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## Royal Canadian Artillery Association News



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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## Announcement of new Executive Director



I'm pleased to announce that Col Peter J. Williams has agreed to accept the position of RCAA Executive Director effective mid-March 2017. Col Williams recently retired from the Regular Force and is a former Regiment Colonel, experience that will be beneficial in his new role.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Elliott (Ret'd)  
President  
Royal Canadian Artillery Association

## Annonce du nouveau directeur exécutif



Je suis heureux d'annoncer que le Col Peter J. Williams a accepté d'occuper le poste de directeur exécutif de l'AARC à compter de la mi-mars 2017. Col Williams a récemment pris sa retraite de la Force régulière et son expérience à titre d'ancien colonel du Régiment, lui sera certes un atout dans ce nouveau rôle.

Lieutenant-colonel R. W. Elliott (Ret.)  
Président  
Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne

## The Gunners of Canada, Volume III, 1967-2014 Progress Update / Les Artilleurs du Canada, Volume III. 1967-2014 Mise-à-jour



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## Video: Kingston Breakfast



[A video](#) was produced by Eric Coombs showing many of the attendees. There was a very good turn-out for the breakfast and no doubt there will be a couple more through the year.

## **Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 avril 2017 Centre Bell / Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 April 2017 Bell Centre**



[Click here to view the poster.](#) See the attached flyer as well. **READ MORE**

## **Atlantic Gunners Reunion: 26-28 May 17**



This will be at the Hazen Centre, overlooking the Oromocto River. We hope to go back to the RC Legion once the acoustics are fixed in their main room. We will have the ladies' wine and cheese, our annual meeting, dinner and dance with breakfast on Sunday at the legion.

The [2017 newsletter](#), [registration form](#) and [agenda](#) are attached.

## **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.

## **1942 Ford Field Artillery Tractor, Artillery Support Group, Guelph ON**



One of the early projects of the Artillery Support Group was the restoration of a 1942 Ford Field Artillery Tractor, commonly referred to as a "Quad." When the vehicle was acquired by the ASG it consisted of a chassis, with a Ford flat head rebuilt engine, four new tires and a re-worked drivetrain.



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## **Gunner Digitization**



Attached is an article from this month's Maple Leaf that you may find of interest. Hopefully we are still practicing our technicians in good old math. **READ MORE**

### 3 Gunners to be added to the Book of Remembrance



LCol Mike Walker (Retired) with a number of other individuals providing assistance (LCol John Dick (Retd), CWO Jim Hemlin (Retd), CWO (MG) Tom Tomaso (Retd), CWO Bill Tremain (Retd), and MWO (Retd) Jim Willett) have been working with VAC to add three Gunners who died while training to the Seventh Book of Remembrance. It will take some time before they are added to the book and to the website but they will be recognized.

Gunner George Conway of C Battery 1 RCHA who died of his injuries after his parachute was blown into the high tower at Shilo, At the time of the accident he was a member of a Basic Parachutist course. (11 Apr 1950)

Bombardier Herbert (Harvey) Lester MacDonald of 2 RCHA who died on 28 Sep 1963 at Shilo as a result of the rollover of his detachment's prime mover during a training exercise, prior to the unit's move to Europe.

Gunner Anton Rein Vanbandelust of E Bty (Para) 2 RCHA who died of his injuries while undergoing Basic Parachutist training at Edmonton on 20 Nov 1981. **READ MORE**

### 3 Artilleurs seront ajoute au Livre Du Souvenir



Lcol Mike Walker (Retraite) parmi un nombre d'individu donnant assistance (LCol John Dick (Ret), ADJC Jim Hemlin (Ret), ADJC (MG) Tom Tomaso (Ret), ADJC Bill Tremain (Ret) et ADJM Jim Willett (Ret) on travaille avec VAC afin d'ajouter au septième livre du souvenir, trois Artilleurs qui ont perdu leur vies durant un entrainement. Cela prendra quelque temps pour qu'ils soient ajoute au livre ainsi que le site web, mais ils seront reconnu.

Artilleur George Conway de la Bie C 1 RCHA qui a succombé a ses blessures après avoir son parachute pousse par le vent dans la haute tour de Shilo, a ce temps il était membre du cour de Parachutiste de base. (11 Avril 1950)

Bombardier Herbert (Harvey) Lester MacDonald du 2 RCHA qui est décédé le 28 Sept 1963 a Shilo du a un accident de véhicule de troupe pendant un exercice avant que l'unité soit déployé en Europe.

Artilleur Anton Rein Vanbandelust de la Bie E (Para) du 2 RCHA qui est décédé de ses blessures pendant qu'il assistait au cour de parachutiste à Edmonton on 20 Nov 1981. **LIRE PLUS**

## DEFENCE NEWS

### A Cornwalite's salute to Royal Canadian Artillery bands



Cornwall Standard-Freeholder

The exploits of Canadian soldiers during the Second World War are, generally speaking, fairly well documented. What battalions fought in what battles and how their efforts led to the defeat of the Third Reich is a much-studied subject. What is perhaps less talked about is the history of military musicians, whose job it was to sooth battle-weary soldiers and civilians in war-ravaged Europe as the war liberated territory from Nazi rule. Wendy MacDonald's uncle, Lawrence Hinchliffe Tanner, was one of those musicians. Now, 17 years after his death, she has published his memoirs and plans to give the proceeds to help train future military band members. **READ MORE**

### Canada developing arsenal of cyber-weapons



Toronto Star

Canada plans to take steps to "strengthen" its cyber-warfare arsenal, according to documents released by the Department of National Defence. The documents are a rare public admission from National Defence that it is developing offensive cyber-weapons in addition to tools to defend against such attacks. "Cyber... (is) increasingly prominent among the security and defence challenges facing Canada and its allies," read the documents, posted to the department's website. **READ MORE**

## Wounded soldiers to get higher payments as Liberals hedge on pension promise



CBC News

The federal budget will re-iterate the Liberal government's campaign promise of returning to injured veterans to a system of lifetime pensions, government sources told *CBC News* recently. But there will be no dollar figures attached to the assurance in the fiscal plan — something the sources say will change later this year. **READ MORE**

## Overlooked Canadian military victory gets spotlight



Calgary Sun

Calgary's role in a largely forgotten Canadian First World War triumph was saluted Wednesday. A luncheon at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel recently brought together promoters of a memorial to Canada's 1917 victory at France's Hill 70 and the city's business community. The mission was to raise awareness of the coming-of-age exploit a century ago where Calgary-raised troops played a decisive part, and to raise funds for the \$8.5 million project that's taken shape on the site of the battle at Loos en Gohelle, France. **READ MORE**

## Windsor's Veterans' Affairs office to open downtown in April



Windsor Star

More than three years after Windsor's Veteran Affairs' office was closed, forcing many to seek help in London, local veterans will have an office to call their own next month. The federal government has secured office space on the sixth floor in the Chrysler Building at 1 Riverside Dr. W. The exact opening date is yet to be announced. "I'm glad they're re-opening it," said Afghan veteran Bruce Moncur, who has been part of a veterans group lobbying to get the office re-opened since it closed in January 2014. **READ MORE**

## Victoria Cross winner from New Westminster battalion to be honoured in Northern France next month



24 Hours Vancouver

Victoria Cross winner Filip Konowal, who served with a New Westminster-raised battalion during the First World War, will be honoured with a commemorative walk next month in Northern France, at a spot a few hundred metres from his most famous encounter. Konowal, of the 47th battalion, is the only Ukrainian-Canadian to be honoured with that supreme military distinction for valour. "It's really neat. This is the most important thing we could have done to recall his memory," said Lubomyr Luciuk, a Canadian academic who spearheaded the Konowal walk fundraiser for the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association. **READ MORE**

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### THE LAST POST



**HAMPSON**, Lisa, Maj, CO of 7 Int Coy and wife of LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd, 20 Mar 17

**DANCEY**, Brian (Satch), 18 Mar 17

**SPRAGUE**, Robert, RCN WWII and RCA Korea, 07 Mar 17

**SAUERACKER**. Ron, Sgt (Ret'd), 30 Fd, 03 Mar 17

**WYNNCHENKO**, Bill, Sgt (Ret;d), Korea, 25 Feb 17

## TRENDING ARTICLES

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Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [Canada's special forces hand over Niger training mission to Quebec-based troops](#) (CBC News)
- [Knock, knock: Are you a veteran?](#) (CBC News)
- [Castlegar and Grand Forks Air Cadets visit Operation PALACE](#) (The Boundary Sentinel)
- [Supporting wounded soldiers through sport](#) (Dalhousie University)
- [Saskatchewan First Nations veterans will mark Vimy centennial in France](#) (Saskatoon StarPhoenix)

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