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As 2015 comes to a close, RCAA would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a safe and happy holiday season. As we reflect on the past year for the industry, we would like to provide the readers of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association News a look at the most accessed articles from the year. Our regular publication will resume Thursday, Jan. 7. 2016.

10. New program shows potential Army recruits what soldiering is all about — in just 10 short weeks



Government of Canada

From Oct. 8: A new Canadian Army program that offers interested Canadians a hands-on, no-strings-attached introduction to Army life is being expanded following a successful trial run on the East coast. The Army Civilian Engagement (ACE) program launched in April 2015. It was implemented by 5th Canadian Division (5 Cdn Div) in Gagetown, New Brunswick and 36 Canadian Brigade Group (36 CGB) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It offers a 10-week introduction to soldiering with an opportunity to join the Primary Reserve Force. **READ MORE**

9. Canada to send more military trainers to Iraq in battle against IS



Globe and Mail

From Nov. 19: Justin Trudeau says he will deploy more soldiers to Iraq as part of the Liberal government's refashioning of Canada's role in the battle against Islamic State. The Prime Minister, who remains determined to withdraw from a combat role in the region and bring home CF-18 fighters, even after IS claimed responsibility for last week's Paris attacks, said he will instead expand the military training Canadian soldiers are providing in Iraq. **READ MORE**

8. Canada's once-secret 'atomic veterans' get place in War Museum



Ottawa Citizen

From Oct. 8: Jim Huntley was an 18-year-old Canadian soldier shipped off to Nevada in 1957 with 39 others, and told nothing. Until an American officer told them an atomic bomb was about to blow up 20 kilometres away. Even facing away from the test blast with their hands covering their closed eyes, the men were stunned by what they saw. [READ MORE](#)

7. Deputy Minister: Veterans Affairs needs to show more respect to vets



Globe and Mail

From Nov. 26: Retired general Walt Natynczyk, who was Canada's top commander as troops were engulfed in intense combat in the Afghanistan war, says Veterans Affairs needs to address its failings because it has a duty to care for wounded vets and their families. [READ MORE](#)

6. Canadian Forces members continue fight over housing benefits



CBC News

From Oct. 15: Military members will be in a Halifax courtroom today for an ongoing fight over housing benefits. They are trying to win back money they lost in the sales of their homes when they were posted to other bases. But the federal government is trying to have the proposed class action struck down. [READ MORE](#)

5. Canada's forgotten Cold Warriors



Globe and Mail

From Nov. 26: The federal election campaign, coupled with recent compelling reporting in The Globe and Mail about Canada's military veterans, has stimulated welcome — and much needed — discussion about our veterans and the ways in which they are treated. But references in two recent and otherwise thoughtful articles follow a disturbing pattern. [READ MORE](#)

4. Canada to withdraw fighter jets from Syria and Iraq strikes



BBC News

From Oct. 22: Canadian Prime Minister-designate Justin Trudeau has confirmed he will withdraw Canadian fighter jets from the air strikes against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. He informed U.S. President Barack Obama of his decision hours after leading his Liberal Party to victory in the polls. [READ MORE](#)

3. Canadian Rangers approve of smaller, more powerful new rifles



Government of Canada

From Oct. 1: The Canadian Rangers are bidding adieu to the hunting rifle that has served them well for nearly 70 years and reactions to its replacement are positive. The new prototype rifle, the C-19, was designed by Finland's Sako, based on its Tikka T3 CTR model. Manufacturing will be done by Colt Canada. [READ MORE](#)

2. 5 ways to keep your remembrance day poppy in place



City News

From Nov. 5: It's the time of year once again where Canadians remember the more than 117,000 that have paid the ultimate price in defence of the country by donning a poppy as a symbol of thanks and memory. However, there is just one problem with the poppy: How do you keep from losing it before Nov. 11? Here are some tips and tricks for keeping that symbol of remembrance safely fastened above your heart. [READ MORE](#)

1. Canadian military explored plan to fully integrate forces with U.S.



CBC News

From Oct. 1: CBC News has learned that a Canadian military effort to formally create integrated forces with the United States for expeditionary operations included an even more ambitious option — a plan to fully integrate military forces, explored during a meeting with the top generals from the two countries. [READ MORE](#)

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