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The Canadian Armed Forces Reservists' Paid Internship Program



Canadian Armed Forces

Supported by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), in partnership with the Department of National Defence (DND), the Canadian Armed Forces Reservists' Paid Internship Program is aimed at helping members of Canada's Primary Reserve force secure paid internship opportunities that align with their civilian career goals, while also enabling them to continue serving their local reserve unit. **READ MORE**

RCAS Conducts Battery Sergeant Major's Course



Warrant Officer Stefan Meinert

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This summer, Senior Non-Commissioned Members from across Canada converged at The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS), to complete the Battery Sergeant Major's (BSM) course. With over 400 years of combined experience, this diverse group of Senior Non-Commissioned Members was a microcosm of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (RCA), as English and French candidates from both the Regular Force and Primary Reserve learned the duties and responsibilities of a BSM. **READ MORE**

L'EARC offre le cours de sergent-major de batterie



L'adjudant Stefan Meinert

Cet été, des militaires du rang de grade supérieur de partout au Canada se sont rassemblés à l'École du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne (EARC) pour participer au cours de sergent-major de Batterie (SMB). Avec plus de 400 années d'expérience combinée, ce groupe diversifié de militaires du rang était un microcosme du Régiment de l'Artillerie royale canadienne (ARC), alors que les candidats anglophones et francophones de la Force régulière et de la Première Réserve ont appris les fonctions et les responsabilités d'un SMB. **LIRE PLUS**

DEFENCE NEWS

Liberals eye revamped West Africa special forces mission



CBC News

One of the Trudeau government's contributions to peace and stability in Africa is expected to include a revamped training mission in Niger that has been — until now — the purview of Canada's highly secretive special forces. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan was slated to arrive in Africa on a fact-finding mission for future peacekeeping operations. **READ MORE**

New commander in place for Canada's Joint Task Force-Ukraine



Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian Forces announced that the new commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine, Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne Niven, assumed command from Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Arsenault during a ceremony at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre in Starychi, Ukraine, as part of Operation Unifier. Op Unifier is Canada's military training mission in Ukraine. **READ MORE**

Plan to equip Canadian soldiers with smart phone-type gear delayed



by obsolete equipment

National Post

A plan to equip Canadian soldiers with new technology to communicate on the battlefield is facing delays because some of the equipment selected has become obsolete. The contract for the gear, potentially worth up to \$250 million, was awarded to Rheinmetall Canada of Quebec last summer. The deal was announced by the Conservative government in the days leading up to the October federal election. **READ MORE**

Sydney monument marks 60th anniversary of Canadian peacekeeping missions



CTV News

A new monument has been unveiled in Sydney to pay tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives during Canadian peacekeeping missions. The monument honours four Cape Bretoners who were killed on duty, and focuses on the blue beret, helmet, and ball cap worn by peacekeepers. Michele Gardiner, the monument's designer, is the wife of a peacekeeping veteran. **READ MORE**

Canadian military officer slams excessive oversight, urges more direction



Global News

One of Canada's top soldiers used his last speech in uniform to rail against an excessive amount of oversight and outside interference in how the military manages its own affairs. Minutes before he stepped down as vice chief of defence staff, Lt.-Gen. Guy Thibault told his audience that if anything needs to improve, it's the direction coming from the military's political masters. **READ MORE**

HMCS Windsor submariners home after two month deployment to Norway



Mwtro News

After more than two months in cramped quarters aboard HMCS Windsor, 60 submariners are back on Canadian soil, and back in the arms of loved ones. The Royal Canadian Navy submarine pulled up to the dock recently after a 53-day deployment to the Norwegian Sea taking part in NATO Exercise DYNAMIC MONGOOSE. **READ MORE**

Peacekeepers recognized at ceremony in Angus



Barrie Examiner

Retired Sgt. John Flannery remembers keeping the peace between the Egyptians and Palestinians when he was stationed in Egypt in 1962. As one of 100 people who attended the memorial ceremony at Peacekeepers Park, Flannery posted himself in the shade to watch as military men and women paid tribute to Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in peacekeeping missions around the world. **READ MORE**

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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

MCGEAN, John Howard Basil (Baz), 24 May 2016

KELLY, Raymond Gerald, 23 May 2016

MILANI, John R. Maj (Ret'd), 21 May 2016

THOMPSON, Garfield Baily (Tom) Sgt (Ret'd), 19 May 2016

MOORE, Allan David, 15 May 2016

BREWSTER, Gerald Douglas, 13 May 2016

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