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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 17 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

RCAA Bursary Winners — Gagnants des bourses de l'AARC



LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD Memorial Bursary — Major SA Graham, 7 Tor Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD — Major SA Graham, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC

Master Gunner EM "Chip" Evoy MM and Bar Memorial Bursary — Master Bombardier Jasmin Buccella, 7 Tor Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative Maître canonier EM "Chip" Evoy, MM et barre — Bombardier-Chef Jasmin Buccella, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC

Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 avril 2017 Centre Bell / Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 April 2017 Bell Centre



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DEFENCE NEWS

Shoot it with artillery: How Canada tames avalanches in the treacherous passes of the Rocky Mountains



National Post

In the early 1960s, a Canada replete with war surplus suddenly struck on a winning idea to deal with Rocky Mountain avalanches: Why not just shoot at them? More than 50 years later, we still are. In what is Canada's longest-running military operation, every winter artillery units are dispatched into the mountains west of Banff to wage war on Mother Nature. **READ MORE**

VETS Canada looking to help female veterans



Global News

VETS Canada held a national event recently, aimed at raising awareness of female veterans from coast-to-coast. "In Her Boots" saw volunteer teams walk the streets of cities across the country looking for homeless or in-crisis female veterans. Volunteers with the non-profit organization also visited both women's and family shelters throughout the country. **READ MORE**

Ukraine looks to Canada to help modernize military's 'Soviet mentality'



CBC News

As the war in Eastern Ukraine grinds on, away from the international headlines, the country's Soviet-era military is struggling to suppress separatist forces backed by a modern, well-resourced Russian machine. And it is looking to Canada for help. Both sides in the three-year-old conflict blithely ignore commitments made under the Minsk agreement — the ceasefire plan signed in early 2015 — to keep heavy weapons out of the conflict zone. **READ MORE**

New Canadian military commander takes over in Ukraine



Ottawa Citizen

The new commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine (JTF-U), Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Lubiniecki, assumed command from Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne Niven recently during a ceremony at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre in Starychi, Ukraine. The ceremony marks the transition between Rotations 2 and 3 of Operation UNIFIER, Canada's capacity building and military training mission in Ukraine, according to the Canadian Forces. **READ MORE**

Ottawa weighs risks of child soldiers in Mali



Globe and Mail

The Trump administration has given the green light to Canada to dispatch up to 600 soldiers on a United Nations peacekeeping mission to Mali, but Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is holding back approval as he assesses the volatile risks of fighting Islamist rebels who use child soldiers. A new Canadian Armed Forces directive, published recently, warns troops that child soldiers are likely to be encountered "on an increasing basis" in future UN or NATO-led missions and cautions them if they are not sufficiently armed they could be vulnerable to "human wave attacks" employed by child soldiers — frontal assaults where the target is overrun. **READ MORE**

Photography display in Smithers, B.C., showcases Kurdish soldiers



CBC News

Photojournalist Mark West was 27 when he decided to travel to Turkey and Iraq to cover the story of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). The man from Smithers, B.C., spent four months there in the early 90s in what he calls a calculated career move. "I was looking for a big story that would make my name... There was increasing violence with the PKK. So what I wanted to do was to go down there and see that for myself and find out who these people were," says West. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST



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

POTTER, Roy Alexander, RCHA, 21 Feb 17

KNOWLES, Harold, CWO (Ret'd), WWII and Korea, RCA and RC Sigs, 18 Feb 17

STRAWBRIDGE, Roger L, LCol (Ret'd), 14 Feb 17

PENNY, Simon Augusta (Tim), Korea, 11 Feb 17

GRANGER, Edron (Ed), Capt (Ret'd), 11 Fd Regt, 10 Feb 17

NAMIESNIOWSHI, Marjorie Joan (Giffin), Lt (Ret'd) RCAMC. Nursing Sister in Shilo 1955-1957, wife of Conrad Namiesniowski. 10 Feb 17

BYERS, Alice, wife of Russ Byers, 09 Feb 17

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- [2RCHA gunners heading to Vimy Ridge](#) (Pembroke Daily Observer)
- [Backlog in military pensions won't be cleared until end of year](#) (CBC News)
- [Canadian Forces in Poland hold change of command ceremony](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

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