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### DEFENCE NEWS

## VETS Canada aims to get homeless veterans off the streets



Toronto Star

Jim Lowther still remembers sitting in his basement more than six years ago, wondering what he was going to do next with his life. After 15 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces, which included tours in Bosnia, Lowther was medically released in 2005. His time with the military left him grappling with post traumatic stress disorder. He spent much of his time not doing much at all. **READ MORE**

## Canadian Rangers to get new rifles in 2017 but civilians get the same gun first



Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian Forces says the new Canadian Ranger rifle will be delivered to Canadian Ranger units starting by mid-2017. Final deliveries are expected in late 2018/early 2019, Department of National Defence spokeswoman Ashley Lemire said. (125 prototype weapons were acquired and utilized during field trials in 2015. They did not remain in circulation.) **READ MORE**

## Canadian defence procurement still looks like massive case of Charlie Foxtrot



iPolitics

Early in April 2016, Justin Trudeau's government announced a major review of Canadian defence policy. The public consultations phase of the review closed August 1, 2016 and since then next to nothing has been heard of it. It was originally supposed to have been released toward the end of 2016 but that has come and gone, and rumour now has it that something might emerge in the spring of 2017. **READ MORE**

## Federal government doesn't understand Canadian special forces



Ottawa Citizen

Canada's special forces aren't being used enough because federal government officials don't understand such units or have the structure to make the best use of them, according to a recently released report. **READ MORE**

## Hundreds of veterans likely affected by federal cuts to medicinal pot allotment



CTV News

Almost three-quarters of veterans using medical marijuana will feel the impact this spring when the federal government imposes a new limit on the amount of weed for which it will pay. A new report says 74 per cent of veterans whose medical pot is covered by the government consume more than three grams per day — which will put them over the three-gram daily maximum the government is poised to impose starting in May. **READ MORE**

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### RETIREMENTS

#### Mike Hartery



After 35 plus years of service to The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and the Canadian Armed Forces MWO Mike Hartery will retire on 17 April 2017. Mike joined the Reg F on 18 Feb 1982, after completing recruit training in Cornwallis NS and TQ3 in Shilo MB he was posted to 1 RCHA Lahr Germany. He returned from there in 1985 and was posted to Gagetown NB to W Bty. **READ MORE**

#### Captain Joseph P. Dulong



Capt Joseph P. Dulong began his Military career in 1973 when he enrolled in the Army Reserves as a Gunner with 84th Independent Field Battery in Yarmouth NS. He spent time with the Regular Force attending Reforger in Germany in 1974 and again in 1976, he served with CCUNEFME in Ismailia Egypt. Capt Dulong remained with the 84th attaining the rank of Master Bombardier prior to transferring to the Regular Force in 1978 as a Gunner. **READ MORE**

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