Hurley            | Bdr S.M.   | Patrick                 |
| Bdr G.       | Charbonneau Sabourin | Bdr J.A.   | Ikerenge          | Bdr R.L.   | Petiquan                |
| Bdr G.T.     | Churchill            | Bdr S.R.   | Irwin             | Bdr P.T.   | Phankiriya              |
| Bdr O.E.     | Clapin-Girard        | Bdr S.M.   | Jones             | Bdr J.M.   | Pronk                   |
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| Bdr S.P.     | Dooley               | Bdr D.J.E. | Lindegaard        | Bdr C.     | Rushton                 |
| Bdr J.F.R.   | Douglas-Rich         | Bdr T.     | Lloyd             | Bdr A.M.   | St. John                |
| Bdr J.       | Drotar               | Bdr P.A.   | Lorimer-Carlin    | Bdr A.     | Sanchez                 |
| Bdr J.       | Dumouchel            | Bdr P.     | Lévesque          | Bdr N.     | Saunders                |
| Bdr C.       | Duval                | Bdr C.     | Mackenzie         | Bdr C.     | Shepperdson             |
| Bdr A.L.A.   | Edet                 | Bdr W.     | Marceau           | Bdr B.D.L. | Skakle                  |
| Bdr C.       | Folley               | Bdr C.J.   | Marshall          | Bdr J.J.   | Soguilon                |
| Bdr Z.       | Fraser               | Bdr S.     | Martin            | Bdr R.     | Som                     |
| Bdr C.F.W.J. | Gaulin               | Bdr B.S.   | Martin            | Bdr K.     | St Germain              |
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| Bdr J.       | Hamilton             | Bdr A.R.   | Minaker           | Bdr J.     | Thornhill               |
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| Bdr D.       | Hatch                | Bdr J.     | Nedrick           | Bdr B.     | Trudeau                 |
| Bdr M.G.N.   | Havlas               | Bdr C.     | Nidd              | Bdr T.     | Turcotte St-Amour       |
| Bdr C.W.     | Healy                | Bdr A.     | Noreau            | Bdr N.     | Verdieu                 |
| Bdr D.       | Hinds                | Bdr B.     | Noury             | Bdr B.     | Walker                  |
| Bdr R.L.     | Hollands             | Bdr S.     | O'Donoghue        | Bdr D.     | Wapshaw                 |
| Bdr J.       | Houle-Onions         | Bdr C.A.   | Orellana Menjivar | Bdr J.H.   | Wendlandt – Bloodsworth |
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|              |                      |            |                   | Bdr A.K.   | Young                   |
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2 RCHA completed Exercise BLACK DAGGER. Artillery was the primary focus with an emphasis on survival on the battlefield. It was a very demanding exercise, both physically and psychologically, but very rewarding.

Gnr J.	Lynn	Gnr T.	Donley	Gnr T.	Oldham
Gnr I.	N'Diaye	Gnr E.	Ens	Gnr K.	Payeur
Gnr K.	Ronson	Gnr J.	Gauthier	Gnr Y.	Pelletier
Gnr D.	Shellington	Gnr R.	Hernandez Mayen	Gnr E.	Percy
Gnr S.J.	Weiss	Gnr D.	Hoogstra	Gnr A.	Pimentel
Gnr M.	Ahmad	Gnr M.	Kashif	Gnr L.	Plesimond
Gnr A.	Al-Maliki	Gnr J.	Kowalski	Gnr S.	Poirier
Gnr J.	Anderson	Gnr C.	Kozlowski	Gnr N.	Popplewell
Gnr V.	Arpin	Gnr L.	Kuly	Gnr J.	Reda
Gnr L.	Baggio	Gnr M.	Léandre	Gnr N.	Rocha
Gnr S.	Beaulieu	Gnr C.	MacDonald	Gnr B.A.	Rogers
Gnr É.	Blais	Gnr R.	Mallat	Gnr B.	Roy-Belaire
Gnr C.	Blais	Gnr L.	Mccolman	Gnr I.	Singh
Gnr C.	Bradford	Gnr R.	Mendoza-Kuoch	Gnr S.	Thompson
Gnr R.	Brown	Gnr C.	Mierzejewski	Gnr P.	Trus
Gnr É.	Bureau	Gnr S.H.	Monson	Gnr P.	Vanderveeken
Gnr D.	Carleton	Gnr A.	Morrison	Gnr B.	Whitehead
Gnr G.	Childerhose	Gnr J.	Nielsen	Gnr P.	Wilkens
Gnr A.	Darmezine	Gnr J.	Néron	Gnr B.	Wood
Gnr K.	Dela Cruz				



çon positive tant par leurs pairs que par leurs supérieurs. En août, le Sgt Steve Galipeau a participé au provincial de soccer à titre d'entraîneur de l'équipe de la base de Valcartier.

## **BATTERIE Q**

Pour la bie Q, l'année 2023 aura été marquée par le rythme de bataille de montée en puissance avec l'Ex JRTC, qui était en cours en Louisiane, fournissant le support MUAS au 3<sup>e</sup> R22R. Cette année aura été chargée avec la mise à jour des compétences des membres à travers divers exercices ainsi que la reprise de l'École Régimentaire. La bie Q a été fidèle à elle-même et a su rencontrer tous les défis que l'année lui a apporté.

De nombreux changements aux postes de commandement de la bie ont marqué la dernière année. L'Adjum Morin a remplacé l'Adjum Leblanc dans le poste de SMB. Le Capt Ouellet a pris la position de BK, remplaçant la Capt O'Dowd. Finalement, le Maj Marcoux est entré en poste comme CB, remplaçant le Maj Riddoch.

L'année 2023 a vu le retour des exercices de bie et régimentaires. La bie a su briller lors des nombreux exercices auxquels elle a participé, notamment lors de l'Ex PIÈCES MOBILES (mars 23), Ex MAPLE RESOLVE (avril à mai 23), Ex ROMÉO DIGITALE (mai 23), Op LENTUS (juin 23), Ex PIÈCES AGGUERIES 1 (oct 23), et Ex-LION NUMÉRIQUE (nov 23).

Les formations de membre de détachement LCMR, MUAS et AWLS, dispensées pour et par les membres de la bie Q, ont augmenté le niveau de qualifications de ses membres. Les formations de commandant de détachement MUAS et commandant de détachement AWLS, importées de l'école d'artillerie, furent également un succès.

Une mention spéciale doit être faite pour la performance de certains membres de la bie. Le Bdr Falardeau, l'Artill Poirier-Kay, et la Bdr Ferragne ont su se démarquer lors de leurs formations respectives et ont reçu la mention de meilleur candidat pour le cours de membre de détachement MUAS, de membre de détachement AWLS et de membre de détachement LCMR. Le Capt Ouellet a également reçu la mention de meilleur candidat au cours d'officier SAO.

Cette année a également été marquée par plusieurs annonces de nouvelles naissances au sein de la bie. En plus des nouveaux officiers qui se sont joint à la bie Q, ainsi que de nouvelles mutations de membres du rang, et les NCOs, plusieurs familles se sont agrandies au cours de l'année, et nous leur souhaitons santé et bonheur.

Le retour après le temps des Fêtes a été marqué de plusieurs défis. Avec la participation de plusieurs membres de la bie en exercice et les cours de spécialistes, la bie a dû fonctionner avec un personnel réduit. Or, chaque membre a démontré la volonté de performer, s'est impliqué

dans les activités journalières de la bie ainsi que dans les exercices, et, finalement, ce travail soutenu a donné des résultats impressionnants. La bie Q se démarque au régiment comme étant une bie mature, et on reconnaît l'importance de la bie SAO, favorisant ainsi son intégration et l'optimisation de l'utilisation de ses ressources dans l'espace digital.

## **BATTERIE V**

Tout comme chez les autres bies, l'année 2023 fut une année particulièrement occupée pour les membres de la bie V. Un horaire d'entraînement serré culmina avec notre participation à l'Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. Depuis l'automne, la bie V se prépare en vue du déploiement imminent sur Op RÉASSURANCE à l'été 2024.

Le 17 juillet 2023, le Maj J.F. Lee est devenu le nouveau Commandant de bie, remplaçant le Maj J.M.J.D. Daigle.

L'été 2023 a été marqué par l'Op LENTUS. La bie V a contribué aux efforts en prêtant main-forte aux bies du régiment et aux unités externes, en déployant leur personnel pour renforcer les effectifs. Les membres ont principalement été déployés dans les municipalités de Chibougamau, suivi de Sept-Îles. Par la suite, l'expertise de la bie V en matière d'application et d'intégration de l'appui-feu a été sollicitée en soutien à Op NEO (Non-combatant Evacuation OPERATIONS) avec l'Op LUMEN du 14 septembre au 26 novembre 2023, une tâche qui aurait pu évoluer rapidement en raison du conflit en Israël.

La bie V a participé à divers exercices pour l'année 2023, commençant en hiver avec le soutien à l'entraînement du 3<sup>e</sup> R22R au JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) en Louisiane, aux États-Unis. Les JTAC (Joint Terminal Attack Controller) ont également dirigé les exercices CURRENT RAPTOR 2301 à Valcartier et Bagotville, et SMOKY RAP-

TOR 2301 au Kansas durant la même période. Au printemps, la bie a ensuite participé à la confirmation de la brigade à l'Ex MAPLE RESOLVE et l'Ex REFLEX RAPIDE 2023. À la suite de l'Op LENTUS et des congés d'été, l'entraînement a repris en force : les JTAC ont dirigé l'Ex CURRENT RAPTOR 2302 avec la participation au niveau national et des invités du programme JTAC français. La bie a participé à l'exercice régimentaire PIÈCES AGUERIES 2023 avec pour objectif

l'observation des feux et l'intégration du soutien aérien rapproché dans le plan d'appui-feu. Les JTAC du 5 RALC ont clôturé l'année d'entraînement collectif avec la planification et l'exécution de l'Ex RAPTOR STRIKE, le premier exercice international de soutien aérien rapproché à grande échelle au Canada depuis mai 2021.

En soutien à l'école régimentaire, la bie V a mené plusieurs cours au courant de la dernière année : un cours de canonier 25 mm VBL 6.0, un cours de pré-JTAC, un cours de conducteur VBL 6.0, un cours de membre de détachement de poste d'observation et, pour finir, un cours de tir au canon de 25 mm par le chef de char sur le VBL 6.0.

On souligne également les membres de la bie qui se sont démarqués par leurs accomplissements physiques. Le Bdr Timmons a été un



*Les membres de Bie Q avec les MUAS, après les confirmations des cours AWLS, EX PA1, octobre 2023*



*La bie V relève le défi G13 en l'honneur de Capt Goddard et Capt Francis.*

membre exemplaire de la bie V et a remporté la médaille d'or au tournoi de hockey national en tant que gardien de but de l'équipe de la base de Valcartier. Il a également remporté la médaille d'or avec l'équipe de la PFO du 5 RALC, la médaille d'argent au niveau individuel 29 ans et moins, et a gagné la médaille d'argent lors de la course régimentaire Whalen 2023 dans la catégorie 29 ans et moins. Le Maj Lee a, quant à lui, atteint le niveau Platinum au test Force.

## **BATTERIE R**

L'année 2023 a demandé un effort collectif de la part de tous les membres de la bie R pour répondre à la demande de multiples tâches. De plus, la bie a su maintenir et même augmenter son standard quant aux normes d'aptitudes au combat de niveau personnel, de bie et régimentaire.

En mai, la Maj Pham a laissé le commandement de la bie après 2 ans au Maj Samuel Gosselin, suite à son départ pour suivre le cours de programme de commandement et d'état-major interarmées. De plus, en juin, il y a eu le changement de canne du sergent major de bie, l'Adjum David Boursier a remis le flambeau à l'Adjum Hugo Soucy après un peu plus de 2 ans au sein de la bie. Le SMB sortant continue actuellement en tant que SMB de la bie Commandement et Service (C/S). Finalement, le capt de bie, Capt Patrick Allard, est parti suivre le cours d'Instructeur d'artillerie (IG), et le Capt Leblond-Bérubé occupe maintenant le poste.

Durant la période estivale, la bie a été déployée sur Op LENTUS dans les municipalités nordiques de Sept-Îles, Micoua et Mistissini/Chibougamau afin de combattre les feux de forêt. Les membres ont travaillé étroitement avec l'élément de commandement d'Op LENTUS, mené par le 3<sup>e</sup> R22R ainsi que la SOPFEU afin de protéger la population et les infrastructures clés de ces municipalités.

En termes d'entraînement, en début d'année la bie a participé à l'Ex RAFALE BLANCHE, validant ses compétences de guerre hivernale démontée et à l'Ex PIÈCES MOBILES, complétant la validation de ses normes d'aptitudes au combat (NAC) des Forces Armées Canadiennes pour l'AF 22-23. Ensuite, tandis que certains étaient à Wainwright en tant que renforts/soutiens individuels pour les Ex REFLEXE RAPIDE et MAPLE RESOLVE, le reste des membres de la bie ont planifié et exécuté l'Ex ROMÉO DIGITAL du 17 au 28 avril. Cet exercice a permis d'essayer de nouveaux outils de communication sur le terrain ainsi que de se familiariser avec de la munition de précision (PGK). Finalement, la saison s'est terminée avec l'Ex PIÈCES AGUERRIES du 22 au 26 octobre, permettant d'atteindre les NAC au niveau régimentaire avec une situation de contexte contemporain en vue d'un déploiement futur sur Op RÉASSURANCE.

Parmi les cours régimentaires qui ont eu lieu, certains d'entre eux ont été organisés par la bie R tel que le cours de technicien de reconnaissance, de conducteur MSVS SMP, de remorquage d'obusier, etc. D'autres membres ont suivi des cours à l'extérieur du régiment, tel que le cours de OOA, OPS PSY ainsi que des cours de langue française pour le personnel anglophone.

En conclusion, on peut dire que la bie R a surmonté une année excessivement chargée en tâches et déploiement et qu'elle a réussi, avec succès, tous les mandats qui lui ont été décernés.



Membres de la Bie CS exécutant une maintenance sur un véhicules pendant un EX à Wainwright



Transport d'un m777 par un hélicoptère CH-47 Chinook lors de l'Ex MAPLE RESOLVE le 12 mai 2023, Wainwright, AB.

## **BATTERIE CS**

L'année 2023 a été marquée par un effort collectif exceptionnel au sein de la bie CS, où chaque membre a contribué significativement pour répondre aux multiples exigences liées à divers événements. Malgré ces défis, la bie a maintenu, et a même surpassé, ses normes d'aptitudes au combat aux niveaux personnel, de bie et régimentaire.

Le commandement de la bie CS est toujours entre les mains du Maj Clément qui s'est préparé afin de déployer en Lettonie, au mois de janvier 2024. De plus, en juillet, un changement clé a eu lieu entre le sergent major de bie, où l'Adjum Isabelle Corbeil a transmis le flambeau à l'Adjum David Boursier après plus d'une année au sein de la bie. La SMB sortante assume désormais le rôle de SMB de la base au niveau des services des opérations. En outre, le départ du capt de bie, le Capt Alexandre Labranche, muté au JTF support, a ouvert la voie au Capt Ginaud Dupuis qui occupe ce poste.

À l'arrivée du beau temps, durant les mois de juin et juillet, la bie a également déployé plusieurs de ses membres sur Op LENTUS, luttant contre les incendies de forêt dans les municipalités nordiques de Sept-Îles, Micoua et Mistissini/Chibougamau. La collaboration étroite avec l'élément de commandement d'Op LENTUS, dirigé par le 3<sup>e</sup> R22R, et la SOPFEU, a permis de protéger efficacement la population et les infrastructures clés.

Au niveau de l'entraînement, la bie a participé à l'Ex RAFALE BLANCHE en début d'année, validant ses compétences en guerre hivernale démontée. Par la suite, il y a eu l'Ex PIÈCES MOBILES en mars qui a complété la validation des NAC. Pendant que certains membres étaient à Wainwright, le reste de la bie est venu en soutien aux nombreux cours et exercices se déroulant durant la même période. La saison s'est clôturée avec l'Ex ROMÉO AGILE en octobre, permettant d'atteindre les NAC au niveau régimentaire en vue d'un déploiement futur sur Op RÉASSURANCE.

L'Adj Roy, qui occupe le poste d'adjoint du poste de commandement régimentaire, s'est vu remettre un écu du Chef d'état-major de la Défense pour son travail au niveau de la promotion de la numérisation de l'appui-feu au sein du 5<sup>e</sup> GBMC.

Pour conclure, la bie CS a maîtrisé une année chargée et elle est prête pour l'année 2024 qui s'annonce d'autant plus mouvementée.

## **CONCLUSION**

La rapidité d'adaptation, de préparation et la résilience des membres du régiment ont permis de remplir tous les mandats du Régiment tout en s'assurant d'être prêt pour le déploiement à venir de 2024. La contribution du Régiment à l'Op LENTUS a été un élément marquant de l'année, où le 5 RALC a su se démarquer. Sans contredit, les efforts au niveau de la condition physique auront également été gratifiants où le Régiment a remporté plusieurs prix lors de compétitions sportives au courant de l'année. Le professionnalisme et l'esprit d'équipe ont été des éléments clés au succès de l'organisation. Le Régiment forme une équipe cohésive de très haut niveau étant munie d'un esprit de corps hors pair. Tout est en place pour connaître un franc succès en 2024.

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LCol	PD	Lanouette	Adj	SJY	Belval	Sgt	PJDA	Richer
Maj	GLMR	Clément	Adj	M	Berthelot	Sgt	K	Roch
Maj	A	Dufour	Adj	F	Boivin	Sgt	E	Roy
Maj	S	Gosselin	Adj	D	Chalifour	Sgt	V	Sadeghian Araghi
Maj	JF	Lee	Adj	DJMS	Champagne	Sgt	JF	Savard
Maj	SRS	Marcoux	Adj	CMB	Dallaire	Sgt	WJD	Simoneau
Maj	PRL	Roberge	Adj	ST	Diaz	Sgt	R	St-Pierre
Maj	D	Tanguay	Adj	PJ	Jacques	Sgt	D	Taillon-Coulombe
Capt	L	Beauséjour	Adj	DJG	Lefebvre	Sgt	S	Therrien
Capt	AJS	Belley	Adj	L	Longpré	Bdrc	V	Aclair
Capt	LJL	Bickel	Adj	S	Marcoux	Bdrc	MJD	Beudet-Lamarre
Capt	VML	Bourassa	Adj	MJA	Marcoux-Desrochers	Bdrc	SM	Beaulieu
Capt	M	Campagna-Lejeune	Adj	JRR	Paul	Bdrc	TC	Biron
Capt	C	Di Tomaso	Adj	RJC	Rodrigue	Bdrc	SWM	Blais
Capt	GE	Dupuis	Adj	JJR	Roy	Bdrc	A	Bois
Capt	GJLE	Gagnon	Adj	M	Sirois	Bdrc	NT	Boudreault
Capt	JMJ	Gilbert	Adj	JRS	Thibault	Bdrc	A	Boyer-Gregoire
Capt	A.B.	Gorman	Adj	MJL	Tremblay-Lavoie	Bdrc	FJS	Brochu
Capt	D	Hamel	Adj	AMM	Vallières	Bdrc	J	Cardinal
Capt	DPW	Jashewski	M 1	FY	Boucher	Bdrc	DJJ	Caya
Capt	C.	Le Breton-Prévost	Sgt	PN	Abel	Bdrc	GS	Couturier
Capt	A	Leblond-Bérubé	Sgt	M	Armaly	Bdrc	JCRA	Cusson
Capt	T	Mansouri	Sgt	MJJ	Aubé	Bdrc	JFJAPA	Daigle
Capt	CDJ	Millette	Sgt	MJ	Blouin	Bdrc	DM	De Launière
Capt	J	Ouellet	Sgt	OK	Bohler	Bdrc	VCJP	Defrance
Capt	MD	Pageau	Sgt	D	Bourque	Bdrc	A	Derguy
Capt	CR	Pawulski	Sgt	AE	Campbell	Bdrc	WJ	Duchemin
Capt	MCA	Pharand	Sgt	JJC	Caron Corriveau	Bdrc	S	Dufour-Labelle
Capt	JPE	Rossignol	Sgt	MA	Casabon	Bdrc	SS	Gagnon-Gauley
Capt	DGR	Sale	Sgt	P	Charest	Bdrc	F	Gallant
Capt	J	Vernier Lessard	Sgt	JJA	Corneau	Bdrc	J	Hains
Capt	Y	Yu	Sgt	JP	Côté	Bdrc	FC	Hebert-Dugas
Ltv	JMJ	Ranaivomanana	Sgt	CP	Delcour	Bdrc	PJF	Isabelle
Lt	WED	Bélanger	Sgt	B	Dion	Bdrc	OCR	Jeanson
Lt	E	Casado Maceo	Sgt	P	Dionne	Bdrc	OMCJ	Labonte-Bourguignon
Lt	H	Caya	Sgt	S	Dufresne	Bdrc	CJY	Langevin
Lt	R	Daniel-Vaugeois	Sgt	D	Fortin	Bdrc	JJDL	Lesieur-Giguère
Lt	M	Desrosiers	Sgt	D	Fréchette	Bdrc	DR	Maheux
Lt	JP	Gemmill	Sgt	s	Gagnon-Deveaux	Bdrc	JJM	Mongeon
Lt	PJ	Graziano	Sgt	SJC	Galipeau	Bdrc	D	Morneau
Lt	P	McLaren	Sgt	SJA	Gervais	Bdrc	SJS	Neveu
Lt	DW	Mellon	Sgt	PLGV	Hains	Bdrc	JS	Poulin
Lt	M	Ntigura Habingabwa	Sgt	MB	Hall	Bdrc	W	Poulin-Morin
SLt	M	Belley	Sgt	SC	Harton	Bdrc	F	Ricard-Giard
SLt	K	Phillips	Sgt	JLC	Jouvet	Bdrc	EJPA	Rondeau
Adjuc	JNP	Crepeau	Sgt	N.J.	Jutras	Bdrc	JP	Soucy
Adjum	JGD	Boursier	Sgt	KJMB	Langlais	Bdrc	WJL	Timmons
Adjum	JMF	Leblanc	Sgt	PLMF	Lavigne	Bdrc	M	Tremblay
Adjum	E	Morin	Sgt	DFP	Lemieux	Bdrc	POJ	Vallières St-Gelais
Adjum	CD	Morin	Sgt	S	Lepage	Bdrc	F	Verreault
Adjum	JD	Sirois	Sgt	WJ	Lévesque	Bdrc	M	Verreault
Adjum	JRH	Soucy	Sgt	PMW	Marrocco	Bdrc	MD	Vincent
Adjum	MGJ	Tremblay	Sgt	JJ	Nieto	Cplc	BM	Beaulieu-Cyr
Adj	C	Angers	Sgt	VMG	Paradis	Cplc	COJA	Bergeron
Adj	PM	B.Levesque	Sgt	JL	Patry-Young	Cplc	PJFR	Bigras
Adj	EDD	Bedard	Sgt	G	Pharand	Cplc	C	Caron
Adj	JD	Bélanger	Sgt	ML	Pilotte	Cplc	JPD	Cloutier
Adj	JF	Bélanger	Sgt	SJ	Richer	Cplc	R	D'Amours-Tremblay





Cplc	GJT	Fillion	Bdr	L	Demers	Bdr	EYHRP	Mahoney
Cplc	JPM	Fortin	Bdr	AA	Deschenes-Gagnon	Bdr	G	Malette
Cplc	JMC	Guertin	Bdr	P	Desjardins	Bdr	S	Marois
Cplc	A	Harnois	Bdr	KR	Dionne-Boulianne	Bdr	AT	Marquis
Cplc	DJKC	Lachance	Bdr	B	Dorais	Bdr	S	Marsolais
Cplc	AMFVC	Langlais	Bdr	F	Doré-Trudel	Bdr	SSRJ	Martel
Cplc	JDOF	Leprohon	Bdr	WÉM	Dostie	Bdr	S	Mazué
Cplc	C	Lessard	Bdr	NJA	Drouin	Bdr	JJDB	Méthot
Cplc	PL	Pigeon	Bdr	L	Dubreuil	Bdr	M	Millette-Lemay
Cplc	M	Rochon	Bdr	TS	Dufresne	Bdr	JFL	Milot
Cplc	NY	Roy	Bdr	MK	Durand-Berthelot	Bdr	N	Molloy
Cplc	AS	Suba	Bdr	VM	Emond	Bdr	FJD	Monette
Cplc	SJC	Vézina	Bdr	JG	Emond	Bdr	JR	Morency
Matc	MJ	Fournier	Bdr	H	Erdogan	Bdr	A	Morin
Bdr	S	Allaire	Bdr	BJ	Eyre	Bdr	J	Nadeau
Bdr	A	Allard	Bdr	M	Falardeau	Bdr	S	Nepton
Bdr	J	Allard	Bdr	RS	Ferragne	Bdr	F	Noiseux
Bdr	T	Andrieux	Bdr	MJJ	Forbes	Bdr	T	Nordin
Bdr	Y	Arenas	Bdr	JNV	Fortier	Bdr	OV	Ouellet
Bdr	DJA	Armanda	Bdr	WJFB	Fournier-Felton	Bdr	A	Ouellet
Bdr	JFC	Barbe-Gagne	Bdr	AVJ	Fradet	Bdr	A	Ouellet-Poirier
Bdr	S	Barrest-Gosselin	Bdr	J	Furmanek	Bdr	F	Pallot
Bdr	MJ	Bastien Côté	Bdr	S	Gagnon	Bdr	PT	Paquette
Bdr	RM	Beaudet	Bdr	JB	Gagnon	Bdr	J	Paquette
Bdr	AI	Beaulieu	Bdr	AT	Garner	Bdr	A	Paredes Perez
Bdr	MJMC	Bergeron	Bdr	MAL	Gauthier	Bdr	JR	Paulhus
Bdr	F	Bernier	Bdr	IJMGD	Gauthier	Bdr	T	Pelletier
Bdr	JJC	Berrouard	Bdr	JJ	Gauthier Thibault	Bdr	A	Pelletier
Bdr	JJM	Bonneau	Bdr	A	Gendron	Bdr	ME	Perez
Bdr	K	Bonneau	Bdr	S	Gervais-Emond	Bdr	S	Perron
Bdr	ASJ	Boulay	Bdr	J	Gibson	Bdr	MA	Perron
Bdr	DFJ	Boulé	Bdr	JJD	Girard	Bdr	M	Pindi
Bdr	M	Bourassa	Bdr	F	Giroux Legault	Bdr	D	Plante-Bélanger
Bdr	G	Bourbeau	Bdr	M	Glaude	Bdr	GJP	Plourde
Bdr	N	Boyer	Bdr	KJM	Godin	Bdr	SF	Poirier
Bdr	O	Bradette	Bdr	D	Gorgerat	Bdr	R	Porret
Bdr	BG	Breton	Bdr	W	Gosselin	Bdr	S	Proulx
Bdr	BJR	Brind'Amour	Bdr	G	Goulet	Bdr	JD	Proulx
Bdr	JCF	Brunet	Bdr	M	Hodge	Bdr	C	Proulx-Rodrigue
Bdr	BPM	Brunet Baldwin	Bdr	S	Jenkins	Bdr	YJR	Quesnel
Bdr	Y	Bujold	Bdr	K	Kant	Bdr	M	Ramos
Bdr	FA	Carriere	Bdr	PM	L.-Nadeau	Bdr	E	Renaud
Bdr	J	Caya	Bdr	M	Lacroix Lapierre	Bdr	J	Rhéaume
Bdr	DCJ	Chabot	Bdr	MR	Laferriere-Beaudoin	Bdr	C	Rivet
Bdr	M	Champagne	Bdr	MSLL	Laliberté-Emond	Bdr	N	Robin
Bdr	C	Chapdelaine	Bdr	RJJ	Lambert	Bdr	M	Robitaille
Bdr	M	Charbonneau-Lapré	Bdr	m	Lanteigne	Bdr	MMJ	Rollin
Bdr	SJC	Charland	Bdr	M	Laplante	Bdr	KD	Rouillard
Bdr	F	Chouinard	Bdr	W	Laramée	Bdr	CF	Roy
Bdr	AJ	Comeau	Bdr	FJT	Lavigne	Bdr	VR	Ruel
Bdr	E	Copp	Bdr	AJ	Lavoie	Bdr	L	Samuel
Bdr	MJ	Corbin-Ratté	Bdr	PG	Lavoie	Bdr	A	Savoie
Bdr	FJP	Cote	Bdr	V	Lebel	Bdr	N	Simard
Bdr	J	Côté-Doyon	Bdr	L	Lefebvre	Bdr	A	Simard
Bdr	C	Coutu	Bdr	LCM	Lefebvre-Jouvet	Bdr	SJ	Simoneau
Bdr	J	Daubechies	Bdr	W	Lemay	Bdr	E	Smith
Bdr	SJ	Dechamplain	Bdr	J	Llaudy Boisvert	Bdr	O	Soly-Belanger
Bdr	MA	Delisle	Bdr	R	Maclean	Bdr	EDP	St-Amand



Bdr P Taillon  
 Bdr P Talbot  
 Bdr W Tanguay  
 Bdr M Tardif  
 Bdr J Tessier  
 Bdr KJN Tessier  
 Bdr E Théberge-Tousignant  
 Bdr BS Tremblay  
 Bdr PJM Trudel  
 Bdr N Turgeon  
 Bdr MG Vachon  
 Bdr D Vallée  
 Bdr GE Vallières  
 Bdr C Vander Stelt  
 Bdr MA Vienneau-Bujold  
 Bdr J Villeneuve  
 Bdr C Weisse  
 Bdr M Windsor  
 Bdr JMI Young  
 Bdr VR Zebic  
 Cpl J Ainsley  
 Cpl M Audet  
 Cpl S Béland  
 Cpl S Béland  
 Cpl S Béland  
 Cpl W Bellerose  
 Cpl KAJPJ Bérichon-Labranche  
 Cpl CS Boisvert  
 Cpl B Boivin  
 Cpl WW Boyaka  
 Cpl J Bujold  
 Cpl L Caron  
 Cpl RM Chhoy  
 Cpl OJNN Cyr  
 Cpl G Desbiens-Chèvrefils  
 Cpl S Dumulong  
 Cpl M Fillion-Pelletier  
 Cpl J Gemme-Lavallee  
 Cpl S Gomez-Lavoie  
 Cpl AMM Grenier  
 Cpl J Guilbeault  
 Cpl O Haddadi  
 Cpl R Haddaine  
 Cpl JF Harvey  
 Cpl KTH Hayes  
 Cpl PAJ Lacroix  
 Cpl BJ Louis  
 Cpl DJP Magnan  
 Cpl C Mailloux  
 Cpl YMS Marcoux  
 Cpl J Martel  
 Cpl JE Martinez-Bagdah  
 Cpl FMJ Menard  
 Cpl JD Nadeau  
 Cpl A Patterson-Marticotte  
 Cpl JJLP Poulin  
 Cpl AC Rioux  
 Cpl ZMT Saulnier

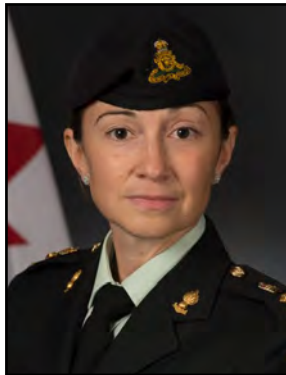


*Membres de la Bie R se déployant sur les feux de forêts durant l'opération LENTUS à Sept-Îles.*

Cpl S	Simoneau	Sdt B A	Guihur
Cpl S	Simoneau	Sdt B L	Hall
Cpl MMC	Taillon	Sdt B A	Korajac
Cpl D	Tamang	Sdt B	Lachance
Cpl J	Tremblay	Sdt B V	Lacoste
Mat 1 S	Riendeau	Sdt B R	Langlois
Mat 2 S	Riendeau	Sdt B G	Lapierre
Mat 3 T	Saidmuratov	Sdt B É	Lévesque
Artil N	Barbosa Romero	Sdt B L	Loffredo
Artil G	Carriere	Sdt B P	Martin
Artil D	Drouin	Sdt B S	Mc Neil-Duranceau
Artil F	Duhaime	Sdt B J	Mendez
Artil N	Fugère	Sdt B O	Morin
Artil L	Houde-Préfontaine	Sdt B A	Orellana Paredes
Sdt B S	Abderaman Bechir	Sdt B L	Parent
Sdt B S	Aquereburu	Sdt B A	Penazzo
Sdt B W	Auger	Sdt B T	Pépin-Roy
Sdt B N	Ayers-Baribeau	Sdt B L	Perrin
Sdt B R	Bardales Bellavance	Sdt B P	Pilote
Sdt B R	Beaudoin	Sdt B W	Plourde
Sdt B S	Bélangier	Sdt B J	Poirier-Kay
Sdt B E	Bouchard	Sdt B X	Ricard
Sdt B P	Bouchard	Sdt B T	Roberge
Sdt B J	Bouchard	Sdt B S	Rolloque
Sdt B B	Bourassa-Dusseault	Sdt B R	Rusu
Sdt B K	Clarke	Sdt B C	Senez
Sdt B J	Croussette	Sdt B J	St-Louis
Sdt B F	Daigle-Thivierge	Sdt B M	Therrien
Sdt B I	Denis	Sdt B D	Trudel
Sdt B M	Duvoisin	Sdt B K	Ubhi
Sdt B J	Estonilo	Sdt B J	Vézina-Bouchard
Sdt B G	Fortin	Sdt F M	Bessette-Wood
Sdt B J	Gaudet	Sdt F G	Bouchard-Harvey
Sdt B Z	Gauvreau	Sdt F T	Desrosiers
Sdt B Z	Gévry	Civ R	Garneau
Sdt B J	Guérard	Civ JCA	Gourde



# 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA



**CO**  
**LCol N.Y. Skidmore, CD**



**RSM**  
**CWO B. Plamondon, MMM, CD**

The 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support) (4 Regt (GS)) provides critical warfighting capabilities to the CA and the CAF as part of the 6 Canadian Combat Support Brigade (CCSB). It is a unique unit and unlike any other artillery unit within the Canadian Armed Forces. 4 Regt (GS) provides four critical capabilities to the CA and CAF as a whole: the Medium Range Radar (MRR); the CU172 Blackjack Small Unmanned Aerial System (SUAS); the provision of Tactical Data Links (TDL); and divisional-level coordination.

The MRR provides air surveillance against enemy aircraft locally while also contributing to the Recognized Air Picture. Additionally, the MRR enables counterfires through the detection of hostile artillery and rockets.

The CU172 Blackjack provides real-time answers to critical questions posed by Commanders. Capable of extended range operations by day and night, the Blackjack enables target acquisition throughout the battle space.

To incorporate the effects and capabilities of the MRR and CU172 Blackjack, the Air Defense Cell (ADC) provides the connectivity to formation headquarters using TDL. By collecting and combining the feed from the regimental sensors, the ADC builds the Local Air Picture that is pushed higher to the Recognized Air Picture, thus providing early warning against threats while also coordinating ground-based air defense.

Finally, the Regiment enables warfighting operations within the 1st Canadian Division Headquarters through the provision of coordination centres focused on Fires Support (FSCC), Air Defence (Div ADC), and Surveillance and Target Acquisition (STACC).

### Overview

2023 built on the momentum that was seen in 2022. Each sub-unit saw continued growth in both personnel and capabilities, which further validated the BTS that we are charged with maintaining. Past years have seen 4 Regt (GS) busy with the tasks that come with being the IRU, but this year saw a surge in participation in exercises at all levels, be they domestic, international, or virtual.

Further focus on the skills of each sub-unit and the capabilities each provides gave opportunities to see many members deployed in their unique and specialist roles. While these deployments and operations are not expected to go away for 2024, the effort members are making is in preparation for the first large scale deployments for the unit since the days of Afghanistan. Looking ahead, it is expected that the tempo will continue to increase, placing strain on our soldiers at all levels, but, thanks to the training of the past year, our troops will bend but not break under the future stressors that Canada demands of them.

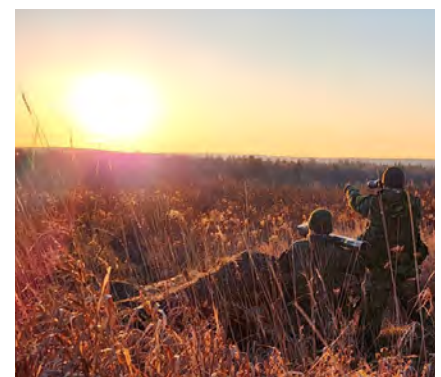
This year has seen changes in the leadership across the unit to include:

Maj L.G. Jamois-Paradis took over command of 129 Battery;  
Maj S.M.K. Keoghan took over command of HQ and Svcs Battery;  
Maj M.A.L. Haines took over as the RCPO;  
Capt B.C. Johnson took over as the Ops O;  
Capt C.J. Ker took over as the Adjutant;

CWO B. Plamondon was appointed RSM of 4 Regt (GS);  
MWO G.S. Roache was appointed 127 Battery Sergeant-Major;  
MWO N.S.P. Bennett was appointed 129 Battery Sergeant-Major; and  
MWO M.F. MacIntyre was appointed HQ and Svcs Battery Sergeant-Major.

Not only were there leadership changes, but many members were promoted to fill some of those key senior positions and others within the unit:

Maj M.A.L. Haines;  
Maj L.G. Jamois-Paradis;  
Maj D. Kapa;  
Maj R.T.P. Turner;  
MWO N.S.P. Bennett;  
MWO M.F. MacIntyre;  
WO D.P. Finnamore;  
WO D.L. Gibson;  
WO S.R. Gilby;  
WO J.J. Kovacs;  
WO M.C.M. Magee; and  
WO C.A. Price.



*127 Bty training for their soon-to-arrive kit.*

In addition to members being promoted, there were many deserving members within the unit who were awarded medals and commendations. In total, 21 received their CD and four received their CD1; two General Campaign Stars were awarded with one 1<sup>st</sup> rotation bar for the same; one OSM Expedition was awarded; one American Joint Service Commendation Medal; and 18 pers received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. Other commendations included one Comd CADTC Commendation, two 6 CCSB Commendation Coins, two 5 Div Commendation Coins, and one King's Coronation Coin.



Even with the joy that came with these deserving promotions and awards, unfortunate incidents created a saddened atmosphere in the unit. S1 L.S. Roy passed away 26 March 2023, and, just prior to being posted into the unit, 2Lt G.U. Kasheke passed away 6 May 2023. Many from of the unit attended the funerals for both, and it is the hope that the two of them would both be proud of the many accomplishments of the members of their Regimental Family over the past year.

## **127 BATTERY**

2023 was a busy year for 127 Battery (127 Bty) as we saw a change of appointment of the BSM, were redesignated from a GS Battery to an Air Defense Battery and stood up two troops of VSHORAD (Very Short-Range Air Defence) operators to train to meet the incoming capabilities. The Battery redesignation was a significant event in which a parade was held in the Gagetown Training Area and attended by the 6 CCSB Commander, Commanding Officers from several units throughout the country and many distinguished guests. 127 Bty also continues to develop its capability in the role of the AD sub-unit of 4 Regt (GS). The Bty increased the operational tempo and focussed the training for its members. Through unity of effort within the ADC and TDL community, 127 Bty was able to support international deployments, national courses, and collective training throughout Canada.

During 2023, members of 127 Bty provided airspace coordination, management, and TDL expertise to the Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade on Op REASSURANCE. During the different iterations of the Integrated Capstone Exercises, members deployed on Op REASSURANCE, aided in the management of the Latvian Brigade's airspace, as well as helped maintain situational awareness on friendly AD assets within the region.

Throughout the year, 127 Bty pushed the Regiment's capabilities towards the modern battlespace. Members participated in a multitude of joint exercises such as Ex VIRTUAL FLAG COALITION, Ex CUTLESS FURY, and Ex BOLD QUEST. These exercises demonstrated the necessity for our cooperation and coordination with our allies and the value we added with our AD and airspace coordination background. Ex GOLD GUNNER (4 Regt (GS) lead) was a Regimental exercise testing the Composite GS Battery and the ADC.



*Members of 4 Regt (GS) conducting a C6 range to ensure their continued readiness.*

With the GBAD Project underway, and the UOR for VSHORAD as part of the eFP Brigade coming to Latvia, 127 Bty conducted Ex URSUS ETERNAL and Ex SATURATED GUNNER which prepared 127 Bty for increased operational tempo and receipt of their VSHORAD capabilities. The culmination of these exercises was the support given to the Air Defense Officer's course field training exercise, Ex URSUS PRIME, which included the employment of an AD CP and the deployment of GBAD detachments. The ever-approaching arrival of the VSHORAD capability has inspired 127 Bty to become a respected and exceptional partner on the international stage.

## **128 BATTERY**

128 Bty continued to build upon the momentum of the previous year. Two Det member courses, four combat first aid courses, two TAPV RWS courses with an RWS range, and an iteration of the Gunner Junior Leadership Course. With an average of three events or courses in a month, 128 Bty's tempo remained high, testing not only their unique capabilities but

the resiliency of their people.

128 Bty ran several back-to-back exercises through the summer and into fall, showcasing the skill and proficiency of its members. Exercises DYNAMIC JAVELIN, SCREENING JAVELIN, CUTLASS FURY, BOLD QUEST, and FORCEFUL JAVELIN put members of 128 through their paces and validating BTS level 3 during both DYNAMIC JAVELIN and FORCEFUL JAVELIN. Ex BOLD QUEST took place in Denmark and provided an excellent opportunity for members to operate in an international context and to demonstrate the skills and the value that 128 Bty can bring to our NATO allies.

The Bty led the "Way to Hell Challenge" for the Regiment, offering a competitive version and a completionist version. Members were put through various challenges that tested their physical strength and endurance, communication between team members, reconnaissance skills, and marksmanship. 11 teams took part with first place being claimed by MBdr Churchill, MBdr Greer, MBdr O'Dell, and Bdr White.

## **129 BATTERY**

129 Bty had a very significant year. After having the CU-172 Blackjack for the past 5 years, the Bty at long last reached its Full Operational Capability (FOC). This milestone was marked on the flight line during the flight camp for a SUAS Det Member Course in April and included a small ceremony. All qualified Operators also received their individual call signs. To make this achievement even more special, a recce was conducted in Latvia in preparation for upcoming deployments tentatively expected to start in 2024.

The Bty ran several courses including the previously mentioned SUAS Det Member, AVCC, SUAS Det Commander, Level B weapon system release training for Det Commanders, and OEM training. All members of the Bty, from operators to maintainers, were kept busy in support of all these efforts, using Ex MOJAVE GAMBLER as the motivator.

The Bty took part in several exercises with very different goals. Ex GOLD GUNNER was a Regimental effort that had 129 Bty work more closely with the unit's other sense and (upcoming) strike capabilities. Ex FLYING GUARDIAN was used to qualify and validate the training of new Det Commanders. Finally, Ex MOJAVE GAMBLER, took place in California over a 5-week period. While down there, the Bty achieved BTS level 4, logged over 260 flight hours, maintained two lines of tasks to conduct 24 hour operations, and witnessed the first member to personally reach 100 flight hours. This historic exercise built on the hard work conducted in the previous year and would not have been possible without the effort and drive of all members of the Bty, both on Ex and back home.

## **HQ & SVCS BATTERY**

2023 proved to be another busy year for HQ & Svcs Bty. During the month of May, HQ & Svcs Bty provided CSS and real-time support for Ex GOLD GUNNER, assisting the Composite AD Bty in the successful completion of their confirmation exercise. Maintenance Troop provided a full echelon with a team on call to provide a Mobile Repair Team (MRT) support to the AD Bty while CS 8 maintained communications throughout the RTA to the dispersed Troops. Log Troop conducted Delivery Points (DPs) with the AD Bty for all necessary equipment to accomplish their training, and, throughout Ex GOLD GUNNER, the Cooks section continued to run their MKT.

During the month of September, HQ & Svcs Bty was prepared to support 4 ESR's contribution to Op LENTUS during the potential call-out for Hurricane Lee.

HQ & Svcs Bty participated in Ex ROCK STEADY GUNNER in October. During this exercise, members of the Bty were able to recertify in all IBTS requirements.

Throughout the Fall, HQ & Svcs Bty worked extended hours to reduce the maintenance backlog and VOR rate, improve our materiel accountability, and further signals connectivity initiatives. Maint Tp executed a move to different working areas with Sigs Tp to improve future work requirements. The Bty also found the time to support the United Way Campaign through various initiatives.

At the end of another hectic training year, the Bty transitioned into "Silly Season" which was kicked off with the Saint Barbara's Sports Day and finished with the Regt Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner. HQ & Svcs Bty entered the Holiday Season with their heads held high for all their accom-

plishments over the year, and for knowing they are well-postured to continue their hard work into 2024.

## CONCLUSION

4 Regt (GS) concluded 2023 with the annual St. Barbara's Day sports-day and a mess dinner with the RCAS. It was an opportunity to continue

fostering growth between our two local units while encouraging the friendly competition that members from both units look forward to each year.

We were given the opportunity to not only recharge with our families during the holiday leave period, but also reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. All members of 4 Regt (GS) worked tirelessly to earn their well-deserved time off. The coming year will provide its own challenges, some familiar and some foreign, though, through it all, we will meet any adversity head on and with the ferocity the Fighting Fourth has earned.

LCol	NY	Skidmore	CWO	B	Plamondon	Sgt	JFP	Lebel
Maj	MAL	Haines	MWO	NSP	Bennett	Sgt	MR	MacBean
Maj	LG	Jamois-Paradis	MWO	HJ	Bromley	Sgt	MW	Makepeace
Maj	SMK	Keoghan	MWO	DA	Colwell	Sgt	DCA	Marticotte
Maj	NJ	Meidinger	MWO	RL	Leblanc	Sgt	SA	McGovern
Maj	BG	Mullins	MWO	MF	MacIntyre	Sgt	BL	Miller
Maj	AA	Snow	MWO	JS	Moore	Sgt	RA	Miller
Maj	IJ	Turner	MWO	GS	Roache	Sgt	KA	Milne
Maj	M	Villeneuve	WO	CC	Benoit	Sgt	FMM	Morissette-Barriault
Capt	W	Arthurs	WO	SE	Canning	Sgt	SMM	Munro
Capt	XA	Bédard	WO	BR	Dempsey	Sgt	DS	Ouellet
Capt	GL	Cowper	WO	AG	Edwards	Sgt	BJ	Parsons
Capt	MJE	Darveau	WO	DP	Finnamore	Sgt	YD	Perrée
Capt	TLE	Espenant	WO	DC	Flynn	Sgt	MJ	Sceviour
Capt	TLP	Fryxell	WO	KR	Gardy	Sgt	AC	Shannon
Capt	DL	Guerrero	WO	DL	Gibson	Sgt	T	Siedlecki
Capt	BC	Johnson	WO	SR	Gilby	Sgt	MB	Thompson
Capt	CJ	Ker	WO	R	Henry	Sgt	J	Tsagouris
Capt	GMF	Lachance	WO	SE	Ker	Sgt	NC	Vink
Capt	A	Lau	WO	JJ	Kovacs	Sgt	JK	Viscount
Capt	MJD	Lloyd	WO	JW	MacKenzie	Sgt	AT	Wambolt
Capt	MW	MacKenzie	WO	LR	MacKinnon	Sgt	GA	Welten
Capt	JD	MacMaster	WO	H	Pelletier	Sgt	AG	White
Capt	A	Marcoux	WO	CA	Price	Sgt	SR	Worsley
Capt	DMJ	Munro	WO	KS	Rodgers	PO 2	LE	Everingham
Capt	J	Parker	WO	JR	Shepherd	MBdr	PLJN	Arès
Capt	JM	Pittman	WO	FK	Tribe	MBdr	KA	Asmar
Capt	PR	Ptaszynski	WO	DTL	Tymchak	MBdr	JSA	Champagne
Capt	DJRG	Roy	WO	SDR	Walker	MBdr	LTA	Churchill
Capt	MK	Sharpe	Sgt	BM	Anderson	MBdr	RWD	Cottrell
Capt	DC	Shea	Sgt	JM	Astles	MBdr	MSJ	Crowell
Capt	CAJ	Sorbie	Sgt	SL	Bastarache	MBdr	MJ	Di Nozzi
Capt	SM	Staples	Sgt	JFP	Bayer	MBdr	TR	Dooler
Capt	REJ	THOMPSON	Sgt	MS	Beaton	MBdr	FJ	Ducuara
Capt	K	Thomson	Sgt	D	Bouchard	MBdr	DA	Ellis
Capt	M	Trimboli	Sgt	AJ	Cameron	MBdr	IM	Frank
Capt	A	Tullett	Sgt	JAM	Compton	MBdr	MLG	Futter
Capt	CAM	Van Den Bosch	Sgt	N	Courteau	MBdr	CC	Gormley
Capt	SM	Veilleux	Sgt	JG	Deley	MBdr	A	Goyette
Lt	K	Dow	Sgt	LS	Dicks	MBdr	RAS	Greer
Lt	E	Ducusin	Sgt	LM	Dormer	MBdr	BA	Hamilton
Lt	T	Elliott	Sgt	LPJP	Dumont	MBdr	C	Kelloway
Lt	DWK	Emerson	Sgt	L D	Edison	MBdr	KG	Kennedy
Lt	A	Flagler	Sgt	CM	Fizzard	MBdr	SD	Kent
Lt	M	Jones	Sgt	E	Fraser	MBdr	SR	Kohorst
Lt	N	Ma	Sgt	RR	Froude	MBdr	SR	Kuhn
Lt	K	Moore	Sgt	TSPD	Gervais	MBdr	MH	Maillet
Lt	J	Moran	Sgt	JS	Grass	MBdr	MR	McGuire
Lt	O	Novoa Jimenez	Sgt	DTG	Harris	MBdr	JB	Mellor
Lt	T	Palaty	Sgt	KC	Hartjes	MBdr	MP	Miskolczi
Lt	B	Scrive	Sgt	TAD	Harway	MBdr	A	Montminy
2Lt	P	Haile	Sgt	JL	Holmes	MBdr	CM	Moses
2Lt	J	Marshall	Sgt	DCR	Hoyt	MBdr	MA	O'Dell
2Lt	H	Pink	Sgt	TAS	Hughes	MBdr	RL	O'Donnell
2Lt	A	Stevenson	Sgt	MN	Hyatt	MBdr	GJE	Perrault



MBdr RJ Robichaud  
 MBdr JA Ross  
 MCpl CRB Arpin  
 MCpl JTA Arsenault  
 MCpl CWM Baughman  
 MCpl DA Bernard  
 MCpl J.C.A. Bullock  
 MCpl AD Callahan  
 MCpl J Desrochers  
 MCpl CF Douma  
 MCpl EJ Ferrier  
 MCpl TJ Fulton  
 MCpl M Gallop  
 MCpl SJ Gauthier  
 MCpl CMM Giguere-Morency  
 MCpl PW Grimsdale  
 MCpl E Halverson  
 MCpl KD Handley  
 MCpl JH Harnum  
 MCpl G Landry  
 MCpl DH Lautard  
 MCpl JT Leger  
 MCpl DA Matheson  
 MCpl E McGee  
 MCpl OW Muir  
 MCpl JJ O'Toole  
 MCpl HDJ Peters  
 MCpl CSA Prattis-Beaudry  
 MCpl JA Robertson  
 MCpl LJ Sark  
 MCpl JW Sarty  
 MCpl JRD SHATFORD  
 MCpl AC Sisco-Dube  
 MCpl RG Smith  
 MCpl JP Turcotte  
 MCpl KA Warren  
 MCpl CP Whitticase  
 MCpl JB Wratten  
 MS MR Dempsey  
 Bdr E Aldea  
 Bdr L Auriol Savard  
 Bdr BR Beauchemin  
 Bdr JJB Benoit  
 Bdr JA Bernard  
 Bdr G Bomberry  
 Bdr J Bradford  
 Bdr JW Bray  
 Bdr BG Brian  
 Bdr AS Cameron  
 Bdr JJ Colwell  
 Bdr M Craigie  
 Bdr P Denham  
 Bdr CT Devenis  
 Bdr A Dupont  
 Bdr JMP Ellis-Trenholm  
 Bdr D Emond-Lacasse  
 Bdr ET Evenson  
 Bdr AA Fong  
 Bdr W Fraser  
 Bdr A Gauthier  
 Bdr MJ Georgeson  
 Bdr JHE Hodgin



*MCpl Fulton of 129 Bty conducting pre-flight checks on the Black Jack while on Ex MOJAVE  
 GAMBLER in California.*

Bdr JR Izzard	Bdr BD Schneider
Bdr LJ Jarbeau	Bdr CA Smith
Bdr C Johnson	Bdr LJ Somerville
Bdr ED Julseth	Bdr TJ Spanier
Bdr S Knox	Bdr DS Stevens
Bdr BJL Lalonde	Bdr CR Stoodley
Bdr JSS Landon	Bdr C Titanich
Bdr JBSR Langlais	Bdr K Tokarski
Bdr S Laurent	Bdr R Tompkins-Rossignol
Bdr R Lavigne-Thibodeau	Bdr M Tourangeau
Bdr Li	Bdr K Washington
Bdr KSL MacDonald	Bdr C White
Bdr TIR MacDougall	Bdr J Williams
Bdr A Marche	Bdr V Wilson
Bdr M McCutcheon	Bdr SL Woodbury
Bdr JA McDonald-Webb	Bdr J Wu
Bdr L McKeen	Cpl RAW Allen
Bdr H McReynolds	Cpl AA Arsenault
Bdr M Meade	Cpl S Arsenault
Bdr DRJ Mercer	Cpl L Aviles
Bdr P Moir	Cpl TW Ballinger
Bdr C Moreau	Cpl BBK Barbeau
Bdr JA Moreneau	Cpl EEJ Bennett
Bdr T Naumann	Cpl BJ Bishop
Bdr C O'Halloran	Cpl MD Bosch
Bdr REE Oliver	Cpl E Boucher
Bdr SDW O'Reilly	Cpl FN Bradford
Bdr J Osmond	Cpl TJ Bragg
Bdr CT Parkes	Cpl MA Brown
Bdr N Poole	Cpl M Coombs
Bdr M Primeau	Cpl PT Cormier
Bdr AD Pryde	Cpl DR Delamere
Bdr J Purdy	Cpl DS Delorme
Bdr O Ratté-Jones	Cpl HEA Dempster
Bdr L Robertson	Cpl SME Edwards
Bdr EG Saulnier	Cpl S Farlow

Cpl	TC	Foote	Cpl	N	Woloschuk	Pte(B)	C	Heynemans
Cpl	MA	Frier	S1	JMJR	Rousseau	Pte(B)	L	Israels
Cpl	JP	Gallagher	Gnr	J	Holden	Pte(B)	C	Jardine
Cpl	T.H.	Harris	Pte	J	Bognar	Pte(B)	G	Kato
Cpl	LC	Hatfield	Pte	N	Bucholtz	Pte(B)	J	Konst
Cpl	P	Heger	Pte	S	Cann	Pte(B)	R	Lampe
Cpl	RL	Heppell	Pte	T	Gillis	Pte(B)	M	Leblanc
Cpl	JR	Howie	Sig	M	Dupuis	Pte(B)	K	Lewis
Cpl	MA	Jacob	Sig	H	Vanden Heuvel	Pte(B)	C	Liang
Cpl	DVA	Katila	Pte(B)	S	Adshead	Pte(B)	R	Locke
Cpl	KJA	King	Pte(B)	M	Alarcon	Pte(B)	B	MacArthur
Cpl	EDJ	Levesque	Pte(B)	D	Arseneau	Pte(B)	B	McNeill
Cpl	JA	Lilly	Pte(B)	A	Bérubé	Pte(B)	J	Melanson
Cpl	WJ	Loney	Pte(B)	M	Bissonnette	Pte(B)	S	Minde
Cpl	JB	Lorimer-Carlin	Pte(B)	J	Bouchard	Pte(B)	T	Montgomery
Cpl	SP	MacDonald	Pte(B)	E	Bowers	Pte(B)	C	Naudet
Cpl	SJ	McGrath	Pte(B)	J	Bowman	Pte(B)	A	Noseworthy
Cpl	NW	McKeown	Pte(B)	J	Brassard	Pte(B)	J	Pépin
Cpl	JB	Myers	Pte(B)	A	Brodeur	Pte(B)	A	Petkevicius
Cpl	KB	Nasir	Pte(B)	R	Burnett	Pte(B)	A	Pilato
Cpl	DM	Oegema	Pte(B)	T	Canakis-Aizenberg	Pte(B)	L	Ranieri
Cpl	RJ	Oviedo Espinoza	Pte(B)	D	Catipay	Pte(B)	P	Rojas
Cpl	B	Parker	Pte(B)	D	Chatzimichalis	Pte(B)	M	Saheem
Cpl	JF	Payette	Pte(B)	R	Dawson	Pte(B)	S	Sansregret
Cpl	K	Perreault-Boutin	Pte(B)	A	Delbridge	Pte(B)	J	Schellenberg
Cpl	R	Poliquin	Pte(B)	E	DeMars	Pte(B)	A	Schneider
Cpl	EA	Richard	Pte(B)	L	Desabrais	Pte(B)	J	Searle
Cpl	JK	Richardson	Pte(B)	K	Dueck	Pte(B)	T	Sheskey
Cpl	WT	Rose	Pte(B)	E	Dutil	Pte(B)	C	Sinclair
Cpl	BEN	Ryckman	Pte(B)	N	Everett	Pte(B)	Z	Stevens
Cpl	KA	Salema	Pte(B)	N	Falkenthal	Pte(B)	B	Surette
Cpl	JJJ	Samson	Pte(B)	E	Gallant	Pte(B)	M	Thibodeau
Cpl	LJ	Smith	Pte(B)	A	Gaumond	Pte(B)	D	Thompson
Cpl	AW	Stephenson	Pte(B)	T	Gawne	Pte(B)	P	Tranchemontagne
Cpl	JM	Sutton	Pte(B)	J	Goertzen	Pte(B)	D	Viegener
Cpl	P	Talmage	Pte(B)	K	Gosselin	Pte(B)	T	Vo-Thach
Cpl	GA	Townsend	Pte(B)	J	Graham	Pte(B)	A	Walker
Cpl	AR	Walton	Pte(B)	A	Haggstrom	Pte(B)	M	Whattam-Tully
Cpl	CR	West	Pte(B)	S	Halmagean	Pte(B)	N	Williams
Cpl	O	Westerhof	Pte(B)	M	Hammond	Civ	T	McDermott
Cpl	DLW	Whalen	Pte(B)	Z	Harry	Civ	SC	Pedneault
Cpl	CE	White	Pte(B)	F	Henault	Civ	BJ	Williams



*128 Bty out enjoying the views that come with MRR deployments in Denmark.*





# The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School



**CO**  
LCol Y.J.G.-E.N. Leclerc-Desjardins, CD



**RSM**  
CWO J.F. Latulippe, MMM, CD

In 2023, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) maintained its commitment and adaptive capabilities with respect to modernizing the Artillery as we continue to shift into the digital age. The RCAS, with its Batteries and supporting training cells, commendably achieved required training requirements of the RCA while deploying personnel in support of Op UNIFIER. Simultaneously, we reviewed and amended the training modules and instructing methods to meet the needs and advancements of the CAF and the evolving battlespace.

W Bty provided supporting fires to all RCAS courses to ensure maximum realistic effects. The focus, as always, was on providing highly-trained and skilled soldiers to the field force units to meet current and future requirements of the RCA. Headquarters Battery continued to support course efforts while facilitating the welfare of young soldiers awaiting training. 67 Bty continued to deliver high-quality training both in garrison and in the field. The battery trained future Gunnery on DP1 courses as well as Senior NCOs and Officers on DP2 Gunline and Observer courses. The Instructors-in-Gunnery (IG) and Assistant Instructors-in-Gunnery (AIG) provided expert tactical and technical knowledge and guided their students to success. We initiated our first serials of the new DP1.1 Artillery Officer Course and prepared ourselves for the new DP1.2 Artillery Officer Course in the near future. 45 Battery continued to develop their JTAC programs with courses and taskings around the world. The Ground-Based Air Defence (GBAD) Team is focused on preparing for future air defence capabilities. This year, the emphasis for the unit has been on building partnerships and working towards developing the best Gunnery possible.

The RCAS also changed command from LCol J.A. Phillips to LCol Y.J.G.-E.N. Leclerc-Desjardins. Additionally, we marked the change of appointment between the former RCAS RSM, now Capt D.M.J. Munro, and current RSM, CWO J.F. Latulippe.

Our team has gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide fires on-time and on-target.

## Chief Instructor-in-Gunnery (CIG) Cell

During the previous year, the CIG team focused its support on Canadian Army Modernization and Op REASSURANCE planning. The former CIG, Maj Kevan Currie, transferred to the ARes, was promoted to LCol, and took command of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, making way for Maj Keith Woodill to return as the CIG. Capt Jason Ladouceur also transferred to the ARes and rejoined the team as a contractor, joining Capts Barski, Fraser, Sirio, Conley, and Murney, MWO Noel, and WOs Dalton and Keenan on the RCA FCOE / capability development team. The CIG team also added Andre LaHaye as a contractor.

On the capability development front, there are currently more than 15 major capital projects and urgent operational requirements that directly affect the RCA, and the CIG team has been heavily involved in each of them. There is a bright future ahead for the RCA with respect to CAF acquisition of equipment, and the team is heavily involved in ensuring that equipment is well integrated into the RCA.

The CIG team also assisted the Canadian Army's establishment of a Multi-National Brigade in Latvia as part of Op REASSURANCE. This Brigade will include an Artillery Battalion Group which was designed in part by the CIG team. The sustainment and development of this organization will be closely monitored by the CIG team moving forward.

The CIG cell achieved some success with new digital communication technologies. The digitization team led the roll-out of the newest version of the CA fire control software (FATES 4.0) which will greatly enable digital communications from the detachment-level to the division-level. The next year will see continued development of this software with the MRR in support of CAXs at the RCAS and on Op REASSURANCE.

## Headquarters Battery (HQ Bty)

Throughout the year, HQ Bty provided dedicated service and support to all



*W Bty Gun Det Member Gnr Fuensalida preparing to fire the 155mm M777 Howitzer for a DP1.1 FTX.*





courses. HQ Bty personnel encountered and overcame considerable challenges this year, including staffing shortfalls, vehicle and equipment shortages, and the management of hundreds of candidates travelling to and from 5 CDSB Gagetown for training at the RCAS. Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of HQ Bty personnel, individual training and the production of qualified NCMs and officers continued, ensuring support to the field force had been maintained. HQ Bty managed RCAS vehicles and stores, deployed elements to the field directly in support of training exercises, and managed hundreds of soldiers eagerly awaiting the start of their career in the CAF.

Significant events for HQ Bty this year included MWO P.R. Turner passing the Battery Sergeant-Major's pace stick to MWO D.R. Evans. As well, Maj J.L. McGregor, BC HQ Bty, completed a three-month deployment to Latvia in support of Op UNIFIER as the Senior Artillery Advisor to the Leadership Training & Development Establishment.

### **67<sup>th</sup> Depot Battery (67 Bty)**

In 2023, 67 Bty continued to deliver high-quality training both in garrison and in the field. The Battery trained future Gunners and Gunner Officers of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery on DP1 courses as well as Senior NCO and Officers on DP 2 gunline and Observer courses. The Bty successfully ran the following courses: 3x RQ 1, 3x DP 1.1 Regular Force, 1x DP 1.1 ARes, 1x GATSM course, 1x FOO, 1x OPDC, 1x FSCC WO, and 3x DP 1.2.

The Bty was fortunate to send a few of its members on operations in 2023 to gain 'real-world' experience. Sgt Rouselle deployed on Op UNIFIER while Sgt Dawson and Capt Nettie both deployed on Op REASSURANCE. Another opportunity to gain experience occurred when the Bty supported 38 Artillery Tactical Group in Shilo with AIG assistance.

New IGs and AIGs arrived in the Bty after the completion of their demanding courses. The Bty was proud to have MWO Houle and MWO Doucet promoted to their current rank and bid farewell to many of the previous batch of instructors as they moved on. At the end of June, the change of command between Maj A.N. Holleran and Maj R.T.P. Turner took place with MWO J. Kaus maintaining steadfast leadership in the position as BSM.

### **45 Depot Bty (45 Bty)**

#### **STA**

The final iteration of the former STA Officer course was conducted in the summer, and the cell now looks forward to supporting future STA officer training as part of the new DP1.2 model. In the fall, members of the cell took part in a familiarization exercise with DLR 2 utilizing General-Purpose Uncrewed Aerial System (GPUAS). Late in the year, the cell delivered the STA Technical Supervisor Course. Detachment Commander Courses for Acoustic Weapon Locating System (AWLS) and Mini Uncrewed Aerial System (MUAS) were run at Close Support Regiments. This winter will see the second iteration of a revamped STA TSM course which includes planning ACOM with students from the Artillery Operations Course and culminates in a live-fire troop defense. Captain Vendette and WO Burke were recognized with Commandants Coins for their development of an 'STA Range Arm' that can be utilized on operations. Captain Vendette and WO Sheppard skillfully conducted an IG assist in 29 Palms, California, in support of 4th Regiment (General Support) pre-deployment training. As overseas commitments and training demands increase, the cell anticipates another busy year in 2024.

### **Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Cell**

The RCAS JTAC Cell continued to conduct JTAC individual training on behalf of the Canadian Army. After managing the cell for the past 2 years, Major Vanthournout was promoted to their current rank and posted to Ottawa. ASI JTAC, WO Tribe, was posted to 4 Regt to continue their career as the unit Trg WO.

The year began with support to the CTAT-J Mobile Trainer Team with 3 JTAC-Instructors (JTAC-I) supporting the Jordanian Air Force (JAF) JTAC course. The cell conducted the JTAC course in Fall 2023 which was split between Canada and the US with crucial support from the United States Air Force. In November, the cell provided a JTAC-I to support the United Kingdom JTAC re-accreditation, representing the Canadian JTAC program internationally. When not teaching courses or supporting operations, the JTAC cell provided necessary augmentation to the RCAS with specialists for the Artillery Operations course, the Air Defence Officer course, and

many others. They ended the year with a total rewrite of the JTAC-I course to ensure that the RCA continues to deliver a relevant capability to the CA.

The JTAC capability continued to face many internal pressures affecting IT delivery; however, 2024 promises delivery of a JTAC simulator which will decrease the requirement for foreign assistance. Despite these challenges, the cell remains dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the Close Air Support (CAS) capability into the future.

### **Air Defence**

The AD Cell was busy throughout the year qualifying personnel and fulfilling COE requirements. Capt Beaulieu-Labonte and WO Hoquet joined the AD Cell after completing the Gunnery Staff Course in the United Kingdom, while both Capt Sirio and WO Levesque moved out of the AD Cell and onto other endeavors. Nevertheless, training moved at an accelerated pace in anticipation of 4 Regt's AD deployments on Op REASSURANCE. Significant time and effort were spent running two Air Defence Officer Courses, one in the Spring and a second in the Fall. These courses proved challenging for many students, but, with excellent instruction and drive from the candidates, the AD Cell qualified twelve new AD officers. In July, the AD Cell ran an AD Detachment Commander Training Program to provide Detachment Commanders from 4 Regt with a professional development opportunity so that they could effectively support RCAS courses. The AD Cell also participated in the AD Technical Supervisor QS/TP Writing Board with this work continuing into 2024. 45 Bty BK, Capt Carnegie, continued to develop the Canadian Army's TDL capability. Finally, the AD Cell fulfilled numerous other responsibilities such as instruction on the AIG Course, support to the Artillery Operations Course, and AD advisory in several capacities including support to DLR.

### **GBAD Implementation Team**

The GBAD team is currently under the leadership of Maj Cusson, Capt Weaver, and WO St-Hilaire. The role of the GBAD team is to help facilitate the direction of the GBAD project on the behalf of the Director of Artillery. Working with the Director of Land Force Development, the Canadian Army Land Warfare Centre, and the Director Land Requirements, the GBAD team provided subject matter expertise and advice to various working groups throughout the year as part of the efforts to reintroduce a GBAD capability back into the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). The team spent this past year attending numerous events across Canada and abroad to see the development of future GBAD systems being considered for the CAF. The team has been especially busy with the new Urgent Operational Requirement for a Soldier Portable Air Defense System (SPAD) and aim to have something ready and in the hands of soldiers by 2024.

### **Advanced Training (Adv Trg) Cell**

In early 2023, Adv Trg conducted the Artillery Operations Officer course, qualifying over twenty artillery officers at DP 2 level. Students of all specialties were pushed out of their comfort zone and tested through demanding OPP cycles focused on the planning and execution of operations of a Fire Support Coordination Centre (FSCC), surveillance And Target Acquisition Coordination Centre (STACC), and Air Space Coordination Centre (ASCC). The Artillery Operations Officer course was followed shortly thereafter by the DP 3 BC course. This course trained future BCs on their roles and responsibilities while commanding a battery, whether that be a gun, observation post (OP), STA, air defence (AD), or HQ Battery. The final, technically driven, fire planning exercise was conducted solely through simulation at the RCAS. This allowed unique opportunities for the BC students to exercise their fire support planning skills in ways that are not always possible when conducting live exercises, such as in support of counter-battery operations. The IG students completed both courses as part of their training.

In the same timeframe, the AIG course entered the second phase of their year-long training where they became student-mentors and employed as course programmers and instructors on RCAS national courses to both challenge and build their instructional skills. In April, the AIG students completed the training required to receive their Battery Sergeant Major (BSM) qualifications. Adv Trg personnel participated in a foreign visit which included visits to and briefs at The Royal School of Artillery (RSA) in the United Kingdom, the NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium, and the NATO Air Command (AIRCOM) in Germany. The IG and AIG students graduated on 26 May 2023 and immediately began employment within their respective training Batteries.

In July, the national BSM course was conducted a second time at CFB



Gagetown with Maj Brown and WO Thordarson in charge of qualifying future NCO command leadership. Once the course was complete, WO Balicki assumed responsibility as the Adv Trg Sergeant Major (SM) from WO Thordarson. On 24 July 2023, six new IG and eleven new AIG students arrived to begin their training to become the next generation of RCAS instructors. The IG course, led by Capt Staples and Capt Brook, created challenges that were designed to test the students' capabilities while honing their skills as both instructors and educators. The AIGs were instructed by their course officer Capt Comeau and their respective mentors on becoming technical artillery experts. The IG and AIG courses combined several classes to enhance the learning and understanding for all students. These courses included numerous field and simulation training events whose success was largely due to the steadfast efforts of both course programmers, WO Rogerson and WO Caron. These course programmers were able to integrate the Adv Trg courses into other RCAS training activities which allowed the IG and AIG students to practice their instructional techniques with real students, while still under the supervision of their course staff.

In November, the IG and AIG courses combined again to concentrate on learning about ammunition, equipment, digital fires, and the duties of the Regimental Command Post (RCP). Exercises TOTAL CONTROL and TOTAL VICTORY were multi-Battery exercises involving 1st and 3rd Field Artillery Regiments and 6e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne and were completed successfully over two weekends. Throughout the IG and AIG courses, individuals were continuously evaluated on their instructional techniques, worked on course projects, and studied for their numerous artillery related evaluations. Prior to the winter holidays, Sgt Pitman was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and Capt Staples received a CADTC commendation based on their exceptional contribution to their students and the RCAS as an instructor. The IG and AIG courses will continue their tradition of publishing articles relevant to artillery evolution through the Long Course Journal with the intent to foster discussion within the greater artillery community.

### **W Battery**

W Battery was busy through 2023 supporting RQ1 Artillery Detachment

LCol	YJGN	Leclerc-Desjardins	Capt	JB	Leong	2Lt	K	Borth Orellano
Maj	JC	Brown	Capt	DC	McKernan	2Lt	M	Busque
Maj	JR	Cusson	Capt	J	Meynard	2Lt	Z	Cale
Maj	DC	Hoyt	Capt	A	Murney	2Lt	C	Campbell
Maj	AW	Jewer	Capt	CLM	Nettie	2Lt	T	Childerhose
Maj	D	Kapa	Capt	SW	Northcott	2Lt	J	Colborne
Maj	JLM	McGregor	Capt	JJ	O'Dowd	2Lt	D	De Bruin
Maj	NA	Morris	Capt	MB	Price	2Lt	D	Desylva
Maj	RTP	Turner	Capt	SA	Raymond	2Lt	GS	Dew
Maj	KJ	Woodill	Capt	NA	Romkey	2Lt	K	Dow
Capt	PT	Allard	Capt	JBB	Simon	2Lt	M	Drab
Capt	A	Barski	Capt	JW	Simpson	2Lt	M	Ellwood
Capt	JSJN	Beaulieu-Labonte	Capt	BE	Sirio	2Lt	N	Fitton
Capt	GJW	Blandford	Capt	MG	Staples	2Lt	L	Gagnon
Capt	HPSG	Boucher	Capt	PRN	Vendette	2Lt	B	Habinski
Capt	BD	Bouthillier	Capt	CSG	Virgoe	2Lt	P	Haile
Capt	CF	Brook	Capt	AM	Weaver	2Lt	H	Hamid
Capt	TJ	Carnegie	Capt	JDR	Weir	2Lt	N	Harvey
Capt	GM	Cianciosi	Capt	R	Wiebe	2Lt	P	Hassan
Capt	AJD	Cogswell	Lt	GJS	Bonneau	2Lt	D	Houghton
Capt	E	Comeau	Lt	J	Bradshaw	2Lt	L	Kaethler
Capt	MJ	Conley	Lt	J	Georgalas-Gallant	2Lt	DM	Kaiser
Capt	JA	Crawford De Quezada	Lt	K	Mitchener	2Lt	J	Kakish
Capt	ZL	Davies	Lt	B	Nadler	2Lt	M	Kay
Capt	RW	Fraser	Lt	K	Wilson	2Lt	C	Kneabone
Capt	HT	Gilchrist	2Lt	A	Al Howajrah	2Lt	K	Kouadio
Capt	GL	Godin	2Lt	R	Angulo	2Lt	W	Lebens
Capt	SCF	Gourichon	2Lt	S	Ayotte	2Lt	M	MacDonald
Capt	NK	Kawamura	2Lt	N	Baraheberwa	2Lt	R	Manels
Capt	CJ	Lardner	2Lt	V	Berryman	2Lt	A	Mann

Member Common, DP1.1 & 1.2 Artillery Troop Commander, DP2 FOO, STA Officer, STA Tech and Tech Supervisor, AD Officer, Gun Area Technical Supervisor, Gun Area TSM, OP Det Commander, IG/AIG, Artillery Operations, and Battery Commander's courses.

W Battery also conducted a wide range of PCF training to adapt to the new RQ1 model and to maintain the ability to provide support to National Training. W Battery's soldiers gained qualifications for FOO, C3, LG1, OP Detachment Members, Arty Communicator, CP Tech, and Recce Tech. Members were also qualified on the various vehicle fleets.

During the summer, the W Battery command team changed from Maj J.M. Gargano and MWO J.W. Simpson to the command team of Maj D. Kapa and MWO F.J.M. Houle.

W Battery formally recognized several of their members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. WO Rein, Sgt Lachance-Quessy, and Sgt Sevigny each received the Cmdt Coin. Bdr Goulding was awarded the RCAS Soldier of the Year while Capt Leong and WO Rein were recognized as W Battery's Top TC and TSM. Two of the battery's members were also fortunate to get the opportunity to deploy. Sgt Guinet was deployed in support of Op REASSURANCE while Sgt Rousselle was deployed in support of Op UNIFIER.

As the RCA continues to mould the Officer and NCM training model to adapt to the everchanging requirements, W Battery will continue to be there to support in whatever capacity required with the goal of delivering of high-calibre training and developing the soldiers and leaders of tomorrow.

### **Conclusion**

Over the past year, the RCAS has trained hundreds of soldiers across a broad spectrum of specialities while simultaneously preparing for the future requirements of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. We have streamlined and improved the process to keep up with the ever-changing demand of Individual Training while developing the soldiers and leaders of the next generation. Following a well-deserved winter break, we are ready for 2024 and the challenges it will bring. UBIQUE!



2Lt	J	Marshall	WO	R	Chow	Sgt	SR	Rousselle
2Lt	R	Mcburney	WO	PB	Collier	Sgt	MC	Seigny
2Lt	W	Mehanna	WO	TJ	Dalton	Sgt	MEJ	Smith
2Lt	C	Méthot	WO	MB	Dolan	Sgt	ML	Tracey
2Lt	C	Mkandawire	WO	W	Ettinger	Sgt	AM	Wilson
2Lt	J	Moran	WO	JD	Firmin	Sgt	JF	Wilson
2Lt	M	Niyomahirwe	WO	JW	Fowler	MBdr	SP	Baker
2Lt	H	Obadiah	WO	RA	Gerrow	MBdr	G	Crilley
2Lt	H	Pink	WO	PY	Grégoire	MBdr	D	Gauthier
2Lt	D	Potvin	WO	CJ	Harrison	MBdr	AC	Gottschall
2Lt	R	Pun	WO	BT	Hoquet	MBdr	JJ	Hafford
2Lt	D	Rayman	WO	BJ	Horst	MBdr	JTJ	Hillier
2Lt	M	Robertson	WO	A	Jackson	MBdr	B	Hindle
2Lt	R	Roy	WO	WD	Jarrell Jr	MBdr	JK	Leslie
2Lt	S	Schierman	WO	R	Jofre	MBdr	WM	Long
2Lt	H	Sekayan	WO	SD	Keenan	MBdr	JM	Love
2Lt	J	Seo	WO	YA	Langlois	MBdr	J	Pelchat
2Lt	M	Smart	WO	PM	Lapointe	MBdr	TW	Sisco
2Lt	I	Smirnova	WO	KA	Leger	MCpl	MR	Davies
2Lt	L	Sodtke	WO	RR	Levesque	MCpl	KJ	Thibodeau
2Lt	Z	Soucy	WO	TS	McEntee	MCpl	ABJ	Wagorn
2Lt	A	Stevenson	WO	E	Mercier	Bdr	M	Beauregard
2Lt	H	Tariq	WO	CA	Neves	Bdr	JS	Benjamin
2Lt	L.V.	Tawadros	WO	SJ	Peddle	Bdr	R	Bernardo
2Lt	S.	Taylor	WO	JFJL	Picard	Bdr	K	Blake
2Lt	C	Vanbodegom	WO	MJ	Reicker	Bdr	RD	Bouffard
2Lt	T	Waheed	WO	CM	Rein	Bdr	M	Bourassa
2Lt	D	Wako	WO	S	Renaud	Bdr	RA	Cairns
2Lt	A	Wherrett	WO	SC	Sarnelli	Bdr	AT	Cormier
2Lt	ZR	Winn	WO	LJ	Sheppard	Bdr	M	Craigie
2Lt	I	Wyllie	WO	RK	Simpson	Bdr	A	Curtis
2Lt	RA	Yates	WO	KM	Slade	Bdr	AP	Dolan Decarifel
OCdt	M	Hiscock	WO	GA	Smith	Bdr	MJB	Edmunds
OCdt	L	Jewell	WO	JJP	St-Hilaire	Bdr	B	Fortin
OCdt	M	Medeiros	WO	DS	Swallow	Bdr	M	Gallant
OCdt	M	Walker	WO	MJS	Thiffeault	Bdr	R	Goulding
CWO	JF	Latulippe	WO	TM	Thordarson	Bdr	KA	Greenlaw
MWO	DR	Evans	WO	WA	Van Norden	Bdr	A	Guay
MWO	RB	Hannam	WO	KD	Vanderzwaag	Bdr	B	Hartlin
MWO	JMF	Houle	WO	JC	Williams	Bdr	L	Jackson
MWO	JAW	Kaus	WO	RGS	Wilson	Bdr	A	Jenner
MWO	PR	Noel	WO	TB	Wolfe	Bdr	M	Johnson
MWO	BG	Payne	Sgt	CBMA	Arsenault	Bdr	M	Keys
MWO	SJW	Roy	Sgt	RM	Davies	Bdr	T	Lamond
WO	SL	Albert	Sgt	RJ	Dowson	Bdr	J	Llaudy Boisvert
WO	DRC	Bailey	Sgt	AD	Foley	Bdr	JC	Madore
WO	KMJ	Balicki	Sgt	M	Guinet	Bdr	M	Manatch
WO	CJ	Ball	Sgt	MS	Hanrahan	Bdr	JS	Mercer
WO	WAD	Belair	Sgt	AJ	Henley	Bdr	M	Milner
WO	DD	Benedetti	Sgt	TM	Judson	Bdr	KRM	Murray
WO	GR	Billard	Sgt	JW	Knee	Bdr	J	Peters
WO	RB	Blakemore	Sgt	FHJ	Lachance Quessy	Bdr	JCP	Saunders
WO	JP	Boland	Sgt	P	Lawrence	Bdr	B	Schmelz
WO	JMJF	Boucher	Sgt	PM	MacDonald	Bdr	D	Schut
WO	KD	Burke	Sgt	AF	Mason	Bdr	CG	St.Amand
WO	JR	Caron	Sgt	B	Moniz	Bdr	J	Taylor
WO	PMH	Chartrand	Sgt	JKC	Northrup	Bdr	L	Tremblay
WO	TJ	Chetwynd	Sgt	RB	Pitman	Bdr	T	Trotter



Bdr	J	Villeneuve	Pte(B)	R	Celzo	Pte(B)	L	Ogilvie
Bdr	JR	White	Pte(B)	D	Chatzimichalis	Pte(B)	S	Patterson
Bdr	C	White	Pte(B)	L	Cole	Pte(B)	K	Pelletier
Cpl	JSE	Bertin	Pte(B)	L	Desabrais	Pte(B)	A	Penney
Cpl	JM	Bushey	Pte(B)	J	Duquette	Pte(B)	B	Powell
Cpl	JBW	Johnson	Pte(B)	C	Flores	Pte(B)	B	Preston
Cpl	ADE	Proud	Pte(B)	C	Fuensalida	Pte(B)	X	Ricard
Cpl	JM	See	Pte(B)	B	Gagné Corneau	Pte(B)	J	Rock
Cpl	T	Thomas	Pte(B)	K	Gallagher	Pte(B)	D	Rowe
Cpl	RS	Vandervaate	Pte(B)	B	Geldart	Pte(B)	L	Sheldon
Avr(B)	M	Giberson	Pte(B)	D	Gibson	Pte(B)	K	Smit
Avr(B)	T	Robichaud	Pte(B)	T	Gorbell	Pte(B)	N	Snyders
Avr(T)	C	Henry	Pte(B)	S	Graham	Pte(B)	J	St-Louis
Pte	J	San Juan	Pte(B)	A	Grochot	Pte(B)	D	Tangalychev
Pte	R	Sharp	Pte(B)	T	Groenveld	Pte(B)	C	Tighe
Pte(B)	U	Ahmed	Pte(B)	J	Hollerin	Pte(B)	B	Turner
Pte(B)	U	Ahmed	Pte(B)	M	Hupe	Pte(B)	J	Vandergaast
Pte(B)	T	Beaudoin	Pte(B)	X	Jack	Pte(B)	D	Wallach
Pte(B)	S	Bélangier	Pte(B)	B	Lobsinger	Pte(R)	B	Butiong
Pte(B)	M	Bergeron Casavant	Pte(B)	L	Lutvak	Pte(R)	T	Clermont
Pte(B)	M	Blouin-Grégoire	Pte(B)	D	MacKay	Pte(R)	E	Grenier
Pte(B)	J	Bouchard	Pte(B)	B	McNeill	Pte(R)	J	Jacildo
Pte(B)	P	Bouchard	Pte(B)	T	Montgomery	Pte(R)	A	Lavergne
Pte(B)	E	Bowers	Pte(B)	N	Naryan-Charles	Pte(R)	M	Poda
Pte(B)	P	Boyle-Cloutier	Pte(B)	C	Naudet	Pte(R)	D	Shin
Pte(B)	T	Cardinal						



*W Bty GPO Capt Leong supervising the firing of a recoilless rifle for a DP1.2 Local Defence Range.*



# 1<sup>st</sup> (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



# 84<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, RCA



CO

LCol S.D. Lloyd, CD



RSM

CWO D.A. Colbourne, CD

1 Fd Regt, Honorary Colonel — Vacant

1 Fd Regt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant

84 Ind Fd Bty, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol R.I. D'Entremont, CM, ONS, D.Comm. hc

1<sup>st</sup> (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (1 Fd Regt RCA), is located at the Bayers Lake Armouries (BLA), at 73 Hobsons Lake Drive, Halifax. 1 Fd Regt RCA is a direct support field artillery regiment within the 36 Canadian Brigade Group (36 CBG) that administers and generates officers and soldiers for domestic and expeditionary operations between our 2 batteries, 51 Battery in Halifax and 84 Battery at the Yarmouth Armouries, 82 Parade Street, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

The 2023 training year consisted of twelve operations/exercises starting with the 1 Fd Regt RCA Officer and Senior NCO Personal Development Session running from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. This professional development took place in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. This saw Officers and NCOs troubleshoot the deployment of various artillery assets in civilian areas. Ex TEMPEST GUNNER I/CADET GUNNER II took place from 21<sup>st</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> April in 5 CDSB Gagetown, New Brunswick. This exercise provided members of 51<sup>st</sup> Battery (51 Bty) and 84<sup>th</sup> Battery (84 Bty) experience with various troop and detachment level support weapons. Weapon systems included the C6, C9, NM72, and the 84MM Carl Gustav. The cadets from 117 RCACC, 2501 RCACC (1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiments affiliated Cadet Unit), 2632 RCACC and 18 RCACS were present to observe the training and to conduct their own cadet training concurrently.



MBdr Ryan Deveau, 84<sup>th</sup> Ind Fd Bty, discards a spent 105mm casing after live firing on Ex TEMPEST GUNNER II.  
Photo By: MCpl Samuel Martell, 5th Canadian Division Public Affairs

Before the start of Full Time Summer Employment (FTSE) the regiment is proud to be part of OPERATION GOLDEN ORB SALUTE held on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Regiment conducted a 21 Gun Salute to mark the ascension of His Majesty King Charles III during provincial ceremonies at the Nova Scotia Government House.

May also saw the retirement of Honourary Colonel Rob Sobey, who has served the Regiment as the Honourary Colonel for just over 12 Years. The entire Regiment came together to celebrate Rob Sobey's Service at his Departure with Dignity, which included the presentation of his last round fired, and gifts from the Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers of the Regiment. We continue to look forward to Rob's future involvement with the military. His time with 1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment may have come to an end, but we are sure he will continue to support the military community in different ways and we are incredibly grateful for his service and support.

During the summer, soldiers were given the opportunity to participate in Full Time Summer Employment (FTSE) from May to August to complete various Individual Training Courses such as the Rank Qualification Gunner Course (RQ Gnr), LG-1 Detachment Member (LG-1 Det Mbr), Reconnaissance Technician, Artillery Communications Dismounted and Mounted, and many more. The most exciting portion of FTSE however was a confirmation exercise for the RQ Gnr and LG-1



Det Mbr courses on Exercise ATLANTIC GUNNER, held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August. This was to allow our troops to tie together all the individual training they had received over the summer months. In addition, this exercise served as the final qualification for several new gunners of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. They received their artillery cap-badges in the field from the Command teams of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. and

are now officially Gunners. We welcome them to the Regimental family and look forward to seeing them succeed in their service.

As the fall season began, the Regiment deployed to Aldershot, Nova Scotia for Ex TERRAIN GUNNER from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September. Soldiers practiced Battery and Troop dispersal positions, developing a new standard operating procedure (SOP) for camouflage and concealment directly adapting to the current threats we could face in a future conflict. Ex TEMPEST GUNNER II, held 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, provided soldiers live fire experience and the opportunity to practice the new SOPs developed in Ex TERRAIN GUNNER. November saw the last two exercise deployments of the year, Ex TOTAL CONTROL from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November, where the Regiment sent two full command posts to CFB Gaagetown assisting in Gunnery courses, and Ex TOTAL VICTORY from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November, allowing members to confirm the retainment of skills that were developed on Ex TOTAL CONTROL.

The year ended with Ex TURKEY GUNNER on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, the Regiment's annual soldiers' appreciation dinner at the Bayers Lake Armouries. Commanding Officer (LCol S.D. Lloyd, CD) provided the troops with an address, wishing them a Happy Holidays followed by dinner which was served by the officers and senior NCOs of the Regiment. Captain Fagan, Warrant Officer Francis, and Master Bombardier Peddle were all awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration. Additionally, Master Corporal Robicheau, Bombardier (Bdr) Knee, Bdr White and Corporal Swinimer all received their promotions, we look forward to their continued success. The Regiment is looking forward to the training year ahead and the opportunity to continue to serve our fellow Canadians and our local communities.



*Bdr Jeff Rogers provides a presentation to Halifax High School students as part of a 36 Canadian Brigade Group attractions and recruiting event.  
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#### 1st (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

LCol	SD	Lloyd	Sgt	CA	Knowles	Bdr	K	Gordon
Maj	KR	Doherty	Sgt	TD	Lawlor	Bdr	JWJ	Gunn
Maj	SD	Misner	Sgt	GJ	Oliver	Bdr	C	Knee
Maj	D	Neish	Sgt	MS	Singer	Bdr	MAM	Leblanc
Capt	MR	Fagan	Sgt	WP	Todoruk	Bdr	D	Lyle
Capt	B	Finyanos	MBdr	NG	Burnett	Bdr	DM	Macdonaldholley
Capt	RJ	Johnson	MBdr	BG	Inkpen	Bdr	TA	Macfadgen
Capt	A	Maynard	MBdr	SD	James	Bdr	K	Noylander
Lt	R	Javed	MBdr	JRR	Peddle	Bdr	M	Reid
Lt	AJE	Larade	MBdr	AC	Rembowski	Bdr	CJ	Stubbert
Lt	D	Palmer	MBdr	JT	Toynton	Bdr	C	White
OCdt	W	Bartlett	MBdr	N	Turcotte	Bdr	A	Yaffa
OCdt	RF	Macarthur	MCpl	DJGK	Beckett	Bdr	LA	Yuriev
CWO	DA	Colbourne	MCpl	CS	Mckinnon	Cpl	A	Swinimer
MWO	EP	Craig	Bdr	LB	Andrews	Cpl	J	Taylor
WO	AR	Francis	Bdr	C	Baird	Gnr	M	Macquarrie
WO	AK	Grimmer	Bdr	M	Bennet	Gnr	E	Robertson
WO	CD	Macdonald	Bdr	BR	Blackwood	Gnr	Y	Yugam
Sgt	RD	Belcher	Bdr	GRG	Clodd	Pte(B)	J	Henry
Sgt	BJ	Besaw	Bdr	MPL	Cody	Pte(R)	D	Horne
Sgt	BJ	Gittens	Bdr	JJR	Comeau	Pte(R)	W	Martin
Sgt	LA	Hillier	Bdr	TJ	Deveau	Pte(R)	M	Mitton
Sgt	T	Hoang	Bdr	R	Deveau	Civilian	CM	Gorman
Sgt	CW	Kennedy	Bdr	BM	Gawdunyk	Civilian	JH	Lamey

**84 Independent Field Artillery Battery, RCA**

Capt	PS	Andrews						
Capt	DC	Muise	MBdr	S	Symonds	Bdr	MJ	Therault
Capt	NWD	Reid	MCpl	DE	D'Entremont	Bdr	TR	Thibodeau
Lt	E	Armshaw	MCpl	C	Robicheau	Bdr	JL	Watkins
MWO	NR	Robicheau	Bdr	DR	Boudreau	Bdr	K	Wheeler
WO	AM	Regimbald	Bdr	T	Fehr	Bdr	BS	Williamson
Sgt	RJ	Axworthy	Bdr	BJ	Gavel	Cpl	C	Johnson
Sgt	GA	Bourque	Bdr	J	Lombard	Cpl	S	Taggart
Sgt	D	Cottreau	Bdr	J	Lombard	Pte(T)	KLA	Monsen
Sgt	CJP	Deveau	Bdr	R	Mallett	Pte(B)	CD	Bond-Goyetche
Sgt	CL	Hunt	Bdr	D	Muise	Pte(B)	SE	Madden
Sgt	LM	Matthews	Bdr	NJ	Murphy	Pte(B)	T	Zinck
MBdr	RJ	Blinn	Bdr	TC	Nickerson	Pte(R)	L	Amon
MBdr	RL	Comeau	Bdr	P	Scott	Pte(R)	A	Guibord
MBdr	RH	Deveau	Bdr	DH	Smith	Pte(R)	A	Ricard
MBdr	BM	Nickerson	Bdr	PDK	Stevens	Pte(R)	B	Symonds



*Lt Edward Armshaw, Reconnaissance Officer for 84<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, gives orders to the Reconnaissance Detachment on Exercise TEMPEST GUNNER II in preparation for Battery Movement.*

*Photo By: Master Corporal Samuel Martell, 5th Canadian Division Public Affairs*

*Capt Rob Johnson and mbrs of 1 Fd Regt conducting the 21 Gun Salute marking the Coronation of King Charles III*

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## 2<sup>e</sup> Regiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC



**CO**  
LCol J. Audet, CD



**RSM**  
CWO J.G.M. Gabanna, MMM, CD

**Honorary Colonel — Vacant**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol G. Richer**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (2 Fd) was as busy this year as it was the previous year. While no big changes were enacted at the command level, the activities were numerous and lively.

Training began on the 17th of January with the usual Tuesday night training. During the month of January, there were a few Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) courses run at the Armoury with several of our NCOs assigned as instructors.

February and March saw the usual Tuesday evening training as well as the continuation of the BMQs. A C7 firing range also took place in a rather wet and snowy late March weekend, and, in late March and early April, some of the officers participated in the CPX REACTION ROYALE 2023 in Valcartier.

April was busier than the previous months with annual IBTS qualifications and the completion of the BMQs. Furthermore, a field exercise, Ex CAS-TOR NOVICE, was conducted.

The end of the training year in May concluded with a symposium for officers and a TEWT in St. Hubert. To wrap up the in-house training and preparation for summer tasks and training, 2 Fd held its traditional end-of-year BBQ. This took place at the end of the month with some professional development and sports in the morning, followed by the BBQ.

During the summer months, members of the Regiment participated in various courses. Basic training, DP1, Comms, and PLQ were amongst the many courses that soldiers were able to attend. At the end of this summer phase, members of the Regiment were welcomed back with a professional development and BBQ on the 23 August.



*"Retirement" Spirit of Ubique entry, 1st Quarter,  
submitted by 2Lt Novoa, RCAS*

The Regiment's first exercise was a CPX held in Farnham in late September. In October, the Regiment conducted FTX 1 which completed the mortar course that had been ongoing throughout the year.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, the Regiment conducted a "Candlelight Dinner" to show the appreciation of the Regiment to the partners and spouses of the Regiment's members. This was done in conjunction and with the participation of the Montreal Artillery Association.

In November, the Regiment participated in the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies and conducted its usual gun salute. This month also included FTX 2 at the end of the month.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, the Ste-Barbara mess dinner was held in Valcartier's Officers' Mess. 5 RALC and all three reserve regiments in the Quebec province were present. Retired generals Rouleau and Fortin as well as retired Colonel Boucher were present, providing an opportunity for the officers to learn from their extensive years of experience. The senior NCOs held a similar dinner at 62<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, in Shawinigan.

Finally, the year ended with the troop dinner held on 9<sup>th</sup> of December.



LCol	J	Audet	Bdrc	CA	Afonso	Bdr	A	Mondor
Maj	GL	Bond-Castelli	Bdrc	M	Chlipala	Cpl	N	Mutabazi
Maj	JPPEJ	Brunet	Bdrc	EAJ	Hall	Bdr	E	Olivier
Capt	NC	Chung	Bdrc	A	Lalchan	Bdr	J	Ouellet
Capt	R	Francois	Bdrc	LG	Lévesque Aubé	Bdr	R	Pierre
Capt	J	Hadi	Bdrc	B	Montpetit	Bdr	D	Puglia
Capt	M	Muvunga	Bdrc	DGT	Mwanga	Bdr	PG	Quiroga
Capt	MN	White Crépeau	Bdrc	J	Tomaki	Bdr	R	Ramkissoon
Lt	B	Gao	Bdrc	L	Toussaint	Bdr	M	Robles Rivas
Lt	J	Kengne Wafo	Bdrc	M	Winter	Bdr	J	Rusenstrom
Lt	M	Sherif	Cpl	M	Arboleda Gonzalez	Bdr	T	Rushemeza
Slt	A	Bougalla	Bdr	M	Adjewiyi-Lambe	Bdr	J	Saenz Torres
Slt	Y	Foshi	Bdr	FN	Allard	Bdr	DM	Saldana
Slt	R	Hasrouni	Bdr	FE	Aristizabal	Bdr	YN	Serfaty
Slt	A	Komguez Ponkam	Bdr	CE	Balit	Bdr	K	Sheehan
Slt	DPA	Montpetit	Bdr	LG	Bokor	Bdr	J	Siya
Slt	E	Nkengayi Ategwa	Bdr	N	Côté	Bdr	P	St-Jean
Slt	N	Pusalkar	Bdr	C	Cruz Canon	Bdr	K	Tran
Slt	S	Sebaaly	Bdr	M	De Bellefeuille	Artill	G	Averill-Morin
Slt	E	Vincelli-Gregory	Bdr	JE	Diaz Lopez	Artill	B	Barros
Slt	J	Wakil	Bdr	NK	Dinh	Artill	F	Bibeau
CWO	JGM	Gabanna	Bdr	TJPL	Dufort	Artill	S	Churney
Adj	O	Loiselle	Bdr	ACH	Fong	Artill	N	Côté
Adj	MFJ	Rinfret	Bdr	L	Fridzon	Artill	LG	Djehounke
Sgt	ANF	Azevedo	Bdr	J	Hoyos Oliveros	Artill	V	Donos
Sgt	J	Beaudry	Bdr	JW	Kamwa	Artill	K	Jean Philippe
Sgt	REARJ	Cases	Bdr	W	Kang	Artill	J	Joseph
Sgt	D	Dupuy	Bdr	I	Konevych	Artill	K	Kutsenog
Sgt	MAJD	Duval	Bdr	C	Lebel	Artill	M	Lamoureux
Sgt	C	Gagnon	Bdr	d	Lee	Artill	A	Mahamat
Sgt	LVS	Landreville	Bdr	Y	Li	Artill	M	Marzouk
Sgt	J	Martel	Bdr	L	Macadangdang	Artill	S	Sall
Sgt	NJRA	Roy	Bdr	MAA	Mallannao	Artill	L	Tabares
Sgt	K	Toupin	Bdr	K	Micourt	Artill	G	Takha
Sgt	JFF	Verreault	Bdr	S	Minhas	Artill	C	Velasquez-Chavez
Bdrc	MA	Abrijo						



*The first 3D-printed submission to the Spirit of Ubique Contest, 2nd Quarter, submitted by MCpl Sandve, 1 RCHA.*





# 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), RCA



**CO**  
LCol K.P. Currie, CD



**RSM**  
CWO B.L. Grant, MMM, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol N. Graydon**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

For over two centuries, the gunners of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), RCA, (3 Fd Regt) have stood vigilant in defense of the citizens of Canada. This year is no exception to that history. From field exercises, gun salutes, support in multi-unit training exercises, and support to domestic and foreign operations, the unit has proven ready for any challenge.

### Exercises

Starting the year off running, 3 Fd Regt conducted a series of winter exercises in support of in-house courses and conventional gun exercises. Ex FROZEN GUNNER (Cold Weather Operator confirmation), Ex ARCTIC THUNDER (C6 and Grenade range), and Ex TEMPEST GUNNER (Live Fire LG1 Ex) kept the Regt busy into the spring, ensuring soldier and gunnery skills were sharp for the busy summer training season.

In September, the unit marked the Change of Command of the Regt from LCol Saunders to LCol Currie with Ex FRESH START. In support of Ex FALLEX, a 37 CBG collective training exercise in Gagetown, 3 Fd Regt facilitated live, all-arms calls for fire training for the bde, exposing other bde units to the combined arms environment. Ex TOTAL VICTORY was the unit's annual commitment to supporting the Royal Canadian Artillery School, Instructor in Gunnery/Assistant Instructor-in-Gunnery courses. The unit demonstrated its gunnery skill to the other Atlantic Artillery Regiments and provided newly minted gunners and technicians exposure to fire planning and sustained durations of fire. Coming as no surprise to those present, 3 Fd Regt soldiers displayed a high degree of cohesion, skill, and professionalism.

### Courses

Throughout the reserve Full Time Summer Employment (FTSE) block, 3 Fd Regt ran a complement of back-to-back in-house courses, delivering essential career training and bolstering the unit's readiness. Throughout the summer, 3 Fd Regt ran Basic Artillery Reconnaissance Technician,

Army Basic Dismounted Communicator, Army Basic Mounted Communicator, Army Basic Artillery Communicator, Basic Airbrakes, MSVS Driver, LSVW Driver, Observation Post Detachment member, and OP Det 21C courses. The year ended with an Artillery Detachment Member Common course running over the Christmas holiday.

### Gun Salutes and Other Ceremonial Activities

Throughout the busy summer, the unit also conducted ceremonial activities, firing a Royal Salute for Princess Anne's visit to Moncton as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and firing a Canada Day salute in Fredericton. As part of Op GOLDEN ORB, the unit celebrated the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III with a 21 Gun Salute in Fredericton. 3 Fd Regt also had the privilege of sending a soldier to participate in the ceremony in England.



*LCol Saunders hands command over to LCol Currie,*

*23 Sep2023*

In September, LCol Currie took command of the Regt from LCol Saunders. The event was celebrated with a change of command parade in the Gagetown training area. Throughout the ceremony, the gunners of 3 Fd Regt fired howitzers in time with the music of the 3 Fd Band, to the great delight of all in attendance. 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Div Comd, BGen Masson, attended the ceremony as the reviewing officer.

### Operations

3 Fd Regt supported the Op PALACI avalanche control efforts in northern British Columbia with two soldiers between January and April and Op CROCODILE in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a Major. The Regt sent one soldier to participate in the Op GOLDEN ORB coronation parade in the United Kingdom.

### Conclusion

As this exceptional year closes, 3 Fd Regt looks forward to continuing its tradition of serving Canada and the community with distinction. 2024 is already proving itself to be a busy and challenging year with soldiers and leadership preparing for upcoming field and garrison training. The unit stands proud and ready for all that 2024 may have in store.



LCol	KP	Currie	Bdr	CL	Sprague	Pte(B)	B	Campbell
Maj	TJB	Degaust	Bdr	CL	Tonge	Pte(B)	D	Cass
Maj	DAJ	MacCready	Bdr	APC	Vail	Pte(B)	J	Doucet
Maj	CS	Reid-McPherson	Bdr	CR	Wade	Pte(B)	J	Hebert
Maj	MR	Smith	Bdr	D	Wesley	Pte(B)	ER	Phinney
Capt	WAW	Casey	Bdr	A	White	Pte(B)	X	Savoy
Capt	JM	DeMerchant	Bdr	AL	Williams	Pte(B)	J	Shaw
Capt	JA	Guthrie	Bdr	N	Yorke	Pte(B)	M	Spencer
Capt	S	Harnish	Cpl	CD	Wetmore	Pte(B)	L	Weir
Capt	JRA	Ladouceur	Gnr	D	Saunders	Pte(R)	T	Currie
Capt	PM	Leblond	Gnr	L	Shaver	Pte(R)	G	Gaunce
Capt	B	Schmidt	Pte	J	Higgins	Pte(R)	A	Haley
Lt	A	Bi	Pte	Q	Leavitt	Pte(R)	R	Nicholas
2Lt	J	Doyle	Pte	S	Thaepngoan	Civ	EM	Wilson
OCdt	D	Viney						
CWO	BL	Grant						
MWO	PM	Gillingham						
MWO	AJ	La Haye						
WO	EC	Osborne						
WO	JLY	Proteau						
Sgt	KW	Cole						
Sgt	DJ	Cooper						
Sgt	MA	Flanagan						
Sgt	DL	Flynn						
Sgt	CR	McCollum						
Sgt	CD	Smith						
Sgt	ETR	Waller						
MBdr	J	Belyea						
MBdr	M	Jewett						
MBdr	J	Killam						
MBdr	CD	Sooley						
MBdr	OA	Switzer						
MCpl	MP	Hachey						
MCpl	NK	Michaud						
Bdr	O	Aube Simon						
Bdr	JC	Brittain						
Bdr	SL	Brittain						
Bdr	A	Campbell						
Bdr	LWJ	Clark						
Bdr	MD	Edison						
Bdr	D	Elliott						
Bdr	R	Finnamore						
Bdr	PD	Flowers						
Bdr	DG	Goguen						
Bdr	S	Grant						
Bdr	F	Habold						
Bdr	J	Hamilton						
Bdr	JF	Hebert						
Bdr	DM	Hines						
Bdr	CD	Howell						
Bdr	E	Hunter						
Bdr	BW	Innes						
Bdr	KA	Keery						
Bdr	S	McIntyre						
Bdr	E	Robidoux						
Bdr	AP	Robinson						
Bdr	KA	Shannon						
Bdr	RD	Smith						



*Left: Gun Salute to commemorate the visit of Princess Anne to Moncton, NB.*



*Right: The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Her Honour the Honourable Brenda Murphy, is presented with a shell casing to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III.*



*Left: Last round presented to MWO Hayes.*





# 5<sup>th</sup> (British Columbia) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol I. Watt, CD



**RSM**  
CWO L. Kachonaski, MMM, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol J.A. Ducker**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

In 2023, the 5th (British Columbia) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (5 Fd), continued to build with the continuation of normal training and events. Assistance was provided to domestic operations within the province of British Columbia during the hot summer fire season, and individual deployments across the country and around the world were undertaken by individual members. Recruiting numbers for both the Battery and the Band increased from the previous year. Live-fire training events in Yakima were the highlight of gunnery training, while a Soldiers' Christmas and a very successful St. Barbara's Day Dinner rounded out the morale-building social activities within the Regiment. Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Watt was appointed as Commanding Officer in the spring, and CWO Lisa Kachonaski was appointed to the position of Regimental Sergeant-Major in the autumn.

### Regimental Composition

155 Battery, the 5 Field Band, and HQ & Services operated out of Bay Street Armoury in Victoria and trained simultaneously on Tuesday nights. 156 Battery operated as a troop and continued to parade on Tuesdays out of Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury in Nanaimo. All soldiers regularly trained and celebrated together throughout 2023, creating a unified regimental team environment despite the geographic distance between unit locations. The 5<sup>th</sup> Field Regimental School continued to offer local training opportunities for Gunners in British Columbia.

### Collective Training

The Regiment conducted training to achieve Battle Task Standards to be able to deploy the unit effectively. The work done during the previous training year was further refined by more dry training in March during Ex SKILLED GUNNER 2, followed by Ex CLAYMORE STEEL 23 again at the Yakima Training Centre to confirm our ability to conduct basic fire missions, fire planning, open actions, and harassing fire - specifically focusing on fire planning and conducting more complex missions. Soldiers trained locally in a dry deployment exercise, Ex SKILLED GUNNER 1, in September in preparation for the live-fire Ex CAUSTIC SHOCK at Yakima Training Centre in Washington State in October.

### Individual Training

The Regiment conducted IT courses and training throughout the year in support of 39 CBG's Continuous Individual Training Year plan and con-

ducted its own courses in unit lines as part of our Regimental School. The Regiment focused on junior leadership to develop the growing number of Master Bombardiers and qualified Detachment Commanders.

### Community Events

Members of all batteries have been active in the community, supporting Island and Brigade recruiting efforts. Open House activities at Bay Street Armoury focused on the C3 Howitzer, the Mortar, the IFT room, and a performance by the Band. The Band ran an additional Open House for brass and reed musicians; this was the most successful such event in recent memory, and one which resulted in new members joining and new civilian volunteers attending. Members augmented the Regular Force Naden Band on numerous individual taskings and larger band perfor-



*The new CO, LCol Ian Watt, between the outgoing and incoming RSMs, CWO Clyde Roberts and CWO Lisa Kachonaski. (Photo courtesy of HCol Ducker)*

mances on Vancouver Island and in support of military parades and activities. As in past years, the Regiment fired the starting round at the CFB



Esquimalt Navy Run in June. The Regiment also participated in the Vancouver Island Exhibition in August, displaying the 81mm Mortar and MSVS. In what is becoming a tradition, members participated, in uniform, in the Polar Plunge as the largest recognisable contingent at this popular Victoria fundraising event.

**Ceremonial**

The Regiment participated in three Gun Salutes in 2023: Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Remembrance Day.

**Operations**

2023 provided plenty of opportunity for participation in domestic operations, and members served in British Columbia, fighting forest fires from staging areas in Burns Lake and Vanderhoof, and one member participated in Op PALACI in Rogers Pass. The regiment also saw three members deploy for Op REASSURANCE in Latvia.

**Conclusion**

The year was one of growth in numbers, and this necessitated a high degree of commitment from instructors, particularly at the MBdr, Sgt, and Lt level. The Regiment is putting into place a bold and aggressive plan to rebuild the “missing middle” of the Regiment (a concern across the entire Army), and it is doing so with a solid succession and training plan in place under the supervision of the RSM. The Regiment has demonstrated flexibility and resilience and is set to now capitalise on the growth that we are finally seeing again through the inflow of new recruits.



*Gunners Up! 5<sup>th</sup> Field into the Polar Plunge together. (Left)  
(Photo courtesy of HCol Ducker)*

*The Band Sergeant-Major and Director of Music lead the quartet for the Christmas Light Up at the Provincial Legislature – the busiest time of the year for the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment Band. (Below)  
(Photo courtesy of HCol Ducker)*



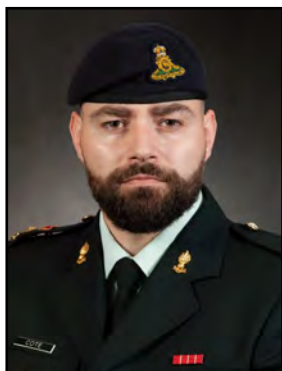
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|--------|--------|------------------|------|--------|-------------|
| H Col  | J.     | Ducker           | MBdr | A.     | Hammad      |
| H Lcol | A.     | De Genova        | MBdr | M.     | Kenyon      |
| LCol   | I.C.   | Watt             | MBdr | D.     | Mcdonald    |
| Maj    | L.M.   | Clark            | MBdr | W.D.   | Newcombe    |
| Capt   | D.     | Abrahams         | MBdr | M.     | Ribeiro     |
| Capt   | M.     | Hall             | MBdr | P.A.   | Spelt       |
| Capt   | C.N.   | Life             | MBdr | B.A.   | Walts       |
| Capt   | C.J.C. | Meyers           | Bdr  | T.     | Bauer       |
| Capt   | D.     | Moses            | Bdr  | C.     | Casavant    |
| Capt   | A.M.   | Mujtabah         | Bdr  | T.     | Chan        |
| Capt   | I.D.   | Shaw             | Bdr  | W.     | Chenard     |
| Lt     | L.     | Mahoney          | Bdr  | P.A.   | Devette     |
| Lt     | J.     | O'Higgins-Wilson | Bdr  | D.     | Ferguson    |
| Lt     | J.F.   | Wignes           | Bdr  | J.R.B. | Fisher      |
| 2Lt    | B.     | Bzdel            | Bdr  | B.     | Gladman     |
| 2Lt    | S.     | Gordienko        | Bdr  | K.     | Hebig       |
| 2Lt    | A.     | Rendle           | Bdr  | A.     | Kozubal     |
| 2Lt    | E.     | Udeagha          | Bdr  | J.     | Laforge     |
| 2Lt    | J.     | Van Donkersgoed  | Bdr  | A.     | Lindsay     |
| OCdt   | E.H.   | Irwin            | Bdr  | S.L.   | Malachowski |
| OCdt   | O.     | Olaleye          | Bdr  | C.     | Panganiban  |
| CWO    | L.A.   | Kachanoski       | Bdr  | M.     | Ray         |
| CWO    | C.     | Roberts          | Bdr  | K.     | Roberts     |
| WO     | D.A.   | Newton           | Bdr  | J.     | Ryan        |
| WO     | S.     | Wiseman          | Bdr  | J.     | Sam         |
| Sgt    | A.D.   | Ballantyne       | Bdr  | C.     | Spidel      |
| Sgt    | A.     | Eriksen          | Cpl  | A.     | Bury        |
| Sgt    | B.     | Holditch         | Cpl  | M.     | Catto       |
| Sgt    | Q.A.   | Howells          | Cpl  | L.     | Cox         |
| Sgt    | W.     | Ksenhuk          | Cpl  | M.     | Danylych    |
| Sgt    | M.     | Macintyre        | Cpl  | S.     | De Vries    |
| Sgt    | K.     | Perpeluk         | Cpl  | S.     | Hesse       |
| Sgt    | T.     | Sterling         | Gnr  | R.     | Byrne       |
| Sgt    | J.     | Venturanza       | Gnr  | C.     | Davis       |
| MBdr   | S.     | Dawe             | Gnr  | J.     | Fraser      |
| MBdr   | J.     | Dielschneider    | Gnr  | V.     | Gaspar      |

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|---------|-------|-----------|
| Gnr     | B.    | Keating   |
| Gnr     | R.    | Roseberry |
| Pte (B) | M.    | Alsaady   |
| Pte (B) | A.    | Evanson   |
| Pte (B) | B.    | Moffatt   |
| Pte (B) | S.    | Rigby     |
| Pte (R) | A.    | Bartash   |
| Pte (R) | K.M.  | Bates     |
| Pte (R) | M.    | Espinoza  |
| Pte (R) | K.    | Holt      |
| Pte (R) | K.T.  | Kang      |
| Pte (R) | T.-R. | Mchaffie  |
| Pte (R) | D.    | Nelson    |
| Pte (R) | D.    | Owpaluk   |
| Pte (R) | R.    | Patel     |
| Pte (R) | L.    | Wiersma   |





## 6<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC



**Cmdt**  
**LCol D.A.P. Coté, CD**



**SMR**  
**Adjuc J.H.L. Desrochers, CD**

**Colonelle Honoraire — Col(H) C. Théberge**

**Lieutenant-Colonel Honoraire — Vacant**

L'année 2023 a été, pour le 6<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne (6 RAC), marquée par une reprise concernant les exercices, les activités, ainsi que les événements à la suite de deux années consécutives d'activité très réduite.

L'année a débuté avec un exercice hivernal de brigade qui a eu lieu dans les secteurs de la BFC de Valcartier. Dans le cadre de cet exercice, du 2 au 8 janvier, le 6 RAC a supporté les opérations des différents régiments du 35<sup>e</sup> GBC. Lors de la fin de semaine du 21 et 22 janvier, les membres ont reçu une formation de base afin de les préparer aux éventuels combats rapprochés auxquels ils pourraient faire face au cours de leurs carrières militaires. Ils ont eu l'occasion d'apprendre différentes techniques afin d'éviter ou de prendre le dessus sur des combats corps-à-corps. Ils ont également découvert différentes techniques de combat classique, comment se défendre d'une attaque à l'arme blanche, l'élimination de sentinelles, les fouilles et le menottage. L'Adjum Cloutier ainsi que Capt Pagé en ont profité pour remettre une promotion au Sdt Rousseau, passant ainsi au grade d'Artilleur. Puis, le 25 janvier, les membres du régiment ont reçu une instruction de soir sur la préparation à une guerre hivernale. Le mois s'est terminé avec le CPX 3, du 28 et 29 janvier. Ce fût l'occasion pour le 6 RAC de s'exercer sur les manœuvres d'artillerie en contexte hivernale.

Le mois de février, pour sa part, a débuté avec une activité, le 4 février, sur le simulateur de tir d'armes légères (STALL) au Manège Militaire de Montmagny. Une grande partie des nouvelles recrues ont pu découvrir l'équipement de simulateur de tir à notre disposition pour l'entraînement sur la C7 et la C9. Les membres ont eu l'occasion de pratiquer le drill sur le Carl Gustav et celles du 9mm. Lors de la soirée d'entraînement du 15 février, ce fût la préparation en vue de l'exercice OBUS POLAIRE. Les membres présents ont appris les bases pour le transport d'équipement, sur traineau, en situation de guerre hivernale. La fin de semaine du 17 au 19 février était l'occasion pour nos membres de mettre en pratique les différentes instructions reçues dans les derniers mois, dans les secteurs de la BFC de Valcartier. Ainsi, conjointement au 2 RAC, les deux régiments ont dû affronter la rigueur de l'hiver dans l'exercice OBUS POLAIRE dans un contexte de combat urbain. Ils ont dû réaliser la construction d'ouvrages défensifs en plus de tester leur efficacité avec des tirs réels d'armes légères. De plus, nos artilleurs ont courageusement affronté l'hiver et ont dormi sous la tente à l'extérieur. La soirée d'instruction du 22 février était destinée aux membres de la CPS afin de recevoir une introduction au fonctionnement et aux rôles de l'artillerie (PC, Reconnaissance, OP et Pièces), la visualisation d'une position d'artillerie sur une carte, ainsi que de la théorie et des pratiques sur la Discipline de Tir. Le mois s'est terminé avec un cours de soins pour les membres nécessitant



la mise à jour de leur NIAC.

Au mois de mars, il y a eu d'instruction pour la CPS sur la munition et des explications sur le fonctionnement de l'obusier 105 C3. Les nouveaux membres ont reçu différentes formations de base sur les réclamations possibles, les feuilles de paies, les communications dans les médias, le rôle du Padre au Régiment, les bases du guidage d'un véhicule du MDN et le fonctionnement de l'EETP et de la TEII. Avait lieu également, dans ce mois, l'exercice OBUS POLAIRE (rafale blanche), du 17 au 19 mars, dans les secteurs de la BFC de Valcartier. Le 6 RAC, de concert avec le 2 RAC et le 62 RAC, ont unis leur force dans le dernier grand exercice à tirs réels de l'année, OBUS ENDURCI (GPE 3). Environ 500 obus ont été tirés durant cette fin de semaine. Le but de cet exercice était de mettre à l'épreuve l'habileté et la rapidité du personnel lors de différentes missions de tir et de l'exécution de la reconnaissance. Nous en avons profité pour procéder à la compétition annuelle de tir entre les régiments d'artilleries de la Réserve, du Québec. Le grand gagnant de cette compétition fût un détachement composé de membres du 62 RAC et du 2 RAC ayant à sa barre, le sergent Désilet, du 62 RAC. La Sgt Lemieux, RAPU de l'unité, a également invitée deux journalistes à prendre part à l'exercice afin d'en rédiger un article et réaliser une vidéo sur le métier d'artilleur dans la réserve. Nous avons également eu la visite de l'équipe marketing du CRFC qui ont réalisé un travail d'imagerie pour la promotion des emplois dans



les Forces. Le sujet de la soirée d'instruction du 22 mars de la CPS s'est déroulé autour de la topographie, la préparation d'une carte personnelle et l'explication des signes conventionnels sur celle-ci. Le mois s'est finalement terminé avec l'Exercice PARAGE NOVICE ayant lieu au Manège Militaire de Lévis. Le but était de se préparer à générer des troupes dans les conditions et délais optimaux dans l'éventualité d'une opération nationale.

Le mois d'avril, quant à lui, a débuté avec la continuité de l'Exercice PARAGE NOVICE qui avait lieu, cette fois-ci, au 35 Bon Svc de St-Malo. L'Adjum Cloutier a profité de l'occasion pour remettre une promotion aux Artilleurs Mombo et Cyr, passant ainsi au grade de Bombardiers. Le LCol Côté en a également profité pour remettre la promotion tant attendue du Sgt Labbé passant, pour sa part, au grade d'Adjutant. De plus, certains de nos membres étaient, ce jour-là, sur l'exercice RÉACTION NATIONALE de la 34e GBC, qui avait pour but de préparer les membres présents aux différents scénarios possibles dans un déploiement opérationnel au niveau national. Puis, avait lieu, le 5 avril, l'instruction en soirée donnée par l'équipe de la 4e Compagnie du Renseignement, du CI 2Div, faisant état de la situation géopolitique du moment. Cette instruction a permis aux membres d'être plus informés sur les différents conflits internationaux qui sont surveillés par les FAC. Pour la soirée d'instruction du 19 avril, le BSM, Adjum Cloutier, a mis ses connaissances en combat corps-à-corps au profit des membres du régiment en offrant une mise à jour des techniques de combat sans arme. Puis, dans celle du 26 avril, les membres de la 59e Batterie ont pu faire une activité de cohésion autour d'un match amical de Dek Hockey, au PSP de la BFC de Valcartier, tandis que les membres de la CPS ont pratiqué leur drill sur la C7, en vue du

champ de tir à venir. D'ailleurs, le mois s'est conclu avec le champ de tir (CT) de C7, C9 et 9mm, sur la BFC de Valcartier.

Par la suite, le mois de mai a marqué le début de l'EETP pour les membres du 6 RAC. Plusieurs membres passent alors en classe B pour la période estivale. La fin de semaine du 6 et 7 mai a été dédiée à la pratique de la Gun Drill pour les tirs du Salut à venir. Certains des membres ont également mis à jour leur formation pour le NIAC des Premiers Soins. Le 13 mai avait lieu le BBQ régimentaire du défi du Cmdt. Les membres ont pu se réunir une dernière fois avant le début des cours sur la TEII, et pour certains, avant les vacances. Les activités du mois se sont terminées avec le tir du Salut, le 22 mai, à la Citadelle de Québec, pour souligner le jour de la fête de la Reine.

Les mois d'automne ont été extrêmement occupés avec de nombreux exercices de tir réel tels que GPE 1 et GPE 2 en partenariat avec le 62e RAC à Shawinigan et le 2e Régiment de campagne à Montréal. Plusieurs membres de l'unité ont également participé à un exercice de tir réel à Gagetown pour appuyer le cours de l'IG.

Le Capt Drouin a été nommé commandant de la 59e Bie. L'Adj Fugere, Adj Ouellet, et l'Adj Cloutier ont été promus au grade d'Adjum.

6 RAC continue de s'efforcer de produire des artilleurs efficaces ! Nous avons eu une année chargée, mais notre dévouement et notre formation continue ont porté leurs fruits puisque 19 membres de notre unité ont été nommés pour le déploiement sur l'opération RÉASSURANCE en 2024.



LCol	DAP	Côté
Capt	HA	Assandé
Capt	DM	Drouin
Capt	SJP	Drouin
Capt	AJG	Laforge
Capt	G	Létourneau
Capt	AJY	Pagé
Capt	J	Ricard
Capt	PG	Saumure
Capt	DF	Veilleux
Lt	LP	Grenier-La Forge
Lt	CA	Roy
2Lt	TJD	Boisvert
2Lt	CTS	Cabana
2Lt	K	Carignan
2Lt	NP	Castonguay
2Lt	EC	Chouinard
2Lt	AFX	Delisle
2Lt	H R	Hackenschmidt
2Lt	FO	Tremblay
2Lt	LMV	Vandal
OCdt	M	Massé-Pelletier
CWO	JHL	Desrochers
MWO	S	Cloutier
MWO	JAJP	Cloutier
MWO	JMA	Fugere
MWO	RL	Ouellet
WO	JA	Coulombe
WO	JRM	Labbé
WO	JPJD	Veilleux
WO	GJR	Vézina
Sgt	P	Beaulieu
Sgt	JEM	Chouinard Lavoie
Sgt	YJP	Fournier
Sgt	M	Fournier
Sgt	KC	Gosselin
Sgt	J	Lamontagne
Sgt	A	Lemieux



Sgt AMN Mailhot  
 Sgt JS Poulin  
 Sgt GRJ Roussel  
 Sgt JBB Tremblay  
 MBdr F-É Blier  
 MBdr MD Breton  
 MBdr SJ Cadorette-Rioux  
 MBdr FJDM Couture  
 MBdr MA Croteau  
 MBdr SYE Gligbe  
 MBdr MF Marcoux  
 MBdr M Mathieu  
 MBdr S Ouellet-Carrier  
 MBdr VJL Pons  
 MBdr BC Rousseau  
 MBdr JS Tremblay  
 MS CMNF Turgeon  
 Bdr L Avoine  
 Bdr PLJE Beaulieu  
 Bdr I Bergeron-Proulx  
 Bdr JJJ Blais  
 Bdr K Boudreault  
 Bdr AJD Bourgault  
 Bdr CHJ Brochu  
 Bdr PL Bélanger Soucy  
 Bdr A Cantin  
 Bdr JJT Carpentier  
 Bdr LMA Carrier  
 Bdr SJC Charland  
 Bdr MJ Charland  
 Bdr L Courteau  
 Bdr JFD Cyr  
 Bdr V Côté  
 Bdr JF Deschênes  
 Bdr JMA Dionne  
 Bdr V Fournier  
 Bdr V Fournier  
 Bdr R Gagnon  
 Bdr L Gagnon  
 Bdr T Gagnon  
 Bdr LIÉ Hallé  
 Bdr JSMA Jean  
 Bdr JBAM Labrie  
 Bdr S Lavoie  
 Bdr ND Li  
 Bdr OT Mombo Mapity  
 Bdr DPR Morel  
 Bdr YJM Ouellet  
 Bdr F Ouellet  
 Bdr K Pelletier  
 Bdr C Piché Gosselin  
 Bdr RM Poulin  
 Bdr B Rancourt  
 Bdr AD Rivera  
 Bdr GR Robichaud  
 Bdr J Rouleau  
 Bdr JJC Rousseau  
 Bdr C Samson



Bdr PML Thibault  
 Bdr GRN Turcotte  
 Bdr SJA Vézina  
 Cpl AA Bélanger  
 Cpl LLY Dréan-Noël  
 Cpl G Forand  
 Cpl B Lam  
 Gnr T Bernard  
 Gnr MD Fortier  
 Gnr S Frenette-Charpentier  
 Gnr HYN Gaudreau  
 Gnr MMJP Lachance  
 Gnr GJP Leduc  
 Gnr CMA Marois  
 Gnr G Morissette  
 Gnr NJ Rahemtulla  
 Gnr MA Rioux  
 Gnr B Roy  
 Gnr O Roy  
 Gnr ZTC St-Pierre  
 Gnr ÉJR Thibault  
 Gnr Y Tlemcani  
 Gnr I Vidali  
 Gnr AMSL Villeneuve  
 Pte DMG De Varennes  
 Pte(B) NJJ Beaumont  
 Pte(B) J Belley-Boily  
 Pte(B) Z Boucher  
 Pte(B) JMJ Forgues  
 Pte(B) AS Gilbert-Brouillette  
 Pte(B) CA Gonzalez  
 Pte(B) KJJYM Labbe  
 Pte(B) S Pruneau-Laprise  
 Pte(B) LM Theriault  
 Pte(B) JL Towner-Laroche  
 Pte(B) G Tétreault  
 Pte(R) D Banza  
 Pte(R) Wa Bell  
 Pte(R) S Bouchard  
 Pte(R) A Breton  
 Pte(R) Z Busque  
 Pte(R) G Chouinard  
 Pte(R) CE Couture  
 Pte(R) NEC Côté  
 Pte(R) M Côté-Vaillancourt  
 Pte(R) SSP Dery  
 Pte(R) M Desrosiers  
 Pte(R) E Fillion  
 Pte(R) É Fradette  
 Pte(R) D Julien-Bélanger  
 Pte(R) KAM Ladouceur  
 Pte(R) L Leclerc  
 Pte(R) V Leclerc  
 Pte(R) JJ Monaghan  
 Pte(R) EJ Morency  
 Pte(R) E Nadeau  
 Pte(R) T Ouimet  
 Pte(R) RE Posada Ramirez  
 Pte(R) S Pouliot  
 Pte(R) C St-Cyr  
 Pte(R) R Trompette  
 Pte(R) PJ Wazen

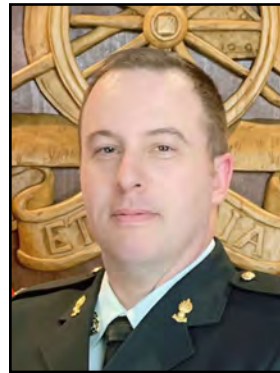




# 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
**LCol J.W. Dean, CD, AdeC**



**RSM**  
**CWO M.I. Bechmanis, CD**

**Honorary Colonel — Vacant**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol J. Chau**

Marching proudly into history, the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA, (7 Tor Regt) reflects on a year defined by dedication, operational prowess, and unwavering service. Amidst the challenges, the Regiment stood resilient, showcasing operational excellence and unwavering commitment to The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (RCA).

In the operational theater, Capts Lum, Galloway, Orellano-Castillo, Morningstar, Arseneau-Bruneau; PO2 Hamilton; MBdr Gaudet; and Bdrs Meehan, Shapiro, Wood, and White were each deployed on either Op IMPACT or Op REASSURANCE. Looking ahead, Maj Roach is set to deploy on Op UNIFIER Roto 17 in January 2024, confirming the Regiment's commitment to international operations.

Key leadership position changes included Maj Thompson taking over from Maj McBride as BC and MWO Lombara succeeding MWO Murry as BSM of 9 Bty. Unfortunately, there were no small unit exchanges this year in keeping with the Regiment's focus on internal development and cohesion, and the CAF's Op RECONSTITUTION.

Amid the triumphs, the Regiment mourned the passing of former CO, LCol (Ret'd) Ryan Smid, highlighting the close bonds within the regimental family. LCol Smid was an exemplary leader and true Canadian patriot, and he contributed significantly to the Canadian Forces and the RCA. His stories of service, spanning missions in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, were marked by passion and dedication. Beyond tangible contributions to Robert Land Academy, where he served as Headmaster, Ryan's legacy lies in his embodiment of core values – Loyalty, Labour, Courage, Commitment, and Honour.

In August, the Regiment demonstrated its commitment to physical excellence as part of the 32 CBG Iron Warrior 2023 team. Lt Waterman and Bdr Zeta showcased exceptional endurance in the grueling Marathon event while Cpl Goven-der excelled in the Sprint event. This remarkable performance underlines the Regiment's dedication to pushing boundaries and achieving success in diverse challenges and reflecting its commitment to physical and mental resilience.

Awards and decorations were presented throughout the year, ensuring soldiers and officers were properly recognised. Capt Morningstar and MWO Murray were presented with their CD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clasp; CWO Bechmanis and Bdr Hathaway were presented with their CD, 1<sup>st</sup> Clasp; and Capt



*Members of the Regiment past and present enjoy a nice afternoon with LCol (Ret'd) Ryan Smid (17 Jun 2023)*

*L to R: LCol Paul Szabunio, LCol (Ret'd) Ryan Smid, LCol John Dean, and MWO James Lombara*

Galloway was awarded the Op IMPACT TF Comd Commendation.

The training year unfolded with enriching courses including Cold Weather Operator Course, BMQ/RQ-Arty Det Mbr COOP, OP Det Mbr, and Gun Tow courses. These culminated in a confirmation FTX for RQ Arty Det member candidates.

Tradition and ceremonial duties were upheld with salutes for the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III, on 6 May; Victoria Day; Remembrance Day; and Canada Day. The Regiment continued its meaningful



participation in the Remembrance Day ceremony held at St. Clement's Church, a tradition that holds significant importance for both the Regiment and the community.

The Soldiers' Festive Dinner marked the year's end and honoured excellence through unit-level awards. Special recognition was extended to outgoing Honorary Colonel (HCol) Mark Clearihue who received the Colonel Commandant's Commendation for seven years of distinguished service. HCol Clearihue's insights during the Regimental Leadership Course (RLC)

were invaluable. HLCol Jeannette Chau continues in her role and has been leading the work on the Regiment's historical display room.

Reflecting on history, 7 Tor Regt commemorated the 106th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge at Old City Hall. This event, organized by Français du Monde à Toronto, emphasized the Regiment's commitment to remembrance.

The 7th Toronto Regiment Band had a great year as well. Their musical journey took them from the Canadian National Exhibition to ceremonies at St James Church to Old City Hall Toronto for Remembrance Day. MWO Darrin Hicks had the incredible opportunity to share the stage with Glass Tiger in November, and the band eagerly anticipates further representation in 2024.

Our Limber Gunners (the organization that looks after their WWII-era 25 pounder, Limber, and Quad) were awarded Best Display in the Show during Aquino Day at the Ontario Regiment Museum and maintained an active presence throughout the year.

The tapestry of 2023 is woven with the threads of resilience, commitment, and excellence, and 7th Toronto Regiment will continue to demonstrate its unwavering dedication to duty and tradition through 2024 and into the future.

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7 Tor Regt soldiers display special Remembrance Day letters received from a local Toronto Public School

LCol J Dean  
 Maj S Graham  
 Maj E McBride  
 Maj C Roach  
 Maj P Thompson  
 Capt D Arseneau-Bruneau  
 Capt S Cham  
 Capt F Fa  
 Capt M Galloway  
 Capt J Henry  
 Capt J Lum  
 Capt R Morningstar  
 Lt C Fredericks  
 Lt J Kingsley  
 Lt M Kwok  
 Lt A Lam  
 Lt H Vera Diaz  
 Lt S Waterman  
 2Lt K Chu  
 2Lt R Cunanan  
 2Lt T Otopo  
 OCdt D Huynh  
 CWO M Bechmanis  
 MWO J Lombara  
 MWO J Murray  
 WO S Roodzant  
 WO J Wood  
 Sgt C An  
 Sgt S Bassi  
 Sgt J Browne  
 Sgt D Chan  
 Sgt R Harris  
 Sgt M Jackson  
 Sgt R Johnston  
 Sgt M Litwin  
 Sgt E Mikkola  
 Sgt K Noh  
 MCpl A Altobello  
 MBdr A Collins  
 MBdr H Fong

MBdr T Gaudet  
 MBdr M Hill  
 MBdr M Massicotte  
 MBdr K Rooley  
 MBdr S Tenzin  
 MBdr D Weaver  
 Bdr K Anagnostopoulos  
 Bdr S Bacon  
 Bdr T Baghel  
 Bdr E Becerra Taipei  
 Bdr D Browne  
 Bdr C Cajamarca  
 Bdr P Canuto

Bdr S Chen  
 Bdr J Clarke  
 Bdr P Devlin  
 Bdr N Dhaliwal  
 Bdr R Dos Santos  
 Bdr K Estepa  
 Bdr J Farrell-Jobst  
 Bdr J Feng  
 Bdr S Fernando  
 Bdr A Fuglicek  
 Bdr M Gradecka  
 Bdr I Haji  
 Bdr M Hall



Toronto Police Service Horse Bunny displaying her Artillery Saddle Blanket. There is extensive history between the Toronto Police and Artillery Corps dating back to World War I.



Bdr V Koneswaran  
 Bdr K Koufis  
 Bdr E Kwan  
 Bdr C Kwon  
 Bdr D Lee  
 Bdr G Lypko  
 Bdr J Macdonell  
 Bdr B MacMillan  
 Bdr F Maturana Farias  
 Bdr P McGregor  
 Bdr J McHugh  
 Bdr B Meehan  
 Bdr R Melder  
 Bdr J Miley  
 Bdr S Mitchell  
 Bdr J Moreau  
 Bdr W Nasir  
 Bdr S Novikov  
 Bdr R Perez Anzures  
 Bdr A Pukas  
 Bdr J Ramdial  
 Bdr R Rampersaud  
 Bdr E Scoville  
 Bdr J Seedial  
 Bdr D Sehdev  
 Bdr L Shao  
 Bdr L Shapiro  
 Bdr M Siddiqui  
 Bdr J Silva  
 Bdr J Strazds  
 Bdr J Suvendrakumar  
 Bdr C Swain  
 Bdr L Tamayo  
 Bdr J Wan  
 Bdr D White



*7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment Band – Spring Concert 2023*

Bdr A Wong  
 Bdr T Wood  
 Bdr G Zeta  
 Gnr R Bailey  
 Gnr J Chan  
 Gnr G Ciolca Tiftkci  
 Gnr B Cirino  
 Gnr S Dalby-Jeffreys  
 Gnr L Figol  
 Gnr E George  
 Gnr F Gholamloo  
 Gnr V Giacometti  
 Gnr D Homer  
 Gnr K Kargar  
 Gnr S Lee  
 Gnr R MacHaffie  
 Gnr K Negus  
 Gnr J Parnell  
 Gnr J Pil  
 Gnr P Ross

Gnr L Seaben  
 Gnr C Silva  
 Gnr A Simion  
 Gnr H Stanley Julius  
 Gnr N Thiru  
 Gnr R To  
 Gnr D Volk  
 Pte(B) J Caputo  
 Pte(B) D Da Silva  
 Pte(B) E Daglaris  
 Pte(B) V Descanzo  
 Pte(B) M Isaak  
 Pte(B) T Wright  
 Pte(B) C Xu  
 Pte(R) P Guerreiro  
 Pte(R) T Meekis  
 Pte(R) S Qader  
 Pte(R) V Reyes  
 Pte(R) S Sabapathipillai  
 Pte(R) K Yassine



*7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment—Soldiers' Festive Dinner 2023*





**10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
RCA**

**26<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment,  
RCA**

**116<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery,  
RCA**



**CO**  
**LCol M.G. Wilson, CD**



**RSM**  
**CWO R.K. Henry**

**10 Fd Regt, Honorary Colonel — Vacant**  
**10 Fd Regt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

**26 Fd Regt, Honorary Colonel — HCol G.L. Dangerfield**  
**26 Fd Regt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol B.C. Midwinter, CD**

**116 Ind Fd Bty, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

38 Brigade Artillery Tactical Group (38 ATG) consists of three units across three provinces: 10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, consisting of 18 Bty in Regina, SK, and 64 Bty in Yorkton, SK; 26<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, consisting of 71 Bty in Brandon, MB, and 13 Bty in Portage la Prairie, MB; and 116<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, in Kenora, ON. This year has been positive for 38 ATG with some of its members volunteering to serve overseas and on domestic operations. The overseas Operations included Op REASSURANCE in Latvia, Op UNIFIER in Ukraine, and Op IMPACT in the Middle East. Domestic operations included Op GOLDEN ORB, Op LENTUS, and Op PALACI.

**Celebrations and Events**

Likely the most memorable event of the year was the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III on 6 May. This event was marked by royal salutes across Canada and the Commonwealth, and 38 ATG contributed with two-gun salutes of its own; one in Winnipeg and one in Regina.

Soldiers of the ATG attended Remembrance Day services in Regina, Yorkton, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, and Kenora. Additionally, a gun

salute was fired in Regina as part of their Remembrance Day services.

The year concluded with the annual Ex MERRY BARBARA just before the year-end holidays. The ATG congregated in Brandon where the members took part in PD sessions on interoperability and survivability and enjoyed the Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner. The weekend-long event successfully raised the morale of those in attendance and marked the end of the work year for both reservists and regular force members.

**Training Exercises & Deployments**

The 2023 training calendar was filled with domestic and international operations, deployments, and training exercises.

Capt Killam deployed on Op IMPACT in Iraq demonstrating yet another example of the dedication of ATG. Members of 38 ATG also volunteered to serve overseas on Op REASSURANCE in Latvia. The ATG had several soldiers deployed in support of Op REASSURANCE including as Detachment Commanders on the M777.



Domestic operations this year included Op PALACI. Op PALACI's Roto 1 began in Nov 2022 and continued until 13 Feb 2023; Roto 2 concluded on 29 Feb 2023. Participating members worked with Parks Canada to prevent uncontrolled avalanches from blocking major routes in Rogers Pass. This was the first time that Reservists were responsible for Op PALACI, a further example of the reliability of Army Reserve soldiers.

Overall, the ATG filled 19 different tasks on International and Domestic operations in 2023.

Capt Killam – Op IMPACT  
Sgt Hovrisko – Op REASSURANCE  
Sgt Quiring – Op PALACI Roto 2  
MBdr Fairbank – Op REASSURANCE  
Bdr Fingarsen – Op PALACI Roto 1&2  
Bdr Orko – Op PALACI Roto 1  
Bdr Pizunski – Op PALACI Roto 1  
Bdr Lipp – Op REASSURANCE  
Bdr Maly – Op REASSURANCE  
Gnr Lelond – Op PALACI Roto 1&2  
Gnr Lalonde – Op PALACI Roto 1  
Gnr Galbraith – Op PALACI Roto 2

Ex FROZEN GUNNER occurred from 3-31 March 2023 with the intent to train members in their roles with a focus on winter survival and combat readiness. The ATG and 1 RCHA worked together in a Regimental context and included firing EPLARS missions.

Ex TEMPEST GUNNER occurred from 21-23 April 2023. ATG members deployed in support of a 1 and 3 Field Artillery Regiments exercise. The exercise gave ATG members a great opportunity to work with different units and to see new ways of conducting training.

Near the end of summer, 38 ATG conducted Ex WESTERN GUNNER from 19-27 Aug 2023. The purpose of this exercise was to ultimately improve survivability and increase interoperability with great support from the RCAS. The provided a tremendous amount of experiential training. 1 RCHA supported the exercise with C Bty assets, allowing the ATG to conduct MUAS-fired missions. The exercise culminated with the 26 Field Pipes and Drums playing at the end-of-exercise smoker.

Ex LIMBER GUNNER took place from 20-22 Oct 2023. The ATG deployed a Bty under 1 RCHA to conduct regimental missions and strengthening the relationship between 1 RCHA and 38 ATG.

As already mentioned, Ex MERRY BARBARA was held from 8-10 December 2023 and focussed on resilience-related PD sessions.

### **Major Courses**

There were a significant number of courses conducted this year both in the unit and at 3 CDTC Det Shilo. Courses included communications, GJLC, DP1 – Artillery Detachment Member (Common), DP1 – C3, Gun Detachment Commander and Detachment Second-in-Command, and FOO Module 1.

### **Notable Members of 2023**

After thirty years with 26 Field Artillery Regt (26 Fd), and almost 20 years of that as part of 38 ATG, CWO Lelond handed the RSM's pace stick to incoming RSM, CWO Henry, during Ex LIMBER GUNNER. Through his military career, CWO Lelond has demonstrated the highest values expected of its soldiers. The ATG will certainly miss CWO Lelond; we express our sincere appreciation for his dedicated service and wish him all the best in the future.

At the same time, the ATG welcomes CWO Henry as the new RSM. CWO Henry brings 39 years of dedicated service to the guns of The Royal Regiment in both the Regular Force and the Reserve and with multiple international tours. What this really means is that CWO Henry brings an immense amount of experience from which the soldiers and officers of the ATG can learn from. Again, CWO Henry, we welcome you.

MWO Kim Wheatland, OMM, CD, retired this year, having served a total of 35 years with the CAF. 20 of those years were spent working full-time with 26 Fd, in Brandon. She was instrumental in many unit-based events such as the Annual Military Ball. Her dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed, and she will undoubtedly be missed. The ATG wishes her well in her retirement.



38 Bde ATG, Ex Merry Barbara, Brandon, MB 2023

### **Conclusion**

2023 was a year of growth for the ATG as members strove for excellence through participation in IT, CT, and deployments. The ATG continues to demonstrate the core values of resilience, reliability, duty, and history.



ATG members on Op PALACI in BC, Canada, Feb 2023



LCol Wilson  
 Maj Sembalerus  
 Capt Brandon  
 Capt Challen  
 Capt Killam  
 Capt Pilon  
 Capt Smithson  
 Lt Clarke  
 Lt Ferguson  
 Lt Fish  
 Lt Mensah  
 Lt(N) Zhang  
 2Lt Emoff  
 2Lt Rahmoun-Rahwan  
 OCdt Hamman  
 OCdt Matthews  
 OCdt Park  
 CWO Henry  
 MWO Marchant  
 WO Elliot  
 WO Favron  
 WO Hovrisko  
 WO Walsh  
 Sgt Fillion  
 Sgt Holmberg  
 Sgt Lewis  
 Sgt McMullen  
 Sgt McQueen  
 Sgt Scott  
 Sgt Wall  
 Sgt Watson  
 Sgt Wilkie  
 MBdr Crowe  
 MBdr Dielschneider  
 MBdr Ferguson  
 MBdr Fingarsen  
 MBdr Gaudet  
 MBdr Guenther  
 MBdr Hryciuk  
 MBdr Hui



64 Bty RCA – Victoria Cross, medals, and service tags for Lt Robert Combe VC – Oct 2023

MBdr	Huntinghawk	Bdr	Stalmach
MBdr	Mercer	Bdr	Strong
MBdr	Romyn	Bdr	Van Damme
MBdr	Scheer	Cpl	Asa
MBdr	Vaillancourt	Cpl	Gauvin
MBdr	Workman-Turgeon	Cpl	Goodlad
MCpl	Vaillancourt	Cpl	Grasdale
Bdr	Appel	Cpl	Orko
Bdr	Berry	Cpl	Pollon
Bdr	Bird	Cpl	Smith
Bdr	Casement	Gnr	Boles
Bdr	Cayari	Gnr	Brown
Bdr	Chater	Gnr	Garcia
Bdr	Coscarella	Gnr	Kostiuk
Bdr	DeLongchamp	Gnr	Laplante
Bdr	Dickie	Gnr	Nalder
Bdr	Dudley	Gnr	Otto
Bdr	Duhaime	Pte(R)	Baranyk
Bdr	Galbraith	Pte(B)	Bekker
Bdr	Gibb	Pte(R)	Branch
Bdr	Grimm	Pte(R)	Cook
Bdr	Guenther	Pte(R)	Dearborn
Bdr	Hauler	Pte(R)	Dunker
Bdr	Hilderman	Pte(R)	Ehr
Bdr	Kamenawatamin	Pte(R)	Giesbrecht
Bdr	Kayne	Pte(R)	Greba
Bdr	King	Pte(R)	King
Bdr	Lalonde	Pte(R)	Litzenberger
Bdr	Lelond	Pte(R)	Logan
Bdr	Letain	Pte(R)	Lwanga
Bdr	Lipp	Pte(R)	Mauws
Bdr	Maly	Pte(R)	McNamara
Bdr	McKinnon	Pte(R)	Meekis
Bdr	Onichuck	Pte(B)	Stevens
Bdr	Patel	Pte(B)	Taypotat
Bdr	Pizunski	Pte(R)	Thorne
Bdr	Ranger	Pte(R)	Whalen
Bdr	Roodt	Pte(R)	Wood
Bdr	Sim-Rowan	Pte(B)	Yuzik



ATG member Sgt Rimmington on Op REASSURANCE, Latvia – Feb 2023



# 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol M. Ortiz-Sosa, CD



**RSM**  
CWO R.E. Kenny, MMM, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol L.L.M. Bossi, CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

The 11th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (11 Fd) experienced a successful and eventful year marked by engaging training activities and significant regimental events. The artillery training for 2023 commenced with Ex POLAR GUNNER, where 11 Fd deployed to the challenging winter terrain of the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford to enhance soldier skills in cold weather environments.

In March, the regiment undertook Ex INTREPID GUNNER at CFB Petawawa. This involved live-fire missions and planning in new and unfamiliar terrain and presented an exciting challenge for navigation and observation post drills. In April, the regiment sent more than 50 soldiers in support of

Ex ARROWHEAD RESPONSE, a 31 CBG-led exercise to simulate a domestic operation. It involved over 600 soldiers that deployed across Southwestern Ontario. 11 Fd transitioned to Reserve Summer Training (RST) in June and took the lead on the GATS Mods 2-3 and DP 1 courses. Over the summer, over 35 soldiers were sent as either instructor or exercise staff. For the final exercise, Ex SUMMER GUNNER 3, 11 Fd provided considerable support including vehicles. Concurrent to Ex SUMMER GUNNER 3, 11 Fd provided 29 soldiers to the banner activity for 31 CBG: Ex ARROWHEAD GUARDIAN. During this concentration of over 12 units and 800 soldiers from 31 CBG, the regiment contributed to live and dry effects in the Meaford training area. This dynamic exercise not only tested the unit's tactical capabilities but also fostered teamwork and readiness amongst other units within the brigade. This achievement of force generation demonstrated the regiment's ability to deploy in support of multiple aims and its dedication to nurturing the skills and qualifications of Gunners across Ontario.



11 Fd members pay respect during the playing of the National Anthem at the pre-game ceremony of the Guelph Homecoming football game. Left to right: LCol Ortiz-Sosa (CO 11 Fd), [now-] Bdr Nosotti.

After the summer training period, the unit achieved IBTS in September through weekly training and Ex SPARTAN GUNNER, a live small arms range at CFB Borden. The momentum continued with Ex AUTUMN GUNNER, a multi-unit, live-fire cooperation exercise with 30<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiments at CFB Petawawa. Once again, the unit proved its ability to master the logistical challenges of a large range deployment for the third time in the calendar year. Ex PROTECTIVE THUNDER in November at 4 CDTC Meaford served as the final confirmation exercise for a Gun Detachment Commander training package that was conducted over weeks of unit training nights and two exercises and qualified six junior leaders to the rank of Sergeant. The successful completion of this course not only reflects the regiment's emphasis on continuous learning and development but also highlights its proficiency in executing comprehensive training programs. The training for calendar year 2023 concluded with Ex OLYMPIC GUNNER, confirming basic soldier fieldcraft skills in engaging and competition-based activities at The Guelph Grotto Climbing Co.

Throughout the year, 11 Fd executed several memorable events, fostering camaraderie and celebrating significant moments. Beginning with a New Year's Day Levée on January 1st, the regiment set the tone for shared experiences. The Master Bombardiers' Night in January hon-



oured the accomplishments of the regiment's junior leaders, followed by a formal gala hosted by 11<sup>th</sup> Battery in the Hamilton area. The Special Guest Night Mess Dinner on May 6<sup>th</sup>, following the coronation ceremony, featured the attendance of the Deputy Regimental Colonel, LCol Insley, as the Guest of Honour. The Commanding Officer's Leadership Dinner welcomed back the newly qualified junior leaders from RST in September, while the Saint Barbara's Day Mess Dinner in December commemorated regimental traditions. The annual soldier appreciation dinner included a holiday meal, honours, and awards, with notable achievements such as Top Junior NCO awarded to Cpl Serediuk, Top Senior NCO to Sgt Sargent, and the Top Junior Officer presented to Lt Sharma. The BC's Pennant for 2023 was awarded to Bdr Olesen's detachment.

11 Fd made a notable contribution to Canada's missions at home and abroad during 2023 with Maj Prentice and MCpl Mulder deployed on Op IMPACT in vital headquarters roles as the J3 and the HQ Orderly Room Second-in-Command, respectively. Sgt Jackson supported a last-minute vacancy to Op UNIFIER as the J4 Supply, a position well above her rank of Sgt. At the end of 2023, the regiment had four members currently deployed across Ops IMPACT, REASSURANCE, and PALACI. The unit is incredibly proud of the response of its members during the call for overseas and domestic operations. Though many more raised their hands to support, the unit provided a notable contribution to the national efforts when given the positions to do so.

2023 marked the most active year since the COVID-19 Pandemic in terms of community outreach. The most notable activity occurred on May 6th, when 11 Fd supported the City of Guelph's Coronation Ceremony for King Charles III by providing a 21-gun salute at York Road Park. This activity consisted of a parade contingent with cadets, Legion members, and active service members and saw over 200 citizens and local govern-

ment officials in attendance. The unit collaborated frequently with the Serving Scholars program at the University of Guelph, highlighted by the marquee activity during the Homecoming football game, where the unit personnel participated in the opening ceremonies. This included Gnr Milligan who was dressed in pads instead of CADPAT as a starting defensive lineman for the Guelph team. The unit held multiple open houses for local emergency services, local high schools in support of the coop program, the Supercrawl festival, and H-Great, a military tattoo held in Hamilton. The level of participation with the community demonstrated the unit's trust and respect within the Guelph and Hamilton areas.

The regiment, with a deep sense of honour and commitment, actively participated in Remembrance Day activities at various poignant locations in the surrounding communities. This year, the unit was honoured to have the Colonel Commandant, BGen (ret'd) Patterson, join the regiment for the ceremonies in Guelph. The solemnity of the occasion was profoundly observed across the unit's area of responsibility, to include the Sleeman Centre, the John McCrae Memorial Gardens, Woodlawn Cemetery, War Memorial Hall, Legions in Dundas and Guelph, and Gore Park. Through these heartfelt activities, the regiment demonstrated unwavering respect for the memory of the brave souls who have shaped the course of history, embodying the essence of Remembrance Day.

In 2023, the unit resumed regular operational tempo in training, social events, and community outreach, marking a fantastic year for the unit and its troops. When called upon, the unit delivered incredible successes in all realms of force generation and training. When appropriate, the unit reinforced its value to the community through presence and service. 11 Fd is proud of the work of its Gunners in 2023 and greatly looks forward to maintaining its momentum into 2024.

LCol M Ortiz-Sosa  
 Maj SW Beck  
 Maj AP Prentice  
 Maj ST Rasheed  
 Capt M Aksu  
 Capt M Barrera-Hernandez  
 Capt NRW Besterd  
 Capt PD Elliott  
 Capt JA Fry  
 Capt JM Jones  
 Capt Z Pocuca  
 Lt A Amanzay  
 Lt FJPA Leri  
 Lt A Sharma  
 Lt W Zheng  
 2Lt A Dingwall  
 2Lt M Farahbakhsh  
 2Lt J Greatrex  
 2Lt Z Khan  
 2Lt T Kozachenko  
 2Lt D Laudat  
 2Lt DTW Lowartz  
 2Lt P Quaid  
 2Lt DT Tsai  
 OCdt J Brar  
 CWO RE Kenny  
 MWO EF Haugen  
 MWO KJ Steele  
 WO BK Bellmore  
 WO CAB Haines  
 WO HAN Kenny  
 Sgt AK Fekri  
 Sgt KJ Francis  
 Sgt BM Heisler

Sgt KM Jackson  
 Sgt WJ Laffier  
 Sgt D Lewis  
 Sgt DJ Sargent  
 Sgt JT Schmidt  
 Sgt CP Spraakman  
 Sgt AN Suthers  
 Sgt CJ Swartzentruber

MBdr A Bakos  
 MBdr WN Bauman  
 MBdr M Goicochea-Pasco  
 MBdr DGD Hardy  
 MBdr AR Hewitt  
 MBdr RA Lavrench  
 MBdr B Lewis  
 MBdr SM MacDonald



Left to right: Lt Sharma, BGen (ret'd) Patterson (Colonel Commandant), LCol Ortiz-Sosa (CO 11 Fd), Capt Fry



MBdr	T	Ojapalo	Bdr	FD	Parkes	Gnr	A	Rundle
MBdr	B	Stephenson	Bdr	C	Rowell	Gnr	C	Skorotko
MCpl	GL	Dekker	Bdr	Y	Shi	Gnr	Z	Ward
MCpl	Z	McCracken	Bdr	C	Snider	Gnr	G	Wilson
MCpl	HJ	Mulder	Bdr	TJ	Stewart	Pte(B)	A	Carder
MCpl	DT	Vu	Bdr	JA	Verner	Pte(B)	M	Kirouac
Bdr	D	Beer	Bdr	J	Volpini	Pte(B)	E	Storrey
Bdr	CE	Britton	Bdr	GJL	Whiting	Pte(R)	S	Devlin
Bdr	S	Broughton	Bdr	D	Wojcik	Pte(R)	B	Gagne
Bdr	J	Burrows	Cpl	MAB	Broderick	Pte(R)	E	Keen
Bdr	TCJ	Campbell	Cpl	CHW	Fawcett	Pte(R)	P	Kent
Bdr	E	Curtis	Cpl	H	Hewagama	Pte(R)	S	Khadijah
Bdr	MWJ	Dewit	Cpl	RD	Ivany	Pte(R)	M	Kosakowski
Bdr	I	Gilbert	Cpl	DJ	Levinter	Pte(R)	T	Lewis
Bdr	W	Glover	Cpl	A	Loster	Pte(R)	H	Mason
Bdr	R	Grenzer	Cpl	MD	McGuire	Pte(R)	S	Milligan
Bdr	A	Holden	Cpl	S	Seabrook	Pte(R)	B	Mondesir
Bdr	M	Jones	Cpl	G	Serediuk	Pte(R)	AK	Para
Bdr	R	MacIntosh	Cpl	K	Shortt	Pte(R)	J	Rye
Bdr	JA	MacIsaac	Cpl	CC	Smethurst	Pte(R)	T	Smith
Bdr	Z	Mohamed Gad	Gnr	Q	Donaghey	Pte(R)	D	Snider
Bdr	B	Nguyen	Gnr	R	Fenwick	Pte(R)	A	Snyder
Bdr	K	Nijjar	Gnr	A	Gamel	Pte(R)	M	Storey
Bdr	M	Nosotti	Gnr	A	MacIellan	Pte(R)	D	Suffern
Bdr	K	Olesen	Gnr	S	McMillan	Civ	S	D'Costa
Bdr	AM	Pacheco						



*C3 105mm howitzer firing during the 21-gun salute at York Road Park in Guelph as part the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III*





# 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol A.W. Grieve, CD



**RSM**  
CWO H.L. Porritt, CD

**Honorary Colonel — Vacant**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol D.G. Foster**

In 2023, The 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (15 Fd) operated with full blast. The regiment's unwavering dedication and persistence through the previous year's unprecedented trials proved to further strengthen its excellence. The regiment embraced a relentless pursuit of training, exercises, and development.

The year started with members perfecting their winter fieldcraft and winter-warfare skills and performing various drills and tasks in garrison to ultimately prepare Ex ARCHANGEL GUNNER, the regiment's annual winter exercise. The winter indoctrination training instilled discipline and confidence to members under extreme weather conditions, which would prepare the regiment's members for their crucial tasking—Op PALACI. Every year, an average of 12 metres of snow accumulates at Rogers Pass, British Columbia, disrupting the Trans-Canada Highway and the Canadian Pacific Railway and grounding more than 4,000 motor vehicles and 40 trains daily. The cost of these disruptions amounts to billions of dollars to Canadians. 15 Fd deployed Capt Lloyd, MBdr Massicotte, Bdr Findlay, Bdr Mischenko, and Bdr Steele to serve in Op PALACI between Nov 2022 and April 2023, keeping Canadian roads safe and vital logistics of commercial traffic operational.

2 February 2023 marked 15 Fd's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Steeped in rich history and tradition, this milestone marks a century-plus of unwavering service and dedication. This year, the regiment was made proud with WO Palmer receiving the 74<sup>th</sup> Order of Military Merit.

Moving into the Spring, the regiment shifted its focus to perfecting artillery drills. Members practiced endlessly, mastering every detail leading up to the live-fire exercise. Ex CLAYMORE STEELE was conducted in Yakima, Washington. For the first time in a decade, this exercise included the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (5 Fd) and ran for two consecutive weekends. Gunnery was not the only skill being practiced as our friends from

the U.S. Military joined us to perform airlift CASEVAC training. These exercises exposed members to operations with other coalition countries and allowed them to familiarize with foreign equipment.

Our guns needed rest from a full season of firing, but our members were still eager. The regiment now zeroed in on its rifle marksmanship, and members participated in Ex SNIPING GUNNER II. Members of the band and battery participated in PWT1 and PWT3 C7 live-fire shoot, respectively. Infantry skills were being polished again in preparation for another immediate exercise the same week as Ex SPECTRE COMMANDER. Basic soldier skills were now put to the test as members operated from a Forward Operating Base, where they were dispatched to complete reconnaissance missions, urban assault drills, and close quarter combat techniques against each other. This intensive infantry training would soon prove valuable as the annual brigade exercise was approaching.

Ex COUGAR SIEGE was the annual brigade exercise where the regiment's skills were put in practice. This tactical exercise involved armoured and infantry units assaulting and defending multiple objectives. The regiment participated as fire support for the advancement of friendly forces, developing accurate fire plans, manoeuvring gun positions, and effectively locating enemy positions. This exercise utilized the WES laser system simulating combat, which put more emphasis on accuracy, discipline, and tactical soundness. Members were well-prepared for this exercise through consistent training and gained valuable experience operating in a battle group.

On 17 May 2023, the 15 Fd celebrated a Change of Command with a parade. LCol N.J. Watts passed the position of Commanding Officer to LCol A.W. Grieve who

was promoted from the rank of Major and was the previous Second-In-Command for the regiment.

As the summer months approached, the regiment stood down. Members pursued further development by participating in courses. The summer also welcomed back many members from the regiment who were previously deployed overseas. Bdr Chan, Bdr Kramer, and Bdr J. Wong were de-



*15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt at Yakima Training Centre for Ex CAUSTIC SHOCK, Oct 2023*



played on Op REASSURANCE while Sgt Chee was deployed on Op IMPACT. These members demonstrated their willingness to serve and sacrifice and brought honour and pride not only to our regiment, but Canada as well.

15 Fd conducted its annual 21-gun salute to honour Canada Day. For the first time since the pandemic restrictions, this was conducted at Hallelujah Point in Stanley Park.

Over the summer, wildfires across Canada raged on despite the shortages of municipal firefighters. The government called on the Canadian Armed Forces for assistance, and the regiment was quick to respond. 2Lt Kakish, 2Lt Wang, and Bdr J. Wong deployed on Op LENTUS to support provincial and territorial authorities amidst the blazes.

As the fall season approached, members returned from their summer courses. The regiment focused on Individual Battle Task Standards and infantry skills, once again strengthening the rudimentary foundations of a soldier. Gas Hut training was performed on Ex SNIPING GUNNER II in September, introducing a more advanced practical drill than previous year's theoretical lectures.

The regiment would turn their focus towards gunnery skills right away as a revisit to Yakima, Washington, with 5 Fd to participate in Ex CAUSTIC SHOCK was fast approaching. As the summer courses produced many new gunners and gun det commanders, this exercise gave these members the perfect opportunity to familiarize themselves operating in the regiment's battery.

The guns would rest while the members closed out the last live-fire exercise of the year at SNIPING GUNNER II in October. Members of the band and battery once again practiced their PWT 1 and PWT 3 C7 Carbine live-fire shoot, respectively.

As the year came to an end, the regiment conducted its annual Remembrance Day salute, again, at Hallelujah Point, Stanley Park. 15 Fd remembers those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for peace. Lest we forget.

Ending the year 2023, members of the regiment gathered to celebrate the

holidays with the Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner. The Commanding Officer's Commendations were given out to the following members of the year: WO Palmer, MBdr Baird, and Cpl Lokay.

15 Fd ended 2023 showcasing unparalleled prowess in joint exercises, individual training, and member achievements. The regiment looks forward to continuing its commitment to all aspects of development, including basic soldier skills and gunnery excellence. The regiment had an exceptional year and looks forward to facing all challenges in 2024.



15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt soldiers at Honour Ranch, Jan 2023.

LCol	AW	Grieve	Sgt	MH	Wong	MBdr	P	Luong
Maj	M	Delvo	MBdr	S	Alikhani	MBdr	NRK	Patch
Capt	JC	Girardi	MBdr	JR	Baird	MBdr	B	Pugh
Capt	C	Hui	MBdr	MR	Cavanagh	MBdr	N	Valentine
Capt	JY	Lee	MBdr	XR	Dandurand	MBdr	CM	Wong
Capt	L	Lloyd						
Capt	CLE	McHugh						
Capt	AS	Peters						
Capt	C	Purdon						
Capt	M	Vuorensivu						
Lt	DW	Heydenrych						
Lt	EHS	Wong						
Lt	P	Zhang						
2Lt	A	Behfarshad						
2Lt	N	Kujbida						
2Lt	T	Wang						
CWO	HL	Porritt						
WO	JW	Palmer						
WO	RP	Scheib						
WO	MM	Sumpton						
Sgt	Y	Bolgak						
Sgt	D	Calogero						
Sgt	AJ	Chan						
Sgt	SO	Chee						
Sgt	ADC	Grasdal	MBdr	J	Findlay	MCpl	KY	Li
Sgt	J	Han	MBdr	PC	Gal	MCpl	Y	Shin
Sgt	TJ	Hauser	MBdr	J	Guan	MCpl	PY	Wong
Sgt	ST	Hilbich	MBdr	E	Huang	Bdr	D	Ahmelich
Sgt	D	Lu	MBdr	G	La Haye	Bdr	T	Antrim
Sgt	JM	Rozario	MBdr	JJ	Langan	Bdr	K	Bezanson
Sgt	JCK	Wong	MBdr	YFA	Liang	Bdr	A	Blacklock



Professional Development session, Foreign Weapon Training with RCMP, May 2023



Bdr	S	Blake	Bdr	JET	Wong
Bdr	C	Chan	Cpl	GN	Ablitt
Bdr	JM	Charters	Cpl	B	Aleksic
Bdr	YB	Choi	Cpl	OV	Couturier
Bdr	AM	Cole	Cpl	KG	Devereaux
Bdr	K	Cornelis	Cpl	TL	Drew
Bdr	R	Dolleris	Cpl	A	Empey
Bdr	M	Fu	Cpl	J	Fujii
Bdr	V	Hausmann	Cpl	X	Gao
Bdr	J	Heussner	Cpl	TS	Gu
Bdr	SD	Hoogendoorn	Cpl	M	Kim
Bdr	E	Iversen	Cpl	DCAL	Lacamel
Bdr	R	Jarvinen	Cpl	A	Lam
Bdr	OR	Krämer	Cpl	KC	Law
Bdr	R	Lagera	Cpl	NLHL	Leung
Bdr	J	Leung	Cpl	H	Lokay
Bdr	ACK	Ma	Cpl	TD	Martin
Bdr	MPJ	Magtibay	Cpl	CN	McCaffery
Bdr	K	Mcallister	Cpl	B	Nelson
Bdr	K	Mishchenko	Cpl	GL	Schwarzbach
Bdr	P	Mohanathas	Cpl	A	Solomakha
Bdr	J	Norena	Cpl	MW	Soltys
Bdr	M	Pangilinan	Cpl	H	Soltys
Bdr	M	Peet	Cpl	GLD	Todd
Bdr	KA	San Juan	Cpl	RC	Toth
Bdr	S	Sidhu	Cpl	GR	Tse
Bdr	J	Sidoo	Cpl	CN	Veenstra
Bdr	C	Steele	Cpl	AJ	Voth
Bdr	PH	Tsang	Cpl	M	Wong
Bdr	CLS	Tse	Cpl	WVB	Martinez
Bdr	L	Wierenga	Cpl	NJ	Meisner
Bdr	BM	Wong	Cpl	ZRB	Webber



*Ex CLAYMORE STEEL, March 2023. After CASEVAC PD training session with U.S. Military*

Gnr	C	Bennett
Gnr	MH	De Genova
Gnr	A	Fazl
Gnr	N	Feng
Gnr	W	Ho
Gnr	I	Lassen
Gnr	Y	Myung
Gnr	P	Nelson
Gnr	J	Young
Pte	G	Gale
Pte	L	Hart
Pte	H	Throness
Pte(B)	E	Ball
Pte(B)	A	Dhugga
Pte(B)	L	Fung
Pte(B)	T	Goodwin
Pte(B)	TTA	Gorovenko
Pte(B)	K	Leung
Pte(B)	E	MacMillan
Pte(B)	P	May
Pte(R)	K	Morrison
Pte(R)	E	Passarini
Pte(R)	J	Peng
Pte(R)	W	Weng
Pte(R)	I	Widdows



*Bdr Hoogendoorn at Foreign Weapon Training*



## 20<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol M.J. Waldner, CD



**RSM**  
CWO Q.D. Gillard, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol B. LaBonte**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol K.Percy-Lowe, CM**

It is said that hindsight is 20/20, and, as such, 2023 can be clearly seen as one of the busiest years in recent history. While we approached 2023 with a more seasoned Command Team, the eye was towards international events and the anticipated readiness levels of 20th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (20 Fd).

Readiness began with training soldiers and 20 Fd stepped up by forming the core cadre of a BMQ (Crse O, Crse WO and 5 staff) and a PLQ Mod 2 (Crse O and 4 staff). While courses ran through to the end of April, the Regiment kept up with preparing for Ex SPARTAN TUNDRA held at the end of January in CFB Wainwright. This annual cold weather exercise focused on the use of small arms and gunline defense. The exercise provided an opportunity for some to fire the 84mm insert for the first time, and, while the temperatures were a frigid -25C, it was a successful exercise.

Exercise preparation was briefly paused for a visit from the CCA and CASM to the Debney Armouries where the CCA spoke to the way ahead for the Canadian Army and awarded several honours including a CJOC Commendation to Capt Cotton-DuMouchel (61 Bty), an Army Commendation to Sgt Rodgers (HQ & Svcs Bty), and a Queen's Jubilee Medal to Maj Berestovy (BC HQ & Svcs Bty).

February passed in a blur of First Aid training, Brigade exercises and individual training, and, soon enough, we were prepping to go back to the field. The earlier dry exercise, Ex DESERT GUNNER 2, confirmed skills and ensured gear and equipment were ready before we were back in Wainwright for Ex UNIFIED GUNNER 2 with our fellow Gunners from 20<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, RCA, (20 IFB). No sooner were we rounds-complete in Wainwright than we were sending a small group off to join 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiments, RCA (5 Fd, 15 Fd) in Yakima, Washington to take part in Ex CLAYMORE STEELE where members were able to receive advance MEDEVAC helicopter training in addition to more time with the guns. As

one group went west, RSM Gillard travelled east to the college in St Jean to attend SLP.

The arrival of spring brought with it the first taste of Reserve Summer Training (RST) as well as the beginning of what was to be a very busy wildfire season across Western Canada and Op LENTUS. The Regiment deployed in firefighting and control roles. During the Divisional Training



*CCA Briefs the Gunners of 61 Bty in the Debney Armoury*

Exercise at the end of August, a smaller group was deployed to the Shuswap region in British Columbia for a two-week Op LENTUS tour.

20 Fd had members involved in RST, Continuous Individual Training Year (CITY), and National Courses from Vancouver to Gagetown and almost all points in between as staff or students. Courses included ATOC, FOO Mod 1, DP 1.1 Tp Comd, BMOQ, Det Comd, PLQ Mods 2-3, JLC, CP Tech, and the never-ending story of BMQ. Congratulations to Gnr Fischer (78





Members of 20 RCA in Drayton Valley

Bty) on the award of DP1 Top Candidate and Gnr Kraskovskiy (61 Bty) on the award of DP1 Top Layer. RST Wrapped up with Ex WESTERN GUNNER, the Artillery Divisional Training Exercise in Shilo, MB, led by 38 ATG, with the Regt supporting the exercise with 27 members of all ranks. The Regt also welcomed back several members deployed on tours to Latvia, UK, and the Middle East. Our Gunners were able to put new skills to task and learn new tactics in light of the Russo-Ukrainian War. In June, we also saw the departure of Capt Charles Meyers who helped out in his role of Adjt for the past two years, we hope you're enjoying the West Coast, Chuck!

September and the start of the new training season brought the typical shuffling of positions and preparation for the upcoming challenges of reforming detachments and applying new skills. We said "Farewell" to WO Kevin Pierce after an amazing decade of serving as RSS with the Regt, and, in turn, we welcomed WO Gerard Vaillancourt to the position. The annual fight for the SAT ranges began as all units in the Brigade rushed to complete PWT's postponed earlier in the year. As fast as you can say, "Is it Thanksgiving already?", the Regt saw Bdr Moorhouse and MBdr Workman-Turgeon take off for Op PALACI as the remainder starting getting ready for Ex UNIFIED GUNNER 1 in CFB Suffield. Thankfully, winter decided to hold off for the most part, and the focus was able remain on Gunnery rather than cold weather survival, a novel concept! To add to our late fall bonus, Remembrance Day was also a relatively warm event which resulted in a very nice turnout to watch the Guns fire the salute for this solemn event.

To cap off the year, 20 Fd held the St. Barbara's Day Dinner during the Ex UNIFIED BARBARA training weekend held in Edmonton. The Regt hosted

close to 150 members and alumni at the Base WOs' & Sgts' Mess and presented several new and unique awards. Recognition was given to the Soldier of the Year (MBdr Ferguson, 78 Bty), Officer of the Year (2Lt Winter, 61 Bty), Jr Leader of the Year (MBdr Workman-Turgeon, 61 Bty), Best Detachment (MBdr Keen, MBdr Waddell, Bdr Allen-Nahanni, Bdr Fayant-Stephens, Bdr Jensen, Bdr Wilcox, Gnr Fischer, 78 Bty), and the Top Shot (WO Pylypow 61 Bty, Sgt Holt 78 Bty, Bdr Rowland 78 Bty, and Bdr Van Driesten, 61 Bty). The Top Shot Award was redesignated this year and redesignated as the "Sgt Clancy S.M. Harder Award for Top Shot". It was fabricated from a Lee Enfield Mk III in Sgt Clancy's collection following his



Remembrance Day Salute 2023

The Command Team was able to spend some time with the Honouraries at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Sir Winston Churchill Dinner held at the University of Alberta Faculty Club. HCol Blaine Labonte and his wife, Irene, along with HCol Karen Percy-Lowe and her husband, Kevin, hosted the Command Team and their spouses. As a bonus to the evening, former members of the Regt, Capt (Ret'd) George Kuhse and LGen (Ret'd) Paul Wynnyk, were in attendance, allowing old relationships to rekindle.

passing last year. The Regt Society also made the first awards of \$1500.00 educational bursaries to 5 recipients from the Regimental family. Congratulations to all!

LCol	MJ	Waldner	MBdr	MS	Szaroz
Maj	CL	Berestovy	MBdr	TAJ	Schamber
Maj	IL	Haney	MBdr	MD	Thornton
Capt	DS	Baker	MBdr	TJ	Waddell
Capt	ME	Cotton-Dumouchel	MBdr	GR	Workman-Turgeon
Capt	DJ	McQuillan	MCpl	CD	Endall
Capt	CJC	Meyers	MCpl	SL	Rohringer
Capt	AE	Norman	Bdr	S	Allen-Nahanni
Lt	JC	Bystrom	Bdr	EM	Bell
Lt	ZS	Caterini	Bdr	G	Bhat
Lt	B	Deol	Bdr	MNJB	Bustamante
Lt	J	Taylor	Bdr	KM	Cariou
2Lt	C	Kroening	Bdr	J	Carruthers
2Lt	O	Olusakin	Bdr	CMR	Charbonneau
2Lt	G	Paligan	Bdr	RA	Chow
2Lt	R	Randhawa	Bdr	DT	Dacey-Ough
2Lt	E	Siwe Siwe	Bdr	KEJ	Dickie
2Lt	T	Winter	Bdr	TRA	Dixon
OCdt	A	Rogers	Bdr	HB	Fayant-Stephens
CWO	QD	Gillard	Bdr	ALI	Forsythe
MWO	C	Thombs	Bdr	B	Frost
WO	KS	Pierce	Bdr	I	Goncharenko
WO	CM	Pylypow	Bdr	CT	Guevara
WO	MDH	Ubbing	Bdr	S	Havig
Sgt	JL	Anderson	Bdr	NG	Hosein
Sgt	SL	Johnson	Bdr	C	Jensen
Sgt	EB	Keen	Bdr	C	Johnson
Sgt	JPG	Nelson	Bdr	GHT	Jones
Sgt	RC	Quaale	Bdr	N	Kelly Smith
Sgt	BE	Young	Bdr	W	Langlois
MBdr	YA	Barahona	Bdr	J	Layman
MBdr	PL	Edinga	Bdr	N	Lepine
MBdr	J	Ferguson	Bdr	JRA	Leyk
MBdr	J	Johnson	Bdr	KN	Machan
MBdr	CRJ	Kroeker	Bdr	DJ	McKinley
MBdr	LT	Mee	Bdr	K	Mobley
MBdr	CE	Stang	Bdr	A	Moorhouse



*Bdr's Kelly Smith and Toor during Ex UNIFIED GUNNER 2. An exercise in to smile or not to smile!*

Bdr	M	Morrisseau
Bdr	AK	Neilson
Bdr	R	Paquette
Bdr	C	Poulin
Bdr	KW	Power
Bdr	MP	Pylychaty
Bdr	S	Rowland
Bdr	LR	Schmidt
Bdr	RR	Thomas
Bdr	A	Toor
Bdr	CR	Van Driesten
Bdr	CD	Wilcox
Cpl	TM	Corrigal
Cpl	Y	Wang
Gnr	S	Hutchinson
Gnr	E	Larratt
Gnr	E	Reid
Pte(B)	J	Budd
Pte(B)	R	Dick
Pte(B)	T	Jasonson
Pte(B)	Z	Latimer
Pte(B)	J	Prins
Pte(B)	L	Ritchie
Pte(R)	F	Austin
Pte(R)	T	Baker
Pte(R)	A	Buchinski
Pte(R)	P	Dudek
Pte(R)	J	Fischer
Pte(R)	R	Frere
Pte(R)	A	Geary-Arnault
Pte(R)	I	Heavysege
Pte(R)	A	Intwali Rubayita
Pte(R)	D	Koochin
Pte(R)	M	Kraskovskiy
Pte(R)	S	Larochelle
Pte(R)	D	Parsons



*L-R: HLCol Karen Percy Lowe, Tara Stratton, Kristine Monteiro*





## 30<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA



**CO**  
LCol P.L. Lebel, CD



**RSM**  
CWO S.C. Chase, CD

**30 Fd Regt, Honorary Colonel — HCol (LGen ret'd) A. Leslie, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD**  
**30 Fd Regt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol (LCol ret'd) M. Beare, CD**

**42 Fd Regt, Honorary Colonel — HCol D. Bedard**  
**42 Fd Regt, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol M. Bobbitt**

This year, 30<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiments, RCA, (30/42 Tac Gp) changed Command from LCol Jen Causey to LCol Pierre-Luc Lebel. Along with the Change of Command, CWO Sean Chase assumed the RSM role from CWO Peter Thibault.

Maj Erica Leslie was appointed as the DCO of 30/42 Tac Gp, and Capt Justin Walker was appointed as BC 35 Bty upon re-entry from the Supplemental Reserve. Correspondingly, WO J.D.S. Pepin was appointed as the BSM 35 Bty.

30/42 Tac Gp deployed several members in support of international operations in 2023. Bdr Denault, Bdr Hennessy, and Bdr Brophy deployed on Op UNIFIER, Cpl Rubiec deployed on Op REASSURANCE, and Sgt Rutan deployed on Op IMPACT.

As a part of CAF reconsolidation, 30/42 Tac Gp ran several courses during this calendar year, taking the lead on Gunner Reserve Summer Training (RST) for all of 4 Div and focusing on building the capability of the junior ranks.

Winter/Spring: Arty Comms (Jan–Mar);

RST: Gun Det Comd Course (8 May–26 May), Gnr JLC (29 May–16 June), Gun Det 2IC (19 June – 7 July), DP1 Gunner (3 – 25 Aug); and

Fall: Recce Technician (Oct 23–Feb 24)

Winter Collective Training centered on two exercises—Ex COLD GUNNER I and II. These are annual level-3 BTS exercises that are static in a cold weather environment and build on special procedures leading to fire planning. As indicated, 30/42 Tac Gp took the lead on Gunner RST for all of 4 Div, which concluded with the completion of the DP 1 Gunner course. During this time, 30/42 Tac Gp was too busy with RST and unable to conduct Collective Training, so the fall schedule prioritised Ex ARROW GUNNER II, which focused on IBTS, including a C7 Range. Ex RAPID GUN-



*Ex RAPID GUNNER 1*

NER I and II started as a static, live exercise increasing in speed and complexity to level 3 live in Ex RAPID GUNNER II with a mobile exercise.

30 Fd Regt maintained an active presence in the National Capital Region, forming Canada's National Salute Troop throughout 2023. Some of the notable gun salutes include Remembrance Day, National War Memorial Ceremony, Artillery Park, and National Military Cemetery Ceremony.

42 Fd spearheaded several recruiting events from their attached recruiter





and attractions officer which entailed:

Ontario Winter Games, Renfrew, ON (Feb 23);  
 Bancroft Car and Truck, Bancroft, ON (May 23);  
 Options Trade Show, Pembroke, ON (May 23); and  
 Beachburg Fair, Beachburg, ON (Jul 23);



Ex RAPID GUNNER 2

30/42 Tac Gp awarded the CO' Coin to:

Maj Tessier  
 Capt Bloom  
 Lt Branton  
 Lt St. Laurent  
 Lt Vickers  
 2Lt O'Leary  
 Sgt Cheeseman  
 Sgt Ramanathan  
 MBdr Garcia  
 MBdr Hess  
 Bdr Brady  
 Bdr Cathcart  
 Bdr Lofti  
 Bdr McRae  
 Bdr Siemers  
 Bdr Tan

Bdr Wynne; and  
 Gnr Etmanskie

30/42 Tac Gp overcame the obstacles of another year in a rapidly changing environment as a Tac Gp. With more training than ever, 30/42 Tac Gp hopes to meet the new tasks and challenges of 2024 by leveraging the dedication and talent of personnel from both units.

**30 Fd Regt**

Maj P.J Costello  
 Maj EEM Leslie  
 Capt TM Bloom  
 Capt BB Cook  
 Capt SD Dumais  
 Capt L.N. Guyon  
 Capt JDM Jeffrey  
 Capt GA Newfield  
 Lt D Branton  
 Lt K Olver  
 Lt M Vickers  
 Lt SK Waterman  
 2Lt P Namjoshi  
 2Lt T O'Leary  
 2Lt R Pereira Teixeira  
 MWO CMM Koshman  
 WO RWN Frank  
 WO RW Greenberg  
 WO RK MacKay  
 WO CW Ratcliffe  
 WO MJW Thorp  
 Sgt ML Cheeseman  
 Sgt JL Heins  
 Sgt MC Lacombe  
 Sgt AG Penn  
 Sgt A Ramanathan  
 Sgt MR Ruttan  
 Sgt PEL Sillanpaa  
 MBdr A Bakos  
 MBdr ND Cook  
 MBdr RA Courtland  
 MBdr E Etchells Foisy  
 MBdr RE Garcia  
 MBdr MM Hess  
 MBdr M Oakes  
 MBdr TG Reed  
 Bdr WR Agocs  
 Bdr A Ainslie  
 Bdr A Al-Hajari

Bdr DA Baird  
 Bdr AK Beattie  
 Bdr M Brady  
 Bdr OTB Brophy  
 Bdr MHPC Cathcart  
 Bdr J Clarke  
 Bdr ML Cote  
 Bdr TJ Courtland  
 Bdr BR Davidson  
 Bdr C Ferguson  
 Bdr S Garbutt  
 Bdr W Hall  
 Bdr Q Howitt  
 Bdr IHP Krausbar  
 Bdr J Lim  
 Bdr A Lotfi  
 Bdr BT Macdonald  
 Bdr GS McNeil  
 Bdr D McRae  
 Bdr DR Nkolo Ngande  
 Bdr PS Pilon  
 Bdr C Ryan  
 Bdr C Seesequasis  
 Bdr A Siemers  
 Bdr L Smith  
 Bdr EK Tan  
 Bdr ZJ Theriault  
 Bdr A Weiher  
 Gnr J Schulz

WO SJD Pepin  
 WO JJ Querques  
 WO JFG St-Cyr  
 Sgt TL Drew  
 Sgt EM Goodwin  
 Sgt DA Keenan  
 Sgt NE MacFarland  
 Sgt JT Shulist  
 MBdr TLR Barnes  
 MBdr K Drover  
 MBdr D Mara  
 MBdr B Towstuk  
 MCpl P Sagastume  
 Bdr CJ Bishop  
 Bdr K Brum  
 Bdr J Buschold  
 Bdr S Butler  
 Bdr TS Clouthier  
 Bdr E Denault  
 Bdr J Haigh  
 Bdr DW Hennessy  
 Bdr TJ Hogan  
 Bdr M La Grotta  
 Bdr A Luckasavitch  
 Bdr S Mackinnon  
 Bdr D Richardson  
 Bdr EP Smith  
 Cpl NM Larochelle  
 Cpl H Rubiec  
 Cpl A Walker  
 Gnr S Brotton  
 Gnr H Etmanskie  
 Gnr J Evans  
 Gnr V Ferron  
 Gnr R Kelusky  
 Gnr J Panfili  
 Gnr M Savage  
 Gnr T Tracey

**42 Fd Regt**

LCol PL Lebel  
 Capt NE McRae  
 Capt J Walker  
 2Lt K Mazurkiewicz  
 CWO C Chase  
 CWO PJ Thibault  
 WO AC Beswick





## 49<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol B.P. Nadon, CD



**RSM**  
CWO C.R. Predum, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol C.E. Healey**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HCol D. Hilsinger**

2023 was another great year for training. Near the end of January, the Regiment ran a Cold Weather Operator exercise, which focused more on operating a bivouac within a winter environment. This exercise included tactical deployment of a bivouac site in a heavily wooded area, presence patrols, and night operations. This was essential practice for soldiers looking at going on their PLQ later during the year or newly promoted soldiers to practice their leadership skills.

In mid-March, the Regiment conducted Ex NORTHERN TIGER III at JMTC Grayling, Michigan, United States. This live-fire artillery exercise focused on bringing the guns into action in a winter environment as well as indirect, night fire shoots. This tested soldiers' abilities in different fire missions, including artillery knowledge. After this, the Regiment switched to IBTS-related training to prepare for the annual IBTS exercise—Ex STRIKING TIGER I—to have the Regiment complete its mandatory weapons handling testing.

In May, four members of the Regiment and four members from other artillery regiments successfully qualified as Recce Techs on a locally run course consisting of both modules. In support of this course, 30 Bty conducted training with a focus on night and day deployments with the battery, allowing members of the Recce Tech course more opportunities to practice operating in different environments.

During the summer, the Regiment was able to send 18 members away on various courses such as BMQ, C3 Det Commander, C3 Det 2 IC, Gunner JLC, DP1 Arty, Pipes and Drums QL5, GATSM, Recce Tech, and CP Tech. In September, the Regiment started up with a CO's welcome-back parade and unit AARV. The following week would see the Regiment commence weapons training, leading up to the IBTS live-fire exercise in Grayling, Michigan.

There were some key appointment changes for the Regiment in the fall months. The first occurred on 4 November during our live artillery exercise, Ex NORTHERN TIGER II when WO St. John handed over the BSM appointment to WO Hocken. Gnr Warnock was promoted to Bdr in the field during the same change of appointment parade.

The Regiment and the Regimental Pipes and Drums also participated in the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Regiment marched to the Sault Ste. Marie Cenotaph from the GFL Memorial Gardens and conducted a short Remembrance Day ceremony, which included a flyover by Sault College Aviation. Concluding the ceremony at the Cenotaph, the Regiment, again with the Pipes and Drums, marched back to the GFL Memorial Gardens to continue with the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Regiment gathered on December 2 for St. Barbara's Day events, which consisted of a morale building competition for the St. Barbara's Day trophy. The morning started off with two presentations: the first being the Cenotaphs in Canada and their history by Rev. Phil Miller, and the second being history of the Canadian Artillery by Col (Retired) Clyde Healey. A concluding presentation was provided by Lt. Cody Dias with the story of St. Barbara. The Regiment then stood down for lunch before engaging in a friendly, camaraderie-building competition for the St. Barbara's Day trophy.

As the year came to an end, the Regiment gathered for the Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner. This dinner posed an exceptional turnout of new and past-serving members. The Regi-



*Ex NORTHERN TIGER I Guns in action*

ment took the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of specific deserving members. MBdr Stewart was presented with a CO's coin at the dinner for all their hard and dedicated work in the RQ; Capt Cartier was recognized as the officer of the year, while Sgt Broadhagen was recognized as the NCO of the year, and soldier of the year was presented to MBdr McLean. Finally, the St. Barbara's Day trophy was presented to Maj Grbich and Capt Cartier.



*Right: WO Falls' fires his last round before retirement*

HCol CE Healey  
 HLCol D Hilsinger  
 LCol BP Nadon  
 Maj MD Grbich  
 Capt SD Cartier  
 Lt CJ Dias  
 2Lt KA Adams  
 2Lt BM Garlick  
 2Lt AC Kehrer-Simpson  
 CWO CR Predum  
 WO PW Hocken  
 WO NR Robert  
 WO AS Sanderson  
 WO TJ St John  
 Sgt CT Beauchamp  
 Sgt KV Broadhagen  
 Sgt EA Golec  
 Sgt AHH Huffels  
 Sgt JC Kent  
 Sgt BW Maeers  
 Sgt AR Marcil  
 Sgt JM McIntyre  
 Sgt SR Pyke  
 Sgt DG Turner  
 MBdr CW McLean  
 MBdr JL O'Leary  
 MBdr PAJ Poirier  
 MBdr NI Speer-Lapointe

MBdr MLM Stewart  
 MBdr DE Wilson  
 MCpl LA Comeau  
 MCpl DA Karpinski  
 MCpl BN St John  
 MCpl JL Wessell  
 Bdr JM Barager  
 Bdr JR Boudreau  
 Bdr RD Crossley  
 Bdr DM Houle  
 Bdr KN Johnstone  
 Bdr RC Kemp  
 Bdr KP Kurylo  
 Bdr SA McCron  
 Bdr J Nocita  
 Bdr RC Pace  
 Bdr WD Proulx  
 Bdr TR Schaafsma  
 Bdr LNR Smith  
 Bdr A Warnock  
 Bdr JA Young

Cpl MR Boudreau  
 Cpl RM Boudreau  
 Cpl AL Byers  
 Cpl HE Heiskanen  
 Cpl CF Hicks  
 Cpl JM Lees  
 Cpl KC McKeachnie  
 Gnr JT Bridge  
 Gnr T Dallaire  
 Gnr R Detweiler  
 Gnr GJ Goupil  
 Pte G Bussineau  
 Pte JR Holmberg  
 Pte TC Mattila  
 Pte B W Alcock  
 Pte B WG Mason  
 Pte R M Charlton  
 Pte R DBG Huneault  
 Pte R AM McCormack  
 Pte R R Ness  
 Pte R M Schrappe  
 Pte R SE Storozuk  
 Pte R JD Wilson  
 Civ CA Smith



*Left: The ever-important Flying Kitchen. Ex NORTHERN TIGER II*



*Right: WO Hocken taking over as BSM*





# 56th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
LCol P.J.E. Pitt, CD



**RSM**  
CWO D.R. Shaughnessy, MMM, CD

**Honorary Colonel — HCol P. Williamson**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — Vacant**

2023 stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and exceptional achievements of the 56th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA), (56 Fd). As we delve into the milestones and activities that shaped our regiment, it becomes evident that this year has been marked by resilience, adaptability, and a commitment to excellence.

The Winter Indoctrination Exercise in January provided a robust start to the year, immersing our troops in the challenging conditions essential for mastering winter warfare. Located in the Brantford and Simcoe Areas, this exercise not only honed our soldiers' skills in winter survival but also laid the foundation for the rigorous training that would follow.

Subsequent exercises, such as Ex GRAVENSTAFFEL GUNNER in March and Ex GOTHIC LINE/ SWITCHBACK GUNNER in October, challenged our soldiers' proficiency in live-fire capabilities during C3 Howitzer Shoots in Meaford. These exercises were pivotal in enhancing the readiness and effectiveness of our regiment in various combat scenarios.



A highlight of our international engagements was the Unit Battlefield Tour in Sicily. This journey provided a unique opportunity for our soldiers to immerse themselves in the rich historical tapestry of Sicily in particular, and Italy in general. Exploring the landscapes that once witnessed significant battles, our troops gained a deeper understanding of the historical context that shaped our military heritage. The tour not only served as a platform for professional development but also fostered camaraderie

and unity among our ranks. This overseas experience allowed our soldiers to witness firsthand the importance of adaptability and collaboration in diverse and dynamic environments.

Ceremonial traditions were upheld with pride as LCol Pitt, Capt Abbruscato, Sgt Routley, Sgt Dowd, Gnr Kelly, MBdr Grimwood, and Bdr Murray

participated in Op GOLDEN ORB, a Toronto Gun Salute in May, celebrating the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III. This event allowed us to demonstrate our commitment to honouring traditions and paying tribute to our military heritage.



Four of our soldiers deployed on Op REASSURANCE in Latvia this year. This deployment underscored our commitment to global security and showcased the versatility and professionalism of our regiment on the international stage.

56 Fd participated in the Canadian Army Run. Though we had active runners in the event, we emerged as the top contributors through our fundraising campaign, raising an impressive \$12,698.87. In a remarkable endeavour to give back to the community, we executed Op GIVING GUNNER, a Blood Drive in collaboration with Canadian Blood Services. The success of this operation was profound, contributing a substantial 56 pints of life-saving blood. 56 Fd is always ready to assist the greater military and non-military communities it serves.

As we reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of 2023, 56 Fd stands as a resilient, adaptable, and unwavering unit of dedication. The Battlefield Tour in Sicily was as a significant chapter in our year, and, though it will be tough to top, we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and trials that 2024 will bring with the utmost confidence in our regiment's ability to carry forward the proud traditions of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.



LCol PJE Pitt  
 Maj DB Vreugdenhil  
 Maj SC Puillandre  
 Capt NR Metherel  
 Capt CL Chaban  
 Capt S Abbruscato  
 Capt L Martin  
 Capt TS Ross  
 Lt ME McIntyre  
 Lt M Spanics  
 Lt A Webber  
 2Lt D Prieur  
 2Lt KW Runnquist  
 2Lt G Prevete  
 2Lt T Gillis  
 2Lt TR Harry  
 2Lt C Johnson  
 2Lt P Singh  
 OCdt L Vizcaino  
 OCdt H Barpaga  
 CWO DR Shaughnessy  
 MWO GW Philpott  
 MWO JRM Morgan  
 MWO JL Cavin  
 WO MJ Bradley  
 WO JD Martin  
 WO R Fekete  
 WO DR Held  
 WO KJ Smith  
 Sgt JA Long  
 Sgt MJ Suljak  
 Sgt R Lodge  
 Sgt JM Zolnierowicz  
 Sgt WA Hannenberg  
 Sgt JWW Jacob  
 Sgt JRK Routley  
 Sgt JJ Olthof  
 Sgt ND Tchorek  
 Sgt DMA Dubas  
 Sgt AK Payton  
 Sgt MM Jean  
 Sgt APD Brown  
 Sgt PW Dowd  
 MBdr OD Murray  
 MBdr DTS Walker  
 MBdr MR Napper  
 MBdr RRJ Jones  
 MBdr JS Marsdin  
 MBdr AR Gareau  
 MBdr C Czuba  
 MBdr LB Fair  
 MBdr R Tollett  
 MBdr MAC Butler  
 MBdr J Merrick  
 MBdr RCRH Grimwood  
 MBdr AM Mustoe  
 MCpl DAM Burghgraef  
 Bdr M Crowley  
 Bdr M Delay



Bdr M Maletta  
 Bdr KS Griffin  
 Bdr AJ Champagne  
 Bdr H Braun  
 Bdr D MacDougall  
 Bdr A Nechelput  
 Bdr D Henderson  
 Bdr G Manekas  
 Bdr A Stasevicius  
 Bdr M Kelly  
 Bdr B Postma  
 Bdr R Beckett  
 Bdr TGA Holmes  
 Bdr L Brennan  
 Bdr T Boldt  
 Bdr J Zolnierowicz  
 Bdr RH Cronkwright  
 Bdr B Benson  
 Bdr K Lacroix  
 Bdr SL Conners  
 Bdr F Neumann  
 Bdr JR Cooper-Edwards  
 Bdr NJ Maletta  
 Bdr J Klassen  
 Bdr BD Wolfe  
 Bdr ER Christopher  
 Bdr J Butcher  
 Bdr W Robinson-Ritchie  
 Bdr SM McCormick  
 Bdr J Michlik  
 Bdr C Bauer  
 Bdr R Valm  
 Bdr D King  
 Bdr JAJ Martel  
 Bdr P St Marseille  
 Bdr S Van Berkel  
 Bdr E Low  
 Bdr DC Rock  
 Cpl G Markin  
 Cpl BM Waterman  
 Cpl A Walsh  
 Cpl T Frizzell  
 Cpl K Vasiliauskas  
 Cpl G Nix  
 Gnr N Wiwczaruk

Gnr G Pritchard  
 Gnr A Condran  
 Gnr B Murphy  
 Gnr D Stewart  
 Gnr J Koutny- Hamilton  
 Gnr S Imola  
 Gnr A Munevar  
 Gnr H Holmes  
 Gnr R Lee  
 Gnr M Calberry  
 Gnr M Cole  
 Gnr A Prestes  
 Gnr J Thompson  
 Gnr N Jarvis-Martins  
 Gnr B Ellis  
 Gnr C Burr  
 Gnr M Bester  
 Gnr CA Semeniuk  
 Gnr N Johnston  
 Gnr C Gardham  
 Pte E Veld  
 Pte J Bland  
 Pte J Wall  
 Pte C Babineau  
 Pte J Lingen-Mainville  
 Pte N Krist  
 Pte P Manoharalingam  
 Pte F Turner  
 Pte T Kitchen  
 Pte(B) M Graziano  
 Pte(B) K Fleury-Villeneuve  
 Pte(B) B Appleby  
 Pte(B) K Phan  
 S3 (B) C Clarysse  
 Pte(R) E Sargent  
 Pte(R) F Hopkins  
 Pte(R) L Berardi  
 Pte(R) A Godlewski  
 Pte(R) H Haj-Khalil  
 Pte(R) S Scott  
 Pte(R) J Buchanan  
 Pte(R) D Parboosingh-Santos  
 Pte(R) T Fairfax  
 Pte(R) J Gadal  
 Pte(R) K Nugent  
 Pte(R) B Hunter  
 Pte(R) B Kelly  
 Pte(R) E Gilmore  
 Pte(R) C Simoneau  
 Pte(R) W Bruinsma  
 Pte(R) M Al Jumaily  
 Pte(R) M Larmet  
 Pte(R) R Ingram  
 Pte(R) J Fekete  
 Pte(R) Z Abideen  
 Pte(R) G Fenning  
 Pte(R) C Wheeler  
 Pte(R) T Shaughnessy-Johnson  
 Civ M Fisher





## 62<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC



**Cmdt**  
LCol D.A.P. Coté, CD



**SMR**  
Adjuc J.B.D. Chevalier, CD

**Colonel Honoraire — Col(H) A. Goudreau**

**Lieutenant-Colonelle Honoraire — LCol(H) F. Brisson**

### **Batterie 81**

L'année 2023 fut encore une fois très chargée pour les membres de la 81<sup>e</sup> Bie. Deux de nos membres, le sgt Désilets et le bdr Champagne, ont été déployés en juin lors de l'Op LENTUS pour lutter contre les feux de forêt. Cinq autres membres seront déployés pour l'Op RÉASSURANCE de 2024.

Au niveau de l'instruction individuelle, nous avons accueilli un nouvel artilleur qualifié PP1 (art Magny) et trois nouveaux techniciens prometteurs (bdr Abomo Onana, bdr Duchesne, et bdr Sirois). Trois membres se sont qualifiés QEL (bdr Gallant, bdr Bellemare, et bdr Gauthier) et ont également réussi la qualification de chauffeur d'artillerie. De plus, le bdr Gallant ainsi que le bdr Gauthier ont obtenu la qualification de membre de détachement du poste d'observation, tandis que le Lt Gaudreault a complété avec succès son DP 1.1 en tant qu'officier d'artillerie.

Promotions notables : Lt Gaudreault, sgt Brousseau, bdr Bellemare, bdr Gauthier, bdr Duchesne, bdr Plante, bdr Sirois, art Magny.

Au niveau des postes clés, l'adj Poudrier a quitté ses fonctions de SMT de la troupe technique pour devenir notre nouveau sgt au recrutement. Il a été remplacé par l'adj Duplessis dans la fonction de SMT.

La 81<sup>e</sup> Bie a pris part à trois exercices de tir réel, trois exercices sans tir réel, un champ de tir C7 niveau 3 ainsi que toutes les activités régimentaires. Les exercices de tir réel se sont déroulés en partenariat avec les deux autres unités d'artillerie de la 2<sup>e</sup> Division du Canada (2<sup>e</sup> Div), 2<sup>e</sup> RAC et 6<sup>e</sup> RAC.

### **Batterie C/S**

La Bie CS a joué un rôle essentiel en soutenant toutes les activités et

exercices du 62<sup>e</sup> RAC en 2023, contribuant au développement professionnel des membres et le maintien des compétences en fournissant les services d'administration, de finance, de maintenance, d'approvisionnement et de transport.

La cellule des opérations a été particulièrement active avec tous les activités prévues et imprévus, et ce, avec une personne en moins dans la cellule. Il y a eu la planification de l'équipement et d'instructeurs pour la TEII 2023 afin d'y qualifier les futurs réservistes dans leur métier. Presque en même temps sont arrivés les feux de forêt dans le nord du Québec, ce qui a déclenché l'Op LENTUS où il y a eu la participation de 3 membres de l'unité. Nous avons été BPR du nouveau cours de commandant de détachement de pièce pour le 62<sup>e</sup> RAC, le 6<sup>e</sup> RAC et le 2<sup>e</sup> RAC. Il y a eu la participation aux 3 exercices de tir réel à Valcartier avec les diverses unités d'artillerie de la 2<sup>e</sup> Div. Pour terminer l'année, il y a eu la préparation du personnel volontaire pour la montée en puissance de l'Op RÉASSURANCE. Ceux-ci rejoindront les rangs du 5<sup>e</sup> GBMC en début d'année 2024. En résumé, ce fut une année particulièrement chargée pour les membres de l'unité avec un rythme d'entraînement élevé et un manque de personnel.

Le Quartier-maître régimentaire a veillé à fournir l'équipement nécessaire pour supporter les cours donnés à Shawinigan et a coordonné les activités régimentaires. Le

QMR effectue les achats du régiment et l'acquisition de nouvel équipement via le système d'approvisionnement. Cette section est aussi responsable des voûtes du registre de clés du SIMDUT et du PHL. L'entretien du bâtiment et l'entretien paysager font aussi partie des tâches de la section du QMR.

Malgré les défis logistiques, le transport a réussi à maintenir une flotte fonctionnelle, prêtant des véhicules à toute l'unité et aux cours de la 2<sup>e</sup> Div. Le transport a aussi préparé une flotte pour une possibilité de déploiement en plus de fournir des véhicules pour la TEII et les tâches connexes.



*Changement de commandement*

Changement de garde au recrutement, les idées pleuvent et les formations en développement professionnel sont d'une extrême utilité. Le recrutement se situe à un niveau espéré pour l'AF 22-23. Plusieurs anciens membres renouent avec leur ancienne famille militaire et se réenrôle au sein de l'unité. Le ROI est évalué à chaque activité et une étude statistique a été menée durant l'automne pour donner une direction appuyée par des preuves pour le recrutement. Nous faisons des pieds et des mains pour bâtir une équipe solide et inculquer, déjà durant le processus du recrutement, un sentiment d'appartenance à la grande famille militaire et au sein de notre organisation. Un vent de changement a soufflé dans la cellule avec la venue d'un nouveau sergent recruteur et d'une nouvelle gestionnaire de dossier à temps plein. Le but de notre travail est simple : agrandir la famille et démontrer notre passion aux postulants et à la population civile.



Changement de commandement

devenu une dépense d'indemnité non imposable. Celle-ci est maintenant entrée dans le système d'information de la gestion des ressources de la défense (SIGRD) par le personnel de la finance.

À l'été 2023, notre cellule financière a accueilli un nouveau membre, qualifié en tant qu'administrateur de services financiers et tandis qu'un autre a obtenu sa qualification élémentaire de leadership. Nous sommes fiers de ces réalisations.

Pour la période de novembre à décembre 2023, le sergent finance a été en support au Centre d'instruction de la CI 2<sup>e</sup> Div en contribuant à donner

de l'instruction sur le premier cours de sergent à Valcartier. La finance a également été impliquée à la planification du mess dîner de la Ste-Barbe des sous-officiers qui a eu lieu au 62<sup>e</sup> RAC.

Cette année, il y a eu un changement au niveau du personnel de la salle des rapports. La Cpl Nguyen nous a quitté pour laisser place à la Cpl Beaulieu qui a suivi sa formation d'ARH NQ Sdt à l'été 2023. Nous avons préparé l'administration reliée au déploiement des membres qui ont participé à Op LENTUS pour les feux de forêt ainsi que ceux qui prendront part à Op RÉASSURANCE en 2024. Notre ARH en chef a reçu une mention élogieuse du Cmdt 35 GBC ainsi que le médaillon du groupe professionnel d'ARH pour son mentorat avec la salle des rapports du 12<sup>e</sup> RBC(M) à Trois-Rivières. De plus, le SMB de la Bie C/S, Mathieu Côté, a obtenu son grade d'adjutant-maître.

### Musique

L'année 2023 a débuté en force avec le souper de la Ste-Barbara pour l'ensemble des Officiers

de l'ARC de la 2<sup>e</sup> Div à Valcartier. La Musique du 62<sup>e</sup> RAC s'est entraînée intensivement, offrant des performances musicales marquantes tout au long de l'année. À la fin du congé estival, la Musique a produit son traditionnel concert sur les rives avec l'interprétation de l'Ouverture 1812 avec la participation des 4 canons du Régiment. La Musique a participé au traditionnel défilé de l'armistice et conclu son calendrier 2023 avec le souper de la Ste-Barbara, le souper de la troupe et finalement le souper du NCSM Radisson.

En 2023, la Musique a réalisé 18 répétitions, 6 soupers régimentaires, 2 parades et 2 concerts. De plus, la Musique a participé à 4 journées de formations et 3 journées régimentaires pour un total de 35 jours.

### Conclusion

Pour terminer, nous tenons à souligner le départ du Icol J.A.M.G. Plante en octobre 2023, après 4 années en tant que Commandant du 62<sup>e</sup> RAC. Les membres de l'unité le remercient grandement pour son dévouement envers le Régiment. Nous souhaitons également la bienvenue au nouveau commandant, le Icol D.A.P. Côté!

Tout au long de l'année, chaque sous-unité du 62<sup>e</sup> RAC s'est consacré à garantir une disponibilité élevée et un effectif prêt pour répondre à toutes les demandes de déploiement provenant des QG supérieurs. Le 62<sup>e</sup> RAC continue d'être une force extrêmement occupée et prête pour les prochains défis à venir.

UBIQUE!

LCol	D.A.P.	Côté
Capt	J.V.L.	Darveau
Capt	D.M.J.	Garceau
Capt	J.C.C.	Germain
Capt	M.E.S.L.	Lefebvre
Capt	D.J.A.	Roy
Lt	K.	Gaudreault
Lt	J.F.J.R.	Tremblay
Slt	C.A.E.	Comeau
Élof	B.	Caron
Adjuc	J.B.D.	Chevalier
Adjum	M.J.	Côté
Adjum	F.J.A.J.Y.	Ringuette
Adj	A.	Duchaine
Adj	J.M.M.	Duplessis
Adj	D.J.G.	Gervais
Sgt	A.F.J.S.	Boyer
Sgt	J.J.E.B.	Brousseau
Sgt	B.H.R.	Chamberland
Sgt	L.M.J.	Cloutier
Sgt	B.J.J.	Désilets
Sgt	M.B.	Levasseur



Exercice TIR REEL



Sgt R.D. Martineau  
 Sgt R.S. Pearson  
 Sgt J.R.J. Pelletier  
 Sgt F.L.S.J. Poudrier  
 Sgt M.E.R.K. Richer  
 Sgt M.R.E.R.M. Richer  
 Sgt R.E.R. Saulnier  
 Sgt E.J.E. Vaillancourt  
 M2 M.A.C. Lauzier  
 Bdr D. Bellemare  
 Bdr A.B. Fortin  
 Bdr T.P.D. Gauthier  
 Cplc A.M.G.G. B eland  
 Cplc J.D.M. Carpentier  
 Cplc F.J.J. Lafontaine  
 Cplc S.J.J. Massicotte  
 Cplc M.M.M.F. Milette Cot e  
 Cplc M. Rivard  
 Bdr B.C. Boul e  
 Bdr J.G.B. Duchesne  
 Bdr T.Z. Duclos  
 Bdr M. Gallant  
 Bdr K.L. Huneault  
 Bdr G. H erard  
 Bdr W.C.M.L. Lesieur  
 Bdr G.A.J. Marcouiller  
 Bdr T. Pag e  
 Bdr Z.B.R. Plante  
 Bdr J.W.Y. Poulin  
 Bdr A.D. Quiroz  
 Bdr J.S.L. Sirois  
 Bdr F.P. Vincent  
 Bdr S.J.S. Vincent  
 Cpl G.L. Abomo Onana  
 Cpl S. Aub e  
 Cpl A.N. Basque  
 Cpl I.J.S. Bastarache  
 Cpl D. Beaudry  
 Cpl R.M.E. Beaulieu  
 Cpl S. Bellefeuille  
 Cpl J.C.J.F. Bruneau  
 Cpl T.B. Champagne  
 Cpl E.D.C. Cloutier  
 Cpl M.H.G.I. Cloutier  
 Cpl A. Constant  
 Cpl A. .J. Courchesne  
 Cpl P. Dagenais  
 Cpl S.J.D. Desalliers  
 Cpl G.O. Desjardins  
 Cpl S.C. Ethier  
 Cpl M.A.L.J. Ferron  
 Cpl N. Gagnon  
 Cpl E.M. Gallant  
 Cpl A.S. Gosselin  
 Cpl O.J.X. Lamarche  
 Cpl C. Lamothe  
 Cpl A. Landry  
 Cpl S. Lapointe



*Exercice TIR REEL*

Cpl N.H. Lefebvre  
 Cpl B.C.J. Lemaire  
 Cpl N.D.S. Maziade  
 Cpl S. Morel  
 Cpl J.P. No el  
 Cpl M.P.J. Pag e Kroft  
 Cpl A.M.E. R.Bellemare  
 Cpl P.L.M.M. Rousseau  
 Cpl A.A.M.L. St-Germain  
 Cpl C.R. St-Pierre  
 Cpl P.F. St-Yves  
 Cpl M.O.J.C. Tardif  
 Cpl M. Thibeault-Tremblay  
 Cpl E.J.G. Thivierge  
 Cpl I.M.C. Tr epanier  
 Artil V.M.M.J. Magny  
 Sdt X.J.L.B. Brousseau  
 Sdt P.C. Davignon



*Parade de l'armistice 2023*



*Tir d'obusier 105 mm*





# 20<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, RCA



**BC**  
Maj R.L. Mein, CD



**BSM**  
WO A.S.E. Laphorn, CD

## Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel — HLCol D. Rossiter

20<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery's (20 IFB) year has been marked by significant deployments, commendable promotions, and a plethora of training exercises showcasing the unit's commitment to excellence.

Eight members were deployed in support of firefighting efforts during Op LENTUS. Additionally, three members contributed to Op PALACI, while one member deployed on Op UNIFIER. The unit supported Op CHINTEX in the City of Lethbridge and sent twelve members to participate in Ex WESTERN GUNNER. A C3 howitzer from 20 IFB was provided for the 2023-2024 Op PALACI rotations.

Kicking off the year with a commitment to excellence, the unit participated in Ex SNOWBALL GUNNER, a comprehensive winter warfare course held at Chinook Lake in the Crowsnest Pass. Soldiers immersed themselves in snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and operating within the challenges of a cold weather environment.

In March, the battery engaged in Ex CONFIDENT GUNNER, a Command Post Exercise (CPX) designed to hone the skills required for the upcoming Ex UNIFIED GUNNER II.

The unit participated in Ex UNIFIED GUNNER II which was conducted in CFB Wainwright. 20 IFB and 20th Fd Regt, worked together for this exercise to practice live-fire while also demonstrating their defensive skills by defending the gun position from an OPFOR raid in the night.

September brought a renewed focus on IBTS through Ex MUSKET GUNNER. The battery deployed to Kipp Range and CFB Edmonton, fulfilling annual IBTS requirements.

In preparation for the upcoming Ex UNIFIED GUNNER I, the battery participated in Ex PROFICIENT GUNNER in October. This CPX exercise aimed to fine-tune the skills needed for the subsequent battery-level exercise. It served as a crucial steppingstone to ensure the unit was well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

October brought the climax of the battery's training efforts with Ex UNIFIED GUNNER I. This C3 exercise, once again, involved both 20 IFB and 20 Fd to support our Gun Detachment Commander (Gun Det Comd) course in Sniping Guns, Harassing Fires, Quick Actions, and Manoeuvre Positions. The completion of this Gun Det Comd Course led to the promotions of MBdrs Begin, Dallas, Figueroa, Mann, and Regier to Sgt.

The battery hiked up to Window Mountain Lake in the Crowsnest Pass during Ex MOUNTAIN GUNNER in September. This exercise emphasized the unit's capability to operate in diverse terrains, showcasing their versatility beyond traditional artillery roles.

The training year concluded with Ex UNIFIED BARBARA, another com-

binated training weekend with 20 IFB and 20 Fd. This event included IBTS training, a ball hockey tournament, and a mess dinner. It symbolized not just the end of a training year but also the camaraderie and shared commitment within the units.

The year 2023 witnessed a wave of well-deserved promotions within the 20th IFB. From Lieutenants to Captains, Master Bombardiers to Sergeants, and Gunners to Bombardiers, the unit saw remarkable career advancements; Gnr Nalder earned the title of top soldier while Lt Mensah



distinguished himself as the top officer.

This year was also marked by a solemn moment as the unit bid farewell to Colonel Jacobson, a former CO of 18 AD and the 16th Colonel Commandant of the RCA. 20 IFB actively supported his funeral, honouring his legacy and contributions to the unit and RCA.

20 IFB actively participated in various community events, including the City of Lethbridge's Remembrance Day ceremony, Canada Day celebrations at Henderson Park, the Calgary Stampede, and the 2023 Polar Plunge. The unit also hosted a Vimy Dinner and a New Year's Levée, fostering connections with the community and honouring significant historical events.



Maj L Mein  
 Maj MJM Montminy  
 Capt CP Gresl  
 Capt N Istemil  
 Capt CP Medilo  
 Capt LW Watson  
 Lt J Mensah  
 Lt WJ Moore  
 2Lt MPW McHugh  
 OCdt CMM Snoek  
 WO R Hawkins  
 WO ASE Laphorn  
 Sgt AIL Begin  
 Sgt MJ Dallas  
 Sgt RD Damjanoff  
 Sgt SP Figueroa  
 Sgt S Flynn  
 Sgt RDJ Gordon  
 Sgt KG Mann  
 Sgt CD Mullally  
 Sgt TJD Nearing  
 Sgt JD Pickerell  
 Sgt BW Regier  
 PO2 ST Driscoll  
 MBdr J Butler  
 MBdr JDS May  
 MBdr TD Penrod  
 MBdr JW Randle  
 MBdr JD Toone  
 MCpl SJ Harris  
 MCpl KA Hatch  
 Bdr JB Ball  
 Bdr BJ Berg  
 Bdr BB Berry  
 Bdr KJR Brown  
 Bdr MR Charbonneau  
 Bdr ER Currell



Bdr MP DeMaere  
 Bdr TJ Dewit  
 Bdr G Diaz  
 Bdr ME Ell  
 Bdr JM Fawcett  
 Bdr AJ Harding  
 Bdr MJ Kitto  
 Bdr WN Lesiuk  
 Bdr TJ Lutz  
 Bdr DRD May  
 Bdr GA McAlister  
 Bdr JC Morisseau  
 Bdr RJA Murphy  
 Bdr DW Nesterenko  
 Bdr BD Nguyen  
 Bdr KNG Olegario  
 Bdr G Parker

Bdr MA Plourde  
 Bdr RJ Ribeiro  
 Bdr EJ Rivera  
 Bdr J Shorey  
 Cpl MR Chu  
 Cpl R Colp  
 Cpl Z Dunnett  
 Cpl BN Gallaway  
 Cpl CM Vega Sibirian  
 Cpl Y Wehbe  
 Gnr JC Cox  
 Gnr WT Nalder  
 Gnr JCC Torneros  
 Pte(B) BL Dahl  
 Pte(B) NT Krause  
 Pte(B) RJ Scott  
 Pte(R) Rossiter





## Royal Canadian Artillery Band



**CO**  
**Capt C.J. Bain, CD**



**Band Sergeant-Major**  
**MWO A.A. Albino, CD**

2023 was an eventful and fulfilling year for The Royal Canadian Artillery Band. Over the course of the year, we remained very active in the Greater Edmonton community and the Edmonton Garrison supporting both military and civilian events. As well, we have been across Alberta and the prairies supporting different military functions.

One of our biggest events of the year was participating in Edmonton's Cantando Festival, a non-competitive, band music festival held each year at the beautiful Winspear Centre. At the festival, we played to a packed hall full of school children from around Alberta, BC, and the prairies. We also welcomed guest artist, Jens Lindemann, on the trumpet for our performance where he commanded the stage with the RCA band's clarinetist, Bdr (ret'd) Joseph Semple in a stunning jazz face-off with each other. Jens Lindemann is an internationally renowned trumpet soloist and teacher who was born and raised here in Edmonton. We loved having the opportunity to have him with us on stage!

As is annual tradition, the RCA Band also participated in this year's Calgary Stampede. This is one of our favourite events of the year as we get to

enjoy the festivities and excitement of the Stampede while also providing musical support for various events.

The RCA Band also continued to provide musical support for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) at their annual event at Spruce Meadows in Calgary with the Strathcona Mounted Troop, a volunteer display unit that is reminiscent of the Lord Strathcona's Horse in the nineteen twenties and thirties. This is a major event for the LdSH(RC), and the RCA band is proud and honoured to provide ongoing support.

While we rehearse and perform as a full parade and concert band most often, we also have various small ensembles formed by members of the band. Our Brass Quintet and Woodwind Quintet were busy engaging in community outreach promoting the RCA Band and the CAF throughout the year. Both quintets performed at various mess dinners and military functions at Edmonton Garrison, and in October they held a joint concert at the University of Alberta's Convocation Hall. The Brass Quintet also went on tour across southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, performing at various schools and university music faculties. The Brass Quintet also went on tour again in November, this time to Jasper to support the Jasper Veteran's Appreciation Event over the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

Various promotions and awards were also given out to deserving members throughout the course of 2023. Several members of the band received the Alberta Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal, MBdr Samantha Hunt was promoted to their current rank, and 2 Lt Rob Johnson received their commission, moving on from the NCO ranks to become the band's Assistant Director of Music. On top of promotions and awards, 2023 also saw the departure of Bdr Joseph Semple, as they decided to retire and move on to a new chapter. We also saw the departure of our former Assistant Director of Music, Lt Lucas Denneboom as they were posted to Ottawa for the next step in their military career. We miss them both!

Another significant event occurred in September when we welcomed the Band of the Household Cavalry from the United Kingdom to Edmonton Garrison. The week they spent with us included joint rehearsals of nearly 80 musicians in our band room and culminated in joint concerts at West Edmonton Mall and the Shell Theatre in Fort Saskatchewan. The



*The RCA Band performs for a sold out holiday concert at the Winspear Centre*



week after our guests from the U.K. left, we welcomed four new reservists on contract with us for our very busy fall on top of the two additional reservists who started earlier in the year.

Fall for the RCA Band was an incredibly busy time as we supported various parades for reserve units including the Freedom of the City Parade for HMCS Nonsuch and a parade for the South Alberta Light Horse Regiment at Light Horse Park. In October, we had the opportunity to host about twenty music branch auditions on all instruments to fulfill various open positions across the branch. This was a monumental task for the RCA Band as we had to prepare various marches and concert band music to ensure as much success as possible for those auditioning. Four of our reservists were also successful with their Music Branch auditions. After

audition season was over, we had a short amount of time to prepare for our Remembrance Ceremony which was held in support of the Jasper Place Legion at the Ice Palace in West Edmonton Mall. A bustling crowd gathered for the ceremony; local units, cadets, politicians, and community members who organized and shared their words at the ceremony were well-received.

Our year finished with our annual holiday concert at the Winspear Centre to a sold-out hall in support of the Edmonton Military Family Resource Center. The band performed a multitude of holiday favourites including a narrated rendition of *The Night before Christmas* and *The Twelve Days of Christmas* with the audience singing along. The Holiday Concert is one of our most cherished events of the year, and we are grateful to perform at the Winspear and honoured that we can hold the free concert in support of the MFRC.

In 2024, we look forward to performing at the Cantando Festival and the Calgary Stampede, among our many other events. If you wish to find out more about us and what we do, please give us a follow at the following links:

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@rcabandyeg on Instagram

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Above: The brass quintet performs at E.D. Feehan Highschool, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



Our reservists who joined us from September to December.

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|------|-----|-------------|
| Capt | JC  | Bain        |
| MWO  | AA  | Albino      |
| 2Lt  | RC  | Johnson     |
| WO   | AB  | Gaw         |
| WO   | DR  | Gordon      |
| WO   | DL  | Pain        |
| WO   | MAJ | Rowsell     |
| Sgt  | VG  | Baker       |
| Sgt  | SJS | Boisvert    |
| Sgt  | AD  | Chaplin     |
| Sgt  | MJ  | Jaffray     |
| Sgt  | STY | Kuo         |
| Sgt  | CT  | Learmonth   |
| Sgt  | AR  | Lorway      |
| Sgt  | JA  | Maitland    |
| Sgt  | RDC | Spady       |
| Sgt  | MG  | Walters     |
| MBdr | CL  | Coppell     |
| MBdr | SR  | Hunt        |
| MBdr | SB  | MacMillan   |
| MBdr | JRP | Simard      |
| Bdr  | S   | Bae         |
| Bdr  | BLR | Catalano    |
| Bdr  | RC  | Johnson     |
| Bdr  | DE  | Oschefski   |
| Bdr  | GR  | Upham-Mills |
| Bdr  | JJ  | Uschold     |
| Bdr  | CE  | Williams    |



Jens Lindemann and Bdr Joseph Semple at Cantando Festival with the RCA Band



## Regimental Headquarters, RCA Quartier général régimentaire de l'ARC

This past year at RHQ RCA has flown by in a consistent flow of changes and modernization. As the RCA continues to evolve, so do we, to keep up with the ever-adapting Royal Regiment. Personnel changes were rampant. RHQ RCA saw the departure of the RCA Adjutant, Capt Koh. Capt Sloat has eagerly taken on the RCA Adjutant duties, and together with the RCA Major, Maj Jackson, they are tackling all tasks and events at RHQ RCA. Luckily, they also have the help of their Sergeant-Major, WO Wiebe, who took over from his predecessor WO Walsh this past APS.

The absence of a reigning Captain-General continued to be felt across the RCA this past year, after the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, and the reassigning of Honorary duties amongst the current Royal Family. Rest assured, RHQ RCA, in conjunction with the Regt Col, continue to coordinate with both the UK and Rideau Hall as we work towards a formal announcement of a new Captain-General.

RHQ RCA has undertaken numerous projects this past year while maintaining the day-to-day business of coordination and outreach with Gunners; serving and retired. Some of these initiatives include an update to the Standing Orders (Volume I) as well as a still underway complete rewrite of the formerly known Standing Orders Volume III. These are key in ensuring that the RCA Standing Orders continue to modernize with the changing times and ensure that uniform direction is maintained across Canada. In conjunction with these publications, an RCA Mess Dinner Aide Memoire has been produced, and will soon be distributed in both print and digital versions.

The first combination in person and virtual RLC since the COVID pandemic was off and running this past year. Over 50 students (Reg F and PRes) amassed in Shilo for two days of Regimental Heritage, one day for a Leadership Symposium, and a great deal of networking and camaraderie. We were fortunate enough to also be joined by a few of our Honoraries for RLC. This added a valuable dynamic to the group and allowed the students to meet valuable members of both the RCA family, and local communities.

The reinvigoration of the RCA Kitshop, and the introduction of GUNNERS GEAR continues to develop and produce outstanding sales results for the RCA. Kitshop online and in person sales have sky-rocketed, even seeing us ship internationally to places such as Asia, Australia, and the UK. This is a result of coordination with the serving Regiment to ascertain what our Gunners are looking for. The RCA Kitshop also strives to deal with and support Veteran owned/operated businesses. Our ongoing collaboration with the CANEX also continues to go well, with the RCA Fund receiving some profits from this collaboration monthly.

As always, it is a great day to be a Gunner and I want to wish all continued "Good Shooting".

La dernière année au QGR ARC a été marquée par un flux constant de changements et de modernisations. L'ARC continue d'évoluer, tout comme nous, afin de suivre l'évolution constante du Régiment royal. Les changements de personnel ont été nombreux. Le QGR ARC a vu le départ du Capt Koh, capitaine-adjutant de l'ARC. Le Capt Sloat a repris le flambeau du Capt Koh avec enthousiasme et, avec le Maj Jackson, major de l'ARC, il s'attaque à toutes les tâches et à tous les événements du QGR ARC. Heureusement, ils bénéficient également de l'aide de l'Adj Wiebe, le sergent-major, qui a succédé à l'Adj Walsh, la PAA dernière.

L'absence d'un Capitaine général en titre a continué à se faire sentir au sein de l'ARC, depuis le décès de SAR la reine Elizabeth II et la réaffectation des fonctions honorifiques au sein de la famille royale actuelle. Soyez assurés que le QGR ARC, en collaboration avec le colonel du régiment, continue de coordonner les activités avec le Royaume-Uni et Rideau Hall en vue de l'annonce officielle d'un nouveau Capitaine général.

Le QGR ARC a entrepris de nombreux projets cette année, tout en poursuivant ses activités quotidiennes de coordination et de sensibilisation auprès des artilleurs, qu'ils soient en service ou à la retraite. Certaines de ces initiatives comprennent une mise à jour des ordres permanents (volume I) ainsi qu'une réécriture complète, toujours en cours, de l'ancien volume III des ordres permanents. Ces initiatives sont essentielles pour s'assurer que les ordres permanents de l'ARC continuent d'évoluer en fonction du contexte et que nous disposions de directives uniformes partout au pays. Parallèlement à ces publications, un aide-mémoire des dîners régimentaires de l'ARC a été élaboré et sera bientôt distribué en version imprimée et numérique.

La première combinaison d'activités virtuelles et en personne du cours sur le leadership du régiment depuis la pandémie de COVID a eu lieu cette année. Plus de 50 stagiaires (F rég et P rés) se sont rassemblés à Shilo pour deux jours de patrimoine régimentaire et un symposium d'un jour sur le leadership, en plus de profiter de beaucoup de réseautage et de camaraderie. Nous avons eu la chance d'accueillir quelques-uns de nos honoraires dans le cadre du cours, ce qui a ajouté une dynamique précieuse au groupe et a permis aux stagiaires de rencontrer des membres importants de la famille de l'ARC et des communautés locales.

La revitalisation de la Boutique ARC et l'introduction de GUNNERS GEAR vont bon train et connaissent des résultats de vente exceptionnels pour l'ARC. Nous avons connu une hausse fulgurante des ventes en ligne et en personne de la boutique et nous avons même expédié des produits à l'étranger, notamment en Asie, en Australie et au Royaume-Uni. Ce résultat découle d'une coordination avec le régiment en activité dans le cadre de laquelle nous avons appris ce que recherchent nos artilleurs. La Boutique de l'ARC s'efforce aussi de faire affaire avec des entreprises appartenant à des vétérans ou exploitées par eux pour les soutenir. Notre collaboration avec CANEX continue de bien se dérouler, et le Fonds de l'ARC reçoit chaque mois les profits de cette collaboration.

Comme toujours, il fait bon d'être artilleur! Bon tir à tous!

UBIQUE





# Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery ERE Listing by Rank

## Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne ERE Liste par grade



Col	ERP	Andresen	LCol	RAH	Nicholson	Maj	A	Holt
Col	MI	Bégin	LCol	R	O'Donnell	Maj	W	Hunt
Col	K	Bouckaert	LCol	PJ	Payne	Maj	NS	Huxter
Col	DYG	Brassard	LCol	J	Phillips	Maj	G	Imperial
Col	D	Grebstad	LCol	I	Plummer	Maj	AS	Jawed
Col	KF	Haire	LCol	M	Riopelle	Maj	A	Jewer
Col	JG	Hampton	LCol	RP	Sheppard	Maj	N	Kaempffer
Col	MÉ	Harvey	LCol	CS	Sines	Maj	GE	Keach
Col	SA	Heer	LCol	DW	Smith	Maj	BH	Kelly
Col	MJA	LaFortune	LCol	JP	Southen	Maj	TJ	Kennedy
Col	JJ	Richard	LCol	CD	Sykora	Maj	JPRFA	Knox
Col	N	Roby	LCol	C	Taylor	Maj	A	Lacombe
Col	RT	Stimpson	LCol	M	Voyer	Maj	DJF	Lahaie
Col	MJC	Sullivan	LCol	N	Williams	Maj	JCEO	Lalonde
Col	SW	Taylor	LCol	A	Wood	Maj	M	Lavery
Col	M	Williams	LCol	JC	Zwiczewicz	Maj	FJSP	Lavigne
Col	O	Wing	Maj	M	Astalos	Maj	DJG	Lebel
LCol	J	Beatty	Maj	DJG	Auger	Maj	M	Lenchuk
LCol	PJEC	Beauchamp	Maj	BP	Baker	Maj	J	Leslie
LCol	L	Bellemore	Maj	PR	Beaudin	Maj	RNW	Little
LCol	B	Bossé	Maj	M	Becker	Maj	AD	Lockridge
LCol	S	Burke	Maj	CM	Bigler	Maj	J	Logan
LCol	T	Chiasson	Maj	D	Bourque	Maj	WE	Lundrigan
LCol	J	Claveau	Maj	A	Bradley	Maj	J	Lynch
LCol	ADJ	Curr	Maj	C	Brumpton	Maj	DL	Lynk
LCol	ED	Deneau	Maj	T	Burt	Maj	D	Maheu
LCol	MJLF	Deshaies	Maj	JMG	Calnan	Maj	MM	Marshall
LCol	MJ	Draho	Maj	C	Carter	Maj	WG	McHattie
LCol	HSL	Evans	Maj	A	Charchuk	Maj	P	McRory
LCol	J	Evans	Maj	J	Chetwynd	Maj	TK	Michelsen
LCol	B	Gendron-Houle	Maj	M	Chiu	Maj	B	Miles
LCol	C	Gillis	Maj	M	Crosier	Maj	M	Molsberry
LCol	FH	Gould	Maj	C	Cutting	Maj	K	Montgomery
LCol	SMN	Guay	Maj	J	Daigle	Maj	D	Nahirney
LCol	H	Han	Maj	T	Dinner	Maj	H	Nelson
LCol	RG	Hart	Maj	KF	D'Souza	Maj	S	Nicholson
LCol	TJ	Hogan	Maj	G	Dunlop	Maj	LM	Nodwell
LCol	B	Insley	Maj	CD	Dunn	Maj	S	Paish
LCol	A	James	Maj	C	Durant	Maj	M	Paré
LCol	DB	Jones	Maj	J	Erion	Maj	Y	Pelletier
LCol	CM	Lamarre	Maj	GJJ	Garant	Maj	A	Pham
LCol	S	Lang	Maj	J	Gargano	Maj	RM	Pierce
LCol	F	Lavoie	Maj	GA	George	Maj	PFX	Préaux
LCol	M	Leach	Maj	P	Gilbert	Maj	AW	Prymack
LCol	L	Léger	Maj	M	Grenier	Maj	GA	Ramacieri
LCol	S	Lemieux	Maj	NJ	Grout	Maj	B	Rath
LCol	V	Lizotte	Maj	I	Haliburton	Maj	SB	Rebeiro
LCol	DR	Matheson	Maj	N	Hamlyn	Maj	G	Riddoch
LCol	J	Mayes	Maj	RG	Haug	Maj	YJJ	Robert
LCol	RJ	Meade	Maj	BJS	Hibbert	Maj	T	Robertson
LCol	RA	Moore	Maj	DK	Higgins	Maj	MA	Roche
LCol	M	Morin	Maj	J	Hill	Maj	SR	Salovaara
LCol	M	Morrisette	Maj	RE	Holah	Maj	L	Schutte
LCol	SLM	Murray	Maj	A	Holleran	Maj	MJM	Simard



Maj	KP	Simpson	Capt	S	Irving	Capt	CM	White
Maj	R	Smith	Capt	KT	Johnson	Capt	A	Wideman
Maj	SW	Smoley	Capt	R	Johnston	Capt	TG	Wilson
Maj	A	Snow	Capt	K	Kang	Capt	M	Wolscht
Maj	MA	Stevenson	Capt	TDC	Kidson	Capt	C	Yuvan
Maj	B	Stewart	Capt	JFG	King	Capt	ME	Ziemendorf
Maj	W	Sylvester	Capt	K	Kirkpatrick	Lt	EA	Ducusin
Maj	R	Telfer	Capt	A	Labranche	Lt	DMS	Fish
Maj	AG	Todd	Capt	CJ	Lardner	Lt	A	Oakes
Maj	DI	Van	Capt	D	Le	2Lt	B	Blais
Maj	SZ	Vanthournout	Capt	MP	Leblond	2Lt	BA	Dickson
Maj	JG	Vienneau	Capt	W	Lee	2Lt	BR	Goulet
Maj	C	Ward	Capt	EM	Lefebvre	2Lt	WJA	Lapointe
Maj	WM	Warren	Capt	DJ	Levangie	2Lt	MNA	Maklin
Maj	S	Youngson	Capt	T	Levert	2Lt	TXT	Wang
Capt	J	Adamczyk	Capt	A	Li			
Capt	N	Besterd	Capt	K	Little	CWO	D.L.	Attrux
Capt	R	Binkley	Capt	EH	Ma	CWO	T.B.	Buchanan
Capt	M	Bono	Capt	M	Mathieson	CWO	J.G.	Cloutier
Capt	FJR	Bossé	Capt	G	McCabe	MWO	K.	Audet
Capt	J	Bouchard	Capt	MH	McGarrigle	MWO	G.	Bazinet
Capt	G	Boucher	Capt	D	McKernan	MWO	S.	Beaudry
Capt	JJ	Boudreau	Capt	NE	McRae	MWO	T.D.	Bérubé
Capt	J	Bouthot	Capt	CJC	Meyers	MWO	D.J.	Blais
Capt	PA	Brown	Capt	R	Moll	MWO	R.	Blowes
Capt	G	Canuel	Capt	RJ	Morningstar	MWO	J.-P.	Caron
Capt	J	Cober	Capt	CJI	Morton	MWO	P.	Carriere
Capt	M	Danylchuk	Capt	J	Neeb	MWO	S.	Clouthier
Capt	S	Demers	Capt	ME	Needelman	MWO	C.	Comeau
Capt	M	Doull	Capt	S	Northcott	MWO	I.	Corbeil
Capt	TR	Drake	Capt	J	Orozco	MWO	D.J.	Coupland
Capt	J	Dunks	Capt	G	Paquet	MWO	J.	Deziel
Capt	VT	Duong	Capt	A	Patry	MWO	L.	Doucet
Capt	M	Einer	Capt	SA	Poirier	MWO	M.	Estabrooks
Capt	L	Engulu	Capt	DL	Poss	MWO	M.	Flynn
Capt	A	Evans	Capt	V	Poulet	MWO	M.	Gagne
Capt	G	Evans	Capt	WD	Pryor	MWO	S.	Gauvreau
Capt	M	Evans	Capt	VR	Pynn	MWO	J.	Hamilton
Capt	M	Fagan	Capt	D	Radulescu-Galang	MWO	K.	Hood
Capt	D	Ficca	Capt	S	Raymond	MWO	S.	Labadie
Capt	T	Fryxell	Capt	N	Reid	MWO	J.-P.	Lachance
Capt	JL	Furber	Capt	A	Rigby	MWO	C.	Lajoie
Capt	GE	Garber	Capt	CA	Rigby	MWO	M.-O.	Laporte
Capt	D	Gaudreault	Capt	D	Robichaud	MWO	K.	Luten
Capt	R	Gibney	Capt	P	Saumure	MWO	M.	Melvin
Capt	T	Gilchrist	Capt	JJP	Senecal	MWO	E.	Neron
Capt	A	Giroux	Capt	S	Snake	MWO	N.	Orth
Capt	MH	Golder	Capt	E	Song	MWO	S.	Perreault
Capt	K	Greenwell	Capt	IM	Stoica	MWO	J.	Power
Capt	JM	Grenier	Capt	JM	Strohm	MWO	J.-F.	Prévost
Capt	RRG	Guay	Capt	SJ	Thivierge	MWO	J.	Simourd
Capt	YNR	Guertin	Capt	OMN	Thompson	MWO	P.	Turner
Capt	JP	Herrmann	Capt	WS	Tilbrook	MWO	E.	Veilleux
Capt	J	Hiscock	Capt	JA	Tomlinson	MWO	T.	Zaremba
Capt	M	Hotson	Capt	M	Tranquilla	WO	M.	Allain
Capt	D	Huard-Houle	Capt	P	Vendette	WO	D.	Anderson
Capt	E	Humenny	Capt	F	Vidal	WO	N.A.	Avery
Capt	J	Huver	Capt	M	Walsh	WO	B.	Beach



WO S.	Bélanger	WO J.-P.	Veilleux	Sgt R.	Umlah
WO B.	Bellmore	WO D.	Walsh	Sgt N.	Valiquette
WO S.	Bigras	WO S.	Wiseman	Sgt A.	Veldhuizen
WO B.R.	Bingham	Sgt J.	Andrews	Sgt E.	Visser
WO M.	Burns	Sgt G.	Anglehart-Méhot	Sgt M.-A.	Vivier
WO T.	Champagne	Sgt D.	Arel	Sgt D.	White
WO B.	Charron	Sgt Y.	Boulé	Sgt N.	Wright
WO J.	Crocco	Sgt R.	Buckland	MBdr A.	Agregan
WO M.	Desrosiers Ouellet	Sgt J.-F.	Cantin	MBdr P.	Albert-McGrath
WO T.	Elliott	Sgt D.	Caouette	MBdr B.	Ardolei
WO L.	Evelyn	Sgt E.	Carriere	MBdr J.	Baird
WO N.A.	Fader	Sgt S.-P.	Chabot	MBdr J.	Belair
WO J.	Favron	Sgt N.	Chabot	MBdr D.	Belanger-Lance
WO R.	Fekete	Sgt P.-L.	Champagne	MBdr C.	Black
WO M.	Fellice-Simard	Sgt P.	Damphousse	MBdr F.	Brodeur
WO B.R.	Flynn	Sgt R.	Dutchak	MBdr M.	Butler
WO R.	Frank	Sgt M.	Elliott	MBdr G.	Chabot Mailhot
WO D.	Gervais	Sgt S.	Gagne	MBdr P.	Coad
WO C.	Giles	Sgt D.	Gagnon	MBdr T.	Coughlan
WO G.	Hamel	Sgt S.	Gedeon	MBdr J.	Darveau
WO C.	Hanrahan	Sgt J.	Gossen	MBdr J.S.	Deschênes
WO R.	Hawkins	Sgt K.	Griffin	MBdr S.	Desjardins
WO S.	Hennessey	Sgt W.	Guay	MBdr B.	Durdle
WO C.R.	Herbert	Sgt K.	Guillette	MBdr M.	Flecknell
WO S.	Hofman	Sgt K.	Gustafson	MBdr J.-D.	Gagne
WO K.	Jenkins	Sgt S.	Haight	MBdr J.M.	Genereux
WO B.	Kaitoa	Sgt A.	Hannafor	MBdr J.	Guilmette-Tetreault
WO C.	Kennedy	Sgt C.	Hannah	MBdr A.	Hammad
WO J.W.	Klein	Sgt M.	Harnish	MBdr D.	Hardy
WO J.	Lalonde	Sgt J.	Hawkins	MBdr C.	Jackson
WO E.	Landry	Sgt R.	Houston	MBdr M.W.A.	James
WO B.	Leblanc	Sgt W.	Ingram	MBdr J.D.	Kives
WO L.	Lollier	Sgt R.	Inniss	MBdr M.	Labelle
WO C.	MacDonald	Sgt J.-P.	Joanis	MBdr J.	Lachance
WO D.	Macdougall	Sgt R.	Kennis	MBdr F.	Lafontaine
WO B.	Marier	Sgt S.	Lake	MBdr N.	Lamothe-Bastien
WO J.	Maurice	Sgt F.	Larocque	MBdr Y.	Longpré
WO M.	May	Sgt R.	Lemieux	MBdr D.	Mara
WO J.	McKnight	Sgt T.	Lofts	MBdr E.	Mc Shane
WO M.	Mercado	Sgt J.	MacQuarrie	MBdr B.	Montpetit
WO N.	Osadchuk	Sgt B.	Moniz	MBdr S.	Mountain
WO E.	Osborne	Sgt G.	Moore	MBdr L.	Naud
WO J.	Palmer	Sgt B.	Morgan	MBdr M.	Nicol-Charrette
WO D.	Paquet	Sgt J.L.	O'Leary	MBdr M.	Redpath
WO K.	Pierce	Sgt K.J.	Pelletier	MBdr T.	Reed
WO P.	Poirier	Sgt L.	Pena Barreto	MBdr K.	Rooley
WO C.	Raymond	Sgt K.	Perron	MBdr B.	Rousseau
WO A.	Regimbald	Sgt F.	Pitre	MBdr S.	Scarcello
WO S.	Roodzant	Sgt B.	Ponza	MBdr R.	Scheer
WO J.J.	Roy	Sgt P.	Poulin	MBdr E.	Small
WO C.	Samson	Sgt C.	Reese	MBdr C.	Sooley
WO R.	Shortt	Sgt N.D.	Rempel	MBdr J.	Sprague
WO M.	Sirois	Sgt S.	Roberge	MBdr A.	Thorne
WO H.	Slack	Sgt B.	Seang	MBdr J.	Toynnton
WO G.	Stack	Sgt P.-A.	Simard	MBdr J.-F.	Turmel
WO G.	St-Cyr	Sgt R.E.	Smith	MBdr C.	Vaillancourt
WO A.	Tatchell	Sgt G.	Thibault	MBdr W.	Williams
WO G.	Vaillancourt	Sgt S.	Thompson	Bdr Z.	Aitmahdi





- Bdr J.-F. Allaire
- Bdr Y.E. Arenas
- Bdr V. Bolduc
- Bdr J. Bowser
- Bdr S. Bryant
- Bdr P. Caillyer
- Bdr J.I.L. Carter
- Bdr E. Dean
- Bdr D. Demers
- Bdr J. Drisdelle
- Bdr F. Dumont
- Bdr A.L. Fuller
- Bdr K. Harrison
- Bdr J. Houle
- Bdr D. Hutchison
- Bdr V. Legrand
- Bdr N. Mahoney
- Bdr S. Mailhot
- Bdr S. Martin
- Bdr R. McBurnie
- Bdr J. McGill
- Bdr D.R.H. McIvor
- Bdr J. Mercer
- Bdr A. Ouellet-Tremblay
- Bdr J.-F. Ouimet
- Bdr L.É.C. Pelletier
- Bdr J. Pindar
- Bdr M. Poirier
- Bdr S. Rouillard
- Bdr F. Roy
- Bdr J. Shallenberger
- Bdr A.D. Shaw
- Bdr C. Souster



*Captain General Diamond Jubilee and George Blackburn Memorial Bursary Cheque recipients. Clockwise from Bottom Left: Payton Larocque, Quintina Northrup, Léannie Gélinas, Caitlin Taylor Leblanc, Danika Wagner, Audréanne Audet, Rose Darveau.*





# Recognition and Awards Prix et reconnaissance

## THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE

### Col Cmdt Commendation Mention élogieuse du Col Cmdt

HCol M. Clearihue  
CWO E. Bergeron  
WO K. Quiring

### Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary Bourse du Jubilé de diamant du Capitaine-général

Audréanne Audet  
Rose Darveau  
Prabjit Kaur Deol  
Léannie Gélinas  
Laurel Pirrie

### The George Blackburn Memorial Scholarship Bursaries Des Bourses commémoratives George Blackburn

Martha Cudmore  
Olivia Grulke  
Payton Laroque  
Caitlin Taylor Leblanc  
Diane Lee  
Quintina Northrup  
Mary Voyer  
Danika Wagner

### Colonel Geoffrey Brooks Memorial Essay Competition Concours de rédaction commémoratif Colonel Geoffrey Brooks

First Place—Towed Artillery in the Modern Battle Space, by Lieutenant Leiland Lloyd, 15th Field Artillery Regt, RCA

Second Place—The RCA Fighting Yesterday's War Today, by Capt Schardt, Lts Wery, MacDonald, and Pinto, D Bty, 2 RCHA

Third Place—Effects of Rapid Culture Modernization, by Capitaine Christian Sorbie, 4 Regt (GS)





# The RCA Quarterly Spirit of UBIQUE Contest



*Spirit of Ubique Contest (1st Quarter) winning photograph taken by MCpl Goodwin during Ex FROZEN GUNNER with 1 RCHA.*

*Photo gagnante du concours Spirit of Ubique (1er trimestre) prise par le Cplc Goodwin pendant l'Ex FROZEN GUNNER avec 1 RCHA.*

*A FOO's Perspective*

*Spirit of Ubique Contest (2nd Quarter) winning photograph taken by Capt Wiebe.*

*Le point de vue d'un OOA*

*Photo gagnante du concours Spirit of Ubique (2e trimestre) prise par le Capt Wiebe.*





# Le concours trimestriel de l'esprit d'UBIQUE de l'ARC



(Left) Spirit of Ubique (3rd Quarter) winning submission. 1 RCHA Mountain Ram Team Logo designed by Cpl Fairhurst.

(À gauche) Soumission gagnante de Spirit of Ubique (3e trimestre). 1 logo de l'équipe RCHA Mountain Ram conçu par le Cpl Fairhurst.

(Below) Spirit of Ubique (4th Quarter) winning submission. WO (Ret'd) Dominic Varvaro submitted this photo of 3 BAM's period-appropriate salute honouring HMCS Donnacona at Montreal's old port clock tower.

(Ci-dessous) Esprit d'Ubique (4e trimestre) soumission gagnante. L'Adj (à la retraite) Dominic Varvaro a présenté cette photo du salut approprié à la période du 3 BAM rendant hommage au NCSM Donnacona à l'ancienne tour de l'horloge portuaire de Montréal.





# The RCA Holiday Card Photo Contest



## Le concours photo de la carte de Noël de l'ARC



*Capt Finyanos submitted this photo of Op PALACI Gun position #3 to win the 2023 Holiday Card Contest!*

*Le Capt Finyanos a soumis cette photo de la position no 3 de l'Op PALACI pour gagner le concours de cartes des Fêtes de 2023!*





The RCA Museum recorded 4,500 visitors at the museum in 2023, an increase of a thousand from the previous year. Most visitors came during the summer, with the numbers decreasing in the fall and winter. Our staff conducted dozens of guided tours for the public and military personnel. Our website is active with over 250,000 unique hits and we continue to add new content in English and French. We produce our newsletter quarterly, which is available on our website. Our Twitter and Facebook accounts are active and receive positive feedback.

Clive Prothero-Brooks retired in August 2023 after serving for fifty years in the CAF and DND, including 23 years at the RCA Museum. Clive was the curator at the RCA Museum from 2000 to 2002 and has been the collection manager since 2003. His retirement marks the end of an era and the culmination of decades of hard work. We honour his fifty years of service and well-deserved retirement.

We closed our Peacemaking Exhibit in August 2023, which was well received since it opened in September 2022. On Friday, September 8, 2023, we opened our WW2 vehicle display, which showcases military vehicles used by Canadians during the Second World War. These vehicles provided firepower, logistical support, mobility, and protection for the Canadian Army, which enhanced their effectiveness during the war. Jonathan Ferguson, our senior curator, is updating the Gunner Gallery permanent exhibit, which includes approximately eighty metal sets, opening in February 2024.

In 2023, the RCA Museum participated in many outreach events. Our museum participated in the 1 RCHA Summer Ball on 26 May 2023 with a vehicle and gun display. We hosted the RCA Band on Saturday, 27 May. We also had two displays at the Gunner Reunion from 29 June to 1 July. We participated in the Austin Reunion & Stampede with a large vehicle and gun display from 27 July to 30 July.

The RCA Museum continues to be financially sound. We received a generous financial contribution from Dr. Janice Nicholls Goerzen, who also donated a WW2 collection from her late father, which is on display in our Manitoba Gallery. Dale Murray continues to donate military decorations that help us to tell the story of the Canadian Gunner.

With the support of the City of Lahr in Germany, two retired gunners, Lieutenant Commander Khristian Kowalski and Master Bombardier Jim Daynard, recovered and shipped a hand painted RCHA badge on a metal plate from the former Canadian Forces Base Lahr. Sergeant Roger Eppert hand-painted the RCHA badge or Garter badge on the wall of building B-67 at CFB Lahr in 1985. We displayed this badge at the RCA Reunion in the summer of 2023 and in our permanent Cold War gallery.

In 2023, our curators updated thirty-eight gun and vehicle signs throughout the museum and gun park. Many of the signs were aging and required new signage. We continue to complete research requests, including assisting Justice Canada with historical information. We are adding more Indigenous content and doing our best to research the history of the Canadian Gunner.

Le Musée de l'Artillerie royale canadienne (Musée de l'ARC) a accueilli 4 500 visiteurs et visiteuses en 2023, soit mille de plus que l'année précédente. La plupart de ces personnes sont venues pendant l'été, le nombre de visites ayant connu une diminution en automne et en hiver. Notre personnel a effectué des dizaines de visites guidées pour le grand public et les militaires. Notre site web est actif et reçoit plus de 250 000 visites uniques. Nous continuons d'y ajouter du nouveau contenu en anglais et en français. Nous publions entre autres notre infolettre trimestrielle sur notre site web. De plus, nos comptes Twitter et Facebook sont actifs et reçoivent des commentaires positifs.

Clive Prothero-Brooks a pris sa retraite en août 2023, après avoir servi pendant cinquante ans au sein des FAC et du MDN, dont 23 ans passés au Musée de l'ARC. Clive a été conservateur du Musée de l'ARC de 2000 à 2002 et était gestionnaire des collections depuis 2003. Son départ à la retraite marque la fin d'une époque et l'aboutissement de décennies de travail acharné. Nous rendons hommage à ses cinquante années de service et soulignons sa retraite bien méritée.

Nous avons fermé notre exposition sur le maintien de la paix en août 2023, qui a reçu un bon accueil depuis son ouverture, en septembre 2022. Par la suite, le vendredi 8 septembre 2023, nous avons inauguré notre exposition de véhicules de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, qui présente des véhicules militaires utilisés par les troupes canadiennes pendant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale. À l'époque, les véhicules militaires fournissent de la puissance de feu, du soutien logistique et de la protection à l'Armée canadienne, ce qui en améliore l'efficacité. Jonathan Ferguson, notre conservateur principal, met à jour l'exposition permanente de la Galerie de l'artilleur. Elle comprend environ 80 ensembles métalliques et ouvrira en février 2024.

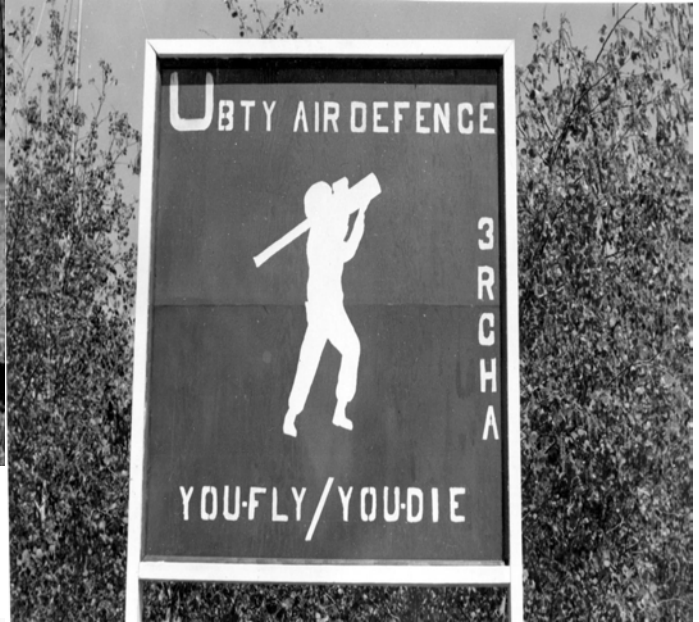
En 2023, le musée RCA a aussi participé à de nombreuses activités de sensibilisation. Notre musée entre autres présenté, le 26 mai 2023, des véhicules et des armes à l'occasion du Bal d'été du 1 RCHA. Nous avons aussi accueilli la Musique de l'Artillerie royale canadienne le samedi 27 mai. De plus, nous avons présenté deux expositions lors de la Réunion des artilleurs qui s'est tenue du 29 juin au 1er juillet. Par la suite, du 27 au 30 juillet, nous avons participé à l'Austin Reunion & Stampede en y présentant une grande exposition de véhicules et d'armes à feu.

La situation financière du Musée de l'ARC reste saine. Nous avons reçu une généreuse contribution financière de Janice Nicholls Goerzen, PhD. Cette dernière a également fait don de la collection de son défunt père, qui date de la Seconde Guerre mondiale et est exposée dans la Galerie du Manitoba. Dale Murray continue également de faire don de décorations militaires qui nous aident à raconter l'histoire de l'artilleur canadien.

Avec l'appui de la ville de Lahr, en Allemagne, le capitaine de corvette Khristian Kowalski et le bombardier-chef Jim Daynard, deux artilleurs à la retraite, ont récupéré et expédié un insigne du RCHA. Il est peint à la main sur une plaque de métal et provient de l'ancienne Base des Forces canadiennes (BFC) Lahr. Le sergent Roger Eppert a peint à la main l'insigne du RCHA, ou l'insigne de l'Ordre de la Jarretière, sur le mur du bâtiment B-67 de la BFC Lahr en 1985. Nous avons exposé cet insigne lors de la Réunion de l'ARC à l'été 2023, puis dans notre galerie permanente sur la Guerre froide.

En 2023, nos conservateurs ont mis à jour, dans l'ensemble du musée et du parc d'artillerie, trente-huit panneaux de signalisation pour les armes et les véhicules. Plusieurs de ces panneaux étaient vieillissants et devaient être restaurés. Nous continuons à répondre aux demandes de recherche, notamment en aidant le ministère de la Justice Canada à obtenir des informations historiques. Finalement, nous ajoutons plus de contenu autochtone et faisons de notre mieux pour effectuer des recherches au sujet de l'histoire de l'Artillerie canadienne.





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## The Royal Canadian Artillery Association L'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne



**President**  
**LCol (Ret'd) Leon Jensen, CD**

The Royal Canadian Artillery Association has continued with our mission to *promote the effectiveness and welfare of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and of all matters pertaining to the defence of Canada.*

Our monthly newsletter *Canadian Gunner News* provides a monthly insight into the artillery happenings across the country and internationally. Communications from the Colonel Commandant, the Senior Serving Gunner, Director RCA, Regimental Colonel, and others are included as we receive them. Each month we strive to present an interesting article from a senior Gunner. We also encourage photographers and writers to send us their stories so that we may share their experiences and best practices throughout The Royal Regiment.

We maintain The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery website [www.rca-arc.org](http://www.rca-arc.org) by continually uploading new information and updating historical items. Each unit of our Regiment has a page listing their current Command Team and providing space for video presentations of their unit activities.

The RCAA *Web Events* this year included an evening with Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Andrew Leslie PC CMM MSC MSM CD on Russia's war in Ukraine and our Coast to Coast Toasts for Saint Barbara's Day and Artillery Day. We also broadcast our Annual General Meeting for our members to join us online or in person.

A kind reply to our letter of loyal greeting sent to His Majesty, King Charles III was received with a request that we, "*Please convey my warmest thanks to the Colonel-Commandant of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President and Members of The Royal Canadian Artillery Association for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their 138th Annual General Meeting.*"

We continue to work with the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) in its advocacy role for National Security and Defence. The RCAA was one of the founding members of the CDA and the RCAA Acting Board Chair is a member of the CDA executive.

L'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne a poursuivi sa mission de *promouvoir l'efficacité et le bien-être du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne et de toutes les questions relatives à la défense du Canada.*

Notre bulletin mensuel *Les Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens* fournit un aperçu mensuel des événements liés à l'artillerie à travers le pays et à l'échelle internationale. Les communications du colonel commandant, de l'artilleur principal en service, de la directrice de l'ARC, du colonel régimentaire et d'autres personnes sont incluses au fur et à mesure que nous les recevons. Chaque mois, nous nous efforçons de présenter un article intéressant rédigé par un artilleur senior. Nous encourageons également les photographes et les écrivains à nous envoyer leurs histoires afin que nous puissions partager leurs expériences et leurs meilleures pratiques au sein du Régiment royal.

Nous maintenons le site Web du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne [www.rca-arc.org/fr](http://www.rca-arc.org/fr) en téléchargeant continuellement de nouvelles informations et en mettant à jour les éléments historiques. Chaque unité de notre régiment dispose d'une page répertoriant son équipe de commandement actuelle et offrant un espace pour des présentations vidéo des activités de son unité.

Les événements Web de l'AARC de cette année comprenaient une soirée avec le lieutenant-général (à la retraite) Andrew Leslie PC CMM MSC MSM CD sur la guerre de la Russie en Ukraine et nos toasts d'un océan à l'autre pour la Saint-Barbara et la Journée de l'artillerie. Nous avons également diffusé notre assemblée générale annuelle pour que nos membres puissent se joindre à nous en ligne ou en personne.

Une aimable réponse à notre lettre de salutations loyales envoyée à Sa Majesté le roi Charles III a été reçue avec une demande de « *Veillez transmettre mes plus chaleureux remerciements au colonel-commandant du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne, au président du conseil d'administration de Directeurs, le président et les membres de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne pour leurs fidèles salutations, envoyées à l'occasion de leur 138e assemblée générale annuelle.* »

Nous continuons de travailler avec la Conférence des associations de la défense (CAD) dans son rôle de défense des intérêts de la sécurité nationale et de la défense. L'AARC a été l'un des membres fondateurs de l'CAD et le président par intérim du conseil d'administration de l'AARC est un membre de l'exécutif de l'CAD.





Your Association has agreed to support *OP Take Post 2025*, a commemorative battlefield tour from 2 to 11 May 2025. Our goal is to have a representation of serving Gunners from all the artillery units across Canada plus several busloads of retired Gunners. It sounds like a great opportunity!

We continue with our *Lest We Forget project* identifying all those that have ever served in The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. We expect to reach the 10,000 mark by the end of 2024. We are also still offering RCA membership cards to any interested members. Each card features the name of one of our deceased Gunners on the reverse side. Check out the *Lest We Forget* page and send me your selected name. We're hoping to have all the Gunners that fell in the Netherlands campaign covered off in time for the OP Take Post tour next year.

Our *affinity partnerships* continue. Check out the insurance offer with TD Meloche Monnex, look into the Perkopolis deals, inquire into Pillway if you're looking for prescription home delivery and don't forget to find out about the Bank of Montreal's Canadian Defence Community opportunities.

For those that are attending post-secondary education we have bursaries available for serving reserve members and for Regular Force dependents. Check out the details on bursaries, and also our *Gunner Peer Support (GPS) program*, on the RCA website *Member Support* page. Remember the GPS is dedicated to the well-being of all Gunners: regular or reserve, serving or retired or their immediate family members

My final point is that we need your assistance with a simple task. If you're a serving member, make sure you're registered on the website *Join Us!* page. There's no cost as all serving members are automatically members of the RCA Association. If you're retired, think about joining us by paying for the annual membership which funds our many activities.

If you're already a registered serving member or a paid retired member, thanks for your support! Send us an email once in a while to tell us how we're doing, give us some new ideas or volunteer to help us promote the effectiveness and welfare of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Ubique!

Leon Jensen OMM CD

President / Président

The Royal Canadian Artillery Association / L'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne



Votre association a accepté de soutenir *OP À vos postes 2025*, une tournée commémorative du champ de bataille du 2 au 11 mai 2025. Notre objectif est d'avoir une représentation des artilleurs en service de toutes les unités d'artillerie à travers le Canada ainsi que plusieurs autobus remplis d'artilleurs à la retraite. Cela semble être une excellente opportunité !

Nous poursuivons notre projet *Ne les oublions pas* identifiant tous ceux qui ont déjà servi dans Le Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne. Nous prévoyons atteindre la barre des 10 000 d'ici la fin de 2024. Nous continuons également d'offrir des cartes de membre de l'AARC à tous les membres intéressés. Chaque carte comporte le nom de l'un de nos artilleurs décédés au verso. Consultez la page *Ne les oublions pas* et envoyez-moi le nom que vous avez sélectionné. Nous espérons que tous les artilleurs tombés lors de la campagne aux Pays-Bas seront couverts à temps pour la tournée OP À vos postes l'année prochaine.

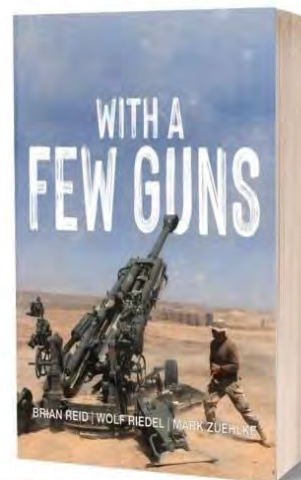
Nos *partenariats affinitaires* se poursuivent. Consultez l'offre d'assurance avec TD Meloche Monnex, examinez les offres Perkopolis, renseignez-vous auprès de Pillway si vous recherchez une livraison à domicile sur ordonnance et n'oubliez pas de vous renseigner sur les opportunités de la Communauté de la Défense canadienne de la Banque de Montréal.

Pour ceux qui poursuivent des études postsecondaires, nous offrons des bourses aux membres actifs de la réserve et aux personnes à charge de la Force régulière. Consultez les détails sur les bourses, ainsi que notre *Programme de Soutien des pairs artilleurs (SPA)*, sur la page de *soutien aux membres* du site Web de l'ARC. N'oubliez pas que le SPA est dédié au bien-être de tous les artilleurs : réguliers ou réservistes, actifs ou retraités ou des membres de leur famille immédiate.

Mon dernier point est que nous avons besoin de votre aide pour une tâche simple. Si vous êtes membre actif, assurez-vous d'être inscrit sur le site Web à la page *d'adhésion*. Il n'y a pas de frais puisque tous les membres actifs sont automatiquement membres de l'Association de l'ARC. Si vous êtes retraité, pensez à nous rejoindre en payant l'adhésion annuelle qui finance nos nombreuses activités.

Si vous êtes déjà un membre actif inscrit ou un membre retraité rémunéré, merci pour votre soutien ! Envoyez-nous un courriel de temps en temps pour nous dire comment nous allons, donnez-nous de nouvelles idées ou faites du bénévolat pour nous aider à promouvoir l'efficacité et le bien-être du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne.

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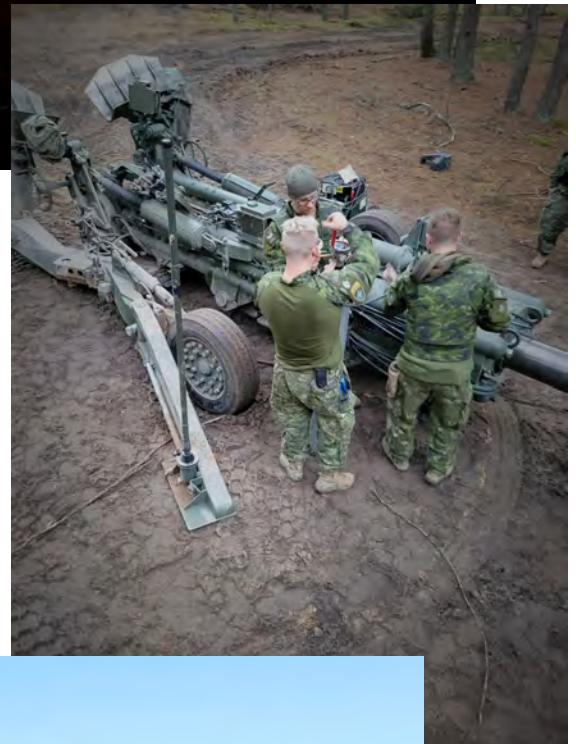


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