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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Contribution gift to the Captain General



Fellow Gunners, On October 19th, I will travel to London for an audience with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our Captain General. This will be an occasion for me to offer Loyal Greetings from you all and to discuss with the Captain General the recent activities of Her Regiment. As, from time to time, has been done by my predecessors, I will also present to Her Majesty a token of our esteem for her and of our appreciation for her service as Captain General. **READ MORE**

Contribution cadeau au Capitaine Général



Camarades artilleurs,
 Le 19 octobre, je vais voyager à Londres pour une audience avec Sa Majesté la Reine Elizabeth II, notre capitaine-général. Cette occasion me permettra de présenter les loyaux souhaits de votre part et de discuter avec le Capitaine-général des activités récentes de son Régiment. Comme cela a été fait par le passé par mes prédécesseurs, je vais également présenter à Sa Majesté un gage de notre estime pour elle et notre appréciation pour son service à titre de capitaine-général. **LIRE PLUS**

Guts. Glory. Gunners!



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer



What does the celebration of 19 years of marriage, a "best dressed" fan appreciation award, and an utter rampage of a hockey game all have in common? Certainly, dear reader, you've already guessed it — The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School's (RCAS) C League hockey "Season Open#39;r," where the Guns stormed in with an 8-2 knock-down, drag out victory over the hard-charging Armour School.

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Ex Defiant Dragon



On 10 September 2016, D Battery moved out of the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery gun compound to commence EX DEFIANT DRAGON. This exercise was intended to validate D Battery to Artillery BTS level 3 prior to the Regimental Exercise in mid-October. Likewise, as part of TASK FORCE TOMAHAWK, EX DEFIANT DRAGON was one of the first steps in D Battery's road to high readiness. **READ MORE**

RCAS Gunners Three-peat Base Softball Championship



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer



Gunners from The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) vanquished their brethren from 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA (4 Regt (GS)) at an electric Base Gagetown softball championship, held on the 26th of September 2016 at Black Watch Park. Assailing 4 Regt (GS) with run after run, including two inside-the-park homers from Bombardier Jordan Slade, the RCAS Gunners were firing on all cylinders, and propelled themselves to a three-peat as Base Gagetown softball champions.

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Airborne Gunner History Project



As some of you may be aware LCol (Ret'd) Brian Reid has undertaken to author a history of Canadian Airborne Gunners. The intent is to produce an illustrated, high quality, hard covered product covering the years from the initiation of the concept in 1942 through to the current time.

An issue has arisen with the production of the final chapter or chapters.

Although a few individuals have responded, it appears there is an information gap relating to this more modern era — from circa 1982 to 1993 as well as subsequent airborne gunner activities in the current century.

In order to produce a well rounded text the perspective of all ranks is most welcome and encouraged.

The type of information needed relates activities and experiences for both field and air defence in the airborne role, as well as related aspects pertaining to the more recent reintroduction to mortars and the establishment of the observation batteries.

Submissions should be made directly to the author, Brian Reid at breid10271@aol.com and it is requested that this be done with a minimum of delay.

DEFENCE NEWS

Veterans Affairs union says caseload promise taking too long



CBC News

The head of the national union representing workers at Veterans Affairs says the department's promise to get caseloads down is taking too long. Carl Gannon, president of the Union of Veterans Employees, presented his concerns to the parliamentary standing committee for Veterans Affairs in Ottawa. **READ MORE**

Federal government's plans to accept bids for future warships delayed over amount of Canadian content

National Post

The Liberal government's plan to accept bids for the navy's future warships has been delayed because of a battle over the amount of Canadian content needed and the decision to allow into the competition a British design that exists only on paper. Bids were to be requested from companies in August. But a government spokesman now says the request is expected to go out to companies sometime "in the fall" although no specific date was given. **READ MORE**

Canadian Forces base to host design and engineering tests on LAVs destined for Saudi Arabia

CBC News

The Canadian military plans to open up one of its principal bases to help a major defence contractor validate design changes and quality assurance on light armoured vehicles destined for Saudi Arabia. National Defence quietly agreed to the plan last year and signed a provision of service agreement, according to documents. **READ MORE**

Air force club celebrates milestone

Brantford Expositor

The Brantford Air Force Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29. The club started in 1946 as a way to maintain friendships and support veterans from the Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force after the Second World War. It has been located at 144 Grey St. for more than 60 years. "Originally, it was a group of guys who wanted to stay in touch and honour the fallen," said club president Stewart Bayley. "They got together regularly at the club rooms at the armoury building until the Grey Street club building got built in the mid-1950s." **READ MORE**

Canada's CC-130J Hercules now has improved navigation, communication, and maintenance capabilities

Voice Online

The Royal Canadian Air Force marked the completion of a major upgrade of all 17 CC-130J Hercules aircraft, keeping Canada's CC-130J Hercules at the forefront of airlift operations. The 17th and last upgraded Hercules was received recently. The modifications include significant improvements to navigation, communication, and maintenance capabilities. The Hercules model J can now fly more efficiently amongst large commercial aircraft in heavily congested and controlled airspace and perform much more fuel-efficient long-range flights. **READ MORE**

Rockton flyover presentation a symbol for veterans

Flamborough Review

Pigeons and planes. You might think that the two should avoid each other, but during the Second World War, the birds acted as crew members on the aircraft. To commemorate that at this year's Rockton World's Fair this month, organizer Bill Albers put together a special ceremony. "Pigeons were used in the war as well in Lancaster bombers and that's how I decided to tie aircraft into the whole picture of pigeons and pigeoneers," said Albers. **READ MORE**

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