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Veterans Affairs Canada still understaffed despite Liberal pledge



Globe and Mail

The Liberals came to power promising to hire hundreds of front-line workers at Veterans Affairs Canada but only a fraction of those jobs have materialized even as the level of service to those who were injured in the line of military duty remains far below departmental standards. **READ MORE**

Feds invest in new armoury for Halifax Army Reserve



Chronicle Herald

The federal government is constructing a new armoury for the Halifax Army Reserve. Halifax member of Parliament Andy Fillmore announced the new project, to be located at Willow Park. The new Willow Park Armoury represents an investment of \$66 million, and construction is expected to be completed by the fall of 2018. **READ MORE**

Not helping veterans could turn into national security problem



Global News

Canada's approach to transitioning Canadian Forces members out of service is fundamentally flawed — and, if it's not addressed, could lead to national security problems, said Canadian Armed Forces ombudsman Gary Walbourne. The root of the problem is the fact many Forces members are released before adequate support is set

up, he said in an interview on The West Block. [READ MORE](#)

Soldier denied promotion due to PTSD should have case reviewed



CTV News

A Canadian Armed Forces officer who was denied a promotion because his post-traumatic stress disorder prevented him from completing a required course should have his case re-evaluated to reflect the military's greater understanding of the condition, a federal court has ruled. [READ MORE](#)

The myth of one-party support for the Canadian Armed Forces



CBC News

There is a myth widely accepted by many in the military, by veterans and by the civilian public that the Conservatives are the party of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). This idea holds that while the Tories have traditionally supported and increased funding to the CAF, the Liberals are constantly looking for opportunities to cut costs. It's a prevalent notion, but a fallacious one nonetheless, and one that's being repeated as we look ahead to the Liberals' plans for 2017. [READ MORE](#)

Veterans Affairs mobile app for PTSD sufferers hasn't been updated since 2013



CTV News

A smartphone app aimed at assisting Canadian veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder has not been updated since it was launched by the Conservative government in 2013. The PTSD Coach Canada app was officially launched by then-Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney in May 2013. According to the Veterans Affairs Canada website, the free mobile application is intended to "help veterans learn and manage symptoms that can occur after trauma." [READ MORE](#)

Nunavut regulators want input on Arctic military exercise this spring



Nunatsiaq Online

The Joint Task Force North plans to conduct Operation Nunavut 2017 from Feb. 13 to March 17, based out of the Nunavut communities of Resolute Bay and Hall Beach. About 290 Canadian Armed Forces personnel, including Canadian Rangers, will participate in Nunavut 2017, which may also include observers by international partners, a project proposal description on the NIRB website says. [READ MORE](#)

RETIREMENTS

CWO Daniel Moyer, MMM, CD



After 35 years of dedicated service to the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, CWO Daniel Moyer will start retirement leave on 28 Jan 17. Chief Warrant Officer Moyer enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a Field Artilleryman in 1982. His first regimental tour was with the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) in Lahr Germany. Subsequent regimental tours include 3 RCHA, the Royal Canadian Artillery School, the Royal Canadian Artillery Battle School, and 2 RCHA. In 2009 he was appointed as Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) for 2 RCHA. In 2010 was the task force Sergeant Major for the G20 summit. [READ MORE](#)

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