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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

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## Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles!



Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global des « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir au directeur exécutif de l'AARC, à l'adresse courriel suivante: [exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour le « Bulletin électronique » hebdomadaire de l'AARC devraient être reçues au plus tard à 16 h HNE le lundi, afin d'être publiées dans l'édition de jeudi. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC » publiées chaque semaine doivent être envoyés à [exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). L'Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne se réserve le droit d'accepter ou de rejeter les soumissions reçues. Les articles apparaîtront selon nos délais de rédaction.

## Gunners Return to France — 2017



One-hundred Canadian Gunners have just arrived in France to participate in a tour with the evocative title of "Gunners Return to Vimy and the Battlefields of Normandy." For 10 days, they will be visiting the historic

battlefields, memorials and cemeteries that mark the contribution and sacrifice of thousands of Canadian Gunners in World War One and during the Second World War. **READ MORE**

## New documents from Veterans Affairs Canada



Veterans Affairs Canada

- [Medical Coverage And Veterans](#)
- [How to Succeed With VAC and Get Your Justified Disability Award Payments Faster](#)
- [Your Estate \(with respect to VAC\)](#)
- [Other Activities or Services a Veteran or Soldier May Be Able to Access](#)

## Training for War: Collective Training in Canada's Army Reserve Units



This booklet was written by Brigadier-General (Retired) Ernest Beno, OMM, CD and Colonel Eppo van Weelderden, CD, with the Foreword by Brigadier-General David Patterson, MSM, CD. The purpose of this book is to help those charged with training Army Reserve units and who lead the training in those units to provide productive, high quality and focused training. To help them plan, oversee, manage and execute effective collective training. **READ MORE**

## Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — March 28, 2017



Check out the latest news and updates from the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver. **READ MORE**

## 2017/2018 Juno Beach Fellowship



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## Programme de bourses de recherche du Centre Juno Beach



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## Fortissimo: Beating Retreat Ceremony



Ottawa Tourism

21st edition! This annual military and musical spectacular features massed military bands, pipes and drums, guest performers and the soldiers of the Ceremonial Guard.

30th Field Regiment RCA (The Bytown Gunners) normally fire a gun salute to accompany the playing of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture during the Fortissimo concerts. **READ MORE**

## Fortissimo: la Cérémonie de battement de la retraite



Tourisme Ottawa

21e édition ! Cette présentation militaire et musicale impressionnante met en vedette des musiques militaires, des corps de cornemuses et tambours, des artistes invités et des soldats de la Garde de cérémonie.

Normalement, le 30e régiment de campagne de l'ARC (The Bytown Gunners) participe aux concerts de Fortissimo en accompagnant la pièce Ouverture 1812 de Tchaikovsky avec le tir des canons. **LIRE PLUS**

## DEFENCE NEWS

### Book review: L'artillerie des stratagèmes



National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces

This excellent new book is an intriguing historical study of the continuing evolution of artillery as an arm of deception, in addition to its classical role as the arm of disruption and destruction on the modern battlefield.

**READ MORE**

### Critiques de livre : L'artillerie des stratagèmes



Défense Nationale et les Forces armées canadiennes

Ce nouvel ouvrage est une excellente étude historique qui retrace de façon captivante l'évolution continue de l'artillerie en tant qu'arme de déception, en plus du rôle classique d'arme de perturbation et de destruction qu'elle joue sur le champ de bataille moderne. **LIRE PLUS**

### New Brunswick reservists ready to pay respects at Vimy Ridge



CBC News

Ten reservists from New Brunswick are packing their bags for what they're calling the trip of a lifetime. They're going to Normandy to tour the battlefields of the two world wars and attend commemorative events marking the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which began at 5:30 a.m. on April 9, 1917. "I've never been to France before and it's one of the places I always wanted to see," said Bombardier Olivia Hovey, who got her first taste of the army when she signed up as a cadet during high school in Woodstock. **READ MORE**

### Basic military training graduates look forward to exploring career opportunities



Kings County Advertiser

With basic training behind them, they can now begin exploring the many avenues of opportunity that exist within the Canadian Armed Forces. Camp Aldershot hosted a graduation ceremony recently for 16 candidates who have successfully completed the Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) course. Private Andrew Heptinstall of Waterville, a member of the West Nova Scotia Regiment, was recognized as the top candidate. He said he was surprised by the recognition. However, he realizes that BMQ training is just the beginning. **READ MORE**

### How a bike trip through Europe is helping veterans with PTSD



CTV News

In 2009, Dan Hrechka stepped out of his Kingston, ON, home to take part in a ritual that brings joy to millions of Canadians — attending a hockey game with friends. Instead, the open space of the arena and its large, noisy crowd had the opposite effect on the veteran. "I ran out and basically hid for most of the night," he said. "I couldn't cope." After serving two tours in the Middle East, Hrechka had come home to a different kind of battle — healing the mental wounds inflicted by the extreme stress he experienced overseas. **READ MORE**

### Canadian special forces taking more active role in Iraq as Liberals extend ISIS mission



Global News

Canadian special forces are taking a more active role in the battle for Mosul, where ISIS continues to hold on despite weeks of bloody fighting. National Defence says some of the 200 Canadian special forces in northern Iraq have entered east Mosul and are now helping the Iraqi military free the western half of the city. That represents a significant shift as the Canadians had largely avoided Mosul and spent little time with the Iraqi military, working instead with Kurdish forces to the north and east. **READ MORE**

## THE LAST POST

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**HAMPSON**, Lisa, Maj, CO of 7 Int Coy and wife of LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd, 19 Mar 17

**DANCEY**, Brian (Satch), 18 Mar 17

**SPRAGUE**, Robert, RCN WWII and RCA Korea, 07 Mar 17

**SAUERACKER**, Ron, Sgt (Ret'd), 30 Fd, 03 Mar 17

**WYNNCHENKO**, Bill, Sgt (Ret'd), Korea, 25 Feb 17

## TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Liberals' second budget leaves big questions on vets' pensions, defence spending](#) (CTV News)
- [How Canada's bloodiest day at Vimy defined Great War sacrifice](#) (Maclean's)
- [Bomb factories, village command posts: Islamic State's rural fight](#) (Yahoo!)

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