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DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian war poem, *In Flanders Fields*, to be honoured



CBC News

A new Edmonton park will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lt.-Col. John McCrae's legendary poem, *In Flanders Fields*. The poem and sacrifices of Canadian soldiers will be remembered at Flanders Field Park in Griesbach during an unveiling ceremony. Griesbach, a former military base, fits the bill for the park's location. **READ MORE**

COLT BUILT TOUGH FOR THE FIGHT CANADA

5 ways to keep your remembrance day poppy in place



City News

It's the time of year once again where Canadians remember the more than 117,000 that have paid the ultimate price in defence of the country by donning a poppy as a symbol of thanks and memory. However, there is just one problem with the poppy: How do you keep from losing it before Nov. 11? Here are some tips and tricks for keeping that symbol of remembrance safely fastened above your heart. **READ MORE**

Remembrance Day vs. Christmas displays: Should stores hold off on



holiday promotions?

CBC News

Christmas is still almost two whole months away, but you wouldn't know that with all the holiday displays that are popping up in stores around Vancouver. It's generally accepted that Christmas decorations are fair game after Halloween. But while some people love seeing the early festive cheer, others say the promotions are too early considering Remembrance Day is just around the corner. [READ MORE](#)

5 things to know about the Field of Crosses



Calgary Herald

Lest we forget, the more than 3,000 white crosses now on display along Memorial Drive aims to ensure that Calgarians remember the sacrifices of Southern Albertans in the fight for freedom. Now in its seventh year, the Field Of Crosses Memorial Project pays tribute to the men and women killed in service to this country over the past century. The Herald's Doug Hintz shares five things to know about this solemn memorial. [READ MORE](#)

Veteran's Week march filled with vintage uniforms in Charlottetown



CBC News

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces were out of the streets of Charlottetown, with a show of force that hadn't been seen in decades. That's because many were dressed in vintage uniforms from the military that went back to World War II. It was done in honour of Veteran's Week, leading up to Remembrance Day, and featured crew from HMCS Queen Charlotte and members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1, Charlottetown. [READ MORE](#)

Free parking and transit in Ottawa for veterans from Nov. 5-11



Metro News

The City of Ottawa is honouring veterans this year by providing special transit service and free parking in the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Veterans who wear their medals or uniforms will ride free on OC Transpo, Para Transpo and STO during the week. Those accompanying veterans will not be charged either. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian-led NATO exercise with more than 36,000 soldiers a 'dramatic show of force' aimed at Putin



National Post

Russia got a privileged window into what Canada's 1,200 troops have been up to during Operation Trident Juncture — the massive NATO exercise involving tens of thousands of troops currently taking place in various locations across Europe — when a Spetsnaz (Special Forces) colonel and other Russian officers dropped by the other day to observe them in action. [READ MORE](#)

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Annual Remembrance Day Gunner Reception for the National Capitol Region



RCAA

On behalf of LCol Jim Hampson and CWO Laurent Guyon, an invitation is extended to the members of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association to join the Bytown Gunners for a post Remembrance Day Reception at Morrison Artillery Park (MAP).

The Regiment will be firing three salutes this year:

the 21 gun salute at the National War Memorial at 1100 hrs;
the Minute Gun at the National Military Cemetery in Beachwood at 1100 hrs; and
the Minute Gun at the National Artillery Memorial at 1300 hrs.

The Messes will be open from 1330 hrs onwards and we will have something to warm your soul (or your tummy)! MAP is located at 307 DeNiverville Private on the Uplands site very close to the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Paul Benoit Way.

Canada's Phantom Regiment



RCAA

You are cordially invited to enjoy this exciting new film with key people in the production of it. There will be a screening of the new documentary about the 12th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (1940-1945), on Sunday November 15th, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Palmerston, Ontario.

[Click here to view the poster.](#)

Free access for the month of November for veterans and those in active duty



GoodLife Fitness

During the entire month of November, GoodLife Fitness — Canada's largest fitness club chain — welcomes all Canadian veterans and those in active duty to use GoodLife Fitness clubs for free. The month-long Open House runs from November 1-30, 2015 at all GoodLife Fitness clubs across Canada. **READ MORE**

The Annual Ottawa Gunners



RCAA

Don't miss out on the St. Barbara's Day reception!

December 6th, 2015

The Army Officers Mess, 149 Somerset Street West

Cost: \$20.00 p/p

Reservations by 30 November, please

Contact Peter Forsberg, Secretary-Treasurer, at pwforsberg@gmail.com

Dress: Regimental blazer / jacket / tie / equivalent dress for accompanied guests

Reserve now to avoid disappointment!

THE LAST POST



MacISAAC, John Francis Donald, LCol (Ret'd), 22 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Edward Patrick, WWII Gunner, 19 Oct 2015

HAWKINS, Danny, Sgt (Ret'd), 18 Oct 2015

SINGER, Keith C., 15 October 2015

JEFFERIES, Jim, Col (Ret'd), 14 Oct 2015

SHRUM, Clair L. "Teddy", 9 Oct 2015

DYKE, Charles Richard "Dick", LCol (Ret'd), 8 Oct 2015

BASKER, Wes, 19 Sept 2015

GENRICK, Peter James (Jim), MWO (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

TOBIN, Thomas Victor, 4 RCHA (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

FETTERLY, Allan Nyse, 13 Sept 2015

DALKE, Donald, Capt (Ret'd), 12 Sept 2015

MCKINLAY, Ronald Warrenner, Capt (Ret'd), 4 Sept 2015

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