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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## Atlantic Gunners' Association Annual Reunion



AGA

Once again the executive committee of the Atlantic Gunners Association extend thanks to everyone who attended last year's reunion. We would also like to officially welcome all of the new members who joined the Association either before or during the 2015 reunion as well as the newest members who have joined since the reunion. It is only with the continued support of all of our members, both current and new, that we are able to continue to have successful reunions year after year. **READ MORE**

## Administration of Canadian Armed Forces pension plans



Canadian Armed Forces

The purpose of this message is to inform CAF members of the upcoming transfer of the administration of the Canadian Armed Forces pension plans from the department of national defence to public services procurement Canada. the dnd military pension renewal project is part of the government of Canada pension modernization project. **READ MORE**

## Gunners Give, Community Wins



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer

On the 16th of March, the highly successful 2015 Base Gagetown United Way Campaign concluded with formal presentations at the Carleton Barracks Officers Mess. There, Colonel Aitchison, Commander of the Combat Training Centre, along with Colonel Maclsaac, Commander of 5th Canadian Division Support Group, and Ms. Laura O'Blenis and Mr. Blair McLaughlin of the United Way bestowed upon three units the prestigious *Outstanding*

*Campaign Award.* **READ MORE**

## RCAS Gunners Knock 4th Regiment Out of the Playoffs



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer

On the 16th of March, playing to their largest crowd yet at the Soldier's Arena, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School's (RCAS) C league hockey team knocked their 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA counterparts out of the playoffs, with a 3-1 victory. Responsible for dashing both the hopes and dreams of their Gunner brethren from down the road was an elite assemblage of 15 amateur athletes from the RCAS, several of whom quickly returned to Field Training Exercises with the swagger of victory. **READ MORE**

## Junior Officer Course



RCAA

Junior Officer Course will be held from 28 Sept to 1 Oct 2016 at CFB Shilo. You will find the new web site of the RCA Museum at : <http://en.rcamuseum.com/>. [Click here](#) for the the last copy of the Barrage. **READ MORE**

### DEFENCE NEWS

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## Liberal budget puts off military equipment purchases but bumps up spending on veterans



National Post

The promised re-equipping of the Canadian military has essentially been postponed until after the next election in a maiden federal Liberal budget that shifts billions of dollars in capital spending to 2020 — or later. The Trudeau government's new fiscal plan shoves \$3.7 billion in planned defence purchases — ships, planes and vehicles — off into the future, but Finance Minister Bill Morneau insists the move does not represent a cut to military funding. **READ MORE**

## Benefits enhanced, but no return yet to life-long pensions for veterans



IPolitics

Attempting to turn a corner on years of tense relations between veterans and the federal government, the Trudeau government's first budget boosts some services for veterans — but not the lifelong veterans' pension, a key flashpoint during the election campaign and something the campaigning Liberals promised to restore. **READ MORE**

## Winnipeg veterans from World War II receive honours from Chinese government



Global News

More than 74 years after fighting in World War II, three Winnipeg veterans are being honoured. George Peterson, Harry Hawrychuk and George Nobiss were all captured in the battle of Hong Kong. The soldiers were taken in 1941. On Dec. 25 that same year, Britain surrendered the colony of Hong Kong to the Japanese and ordered all allied military to stop fighting. **READ MORE**

## Working together to give veterans hope



Ottawa Citizen

Earlier this year, there was a lot of attention in the media about homeless veterans. A recent study by Employment and Social Development Canada estimated that "about 2,250 former soldiers use shelters on a regular basis," which is "about 2.7 per cent of the total homeless population that uses temporary lodging." **READ MORE**

## Sea Training Pacific onboard for Montreal CH-148 Cyclone program



Lookout News

Fifteen members of Sea Training Pacific had the pleasure of working with HMCS Montreal to assist in an Air Workup with the new CH-148 Cyclone from March 2 to 4, immediately following a Directed Workup program. This particular program was a milestone within the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force as it marked the first 100 per cent CAF Air Detachment to perform trials and evaluations onboard with the CH-148 Cyclone. **READ MORE**

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- [The Year of the Premature](#) (Lieutenant Colonel BA Reid, CD (retired))
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