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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

UBIQUE 300



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UBIQUE 300 is the official celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Royal Artillery on 26 May 2016. On 26 May 1716 by Royal Warrant of King George 1 two companies of artillery were formed at Woolwich, alongside the guns, powder and shot located in the Royal Arsenal. This led to the formation of the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1722 with Colonel Albert Borgard, a Dane by birth and an acknowledged artillery expert, later becoming the first Colonel Commandant of the new Regiment.

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RCHA Heritage Newsletter — April 2016



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We are going to have photos! Our new volunteer newsletter photographer is Dave Marshall. Welcome Dave and Thank you for your contributions. RCHA member, Cathy Sheppard, who is often seen taking photos of many events throughout the year will also be submitting her photos to the newsletter! Thank you Cathy! **READ MORE**

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DEFENCE NEWS

Defence cuts have left Canadian military in a fragile shape



National Post

Rick Hillier says the Canadian military is "fragile" after years of budget cuts and delayed equipment purchases. And while he stopped short of saying the force is on the verge of another "decade of darkness," he didn't rule it out completely. **READ MORE**

Cree veteran inspired younger generations



Star Phoenix

Cree Korean War veteran George Benson was a respected advocate for veterans coping with the trauma of post-traumatic stress disorder, a wise elder and a beloved mentor to generations of indigenous veterans. Benson, from the Red Pheasant First Nation, died recently at the age of 82. **READ MORE**

Legion celebrates its eldest veterans



Medicine Hat News

The Robertson Memorial Branch No. 17 recognized members of the community who answered the call more than 70 years ago for their service to their country. The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held a lunch celebration for members of the organization aged 90 and older, recognizing their service in the armed forces and celebrating the Royal Canadian Legion's 90th Anniversary. **READ MORE**

Canada should consider joining U.S. missile shield: Ex-defence minister



Global News

As the new Liberal government launches a review of military policy, the last defence minister in the Conservative government has expressed qualified support for joining the U.S. missile shield. The issue has remained politically dormant for a decade but is now resurfacing, with ballistic missile defence (BMD) part of the wide range of topics up for review by the new government. **READ MORE**

Companies with products for the Royal Canadian Navy ramp up for CANSEC 2016



Ottawa Citizen

CANSEC 2016 will be held at the EY Centre in Ottawa May 25-26 and comes just months after Public Services and Procurement Canada announced a number of key proposed changes to the program to acquire a fleet of Canadian Surface Combatants. **READ MORE**

Retired CFB Esquimalt ship on final sail to scrap heap



Times Colonist

After a storied career spanning half a century, a former Royal Canadian Navy workhorse is winding up its final seven-week journey, sailing towards its own dismantling on Nova Scotia's south shore. The former HMCS Protecteur carried more than 10,000 sailors over 800,000 nautical miles in its time, including service in the 1991 Gulf war. **READ MORE**

POSTING AND PROMOTIONS

30 Fd Regt RCA History



LCol Ted Creech asks that anyone having information for the "Families" Annex of the Regimental History contact him asp at gulfminer@gmail.com. If you or a member of your family has served in the Bytown Gunners please let LCol Creech know.

THE LAST POST

STAUBER, Thomas Alfred Sgt, Korea, 14 April 2016

PIOTTO, Silvio, Joseph 'Steve', Korea, 5 April 2016

HILLYARD, H.H. (Bus), WWII, 2 April 2016

MACKINNON, John Francis, 31 March 2016

KENNEDY, Michael Edward Capt (Ret'd), 20 Mar 2016

MONTAGUE, Steve Bdr (Ret'd), 7 Mar 2016

DELWO, Ronald Gerald, 6 Mar 2016

MORRIS, Thomas Alfred, WWII, 26 Feb 2016

DOWNE, John Sgt (Ret'd), 16 Feb 2016

LIRETTE, Joseph Alfred, BDR(Ret'sd), 21 Feb 2016

SMITH, Col D. Ian OMM, CD, 10 Feb 2016

CARVER, Chester, 4 Feb 2016

LACHANCE James (Jim), 23 Jan 2016

BOOTH, Darrell Anthony, 12 Jan 2016

BREMNER, John, 17 Jan 2016

WOODS, Thomas Edward (Woody), Jan 17 2016

BECHTEL, Charles, Sgt, 9 Jan 2016

MACLEAN, Norman, Capt AOP, 8 Jan 2016

VAUTOUR, Joseph (joe) Eloi, 7 Jan 2016

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