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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## RCAA AGM and RCA Training Event 21/22 October 2016



RCAA

The annual RCAA AGM & RCA Training Event will be held at the Morrison Gun Park (30 Fd Regt RCA) 307 deNiverville Private, Ottawa ON on 21 and 22 October 2016. The program will start with a Meet and Greet at the Gun Park on Thursday evening, the 20th. The annual Guest Night will take place at the venue on the 21st. Joining Instructions may be found at [www.rcaa-aarc.ca](http://www.rcaa-aarc.ca). **READ MORE**

## Take Post— The Journal of the Toronto Gunner Community — Edition 13 — Part B



This journal, — Take Post is published bi-monthly under the authority of the Honorary Colonel, 7th Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Take Post reaches out to all Gunners and those interested in being part of the Regimental Artillery Family of the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose is to share information and strengthen the ties between serving members, retired Gunners, Gunner families, friends of the Artillery, and the Greater Toronto Community. **READ MORE**

## Vimy 2017 Project



[Click here](#) for an invitation to attend the 4 Nov 2016 fundraising luncheon in support of the Fifth (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation. The buffet luncheon will be in the Currie Room of the Bay Street Armoury at 1200h. The Officers' Mess will open at 1130h. **READ MORE**

## **SITREP — Gunners Return to Vimy and the Battlefields of Normandy 1 - 10 April 2017**



As of 26 September 2016 we have 100 Gunners (and friends of Gunners) committed to The Return of Gunners to Vimy tour in 2017, and we have a handful on a the standby list. A number of other senior Gunners will join us for a few days before and during the Vimy Ceremony. The Communications Branch/Signals Corps will also join us with 100, two busloads. All is going well from the perspective of planning, coordination and administration. **READ MORE**

## **Air OP Restoration**



This will be of interest to those of you who served in an Air OP Troop or those who were fortunate enough to have flown in the Auster or L19 aircraft. The RCA Museum at Base Shilo MB has a goodly number of Air OP artifacts including both an Auster and an L19. Efforts are now underway to refurbish both these aircraft and to display them appropriately at the Museum. For those interested in more information you can visit the Canadian Army Aviation website at [canadianarmyaviation.ca](http://canadianarmyaviation.ca) or contact LCol (Ret'd) Vic Coroy at [gunnerpilot@rogers.com](mailto:gunnerpilot@rogers.com).

### **DEFENCE NEWS**

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## **Canadian military to ask Ottawa to approve up to \$500 million in spending for CF-18 upgrades**



National Post

The Canadian military is hoping to ask the government early next year for approval to spend up to \$500 million to modernize its CF-18 fighter jets. The upgrade would keep the planes flying until 2025, giving the government some breathing room to organize the purchase of replacements and make sure they are delivered before the older jets are taken out of service. **READ MORE**

## **Backlog of applications for veterans benefits still greater than 11,500**



CBC News

Veterans Affairs is struggling to tame an enormous stockpile of disability benefits claims — approximately 11,544 — from ex-soldiers who are just entering the system, CBC News has learned. Bureaucrats flagged the growing problem to the former Conservative government just over a year ago. **READ MORE**

## **Canada's military bases falling apart due to lack of funding**



CTV News

A National Defence audit has found many of Canada's military bases are falling apart because of chronic underspending on the maintenance, repair and replacement of sewers, roads and electrical, heating and drinking water systems. The problem is exacerbated by the fact military officials have little to no information on the actual state of those municipal works, meaning the department doesn't know how what needs to be fixed or replaced. **READ MORE**

## **Canadian military gears up to support a major French counterterrorism mission**



Toronto Star

As the Liberal government contemplates which United Nations peacekeeping mission to join, the Canadian military is gearing up to support a major French counterterrorism operation in northern Africa. Defence officials say

planning is underway for Canada to send military transport aircraft to help France in its fight against Islamic militant groups in five countries: Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad. **READ MORE**

## Brunch in Windsor to honour veterans service



Windsor Square

The Windsor Moose Lodge 1499 will be hosting a brunch to honour the duty provided by Canada's veterans. To take place on October 30, the brunch is free to all military service veterans. Doors will open at 10:30am with brunch to follow at 11:00 a.m. Veterans are asked to pick up their free tickets at 777 Tecumseh Road West between noon and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, starting October 3 until October 24. members are required to provide service numbers. **READ MORE**

## Canada's premiere youth organization comes back to Shilo



Westman Journal

After four years of parading as a satellite corps, the 2502 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps has claimed its own identity once again as CFB Shilo's Army Cadet Corps. Captain Rob Lussier, commanding Officer of 2502, says the plan to resurrect the cadet unit at CFB Shilo came as a result of increasing activities for the youth on base four years ago after being approached by base commander Lt.-Col. Richard Goodyear. **READ MORE**

## Veterans' Memorial Walkway Rededication



The Milestone

The Veteran's Memorial Walkway in Almonte celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a rededication ceremony scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at 2:00pm. A unique joint venture between the Town of Mississippi Mills and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 240 Almonte, the idea of a living memorial to our veterans dates back to 2003. **READ MORE**

### THE LAST POST

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**MURPHY**, Lionel WWII and Korea, 24 Sep 2016

**ROGERS**, Richard Blair "Dick" LCol (Ret'd) OMM, CD, 24 Sept 2016

**BUSSIERES**, Francis "Frank" Anthony Col (Ret'd), 21 Aug 2016

**KYNOCK**, Reigh Aubrey, 25 Aug 2016

**METCALFE**, Clinton Howard, Maj (Ret'd) WWII

**WORSLEY**, Frank "Gump" Bdr (Ret'd), 22 August 2016

**JESSOME**, Barry, L/Bdr (Ret'd), 20 August 2016

**GEORGE**, Herbert "Sonny", 2RCHA & 4RCHA, 19 August 2016

**BARTER**, William "Bill", Sgt (Ret'd), 18 August 2016

**HAMILTON**, Harold Bernard, WWII, 13 August 2016

**FIORIN**, Dino Pietro, Captain (Ret'd), 11 August 2016

**LEWIS**, (Art) Benjamin — MCpl (Ret'd), 2 & 4 RCHA, 25 July 2016

**BURNS**, William (Billy) Burton, passed in New Brunswick, 22 July 2016

**MORRIS**, Dave, Sargent (Ret'd), 22 July 2016

**AMOS**, William (Bill) Joseph Captain (Ret'd), 19 July 2016

**MARSH**, Michael Vincent, 7 July 2016

**HALLAM**, Rodney William, MWO (Ret'd), 1 July 2016

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