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Saint Barbara's Day — Calling all Gunners!



Sunday Dec. 4th, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The RCHA Club is hosting a St. Barbara's Day reception, take this opportunity to check out our newly renovated 2nd floor and museum area. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and drink specials. **READ MORE**

RETIREMENTS



KILLEEN Jason WO. WO Killeen will retire on 5 Dec 2016 after 21 years of dedicated service to the Canadian Forces, the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and his country. WO Killeen joined the CF in Vancouver BC on 16 Apr 1994 and completed his basic training in Cornwallis NS. After completing his artilleryman training at CFAS he was posted to 1RCHA. In typical fashion he did postings to 2RCHA, RCAS, to the Leadership School at LFCA and finally back to 2RCHA as BSM Y Bty. During his career he has served one tour in Bosnia, two tours in Afghanistan and one tour in Pakistan. After retiring from the CF WO Killeen will be joining the City of Ottawa Police Service. Good shooting, stand easy.

DEFENCE NEWS

Canada's CF-18 fighter jets can all fly past 2025



Globe and Mail

The head of the Royal Canadian Air Force says all 77 of Canada's CF-18 fighter jets will be able to fly until 2025, and even later. Lt.-Gen. Michael Hood also says the U.S. military and other allies are working on upgrades to the aging aircraft that would reduce the risks and costs if they are needed for even longer periods of time. **READ MORE**

Tax disputes take too long, military shrinking



CityNews

Tax disputes are taking too long to resolve, the ranks of Canada's military are dwindling and there's no way to adequately measure the success of efforts to streamline cross-border traffic and trade, the federal auditor general says in his annual fall report. **READ MORE**

Navy marks end of \$4.3 billion frigate modernization



CBC News

The commander of the Royal Canadian Navy was in Halifax to mark the completion of the \$4.3 billion modernization of the navy's 12 frigates — a program touted repeatedly for wrapping up with military efficiency. "It's symbolic of the extraordinary team work and collaboration that was necessary to bring this project in on time and under budget," Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd said at the Irving Shipbuilding machine shop on the waterfront. **READ MORE**

New honour for departed military veterans at Bracebridge cemetery



Muskoka Region

When Gary Denniss speaks about the Langford Cemetery he refers to it as a "place that runs because of love". When he was told a company would carve poppies into headstones of veterans for free he called it "a gift from the gods." These markers do not commemorate those who died in battle but those "returned veterans who lived out the rest of their lives here." This is why the poppies are stylized to look considerably different from those of the Royal Canadian Legion. **READ MORE**

Defence minister promises action as report shows 18 military suicides in 2015



Hamilton Spectator

The federal government will spare no expense in caring for Canada's military personnel, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said after a new report revealed 18 service members took their own lives in 2015. The report, compiled and published by the top medical officer in the Canadian Forces, also concluded that many of the 18 military personnel had sought some type of mental-health treatment shortly before their deaths. **READ MORE**

Bison teams with Canadian Armed Forces for Wreaths Across Canada



Truck News

Bison Transport has partnered with several branches of the Canadian Armed Forces to bring the Wreaths Across Canada ceremonies to Manitoba and Ottawa. The events, which will take place at Winnipeg's Fields of Honor at Brookside and Transcona Cemeteries and Ottawa's National Military Cemetery, will be attended by members of the Canadian Armed Forces, cadets and veterans, and will also be open to the general public. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

PRESTON, Melvin A. Maj (Ret'd) WWII 2 Nov 2016

WOOD, Norman, 15 Nov 2016

WILKIE, Robert (Bob) Alexander Sgt (Ret'd), 14 Nov 2016

BELL, Thomas Harold WWII, 10 Nov 2016

DOUCETTE, Fraser Edward Payne, 4 Nov 2016

ATTWELL, Clifford GE, 2 Nov 2016

EDEN, Blaire Bdr, 31 Oct 2016

HURLEY, Raymond Gerald "Ray", Col Ret'd, 29 Oct 2016

WALKER, Lloyd Sgt (Ret'd) 25 Oct 2016

DUSSAULT, A. Donald, HCol 2Fd Regt RCA, 22 October 2016

LLOYD, Douglas Bdr (Ret'd) 30 Fd Regt, 14 Oct 2016

CARRIGAN, George, Korea, 10 October 2016

ARMSTRONG, Donald Fraser, WWII. 1 Oct 2016

MURPHY, Lionel WWII and Korea, 24 Sep 2016

ROGERS, Richard Blair "Dick" LCol (Ret'd) OMM, CD, 24 Sept 2016

BUSSIERES, Francis "Frank" Anthony Col (Ret'd), 21 Aug 2016

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