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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

RCAA AGM and RCA Training Event 21/22 October 2016



RCAA

The annual RCAA AGM & RCA Training Event will be held at the Morrison Gun Park (30 Fd Regt RCA) 307 deNiverville Private, Ottawa ON on 21 and 22 October 2016. The program will start with a Meet and Greet at the Gun Park on Thursday evening, the 20th. The annual Guest Night will take place at the venue on the 21st. Joining Instructions may be found at www.rcaa-arc.ca. **READ MORE**

56 Field Artillery Regiment



Lieutenant Colonel R. Christopher

The 56 Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA), was created on 28 September, 1866. This September the regiment will be celebrating the 150th anniversary. This auspicious occasion will include a Freedom of the City of Brantford parade, and a dinner. The RCA is identified by the red over blue tactical recognition flash, and also by the motto and battle honour Ubique ("Everywhere"), granted by King William IV in 1833. On the 24th of September, the Saturday closest to the anniversary date of the 28th, we will make our presence more ubiquitous in Brantford through a parade. The Mayor of Brantford will be the Reviewing Officer. The local MP, MPP, Six Nations, the Brantford Police, the Brantford Fire Department, five affiliated cadet corps, other artillery units, 32 Brigade representatives, and the public, will join us in the celebrations.

Impressive organizations, such as the RCA, are shaped by their past, defined by what they do today, and they are not fazed by what is to come. This has characterized the Gunners of this regiment for over 150 years. Gunners have a preparedness to embrace technology, a determination to apply it on the battlefield, and display essential competence in all that we do. Ubique!

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

Wounded soldiers face extra bureaucratic hurdle on way to benefits



CBC News

The country's military ombudsman says it should be up to National Defence, not Veterans Affairs, to define whether a soldier's injury took place in the line of duty. Gary Walbourne issued a report about one of the most long-standing, contentious issues facing veterans who are frustrated with the benefits system. **READ MORE**

Canada's most senior female military officer to lead NATO Defense College



National Post

Canada's most senior female military officer, Lt.-Gen. Christine Whitecross, has been named commandant of the NATO Defense College in Rome. Whitecross, who is chief of military personnel for the approximately 60,000 Canadian men and women in uniform, has for the past year been spearheading a high-level investigation into complaints of sexual misconduct in the Canadian Armed Forces. Operation Honour was initiated after a damning report by former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps on allegations of sexual misbehaviour in the Forces. **READ MORE**

Annual Canada Army Run supports our Armed Forces



Running Magazine

The ninth annual Canada Army Run is set to take place this Sunday, Sept. 18th in our nation's capital. The event offers two ever-popular distances — a half-marathon and 5K — each which usually sell out well in advance. The event has grown to now include over 20,000 participants who take part annually. The half-marathon course is particularly special and highlights some of Ottawa's notable and historic landmarks and locations. These include the Canadian War Museum, the Canadian Museum of History and the National Gallery of Canada. **READ MORE**

Dozens of Canadian First World War veterans' widows still get pensions



Global News

Fifty-four Canadian women are getting veterans' survivor benefits linked to their husbands' First World War service. In all cases, the payments were being made to widows because their husbands had disabilities linked to the war. **READ MORE**

Scholarships serve as recognition for Canadian veterans with PTSD



Globe and Mail

For long stretches during her childhood, Kayla Wiens would go without seeing her dad. He was a cook in the military, deploying on sea tours and to war-battered Bosnia, Croatia and the Persian Gulf. Over time, the father of three started having trouble with his mental health. **READ MORE**

Canadian military parachute team to perform last shows of the season



Ottawa Citizen

The SkyHawks, the Canadian military's parachute team, will be performing their last shows of the 2016 season at Airshow London 2016 in London, Ont. on September 17 and 18. This season marked The SkyHawks' 45th anniversary, noted the Canadian Forces. **READ MORE**

Royal Canadian Navy played a crucial role in HMS Terror discovery



CTV News

The long-lost second ship from Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition has been found — and it couldn't have happened without the Royal Canadian Navy. Parks Canada has yet to formally verify the shipwreck is HMS Terror but Rear Admiral John Newton said he's certain it's the famous vessel. **READ MORE**

RETIREMENTS

Sgt P.C. Embrett

Sgt P.C. Embrett, has honorably served the guns, the Canadian Forces and his country for 31 years and 11 months. He enrolled with 1st Fd Regt RCA in Halifax, NS in October 1984. He component transferred to the Regular Force in November 1998. He was posted to the Royal Canadian Artillery School, Base Gaagetown and served in a variety of positions. In may 2014 he was posted to 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gaagetown as the formation Sergeant Major's assistant. Sgt Embrett and his wife Cathy will remain in the local area. Good shooting, stand easy!

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

TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [From Infantry to AD to Fd: 42nd Field to celebrate its 150th anniversary in September](#) (Lt Melanie Aqiqi)
- [Sonic Boom: 13th Field Battery at the Manitoba Air Show](#) (Sgt McMullen)
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