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DEFENCE NEWS

VETS Canada



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Veterans Emergency Transition Services was formed in Halifax several years ago to help veterans having difficulty in returning to civilian life. VETS organizations are starting to spread across Canada but they need volunteers to go out on the streets to find and then assist those Canadian veterans who need help. If you have the time to help a fellow veteran then log on to VETSCanada.org.

Canadian CF-18s still coming home



CP24

NATO wants to see Canada play a role in its reconstituted military mission to train Iraqi security forces — an idea the alliance's secretary general pitched directly to Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion, The Canadian Press has learned. Jens Stoltenberg's approach, made on the sidelines of a foreign minister's meeting in Brussels, could be helpful to the Liberal government, which began its first question period fending off accusations that it is cutting and running from the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as ISIL or ISIS. **READ MORE**

'We save lives': ex-soldiers help track down, support homeless veterans



CTV News

A group of volunteers made up of mostly former soldiers and RCMP officers are scouring Ottawa hoping to track down their former comrades who have fallen on hard times and now live on the streets. The non-profit Veterans Emergency Transition Services was founded in Halifax five years ago to help out Canadian veterans who are in

crisis, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. [READ MORE](#)

Liberal government moves to hire new staff at Veterans Affairs



Ottawa Citizen

Public service job competitions have begun as the Liberal government starts to follow through on its promise to rehire Veterans Affairs front-line staff cut by Tories. Two job postings are now up, with union president Carl Gannon Jr. pointing out the process is the first sign under the new government that it is going to reverse Conservative staff cuts. Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr has also said the nine Veterans Affairs offices closed by the Conservatives will be reopened. [READ MORE](#)

Wreaths placed on veterans graves as visible sign of support



CTV News

There was a visible sign of support at the National Military Cemetery recently. Thousands of wreaths were laid on the headstones of veterans as part of Wreaths Across Canada. The annual event was started five years ago by Craig McPhee, a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces. It is based on the Wreaths Across America that started in 1992 at Arlington Cemetery. [READ MORE](#)

Manitoba program to match retiring soldiers with careers in agriculture



CBC News

A new program from a Winnipeg-based organization will match retired military soldiers with jobs in the country's agriculture sector. Operation Ag Careers, organized in part by the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR), aims to career-match soldiers retiring from service and entering civilian life with new careers in the agriculture sector — both on and off the farm. [READ MORE](#)

3rd Canadian Division celebrates 100th anniversary in Edmonton



Edmonton Sun

The 3rd Canadian Division celebrated its 100th anniversary at Edmonton's Jefferson Armoury. Brigadier-General Wayne Eyre and Lt.-Gov. Lois Mitchell addressed a contingent of regular force soldiers from 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and Reserve Force soldiers from 41 Canadian Brigade Group, along with MLAs and other dignitaries. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian Contingent jumps on op toy drive



Windsor Square

Just after dawn, the chilly air was filled with the sounds of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. It appeared over the tree line, dropping nations from the sky. Paratroopers from the US, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Latvia, and the Netherlands, all fell from the sky to the Nijmegen Landing Zone, in participation with Operation Toy Drop. [READ MORE](#)

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Sergeant of the Year Award 2015



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We are now in our third year of recognizing Sergeants for The Brigadier-General Ernest Beno Award. for Leadership in the Rank of Sergeant (The RCA Sergeant of the Year Award). This year's recipients of this award are:

- Sergeant (Now WO) Matthew Flynn, Royal Canadian Artillery School
- Sergeant (Now WO) Tristan Bankasingh, 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA

1RCHA Hockey News:

- B Bty are this year's winners of the Kingston Cup for inter-battery hockey
- HQ & Svcs Bty the winners of the Hugsweier Cup having beaten the C/Z Bty team.

READ MORE**RCAA joins hands across the seas**

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The Royal Canadian Artillery Association now has affiliation agreements with the Royal Artillery Association (RAA), the Royal Australian Artillery Association (RAAA) and the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (RNZAA). The purpose of these affiliations is the exchange of information and ideas of interest to gunners. We will be exchanging our websites and e-news letters to stay up to date. So if you are planning a trip to one of our Commonwealth allies and would like to make contact with local gunners this will provide you with a link. I know that the kiwi contacts both spent time in Canada and would be interested in renewing contact. Stay tuned for more news.

AAA RCAA Affiliation

RCAA

The Australian Artillery Association is both honoured and delighted that you have invited us to affiliate with the Royal Canadian Artillery Association (RCAA), an invitation that we humbly accept. To this end we have placed a link to your website on our Links webpage and will notify all our members in the next edition of our eNewsletter.

READ MORE**Colonel Commandment Commendation**

RCAA

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) I.A. Kennedy is hereby commended for his outstanding contribution to the well-being of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and the celebration of its history and heritage. A onetime Bombardier and Lance Sergeant of the RCA, Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy went on to provide similarly distinguished service as an officer of The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, The Royal Canadian Regiment, the Canadian Airborne Regiment and The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment (which he commanded). **READ MORE**

Public health care plan and dental tax write off

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If you are paying for public health care and dental package, here is some information for your income tax:

Call CF Medical Plan Office 1 800 267 6542 and CF Dental Plan Office 1-800-267-0350.

Ask them for your premium paid tax receipt for the past 10 years and they will take your information and you will receive it in the mail. I was assured that the amount I paid over the past 10 may be applied to my income tax submission for 2015 tax year. The form will be mailed to you in Feb/Mar 2016 and then from that date on you will receive the tax amount via a letter every year.

THE LAST POST

MARTIN, Charles Edward, WWII, 7 Dec 15

WHALEN, Ivan, RCHA, 7 Nov 2015

KEMPERS, Herman Jan 'John', 3RCHA, 29 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Edward Patrick, Gnr Korea, 23 Oct 2015

MacISAAC, John Francis Donald, LCol (Ret'd), 22 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Norman, WWII Gunner, 19 Oct 2015

HAWKINS, Danny, Sgt (Ret'd), 18 Oct 2015

SINGER, Keith C., 15 October 2015

JEFFERIES, Jim, Col (Ret'd), 14 Oct 2015

DYKE, Charles Richard "Dick", LCol (Ret'd), 8 Oct 2015

BARKER, Wes, 19 Sept 2015

GENRICK, Peter James (Jim), MWO (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

TOBIN, Thomas Victor, 4 RCHA (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

FETTERLY, Allan Nyse, 13 Sept 2015

DALKE, Donald, Capt (Ret'd), 12 Sept 2015

MCKINLAY, Ronald Warrener, Capt (Ret'd), 4 Sept 2015

ROBERTSON, Neil A, Col (Ret'd), 1 Sept 2015

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- [Ombudsman: Feds are keeping veterans in the dark on disability decisions](#) (Global News)
- [Canadian Forces personnel and DND public servants now cleared to speak to journalists](#) (Ottawa Citizen)
- [Cost to build navy's new warships more than doubles to \\$30 billion](#) (CBC News)

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