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### DEFENCE NEWS

## Veteran's file fast-tracked after emotional plea to Trudeau in London, ON



CBC News

A recently retired Canadian veteran who had to rely on his parents to buy groceries while waiting for pension cheques to arrive is seeing his file fast-tracked after he stood up to the Prime Minister. Joseph Angelini made an emotional plea to Justin Trudeau at the London, ON, town hall forum recently, telling the prime minister it is unacceptable to make veterans suffer months of undue financial and emotional stress. **READ MORE**

## Military spouse wants more help for families of veterans with PTSD



CTV News

A military spouse who says she fled a mentally and emotionally abusive marriage to a veteran living with post-traumatic stress disorder is calling for more assistance for the families of troubled soldiers when they return home from the battlefield. The woman, whose identity has been concealed for her protection, says her husband did tours in Afghanistan. "When you're in that situation, you really don't want to believe it to be abuse," she said. "But when you hear it from your children, and they voice it out loud, and they tell you to run, it really makes it real." **READ MORE**

## Canadian Forces looking to replace Second World War-era pistols, but



## it could take another 10 years

National Post

The Canadian military is looking to replace its Second World War-era handguns, but it could take up to 10 years for all of the new pistols to be distributed to the troops. Replacing the 1940s-era Browning handguns has been on the Department of National Defence's procurement list for years. But now the purchase of new guns appears to be moving ahead. Still the Canadian Forces figures if the purchase is approved — and there are no delays — it won't have all the new pistols in hand and being used until 2026. **READ MORE**

## Durham Region: More beds needed for veterans



The Oshawa Express

The Region of Durham will soon be contacting the province to say that it needs more long-term beds for veterans. Passed unanimously at the final regional council meeting of 2016, councillors voted in favour of the motion which will call on the province to provide more long-term care beds for veterans, but not at the expense of losing beds elsewhere in the system. "It is an issue, and I'm hearing about it. I can't be the only one hearing about veterans waiting for long-term facilities," Councillor John Neal, who proposed the motion, said. **READ MORE**

## DND: Injuries to Canadian soldiers treated in Iraq hospital not combat-related



CTV News

None of the seven Canadian soldiers treated at a military hospital in Iraq over the last few weeks was a combat casualty, says National Defence. The department earlier refused to discuss how the soldiers were injured, but now acknowledges they were being overly cautious. Military spokeswoman Maj. Kendrah Allison said in an email the service members seen at a Canadian Forces-run hospital near the city of Erbil since the end of November were treated for various medical problems. **READ MORE**

## Registration required for Vimy Ridge 100th anniversary ceremony in France



CBC News

Veterans Affairs Canada says security concerns in France have led to a mandatory registration requirement for people who want to attend the Vimy centenary ceremony. People who want to attend the ceremonies at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in northern France will have to register with their full name, date of birth, place of birth, nationality and email address on the Veterans Affairs Canada website. **READ MORE**

## Toronto marks 18 years since army called in due to snow



Yahoo!

It was the day Toronto sealed its fate as the most mocked city in Canada. On Jan. 13, 1999, many Torontonians were outside shovelling snow. And if you were in Canada's military, you might've been getting ready to do the same. That's because exactly 18 years ago, the city's then-mayor Mel Lastman decided to call in the troops to help fight the remnants of a massive snowfall in Toronto. It marked a day the rest of Canada would never forget by providing the punchline of a joke that never seems to get old. **READ MORE**

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### THE LAST POST



**NELSON**, Albert, CWO (Ret'd), WW2, Korea and 4RCHA, 06 Jan 19

**MACLELLAN**, Neil Joseph (Joe), WO (Ret'd), 2RCHA, 14 Jan 17

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