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DEFENCE NEWS

Defence minister set to lay out steps to replace aging fighter jets



CTV News

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan will shed some light on how the government plans to replace Canada's aging fighter jets in an address to defence and aerospace industry officials. The much-anticipated update will not include an announcement on what aircraft will replace Canada's CF-18s, said Sajjan's spokeswoman, Jordan Owens. The minister will instead lay out what "short-term next steps" the government intends to take on the file. **READ MORE**

Trudeau defends military spending record by pointing to Eastern Europe mission



CTV News

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau defended Canada's record on military spending, saying the country has consistently shouldered a heavier burden than many of its allies when it counts the most. NATO reported this week that Canadian defence spending in 2015 hit levels not seen in decades, falling to 0.98 per cent of gross domestic product. **READ MORE**

Changes coming to naval schools



Lookout News

Due to the diverse nature of the future fleet's capabilities, tied with the complex nature of the future security environment, the Royal Canadian Navy's Naval Training System is in need of an overhaul. The Future Naval Training System Strategy, released in the summer of 2015, identifies where the RCN needs to focus in order to address the capabilities of the future fleet, which are being built at Irving Shipbuilding in Halifax, and Seaspan Shipyards in Vancouver, under the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy. **READ MORE**

DND confirms veterans on reserve list are public servants



CBC News

A Canadian veteran who is in a battle with the federal government over patent rights says he's very disappointed with the latest comments from the minister of national defence that retired military members on the supplementary reserve list are considered public servants. As it stands, public servants cannot apply for a patent without permission from the government. **READ MORE**

Second World War pilot honoured in special way



Medicine Hat News

A Dutch pilot who died while at the Second World War flight training school in Medicine Hat, AB, more than 7,000 km from the Netherlands, was remembered in a special way. Johannes Sluijter, 27, died on Dec. 3, 1943, when the Harvard he was flying stalled at low altitude, crashed and caught fire, according to information online from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. **READ MORE**

Canadian Armed Forces night has big impact on 2 Lions



BC Lions

The BC Lions Football Club is proud to hold Canadian Armed Forces Night when the Toronto Argonauts come to town. Tickets will be given to servicemen and servicewomen who may not otherwise be able to attend a game. Hunter Steward and Jason Arakgi both have strong ties to the Canadian Armed Forces: Hunter's Father Robin serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, and will also be on hand assisting in the coin toss with Rear Admiral Gilles Couturier of the Royal Canadian Navy, while Jason's older brother Nick currently serves as an infantry officer in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. **READ MORE**

Canada to send troops to Latvia for new NATO brigade



CBC News

The Trudeau government has decided it will send troops to join a NATO high-readiness brigade preparing to deploy in Eastern Europe. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says Canada will take a leadership role and establish one of the battle group formations requested by the alliance. **READ MORE**

Veterans Affairs Standing Committee pushing to reduce wait times for Nova Scotia veterans



CTV News

After months of fighting with Veterans Affairs, Second World War sailor Petter Blindheim is finally staying where he and his family wanted — at Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Hospital in Halifax. Now the Standing Committee of Veteran Affairs, a group made up of Nova Scotia MLAs, doesn't want to see a veteran have to wait that long again. "The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs wanted an update on Camp Hill specifically," said Lindsay Peach of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. **READ MORE**

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Ex Fenian Raids



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On the 150th Anniversary of the Fenian Raids, 30 Field Regiment RCA participated with The Brockville Rifles, the band of the Governor General's Foot Guards and Parks Canada in a commemoration at the Fort Wellington National Historic Site in Prescott, Ontario. The formal commemoration opened with the National Anthem, a welcome and introduction of official guests including Mayor Brett Todd, Town of Prescott, BGen James Selbie, Col Comdt RCA, Col Tim Young, Regimental Colonel RCA, LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd Regt, and Mr. Hugh Ostrom, Superintendent, National Historic Sites Ontario East, Parks Canada. [READ MORE](#)

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