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### DEFENCE NEWS

## Top ranks of Canadian Forces get shake-up with new army, navy commanders



CBC News

Canada's top general is shaking up the highest ranks of the Canadian Forces with the appointment of new commanders for the army and navy following several high-profile retirements. "I offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those completing their honourable and selfless service to Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces," Gen. Jonathan Vance said in a statement announcing the departure of seven senior officers. **READ MORE**

## Outdated, understaffed system causes pension delay for Canadian reservists



Globe and Mail

Senior officials in the Canadian Armed Forces say reservists are waiting too long to receive their first pension cheques because the human resources computers and processes at National Defence are outdated and the department has been understaffed. **READ MORE**

## Rustic retreat helps veterans and responders recuperate from PTSD



CTV News

A Canmore firefighter has created a safe haven to help veterans and first responders to reconnect and recover from the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder. Sheepdog Lodge was started by firefighter and EMT, Allan Russell, after he saw a need for support in his own workplace. "The people who we're targeting, I guess, or want

to bring out here are all the places that I worked at, the military, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs," he said. [READ MORE](#)

## Smaller Canadian Forces ships won't have to be built in Canada, undercutting Tory shipbuilding strategy



National Post

Some of the smaller ships that could be supplied in future to the Canadian Forces won't have to be built in Canada, the federal government has confirmed. The move appears to undercut the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, designed to acquire replacement ships for Canada's naval and coast guard fleets while creating jobs at home. [READ MORE](#)

## Calgary reserve unit gets simulated combat training



CBC News

A Canadian Armed Forces reserve unit got some combat training in Calgary but they managed to stay warm and dry. King's Own Calgary Regiment part time soldiers are using maps and computers to simulate combat operations, a type of virtual military training. Maj. Christopher Hunt says the soldiers are learning basic skills that will help them in real life situations. [READ MORE](#)

## 40 new positions filled at Veterans Affairs P.E.I. office



CBC News

About 40 of the 61 new positions allotted to the headquarters of Veterans Affairs Canada in Charlottetown have been filled. Their hiring is part of the government's commitment to add hundreds of more staff across the country. To date more than 100 positions have been filled across Canada. [READ MORE](#)

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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

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## 2 Countries — 2 Armies — 2 Basic Military Training Experiences (one full time and one part time)



7 Tor Regt RCA — Take Post

Soldiers have the fortune to experience different situations, mine is the opportunity to be part of two different armies in two different countries. I had the honour to be trained with the Colombian National Army (Ejercito Nacional de Colombia or Fuerzas Miltares de Colombia "Colombian Armed Forces") as an NCM Infantry MP (in Acolsure Military Academy — Batallon de Policia Militar N.2 "Ciudad de Barranquilla") for four years; and I am currently going through the BMOQ to become a Logistic Officer for the 7 Toronto Regiment, RCA in the Canadian Army. [READ MORE](#)

## Ubique!



7 Tor Regt RCA — Take Post

Ubique is a poem by Rudyard Kipling about the Boer War. It's title is derived from the Motto and Battle Honour of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, however the opening lines are attributed to the lack of knowledge of Latin within the ordinary ranks of the Gunners. Ubique is pronounced "Ooh-Bee-Kway", but is generally pronounced as "You-Bee-Kway" [READ MORE](#)

## 7 Toronto Regiment wins silver at Basketball Tournament



7 Tor Regt RCA — Take Post

During late November, 7th Toronto participated in a 3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament hosted PSP at Denison Armoury. Similar to the Soccer tournament last month, the competition helped raise money for the United Way. [READ MORE](#)

## Military Pension Renewal



Government of Canada

In the summer of 2016, the administration of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) pension plans for active members will be transferred to the Government of Canada Pension Centre at Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). Pension payments for retired CAF members and their survivors/child(ren) will continue to be supported

by the Specialized Services Division (SSD) at PWGSC until the winter of 2016 at which time they will be administered by the Government of Canada Pension Centre at PWGSC. **READ MORE**

## RETIREMENTS

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**Captain Daniel Giroux MMM CD**, will retire from the RCA on 29 February 2016 after more than 35 years service. After two years with 6 Fd Regt RCA he joined the Regular Force in 1981. He has served variously in 5RALC, 2RCHA and RCAS. He deployed to Haiti with the UN Support Mission, served twice in Afghanistan with Op PALLADIUM. He was promoted CWO in 2005 and served in a number of senior position at CTC Gagetown. In 2012 he accepted a special commission in the rank of Captain at NDHQ. Good shooting, stand easy.

## THE LAST POST

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**WOODS**, Thomas Edward (Woody), Jan 17 2016

**BECHTEL**, Charles, Sgt, 9 Jan 2016

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**VAUTOUR**, Joseph (joe) Eloi, 7 Jan 2016

**WEBSTER**, Ronald James, Col, 28 Dec 2015

**DILLING**, Frederick Ronald, 20 Dec 2015

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**JAMES**, Ronald Kenneth (Jesse), Col, 17 Dec 2015

**INGLEHART**, Gordon John, 15 Dec 2015

**MUISE**, Keith Robert, 12 Dec 2015

**O'NEIL**, Donald William (Bill), 12 Dec 2015

**BLACKWELL**, Eugene (Blackie), MWO 11 Dec 2015

**REYNOLDS**, George Francis Finley, Col 10 Dec 2015

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