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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Atlantic Gunners Reunion: 26-28 May 17



This will be at the Hazen Centre, overlooking the Oromocto River. We hope to go back to the RC Legion once the acoustics are fixed in their main room. We will have the ladies' wine and cheese, our annual meeting, dinner and dance with breakfast on Sunday at the legion.

The [2017 newsletter](#), [registration form](#) and [agenda](#) are attached.

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



[Click here to view the poster](#). See the attached flyer as well. **READ MORE**

RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 14 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

RCAA Bursary Winners — Gagnants des bourses de l'AARC



LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD Memorial Bursary — Major SA Graham, 7 Tor Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative LCol Jack de Hart, MC, CD — Major SA Graham, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC

Master Gunner EM "Chip" Evoy MM and Bar Memorial Bursary — Master Bombardier Jasmin Buccella, 7 Tor

Regt RCA — Bourse commémorative Maître canonier EM "Chip" Evoy, MM et barre — Bombardier-Chef Jasmin Buccella, 7th Toronto Regiment, ARC



Presentation of the bursaries by Major (Ret'd) Robert Sears, Vice President RCAA

DEFENCE NEWS

Castlegar and Grand Forks Air Cadets visit Operation PALACI



The Boundary Sentinel

During a recent weekend in February, Air Cadets from Grand Forks and Castlegar travelled to the Roger's Pass to visit the Canadian Forces Personnel who are part of Operation PALACI. Every year, from November to April, the artillery task force is deployed in Rogers Pass with 105-mm howitzers modified for precision firing from roadside gun platforms. This year, artillery troops are from 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, based out of CFB Shilo, Manitoba, as well various reserve artillery units. **READ MORE**

Knock, knock: Are you a veteran?



CBC News

Legions on P.E.I. are looking for a few friendly members to knock on doors in an effort to reach out to "modern-day veterans" who may need their services. "I think veterans have sort of been forgotten by legions for whatever reason," said co-ordinator Owen Parkhouse. "But I think it's time to reach out and get back to what the purpose of the legion is and that's looking after veterans and advocating for them." **READ MORE**

UN envoy says next round of Syrian talks to start March 23



Metro News

The United Nations special envoy for Syria recently said he intends to bring the government and opposition back to Geneva for a fifth round of talks on March 23 to pursue agreement on a transition to end the six-year war. Staffan de Mistura told reporters after briefing the Security Council behind closed doors that the U.N. will be promoting substantive talks on four issues — governance, a new constitution, elections and counter-terrorism, "including the security organization and confidence-building measures." **READ MORE**

Supporting wounded soldiers through sport



Dalhousie University

"Invictus" is Latin for "unconquered" and a fitting word to describe the wounded soldiers competing in the upcoming Invictus Games in Toronto this September. A panel hosted by Dalhousie's Faculty of Health Professions recently explored the unique opportunity the Games provide to support soldiers and their families and to enable research on the impact of adaptive sports, a term that refers to competitive sports for individuals

with disabilities. [READ MORE](#)

Saskatchewan First Nations veterans will mark Vimy centennial in France



Saskatoon StarPhoenix

Twenty First Nations veterans from Saskatchewan will head to France in less than a month to take part in a ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association has been raising funds to cover the cost of the 10-day tour of First and Second World War sites in France. They've raised enough money to fund the trip for the 20 women and men selected to attend. [READ MORE](#)

Canada's special forces hand over Niger training mission to Quebec-based troops



CBC News

As many as 25 Canadian soldiers, based out of Valcartier, QC, will soon take part in a revamped mission to train security forces in the troubled western African country of Niger. Last summer, *CBC News* reported that regular army troops would take over an ongoing deployment, known as Operation Naberius, from Canada's elite special forces. A handful of the highly-trained soldiers have since 2013 helped train the Niger Armed Forces in marksmanship, reconnaissance and other basic military skills. [READ MORE](#)

THE LAST POST



SPRAGUE, Robert, RCN WWII and RCA Korea, 07 Mar 17

SAUERACKER. Ron, Sgt (Ret'd), 30 Fd, 03 Mar 17

POTTER, Roy Alexander, RCHA, 21 Feb 17

KNOWLES, Harold, CWO (Ret'd), WWII and Korea, RCA and RC Sigs, 18 Feb 17

TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Shoot it with artillery: How Canada tames avalanches in the treacherous passes of the Rocky Mountains](#) (National Post)
- [Ottawa weighs risks of child soldiers in Mali](#) (Globe and Mail)
- [New Canadian military commander takes over in Ukraine](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

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