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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

From Infantry to AD to Fd: 42nd Field to celebrate its 150th anniversary in September



Lt Melanie Aqiqi

42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark and Renfrew Scottish), RCA will celebrate its 150th Regimental Anniversary this September 2016. It can be said that our history is a complicated one. Re-named, re-designated, re-organized, re-roled, and re-badged numerous times since its formation in 1866, it has remained firmly rooted in the Lanark and Renfrew counties of Eastern Ontario since the beginning.

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Sonic Boom: 13th Field Battery at the Manitoba Air Show



Sgt McMullen

It's a bird, (a SkyHawk?)... It's a plane... It's artillery!

This had to be the reaction many attendees experienced at the Manitoba Air Show, the first air show held in the province in 7 years, when a six-wheeled MSVS sped down the runway with a C3 105mm Howitzer in tow. It wasn't long before fans of all ages stopped what they were doing and took notice as the truck circled the runway and a highly-motivated and proficient detachment poured out of the cab to manhandle the gun into position.

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Bang supersonique : la 13e Batterie de campagne au spectacle aérien



du Manitoba

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C'est un oiseau (un SkyHawk?)... C'est un avion... C'est l'artillerie!

Cela doit être la réaction qu'ont eue de nombreux spectateurs au spectacle aérien du Manitoba, le premier spectacle aérien qui avait lieu dans la province en 7 ans, lorsqu'un SVSM à six roues a roulé à grande vitesse sur la piste d'atterrissage en tirant un obusier C3 de 105 mm. Ça n'a pas été long avant que les partisans de tout âge cessent ce qu'ils faisaient et portent attention tandis que le camion tournait sur la piste d'atterrissage et un détachement hautement motivé et efficace sortant de la cabine pour déplacer l'obusier en place. **LIRE PLUS**

7th Toronto Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery



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Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the 9th Battery, RCA
Saturday, 10th of September, 2016. **SEE MORE**

Lest We Forget — A Tribute to Those Who Served



On October 1, 2016, John McDermott, along with his special guests, will host a memorable tribute of music, performance and pageantry in honour of Veterans and Service Personnel in the wondrous Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. **SEE MORE**

DEFENCE NEWS

Say goodbye to Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessel Quest — military quietly orders ship to be "divested"



Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian navy's last research vessel will be decommissioned, leaving the country's defence scientists without their own ship to conduct research in the Arctic and other locations. The Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessel Quest, an oceanographic research ship used by the navy and Defence Research and Development Canada, was sidelined in 2014 as a result of cost-cutting measures by the Conservative government. **READ MORE**

New exhibit opening at the Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence



Bay Today

The Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence at 22 Wing/CFB North Bay will launch a new exhibit about the history of the wing entitled "North Bay @ 65". It's the 65th anniversary of the military installation that is currently known as 22 Wing/CFB North Bay. Originally opened as Royal Canadian Air Force Station North Bay, 65 years of history will be told through artifacts that represent over six decades of history. **READ MORE**

Minister promises 'relatively timely' action on homeless veterans strategy



CTV News

The veterans affairs minister says the government intends to implement a number of recommendations to combat homelessness among veterans and to do so in what he calls a relatively timely fashion. A draft of the government's proposed strategy to help homeless veterans shows that officials are looking at changing the vets benefits system to make it easier to hand out housing subsidies, an idea that has been shown to have some success in the United States. **READ MORE**

Veterans receive service commendations



North Shore News

Two North Shore veterans received official commendation from the veterans affairs minister. At a ceremony in

Richmond, Harry Greenwood of West Vancouver and Edmund Wu of North Vancouver, along with 12 others, were honoured by Minister of Veterans Affairs Kent Hehr for their outstanding service in caring for local veterans. It is the highest honour the ministry gives. **READ MORE**

Canadian Forces to help train Jordanian military for the fight against ISIL



National Post

The Canadian Armed Forces deployed personnel to Jordan late last month as part of a "training assessment team" to research how Canada might train the Jordanian Armed Forces for the fight against ISIL. Capt. Vincent Bouchard, a spokesman for Canadian Joint Operations Command Headquarters, confirmed that a "small group" of Canadian soldiers has arrived in Jordan with the goal of establishing periodic training programs, but said their identity and exact numbers cannot be disclosed for reasons of operational security. **READ MORE**

Canadian Forces in Yukon for training exercise rescue three stranded paddlers



Yukon News

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces stationed in the Yukon for a military training exercise were unexpectedly called out on a real search-and-rescue mission. Three paddlers from Packer Expeditions in Skagway, Alaska became stranded on the Wheaton River south of Whitehorse and ended up spending the night outdoors. **READ MORE**

RETIREMENTS

WO Bill Butts CD



After 29 years of dedicated services to the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, the army and his country, WO Bill Butts, CD will retire from the CAF. WO Butts joined the military in 1987 at the age of 22 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. After graduating basic training in Cornwallis and battle school in Shilo, he was posted to 3 RCHA G Bty. He served G Bty until his tour to Cyprus in 1992 and then transferred to 1 RCHA. WO Butts was a member of "A" Bty from 1992 that included a tour in Bosnia (2000) and remained with that same Bty until his posting to Gagetown in 2005. Some of the positions that he had the privilege of assuming over his long career are Det Comd, Pronto, BQMS, FOO, FOO Tech, TSM and more recently G3 ops tasker. He presently holds a computer technician certificate and plans on enhancing his current certification with a series of network courses. For the last 13 years, he has been sharing his life with Christa Chase who is a LPN in the Fredericton area. WO Butts retirement plans include moving to a smaller house and enjoying some well-deserved time with Christa. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

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

JOHNSTON, Willis A. (Woody) MWO (Ret'd), 5 June 2016

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