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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Candlelight Ceremony in memory of Soldiers of Suicide



Candlelight Ceremony in memory of Soldiers of Suicide will occur at the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces Sec 103 1700-1800 21 Feb 17 followed by a reception in the Beechwood National Memorial Centre 1800-2100.

Guns of the Regiment



Maj (Ret'd) Doug Knight has produced a book, *Guns of the Regiment*, which is a comprehensive account of the guns, mortars and missile systems used by the Royal Regiment. He will be addressing a combined audience of Arty and RCEME retired and serving members the evening of Thursday, 9 Mar. Time 1900 for 1930. It will be held in the Combined Mess of the Maj EJJ Holland VC Armoury, 2100 Walkley Road, Ottawa. Copies will be available for purchase. Doug will be prepared to sign copies.

Kingston Breakfast: 11 Mar. 2017



A breakfast will take place in Kingston 11 Mar. 2017. See the flyer for more details and please register with Eric, Wayne or Danny prior to end of Feb. **READ MORE**

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



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DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian Army will upgrade .50 Calibre rifles, but no plans to buy



new ones

Ottawa Citizen

Defence company representatives were briefed last year on what the Canadian Army is calling the C-22, a new .50 calibre weapon. There is interest, they were told by Army officers, of purchasing 96 of these new weapons. But hold on. That was last year. These days, those plans are not proceeding. [READ MORE](#)

New Canadian Armed Forces policy removes promotion barriers for ill and injured members



CFB Esquimalt Lookout

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) who have medical challenges and are up for potential promotion no longer have to feel they need to choose between the two. Effective Jan. 18, 2017, ill and injured members can be promoted while undergoing medical care. If they have a condition that is preventing them from achieving fitness or training promotion prerequisites, they can be promoted in an acting capacity with no time pressure for meeting these conditions. Once their medical treatment has been completed, a member can be fully promoted to their new position. [READ MORE](#)

Military chaplain adds advisor for Indigenous soldiers



CBC News

Canada's Indigenous soldiers have long gone without the kind of spiritual support offered to other members of the Canadian Forces. Now, with the appointment of the first Indigenous adviser to the military's Chaplain General, the Canadian Forces' spiritual leaders have someone to help them understand how best to support Indigenous soldiers across the military. In his new role, Sgt. Moogly Tetrault-Hamel is determined to fight for Indigenous soldier's spiritual needs and their rights. [READ MORE](#)

Military spending: A \$400 million deal to upgrade armoured vehicles comes just as work was slowing at the giant General Dynamics plant



London Free Press

A \$404 million order to upgrade Canadian armoured military vehicles came just in time to avert possible job cuts at London's General Dynamics Land Systems Canada plant. Production has slowed at the sprawling Oxford Street factory and workers were growing nervous, said Jim Wilkes, secretary with Unifor Local 27, the union representing employees. "They have been slow. You can feel it there. This will make sure there are no layoffs," said Wilkes. [READ MORE](#)

Wounded Warriors Canada receives \$60,000 for service dogs



The Suburban

Former paramedic Julie Jolicoeur was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) resulting in her first ever call on the job. And while she continued to work for a while, "everything for me was falling apart and I could not even leave my house." Jolicoeur's life changed for the better this past September when she was matched with Dylan. "On behalf of myself, my husband and my children, Dylan allows me to leave my house and go see my children's activities again," said Jolicoeur. [READ MORE](#)

Offsite military training



Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre

Members of CFB Borden Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School will be taking their training off base. Thirty-five soldiers will be conducting exercises in Alliston and Creemore. They will be walking the streets carrying compasses and maps with the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the conduct of military operation in built-up areas. [READ MORE](#)

THE LAST POST



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

CAMERON, Cheryl, wife of WO Rick Cameron, 08 Feb 17

GIRARD, Albert (Bert) AKA Joe, WO (Ret'd), 31 Jan 17

CRAWFORD, Aubrey Lewis, Sgt (Ret'd), Korea, 25 Jan 17

HAYLOCK, George E., CD, LCol (Ret'd), 7 Tor Regt, 22 Jan 17

BULGER, Earl, Capt (Ret'd), Korea, 20 Jan 17

FISHER, Ira F. Sgt (Ret'd), 11 Fd Regt, 18 Jan 17

MOFFAT, Andrew C. (Monte), LCol (Ret'd), 18 Jan 19

TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Mystery solved: Belgian woman finds 'new family' in Canada in search for soldier father \(CBC News\)](#)
- [Canadian Army to acquire semi-automatic sniper weapon \(Ottawa Citizen\)](#)
- [CAF members, veterans credited for advanced education at BCIT \(CFB Esquimalt Lookout\)](#)

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