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"Take Post" — The Journal of The Toronto Gunner Community



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This journal, "Take Post" is published bi-monthly under the authority of the Honorary Colonel, 7th Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Take Post reaches out to all Gunners and those interested in being part of the Regimental Artillery Family of the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose is to share information and strengthen the ties between serving members, retired Gunners, Gunner families, friends of the Artillery, and the Greater Toronto Community. **READ MORE**

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If you happen to be in Sydney, Australia, on ANZAC Day, 25 April 2016, why not stop by at the Rugby Club, 31 Pitt St, Sydney and join our Aussie gunner friends in their remembrance of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Strengthening the Primary Reserves — the Royal Canadian Artillery Perspective



Major O.M. Wing and Captain N.E. Kaempffer

Supporting the Canadian Army through the provision of Firepower, Surveillance Target Acquisition, Air Defence and Air Space Coordination, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery is committed to the strengthening and integration of the Primary Reserves. From the Regular Force Close Support Regiments, The General Support Regiment, and The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School, the RCA is leading the way through bold initiatives that are increasing interoperability and Corps capability; this article will briefly surmise some of the issues, actions, history and successes in the ongoing efforts to strengthen the RCA Primary Reserve. **READ MORE**

RCAS Gunners Defeat 4th Regiment through Superior Kampfkraft



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer

Played to a packed crowd of six, those in attendance at the Soldier's Arena last Sunday witnessed a dominating victory as The Royal Regiment of Artillery School's C league hockey team overcame their 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA counterparts 6-1. For those loyal readers who breathlessly took in my previous column's 4 pillars to coaching success, those maxims have been replaced with a new instructional philosophy — *kampfkraft*.

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The Year of the Premature



Lieutenant Colonel BA Reid, CD (retired)

The premature detonation of a projectile close to the gun has been an occupational hazard in The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery for well over a century. Thankfully they were so rare that the vast majority of peacetime Canadian gunners never encountered one during their service, with one exception. In a 130-day period in mid-1963 the RCA, regular and reserve both, experienced four prematures in four different units, resulting in one soldier killed and at least eight others wounded. [READ MORE](#)

Exercise Historic Hockey 2016



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It was a brisk Saturday morning when the Gunners of 2RCHA, accompanied by Maj O'Donnell, MWO Aucoin, and Lt Adamczyk, made their way into the local legion in Kingston, ON, for what was bound to be an excellent pancake breakfast put on annually by the staff of 560 Legion. Having spent some time the night before at an unofficial Meet & Greet put on by the RCHA Bde Association in the RCHA Club next to Confederation Park, the Gunners were well-acquainted with Mr. Mark Potter. Following the breakfast, Mr Potter brought the Gunners on a guided tour through the Original Hockey Hall of Fame of which he was the President. [READ MORE](#)

DEFENCE NEWS

Cyclone helicopter destined for Canadian Forces damaged during testing



Ottawa Citizen

One of Canada's new CH-148 Cyclone helicopters had to be winched off a ship after a small piece tore off while it was being parked, an unexpected problem that sent engineers back to the drawing board. Access to information documents say a metal ring on the helicopter's nose snapped as crew tried to get it lined up for a tow into a hangar originally designed to hold the vintage Sea King helicopters that are being phased out. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian general to command coalition team working with Iraqi security before ISIL battle



National Post

Canadian Brigadier-General David Anderson is to command a coalition team — including as many as 12 other Canadians — that is to work with Iraq's security ministries in Baghdad as they prepare battle plans for the long-anticipated offensive to drive the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant out of Mosul and northwestern Iraq. [READ MORE](#)

Canada's F-35 decision anxiously awaited, says U.S. deputy secretary of defence



CBC News

The U.S. deputy secretary of defence says he'd like the Canadian government to make up its mind, one way or the other, whether it will replace its aging CF-18 fleet with Lockheed Martin's F-35 fighter jets. "Because Canada has been a partner in the F-35 program, if they withdraw — I think it's 65 airplanes — the price for all the other members in the coalition goes up slightly," said Robert Work. [READ MORE](#)

Looking for a few good women — Canada's military goes on a hiring spree



Toronto Star

Canada's military is looking for a few good women. More than a few, actually. The armed forces is embarking on an aggressive, decade-long hiring spree to boost the number of women in the ranks to finally meet its goal of having women make up 25 per cent of its personnel. **READ MORE**

'Boots on the Ground' searches for homeless veterans in Edmonton



Toronto Sun

Vets Canada volunteers are planning to blitz downtown Edmonton, searching for former soldiers and police officers now living rough on the streets or staying in homeless shelters. "We can take them off the streets today," said Julie Bibby, helping to organize the first large-scale Boots on the Ground walk to find homeless veterans in Edmonton.

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Legion reaches out to homeless veterans in Thunder Bay



CBC News

A recent count of homeless people in Thunder Bay, Ont., identified 13 military veterans living on the streets in the city — people that a local legion is trying to locate and help. John Harju received a medical discharge from the Canadian Forces for post-traumatic stress disorder. Now he's working with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5 in Thunder Bay to offer support to fellow veterans. **READ MORE**

RETIREMENTS

Sgt Marc BERNIER will shortly be retiring from the Canadian Forces after 26 years of service to his country and the guns. Good shooting, Stand Easy!

POSTING AND PROMOTIONS

BGen MN Rouleau will be promoted acting while so employed to the rank of MGen and remain Comd of CSOF

BGen SC Hetherington will be appointed Comd of 3 Cdn Div, Edmonton AB,

Col BWG McPherson will be promoted to the rank of BGen and appointed pentagon liaison officer, in Washington DC,

Col LHPS Boucher will be appointed Special Advisor to the CDS, at NDHQ, in Ottawa,

Col TR Young will proceed to the advanced training list, at the CF language school, in Gatineau

Col GW Ivey will be appointed Director Capabilities Integration, Chief Force Development, in Ottawa,

Col LP McGarry will be appointed base commander, CFB Borden,

LCol JF Duval will be promoted Coll and appointed Director Professional Development, at Military Personnel Generation, in Kingston

LCol JDS Masson will be promoted Col and appointed CoS 2 Cdn Div HQ, in Montreal

LCol JJ Richard will be promoted Col and proceed to the advanced training list, to attend the national security programme, at CFC, in Toronto

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