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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## Association des Anciens du 5e RALC/5 RALC Associaton



Samedi le 17 juin l'association a tenu sa rencontre régionale de l'année de St-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu. 16 membres et 10 conjointes étaient présents. Certains d'entre eux avaient participé à la rencontre de Québec le 3 juin dernier. Le repas fut très apprécié par tous les participants. La prochaine rencontre se tiendra à Orleans le 26 août prochain. Vous pouvez contacter l'association à l'adresse suivante : [anciensralc@yahoo.ca](mailto:anciensralc@yahoo.ca).

Last Saturday (17 June), the Association held its yearly get together of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu City. 16 members and 10 spouses attended. Some of them had also participated in the get-together in Quebec city on 3rd June. Everyone enjoyed the meal. The next one will be in Orleans on 26 August. If you are interested in contacting the Association, send an email to: [anciensralc@yahoo.ca](mailto:anciensralc@yahoo.ca). **READ MORE**

## Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — June 20, 2017



Check out the latest news and updates from the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver. **READ MORE**

## The Ottawa Gunners



At its 2017 AGM, The Ottawa Gunners adopted a new constitution that invites all gunners, regardless of rank, to become members of the association and also eliminates the payment of annual dues.

Over the past several years, there have been various discussions at the Executive Committee and at the AGM with regards to our mission, our membership and our ability to continue to function in the face of declining numbers. The Ottawa Gunners was formed by Reg F gunner officers at NDHQ in the early 1970s to provide a social focus to replace the unit gunner messes to which many were accustomed. Local, retired gunner officers were also invited to join the association. Over time many of the original members have subsequently retired but have maintained their membership and commitment to the Ottawa Gunners. **READ MORE**

[Click here to download the Ottawa Gunners Membership Application Form](#)

## Changement de Commandement 5e RALC 15 Juin 2017 / Change of Command 5 RALC 15 June 2017



La cérémonie de changement de commandement du 5e RALC s'est déroulée le 15 juin dernier sous la présidence du brigadier-général Michel-Henri St-Louis, commandant du 5e Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada. La lieutenant-colonel Marie-Christine Harvey a pris la relève du lieutenant-colonel Francis Poitras en présence de l'invité d'honneur, le colonel J.M.A. Lafortune, Directeur du Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne. **LIRE PLUS**

## The Royal Canadian Artillery Band at Buckingham Palace



## Update on Refurbished Guns at Beechwood National Military



## Cemetery in Ottawa / Mise à jour des canons d'artillerie reconditionnés sur le site du cimetière militaire national (Beechwood) à Ottawa

The Beechwood Cemetery group are so happy with the previous "gun" results, that they now have asked the team to fix up the old Sherman tank. Last Wednesday, the final Beechwood howitzer was refurbished, as per the attached pictures.

Le groupe du cimetière de Beechwood est tellement heureux avec les résultats précédents de « canon » qu'ils ont maintenant demandé à l'équipe de réparer l'ancien char "Sherman." Le mercredi dernier, l'obusier final a été rénové, selon les images ci-jointes.



## Retirement of Major David Macpherson, Gunner and Dental Officer/Depart à la Retraite du Major David Macpherson, Artilleur et Officier Dentaire



After 35 years of service, Major David MacPherson will retire from the Reg Force on 1 Sept. 2017. **READ MORE**

## Pulling the pin: Planning for retirement



By Col (Re'd) P.J. Williams

Sooner or later, we all have to make the decision (or in some cases, it may be made for us) to retire from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). In my case, I started thinking seriously about it some three years out and have been out of uniform for about a year now. The aim of this article is to provide some practical advice for those who are approaching that decision point, in the hope of making your transition easier. **READ MORE**

## Tirer le bouchon : Planifier pour la retraite



Par Col P.J. Williams (Ret.)

Tôt ou tard, nous devons tous prendre la décision (ou, dans certains cas, être prise pour nous) de prendre sa retraite des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). Dans mon cas, j'ai commencé à y réfléchir sérieusement environ trois ans avant et maintenant je ne porte plus d'uniforme depuis environ un an. Le but de cet article est de fournir des conseils pratiques pour ceux qui approchent de ce point de décision, dans l'espoir de faciliter votre transition.

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## RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

## L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 14 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

## Mental Health First Aid Canada



The MHFA Veteran Community course was developed through funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs; input from a number of stakeholders including veterans, veterans organizations and Veterans Affairs Canada; and, pilot testing. Its goal is to improve our collective capacity to recognize and assist with addictions, as well as mental health problems and illnesses, by supporting Veterans in the application of evidence-based practices in service delivery, the workplace and personal interactions. See: <http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.ca/en/course-info/courses/veteran-community>

Le cours de PSSM Communauté des vétérans a été créé grâce au financement du ministère des Anciens combattants, à la participation de plusieurs grands acteurs, dont des vétérans, des organisations pour vétérans et Anciens combattants Canada, et à des essais pilotes. Son objectif est d'améliorer notre capacité collective à reconnaître les dépendances et à les combattre, ainsi que les problèmes et maladies de santé mentale, en aidant les vétérans à appliquer des pratiques fondées sur des données probantes dans la prestation de service, au travail et dans les interactions personnelles. Voir: <http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.ca/fr/course-info/courses/communaute-des-veterans>

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## Conference of Defence Associations Institute Newsletter



The CDA Institute is pleased to bring you the 1 June 2017 edition of **What's New**, our weekly scan of security & defence items, which you may find [here](#). This week includes the release of the new Defence Policy "Strong, Secure, Engaged," the CDA Institute initial reflections on the policy and much more!

L'Institut de la Conférence des associations de la Défense est heureux de vous apporter l'édition du 1er juin 2017 de **What's New**, notre analyse hebdomadaire des articles de sécurité et de défense, que vous trouverez [ici](#). Cette semaine comprend la publication de la nouvelle politique de défense «Protection, Sécurité, Engagement», les réflexions initiales de l'Institut de la CAD sur la politique et bien plus encore!

## Air Defense Artillery Association



The Air Defense Artillery Association was founded in 1975 at Fort Bliss, TX. The Air Defense Artillery had become a separate branch of the Army in 1968. By 1975, it was clear that there was a need for an association

that had as its mission the support of the Air Defense Artillery soldiers, their family, and their units. In addition, the branch heritage that dated back to the artillery, coast artillery and the anti-aircraft artillery units that had defended America since 1775 needed to be preserved. **READ MORE**

## DEFENCE NEWS

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### Canadian military units take on ceremonial duties as the Queen's Guard in London



Ottawa Citizen

A company of 80 personnel from the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and 35 members of the Royal Canadian Artillery Band recently assumed ceremonial duties as the Queen's Guard in London, England, the Canadian Forces says. That will continue until July 3. The Queen's Guard are soldiers charged with guarding the official royal residences in the U.K. These include Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, Windsor Castle, and the Tower of London. **READ MORE**

### Archeologist digs for clues in quest to identify owner of lost bracelet



Inside Halton

A service bracelet found in the fields of France has occupied the last two years of archeologist Denis Renaud's life. But perseverance pays off and in his case it did so tenfold as he shared his search to locate the Milton family of Harry Fox, the owner of the bracelet that fell off the young soldier's wrist, 73 years ago, during the Second World War. Harry, who died 12 years ago, is buried in Milton's Evergreen Cemetery. Family and friends recently packed a room at the Royal Canadian Legion's third-floor War Museum Hall in Milton to listen intently how Renaud carefully tracked down the local connection to the bracelet. **READ MORE**

### Finland boosts artillery capability



Jane's 360

The Finnish Defence Force (FDF) is expecting to commence training on the Samsung Techwin K9 Thunder 155 mm/52 calibre self-propelled (SP) artillery systems in 2019, director of artillery Colonel Pasi Pasivirta revealed during the latest IQPC Future Artillery conference in London. The FDF ordered 48 ex-Republic of Korea Army (RoKA) K9 systems in early 2017 with an option for an undisclosed number of additional systems. The FDF-destined K9s will be overhauled and fitted with government-supplied subsystems including a battle management system (BMS), global positioning system (GPS), radios and internal communications, and camouflage. They are already fitted with a muzzle velocity radar system. **READ MORE**

### Russia says U.S. has deployed HIMARS to southeast Syria



Jane's 360

The Russian Ministry of Defence (MoD) recently said that the United States had deployed two M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) from Jordan to Al-Tanf, a flashpoint area in southeast Syria. Close to both the Jordanian and Iraqi borders, Al-Tanf is the location of a remote base where U.S.-led coalition forces are supporting Syrian rebel groups that have clashed with pro-government forces advancing into the area since May. **LIRE PLUS**

### Prince Harry: Invictus Games helps pave way to recovery for veterans



Toronto Star

Last month, I watched as a six-year-old girl, Maya, stood on stage in London at the U.K. team launch for the Invictus Games. In front of hundreds of people, she explained how proud she was of her mom and the other brave men and women who had been selected to compete at this year's Invictus Games in Toronto. Getting involved in the Invictus Games has meant that Maya's mother, a former servicewoman, Michelle, has been able to do things that she never thought she would do again. **READ MORE**

## THE LAST POST

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### Baird, Harold



Passed away on 30 April 2017 in Brandon, MB. Harold was an instructor with the Apprentice Battery in Shilo in the late 1950s. He served with Z Battery, many years with the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in charge of the Meteorological Section and a tour with 3 RCHA. Harold played many sports in the service, but hockey was his love. After his release from the service in 1965, he worked for Investors in Brandon and attended many of the Artillery Reunions.

### Heitshu, Robert G. 'Bob' BGen (Retired) — RCA



Bob died peacefully at the Hospice at Maycourt in Ottawa on June 2nd, 2017. **READ MORE**

### Jardine, Thomas 'Tiny'



Jardine, Thomas "Tiny," beloved husband of the late Arleen "Babs" Jardine, occurred at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Friday, June 2, 2017. Funeral arrangements are pending. Donations in memory of Thomas may be made to the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation for Cancer Services, 150 McTavish Avenue East, Brandon, MB R7A 2B3. Complete obituary information will follow. Expressions of sympathy may be made [here](#).

### Machut, Gunner David Joseph / Machut, Artilleur David Joseph



Gunner David Joseph Machut, an Artilleryman who was serving proudly with 1 RCHA, was in a vehicle accident on 10 June 2017 and passed away on 13 June 2017. Many members of the Regimental Family had the opportunity to visit him and his family in hospital before his passing and had the opportunity to say goodbye.

Funeral information will be distributed once available.

David Joseph Machut, un artilleur qui servait fièrement le 1 RCHA, fut victime d'un accident de véhicule le 10 Juin 2017 et a succombé suite à ses blessures le 13 Juin 2017. Plusieurs membres de la famille régimentaire ont eu l'opportunité de visiter David ainsi que sa famille à l'hôpital avant son décès et ont eu l'opportunité de dire au revoir.

L'information funéraire sera distribué une fois disponible.

### O'Neill, Edward



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Edward Henry O'Neill, husband of Florence (Holland) of 58+ years announce his death at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, NB, on Friday 8 June 2017. Edward was a former member of the Canadian Forces — The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. **READ MORE**

## Pollock, Maj William



Pollock, Maj William passed away peacefully in Chilliwack, B.C. at the age of 87 on 21 May 2017. **READ MORE**

### TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Artillery Day celebrations at the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Brigade](#)
- [Change in Royal Canadian Artillery Association Logo / Changement du logo de l'Association royale d'artillerie canadienne](#)
- [Airborne Gunners Reunion: 28-30 July 2017, Petawawa, ON](#)

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Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global des « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir au directeur exécutif de l'AARC, à l'adresse courriel suivante: [exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour le « Bulletin électronique » hebdomadaire de l'AARC devraient être reçues au plus tard à 16 h HNE le lundi, afin d'être publiées dans l'édition de jeudi. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC » publiées chaque semaine doivent être envoyés à [exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). L'Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne se réserve le droit d'accepter ou de rejeter les soumissions reçues. Les articles apparaîtront selon nos délais de rédaction.

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