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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 17 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

RCAA Bursary Winners — Gagnants des bourses de l'AARC



LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD Memorial Bursary — Major SA Graham, 7 Tor Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD — Major SA Graham, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC

Master Gunner EM "Chip" Evoy MM and Bar Memorial Bursary — Master Bombardier Jasmin Buccella, 7 Tor Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative Maître canonier EM "Chip" Evoy, MM et barre — Bombardier-Chef Jasmin Buccella, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC

Guns of the Regiment



Maj (Ret'd) Doug Knight has produced a book, *Guns of the Regiment*, which is a comprehensive account of the guns, mortars and missile systems used by the Royal Regiment. He will be addressing a combined audience of Arty and RCEME retired and serving members the evening of Thursday, 9 Mar. Time 1900 for 1930. It will be held in the Combined Mess of the Maj EJG Holland VC Armoury, 2100 Walkley Road, Ottawa. Copies will be available for purchase. Doug will be prepared to sign copies.

Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 avril 2017 Centre Bell / Black Watch



Military Tattoo 8 April 2017 Bell Centre

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DEFENCE NEWS

2RCHA gunners heading to Vimy Ridge



Pembroke Daily Observer

Gunners of the 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2RCHA) will soon be heading to France to commemorate a victory that was a defining event for Canada. The unit will be participating in ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April deploying to 15 personnel and three L5 105-millimetre Pack Howitzers that have been brought out of retirement for this special occasion. In preparation for their journey, the detachments going to France recently conducted a test fire of the howitzers, which have not seen service since the Canadian Airborne Regiment was last on the order of battle in the mid-1990s, at the regiment's compound at the garrison. **READ MORE**

Backlog in military pensions won't be cleared until end of year



CBC News

It will be the end of the year before the enormous backlog of military pension payment files is cleared up, National Defence officials say, and it will likely be October before a similar stockpile of outstanding severance payment claims are rectified. Both of these long-standing logjams have left an increasing number of newly retired military members in a financial lurch. *CBC News* has learned of at least one veteran who was tired of waiting and recently threatened legal action — something that jolted the system into action and resulted in delivery of his outstanding payments. **READ MORE**

Winter warfare training at 5 Wing



The Labradorian

About 600 soldiers from the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group based in Valcartier, QC, are taking part in Castor Boreal, a winter warfare training exercise held at 5 Wing Goose Bay. According to a press release from the Armed Forces, during the training the troops test their ability to defend a strategic site. The exercise will also include joint operations with the Canadian Rangers and officers of the Polish army. **READ MORE**

Canada's military considering its next moves in Iraq, Ukraine and possibly Africa



Toronto Star

Canada's military is facing a critical few weeks as the federal government weighs renewed deployments to Iraq and Ukraine, ponders the fate of a long-awaited peace mission, lays out a new vision for the armed forces and decides the budget to pay for it all. It all sets the stage for what promises to be a busy year for Canadian soldiers — one that could leave supply lines stretched — as they continue ongoing deployments in eastern Europe, the Middle East, embark on a new mission to Latvia and finally move ahead on the peace mission that could take them to Africa. **READ MORE**

Soldier commended for responding to river crash



Pembroke Daily Observer

A Petawawa soldier has been commended for responding to the scene of a catastrophic crash on the Ottawa River that claimed the lives of two people. Master Cpl. Jean-Claude Glandon recently received the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation. It was presented by Brig.-Gen. Stephen Cadden, commander of 4th Canadian Division, during a brief parade at the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2RCHA) Gun Park. The presentation was made on behalf of Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Jon Vance. **READ MORE**

Canadian Forces in Poland hold change of command ceremony



Ottawa Citizen

A ceremony was held recently to mark the change of command for the Operation REASSURANCE Land Task Force. Major Jesse van Eijk assumed command of the LTF from Major Lonnie Campbell, the Canadian Forces noted in a news release. The ceremony, which took place at the Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area in Poland, was presided over by Colonel Pascal Demers, Canadian Defence Attaché to Poland. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST



POTTER, Roy Alexander, RCHA, 21 Feb 17

KNOWLES, Harold, CWO (Ret'd), WWII and Korea, RCA and RC Sigs, 18 Feb 17

STRAWBRIDGE, Roger L, LCol (Ret'd), 14 Feb 17

PENNY, Simon Augusta (Tim), Korea, 11 Feb 17

GRANGER, Edron (Ed), Capt (Ret'd), 11 Fd Regt, 10 Feb 17

NAMIESNIOWSHI, Marjorie Joan (Giffin), Lt (Ret'd) RCAMC. Nursing Sister in Shilo 1955-1957, wife of Conrad Namiesniowski. 10 Feb 17

BYERS, Alice, wife of Russ Byers, 09 Feb 17

CAMERON, Cheryl, wife of WO Rick Cameron, 08 Feb 17

TOBIN, Audrey, wife of Tom Tobin (deceased), 05 Feb 17

GIRARD, Albert (Bert) AKA Joe, WO (Ret'd), 31 Jan 17

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