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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## Nominations for RCAA Executive and Board of Directors



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As per the constitution of the RCAA nominations from the general membership for any of our Executive Committee positions (currently President, Vice-President, Secretary/ Treasurer) must be made 60 days prior to the AGM, which will be held this year on 20-22 October in Ottawa. Our deadline for nominations is Thursday the 18th of August, 2016. This allows the Nominating Committee sufficient time to deliberate over the nominations and make their recommendation to the Board of Directors meeting which will be held prior to the AGM.

In the usual course of events the President, HCol Don Dussault, will complete his term and the Vice-President, LCol Bob Elliott, will be nominated to replace him. This means that the most critical nomination for the Nominating Committee to review is that of Vice-President. Any member in good standing of the RCAA can be nominated with the exception of those members currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Honorary appointments can be nominated as they are not paid serving members.

Nominations for the Board of Directors are also being sought for this year's AGM. Please include any such nominations in your submission. The Board Members have the same nomination conditions as members of the Executive.

Please forward any nominations or questions to the Chair of the Nomination Committee, LCol Craig Cotter, at [Cotterplamondon52@gmail.com](mailto:Cotterplamondon52@gmail.com)

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## Artillery Birthday Reception



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The Annual Ottawa Gunners' Artillery Birthday Reception will be held at The Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa on Sunday, 29 May 2016 from 1400 to 1630 hrs. Please confirm your attendance by 23 May to [sectreas.ottawagunners@gmail.com](mailto:sectreas.ottawagunners@gmail.com). Cost \$20.00 p/p payable at the door. Dress; Regimental Blazer/jacket/tie or equivalent for guests.

### DEFENCE NEWS

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## Audit finds Canada's army reserve lacking soldiers, equipment, training



CBC News

A scathing auditor general's report shows Canada's army reserve is in dire straits, with only a fraction of its troops properly trained, equipped and fit for international operations and domestic emergencies. Michael Ferguson's latest audit conducted a detailed examination of the problems faced by the military's part-time branch and found that even though there are 21,000 positions on the books, only 13,944 reservists are considered active and ready for service. **READ MORE**

## Life at sea: an inside look into the world of a Royal Canadian Navy sailor



Global News

The Royal Canadian Navy is in the blood of many Maritimers. HMCS Charlottetown is one of 12 Canadian-built multi-role patrol frigates. More than 200 people call the warship "home" when they're at sea. "We think about the ship not as a machine but as a community and it's the people. I love the sailors on board and they're just the greatest bunch of people to work with," said Commander Andrew Hingston, the ship's commanding officer. **READ MORE**

## Royal Canadian Navy to commemorate Battle of Atlantic, reflect on accomplishments



Ottawa Citizen

Mottos are, by design, inspiring. From where I sit, there are none more so than the Royal Canadian Navy's credo: "Ready, Aye Ready!" This motto is a lot more than a collection of words; Canada's Navy has a rich history of excellence at sea, both at home and abroad, to back it up. The RCN will nationally commemorate the longest campaign of the Second World War — the Battle of the Atlantic. **READ MORE**

## Linda Bowerman honoured with a life membership by Royal Canadian Legion 177



Manitoulin

There are a small number of exceptional individuals whose contribution to every organization they belong to so transcend the mundane as to stand head and shoulders above the crowd. Foremost among those rarified ranks stands Linda Bowerman of Sheguiandah, and Comrade Bowerman was recognized for her efforts on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current in a ceremony during a branch meeting. **READ MORE**

## Royal Canadian Legion's donation to Invictus Games draws objections



Toronto Star

Brad White was dismayed — "it miffs me quite a bit" actually — to learn of objections to the Royal Canadian Legion's \$500,000 donation from its poppy fund to the Invictus Games to be held in Canada in 2017. White is the Legion's dominion secretary. He's also a 23-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces who retired in 1998 at the rank of lieutenant-colonel. **READ MORE**

### RETIREMENTS



**CWO ETIENNE DEGREADY CD2** will retire on 1 June 2016 after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the Royal 22e Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, the Army, the Canadian Armed Forces and his country. CWO Degready enrolled in the CF on 19 August 1980 as an infantryman with the Royal 22e Regiment serving at both The Citadel of Quebec and in Lahr Germany. In 1987 he transferred to Air Defence Artillery serving with 119 Air Defence Battery, the Air defence Artillery School in Chatham NB and with 4 Air Defence Regiment in Lahr, Germany. In 1995 CWO Degready was appointed RCA NCM Career Manager at NDHQ. He returned to 4 AD Regiment in 1997 and in 2001 trained and took a platoon of AD gunners to serve as infantry with 3e R22eR Battle Group in Bosnia. In 2004 he attended the Army Technical Warrant Officer program at RMC and was subsequently posted the Munitions Experimental test Centre at Valcartier. In 2008 CWO Degready returned to 4 AD Regiment as RSM. In 2011 he was again posted to NDHQ as Divisional CWO for DGMP. Finally, in 2013 he was posted to his current position as Military personnel Generation NCM Professional Development CWO where he manages common training and education for NCMs. Good shooting, stand easy.

**WO TIMOTHEE DAVID BERUBE MMM MMV CD** will retire on 1 June 2016 after 18 years dedicated service to the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, the Army and his country. WO Bérubé enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1997 as an artilleryman, his first posting was to 2RCHA, Petawawa. In 2005 he was posted to CFLRS, Saint - Jean-sur-Richelieu and from there to 5RALC, Valcartier. In 2013 he was posted to RCAS, Gagetown, where he currently serves. WO Bérubé participated in three deployments during his career – OP PALLADIUM in 2001, OP ATHENA 2003-2004 and TF Afghanistan ROTO 7 in 2009. He was awarded the MMV in 2011 and the MMM in 2015.

On retirement WO Bérubé will be attending the RCMP Depot to pursue a second career in the RCMP.

**WO DEXTER FLYNN CD** will retire on 13 June 2016 after more than 27 years of dedicated service to the Canadian Armed Forces and his country. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989 as an artilleryman being posted to 2RCHA, Petawawa. During his service with 2RCHA he deployed to Cyprus in 1993, Bosnia (Visoko) 1994-1995 and Bosnia (Coralici) in 1996. In 1998, WO Dexter transferred to the Postal Branch in which he saw service at a number of CFBs. In 2002 he deployed as a Postie to the Golan Heights and then in 2004 another tour to Bosnia (Velika Kladusa). In 2007, a European tour at Geilenkirchen as Postmaster. This was followed by a posting to CFB Petawawa as Postmaster.

In 2013, on promotion to WO he was posted to Moncton Garrison as Platoon Warrant for the IPSC. For the past three years he has taken great pride in his job caring for ill and injured soldiers.

### THE LAST POST

**BEACH**, Basil, 9 April 2015

**STAUBER**, Thomas Alfred Sgt, Korea, 14 April 2016

**PIOTTO**, Silvio, Joseph 'Steve', Korea, 5 April 2016

**HILLYARD**, H.H. (Bus), WWII, 2 April 2016

**MACKINNON**, John Francis, 31 March 2016

**KENNEDY**, Michael Edward Capt (Ret'd), 20 Mar 2016

**MONTAGUE**, Steve Bdr (Ret'd), 7 Mar 2016

**DELWO**, Ronald Gerald, 6 Mar 2016

**MORRIS**, Thomas Alfred, WWII, 26 Feb 2016

**DOWNE**, John Sgt (Ret'd), 16 Feb 2016

**LIRETTE**, Joseph Alfred, BDR(Ret'sd), 21 Feb 2016

**SMITH**, Col D. Ian OMM, CD, 10 Feb 2016

**CARVER**, Chester, 4 Feb 2016

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