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The 150th anniversary of the Fenian Raids: The militia roots of today's Army are planted



Canadian Army

When it comes to keeping Canadian history alive, the Army Reserve is a force to be reckoned with. "The Fenian Raids, where Americans of Irish descent decided to invade parts of Canada in order to convince Britain to release Ireland from British rule seems really farfetched [today, but] all those recently returning veteran soldiers of Irish descent from the American Civil War were a huge threat to the Canadian colonies," explained Second Lieutenant David Pampe, Quartermaster for The Queen's Own Rifles (QOR), an Army Reserve unit in Toronto. **READ MORE**

A Letter from Home



Last Post Fund

Jean Miso has made her first music video based on a Remembrance Day Song she composed, "A LETTER FROM HOME". The video has now been uploaded to YouTube and can be viewed on her website www.jeanmiso.ca or from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFJFGKOPJYw>.

Through viewership, Jean is trying to raise money for the National Field of Honour, Last Post Fund. This is a not-for-profit organization that has served Veterans since 1910 and ensures that Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. www.lastpostfund.ca

Jean is hoping that you will watch the 5 minute video and share the link within your network to also pass along. The more views of this video the better, even if your connections do not live in Canada! Thank you for supporting the National Field of Honour, Last Post Fund!

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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DEFENCE NEWS

Canada's current military operations abroad



CTV News

Maj. Lonnie Campbell remembers when he was 19-years-old and a new member of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves in Calgary, AB, in 1987. He had signed up for the Forces because he had pride in his country and he wanted the chance to serve it. He also wanted to follow in the footsteps of his family members before him. **READ MORE**

Canadian Army gets new equipment to transform artillery rounds into GPS-guided munitions



Ottawa Citizen

The 1st Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery has started integrating a new piece of equipment, known as the Precision Guidance Kit, at Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba, says the Canadian Army. **READ MORE**

After military service, some Canadian veterans grapple with homelessness



CTV News

The transition from the military to everyday life can be fraught, isolating and, in serious cases, leads some Canadian military veterans to life in homeless shelters. Some advocacy groups are underlining the struggle that many veterans face simply keeping roofs over their heads and food on the table. **READ MORE**

Canada committed to 3-year deployment in Africa



Toronto Star

Canadian troops headed to Africa will operate in dangerous territory where peacekeepers have been killed, says Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan. In an exclusive interview with the *Star* from Vancouver Sajjan said Canada has committed to a three-year deployment that will be reassessed each year to ensure it has an "enduring" impact. **READ MORE**

Conflict of interest concern overshadows Canada's effort to replace warship fleet



Global News

The multi-billion dollar effort to replace the navy's warship fleet is being buffeted by concerns about a potential conflict of interest involving the Halifax company that is leading the project. Canada's Irving Shipbuilding and British shipbuilder BAE Systems recently announced they have paired together to bid on a \$5 billion maintenance and support contract for the navy's new Arctic patrol vessels and resupply ships. **READ MORE**

Canadian military to reassess use of controversial anti-malaria drug



Globe and Mail

The head of the Canadian Armed Forces says the military is reassessing the use of an anti-malarial drug that can cause serious psychiatric side-effects now that Health Canada agrees the brain damage associated with mefloquine can be permanent. **READ MORE**

City of Charlottetown honours veterans in annual mayor's ceremony



The Guardian

The City of Charlottetown is honouring seven people for their military service during the 2016 Veterans Recognition Awards. The awards were initiated in 2005 to mark the Year of the Veteran. Since then, the City of Charlottetown has continued to honour veterans each year with the private recognition ceremony. **READ MORE**

Why younger veterans might not feel at home at the legion



CBC News

While legions across Canada will fill with veterans of all ages on Remembrance Day, some younger veterans say it isn't the place for them during the rest of the year. "I know that the effort of the Royal Canadian Legion is to better the lives of veterans and it should feel like home, but I don't have a strong connection with them," said Jessica Wiebe, a 28-year-old veteran who served in Afghanistan for six months in 2008. **READ MORE**

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