



News Release - Aquino Tank Weekend

The North Shore ARC, serving the Durham Region area of Ontario, is excited to be part of this year's Aquino Tank Weekend hosted by the Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum. We will be on the air from Friday, Sep 17 through Sunday, Sep 19 during the regular Aquino Tank Weekend hours...and maybe more. The Ontario Regiment Museum will even be putting a WWII communications truck at our location and one of our stations will be operating from there. Of special note this communications vehicle, a Chevrolet, was actually built here in Oshawa, ON at our General Motors plant. Even more interesting is that this vehicles serial number is 00001. The very first one off the line.



We plan on operating four stations during the event. Our CW station will operate from the WWII communications vehicle. An SSB HF station and an HF digital (FT8, FT4, etc) station will operate from within the military tents that will be provided for us. Our last station will rotate between DMR, AllStar, 2m analog on VE3OSH and, hopefully, WiresX. We plan on making this last station a roving unit that will mingle with visitors who come through our area. Basically, we are trying to make contact with this special event within the grasp of any Amateur that wants to make contact with us. All stations will be open to visitors with current COVID restrictions followed. A special QSL card will be available after the event and will be made from a picture during the actual event. We plan on using one of our club call signs, VE3NSR, for this event and our CW station may be using a different call that is already associated with the Straight Key Century Club. Please check the website closer to the event for definitive details.

More info will be coming as we get closer to the weekend and we encourage you to visit the links below for up-to-date info as we get closer to the event. We plan on spotting ourselves on sites like DX Summit. Airmen's Park, part of this complex, was just recently declared a historic site and we are hoping to have it activated as a POTA site and have this event as its first activation.

We are looking forward to making contact with you during the Aquino Tank Weekend!

Some links for more info:

- [Ontario Regiment Museum](#)
- [North Shore ARC – Aquino Tank Weekend info](#)
- [North Shore ARC – Aquino Tank Weekend recce](#)
- [Youtube](#) video of a previous Aquino Tank Weekend event
- [Youtube](#) video – learn to drive a Sherman tank
- You can also find us on QRZ – lookup up VE3NSR



Fun Facts!

- the Ontario Regiment Museum has the largest collection of operational military vehicles in North America
- they have over 100 vehicles in their collection
- the museum has two full-time staff and over 140 volunteers
- these volunteers act as guides, drivers, maintainers and restorers of the vehicle collection
- the airport, where the museum is located, opened in June 1941 under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan as No. 20 Elementary Flying Training School RCAF Station Oshawa
- potential military pilots from Commonwealth and Occupied countries were trained on this field
- a portion of the museum land has been designated as a Heritage Conservation District encompassing the former Canteen and Stores Buildings, the No. 10 Building, and Airmen's Park
- Aquino Weekend is a three-day world-class event highlighting the military vehicles in themed battle demonstrations
- common themes are "WW2 – Western Front", "WW2 – Eastern Front", "Gulf War", and "Vietnam"
- each simulated battle has vehicles, re-enactors, firepower and pyrotechnics
- this event draws visitors and participants from around the globe
- World of Tanks, a popular software game, sponsor this event and are often present

For more information please visit the links above or [email Laird VE3LKS](mailto:email.Laird.VE3LKS).