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DEFENCE NEWS

Canada to send more military trainers to Iraq in battle against IS



Globe and Mail

Justin Trudeau says he will deploy more soldiers to Iraq as part of the Liberal government's refashioning of Canada's role in the battle against Islamic State. The Prime Minister, who remains determined to withdraw from a combat role in the region and bring home CF-18 fighters, even after IS claimed responsibility for last week's Paris attacks, said he will instead expand the military training Canadian soldiers are providing in Iraq. **READ MORE**

Government sets up new office to buy replacement aircraft for CF-18s



Ottawa Citizen

The federal government has started taking action on a Liberal promise to dump the F-35 stealth fighter and purchase a cheaper aircraft to replace the military's CF-18 jets. Public Services and Procurement Canada has created a new office to oversee the purchase. Paula Folkes-Dallaire, a senior public servant from the Fisheries department, is slated to start as senior director of the Future Fighter Capability project. **READ MORE**

New federal minister says some Veterans Affairs offices will reopen



Western Star

Maureen Simon was responding to comments made by new federal Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr about plans to reopen offices that closed across Canada nearly two years ago. In a recent CBC story, Hehr said nine of

the offices will reopen, but didn't specify which locations. [READ MORE](#)

Base Gagetown site of combat training for 1,000 Canadian soldiers



CBC News

More than 1,000 soldiers began a special two-week training exercise at Base Gagetown in New Brunswick. Exercise Common Ground II is a combined training opportunity for units that include the army's high-readiness task force. "We conducted operations similar to this while we were in Afghanistan during the combat mission regularly, bringing together the same sorts of capabilities," said Col. Craig Aitchison, commander of the Combat Training Centre, headquartered at Base Gagetown. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian military can already house 12,000 Syrian refugees



CTV News

The Canadian military is already prepared to house 12,000 Syrian refugees — nearly half of the 25,000 that the Liberal government has promised to bring to the country — by the end of the year, CTV News has learned. Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Jon Vance ordered a review weeks ago so that the military could hit the ground running in case the government asked for his support. [READ MORE](#)

Edmonton flyover by fighter jets honours Cold Lake pilot



CBC News

Two CF-18 fighter jets from Cold Lake roared over downtown Edmonton, in a special military salute to Capt. Chris Allan, who was honoured in a memorial ceremony at the Winspear Centre. His friends called him "Axe," and according to his family, he spent his life on "afterburner" and had a passion for the outdoors, fishing, sports and aviation. [READ MORE](#)

New licence plates to honour P.E.I veterans



The Guardian

The province will issue a new licence plate next month to recognize the contributions and the sacrifices of Canadian veterans living on Prince Edward Island. The new plate was developed after requests from Island veteran's groups. It will depict the provincial and Canadian flags along with four poppies and three red maple leaves and the word Veteran across the bottom. [READ MORE](#)

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Colonel Commandant's report



Well done to all who have had a hand in launching the RCAA e-Newsletter. It is off to a fine start and I am confident that its value as one of The Royal Regiment's leading communications tools will grow rapidly with each edition.

A little over one year ago, I accepted with honour and humility, the appointment of Colonel Commandant. It has been a busy year and I thought that I would use the opportunity afforded by the newsletter to share with you all what I have been up to. [READ MORE](#)

Rapport du Colonel Commandant



Bravo à tous ceux qui ont participé au lancement du bulletin électronique de l'AARC. C'est un bon départ et je suis sûr qu'au fil des nouvelles éditions il va rapidement s'imposer comme l'un des plus importants outils de communication du Régiment royal.

Il y a un peu plus d'un an, on m'a fait l'honneur de m'offrir le poste de colonel commandant et je l'ai accepté avec humilité. Ce fut une année fort occupée et j'ai pensé profiter de l'occasion que m'offre ce bulletin pour faire le point avec vous sur mes activités au cours de cette période. [LIRE PLUS](#)

RCAS Gunners Participate in 2015 CANZEX



Late this summer, 20 Gunners of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) travelled to the other side of the world to work alongside the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), more specifically, the Royal New Zealand Artillery (RNZA) from 26 August to 19 September 2015, in an exchange known as CANZEX. Members of the RCAS participated in a variety of field training with 16 Field Regiment (RNZA), including three training Exercises (Ex): Ex Belhamed, Ex Sari Bair and Ex Phantom Major, all of which provided different training opportunities for RCAS and RNZA members alike. These exercises were conducted in the Waiouru training area, located within the mountains of the North Island of New Zealand. **READ MORE**

Extract from the letter sent by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Minister of Veterans Affairs Kent Herh



Veterans and their families have earned our respect and gratitude. Veterans should not have to fight their own government for the support and compensation they have earned. As Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, your overarching goal will be to ensure that our government lives up to our sacred obligation to veterans and their families. I expect you to ensure that veterans receive the respect, support, care, and economic opportunities they deserve. **READ MORE**

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